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Editorial

Can you believe it is August already – where has the year gone? A fairly eventful one it has been too, both nationally and locally, with all that has been happening in and around Wedmore.

August is traditionally when life seems a bit slower, maybe it's the long golden, hazy summer days (we hope!), or the fact that without the school run and with summer holidays the rush hour is reduced to the tractors gathering in whatever arable crops still remain in the fields. Wedmore still rises to the event with the annual Harvest Home celebrations on Friday 19 August, something for all ages to enjoy during the course of the day. So for all of you who have organised the day, are taking part, or plan to sit back and enjoy the entertainment in all its forms, let's hope the weather is kind to us and a good time is had by all – and money raised for village charities as well.

Wedmore residents are not the sort to let the grass grow under their feet. This month sees two residents tell their story of particularly spectacular experiences. Read about Bill's Glastonbury debut and a really spectacular undertaking for Angie Horne, who tells us about her Wing Walk for charity – following her 80th birthday. I am sure you will join me in offering congratulations and full credit to Angie 'The Aviator' for her amazing achievement.

Sue James

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Front Cover

At last year's Harvest Home Procession Charlotte Monson from Wedmore took this photo of the Princess, Queen, King and Prince. From left to right: Ruby Lane, Jessica Farley, Dylan Monson and Rohan Page.

News

Parish Council Business

The June meeting of the Parish Council featured a presentation from Mrs Jackie Hipwell, Head Teacher of Wedmore First School Academy. Mrs Hipwell outlined details of a proposed development of new classrooms to replace outdated 'temporary' accommodation. This was a most interesting presentation and Mrs Hipwell said that she wished to continue her ongoing relationship with the Council as the Academy was a thriving part of the local community and was also the largest employer in Wedmore.

The Council was pleased to make a grant towards future planting projects to 'Wedmore in Bloom'. The work that this team of volunteers carries out within the parish is greatly appreciated and frequently commented on by residents and visitors alike.

Our meeting on Wednesday 17 August will be at Theale Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. This will be an opportunity for residents living in Theale to come along and see their councillors in action!

Footpath Issues

If anyone has an issue with a local footpath to report, please contact Cllr Polly Costello by e-mail (polly.costello@sedgemoor.gov.uk).

EU Referendum

The nation has spoken and the decision has been made to leave the European Union. On Referendum Day, I was a polling clerk at Blackford Village Hall where the turnout of voters was 82%. I gather from colleagues elsewhere that the Wedmore turnout was around 80% with a similar number recorded at Theale.

Whatever your view it must be reassuring to note that residents turned out in large numbers to cast their vote on this important issue.

Rod Pring

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The Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Group Has Started Work

The newly-formed Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Group, which was set up by Wedmore Parish Council, is already 22-strong, consisting of 13 parishioners and 9 Parish Councillors of whom one is also our Sedgemoor District Councillor.

Sedgemoor DC has recommended that Wedmore prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, since the new Local Plan is proposing that the parish has its status as a Key Rural Settlement upgraded to Tier 2 Level, which means that we shall in future be required to

accept more development than previously; and having a Neighbourhood Plan will give us the statutory opportunity to influence where and how that development takes place.

At our first meeting, held in early June, Bob Sellwood was elected Chairman, and Steve George Vice Chairman. At a follow-up meeting, Tony Pitkin agreed to be the Treasurer.

The steering group now needs to take the first steps in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, these include:

- Applying to Sedgemoor District Council for 'Area Designation'. This is the first step and will involve consultation with the community by Sedgemoor District Council.
- Initial meetings with Sedgemoor District Council's Head of Planning Policy took place in early July to clarify the way forward.
- An exhibition in Wedmore Village Hall is planned for 7 October to inform parishioners about neighbourhood plans and their pros and cons, get feedback and answer questions from the community, before preparing a questionnaire for subsequent distribution to every household in the parish. This will be the opportunity for local people to decide if they want a Neighbourhood Plan.

If any parishioners would like to volunteer to help with the work over the next couple of years in preparing the community's Neighbourhood Plan, or if you have any questions about it, please e-mail the Parish Council Clerk at wedmoreparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Group

Wedmore Harvest Home Procession – Friday 19 August

Come along and join in with the well-loved, local traditional procession! You could dust off the old car, bicycle or tractor in the garage and ride in the procession in one of the vintage classes, or jump on your horse in fancy dress and take part in the parade around the village!

Individual and group entries are all welcome. Pedestrians, cyclists, horseback, vintage vehicles and a host of colourful floats help kick start the day. You could also enter the floral arrangements which are judged the night before. They help decorate the tent for lunch and add a lovely splash of colour.

Children can dress up in carnival style and enter one of the many classes. Entry to any of the classes is free – however, there are lots of cash prizes and trophies up for grabs, so it's worthwhile and fun. Get your thinking caps on.

Please watch the Wedmore Procession page on Facebook for updates and information closer to the time. You can book in before the event or on the day. Just make sure you are ready for judging by 10.30am prompt. Any questions or if you would like to take part, please phone Beth (07738600203) or Fay (07497829516).

Wedmore Harvest Home Balloon Race

How far will your balloon travel - Wedmore or Wells, Cocklake or Cornwall? Wedmore Harvest Home team are selling tickets for balloons that will be launched at the Children's Tea on Harvest Home day (Friday 19 August). The children will be the launching team and it should be a spectacular sight.



A £10 prize is available for the finder and £25 for the owner of the furthest travelled balloon.

Tickets are available from any of the Harvest Home team at £1 each. Good Luck!

Wedmore Harvest Home Committee

Avalon Camps 2016

We are busy preparing for this year's Avalon Camps for disadvantaged children which are taking place in Mark at the end of July and beginning of August. For our fundraising 'Moor Tour' we are very grateful to the following local businesses which kindly sponsored the event.

Allerton Lawn Care	R Millard & Son, Funeral Directors
Amesbury and Puddy, Mark	Myrtle Properties, Mark
Avery's Garage, Mark	Puddy (Mark) Ltd
Burnt House Farm B & B, Mark	Roderick Thomas, Wedmore
Campbell (South West) Ltd	Roger's Car Repairs, Blackford
Charles Barnard, Wedmore	Sexey's Arms Inn, Blackford
Peter Everett, Osteopath	K J Seymour (Builder), Blackford
Hector's Farm Shop, Wedmore	Somerlap Forest Products
Highbridge Caravan Centre	The Frock Shop, Brent Knoll
Kingfisher Windows	The George Inn, Wedmore
Little Weed, Allerton	The Pack Horse Inn, Mark
G H Lunn & Sons, Lower Weare	The Swan Inn, Wedmore
Mark Brock Carpentry, Mark	The Wheatsheaf Inn, Allerton
Mark Country Catering	The White Horse Inn, Mark
Mark Post Office & Village Stores	Wright's Timber Company, Mark

If anyone is interested in learning more about the camps or helping in any way, perhaps next year, please phone 710077 or email avaloncamps.recruitment@gmail.com.

Nicky Henning

Wedmore Theatre Club

The September production of 'Look Back in Anger' has had to be cancelled after some weeks of rehearsal, because, unfortunately, two of the principal young actors, who both work for the same company, have been told by their employer that they would not be allowed to take time off together during the production week.

However, our Autumn Production is going ahead with performances on Thursday 24, Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November. More details to follow.

If you would like to find out more about Wedmore Theatre Club, or join the mailing list, please go to the website, www.wedmoretheatre.com.



Sue Burton

Return of the Festival – Friday 16 to Sunday 18 September at Wedmore Village Hall

Get ready – the festival will soon be here!

If you would like to volunteer during the festival, then we are still have a few spaces left for helpers, so please contact Mike Bewick on 07794 781975. Helping out at such a social event really doesn't feel like work at all.

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 and hoodies are now available to order. If you would like to get your festival top in time to wear for the summer season, call or email Mike on 07794 781975 / bewick.mike@gmail.com.

We are pleased to announce that The Beer Bucket Challenge will be back again this year and, so far, we have the following willing contestants agreeing to be covered in cold beer to help us raise money for the local worthy causes. Please join us in thanking this year's willing contestants.

We wonder if they'll be in training this summer to prepare for the big event?

Chaz Maquire

Frank Sparks

Simon Bethal

Charlotte Monson

Laura Sampson

Dan Kevill

Richard Neill

Alice Hole

Helen Reeson

Jane Scott

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RETURN OF THE FESTIVAL

16TH - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2016



If you feel you have a local worthy cause that would benefit from a donation from the festival, please complete this year's Application Form, which can be found on our website or festival app. All completed forms must be sent back to us by 25 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 App Store.

To keep up to date with our planning for the festival, join our Facebook group 'The Wedmore Real Ale Appreciation Society', follow us on twitter @WedmoreRealAle or go to our website www.wedmoreale.com.

Alan Page

Hills to Levels – Family Photo Days



The Hills to Levels Partnership is hosting two photography days over the summer to give families the chance to head outside, learn a little about nature and how to capture the moments on camera.

Hills to Levels Community Outreach Officer, Steve Mewes said: ‘We thought it would be fun to involve families in our summer events. So we have teamed up with Iain Green from Wildlife Wonder, www.wildlifewonder.co.uk/ to show everyone some wildlife photography tricks of the trade. More details on these and other events are on our website at www.hillstolevels.co.uk/community/events.

The events will take place on Thursday 28 July and Wednesday 24 August from 10.00am to 1.00pm at RSPB

Ham Wall Nature Reserve Car Park, Meare, BA6 9SX.



The days are free to attend but please do email Steve on stevemewes@rspb.org.uk, or call on 07710 854618 if you would like to come along as numbers are limited.

All children under 16 years of age need to be accompanied by an adult. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and sun protection. Toilets are available on site at Ham Wall but not at Westhay.

If you would like to subscribe to the Hills to Levels email list and receive all the latest news from the team, please contact Steve Mewes at steve.mewes@rspb.org.uk.

Steve Mewes

Thank you from Stone Allerton Gardens June 2016

Five beautiful gardens, Badgers’ Acre, Greenfield House, Myrtle Cottage, Old Chapel House and Osborne House were open for charity

ngs gardens open
for charity

in Stone Allerton on 11 and 12 June. Despite the unfavourable weather forecast it was kind to us both days.

A wonderful £2,639 was raised for the NGS with 393 visitors passing through the garden gates. In addition, the delicious teas at Greenfield House raised £600 for the Burnham RNLI. This makes a grand total of £3,239 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.

Dom and Ali Kevill, and Sue Unwin manned the gate and directed traffic and parking at Badgers' Acre. Anna Allott (Lucy's mother), Alison Smith and Alison Slade 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 George, Ben, Laura and Emily Wainwright, Simon Hicking, Ted and Jean Bevis, Steve and Kate Poland, Fiona and Susan Bull, Irene McIntosh, Liz Duckett, Liz Friend, Ros Prince 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 Bull, Grahame Fry, Pat and George Hacker and Lester and Kate Durston 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 2016 please visit the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk.

Lucy Hetherington

Cheddar Male Choir Presents Cheque to The Children's Hospice South West



Cheddar Male Choir presented a cheque for £1000 to The Children's Hospice South West. Mrs Pam Airey received the cheque from the chairman Mr. Tony Brown at the choir's annual concert held in St Andrew's Church Cheddar. The money was raised at a joint concert held in St Cuthbert's Church Wells where the choir, along with the Launceston Male Voice Choir, held a sell-out concert in May. Cheddar Male Choir

sing concerts to help charities and good causes and have helped to raise well over £135,000 in their 21 years of existence.

The choir is always on the lookout for men to join, so if you are interested in this very worthwhile pastime, then please contact us at contactcheddarmalechoir@gmail.com, or visit our website, www.cheddarmvchoir.co.uk.

Cheddar Male Voice Choir

Opera for All – Saturday 20 August

The event begins at 4.30pm with live performances from 5pm. The opera starts at 6.00pm.



Roderick Williams (Onegin), Oleksiy Palchykov (Lenksy) – photo Mark Douet

Garsington Opera and Sedgemoor District Council present Eugene Onegin - a



*Natalya Romaniw (Tatyana)
– photo Mark Douet*

one-off chance to see the acclaimed production from ‘Opera for All’ on the big screen in Apex Park, Highbridge and Burnham on Sea. Take the family and a picnic and enjoy one of the world’s greatest love stories set to Tchaikovsky’s beautiful music. Tatyana, a bookish country girl, pours out her love for Onegin, a brilliant and glamorous bachelor. Setting off an inexorable and tragic chain of events, the pain and loss is reflected in some of Tchaikovsky’s most haunting and beautiful music.

Enjoy Garsington Opera’s free outdoor relay, in which former RSC director, Michael Boyd, brings Tchaikovsky’s fateful romance to life. Hear professional singers live alongside local young performers.

This will be a relaxed performance with community performances and street theatre. Get involved and discover opera up close and personal! It is sung in Russian with English subtitles.

For more information visit www.garsingtonopera.org, or twitter: @Opera4all, or facebook: www.facebook.com/garsingtonoperaforall.

*Robyn Taylor-Stavely
Marketing Officer, Bridgwater Arts Centre*

New Campaign to Inspire Families to ‘Discover Wildness in Somerset’

Somerset Wildlife Trust is delighted to be one of a number of southern Wildlife Trusts joining forces with the Southern Co-operative to deliver a new joint campaign ‘My Wild Neighbourhood’. It aims to help families get outdoors to explore nature in their neighbourhood and local natural spaces, and to raise awareness of why engaging with nature is good for children’s health and wellbeing. The campaign is supported by proceeds from the carrier bag charge, distributed by the Southern Co-operative to local community causes.



Funds from the partnership will be supporting Somerset Wildlife Trust’s ‘Brilliant Coast’ initiative in the first instance, which aims to inspire people and communities along the coast to discover the wonderful habitats, wildlife, history and heritage that can be found there, so that collectively we are able to protect the coast in light of growing development pressures. Running a programme of community engagement, citizen science and education in coastal schools to get people out there and engaging with the coast plays an important part in achieving this.

The ‘My Wild Neighbourhood’ campaign falls within the Southern Co-operative’s overall ‘Love Your Neighbourhood’ initiative which, following a survey, aims to address four key issues in our society and will focus on supporting ‘More Inclusive, Greener, Safer and Healthier Neighbourhoods’. The campaign complements Somerset Wildlife Trust’s ‘Every Child Wild’, ‘My Wild Life’ and ‘30 Days Wild’ campaigns.

Jolyon Chesworth, Somerset Wildlife Trust’s Nature and Wellbeing Manager explained why exploring our coastline is good for us, ‘Just as people are dusting off their buckets and spades and preparing to spend time at the seaside, this is the perfect time to launch the new campaign, which will help people see beyond the sand castles and surf boards to the incredible wildlife that occupies the space between the tides.

The vast expanses of mud and sand on Somerset’s coast are home to millions of little worms and snails that make the perfect all you can eat buffet for some of this country’s most important populations of birds. As the tide goes out in other areas, rocky reefs and pools are exposed which shelter sunstars, anemones and crabs. Somerset’s coastal wildlife is hugely overlooked and, as a result, under-valued, so to help us survey and record it so that we can protect it better, we will be working with schools, training volunteers and organising seashore safaris. Research by The Wildlife Trusts has found that just 20 minutes in nature is enough to boost energy levels and improve physical and mental wellbeing, so those families and kids that get involved in the ‘My Wild Neighbourhood’ campaign will hugely benefit as a result – it’s a win for everyone.’

Lisa Whaley

The Turnip Prize

The Turnip Prize art award is a spoof of the lesser known Turner Prize. We will be accepting entries for this year’s competition from Tuesday 1 November. Entries should take the least amount of effort possible to create.

To enter contact Trevor, telephone 710004 or 07812848011, or The New Inn, Combe Batch, Wedmore BS28 4DU. Alternatively, leave your entry at The New Inn.

Please include your name or pseudonym and contact phone number.

Closing date for entries will be Monday 21 November with preliminary judging taking place on Tuesday 22 November. Final judging will take place at The New Inn on Monday 5 December at 6.30pm.

For more information visit The New Inn, Wedmore or our facebook page.

Trevor Prideaux

Letters

Dear Editor,

I refer to the letter by Bob Sellwood in the July magazine, in response to mine in the June magazine, and thank him for taking the trouble to write.

However, whilst in thinking 'outside the box', the point I was making was that irrespective of scale all such plans are by their very nature inflexible and counter-productive, thinking 'inside the box', Bob infers that if Wedmore does not have a Plan, then Sedgemoor, who do, will hold sway over us.

But if Bob thinks that in having its own rigid plan Wedmore will be in charge of its own affairs, I sadly believe he's deluding himself. For whenever it likes, Sedgemoor will continue to ride roughshod over us and ignore the wishes of the local people as it so often does, whether or not there is a Wedmore Plan.

And the only result will be that we too will have lost flexibility of approach to whatever unknown situation might occur in the future.

Trev Hunt

Note from the editor

Thank you to both contributors, this concludes the correspondence on this subject.

Further information on the progress of the Parish Plan can be found following Parish Council News.

Dear Editor,

If your dog poops, scoop!

Through the medium of Wedmore News, please can I ask all dog walkers in the West End area, if your dog poops, scoop!

If there are grass verges outside our houses then we the home owners are responsible for maintaining them. Effectively they are part of our gardens. Would you like someone's dog to poo on your lawn?

I do not blame the dog; it is the owner's responsibility to clear up after their pet. Dog walkers have pointed out the offending mess, upset that other dog walkers are allowing this to happen, feeling it gives all dog owners and walkers a bad name.

Please respect our neighbourhood; it is not difficult to pooper scoop. I also know through my daily walks that it is not just my house that has been the recipient of dog poo.

Thank you for reading this and if appropriate, thank you for acting on it.

Sue James- West End Resident

A Day in the Life of Wedmore Harvest Home Committee

By the time you are reading this the Wedmore Harvest Home Committee will have had our penultimate meeting before the big day.

When the committee were asked to take part in this feature, it was felt impossible to ask an individual member of our team to take on the task, as everything we do is about team work.



We currently have a strong committee of 20 plus members and every person has an individual role to play. Although the work continues all year round, this time of year, as the event gets closer, it's a busy time for everyone involved.

We have our AGM in January and every committee member leaves the meeting knowing their role, then it is full steam ahead. By the time we meet at our next monthly meeting the marquee is booked, the insurance papers are submitted along with the licencing for the day.



During this time the committee will be thinking of speakers for the lunch, the meat will also have been ordered. This includes 56kg salt beef, 56kg roast beef, 63kg ham, 31kg tongue. These meats are enjoyed alongside fresh bread and salad, then everything is washed down with copious amounts of beer and cider! Plus we will be going through a list of possible bands for the evening entertainment.

The procession team will be putting in the road closure licenses, preparing the competition for the Harvest King, Queen and Princess and be thinking about the hanging arrangements that decorate the marquee.

By the time we reach our July meeting we would have held our fundraisers. This year it was two bingos and of course our annual pig roast during the Street Fair.

So what will be happening now? Well, the bands are all booked for the evening; the tickets for the lunch and tea are all printed and distributed to our team of sellers around the village. The carvers and helpers have been contacted to serve at the lunch to cater for our 600 guests. The army of helpers for the children's tea will be getting ready to move in on Harvest Home day morning, to make the fresh sandwiches for the 400 children attending.

The marquee will go up within the next week or two and all our volunteer helpers will be fitting electrics, decorating and erecting rows and rows of tables throughout the tent in preparation for the lunch.

This brings us to Friday 19 August, Harvest Home day. All of the meetings, phone calls to each other, the emails and, for some, sleepless nights are put to the test. Every person in our team will have their job to do and will arrive early Friday morning and many probably not leaving until Saturday.

What would we like to change? As always you can never have enough members, so anyone interested in joining the committee would be greatly welcomed. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm are always welcome.

Finally, to sum up our day in a few words... Traditional family fun!

Wedmore News Would Like to Hear from You

Are you involved in running a local organisation in the Isle of Wedmore? Would you like to share some of the things that you do and raise awareness of your organisation by sharing your 'Day in the Life'? Please contact the editor Sue James, email editorwedmorenews@gmail.com, and share your day.

Sue James

Focus on Businesses

Online Sausages from the Somerset Sausage Company

Recently, I spoke to Jim Baker, who is a butcher, farmer and co-owner of the Somerset Sausage Company. As a small child Jim spent a lot of time on his grandfather's farm in Gloucestershire and wanted to be a farmer. However, when he was thirteen years old, his grandfather died and the family farm was sold. Determined not to give up on his ambition, he spent two years at Cannington Agricultural College studying for a diploma, which he passed with flying colours.

He started a relief milking business but owing to the introduction of milk quotas and the fact that his customers all needed his services at much the same time, it was not really viable. Knowing that he was looking for work, the local butcher offered him a six-month contract to stand in for an employee who had had an accident. Jim found that he was good at the job and stayed on when the butcher had health problems.

In the meantime he got married to Rachel and they began to think of their future, looking for a business to buy. They found a butcher's shop in Wedmore and Jim expanded the product range to include cooked meats and cheese and started to make traditional pork sausages using a recipe given to him by Rachel's grandfather, who had been a butcher in Devon. The business expanded and he opened a branch in Cheddar, but closed it after a trial period as it was too close to the original shop. However, he still felt that he needed to do something else.

This was the mid-2000s when high quality sausages had become trendy. Talking over opportunities with his brother-in-law, they came up with the idea of selling Jim's



Jim Baker (left) and Mike Carthy

popular sausages over the internet. The first attempt to ship the products to friends and customers was not very successful as they were packed with ice which melted and made everything wet. A few years later, pads containing a dry gel came onto the market. When soaked in water they become spongy and can be frozen and, as they thaw, they turn back to gel. Courier services with next-day delivery also became more widely available and reliable, so Jim decided to start the Somerset Sausage Company in 2009 and asked his long-term employee, Mike Carthy, to become a

partner in the company. Jim was keen to make the sausages out of speciality pork. He tried Gloucester Old Spot pork and was very pleased with the result, but no-one in the Wedmore area was interested in rearing this breed of pigs. He discussed the problem with the proprietor of The George in Wedmore, who offered to rent him a stable in the courtyard of the hotel, just opposite Jim's shop. So in his first venture into farming, he kept Gloucester Old Spot pigs in a stable. A couple of years later, when the owner decided to convert the building, the pigs had to leave. A local businessman offered to rent him a farm building and land on the Cheddar road. Jim accepted, and later bought the land. With the shop, the farm and the internet business, it was all rather hectic: something had to go. Jim decided to sell his shop to the other

butcher in the village (who combined the two businesses) and acquire more land next to the farm. This has enabled him to rear sheep, so that he can eventually supply the Somerset Sausage Company with both pork and lamb.

The Somerset Sausage Company now offers a wide range of specialty sausages - including a popular beef and stilton variety, suggested by a customer - as well as burgers and pork, which it sends to customers all other the country. The company also has a more local clientele, as it offers wholesale butchery and supplies pig roasts for parties.

Liz Sweeney

Do You Have a Story to Tell?

If you run a business in the Wedmore Parish and would like to feature in a forthcoming issue of the Wedmore News, send an email to editorwedmorenews@gmail.com with a few facts. Who are you? What is your business? Are you from the Wedmore area? If not, where did you come from? What motivated you to start, take over or carry on the business? We will then contact you.

Liz Sweeney

Reports and Society Updates

St Mary's Church 100 Club

I'm happy to announce that Caroline Paterson, holding No. 49, won the first prize of £20 in the July draw, and Jane and Tom Wright won the £10 second prize, with their No. 32. Congratulations.

Thelma Jenkins-Jones

Wedmore WI Report – June



Hazel introduced Jill C. as the new President, and herself as Secretary; Diana presented her with a posy and card and thanked Hazel for her term as President. June, Diana and Maureen were wished 'Happy Birthday', and thanks also went to Diana for organising such an enjoyable outing. Berkeley Castle had been enhanced by a film crew, with actors and horses in mediaeval dress, shooting a TV series, and Bristol Blue Glass was also very interesting though hot!

Margaret S. spoke about the AGM in Brighton, which was a very enjoyable experience, and after sundry other business our speaker Steve Price was introduced. He has spoken to us before, on swimming and banjos, this time was an update on his swimming exploits.

Starting off with a photo of Clevedon Marine Lake, we were treated to a hilarious account of his early swimming experiences and how he got into long distance open water swimming. After tackling the English and Bristol Channels, and the Irish Sea, his next challenge was to swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco, a distance of a mile

and a half or so, but in cold water and with strong currents. We heard how the other fit-looking young men on the boat out to Alcatraz obviously didn't think that this rather older, plumper Englishman was a force to be reckoned with, especially as he was the only one not in a wet-suit. As he understood the effect of currents and tides he was able to head in the apparently wrong direction and end up in the right place seventh in the field of 40. He then stood on the cold harbour-side with a towel round his middle, watching the 'fit youngsters' struggling to shore after a long tussle with the elements, obviously wondering 'how did that fat grey-haired bloke get here before me?'

One of his next plans is to swim to Lundy Island, now in the ownership of the National Trust, which has a covenant from a previous owner awarding the first person to swim to the island 100 guineas or three bullocks. We were all very impressed and entertained by Steve, who uses his talks to fund-raise for St Peter's Hospice, long may he continue.

This month, August, there is no WI meeting. The next one will be on 15 September, at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. The speaker will be Jo Willis, talking about 'Yoga for all'; the competition is a keep fit tip. Guests and visitors are always welcome. We close with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit and time to chat.

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Chris Barker

Wedmore Tuesday Club News

Wedmore Tuesday Club is a friendly, sociable club for the older members of our community. It enables people to get together every Tuesday from 10.30am to 2.30pm at the Masonic Hall for a chat, a delicious freshly cooked lunch and occasionally some entertainment or an outing. The club is run solely by volunteers, and we are always looking for more, so please get in touch if you would like to help.

We ended last year with our excellent Christmas party at Wedmore Golf Club; they always look after us so well there. So far this year we have been entertained by Joan Saunders, who did some flexicise with the members, before bringing back lots of memories for them by discussing Dad's Army, Michael Malaghan who is a local author and gave a very amusing account of his life and work, and Janet Smith, who comes regularly and is very popular with her sing-a-longs, beetle drives and walks down memory lane.

Our outings have included lunch at Nanny Ida's who are always so friendly and helpful, and lunch at the New Inn, where the fish and chips are superb, as is the steak pie I am told! We decided to go a bit further afield at the end of June, so we went to Sidmouth. We had lunch in Pyne's Restaurant at the Bedford Hotel, right on the sea front, where we were catered for wonderfully, the food was delicious and staff very attentive. We were driven there and back by Alan Willcox, who kindly gave his time, on an Avalon coach, which was also donated with no charge, so a huge thank you to Alan and to Clayton Roper at Avalon for their generosity and kindness. We had a lovely day out thanks to them. We rely totally on donations for any activities run by the club, so this was a huge help.

Three of our members join Her Majesty in celebrating their 90th birthday this year. Marjorie Pople and Win Burrows have already celebrated theirs, and Eileen Stott will later in the year. Congratulations to all of them.



Outing to Sidmouth

If you are interested in becoming a member of the club, or if you would like to become a volunteer helper or driver, then please contact Sue Freeman on 741861.

Sue Freeman

Friends of St. Mary's

This year's NANTWICH with hymns, songs, poems and readings that linked into key moments of The Queen's life, was a delight. Big thanks to all who took part with special mention for the First School Academy Singing Club (what an advert for their school), The Bridgwater Salvation Army Band and The St. Mary's Choir.

The 'Human Fruit Machine' at the Street Fair was fun as usual and, at only 50p for two goes and £90.00 raised, it must have attracted 180 people to have a go. A lot of coconuts were won. Without Dean at Pisces who makes the Fruit Machine, this cheery bit of nonsense would not take place each year; big thanks Dean.

Future events include:



- ‘Tower with a View’ on Sunday 11 September from 11.40am to 17.30pm. Adults over 16, children over 8 years of age with an adult, people in good health and not wearing stilettos all have the chance again to climb up to the top of the tower and get the best view in the village. Cost £6 to include coffee and cake. Best to book as it will again be booked out. Telephone David on 710149.

- The ‘Clash of the Choirs 2017’. Put Saturday 1 April 2017 in your diaries. Are any of you members of choirs who might want to sing? There will 10 choirs again and another splendid evening guaranteed.

Wedmore’s businesses play a central part in supporting ‘The Friends’. A big welcome to The George and CJ Hole, the latest to lend a hand maintaining and enhancing this lovely building so central to the life of the village.

David Hopkins

Wedmore Preserving Club Skittles Team

Team	Points	Pin Difference
Cocklake	34	547
Tilham	34	492
Nyland	25	152
Theale	20	-62
Blackford	18	0
Sand	16	115
Wedmore	16	-101
Westend	12	-198
Crickham	12	-320
New Inn	11	-186
YFC	10	-439

Highest Away	Mike Nichols	70
Highest Away Average	Dave for Crickham	54.14
YFC Cup	Tilham	
Gundry Cup	Tilham	
YFC Highest Score	Mike Nichols	31
Ashby Shield	New Inn or Nyland	

Trevor Prideaux
August 2016

Green Wedmore

Green Wedmore is now in its tenth year working with the community to lower its environmental impact. Wedmore Community Power Coop built its 1MW solar paddock site in October 2013 and ever since has been generating renewable energy whilst producing returns for its investors and giving all profits back to the community in grants, £16,000 to date.



What next? Wedmore Energy Evening – Energy saving/Energy generation, will take place on Saturday 15 October at 7.00 to 9.30pm, in Wedmore Village Hall.

This is a joint Green Wedmore/Wedmore Community Power Coop event with the aim of finding out what the Parish wants to do next. It's a public event on the theme of energy saving and generation. The idea is to engage with the good people of the Isle of Wedmore, garner their ideas for how we can become more energy efficient as an island and also how we may be able to generate more renewable energy. The event is free and some light refreshments will be provided. Please email stevemewes415@gmail.com if you would like to attend so that we have an idea of numbers.

Green Wedmore has recently been awarded a grant from the Wedmore Community Power Coop for a projector for which we are very grateful. We would just like to say that if any other local group would like to borrow the equipment at any time please let Steve know.

Steve Mewes

Wedmore Wine Club, English Wine Tasting – Saturday 6 August

At the Village Hall, Wedmore, starting at 7.00pm.

Sample a carefully selected variety of award-winning wines; we will take you on a journey discovering some great new English producers.

Join Sarah Milner Simonds for this two and half-hour tutored tasting session and learn more about how English wine has changed in recent years and why our vineyards may fool your taste buds into thinking they're on foreign soil! White, rosé, red and fantastic sparkling wines introduced by a WSET certified tutor. Sarah will share tasting tips and explain the story contained in each bottle. This evening is ideal for those wanting to learn more about wine, especially those seeking an informal but informative introduction to wine tasting. This is your guide to the outstanding quality wines available under our noses.

You will taste eight great quality wines with fresh local bread and cheese. Limited number of early bird tickets at £20, general ticket at £25. Gift vouchers always available. Over 18s only.

Book by searching for Wedmore Wine Club on www.eventbrite.co.uk.

Beverley Milner Simonds

West Mendip Walkers

A group of walkers from in and around the Cheddar Valley. The group has been in existence for over four years and is affiliated to the Ramblers. Our walks are not confined to the Cheddar Valley as the programme demonstrates.

The August programme is:

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Anthony Strange

IT for the Terrified

Good News!



Further to last month's article, we are pleased to say that, although we are sad to leave The Old Cowshed in Cheddar on 15 July, we will be pleased to re-open in Cheddar Village Hall on Monday 5 September. We look forward to a happy cooperation with the Village Hall, and are very grateful to them for their welcome.

Things will be organised slightly differently, but our ethos of friendly, informal, relaxed and individual help to use computer, tablet or smartphone remains the same. Come to learn about how to order prescriptions or library books, do your shopping, email or chat to friends and family online

Cheddar Village Hall (used to be Cheddar Church House) is next to St. Andrew's Church and almost opposite the road to Sainsbury's.

Although our location has changed, our phone number, email and website remain the same, as below.

Our opening hours will be flexible, because we have different trainers with different skills on different levels on different days, but we will arrange an appointment to suit both parties as quickly as we can. Appointments are essential and cost £10 per hour for a 1:1 or £15 per hour for 1:2 sessions.

Contact us on 741751 or email itforheterrified@btconnect.com or visit our website www.itforheterrified.co.uk.



Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)

THE THIRD AGE TRUST

Retired and perhaps just moved into the area? Cheddar Valley U3A can be a great way of getting to know people. From study groups to walking and singing groups there are opportunities for pursuing a wide range of interests and of course making new friends.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

So come and see us at our coffee morning on 18 August from 10.30am to 12.00 noon at Cheddar Village Hall, or at Cheddar Library on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12.00noon. More details on the website; search for Cheddar U3A or telephone 744241.

Geoff Farnie

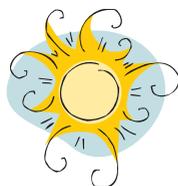
Weather Report for June 2016

RAINFALL



Monthly total	86.8mm	(3.42ins)
30-year average	58.4mm	(2.30ins)
Wettest day (24th)	29.6mm	(1.17ins)
No of dry days	15	
Last 3 months (Apr- Jun)	174mm	(6.85ins)
Year ending 30 June 2016	815mm	(32.06ins)
30-year annual average	797mm	(31.38ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (6th)	25.0 °C	(77 °F)
Minimum (3rd 25th)	6 °C	(42.8 °F)
Number of air frosts	Nil	
Monthly average maximum	19.6 °C	(67.3 °F)
30-year average maximum	20.5 °C	(68.9 °F)
Monthly average minimum	10.9 °C	(51.6 °F)
30-year average minimum	10.2 °C	(50.4 °F)

COMMENTS

Much wetter than usual, being 48% above long term average. Temperatures affected by persistent cloud cover viz slightly cooler days and slightly warmer nights.

Denley Brown

Glastonbury Limelight for Wedmore News Editor

It is not often that a member of the Wedmore News editorial team has appeared on the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury Festival, however this indeed happened on 26 June when Bill Sutton played as a member of The Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band, which opened the day's programme on Sunday morning.

The band was invited by Festival Organiser Micheal Eavis. Bleary eyed music lovers were stirred with a busy set starting with the March, Goldcrest and included amongst other pieces: 'Light as Air', 'Ticket to Ride' and 'The Hustle', before concluding with Music by John Miles. The music press widely reported that the 'early morning pick me up' had been exceptionally well received, having been beamed throughout the site.



Bill with his son Alistair in the Green Room, about to go on stage



The Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band on stage at the Pyramid, under the direction of Stephen Sykes

Bill, a cornet player who also plays for Weston Brass, described it as ‘a unique experience, almost surreal at times, particularly when you can hear your own music echoing back from the surrounding hills; the band played superbly throughout’. Bill would also like to thank Adele who closed proceedings the night before, for being the warm up act.

The Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band will be performing in the Wedmore Village Hall on Saturday 22 October, in conjunction with the Wedmore Operatic Society.

Bill Sutton

My Wing Walk – In Aid of Parkinsons UK



Compton Abbas Airfield some four miles from Shaftesbury was my destination on Saturday 2 July at 3.30pm, with some worry about the strength of the wind forecast on the day.

The Aerobatic Tactic team had already taken eleven people up for another charity and had agreed to add on two of the eight of us whose original date in May had been postponed due to inclement weather. I knew that five members of my family would be there, but to my amazement when we arrived there was a goodly crowd of twenty other supporters from my Carriage Driving for Disabled Club, my Inner Wheel Club with their Rotarian husbands, Mendip IW Club, Wells IW Club and friends from Devon as well. What a heart-warming surprise it was.



The other Parkinson fundraiser, Sharron, and I were given the briefing together which started with having to get on the scales to prove we did not weigh over 12 stone, which as I had four layers of clothing on and

my husband's long johns under my jeans, was a miracle.

After the briefing we had to wait a while to allow rainclouds to pass through and then I was escorted out and shown how to get on the plane. This was a challenge in itself because I had to climb up on to the side of the fuselage and stand on the pilot's seat. From there they helped me get a foothold and stand up so I could reach the top of the under wing. I was told to step only on the black tape area as the rest of the wing was canvas!!! However, this was achieved and then it was easy to get onto the top wing. Quite a feat when one



has the shortest legs on earth. A helpful guy strapped me in securely, and handed me the goggles and earplugs. He explained that I needed to put my arms out each side before we actually took off as the wind velocity once airborne would prevent me from doing so afterwards. The pilot, Richard, had asked if I wanted a

gentle ride or do tight turns and steep dives to add to the fun. I opted for the latter and off we went to the start of the runway.

We were airborne before we reached the viewing platform, so I gave a wave and then started thirteen minutes of ducking and diving over the valley below and round the airfield. The fastest speed recorded was 107 mph and the height was about 1200 feet above the valley. I kept my arms out and thumbs up the whole way and we must have come past the crowd about five times. I had paid for a video to be taken from the two cameras fixed to the plane and the pilot did a wonderful commentary during the flight. What an amazing experience it was, how lucky am I to be fit enough to take part to help the Parkinsons UK Charity as well as giving me a memorable celebration of my 80th birthday last month. My thanks to all of you who were kind enough to donate to this charity. With Gift Aid I have raised over £5500. I am completely overawed at everyone's generosity. To think when this was first mooted, I had to sign to say I would guarantee a minimum of £750 and the worry of this kept me awake at night. I still cannot believe that this amazing sum would be the result, again with all thanks to those of you kind enough to support this worthy cause.

Angie Horne - The Aviator

Forthcoming Events

Somerset Levels Photography Days –Thursday 28 July and Wednesday 24 August



Family Photography Days with Iain Green from Wildlife Wonder, 10.00am to 1.00pm, RSPB Ham Wall Nature Reserve Car Park, Meare, BA6 9SX.

The days are free to attend but please email Steve, stevemewes@rspb.org.uk or telephone 07710 854618 if you would like to come along as numbers are limited.

All children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and sun protection. Toilets are available on site at Ham Wall but not at Westhay.

Blackford Harvest Home – Saturday 6 August

To be held at Parsons Close Farm, Blackford. Tickets are on sale now at £16 for adults and £8 for children. This is the first price increase in 12 years! Please contact Steve on 440015.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning – Saturday 6 August

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

Wedmore Wine Club, English Wine Tasting – Saturday 6 August



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Limited number of early bird tickets at £20, general ticket at £25. Over 18s only.

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Wedmore Methodist Church – Sunday 7 August

‘Songs of Praise’ service at 3.30pm in aid of the Wedmore (senior citizens’) ‘Tuesday Club’. The theme is ‘Hymns through the Christian Calendar’ and will be followed by tea in the schoolroom. All ages are welcome. Please come and join us to sing some well known hymns and stay for tea and a chat.

Craft Fair – Saturday 13 August

At Wedmore Village Hall from 11.00am -1.00pm

Hand-made goods are on sale including jewellery, button art, handmade cards, wooden toys and puzzles, soaps, fused glass, knitted goods, bags, pictures and much more. The variety changes and develops as the months go by.

There is also a cafe selling tea, coffee and home-made cakes.

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 17 August

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

Wedmore Harvest Home – Friday 19 August

Join in the procession around the village or take part in the floral arrangement competition. Watch the Wedmore Procession page on Facebook for updates and information closer to the time. You can book in before the event or on the day. Any questions, or if you would like to take part, please phone Beth on 07738 600203 or Fay on 07497 829516.



Theale Film Club – Sunday 21 August



The film is ‘Shaun the Sheep’ plus another short film to be decided. Doors open at the earlier time of 6.00pm, at Theale Village Hall. For more information please contact Lesley Luke on 713176, lesleyluke@live.co.uk, Bernard Coulter on 712144, bcoulter@talktalk.net, or Pam Meadows on 712143.

Mr Punch’s Folk Club at The Panborough Inn – Friday 26 August

Open mic evening, starting at 8.00pm.

Entrance £1. For more information telephone 712144/710020

‘Tower with a View’– Sunday 11 September

The Friends of St. Mary’s are hosting another Church Tower Open Day from 11.40am, no children under 8, no stiletto heels, children under 16 accompanied by a responsible adult. Cost £6.00 per person to include cake.

Wedmore Opera Goers, 'Macbeth' – Thursday 15 September

Performed by the Welsh National Opera in Cardiff. Leaving Wedmore at 3.00pm, The opera starts at 7.15pm. Cost £52 each to include theatre and coach. For further information please contact Jan Young. Email, randjyoung@btopenworld.com.

Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 15 September

Wedmore WI meets at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. Come and join us to find out about 'Yoga for all' from Jo Willis. The competition is 'A Keep Fit tip'. We are a lively bunch of ladies who welcome new members, guests, visitors; come and find out what the local WI gets up to.



Club 50 Outing to Sidmouth – Wednesday 21 September

All will depart the Cheddar Road Car Park at 9.15am, returning approximately 6.00pm.

Non-members are welcome, cost £15 per person. To book please telephone Pauline, 732517 or Val, 710059.

Blackford Village Hall AGM – Friday 23 September

At 7.30pm in Blackford Village Hall. All welcome.

Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club – Tuesday 27 September



The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall.

Mick Jones is giving us a talk on 'Mistletoe'. One of the most well-known evergreens, the mistletoe has inspired fascination throughout history and is held in esteem for its medicinal and perceived magical properties.

Members and guests welcome. Contact Andrea West 712161.

Green Wedmore, Wedmore Energy Evening – Saturday 15 October

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Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Cheddar Library – July / August

Friday 29 July: Summer craft session organised by the library sewing and craft group, 2.30 to 3.30pm. 50p per child, please book at the library.

Friday 5 August: The Cheddar Vale Lions story-time. 2.30 to 3.30pm. Free session, but please book at the library if possible.



The Old Vicarage, Weare, Open Garden Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 August

The garden of The Old Vicarage in Weare will be open for the first time for the National Gardens Scheme.

Entrance to the gardens is £3.50, accompanied children free. Homemade teas in aid of Weston Hospice Care and a plant stall. It's a sloping site with some gravel and lawn paths but it is largely accessible, although there is no disabled toilet. Parking on the road. For more information, email trish.gibson@btinternet.com

Opera for all, Eugene Onegin – Saturday 20 August

Garsington Opera and Sedgemoor District Council present Eugene Onegin. A one-off chance to see the acclaimed production from 'Opera for All' on the big screen in Apex Park, Highbridge and Burnham on Sea. Event begins 4.30pm; live Performances from 5pm; Opera starts 6pm.

This will be a relaxed performance with community performances and street theatre. Sung in Russian with English subtitles

West Mendip Walkers – August Programme

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North Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Stories in Stained Glass – Wednesday 7 September

Join us for interesting lectures on the arts from recognised experts. Lectures are held at the 37 Club, between Woolavington and Puriton, on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are at 2.15 pm in the winter and 7.00pm from May to September.

Our next lecture will be Anthea Streeter talking about Thomas Heatherwick.

Thomas Heatherwick has won many awards and honours. In 2004 he was the youngest practitioner to be appointed a Royal Designer for Industry. Heatherwick's work received worldwide coverage in 2012 when, with his studio team, he designed the Olympic Cauldron at the London Olympics.

Polly's Kitchen



For the past couple of years I have had a raspberry disaster! For reasons beyond me, my harvest has been very poor indeed, only a couple of punnets instead of at least 20, which has meant no raspberry jam for the last two years. Yes, I know I could have bought some local ones, however I rather prefer to use my own.....so for my birthday last year I requested a few new plants, Autumn Bliss is the variety I prefer as they produce plump, dark fruit from late June until late October/November and have a fabulous intense flavour that packs a real punch in jam.

The end result serves many purposes in my household.....spread into the middle of a freshly baked Victoria sandwich, sticky loveliness in the base of a Bakewell tart, stirred into rice pudding and possibly best of all dolloped onto lovely buttered toast. Dead easy to make and a treat to last throughout the year.

Raspberry Jam

This recipe makes 8-10 450 g jars.

To sterilise jam jars, just pop them through the dishwasher cycle and leave them until dry.

Alternatively, you can wash them thoroughly in hot soapy water, rinse well and leave in a very low oven for a couple of hours.

Ingredients

3 kg fresh raspberries

1.5 kg jam sugar, with added pectin.

Method

Pick over the raspberries carefully, discarding any leaves or stalks or suspect fruit. Put half the raspberries in a large bowl and crush them roughly with your hands, squeezing them with your fingers.

Place them in a large, heavy bottomed pan that is large enough to be not more than half full when all the ingredients are added.....otherwise you will have over-flow issues! Add the remaining fruit whole, and the sugar.

Stir over a low heat for a few minutes to dissolve the sugar, then turn up the heat and bring to the boil. Boil hard for exactly five minutes. The jam can be taken off the heat and potted up at this point, and you will have a loose jam with an excellent flavour.

If you want a more traditional, set texture, boil the jam for seven minutes in total, then test for setting point: using a teaspoon, let a few drops of jam fall onto a chilled plate. Leave for a few moments to cool, then push your finger through the jam and if it wrinkles then the jam has reached setting point. As soon as it has reached this point, turn off the heat and pot up straight away into warm, sterilised jars and top with a wax disc, then a cellophane cover or screw-top lid.

It really is as simple as that and you will feel so pleased with yourself every time you reach for a pot of your home-made jam.

Polly Costello

The Garden in August



I have said numerous times before, that by August, the successful gardener should be in the enviable position of being able to sit back, hopefully in the sun and enjoy his or her work with little more to be done than a bit of routine maintenance.

However, at the time of writing, at the beginning of July, in my garden things are somewhat behind, especially as far as weed control is concerned. I have been away rather a lot during the last couple of months and the warm damp weather we have had has led to excessive weed growth. Several pieces of ground which I have weeded have almost immediately grown another crop of weeds. This is one of the problems of hoeing, or hand weeding; both disturb the soil and bring more weed seeds to the surface. Chemical control of weeds in a seedbed is only feasible if there are no nearby 'crop' plants and anyway, these days only one suitable chemical, glyphosate, is available and that may not be the case for much longer.

I was recently in Canada, on Vancouver Island in Victoria, where they have a Mediterranean climate; my friends there were able to weed the garden in the spring and then get little or no further weed growth because of the dry conditions (this does of course raise other questions, such as that of watering plants).

If you are fortunate enough to get on top of your weeds and your beds and borders are well mulched and moist you may have the opportunity to enjoy your garden, rather than having created a monster that takes up all of your time and is a constant chore.

At this time of year it might be worth considering how things might be done differently to allow you a little more time to 'stand and stare'. I have just mentioned mulching. This can be done with composted bark or even grass cuttings, provided that you do not put them on so thickly that they heat up. Freshly cut grass can also use up nitrogen in the rotting process and reduce the amount of this nutrient available to your crop.

One of the plants that give a good show at this time of year is the hydrangea; there are many more sorts available than there used to be, so seek some of them out. Many new varieties, or groups of varieties, flower on new wood (the more commonplace macrophylla varieties flower on last year's growth). There is a group of hydrangeas called the 'All Summer Long' series which flower on new wood and come in a range of shades, still influenced by soil pH which I will mention in a minute. *Hydrangea paniculata* cultivars can be pruned hard in the spring and will still flower on new growth as can one or two other species (the flower colour of these is not influenced by soil pH).

Most people know that many hydrangeas change colour according to soil type. On acid soils, the varieties that do this will be blue, and will be pink or red on alkaline soils. This colour change is brought about by aluminium in the soil, which is available to the plant in acid soils, but locked up by the presence of calcium in alkaline soils; hydrangea blueing powder is available from garden shops, it consists of aluminium sulphate, or potassium aluminium sulphate. Apply it according to instructions - too much may kill the plant.

My friends in Canada were asking me why their lilac had not flowered this year. It had been pruned incorrectly last year. Lilac should be dead headed in July and August; just behind this year's dead flower are the buds that will flower next year, if

you cut back to behind these you will have no flowers next year. Simply cut out the dead brown flower head, or sometimes seed pods, no more unless you are prepared to wait two years for more flowers.

In the vegetable garden you can start to think about next year's crops. Overwintered onions can be planted soon and perpetual spinach seed can be sown. Now of course is the time to consider entering your garden produce into Theale Flower Show, which as always, takes place on the first Saturday in September.

As usual I have run out of space, so I will have to reserve a few things I wanted to say until my September musings.

Adrian Hutchison

Thought for the Month



Dear Friends,

I was at the Glastonbury Festival when news came through that the EU referendum had gone the way of the Leave campaign. If the mud and rain hadn't already dampened spirits then waking up to the prospect of a painful process of exiting the EU and going it alone certainly affected the atmosphere. Most of those at the festival are teenagers or in their twenties, the demographic as we know who were most in favour of Remain and who will also have to live longest with the consequences whatever they may be.

I should say that I was very much in favour of Remain and am somewhat bewildered, cross and depressed by the result. I am aware that many of you reading this will feel differently, but practically everyone I have spoken to in the weeks leading up to the vote and in its aftermath regret the tone of the debate and how some of those engaged in it sought to create and deepen divisions. The consequences of that are now beginning to be felt. For instance, the days after the referendum saw a steep rise in racially related abuse with some people being told 'We voted Leave, so why are you still here?'

So it was heartening to see in the Cheddar Valley Gazette at the end of June a photo of a basket outside a house in Wells with a message for migrants and immigrants to take a flower and a message 'Thank you for being here'.

And I want to reassure any in our local area who are immigrants themselves, particularly those from Europe, farm workers or shop workers or carers, those who have settled here and those who are passing through, that you are welcome and valued.

The great early missionary St Paul, responsible more than anyone for the spread of Christianity across the Mediterranean world, wrote to a church in Turkey of the radical inclusiveness of what might be possible for those new church communities. To a divided society he wrote 'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.' - a foretaste of that oft quoted passage from the maiden speech of the murdered MP Jo Cox: 'While we celebrate our diversity, what surprises me time and time again as I travel around the constituency is that we are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us.'

The watchwords that continue to guide me as your vicar in the Isle of Wedmore are 'Hope and Hospitality'

Hospitality because I long for people to know the radical hospitality that is at God's heart. There is room at his table for all and I hope that you feel a little of that, those times when you come into contact with the church community here.

Hope because I trust that the future is in God's hands, not those in Westminster or Brussels.

Richard Neill

Sport Reports

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

June at the Golf Club, with the sun shining occasionally, the rain falling more often than we would like and the Club Champion for the year determined. Two days and thirty six holes of golf is enough to settle matters. The first day, in benign conditions, saw some good play but nobody was able to take a commanding lead. Leading the way on 76 were previous winners John Russell and Jim Vowles, but there were four other players within three shots. Day two was a much damper day and several players struggled on the first. These included Jim Vowles who triple-bogeyed the hole leaving one of the chasing group, Josh Barwell, to become John Russell's nearest rival. A disastrous 11 on the 7th though put him out of contention whilst, playing in the group ahead, Geoff Fisher was steadily moving up the field.



On the back nine Fisher and Russell were locked together until a double bogey from John Russell on the 17th left Fisher clear and both Vowles and Russell needing a hole in one at the last to force a play-off. They were both close but not close enough, leaving Geoff Fisher, who recorded the best round of the weekend, a 75 on day two, to win his first championship by two shots. Vowles snatched second place from Russell on countback. Dale Worthington was five under par, including a net 64 in round two, to win the Directors' Cup for the best net score and other prizes went to Captain Toni Ribi for the best gross on day one and Tom Smith for the best gross on day two. Best net scores on each day came from Ian Mann and John Vowles.



Geoff Fisher, Club Champion for 2016 and other prize winners receiving their trophies

Both the Seniors and Ladies held their Invitation Days in the month. Thunder threatened the Seniors, but apart from a couple of distant thunderclaps, the weather behaved itself and the scoring was excellent. The switch to a shotgun start made for a crowded clubhouse for the presentation. Taking the main prize was Ellis Nearn with his partner from Wheathill, Ken Creed. Their score of 45 was matched by runners up Graham Hayes and Mick Prue from Kenilworth who just lost out on countback. It was a good day for Wheathill players as they took third place as well as first with Peter King partnering David Russell from Wedmore and scoring 44 points. Seniors Captain Mike Tanswell got amongst the prizes by winning nearest the pin and John Russell, who always seems to win something, had the only 2 of the day.

A bright but chill day greeted the Ladies at Wedmore on their Invitation Day. The locals had clearly chosen their guests well because the scores were excellent. Fourth place went to Liz Hill with Ann Weston scoring an excellent 42 points. June Smith and Julie Ward went one better with 43 points in third place. This was still one point behind runners up Sue Painter and Diane Ramsey. The winners though, scoring a truly remarkable 46 points, were Saybria Sims and Stephanie Bristow, winning by two clear shots.

There were more visitors to the Club for two Open Competitions. The Ladies Open Bowmaker started in chilly conditions but, although the day warmed up, for some reason the scores remained good rather than spectacular. The winning team appropriately for an Open came from 3 different clubs. Deidre Wheadon was partnered with Di Walker from Weston and Mary Ainsworth from the Mendip. Their score of 75 was just one better than the all-Wedmore team of Gill Jones, Wendy Lucas and Ronnie Follenfant, who were first team out and held the lead for most of the day. Another Wedmore team, Captain Sue Tarry, Saybria Sims and Judy Cutter, took third place with 72 points with fourth place going to Val Rosser and Maggie Morris from Wedmore with Sarah Campion from Burnham and Berrow. The visitors prize went to Peta Romaine, Gill Russell and Heather Woodland from Farrington with a score of 72 which would have had them in the places anyway.



Saybria Sims and Jim Dobbs receiving the Alwyn Trophy from Ladies Captain Sue Tarry and Seniors Captain Mike Tanswell

The first of the weekend Open competitions was an individual Stableford for the PGA Trophy and, despite a good smattering of visitors, it was home players who dominated the prizes. An exception to this was Arthur Morton from Tiverton who took third place in division 2 with 37. Runner-up on countback was Dale Worthington with John Sims taking the divisional prize with 38 points. There was a similar outcome to division 1 with Joe Joyce from Worlebury in third on 38 points just losing out to Tom Smith on the same score. Sean Gray came in with 39 to win the division, only just failing

to retain the Trophy he won last year. This year that went to Tim Harris, also with 39 which equated to just 2 over gross. In the Ladies there was a tie for second place with 2 players both on 31 points with Cathy Olive just beating Chris Simpson on countback. Clear winner of the trophy though was Dawn Chadwick, 5 points ahead of the rest on 36.

In the regular monthly competitions there were divisional wins in the medal for James Vowles, Malcolm Tanner and Robin King, and in the Stableford for Graham Sugg, Marcello di Mascio and David Bennett. In the Ladies, Alison Dodkin held off Cathy Olive to win the Stableford. Anya Patten took the Summer Bowl for the best gross in the Medal with Jenny Thomas beating Chris Simpson on countback for the net prize. The Seniors saw wins in the Stableford divisions for Derek Moody, Ian Sentence and Phil Incedon with wins in the Medal for John Sims, Captain Mike Tanswell and David Adams, whose net 62 was the lowest round of the month.

The month finished with the Greensomes Alwyn Hill Trophy with a lady partnering a senior in each pair. A close finish saw Ronnie Follenfant and Mike Munns in third place on 41 points. First place came down to countback over the last six holes with Saybria Sim and Jim Dobbs just edging out Jan Jenkins and John Russell after both scored 43 points.

Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club



Summer League

Having now played eight out of the ten fixtures, pressure is on to win as many points as possible in the last few matches.

The ladies A team have regained top position in the first division having recorded four clear wins this month. The B team, though, have struggled to collect points against most teams and lie bottom of this tough division.

Despite a heavy loss to Backwell in June gales and downpours, the C team remain at the top of division 4 after decisive wins against Wells, Cheddar and Congresbury.

The four teams sitting at the middle of division 5 are very close in points so the D and E teams will both be playing with determination in the last two rubbers to avoid relegation. The D team have recorded four losses this month, two on games, while the E team have been lifted by two wins.

The ladies F team lie second in their division having collected a number of points this month, so are now celebrating their wins, having consoled themselves after draws and losses with post match Pimms.

Most of the men's teams are doing well this season and some may be celebrating promotion at the end of season party.

The A team now have 78 out of a possible 80 points after three more clear wins and a close match against Clevedon which they won 8:6.

The B team lie second in their division, also having collected 10 points on several occasions – including in their match against Wedmore C. The C team lie second to bottom and look likely to return to the third division, despite some close matches against Woodland B and Wells A.

Having posted a string of comfortable wins, the D team, captained by David Evans, are top of their table by a significant margin with wins against Clevedon D, Weston C, Brent Knoll A and Avenue D this month.

The men's E team lie third in their smaller division of four teams having suffered some heavy losses this month.

Annual Ladies Doubles Tournament

The annual closed ladies doubles tournament took place in fine conditions on Saturday 11 June. Six pairs of ladies played a round robin event with seven games being played in each match.



Participants in the ladies doubles tournament



From left to right: Olivia, Barbara, Jenny and Dae

Olivia Evans and Barbara Lloyd were overall winners with a total of 22 games; in equal second place were Jenny Fitzpatrick with Dae Sasitorn and Jane Pottow with Lucy Horley. Having closely won their head to head, Jenny and Dae were presented with second prize boxes of Celebrations – a fitting conclusion as it was Dae's birthday.

Saturday Tennis and Tea

On Saturday 18 June, in sunny but breezy conditions, fifteen members of varying ages took part in this month's afternoon of tennis and tea. Thanks to Sarah Tipping for providing delicious cupcakes and also to Rosie Neville for providing superb scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam.

Sarah Cunningham

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

Wedmore Bowls Club had a busy day recently when 72 ladies from across the county took part in a Ladies' Open Triples tournament sponsored by 2J's Travel. Bowling continued from 9.30am to 5.30pm with players enjoying refreshments and lunch between rounds. The tournament winners were a team from City of Wells with Congresbury in second place, Castle Cary third and North Pethererton fourth.

A mixed Wedmore team played at home in the second friendly match against Mark Moor. Both teams won three rinks each but Wedmore came out winners by 123 shots to 107 to add to their narrow lead of 3 shots from the first match.

Top rink scores - Barbara Disbrey, T Simpson, Liz Hamblin, R Barron, 27-12. Julie Collins, Monica Green, D Trow, R Hughes, 27-11.



The Ladies' Open Triples tournament



Joseph from 2J's presenting the trophy (photos courtesy Steve Wilkinson)

Since the league season got into full swing, fewer friendlies have been played but the ladies have hosted a touring team from Rhiwbina B C (Cardiff). Wedmore won four of the six rinks to take the game by 104-80. This very friendly match, played in good spirits, was followed by a light lunch and an impromptu concert from the visitors.

A mixed friendly match was also played against Chew Stoke. Wedmore won all five rinks to win overall by 103-55.

Top rink - Joan Hunt, Jean Wheller, J Runciman 21-6.

The Ladies' league teams have had mixed results in the last month. They have played four matches away in the Weston and District Triples League, unfortunately losing all four but winning some rinks. Against Victoria, Wedmore lost 33-57 but Audrey Birch, Trish Newell and Liz Hamblin managed a narrow 15-13 win. Wedmore were unlucky to lose against West Backwell winning two rinks from three but losing the match by 44-59.

Winning rinks - Barbara Clark, Jenny Collingwood, Carol Pettit, 19-11. Margaret Barron, Julie Collins, Elaine Deverill 19-16.

There was no joy against Clarence with Wedmore losing on all three rinks and losing the match 35-65. In a very close game against Congresbury, Wedmore lost narrowly 47-50 despite winning one rink by 20 shots to 9. In this winning rink, Ann-Marie Wilkinson, Trish Newell and Marie Trow lost just three ends from the 18 played but unfortunately this included dropping 6 shots at the last end.

The ladies have played one match in the Mendip Triples League. At home against Congresbury, two uneven rinks almost cancelled each other out with the third being tied. Wedmore were the winners by 46-43.

Winning rink - Jenny Collingwood, Ann Hughes, Maureen Hordle, 22-5.

Tied rink - Julie Collins, Mo Perry, Elaine Deverill, 19-19.

The ladies have also played four matches in the Wessex League producing some good results. At home to Clevedon, the ladies won two rinks from three taking the match by 77-55.

Winning rinks - Barbara Clark, Barbara Disbrey, Mo Perry, Gil Harvey, 29-14. Jenny Collingwood, Ann-Marie Wilkinson, Ann Hughes, Marie Trow, 28-15.

Against Ashcombe, again at home, Wedmore won the match by an impressive 75-39 winning all three rinks. Special mention should be made of Margaret Barron, Pam Beard, Mo Perry and Elaine Deverill who were 8 shots to 16 down after 13 ends. They then won seven from the eight remaining ends to record a 24-18 win.

Top rink - Monica Green, Jenny Collingwood, Jean Wheller, Carole Pettit, 25-6.

The winning run continued at home against North Petherton, with Wedmore again winning on all three rinks and taking the match 63-42.

Top rink - Jenny Collingwood, Margaret Barron, Liz Hamblin, Marie Trow, 23-13.

Unfortunately, the winning streak came to an end with an away match against Mark Moor. In this tight match, Wedmore won one rink from three but the opponents won overall by 61-64.

Winning rink - Jenny Collingwood, Barbara Clark, Marion Fisher, Gil Harvey, 29-14.

Wedmore ladies have also played against Winscombe in the Southey Trophy. This is a County Competition comprising a singles, pairs, triples and fours game. Ann Hughes and Maureen Hordle were successful in the pairs but Wedmore lost in the other three disciplines.

Wedmore men have continued to find life difficult in the Weston and District over 60s League. They have lost all three matches played, but have picked up some winning rink points.

Against Burnham-On-Sea at home the score was 88-108.

Winning rinks - T Collingwood, K Davey, C Moss, 17-10. J Clark, C Wheller, K Burt, 18-10.

In a match against Victoria Saxons, again at home, the game was much closer with Wedmore winning two rinks from six but losing 97-100.

Top rink - A Birch, G Dodd, E Payne, 29-6.

Against Portishead RBL at home, the men again won two rinks but lost overall by 88-106.

Top rink - D Barnett, T Brown, C Moss, 23-12.

Results have been much better in the Clevedon and District over 60s League with Wedmore winning all four matches played. Away to Congresbury, the men won on all six rinks to record a decisive win of 131-85.

Top rink - M Green, C Panchaud, R Barron, 24-12.

The match away to Clevedon was much closer with each team winning on three rinks and an overall score of 109-94.

Top rink - S Newdick, J Runciman, R Barron, 25-12.

Against Long Ashton at home, two rinks won by a decisive 18 shots each with a close win on a third rink to give an overall result of 114-89.

Top rinks: V Matthews, D Collins, C Moss, 26-8. T Counsell, R Norris, R Hughes, 25-7.

The final match in this league was a comfortable win away at Chew Stoke. Wedmore won four rinks from six with an overall score of 111-81.

Top rink - V Matthews, D Collins, C Moss, 26-7.

In the men's County League, Wedmore A, playing in division 2 of the Premier League, have won one match and lost one. At home to Williton they won two rinks from three taking the match by 59 shots to 54.

Top rink - D Collins, K Burt, R Barron, D Nicholls, 24-13.

Away against Clevedon Prom A, they lost by 48-54 but A Birch, G Annuik, K Pettit and E Payne recorded a narrow win of 15-14.

Wedmore B play in division 1 of the County League North playing mainly against A teams from other clubs. They find this difficult and have lost their last two matches.

Results - Clarence A, 47-68; Congresbury A, 40-88.

The men have also continued to play in two national competitions. After their previous success in the National Double Fours Competition, they were unfortunate to lose away to Willmott Park losing both rinks narrowly by 21-22 and 20-26. They enjoyed more success in the Top Club Competition. In the first round at home to Frome Selwood they were successful in all five disciplines.

Results 2 wood singles, G Annuik, 18-8.

4 wood singles, C Moss, 21-12.

Pairs, K Pettit & R Barron, 29-8.

Triples, D Collins, R Newell & D Nicholls, 22-16.

Fours, A Birch, J Runciman, I Gallop & E Payne, 21-9.

In the next round at home, to a very strong Bath team, the match was much closer. Both singles games were lost, but Wedmore recorded a win in the other three disciplines with the pairs and triples winning by one shot each and the fours by four shots. Wedmore will play Clevedon in the next round.

Play is now well under way in a variety of club competitions. The finals of these will be played on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September. As always, spectators will be very welcome.

Sandra Moss

Church News

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Wednesday 17 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	Mendip View
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 baptised into God's church recently:

William Cahill, son of Adam and Zoe baptised at Holy Trinity, Blackford on Saturday 18 June 2016.

Weddings

Congratulations go to Simon and Katie (nee Walker) Dennis of Westbury-sub-Mendip whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 11 June 2016.

Congratulations go to Christopher and Jasmine (nee Crocker) Callow of Cheddar whose wedding took place at Allerton Church on 18 June 2016.

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	7	Trinity 11	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	14	Trinity 12	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	21	Trinity 13	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30 am	Family Service
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	28	Trinity 14	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week

Junior Church welcomes children aged 4-11 on the first Sunday of each month, while a supervised crèche for pre-school children runs on special occasions.

Holy Trinity Church

There will be no services held at Holy Trinity during August. However, the church will be open daily.

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	7	Trinity 11	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	14	Trinity 12	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	21	Trinity 13	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	28	Trinity 14	11.00 am	Come & See Service

Allerton Church

Sunday	7	Trinity 11	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	14	Trinity 12	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	21	Trinity 13	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	28	Trinity 14	9.00 am	Youth Communion

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

Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday throughout August is a 'Summer Sundaes'. 10.30am is our morning service, but we're in holiday mode, so it might be a bit different from usual! Every Wednesday 10.00am-12.00noon 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 / 713267. Email us on contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk or come & see us at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for August

Sunday	7	3.30pm	Lois Emm, Songs of Praise
Sunday	14	10.30am	Revd Robert Channon, Holy Communion
Sunday	21	10.30am	Local arrangement
Sunday	28	10.30am	Revd Roly Sims

Crickham Baptist Church

Every Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday School
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

Contact Dulcie Hooper on 712187.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar

Thursday	10.00 am	Mass
Friday and Saturday	9.30 am	Mass
Saturday	10.00 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sundays	9.00 am	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 9.30 am and is back by early afternoon - leaving plenty of time for those needing to collect children from school. To book a seat, ring the friendly controller between 6.00 pm and 6.30 pm on the evening before your journey:



Controller Taunton	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Bridgwater	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Weston super Mare	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

1 - Mon	Green Wedmore	8.00pm	The George
2 - Tue	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
3 - Wed	Camelot Quilters'	10.00am	Wedmore VH
6 - Sat	Fairtrade Coffee Shop	9.30 – 12.00	St Mary's Church
	Blackford Harvest Home		Parsons Close Farm
	Wedmore Wine Club, English Wine Tasting	7.00pm	Wedmore VH
7 - Sun	Songs of Praise	3.30pm	Wedmore Methodist Church
10 - Wed	Probus	10.00am	Wedmore Golf Club
	Blackford Cafe	2.00pm	Blackford VH
13 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party	9.30am	The George
	Craft Fair	11.00am	Wedmore VH
14 - Sun	Holy Trinity Breakfast	8.30am	Blackford VH
16 - Tue	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
17 - Wed	Camelot Quilters'	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Theale VH
19 - Fri	Wedmore Harvest Home		
20 - Sat	Theale Village Cafe	9.00am	Theale VH
21 - Sun	Theale Film Club – Shaun the Sheep +1 Other Film	6.00pm	Theale VH
26 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
30 - Tue	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
31 - Wed	Camelot Quilters'	10.00am	Wedmore VH

What's On in the Parish August 2016

Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY

Modern Dance	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204
Beavers	5.30pm	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	3.45pm	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	07799 814204

WEDNESDAY

Rainbows	4.30pm	Wedmore VH	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Brownies	6.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Lisa Hall	01934 713566
Guides	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
Yoga	8.00pm	Blackford VH +	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686

THURSDAY

Wedmore & Blackford Toddlers	9.30am	Blackford VH +	Abbe Smith	01934 710471
Yoga +	10.30am	Masonic Hall +	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Life Drawing Class	10.00am	The Swan	Lily Sawtell	
Over 50s Dance Group	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
Yoga	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Ballet Classes	3.45pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Mendip Rotary Club	7.15pm	IOW Golf Club +	Chris Steel	07799 068669

FRIDAY

Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School	Jo Page	01934 710431
Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Eileen Sanders	01934 710353
Karate	5.00pm	Blackford VH +	Kayleigh Branston	07748 916695

+ Not taking place during school holidays

WEDMORE HARVEST HOME

FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST 2016

Programme of Events

- 10am** **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 Beth Skeen on 07738600203
- 10.30am** **Crowning of the Harvest Home King, Queen, and Princess followed by the start of the Judging for the 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 8 or more these can be bought from Arthur Gadd on 01934 713063 by the 5 Aug16. Prebooks cannot be purchased from collectors. This year we will not be providing wine on the tables but we are happy for you to bring your own. Our Guest Speakers this year are: Ian Dyer, Sedgemoor District Councillor and Wessex Purchase who is a well-known Wedmore resident and supporter of the Harvest Home.
- 3.00pm** **Children's Sports**
 A variety of races is 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 and entertainment. Adults £5.00, Non Parishioners Children £3.00, Children of the parish – free!
- 7.30pm** **Evening Entertainment**
 This year we have 3 LIVE acts for you first up we have LAUREN MALE, Young Female singer. Secondly we have top band STERO JACKS, and HEADLINING we have LIPINISKI. As always there is a BAR and EVENING FOOD available. Tickets £10 per person, available on the door.

The Wedmore Harvest Home Committee 2016 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!!!

Classes for the Procession for Wedmore Harvest Home Friday 19th August 2016

- 10am** **Procession Assembles in the Borough (Convenor: Beth Skeen & Fay Nicholls)**
1. Single Pedestrian (up to 4 years of age)
 2. Single Pedestrian (5-9 years of age)
 3. Single Pedestrian (9-14 years of age)
 4. Group Pedestrian (up to 4 years of age)
 5. Group Pedestrian (5-9 years of age)
 6. Group Pedestrian (9-14 years of age)
 7. Family Group Pedestrian: Cup presented
 8. Horse Class, Mounted
 9. Horse Class, Vehicle
 10. Vintage Cars, Cup presented
 11. Vintage Tractors, Cup presented
 12. Commercial Vehicle
 13. Float, Adult Comic: Cup presented
 14. Float, Adult Other: Cup presented
 - 15a. Float, Children under 10
 - 15b. Float 10-16yrs

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
07738600203

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 8pm on Thursday 18th August 2016. They will be judged accordingly with the announcement of placing and prizes presented at the Luncheon on Friday 19th August 2016.