

ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS



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Editorial

The French are coming! This month's Wedmore News certainly has plenty of references to the forthcoming visit of our friends from St Medard. As a member of the Wedmore Twinning Association I must admit to looking forward to celebrating the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Charter between the two communities of Wedmore and St Medard de Guizieres. Since 1975 every year, either Wedmore families have visited St Medard, or our French friends have visited Wedmore. For those of us who have enjoyed the opportunity to host and to visit and stay with families, it has in many cases developed lifelong friendships, whilst for others it has been an opportunity to participate in and contribute to the 'entente cordiale' between our two communities. This year sees 51 French visitors of all ages coming to stay with families in Wedmore. Again our French guests will be joining us to participate in Harvest Home, which they particularly enjoy. We are also planning many outings and events to show them the best that Wedmore and the West Country have to offer. All that remains to be said is 'Vive Le Jumelage!'

Sue James

Front Cover

Thanks go to Tim Moreman for this lovely photo from last year's Harvest Home – in the middle are the Harvest Home Queen and King, Jessica Reeson and George Ellis, with the two very pretty Princesses beside them, Florence Reeson and Rachel Moreman.

News

Parish Council Business

At the time of writing this article, the new council will have held two monthly meetings together with two Planning Committee meetings. The newly formed Highways Committee and Housing Committee have also held meetings. The newly elected councillors have attended training sessions organised by the Somerset Association of Local Councils and members of the Planning Committee have travelled to Bridgwater for a training session hosted by Sedgemoor District Council. The Planning Committee is by far the busiest of all the committees and this year so far have considered 60 planning applications so we will probably reach our average of 120 applications by the end of the year.

As in previous years, the council are 'taking to the road' once more. The August meeting will be held at Theale Village Hall and the September meeting will be held at Blackford. If you live in either of these areas do come along on the third Wednesday of the month to see how your council operates.

Overhanging hedges and shrubs

May I make the usual appeal to all householders to ensure that all hedges and shrubs that adjoin public roads or pavements are cut back to avoid injury to pedestrians and to ensure clear visibility for traffic. Thank you.

Wedmore News – News!

It's all change at Wedmore News this month. Wedmore News says 'farewell and welcome'. Committee members Margaret Redman and Lisbeth Bull are hanging up their respective chair's gavel and secretary's pen, having served on the Committee and editorial team for many many years, Lisbeth having been the editor before her role as secretary. We welcome Sue Worrell who will be joining us as a new parish councillor.

In addition, one of our editors, Ceri, is also leaving us for pastures new, so we are on the look-out for a replacement. If you are interested in contributing to the community and the production of a really worthwhile local magazine and would like to join our happy team, then please do get in touch. You can contact any of the editors (Sue J, Sue M or Ceri), and our contact details can be found inside the front cover.

Sue James

The 15th Wedmore Real Ale Festival



Can you believe the festival will be here again next month?

Many thanks to everyone who has helped us get this year's festival together and helped 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. 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 07774 732073.

Festival 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.



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 an application form and send it back to us by the 30th September.

Our updated festival app is now available for download, so why not download and check out all the new features. Search for 'Wedmore Real Ale Festival App' on either Google Play or the App Store. 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.wedmorerealale.com.

See you in September!

Wedmore Tuesday Club

It has been with great sadness that we have had to say farewell to two of our members this year. Phyllis Cousins, who many of you will have known, passed away in February. Phyllis was a helper at the club for many, many years, and after a short break came back as a member. She was a stalwart of the club, always there with her friendly smile and kind words. In fact she never had a bad word to say about anybody, and no-one had a bad word to say about Phyllis. She frequently turned up with a jar of coffee or packet of tea to help out the club, and always contributed to the Bring and Buy stall. She made the most wonderful sage and onion stuffing for us if we were having chicken or pork, it was delicious. She was generous and very thoughtful, and would help out other elderly members if they were under the weather by taking round food for them and cheering them up. She is greatly missed by all at the club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who donated money to the Tuesday Club at Phyllis's funeral – the sum raised is considerable and will be used to help provide interesting and enjoyable activities for the club; I'm sure that is what Phyllis would have wanted.

In May we sadly lost Rena Hyndes. Again many of you will have known her, riding around the village on her motorised scooter, and with her gentle Scottish accent. Rena joined us more than six years ago. She was always jolly and smiling and made many good friends at the club. She always wore lovely bright clothes and had a real taste for fashion. She also helped the club whenever she could by her generosity and was very popular with both members and helpers. She showed great fortitude during her recent illness, and continued to attend the club for as long as she could. Again we shall miss her greatly.

One of the highlights at the club this year was having two young people from the Somerset Archive come to entertain us. They showed fascinating old film of activities in Somerset, such as peat cutting and cider making, and sang old Somerset folk songs, some of which we were able to join in with.

Our club for the senior citizens of this area continues to thrive, with 24 members. However, we are all volunteers with other commitments, and are not able to be there every week. We need more people who are prepared to come along for a few hours on a reasonably regular basis (although we realise you will also have commitments), to help keep the club running. We meet every Tuesday at the Masonic Hall, but some weeks have to close as we simply do not have enough volunteers to run the club. If you like chatting to the elderly, can make a cup of tea and load a dishwasher, we should love to hear from you. We also need more volunteer drivers to bring our members to the club. If you would like to find out more about what we do please contact Sue Freeman on 741861 or Trish Lansberry on 710020.

Theale Community Café

Theale Community Café takes place on the third Saturday of each month (except December) in Theale Village Hall from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. We offer delicious cakes, bacon rolls and other goodies to tempt and an opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours. Stalls vary from month to month but anyone can run one. There is no fee, we just ask that you give us a small donation from your profits. All profits from the coffee mornings go to Theale Church and Theale Village Hall.

For more information please contact Mary Hatch on 712842 or Sheila Badman on 712414. We look forward to seeing you.

Mary Hatch

Isle of Wedmore Green Group – Questionnaire

The Green Group are keen to take the group to the next level, keen to make our monthly meetings as useful, proactive and relevant as we can and to lead on projects and events with real relevance. So, we hope everyone can spare 5 minutes to fill out a questionnaire so we know what everyone thinks. You can access the questionnaire by typing this address into your browser, <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2F2K7NY>, or by going to the ‘Green Questionnaire’ page on our website, www.wedmoregreengroup.co.uk.

We will publish the results in a later IOW News.

Steve Mewes

Brain Teaser Quiz and Supper (Postponed from 6 June)

Come along to Wedmore Village Hall on 12 September at 7.30pm for a fun quiz, supper and a chance to raise money for a good cause. There will be a bar and raffle. Question Master will be Pete Rodwell, who for many years ran the Wedmore Golf Club quizzes. Pete’s questions cover a wide range of subjects and abilities, so don’t be shy – make up a team of four and come along. Tickets are £7.50 each to include a ploughman’s supper, available from Wedmore Village Store, or Sue Burton on 712092.

Cheques for tickets should be made payable to Brain Tumour Research Quiz.

Brain Tumour Research is registered charity (number 1153487) which aims to raise awareness of the rising incidence of brain tumours and the lack of research resources.

Did you know?

- More children and adults under 40 die of a brain tumour than from any other cancer;
- 16,000 people each year are diagnosed with a brain tumour;
- Brain tumours receive just 1% of the national spend on cancer research.

Sue Burton

Wedmore Fun Run (or Walk or Jog!)



We are delighted to confirm that the Harvest Home will be organising a village 10k cross country run to take place at 10.30 am on Sunday 6 September, with a 3k race for the Juniors. As it is a cross country run it will be across fields and will take in many fabulous sights of the village, as well as a few beaten tracks! There is also a Business Challenge so if you do have a team of three within your business why not enter to see who would be the fittest business in the area! For those of you who remember, Wedmore used to have a 'Mini Marathon' which was really well attended and so we hope to get the village out and moving to make it an annual event. Flyers and booking forms are available on our Facebook page, around the village, or from Kerry Willcox or Julia Banwell.

Kerry Willcox

Auction of Promises

St Mary's Church and The Friends of St Mary's will be holding an Auction of Promises in Wedmore Village Hall on Saturday 17 October. There will be further information in next month's issue and a brochure listing all the various items you can bid for will be available beforehand. However, if you can offer anything yourself for the auction, from a few hours gardening to baking cakes to a weekend break in a holiday home to offering something unique then please do have a word with the vicar.

Revd Richard Neill

Jazz in the Garden

Jazz in the Garden at Westholme Farm proved a very popular and successful evening raising £2,500 towards the Tower Parapet Repair Fund at St Mary's Church. Huge thanks to all those who helped run the bar, organise the raffle, erect the marquee, provided the pig roast, made puds – who know who you are! Special thanks to everyone who supported this fund raising event, not forgetting the chief organiser, Heather Banwell and her husband Clive for the use of their garden.

Organising Committee for Jazz in the Garden

Flower Festival

Members of Wedmore Methodist Church wish to thank everyone for their support at a most successful event. It was good to see so many people just sitting around and chatting over a cup of tea and cake and listening to the comments about this year's exhibition. We thank all the exhibitors for the splendid displays and the wonderful different ideas of their 'Childhood Memories'. We would love to have your thoughts on a topic for next year's event.

Wedmore Methodist Church

Reports and Society Updates

St Mary's Church 100 Club

The half-year stage has passed so quickly, and another draw taken place for July! The lucky winner of the 1st prize of £20 was Sheila Jack, holding number 73, and the 2nd prize of £10 went to Diana Pearman with her number 38. Congratulations to both ladies.

Thelma Jenkins- Jones

Wedmore WI June Report



After singing Jerusalem, we all got lined up to have our photograph taken for the Gazette Centenary Supplement, and our speaker proved to be a dab hand with the camera. The business part of the meeting took some time; there was a welcome for a guest, Sylvia, and birthdays for June, Jane, Diana and Maureen. Hazel is collecting used postage stamps, and there was a comprehensive report from the delegate to the national AGM, the most notable part of which was the failure of the resolution for this year because of poor wording. Mary Cairns then told us about the Garden Party, which she and Jean Hamlin had attended. They had had a very memorable and enjoyable day, walking in through the main gates of Buckingham Palace with the Changing of the Guard and tourists taking photos of thousands of well dressed women with hats. Did the tourists think British women always dressed this way, they wondered? They walked through the palace to the gardens with lawns, a lake with an island, a lot of wildfowl, and a large area of wild garden, as well as more formal flowerbeds. The national anthem played



The stained glass work our speaker was demonstrating

to mark the arrival of the Duchess of Cornwall, the Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra and the Duchess of Gloucester, who processed through lines of WI members, stopping to shake hands and talk. Tea was served in long tents, with about 20 serving stations, each with its own tea urn and dramatic flower arrangement. Everyone was handed a long plate with indentation for the cup, and everyone helped themselves from a selection of sandwiches and tiny cakes. It was a very memorable occasion.

All the while through the meeting so far, our speaker had been quietly cutting pieces of coloured glass at a table. Andrew Patch was then introduced, and he proceeded to explain what he was doing. He is a stained glass craftsman, and specialises in repairing and restoring Victorian and Edwardian windows, mostly in houses but sometimes in churches. He enjoys researching and restoring old windows, replacing missing pieces;

he was drawn to working with stained glass after seeing the coloured patterns made on the floor by sunlight.

He had a board with a circle of lead held in place by horse-shoe nails, with a pattern of a flower and leaves which he was gradually putting together. The glass was cut with a diamond cutting tool, straight lines and curves needing a lot of patience and a steady hand. Pliers used to cut curves can be hazardous to fingers, and working on a table in a warm room was often preferable to working up a ladder outdoors in January!

He showed us how the H-section lead holding the individual pieces can be made malleable just with the warmth of the hands, and told us that he has to wash his hands frequently and never eat while working, to avoid lead poisoning. He talked about how the glass is made, how colour is added, showed us some beautiful pieces of glass that could be used for lampshades, and demonstrated the effects that can be achieved bits of contrasting colour in a design. We were completely fascinated, and were able to appreciate the colours in some of his designs as it was still daylight when he held them up to the window. We asked a lot of questions, and a vote of thanks was given by Christine.

There is no meeting in August, the next one will be Thursday 17 September, when local jeweller Erica Sharpe will be talking about 'Fine Jewellery'.

Chris Barker

Wedmore in Bloom

The tubs around the village are just beginning to show their colours. The work undertaken by the group could not be achieved without the support of those individuals and businesses who generously donate towards our working fund. As a 'Thank You' they were entertained at a lunch at the home of Jackie and Richard Hall. This was enjoyed by all, in spite of having to sit through the odd shower of rain, which did not dampen the spirits. A new small bench has been added to the Arthur Reynolds garden for those who wish to sit out of the sun (when it shines!).



Wedmore in Bloom

Wedmore Gardening Club

Early in June the Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club had a coach outing to Mottisfont Abbey in Hampshire. This is a beautiful National Trust property and well worth a visit.

We timed the visit to coincide with the peak flowering season for the roses and we were rewarded with a magnificent display in several walled gardens. Many of the roses are old varieties with delicious scents as well as wonderful colours.

Despite a chilly breeze it was a fine dry day and everyone enjoyed it.



Andrea West

Wedmore Twinning Association

We will be joined by our friends from St Medard from 17 to 22 August.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the signing of the charter between the two communities of Wedmore and St Medard de Guizieres, so we are looking forward to what we hope will be an especially memorable visit. We have 29 adults and 22 children coming to see us this year so our programme whilst taking in visits to places of local interest will also bear in mind the needs of the children - and to that end we will be challenging them to a game of cricket and we will do our best to rise to the challenge of a game of boules! For more information about Wedmore Twinning Association please contact Cameron Swales, chairman, on 713342

Cameron Swales

The Rotary Club of Mendip

Rotary Facilitates Donation to Red Cross Transport

The family of deceased Rotarian Ken Lane gave a donation of £470 to Red Cross Transport in his memory. Mr Lane, a former prominent Cheddar businessman who died in March aged 88, was a member of the Rotary Club of Mendip and it was his family's wish that some of the donations at his funeral be given to this charity supported by the club.

Red Cross Transport is a little known service, unique to Somerset, which organises a 70-strong team of volunteer drivers to provide free door-to-door transport for cancer patients receiving treatment at Taunton and Bristol hospitals. They collectively clock up around 500,000 miles each year supporting more than 1,000 Somerset-based cancer patients. The service has been running for 15 years.

Mr Lane's widow, Margaret, presented the cheque to Tracey Millar at Red Cross Transport, Taunton. Later Tracey, together with Rob Porter and Hazel Griffiths demonstrated the equipment given to the volunteer drivers for the transportation of patients, so the family could see how the donation would be spent.

Following the presentation Margaret Lane said that this was a good cause which her late husband would have been pleased to support.



Margaret Lane, accompanied by family members and Mike Hiles president of the Rotary Club of Mendip, presents a cheque for £450 to Tracey Millar of Red Cross Transport.

Mendip Rotary Members Take 'Kids Out'

Members of the Rotary Club of Mendip recently took some local children out for the day to Crealy Park near Exeter. 'Kids Out' has been running since 1990 and is delivered nationally in conjunction with Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. It provides children with an experience that brings both fun and happiness into their lives. More than 100 venues and 10,000 Rotary volunteers have made the day out the



Mendip Rotarians with local schoolchildren and staff enjoy 'Kids Out' at Crealy Park

success that it is, and over 25,000 children have experienced a fun day out each year since the project was started.

When asked what they liked most about the day the kids said 'Everything! It was fantastic!'. Mendip Rotarians are already looking forward to doing it again next year.

John Manders

IT for the Terrified

IT for the Terrified will be CLOSED for our summer break from 18 July. We will reopen on Wednesday 2 September. Open House sessions will be 9 and 11 September - more details in the September issue. Contact us on 741751 or email itfortheterrified@btconnect.com or visit www.itfortheterrified.co.uk (we check messages regularly through the break).



IT for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar, BS27 3AG (next to the war memorial - not the market cross). Opening hours match Kings Academy term times. 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.

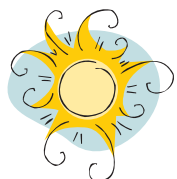
Weather Report for June 2015

RAIN FALL



Monthly Total	42.6mm (1.68ins)	
30 year average	59.9mm	(2.36ins)
Wettest days (21st)	17.4mm	(0.69ins)
No of dry days	24	
Last 3 months (Apr - Jun)	144mm	(5.69ins)
Year ending 30 June 2015	747mm	(29.4ins)
30 year annual average	795mm	(31.3ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (30th)	27 °C	(80.6 °F)
Minimum (4th)	4 °C	(39.2 °F)
Number of air frosts	NIL	
Monthly average maximum	20.3 °C	(68.5 °F)
30 year average maximum	20.4 °C	(68.7 °F)
Monthly average minimum	9.4 °C	(48.9 °F)
30 year average minimum	10.2 °C	(50.4 °F)

COMMENTS

Rainfall well below average. Daytime temperatures as expected, with night-time temperatures slightly cooler than usual.

Denley Brown

Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)

On Thursday 20 August, we are holding a Meet and Greet coffee morning at Church House, Cheddar, 10.30am to 12 noon. Come along and find out what we have to offer, or perhaps you can offer us. For more details ring 744241 or visit www.cheddarvalleyu3a.org.uk. Visitors always welcome.



Roger Coe

Forthcoming Events

Fairtrade Coffee Morning - Saturday 1 August

St Mary's Church welcomes everyone to visit our Fairtrade coffee shop from 9.30am to 12.00 noon. There will be a variety of homemade cakes to enjoy with the Fairtrade tea and coffee. Pop in for a quick visit or enjoy some relaxation with the daily newspapers. We look forward to seeing you at our next Café.



Blackford Harvest Home - Saturday 1 August

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

Wedmore in Bloom - Saturday 8 August

Wedmore in Bloom working party, 9.30am at The George Inn

Theale Players, 'Summer fun' - Sunday 9 August

From 2.00pm to 5.00pm, Theale players are holding a summer picnic with entertainment, including a maypole for the children, in the orchard behind the village hall ...or in the hall if raining.

Bring your own picnic and drink. Tea and cakes will be on sale. And you are most welcome to do a party piece; let us know! All welcome. Telephone 712144.

Theale Community Café – Saturday 15 August

At Theale Village Hall from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. We offer delicious cakes, bacon rolls and other goodies to tempt. Come along and enjoy a relaxed morning with friends and neighbours. All profits from the coffee mornings go to Theale Church and Theale Village Hall.

Wedmore Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 19 August

The meeting of the parish council will be held at 7.30pm at Theale Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Theale Film Club - Sunday 16 August



The film is 'Paddington'. 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.

Wedmore Methodist Church Songs of Praise - Sunday 23 August

Wedmore Methodist Church will be hosting a 'Sunday School Songs of Praise'. The event will be held in the Methodist Church between 3.30pm and 4.30pm and will consist of singing favourite Sunday School hymns and songs. The event is open to everyone and we look forward to seeing you and inviting you to join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

Mr Punch's Folk Club– Friday 28 August

We're having a short break and then meeting again on Friday 28 August at 8.00pm at The New Inn with an open mic... why not come and join us? New singers and musicians very welcome, telephone 710020 or 712144.

Isle of Wedmore Green Group, Summer Party – Saturday 29 August

We are having a party in Susanne Ager's yard in The Borough, Wedmore. Starting at 5.00pm the party is open to everyone on the Isle of Wedmore who would like to come along and chat about saving energy, lowering their fuel bills, climate change,

What's On in the Parish August 2015

1 - Sat	Fairtrade Coffee Shop BLACKFORD HARVEST HOME	9.30am 7.30pm	St Mary's Parsons Close Farm
4 - Tues	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
5 - Wed	Camelot Quilters Isle of Wedmore Green Group Meeting	10.00am 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The Swan
8 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party	9.30am	The George Inn
9 - Sun	Sunday Breakfast Theale Players "Summer Fun"	9.00am 2.00pm	Blackford VH Theale VH
12 - Wed	Probus Blackford Café	10.15am 2.00pm	Golf Club Blackford VH
15 - Sat	Theale Community Café	10.00am	Theale VH
16 - Sun	Theale Film Club - Paddington	6.30pm	Theale VH
17 - Mon	Twinning visit from St Medard begins		
18 - Tues	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
19 - Wed	Camelot Quilters Parish Council Meeting	10.00am 7.30pm	Wedmore VH Theale VH
21 - Fri	WEDMORE HARVEST HOME	All Day	
22 - Sat	Twinning visit from St Medard ends		
23 - Sun	Sunday School Songs of Praise	3.30pm	Methodist Church
26 - Wed	Probus Wedmore Harvest Home Committee Meeting	10.15am 8.00pm	Golf Club Rec. Soc. Club
28 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open Mic	8.00pm	New Inn
29 - Sat	Isle of Wedmore Green Group Summer Party	5.00pm	The Borough
31 - Mon	BANK HOLIDAY		

Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY

Dog Training	10.00am	Blackford VH	Sarah Cooke	01934 733716
Bridge Club	7.00pm	Masonic Hall	Thelma Jenkin-Jones	01934 710467

TUESDAY

Tuesday Club	10.30am	Masonic Hall	Sue Freeman	01934 741861
Circuit Training	7.30pm	Blackford VH	Nigel	07775 682231
Cardiodance	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01934 743326

FRIDAY

Karate	5.00pm	Blackford VH	Kayleigh Branston	07748 916695
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WEDMORE HARVEST HOME

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2015

Programme of Events

- 10.00am The Procession assembles in the Borough**
There is a variety of classes for everyone to enter including single pedestrians, group pedestrians, horse classes, vintage vehicles, and a host of colourful floats. It would be helpful if you could enter before the day; please contact Fay Nicholls on 07773 536917.
- 10.30am Crowning of the Harvest Home King, Queen, and Princess**
followed by the start of the Judging for the all procession classes
- 10.55am Results are announced**
- 11.00am Service in The Borough**
After the Service 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. These can be bought from Arthur Gadd on 713063 by 7 August. Prebooks cannot be purchased from collectors.
This year we will not be providing wine on the tables but were happy for you to bring your own.
Our Guest Speakers this year are James Heapey our newly elected local MP and Pete Tinney who is a well-known local farmer.
- 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, children of the parish – free!
- 7.30pm Evening Entertainment**
This year we have four live acts for you. First up we have Lauren Male, young female singer. Secondly we have acoustic duo 'Bad Kato', 3rd up we have a six piece rock band Momentum and headlining we have Lipinski. As always there is a bar and evening food available. Tickets £10 per person, available on the door.

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.

The Harvest Home Committee looks forward to seeing everyone on the big day!!!

WEDMORE HARVEST HOME

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2015

Classes for the Procession for Wedmore Harvest Home, Friday 21 August 2015

10.00am **Procession Assembles in the Borough(Convenor: Fay Nicholls and Beth Skeen)**

1. Single Pedestrian (up to 4 years of age)
2. Single Pedestrian (5 to 9 years of age)
3. Single Pedestrian (9 to 14 years of age)
4. Group Pedestrian (up to 4 years of age)
5. Group Pedestrian (5 to 9 years of age)
6. Group Pedestrian (9 to 14 years of age)
7. Family Group Pedestrian : Cup presented
8. Horse Class, Mounted : Cup presented
9. Horse, Cyclist or Vehicle
10. Vintage Cars : Cup presented
11. Vintage Tractors : Cup presented
12. Commercial Vehicle : Cup presented
13. Float, Adult Comic : Cup presented
14. Float, Adult Other : Cup presented
- 15 A. Float, Children (under 10) : Cup presented
- 15 B. Float, Children (10 to 16 years of age) : Cup presented
- 15 C. Float, Family : Cup presented

*All Classes will be judged with certificates to each entrant. Perpetual cups and plates will also be presented. All prize money to be distributed in the Borough before the procession leads away. It would be useful if you could enter before the day; please phone **07773 536917**.*

ALL VEHICLES SHOULD BE INSURED BY OWNER

Procession Route: Assemble in The Borough. After judging, the procession moves through the village via Church Street, Glanville Road, Sand Road, West End, and Plud Street to the assembly area opposite the Playing Fields!

AND FINALLY ... DON'T FORGET the FLORISTRY CLASSES!!

16. Decorated Hanging Arrangement, adult (for the marquee)
17. Decorated Hanging Arrangement, under 14 years (for the marquee)

Decorated Hanging Arrangements will need to be submitted at the Marquee, Wedmore Playing Fields by 8.00pm on Thursday 20 August 2015. They will be judged accordingly with the announcement of placing and prizes presented at the Luncheon on Friday 21 August 2015.

insulation or any other burning green issue, over a burger and a drink. It will be a BYO food event and we'll lay on cider and soft drinks. Hope to see you all there.

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.



Brain Teaser Quiz and Supper – Saturday 12 September

At Wedmore Village Hall. Make up a team of four and come along. There will be a bar, raffle and ploughman's supper. Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from Wedmore Village Stores, Sue Burton, 712092. Cheques payable to Brain Tumour Research Quiz.

Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Fun Dog Show and Fete - Sunday 2 August

RSPCA fun dog show and fete to be held at Beech Lawns, Weston super Mare. Please support your local RSPCA branch. There will be stalls and refreshments. The fete starts at 11.00am and the Dog Show starts noon with entries taken from 11.30am.



Classes include Healthiest Bitch, Healthiest Dog, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Happiest Rescue Dog and Best Child Handler. There will be a Musical Sit and Dog Display team, North Somerset Branch

(Registered charity number 205284)

Paradis Palm Court Trio 2015 Concert Series, Sea Fever - Friday 7 August

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.

Polly's Kitchen

As I write this recipe for the August edition we are about to experience a heat wave, so I am hoping that when you read this the weather is still lovely and not the usual August wash out! I have a BBQ dish in mind and a nice tasty salad to accompany it and I really hope that you manage to eat it Al Fresco too.



BBQ chicken with tarragon butter.

Serves 4. Prep time 10 mins plus 30 mins marinating time Cook time 10 mins

Ingredients:

4 boneless chicken breasts
Oil, for brushing and oiling

Tarragon butter:

100g / 3.5oz unsalted butter at room temp
5 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon
1 shallot, finely chopped
Salt and pepper

Marinade:

1.5tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp water
1 tsp sugar
3 tbsp olive oil
salt

1. To make the tarragon butter, mash the butter with a fork until soft, then add the remaining ingredients, mixing well. Scrape the mixture into piece of clingfilm and form into a log. Wrap tightly and chill in the fridge.

2. Slice the chicken breasts lengthways to make eight portions. Trim any excess fat. Place in a single layer in a shallow dish. Whisk together the marinade ingredients and pour over the chicken. Cover with clingfilm and marinate for 30 mins, turning halfway through. Meanwhile heat the BBQ.

3. Drain the chicken and discard the marinade. Pat dry and lightly brush with oil. Grill over medium-hot coals for 4 to 5 mins on each side, until the chicken is cooked and the juices run clear.

4. Place in a warm dish and cover with foil, leave to rest for a few mins and serve with a slice of tarragon butter.

Avocado, Feta and Rocket salad.

Serves 4. Prep time 10 mins Cook time 5 mins

Ingredients:

2 ripe avocados
100g/3.5 ozs rocket leaves
250g/9 ozs Feta cheese, crumbled

Dressing:

6 tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp white wine vinegar
1 shallot, finely chopped
2 large ripe tomatoes, de-seeded and chopped
1 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp caster sugar
Salt and pepper

1. Halve, stone, peel and slice the avocados and arrange on a serving dish with the rocket leaves. Top with the cheese.

2. To make the dressing, put the oil and vinegar into a saucepan and gently heat, then add the shallot and cook, stirring for 2-3 mins until soft. Add the tomatoes, lemon juice and sugar and gently heat, stirring, for 30 seconds.

3. Season the dressing to taste with salt and pepper, then spoon it over the salad and serve immediately.

Polly Costello

The Garden in August

I have said before, that August should be a time for sitting in the garden, hopefully in the sunshine and contemplating a job well done. In recent years, we have had a strange assortment of summers, with some very wet weather, some very hot weather and a lot of rather windy weather. Whether or not you have been able to contemplate a job well done, depends on which of those you think of.



At the moment (end of June), we are at last having much better weather than in the previous couple of months, which although quite dry have been characterised by windy conditions and low night temperature; consequently, many things are late. However, although temperatures have been below what we would expect after midsummer, they are at last forecasting quite hot conditions for the beginning of July

As I said above, we have actually had a rather small amount of rain over the last few months and I have had to water my various vegetable crops and container plants quite regularly. You should not necessarily wait until plants reach wilting point before watering; regular even watering will produce better results, but may be laborious and of course expensive if your water is metered. Try to collect rainwater whenever possible and store it in water butts until required. In August you should have time to look at your garden and enjoy it. Try not to let the garden become a monster that takes up every moment of your time and leaves you none to appreciate what you have achieved. At this stage of the season it is a good idea to consider how things might have been done differently to allow a little more leisure time.

Many of the flowering shrubs in the garden, will be over by now and can be pruned or simply dead-headed, to allow time for the new growth on which they will flower next year to grow. Don't leave this too late and then cut them like a hedge in the autumn as this will prevent them from flowering properly next year. I wrote in this magazine six or seven years ago saying that it is from now onwards that hydrangeas come into their own. It is easy to think of them as commonplace and if you only consider the large, usually pink, 'mopheads', this is understandable, but there are many different species and varieties and new ones coming along all the time. If there is one thing that most people know about hydrangeas, it is that their flower colour changes, depending

on the soil; this is not in fact true for all the species and varieties, but is so of a great many. Those that change are generally blue or sometimes purple in acid soils and pink or red in alkaline soils. Acid soils are less common hereabouts, and if you can't grow rhododendrons or camellias then your soil is most likely alkaline. What actually affects the colour is aluminium in soluble form; if this is available to the plant, the flowers will be blue, but it is usually tied up in alkaline soils by the presence of calcium (chemistry, y'know). There are stories about iron being responsible which has led people to bury old nails and horseshoes around the plants and although this may keep the foliage greener in alkaline soils, it will not affect the flower colour. You need to get hold of aluminium sulphate crystals if you can, but if you can't buy them as such, you can buy hydrangea blueing powder in garden centres, this is much the same thing. White hydrangeas do not of course change colour, but some of them have a central eye in the flower which does change. I will not start on the detailed subject of pruning hydrangeas because it will take up the rest of my allotted space and I want to get on to one or two other topics.

It should be feasible to sit outside in the evening late in the summer and enjoy some scents. Night scented stocks, *nicotiana sylvestris*, *gladiolus callianthus* (formerly *acidanthera*) and *hesperis matronalis*, which are night scented to attract moths to pollinate them, are particularly good to have near a seating area. Herbs can also be used to give off some of their aroma either by planting in cracks in paving or as a lawn (eg chamomile).

I suppose I had better give a few seasonal tips before I run out of space. Bulbs, such as crocuses and fritillarias can be planted from now on. Starting with autumn flowering crocuses and colchicums (which are often called autumn crocuses but aren't). Cuttings of semi-ripe wood can be taken from flowering shrubs. New strawberry beds can be planted, detaching runners from existing plants or buying new varieties to extend the picking season. Spring cabbage seed can be sown in August, as can overwintered onion seed although many people now grow them from sets planted in October. Grass cutting should be less frequent now and particularly if the weather is dry, raise the mower and cut a little less short.

It will soon be time for village flower shows, often over by the time you read my September piece, so consult the schedules and get out now and decide which classes to enter. I am sure there is a lot I have left out, but was it not ever thus.

Adrian Hutchison

Sports

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

June is always an exciting month at Wedmore Golf Club with the holding of the Club Championship to find the best male golfer in the club. This year was even more exciting than usual as it ended with a four player play-off. The competition is held over 36 holes on a weekend. The first round on Saturday finished with Josh Barwell shooting 73 to take a three shot lead over the field whilst Bobby Jones had the best net score with a 66. A strong wind on Sunday made scoring tough and it became difficult to follow who was leading. As the scores were



totted up it gradually became clear that four players, Josh Barwell, his father Ben, Rich Vowles and Richard Weight had all finished on 157. A three hole play-off was therefore called for and Rich Vowles rather unluckily fell behind when he went out of bounds. A birdie from Ben Barwell gave him the edge chased by his son. Nothing changed on the second and despite being in the rough on the final hole, Ben's bogey was good enough to hold off both his son and Richard Weight to win the Jackson Trophy for a second year. It was Father's Day after all! Richard Weight took second place on the strength of his second round with Rich Vowles third and the younger Barwell taking best gross on day one. Bobby Jones had a second solid round to take the Directors' Cup for best net.

There were a couple of open competitions during the month. The Ladies held an Open Seniors Bowmaker earlier the same week with almost 100 players taking part. In a week of tight finishes there was a three-way tie at the top. Countback on the back nine settled the places with Claire Biggs, Betty Norman and Wendy Lucas taking first place ahead of Gill Jones, June James and Pam Berry. Penny Parker, Jackie Bull and Gwen Cavell from Enmore took the Visitors prize, with all three of these teams scoring 82 points.



Club Champion Ben Barwell along with other prizewinners receiving their prizes from Captain Mike Garbutt and Carol Jackson who sponsors the trophy



Harriett Lockley and Sean Gray receiving their trophies following the PGA Open from captains Ann Adams and Mike Garbutt along with other prizewinners

Youth was very much to the fore at the PGA Open Championship the following week, with both winners coming from the Junior Section. Sean Gray went round in a gross 74 to score 45 points and take the overall Men's Trophy. Ten year old Harriett Lockley continued her amazing run of form to take the Ladies title with 40 points reducing her handicap to 15. There were good scores all round with Brian Fry only one point behind Sean to win division 2 with 44 points, five clear of Marcello di Mascio who beat Jim Crick on countback. Danny Guyett won division 1 with 42 points, two clear of Simon Moore with Jim Dobbs a further shot back in third. Scores were also good for the Ladies despite a depleted field which saw Janis Lawrence take the runners up spot with 37 points on countback from Claire Biggs.

There were more visitors for the Seniors' Invitation Day and some prodigious scoring. Organiser Malcolm Timmis partnering Stuart Fitton from St. Pierre won the day with 46 points which put them two ahead of Tom Bennett partnering Harvey Piper from Oake as well as Seniors' Captain Jim Crick and his partner Trevor Hawkins from Lilleybrook.

Regular competitions progressed as always. The best score in the Stableford was 41 points from Kevin Osman to win division 2 with Trevor Denny beating Ian Robson for second place on countback, both scoring 39. Division 1 went to Rob Davis with 39, one better than Richard Weight with Graham Sugg a further shot back in third. David Bedford won division 3 on 39, beating Steve Whitcombe on countback with Nick Smith just a shot back in third. Best Lady was Dawn Chadwick with 38 points with Claire Biggs second in silver division. In bronze, Desiree McGowan beat Pauline Hale on countback after both scored 37.

In the monthly medal Josh Barwell and Dom Smith fought out division 1 with Josh just getting the better on countback after both scored 66. John Wormald was 2 back in third place. Best score of the day was in division 3 with a 63 from Jay James which put him seven clear of second placed David Bedford with Pete Beavan a further shot back in third. There were no outstanding scores in division 2 but a tight finish with Lyndon Knight just beating Ian Robson on countback after both scored 71. David Coggan was two shots further back in third.

The Ladies had an impressive win in the Rogers Cup, beating Long Sutton 5-2 at Oake Manor to advance to the third round where they will meet Bath. They also held the Summer Bowl, a gross competition incorporating the monthly medal. Rachel Lockley was star of the day winning the Summer Bowl with a gross 82 and also the net medal with a 67. Gross runner-up was Sue Tarry with 89 just ahead of Shirley Gooding. Runner-up in the medal was Janis Lawrence on 68, just beating Mary-Lou Denny on countback.

In the Ladies Stableford, only one player managed to beat her handicap. This was Ange Webber who scored 39 points to win by four clear points from a group of five players who all finished on 35 points. Countback decreed the finishing order was Audrey Cowlin as runner-up, Judy Cutter in third then Claire Biggs, Shirley Turner and Desiree McGowan all wishing they had missed one less putt.

The Seniors Medal incorporated a trophy for those winning medals in the previous year. This was won by Chris Norris who also booked his place for next year by winning division 1 for June. His score of 65 put him three clear of David

Bates with Graham Hayes third on 70. There were two scores of 65 in division 2 with John Hogan winning out on countback after Derek Osborn took a nine on the fifteenth. Chris McGowan was just one shot back in third place. Division 3 went to Roy Peck whose 69 was just one better than both Fred Linham and Alan Shiner with Fred winning out on countback.

Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club

The 'Legendary' Tony Pearman

A number of viewers were delighted to hear Andrew Castle, while commentating on a match at Queens between Raonic and Simon, recall Wedmore Tennis Club and address Tony. Describing him as a 'legend' he compared Tony's skills in grinding down the opposition to Simon's – though he concluded that Simon is even better at it!

Summer League

The fair weather and longer days this month have been conducive to some very enjoyable matches and, with just two to play until the end of the season, most of the ladies teams remain in relatively secure positions in their divisions.

The B, C and E teams all currently top their tables. The B team, ably captained by Tess, have played cohesively and consistently to win all but one of their matches this month. The improved quality of Olivia's game and presence of ever steady Susan should ensure promotion into the top division next season.

Similarly the C team, captained by Jenny, have conceded few points, their only challenging match being against second placed Backwell A. They have already secured promotion and one more win will ensure that they top the division. The Es, too, easily lead their table and can expect promotion, despite being drawn against slightly more tenacious teams for their final matches.

The A team lie in second place behind regular rival, Cheddar, and are assured of second or third place at the end of the season, while the D team lie mid table after wins this month against Clevedon, Lympham and Weston; they require one more win to be assured of remaining in the same division next season.

Thanks and best wishes to Shuna Atack who is relocating to Bucks and won't be available for the last two matches. Her ferocious topspin forehand and nimble volleying have been instrumental in the success of the C team, and she will be missed very much.

Due to injury and other commitments, some of the men's teams have struggled to produce sufficient players this month. Nevertheless, the all-conquering A team lead their division and the remaining four teams are all in safe mid table positions.



Tony Pearman

Junior League

This season, three junior teams have represented Wedmore in the West Somerset league. The U12 team lead their division by a vast margin of 28 points; the U17s similarly lead theirs by a margin of more than 30 points, while the U14s are currently in a creditable third place. Well done to all!



Under 12's team - from left to right Henri Beeson, Kit Roberts- Clarke, Charlie Jackson and Grace White

Sarah Cunningham

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

Our summer season has reached the half-way point and the green is in use every day with our in-house competitions and league matches. The wide range of activities gives bowlers at all levels opportunities to take part, from friendly games against visiting teams, beginners roll-up games to the A and B Teams and matches at County level!

Wedmore is fortunate in having both indoor and outdoor rinks and both are used throughout the year.

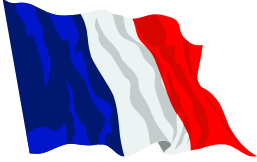
The club welcomes new members and our recruitment efforts have been successful with a steady flow of new bowlers attending our Saturday Beginners Coaching sessions. These are free and all equipment is provided – we encourage anyone who would like

a new summer and winter activity to attend one of these sessions. Just call Dave on 713483, or Stuart on 01749 870704 to arrange an introduction.

Stuart Fisher

Thought for the Month

Dear Friends,



We are looking forward to welcoming a French family to stay at the vicarage in the middle of the month. This will be the first year that we will have been part of the twinning and I am really looking forward to the experience. I don't know how competent our guest family are in English and what little French I once had has become pretty rusty over the years.

Nevertheless I am sure that we will all communicate very well and end up learning from each other, with body language and actions stepping in when words fail.

Human beings have been called 'compulsive communicators'. Our urge to share knowledge and experiences with each other has, I guess, been one of the factors in us being able to dominate the planet as we do. Grunts and signs have led to speech and speech has led to language and language has led to writing and writing has led to printing and printing has led to telegraph to telephone to email to twitter and instagram so that our thoughts and views can now be shared with many other people instantly. And yet it is ironic that the more connected we become the more prevalent loneliness has become as we forget the most basic form of communication there is – face to face and flesh to flesh contact.

If humans are 'compulsive communicators' that is because we bear the image of a God who can't help communicating himself. The famous opening of the gospel of John often read at Christmas begins 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.' God speaks, he communicates. He reaches out to us and has been trying to communicate his love to us since the dawn of history.

The end of that section of John's gospel goes, 'The Word was made flesh'. God speaks to us in Jesus, flesh and bone, in actions as well as in words. In our desire to speak to as many people as possible in as short a time as possible, we may have forgotten the most basic communication of all but I thank God that he never did.

Revd Richard Neill

Church News

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Wednesday 26 August, 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:

10.30 am	Cocklake	Lane End Farm
10.40 am	Crickham	Crickham Baptist Chapel
10.50 am	Clewer	Clive Weare House
11.20 am	Stone Allerton	Stone Cross
11.30 am	Chapel Allerton	Allerton Church
11.40 am	Ashton	On the corner next to Hill View Farm
11.50 am	West Stoughton	T Junction with the road to Allerton
12.00 noon	Blackford	Holy Trinity
12.15 pm	Westham	On the corner next to Bockingford House
12.25 pm	Heath House	Ash Tree Farm
12.35 pm	Sand	Upper Sand Farm
12.50 pm	Mudgley	Court Farm Cottages
1.00 pm	Bagley	Bagley Baptist Church
1.10 pm	Theale	Christchurch
1.25 pm	Wedmore	St Mary's

Parish Registers

Baptisms

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

Russell Edward Sucksmith son of Jonathan and Rosemary of Cheddar baptised at Allerton Church on Sunday 14 June.

Leo Alexander Brunt son of Simon and Kateryna Brunt of Wedmore baptised at St Mary's, Wedmore on Saturday 20 June.

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Catherine Hynds, known as Rena, of Worthington Close, Wedmore aged 81 who died on 23 May 2015 and whose funeral was at St Mary's on 3 June 2015.

Irene Gibbs of Stone Allerton aged 86 who died on 3 June 2015 and whose thanksgiving service as at Allerton Church on Monday 22 June 2015

Revd Richard Neill

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	2	Trinity 9	10.30am	Parish Communion
			6.00pm	Start the Week
Sunday	9	Trinity 10	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sunday	16	Trinity 11	8.00am	Holy Communion

			10.30am	Family Service and Baptism
Sunday	23	Trinity 12	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sunday	30	Trinity 13	10.30am	Benefice Communion

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	30	Trinity 13	6.00pm	Songs of Praise
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Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	2	Trinity 9	11.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	Trinity 10	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	16	Trinity 11	11.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	23	Trinity 12	11.00am	'Come and See' Service

Allerton Church

Sunday	2	Trinity 9	9.00am	Family Service
Sunday	9	Trinity 10	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	16	Trinity 11	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	23	Trinity 12	9.00am	Youth Communion

Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday throughout August is a 'Summer Sundaе'.

10.30am will be a morning service of some sort, but it might be slightly different than usual since we are in holiday mode!

Every Wednesday 10.00am to 2.00 noon is our really popular 'Coffee with a View.' Come for coffee and homemade cakes, our wonderful view and a warm welcome. Bring a friend, or come and make some new ones here! We have good parking and wheelchair access.

Our Sunday School, Home Groups and Youth Groups are all taking a break for the summer, resuming in September.

For details, please ring us on 710779, 712812 or 713267, Email us on contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk or come and see us at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk.

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for August

Sunday 2	10.30am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 9	10.30am	Pearl Hunt
Sunday 16	10.30am	Revd carol Chaplin – Holy Communion
Sunday 23	3.30pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday 30	10.30am	Local Arrangement

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

Somerset Waste Partnership, August Collections



Wednesday 5	Recycling and refuse
Wednesday 12	Recycling and green garden waste
Wednesday 19	Recycling and refuse
Wednesday 26	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
- Business waste for recycling