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# Editorial

Whilst writing this editorial I am enjoying the lazy feeling of routines suspended during the traditional holiday month of August (I am sure that our farming community do not have the same view of August!). So, as we reach September, when you will be reading this, life seems to speed up a few gears as rush hour returns and all the usual commitments of everyday life creep up on us, whether that is school, college and university, continuing to work or getting back to enjoying all the clubs, societies and events that happen locally. You can find out all about what is happening here in this month's Wedmore News.

For those of you with a little time on your hands, or even those of you who are busy (you know what they say – if you want something done, ask a busy person!), there is information about ways to get involved in the local community. Some of this volunteering is needed to keep the wheels in motion for Wedmore News. So we look forward to hearing from you.

Sue James

## Front Cover

Trever Prideaux, one of the organisers of the Wedmore Real Ale Festival, enjoying a drink outside the village hall at last year's festival. The photo was provided by Alan Page.

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# News

## Parish Council Business

The July meeting of the Parish Council was held at Blackford Village Hall. A small number of local residents attended together with twelve Parish Councillors and they were able to ask questions of not only their local Councillors, but also the District and County Councillors, both of whom were in attendance. Matters raised included the maintenance of finger (sign) posts, footpath issues, indiscriminate parking in Blackford and overgrown hedges and shrubs (see below).

The Council agreed a 'Social Media Policy' and one of the Councillors agreed to set up a Facebook page and social media accounts so that Parish Council information can be circulated more quickly and efficiently. A decision was also made to replace the Council Office photocopier which is now obsolete.

## Overgrown Hedges

Several complaints have been received at the Parish Council office, of shrubs and hedges growing out into the highway restricting road width and, in some cases, visibility. It is the responsibility of householders to ensure that their hedges and shrubs are cut back so as not to be a hazard. As a last resort the District Council will undertake the work and charge the householder. Further complaints are being received about large stones being placed on the edge of grass verges outside of private properties. In the vast majority of cases this land forms part of the public highway and, if injury or damage is caused to any person or vehicle, the householder could be held liable. Once again the District Council are authorised to move these stones if they foresee a danger to other road users.

## Vacancy for Parish Councillor

A vacancy has occurred due to the resignation of Mr Peter Bird. Anyone interested in offering their time and services should contact the Clerk for an application form. The closing date for applications is Monday 12 September 2016

*Rod Pring  
Wedmore Parish Council, Grant's Lane, Wedmore, Somerset, BS28 4EA  
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## Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan

As reported in the last Wedmore News, Wedmore Parish Council has applied to Sedgemoor District Council for 'Area Designation' which is the first step towards preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish.

However, whether a Neighbourhood Plan is produced (or not) is a matter for local people to decide. It is for this reason that an event has been organised at the Village Hall on Friday 7 October (afternoon and early evening). This will:

- Set out the pros and cons of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Ask if a Neighbourhood Plan should be prepared.

- If a Neighbourhood Plan is to be prepared, ask what are the issues that the Local Community would like it to focus on.

The Group would welcome hearing from any parishioner who would be prepared to help in any way.

More details of the 7 October event will be provided in the next edition of the Wedmore News.

*Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Group*

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## Wedmore News – News

### Isle of Wedmore News Distribution

We are currently looking for someone to take on the main distribution of our magazine.

The role involves:

- accepting delivery of 1800 copies of the magazine on or near the 25th day of each month;
- dividing these into set amounts for each of the 30 local distributors - including payment for some;
- delivering the magazines to the local distributors and to a few business premises between Mark Post Office and Cheddar Library;

Fuel costs are paid.

If you are interested in taking on this role please contact Glenys Cousins, telephone 712565 or email [cousins389@btinternet.com](mailto:cousins389@btinternet.com)

*Glenys Cousins*

### Wedmore News Needs Your Recipes

Calling on keen chefs and cooks! Are you a secret or budding Nigella, Nigel, Nadiya, Jamie, Hugh or Mary? Wedmore News needs you.

Polly, our resident chef and cookery contributor is hanging up her apron after a generous portion of fabulous recipes.

So to all you aspiring chefs and cooks out there, Wedmore News needs you. We look forward to new ideas each month and maybe you can help? Perhaps recipes for cheap family suppers, or something of a vegetarian variety? What about tips for children's parties or picnics, or the latest ideas in simple BBQ solutions?

If you think you have something to offer - or perhaps a group of friends could provide a regular contribution between you, then PLEASE get in touch. Our recipe item is well loved and would be sorely missed.

For more information or to offer your services please contact Sue James, email [editorwedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:editorwedmorenews@gmail.com), telephone 712797. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Sue James*

## Your Isle of Wedmore Website – Please Help Us to Help You!

The Isle of Wedmore website team are committed to ensuring that you have the very best in village websites, a valuable online resource which gives you what you want, when you want it.

We are currently reviewing the site structure, navigation, and content and would like you to be involved. Your feedback is essential to us; we want to ensure any changes are made with you in mind! No suggestion is too small, too large or too radical... we want to hear what you want from your site.

To give us your ideas for future improvements, please contact us by

- Email, [webteam@theisleofwedmore.net](mailto:webteam@theisleofwedmore.net)
- Facebook, [www.facebook.com/isleofwedmore](http://www.facebook.com/isleofwedmore)
- Twitter, [@isleofwedmore](https://twitter.com/isleofwedmore)

We plan to review all suggestions in November, so we would be grateful if you could contact us before the end of October.

For those of you who may not have visited your website before, it can be accessed from any computer, or mobile device, by simply entering 'Wedmore' into a search provider such as 'Google' or by visiting us direct at [www.theisleofwedmore.net](http://www.theisleofwedmore.net).

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you.

*Mark Sanders*

## Theale Flower Show 2016 – Saturday 3 September

As usual, the Show Field will open at 2.00pm (entry is £2 for over 16s) and activities will continue until 8.00pm.

A cold buffet lunch (£7.50) will be available from 12.45pm in Theale Village Hall (to order contact Lesley Luke, [lesleyluke@live.co.uk](mailto:lesleyluke@live.co.uk), or telephone 713176). Teas will be served in the same venue from 2.15pm, selling home-made cream teas and cakes throughout the afternoon.

Axe Valley vets will be running a companion dog show again this year, there will be a bar plus a variety of children's entertainments, BBQ food and musical entertainment plus displays of vintage vehicles and engines and the usual eclectic mix of attractions and displays to entertain the family throughout the afternoon.

Not forgetting the hundreds of fruit, flower, vegetable, arts, crafts and photographic entries displayed in marquees around the site and in Theale Church.

Keep abreast of what is going on by looking for updates on the Flower Show web site [www.thealeflowershow.com](http://www.thealeflowershow.com) where you can also make your entries if you wish.

Alternatively, make your entries in person (at the Panborough Inn on Wednesday 31 August or Thursday 1 September from 7.00 - 9.00pm), or by post (c/o Peter Drew, Laurel Farm, Theale) using the form in the Flower Show Schedules that you will find at numerous venues in and around Wedmore.



*Nick Avery*

## Side by Side with People with Dementia in Somerset



A local charity is seeking volunteers for a new service to help people with dementia to keep doing the things they love. Side by Side is a free service from Alzheimer's Society that provides one-to-one support, making it easier for people with dementia, who might sometimes feel isolated or find it difficult to leave their homes, remain active and feel part of their local community.

A survey by Alzheimer's Society found 40 per cent of people with dementia in Wales, England and Northern Ireland have felt lonely recently (Dementia 2014). There is strong evidence that life satisfaction in general for older people is positively correlated with levels of activity. Social activity and social support are thought to be directly related to better physical and cognitive function and help slow down the rate of decline.

This new service focuses on enabling people with dementia to lead more fulfilling lives and to continue to take part in the activities that they have always enjoyed and try new ones.

We need more volunteers to enable people with dementia to stay connected and help to reduce feelings of loneliness that may be felt after a diagnosis.

By doing things like going for a walk, to a football match, or joining a local class together, our volunteers support people with dementia to take up hobbies and get out and about. What they do together is entirely based on what the person with dementia wants.

Volunteers are crucial to the success of this service and can be any age. Volunteering could range from providing support once a week to once a fortnight at a time that works for the volunteer and person with dementia.

It might be taking a walk in the park, a visit to a café or a chat over the phone. It sounds simple, but it can make a huge difference to someone's life.

By 2017 we want every person with dementia in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to have the opportunity to access Side by Side.

The service will help grow Dementia Friendly Communities by building local networks for people with dementia, bringing opportunity and widening what people with dementia can bring to their community, reducing stigma and social exclusion.

If you are interested in becoming a Side by Side volunteer, please contact the Langport office, telephone 01458 251541 for more details. Training will be provided so that volunteers are confident about carrying out the role. Volunteering provides a great opportunity to learn new skills, share your hobby with others and enhance your CV, in addition to supporting a person to live more independently with dementia.

*Katherine Pratt  
Deputy Manager, Side by Side Somerset*

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

Get ready – the festival arrives later this month!

Last year we raised a whopping £15,000 for 16 local beneficiaries, bringing our grand total of fund-raising for local, worthy causes to a staggering £133,571 since the festival began back in 2001. We are hoping for another enjoyable and successful festival later this month, where we hope to raise these funds further.

This year's festival will have some great live music throughout the weekend. Paul Dockerty will get the ball rolling on Friday, followed by our headliner 'Livewired'. We will be showcasing some live local music on the Saturday between 12.30pm and 7.30pm, and the ever popular 'Kick the Cat' will headline to round off Saturday's live music. Last but not least, our legend who is DJ Olly Eade from DJ Enhance will also be with us all weekend to help keep the dancers dancing.

Alongside this musical line-up there will be over 60 different choices of real ales, ciders, perrys and wine, with food available throughout the weekend.

This year's Saturday night's fancy dress is Star Wars, so whether you belong on the dark or light side, we look forward to seeing you all out in force!

Evening admission to the festival will be £5 per person, which will include a 2016 festival pint glass to take away and a free half pint to drink! If you would like to volunteer during the festival, at the point of going to press we 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.

Festival tops and hoodies are available to order, so if you want to get your festival top, call or email Mike on 07794 781975 / [bewick.mike@gmail.com](mailto:bewick.mike@gmail.com).

As previously mentioned, 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 and helping us raise money for the local worthy causes.

# STAR ALES

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16<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016



OVER £133,571 RAISED FOR LOCAL WORTHY CAUSES IN 15 YEARS

# WEDMORE REAL ALE FESTIVAL

## 16<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

WEDMORE VILLAGE HALL, SOMERSET, BS28 4EQ

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Please come along on the Sunday afternoon to bid to soak your favourite contestant or simply watch them get soaked in beer in the aid of raising money.

Chaz Maquire

Dan Kevill

Frank Sparks

Richard Neil

Simon Bethal

Lloyd Patch

Alice Hole

Charlotte Monson

Helen Reeson

Teresa Rooney

Laura Sampson

Jane Scott

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. The successful applicants will need to attend the presentation night on 22 October at The New Inn in Wedmore.

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 the final details for this year's festival, please like and keep up to date on our Facebook page [WedmoreRealAleFestival](#), follow us on twitter [@WedmoreRealAle](#) or go to our website [www.wedmorerealale.com](http://www.wedmorerealale.com)

May the force be with you.

*Alan Page*

## **Wedmore Dance Group for the Over 50s – The Sugar Water Curls**

You may have seen some of us dancing the Samba at the Wedmore Street Fair. This next term we will be learning more dances from around the world including Bollywood and The Moon Walk.

We restart after the summer break on Thursday 8 September. We are always looking for new members and would be delighted to see new faces in September.

The Group is for people over 50. Age is no barrier. We meet each Thursday morning from 10.30am to 12.00noon in Wedmore Village Hall. No special clothes are needed and most of us dance in bare feet, socks or dance trainers. We pay per session and the first session is free.

Our aim is to keep fit and active through movement and dance routines (no experience required) and to have an enjoyable, sociable morning.

For further details please contact Pat Taylor telephone 713430.

*Pat Taylor*

## Chalk and Cheese – Somerset Open Studios

Somerset Art Weeks is an annual countywide celebration of the variety and quality of contemporary visual art that can be found in Somerset. Since its inception in 1994, it has become an important event in Somerset's calendar, delighting art lovers from near and far. Due to the increasing popularity and growth of the event, the decision was made by our members in 2007 to make Art Weeks an annual two-week event with an alternating focus i.e. Open Studios (2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016) and Exhibitions and Events (2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015). Both events continue to support the development of the Somerset artistic community as a fundamental part of the economic life of the county by showcasing a broad-ranging programme of visual arts and crafts, and the creative process. They aim to support artists who want to work professionally and are looking to promote their creative businesses. This year's Open Studios Event takes place from 17 September to 2 October 2016, focusing on artists in their working environment. It features an eclectic group of artists in Sedgemoor, including exciting new artists who have gained Emerging Artist awards from Somerset Art Weeks, one who is new to Somerset having moved from London, together with a core of well-established artists who will be showing their latest work.

- Venue 127 – Anne Carpenter's fabric collage pictures are 'painting with fabric and drawing with scissors'
- Venue 128 – Marcombe Studio – Andrea Oke, Sandra James and Margaret Micklewright. Andrea specialises in drawing and printmaking; Margaret creates explorative and evocative paintings in ink and oil. Sandra uses sculpture and printmaking to explore the fragility of relationships.
- Venue 129 – Hopedene Studio – Juliet Arnison and Tina Dodd. Juliet combines illustration and laser techniques with layers of wood, paper and thread to create 3D artworks reflecting nature and local architecture. Tina responds to the local landscape using charcoal, printmaking and mixed media resulting in striking monochromatic images.
- Venue 130 – Haven Farm – Anita Pegler and Ray Blake. Anita uses watercolours, acrylics and inks for her paintings and drawings of the unique landscape, flora and fauna of the Somerset Levels. Ray Blake turns native timbers to highlight natural colours and grains.
- Venue 151 – Steve Burden, who is located in Wedmore (Hill Head Cottage, Maltfield Lane, Wedmore BS28 4TP, [www.steveburden.co.uk](http://www.steveburden.co.uk))

Steve graduated from Goldsmiths with First Class Honours and from Bath Spa with a Masters Degree in Fine Art. Working with oil paint on canvas he is inspired by experience and everyday vernacular, striving to capture the emotive subject of any object that he paints. He has exhibited in the USA, Asia, and Europe.

More details about each of the artists mentioned can be found on the Somerset Art Works website: [www.somersetartworks.org.uk](http://www.somersetartworks.org.uk).



*Horse falling by Steve Burden*

*Steve Burden*

## **The Marriage Course at Bagley Baptist Church**



Beginning on Friday 30 September to Friday 18 November (no course 28 October), from 6.45pm - 9.45pm.

‘There’s no counselling, no airing of dirty linen in public, no group therapy – and it seems to work’ (The Guardian).

A seven-session course for couples who are married or cohabiting and seeking to strengthen their relationship. Some couples do the course to invest in their relationship, others need more urgent help.

Either way, the course offers a lifetime of practical

ideas and tools to help keep your relationship strong. Based on Christian principles, it’s designed for all couples with or without a church background.

Total cost is £80 per couple, to include a candlelit meal each week and all course material. Bursaries may be available, please ask. To find out more visit the website [www.themariagecourses.org/try/the-marriage-course](http://www.themariagecourses.org/try/the-marriage-course). You will need to book. You can do this via our website [www.bagleybaptist.co.uk](http://www.bagleybaptist.co.uk), or contact the office, telephone 710779, email, [contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk](mailto:contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk)

*Sharon Rabbitts*

## Summer Holiday Craft

Eighteen children, with parents and grandparents, enjoyed a creative afternoon at Cheddar Library on Friday 29 July, when the Library Craft and Sewing Group held a Family Craft Session. Everyone had fun rummaging through scraps of fabric and lace to dress peg dolls, fold boxes from old greetings cards, cut out colourful birds and make pop-up cards.

The next Family Craft Session will be in the Autumn half-term holiday, when we will start the festive season early with Christmas Crafts.

The Craft and Sewing Group meet upstairs at Cheddar Library at 2.30pm on the first and third Friday afternoons each month. It is an opportunity to share ideas and company; you can join in the activities or bring your own craft to do, as you wish. The next meeting will be on Friday 2 September when you are invited to 'Bring Your Own Craft' as we discuss the winter programme. All are welcome.



*Sue Bathe  
Co-ordinator, Craft and Sewing Group.*

## The Singing Children of Africa

A group of children from Jolaurabi School, Kenya will be visiting the Sedgemoor area in October. These children have sung and danced their way into people's hearts on three previous tours. They are here to promote and raise funds for the charity 'Educate The Kids', which provides food and education for them and 600 fellow students in a severely underprivileged area of Kenya where life is desperately hard. The charity is run by volunteers and every penny raised goes directly to where it is needed most.

The Kenyan children will be attending local schools where they will learn and exchange cultural values. As in a previous visit, they will spend a day (Friday 14 October) with the pupils of Hugh Sexey Middle School.

Public concerts will take place on the following dates:

Date	Venue	Time	Entry
Tues 4 October	St Marys, Berrow	1.30pm	Free entry, Retiring Collection
Wed 5 October	St Andrews Church, Burnham on Sea	7.00pm	Free entry, Retiring Collection
Friday 7 October	Beachcomber, Warren Road, Brea	7.45pm	Free entry, Retiring Collection
Saturday 8 October	St John's Church, Highbridge	7.00pm	Free entry, Retiring Collection
Tues 11th October	Princess Theatre, Burnham-on-Sea	7.00pm	Tickets available online /box office 01278784464
Sat 15th October	The Mall, Cribbs Causway, Bristol	11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Collection

For more information please contact Sue Stevens on 01278 782789 *Sue Stevens*

## 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*

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# Letters

## Abolition of the Department of Energy and Climate Change

The planet is facing increasing environmental challenges. The tipping point of human induced climate change has almost certainly been passed. The high global surface temperatures so far recorded in 2016 are likely to make this year the hottest ever recorded, beating the previous record in 2015 which beat the previous record in 2014. Sixteen of the 17 warmest years on record have been recorded since the year 2000.



Antarctic ice cores tell us that the level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere has not been this high for at least a million years. Arctic ice, including most worryingly the Greenland ice sheet, is melting at unprecedented speeds. Global warming is happening now in the opinion of 97% of the world's scientists and I believe is the gravest threat we face as a species. If we are to address this we must decarbonise our whole economy as quickly as we can; from our energy generation, our transport, our businesses and our homes.

So what was our Government's response to this massive challenge last week? They abolished the Department for Energy and Climate Change, its Cabinet seat and moved its already meagre resources to a new Business department. It has cut in just a year almost all subsidies and incentives for people to switch to renewable energy. There is currently no energy policy and no plan for carbon reduction. Our Government constantly claims that for the good of consumers it is time that the young renewable energy industry must now stand on its own two feet. At the same time they have retained and increased tax breaks and other incentives for oil and gas exploration including fracking. It continues to support a constantly delayed and hopelessly expensive and possibly unbuildable Hinkley C project whilst prevaricating on subsidy for Tidal Lagoons.

This inexplicably stupid, short-sighted and dangerous move by our Government is deeply worrying.

I refuse to be downhearted or demoralised by this. As a community we must redouble our efforts to lower our carbon usage, save energy, reuse and recycle, shop locally, grow our own food and generate our own renewable power. There is a way to decarbonise that is good for business, jobs, health and the planet. I will not look my younger relations and friends in the eye without trying.

*Steve Mewes  
Chair Green Wedmore  
Chair Wedmore Community Power Co-Op*

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# A Day in the Life

## Alan Page – Marketing Co-ordinator, Wedmore Real Ale Festival



I am one of eight committee members responsible for putting on and running the annual Wedmore Real Ale Festival and we all work hard to make it the huge success that it is. As well as having an input in everything involved in achieving the above, my main responsibility is to develop and co-ordinate all the marketing and branding associated with the festival.

Planning for the forthcoming festival begins each year in February and my role always hits the ground running at that point! While the memories of the previous festival are still fresh in my mind, I need to develop and finalise the theme and the logo for the new festival by the end of the month so we can prepare the festival marketing ready to circulate.

You would think it is quite straightforward to design a new logo, but in reality it takes a lot of time to achieve the final version.

Firstly, I decide on three different themes for the festival, and from that, I start to put together three different logos for each theme. I then apply these logos to the various branded products, such as the festival tops, festival glasses, stationery etc. to see how well they stand out against the different background colours.

This usually weeds out more than half of the design concept leaving me with two or three to present to the rest of the committee to seek guidance on which is preferred and make final alterations.

Although this process can take up plenty of my spare time on a cold, dark winter's night, I really enjoy the creative process and the satisfaction that comes from seeing everyone supping beer or cider from the festival glasses, displaying my little piece of artwork.

The festival is almost upon us and although most of my marketing role has already been carried out by now, it will soon be time for us all to prepare the village hall, run the festival and hopefully generate some great memories for those attending, as well as raise lots of money for some great local causes.

If I was to sum up my involvement in Wedmore Ale Festival in one sentence, I would say: 'It's an absolute pleasure to see the glasses I designed empty and refill over another successful weekend, putting smiles on faces and raising money for local causes.'

*Alan Page*

### **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](mailto:editorwedmorenews@gmail.com), and share your day.

*Sue James*

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## **Focus on Businesses**

### **2J's Travel – a Business Based on Personal Recommendation**

It's early August and it's raining. It was just the same yesterday, so I was happy to be surrounded by travel brochures, talking to Joseph Rajkovic and John Wilson, the owners of 2J's Travel, who have been trading in Wedmore for 14 years.

Joseph grew up in Lancashire, as his mother is from Liverpool, but when he was a young boy he spent the summer months travelling the world with his parents and brothers. His father, who is Croatian, was a Chief Electrician for a shipping company. As an officer, he was allowed to take his family with him. This gave Joseph a taste for far-flung places and it only seemed natural for him to get a job in a travel agent when he left school. After two years he moved to London and went to work for Singapore Airlines in the Sales and Marketing Department.

John has a more local background. His parents are from Somerset and he grew up in Bristol. His sister worked for a ski operator and John became a keen skier, going 3-4 times a year during his teenage years. When it was time to get a job, one of the first opportunities that came up was at a travel agent. It appealed to him straight away. After a few years at the company he was put in charge of opening new offices, each time building up the customer base.



John and Joseph met at a travel conference in Ireland. After about 19 years working for the same company, John thought that he would like to work for himself and he and Joseph decided to open up their own agency. While Joseph continued to work in London, John searched for a suitable location and found an office in Wedmore in the Borough, just over the road from where they are now. He opened the agency and started to build up the business based on his previous contacts and reputation. After six months, Joseph left his job in London and joined John in Wedmore. They each

have their areas of expertise. Joseph focuses more on Asia and the Caribbean, while John's expertise is in Europe, Africa and - not surprisingly – ski holidays. Over the years they have built up a good knowledge of the different destinations and resorts and have stayed at some of the best hotels these destinations have to offer – a very enjoyable part of their job! They also have good contacts with the various travel and hotel operators. Therefore, the strength of their business is personal recommendation.

Over the past few years the internet has played a more and more prominent role in the travel industry, so I was curious to know how that has affected them. They told me that people are returning to travel agencies. The widely publicised collapse of some travel operators, coupled with internet scams, has meant that travellers want the reassurance and guarantees offered by a reputable agency. John and Joseph pride themselves on offering personal service. As they have been in Wedmore for so many years they also feel very much part of the community, sponsoring local events such as the Harvest Home and the Bowls Club tournament.

*Liz Sweeney*

### **Do You Run a Business in the Parish?**

Then how about telling our readers more about yourself? Who are you? What is your business? Are you from the Wedmore area? If not, where did you come



from? What motivated you to start, take over or carry on the business? If you would like to share your story, send an email to editorwedmorenews@gmail.com or photoswedmorenews@gmail.com and I will contact you for a short interview.

*Liz Sweeney*

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## Reports and Society Updates

### St Mary's Church 100 Club

The winner of the 1st prize of £20 in the August Draw was Jane Pottow holding No. 50, and the second prize winner was Sue Moreman and family, winning £10 with No. 33. Congratulations!

*Thelma Jenkins-Jones*

### Wedmore WI Report – July



Jill welcomed a full room of members to our July meeting although Chris and Margaret T. (on holiday) were missed.

The quiz the previous night had proved another disappointment with many obscure questions, no P.A. system and a somewhat poor choice of food.

Several members had attended the Wedmore in Bloom lunch celebrating the 10th year of the current group.

Jill and Diana will be going to the Annual Meeting in October. We need to fill a shoebox for Christmas. This year we will do one for a boy and Sue had produced a list for people to tick off a gift to

be brought to the September meeting.

There is a brief Somerset taster visit to Denman in November with overnight stay, full meals and choice of two from four courses the next day. At only £150 plus coach this seems a bargain and two members have applied.

A picture of our walk for ACWW in April was in County News.

Susan Marshfield had by then arrived and we settled down to hear how 'Strange Things do Happen'. She told us how a mouse squeezed up a radiator pipe into the bedroom, whilst she was reading in bed, and a frog appeared in the toilet and her hilarious efforts to catch and remove them both. A friend was stopped by a sniffer dog in the green channel, resulting in a major search of luggage and person – nothing! Then the questions 'Occupation? Vet. No wonder, our dogs can smell a vet a mile off!' Other hilarious anecdotes from funerals to porridge oat baths followed, but I will not spoil the surprises – just go and hear her if you get the chance. It's true that 'Strange Things do Happen'.

Susan was warmly applauded and thanked for her entertaining and side-splitting tales. We look forward to what may be her last visit next year when she retires – or does she?

Our next meeting is on 15 September at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. Jo Willis will speak about 'Yoga for All'. The competition is a 'Keep Fit Tip'. Come along and give us a try.

The Wedmore WI October Party Meeting will take place on Thursday 20 October at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall.

*Sue Smith*

## **Friends of St. Mary's**

'Tower with a View' on Sunday 11 September from 11.40am to 5.30pm. 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.

*David Hopkins*

## **Wedmore in Bloom**

Our next big event will be our 'Apple Day' on Saturday 22 October. Apple Day is an annual event celebrated around the country in October for the gathering in of the apple harvest.

This will be held at the Scout Hut, Combe Lane – look out for posters and our website. For further information contact Odette Evans, telephone 712972. We are hoping to have stalls, fun and games for the children as well as demonstrations of apple pressing and cider making. If you'd like a stall to sell your produce – jams, fruit and vegetables etc. please contact Odette. Please come along and help us make this event a success. Parking is very limited at the Scout Hut so if you can possibly walk it would be better (first turning on the left after Combe Batch Rise).



*Andrea West*

## **Monday Art Group**

This is a friendly, sociable art group which has been running for several years. It is for mixed art abilities, anything from beginners upwards.

We meet at Wedmore Village Hall on Monday afternoons from 2.00 – 4.00pm

The cost is £11 per weekly session, which includes all tools and materials.

There are a still a few places available.

If you would like to join us, contact Chris on 712522 or email [chrismidfield@aol.com](mailto:chrismidfield@aol.com)

*Chris Midfield*



## **Mendip Rotary Club**

### **New President for Mendip Rotary**

Philip Hunt, a pharmacist from Weston super Mare has taken over as president of the Rotary Club of Mendip. The club will be involved in many local community and

school projects over the next twelve months, and is also involved with an ongoing international project in Uganda for which they will be holding fund-raising events.



*Mendip Rotary President 2016-17 Philip Hunt*

Philip set as his priorities for his year of office as ‘another year of fun, fellowship and service to the local community and beyond’. In handing over the President’s Regalia, outgoing president Chris Steel said: ‘I know that the Club is going to have another enjoyable and rewarding year under Phil’s leadership.’

On the same evening, Rotarian Scott McIntosh was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Rotary over a number of years. In presenting the award, District Governor Bob Acland said, ‘Scott has



*Rotarian Scott McIntosh is presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by Past District Governor Bob Acland*

initiated and driven many projects in this Club, many of which have directly benefited the Cheddar Valley community. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International, and UK fellowships in his honour are bestowed only on special individuals within and outside the movement.’

Rotary is a dual gender organisation committed to voluntary service to improve the lives of the less fortunate at home and abroad. Anyone wishing to find out more about

Rotary locally, should visit the club’s website:

[www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1215](http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1215)

## Mendip Rotary Young Chef



*Participants in Mendip Rotary's Young Chef competition,  
with Arabella Beacham and Sue Orchard from Kings of Wessex*

Thirteen year-10 students from Kings of Wessex Academy took part in the recent annual 'Young Chef' cooking competition organised by the Rotary Club of Mendip. Their challenge was to devise, prepare and cook a two-course meal to restaurant standard in two and a half hours.

A variety of dishes were served by the young people, including some from Scotland, France, Italy, India, China and Japan. They were judged by a team of Rotarians and two food professionals from the FSC Group based in Cheddar, who also sponsored the event. All the competitors were awarded aprons and certificates for their efforts, but the first prize of a set of chef's 'whites' and a day's kitchen work experience went to 14-year old Rose Body. Rose cooked a roast turkey fillet stuffed with bacon, mushrooms and cranberries, served with red cabbage, vichy carrots, and fondant potatoes; followed by cinnamon stars filled with chantilly cream and spiced apple compote. Joint runners-up were Harriet Tutt and Abbie Hooper.

Rotarian Patrick Simpson, the event organiser, said afterwards, 'The overall standard of the dishes was among the highest we have ever seen, and the judges had great difficulty in making their final selection. Rotary would like to thank Arabella Beacham, head of food technology at Kings, for her help in staging this competition.'

*John Mander*

## IT for the Terrified



We will reopen in Cheddar Village Hall on Monday 5 September

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.



Anyone of any age or ability can learn how to order prescriptions or library books, do their shopping, share photos, 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 (used to be Budgens).

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

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. Appointments would normally be two hours, but for a quick word of advice, there are some 10-minute slots which may be available on a Thursday.

- Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified, telephone 741751, website
- [www.itfortheterrified.co.uk](http://www.itfortheterrified.co.uk), or email [itfortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itfortheterrified@btconnect.com)
- Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF

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## **Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)**

Thursday 1 September will be the first of our autumn talks, titled '3 weeks in Nepal', by Ian Williamson. The meeting will be at Cheddar Methodist Church Hall and starts at 2.15 pm. Visitors welcome.



Meet and Greet Coffee Morning, Thursday 15 September, 10.30am -12.00 noon at Cheddar Village Hall.

With nearly 1000 U3As around the country, and 430 members in our Cheddar Valley U3A alone, the U3A movement plays a significant part in the health and wellbeing of our generation of 'Active Retired'. So, no matter what your interests and abilities are, there could be something for you. Come and see us at our Coffee Morning, or at Cheddar Library on Monday mornings from 10.30am. – 12.00noon. More details on line, search for Cheddar U3A or telephone 744241.

*Geoff Farnie*

## **Cheddar Vale Lions Club**

Cheddar Vale Lions Club is holding a Curling Night (no ice rink required!) at St. James Church Hall, Woodborough Road, Winscombe on Saturday 10 September, at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. B.Y.O. drinks and nibbles, tea/coffee included in the ticket price of £5 a head. Prizes on offer. Teams of four, but scratch teams can be arranged on the night. Contact Lion Brian Airey, telephone 418998 to book.



The Lions will also be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 8 October in Cheddar Village Hall, doors open at 2.00pm. If you have any jumble to give away please bring it to the hall from 12.00 noon.

Lion Janet Clark has been appointed President for another year. If you would like to know more about what the Lions get up to in the community or need their help please telephone Janet, 248114. Many thanks for all your support.

Lion Janet  
P.R.O. 01934 248114

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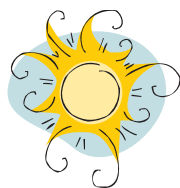
## Weather Report for July 2016

### RAINFALL



Monthly total	24.6mm	(0.97ins)
30-year average	69.9mm	(2.75ins)
Wettest day (1st)	6.6mm	(0.26ins)
No of dry days	22	
Last 3 months (May- Jul)	160mm	(6.29ins)
Year ending 31 July 2016	732mm	(28.80ins)
30-year annual average	797mm	(31.38ins)

### TEMPERATURES



Maximum (19th)	31.0 °C	(87.8 °F)
Minimum (6th)	6 °C	(42.8 °F)
Number of air frosts	Nil	
Monthly average maximum	22.2 °C	(72. °F)
30-year average maximum	22.2 °C	(72. °F)
Monthly average minimum	12.0 °C	(53.6 °F)
30-year average minimum	12.2 °C	(54 °F)

### COMMENTS

A very dry month, with rainfall only 35% of normal. Temperatures as expected!

*Denley Brown*

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## Forthcoming Events

### Fairtrade Coffee Morning – Saturday 3 September

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.



### Mr Punch's Folk Club at The Panborough Inn – Friday 9 and 23 September

Starting at 8.00pm, entrance £1.

On 9 September it's an 'Open mic' evening

On 23 September 'Open Mic' featuring both Anne Reynolds and Steve James.

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](mailto: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.

## **Wedmore Bowls Club – Saturday 17, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September**

Indoor Taster Days on Saturday 17 September, Saturday 24 September and Sunday 25 September from 9.30am to 4.00pm. These sessions are free and shoes and bowls will be provided.



## **Theale Film Club – Sunday 18 September**

The film is ‘Brooklyn’. 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](mailto:lesleyluke@live.co.uk), Bernard Coulter on 712144, [bcoulter@talktalk.net](mailto:bcoulter@talktalk.net), or Pam Meadows on 712143.

## **Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 21 September**

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

## **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

## **Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 22 September**

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. At the first meeting of the society after the summer break, Fred Giles will talk about ‘What the microscope has done for you’. It promises to be an interesting and informative evening. Members free, Visitors £3, with free coffee/tea and biscuits after the talk.

## **Blackford Village Hall AGM – Friday 23 September**

At 7.30pm in Blackford Village Hall. All welcome.

## **Crickham Baptist Church Harvest Festival – Sunday September 25**

At 6.30pm. 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



## **The Singing Children of Africa 4 – 15 October 2016**

A group of children from Jolaurabi School, Kenya will be visiting the Sedgemoor area in October. These children have sung and danced their way into people's hearts on three previous tours. They are here to promote and raise funds for the charity 'Educate the Kids', which provides food and education for them and 600 fellow students in a severely underprivileged area of Kenya. They will be giving public concerts during their stay. For more information please contact Sue Stevens, telephone 01278 782789

## **Craft Fair – Saturday 8 October**

At Wedmore Village Hall from 11.00am to 1.00pm

There will be a cafe selling teas, coffees and homemade cakes.

The hand-made goods on sale include jewellery, button art, hand-made cards, wooden toys and puzzles, soaps, fused glass, knitted goods, bags, pictures and many more.

## **Quiz Night at Wedmore Methodist Church – Friday 14 October**



A quiz for teams of six or fewer has been organised by Wedmore Methodist Church and will be held in their Schoolroom in Sand Road, Wedmore at 7.00pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. The quiz will consist of eight rounds of eight questions. Entry is £6 per person (£4 for under 12s) and will include a buffet supper.

Individuals without a team are welcome to come along and join another team. This is the fourth year of the Family Quiz (nothing too serious!) and we look forward to welcoming you to a fun evening. Further enquiries or to book a team (not essential – just turn up) please contact Gwen Fisher, 712629, Angeline Duckett, 712631 or Barbara Ellis, 843087.

## **Green Wedmore, Wedmore Energy Evening - Saturday 15 October**

Taking place from 7.00 to 9.30pm at Wedmore Village Hall.

A joint Green Wedmore/Wedmore Community Power Coop event with the aim of finding out what the Parish wants to do next. A free public event on the theme of energy saving and generation. Light refreshments will be provided. Please email [stevemewes415@gmail.com](mailto:stevemewes415@gmail.com) if you would like to come so we have an idea of numbers.



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# Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

## 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 2.15pm 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.

## Brent Knoll Bazaar, Farmers Market and Parish Café – Saturday 10 September

At Brent Knoll Parish Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Locally produced fresh meat and other fresh produce, homemade cakes and savouries, crafts, toys, bric-a-brac, raffle and much more.

The Parish Café will be serving drinks and light snacks. Entrance free

To book a table (£7 per table) please telephone Eddie Fuller, 01278 760 308.

Proceeds to Brent Knoll Parish Hall.

## Cheddar Valley Lions Club, Jumble Sale – Saturday 8 October

In Cheddar Village Hall, doors open at 2.00pm. If you have any jumble to give away, please bring it to the hall from 12.00 noon.

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# Polly's Kitchen

This month's recipe combines lovely ripe pears with sweet syrup, spices and scrummy pecan nuts, in my mind a marriage made in heaven. This cake can be served alongside morning coffee, afternoon tea or as a great pudding to end a meal. Serve with custard, cream or Greek yogurt, all work well with it. Preparation time 20 minutes. Cooking time 45 minutes



## Pear and Pecan Sponge Cake (serves 8)

### Ingredients

#### SPONGE

1 large egg

100 g light muscovado sugar

3 tbsp golden syrup

3 tbsp milk  
3 tbsp vegetable oil  
125 g self raising flour  
1 tsp ground ginger  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
Greek yogurt, custard or double cream to serve

#### TOPPING

15 g butter  
1 tbsp golden syrup  
4 ripe pears  
8 pecan halves

#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. To make the topping, put the butter and golden syrup into a saucepan and heat gently, stirring until melted. Pour into an 8 1/2 inch deep round cake tin and spread evenly to cover the base.
2. Thinly peel the pears, cut in half lengthways and use a teaspoon to scoop out the cores.
3. Place a pecan half in each pear cavity and place cut side down in the tin.
4. To make the sponge, put the egg, sugar and golden syrup, milk and oil into a mixing bowl, beat together. Sift together the flour, ginger and cinnamon and stir into the egg mixture. Beat well to make a smooth batter.
5. Pour the batter over the pears. Bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes, or until risen and springy to touch.
6. Leave to cool in the tin for five minutes, then invert onto a serving plate and serve with your choice of cream, custard or yogurt.

*Polly Costello*

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## The Garden in September

I am writing this on 1 August and it is raining. I have found that July has been quite a dry month necessitating a lot of garden watering; on the other hand I have met a few people, mainly from the south and south-west who have said that for them, it has been a wet month, so perhaps it has been locally variable. I think that what we have had some of the time is what an old farmer once told me was 'hay spoiling weather' i.e. dull, seemingly rainy weather which has not been wet enough to do any good. Also, of course, we have had a few days when it was really hot and a lot of wind, which dries things out, so all in all a mixed bag.



The wind, as mentioned above, has dried things out quickly, particularly hanging baskets and other containers, but if you still have worthwhile displays in these then it is worth dead-heading and feeding them, to keep them going until the first frosts, which hopefully, will not be until November.

If you use a lot of annuals in borders and elsewhere try autumn sowing for earlier and bigger plants next year.

Before the soil cools down too much, it is worth dividing and replanting herbaceous perennials, dead-heading should also continue with border plants to prolong autumn flowering. Also ensure that you have some late flowering perennials such as chrysanthemums in the border.

If you want to have indoor flowering hyacinths for Christmas, buy treated bulbs now and get them potted and in a cool, dark, place for a couple of months. The big trumpet flowered amaryllis will also need planting now if they are to flower for Christmas. It is also the time to think about spring-flowering outdoor hyacinths, as well as daffodils and crocuses; tulips need not be planted just yet.

Consider pruning climbing and rambling roses before autumn gales arrive, but don't yet cut off the repeat flowering varieties.

If you grow camellias and rhododendrons, particularly in containers, don't allow them to get dry at this time because the buds they have formed for next year may drop off.

Your vegetable garden may well be at its most productive now and you might even have enough of a crop to freeze, dry, pickle or in some other way preserve your produce for the winter.

Onions should be ripened off now, initially just bend their necks over and when the green colour has withered away, lift their roots from the soil, but if the weather is dry do not gather them in just yet, they ripen better in the open air.

Tomato plants should be 'stopped' now by nipping the tops off; they will then devote their energies to ripening existing fruit rather producing more growth.

Pumpkins, marrows and squashes can be left on their plants, but lifted off the ground slightly on a tile or piece of board, if the ground is wet. If you are able to grow sweet-corn in your garden without it being prematurely 'harvested' by badgers felling the plants to get at the cobs (a trick I suspect they learned when farmers started growing maize for silage), it should be right for eating in September.

I have had a pretty disastrous crop of runner beans this year, due to delayed planting and drought caused by my excessive absence from the garden at critical times; however my French beans seem to have done quite well. You can usually prolong the life of both until first frosts although the skins may become tougher as the nights cool down. When you do eventually decide they've had it, simply remove all of the top growth and allow their roots to rot away in the ground to add nitrogen (in their root nodules) to the soil for subsequent crops.

Complete the harvest in the soft fruit garden and transplant any strawberry runners for cropping next year.

Apples and pears will soon be ready to pick; keep your eyes open for diseased fruit in amongst the others, which may spread rots before picking.

If it is not too late by the time you read this, enter the best of your produce in Theale Flower Show which is always on the first Saturday in September and come along to see how other local gardeners have fared. In fairness I should mention Weare Flower Show as well; sometimes it clashes with Theale and sometimes not, because its date varies depending on the school term, due to using school premises.

And now the gardening year will soon begin all over again.

*Adrian Hutchison*

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## Thought for the Month

Dear Friends

September always seems like a 'new year' time to me, probably because part of my work is at The Blue School in Wells, and so the start of the academic year heralds all sorts of new beginnings. I think of all those starting school for the first time; those moving up to a new school and changing from being the oldest to the youngest in their new communities and of course those making the transition to university or the world of employment. The new beginnings are not limited to the young people either, some staff will have retired, others moved on and some promoted.



All in all September is a month of change in the world of education. Within a few days the freedoms of summer holidays and fewer constraints will become a distant memory. Whilst the days may still be sunny and warm there are notes of autumn in the air as the nights draw in, and so the seasons will follow their familiar pattern of change too. It is a pattern that is especially marked out for us in rural Somerset with the cycle of the agricultural year forming an important part of life for many, and the changing countryside painting a living picture of the movement of the seasons.

This rhythm of growth and change, whether in education, nature or our own lives is rather like an accompanying heartbeat, working persistently in the background taking us forward into what is often unknown. There is something of a cycle to this rhythm, which seems to me more like a spiral than a circle, as we never exactly return to the same place. I think this has strong echoes of the creative activity of God, beautifully imagined in the creation story in chapter one of the book of Genesis in the Bible. Here we have a picture of creative action that is pronounced 'good' and culminates in the invitation for women and men to join with God in this activity, 'Then God said: 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.' September once again brings with it a sense of familiarity and yet it will be different in many ways and as I continue with the spiral of the academic year I have confidence and trust that God is at work together with all who are stepping out into this new season of their lives.

*Rev'd Joy Hawes*

*Assistant Curate, Isle of Wedmore Benefice*

# Sport Reports



## Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

July is always the busiest month of the year at Wedmore G.C. culminating as it does in Open Week, seven days of competition open to members and visitors alike. This year was packed with good golf, lots of excitement and at times unbearable heat. The excitement came not only from the golf – over 1000 competitors and three holes-in-one, but from cows and ambulances on the fairways. Both incidents ended happily with the greenkeepers rounding up the cows and George Smith getting home safely. First winners on Sunday were Keith Thomas and Daniel Milford, scoring 46 points to win the Geoff Brown Better-Ball. Hectors Farm Shops sponsored the Stableford with Alasdair McDonald claiming the overall trophy with 42 points, two better than Mike Garbutt and David Russell, division one and two winners respectively. In the Ladies, Sue Edwards won on 40, also two better than divisional winners Georgia Pope and Glenda Donald.

Temperatures soared into the thirties for the Brent House Bowmaker on Tuesday and the team of Liam Cann, Simon Moore, Tom Smith and Mark Sweeting soared to 92, three clear of runners-up Jan Jenkins, John Russell, John Vowles and Pete Restorick, followed by a clutch of teams on 88. Wednesday was only slightly cooler for the Footjoy Greensomes. Father and son Ben and Josh Barwell won a close finish with 43 points, just one better than both Richard MacArthur and Jim Baker and Georgia Pope and Jennifer Hughes.

Thursday was the Glenmuir Medal when for once the best score of the day came from the Ladies with Cathy Olive winning overall on 66, five shots clear of the rest of the field. Ange Webber took divisional one honours on 71 with Sarah Mathews winning division 2 on 72. Ian Robson had the week's first hole-in-one in the Men's Medal but the overall trophy went to Josh Barwell, his second win of the week. Geoff Fisher and Ernie Sutton both scored 68 to win division one and two respectively.



*Jill Cornelius and Ashley Ribbi holding the trophy won by their team in the Zone Contracts Texas Scramble during the Club's Open Week*

Friday is Zone Contracts Texas Scramble Day. Oli Noel won a Golf Breaks holiday with a hole-in-one on the ninth and Joan Peck scored another on the eleventh. Winners were Club Captain Toni Ribí with wife Ashley, Jill Cornelius and Trevor Stone on 57.2, followed by Alan Hurford, Mike Sullivan, Ian Lane and Gordon Baxter from Enmore. A long week ended with the C.J.Hole sponsored Better-Ball on Saturday won by youngsters Georgia Pope and Jennifer Hughes on 46, one better than the slightly older Saybria Sims and Jim Dobbs.

Both the Seniors and Ladies held their Club Championships during the month. As befits their age, the Seniors Championship takes place over two days. Day one also incorporated the Monthly Medal with excellent scores in good conditions. Brian Webber won division 1 with a nett 64 seeing off the challenge of the two Bennetts, John and Tom who had 66 and 67 respectively. Philip McMahon won division 2 with another nett 64, with Brian Crosby second on 67 and Ian Hollands two shots back in third. A tight finish to division 3 saw Alan Caines win on 65 just one better than Dennis Howard and Keith Rabbitts, with Howard second on countback.

As far as the Championship was concerned, Terry Clark led the way on gross 78, just one better than Brian Webber with the two Bennetts on 82 and reigning Champion John Russell back on 83. This all changed quickly on day 2. Terry continued to edge further clear of his closest rivals but John Russell was charging, playing the front nine in one under par. After 14 holes he had moved two clear but then struck problems, dropping five shots to par over the last four holes. By contrast, Terry was just one over for the same holes, moving back into the lead and taking the Championship with two excellent rounds of 78. John Russell was second adding a second round 75 to his first round 83 with third place going to Brian Webber. The nett prize went to David Bates who added an incredible nett 62 to his first round 70 to finish on 132. Other prizes went to Graham Hayes for the best gross round on day two, with Tom Bennett taking the prize for the best second round nett.



*Dawn Chadwick, who retained the Ladies Championship, with the other prize winners*

The Ladies, being younger and fitter, play their 36 holes all in one day before enjoying a meal in the evening, at which the results of the Senior Ladies Championship

played the previous week were also announced. This was won by Beryl Richards who took the Adams Claret Jug with a strong front nine, holding on during the back nine to win with gross 86. This was four better than Alison Dodkin who could not make up enough shots on the back, with Sue Tarry a further shot back in third. The Ireland Cup for the best nett went to Maggie Morris, three under par on 69, a score matched by Wendy Lucas to win the over-70s trophy. A nine-hole competition ran alongside this with the gross prize going to Shirley Witter, the nett to Maggie Dommett and best Stableford to Pauline Warner.

The main championship saw defending champion Dawn Chadwick set the pace after the morning round with a gross 81 which put her four clear of Cathy Olive with Harriett Lockley and Sue Tarry six back and Annya Patten a further shot away. Over the first nine of the afternoon, Dawn pulled away from her closest rivals with the exception of Annya who made up three shots with a one over par score of 39. This was as good as it got though and dropping shots on the last four holes gave her 82 for the round and a total of 170. This was two better than Harriett Lockley who also improved on her morning round to take third place on 172. Cathy Olive took fourth on 175. Even a double bogey on the final hole though, could not stop Dawn Chadwick from clinching the Insport Trophy again, adding an 82 to her 81 for a total of 163.

Ange Webber beat her handicap over the two rounds to win the Directors Cup for best nett on 143 ahead of Eunice Bond, Louise Allen and Sue Painter. Best gross and nett scores for the morning went to Sue Tarry and Jenny Brown with Georgia Pope and Hazel Gough taking the afternoon prizes.

*Tony Biggs*

## Wedmore Tennis Club

### Summer League

League players gathered at the clubhouse on a sultry 19 July evening to celebrate and mark the end of the season.



*The A Team*



The Ladies A team, despite Ines sustaining an injury mid-season, were delighted to have topped division one for the first time in many decades. Having won nine out of their 10 matches, they won by a margin of five points. Congratulations to Ines, Annabel, Clare and Nicky.

The C team, captained by Jenny Fitzpatrick, also won

their division with nine wins, having only been promoted to division 4 this season. Well done to Jenny, Jo, Sandra, Charlotte and Susan.

The B team, likewise promoted last year, will be moving back down to division 2 after a tough season. Similarly, the D team will be relegated having finished second from bottom.

The canny E team, led by Val Parker, managed to collect enough points to remain in division 5 while the newly formed F(antastic) team enjoyed a great first season and just missed out on promotion by one point.

The men also enjoyed a number of successes with the A team (John Cooksley, Craig Phillips, Matt Drew, Ben Wylie and James Mitchell) dominating the first division for the second year running with the loss of only two points.

The B team, captained by Rob Sweet, with Baz Attiwell, Ken Thie, James Knight and Kieron Davies and assistance on occasion from others, achieved a remarkable second place in division two, so will join the A team next year in the top division.

The C team, valiantly captained by Mark Jackson, were relegated from division 2. Due to injuries, they had very few players throughout the season and had to borrow from other teams.

The D team captained by David Evans stormed to promotion into division 5 with staunch help from Clive Ross returning from injury, Steve Randall, Callum Scott, Tom Bake and the brothers Jamieson.

The E team, captained from afar by Bill Haley, but guided with typical aplomb by Bill Litherland, with help from Sam Mullick, Bryant Cradock, Ian Lewis, Dick Campion and others finished a credible fourth in the bottom division.

### **Saturday Tennis and Tea**

This month's tennis and tea attracted a record-breaking number of players, including some of the junior club members. Thanks to Barbara Lloyd and Irene McIntosh for providing a delicious range of refreshments; the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

*Sarah Cunningham*

### **Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club**

Wedmore Bowls Club held their annual President's Cup Competition on one of the sunniest days of the summer. Unfortunately, the President, Brendon Cottrell, was unable to attend and was greatly missed. Past President, Ron Barron, stepped in to deputise, but his team was beaten by the Captain's team led by Alan Birch. A traditional cream tea rounded off a very enjoyable day.

One of the highlights of the past month is the men's continuing success in the Clevedon & District over 60s League. By playing and winning four league matches, they have maintained their unbeaten record. Against Portishead, they won all six rinks taking the overall match by 129 shots to 79. Top rink: P Smith, V Matthews, R Norris, 32-7. In a close match away at West Backwell, Wedmore won four rinks, tied one and lost one, finishing with an overall score of 99-84. Top rink: V Matthews, D Collins, C Moss, 18-10. At home to Nailsea, it was another comfortable win losing just one rink and winning by 126-74. Top rink: A Birch, D Trow, E Payne, 26-10.



Away at Clevedon Prom, D Trow, J Harris and D Nicholls got off to a great start leading 19-0 before their opponents scored. They finished with a 24-5 win which together with a win on three other rinks gave an overall score of 100-76.



*Captains Julie Collins and Alan Birch, with past President Ron Barron*

The men have also enjoyed success in the Clevedon & District Cup Competition winning four from six rinks at Chew Stoke and taking the match by 129-92. Top rink: D Trow, D Stansfield, K Pettit, 33-6. They will now play Long Aston in the semi-final.

Results have not been so good in the Weston & District over 60s League with Wedmore losing their first two matches. Away at Burnham-On-Sea, R Hunt, R Bull and K Pettit were the only winners by 18-9, with the match being lost 85-117.

At home to Clarence Blues, Wedmore won four rinks from six but were not able to cover the losses on the other two rinks. Top rink: T Counsell, D Collins, K Pettit, 22-13. The final match of the month was a must win contest against Clevedon Prom, the bottom team in the league and the Wedmore men finally enjoyed success. They won all six rinks claiming a very comfortable win by 138-66. Top rinks: V Matthews, I Faulkner, R Hughes, 27-8 and T Collingwood, D Collins, K Pettit, 25-6.

In the County League Premier Division 2, Wedmore A started well by winning their first two matches. Against Weston Bath A, Dave Nicholls' rink won by a comfortable 25-18 with the other two rinks winning by two shots each, giving a match score of 59-48. In a close game against North Petherton, each team won one rink with one tied. Wedmore took the game by 58-56. Winning rink: A Birch, D Trow, K Pettit, E Payne, 19-13. Unfortunately, in a third match away at St Andrews, Wedmore lost all three rinks losing the match 50-62.

The B team, playing in division 1 of the County League North, suffered two very narrow defeats, losing by two shots against West Backwell and three shots away at St Andrews. In both these games they won one rink from three. They had more success away at Ashcombe A winning two rinks from three and taking the match by 64-51.

Last month's success in the National Top Club Competition was not maintained. In the third round, away against a very strong Clevedon team, Wedmore lost in all

five disciplines. Play has also started in the Turnbull Cup, a County competition. In the first match at home against Burnham-On-Sea, both sides won two rinks from four, but Wedmore took the game by 79-74, helped by a very strong 29-8 win by J Runciman, C Panchaud, R Thurkettle and C Moss. In the next Turnbull Cup game against North Petherton, Eddie Payne's rink won by five shots but losses on the other three rinks resulted in a match loss by 14 shots.

The Ladies' League teams have struggled to find any consistency. In the Weston & District League they have lost all three matches played, despite some good performances on individual rinks. Against Portishead, they recorded an excellent result on one rink from three but lost the overall match by just 3 shots. Winning rink: Audrey Birch, Pam Beard, Elaine Deverill, 31-9. Away at Burnham-On-Sea, Julie Collins, Marion Fisher and Joan Hunt won 18-14 but the match was lost by 40-53. Against Wessex it was another narrow defeat by 46-49 with Margaret Barron, Joan Hunt and Marie Trow recording the only win, 18-13.

The first match in the Wessex League resulted in a heavy defeat away at Clevedon by 41 shots to 80. The ladies turned this around at home to Winscombe winning two rinks from three and taking the game 61-49. Monica Green, Ann-Marie Wilkinson, Trish Newell and Marie Trow won by a comfortable 26-14 with Elaine Deverill's rink also winning by four shots.

The ladies have produced their best results in the Mendip Triples League winning three of the four matches played. At home against Wrington, they won all three rinks taking the match by 56-36. Top rink: Barbara Clark, Trish Newell, Elaine Deverill, 22-7. The only loss came away at Victoria. Despite winning on two from three rinks, the match was lost 42-48. Top rink: Margaret Barron, Doreen Gallop, Maureen Hordle, 18-12. The away match at Nailsea was played on one of the hottest days of the season. After 16 of a possible 18 ends, play on one rink had to be abandoned due to the heat. A league ruling stated all rinks should take the score at 16 ends. This left Wedmore with a win on two rinks, a tie on the third and an overall win by 42-30. The last game in the Mendip League was the closest. Away at Congresbury, the ladies won on just one rink but took the overall match by 52-51. Winning rink: Julie Collins, Doreen Gallop, Carole Pettit, 17-9.

The ladies have also played in the first round of the Fear Cup. They were unfortunate to lose in this County Competition. Despite winning comfortably on two rinks, the third rink lost by 18 shots. Winning rinks: Ann Hughes, Pam Beard, Maureen Hordle, Elaine Deverill, 23-14. Julie Collins, Carole Pettit, Marie Trow, Shirley Wederell, 21-15.

A triples team from Wedmore has been successful in two local competitions. Ann Hughes, Pam Beard and Maureen Hordle finished second from 20 teams in the Clevedon Prom Ladies' Open Triples. In the following week, the same team also finished second in the Ladies' Open Triples at Watchet.

Looking forward to the indoor season, Wedmore Bowls Club will be holding Indoor Taster Days on Saturday 17 September, Saturday 24 September and Sunday 25 September from 9.30am to 4.00pm. These sessions are free and shoes and bowls will be provided.

*Sandra Moss*

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# Church News

## Movement Youth Worship

On Sunday 25 September at 6.00pm, St Mary's is delighted to be playing host to the first of a series of Youth Worship events together with the organisation Movement. This is an opportunity aimed at young people aged 15 to 24 to join together from churches across the area to worship and have some teaching about the Christian faith. With a very good band and speaker, lights, big screens and free doughnuts and Pepsi it proved to be very popular when we had a trial in April. Other dates are 27 November and 8 January. Look at [www.wearemovement.net](http://www.wearemovement.net) for further details.

## Harvest Festival

One of the high points in the church's year, particularly in a rural area, is when we come together to give thanks for another year's harvest. The churches are always abundantly decorated; the favourite old harvest hymns are sung; produce is brought to church, offered and then given away to charity as a symbol of our response to God's generosity; we remember those in parts of the world where the harvest is poor; and then often food is shared at a lunch or a supper. So whether you are a farmer, an allotment holder, a gardener or simply someone who wants to give thanks for the harvest, do come along to one of our churches. Each celebrates harvest in its own special way and on a separate date, so there are plenty of opportunities to join in.

<b>18 September</b>	11.00 am	Christchurch, Theale - Parish Communion followed by lunch (all are welcome to lunch, but please call Mrs Molly Rossiter, 713311 if you would like to come)
<b>18 September</b>	6.00 pm	Holy Trinity, Blackford - Harvest Evensong followed by refreshments
<b>25 September</b>	10.30am	St Mary's Wedmore - Parish Communion followed by lunch (all are welcome to lunch but please call Mrs Heather Banwell, 712216 if you would like a ticket)
<b>2 October</b>	9.00 am	Allerton Church - Family Service and Harvest Festival

## Ride and Stride

Each year people from across the country take to their bikes to visit local churches. Ride and Stride is organised by the Somerset Churches Trust and takes place on Saturday 10 September. The idea is to be sponsored to visit as many churches as you can during the day. Half the sponsorship money goes to the Somerset Churches Trust and half to your own church or a church of your choice. As has happened over the last two or three years a group of riders are likely to be taking the '10 towers' route which visits 10 churches in the Cheddar Valley and levels area on a 30-mile circular route, starting and ending at St Mary's Wedmore. For further information either about this

route or about the event in general please contact Mr David Sisson, telephone 713617. See also [www.somersetchurchestrust.org/news-events/ride-stride](http://www.somersetchurchestrust.org/news-events/ride-stride) for further details.

## 'The Spirituality of Ageing'

On Tuesday 13 September St Mary's welcomes Canon James Woodward to talk about the spirituality of ageing and how churches can best care for the older members of our congregations and of our communities. James is currently Principal of Sarum College in Salisbury and has practical experience of caring for people in their third and fourth ages in the NHS and in church. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and all are welcome. For further information contact Revd Richard Neill, telephone 713566.

## Messy Church Saturday 8 October 3.00 - 5.00pm. at St Mary's

- is a way of being church for families involving fun
- is for adults and children to enjoy together
- uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together.
- is about hospitality, expressed most evidently by eating together



The two hours of Messy Church will feature a number of craft tables based around a particular theme, a time of worship and a shared tea. It is for all the family, whether or not you normally come to church. Look out for flyers, posters and invitations later in September. Speak to the vicar Richard Neill if you want to know more or look at [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk)

## 'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Wednesday 28 September, 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	next to Mendip View House
11.20 am	Stone Allerton	Stone Cross
11.30 am	Chapel Allerton	Allerton Church
11.40 am	Ashton	On the corner next to Hill View Farm
11.50 am	West Stoughton	T Junction with the road to Allerton
12.00 noon	Blackford	Holy Trinity
12.15 pm	Westham	On the corner next to Bockingford House
12.25 pm	Heath House	Ash Tree Farm
12.35 pm	Sand	Upper Sand Farm
12.50 pm	Mudgley	Court Farm Cottages
1.00 pm	Bagley	Bagley Baptist Church
1.10 pm	Theale	Christchurch
1.25 pm	Wedmore	St Mary's

## Parish Registers

### Baptisms

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

Bethany Luxon, daughter of Thomas and Jackie of Meare baptised at St Mary's, Wedmore on Sunday 19 July 2016.

### Weddings

Congratulations go to Rob and Bethan (nee Parsley) Walster of Heath House whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 9 July 2016.

### Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Mrs Joan Attwood of Cheddar who died on 23 June 2016 aged 84 and whose funeral took place at St Mary's, Wedmore on Monday 11 July 2016.

Mrs Marjorie Armitage of Plud Street, Wedmore who died on 29 June 2016 aged 86 and whose funeral took place at Mendip Crematorium on Monday 25 July 2016.

Mr Michael Manners of Dandos Lane, Wedmore who died on 2 July aged 87 and whose funeral took place at St James', Winscombe on Tuesday 12 July 2016.

Mr Richard Wyld of Quab Lane, Wedmore aged 89 and whose funeral took place at a woodland burial site on Monday 21 July 2016.

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## Church Services

### St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	4	Trinity 15	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	11	Trinity 16	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	18	Trinity 17	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30 am	Family Service and Baptism
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	25	Trinity 18	10.30 am	Harvest Festival Communion
			6.00 pm	Movement Youth Worship

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

### Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	4	Trinity 15	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	11	Trinity 16	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	18	Trinity 17	6.00 pm	Harvest Evensong
Sunday	25	Trinity 18	9.00 am	Parish Communion

## Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	4	Trinity 15	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	11	Trinity 16	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	18	Trinity 17	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Communion
Sunday	25	Trinity 18	11.00 am	Come and See and Prayers for Healing

## Allerton Church

Sunday	4	Trinity 15	9.00 am	Family Service
Saturday	10		11.45 am	Harvest Home Service
Sunday	11	Trinity 16	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	18	Trinity 17	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	25	Trinity 18	9.00 am	Youth Communion

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

## Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30am Morning service.

Groups for 3-15s resume on Sunday 6 September.

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.

Don't forget The Marriage Course, starting Friday 30 September for seven sessions.

See notice inside for more information and book direct from our website.

We have various Bible studies and youth groups which we'd love to tell you about!

For details, please telephone 710779 / 712812 / 713267

Email [contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk](mailto:contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk), or come and see us at [www.bagleybaptist.co.uk](http://www.bagleybaptist.co.uk).

## Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for September

Sunday	4	10.30am	Gwyneth Phillips
	11		Bob Haskins
	18		Revd Roly Sims, Harvest Festival
	25		Barry Speddings

## Crickham Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30 am Sunday School  
6.30 pm Evening Service

Sunday 25 6.30pm. Harvest Festival. All welcome

*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.

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# **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.

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# 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:

<b>Controller Taunton</b>	Angeline Duckett	712631
<b>Controller Bridgwater</b>	Angeline Duckett	712631
<b>Controller Weston super Mare</b>	Pam Meadows	712143
<b>Controller Street</b>	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](mailto:rachbennett1@hotmail.co.uk)



# What's On in the Parish

3 - Sat	<b>Fairtrade Coffee Shop</b> <b>Theale Flower Show</b>	9.30 – 12.00am 2.00pm	St Mary's Church Theale VH
5 - Mon	<b>Green Wedmore</b>	8.00pm	The George
6 - Tue	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
9 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic</b>	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
10 - Sat	<b>Wedmore in Bloom Work Party</b> <b>Blackford Churchyard Gardening</b>	9.30am 10.00am	St Mary's Church Blackford Church
11 - Sun	<b>Holy Trinity Breakfast</b>	8.30am	Blackford VH
11 - Sun	<b>Tower with a View</b>	11.40am – 5.40pm	St Mary's Church
13 - Tue	<b>Wedmore in Bloom Work Party</b>	9.30am	The George
14 - Wed	<b>Camelot Quilters'</b> <b>Probus</b> <b>Blackford Cafe</b>	10.00am 10.00am 2 – 4pm	Wedmore VH Wedmore Golf Club Blackford VH
15 - Thu	<b>Wedmore Opera Goers 'Macbeth' in Cardiff</b> <b>Wedmore WI Meeting. Guest Speaker</b> <b>Jo Willis 'Yoga for All'</b>	3.00pm  7.30pm	  Masonic Hall
16 - Fri	<b>Wedmore Real Ale Festival (until 18 Sep)</b>		Wedmore VH
17 - Sat	<b>Theale Village Cafe</b> <b>Wedmore Bowls Club – Taster Day</b> <b>Wedmore WI Coffee Morning</b>	9.00am 9.30am – 4pm 10.30am	Theale VH IOW Bowls Club Masonic Hall
18 - Sun	<b>Theale Film Club – Brooklyn</b>	6.00pm	Theale VH
20 - Tue	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
21 - Wed	<b>Club 50 Trip to Sidmouth</b> <b>Wedmore Parish Council Meeting</b>	9.15am 7.30pm	Cheddar Rd Car Park Parish Rooms Grant's Lane
22 - Thu	<b>Isle of Wedmore Society Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
23 - Fri	<b>Blackford Village Hall AGM</b> <b>Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic</b>	7.30pm 8.00pm	Blackford VH The Panborough Inn
24 - Sat	<b>Wedmore Bowls Club – Taster Day</b>	9.30am – 4pm	IOW Bowls Club
25 - Sun	<b>Wedmore Bowls Club – Taster Day</b> <b>Crickham Baptist Church Harvest Festival</b>	9.30am – 4pm 6.30pm	IOW Bowls Club Crickham Baptist Church
27 - Tue	<b>IOW Gardening Club Talk – Mistletoe</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
28 - Wed	<b>Camelot Quilters'</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH

# September 2016

## Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY				
<b>Art Group</b>	2–4pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midfield	01749 712522
<b>Modern Dance</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204
<b>Beavers</b>	5.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Bridge Club</b>	7.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Thelma Jenkin-Jones	01934 710467
<b>Scouts</b>	7.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

TUESDAY				
<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am	Masonic Hall +	Sue Freeman	01934 741861
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	3.00pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
<b>Acting Up Drama Club</b>	3.45pm	Wedmore VH +	Lou Merryfield	07973 429947
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Circuit Training</b>	7.30pm	Blackford VH	Nigel	07775 682231
<b>Cardiodance</b>	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204

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

THURSDAY				
<b>Wedmore &amp; Blackford Toddlers</b>	9.30am	Blackford VH +	Abbe Smith	01934 710471
<b>Yoga +</b>	10.30am	Masonic Hall +	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Life Drawing Class</b>	10.00am	The Swan	Lily Sawtell	
<b>Over 50s Dance Group</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
<b>Yoga</b>	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

FRIDAY				
<b>Tots and Tinies</b>	9.15am	Wedmore First School	Jo Page	01934 710431
<b>Wedmore Art Group</b>	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Eileen Sanders	01934 710353

+ Not taking place during school holidays