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Editorial

Well Wedmore is certainly the place to be this July with firmly established events taking place. We start with the Street Fair, a real community event, which raises money for local charities and organisations. We are also privileged to be hosting Wedmore Arts Festival which culminates with the opera. The opera is another well established and keenly awaited event, but this year we also have a week of culture with jazz, comedy, literature and recitals to look forward to. Who knows how this event will put Wedmore on the national and even international map in years to come – watch this space!

Now what I know about cricket you could write on the back of a postage stamp. However, it has been brought to my attention that Wedmore has home grown talent in England and Lancashire with cricketer Jos Buttler, who has I understand performed extremely well recently in the Test match against New Zealand. Congratulations to Jos, Wedmore salutes you.

Sue James

Front Cover

Thanks go to Ian Bateman for this lovely picture.

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News

The New Parish Council

Following the elections on 7 May, several new faces appeared on the parish council with several long-standing members having been replaced. We said farewell to Richard Kilburn, Martin Cahill, William Healey, Lindsey Craig and Andy Nash and welcomed Louise Seymour, Alex Whittingham, Peter Bird, Judy Candy, Polly Costello, Steve George, Rikki Isgar, Suzanne Metters and Sue Worrall. Former councillors, Richard Burden and Alison Crooks did not stand for re-election.

At the first meeting of the new council in May, Glenys Cousins was re-elected as chair with Nick Avery as vice-chair. Glenys's first duty was to thank the outgoing councillors for their dedicated public service and commitment over a number of years and expressed the hope that the new council would work together for the benefit of the local community.

Members were allocated to serve on various committees and agreed to undertake training so that they could best carry out the important duties of the office. Sedgemoor District Council was offering training for planning committee members; this being one of the busiest committees in the parish.

Allotments

There are still a number of vacant plots available at very reasonable rents.

Please contact the clerk for further details.

Rod Pring, Wedmore Parish Council, Grants Lane, Wedmore, Somerset, BS28 4EA
Telephone 713087, Email: clerk @wedmoreparishcouncil.fsnet.co.uk

Wedmore Street Fair

Roll up roll up! Wedmore Street fair is upon us!

This year's fair is celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta so get imaginative with your costume or stall decorations.

With over 60 stalls offering food, beverages and a wide range of different gifts and homeware, 'kids zone', craft area, entertainment, raffle and much, more, come along on 4th July and celebrate all things Wedmore.

Charlotte Monson

Greenpeace Stall at Wedmore Street Fair

The Greenpeace stall at Wedmore Street Fair is back after missing a year! Donations of books, bric a brac etc very welcome. Please telephone Jean Winter on 710322, or bring along on the day.

Many thanks, Jean and Liz.

Jean Winter

Wedmore Opera and Arts Festival



By the time you read this, you might not recognise Wedmore; in fact you may be wondering if you've been transported to Cheltenham, Hay-on-Wye, even Edinburgh. That's because during the first week of July, Wedmore is playing host to the Wedmore Arts Festival, an event that has attracted some huge names to our little village.

As the president of Wedmore Opera and Festival, Mark Hamlin of Organisation Resource, said: 'Wedmore has long enjoyed a reputation for its opera, which has brought to the village a superb mix of local and international professionalism ever since 1988. With this year's Arts Festival attracting such a diverse range of household names, we can truly claim our place on the festival map.

Those names include the opera stars: Carmen herself, of course, played by Marie Elliott; Don José, played by Ben Thapa, the G4 tenor and X-Factor star, Tom Colwell as Escamillo the Toreador, Jack Tebbutt as Remendado, Wells resident Siona Stockel as Micaëla, and Justin Bindley as Zuniga. Aficionados of Wedmore Opera will also be delighted to welcome back Gemma Hildred and Bethia Hourigan who both starred in the 2014 production of Dido and Aeneas, as well as Alan Philips and John Pumphrey who have sung in several WO productions over the years.

In addition to these big names in opera, we have also attracted some giants from other fields. Best-selling novelist Joanna Trollope in conversation with BBC arts reviewer and presenter, Francine Stock; comedian Marcus Brigstocke, well known to Radio 4 listeners of the Now Show, the News Quiz, Just a Minute and many more; Clare Teal, one of the UK's most successful jazz singers ever, singing with Edward Leaker's Swing Jazz Orchestra; Shenagh Govan in her one-woman show, War Crimes for the Home; Anna Newman playing the wonderfully sonorous marimba in her Time and Space Concert; and a teatime special featuring Marie Vassiliou, soprano, and Nico de Villiers, piano.

You have probably already seen the brand new state-of-the-art big-top style theatre space which will play host to many of these events in the playing fields on the edge of Wedmore. Others will happen at more intimate venues around the village. Tickets for all events are available via the website www.wedmoreopera.com or 713271. But please hurry; at time of writing, tickets were selling fast – and when there's a Festival like this on your doorstep, you don't want to be left on the Fringe...!

Dorothy Wright

Wedmore Arts Festival 2015 - Diary of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Ticket price
Friday 3 July	7.45pm	Clare Teal sings with Edward Leaker's Jazz Orchestra	Theatre Tent	£21
Wed 8 July	7.15pm	Wedmore Opera CARMEN	Theatre Tent	£27

Thursday 9 July	2.00pm	Joanna Trollope talks to Francine Stock	Theatre Tent	£7
Thursday 9 July	4.45pm	Shenagh Govan - War Crimes for the Home	The Swan, Club Room	£8
Thursday 9 July	8.00pm	Marcus Brigstocke Je m'accuse – I am Marcus 2015	Theatre Tent	£15
Friday 10 July	12.00 noon	Anna Newman, Marimba Time and Space	St Mary's Church	£7
Friday 10 July	7.15pm	Wedmore Opera CARMEN	Theatre Tent	£30
Saturday 11 July	3.00pm	Marie Vassiliou, Soprano Nico de Villiers, Piano - Afternoon Delights (with cream tea)	St Mary's Church	£12.50
Saturday 11 July	7.15pm	Wedmore Opera CARMEN	Theatre Tent	£30

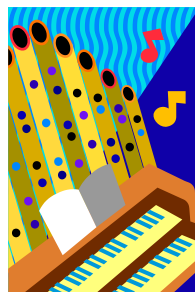
Organ Recital by Kevin Duggan

St Mary's Church will be hosting an organ recital by Kevin Duggan (FRCO) on Tuesday 7 July at 7.30pm as the church's contribution to Wedmore Arts Week.

Kevin grew up in Wedmore and initially learnt his trade on St Mary's instrument before progressing to various important organ positions in this country and Scandinavia. He was recently appointed as Organist and Director of Music at Dunblane Cathedral. He has given many recitals across Europe including in a number of English cathedrals, with this being his 3rd recital at St Mary's since the instrument's rebuild and enlargement in 2007/8.

Since admission is free we are expecting a healthy number of attendees. A retiring collection will held in aid of Christian Aid and the National Churches Trust.

Peter Curtin



Wedmore Harvest Home

Harvest Home will take place on Friday 21 August. As usual the programme of events will be:

10.00am - The Procession

Assembles in The Borough. There will be a variety of classes for everyone to enter including single pedestrians, group pedestrians, horse classes, vintage vehicles, and a host of colourful floats. The morning's activities continue with crowning of the Harvest Home King, Queen, and Princess followed by the start of the judging for the all procession classes. Prior to the procession there will be a service in The Borough, after which the procession moves through the village and heads towards the marquee, where the main activities are held for the remainder of the day.

12.30pm - Luncheon

For ladies and gentlemen over 16 years. Tickets are £18 per person. We will be pre-booking tables again this year for parties of eight or more. Group booking tickets are available from Arthur Gadd, telephone 713063 by Friday 7 August. Pre-bookings cannot be purchased from collectors. This year we will not be providing wine on the tables but we're happy for you to bring your own.

3.00pm - Children's Sports

A variety of races are held on the local playing fields, behind the marquee where prizes and rosettes are up for grabs! Children of all ages can enter!

4.45pm - Children's Tea

Children under 16 years of the civil parish of Wedmore are invited, free of charge, to enjoy sandwiches and cakes. Entertainment also includes a puppet show. Adults, £5, non-parishioners children £3.

7.30pm - Evening Entertainment

This year we have four live acts performing. Lauren Male, young female singer. Acoustic duo band 'Kato', rock band 'Momentum' and headlining will be 'Lipinski'. There will be a bar and food available. Tickets, £10 per person, available on the door.

Full details of all classes for the procession and floristry arrangements for the marquee will appear in the August edition of Wedmore News. The organisers would appreciate it if entrance for the procession could be confirmed before the day. For further information please contact Fay Nicholls on 07773 536917.

The Wedmore Harvest Home Committee 2015 would like to extend grateful thanks to all our advertisers, sponsors, and to the many helpers who put in countless hours and much effort throughout the year to maintain the tradition of the harvest home. We look forward to seeing everyone on the big day!

Kerry Willcox

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 9.30am 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 6.00pm and 6.30pm on the evening before your journey:

Controller Taunton	Angeline Duckett 712631
Controller Bridgwater	Angeline Duckett 712631
Controller Weston-super-Mare	Pam Meadows 712143
Controller Street	Rosy Brooks 713697

The bus is also available for private hire. It can be booked by contacting Rachel Bennett, telephone 07807 156069 or email rachbennett1@hotmail.co.uk.

Roger Fenton

A Chance to Get Creative – Life Drawing Classes



Regular Thursday morning life drawing classes have been running in the Club Room at The Swan, Wedmore since April, providing the chance to spend two hours working with experienced models. These weekly classes are open to all abilities and experience, with tuition and advice available from Lily Sawtell - a local sculptor with a life-long passion for drawing the human figure. Classes continue through July, resuming again late September.

Classes start at 10.00am, £12 for a drop-in session or £40 for four sessions.

For further information and to book a place email: lilysawtell@gmail.com.

Thank you from Stone Allerton Gardens

Two beautiful gardens, Badgers' Acre and Greenfield House were open for charity in Stone Allerton on 3 and 4 May. The weather was not kind to us on the Sunday but thankfully it was on Monday.

ngs gardens open
for charity

A magnificent £3,085 was raised for the NGS with 482 visitors passing through the gates. In addition, the delicious teas at Greenfield House raised £650 for Burnham RNLI. This makes a grand total of £3,735 raised and given to charity.

The exhausted but very happy garden owners would like to thank all the volunteer helpers who helped them to achieve this wonderful result. George, Ben, Laura and Emily Wainwright, Simon Hicking, Katie Palmer, Dave Palmer and Steve Reading manned the gate and directed traffic and parking at Badgers' Acre. Anna Allott (Lucy's mother), Alison Smith and Nina Reading ran the plant stall. At Greenfield House a large team of helpers looked after the car park and admission money and many more helpers were needed for the teas. Thanks go to Ted and Jean Bevis, Steve and Kate Poland, Fiona Bull and Alison Buckton. Thank you also to the Bucktons and the Unwins who provided the fields for car parking.

Finally, Lucy Hetherington and Jim Mathers, Vivien and David Bull would like to say thank you to all of you who took the time to come and visit. They really hope you enjoyed the day as much as they did.

For any further information about gardens opening in Somerset for the rest of 2015 please visit the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk.

Lucy Hetherington

Wedmore Theatre Autumn Production 26 to 28 November – HELP!



Wedmore Theatre Club Committee is looking for a director for the Autumn production in November and is looking for some new blood, not necessarily one of the current members. Have you secretly wanted to try your hand at directing? Is there a particular play which tempts you? If so, please contact the chair, Sue Burton on 712092), or secretary, Jendy Weekes on 01278 641370.

For November we have the venue, we have a finely honed back stage team – but no director. We just need this vital ingredient and need to move quickly, so auditions can be held and scripts handed out by the end of July, before everyone goes on holiday, ready for rehearsals to start in September.

Be brave and give it a try.

Sue Burton

Letters

Thank You from Your New District Councillors

Recently elected Sedgemoor District Councillors for the Wedmore and Mark ward, Polly Costello and Will Human, would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us in the recent elections and we hope to serve our communities to the best of our ability. If there is an issue we can help you with, please don't hesitate in contacting us on; Polly, 713564 or Will, 01278 641795. Thank you.

Polly Costello

Reports and Society Updates

Wedmore WI Report May 2015



'That was a proper WI meeting!' was the verdict of a long-standing member after our Centenary Celebration meeting.

We first had to get through the normal monthly business, which included birthdays for Mary and Jill C, and an account of the group meeting that several members had attended. Allerton WI had organised an excellent supper, and the speaker, Chris Sperring, was entertaining and informative; we also met one of his owls. The sad saga of one member's invitation to the Buckingham Palace garden party, which

was later withdrawn, was also discussed. The AGM, which also took place this month, included a discussion of the resolution to go forward to the National AGM. We were a little puzzled by the wording, but a majority of people agreed that the government should be asked to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care when assessing the needs of individuals. Our president Hazel, and the committee, were thanked for their work, and re-elected to serve another year. After that, the table was cleared away to let the entertainment begin.

The first act was a hilarious duet by Hazel and Chris, about the WI calendar girls, which was followed by some very funny poems read by Jane, including a parody of 'How I brought the good news from Aix to Ghent' which made us all laugh. Next was a pantomime, Cinderella no less, acted with great solemnity and lack of expression by Jill C, Margarets T and M, Diana and Val, who managed to keep their dead-pan expressions despite our giggles. The Ugly Sisters were strikingly disfigured by pieces of black tissue paper over one or two of their front teeth, and the slipper was a large green gardening clog. A story about 'Girls Meals Out' and 'A Visit to the Doctor', told by Chris and Margaret T respectively, also produced much laughter, which was followed up by Sue, Diana and Margaret T going for one-upmanship in the matter of weddings, all dressed up appropriately. After the laughter and applause died down, Hazel then showed us some of her photographs of WI activities in the 1960's and 70's. Floats made for Wedmore Harvest Home were highly decorated and manned by members and their children; they included 'The Death of Mary Queen of Scots', famous women such as Boadicea, Nell Gwynne and Queen Victoria, a Japanese garden, corn dollies and fairy stories. It was very interesting to see present members as they were 40 years ago, and older members no longer with us. The competition for a garter was won by Margaret T, and to round off the evening we were treated to cupcakes, and punch made by Margaret T, which provided a fitting end to our WI Centenary Celebration. I must apologise for spelling the name of our speaker in April incorrectly, it should have been Pamela Miley. Next month we will hear about 'Country Markets' from Sue Simmons. The competition is a Seaside Photograph.

Chris Barker

Isle of Wedmore Society Report for May

It is not often we have a man and his dog at our monthly meetings (in fact I do not think we have ever had a man and his dog in the 50 years our society has been going!), but that is indeed what we had for this month's talk. The man in question was Nick Pope (Wedmore Golf Club Professional) and his one year old Labrador cross puppy Ludo. Nick, who is a volunteer 'Puppy Parent' for the charity Canine Partners, receives dogs at about eight / nine weeks old and starts to train them for up to a year in order that the dogs are able to assist disabled wheelchair people in a variety of tasks. Nick showed us three short videos which demonstrated what the dogs once fully trained, are able to do, for instance open doors, take washing out of a washing machine, pick up items off the floor and return them to their owner and even press the buttons on a pelican crossing! Nick's enthusiasm for his time with the dogs shone through at all stages of his talk, describing to us just how much the dogs are able to transform the lives of many wheelchair bound people, who before they receive a dog are often depressed and feel worthless.

The charity headquarters in Midhurst, West Sussex get offered many dogs each year but few make the grade in the five months advanced training they receive with their new owners. Each dog costs £20,000 to train and they supply about 80 dogs each year. The one sad fact about all this is that Nick, after having Ludo for a year in his home, has to hand the dog over to its prospective new owner. Ludo charmed us all during the evening with his friendliness and obedience and Nick gave us a wonderful insight to this extremely worthwhile charity.

The next meeting is on Thursday 24 September when Dr Richard Brunning will give us a talk on 'Somerset's changing Coast'.

Chris Edwards

Wedmore in Bloom

The plant sale and coffee morning held in the middle of May was successful. Many people braved the windy and blustery day for coffee in the garden. Thank you to all those who attended and bought plants, the funds raised very much help towards all the costs of planting the tubs during the year.



May has been quite a fairly quiet month on the flower front. Winter flowering has now passed and all the tubs have been emptied. Before the summer planting renovations of some of the tubs has taken place, new soil and fertiliser has been applied. New plants are due to be planted at the end of this month, May, ready for the summer. We hope, the vagaries of the English summer allowing, that they will give a good show for the next few months.

Wedmore in Bloom

The 15th Wedmore Real Ale Festival

Planning is now well under way for the 15th festival which takes place on Friday 18 to Sunday 20 September at Wedmore Village Hall.

Sponsorship of a barrel is almost full, but at the time of going to print, we still do have a few sponsorship positions available. So if you are interested in giving the festival even more support than simply enjoying the beer, then please get in touch with Amanda, amanda.carver@outlook.com or telephone 07816 400999.

Many thanks to our brilliant sponsors who have already confirmed and help to ensure the continued success of the festival! If you would like to volunteer during the festival then we are still on the lookout for helpers so please contact Mike Bewick on 07794 781975.

Don't forget that this year's festival coincides with the Rugby World Cup and therefore we are delighted to announce that this year's festival tops, which will be sponsored by Somerlap, will be promoting this great UK based rugby event. Tops are now available to order, so to guarantee you get your hands on at least one of these must-have Rugby World Cup festival tops, get your orders in today. Call or email Mike on 07794 781975 or bewick.mike@gmail.com

We are also currently appealing for prizes and lots for the Sunday afternoon auction. If you have an item / service / promise that you wish to donate please contact

Jim Low on 07774732073. If you feel you have a local worthy cause that would benefit from a donation from the festival, please go to our website and download our application Form and send it back to us by the 30 September. We are also working on improving our festival app, which we hope will be available for download from this month. We will keep you updated on our progress and its new features via our Facebook group.

Remember, we are currently planning to show the majority of the rugby fixtures throughout the festival and as in previous years, there will be an incredible mix of live music on both the evenings and an open mic afternoon on the Saturday. Last but not least, our legend who is DJ Olly Eade from DJ Enhance will also be with us all weekend.

Admission to the festival will be £5 per person, which will include a 2015 festival pint glass to take away and a free half pint to drink! Our ever popular fancy dress on Saturday evening will see all manner of rugby outfits, because if you have not already noticed it's the rugby world cup and it's here in the UK! To keep up to date with our planning for the festival please join our Facebook group The Wedmore Real Ale Appreciation Society, follow us on twitter @WedmoreRealAle or go to our website www.wedmoreale.com.

See you in September!



Alan Page

Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund

The Community Health Fund is a registered charity (number 801664) and exists for the benefit of patients of the Wedmore and Axbridge surgeries. Run by a group of volunteer trustees to provide medical equipment, services and support for those in need in our villages and the surrounding area. We rely only on donations from grateful patients, bequests, bereaved relatives and the interest from our investments.

During the last financial year we purchased a wide range of equipment including ECG machines, peak flow meter, ear irrigator, couches and footstools, an upgrade to the booking-in system, and washable keyboards for treatment rooms. We paid for a wheel-chair for a patient badly injured after an accident, a baby-monitor and stair gate for a family having difficulty coping with a brain-damaged child, an iPad to help

the development of another child with multiple problems, and Bobath treatment for a child with cerebral palsy.

We provide financial support for transport to appointments and childcare to support parents receiving medical attention. In addition we have funded the new coffee mornings held at Axbridge, but open to all patients of the practice in and around Wedmore and Axbridge, which are intended both to give information and bring people together.

We have contributed to the Alzheimer Society, specifically for local Sing for Fun Days, and also to the provision of CRISP courses, the Carers Information Support Programme.

We would like to thank all those who completed the survey forms distributed from Lloyds the Chemist shop and the surgery. We appreciate too, all the help we had in the compilation, printing, distribution and analysis of the survey. We reached the conclusion that we needed a directory to signpost where patients can go for more information, assistance and support for their problems. This is our aim for the year ahead.

My grateful thanks go to our dedicated committee of trustees, the doctors and nurses of the practice who do such a good job for us all, our generous benefactors and all those who have played a part in the work of our charity. Anyone who feels they could give some of their time to serve on the Board of Trustees would be very welcome.

Jan Young, chair

Wedmore Twinning Association

Wedmore Twinning Association looks forward to welcoming everyone to the Café St Medard at Wedmore Street Fair. In August our French friends from St Medard, both old and new, will be joining us here in Wedmore. This year we will be celebrating 40 years of 'Le Jumelage'.

Cameron Swales

The Rotary Club of Mendip Young Business Person of the Year



Simon Bethell of Perfect Pave, a company specialising in driveways, patios, and block paving has been voted the Cheddar Valley Young Business Person of the Year by the Rotary Club of Mendip. The award was made at a recent club meeting during which three finalists made presentations to members describing how they have built up their businesses to ensure sustainability, how they train their staff, and their relationships with the local community. The contest was organised by Patrick Simpson, and the award was presented by the event sponsor Richard Acreman of Four Fifty Accountants in Cheddar.

Mr Bethell, 31, grew up on a farm, and had originally expected to follow in the family tradition, but after the farm was sold in 2000, chose to work in the building industry. At the age of 19 he started his own company and received his first contract. Since then he has built up his business which now employs 12 staff. In 2013 he opened a showroom in Cheddar and acquired an agency with Marshalls Register, a national

network of driveway and patio installers. After receiving the award he said, 'I would like to thank members of the Rotary Club of Mendip for voting for me, particularly when the other two finalists were of such a high standard'.

Sharon Lewis of Essence Hairdressing in Wedmore was another of the finalists who, since taking over the business in 2012, has developed it particularly in the field of wedding and bridal styling, self-funding the refurbishment of her premises, and increasing the turnover by 46%. She works with L and F Academy to train her staff to the highest standards, and employs six people, some of whom have won national awards for their hair styling work. Daniel Eade, age 30, was also a finalist. He is managing director of The Isle of Wedmore Golf Club, and has a passion for catering which started when he was at school at Kings of Wessex. Prior to employment at the golf club he spent two years running his own office cleaning company. He describes himself as a perfectionist and since working at the golf club, has supervised the complete refurbishment of the club house and is responsible for all 20 staff who work there.

Rotary President Mike Hiles said, 'This is the fifth time we have run this event, and all three of this year's finalists demonstrated passion for their work. It has been very difficult for us to choose a winner.'



Mike Hiles president of the Rotary Club of Mendip and Richard Acreman from Four Fifty Accountants congratulate Simon Bethell – the Cheddar Valley Young Business Person of the Year



From left to right, Mike Hiles president of the Rotary Club of Mendip, with the finalists of the Cheddar Valley Young Business Person: Sharon Lewis from Essence Hairdressing, Simon Bethell from Perfect Pave (winner), Daniel Eade from the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club, and event sponsor Richard Acreman from Four Fifty Accountants

Rotary Helps Provide Defibrillator for Allerton

Local people celebrated the installation of a defibrillator in Allerton this week. Rotary's international charity The Rotary Foundation made a grant of £500 which was matched by the Rotary Club of Mendip. This sum, together with major contributions from Allerton's Parish Council, Harvest Home and Cricket Club, other village clubs and local donors, enabled the purchase to proceed very quickly.

With support from Jonathan and Alison Newberry the unit is now installed at a local pub and available should the need arise. Rotarian Scott McIntosh who co-ordinated the appeal in the two villages said ‘The generous response from the residents has been heart-warming, but in reality simply reflects the strong feeling of community within the Allertons. The total raised will also allow for a number of sessions of CPR training for interested residents and this is now being organised’. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Mendip president Mike Hiles said ‘Rotary is pleased to be involved with this project. Many people do not understand the difficulties faced by rural communities in getting speedy help when someone has a heart attack, and this machine will provide the necessary reassurance to the people of Allerton and surrounding areas’.



The Allerton defibrillator is officially commissioned. Left to right: Henry Pomeroy chair of Allerton Parish Council, Matt Paul of Allerton Harvest Home, Mike Hiles president of Mendip Rotary Club, Andrew Cook of Allerton Cricket Club, and project co-ordinator Rotarian Scott McIntosh

The Rotary Foundation was inaugurated in 1917 ‘for the purpose of doing good around the world’. District grants, such as that for the Allerton defibrillator, fund small projects that address needs in communities worldwide. Its global grants support large international activities that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more areas of focus. The largest and most successful of these larger grants has been the campaign, in conjunction with the World Health Organisation, to rid the world of poliomyelitis. Started in 1979, it has resulted in reducing the hundreds of thousands of cases of wild polio worldwide to just 25 so far in the current year.

Anyone wishing to find out more about Rotary locally, can visit the Mendip Club’s web page: <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1215>

Rotary Club of Mendip Charity Golf Day



Members of the Rotary Club of Mendip and guests took part in a charity golf day at The Isle of Wedmore Golf Club recently; fifteen teams took part. Over £1,500 was raised from the event which will go to support the RNLI and local Rotary charities. The winners were ‘Four Fifty team A,

Peter Ison, Steve Ison, Dave Cowan and Steve Willoughby. The runners-up were ‘Les Vieillards de Mendip’, Jim Mallon, Colin Clifton, John Padfield and John Stembridge.

One of the highlights of the day was a hole-in-one achieved by Bob Acland, a member and past president of the Mendip Rotary. Bob is to become the Rotary District Governor in July, and will be leading the fifty-two clubs which cover Somerset, parts of Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire. He said, ‘We all had a great day and the hole-in-one, my first, made it a special round for me’.

John Mander



Simon Lunn, winner of ‘nearest the pin’ prize at the 18th hole, with Mike Hiles, president of the Rotary Club of Mendip



Rotarian Bob Acland celebrates his first hole-in-one (photo courtesy of Carole Pope, Wedmore Golf Club)

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Please note: We will be CLOSED for our summer break from 18 July and will reopen on Wednesday 2 September. Open House sessions will be Wednesday 9 and Friday 11 September.

On Thursday afternoons (term time only) there is a computer drop-in session, £2 per visit. Ideal for a small problem that doesn't need a full two hour session. No need to book – just drop in.

Contact us on 741751, email itfortheterrified@btconnect.com, or visit our www.itfortheterrified.co.uk. IT for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar, BS27 3AG. Registered charity number 1130308.

If you can spare two hours a week and have skills on any level (including basics) – especially on iPad or Tablet – that you would like to share with others, please get in touch.

Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)

If you are retired/semi-retired and are wondering what to do with your spare time, why not come and see what we have to offer. We offer lots of opportunities to revive old interests or start a new one. Join us at our Meet and Greet Coffee Morning at Church House, Cheddar 10.30am to 12.00 noon.



For more details telephone 744241, or visit www.cheddarvalleyu3a.org.uk.

Roger Coe

Cheddar Valley Lions Club – meet the Lions

Everyone is welcome and invited to meet ‘Brian the Lion’ and find out about what ‘Lions’ do in the local community and what we can do for you! We will be at Nanny Ida’s Family Restaurant, Wedmore on Saturday 25th July from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Enjoy a free cup of tea /coffee and some delicious homemade cakes! There will also be a coconut shy and candy floss. Donations welcome. For more information telephone Janet 248114.

Judith John

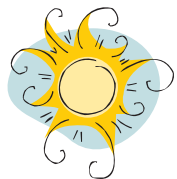
Weather Report for May 2015

RAIN FALL



Monthly Total	86.8mm (3.42ins)	
30 year average	52.8mm	(2.08ins)
Wettest days (4th)	15.0 mm	(0.59ins)
No of dry days	17	
Last 3 months (Mar-May)	142mm	(5.6ins)
Year ending 31 May 2015	764mm	(30.1ins)
30 year annual average	794mm	(31.3ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (23rd)	21.5 °C	(70.7 °F)
Minimum (13, 20th)	1 °C	(33.8 °F)
Number of air frosts	NIL	
Monthly average maximum	16.3 °C	(61.3 °F)
30 year average maximum	17.6 °C	(63.7 °F)
Monthly average minimum	6.9 °C	(44.4 °F)
30 year average minimum	7.4 °C	(45.3 °F)

COMMENTS

Rainfall above average by 64%. Temperatures, both day and night below average.

Denley Brown

Forthcoming Events

Wedmore Opera and Festival – Friday 3 to Saturday 11 July

Wedmore Opera's Carmen heads the line-up for this year's Wedmore Arts Festival which runs from 3 to 11 July and offers a dazzling mix of jazz, comedy, literature, drama – and music. For more details and tickets, go to www.wedmoreopera.com or telephone 713271

Mr Punch's Folk Club - July 3, 5, 17, 31

For traditional and contemporary folk music, singers and musicians welcome. At 'The New Inn' Wedmore, telephone 710020.

Friday 3 July - Open Mic. Starting at 8.00pm, entrance £1.

Sunday 5 July - Music in the sunshine in the garden at the New Inn, a relaxing summers afternoon. From 2.00pm to - 5.00pm.

Friday 17 July - Special Guest Night: Dick Stephens, one of the finest local traditional singers, starting at 8.00pm. Entrance £2 on the door.



Wedmore Street Fair – Saturday 4 July

Taking place in The Borough Wedmore from 10.00 to 3.00pm. Fun for all the family. Stall keepers are invited to decorate their stall and dress in keeping with this year's theme, the Magna Carta. Prizes will be awarded for best turned out stall and best dressed adult and child.



Organ Recital - Tuesday 7 July

Commencing at 7.30pm at St Mary's Wedmore. Admission is free, there will be a retiring collection held in aid of Christian Aid and the National Churches Trust.



Bagley Baptist Church

Bagley Baptist Church Ladies' Day - Saturday 11 July

From 10.30am to 3.00pm. Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. A free day with inspirational worship and speakers. Please book in via our website.

Hugh Sexey School Summer Festival – Saturday 11 July

At Hugh Sexey Middle school 2.00pm till late. Lots of fun and games, stalls, raffle, live music, pig roast, beer tent – overnight camping available.

Wedmore Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 15 July

The meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm at The Council Rooms, Grants Lane. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

What's On in the Parish

1	- Wed	Isle of Wedmore Green Group Meeting	7.30pm	The Swan
3	- Fri	ARTS FESTIVAL - Clare Teal and Swing Machine	7.45pm	Theatre Tent
		Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open Mic	8.00pm	New Inn
4	- Sat	STREET FAIR	ALL DAY	The Borough
5	- Sun	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Music in the Garden	2.00pm	New Inn
7	- Tues	Kevin Duggan Organ Recital	7.30pm	St Mary's Church
		Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
8	- Wed	Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
		Blackford Café	2.00pm	Blackford VH
		ARTS FESTIVAL - CARMEN	7.15pm	Theatre Tent
		Blackford Village Hall Committee Meeting	8.00pm	Blackford VH
9	- Thurs	ARTS FESTIVAL - Joanna Trollope in conversation	2.00pm	Theatre Tent
		ARTS FESTIVAL - War Crimes for the Home	4.45pm	The Swan
		ARTS FESTIVAL - Marcus Brigstocke	8.00pm	Theatre Tent
10	- Fri	ARTS FESTIVAL - Marimba Time and Space	12 noon	St Mary's Church
		ARTS FESTIVAL - CARMEN	7.15pm	Theatre Tent
11	- Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party	9.30am	The George Inn
		Theale Community Café	10.00am	Theale VH
		Ladies Day	10.30am	Bagley Baptist Church
		HUGH SEXEY SCHOOL SUMMER FESTIVAL	2.00pm	Hugh Sexey School
		ARTS FESTIVAL - Afternoon Delights	3.00pm	St Mary's Church
		ARTS FESTIVAL - CARMEN	7.15pm	Theatre Tent
12	- Sun	Sunday Breakfast	9.00am	Blackford VH
14	- Tues	Carpé-Uke - Ukulele group	8.00pm	The George Inn
15	- Wed	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Council Rooms
16	- Thurs	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
17	- Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Dick Stephens	8.00pm	New Inn
18	- Sat	Messy Church	3.00pm	St Mary's Church
19	- Sun	Ashton Horse Show	All Day	Ashton Mill Farm
		Theale Film Club - Hundred Foot Journey	6.30pm	Theale VH
21	- Tues	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN		
		Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
22	- Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
		Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
25	- Sat	Cheddar Valley Lions - Meet Brian the Lion	2.00pm	Nanny Ida's
28	- Tues	Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club Meeting	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
29	- Wed	Wedmore Harvest Home Committee Meeting	8.00pm	Rec. Soc. Club
31	- Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open Mic	8.00pm	New Inn

July 2015

Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY

Dog Training	10.00am	Blackford VH	Sarah Cooke	01934 733716
Modern Dance Blackford Crew	4.00pm	Blackford VH *	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01934 743326
Beavers	5.00pm	Scout Hut *	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Bridge Club	7.00pm	Masonic Hall	Thelma Jenkin-Jones	01934 710467
Scouts	7.15pm	Scout Hut *	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

TUESDAY

Tuesday Club	10.30am	Masonic Hall	Sue Freeman	01934 741861
Ballet Classes	3.00pm	Blackford VH *	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
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
Cardiodance	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01934 743326

WEDNESDAY

Rainbows	4.30pm	Wedmore VH *	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Beavers	5.15pm	Scout Hut *	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Brownies	6.00pm	Wedmore VH *	Lisa Hall	01934 713566
Guides	6.30pm	Wedmore VH *	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650

THURSDAY

Wedmore & Blackford Toddlers	9.30am	Blackford VH *	Gareth Smith	01934 710471
Yoga	9.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Life Drawing Class	10.00am	The Swan	Lily Sawtell	
Sugar Water Curls Dance Group	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
Yoga	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Ballet Classes	4.00pm	Blackford VH *	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut *	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

FRIDAY

Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School *	Sarah Maddock	01934 713578
Children's Modern Dance	4.00pm	Blackford VH *	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01934 743326
Karate	5.30pm	Blackford VH	Kylie Branster	01458 860117

* Not taking place during school holidays

List of Contacts for Organisations as at July 2015

PULL-OUT SECTION

Alfred and Guthrum Lodge	Richard Kilburn	713158	
Art Group	Eileen Sanders	710353	
Badminton Club	Heather Willcox	710535	
Bagley Baptist Church	Sharon Rabbitts	713267	
Blackford Harvest Home	Mike Isgar	712087	
Blackford Village Hall - booking	Margaret Tinney	712324	
Blood Donors' Group	Valda Lewis	713589	
Bowls Club	Keith Pettit	733237	
Bridge Club	Thelma Jenkin-Jones	710467	
Brownies	Lisa Hall	713566	
Carpé-Uke - Ukulele group	Joy Buchanan	712082	
Children's Society	Sue Burton	712092	
Club 50	Val Hardwick	710059	
Christchurch, Theale	Mollie Rossiter	713311	
Community Bus	Mike Bewick	713745	
Cricket Club	Chaz Maguire	07973-810786	
Community Health Fund	Shirley Wederell	712089	
Conservative Association	Barbara Tonkin	712770	
Dumbeldore's Army (Church Youth Group)	Rev.Richard Neill	713566	
Football Club	- Senior Section - Junior Section	Heather Drinkwater Jackie Scriven	01278-641548 712248
Friends of St Mary's	David Hopkins	710149	
Gardening Club	Andrea West	712161	
Golf Club	Dan Eade	713649	
Green Group	Steve Mewes	710530	
Guides	Elaine Tilling	713650	
Holy Trinity Junior Church	Jackie Davey	713371	
IOW Society	William Agnew	713694	
IT for the Terrified	Lynne Duckett	741751	
Masonic Hall - booking	Pauline Smith	734601	
Mendip NCT	Sue Moreman	710278	
Methodist Church	William Hudson	712572	
Neighbourhood Watch	Roy Millward	712999	
Probus Club	Ross Young	710255	
Rainbows	Gail Millard	713922	

Rose Croix Lodge	David Pottow	712186
Rotary Club	Michael Gelder	742165
St Mary's Church	Rev Richard Neill	713566
St Mary's Junior Church	Sue Moreman	710278
Sedgemoor Greenpeace	Liz Merryfield	712894
Scouts	Bill Belshaw	712438
Somerset Singers	Fran Schmolimann	852005
Somerset Wildlife Trust	Ged Keele	01278-769010
Tealham & Tadhams Farmers' Association	Clive Bethell	01458-211034
Tennis Club	Nina Bell	741683
The Turnip Prize	Trevor Prideaux	710004
Theale Flower Show	Carolyn Drew	712127
Theale Oil Group	David Liske	713176
Theale Village Hall	Jane Nisbet	710430
Theale Website	Vanessa Becker-Hughes	712286
Theatre Club	Jendy Weekes	01278-641370
Three Cs Oil Group	Mary Chapman	712314
Tots & Tinies	Sarah Maddock	713578
Tuesday Club	Sue Freeman	741861
Twinning Association	Nicky Hann	07801-847064
Visiting Transport Service	Barbara Moody	712975
Wedmore & Cheddar Beekeepers Assoc.	Vanessa Becker-Hughes	712286
Wedmore & Blackford Toddler Group	Gareth Smith	710471
Wedmore Farmers' Preserving Club	Tim Hector	710168
Wedmore First School Academy & Nursery	Jackie Hipwell	712643
Wedmore Harvest Home	Gemma Willcox	710328
Wedmore in Bloom	Barbara Horton	712402
Wedmore News	Sue James	712797
Wedmore Opera	Peter Johnstone	712761
Wedmore Opera-Goers	Suzanne Metters	712515
Wedmore Parish Council	Rod Pring	742732
Wedmore PFMC	Elizabeth Smith	710471
Wedmore Real Ale Festival	Trevor Prideaux	710004
Wedmore Village Hall	David Summers-Cooke	713577
Women's Institute	Jill Cornelius	709842
Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society	Dennis Johnson	712656
Young Farmers	Claire Willcox	07964-749701

Wedmore WI Meeting - Thursday 16 July

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. The speaker is Sue Simmons, who will talk about Country Markets. The competition is 'A Seaside Photograph'. We always welcome visitors and guests, there is a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at the end of every meeting, and a chance to chat. For further information contact Chris Barker, telephone 712182 or email chris@cbarker.plus.com.



Theale Film Club - Sunday 19 July

The film is 'Hundred Foot Journey'. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm prompt start, at Theale Village Hall. For more information please contact Lesley Luke on 713176, email lesleyluke@live.co.uk, Bernard Coulter on 712144, email bcoulter@talktalk.net, or Pam Meadows on 712143.

Ashton Horse Show - Sunday 19 July

Annual charity event to be held at Ashton Mill Farm, Ashton, Wedmore. For more information contact John Denbee on 712304.



Cheddar Valley Lions Club: Meet Brian the Lion! – Saturday 25 July

At Nanny Ida's Family Restaurant, Wedmore from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Free cup of tea /coffee and homemade cakes. Coconut shy and candy floss. Donations welcome. For more information telephone Janet 248114.

Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club - Tuesday 28 July

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. A talk by Roy Halsey on 'Roses for Garden and Show'. Please come and join us – guests always welcome. Contact Andrea West on 712161 for further details.



Fairtrade Coffee Morning - Saturday 1 August

There will be no Fairtrade Café in July. We look forward to seeing you at our next Café on Saturday 1 August.

Blackford Harvest Home - Saturday 1 August

Our annual Harvest Home will be at Parsons Close Farm. Tickets are priced at £15 and £7.50 for children under 14 and are available from Mike Isgar on 712087.



Mendip Rotary Club Charity Fund Raising Evening - Saturday 5 September

At Wedmore Village Hall, featuring Rosemary Hawthorne as the 'Kicker Lady'. A humorous romp through the history of lady's lingerie, supported by a two course meal and cash bar. Tables of eight @ £180 per table or £25 per person are available from Maggie Steel on 713412 or maggie@mhpk.co.uk. We look forward to you joining us.

Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Paradis Palm Court Trio 2015 Concert Series: Summer Holiday- Friday 3 July

Concert commences at 12.30pm until 1.30pm, at The Assembly Room, Midsomer Norton. Entry by donation. Home-made cakes and tea / coffee on sale.

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre – Tuesday 7 and Friday 17 July

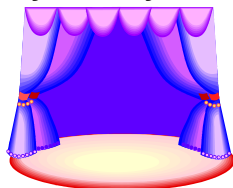
Testament of Youth: Thursday 7 July, based on the memoirs of Vera Britton. Tickets £5.50 or £4.50 concessions.

Live Music - Double Vision, Gordon Giltrap and Ray Burley:

Friday 17 July. All tickets £10.

For both events, doors open at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start.

For tickets, call the box office on 744939 extension 2.



Axbridge and Wedmore Surgery Coffee Morning – Friday 10 July

From 11.00am to 1.00pm. ‘Somerset Choices’ will be represented so please drop in to the Axbridge Suregry for coffee / tea and homemade cakes to see the information available, or just come for a chat. All of our patients are welcome.

Friends of Cheddar Library, Pop-up Book Group - Thursday 16 July

At Cheddar Library commencing at 7.00pm. The book is The Gallery of Vanished Husbands by Natasha Solomons. The group will meet just once, discussion led by Elizabeth Herridge and Carole Green. Further information is available from the library, Union Street, Cheddar. Information about other events at the library available via the website www.cheddarvillage.org.uk/calendar-of-events/



West Mendip Orchestra Concert - Friday 17 July

At The Friends Meeting House, Sidcot, commencing at 7.45pm. Music by Mussorgsky, Walton and Dvorak. Tickets on the door £10 (concessions £8, children and students £2) or visit the website www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk.

Somerset Chamber Choir Summer Concert - Saturday 25 July

At 7pm, Wells Cathedral. Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine and a programme of music by Bach, Dupré, Poulenc, Messiaen and Whitacre together with an exciting new Mass setting by David Briggs, the British organ virtuoso and composer. Tickets at Wells Cathedral shop

or visit the website, www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk or telephone 01823 336344.



Polly's Kitchen



A nice summery pudding for you to try out this month, meringue and cream is such an English delight and here it is teamed up with perfect seasonal peaches and raspberries, a real crowd pleaser and looks pretty professional too!

Peach Melba Meringue.

Serves 8. Prep Time 25 minutes plus 15 minutes cooling time. Cook Time 50 minutes

Ingredients:

Sunflower oil, for brushing

Raspberry Coulis:

350g/12oz fresh raspberries

115g/4oz icing sugar

Meringue:

2 tsp cornflour

300g/10oz caster sugar

5 large egg whites

1 tsp cider vinegar

Filling:

3 peaches, peeled, stoned and chopped

250g/9oz fresh raspberries

200ml/7floz crème fraiche

150ml/5floz double cream

Method

1. Preheat oven to 150 degrees c / 300 degrees f, gas mark 2. Brush a 35x25-cm/14x10-inch Swiss roll tin with oil and line with greaseproof paper.

2. To make the raspberry coulis, process the raspberries and icing sugar to a puree, press through a sieve into a bowl and reserve.

3. To make the meringue, sift the cornflour into a bowl and stir in the sugar. In a separate, grease free bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff peak stage is reached, then whisk in the vinegar. Gradually whisk in the cornflour and sugar mixture until stiff and glossy.

4. Spread the mixture evenly into the prepared tin, leaving a 1cm/1/2inch border. Bake in the centre of the preheated oven for 20 mins, then reduce the heat to 110c/225f/gas1/4 and cook for a further 25-30 mins, or until puffed up. Remove from the oven. Leave to cool for 15 mins. Turn out onto another piece of greaseproof paper and peel the paper off the meringue base.

5. To make the filling place the peaches in a bowl with the raspberries. Add 2 tablespoons of the coulis and mix. In a separate bowl mix together the crème fraiche and cream until thick. Spread over the meringue and scatter the fruit over the cream, leaving a 3-cm / 1 1/4-inch border at one short edge. Using the greaseproof paper, lift

and roll the meringue starting at the short edge without the border, ending up seam side down. Lift onto a plate and serve with the coulis.

Polly Costello

The Garden in July

By the time you read this, it should be high summer, a very rewarding time for the gardener but also a very busy time. Hedges and lawns need frequent cutting, vegetables need regular weeding and there is still successional sowing to be done; probably (perhaps I should say hopefully), there is a lot of watering to do.



Other than lilies and gladioli, most bulbous plants will have finished flowering by now; if you wish you can lift and dry off tulip bulbs. I prefer to leave them in situ, but as I have said before, look out for them when digging around after the foliage is gone. It is a good time to think about looking at bulb catalogues and ordering new bulbs for autumn planting.

In the greenhouse remember to shade cucumbers from hot sun and if you are growing melons, support them, as they will bulk-up rapidly from now on. Tomatoes will need regular side shoot removal; it is best to avoid 'skinning' the sides of the main stems when doing this and to remove the cut off shoots from the greenhouse, as both things can act as a focus for botrytis (grey mould) in dull warm weather. Rapid growth of glass-house plants means they need feeding regularly and keep an eye open for pests. White-fly, often imported on bought in plants can be a particular nuisance; they can be caught on yellow sticky traps, rather like the old-fashioned fly-paper, or you can use a predator. These are very specific to white-fly (provided you have the right one, of course) and cannot spread outside the greenhouse. They are available from garden-centres and specialist horticultural suppliers. Other predators are available to deal with spider-mites.

If you have a newly planted hedge, it is best not to trim it this year except possibly for nipping the top out to make it thicken up lower down. Mulch it well if conditions are dry. Established hedges are best clipped to a wedge shape, wider at the bottom than at the top.

Later flowering perennials and annuals will need regular watering and feeding according to instructions on the fertilizer of your choice.

New lawns sown or laid in the spring are old enough now to take a dose of weed-killer if required, but be careful with the dose and don't apply it in windy conditions; if you do, you may get what the American military refer to as 'collateral damage', ie killing things you didn't intend to kill.

Flowering shrubs that have completed their show for this season can be pruned now; they will flower next year on what grows from now onwards, so don't leave it too late and definitely don't cut them with a hedge-trimmer in the autumn! Lilacs in my garden have had a lot of dead wood in them this year and I have yet to determine exactly why, but I am removing it as far as I dare. To get the best display next season, unless like me

you have to be drastic be particularly careful with pruning; two shoots will grow from the stem, just behind this year's dead flower, these will carry next year's flower buds and cutting them off will prevent the plant from subsequently giving a good display. Of course, if you wish to reduce the size of the bush, the drastic action I am taking may be necessary which may mean you have to forego flowers for twelve months.

If you fancy your chance as a rose propagator, now is the month for 'budding' roses; cut a T-shaped slit in the bark of the stock and carefully insert a bud, i.e. a sliver of bark with a new bud, from the rose you wish to propagate; bind up the bark with raffia or similar. This is very simplistic, perhaps if you are really serious about it, consult a specialist book, or probably the internet.

Once again I have used up my allotted space without saying a few things that I intended to, but was it not ever thus!

Adrian Hutchison

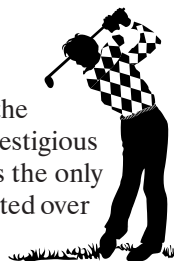
Sports

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

The season at Wedmore moved deeper into summer in May with both the Seniors' and Ladies' holding Open competitions as well as the first prestigious internal event of the year. As far as the Seniors are concerned this is the only Open of the year and this year's event, sponsored by Butcombe, attracted over 100 players from around Somerset and beyond. The visitors took their fair share of the prizes but, in beautiful conditions, the overall prize was fought out between two local players with John Sims eventually taking the trophy on countback after both he and Ian Hollands finished on 39 points. Hollands had the compensation of winning division 2 ahead of Chris McGowan on 37 and David Jordan from Crediton on 36.

Division 1 was dominated by visitors who filled the first four places. Mike Bailey led the way on 38 which won the Visitors Trophy, leaving Peter Ramsey on 37 the divisional winner. He finished a point ahead of Andrew Lovering from Oake with Clevedon's Bob Anderson third on 36. In Division 3, Stuart Meyrick led with 38 points but he took the Over 70 Prize instead leaving three home players to take the divisional honours. Alasdair McDonald won with 36 points, one point better than both John Hogan and event organiser Malcolm Timmis who organised himself into third place.

The Ladies hold several Opens during the year and kicked off with a Bowmaker. Taking the visitors' prize with 71 points were a team from Tall Pines, Liz Blackwell, Sheila Rouse and Sue Wright. Shirley Gooding from Wedmore was partnered by Lynn Jeffries and Jan Street from Wheathill and they took fourth place with 75 points, 2 behind third placed Saybria Sims, Sue Hughes and Judy Cutter from Wedmore. A Wedmore team also took second place, Vera Ireland, Alison Buckton and Sue Tarry scoring 77 points. One point ahead of this and the eventual winners who had also been first team out in the morning were Carol Lewis from Wedmore with visitors Lesley Moore and Liz Shields from Farrington.



The first prestigious competition is really two, with the ladies and men playing for the Queen Elizabeth and King Alfred Cups respectively. This is a gross competition and a very strong wind made scoring tough so the winning score of 77 from Ben Barwell, containing 15 pars was a fine effort. Robert Cornish had another outstanding round of 80 to take second place ahead of Rob Davis and John Russell. Geoff Fisher took the net prize on the back nine with a net 71. There was a tight finish in the Ladies Competition with Dawn Chadwick just getting the better of Liz Hill by a single shot with a round of 87. Alison Dodkin was third on 90 whilst Wendy Lucas took the net prize with a hard fought 72.



Prizewinners at this month's Ladies Open Bowmaker with Ladies Captain Ann Adams

Both the Club and Lady Professional were in action during the month taking on allcomers in two Captain / Professional Challenges. Professional Nick Pope teamed up with the three captains, Mike Garbutt, Ann Adams and Jim Crick in a Bowmaker. Their total of 75 points was only beaten by five other teams. Best on the day were Jon Thompson, Max Grant, Mike Snelgrove and Rich Vowles with a massive 86 points. This was just one point better though than the runners-up who were Tony Ribbi, David Bedford, Steve Smith and Terry Simpson. Lady Professional Carol Pope took on the rest of the Ladies in partnership with Captain Ann Adams and together they put in an impressive performance. Their 34 points would have put them in fourth place overall, which just left the three prize winners ahead of them. Jan Jenkins and Alison Buckton just claimed second place on countback ahead of Carol Horsley and Mary-Lou Denny after both scored 35 points. Clear winners - by a margin of 3 points - were Rachel Lockley and Janis Lawrence with a brilliant 38 points.

At the end of the month the Ladies completed a good start to the season by regaining the More Trophy from Enmore In the match between the two committees. They were less successful in the annual competition with the Seniors for the Friendly Bowl. With a few of their lower handicappers missing, the Ladies struggled even with the support of a few men who crossed gender to help out. The Seniors ran out comfortable winners by 612 points to 560. Best score from a Seniors pair was 45 from Gordon Summers and Alasdair McDonald whilst Sue Tarry and Vera Ireland were the best Ladies pair with 43.

The weather for the final Saturday was gorgeous giving hope for the rest of the summer and the scores were equally encouraging in the Club Monthly Medal. Rob Cornish led the way in division 1. His score of 66 put him 3 clear of John Russell who beat Geoff Fisher on countback. David Myers also needed countback to win division 2 with 67, a par on the 16th being enough to move him clear of Mike Munns. Paul Dickie continued his run of good form to take third place on 69. Division 3 was won by Liam Cann, his 66 equalling the best score of the day and putting him 2 points ahead of Brian Fry with Daniel Milford a further shot back in third. Desiree McGowan was the leading lady with a net 71.

Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club

Grand Opening Party

The sun shone, and the wind blew a little less hard than it has done of late, when approximately 150 members and guests gathered to celebrate the official opening of the club's five new Astro Turf courts and modern clubhouse, complete with wifi and showers.

The day provided an opportunity to socialise and, for many, to view the facilities in the new, tranquil location for the first time. Following speeches by Chairman, David Bennett, and John Lockwood, CEO of Viridor Credits Environmental Company, main funder of the project, a ribbon to the entrance of the courts was cut by the club's youngest member, Sam Jones. He was accompanied by the two eldest members, Nelson Spencer and Dennis Malpass, all of whom were then presented with 'Certificates of Awesomeness'.



Nelson, David, Dennis and Sam after cutting the ribbon

As many members had kindly swapped their racquets for rolling pins earlier in the day, guests were then served a traditional cream tea and given a demonstration of some junior drills by the coaching team, followed by an exhibition match.



Kate, Alison, Sandra and Matty preparing the cream tea



Mmmmmmm !

Representatives from some of the club's other funding partners, councillor Peter Downing, chair of Sedgemoor Council, and from Somerset LTA, Andy Fay, chair and Nigel Barker, councillor, also met and celebrated with members.

In anticipation of the additional courts becoming available, the club's membership has already grown significantly and, consequently, John Cooksley has been able to expand the coaching programme and his team to include both Craig Phillips and Charlie Lee. Furthermore, the increase in the number of both senior and junior teams representing the club this summer will ensure that the new facility is fully utilised and appreciated.

Thanks to Dae Sasitorn for capturing the day so well with her camera.

Club Tournaments



Two of the annual round robin tournaments were held this month; the mixed doubles was the last, rather nostalgic event to be held on the old courts and the ladies doubles, in very blustery conditions, the first on the new. Both were closely contested. Sandra Evans and John Gould were winners and Jenny Fitzpatrick and David Bennett runners up in the mixed; Olivia Evans and Val Parker were winners of the ladies, 1 point ahead of second placed Charlotte Wright and Victoria Tinney.

Sandra and John, winners of the Mixed Doubles



Olivia and Val, winners of the Ladies Doubles

Summer League

A quarter of the matches have now been played, and largely in quite trying conditions – high winds, hail and heavy rain. Nevertheless, all ten teams are currently sitting comfortably at the tops of their divisions or are mid table.

The Men's formidable A team have collected all 30 points available so far with 10 0 wins against Wells A and Clevedon A this month. The D team have also played tenaciously and seem poised to overtake division leaders, Avenue C. The B, C and E teams all lie mid table, mainly having played the most challenging teams in their divisions to date so could nudge their way up their tables this month.

In the Ladies' competition, both C and E teams currently top their divisions. The C team, captained by Jenny Fitzpatrick, have collected all 30 points available; the E team, captained by Val Parker, likewise have recorded three wins and, with a number of experienced players in the team, already seem likely to be promoted again at the end of the season.

The first division A team captained by Ines Beeson have, too, won all of their matches to date, though less comfortably than usual due to the absence of Clare Gass, so currently lie in second place. Hopefully, Clare and her racquet will soon be reunited.

The B team, captained by Tess Hodgson lie in third place in division 2 having lost a difficult match against Wrington A. Well done to Olivia Evans and Jo Attiwell for picking up 2 valuable points when they returned to Wrington to win their unfinished match.

Jane Pottow's D team collected valuable points this month after a win against Lymsham A and narrow loss on games to Weston A, and consequently have shifted up their division to a more comfortable 4th place.

Sarah Cunningham

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club



The summer outdoor season is now well underway and the green is bowling better than ever - it was professionally laser-levelled during the winter!

It is not too late to think about beginning outdoor bowling this summer. We have regular beginners coaching sessions on Saturday mornings or you can book a personal session at another time - just telephone Dave, 713483. With our two indoor rinks we can offer all year bowls!

We will have a stall at the Wedmore Street Fair on 4 July, so do please visit us there.

Stuart Fisher

Thought for the Month

Dear friends,

Sat under the shelter of a tree at the top of the lavender field in Cheddar, we noticed how the tender young plants had been so badly knocked about by the cold unseasonal weather and the ravaging they had received from some rabbits.

It reminded me of a time long ago when I questioned a local tomato grower on his practice of continually potting on the young plants, gradually increasing the size of the pots, why not just put them in a big pot to begin with?! He replied that they needed a few knock backs to strengthen them. Perhaps this is a similar principle to vaccination or of taking honey from local bees to ease hay fever, both seems to strengthen our immunity to disease.

All of these concepts, these little tiny details that are all part of Gods blue print for the world, are quite mind blowing to me and can help us to understand how the knocks we receive through life can be turned to our advantage if we choose to respond to them in a way of love and grace as taught to us by Jesus.

I am also reminded that when St Paul was at his weakest these words of God came to him: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.' 2 Corinthians 12 v. 9.

At times when we feel knocked down by life and have no strength of our own left to respond, those are the times when God is able to work in us in a way he can't when we push him away and try to do things in our own strength. I know whose power I would rather rely on!

No doubt the plants will recover and be all the stronger for their battering but if we can't have lavender then we shall at least have a strong rabbit population, I shall leave you draw your own conclusions to that.

With every blessing.

*Revd. Carol Chaplin
Methodist Minister*

Church News

Welcome to Joy Hawes

Joy Hawes will be joining our churches as a curate after her ordination in Wells Cathedral on Sunday 5 July. We will be welcoming Joy with a special service in St Mary's that evening at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Joy has written a few words about herself below.

'This is by way of a brief introduction to my family and me. I am a Somerset woman born and bred, and although I have lived outside the county for a number of years I moved back here at the beginning of 1991 with Jeremy, my husband and our first child Tom, who is now 26 years old. Gabby (23) and Matt (21), together with our elderly Cocker Spaniel complete the family. Our children are all still completing some form of Higher Education and for the past year Jeremy has pursued a change of career by training to teach mathematics in the FE sector.

I have been working as Chaplain to the Blue School, in Wells since 2008 and this experience has been formative in my path to ordained ministry. I am currently part of a group in the Diocese that organizes an annual conference and other smaller events related to chaplaincy work. I am a trained counsellor and have worked in agencies and private practice. Before having children I worked in retail management and then financial services but took a career break to raise our children and then pursue other interests. I've volunteered as a school governor and magistrate and set up a charity helping to support women and families experiencing a pregnancy related crisis.

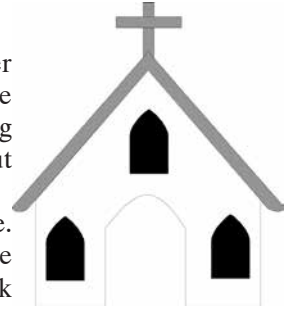
Life in rural areas is important to me and I have a growing interest in environmental matters. I am looking forward very much to getting to know the people in the villages and parishes of the Benefice as I serve alongside you in the coming years, and welcome your prayers as I finish this stage of my training and prepare for ordination.'

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Wednesday 22 July, 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.

Timings of the route are as follows:

10.30am	Cocklake	Lane End Farm
10.40am	Crickham	Crickham Baptist Chapel
10.50am	Clewer Clive	Weare House
11.20am	Stone Allerton	Stone Cross
11.30am	Chapel Allerton	Allerton Church
11.40am	Ashton	On the corner next to Hill View Farm
11.50am	West Stoughton	T Junction with the road to Allerton
12.00noon	Blackford	Holy Trinity



12.15pm	Westham	On the corner next to Bockingford House
12.25pm	Heath House	Ash Tree Farm
12.35pm	Sand	Upper Sand Farm
12.50pm	Mudgley	Court Farm Cottages
1.00pm	Bagley Bagley	Baptist Church
1.10pm	Theale	Christchurch
1.25pm	Wedmore	St Mary's

Parish Registers

Weddings

Congratulations go to Andrew and Rachel (nee Smith) Clarke of Wells Road, Theale whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 23 May.

Baptisms

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

James Michael Channing Pye son of David and Louise Pye of Stoke Bishop (Louise formerly of Wedmore) baptised at St Mary's, Wedmore on Sunday 17 May.

Mason Channing Train son of Leeson and Claire Train of Glastonbury (Claire formerly of Wedmore) baptised at St Mary's, Wedmore on Sunday 17 May.

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of: -

John Nunn of Quab Lane who died on 30 April aged 82 and whose funeral took place in St Mary's Church on Monday 11 May.

Kathleen Rice-Jones formerly of Wedmore whose ashes were buried in St Mary's churchyard on the 6 May. Revd Richard Neill

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	5	Trinity 5	6.30pm	Welcoming Service for the Revd Joy Hawes
Sunday	12	Trinity 6	10.30am	Parish Communion
Saturday	18		3.00pm	Messy Church
Sunday	19	Trinity 7	8.00am	Holy Communion
			10.30am	Family Service and Baptism
Sunday	26	Trinity 8 / Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Patronal Communion

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	5	Trinity 5	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	12	Trinity 6	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast at the Village Hall
Sunday	19	Trinity 7	6.00 pm	BCP Evensong
Sunday	26	Trinity 8 / Mary Magdalene		No Service

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	5	Trinity 5		No Service
Sunday	12	Trinity 6	11.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	19	Trinity 7	11.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	26	Trinity 8 / Mary Magdalene		No Service

Allerton Church

Sunday	5	Trinity 5		No Service
Sunday	12	Trinity 6	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	19	Trinity 7	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	26	Trinity 8 / Mary Magdalene		No Service

Rev'd Richard Neill, Vicar of the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore can be contacted on 713566.

Bagley Baptist Church

Sundays 10.30am, Morning service (groups for 3 to 15's available until 12 July then resumes in September).

Wednesdays 10.00am to 12.00noon 'Coffee with a View' (no charge).
Morning coffee and cake. Good parking and wheelchair access. Everyone is welcome. We have a wonderful view with a lovely coffee area overlooking it.

Other Events:

Saturday 11 July – Ladies Day.

From 10.30am to 3.00pm. Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. A free day with inspirational worship and speakers. No childcare provided, but nursing mothers welcome. Ladies, come and join us, but please book in via our website. Sunday 12 July - Sunday School Reunion.



Bagley Baptist Church is pleased to announce a Celebration of Children's Ministry! Did you attend Sunday school at Bagley Baptist Church? Do you know someone who did? If so, you are all warmly invited to attend a reunion family service at Bagley Baptist Church at 10.30am and join us as we celebrate the many generations of young

people who have passed through the little church on top of the hill. If you have any memories or photographs from your time with us that you would be happy to share, we would love to hear from you. Please email them to contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk. Come on and celebrate, God's gift of love, Isaiah 54:13 'And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.'

For more information please visit our website www.bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for July

Sunday	5	10.30am	Local Arrangement
Sunday	12	10.30am	Ken Young
Sunday	19	10.30am	Jacqueline Cobb
Sunday	26	10.30am	Revd Pam Pembro Holy Communion

Crickham Baptist Church

Every Sunday	10.30am	Sunday School
	6.30pm	Evening Service
Every fortnight	2.30pm	Prayer meeting

Contact Dulcie Hooper on 712187.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar

Thursday	10.00am	Mass
Friday and Saturday	9.30am	Mass
Saturday	10.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sundays	9.00am	Mass

Contact Father Philip Thomas on 742564.

Axbridge and Wedmore GP Practice

Surgery Opening Times

Wedmore Surgery

Mondays and Fridays 8.30am to 6.00pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.30am to 1.00pm
Telephone 712774

Axbridge Surgery

Monday to Fridays 8.30am to 6.00pm
Telephone 732464

Please note the surgeries are closed on Bank Holidays.

Extended Surgery Hours

The practice offers an extended opening hours service. This extra service is being offered in response to the wishes of patients expressed in the Patient Surveys. During the ‘Extended Hours’ a GP will be available for routine appointments outside normal surgery times.

These appointments are not for emergencies or to see a nurse, they are dedicated to those patients who find it difficult to attend during normal surgery hours.

Extended hours surgeries are held:

Axbridge Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday Alternate weeks 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Wedmore Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday Once a month 7.00am to 8.00am

Saturday Alternate weeks 8.00am to 9.30am

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

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

Wedmore Community Bus



The Wedmore Community Bus is open to all and travels to Taunton on a Tuesday, Bridgwater on a Wednesday, Weston-super-Mare on a Thursday and Street on a Friday each week. The bus collects and drops you to a convenient point as near to your address as possible and if eligible an example fare is £3.80 adult return to Weston-super-Mare (each destination varies slightly in price).

To book a ride please ring the relevant controller between 6pm and 6.30pm the night before your journey.

Controller Taunton	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Bridgwater	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Weston super Mare	Pam Meadows	712143
Controller Street	Rosy Brooks	713697

The bus is available for private hire at all other times and can be booked through Rachel Bennett, telephone: 07807 156069 or email: rachbennett1@hotmail.co.uk.

Mobile Library

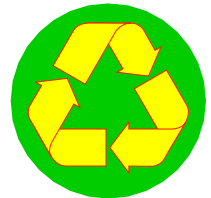


Each service passes through the area every four weeks and stops at the following places and times:

Westham	West Ham Farm	Thursday 16 July	2.15pm to 2.25pm
Westham	Elm Tree Farm		2.30pm to 2.40pm
Heath House	Ash hurst	Thursday 16 July	1.50pm to 2.10pm
Stone Allerton	Old Post Office	Thursday 16 July	11.50am to 12.10pm
Chapel Allerton	May Tree Farm (Old PO)		12.15pm to 12.40pm
Bagley	Honeycombe	Thursday 2 July	10.20am to 10.40am
Wedmore	Dando's Lane		10.50am to 11.35am
	Little Owls		11.45am to 12.00pm
	Village Car Park		12.05pm to 12.35pm
Cocklake	Lane End Farm		12.45pm to 1.00pm

Somerset Waste Partnership, July Collections

Wednesday 1 July	Recycling and green garden waste
Wednesday 8 July	Recycling and refuse
Wednesday 15 July	Recycling and green garden waste
Wednesday 22 July	Recycling and refuse
Wednesday 29 July	Recycling and green garden waste



Use brown food waste boxes for all cooked and raw food, including:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Meat and fish
- Cheese and egg shells
- Bread, pasta, cereal
- Tea bags and coffee grounds

Use green recycling boxes for:

- Paper including: newspapers, magazines, leaflets, printed paper, white envelopes and telephone directories
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminium foil (clean, not paper or plastic backed)

- Clothes – bagged to keep dry
- Shoes – tied in pairs and bagged
- Car batteries
- Note - Please do not put clothes or shoes out on wet days.

Use black recycling boxes for:

- Food and drinks cans
- Plastic bottles only (no tops)
- Cardboard (flattened) – clean packaging card, corrugated card and greetings cards
- Brown envelopes

Please do not put out:

- Drink cartons or Tetra Pak
- Broken glass, Pyrex, window glass, tableware, light bulbs
- Plastic pots, tubs or film
- Plastic bottles used for engine oil and garden or DIY chemicals
- Household batteries