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Editorial

Well that's the first month of the new decade done and dusted, didn't take long, so welcome to the February 2020 Edition, number 482.

Firstly, huge congratulations to Wedmore's own International Cricketing Legend Jos Buttler on the award of an MBE in the New Year's Honours List. Due recognition for his superb contribution to Test and One Day Cricket, especially the World Cup last summer, what a final that was. Jos please come back and play for Somerset again soon.

Should we ever have a quiet month here in Wedmore, I would expect that February would be it, but no, as ever we have an incredible programme of unusual and diverse events to enjoy.

In addition to the routine round of societal meetings, cafés, folk evenings, dancing, working parties, talks, film shows, AGMs, dinners etc, we have the first of the year's Key Note Events; the International SpooF Competition at the New Inn. Hence your chance to take on the Dutch Destroyer, the Birthday Cake Scoffer, or even the Glasgow Kiss Champion. If you do, then you are a braver person than I am Gunga Din.

If that is all too much excitement, you can always relax and enjoy the Blackford Winter Warmer, or for the gourmets amongst you, a multi-course Safari Supper in Wedmore. To round the month off, Wedmore Theatre / Take Art invite you to spend time 'At Home with Will Shakespeare' at the Wedmore Village Hall. If that isn't an

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eclectic mix, then I don't know what is. Please find full details of these and all other events contained herein.

Lastly, an apology (cap in hand) to the Wedmore Dance Group, who for some time we (well I actually) have been referring to by their old title; the Maturity Gang, sorry folks.

As always, a sincere thank you to all who contributed towards this Edition.

Bill

Front Cover

This snowy scene featuring the grape/wine press at the bottom of St Medard Road was taken by Helen Jeffery. The press is a symbol of Wedmore's long-standing association and friendship with the people of Saint-Medard-de-Guizieres in France.

News

Parish Council Business

Being held a week before Christmas the December meeting is normally a fairly quiet affair so that everyone can get away early and enjoy the Christmas break. I am sure that many of you will have noticed the double yellow lines which have been painted throughout Wedmore replacing the white lines which were having little effect at preventing parking in pinch areas. Once Church Street has been re-surfaced, more will be added and these will be enforced by the Sedgemoor Parking Enforcement team. The Council will continue to monitor the parking situation within the village which has been the subject of many complaints from residents in the past. The Council is also considering how to extend the free car park off Worthington Close to allow more off-street parking within the village. The Council confirmed the budget for the next financial year and once again there will be no increase in precept for the council tax payers of the parish. The front window in the Council Rooms formed part of the village 'Advent Calendar' and was created by Cllr Nandin Landers and helpers.

Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly takes place in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 25 March at 7.30 pm. The guest speaker this year will be Barry Hamblin from Axbridge who runs the Cheddar Valley Sea Cadets. Barry is a former Mayor of Axbridge and is hoping to attract more youngsters from the Wedmore area in getting involved with the group. Nominations are still required for a worthy winner of the Henry Butt Trophy 2019

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International Spoof Competition at The New Inn – Friday 7 February

8 pm prompt, entrance fee £3.00, cash prizes. For further information please call Alex or Gemma 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 2020.

Players who have entered so far include;

- Ronnie Follenfont 2019 Champion and Dutch Destroyer
- 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 Chill
- 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.

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.

The Heart-Break Hotel and Theale's Lovey Affairs

Please note that this event originally planned for Friday 7 and Saturday 8 February has been postponed until later in the year.

Safari Supper

There is to be another safari supper on Saturday 8 February starting at Beggars Roost at 7pm for drinks and canapes and then to an interesting venue in the village for a delicious meal. There are a few tickets left at £27.50 each. Please contact Suzanne Metters on 712515, for more details.



'At Home with Will Shakespeare' – Wedmore Village Hall, Friday 28 February

Wedmore Theatre in conjunction with Take Art is delighted to welcome back Pip Utton, one of our favourite performers.

Pip is internationally respected as one of the world's finest solo performers. His style is to adopt the persona of the famous people he plays. You may have seen him as Adolf, Bacon, Churchill, Chaplin, Dickens or even Maggie Thatcher here in Wedmore Village Hall! Now he brings to life Will Shakespeare.



Shakespeare probably wrote some of the greatest works in the English language, but we know very little about the man except from where he was probably born and is probably buried. Even the famous portrait, statue and engraving might be of someone else entirely.

In 'At Home with Will Shakespeare', Pip Utton gives us all the chance to spend time with the great man; a man who loves, laughs, drinks, sings, dances and cries, and in between is forced to write some plays and poetry to make a living. Living a double life, as a family man and landowner in Stratford on Avon, and as the great playwright in London. His wife, his loves, his children are all there for us to meet. It's fun, it's moving and from time to time it involves the audience. It's just William Shakespeare and his life and his 'greatest hits', all performed by Will himself.

Commencing at 7.30 pm. Tickets, priced £12 for the raked seating and £10 for ordinary seating, are on sale at Wedmore Village Store, online at wedmoretheatre.com and direct from Jendy Weekes on 01278 641370

Calling All Gardeners in Wedmore – 6 June 2020

Would you be willing to open your garden in aid of Weston Hospice Care on 6 June between 10 am and 4 pm please?

Teas and coffees will be provided by the Wedmore Friends of Weston Hospicecare at the Bowls Club. If you would be willing to open your garden then please call Shirley Wederell on 01934 712089 or Trish Newell 01934 713117.



Living Advent Calendar

Thank you to all who opened windows in their homes throughout advent and to all who gathered each night at 6.30 pm. The Living Advent Calendar was a really good community event and we certainly hope to repeat it in 2020. Look out for our next 'launch' event in early September.

Report from District Councillors

Will chaired his first Audit and Governance meeting.

Polly went to her first Axe/Brue Environmental committee meeting where Tony Bradford was voted in as chairman. Issues discussed were the overview of activities and environmental responsibilities, legal compliance to do with works carried out on water courses, and a long discussion took place on the removal of invasive aquatic species such as floating pennywort, parrots feather, water primrose and zebra mussels.

Double yellow lines are gradually appearing around the village and so far seem to be having a positive impact. Polly has reported the state of Snipefield Lane not only to the farmers but to SCC Highways, whom have filled some of the potholes and will hopefully do the rest soon.

Polly attended a members briefing at SDC about the Northgate development in Bridgwater. It is a regeneration project based on a multiscreen cinema with food and beverage outlets. SDC also launched their new digital system and branding. Will and Polly both attended the full council meeting where there was one speaker, Andy Tiller who had brought in a petition to ensure more trees are planted to help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Polly and Will wish all their constituents a very happy, healthy and fun filled New Year.

Polly and Will

Wedmore by Lamplight

Thank you to everyone who took part in Wedmore by Lamplight, I hope you found it an enjoyable way of meeting with friends and customers. We were very lucky with the weather!

If you have any thoughts or ideas that we might consider for next year then please let me know. There are just a few more bills to pay and then I will do a resume of the accounts.

So many people helped in the planning, setting up and tidying away that made the evening possible. The road marshals and first aider helped to keep the evening safe. Thank you to Father Christmas and the street entertainers who brought that special magic to the evening.



Heather Hector

Our Health and Wellbeing

In consultation with Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice and Wedmore Parish Council here is this month's item relating to our health and wellbeing.

Welcome to our Health Coaches!

Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice would like to introduce their new Health Coaches, Sonia and Tamsin, who have taken on a new supportive role within the practice. As Health Coaches they can help you to make important lifestyle changes which will improve your physical and emotional wellbeing. They will encourage and coach you to be proactive in staying healthy and making positive changes in your life. Health Coaches will use personalised coaching techniques to build up your motivation and help you to set goals. Health Coaches are not therapists or counsellors but they offer a safe space to explore what you can do that will make a difference and improve your life. Sonia and Tamsin have successfully ran their first Health Campaign, 'Self Care Week' where taster activities were held at the practice each day and their first Talking Café was launched at Nanny Ida's in Wedmore. The Talking Café will continue to run on the second Thursday of each month 10 am -12 noon and they hope to launch another Talking Café in Axbridge in the New Year. The Health Coaches will be there to offer advice and support in an informal setting. So come along and meet them!



The ‘Talking Café’ provides a venue for people to make new friends and to talk. Also Thursday 6 February is Time to Talk Day. This is when we are encouraged to have a conversation about mental health – whether that’s texting a friend, chatting to a colleague or organising a stigma-busting event. We know that talking about mental health can feel awkward, but it doesn’t have to. Their Royal Highnesses Princes William and Harry have done much to address the issue. For more information go to <https://www.headstogether.org.uk/> or follow the links at www.theisleofwedmore.net/health

Tamsin and Sonia

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

The forthcoming meeting dates are 10 and 24 February, 9 and 23 March. In the Masonic Hall at 2.15 to 3.30 pm.

We would be extremely grateful if any local musicians could spare an hour to come and play at any of these sessions please. Your support would be much appreciated.

*Stella Moore, Registered Music Therapist
HCPC 01934 732282*

Marie Curie Launches Appeal for Volunteers in Somerset

Marie Curie is appealing for local volunteers to help raise vital funds to support people in Somerset living with a terminal illness and their families.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time to support Marie Curie in Somerset, please contact Riona Houghton 0117 9420429 or Riona.houghton@mariecurie.org.uk



The Friends of St. Mary's

2020 finds 'The Friends' in good heart with lots of new members lately.

Christmas Cards:

Many of you used the lovely snowy, drone's eye view of Wedmore and those who did not are in luck as some remain for next Christmas!

Adopt a Grave:

The combined efforts of the grave adopters, Wedmore in Bloom, The Gardening Club, the congregation, the Scouts and the Guides have created a tidy, attractive churchyard. Thanks to everyone (Still a few more graves to adopt...)

Projects:

Thanks to you all...

- The somewhat dilapidated benches at the Garden of Rest and the vandalised bench at the churchyard west gate have all been replaced with new wooden benches. The previous dedications have been retained.



- Plans are underway to buy professional quality back projection equipment to enhance concerts, lectures etc
- We are looking to buy a new Diocesan Cross of St. George as the current flag has become a bit tattered
- You may have noticed that the gutter down pipes are worn and rusty. The Friends will contribute to their renovation
- Watch out for the soon to be renovated Tucker Cole memorial (The poor chap who found a crock of hidden saxon silver coins, emigrated to the U.S. on the proceeds and promptly died in someone else's civil war)
- We are aiming to help the Ringers with the cost of some planned maintenance to the bells

Events:

For your diaries

- AGM and Skittles. We are planning to have a Shrove Tuesday AGM and Skittles at the New Inn on Tuesday 25 February. More info soon.
- The Wedmore 40 / 30. In collaboration with Weston Hospicecare - the third edition will take place on Sunday 5 July. On your bikes and join the expected 300 riders
- The Clash of the Choirs. Back again in 2020 on Saturday 10 October
- A happy new decade to everyone.

Do Something Amazing This Year

For many, the start of a new year brings an opportunity for reflection, fresh starts and change - but could you change a child's story this year?

For over 500 children in Somerset, spending time at home isn't possible right now, which is why we urgently need more foster carers to offer safe, loving homes to our children in care. Foster carers can make a real difference to children's lives. They help them through tough times and give them the support they need to achieve their full potential.



Fostering is not a one size fits all. There are a variety of different avenues within fostering to match the vast and sometimes complex needs of the children in our care, and the lifestyles of our carers; from the dedication of long term fostering over a period of years, to the flexibility of respite providing care just one weekend a month. In return our carers receive ongoing support and training, a dedicated social worker and a weekly fee and allowance (amounts vary – please speak to our team or visit the website for details).

If you're aged 21 or over and have a spare room, along with the time and patience to support a Somerset child in care, visit fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call our team on 0800 587 9900 to find out how you could help change a child's story. There is no upper age limit, and things like your gender, sexual preference or marital status are not important – you just need the right qualities and mindset. Alternatively, come along to our next information evening and find out more about fostering over a coffee and cake at Costa Coffee, 8 Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet on Tuesday 14 January 2020 from 7-9 pm.

Wedmore Dance Group

We are a group of local people who meet once a week in Wedmore Village Hall to dance! Led by our expert and enthusiastic leader, Viv, who is herself a professional dancer, we are taken through a sequence of steps to explore iconic dances from decades ranging from the 20s to the 70s and beyond.

These early years in history embodied a time of rapid social change, including women's emancipation and multiculturalism and this is very much reflected in the music and dance styles of the time. These



dances include The Charleston, Lindy Hop, Big Apple, Turkey Trot, Black Bottom Stomp and Rock n Roll, to name but a few.

The music is infectious, upbeat and optimistic with a strong rhythm. Styles include Jazz, Blues, Broadway Musicals, Big Band and Swing. Much laughter along the way is absolutely guaranteed!!

There is no age limit to the group, our youngest member is 45 and the oldest is in her 80s! The classes are adapted by Viv to suit the needs and mobility restriction some members might have, such as dodgy knees or 'arthriticky' shoulders! For this reason the dances are non-prescriptive and as such, the emphasis is on having fun and expressing creativity!

There are opportunities throughout the year to take part in local community events such as Wedmore Street Fayre, Glastonbury Frost Fayre and local school events, but there is no compulsion to take part if you don't want to!

The classes are 'pay as you go' from 10.30-12pm on Thursday mornings during term time in Wedmore Village Hall, and cost just £5 per session.

We are looking to increase our group of men and women in 2020, so come along and see what we are all about...you will have a very friendly welcome.

For further information or persuasion (!) please contact Nikki Pryn on nikipryn@gmail.com or by mobile 07519630365

Theale Flower Show 'Here Comes Summer Supper' – Saturday 28 March

The Theale Flower Show are holding an event on Saturday 28 March and we hope lots of you will put it on your calendar!

'Here comes summer supper' will be held at the Theale village hall on Saturday 28 March. Doors open at 7.00 pm to eat at 7.30 pm. Further details to follow in next month's IOW news!



St Mary's Church Flower Festival

Date for your diary: St. Mary's Church, Wedmore are holding a Flower Festival on 11 / 12 July 2020. The theme is 'What's on in Wedmore.' We would like to invite any organisation or business to take part in this by donating towards the cost of the flowers in return for acknowledgement of their organisation or business. If you would like to donate or need any more information, please contact Sarah Willcox 01934 712 342 or Heather Hector on 01934 712478.

The Axbridge and District Museum – 2020: Young People and our Local Story

The Axbridge and District Museum is a treasure trove of local artefacts dating from pre-Roman to recent. This year, there will be special opportunities for young people, locals and visitors alike, to enjoy discovering them for themselves. Many fun events are being planned, including an Easter egg-themed treasure hunt and, during school holidays, quizzes and small rewards for 'young museum detectives'. Summer promises all sorts of activities based on the forthcoming Axbridge Pageant, in August.



The museum has a school outreach programme, too. This provides young people with an opportunity to learn more of our rich local history, and to showcase their work in the museum.

Axbridge and District Museum is located in King John's Hunting Lodge, Axbridge Square. Open daily from Easter, 1 pm – 4 pm; entrance £2.50. You can use the same ticket all season. National Trust members and under-16s visit free of charge.

www.kingjohnshuntinglodge.co.uk

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?

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 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.

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 an 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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Or if you have any basic skills to share, please get in touch

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

Unfortunately, owing to travel, the holidays and family commitments I haven't managed to conduct any interviews recently but am fairly confident that this feature will be back in March. Many thanks to the business people who have already contacted me – I will get round to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, please continue to contact me about your new and established businesses. I will find more time in the coming months, I promise!

Do You Run a Business in the Parish?

Then how about telling our readers more about yourself? Who are you? What is your business? Are you from the Wedmore area? If not, where did you come from? What motivated you to start, take over or carry on the business? If you would like to share your story, send an email to editorwedmorenews@gmail.com or photoswedmorenews@gmail.com and I will contact you for a short interview.

Liz Sweeney

Reports and Society Updates

Wedmore WI

Margaret welcomed members, our evening speaker and her husband to our December meeting. We had a report of the AGM in Taunton where a bucket collection was taken for the flood victims in the North. A total of nearly £800 was collected and will be sent on to the WIs affected. After the business we were entertained by our speaker Kaye Wych. She explained how she loved being involved in amateur dramatics and now works as a guide in Glastonbury Abbey. She took us back to the 15th century at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries. She assumed the role of a poor single woman working in the Abbey kitchens. Bit by bit she added an authentic article of clothing until she became Alys Cleeve and really looked the part. We were told of the terrible fate of Abbot Whiting, the last Abbot. Her husband joined her at this point, dressed as King Henry's man Sir Richard Pollard. Abbot Whiting was sent for trial for treason to the home of his enemy in Wells, the Bishop. When found guilty he suffered the horror of a medieval hanging, drawing and quartering and the Abbey was wrecked. It was a fascinating and at times an amusing history lesson. A vote of thanks was given by Sue. The evening ended with mince pies, mulled wine and carols.

Our next meeting is at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 26 February when our speaker will be Linda Wright from Cheddar Flower Power. The competition is a 'Mini Spring Arrangement.' All visitors are welcome.



Diana Rocky

Green Wedmore

Do you need to fly?

If you do, Green Wedmore are offering an offsetting scheme to reduce the impact of your flying on the environment - it's not a perfect solution but we believe it's better than doing nothing, and to carry on 'business as usual'.

Green Wedmore has many different opportunities for investing including into our Zero Carbon Project - so if you are looking to off-set, please do consider our scheme. It's one that is local, and if you come along to meetings and get involved, you can help us decide where the money gets spent.



Please get in touch to find out how to ‘off-set’ and don’t forget, you can also include flights already taken if you wish. Further details can be found here <http://www.wedmoregreengroup.co.uk/Travel/WGG-Offset-Scheme.aspx>

Please feel free to share this initiative around the village!

Next Meeting:

Monday 3 February 8pm at The Swan, Cheddar Road

Come along and find out about the Zero Carbon Wedmore Project. Learn about the benchmarking already taken place and how we can each work together to achieve zero carbon targets for our community. Find out about the exciting local Climate Summit being planned for the spring and how YOU can get involved. All welcome.

Wedmore in Bloom AGM and Social Evening – Friday 7 February

Wedmore in Bloom will hold their AGM and Social Evening at the Masonic Hall on 7 February. The evening will start at 6.45pm with a short AGM followed by a glass of wine, cottage pie with a vegetarian option, and dessert. There will be entertainment from the ‘Sister Sing’ group, and as in previous years, it should be a very enjoyable evening.

Tickets cost £10 each. Please contact either Shona Stewart (713302) or Jackie Hall (712877) by Saturday 1 February, if you would like to attend.



Club 50

We will have a meeting on Wednesday 19 February with a talk by Tiggi Trethowan on ‘Guide Dogs for the Blind’, followed by tea. All meetings are held in the Masonic Hall and start at 2.30 pm.

Further details from Heather Banwell on 712216.

Theale Community Film Club – Theale Village Hall

Theale Community Film Club is open to new membership for 2020.

We meet once a month on a Sunday evening at 7pm (earlier for family films). We have comfortable chairs, HD projection on a big screen with a seven-surround sound system. Annual membership fee is £16 each January, later membership is available at a reducing price. This covers the cost of entrance and tea / coffee, plus there are great Ice creams on sale. Call 01934 713176 / 712144.



Here is the film choice for the next three months:

- 16 February – Members’ Choice – Classic Superheroes
- 22 March – Tolkien
- 19 April – Lion King

We hope you can come and join us

Wedmore Gardening Club

Having had a brilliant Christmas and New Year, here I am at the beginning of January 2020 putting together our contribution to the February Wedmore News!



As I've written before, we have a really interesting and exciting series of talks planned for 2020. 28 January will be (or has been by the time you read this) 'Gardens of the Rich and Famous' and on Tuesday 25 February Christopher Smith will tell us about 'The Edible Garden' - a subject close to many hearts as we do our best to cut down on food miles and plastic.

Looking a little ahead, on 24 March Christine Stones' talk will be 'The Plant Hunters'. Where would we (or indeed our gardens) be without the adventurous plant hunters bringing back such a wonderful variety of plants.

All meetings are held in the Masonic Hall and begin at 7.30pm. Members, friends and guests are always welcome so come along to any or all meetings when we look forward to welcoming you.

Jean Windridge

The 3Cs' Winter Supper – Saturday 29 February

Wedmore Village Hall 7pm for 7.30 pm start. £12.50 per head, tables of 10 / 12, three courses, pay bar, raffle, mini quiz. Tickets from Shirley 712328

Wells and District Centre National Trust Illustrated Talk –Saturday 8 February

During the winter, monthly talks are held in Henton Village Hall every second Saturday of the month from October until March, commencing at 2.30 pm. On Saturday 8 February Jenny Bowen will present 'The King of eSwatini and his 14 wives.' An annual subscription of £8 is due each October. Please contact Diana Keen on 01749 672399 for further details.



Thank You from The Children's Society

Over the past 12 months the Wedmore Civil Parish has raised approximately £1,800 for the Children's Society. This is slightly down on last year's total but is still a fantastic result and will be much appreciated by the Society in its work with young people.



- Boxes and donations £1076.45
- Christingle at St Mary's £453.77
- Sale of Christmas cards (estimated) £325.00

In addition, there will be a further cheque going to The Children's Society from Christ Church, Theale following their Christingle Service.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously over the past year.

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

Cheddar Vale Lions Club Love to Jumble

The next Jumble Sale will be held in Cheddar Village Hall on Saturday 15 February 2020.

Hundreds of donated items were handed in at our last event and we are hoping for good support for our next sale. Items can be delivered to the Hall on the day (no electrical items please) after 12



noon, so that they can be sorted ready for the opening at 2pm. There is an entrance fee of 20p. Refreshments will be available.

Cheddar Vale Lions raise up to £400 at these events in aid of their charitable work in the local community. Please come along and support us. If you need any information or assistance please call 0345 833 7402 or email information@cheddarvalelions.org.uk

The picture below shows the Lions Club members and helpers preparing for a day's sale.



Local Volunteers Aim to Increase Dementia Awareness in Cheddar and Surrounding Villages

A campaign to tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around dementia is being organised by two locally based Dementia Friends Champions, Anne Bambury and John Wilson.



The free information sessions are being held at Cheddar Watersports Club Pavilion, Cheddar Reservoir, on Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 2 pm and repeated again at 7 pm.

The Dementia Friends programme is organised by Alzheimer's Society and is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition. There are currently 850,000 people living with this condition in England

The Dementia Friends talks help people learn more about dementia and the small ways anybody can help. From telling friends about the Dementia Friends programme to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts.

During the Dementia Friends sessions, there will be information available from Alzheimer's Society about dementia, local services and how businesses and groups can become more dementia friendly. Each session will last approximately an hour with the chance for people to ask questions and share information. Light refreshments will be available after each session. Visitors will also be able to see sailing taking place on the reservoir and enjoy the club's facilities.

For further information. Please contact: Anne Bambury on 07923 055241 or email bamburyanne@gmail.com or John Wilson on 01934 842677 or email johnwilson3791@gmail.com

Local RNLI News

In December, we collected £1,605 during Bucket Collections at Tesco Nailsea and Shepton Mallett while our Card and Souvenirs Team sold over £1,500 of items during 2019. On 25 January RNLI Winscombe Branch held their Annual Super Quiz in Shipham Village Hall when twenty teams took part and on 1 February Jez Lowe appeared at our RNLI Folk Night in St James' Hall Winscombe to a sell-out audience of 120 people.



Local Launches in December

– Six Launches (Minehead – 3, Portishead – 1, Weston-super-Mare – 2)

During the festive period in 2018 (24 Dec to 1 Jan), RNLI volunteers in the South West Region (Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and Dorset) launched to the rescue 21 times compared with just four call outs in 1979. During the festive periods dating back from 1979 to 2018, RNLI volunteers in the south west have rescued 255 people and saved 60 lives. Since 2016 they have consistently launched over 21 times over the eight days from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day, compared to an average over the previous 40 years of just 11. In 2019, it was Portishead Lifeboat that was called out on Thursday 27 December but no details are yet available.

Vera's Verse for February

Music is Much Loved

Music is much loved because it

Makes you feel happy

Uplifts your soul to

Smile and sing and

Inspire us all to

Clap and cheer.

Music is much loved.



Vera Banwell

Weather Report for December 2019

RAINFALL



Monthly total	110.0	(4.33 ins)
30-year average	81.8 mm	(3.22 ins)
Wettest day (19 th)	14.6 mm	(0.57 ins)
No of dry days	13	
Last 3 months (Oct - Dec)	322 mm	(12.7 ins)
Year ending 31 Dec 2019	880 mm	(34.7 ins)
30-year annual average	805 mm	(31.7 ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (10 th)	11.5 °C	(52.7 °F)
Minimum (4 th)	-2.5 degree C	(27.5 °F)
Number of air frosts	8	
Monthly average maximum	8.1°C	(46.6 °F)
30-year average maximum	8.1°C	(46.6 °F)
Monthly average minimum	3.0 °C	(37.4 °F)
30-year average minimum	2.6 °C	(36.7 °F)

COMMENTS

Rainfall approximately 35% above average. Temperatures as expected.

Denley Brown

Forthcoming Events

Green Wedmore Meeting – Monday 3 February

At The Swan at 8pm.



Wedmore in Bloom AGM and Social Evening – Friday 7 February

In the Masonic Hall, AGM at 6.45pm followed by a glass of wine, cottage pie with a vegetarian option, and dessert.

Mr Punch's Folk Club at the Panborough Inn – Friday 7 February

8 pm, Open Mic at the Panborough, all welcome, £2 raffle.

Wedmore in Bloom – Saturday 8 February

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



The Tea Set – Friday 14 February

3 – 4.30 pm, the Lady Chapel at St Mary's Church, cake and informal chat.

Theale Community Café – Saturday 15 February

At Theale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon.

Blackford Harvest Home Winter Warmer – Saturday 15 February

At Blackford Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets are £14. Please contact Maureen on 712087.

Theale Film Club – Sunday 16 February

7 pm Members' Choice – Classic Superheroes



Club 50 – Wednesday 19 February

Talk by Tiggi Trethowan on 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' in the Masonic Hall at 2.30 pm, followed by tea.

Coffee for All – Friday 21 February

10.30 am - 12.00 noon at Wedmore Methodist Church. Everyone welcome.

'Coffee for All' is a monthly event and held on the third Friday morning in the month between 10.30 and 12 noon. Our aim is to welcome families and individuals to come along and enjoy complimentary tea or coffee and cake. Well behaved pets are also welcome.

Mr Punch's Folk Club at the Panborough Inn – Friday 21 February

8 pm, Open Mic at the Panborough all welcome £2 raffle.

Wedmore Gardening Club Talks – Tuesday 25 February

The Edible Garden by Christopher Smith - 7.30 pm at the Masonic Hall.

Wedmore WI Meeting – Wednesday 26 February

At 2.30 pm, our speaker will be Linda Wright from Cheddar Flower Power. The competition is a 'Mini Spring Arrangement.' All visitors are welcome.



Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 27 February

The February meeting will take place in the Wedmore Masonic Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Neil Ellis, Chairman of the Isle of Wedmore Parish Council, who will give an update on the current working of the Parish Council. Members free, visitors £4 with free tea/coffee afterwards. Contact Ian Tomes on 01934 710390.

'At Home with Will Shakespeare', Wedmore Village Hall – Friday 28 February

At 7.30 pm. Tickets, priced £12 for the raked seating and £10 for ordinary seating, are on sale at Wedmore Village Store, online at wedmoretheatre.com and direct from Jendy Weekes on 01278 641370.



Wedmore Gardening Club Talk – Tuesday 24 March

The Plant Hunters by Christine Stones.

7.30 pm at the Masonic Hall.

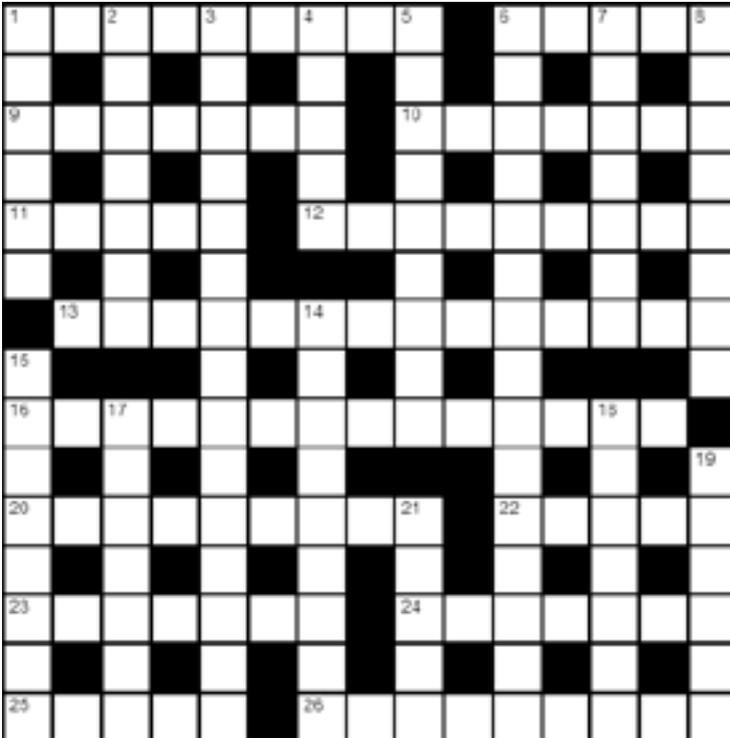
Theale Flower Show 'Here Comes Summer Supper' – Saturday 28 March

At the Theale Village Hall, doors open at 7.00, eat at 7.30 pm.

The Crossword:

Number 34

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

- 1 A newsroom might produce eight in a row (9)
- 6 'Pepsi' gets bottled through these (5)
- 9 Have fun in December and start to be obsolete (7)
- 10 In what place can one win around here? (7)
- 11 Poor odds for the first lady bridge partnership (5)
- 12 I organise man say after attempt to make steady (9)
- 13 In complicated Arctic Sea chart I replaced a feature (14)
- 16 Don, note I am free to change what I said previously (14)
- 20 Red flower can produce an answer to totalitarianism (4,5)
- 22 Parts of a bush around the end of December remain much the same (5)
- 23 A successful operation might pivot on this central royal figure (7)
- 24 Manage poetry in old English (7)
- 25 Bernice really has better points (5)
- 26 By the way, space worker might die in-between (2,7)

DOWN:

- 1 Lots of dogs lose their head (6)
- 2 Fill up the glass and blow away the cobwebs (7)
- 3 Snake vet with a dishcloth helps to see the road ahead (10,5)
- 4 Coasters about the middle science of numbers (5)
- 5 Paper provider develops fresh small mole (9)
- 6 I have left since pious priest went mad at great speed (15)
- 7 Ancient Scot covered communist prophesy (7)
- 8 Could mean porridge (8)
- 14 Church didn't take part in obvious chance to get permission (9)
- 15 Mr and Mrs Bull perhaps or soft leather (8)
- 17 Polynesian takes cocaine differently (7)
- 18 Two continents in one! (7)
- 19 Goal dropped nothing but got a grovelling answer (6)
- 21 Flag was returned with poor Donald (5)

Answers at the rear of publication.

Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Cheddar Baby Book Club – Mondays

At the Cheddar Library from 10.45 am to 11.15 am, for babies to pre-school children. 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 with the Craft and Sewing Group at the Cheddar Library at 2.00 pm.

RNLI Winscombe Folk Night Featuring Jez Lowe – Saturday 1 February

In St James' Hall, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA featuring singer, songwriter and acoustic guitarist Jez Lowe.

Open at 7:15pm with the performance at 8:00pm. Cash bar selling wines, beers, cider and soft drinks from opening. Tickets priced £12 may be obtained from James Barattini at winscombe.folk@gmail.com or telephone 07703 538861 and all proceeds will go to Winscombe & District Branch of the RNLI.



Inner Wheel Club of Mendip – Tuesday 4 February

Ladies (of varying ages) meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Cider Shed, Winscombe. We aim to promote true friendship, encourage the ideals of personal service and foster international understanding. New members are always welcome – please contact Linda Wright 01934 713226.



Cheddar Valley U3A

We meet twice monthly in Cheddar Village Hall and currently have almost 500 members and offer around 50 activity groups. Why not come and hear our next speaker who will be from Freewheelers, the Blood Bike Volunteers who provide a fantastic, free service to our local NHS. It's on Thursday, 6 February, 2 for 2.30pm. Or the March one when Alan Webb will tell us about World War 2 on Mendip. Our next coffee morning, when there will be a demonstration by the Handbell Ringers Group, is on 20 February 10.00am – 11.30am. Non-members welcome, come and see if you like us. Visit www.u3asites.org.uk/cheddar-valley for more information or come to Cheddar Library any Monday 10.30 – 11.45 when there will always be a group playing Rummikub and someone to chat to you about U3A.



Mark WI Meeting – Thursday 6 February

At the Church Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mark at 7.30pm.

Ian Caskie talks to us about the SS Great Britain, followed by tea, coffee and cake. Our friendly group welcomes new members and guests of all ages. Non-members entry £5 on the door.



Inner Wheel Club of Wrington Vale Race Night with Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 21 February

Starting at 7 pm sharp in the Cheddar Village Hall, a fun evening of ‘horse-racing’ where you can be the jockey, the owner or just a punter with the Tote taking your £1 bets. Your ticket includes supper and there will be a bar (of course!) This ‘fun-raiser’ is also a fund-raiser for the Somerset Levels RDA, in particular the Carriage-Driving for the Disabled Group.

Tickets cost £12 each, for further information please contact Angie on: 01934 712242 / 07976 206944.



Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre’s film season starts the new year with the Beatles inspired film ‘Yesterday’.

On Tuesday 25 February, the ‘Downton Abbey’ feature-length film comes to Cheddar with its outstanding ensemble cast. A royal visit from the King and Queen brings scandal, romance and intrigue that leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance.

‘Judy’, showing on Tuesday 24 March, is the moving biographical story of legendary performer Judy Garland. Near the end of her life she arrives in Britain in the winter of 1969 to perform a series of sell-out concerts at London’s Talk of the Town nightclub.

Access to parking has changed for audiences to Kings Theatre and there is a new one-way system entered through the Leisure Centre car park. Proceed through the car park and just after the zebra crossing take the road to the tennis courts. Cars will exit in the usual way via the War Memorial entrance. Tickets for all events are available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts. For queries and help, email cheddararts@gmail.com. Payment for the booking system is by credit/debit card only and cash will only be accepted for tickets sold on the door. Copies of the programme are available in local shops, the leisure centre and on the organisation’s website – www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts.

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre is a collaboration between Kings Academy school and the village community, centred on the school’s state of the art studio theatre.

For more details visit www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts.

Community Festival of Singing – Saturday 29 February

2pm in St. Thomas Church, Wells, for a fun-packed, friendly and uplifting afternoon / evening of singing! Workshops led by four local Community Choir Leaders will run throughout the afternoon, where participants will have the opportunity to share in the experience of learning new songs in a welcoming and friendly environment. All welcome, no auditions, previous singing experience or affiliation with a choir necessary. The Community Festival of Singing is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the fun, friendship and community that accompanies the quality music-making of our local singing groups and singers.

The Festival culminates in a free evening concert at 7pm (bar open from 6.30pm), with a retiring collection for Heads Up. Participation in the Festival workshops costs just £10 and places are limited. To secure your place or for more information, please contact Emma: ewheattuition@gmail.com



Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You

Easy Italian Fish Soup

This is really a cross between a fish stew and a very hearty soup, depending on how much fish you add! It's a wonderful warming and nutritious meal with some chunky bread on a winter's day.

Ingredients

16 ounces cod, haddock or monkfish (see notes).
2 tablespoons olive oil (or cooking oil)
1 onion, diced
3 cloves minced garlic
2 stalks celery, diced
1 green bell pepper, cubed
½ cup dry white wine
1 lemon, juiced
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
2 cups fish or chicken stock
2 cans diced tomatoes, undrained
2 tablespoons tomato paste
Salt & pepper to taste
Chopped fresh basil, coriander or parsley



Method

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion, cook 6-8 minutes, stirring often.
2. Stir in garlic, celery and green pepper. Reduce to medium heat, cook 5 minutes.
3. Add wine, lemon juice, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper.
4. Stir in the tomatoes with their liquid, fish stock and tomato paste. Cook 10 more minutes uncovered, until pepper cubes are just tender.
5. Cut fish into bite-size pieces and stir into soup. Bring to a low boil and simmer for 5 minutes or until fish is tender and flaky.
6. Remove from heat, sprinkle herbs over, and serve with warm ciabatta bread or rolls.

Notes:

- Add fish at the end to avoid overcooking.
- You can use a variety of fish, e.g. smoked haddock, (or a handful of cooked prawns at the end of cooking).
- Red pepper flakes add a spicy kick.

Heather Ross

Thought for the Month

Connection

At one level we live in a very connected world. With grown-up children, we really appreciate using WhatsApp to keep in touch with our family both individually and as a group. It is wonderful to send and receive pictures and messages and even to do video calls. For many



people, there is an almost constant connection with other people through social media and other applications. Distance is no object as long as there is a signal or an internet connection!

At a deeper level, however, dis-connection is rife. Those absorbed in electronic communication can become de-skilled in face to face relationships. Many people feel isolated or lonely and the end of the last decade saw a worrying rise in intolerance towards different views. The seemingly endless saga of Brexit, for example, fuelled frustration and resentment. Some of the underpinning foundations of connection within our society were weakened.

I personally really liked the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the start of this decade to focus on re-connection. Justin Welby commented, 'When we hear someone described as a good Samaritan, we think about that person taking the time to help another. But it's a story told by Jesus about someone taking the risk of reaching out to another who was very different to them. Yes, the person needed help – but they also needed connection.' He says Jesus 'took the risk of connecting with people who were separated from him.'

Through Jesus, God the Father is always seeking to re-connect with His children, to close the gap we create through our actions and thoughts. So why don't we follow His example and reach out to those who need connection, even if they are different from us or hold different views from us.

Paul Jacobs, Bagley Baptist Church

Sport Reports

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

We might all have been dreaming of a White Christmas at the start of December but rain was the dominant feature before the holidays but a little dampness did not stop the golf – well not often anyway. Not that weather plays any part in the Club AGM when it was time for the final handover of the year as Kevin Osman finished his year as Club Captain and handed over to Tim Harris. Prior to that a presentation of a cheque



for £5,800 was made to Parkinsons UK; charity money raised by the Club and Ladies' Sections during the year. During the meeting members learned of the strides that had been made by junior members with successes at both county and national level during the year. Prizes were awarded for most improved boy to Harry Chantry and most improved girl to Megan Wilde who reduced her handicap from 54 to 24 over the 12 months.

Kevin looked back over the year month by month through the social events which were a feature of the year but also highlighted the successes of the Club A team which not only won division 3 of the Avalon League but also had the highest average points score of any team in the League. He received a standing ovation at the end of his speech marking the considerable esteem he has gained over the year. New Captain Tim Harris then took over and outlined his plans for 2020 before, along with Ladies' Captain Sue Chambers and Seniors Captain Martin Peakman, he set off for the traditional Captains' drive-in down the first hole, all of which demonstrated the high standard of golf we can expect this year.



Kevin Osman handing over the reins of Office to new Captain Tim Harris

More seriously, the second rounds took place of both the Seniors' and Club Winter Leagues. The weather was relatively calm for the second round of the Seniors' competition. The scoring was equally good with Peter Searle scoring 40 to win division 1 on countback from Graham Clifford with Toni Ribi 2 points further back. Nigel Day was the best in division 3 but his 38 was just one better than both Keith Bellingham and John Snelling. Best score of the day was in division 2 with Chris Monks scoring 42. However, it was the players in second and third place, Ivor Monelle and David

Nelson who improved to the top of the combined standings with totals of 76 and 75 respectively. Roger Griffin holds third place on 72 but there are another 2 rounds to go.

The course survived the dire weather forecasts prior to the second round of the Club Winter Stableford League with the best scores coming in division 3 where the youngest of the Smith family, Matt, won with an incredible 44 points to beat Pete Beavan by 2 with Paul Hannon third on 39. Jon Thompson beat John Wormald on countback in division 1 after both scored 39 with Stuart Bishop a further point back in third. There was another close finish in division 2 which was won by Graham Clifford with 38, one better than Mark Grant who was one better than a group of four players on 36 with Andy Favell taking third place on countback. Pete Beavan now leads the overall league placings on 81, 2 ahead of Dave Bedford with Stuart Bishop third on 77. There is still a long way to go though, particularly with players able to discard their worst score. Best score of all goes to Megan Wilde who leads the Ladies overall on 83 following her 42 points this month. In the battle of the juniors, Beth Williams is second overall on 79 following her second place 35 on Saturday with Abi Moore in third.

Christmas could not be ignored entirely of course and even Father Christmas turned up to see the Ladies off for their Christmas Bowmaker with presents of pieces of string which they could magically use to get out of trouble or hole those close putts. Jill Cornelius, Fran McMillan and Eunice Bond used their magical powers to great effect, scoring 41 points over nine holes to win by a single point from Ruth Pearson, Sue McDonald and Ann Dixon who in turn beat Jane Hewitt, Helen Tanswell and Penny Oliver on countback.



Father Christmas seeing off competitors in the Ladies Christmas Competition

The competition was followed in the evening by the annual Christmas party when prizes were awarded for the previous week's Christmas Pudding Competition. Best score of the day came in division 2 with Pam Berry winning on 20 points, 2 points ahead of Ali Mantell with Ruth Rogers another 2 points back in third. The closest finish was in division 1 where Cathy Olive secured the biggest pudding with 17 points which was 1 ahead of a group of three players. Countback put Eunice Bond second, Sue Chambers third and Ronnie Follenfant fourth. Pru Witter was the clear winner of division 3. Her score of 19 put her 3 ahead of runner-up Debbie Monks with Marie Mackle 2 more shots behind in third.

The Seniors also held their Christmas party during the week, but before the serious business began they held a competition over the front nine restricted to a choice of just two clubs and a putter. Wet conditions and gale force winds did not make playing any easier but as usual somebody managed to play under their handicap and this year that was Mike Nicholls who accumulated 20 points to take first prize.

Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club



Some of the players, with Alison and John holding their prizes

Wedmore Tennis Club revised its popular annual mixed Christmas Holiday Tournament again for 2019. Ten members, plus two visitors of family members made up the six mixed couples who played seven games against each other, interspersed by mulled wine and nibbles

Right up to the last round the winners were unknown. Ultimately David Pottow who ran the tournament presented the prizes to Alison Campion, stalwart member of the club and John Curling who is the son of Avril Vaughan-Lee.

The winners won by a grand total of one game from second placed Tess Hodgson and Stuart Williams. Behind this pair were Nicky Attwood and Richard Campion.

Church News

‘On a Wheel and a Prayer’

On Tuesday 25 February, the vicar will be conducting the next ‘cycle prayer pilgrimage’, cycling around the different villages and hamlets that make up the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore that our churches serve, stopping at various points and praying for the particular communities. Details of timings can be found in the churches and you are welcome to join him at any of the stops.



Ash Wednesday

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

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

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday 26 February, and in the benefice we will be marking this important day with a said communion at Allerton at 11.00 am and a sung benefice communion at 7.00 pm. at Wedmore. The imposition of ashes will be offered at each service.

Parish Registers

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of: -

Christine Stott, of Glastonbury who died on 27 November 2019 aged 73 and whose funeral was at St Mary’s, Wedmore on Tuesday 17 December 2019

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 9.45 am*

Sunday	2	Presentation of Christ	10.30 am	Café Church
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	9	3 Before Lent	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
			10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week (Taizé Style)
Sunday	16	2 Before Lent	10.30 am	Morning Praise
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	23	Sunday Before Lent	10.30 am	Parish Communion

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	2	Presentation of Christ	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	3 Before Lent	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	16	2 Before Lent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	23	Sunday Before Lent	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	2	Presentation of Christ	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	3 Before Lent	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	16	2 Before Lent	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	23	Sunday Before Lent	11.00 am	Morning Praise

Allerton Church

Sunday	2	Presentation of Christ	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	9	3 Before Lent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	16	2 Before Lent	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	23	Sunday Before Lent	9.00 am	Parish Communion

Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30 am - Morning service. We have groups for tots to teens, and a lovely playroom for restless little ones where you can still see and hear the service. Communion is usually shared on the first Sunday of each month.

Every Wednesday 10am – 12 noon 'Coffee with a View.' Come for coffee / tea and home-made cakes, our wonderful view and a warm welcome. All free of charge. We have good parking and wheelchair access.

Wednesdays (in term time) 7.30 - 9.15 pm. We run two youth groups for ages 10 - young adults.

For further details, please ring (01934) 710779 / 712812, email contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Sunday	2	February	10.30 am	Rev David Sharp
Sunday	9	February	10.30 am	Rev Meg Slingo Covenant Service
Sunday	16	February	10.30 am	Jacqueline Cobb - Family Service
Sunday	23	February	10.30 am	Local Arrangement

Coffee for all on Friday 21 February 10.30 am - 12.00 noon, everyone welcome.

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

Sunday 9.00 am Holy Mass

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Mass

Contact Dom Bede Rowe or Dom Anselm Redman

St Mary's Presbytery, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9EJ

Telephone 01458 835931.

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

Crossword 34 Answers

Across: 1. Oarswomen 6. Pipes 9. Defunct 10. Wherein 11. Evens
12. Stabilise 13. Characteristic 16. Aforementioned 20. Free world 22. Shrub
23. Kingpin 24. Oversee 25. Nicer 26. En passant

Down: 1. Oodles 2. Refresh 3. Windscreen wiper 4. Maths 5. Newsagent
6. Precipitousness 7. Predict 8. Sentence 14. Clearance 15. Calfskin
17. Oceanic 18. Eurasia 19. Abject 21. Droop

What's On in the Parish

3 - Mon	Green Wedmore meeting	8.00pm	The Swan
4 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George Inn
5 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.30 - 12 noon	Wedmore VH
7 - Fri	Wedmore in Bloom AGM and Social Evening	6.45pm	Masonic Hall
	International SpooF Competition	8.00pm	New Inn
	Mr Punch's Folk Club Open mic	8.00pm	Panborough Inn
8 - Sat	Safari Supper starting at Beggars Roost	7.00pm	Beggars Roost
	Wedmore in Bloom work party	9.30am	The George Inn
	Wells & District Centre National Trust Talk - Jenny Bowen	2.30pm	Henton VH
10 - Sun	Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30am	Blackford VH
11 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
12 - Wed	Blackford Cafe	2.00pm	Blackford VH
	Probus	10.15am	Wedmore golf club
13 - Thur	Talking Cafe	10 - 12 noon	Nanny Ida's Cafe
14 - Fri	The Tea Set	3.00pm	St Mary's Church
15 - Sat	Theale community Cafe	10 - 12 noon	Theale VH
	Blackford Harvest Home Winter Warmer	7.00pm	Blackford VH
16 - Sun	Theale Film Club - classic Superheroes film	7.00pm	Theale VH
18 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George Inn
19 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.30 - 12 noon	Wedmore VH
	Club50 tea and speaker	2.30pm	Masonic Hall
	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	
21 - Fri	Coffee for All at Wedmore Methodist Church	10.30 - 12 noon	Methodist Church
	Mr Punch's Folk Club Open mic	8.00pm	Panborough Inn
25 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Gardening Club talk on The Edible Garden	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
	Friends of St Mary's AGM and Skittles Evening		New Inn
26 - Wed	Wedmore WI talk by Linda Wright	2.30pm	Masonic Hall
	Probus	10.15am	Wedmore golf club
27 - Thur	Isle of Wedmore Society - talk by Neil Ellis	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
28 - Fri	At Home with Will Shakespeare	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
29 - Sat	3 C's Winter Supper	7.30pm	Wedmore VH

February 2020

Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Lisa	07977 415799
Wedmore Knitting & Quilting Group	9.30am	Scout Hut +	Julia Jones	01934 713021
Pilates	6.45 - 7.45pm	SSTFC Wedmore	Tabitha	07977 362817
Pilates	8.00pm	SSTFC Wedmore	Tabitha	07977 362817
Art Group	2 - 4pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midford	01749 712522
Beavers	5.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Yoga with Anna	6.45pm	Wedmore VH	Anna MacGregor	07587 703883
Bridge Club	7.00pm	Bridge Club	Steve Pedrick	01934 712852
Scouts	7.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Fitness2Unique	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Lisa	07977 415799

TUESDAY

Chair Yoga	10.00am	The Swan +	Jo Willis	07552 711101
Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Lisa	07977 415799
Little Lambs	9.15am - 11.15am	Little Lambs +	Jane Bewick	01934 713745
Tuesday Club	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Angela Mills	01934 712607
50+ Dance Class	10.00am	Wedmore VH	Rhian Weston	07854 594268
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	07775 682231
Yoga with Anna	8.30pm	Wedmore VH	Anna MacGregor	07587 703883
Fitness2Unique	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Lisa	07977 415799

WEDNESDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Lisa	07977 415799
Rainbows	4.30pm	Wedmore VH +	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Brownies	6.15pm	Wedmore VH +	Sue Moreman	01934 710278
Guides	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
Yoga	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686
PilogaFit	10.30 - 11.30am	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482
Pilates	9.15 - 10.15am	SSTFC Wedmore	Tabitha	07977 362817
Pilates	10.30 - 11.30am	SSTFC Wedmore	Tabitha	07977 362817
Tai Chi	12.15 - 1.15pm	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482

THURSDAY

Yoga	10.00am	Scout hut	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Pilates	9.15 - 10.15am	SSTFC Wedmore	Tabitha	07977 362817
Pilates	10.30 - 11.30am	SSTFC Wedmore	Tabitha	07977 362817
Wedmore Dance Group	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Nikki Pryn	07519 630365
Ballet Classes	4.00pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +	bristolballetcentre.co.uk	
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

FRIDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Lisa	07977 415799
Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School +	Jo Page	01934 710431
Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Jim Collett	01934 712663
Kettleclass	7.30pm	Blackford VH	Rosie	01749 870328

SATURDAY

Pilates	7.00am	SSTFC Wedmore	Tabitha	07977 362817
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+ Not taking place during school holidays