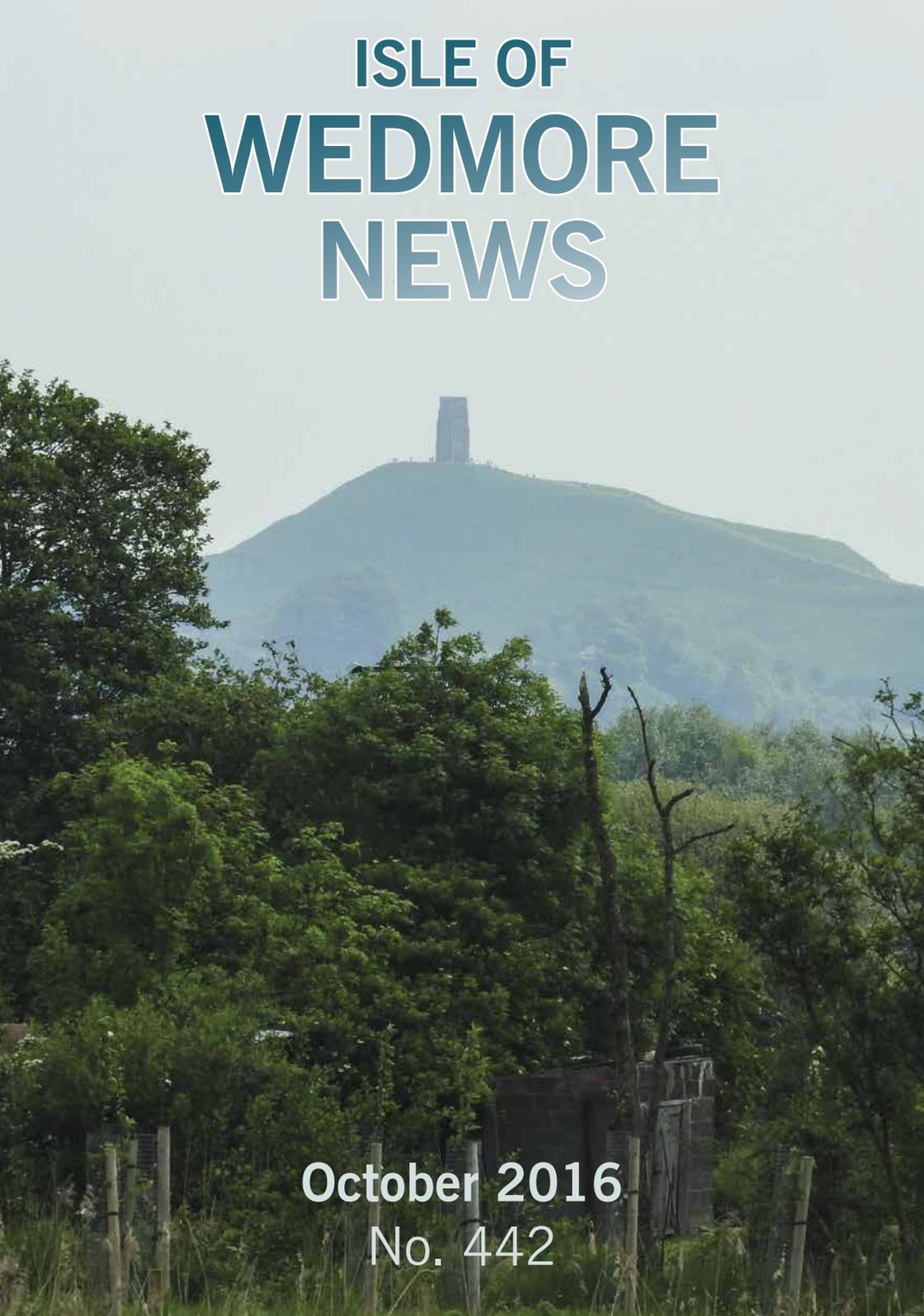


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A landscape photograph showing a large, rounded hill in the background. Atop the hill stands a tall, rectangular, stone monument. The foreground is filled with dense, green trees and foliage. A fence line is visible at the bottom of the frame. The sky is a pale, overcast grey.

October 2016
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Editorial

I love this time of year, walking in the countryside is so colourful and as the evenings draw in it is time to close the curtains, light the fire and curl up with a good book – or maybe Wedmore News!

October's edition will offer you lots of ideas to keep you busy. Whether its joining some of the organised walks or other activities to be found in 'Forthcoming Events', getting the garden ready for winter and next spring, putting the garden to bed, planting bulbs in anticipation of colour next spring and getting the bird table in operation again are great pleasures at this time of year. Or you may wish to try your hand at the latest recipe for a quick and warming supper. As reported in the September edition Polly Costello is hanging up her apron. Thank you to Stuart Fisher, Norma Teakle and Derek Logan who have kindly offered to take on the mantle and produce some of their favourite mouth-watering recipes to share with you. So 'Polly's Kitchen' now becomes 'Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You'. Thank you to Polly for all her lovely recipes and support for Wedmore News and welcome to our new team.

Sue James

Front Cover

This view of Glastonbury Tor was taken earlier in the year by Robert Frith.

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The editors also reserve the right to edit or amend any contribution for reasons of space, conformity, legibility or legality.

News

Parish Council Business

The August meeting of the Parish Council was held at Theale Village Hall and was attended by 13 Councillors and a number of local residents. Members were updated on progress by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and also on the affordable housing project at Cross Farm (no progress at present). Grants were made to Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau towards running costs and also to Theale Flower Show. The Scout Leader, Bill Belshaw, gave details of proposed improvements at the Scout Hut, all of which received approval by the members who also agreed to pay for replacement fencing alongside the allotments. Theale Play Area was also in need of some improvements to equipment and fencing and it was agreed the costs would be met from Council funds. Invitations were accepted to attend various functions from Wedmore Green Group and Kings of Wessex Academy. Finally, members agreed to purchase a new tail coat for one of the Port Reeves who both carry out sterling work throughout the year at various village events.

Rod Pring

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Wedmore News – Contact Details for Clubs and Societies

Thinking ahead to our January 2017 edition, we need to ensure that we have any changes to contact details for Clubs and Societies so that an updated version can be published for 2017. So if you do have any changes to existing information published in January 2016 Wedmore News then please send them to Bill Sutton, email whatsonwedmorenews@gmail.com. The last date for receiving the information is Thursday 1 December.

Sue James

Wedmore News Distribution

We are still 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



Glenys Cousins

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan

What on earth is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Find out on 7 October...

A Neighbourhood Plan is an initiative set up by the government to allow communities to have a say in their future development. Wedmore is likely to be allocated Tier 2 status which means a certain level of building and development in the parish is inevitable. Sedgemoor DC has therefore recommended that Wedmore prepares a Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that local residents are involved in any proposals this might entail, including which sites are allocated.

With this in mind a Neighbourhood Plan Group has been set up by the Parish Council to map out the early stages and to establish whether members of the community support the idea.

To gauge public opinion, the Group is holding an Open Afternoon in the Village Hall on Friday 7 October from 2.00 – 9.00pm. Full facts about producing a Neighbourhood Plan will be available, spelling out the pros and cons. Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be on hand to answer questions and get your feedback. Plus, there will be refreshments!

For more details, go online at www.wedmore.online.



Bob Sellwood

Theale Flower Show 2016



Flippin' heck, would you 'Adam and Eve' it, the first Saturday in September and IT RAINED!

I've lived in Theale for 29 years and I have never known the Show Day to have been rained upon so significantly as last Saturday! OK, some drizzle at the start or end of the day. Yes, we have had to change fields because of waterlogging during the previous week and yes we have had to lay out bales of straw because the field was a quagmire from earlier torrential rain, but last Saturday was VERY wet all afternoon!

So what? Our Flower Show Queen, Sophia, and the Princesses, Suzannah and Zoe all got to travel in an un-open top 'nice car' (courtesy of Joyce and Trevor Hunt) so stayed dry, at least until the ribbon cutting ceremony!

The Axe Valley Vets still put on their ever popular Companion Dog Show,

dry-ish within a swanky gazebo with weather-proof-ish walls, and enough dog-owners turned out to make their time worthwhile.

There were in excess of 550 entries to the Show classes and over 350 adults with heaven knows how many (free) under 16s paid to come to the show despite the weather.

THANK YOU ALL EVER SO MUCH.

As is often quoted 'it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good'. When it is 'chuckin' it down' outside what beckons better than a nice cuppa with a big slice of home-made cake in the warm and dry? Over 50 cream teas and more than 100 teas and cakes were sold



and that is after serving 56 very delicious lunches, generously supported by Hectors Farm Shop and Roger Wilkins Cider. Lesley and David Luke orchestrated all of this with the willing help of a team of local volunteers.

We thank Christchurch for once again opening its doors to house the floral and plant entries and providing the venue for a demonstration of floral artistry by Jean Tincknell, plus an organ recital by Liam Davies.

A couple of tents sprouted in the neighbouring field (courtesy of Sheila and Edwin Badman) for veggie and craft entries, and two more in the orchard behind the Village Hall, courtesy of Ann and Dave Bodley, for children's entries and the tombola. The latter tent also housed the Barnacle Buoys who provided musical entertainment during the afternoon and Tom Wilcox who did the same during the evening. (Bit drippy that tent though!)

Sharon Tucker and helpers sold over 500 tickets for the draw, so I do hope you won something, I didn't!

As usual there are so many un-sung heroes of Theale Flower Show that I cannot mention them all. Not least the brilliant local businesses who have generously sponsored more classes this year than ever before. The local ladies and gents who turn out to put up tents and gazebos, some borrowed from generous neighbours and friends; move kit from A to B, paper tables, erect the bar, sort entries, bake cakes, decorate the hall, make salads and generally organise stuff so the Show can go ahead.

Then they turn out once again to take it all down, if and when it gets dry, and put it away in a kindly neighbour's barn until the next time!

Most of all, thank you to everyone who entered a class or two and bothered to come to our show despite the rotten weather. Here's to another 29 years of dry, Flower Show days.

Nick Avery

Allerton Players

A Somerset charity that helps people with disabilities get the right sort of help has been boosted with a donation from the Allerton Players.

The amateur dramatic group presented Somerset Community Care Matters (SCCM) with a cheque for £250 earlier this month.



Pictured (from left) charity chairman Brenda Prentice, players chairman Peter Tinney, charity casework supervisor Ray Avards, players treasurer Carol Kilburn with other Allerton Players' members Mary Leftley and Margaret Tinney.

It was part of the proceeds from its summer entertainment which was held in June in West Stoughton, near Wedmore.

The charity, which has its office in Taunton, but works throughout Somerset and beyond, provides specialist advice, help and casework in the field of community care law, which covers healthcare, social care and disability rights for people who have physical or mental health issues.

It was founded by Brenda Prentice following the avoidable death of her son seven years ago. She explained: 'Care in the community is covered by government rules and regulations. If you, or someone you care for, have difficulty accessing services, we can

advise you on how to take the first steps to obtain the help you need. This may be to help find your way round the health and social care system or question a decision you think is wrong. We can do legal case work for those eligible for Legal Aid. We can also provide advice and help for those who are not.'

She thanked the Allerton Players for the donation and said: 'We really are grateful as we rely on donations like this for the survival of our charity as we get no official grants from any authority. Although the Government says patients should be able to choose their advisor, SCCM is not funded to do that. This charity relies on charity.'

Mary Leftly

3 Cs Oil Syndicate

After a mostly good summer maybe we should now consider our winter needs.

Please submit orders by Tuesday 1 November for delivery about a week later.

For further information please contact Bob and Mary Chapman (co-ordinators), telephone 712314, or email bm.cribcottage@gmail.com

Bob and Mary Chapman

Green Wedmore and Wedmore Community Power Co-Op Energy Evening

Green Wedmore and Wedmore Community Power Co-Op's first Energy Evening is almost upon us, on Saturday 15 October, starting promptly at 7.00pm. Sir Vince Cable will give the opening introduction and the Keynote Speaker will be Pete Capener, who will talk about 'The Future of Community Led Power Generation'. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers and also a panel discussion. A light supper is included.



Steve Mewes

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre's autumn 2016 programme features fine films and terrific live events.

It has already begun with the feel-good factor film 'Florence Foster Jenkins', starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

'The Second Best Bed', on Friday 7 October is a superb one woman play starring Liz Grand as Anne Hathaway looking back at her life with the playwright Shakespeare on the night of his funeral. A powerful and amusing film.

On Thursday 20 October the nail-biting movie 'Eye in the Sky' stars Helen Mirren and the late Alan Rickman in his final screen role in a taut and tense thriller.

Another glittering cast is assembled for the witty costume drama 'Love & Friendship', starring Kate Beckinsale and based on a Jane Austen novella, on Thursday 15 November.

Cheddar Arts' season concludes on Friday 2 December with brilliant comedy string quartet 'Graffiti Classics', whose aim is to make classical music wickedly funny and

fantastically exhilarating. This is achieved in a breath-taking, all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy cabaret show.

Tickets for all events are available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts
For help telephone 744939 extension 2 or visit Kings Fitness & Leisure in person.

Payment for the new booking system is by credit/debit card only and cash will only be accepted for tickets sold on the door.

Copies of the programme are available in local shops, the leisure centre and on the organisation's website www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts.

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

For more details visit www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts or for queries email cheddararts@googlemail.com

Jan Rance

A Day in the Life of Mr Punch's Folk Club



After five or six attempts, over many years, to establish a Folk Club on the Isle of Wedmore (many thought we are an itinerant club!), we are back at The Panborough Inn. This time we are in the main bar where we've been made very welcome and where the beer is excellent! Not a sign of old chips and dead shrews! Remind me to tell you that story sometime.

It's been a long journey. Many of our audience and performers come a long way on a Friday night. We hope they continue to come. Most of our evenings we call 'open mic', this being a chance for singers, musicians and poets to perform. There is no microphone or amplifier, but we do have a music stand for those, like me, who can't remember their words! All are welcome, experienced or not. Whilst other genres of music are enjoyed and certainly not dismissed, the club celebrates traditional folk song music and literature of the past and indeed the present. It is sad, in England, that many place little value in the old sorts of song and music, common throughout the world, that explore ordinary people's lives and experiences. There is a ton of beautiful music and song out there from all our communities new and old, yet we mock and parody our traditional singers, musicians and dancers, preferring the inane commercial beat that pervades our media.

Occasionally at the club we have feature evenings where individuals can prepare and perform longer sets than time normally allows for. We've had some great evenings and there are certainly more to come. When we can afford it we also invite professional folk artistes to entertain us.

As autumn comes on we now look forward to some splendid evenings around the wood stove in the Panborough Inn. Songs of doom and gloom, of murder and lust,

comic and tragical ballads, love songs and tunes old and new. You are welcome to join us.

Bernard Coulter

Thank you to Bernard for producing this month's 'Day in the Life' at short notice – and whilst on holiday (Editor).

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

Essence Hairdressing and Beauty – Two Sister Salons



Essence Hairdressing and Essence Beauty are two businesses in King Alfred Mews, owned and run respectively by Sharon Lewis and Rebecca Fowler, who are sisters. They were born in Weston-super-Mare and grew up in the Chew Valley.

Sharon, who loves animals, wanted to be a vet, so she chose a veterinary practice for her work experience while at school. However, she realised that this career was not for her when she found it difficult to cope with seeing some of the animals in pain. She would have to rethink. In the meantime, she looked for a Saturday job. The options were limited locally, so she took the bus to Broadmead in Bristol, where she found

a job in a hairdressing salon. She loved it! In particular, she liked the contact with people and getting to know clients, so it seemed a natural progression after completing her GCSEs to take up an offer of an apprenticeship. After her apprenticeship, Sharon moved to another salon in the same chain in Bristol and when it closed down, she got a job in a salon in Weston-super-Mare. She did an advanced hairdressing course and then went to Weston College to do a teaching qualification and assessor course. On her day off, Sharon worked as a teacher and assessor at the college for two years. She became the Manager of the salon, staying there for a total of 14 years. In 2012, an opportunity arose to take over her Aunt and Uncle's hairdressing salon in Wedmore, when they decided to retire. They had had the business for about 40 years, moving to the premises in King Alfred Mews when it was built. Sharon modernised and developed the salon and now has a team of six stylists. She still very much enjoys the contact with clients and also working with and helping to develop the younger stylists.

Her sister, Becky, started her working life in the travel industry. After school, she attended Bridgwater College, obtained a travel and tourism qualification and joined a travel agency in Bridgwater. In 2000, Becky decided to move to a bank. She stayed there for 13 years, working in different roles from Cashier to Personal Account Manager and finally Branch Manager. So I asked her: "after reaching that position, what made you make such a radical change in your career?" Becky said that the banking world had changed and she felt that her job was moving away from customer service; the personal touch was gone. While she was working in the bank one of her hobbies was nail care and she took a nail technician course. When she decided to leave the bank she looked at how she could obtain further qualifications. She went to a local beauty academy, whose owner tailor-made the course for her. She then started a business from her home. As it was developing well, when premises in Wedmore became available, she was keen to take advantage of the opportunity, despite the fact that she was about to give birth. When she opened the salon, her daughter was one month old. This was 14 months ago, and she has now been joined by two members of staff, although only two therapists can work at one time in the small premises.

Sharon and Becky often work together as they are able to offer complementary services for weddings and special occasions. Sharon does the hairstyling and Becky does the beauty treatment and make-up. Ideally, in the future, they would like to bring their two businesses together under one roof.

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

Reports and Society Updates

St Mary's Church 100 Club

No. 68 was the first number drawn this month, and belongs to Sheila Duckett, winning her £20. The second No. was 19, belonging to Charles Rendall, and wins him £10. Congratulations to both.

Thelma Jenkins-Jones

Wedmore in Bloom

New Village Map

'Wedmore in Bloom' have unveiled a new village map of Wedmore in The Mall.

We were conscious that the old map was out of date and was overlooked by visitors to the village, so we decided to commission local artist, Judith Chapman, to paint an up-to-date version in a modern and fun way. Much thought was given to how much was to be included such as roads, footpaths, churches, hostelrys and shops.

The design was printed by 'Arien Designs' of Cheddar and a smart frame designed and made by carpenter Ashley Baker.

Hopefully visitors and locals can now find their way around the village easily by checking the map.

Apple Day

'Apple Day' takes place on Saturday 22 October from 11.00am - 3.00pm. Apple Day is an annual event celebrated around the country in October for the gathering in of the apple harvest.

Our celebration will take place at the Scout Hut, Combe Lane. For further information contact Odette Evans, telephone 712972. We hope 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 Evans, telephone 712972. We do hope you can join us to make the day a big success. Please note, 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

Wedmore Theatre Club - Autumn Production

From Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 November Wedmore Theatre Club will be performing four short one-act plays under the banner headline 'Four Plays and a Ploughman's (but not on Thursday!!!)'. The reason for the title is that each evening will be just what it says on the tin.

The plays, by well-known playwrights David Tristram, Jean McConnell and Margaret Bower, all share the common thread of looking at the more quirky and amusing aspects of life and relationships and are variously one minute



serious and the next gut wrenchingly hilarious, all ending with a delightful sting in the tail.

This will be an informal evening with the audience sitting around tables surrounding a raised stage in the middle of the village hall floor. You will be encouraged to imbibe to your heart's content during the evening with a scrumptious ploughman's supper served during the interval on the Friday and Saturday.

This will be an evening of comedy and fun and is not to be missed!!

Tickets on Friday and Saturday (including the meal) are £12 and on Thursday, for those who are unable to come on either Friday or Saturday or do not want the meal, tickets are £9.

Tickets will be on sale to Club members from 17 October and on general sale from 31 October, either from Wedmore Village Store, Jendy Weekes, telephone 01278 641370, or on-line at wedmoretheatre.com.

David Cole

Wedmore Twinning Association



In August we visited our friends in St. Medard. It was good to meet up again, renew old friendships and sample the delights of France. Hopefully by the time you read this I will have found a home for the six merlot vines that were presented to us! The association in St. Medard continues to go from strength to strength with a number of new families joining and wishing to come to see us next year - and by families I mean parents in their 30s and 40s with children still at home. So if you are interested in hosting a family next year, or indeed would like more information generally, please do get in contact, Cameron Swales, Chairman, telephone 713342.

Benoit Dayrault (left), President of the St Medard de Guizieres Twinning Association, with Cameron Swales

Cameron Swales

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club – Bridge Section

Our winter season opens on Thursday 6 October at 2.00pm for approximately 26 weeks

This friendly club plays duplicate bridge with 18 to 24 boards.

Last winter we averaged 7+ tables but would welcome some new members who currently enjoy social bridge and would like to play once a week regularly in the winter.

If you require a partner or further details please contact Brian Moreton, telephone 713854, or email brianjillmoreton@btinternet.com

Brian Moreton

IT for the Terrified

I.T. for the Terrified has reopened and is now using Cheddar Village Hall.

Anyone of any age or ability can learn how to order prescriptions or library books, do your 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.

Although the location for our sessions 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. 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, but there are no drop-in sessions and all appointments must be by arrangement.

Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified, telephone 741751, www.itforheterrified.co.uk, itforheterrified@btconnect.com or visit Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF. I.T. for the Terrified for all your computer training needs.

A skill-sharing, community project. Run by a committee, staffed by volunteers.

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Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)

Thursday 6 October at 2.15pm, at Cheddar Village Hall, a talk entitled 'The Silk Road and the Spice Route' by Roy Fisher.

Thursday 20 October from 10.30am to 12.00 noon at Cheddar Village Hall, Meet & Greet Coffee Morning.

Started in France as a means of making continuing education available to the retired generation, imported to the UK with a more informal and social bias, the U3A movement, operating under the umbrella of the Third Age Trust, continues to provide unique opportunities for the active retired in our community. So no matter what your interests and abilities, there could be something for you. Come and see us at the Coffee Morning, or at Cheddar Library on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. All welcome.

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

Geoff Farnie



October Walk Programme – West Mendip Walkers

- Thursday 6 October - moderate circular walk of 10mi/16kms from Winford Church. OS Map Ex154 ST543651. Start 10.00am, roadside parking near church. Contact Tony Strange, telephone 733783/07976 902706, email oranthonystrange@gmail.com
- Thursday 13 October - moderate circular walk of 6.5mi/10.4kms from Cranmore Steam Railway. OS Map Ex142 ST668430. Start 1.00pm, park at railway. Contact Roger Mead, telephone 743088/07724 800882, email orrogermead1941@hotmail.co.uk
- Thursday 20 October - moderate circular walk 7.0mi/11.3kms from South Horrington. OS Map Ex141 ST573463. Start 1.00pm, park roadside. Contact Ken Masters, telephone 01749 670349/07784 941439, email k.masters265@btinternet.com
- Thursday 27 October - moderate circular walk of 5.5mi/8.8kms from Blaise Castle. OS Map Ex155 ST559786. Start 1.00pm, park free car park at Blaise Castle. Contact Jenny Nicholas, telephone 07803 722878, email jennymr7@aol.com

Tony Strange

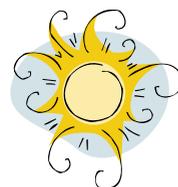
Weather Report for August 2016

RAINFALL



Monthly total	57.2mm	(2.25ins)
30-year average	74.8mm	(2.94ins)
Wettest day (1st)	30.0mm	(1.18ins)
No of dry days	20	
Last 3 months (Jun-Aug)	169mm	(6.64ins)
Year ending 31 Aug 2016	684mm	(26.92ins)
30-year annual average	797mm	(31.38ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (23rd)	27.5 °C	(81.5 °F)
Minimum (9th)	6 °C	(42.8 °F)
Number of air frosts	Nil	
Monthly average maximum	22.0 °C	(71.6 °F)
30-year average maximum	21.7 °C	(71.1°F)
Monthly average minimum	11.7 °C	(53.1 °F)
30-year average minimum	12.0 °C	(53.6 °F)

COMMENTS

After a very wet first day, viz. 30.0mm, it was a relatively dry month. Note that the annual total is now running at 14% below the 30-year average.

Denley Brown

Best Year for Britain's rarest Butterfly since 1930s!

The once-extinct large blue butterfly, reintroduced to the UK in 1984, flew in its highest numbers for at least 80 years this summer, due to the collaboration of the Large Blue Project, Somerset Wildlife Trust, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and their project partners, belying widely-reported warnings that 2016 could be the worst year on record for British butterflies.

Thanks to meticulous conservation management, south-west England now supports the largest concentration of large blues known in the world. Somerset Wildlife Trust's Green Down and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and Royal Entomological Society's Daneway Banks saw over 10,000 adult large blues in 2016, according to Professor Jeremy Thomas, chair of the Joint Committee for the Restoration of the Large Blue Butterfly - which equates to roughly 60% of the UK population. Together they laid more than a quarter of a million eggs on the abundant thyme and marjoram flowers.

This is no mean feat, for the large blue is the only UK butterfly species that is sufficiently threatened worldwide to be listed in the IUCN's global Red Data Book, and our only one designated as an 'Endangered Species' across Europe. The success of the large blue reintroduction is due to the combined efforts of the Large Blue Project. As well as the Wildlife Trusts in Somerset and Gloucestershire, partners include Natural England, Butterfly Conservation, the University of Oxford and the National Trust.

The large blue has a bizarre life-cycle, having fed for three weeks on the flower buds of wild thyme or marjoram, the caterpillar produces scents and songs that trick red ants into believing it is one of their own grubs, and is carried underground into the ants nest and placed with the ant brood. The caterpillar spends the next 10 months feeding on the grubs before pupating in the nest the following year and then emerging to crawl above ground as a butterfly.

Despite over 50 years of effort to halt its decline, the large blue butterfly was pronounced extinct in Britain in 1979. Its reintroduction in 1984 was based on the discovery that large blue caterpillars can only survive in the nest of one particular species of red ant, *Myrmica sabuleti*. Changes in countryside management were responsible for the extinction. Alterations in grazing left grassland too tall and shady for the heat-loving red ant.

Reserves Manager for Somerset Wildlife Trust, Mark Green said: 'The amazing numbers of Large Blues recorded this year show what can be achieved through close partnership and landscape scale conservation land management, underpinned by sound science. Large blue numbers had declined significantly two years ago, due to unfavourable weather conditions. But, thanks to the project partners creating and maintaining a number of well-connected core sites, the butterfly has now bounced



back to record numbers. I feel proud to play a part in this highly successful project, which gives me hope that we can reverse the declines of other vulnerable species.’

Today optimum habitat has been restored to more than 50 former sites. The finest of these are Green Down Nature Reserve in Somerset and Daneway Banks Nature Reserve in the Cotswolds, both Wildlife Trust sites. Thanks to good grazing management coupled with favourable weather, their already massive large blue populations increased by 74% and 64% respectively compared with 2015. The National Trust’s Collard Hill site in Somerset also boasted good numbers, and remains the most accessible place to see large blues thanks to its extensive car park and on-site warden.

A spin-off of our managing grasslands to support the large blue is that it has simultaneously improved conditions for a diversity of other wildlife.

At Daneway, scarce orchids including fly, frog and musk, have returned after an absence of many years, and the exceedingly rare cut-leaved germander and cut-leaved self-heal are now flourishing. Among insects, the Downland Villa beeﬂy – not recorded in the UK for 50 years prior to 2000 – bred in great abundance along the tracks and scrapings of Daneway in 2014-16.

At Green Down, cut-leaved self-heal also flowered abundantly in 2016, and meadow brown and marbled white butterflies had their highest and second highest recorded numbers respectively in decades of recording, again belying predictions for low butterfly numbers elsewhere. For further information please contact Lisa Whaley, telephone 01823 652438 or email lisa.whaley@somersetwildlife.org

Lisa Whaley

Communications Assistant, Somerset Wildlife Trust

Forthcoming Events

World’s Biggest Coffee Morning – Saturday 1 October

Raising funds for Macmillian Cancer Support. At Mill Farm, Quab Lane, from 10.00am – 1.00pm.



Games and competitions for adults and children, coffee and cakes. All welcome.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning – Saturday 1 October

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.

Isle of Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan – Friday 7 October

To gauge public opinion, the Neighbourhood Plan Group is holding an Open Afternoon in the Village Hall from 2.00 – 9.00pm. Full facts about producing a Neighbourhood Plan will be available, with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group on hand to answer questions and get your feedback. Plus, there will be refreshments! For more details, go online at www.wedmore.online

Mr Punch's Folk Club – Friday 7 and 21 October

At The Panborough Inn, starting at 8.00pm, entrance £1.

Open Mic sessions on both dates. For more information telephone 712144/710020

Craft Fair – Saturday 8 October

At Wedmore Village Hall from 11.00am - 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 7.00 pm for a prompt start at 7.30 pm. 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



GREEN
WEDMORE

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

A free public event on the theme of energy saving and generation, with the aim of finding out what the Parish wants to do next. Light refreshments available. Please email stevemewes415@gmail.com if you would like to come so we have an idea of numbers.

Theale Film Club – Sunday 16 October

The film is 'To Kill a Mockingbird'. 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.

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 19 October

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 – Wednesday 19 October

The October outing is to Swindon and the Railway Museum.

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

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

Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 20 October

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. Frances Benton will talk about ‘Pearls Continued’. Bring your cheque book! Competition: ‘My Favourite Necklace’.

Guests and visitors are always welcome, we close with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit and time to chat. For further information please contact Sue Smith,

Willow Bank, Grants Lane, Wedmore BS28 4EA. Telephone 712743.



Wedmore in Bloom ‘Apple Day’ – Saturday 22 October

From 11.00am - 3.00pm at the Scout Hut, Combe Lane (first turning on the left after Combe Batch Rise).

Something for all the family! For further information please telephone Odette Evans, 712972. We hope you can join us to make this event a great success.

Please note, parking is very limited (stall holders and disabled only).

Last Night of the Proms with Burnham & Highbridge Band – Saturday 22 October

Featuring guest Soprano Francesca Bowkett.

At Wedmore Village Hall, doors open at 7.00pm, concert starts at 7.45pm. Following their recent appearance on the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury and award winning performance at the September Exmouth Brass Festival, the Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band is coming to Wedmore to deliver a rousing Last Night of the Proms Concert. A programme of contemporary music will include classical favourites such as Sir Edward Elgar’s ‘Land of Hope and Glory’. Cabaret-style seating with bar open throughout the evening. Tickets £12 are obtainable from www.ticketsource.co.uk/BHB, or telephone 01749 671520 or 07733 001523 www.burnhamandhighbridge.band

Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club – Tuesday 25 October

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

This month we have an interesting talk by Charlton Orchard Apples called ‘Apples – Types and Tasting’. Charlton Orchards, a small family business was founded in 1947, and has been selling traditional varieties of fruit for over 60 years in their orchards four miles from Taunton.

Members and guests welcome. Contact Andrea West 712161



Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 27 October

The meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall when there will be a talk by two of our own members. Kate and Lester Durston will present an ‘Indian Kaleidoscope’. Members free, Visitors £3, with free tea/coffee and biscuits after the talk.

Jigsaw Festival for Weston Hospicecare – Saturday 29 October

At Wedmore Masonic Hall from 10.30am-3.00pm

The event is being organised by the Wedmore Friends of Weston Hospicecare. All jigsaws will be complete and there will be plenty to choose from, ranging from easy right through to more challenging ones. Refreshments will be available.

Jigsaws are wanted for the festival. Could you please take any unwanted complete jigsaws, with all levels of difficulty, including those for children, to Nanny Ida's, Church Street, Wedmore, or the Weston Hospicecare Shop in Bath Street, Cheddar – our jigsaw drop-off points.

For any queries please telephone Sue Harding on 01934 423926.

Quiz Night in Aid of Local Samaritans Branch – Friday 4 November

Another opportunity to ‘pit your wits’ against your fellow quizzers and support a great service at the same time. We can ensure it will be a fun night with supper included. Licensed bar.

Teams of four, tickets £15 per head. Doors open at 7.00pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. For tickets telephone David and Holly, 713392 or available from the Village Store.



Annual Charities Christmas Card Fair – Saturday 5 November

At St. Mary's Church, Wedmore from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Once again St Mary's PCC is opening the church to various charities to give them an opportunity to sell their Christmas cards, calendars and gifts. This is the sixteenth fair and over the years it has raised thousands of pounds for a wide range of charitable causes. A few stalls still available, so if you would like to have a stall, (registered charities only), please telephone Sue Burton, 712092.

Fairtrade coffee and cakes will be available to refresh you in between making your purchases. This is always a very happy occasion, so do come along and support your favourite charities.

The Turnip Prize Entries – Tuesday 1 to Sunday 21 November. Final Judging – Monday 5 December

Get your creative juices flowing and your thinking caps on! It is time for the 'The Turnip Prize'. Entries accepted from Tuesday 1 November until Monday 21 November. Entries should take the least amount of effort possible to create.



To enter contact Trevor, telephone 710004 / 07812848011, or The New Inn. Alternatively, leave your entry at The New Inn.

Preliminary judging takes place on Tuesday 22 November. Final judging takes place at The New Inn on Monday 5 December at 6.30pm.

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

Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

The Singing Children of Africa – Tuesday 4 to Saturday 15 October

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.

North Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Stories in Stained Glass – Wednesday 5 October

Starting at 2.15pm. Join us for interesting lectures on the arts from recognised experts. Lectures are held at the 37 Club, between Woolavington and Puriton, Our next lecture will be Dr.Sarah Pearson talking about 'Beautiful Brutalism'; Architecture of the 1960s.

Love them or hate them, Brutalist buildings are now being listed and protected as a part of our architectural heritage. Brutalist structures, with their emphasis on blockish forms and concrete construction are often described as ugly, crude and drab, yet there are examples of this building type which merit a second examination.

Bridgwater Arts Centre 70th Anniversary Celebration – Friday 7 to Friday 14 October

Reflect exhibition
Walkabout story telling
Open house events

**WE ARE CELEBRATING
OUR 70th BIRTHDAY**
join the party!

A night at the opera
in 1946
Birthday Bonanza
free day of family fun
BACTalks: History day

7th October - 12th November
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Bridgwater Town Council
Arts Centre

An exciting schedule of birthday events for the community to get involved. From an interactive timeline exhibition to live opera experience to a big birthday bonanza family day.

The Centre will be a hive of creative activity. www.bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk/70th-celebrations.



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.

Wells Festival of Literature – Friday 14 to Saturday 22 October

Appealing to a wide range of interests, providing a huge variety of information and entertainment - fiction, biography, politics, poetry, performance, art, history, comedy and religion - plus a delicious Literary Lunch at 12.30pm every weekday. See the brochure or visit the website, www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk

Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You



In response to our request for recipes in the Wedmore News, Stuart Fisher has come up with the goods for this month! Stuart says ‘this is one that I regularly do as a quick supper. I keep Thai Basil and prawns in the freezer, the rest of the ingredients are always in the fridge or store cupboard’.

Prawn Linguine (Serves 2)

Ingredients

6 oz linguine (or spaghetti)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 clove garlic or to taste
1 small onion or half a large one, diced
6 cherry tomatoes, halved
1 red chilli or to taste, finely sliced
1 tablespoon dry sherry (Tio Pepe or similar)
2 teaspoons Thai Fish Sauce (Nam Pla)
14 king prawns, shelled, defrosted if frozen
A few basil (or Thai Basil) leaves, torn into pieces
Knob of butter
Black pepper

Method

Cook the pasta al dente. Meanwhile, fry the onions and garlic in olive oil. Add the tomatoes, chilli, sherry and fish sauce. Cook until the tomatoes start to soften. Add the prawns. When the prawns are just pink, add the basil and butter. Serve over the cooked pasta with a grind of black pepper and a glass of chilled white wine.

Stuart Fisher

The Garden in October

At risk of missing the deadline for the October issue, because I was delayed by having to remove a computer virus, I deliberately waited another day or so before writing this, so that I could mention the entries for Theale Flower Show.

As it turned out the weather was against us; for the first time in over thirty years we had a wet day on the Saturday. However, as entries have to be in a day or two beforehand, only the weather in the longer term might have affected those. Entries were down, but in the opinion of several exhibitors, the quality of the entries was actually better, so it was ‘swings and roundabouts’ really. I did notice that there were several younger people with children entering exhibits, although we have very few people in that age-group



actually involved in putting on the event, so I will enter a plea here please come along to a committee meeting and get involved.

And so to the garden. Harvesting of your garden crops carries on into October. If you have apples and pears to keep, a cool dry place in the garden shed or garage will suffice, a single layer on a bed of straw or newspaper is best. Remember to go over them occasionally and remove any diseased and rotten fruit as these will infect those next to them. Look out for signs of rodent damage, they may imagine that you have laid in a supply of winter food for them. Depending on variety it is possible to keep apples and pears right through until early spring.

This is the time of year in the bulb garden where new planting overlaps with lifting of last year's half hardy subjects such as gladioli. These can be kept in a dry place until the spring, subject to checking them for the same reasons as for the fruit. Tulips can be planted now until next month.

If you have herbaceous borders in need of renovation, as plants die back, lift them, label them with name, height, colour, etc. Divide clumps if necessary; dig over the border, removing perennial weeds such as couch-grass, manure the ground and replant. The soil temperature should be still high enough to get some root growth before the winter.

If you planted new hedging in the spring, it is a good idea to cut it back fairly hard in its first autumn to encourage the plants to thicken up from the base when new growth starts in the spring. October is an excellent time to plant new trees and shrubs. This will be mainly from containers; you will usually have to wait a little longer if you want to use bare-rooted plants, until the leaves have fallen.

At one time the lifting and storing of vegetable root crops in clamps or sand in boxes was the norm, but in these days of mainly milder winters most of us simply leave hardy things in the ground until we want to use them; a drawback of this is that, particularly if the winter is wet, you will get damage to the underground parts of the plants by the grey/black keeled slugs that live below the soil surface. These are particularly prevalent on heavy soils. If you are troubled by this pest, a biological control is available for them, in the form of a nematode which can be watered onto the soil and then parasitises the slugs and eats them from the inside. The original inoculant is available from garden suppliers, but is probably dependent on soil temperature, so consult the packaging, or look on line for information.

Tender plants that have spent the summer in containers on the patio need to go into the greenhouse soon before we have any damaging frost. Agapanthus, which are frequently kept in containers, will be treated differently depending on whether they are evergreen or deciduous. The evergreen varieties are generally less hardy than the deciduous ones and will need to spend the winter under glass, but not above 8°C, with occasional watering; deciduous types can be stored in the shed or garage as they need no light; they can also be allowed to become drier but don't leave it too late to start them back into growth in the spring. They do not need to be pot-bound to flower well, but when you do re-pot them, just go up one pot size as otherwise they may produce a lot of leaf and no more flowers than previously.

Lawn cutting can be less frequent from now on or even unnecessary if the night temperatures are regularly below 5°C, as the grass hardly grows. Roses can be lightly

pruned to prevent the wind from rocking them during autumn gales and black-spot can still be a problem. Either spray them or if you don't wish to do that, pick up and burn or compost the fallen leaves as these provide initial infection in the next season. I had better finish now as I have received an e-mail from the editor chasing my contribution.

Adrian Hutchison

Thought for the Month

The pursuit of happiness has led our society to try to find it in the acquisition of things, with the promise by the advertisers that the result will be the happiness, admiration or significance that we seek.

If that were true of course, further purchases would be unnecessary – hence the emphasis on the ‘New and Improved product’.

Sixty years ago, as a child in Sunday School we would sing a chorus; ‘I am H.A.P.P.Y, I am H.A.P.P.Y, I know I am, I'm sure I am, I am H.A.P.P.Y.’

Looking back it seems to me that the Christian Faith was being marketed as an insurance against calamity now and Hell later. This is a far cry from the Gospel Jesus brought – one of reconciliation and relationship with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Jesus warned us that ‘In this world you will have trouble, but take heart I have overcome the world.’ John 16v33.

St Paul says ‘I have learned in all things to be content’.

The television programme ‘Long Lost Family’ tries to reunite individuals who long to find their birth mother or father, son or daughter, brother or sister. There is in all of us a deep longing for relationship and to belong.

Jesus promised us that if we seek our Heavenly Father we will find Him and the strength of that relationship will carry us through the times when life throws at us things about which we don't feel happy – not a guarantee of a trouble free life but a relationship where God's covenant is to be always with us in this world and the next.

Bob Drew, Bagley Baptist Church



Sport Reports

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

August, time for holidays and a bit of a break. Well certainly it was quieter than the all action month of July at the golf club but there was still plenty going on. The club hosted the Ladies County Bronze Championship with 65 players from across the County taking part. June Smith took full advantage from playing her home Club by taking the overall trophy, the Eileen Irlam Salver, with 37 points in a very close finish. This was also enough for her to win the Barlow Cup for the best home qualifier. It

was a good day for the Club all round with the course in excellent shape and Wendy Lucas winning plaudits from everyone for her organisation.

The annual triangular match between the Ladies, Seniors and Men got pushed back in the calendar this year and teeing off at 6 o'clock in the morning in the dark and rain proved too much for some. A result was achieved though, with the Men winning from the Seniors with the Ladies in third place. They did much better though in the match for the Friendly Bowl against the Seniors.



June Smith (centre), winner of two main prizes at the County Bronze Championship

This time, in glorious sunshine, they amassed over 640 stableford points whilst their opponents struggled to break 600. Wendy Lucas and Ruth Pearson led the way for the Ladies with 45 points whilst Mike Smith and Pete Bendall did their best for the Seniors with 46.

There were two outstanding rounds in the Club Monthly Stableford. In division 1, Tim Harris had three birdies and three bogies in his level par round of 70 which equated to 41 stableford points to win by 3 points from Daryl Cornelius who in turn was a point ahead of Richard Weight in third place. Highest points score of the day came in division 3 where Bradley Speller amassed 42 points to win the division by 5 points clear of a group of 4 players on 37. Division 2 was settled on countback after Tom Bennett and Dave King both finished on 38 points. A par on the final hole was just enough to give Tom first place.

There was more low scoring in the Club Medal. Best of the day came from Alan Richardson, winning division 2 with a nett 62, six shots clear of runner-up Dale Worthington on 68. Simon Moore was another golfer to see his handicap tumble as he won division 1 with a nett 64. Jeremy Richards took second place with a nett 67. Not quite so startling scores in division 3 but a level par 70 was good enough for Steve Sweeting to win by two shots.

In the Ladies Stableford, round of the day came from Jane Midgley, the only player under par with 38 points. Ruth Pearson took second place on countback with 36 points ahead of Ange Webber. Trish Phelps is another lady playing well at the moment, taking fourth place with 35 points ahead of Helen Tanswell in fifth place on 34. The Ladies monthly Stableford incorporated the Grannies Cup. Winner of

both the Cup and the Stableford was Ange Webber, continuing her run of good form with 37 points. This put her a point clear of Sue Edwards, another in-form player with Shirley Turner third on 33 points. The other places were filled by three players on 32 points with Ruth Pearson just edging ahead of Cathy Olive and Sue Painter on countback.

The Seniors monthly Medal had some excellent scoring particularly in division 3 where James Robertson led the way with a nett 64. He was pressed hard, though by Ron Barrett on 65 and Barry Stone who was third on 67. John Bennett was another low scorer, his 66 good enough to win division 1 by three clear shots from Frank Denniston who just edged out Mike Smith on countback. There was a complete blanket finish in division 3 with the top three all finishing on 69 points. Countback over the back nine was therefore needed to sort out the places and birdies on the eleventh and twelfth were enough to give David Russell first place ahead of runner-up Philip McMahon and Robin Knight. John Bennett and Mike Smith were in the prizes again in the Seniors Stableford, Mike winning on countback after both scored 38 points. Countback again saw Graham Stock win division 2 on countback from David Bates and again separated the first two in division 3 with Francis Rabbits edging out Alan Shiner.



Winners of the Richard Bank's Trophy, with Anne Banks presenting the prizes

The month finished with the Richard Banks Trophy, a Bowmaker played in memory of the popular club member. The lead was held for a long time by the team of Judy and John Cutter, Saybria Sims and Jim Dobbs with an excellent 91 points. Just as it looked like they would hold on the team of Mike Garbutt, Tom Bennett, Bill Lander and Bobby Jones came in with an incredible 94 points to grab the trophy.

Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club



Saturday Tennis and Tea

The penultimate Tennis and Tea afternoon was again marked by sunny weather conditions and Mary Berry quality cake making. Members aged between 18 and 88 gathered to play some fine tennis, though less energetically, it was noted, post tea.

Thanks to young Luke for making the lovely scones and to Dae and Kimberley for the delicious sandwiches, spring rolls, array of cakes and profiteroles - and for the donation of proceeds to club funds.

Upcoming Competition

The closed mixed tournament has been scheduled for 1.30pm on Saturday 8 October. Do enter or come along and support.

Teams will also be practising in earnest for the upcoming Winter League - matches commence in October. Please see the website to view fixture dates and court availability.

Sarah Cunningham

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

Wedmore Bowls Club again hosted the British Wheelchair Bowlers Association in August. Play took place over two days for the Wedmore Pairs Competition, sponsored by Wedmore member Maureen Hordle. The winning pair were Mike Diston from Truro and Richard Brown from Wiltshire. The President of BWBA, Ian Blackmore, thanked club members for all their help in making the event a success.



Bowling during the BWBA competition

The men's section has continued with excellent performances in two leagues. Wedmore A, in the County League Premier Division 2, have won all three matches played. Against Keynsham A at home, Wedmore won two rinks from three taking the overall match by 68 shots to 51. Top rink, A Birch, G Annuik, K Pettit, E Payne, 32-8. They were also successful at home to Taunton Deane winning the match 85-66. Away against Knowle A, they again won two rinks from three with an overall match win of 60-49. Eddie Payne's rink were again top scorers by 24-12. The Wedmore team are currently second in this league.



Maureen Huddle presents the prizes to Mike Diston (left) and Richard Brown (photos courtesy of Steve Wilkinson)

The Wedmore team in the Clevedon & District over 60s League has been equally successful. During the month they have played and won five league matches to remain unbeaten in top position. At home to Portishead RBL, the men won five rinks from six with an overall match win of 112-75. Top rink, R Bull, R Thurkettle, R Barron, 27-14. Against Congresbury at home, the rinks were shared between the teams with Wedmore overall winners by 104-96. Top rink: R Hunt, R Norris, K Pettit, 28-14. Away at Portishead it was another win by five rinks from six with a match score of 110-84. Top rink, C Wheller, I Gallop, R Barron, 21-11. At home to Clevedon, Wedmore recorded a decisive win of 144-74 again winning five rinks from six. Top rink, V Matthews, D Collins, C Moss, 29-7. In the fifth league match, away at Long Aston, another five rinks from six win resulted in a match score of 123-84. Top

rink: I Faulkner, M Grosvenor, R Barron, 24-8.

Wedmore men have also been successful in the Clevedon & District over 60s Cup semi-final beating Long Aston away. They won the match by 131-66 winning four rinks from six including a remarkable 40-3 win by J Runciman, I Gallop and R Hughes. Wedmore will now play Portishead RBL in the final on Friday 16 September. To round off a very eventful month in the Clevedon & District League, Wedmore competed in the C&D Charity Cup night. The format of this involves 10 clubs fielding five rinks each with the rinks from any one club playing in five different venues. Wedmore had a very successful evening winning all five rinks with no other club winning more than three. The Clevedon & District Captain, Dave Collins, was presented with the trophy together with prize money to be donated to MacMillan Cancer Support which is Wedmore's nominated charity for 2016

Results have not gone so well for the other two men's teams. Wedmore B, playing in Division 1 of the County League North, have played four matches but have been unable to record a win. In the first game, at home to Burnham-On-Sea, the match was lost 48-65 which included a narrow win by one shot on one of the three rinks. Away matches against Bristol B and Yatton A were both lost with one rink in each being won by Wedmore. The last game, at home to Nailsea A, saw a defeat on all three rinks with the opponents taking the match by 47-75.

Three matches have also been played in the Weston & District over 60s League. In the first, away at Winscombe, Wedmore won two rinks from six but were unlucky to lose the overall match by just one shot finishing with a score of 97-98. Winning rinks, J White, D Collins, K Pettit, 27-12. T Simpson, S Newdick, C Moss, 18-12. Away against Ashcombe Crusaders, Wedmore won one rink from six and lost the game by 83-107. Winning rink, V Matthews, I Gallop, C Panchaud, 25-16. The third match was played at home against the strong Portishead RBL team. Wedmore took two rinks from six losing the match by 87-93. Top Rink, P Smith, G Dodd, M Grosvenor, 21-8.

The Ladies' teams have continued to produce mixed results. In the Wessex League, away to Clevedon Prom, Wedmore were successful winning the match by 61-57 thanks to just one rink win by Barbara Clark, Doreen Gallop, Audrey Birch and Maureen Hordle, 26-13. The next Wessex match saw a comfortable 63-38 win at home to Mark Moor, with Wedmore winning two rinks from three. Top rink, Barbara Clark, Jean Wheller, Trish Newell, Elaine Deverill, 23-10. Unfortunately, the third match away to Winscombe was lost 52-60. Julie Collins, Barbara Disbrey, Pam Beard and Shirley Wederell had the only win of the day, 19-17.

Wedmore have played six matches in the Weston & District Triples league but have managed just one win. The ladies were unlucky to lose the first match at home to West Backwell. Ann Hughes, Jean Wheller and Carole Pettit tied 15-15, with the other two rinks losing by four shots each. Match score 44 shots to 48. The next two matches, both played at home, resulted in comfortable wins for the opponents. Against Clarence, Barbara Disbrey, Jean Wheller and Marie Trow, won 19-9 but the other two rinks lost, resulting in an overall score of 35-57. Visitors, Victoria, won all three rinks to give a match win of 36-52. Wedmore recorded a narrow 46-43 victory at home to Portishead thanks to a comfortable win on just one rink. Winning rink: Audrey Birch, Carole Pettit, Maureen Hordle, 21-8. The ladies also won one rink at home to Wessex but it was not enough to win the match. Winning rink, Julie Collins, Barbara Disbrey, Pam Beard, 23-13. Match score 47-56. The last Weston & District match saw a comfortable 36-67 win by visitors Congresbury who won all three rinks.

The ladies have played three games in the Mendip Triples League. In the first away at Wrington, Wedmore won one rink but lost the match by 41-64. Winning rink, Julie Collins, Audrey Birch, Pam Beard, 21-10. Against Nailsea at home, the visitors won two rinks from three and won the match 45-58. Wedmore winning rink, Monica Green, Doreen Gallop, Elaine Deverill, 17-12. The ladies' final match, at home to Fosseway, was their last game of the season in this league. They produced a much better performance winning two rinks and tying the third. This resulted in a comfortable 64-38 win with Wedmore gaining 9 league points from 10. Top rink, Jenny

Collingwood, Audrey Birch, Julie Masters, 27-6. After this win, Wedmore were top in the Mendip League but the second and third teams both have a match in hand.

Wedmore Ladies have also played in the Fear Plate which is a County Competition for first round losers in the Fear Cup. In a close match, played at home against Mark Moor, both teams had a narrow win on one rink each with Wedmore winning the third by 11 shots, and taking the game by 59 shots to 50. Top rink, Jenny Collingwood, Carole Pettit, Trish Newell, Gil Harvey, 23-12.

The outdoor green will close towards the end of September and bowling will move indoors. New members, experienced bowlers and beginners, are always welcome.

Sandra Moss

Church News

Messy Church – Saturday 8 October 3.00 to 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/

All Souls Service

This year St Mary's will once again be holding a service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those whose funerals we have taken over the past year or so. This will be on Sunday 6 November at 3.00pm at St Mary's church. Relatives of those whose funerals we have taken during the year will be invited but the service is open to anyone. Do let the vicar know if you might wish to come or if there is anyone whose name you wish to be remembered at the service. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards so it will be a good to have an idea of how many people we need to cater for. Traditionally the church sets aside November 2, All Souls Day, to remember those countless ordinary people who have gone before us and whose memory we cherish. This comes the day after All Saints Day when the church remembers those many extraordinary men and women whom we think of as saints.

The service will be a chance to remember those dear to you who have recently died (whose names will be read out at the service), to meet with others who are also bereaved and to express our Christian faith in resurrection and the hope of God's kingdom.

There will be a separate service for the village of Allerton on Sunday 30 October at 3.00pm.

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 18 October, 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:

Zena Crabtree, daughter of Tom and Emily of Bristol, baptised at Allerton on Sunday 14 August 2016.

Eden Isaac, son of Darren and Charlotte of Burtle, baptised at Christchurch on Sunday 28 August 2016.

Rosie and William Richardson, children of David and Laura of Worthington Close, baptised at St Mary's on Sunday 28 August 2016.

Katie Richardson, daughter of Richard and Susan of St Medard Road, baptised at St Mary's on Sunday 28 August 2016

Weddings

Congratulations go to:

Jerome and Victoria (nee Leaker) Berger of Normandy and Rode (Victoria formerly from Dandos Lane) whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 20 August 2016.

Nigel and Susan (nee Lee) Sims of Bristol (Nigel formerly of Wedmore) whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 27 August 2016.

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Mrs Alice Mary Fear, aged 77, formerly of Wellsway and Combe Batch Rise who died on 10 August 2016 and whose funeral was at Holy Trinity Blackford on Tuesday 30 August.

Mr Ernest Harold Fisher, aged 82, of Mudgley Cross, who died on 16 August 2016 and whose funeral was at St Mary's Wedmore on Wednesday 31 August

Mrs Sylvia Barnes, aged 87, formerly of Blackford, who died on 31 May 2016 and whose ashes were interred in the churchyard of Holy Trinity Blackford on Wednesday 31 August.

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	2	Trinity 19	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Saturday	8		3.00 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	9	Trinity 20	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	16	Trinity 21	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	23	Bible Sunday	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	30	4 Before Advent	10.30 am	Parish Communion

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	2	Trinity 19	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	Trinity 20	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	16	Trinity 21		No Service
Sunday	23	Bible Sunday	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	30	4 Before Advent		No Service

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	2	Trinity 19	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	Trinity 20	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	16	Trinity 21		No Service
Sunday	23	Bible Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Prayer

Sunday 30 4 Before Advent 6.00 pm Start the Week

Allerton Church

Sunday	2	Trinity 19	9.00 am	Harvest Festival/Family Service
Sunday	9	Trinity 20	11.45 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	16	Trinity 21	9.00 am	Dedication Festival/Benefice Communion
Sunday	23	Bible Sunday	9.00 am	Youth Communion
Sunday	30	4 Before Advent	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
			3.00 pm	All Souls Service

Rev'd 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 Every Wednesday, 10.00am-12.00noon is our really popular 'Coffee With A View'.

Come for free 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 really successful 'Marriage Course', begins on Friday 30 September for seven sessions. More details available on our website, book direct from there, or ring the office. Bursaries may be available, please ask.

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, or come and see us at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk.

The Marriage Course

Starting Friday 30 September until 18 November (no course 28 October), at Bagley Baptist Church. From 6.45p - 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. Find out more here:

www.themarriagecourses.org/try/the-marriage-course.

You will need to book. You can do this via our website at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk or contact the office. (01934) 710779 contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk



50th Anniversary Harvest Supper – 7.30pm Saturday 12 November



Opening of Bagley Baptist Chapel

Saturday 12 November will be the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the little Baptist Chapel at Bagley. Were you there? Do you know someone who was? Would you like to see some wonderful history of our area? If so, you're invited to a Harvest Supper and a showing of some cine film of the building process! There's no charge, we'd just love to have your company, but for catering purposes please let us know by the end of October if you're coming. Thank you.

Bagley Baptist Church (01934) 710779 / contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for October

Sunday	2	10.30am	Eric Small	
	9		' Revd Roly Sims	Holy Communion
	16		Revd Colin Anderton	
	23		Local arrangement	
	30		Revd Roly Sims	

Crickham Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30 am Sunday School
6.30 pm Evening Service

Sunday 25 September, 6.30pm. Harvest Festival. All welcome

Contact Dulcie Hooper on 712187.

Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar

Thursday	10.00 am	Mass
Friday & 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.

You can also obtain 24 hour general medical advice by telephoning NHS 111, or visiting the NHS 111 website.

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

What's On in the Parish

October 2016

1 - Sat	Fairtrade Coffee Shop Coffee Morning in Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support	9.30-12.00am 10-1:00pm	St Mary's Church Mill Farm Quab Lane
3 - Mon	Green Wedmore	8.00pm	The George
4 - Tue	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
7 - Fri	Wedmore Neighbourhood Planning Open Afternoon Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic	2-9:00pm 8.00pm	Wedmore VH The Panborough Inn
8 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party Craft Fair Messy Church	09.30am 11.00am 3-5:00pm	The George Wedmore VH St Mary's Church
9 - Sun	Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30am	Blackford VH
11 - Tue	Holy Trinity Breakfast	8.30am	Blackford VH
12 - Wed	Camelot Quilters Probus Blackford Cafe	10.00am 10.00am 2-4pm	Wedmore VH Wedmore Golf Club Blackford VH
14 - Fri	Quiz Night	7.00pm	Wedmore Methodist Church
15 - Sat	Theale Village Cafe Green Wedmore, Energy Saving Evening	9.00am 7.00pm	Theale VH Wedmore VH
16 - Sun	Theale Film Club – To Kill a Mocking Bird	6.00pm	Theale VH
17 - Mon			
18 - Tue	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
19 - Wed	Club 50 Outing to Swindon and the Railway Museum Wedmore Parish Council Meeting	9.15am 7.30pm	Cheddar Rd Car Park Parish Rooms Grant's Lane
20 - Thu	Wedmore WI Meeting Guest Speaker Frances Benton	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
21 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
22 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Apple Day Last Night of the Proms – Burnham & Highbridge Band	11:00-3:00pm 7.00pm	Scout Hut, Combe Lane Wedmore VH
25 - Tue	IOW Gardening Club	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
26 - Wed	Probus	10.00am	Wedmore Golf Club
27 - Thu	Isle of Wedmore Society Meeting	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
29 - Sat	Jigsaw Festival for Wedston Hospice	10-3:00pm	Masonic Hall
30 - Sun	British Summer Time Ends		
31 - Mon	Haloween		

Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY

Fitness Class	9.15am	Blackford VH	Lisa Richards	07977 415799
Art Group	2.00– 4.00pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midfield	01749 712522
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	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre	01179 605844
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	07776 82231
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	01179 605844
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

FRIDAY

Fitness Class	9.15am	Blackford VH	Lisa Richards	07977 415799
Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School	Jo Page	01934 710431
Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Eileen Sanders	01934 710353

+ Not taking place during school holidays