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# Editorial

After such a long scorching summer it seems strange that in Keats' words, 'the season of mellow mists and fruitfulness' is suddenly upon us, welcome to the September Edition, number 465.

I am sure many people will be glad of the changes the new season will bring, particularly as you will see from the Weather Report compiled by Denley Brown on page 36, that a shortfall of 65.6% was recorded between May and June of this year, when compared against the 30-year average rainfall figure. Hopefully things will balance themselves out and it's probably a little early to be doing impressions of Private Fraser; 'We're doomed Cap'n.'

Please forgive me repeating myself here, but may I again make two appeals as I did in last month's Editorial? Firstly, is there anyone with a range of recipes (just a few would do) who may wish to join the team of authors of the 'Tasty Morsels – A Recipe for You' feature. Secondly, for your kind sponsorship please for the 'Beer Bucket' Challengers as we put ourselves through public humiliation to assist so many worthy charities within the village.

So what is there to do here in Wedmore during September? Glad you asked, well amongst many other things, there is the 75th Theale Flower Show, a Green Wedmore Freecycle Day, the 18th Wedmore Real Ale Festival, Somerset Arts Week with a venue

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in Bagley, and rehearsals start for the Railway Children. Oh and don't forget, for this month only, St Mary's Church coffee morning takes place on the second, not the first Saturday. Lastly, it is also time for the artists amongst you to start dreaming up your entry for this year's World Famous Turnip Prize, which is just over the horizon.

As always, a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed this time.

*Bill Sutton*

### **Front Cover**

As the countryside is currently showing signs of the long spell of dry weather, we can look back to a greener time last August in this photo taken by Dawn Pallant, one of our regular contributors, who has recently won an award for her photography. See news item.

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# **News**

## **Parish Council Business**

The July meeting was held at Blackford Village Hall and, possibly owing to the fact that the venue had not been agreed until quite late, it was not advertised in the IOW News, hence there were very few residents in attendance. A representative from Acorn Development gave an update on the Cross Farm housing development and suggested that work would commence in October. The company was looking at creating a 'Public Open Space' within the site and would consider suggestions. David Ewens updated members on the 'Fingerpost project' and stated that over £8k had been raised by voluntary donations to date including a welcome donation from the Wedmore Community Power Co-operative. There was still a requirement to raise a further £5.5k to complete the project and the Council agreed to make a grant of £1k together with a vote of thanks to David for his tireless efforts.

Pete Brown updated members on the progress of the new pavilion at Wedmore Playing Fields. The project still required more funds and the Council agreed to make a further grant of £5k towards the project with the hope that this would attract further grants and donations from local and national organisations.

## **Wedmore Brook**

The Brook in Blackford and Wedmore is part of the parish flood relief scheme and, during the early part of this month, members of the Council will be walking the Brook to ensure that it is unobstructed and fit for purpose. Sedgemoor District Council have the responsibility for maintaining it but owners of land adjoining the brook have riparian ownership responsibilities to keep the brook clear of debris etc.

*Rod Pring, Wedmore Parish Council, Grant's Lane,  
Wedmore, Somerset BS284EA, Telephone 713087,  
email: wedmoreparishcouncil@gmail.com*

## Wedmore Real Ale Festival 2018

Our 18th festival is finally here and we can't wait to get proceedings underway later this month.

This year's festival will, as ever, centre around a theme and this year we have gone for London Tube Stations, so start thinking about your underground dressing up outfit ready for the Saturday night (Grange Hill, High Barnet, Wimbledon, there is plenty of inspiration on the tube map and online).

We will also have an incredible mix of live music to set the scene for the ale drinking: Kindred, who rocked the crowd at the Godney Gathering in July, will be opening the festival's live music on Friday night, and the ever-popular Bad Edukation will headline this year's Saturday night's live music. We will also be showcasing live local music on Saturday afternoon/early evening, not forgetting our legendary DJ Olly Eade from DJ Enhance, who will be ensuring there's no let-up in the music over the weekend.

This year we will have 65 different choices of real ales, as well as 23 different ciders, wine and prosecco to choose from. Food will also be available throughout the weekend.

Evening admission to the festival will be £5 per person, which will include a much-coveted 2018 festival pint glass to take away.

If you would like to volunteer during the festival, either to help set up in the mornings, during the festival or clear up on the Sunday afternoon, then please contact Mike Bewick ASAP on 07794 781975 as he is finalising the rotas as you are reading this.

Limited quantities of festival tops are now available to order, so if you want to get your hands on one before the festival, please visit our website and complete the order form. Pre-orders of hoodies have now closed, so you will have to wait until the festival to get your hands on any remaining ones.

The auction will be back on the Sunday afternoon with a wide range of enticing lots for you to bid for.

Last but not least, the festival will reach its grand finale this year with The Beer Bucket Challenge. This year's final list of willing contestants who are no doubt looking forward to being soaked in cold beer in aid of charity are:

<b>Rich Macarthur</b>	<b>Garry Stimpson</b>	<b>Bill Sutton</b>	<b>Chris McKinley</b>
<b>Jason Collins</b>	<b>Will Plummer</b>	<b>Ewart Jackson - Voyzey</b>	<b>Sarah Maddock</b>
<b>Sam Brown</b>	<b>Clare Bean</b>	<b>Kerry Wilcox</b>	<b>Rachael Bewick</b>

Of course, one of the main objectives of the festival is to raise money for local worthy causes, so if you have a local worthy cause that you feel would benefit from a donation from the festival, please complete this year's Application Form, which can be found inside the rear cover of this edition of Wedmore News, on our website or on our festival app. All completed forms must be sent back to us by 19 September. The successful applicants will need to attend the presentation night on 13 October.

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

See you at the bar.



*Alan Page*

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## The Isle of Wedmore Remembers the First World War 2018: War and Remembrance

I am delighted to announce that plans are in train by a partnership made up of St Mary's Church, Wedmore First School and Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School to hold a commemorative event in Wedmore in November 2018 marking the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War.



We intend to hold an exhibition and associated events at Wedmore Village Hall from 7 to 11 November 2018, similar to that held four years ago that attracted over 1800 visitors, to commemorate the part played by local servicemen and the wider community between 1914 and 1918. If anyone from the Isle of Wedmore has any photographs, letters or memorabilia to lend to the exhibition they would be of huge interest. If anyone would be interested in helping, please do get in contact.

We are actively looking for sponsorship or any financial support at the moment to offset the costs of the exhibition - sadly we were unsuccessful with a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant on this occasion.

The majority of funding is coming from sales of 'The Isle of Wedmore Remembers the First World War 1914-19', copies of which are available from the Wedmore Village Store, the Post Office and the Cottage Gallery.



*The Wedmore Section of the 2nd South Western Mounted Brigade Transport and Supply Column, Army Service Corps, parade at Main's Corner on the morning of 5th August 1914 before leaving on active service.*



*Volunteers from Wedmore and Blackford stand outside the recruiting office at the Princess Hall, Burnham on Sea, October 1915*

*Dr Tim Moreman*

## **The Royals for This Year's Wedmore Harvest Home Event Were:**

**King** - Noah Burden

**Queen** - Martha Stitch

**Prince** - Taylor Sweet

**Princess** - Eve Dickinson

Congratulations to you all, and well done! The committee would like to thank all of the children who took the time to enter, and look forward to seeing the entries for next year. A thank you also goes to Wells Cathedral Stone Masons for allowing us the use of their printer and for judging the colouring competition.

## **Music in Mind – Group for People with Dementia and their Carers**

Sessions this month are Monday 3 and 17 September.

*Stella Moore, Registered Music Therapist HCPC, 01934 732282*

## **The Farming Community Network (FCN)**

It's good to have someone to talk to. Call us on the FCN Helpline; 03000 111 999 7am to 11pm, every day of the year. [FCN.ORG.UK](http://FCN.ORG.UK)



## **Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan**

Thanks to all of you who met us at the Street Fair or attended the three exhibition dates. It is not too late to make comments; you still have until Saturday 8 September. You can view the plan at [www.wedmore.online](http://www.wedmore.online) or purchase a copy from the Parish Council (£5).

We have also decided to widen our evidence base by commissioning an Historic Buildings Assessment of Wedmore Village. This should be available late in September and will be posted on the Neighbourhood Plan website.

After 8 September, we will consider your comments and amend the plan, as appropriate. It will then be formally submitted to Sedgemoor DC later this autumn.

*Bob Sellwood*

*Chairman of the Neighbourhood, Plan Group*



## Children's Society Annual Box Opening – Saturday 6 October

This year the Annual Children's Society Collection Box opening will take place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 6 October from 9.30am – 12 noon, which coincides with the monthly Fairtrade Coffee Morning. You can enjoy a coffee and cake whilst your collection is being counted. If you cannot come to St Mary's on 6 October, it would be a great help if you could bring your box to Combe Cottage, Combe Batch, from Wednesday 3 October.



If, in future, you would prefer to make a contribution by Direct Debit rather than have a box, please let me know so that I can arrange this. Also, the Society is always on the look-out for new supporters. If you would like to become one, please contact me.

*Susanne Burton*

## St Mary's Fairtrade Coffee Shop Change of Date for September Only – Saturday 8 September



The ever popular St Mary's Fairtrade Coffee Shop will be held in the Lady Chapel between 9.30 am and 12.00 noon on Saturday 8 September, as opposed to the first Saturday, for September only. There will be a chance for people to catch up with friends in a relaxed atmosphere, whilst enjoying homemade cake and a cup of fair trade tea or coffee. There will be a Traidcraft stall selling high quality, ethically produced and fairly traded goods. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our customers for their support over the years, and apologise if this change of date has caused any confusion or inconvenience. We will return to every first Saturday from October onwards.

If you want to find out more about the fair trade goods, contact Jane Bewick on 01934 713 745 or [bewick.jane@gmail.com](mailto:bewick.jane@gmail.com)



## Awards for Local Photographers

Huge congratulations go to Dawn Pallant and Stuart Watson, two regular photographic contributors to the Wedmore News, for their outstanding success in achieving three amazing accolades in the Mid Somerset Camera Club annual photographic awards.

Dawn won the prestigious David Titchener Salver for her remarkable and sensitive portrait of a Cuban Farrier.

Whilst Stuart, not only won the Cup for the 'Best Newcomer' to the club, but also won the outstanding 'Picture of the Year' award for a wonderful atmospheric photograph he took at last year's Wedmore by Lamplight.

Anyone wishing to join Mid Somerset Camera Club please contact:

msscsecretary10@gmail.com and/or visit their website [www.midsomersetcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.midsomersetcameraclub.org.uk) or visit their facebook page. You will be made very welcome.

The Club meets at The Pipers Inn, 70 Bath Road, Ashcott, Somerset, TA7 9QL on Tuesday evenings from 4 September to May from 7.30 to 9.45pm where you will be very welcome.

## **The Wedmore Fingerpost Project**

The project proceeds at a steady pace due to continued donations. We would like to say a big thank you to the Wedmore Community Power Group for a most generous donation. The Blackford Church fingerpost has finally been finished and is back in position. We have been able to issue orders for both Snake Lane (now finished and back in position) and the Stoughton Cross fingerpost. This post needs a new blade and therefore there may be a delay in completion.

It is to be hoped that the whole project could be finished by the end of October, but much depends on continuing donations. When complete, the village will look much better cared for, which is much to the credit of the parishioners' generosity. Thank you.

*David Ewens*

## **Local Sculptor Lily Sawtell has an Open Studio during Somerset Art Weeks, Venue 8**

Having exhibited for over 20 years at RHS garden shows, including Hampton Court and Chelsea flower shows, Lily had her last stand at Chelsea in 2014. Since that time, she regularly receives orders for her figures, and has been busy with a wide range of new work.

The Somerset Art Week Open Studios provide an opportunity to visit Lily and to see sculpture in her garden and workshop on the hill at Bagley, along with new work in progress.

Lily has run life drawing classes locally, which she intends to start again in the autumn, and there will be examples of her work, along with her paintings, photography and on-going upholstery projects, other major passions.

There are fabulous views from Coldnose Hill in Bagley, plenty of parking space, plus tea and coffee available during the Open Studio times. The exhibition runs from 10 - 25 September, opening times 11am - 6pm, please note that Lily's studio is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. See her advert for full address and postcode.

## **Green Wedmore 2nd Free-Cycle Day – Sunday 9 September**

Green Wedmore will be holding a 2nd Free Cycle Day at the Cheddar Road Car Park commencing at 10 am until 11.30 am. So please start collecting and bring along your unwanted items.



## **Wedmore Community Bus**

Please note that, until further notice, Carol Ayliffe will be covering the controller position for Street as well as Weston-Super-Mare for bookings.



Wanted - Caretaker to cover cleaning and garage runs to Glastonbury generally on a Monday. Driver training will be provided, please contact Mike Bewick (bewick.mike@gmail.com) for further details.

## IT for the Terrified

Are you terrified of tablets? Or irritated by iPads, petrified of your phone or confused by your computer? Then why not give us a ring and see if we can help?!

IT for the Terrified provides help with using tablets, smartphones, cameras, computers, and similar devices on a one to one basis.

We are now closed for our summer break, but you can call and leave a message now, or wait until the end of September to contact us on 01934 741751 as we will need to book an appointment for you. We meet at Cheddar Village Hall next to St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Cheddar, S27 3RF. Appointments are essential and now cost £10 for a two-hour session but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements..



Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified: 01934 741751  
(usually goes to a standard answer phone – please  
leave a message)

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Usually using Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF  
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## The Turnip Prize



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

To enter contact: Trevor 01934 710004 or 07812 848011 or The New Inn, Wedmore. BS28 4DU

Alternatively leave your entry at The New Inn, Combe Batch, Wedmore, Somerset. BS28 4DU.

Please include your name or pseudonym and contact phone number. Closing date for entries will be Wednesday 21 November. Preliminary judging will take place on Thursday 22 November. Final judging will take place at The New Inn, Wedmore, Somerset. BS28 4DU on Tuesday 4 December at 6.30pm.

For more info visit The New Inn, Wedmore, our facebook page or turnipprizebook on twitter

The following picture features the 2017 winner Crispy Bacon with 'Pulled Pork'

# A Day in the Life of a Golf Professional



It's Tuesday morning, Claire, the Assistant Pro, is in the shop and I am checking that everything OK and looking at my appointment book to see what coaching I am doing today. Coaching takes up a lot of my time and, of course, Claire's as well. Sean has also started to assist with group coaching, particularly with the juniors, since he got his Level 1 coaching qualification. The team consists of myself, Claire, Sean and Stuart. We are all employed by the club, but are self-employed for coaching. We mostly have set days for working in the shop, but I do a rota a month in advance. In the shop we all sell the equipment, shoes and clothes, but it is Claire and

I who do the repairs and custom-fitting for clubs. I also manage and order the stock, trying to make sure that we have all the current lines in the different ranges.

Later today Sean will be organising the 9-hole social golf. We help run several competitions each week, including the Friday Night League and the monthly Stablefords and Medals at the weekends and we give support to the Seniors' events on Mondays and the Ladies' events on Thursday. We deal with the entries coming in, prepare the cards, make sure the start sheet is correct and do all the results. At the moment we are building up to the biggest event of the year, the Open Week. There is a lot of work to keep track of all the competitions, with entries from all over, cancellations and people slotting themselves in. When you read this it will all be over, as it takes place in the middle of July.

Yesterday I was in the shop most of the day, which takes me back to how my career started. Growing up in Torquay I played loads of sports. I started playing golf with my brother when I was about seven and he was about five. Dad, who is a golfer, used to take us to the local pitch and putt courses and when I was about 10 we joined

Churston Golf Club, where dad was a member, and started having group lessons. We were extremely lucky as the junior section of the club was thriving. There were many lads we could look up to and they took us under their wing. There were also some really amazing parents who volunteered as junior organisers, ran the section and held fun competitive events. We were part of the junior team and started to have county coaching which was really useful. I was junior captain for two years running and captained Devon under 18s on a couple of occasions. From age 14 to 18, it was all about golf, playing in the junior and adult teams. I just did some cycling for fitness.

I left school at 17 and didn't know what I wanted to do. I did some labouring for 6-8 months and then the Pro at Torquay Golf Club, who I knew well, offered me a job working in the shop. I was just going to be a shop assistant. For a couple of years I just worked and enjoyed it and then decided I could make a career of golf. To turn Pro you need to have a handicap of 4 but I had one of 5 or 6 at the time, so I set about getting my handicap down and then enrolled in the PGA three-year Foundation Degree course in October 2008. You learn how to coach and about the business side of golf, you do things in the workshop like building and repairing clubs and you also learn about the sports science aspect of golf. I qualified as a PGA Pro in 2011 and stayed at Torquay until 2014. I then moved near Bristol to be with my girlfriend – we have since married – and got a job at Henbury Golf Club as Assistant Pro. I started at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club as Head Pro in 2017. It's very busy, particularly in the summer, so I don't get a huge amount of time to actually play golf, but I do fit in an odd game now and then. Claire and I still both compete in the PGA West Region events. In the winter months from September to March I get to play more, which is really nice. In fact, I usually play most of the 30 events in the Gloucestershire & Somerset Order of Merit League

*Tom Hiscock, Head Golf Professional,  
Isle of Wedmore Golf Club*

Are you a local professional or someone involved in running a local organisation in the Isle of Wedmore? Would you like to share some of the things you do or perhaps raise awareness of your organisation? Please contact Liz Sweeney by email, [photoswedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:photoswedmorenews@gmail.com).

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## Focus on Businesses

### 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](mailto:editorwedmorenews@gmail.com) or [photoswedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:photoswedmorenews@gmail.com) and I will contact you for a short interview.

*Liz Sweeney*

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Bill

Reference the proposed development behind Quab Lane, the Parish Council have approved the planning application much to the dismay of the Wedmore Neighbourhood Planning Committee. The planning application does not meet a number of key aspects of the plan and should have been rejected until they do.

1. Policy WED 14 h) the layout will give particular regard to the relationship between the new development and the existing homes on the western side of Quab Lane.
  - A) The properties backing on to houses on Quab Lane were requested to be bungalows. They are not, several are two storey buildings and yet bungalows are placed elsewhere where they affect no-one.
  - B) There should be no buildings placed close to the rear boundary of current properties on Quab Lane. The plan shows two garages built almost right up against a fence. No other sites have this placement of buildings so close.
2. The neighbourhood plan proposes for the developers to provide a pathway to the village but this does not appear in the planning submission at all. This was a key safety point for families and the elderly.
3. New builds are not meeting the criteria for sustainability, which would also not meet the Neighbourhood Plan objectives. So no electric car points, no solar panels, no zero carbon footprint and energy saving materials. As this development is a key one for the growth of Wedmore, it is a scandal that the Parish Council should ignore the wishes of the entire village, who have had a say into creating a Neighbourhood Plan. They are not fit to represent Wedmore!

*Yours sincerely  
Trudi Walker*

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# Reports and Society Updates

## **St Mary's Church 100 Club**

The winner of the first prize in the August draw was Nick Wright with number 74 and Rosie Hasler was second with number 45. Congratulations to them both!

Sincere and grateful thanks are extended to Thelma Jenkin-Jones who started the 100 Club in 2010/11 and has organised it efficiently and profitably ever since. We are sorry that she is leaving Wedmore but, of course, wish her all the best. Thanks also to Barbara Moody, Thelma's able assistant over the years. Liz Henderson will now be taking over from her.

*Lisbeth Bull*

## Wedmore Harvest Home 100 Club Lottery 2018

Congratulations to our Wedmore Harvest Home, July 100 club winners... winning £100 is Becky Moxey and 2nd prize winning £50 is Jon Bethell. Your cheques are on the way!!

## Wedmore Theatre Monthly Report for September



We have all had an extraordinarily busy summer, followed by a well-earned rest over the month of August.

First: Three Acting/Directing Workshops in Wedmore Village Hall with John Hartoch

We had the maximum number sign up for our three theatre workshops tutored by John Hartoch, former Head of Acting Courses at The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, and a professional theatre director.

The three sessions were linked – the first covered acting skills, the second was on directing, and in the third the participants, split into teams, staged short scenes from plays on the Village Hall stage.

Our feedback questionnaire responses showed that participants found the sessions both enjoyable and useful. One lady, new to Wedmore Theatre, wrote: 'I learned a great deal in the first two sessions, particularly the directing workshop. The approach to directing was fascinating, and fed into how I might approach an acting role also. It left me wanting more.'

Fortunately, it looks as though there will be more! John has offered to return next summer and run a new series, of two sessions this time, putting to use what we have all learned this time.

We were especially pleased with one outcome of the workshops: it looks as though we have identified a new generation of directors for Wedmore Theatre. Fingers crossed!

### **Second: Summer Barbecue, a social event open to all our Newsletter Subscribers**

Our annual summer barbecue made the most of the scorching July weather, with a swimming pool, a marquee and salads with sizzling meats. A jolly group of 30+ gathered for the afternoon, kicking off with a glass of ice-cold Pimms!

Indeed, so hot was the weather, and so tempting the cool, sparkling pool water, that around eight grown men and women threw inhibition to the winds and jumped in and proceeded to 'play' an unidentified competitive game involving a beach ball and a number of inflatable toys. Although some had brought their swimming costumes, others (ahem) stripped to their underwear, ignoring the fact that a number of guests were armed with cameras...

To become a Subscriber, and so obtain an invitation to next year's barbecue, sign up to our free regular Newsletter by visiting [www.wedmoretheatre.com](http://www.wedmoretheatre.com)

### **Finally: Our open auditions for 'The Railway Children'**

'The Railway Children' will be our major production of 2018, on 29 and 30 November and 1 December. Rehearsals start this month – September. We held an open audition at the end of July, and around 36 people wanted one of the 20 or so parts available! This is the biggest attendance we've ever had for an audition! Our solution? There will be two teams of children performing – two performances per team.

Unusually, everyone wanted to act! So, we are still looking for creative and energetic people, who enjoy working in a team, to help with the many essential backstage roles; such as make up, hair, costume, set design and construction, assistant stage managing, and many more! Like last year's panto, this huge production will call for participation from the whole community. Call 01934 713125, or e-mail [chair@wedmoretheatre.com](mailto:chair@wedmoretheatre.com) for more information and to register interest.

### **'The Railway Children' – Assistant Director's Blog**

Following the huge turnout at last month's open auditions – both adults and young people – the words 'quart' and 'pint pot' spring to mind!

How are we to fit 36 keen actors into 20 roles? Our policy, generally, is: "a part for everyone who wants one". That's easy enough when one of us has written the script, as with last year's panto. It's always possible to write in an extra role to fit a specific actor. Not so easy when the play is an existing classic! Fortunately, there is a large number of small and non-speaking roles, so everyone will in fact get several roles. Then the only problem will be fitting them all onto the Village Hall stage! Like I said – quarts and pint pots.

Although we are still at the beginning of the rehearsal cycle, we have already started on the gigantic task of designing the staging – set, lighting and sound. This is going to be one of the most challenging set and technical tasks we have ever tackled – quite apart from the fact that we have to create three different locations: a station, a cottage interior, and the countryside including a railway tunnel, we also have to feature a steam engine onstage! Ah well, fortunately Wedmore is blessed with a large number of creative and artistic folk – let's hope we can inspire them to come forward and help us create this amazing show.

There are also the other backstage creative and design functions, such as make-up, hair, costume, stage management and props. Everyone in our community is welcome. If you'd like to be part of the team, even if you have absolutely no previous experience, please contact the director, Jendy Weekes, on 01278 641370 or e-mail her at [jendyweekes@btinternet.com](mailto:jendyweekes@btinternet.com).

*Sue Rippon*

## **Club 50**

We enjoyed afternoon tea in Heather Banwell's delightful garden in July - thank you to Heather and Clive for their hospitality. And thank you to the ladies on the committee for all the delicious sandwiches and cakes.

Club 50 Members are looking forward to a trip to Sidmouth on Wednesday 19 September. Guests are welcome. Meet at the Cheddar Road Car Park at 9.15am.

Please contact Pauline Lunn on 01934 732517 if you haven't already put your name down.



## Wedmore WI Report of July Meeting

We met on another lovely evening and quickly went through all the business. Sue brought us up to date with the proposed outing to Castle Carey in August. We need a minimum of ten people to go to the John Boyd Textile Factory.

We are organising a Birthday Lunch in October and will give details at our next meeting in September. Our speaker was our President, Jill, who kept us entertained with tales of her pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

St Iago, or St James the Apostle and patron saint of Spain is buried in the magnificent cathedral at Santiago.

Jill's husband had done the Camino as it is called on his bicycle and encouraged her to walk the way. So in their camper van two years ago they went to Spain and Jill walked the short route in seven days. She illustrated her talk with many photos, some were quite quirky. At the start she had to obtain her credentials, a sort of passport that had to be stamped at every stop she made. Also a scallop shell, the badge of pilgrimage.

Because her husband was shadowing her in the van Jill didn't sleep in the hostels, which varied in comfort and cleanliness. Instead she had a comfy bed, a shower and someone to care for her blisters. After finally reaching Santiago, she had to queue for two and a half hours to get the final stamp on her passport and they explored the cathedral.

They travelled the last ninety miles to Finistere, the end of the world. It was incredibly windy and Jill had to hang onto a large rock to stand upright. It was a most interesting talk and we had many questions.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13 September, a week earlier than usual when we are having an evening of table games and cakes.

*Hazel Hudson*

## Wedmore Gardening Club



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25 September when Andrew Tolman's talk will be on 'Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends'. A different topic from usual (at least the stumperies part) and one I know nothing about so I'm really looking forward to it. As usual our meetings are in the Masonic Hall and start at 7.30pm and both members and guests are very welcome.

We had a really good meeting on Tuesday 24 July when Georgie Newberry gave an informative and very amusing talk 'Making the Best of Garden Flowers'. Whilst giving us lots of useful tips, she was putting together a beautiful bouquet from the flowers she had brought from her own nursery of 7+ acres. How easy the professionals make it look! The bouquet was won by one of our guests. A really enjoyable evening.

By the time you read this we would have been to the Hauser and Worth garden, designed by Piet Oudolf, at Bruton followed by lunch at Cole Manor. The original plan was to go to Picket Nursery and Gardens, but after a club member went there and realised there was very little of interest there, it was decided to change to Hauser and Wirth Garden in Bruton. We're really sorry for this late change, but we're sure everyone had a much better time in Bruton.



## Wedmore Art Group

After a summer spent sketching in each other's gardens - and the eating of a fair amount of cake! - the Wedmore art group re-convenes on Friday 28 September at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. We expect to have three new members but more would be welcome. This year will see our popular exhibition on Saturday 1 December. As ever, we aim to have a series of workshops and a trip out to an artistic venue. For all enquiries please telephone the secretary on 01934712663.

*Jim Collett*

## RNLI Local Rescues in July



A very busy month with 30 launches; (Burnham – 3, Minehead – 2, Portishead – 5, Weston-Super-Mare - 20). Burnham-on-Sea volunteers launched both their lifeboats in the early hours of 1 July to a report of multiple distress flares being sighted and on 12 July they were launched again to search for two bathers in difficulty; both calls turned out to be False Alarms with Good Intention (FAGI). During the weekend 14 / 15 July, Weston lifeboats conducted five rescues; during one, three persons and a dog were cut off by the tide on the rocks on the south side of Brean Down. The crew of the D class lifeboat located the casualties and assisted them across the rocks with help from the crew of the Atlantic 75 lifeboat; all were then helped into the lifeboats and taken to Brean Beach.

## Reach Out and Dance Wedmore Dance Classes

Wedmore Over 50s Dance Group meets in Wedmore Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon every Thursday (term time only). The cost is £5 or £3 for concessions paid per session and the aim is to get fit, dance, meet new people and have fun. The sessions are very varied and are a mixture of dances from around the world and contemporary dances. They are suitable for all abilities.

Classes start again on Thursday 6 September (no class on 13 September as the hall is in use) and you are invited to join in the fun. No special expertise or clothing is required.

Contact Pat Taylor on 01934 713430 (email [davidandpattaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:davidandpattaylor@btinternet.com)) for more details or just turn up on the day.

## West Mendip Walkers

### Thursday 6 September

Moderate circular walk 12mi from Bruton. OS Map Ex142 ST686345. Start 10.00am. Park at Hauser & Wirth. Contact Tony Strange Tel: 01934 733783/07415517355 or [anthonyestrangle@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyestrangle@gmail.com)



### Thursday 13 September

Leisurely circular walk 6.5mi from Wells. OS Map Ex141 ST546453. Start 1.30pm. Park near Sherston Inn, Priory Road. Contact Ken Masters Tel: 01749 670349/07784 941439 or [kenmasters265@gmail.com](mailto:kenmasters265@gmail.com)



### Thursday 20 September

Strenuous circular walk 12mi from Cadbury Castle. OS Map Ex129 ST632253. Start 10.00am. Park free carpark. Contact Carol Jackson Tel:01934 733568/07979 354530 or Caj7599@gmail.com

### Thursday 27 September

Leisurely circular walk 6mi from Wookey. OS Map Ex141 ST518457. Start 1.30pm. Park near church. Contact Carole Lewis cajlewis@btinternet.com



*The assembled West Mendip walkers who enjoyed an 11-mile walk from Exford. Great weather and good company.*

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## Vera's Verse for September

### A Rose for Remembrance

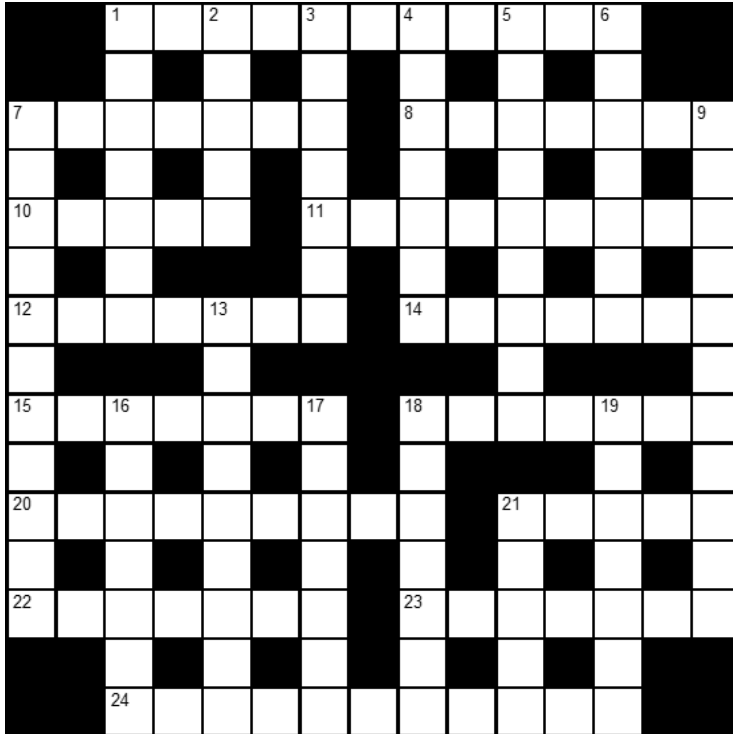
I picked a rose for you today,  
From a rose bush we planted together,  
It's a sweet smelling pink rose,  
That was being battered by the weather.  
It was always a whole branch of wild roses,  
Put on the doorstep for me  
And palm branches for Palm Sunday,  
Was practically half a tree,  
They had to be cut for hedge trimming,  
A country bounty for free,  
I happily put them in a vase,  
For everyone to see.

*Vera Banwell*

# The Crossword:

Number 17

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

- 1 Christopher I became very old after losing heart (11)
- 7 Partly accustom Achille's tendon to pain and tolerate it (7)
- 8 Lease covering mature chemical (7)
- 10 Relative born male covers broken ice (5)
- 11 You wouldn't say this to a goose close to a gin it might give you a nasty surprise. (5,4)
- 12 Last bit of 3 at the end for a place to live (7)
- 14 Side includes Joey and provides cake (3,4)
- 15 No horse rides here. The contrary! (7)
- 18 Moan before first part of 14 might be available at 14 (4,3)
- 20 Sultan or I can arrange to keep the noise down (9)
- 21 Farewell from first American doctor in European Union (5)
- 22 Apparently the diet worked (7)
- 23 The slut wriggles back and forth (7)
- 24 An elephant hotel has the makings of mothballs (11)

DOWN:

- 1 Peter Brown takes in vagrant motto (7)
- 2 Thrill can come from being unrelated (5)
- 3 Live in the way you have become accustomed to (7)
- 4 Make an offer over a pot assemblage (7)
- 5 Study why sound changes Dutch cheese available off the peg (5-4)
- 6 Outlaw east west of Brazilian capital bids farewell (7)
- 7 Sound scuttle are on eyes making things happen together (11)
- 9 Meter with a pause enables an accurate assessment of one's waistline (4,7)
- 13 Spooner's advice to a dog works for 6 (6-3)
- 16 American glossy material made to nourish (7)
- 17 Beg for course with no direction on location (7)
- 18 Remove rods from Broadstairs liquid latte maker (7)
- 19 Finger protection lost doctor for saint that prickles (7)
- 21 Coach in hospital department may exploit his remit (5)

Answers at the rear of publication.

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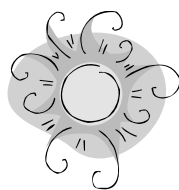
# Weather Report for July 2018

## RAINFALL



Monthly total	22.0mm	(0.87ins)
30-year average	71.4mm	(2.81ins)
Wettest day (1 <sup>st</sup> )	6.0mm	(0.24ins)
No of dry days	23	
Last 3 months (May - Jul)	64mm	(2.52ins)
*Year ending 31 Jul 18	744.4mm	(29.3ins)
30-year annual average	802.7mm	(31.6ins)

## TEMPERATURES



Maximum (8 <sup>th</sup> )	33 °C	(91.4 °F)
Minimum (15, 17, 19, 25, 26 <sup>th</sup> )	10 °C	(50.0 °F)
Number of air frosts	Nil	
Monthly average maximum	26.4 °C	(79.5 °F)
30-year average maximum	22.3 °C	(72.1 °F)
Monthly average minimum	13.4 °C	(56.1 °F)
30-year average minimum	12.2 °C	(54.0 °F)

## COMMENTS

Summer drought	30 Year Average 2018
May – July	186.1mm 64.0mm
Shortfall of 65.6%	

*Denley Brown*

## Editor's Note

The August Edition incorrectly recorded the low June imperial rainfall totals which should have read: 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest - 1975, 3.8mm (0.15ins) and 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest – 1962 8.1mm (0.32ins). Apologies to Denley.

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# Forthcoming Events

## The Theale Flower Show – Saturday 1 September

Commencing at 2pm. This is the 75th Anniversary Show and there will be an exhibition of memorabilia from shows of the past, a companion dog show, flower arranging demonstration, pottery demonstration, bar and teas and the Big Dig. Presentation of cups at 5.00pm and BBQ starting at 6.30pm! This year we are having a Ceilidh with the Somerset levellers starting at 7pm.



## Green Wedmore Meeting – Monday 3 September

8pm at The George.

## **Somerset Choral Society Autumn Programme Rehearsals – Wednesday 5 September**

The Somerset Choral Society is a choir of around 50 voices and we will begin rehearsals for our autumn programme at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 September in the Concert Hall of Sidcot School, Winscombe. Our next event will be a candlelit



concert of Advent and Christmas music on Saturday 24 November at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church, Wedmore. We are always recruiting new members of any voice (SATB) and we will welcome all new recruits at this first or subsequent rehearsals (there are no auditions). We rehearse each Wednesday evening except during Sidcot School Half Term. You will find full details of our past performances, contacts and current programme on our website [www.somsetsingers.wordpress.com](http://www.somsetsingers.wordpress.com). We look forward to meeting you to sing with us in this next concert.

## **St Mary's Church Living Advent Calendar – Thursday 6 September**

Come along at 6.30 pm and find out all about Wedmore's very first living Advent Calendar which will light up a home every day in December until Christmas. There will be cheese and wine and also refreshments for children, a chance to hear all about this exciting new venture and an opportunity to sign up to be part of it. For further information at this stage please speak to Richard Neill on 713566.



## **Wedmore in Bloom – Saturday 8 September**

Meet outside The George Inn at 9.30am, all welcome.

## **Wedmore Farmers' Market – Saturday 8 September**

At the Borough Yard from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Any enquiries, please contact Mrs Judith Gould on 07813340086.

## **Wedmore Freecycle – Sunday 9 September**

At Cheddar Road Car park from 10 am to 1.30am. 'Green Wedmore' are pleased to say that there will now be a Freecycle Event in Wedmore in the autumn as well as the usual spring one.

So a great opportunity to clear out those sheds, attics and cupboards and bring along any items you no longer need, for others to take and find a new home for!

Typical items include furniture, books, clothes, buggies, bikes and appliances etc. Please remember that no money must change hands and that you take away with you at the end, any items that haven't been taken by others. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Jean Winter, 710322*

## **Theale Players Meeting – Thursday 20 September**

Theale Players will be holding a meeting at Old School Bagley on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm to discuss what's happening next... more info tel 712144

## **Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club Indoor Taster Days – Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September**

Between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Bowls and shoes will be provided and coaches will be on hand to help.

## **Wedmore Gardening Club Talk – Tuesday 25 September**

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall a talk ‘Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends’ by Andrew Tolman.

## **Isle of Wedmore Society Meeting – Thursday 27 September**

After our summer break, the next monthly meeting will take place in the Masonic Hall, at 7.30pm. The speakers will be Barry Thomas and Steve Greenhalgh who will talk on ‘Somerset Road Safety.’ Members free. Visitors £3, with free tea/coffee and biscuits. Contact: Ian Tomes, 710390.

## **Wedmore Opera Goers, ‘La Traviata’ – Sunday 30 September**

We have reserved seats for ‘La Traviata’ in Cardiff (the Millenium theatre) on Sunday 30 September for the matinee at 4pm. The cost for this will be £58 each for the theatre and the coach. To book tickets please contact Susanne Metters on 712515.

## **Wedmore Methodist Church – Friday 19 October**

Our Annual Fun Quiz night will take place in the Wedmore Methodist Schoolroom 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Nothing too serious! Entry £6.50 to include a light supper. Teams of 4 - 6. If you cannot make a full team, then just come along and join another one. To book please ring Gwen Fisher 01934 712629 or Angeline Duckett 01934 712631 or just turn up on the night - you will be made very welcome. It is always a really fun evening.

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# **Events Taking Place Outside the Parish**

## **Wellbeing ‘Drop In’ Support Café – Mondays**

Youth support staff and ‘one-2-one’ counselling advisers, for people aged 13 –18. Mondays 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Methodist Hall, Cliff Street Cheddar BS27 3PL. Free pizza. [www.SRYP.org.uk](http://www.SRYP.org.uk). Inspiring involvement, creating opportunities.

## **Cheddar Baby Book Club – Mondays**

At the Cheddar Library from 10.45am to 11.15am, for babies to pre-school children. Spaces are limited so book your free place before the rush!

Bookings can be made in person at Cheddar Library or call 0300 123 2224 or email [chelib@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:chelib@somerset.gov.uk)

## **Cheddar Valley U3A – Monday Mornings**

Retired or semi-retired? If you are in Cheddar on a Monday morning between 10.30am and 12.00 noon come and chat with us over a cup of coffee in the Library. For more details search on line, search for Cheddar U3A or ring 01934 744241.



## **Craft and Family Fun at Cheddar Library – First and Third Fridays**

Try a variety of crafts, meet new friends, and share ideas and company with the Craft and Sewing Group at Cheddar Library, at 2.30pm on the first and third Fridays of each month.

## **Mark W.I. Meeting – Thursday 6 September**

At the Church Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mark at 7.30pm. Kylie Gallagher talks about the Children's Hospice SW, followed by tea, coffee and cake. Our friendly group welcomes new members and guests of all ages. Non-members entry £5 on the door.



## **Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre – Autumn Season**

- Thursday 6 September – Film 'Finding Your Feet,' featuring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie and Timothy Spall, an irresistible story of second chances late in life.
- Monday 15 October – Film 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society,' featuring Lilly James and Tom Courtney set just after the end of the Second World War.
- Friday 16 and Saturday 17 November – 'Back from the Front,' a play to mark the end of the First World War and the sequel to Letters from the Front, performed at the Kings Theatre under the umbrella of Cheddar Arts in 2014. Back from the Front reflects the last months of World War One, illustrated through drama, song and comedy, and its influence on Cheddar from 1918 to the present day. Written by Gill Scard and Mark Carey from an idea by Gill Scard, this is not to be missed.
- Thursday 13 December – Film 'The Greatest Showman,' a big, bold musical inspired by the story of showman P. T. Barnum's creation of the Barnum and Bailey Circus and the lives of its star attractions.

Tickets for all events are available online at [www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts)

For more details visit [www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts](http://www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts) or for queries email [cheddararts@googlemail.com](mailto:cheddararts@googlemail.com)

## **Tea with the Lions – Saturday 8 September**



Cheddar Vale Lions Club are inviting the public to come along and enjoy an afternoon tea with the Lions so that we can chat with them over a cup of tea or coffee about our work in the community and how we distribute the money we raise. Lions Clubs International is a worldwide organisation of which we are just a small part, but not everyone knows our background and why we are here to help our communities.

We will be holding the event at Hannah More Cottage, Lower North Street, Cheddar BS27 3HE from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 8 September.

## **A History of Jazz Piano at Cossington Village Hall – Saturday 29 September at 8.00pm**

At 8 pm. From stride through to modern jazz, celebrated pianist Craig Milverton plays the works of 17 top jazz pianists including the likes of Art Tatum, Dave Brubeck, Fats Waller and Oscar Peterson.

Reserved seats £ 10 from Roger Collett 01278 451187 or

[rogercollett.sounds@talktalk.net](mailto:rogercollett.sounds@talktalk.net) Supporting Bridgwater Hospital League of Friends.

## **Axbridge Archaeological and Local History Society – Wednesday 19 September**

John Smith will be talking about ‘Daily Life in Roman Britain.’

Full details of this and the rest of the programme are on the website [www.aalhs.co.uk](http://www.aalhs.co.uk).



## **West Mendip Orchestra Open Rehearsal – Saturday 6 October**

The Director of Music invites all instrumentalists to an open rehearsal ‘come along and play’ Rimsky Korsakov – Scheherazade on Saturday 6 October 2018, 10am – 4pm with cake at the break) at the Churchill Academy, Churchill Green, Churchill, BS25 5QN. We would love to see you! A nominal charge of £10 is requested to cover expenses, payable in advance. To register for the event or for further details, please contact the Chair, Jolanta Modelska, mob: 07540 580824 or e-mail: [chair@west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk](mailto:chair@west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk)

Website: [http://www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk/open\\_rehearsal.html](http://www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk/open_rehearsal.html)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westmendiporchestra>

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## **Mark W.I. Outing to Houses of Parliament – Monday 15 October**

Coach leaves Mark 7.30am, departs London 5.00pm. Includes 90-minute tour of Parliament at 11.30am. In addition, there are options to sit in the gallery for the afternoon Parliamentary session at 2.30pm, or free visit to Jewel Tower in Palace of Westminster or do your own sightseeing after the tour. Expected cost £24 per person, depending on numbers. Non W.I. members welcome.

All are welcome, for full details of the day’s activities and to book a place with your preferred afternoon option, please contact our Secretary Janet Smith on 01278 641589.

## **RNLI Winscombe and District Branch Fire Walking Spectacular – Saturday 20 October**

Outside Winscombe Cricket Club at 5:30pm. A barefoot walk over red-hot embers to raise funds through volunteer walkers collecting sponsorship. We are seeking volunteers wishing to challenge themselves; the cost is £25 to register to take part and we ask each volunteer to raise a minimum of £50 in sponsorship. Please contact [WinscombeRNLI@gmail.com](mailto:WinscombeRNLI@gmail.com) to register and ask for a Sponsorship Form when you register. Alternatively, there is a team just giving page [www.justgiving.com/teams/Firewalking-for-the-RNLI](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/Firewalking-for-the-RNLI) and on this site you can make your own just giving page or join the team or do both. Also you will be able to see how the team is doing while there will be a prize for the top fundraiser! The fire walk will be run by ‘Survivorability’ and details can be found on their website [www.survivorability.com](http://www.survivorability.com).



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# Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You



## Celery Lunch Loaf

For some reason September brings to mind Ploughman's lunches, and with the Beer Festival happening soon we decided an interesting bread recipe would be a good idea. Serve this with cheddar cheese or ham, pickled onions, and real ale, or a glass of wine of choice. Enjoy!

### Ingredients (makes 1 cob loaf)

225g self-raising flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
25g butter or margarine  
100g celery heart, finely chopped  
100g edam cheese, grated (can use other hard cheese if preferred)  
1 tablespoon snipped chives  
150ml milk

For a variation you can add 25g of chopped bacon / lardons with the celery

### Method

1. Set oven to 190c (Gas mark 5) and grease a baking tray.
2. Sift the flour, salt and cayenne pepper into a bowl. Rub in the butter, then stir in the celery, cheese and chives.
3. Add the milk and mix to a soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth.
4. Shape into a cob by drawing the dough upwards and into the centre. Place tucks side down on the greased baking tray and slash the top with a sharp knife.
5. Bake for 45-50 minutes, covering the loaf with a little foil towards the end of the cooking time if the crust is browning too much. Cool on a wire rack, and then serve while still warm.

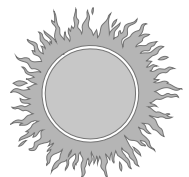
*Norma and Derek Logan*

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# The Garden in September

We have just undergone the driest period of summer weather that I can remember for a long time and after the brief respite of the last few days (I am writing on 31 July) more similar conditions are forecast.

I was in a supermarket the other day and heard a man, I would say in his 50s, holding forth on the subject of the weather 'Mark my words' he said to the couple he was addressing, 'in a summer like this, the weather won't change until September.' I am 74 and the last





summer I can remember anything like this is 1976; did he really have any recollection of it? Anyway, there is little we can do about it so we will have to make the best of it.

One of the more urgent jobs for this month is to get on with planting spring bulbs, with the exception of tulips, which can go in as late as November. If you are planning to grow bulbs in containers, it is wise to use fresh bulb fibre or compost especially to avoid such pests as vine weevils. If you want to force bulbs into flower early, they usually require a period of darkness and cold, before being brought into the house; darkness is not too difficult to arrange, but low temperatures are not so easy in the kind of autumns we seem to have had in some recent years. Commercial growers may have refrigerated stores, but most of us have to make do with choosing the coldest spot in the garden. If, in order to keep them in the dark you put the bulbs into a bag of some sort, such as a bin-liner, remember that polythene bags do not 'breathe' and excessive condensation can damage the bulb foliage or even encourage botrytis (grey mould), so something such as a paper potato sack or lightweight groundcover fabric may be better.

Strawberry plants for fruiting next summer should be planted by the end of this month to take advantage of warm soil condition which will encourage new root growth.

Hopefully, we shall not have frost for several weeks yet and herbaceous borders may go on flowering well into November, albeit no longer looking their best, but be careful with frost tender subjects such as dahlias, which are enjoying a return to popularity; remember that unless they are planted deeply, the tubers will be damaged by low temperatures. It is as well to lift them and dry them off as soon as they finish flowering and keep them in a frost free, cool, dry place for the winter.

Lawns and hedges are the backbone of many gardens; the regular trimming of hedges can be completed now and new hedging planted from the end of the month. Lawns, which may hardly have been cut at all this summer, should not be cut too short from now on, so raise the mower blade a notch or two; they can also be scarified or raked to remove 'thatch' and runners of creeping weeds and treated with a slow release autumn fertilizer.

If you have a rock garden, it is conspicuous in naturally occurring 'alpine' situations in the wild, that the plants don't grow anywhere where they can be covered by falling leaves from trees, this may be mainly because they are above the tree-line; this is difficult to arrange in Wedmore, but if you do have a rock-garden, bear in mind that such plants don't like to be covered by anything other than possibly snow.

If you are a rose grower you can be troubled by black-spot at this time of year; it has hardly been a problem this summer because of the dry conditions, but it may appear as soon as the weather suits it better; not only is it unsightly and debilitating for the plants, but the disease carries over to next season on fallen leaves. As well as continuing a spraying programme, unless you are opposed to that, remember to pick up as much dead leaf material as possible and ideally burn it. If you put it on the compost heap, it must be one that gets hot enough to destroy fungal spores; better still, put it in the green waste and send it away. It is worth removing long shoots from shrub roses now so that they do not get rocked about too badly in autumn gales.

New shrubs and trees can be planted from containers in September, to take advantage of warm soils, but bare-rooted stock will not be available until after the leaves have fallen.

This is the season of flower shows and fruit; flowers and vegetables should be harvested as and when ready. If you are dissatisfied with the results from your garden, see if you can talk to the people that win prizes at local shows and get some useful tips from them, as these will be based on experience in local conditions. From late August, you should be planting over-wintered vegetables, such as cabbages, shallots and onion sets. I had excellent results from both onions and garlic this year which were well established before the dry conditions arrived. You could also consider autumn/winter digging to give you a good seed bed for the spring.

If you have ponds and water gardens, remember to cover them with netting if possible to prevent falling leaves from entering the water; these use up oxygen in the decaying process and deprive fish and other pond life of this essential.

I think that is about it for this month, so I had better get out and do some of the things I told you all to do in August. You won't get this in time to enter things in Theale Flower Show as it is as early as it can be this year but please bear it in mind in future.

*Adrian Hutchison*

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## Thought for the Month

Dear Friends

Many of you reading this article may remember from the 1970s the advert with the strap line, 'A Mars a day helps you work, rest and play.' A Mars bar was a particular treat when my brother and I visited our Nan. She used to cut it into slices, which somehow made it taste even better and of course it went further! It's funny how times change because given the different attitude to nutrition now, especially the consumption of sugar and fat, chocolate bars are definitely an occasional treat only and not an assistance to work, rest and play.



I wonder if you have had opportunities for work, rest and play during the last few months of this glorious and long summer? Many no doubt will have been working hard, with fewer rest days, whilst for others August is the main time for holiday rest. We know the importance of adequate periods of rest in order to keep us healthy in body, mind and spirit. Prolonged stress or overwork is a big risk factor in undermining our wellbeing and can even lead to mental illness, so 'rest and play' is a necessary part of human life. I imagine that if we find it hard to get adequate rest it will be even harder to find play time. The Christian tradition has always valued rest, as referenced by the creation story in the book of Genesis where God rested on the seventh day after the work of creation. We cannot work endlessly and maintain a healthy life. But what about play? We know that children learn especially well through play and creative activities in early years. However, as adults do we make time for creative activity purely for enjoyment and recreation, and not just competitive play? It can seem like an indulgence to spend time like this but again it is part of a life well lived. Play brings joy and it's vital for problem solving, creativity and relationships.

Going to church may not seem like fun to many people! But that doesn't have to be the case. Over a decade ago the concept of 'Messy Church' was developed; it is for

all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. It is a way of being church for families involving fun activities in which everyone who comes along is involved. Adults and children are able to play together with the crafts and games. Built in to the time is the opportunity to chat and get to know others over refreshments, usually an afternoon tea at St Mary's. Do look out for the banner at St Mary's advertising the next meeting, or see the Isle of Wedmore News or online at <http://www.stmarywedmore.org.uk>. And if you're someone who likes the idea of helping make this playful activity happen and is willing to come along and run one of the craft tables or games we'd love to hear from you, please contact the Vicar on 713566 or [richardneill1967@sky.com](mailto:richardneill1967@sky.com).

So as we head in to the autumn and leave the summer holidays behind, the demands of work will pull relentlessly, but whatever our age it's best to create the balance of work, rest and play - not necessarily with the chocolate bar!

*Rev'd Joy Hawes, Assistant Curate - Isle of Wedmore Benefice*

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## Sport Reports

### Wedmore Tennis Club



#### League news

An end of League party was held at the Tennis club on Tuesday 24 July. Great weather meant that everyone could be outside and there was a delicious variety of salads and food provided by players, even a chocolate cake made by Dan.

Ladies captain Val Parker summed up the evening by explaining that it had been a tough year due to many injuries and therefore players from the lower teams playing up leaving lower teams short of players. The A and D teams stayed up and all other teams were sadly relegated a division. Val, who has been a great ladies team captain is resigning now and was presented with a lovely necklace.

#### Junior news



Jacob Savage, Osca Wells, Rory Wright and Oscar Gascoyne, have all just achieved their first mini tennis orange badges (see photo above).

## Coaching

Autumn coaching will begin on 3 September. Anyone interested in joining in should contact Craig Phillips on 07546230727 or e mail tennis.phillips@hotmail.co.uk to book a block of lessons. Taster sessions can also be arranged.

Coaching is open to everyone, members and non-members, beginners and experienced players, adults and juniors are all very welcome.

*Joanna Cooper*

## Wedmore Cricket Club

Both Wedmore teams started August in the promotion places. The first team were top thanks to three wins and a narrow defeat against Shapwick during July. There were fifties from Paul Whittaker (2), Pip Patch, Josh Burgess and a first league one for Tom Fozzard. There were also regular runs from Billy Halford, Jack Tonkin, Ben Evans and Martyn Boley.



**Wedmore  
Cricket Club**

Wickets were again shared around with Josh Burgess now the leading wicket taker after 11 in the month and a best of 4-7, but there have been regular contributions from Chris Major, Ian Harris, Dave Haining, Sam Blackburn and the returning Sam Davey who took four wickets in his first game back from India. Also in his first game for the first team this season Will MacArthur turned the game against Horrington who had held top place with 3-18.

The seconds found themselves in second place but had only played one game in the month as other teams struggled to raise sides. In the match played Adam Stringer got a 50, there were 40s for Marcus Lee and George Atkins as well as good contributions from Dave Stone and Morgan Roberts as the seconds scored 209, however this wasn't enough despite three wickets from Alfie Lavender and one a piece from Marcus Lee, Chaz Maguire, Luke Hawthorne and George Atkins as Cranmore won by three wickets.

### September fixtures as follows:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Team

1 Sept A Churchill 1

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

1 Sept H Wells 2

### Youth Cricket Going from Strength to Strength

Our first season as the new look Wedmore Under 13 side saw the mix of three year groups, which turned out to be a perfect blend of slightly older players and the integration of the younger players. The journey Sam, Sergio, Isaac, James, Mathew, Thelonious, Nick, Henry, Will, Thomas, Charlie and Nathan have all taken has been one of development, understanding, improvement, excitement, friendship and camaraderie. Crucially, to top it all, they had loads of fun along the way.

Game after game saw the lads grow in confidence with lots of personal milestones along the way. The team performances grew in part from marked improvements in all aspects of the game - batting, bowling and fielding. Sam took on the mantle as Captain and turned out every match with a fixed focus, drive and ambition to see all the team do well.

To this end Wedmore Under 13s finished the season at the top of the table in the Taunton and District Cricket League East 8 A-side which, according to reliable sources, hasn't happened for an age. 'Well done lads'

## **Wedmore U11 Cricket Report for July**

### **Wedmore 224 v Yeovil 270**

Yeovil chose to bat first and they proved to be a good team with some steady batting all the way through their team. Our bowling and fielding was good with less extras given away and we got seven wickets.

After some fine teas from Sarah we attempted to overhaul the 270 runs required. As much as we tried the Yeovil bowling was good. Our running between the wickets was tested with some good fielding. Our score went up and down as we lost regular wickets and we ended up at 224. A good performance though from all the players.

### **Yeovil 281 v Wedmore 192**

On a blisteringly hot sunny morning we set off in convoy to Yeovil to play on their grass wicket. We gave a first game to Rohan, a young product from our All Stars academy. We batted first and struggled with the lower bounce but credit to Yeovil as they had some good bowlers. In trying to set a target score we lost regular wickets and ended up at 192. Yeovil provided sandwiches, crisps and doughnuts at the break and perhaps we indulged to excess in these delights. We had moments good and bad in the field. We took some good catches and made some good stops but we gave away too many wides. The Yeovil batting was again steady and they ended up worthy winners with 281. Chaz and Dave seem to have lost their winning wheels, if found please return.

### **Shapwick and Polden 278 v Wedmore 258**

The summer is proving too predictable with the sun and another glorious morning as well as a picturesque pitch. In a splendidly sporting encounter all players should be proud of their performance in this game.

Shapwick batted first and steadily accumulated runs on a batting surface. The bowling and fielding from Wedmore was excellent and the total was contained to 278. Wickets were hard to come by as we managed only two. After the drinks interval Wedmore again went out positively to win the game, Captain Charlie and Ethan leading the way with Isaac and Charlie T following up. We were still in the game, so in went our 'go get them girls' Maddie and Daisy. They ran their socks off between the wickets to give us an outside chance. The mountain proved just too high for Dylan and Ollie S who swung the bat and ran all they could but we ended up at 258, having only lost two wickets as well.

Our performance was brilliant and as coaches we could not fault the improvement from the players. Chaz and Dave for a moment thought they had glimpsed one winning wheel!

Sadly the last game of the season on 29 July v Taunton was cancelled due to rain.

Whilst the results haven't always gone the way of the under 11s team, there has been significant improvement in performance in all of the players. Having started 2018 as a very young, inexperienced squad in a tough league, they have now developed into an enthusiastic group of cricketers playing together as a team.

They are now looking forward to the end of season presentation evening and BBQ in August. We encourage all of the youngsters to get up to the cricket nets on Wedmore Playing Fields and practice over the summer. Winter nets will commence early in 2019 – dates will be confirmed.

## Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

Three major events dominate July at Wedmore Golf Club with the busiest week of the year, Open Week, taking centre stage. Seven competitions in seven days, almost unbroken sunshine, temperatures up in the high twenties and over a thousand entrants, including a good sprinkling of visitors – this is Open Week. The biggest cheer of the week was reserved for Liz Sims who defied her age to win the overall prize with 43 points in the Ladies Stableford. Runner-up in division 2 was Abi Moore, still at school, to demonstrate the diversity amongst competitors. Visitor Lynda O'Neill won division 2 with Louise Allen winning division 1. Louise had a truly remarkable week as she also won division 2 in the Medal competition, paired with son Jack she then won the final Better Ball of the week, whilst the same pairing were runners-up in the Greensomes and joined with Hazel Gough and Terry Mogg were third in the Texas Scramble.



The first competition of the week, a Four Ball Better Ball, set the tone for the week with three pairs scoring a fantastic 47 points and still finishing a clear three points behind the winners, Alison Dodkin and Martin Ford. In the Men's Stableford on Monday, Harvey Piper from Oake took the overall prize with divisional wins going to locals Tom Smith, Ellis Nearn and David Bates. Tuesday is Bowmaker day and this year only one team broke 90 points, Jim Crick, Nick Smith, Graham Clifford and Nick Parker scoring 92, 5 better than runners-up Kevin Osman, Keith Thomas, Tony Hoskings and Jim Gray. The Wednesday Greensomes was won by Rob Davis and Mark Cornish with 45 on countback from Louise and Jack Allen.

The Thursday medal saw wins for Josh Barwell in the Men and Sarah Mathews in the Ladies. The divisional winners for the men were Jim Vearncombe, Sean Gray and Steve Sweeting, whilst Rachel Lockley from Bristol won the Ladies Division 1. The Friday Texas Scramble is always the biggest field of the week and regular visitors from Enmore, Alan Hurford, Gordon Baxter, Ian Lane and Craig Lazenby, won by the narrowest of margins, 58.2 against 58.3 from Catherine Nicholson, Jem Ham, Rob Davis and Stuart Bishop.

Earlier in the month both the Seniors' and Ladies' Championships took place. The Seniors' Championship was first up, the first round of which is incorporated within the monthly Medal. Neil Corkish won division 3 with a nett 63 which put him 5 ahead of nearest rivals, runner-up John Sims and third placed Richard Blake. John Sim also had a 63 to win division 2 by 4 from Terry Millard with Mike Nicholls another shot back in third. A close finish in division 1 saw Graham Clifford winning on 66 one better than Brian Webber who beat Tony Biggs on countback.

The Championship is a gross competition so standings here were a bit different. Terry Clark led the way on 80, just a shot ahead of Brian Webber with John Sim and Nick Parker another shot back. This started to change on day two as John Russell started the day 4 back but piled on the pressure by finishing with a gross 75. As other early contenders slipped back though it looked as though Clark was doing enough to win. An errant tee shot on the final hole put him in trouble but his round of 79 left him and Russell level. The play-off took place in pouring rain and proved tight and tense but Clark held his nerve to win by a single stroke and claim first place

with Russell as runner up. Nick Parker claimed both third place and best day two gross. Graham Clifford added a second sub-par round of 69 to his day one 66 to claim the nett Championship on 135 with Mike Smith taking the day two nett trophy.



*Various film characters who made appearances at the End of Open Week Party*

The Ladies play all 36 holes in the day, so players were grateful for cooler weather and some rain at least for the morning. In the scratch competition, last year's winner Dawn Chadwick set the pace on 81 but was closely followed by Anya Patten and Cathy Olive on 82, Shirley Gooding a shot further back and Liz Hill a shot behind that. Dawn continued to lead until an 8 on the eighth hole knocked her back leaving Anya and Liz out in front. A strong performance over the three par fives saw Anya move ahead and a birdie on the final hole sealed the Insport Trophy. Her total of 161 was 3 better than runner-up Liz Hill with Dawn Chadwick holding on for third ahead of Shirley Gooding. Cathy Olive took the prize for best morning round with Jane Hewitt best in the afternoon

In the nett competition Maggie Tolchard was very consistent taking first place and the Directors' Cup with two rounds of 69. June Smith was just as consistent with two rounds of 71 to take second place, a shot better than both Chris Simpson and Claire Biggs with Chris third on countback. Caroline Patterson had the best morning round with 67 with Hazel Gough best in the afternoon.

Prizes from the Senior Ladies Championship played the previous week were presented at the same time. A gross 87 from Alison Dodkin was enough to secure the Ann Adams Claret Jug but only by the narrowest of margins, winning on countback from Jane Hewitt. Eunice Bond took third place on 91. The nett competition for the Vera Ireland Trophy went to Claire Biggs with a net 70 which was 2 better than runner-up Marion Warren-Smith. Vera Ireland did not win her own trophy but she did win the trophy for the best over 70s round with a 74. Prizes for best nett morning and afternoon went to Sue Painter and Sue Spink with Ange Webber and Beryl Richards taking the gross equivalents.



*Maggie Tolchard, Anyna Patten, Claire Biggs and Alison Dodkin with the other prize winners following the Ladies and Senior Ladies Championships*

*Tony Biggs*

## **Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club**

Wedmore ladies achieved their best results of the month in the Wessex League being undefeated in three games. Away at Winscombe, they won two from three rinks winning the match by 46 shots to 39. Doreen Gallop, Ann-Marie Wilkinson, Audrey Birch and Marie Trow were the top rink finishing 18 - 12 which included scoring 2 x 5s. Against Winscombe at home, the ladies won all three rinks finishing with a comfortable score of 69 - 28. Fiona Duggan-Rees, Doreen Gallop, Maureen Hordle and Marie Trow won 11 from 15 ends including scoring 2 x 4s and a 5 to win by an impressive 27 - 7. In the third game, away at Clevedon Prom, Wedmore won two rinks from three with the result being close; Wedmore winning by 49 - 43. Julie Collins, Doreen Gallop, Trish Newell and Gil Harvey were top rink scoring a 6 and a 4 in their 22-16 win.



In the Weston & District Triples League, Wedmore ladies won two of the three matches played. Away at Portishead, they won two from three rinks finishing 52 - 44 winners. Julie Collins, Pam Beard and Elaine Deverill were top scores winning 22 - 12. Away at Wessex, Wedmore won all three rinks with Pat Jenkins, Trish Newell and Pam Beard top scoring, 14 - 4. Wedmore won the game by a comfortable 45-27. The ladies suffered their only defeat away at Burnham losing 31 - 58. They were unable to win any rink but Audrey Birch, Margaret Barron & Carole Pettit were unlucky to lose by 2 shots.

Wedmore ladies won just one of the three games played in the Mendip Triples league. Away to Victoria Blue, they won two from three rinks taking the game by a close 42 - 39. Barbara Disbrey, Doreen Gallop and Maureen Hordle top scored 18 - 11. They managed one rink away at Nailsea with the same trio scoring 15 - 9 but lost the match 32 - 45. The ladies suffered a heavy defeat away at Congresbury losing 37 - 70 without winning a rink but Pat Jenkins, Marion Fisher & Marie Trow lost by just 1 shot.



The only men's team to be undefeated this month is the B team playing in North Division 3 of the County League. Against Bristol C at home, Wedmore won two from three rinks and took the game by 68 - 56. C Wheller, J Runciman, R Grant and K Phillimore top scored 25 - 12. Away again against Yatton B, Wedmore won all three rinks to ensure a 67 - 34 victory. V Matthews, M Green, D Trow and R Thurkettle won 14 from 21 ends to take the game by a comfortable 26 - 9. Wedmore C play in the same division and have found the competition difficult. Despite losing their first two matches this month, they picked up one winning rink in each game. At home to Victoria C, B Deardon, N Fowler, T Counsell and J White won 25 - 19. Against Ashcombe C, again at home, B Back, T Collingwood, I Faulkner and D Stansfield were trailing 16 - 22 after 16 ends then won four of the remaining five ends, including scoring a 6, to win 30 - 23. In their third game this month, Wedmore C achieved their first win of the season. They won two rinks at home to Nailsea B to take the match by 66 - 49. In their final game, Wedmore C lost to Bristol C by 44-58 without winning a rink. Wedmore A play in Premier Division 1 of the County League and are also finding life difficult but they too recorded their first win of the season. Away against Portishead RBL, T Brown, I Gallop, G Annuik and R Hughes won 27 - 17. With the other two rinks losing by just 1 shot each, Wedmore took the game by 62 - 54. In their other three games, Wedmore A lost to Illminster A, Street A and Clevedon A.

The men have had a very good month in the Clevedon & District over 60s League winning four of the five games played. Against West Backwell away, Wedmore won five from six rinks taking the game 125 - 91. A Birch, I Gallop and R Hughes top scored 30 - 13. Away at Nailsea, all rinks won to give a match score of 142 - 73. V Matthews, D Collins and C Moss were 14-0 up after six ends and finished very comfortable winners 37 - 4. At home to Clevedon Prom, Wedmore won four rinks from six winning the game by 112-68. P Smith, G Annuik and R Newell top scored 27 - 8. Wedmore also won four rinks at home to Congresbury with the match finishing 110 - 81. C Wheller, T Brown and R Barron were top scorers 31 - 7. Wedmore's only defeat in the C&D League came at home against top of the table rivals Portishead RBL. Both clubs won three rinks with Portishead winning the match, 99-101. V Matthews, D Collins and C Moss won the first five ends and kept comfortably in the lead to finish top scorers, 22 - 12.

The over 60s team in the Weston & District League have had a mixed month losing two league matches. Away at Clevedon, they were a rink short. Despite winning three rinks and tying one of the five played, a 10-point deduction meant a close 79-82 defeat. D Trow, B Cottrell and K Pettit top scored 25 - 11. A home game against Clarence blues saw another narrow defeat by 100-102. D Collins, M Green and R Thurkettle finished top rink, 23 - 13.

The best result in the W&D League came in a cup game played away at Portishead RBL. Wedmore won three rinks and tied two finishing 116 - 91 winners. D Trow, K Burt and K Pettit had a big win 37 - 10 which included scoring 2 x 5s.

Finals of club competitions will be played on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September. Spectators are always welcome. Indoor taster days will be held on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Bowls and shoes will be provided and coaches will be on hand to help.

*Sandra Moss*

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# Church News

## Sunday 2 September – Family Time

On Sunday 2 September the 10.30am service at St Mary's will be a family friendly time held in the Lady Chapel, with refreshments (including croissants and cake) and conversation to start followed by a short act of worship. All welcome - do come along and give it a try.

## 'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 18 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. You are welcome to join him at any of the stops.



Timings of the route are as follows:

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

## Parish Registers

### Weddings

Congratulations go to Henry and Hayley (née Laphorne) Tincknell of Latcham whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 14 July 2018.

Congratulations go to Nick and Vanessa (née Adam) Armitage of Townsend Lane whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 20 July 2018.

### Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of: -

Brian Moreton of Wedmore who died on 17 July 2018 aged 83 and whose funeral was held at St Mary's on 1 August 2018.

## 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.

- 23 September      **10.30 am St Mary's Wedmore:** Harvest Festival All Age Communion followed by lunch (all are welcome to lunch but please call Mrs Heather Banwell on 712216 or Heather Hector on 712478 if you would like a ticket)
- 23 September      **5.00 pm Holy Trinity, Blackford:** Harvest Evensong followed by Harvest Supper in Blackford Village Hall at 6.30 pm. (all are welcome, please call Sue Painter on 712528 if you would like to come to the supper)
- 30 September      **11.00 am Christchurch, Theale:** Harvest Festival Communion followed by lunch (all are welcome but please call Mrs Molly Rossiter on 713311 if you would like to come to lunch)
- 7 October            **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 8 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 or one of the other routes, or about the event in general, please see [www.somersetchurchestrust.org/news-events/ride-stride](http://www.somersetchurchestrust.org/news-events/ride-stride).

## A Vision for St Mary's

The church congregation of St Mary's know that much needs to be done to the building to make it fit for purpose for the next generations both in terms of how we worship but also how the church is used by the village on other occasions.

So we are in a process of considering about what the future development needs of St Mary's church might be. This will then inform any changes that might need to take place (for instance heating, lighting, multi-media, and furnishings).

St Mary's is a village amenity. Some of you are part of families who have come into the church at life's key moments for generations; others come regularly to our

monthly coffee shop or Tea Set; children come with parents to Messy Church or school services; many attend the Friends of St Mary's events like Clash of the Choirs.

Many villagers come to services on important days like Christmas, Easter, Remembrance Sunday, and the Harvest Festival; also to concerts or Arts Festival events in church. Some of you just know that St Mary's is open and available if you need time and space to be quiet or reflect or pray.

There is potential for other uses and therefore we are going to contact local organisations in the autumn to try to establish whether they might wish to use the church more frequently for their activities and if so what changes and improvements they would like to see to enable them to do so.

We very much hope that individuals in the community will want to engage in this review and so do look out for, and complete, a personal questionnaire; this will be widely distributed for you to have your say on what you think priorities for improvements to our church building might be. Your responses will help inform our plans and vision for St. Mary's.

In due course distribution and completion will be through both paper questionnaires and online on our website [www.stmarywedmore.org.uk](http://www.stmarywedmore.org.uk)

Naturally, after completion of this process, we will publicise a summary of the responses and what action we propose in the light of the suggestions made.

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# Church Services

## St Mary's Church, Wedmore

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 8.45am  
Communion is celebrated most Wednesdays at 9.45 am*

Sunday	2	Trinity 14	10.30 am	Family Morning Praise
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	9	Trinity 15	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	16	Trinity 16	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30 am	Morning Praise
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	23	Harvest Festival	10.30 am	Harvest Festival Family Communion
Sunday	30	No Service		

## Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	2	Trinity 14	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	Trinity 15	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	16	Trinity 16	9.00 pm	Parish Communion
Sunday	23	Harvest Festival	5.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong
Sunday	30	No Service		

## **Christchurch, Theale**

Sunday	2	Trinity 14	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	Trinity 15	11.00 am	Christchurch All Together
Sunday	16	Trinity 16	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	23	Trinity 17	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	30	Harvest Festival	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Communion

## **Allerton Church**

Sunday	2	Trinity 14	9.00 am	Family Service
Saturday	8		11.45 am	Harvest Home Celebration
Sunday	9	Trinity 15	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	16	Trinity 16	9.00 am	Songs of Praise
Sunday	23	Trinity 17	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	30	Trinity 18		No Service

*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.

We hold Communion on the first Sunday of every month. Every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon is our very popular 'Coffee with a View.' Coffee/tea, home-made cakes, our wonderful view and a warm welcome. Bring a friend, or come and make some new ones here. All free of charge. We have ample parking and wheelchair access.

For further details, please ring (01934) 710779 / 712812, email: [contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk](mailto:contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk) or online: [www.bagleybaptist.co.uk](http://www.bagleybaptist.co.uk)

## **Wedmore Methodist Church**

*Preachers for September*

Sunday	2	September	10.30 am	Janet Day
Sunday	9	September	10.30 am	Tony Stevenson
Sunday	16	September	10.30 am	Rev John James - Harvest Festival Service
Sunday	23	September	10.30 am	Rev. Julie Letts - Holy Communion
Sunday	30	September	10.30 am	Local Arrangement

## **Crickham Baptist Church**

Sunday Services: 6.30pm

Sunday School: 10.30am

*Contact Dulcie Hooper 712187.*

## **Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar**

*Contact Father Philip Thomas - telephone 709244.*

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# Axbridge and Wedmore GP Practice

## Surgery Opening Times

### Wedmore Surgery

Mondays and Fridays . . . . . 8.30 am to 6.00 pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays . . . . . 8.30 am to 1.00 pm

Telephone 01934 712774

### Axbridge Surgery

Monday to Fridays . . . . . 8.30 am to 6.00 pm

Telephone 01934 732464 - Please note the surgeries are closed on Bank Holidays.

## Contact our Clinical Team through our Website

We can also be contacted, in your own time, through our website, with a member of our clinical team replying to you by the end of the next working day. You will be asked to complete an online form. This is useful for non-urgent conditions. We will then contact you and let you know the best action to take.

[www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk)

## Improved Access Appointments

### Axbridge Surgery

Tuesdays . . . . . 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

### Wedmore Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday . . . . . Once a month 7.00 am to 8.00 am

During these a Nurse/HCA/Phlebotomist will be available for routine appointments outside normal surgery times. These appointments are provided, but not exclusively, for those patients who find it difficult to attend during normal surgery hours.

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

Please visit our website or visit/ telephone the practice 732464 or 712774 for changes to opening hours.

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

*During improved access appointments 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>	Carol Ayliffe	713471
<b>Controller Street</b>	Carol Ayliffe	713471

The bus is also available for private hire. It can be booked by contacting Jo Keen, 710759

# Bus Route 67 Wells to Burnham

For intermediate stops from Burnham to Wedmore (Highbridge, East Huntspill and Mark) and, Henton to Wells (Wookey Homelea and St Cuthbert's Avenue) please visit [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk). The bus departs from the Borough and runs Monday to Friday only, there is no service on Bank Holidays.

Departs				
Burnham Tesco			10.45	13.05
Burnham Old Pier		09.22	10.50	13.10
Wedmore	07.42	09.55	11.25	13.45
Henton Post Office	07.52	10.05	11.35	13.55
Wells Coronation Road	08.02	10.15	11.45	14.05
Wells Bus Station	08.09	10.22	11.52	14.12
Wells Blue School	08.17			
Wookey Hole	08.24	10.33	13.03	14.23

Departs						
Wookey Hole	09.12	10.35	13.05	13.05		17.30
Wells Blue School				13.45	15.35	
Wells Bus Station	09.23	10.46	13.16	13.55	15.43	17.41
Wells Coronation Road	09.30	10.53	13.23	14.05	15.50	17.47
Henton Post Office	09.40	11.04	13.33	14.12	16.00	17.57
Wedmore	10.00	11.25	13.50		16.10	18.07
Burnham Old Pier	10.36	12.01	14.26	14.23		
Tesco Burnham	10.41	12.06	14.31			

# Crossword 17 Answers

**Across:** 1.prehistoric 7.stomach 8.reagent 10.niece 11.booby trap 12.habitat 14.tea room 15.onshore 18.beef tea 20.insulator 21.adieu 22.example 23.shuttle 24.naphthalene

**Down:** 1.proverb 2.elate 3.inhabit 4.turnout 5.ready-made 6.cheerio 7.synchronise 9.tape measure 13.toodlepip 16.sustain 17.entreat 18.barista 19.thistle 21.abuse



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# Wedmore Real Ale Festival Request for Funding Form 2018

*Note: Closing Date for Applications is 19 September. Funding will be distributed on 13 October.*

Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Charity no. (if app): \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give details of the project you would like funding for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Total Cost: £ \_\_\_\_\_

How much funding are you looking for? **(It is essential to specify an amount)**

£ \_\_\_\_\_

If the sum requested above **doesn't** account for **at least 50%** of the total estimated cost, can you provide details of a specific element of the overall project that you'd plan on using these funds for?

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How will the project benefit the residents of the Isle of Wedmore, including number of people benefiting? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much money are you contributing to this project? £ \_\_\_\_\_

What is the expected timeframe for completion? \_\_\_\_\_

Who should the cheque be made payable to? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick to acknowledge you have read and understood the guidelines for distribution of WRAF funds.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed forms by post to:

*James Turbitt, Rushmead House, 57 Meareway, Westhay, Somerset, BA6 9TZ ...or by email to james@j-m-turbitt.co.uk*

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# Guidelines for distribution of Wedmore Real Ale Festival (WRAF) funds

1. Applications can be submitted between 1 April and the closing date above. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
2. Only information contained on the application form will be used during consideration. Please do not send additional attachments or information.
3. All applicants must represent either a registered charity or voluntary cause.
4. Applications from the following will not normally be considered:
  - Profit making events
  - Businesses
  - Funding national projects
  - To fund an individual (for example to trek around China)
5. Applications must benefit the residents of the Isle of Wedmore
6. (The Isle of Wedmore includes Wedmore, Bagley, Blackford, Blakeway, Chapel Allerton, Clewer, Cocklake, Crickham, Heath House, Latcham, Little Ireland, Mudgley, Sand, Stone Allerton, Theale, West End, West Ham, and West Stoughton)
7. Please specify the project or items that the funds will be used for. Running costs will not normally be considered.
8. Please complete this form fully. Any application that hasn't answered all questions will be returned.
9. Under normal circumstances the maximum payable to any one applicant is £3,000.
10. Any application that falls outside of the guidelines, but is supported unanimously by members of the WRAF committee will be included in the list of those that qualify. This ensures that any guidelines that are in place don't prevent WRAF from supporting an applicant that common sense would otherwise support.

# What's On in the Parish

3 - Mon	<b>Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group</b>	9.30am	The Scout Hut
	<b>Green Wedmore Meeting</b>	8.00pm	The George
4 - Tues	<b>Wedmore Tuesday Club</b>	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The Swan
6 - Thurs	<b>St Mary's Church Living Advent Calendar meeting</b>	6.30pm	St Mary's Church
7 - Fri	<b>Blackford Village Hall AGM</b>	7.30pm	Blackford VH
	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club - open Mic</b>	8.00pm	Panborough Inn
8 - Sat	<b>Wedmore in Bloom Work Party</b>	9.30am	The George
	<b>Wedmore Farmers' Market</b>	9.30 - 1.30pm	The Borough Yard
	<b>St Mary's Fairtrade Coffee shop</b>	9.30 - 12 noon	St Mary's Church
9 - Sun	<b>Blackford Holy Trinity Church Breakfast</b>	8.30am	Blackford VH
	<b>Green Wedmore 2nd Free-Cycle Day</b>	10.00 - 11.30am	Cheddar Road car park
10 - Mon	<b>Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group</b>	9.30am	The Scout Hut
11 - Tues	<b>Wedmore Tuesday Club</b>	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
12 - Wed	<b>Probus</b>	10.15am	Golf Club
	<b>Camelot Quilters</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	<b>Blackford Village Hall Café</b>	2 - 4pm	Blackford VH
13 -Thurs	<b>Wedmore WI - an evening of table games and cake</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
15 - Sat	<b>Theale Community Cafe</b>	10.00am	Theale VH
16 - Sun	<b>Theale Film Club - members'choice "a weepy"</b>	6.30pm	Theale VH
17 - Mon	<b>Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group</b>	9.30am	The Scout Hut
18 - Tues	<b>Wedmore Tuesday Club</b>	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The Swan
19 - Wed	<b>Club 50 - trip to Sidmouth</b>	9.15am	Cheddar Rd car park
	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Council Rooms Grant Lane
20 - Thurs	<b>Theale Players meeting</b>	7.30pm	Old School Bagley
21 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club - open Mic featuring Dora Darling-Swan</b>	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
22 - Sat	<b>Theale Community Cafe</b>	10.00am	Theale VH
24 - Mon	<b>Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group</b>	9.30am	The Scout Hut
25 - Tues	<b>Wedmore Tuesday Club</b>	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	<b>Wedmore Gardening Club talk by Andrew Tolman</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The Swan
26 - Wed	<b>Camelot Quilters</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	<b>Probus</b>	10.15am	Golf Club
27 - Thurs	<b>IOW Society - talk on 'Somerset Road Safety'</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
28 - Fri	<b>Wedmore Art Group</b>	2.00pm	Masonic Hall
	<b>Limelight open Mic at the Swan</b>	8.00pm	The Swan
30 - Sun	<b>Wedmore Opera Goers - La Traviata matinee performance</b>		Cardiff Millenium Theatre

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<b>MONDAY</b>				
<b>Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)</b>	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane Lisa	07977 415799 07801 272255
<b>Pilates</b>	11.00am	The George	Georgie	07976 254887
<b>Art Group</b>	2 - 4pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midford	01749 712522
<b>Modern Dance</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01278 641194
<b>Beavers</b>	5.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Bridge Club</b>	7.00pm	Masonic Hall	Steve Pedrick	01934 712852
<b>Scouts</b>	7.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
<b>Fitness2Unique</b>	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
<b>Chair Yoga</b>	10.00am	The Swan Inn +	Jo Willis	07552 711101
<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Angela Mills	01934 712607
<b>50+ Dance Class</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH	Rhian Weston	07854 594268
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	4.00pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +	Bristol Ballet Centre	ashermann99@hotmail.com
<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	07776 82231
<b>Cardiodance</b>	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
<b>Fitness2Unique</b>	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
<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
<b>PilogaFit</b>	10.30-11.30	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482
<b>Tai Chi</b>	12.15-1.15pm	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
<b>Wedmore &amp; Blackford Toddlers</b>	9.30am	Blackford VH +	Abbe Smith	01934 710471
<b>Yoga</b>	10.00am	Scout Hut	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Maturity Gang</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	3.45pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +	Bristol Ballet Centre	ashermann99@hotmail.com
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
<b>Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)</b>	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
<b>Tots and Tinies</b>	9.15am	Wedmore First School +	Jo Page	01934 710431
<b>Wedmore Art Group</b>	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Jim Collett	01934 712663

+ Not taking place during school holidays