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# Editorial

Gosh, is it really the penultimate month of 2018 already, how quickly this year has slipped past, welcome to the November Edition, number 467.

May I start by congratulating the excellent Management Committee of the 2018 Wedmore Real Ale Festival, which yet again has raised a record amount of money for village charities? I am pleased to report that I survived the 'Beer Bucket' challenge without any injury as I think did my peers, we had great fun in the process and got the t-shirt, if it was a little sticky afterwards.

Congratulations also to the Wedmore Cricket Club with the first team achieving promotion and the second team, a creditable third place. The Junior Teams have also had a splendid summer. I am a cricket lover of long standing, but now in therapy having been in the crowd at the County Ground when dear old Somerset pressed the 'self destruct' button against Lancashire, failing to score what would have been a winning single with over 200 hundred overs left and instead, tied the match.

I am delighted to welcome a new author of Tasty Morsels; Sue Gudgeon. Sue makes her debut here with a stunning recipe for Chicken with Mushroom and Tarragon, which sounds absolutely delicious and I will certainly be trying soon.

So is anything happening here in Wedmore during November? Well only the usual array of coffee mornings, charity fairs, cafes, a Safari Supper, working parties, meetings, talks and quizzes. Also it's time for any budding Salvador Dalis to hand

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their masterpieces into the New Inn for the World Renowned Turnip Prize and for any Penny Chuffers to hit the top of their game in time for the International Competition also at the New Inn. At the Village Hall Wedmore remembers the First World War and the 'Railway Children' opens. Lastly, we have a Choral Society Candlelight Concert at St Mary's Church. So does that fully answer the question?

Thank you to everyone who contributed this time.

*Bill Sutton*

## Front Cover

The cast of Wedmore Theatre's forthcoming production of 'The Railway Children' visited the East Somerset Railway at Cranmore, where Mike Rippon took this delightful photo.

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# News

## Parish Council Business

The September meeting was held back at the Council Rooms in Wedmore after visits to Blackford and Theale. Members have already agreed that next year there will be additional 'away visits' to enable more residents to attend Council meetings nearer their homes. It was good to hear that the Village Agent scheme can operate for another three years due to a successful National Lottery application. Village Agents provide invaluable service to the elderly and infirm across the county and can be contacted via the local medical centre. Members were informed that Cllr Alex Whittingham who had represented the Blackford Ward since May 2015 had decided to tender his resignation. Alex was a very active member of the Council and carried out his duties as Chair of the Planning Committee with sensitivity, humour and a sound knowledge of planning requirements. There now exists a vacancy for a member to represent Blackford and anyone interested is asked to contact the Clerk for further details. A grant of £150 was made to Theale Flower Show to help with the running costs and members deferred requests to purchase a Speed Indicator Device and to fund an additional street lamp in the village pending enquiries as to costings.

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## Wedmore Real Ale Festival – 2018

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, our wonderful volunteers and all those who attended, drank, bid, danced, raffled, ate and made merry, we're delighted to announce that this year's festival was our most successful festival yet and generated a whopping £18,150 for local worthy causes.





*Committee members behind the main bar*



*After the 'beer bucket challenge'  
(photo by Dawn Pallant)*

Representatives from no less than 11 local beneficiaries gathered at our annual presentation night on Saturday 13 October held at The New Inn in Wedmore and picked up cheques ranging from £300 to £10,000, that will in turn provide welcome assistance to a wide and varied cross-section of our community.

The concept of the WRAF from its infancy to the present day has always been about promoting and championing real ale. It's a fantastic coincidence for one and all that in doing so we've raised and donated £186,221 in the last 18 years to the local worthy causes.

The Wedmore Real Ale Festival Committee is delighted to announce that this year's festival beneficiaries were:

IOW Remembers WW1	£300
Friends of St Mary's Church	£350
Wedmore in Bloom	£450
Wedmore Tuesday Club	£500
Brainwave	£1,000
Children's Hospice South West	£1,000
Somewhere House Somerset	£1,000

Blackford Village Hall	£1,000
Wedmore Scout Group	£1,050
Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund	£1,500
Wedmore Playing Fields Management Committee	£10,000
Total	£18,150

Cheques were issued to all the successful beneficiaries, followed by food, drink and conversation.

A big thank you to The New Inn for their continued support, hosting and hospitality this year; it is very much appreciated.

For more information on sponsoring, volunteering, attending or anything else connected with the Festival please get in touch.

Our 19th Festival will be running from 20 – 22 September 2019. We will keep you posted with next year's festival news, so please like our Facebook page @wedmorealefestival, follow us on twitter @WedmoreRealAle or go to our website [www.wedmoreale.com](http://www.wedmoreale.com)

We look forward to seeing you all again next September!

## **Wedmore Village Hall – 2018 AGM**

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Wedmore Village Hall Management Committee – Thursday, 13 December 2018 at 6.00 pm in the Small Hall.

The Village Hall Management Committee have had another busy year continuing our endeavours to enhance the hall and make it ever more suitable for an extensive range of user groups. More than 25 user groups now use the hall on a regular basis from art to zumba; we have also been a venue of choice for a number of weddings. The hall continues to be a well-loved asset for the community.

As a Management Committee we are committed to pursuing a programme of maintenance and improvement but also to modernise and make this splendid Victorian building even more available, attractive and sustainable. Over the last twelve months we have had a new floor installed in the bar / snug area made possible by funding from the Real Ale Festival, installed retractable raked seating significantly enhancing audience enjoyment – this was made possible by a £10,000 grant from Sedgemoor DC along with generous contributions from Wedmore Theatre, Wedmore Arts Festival and an advance of precept by Wedmore PC. All of the 51 seats have been sponsored by users within the community and a plaque is on each seat.

We have implemented an improved regular cleaning regime following a deep clean of the hall and the sanding of the main hall floor. I hope you have admired the 'new' floor which has been transformed from the grimy area it had become over the years. We were delighted to receive a grant from the Isle of Wedmore News and have consequently been able to replace items of the free-of-charge cutlery and crockery and can now provide over a hundred settings.

We have also been reassessed for Hallmark 1 and 2; this is the equivalent of Ofsted but for village halls and requires considerable preparation relating to Charity administration and management and numerous aspects of health, safety, security and licences.

Additionally, we have installed solar panels on the roof of the hall. Green Wedmore led the project and obtained all the funding to enable it to happen. It came from Wedmore Community Power Co-operative, Viridor Credits and Green Wedmore themselves. With a Tesla battery to store surplus generated electricity for use when the sun doesn't shine, throughout the summer we were largely self-sufficient and hardly drew any electricity from the grid – a great contribution to the environment and a significant cost saving.

We have ambitious plans but inevitably all these need to be funded. Our future projects include refurbishing the entrance lobby, revamping the bar area / snug to make it more welcoming, renovating the storage units in the main kitchen, redecorating the main hall, etc. The list is endless! At the same time we need to be cognisant of the need to maintain the fabric of the building – tiles, gutters, etc.

We are very grateful to all our sponsors and users for the success of the hall. I hope that many of our user groups will send a representative to the AGM on Thursday, 13 December, along with any residents of Wedmore and let us know of your needs and wishes for the Hall.

*Simon C Tomes*  
*Chairman, Wedmore Village Hall Management Committee*

## **Ethel Pople Deceased Charity and the Wedmore Charities**

The late Ethel Pople, formerly of The Old Smithy, Cocklake, Wedmore, who died in 1978, left a trust under her will for the assistance of the elderly and/or infirm of Cocklake, Clewer and Wedmore to be called 'The Ethel Pople Trust' in honour of 'Our Blessed Lady of Wedmore'. Every year, those who think they may qualify are invited to apply.

The trustees of the Wedmore Charities, an entirely separate trust, also make annual distributions of trust income, predominantly to those within the parish who fall within the same definition, in other words, the elderly and / or infirm.

The trustees of both charities meet in December each year with a view to deciding how their combined distributions can be applied for the greater benefit of those entitled each year.

The trustees of both the Ethel Pople Trust and the Wedmore Charities therefore invite written applications from those who qualify under the terms of these trusts with a view to distribution of the trust income in December 2018. Letters should state briefly the basis on which the applicants qualify, i.e. whether by a reason of age or infirmity and with any other relevant information as to the applicants' circumstances that they feel able to give.

Please note that if you have applied successfully before the trustees would like you to provide written confirmation that your circumstances have not changed.

The trustees of both charities will consider applications early in December with a view to distribution of trust income before Christmas.

Applications should be addressed to the Ethel Pople and Wedmore Charities Trustees, John Hodge Solicitors, Cheddar Road, Wedmore BS28 4EH, for the attention of James Ashby.

## The Fingerpost Appeal

The Wedmore Fingerpost project is maintaining its steady progress, and due to the continued inflow of funds, we have been able to order the renovation of two more fingerposts: Tealham Moor and Cocklake (river bridge). This leaves just two more fingerposts, namely Rughill (by the Chapel) and the Ashton / Stoughton junction to finish the project.

Somerset Forge are still experiencing delay from the foundry for the casting of the new blade for Stoughton Cross fingerpost. It is hoped that this will have been fitted by the time you read this.

Thank you again to all of you who have made donations...we are nearly there!!

*David Ewens*

## 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 07812848011 or The New Inn, Combe Batch, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4DU. Alternatively, leave your entry at The New Inn.

Please include your name or pseudonym and contact

phone number. Closing date for entries will be Wednesday 21 November. Preliminary judging will take place on Thursday 22 November. Final judging will take place at The New Inn, Wedmore, 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'

## 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'.



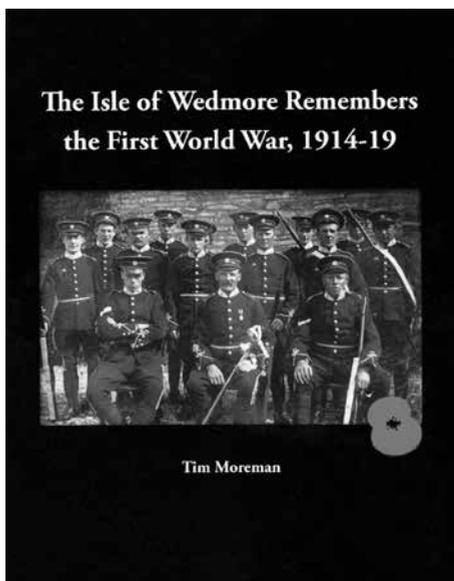
*Quartermaster Sergeant William John Bamfield, Royal Marine Light Infantry (Quab Lane). Killed in action at Gallipoli on 26 May 1915 while serving with the Plymouth Battalion, Royal Naval Division.*



*Lance Corporal Charles Dunford, 10th (Service) Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Glanville Road, Wedmore). Killed in action on 20 July 1916 during the Battle of Melville Wood on the Somme.*

*All proceeds from the sale of 'The Isle of Wedmore Remembers the First World War, 1914-19' go to fund the exhibition being held at the Wedmore Village Hall this November. Copies are available at Wedmore Village Store and the Wedmore Post Office.*

*Dr Tim Moreman*



## Wedmore Arts Festival 2019 – Back Next May

The 2019 Wedmore Arts Festival is taking shape, and looks to be an even bigger and more varied event than it was last year. We are currently exploring dates and ideas for more than 15 events and we will bring you confirmation of these as soon as we can.



In the meantime, we will definitely be welcoming back the phenomenal young violinist Poppy McGhee, playing this year at a very special concert brought to us by the much loved Somerset Choral Society. That's on Saturday 11 May. On Wednesday 15 May we have another Wedmore favourite: Liz Grand, who entertained us so magnificently with her one-woman play on Shakespeare's *Second Best Bed*, returns with an Agatha Christie mystery: where on earth was the author during those famous 11 days when she went missing? All will be dramatically revealed! And on Friday 17 May the sensational Henry Blofeld will be regaling the village with his favourite sporting anecdotes. Plenty of variety promised already and we also have more music, drama and poetry up our sleeves, plus of course our wonderful series of Lunch with the Speaker: several fascinating topics and personalities are planned in that spot.

If you have not already put the dates into next year's diary, please do so now! 10 to 19 May 2019. You wouldn't want to miss anything!

[wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk](http://wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk).

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

Forthcoming sessions this month are 5 and 19 November.

*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

By the time you read this, the Neighbourhood Plan should have been formally submitted to Sedgemoor Council (subject to tying up some loose ends).



All being well, SDC will consult on the submission plan for six weeks until around mid-December. The plan can be seen on the NP website ([www.wedmore.online](http://www.wedmore.online)) and representations should be made to [www.sedgemoor.gov.uk](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk). The details are also on the Sedgemoor website.

Sedgemoor Council hope to be able to appoint an Examiner in January with the aim of holding the Parish Referendum on the local elections date in May 2019.

Slow, but steady, progress!

*Bob Sellwood*

*Chairman of the Neighbourhood, Plan Group*

## Calling Any Brass Players



The Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band has vacancies for Trombone and Cornet players, although players of other all instruments would be welcome. The band is non-contesting, but performs an array of engagements each year. These include four concerts at the Princess Theatre in Burnham, plus a variety of fetes and flower shows throughout the summer. The band

also opened the Sunday programme on the Pyramid Stage at the Glastonbury Festival in 2016. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evening in Burnham. If anyone is interested, please contact the Editor, Bill Sutton, whose details are on the inside front cover.

## Cheddar Vale Lions Tree of Light Appeal – Saturday 1 December



Christmas is often a time of reflection, and members of Cheddar Vale Lions Club are inviting you to remember loved ones by sponsoring a light on their 'Tree of Light'. The project, which is in its sixth year, will again be placed at Cheddar Garden Centre. A list of all those to be remembered will be placed in front of the tree.

Cheddar Lions will send the sponsor a handwritten card with the name of the person who is being remembered. They are invited to come along to the official lighting up ceremony which take place on Saturday 1 December at Cheddar Garden Centre. There will be a dedication ceremony, music, carols and mulled wine, all commencing at 4.30pm.

Christmas is a time when you get together as a family and remember those that you have lost. We would love you to share this moment to reflect and think of the good memories.

All money raised by the Cheddar Lions 'Tree of Light' will go into the Cheddar Valley community supporting local projects and those in need.

The money raised makes a difference. If we have a request for a piece of equipment for a disabled child, a group or anyone in need in our community, the Club will consider it, and the money will be available to help where required.

The minimum donation asked is £5, and this will sponsor a light in memory of a loved one by completing a form to be found either on our website [www.cheddarvalions.org.uk](http://www.cheddarvalions.org.uk), or in Cheddar Garden Centre, at various outlets throughout the valley, or by telephone: 0845 833 7402.

## Somerset Carriage - Driving for the Disabled Group Seeks a Permanent Home

One of Somerset's biggest carriage driving for the disabled groups is hunting for a new permanent home to ensure their survival.

A long-term supporter of the group has offered to buy a permanent home, so the group is eager to find a four to seven



acre site within the area of Wells, Wedmore, Street, or Shepton Mallet, where they could erect stables, storage for carriages, and provide an arena and parking.

With more than 30 volunteers, and the same number of disabled clients, the group has had to move home four times in the past seven years. This group was founded by a couple who provided a base at their home for many years – enabling them to expand operations to the point of having four ponies. When that couple moved home, they also had to move. This has now happened four times, and reduced operations to just one pony to deliver a twice weekly services to a constantly growing need.

Anyone who could offer a suitable site for sale is urged to contact the Treasurer, Caroline Sturgess, at [c-sturgess@lineone.net](mailto:c-sturgess@lineone.net).

Details of the group's services can be found at [www.somersetlevelsrd.org](http://www.somersetlevelsrd.org).

## **Musgrove's Endoscopy Suite Gets Revamp to Improve Patient Experience**

The endoscopy suite at Musgrove Park now has two recovery areas so men and women can recover in separate areas. Previously patients either had to recover in the same area or needed to use the neighbouring Sheppard ward. This had an impact on the ward's capacity and ability to take patients from the hospital's acute medical unit.

As part of the work, five additional spaces have been created in the endoscopy suite and this means patients are able to recover more quickly and move through the unit, helping to improve their chances of getting home sooner.

## **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?

I.T. for the Terrified provides help with using tablets, smartphones, cameras, computers, and similar devices on a one to one basis. Each informal session of two hours is tailored to meet the individual's needs, in a relaxed and friendly way, using their own equipment. Our volunteer trainers can help with most subjects and fully understand that the use of modern technology can be daunting to the newcomer. We can cover android phones, android tablets and iPads, iPhones, Windows and Macs.

Our opening hours are flexible, because we have different volunteers with different skills on different levels on different days, but we will arrange an appointment to suit both parties as quickly as we can.

Please call and leave a message 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, BS27 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)*

*[www.itfortheterrified.co.uk](http://www.itfortheterrified.co.uk) [itfortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itfortheterrified@btconnect.com)*

*Usually using Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street,*

*Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF*

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# Focus on Businesses

## Melissa Hill Home Styling – For Living and Moving



Melissa Hill Home Styling is a recent addition to the Wedmore business community, offering interior design and home staging. With interior design Melissa helps her customers to create a balanced, organised and beautiful personal living space for themselves and with home staging she provides advice and styling packages to help them sell their property.

Melissa was born in Birmingham and grew

up in the West Midlands. As many of her family members were hairdressers or in retail fashion, it was not surprising that she also wanted to become a hairdresser. However, her father persuaded her to do a business studies course first. When she had completed this, she qualified as a hairdresser and then set off for Miami to work in hairdressing salons on cruise ships in the Caribbean. After a few years she moved back to England and opened her own salon, which she had for seven years before getting married, moving to Cheshire and having two children. While the children were growing up she taught hairdressing in a further education college and also started renovating houses with her husband. As he is an engineer, he concentrated on the structural part, whilst Melissa looked after the interior design and decoration. Having seen what she created, friends started asking her to do styling packages for their homes, this then snowballed to friends of friends, to the point where she had to take decision on her future career. She couldn't do all the interior design work and also teach. She decided to leave her job at the college and obtain formal qualifications in interior design and home staging.

Each interior design project that Melissa does is different. She has worked on all types of property, from new builds to a windmill. The style has to suit the property and the client's personal taste, so discussion and consultation are important to find the right products while taking the stress out of putting a room together. Now and then she works with her daughter who designs textiles to create exclusive patterns for clients. She says that people often think interior design is very expensive and only for the affluent, but she often saves them money. Her styling prices are very reasonable and her clients receive a discount on home products because she orders the goods directly from the suppliers.

The home staging part of her business is all about presenting the interior of a property in the best possible way to facilitate a sale. It might just be giving advice on presentation and providing some accessories, but if the home to be sold is empty, she will organise the hiring of furniture and will provide styling packages (soft furnishing and accessories such as lamps, vases, etc.) for each room. She told me that her spare room at home is completely full with all the various styling packages!

Melissa recently moved to Somerset because of her husband's new job and didn't want to work from home. She came across Wedmore while driving around the county and thought that it was the ideal place for her business. Fortunately, one of the units in the Borough Mall was available for rent and she moved in at the end of August. In the shop, she sells some of the home accessories that she uses in the styling packages and clients can look through her suppliers' catalogues for other products and larger items.

As she still enjoys teaching, Melissa provides a day course in interior design in the shop or in people's homes for groups of five or more. She will soon be offering a two-day combined interior design and soft furnishings course in conjunction with Dimity Button (which is in the next unit in the Borough Mall).

*Liz Sweeney*

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

Then how about telling our readers more about yourself? Who are you? What is your business? Are you from the Wedmore area? If not, where did you come from? What motivated you to start, take over or carry on the business? If you would like to share your story, send an email to [editorwedmorenews@gmail.com](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

The Final Cut – Cross Farm

I attach a photograph taken this week of Cross Farm field shortly to become Cross Farm development, just in its case of any interest!

*Regards,  
Alison Crooks*

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# A Day in the Life

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.

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## Reports and Society Updates

### St Mary's Church 100 Club

Congratulations to the two winners in the October draw. First prize went to Mrs Suzanne Metters with number 10 and second prize to Mrs Aileen Rossiter with number 28.

*Lisbeth Bull*

### Wedmore Harvest Home 100 Club Lottery 2018

September winners of Wedmore Harvest Home 100 club were: 1st prize £100 number 31 Claire Willcox: 2nd prize £100 ROLLOVER number 64 Kerry Willcox.

Congratulations to you both!

Wedmore Harvest Home would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event this year, without you all we would not have an event. We are very grateful to all who attended the day, donated prizes, made sandwiches and so much more. There are so many names to mention we would be sure to run out of room!

Special mention from Wedmore Harvest Home, goes to Sophie and all at 'The Paper Shop' who managed £2,500 in ticket sales for the luncheon and children's tea!

### 100 Club Lottery 2019 with Wedmore Harvest Home

Our popular 100 club 2019 is now LIVE! Help us raise some important funds for the Harvest Home, and be in with a chance of winning money every month for a year!

All for only £30! If you are interested please contact Kerry on 07881 740576. Your number will be drawn every month: first prize is £100 and second prize £50. You are able to choose your own number, so be quick and don't delay, otherwise you could miss out on your lucky number!

### RNLI - Local Rescues in September

Eight in total: (Burnham – 2, Minehead – 2, Portishead – 3, Weston-Super-Mare - 1). On 15 September the Portishead crew launched their Atlantic class lifeboat to a stricken vessel in the Bristol Channel. A crew member went aboard and set up a tow. However, the crew then received an urgent call to

a kayaker in difficulty. The crew found both kayakers safe and well, returned to the original incident and towed the vessel into Portishead Harbour; this rescue is recorded on video on the RNLI Portishead Lifeboat Station web page.



# Wedmore Theatre Monthly Report for November



## Tickets for 'The Railway Children'

At last, it's time to book! Tickets go on general sale this month for our big autumn production, which will run for four performances in Wedmore Village Hall on Thursday 29 November at 7.30 pm, Friday 30 November at 7.30 pm, Saturday 1 December at 2.30 pm and at 7.30 pm.

- Priority booking tickets for subscribers have been on sale since 22 October, available from the Wedmore Theatre Box Office on 01934 743953, or online at [www.wedmoretheatre.com](http://www.wedmoretheatre.com).
- General booking opens on 5 November, available from both of the above two sources, and also from Wedmore Village Store.



All tickets are numbered, so it's advisable to book early to get the best seats. A small price premium is charged for the new raked seating rows AA to GG, which are expected to sell first as they are proving very popular. There is, of course, a reduced ticket price for children under 18.

To become a subscriber, and so be eligible for priority booking NOW, sign up to our free regular Newsletter by visiting [www.wedmoretheatre.com](http://www.wedmoretheatre.com). Anyone can be a subscriber, and it costs nothing!

## Wedmore Theatre AGM

A date for everyone's diary – this year we are holding our Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 December, and we shall be returning to our old venue, The Swan Inn. So, everyone can enjoy a pre-Christmas drink together, whilst catching up on our results for this year and our early outline plans for 2019. Everyone in the community is welcome, regulars and newcomers alike. So if you would like to have a say in what sort of shows we put on next year, then do come along and join in!

*Wedmore Theatre*

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

Now that rehearsals are well down the track (so to speak) and everyone knows their lines, the focus has shifted to what I suspect might end up as the real star of the show: The Setting.

If you'd asked me last spring, when we first decided to stage this amazing play, that we would need to have simultaneously onstage the following – an Edwardian station, complete with platform, steam trains, ticket office, points and signals; a railway cutting, complete with track and moving steam train; the interior of a railway tunnel; and a rural cottage with living room, bedroom and garden; all populated by a cast of over 20 actors – I'd have thrown in the towel immediately and said it can't be done.

Enter WT's trusty 1/12th scale model of the WVH stage (made for us 25 years ago by Judith Uiterwijk, and used to design sets and lighting for every production since!), on which a detailed and practical model of this seemingly impossible set has been meticulously put together by Mike Rippon (lighting designer), Phil Butterworth (sound, special effects and projection designer) and Anne Richards (stage manager), with much creative consultancy and design input provided by Lou Beauchamp (from

Wedmore Opera), Hal Farnie (assistant lighting designer) and many others, including the director and even the assistant director!

These designs are always a complex collaboration by so many team members, because the interaction between built set, lighting, sound, video projection and special effects is so vital to create the right dramatic experience for the audience, as well as working practically 'on the night' for the experienced stage management team.

There's still time to join the backstage team. We can never have too many helpers with bar, front of house, and many other vital backstage tasks during performance week. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like join in, 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*

## **Wedmore WI Report of September Meeting**

Hazel welcomed members after the summer break. The visit to John Boyd Textiles was cancelled due to lack of numbers. Business was brief. Names were taken for the WI Carol Festival in Wells Cathedral.

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing board games. It is not surprising that members showed their competitive streaks when playing games such as Ludo and Snakes and Ladders. The evening finished with coffee and a lovely cake made by Jill.

In the next meeting on 15 November Christine Barker will talk about 'Life before Wedmore'.

*Hazel Hudson*



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

A slightly disappointing turn out for our first autumn talk given to us by two retired Avon and Somerset Road Traffic Officers from Somerset Road Safety, namely Steve Greenhalgh and Barry Thomas.

Steve, who had 34 years with the police and Barry, who had 30 years' experience, gave us a very well-presented talk and slide show about how to keep ourselves safe on the roads.

Vehicles have obviously changed over the years as have drivers, particularly us old ones and we are living longer as well as driving well into our 80s and 90s.

We were given some interesting statistics about the legal depth of tyre tread (1.6 ml), the various different road signs, that 22 people in Somerset died on our roads last year and that present day road traffic officers have difficulty in maintaining good driving standards because their numbers have been reduced from 400 to 60 because of government cuts!

Two more interesting statistics - in 1935 there were 1.5 million vehicles on the road with 8000 people being killed annually and now there are 37.4 million vehicles with five people killed every day (1750 annually) and 97% of all accidents are due to driver error!

We thank Steve and Barry for a most interesting and informative talk and those people unable to make the event missed out on learning a great deal on how to keep ourselves safer on the roads today.

*Chris Edwards,  
Speaker Secretary*

November 2018

## Wedmore Gardening Club

After our September talk by Andrew Tolman we now have a much better idea about stumperies and ferns. It was a really interesting talk and one we all enjoyed.

Although when writing this at the beginning of October Christmas seems a long way away, on Tuesday 27 November Di Barnard will be demonstrating 'Wreath and Garland Making'. She has many years' experience and we look forward to seeing her artistic creations that we can copy or adapt for our own Christmas decorations. As usual, our meetings start at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall when all members and guests will be made most welcome.

The Gardening Club Christmas supper will be on Tuesday 4 December in the Masonic Hall. A hot meal will be served with entertainment by the Ukelele Band. They played for us last year and proved very popular with their musical and humorous take on festive and non-festive tunes and we had a good singalong. Members are free and £6 for guests. If you would like to join us, please let Andrea know by Tuesday 27 November (01934 712161) or at the meeting on the 27th.

*Jean Windridge*

## Mendip Rotary's Young Chef



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

A variety of dishes were served by the young people and were judged by a team of food professionals from the FSC Group based in Cheddar, who also sponsored the event. All the competitors were awarded aprons and certificates for their efforts, but the first prize of a set of chef's 'whites' and a day's kitchen work experience at The Woodborough in Winscombe, went to 15 year-old George Talbot. He prepared Spanish chicken, chorizo and squid pælla with guacamole dip and homemade tortilla chips; followed by cinnamon and sugar dusted churros with chocolate dipping sauce.

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



*George Talbot, Rotary's 2018 Young Chef, with event organiser Rotarian Patrick Simpson, and Mendip president elect Ian Maynard.*

## West Mendip Walkers

### Thursday 1 November

Moderate circular walk 10mi from Mere. OS Map Ex143. ST814324. Start 10.00 am. Park Salisbury Street CP. Contact Ken Masters Tel: 01749 670349/07784 941439 or kenmasters265@gmail.com



### Thursday 8 November

Moderate circular walk 6mi from Hinton Blewitt, BS39 5AN. OS Map Ex141. ST594569. Start 12.30 pm. Park opposite Ring O'Bells. Contact Hilary Stirling Tel: 07709 024033 or peter.stirling@me.com

### Thursday 15 November

Moderate circular walk 10mi from Hestercombe, TA2 8LQ. OS Map Ex140. ST240288. Start 10.00 am. Park @ Hestercombe. Contact Vi Howley Tel: 07711 662 993 or vihowley@me.com

### Thursday 22 November

West Mendip Walkers leisurely circular walk 6.5mi from Nunney. OS Map Ex142 ST735457. Start 12.30am Park Quarry CP. Contact Margaret Donkin Tel: 01373 462203/07543 696675 or margdonkin@aol.com

### Thursday 29 November

West Mendip Walkers moderate circular walk 10.5mi from Butleigh. OS Map Ex141 ST522337. Start 10.00 am. Park on road near post office. Contact Andrew Smallbone Tel: 07581 568805 or andrewsmallbone@hotmail.com

N.B. Note new starting time for afternoon walks as clocks have gone back for the autumn / winter.

*Tony Strange*

## 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 have started again 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) for more details or just turn up on the day.

## Interested in Beekeeping?



Wedmore and Cheddar Beekeepers will be holding a 7-week beginners' course in beekeeping starting on Friday 22 February 2019 (7.30pm – 9.30pm). Cost will be £20. Venue: Cross Memorial Hall, Webbington Rd, Cross, BS26 2EL. If you are interested in joining then please contact Jonathan Friend Tel. 01934712971 or email jpdfriend@gmail.com

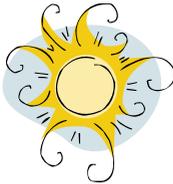
# Weather Report for September 2018

## RAINFALL



Monthly total	37.4mm	(1.47ins)
30-year average	62.0mm	(2.44ins)
Wettest day (22nd)	19.0mm	(0.75ins)
No of dry days	23	
Last 3 months (Jul - Sep)	156mm	(6.2ins)
Year ending 30 Sep 18	740mm	(29.1ins)
30-year annual average	803mm	(31.6ins)

## TEMPERATURES



Maximum (3rd)	24.5 °C	(76.1 °F)
Minimum (25th, 29th)	1.0 °C	(33.8 °F)
Number of air frosts	Nil	
Monthly average maximum	18.7 °C	(65.7 °F)
30-year average maximum	19.2 °C	(66.6 °F)
Monthly average minimum	9.0 °C	(48.2 °F)
30-year average minimum	9.8 °C	(49.6 °F)

## COMMENTS

Relatively dry, with rainfall only 60% of normal. Temperatures slightly cooler than average.

*Denley Brown*

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# Vera's Verse for November

## Footsteps in Time

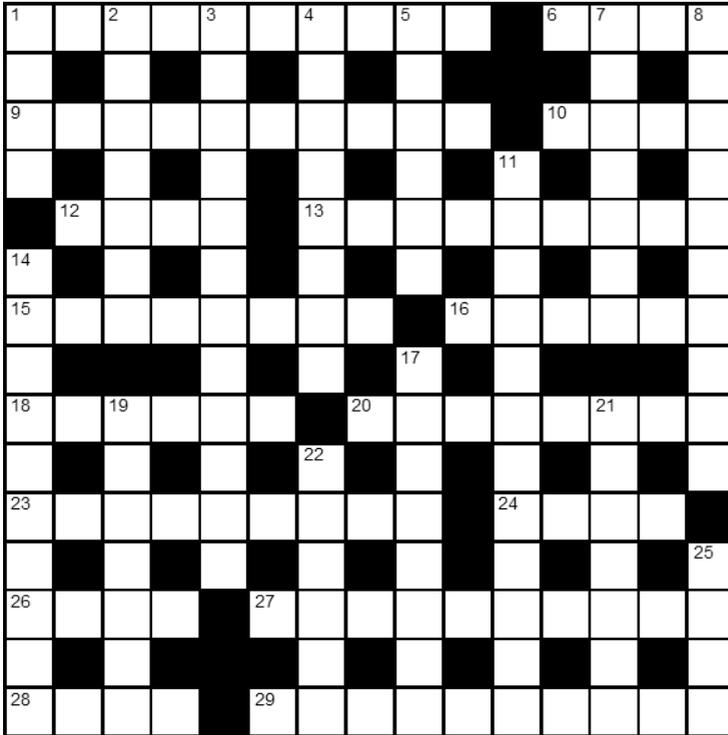
The cover on the diary shows,  
Footsteps in time.  
And I like to think  
Mine are recorded in rhyme,  
But then I think,  
When the last step in time,  
Takes us by the hand,  
We should be like Emma's slogan,  
And leave nothing but our footsteps in the sand.

*Vera Banwell*

# The Crossword:

Number 19

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

- 1 Flexible males take time to read a bit of the newspaper (10)
- 6 Fight back with gentle blows (4)
- 9 Entrenched in a chair on an ocean liner (4,6)
- 10 At home in Oxford or brake? (4)
- 12 Duty I can hail! (4)
- 13 Having a nice start, voluble model is still hard to care for (9)
- 15 Funny Queen maybe (3-5)
- 16 Inculcate against illegal possession (6)
- 18 He gave us a salutary lesson about taking too much Greek sun (6)
- 20 Mona Lisa say passing out with a soft, rather than strong, start (8)
- 23 And French support returns over apostle shouldering decorations..... (9)
- 24 Record of nothing from a nightclub (4)
- 26 Allocate centre-back to bridge system (4)
- 27 Has rebel clear instruction as to where to put the Buttcombe? (4,6)
- 28 Tide out or taken in (4)
- 29 A man spreads and doubles at least (10)

DOWN:

- 1 Calvados keeps bubbles back (4)
- 2 Peel before ready (7)
- 3 Ivy is callous about acting lewdly (12)
- 4 Even confident taking a bath in honeyed drink (8)
- 5 Require the French to wind up (6)
- 7 Pig and pussy sculpted tumbler (7)
- 8 Is ecology asleep losing a complicated interest in the underground (10)
- 11 Pressing a frock for a man to wear! (7,5)
- 14 Periodical shamed the authorities to take action (6,4)
- 17 Easy going Indian eats mixed food..... (8)
- 19 .....but a solo sailor might tuck into this (7)
- 21 Double entry covers sexy with no attempt to get diabetic treatment (7)
- 22 Cascade five hundred sheets onto the road (6)
- 25 Christine familiarly sounds both sharp and curvy (4)

Answers at the rear of publication.

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# Forthcoming Events

## St Mary's Church Wedmore Annual Charities' Fair – Saturday 3 November

Once again St Mary's PCC is opening the church to various charities to give them an opportunity to sell their Christmas cards, calendars and gifts. This year the Fair will be on Saturday morning 3 November from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. This is the 18th Fair and over the years it has raised thousands of pounds for a wide range of charitable causes. At the time of going to press, there are only a few stalls still available. If you wish to have a stall, (registered charities only), please telephone Sue Burton on 01934 712092.

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

## Safari Supper – Saturday 3 November

Wedmore Arts Festival is organising another safari supper in aid of the new Sports Pavilion at the recreation ground, which is going to be a great asset for the village. Tickets will be £27.50 each for the meal and all wine and coffee. It will start at Beggars Roost at 7pm and will follow the usual pattern. Tickets are available from Suzanne Metters ([suzannemetters@hotmail.com](mailto:suzannemetters@hotmail.com)).

We do hope to see you there.



## Green Wedmore Litter Picking Day – Sunday 4 November



10 am to 1 pm. All welcome to come along and help keep Wedmore clean and tidy. Meet at 10am at Borough House, The Borough. Equipment and hi-vis vests provided. You'll be amazed at how much litter is collected and recycled from our hedgerows and roadsides. Please wear sturdy footwear, gloves and suitable weather gear.

## Green Wedmore Meeting and AGM – Monday 5 November

Meet in the function room upstairs at The George for the Annual General Meeting at 8 pm. Open to all and new members are especially welcome. Come and find out about Green Wedmore's successes this year and plans for the future.

## The Isle of Wedmore Remembers the First World War 2018: War and Remembrance 7 – 11 November

Wedmore Village Hall. Opening Times 10.30 am - 7.30 pm.

## Wedmore in Bloom – Saturday 10 November

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



## Wedmore Farmers' Market – Saturday 10 November

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

## **Theale Flower Show Harvest Supper – Saturday 10 November**

At the Theale Village Hall. There will be a three-course supper plus a glass of wine, and this year Peter Wright, ex editor of the Mail on Sunday, has agreed to be the after dinner speaker!

Tickets will be £15 and to book please contact Lesley Luke on 01934 713176/ lesleyluke@live.co.uk or Cathy Butterworth 01934 712775/ cb@theconsultant.org



We will try to meet any special dietary requirements so please let us know when booking your ticket.

## **Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 15 November**

Christine Barker on 'Life before Wedmore'. Masonic Hall 7.30 pm, all welcome.

## **International Penny Chuffin' Competition – Friday 16 November**

At the New Inn, 8pm. Entrance fee 50p per go! All money will be donated to Children in Need.

## **Quiz Night in Aid of your Local Samaritans Branch – Friday 16 November**

Please come and join us again this year in Wedmore Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30 pm to pit your wits, in teams of four, in support of this very worthwhile charity which helps those in distress and despair.



It will be a fun evening with a delicious supper included and a licensed bar.

Tickets are £15 per head and are available from the Wedmore Village Store or ring Holly and David on 01934 713392 or Andrew on 01934 712642.

We do hope you will join us....but don't delay as many were disappointed last time when we sold out well in advance.

## **Special Theale Community Café – 17 November**

Theale's last Community Cafe before Christmas will be a specially extended version from 10 am to 2.00 pm. There will be more stalls, some with a hint of Christmas. Children, bring your letter to Father Christmas to post in our special post box and get a free lucky dip!

Usual refreshments on offer with soup and ploughman's lunches served from 12 noon to 1.30 pm.

For further information or to book a stall, ring Elizabeth Coulter on 01934 712144.

## **Club 50 Meeting – Wednesday 21 November**

After a summer of enjoyable coach trips we are back to the winter schedule in November. On Tuesday 21 November we shall meet for tea and a speaker at the Masonic Hall at 2.30pm.

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

The next monthly meeting will take place in the Wedmore Masonic Hall, at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Dr Dennis Briaris, a Chartered Engineer, whose talk will be titled 'Building a



Passivhaus in Wedmore.' The Passivhaus standard is designed to deliver comfort, quality and lower running costs in any type of building. Members free. Visitors £3, with free tea/coffee and biscuits. There is no Society meeting in December and the next one will be on Thursday 24 January 2019. Contact: Ian Tomes, 01934 710390.

## **Somerset Choral Society Autumn Candlelight Concert – Saturday 24 November**



The Somerset Choral Society will perform a programme of Advent and Christmas music and readings by candlelight at St Mary's Church in Wedmore at 7.30pm. They will be conducted by their Musical Director Edward Goater, accompanied by Organist Matthew Redman plus soloists from within the choir. There will be mulled wine on sale before and after the concert with no interval. Tickets priced £12.00 are available from Wedmore Post Office or tel 01934 843727 or tel 01934 713271. Tickets will be available on the door subject to availability. Further information at [www.somersetsingers.wordpress.com](http://www.somersetsingers.wordpress.com)

## **Wedmore Gardening Club Meeting – Tuesday 27 November**

7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, when Di Barnard will be giving a demonstration on 'Wreath and Garland Making'. Just in time for Christmas!



## **Concert at Wedmore Methodist Church – Wednesday 5 December**

Annual Concert in aid of Children's Hospice South West. Come and join us at 7 pm for an evening of entertainment - all participants give their time free for this very worthy charity – 'Making the most of short and precious lives.' No charge for admission and all donations will go directly to the Children's Hospice South West. No expenses taken. Refreshments served after the concert (a small charge) and there will also be a Christmas Gift stall together with CHSW Charity cards and gifts. We look forward to seeing you again this year.

## **Repair Cafe – Saturday 8 December**



Green Wedmore's twice-yearly Repair Cafe returns to the Village Hall 10 am - 1pm. Bring your broken items and learn how to repair them with friendly volunteer fixers. From electrical goods to clothing items, don't send them to landfill, let the Repair Cafe help you to mend it instead. Or just pop in for coffee, cake and a chat!

## **Wedmore Theatre AGM – Monday 10 December**

Commencing at 7.30 pm in The Swan.

## **Wedmore by Lamplight – Wednesday 12 December**

## **Annual General Meeting of the Wedmore Village Hall Management Committee – Thursday, 13 December**

At 6.00 pm in the Small Hall.

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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 Sewing at Cheddar Library – 1st and 3rd Fridays**

Try a variety of crafts, meet new friends, and share ideas and company with the Craft and Sewing Group at Cheddar Library, at 2.00pm on the first and third Fridays of each month.

At any session you can join in the activities or bring your own craft to do, as you wish. We are a friendly group and new members would be very welcome.

For more details contact Cheddar Library.

## Mark W.I. Meeting – Thursday 1 November

At the Church Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mark TA9 4NN at 7.30 pm. Route 60+, presented by Steve Greenhalgh, demonstrates how mature drivers can update driving skills and habits in an ever changing motoring world. To be followed by tea, coffee and cake. Our friendly group welcomes new members and guests of all ages. Non-members' entry £5 on the door.



## Christmas Crafts for Children at Cheddar Library – Friday 2 November

Make decorations, cards and boxes at this special Family craft session at 2.30 pm. (Please book in children at the library in advance. 50p charge for materials.)

It is organised by the Sewing and Craft Group at Cheddar Library, whose remaining autumn sessions are: 'Stamped Cards for Christmas' on 16 November, and 'Gift Bags in Card' on 7 December, with a 'Bring Your Own Craft and Festive afternoon' on 21 December, all starting at 2.00 pm.

At any session you can join in the activities or bring your own craft to do, as you wish. We are a friendly group and new members would be very welcome.

For more details please contact the Cheddar Library.

## Soup 'n' Pud Lunch at Mark Church Hall – Saturday 10 November

Mark W.I.'s homemade soup and puddings plus raffle, from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm. All welcome. £5 on the door.

## Cheddar Vale Lions Club Christmas Fair – Saturday 10 November



The Cheddar Vale Lions are launching a new event – a Christmas Fair to be held in Cheddar Village Hall. There will be Christmas themed stalls selling crafts, gifts, decorations, toys and numerous other items together with a grand Christmas raffle. The main attraction is that Father Christmas will be in attendance and an area of games and delights for the children. Free entrance is from 10am until 2pm. Refreshments will be available. If anyone would like to enquire about hiring a stall at the event, please call on 0845 833 7402.

## RNLI Winscombe Folk Concert – Wednesday 14 November

Louise Jordan – 'No Petticoats Here' - in In St James' Hall, Winscombe at 8:00pm. Tickets (£12) available from James Barratini at [winscombe.folk@gmail.com](mailto:winscombe.folk@gmail.com) or 07703 538861. The proceeds will be divided between the RNLI Winscombe and District Branch and the Royal British Legion.



## A Concert by the West Mendip Orchestra – Friday 16 November

At 7.45pm at Churchill Academy. We are very excited to welcome back the hugely talented Cristina Dimitrova who will be playing Paganini's Violin Concerto No.1. Our programme also includes Mozart's Magic Flute Overture and Beethoven's 6th Symphony.

Tickets At £10 (concessions £8, students £2) will be available on the door.

## Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre – Autumn Season

### 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)

### Axbridge Archaeological and Local History Society – Wednesday 21 November

Peter Lander will speak on ‘The History of Birnbeck Pier’ and the work of the ‘Birnbeck Regeneration Trust’.

Venue: Cross Memorial Hall BS26 2EL Time: 7.30pm.

Non-members are welcome but a £3 donation is requested

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



### Burnham Area Evening Flower Club Christmas Demonstration – Monday 26 November

At 7:30 pm in the Princess Theatre, ‘Forever Festive’ a creative demonstration by Designer of the Year 2017; Tracey Griffin. Tickets £12.50 available from the Princess Theatre Box Office 01278 784464 [www.princesstheatreandartscentre.co.uk](http://www.princesstheatreandartscentre.co.uk)

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## The Garden in November

When I write these pieces, I usually consult what I have written for the same month in previous years and I have been known to edit parts of previous pieces and re-use them, rather than write much the same thing again. (That may have triggered off those who have saved years of issues of this magazine to look for such pieces.) It is an interesting thing, for me, to do because it makes me realise how the seasons do vary from one year to another,



As I said a month ago, we have had one of the driest summers for many years, probably since 1976, but I was living in Essex then, where the normal rainfall is about 60% of what it is here; however that drought did go on longer than this summer’s did, because by the beginning of September this year things were beginning to get back to normal. I have just come back from a week in Turkey, where the weather was like it was here in June and when

we arrived at Lulsgate at 1.00am, it was 10°C, not as bad as I thought it might be, but the day after at home, I discovered that we had actually had a touch of frost while we were away, cold enough to singe marrow and squash plants and some outdoor tomatoes. We have since (yesterday) had another 0°C. morning, but that did not do any more damage; but the days still are fairly warm and settled.

I said I would report briefly on Theale Flower Show; I know not all readers of this live in Theale, but it's a bit of a barometer of what the local gardening season has been like. Attendance was pretty much the same on the day as last year, but I believe entries were down. The quality of exhibits was, despite the dry weather, pretty good with many large vegetables on show. Some flowers and shrubs had however not done as well as they might.

Now onto November; there has been quite a flush of weed growth since the hot weather ended with rain. This moisture, coupled with warm soils, has led to prolific weed germination (probably seeds that would have come up over two to three months have all come at once). In my garden, because I have been away, the weeds have, in many cases become quite large and competitive and need to be removed.

There is often still some colour in the garden in November provided frosts have not been too hard. Asters (Michaelmas Daisies) and chrysanthemums will keep going until low temperatures persist.

The month could be regarded as the end of the gardening season but I prefer to think of it as the beginning of the next. The earlier you can get the remnants of last year's crops cleared and the ground dug where necessary the more time there is for the winter weather to break down the soil surface and produce a friable seed-bed for planting in the spring, this is particularly worthwhile on the heavier Axe valley silty clay that many of us have.

The clearing process will produce a lot of waste material, much of which can be composted, but unless you use a shredder, the more woody material will take a long time to rot. A bonfire is still a useful way of disposing of such material, provided you look out for hibernating creatures and don't annoy your neighbours. Bonfires are not illegal, provided the material being burnt originated on site; but do not burn plastics as they can cause serious pollution. Burning material that can be composted is a waste of a useful resource; if you cannot do it successfully, have a green wheelie-bin and send it off to be composted and then buy back the well-rotted material. The contractor's composting theoretically takes place at high enough temperatures to destroy weed seeds (although I have heard complaints that it does not) and diseased material which is often not the case with home-made compost.

This is still a good time to move plants, both shrubs and herbaceous; there should still be enough warmth in the ground to encourage a certain amount of root growth before the winter. Bare rooted material (both hedging and fruit) will be available from nurseries and garden centres now and should be put in as soon as possible, but not if the ground is frozen; keep the roots moist until planting conditions are right.

The latest of the bulbs can still be planted e.g. tulips and in the vegetable garden, garlic and over-wintered onion sets, both of which I grew successfully this year. (Although my Red Baron onions did not keep well, despite being harvested in hot dry conditions.) Seed of broad-beans can be sown, the usual variety used at this time is Aquadulce Claudia.

If you have a lot of half-hardy patio plants in containers they should be in the greenhouse or conservatory if you have room, but if they have to stay outside, insulate

them well with bubble wrap or fleece and try to keep the worst of the wet weather off them, as it is often a combination of cold and damp that kills them.

Winter pruning of fruit trees can begin as soon as the leaves are off and can continue until bud-burst, at the end of February or thereabouts. Do not, however, prune plum trees during the winter as this may lead to infection with the fungal disease, silver-leaf; its spores entering through the cut stems.

'Treated' bulbs need about eleven weeks in the dark before they will flower properly, so it is already too late to have them ready for Christmas, unless you buy them in the garden centre already growing. However it is the right time to start off the giant amaryllis, which always remind me of old fashioned telephones; perhaps I should have one manufactured.

Lawns should be reasonably dormant by now, but may still require the occasional cut if the weather remains mild.

Well, I have run out of space again and by the next time I write we shall be thinking about Christmas. I keep planning to produce a Christmas Gardening Crossword in December, but don't usually get around to it in time for the deadline. I will try this year.

*Adrian Hutchison*

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## Thought for the Month

Looking for my wallet and my car keys,  
Well, they can't have gone too far;  
And just as soon as I find my glasses  
I'm sure I'll see just where they are...



A large part of who I am is rooted and informed by my memories. Responding to the present moment I am helped or hampered by the experiences of the past. How these memories are stored and recalled by our brains is a fascinating mystery. Neuroscientists have discovered that in our lifetime our memories are relocated from one part of the brain to another. Somewhere in the process we might forget – or worse, get deceived by our own memory.

It just shows that the memories we carry inside us are not like a video or audio recording; they are somewhat malleable. I suspect this is because their main purpose and function is to help us make sense of the world we happen to face right now. A few years ago, Guy Fawkes' memory triggered hatred against Catholics and the desire to burn an effigy of him on a bonfire. Today, Guy Fawkes masks are used by anti-capitalist and all sorts of other protesters across the world. A very distinct historical memory has been given a collective make-over.

This shows that Remembrance Day is not just about facts, figures, poems and stories. It is about informing and reshaping our responses to the world as we encounter it 'right now.' It is one thing to pledge 'we will never forget' and quite another to apply the lessons of the past into the confusing world we face today. How we are to act, what we are to choose might not yet be clear; yet in the midst of complexity we intend to strive, seek and work for shalom.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love.

May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,

And live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen

Redeemer.

Amen

*Paul Spanning  
Minister of Crickham Baptist Church*

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# Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You



## Chicken with Mushroom and Tarragon

This is an easy recipe for lunch or supper with the delicious taste of tarragon and a creamy sauce. Serves 4.

### Ingredients

8 chicken thigh fillets

½ oz dried wild mushrooms

15g butter, 1 tbsp olive oil

2 garlic cloves chopped, 1 onion finely sliced

250g chestnut mushrooms

15g fresh tarragon

7oz of half-fat crème fraiche

Wild rice

1/4 pint hot chicken stock

### Method

1. Soak the dried mushrooms in hot water for 15 minutes, drain and save the liquid, then chop the mushrooms.
2. Season the chicken fillets with salt and pepper and fry gently in the butter and olive oil for 2-3 minutes on each side. Remove the fillets and place in a side dish.
3. Add chopped onion and garlic to the frying pan and simmer for 5 minutes
4. Add 100ml of mushroom liquid and the roughly chopped chestnut mushrooms, plus 2/3 of the tarragon leaves, and the chicken stock.
5. Return the chicken to the pan and simmer until chicken is cooked.
6. Add the crème fraiche just before serving – keep warm, but do not boil.
7. Serve with rice (with a little wild rice in) and fine green beans; sprinkle with remains of chopped tarragon.

*Sue Gudgeon*

# Sport Reports



## Wedmore Tennis Club

Wedmore Tennis Club held their Finals Day on Saturday 8 September. Excellent tennis was played by all in great conditions. Spectators gathered for the first matches of the day, the Junior Girls and Boys matches.

The Girls singles was a high-class match between the defending champion Charli Beeson and Autumn Williams. After many good rallies Charli triumphed due to her extra power and tournament consistency.

The Boys singles featured Charlie Ruffel and Harry Morgan and again there were several good rallies but Charlie's experience told and he ran out a comfortable winner. Both matches were played in great spirits and the players were a great example to their peers.

The Ladies' and Men's singles followed. In the Ladies' it was a family affair with Victoria Sweet being challenged by up and coming daughter Georgina. Some splendid rallies ensued, however Victoria's consistency triumphed over Georgina's powerful shots, though Georgina showed great promise.

The Men's singles featured past champion Matt Drew challenging Rob Sweet. These two served up a feast of powerful shots which delighted the increasing number of spectators. Matt played a very controlled match and that, combined with his experience and variety of shots, enabled him to retain his club title.



An excellent BBQ was then served up along with liquid refreshment for all players, spectators and umpires.

The Ladies' and Men's doubles followed, they proved to be extremely close matches. The Ladies' final pitted Jo Attiwell and Sarah Tipping against Val Parker and Charlotte Wright. This match was full of great ground strokes from Val and Charlotte with Jo and Sarah dominating the net with their sparkling volleys. This proved to be the deciding factor in the match and the winners were Jo and Sarah in straight sets.

The Men's Doubles Final featured Rob Sweet and Kevin Attwood against Steve Randall and Dan Johnson. The match went to a championship tie-break. The first set swung one way and the other but the firepower of Dan and the guile of Steve prevailed. Rob and Kevin upped their game in the second set and managed to turn the set around. The tie-break was a tense affair, especially for the umpire. Rob and Kevin maintained their moment. A very close and well played match.

Possibly the most entertaining game of the day was the mixed doubles featuring Matt Drew and Lucy Halford against Rob Sweet and Sandra Evans. The ladies were up against two of the most powerful players in the club but both Lucy and Sandra competed well despite balls whistling past them at great speed. Lucy and Matt won the first set but Rob and Sandra fought back to win the second ensuing a championship

tie-break. This became an enthralling affair with both pairs leading at times and at 9.8 after a fantastic rally Lucy and Matt had match point. After five or six volleys and some great play Lucy and Matt were the champions.

Many thanks to all those who helped, too many names to mention but special thanks to Mark Jackson for organising the day and Craig for organising the Junior finals.

*Joanna Cooper*

## **Isle of Wedmore Golf Club**

For once it's appropriate to start at the end as the end of the month also saw the end of the knock-out competitions held over the summer months. The Men's singles starts proceedings as it is played over 36 holes. Indeed, this year it took slightly longer, 37 holes to separate John Wormald and Alan Richardson in a match that toed and froed with Wormald birdying the first extra hole to win by a single hole. The Men's pairs also took place in the morning and this proved an easier win for Andy Favell and Bobby Jones over Stu Bishop and Rob Davis, coming out winners by 4 & 3. There was a better result in the afternoon for Bishop as, in partnership with Louise Allen, they were only 2 over par gross when beating Ange Webber and Bill Lander by 3 & 1.

The Seniors had three finals taking place, all singles. The first of these was for the main trophy and proved an easy win for Terry Clark against Brad Speller making a brave return from an injured back but going down 7&6. In the plate competition, Frank Denniston found he had to give more shots than he was able to and John Hogan ran out winner by 4 & 2. The final Seniors' event was the inaugural Rabbits Cup for those on higher handicap and proved the most tightly contested of the three with Peter Rutter finally overcoming David Summers-Cook on the nineteenth hole. The previous week the Seniors' pairs final had taken place with a win for Geoff Musson-Thorp and Gordon Kendall over Nick Parker and Roy Tomlins. With Ange Webber making three finals there was only one final left to play for the Ladies and this proved another tight affair with Sue Hughes eventually overcoming June Smith 2 & 1.

Two finals had been held slightly earlier in the month as Ange Webber had reached three ladies finals. With Claire Biggs she lost a very close pairs final against Cathy Olive and Jen Jones on the final hole and then came second to Eunice Bond in the singles, perhaps unsurprisingly tiring on the back nine.

The main event earlier in the month was the Captains' Weekend. The three days of golf started with a light-hearted Greensomes on Friday night won by Ann and Russell Dixon with Claire and Tony Biggs in second. The main event of the weekend was the Saturday Stableford for the Captains' Cups. A good turnout of ladies saw Dawn Chadwick win the Hilary Crandon Cup in division 1 on 37, a point better than Cathy Olive with Shirley Gooding third. The Alison Dodkin Cup in division 2 went to Carol Horsley on 38 with June Smith and Heather Abraham taking second and third. A close finish in division 1 of the Men's had Terry Clark on 39 winning the Ray Dodkin Cup on countback from Mike Garbutt, with Stuart Bishop a point back in third. Jonathon Raeside also had 39 points to win the Chris Donald Cup in division 2, two shots better than both Tony Ireland and David Ash. The Sunday 4BBB which involved lots of pink, balloons, cake and gin particularly, was won by Brian Webber

and Bobby Jones by a single point from Beth and Ian Williams, and £195 had been added to funds for the Musgrove Cancer Unit.

Senior Captain's Day also took place with a shotgun start, queues to get in and an incredibly close finish. Four players all finished on 41 points with countback sorting out prizes. A strong finish over the last three holes gave first place to Philip Wren, a double bogey at the last pushing Ian Hollands into second whilst Mike Smith 'blobbed' the last but still took the over-70s prize. Peter Searle was the other 41, enough to win division 1. Ellis Nearn took second place on 38 with Tony Biggs a further shot back in third. There was a blanket finish in division 2 with three players all on 38. Countback allocated the first three places to Roy Tomlins, John Hogan and Chris Monks respectively. There was another close finish in division 3 but Fred Linham just got clear on 39 with Graham Jones beating Peter Rutter on countback, both finishing on 38.



*The prize winners from the Finals Day*



*The prize winners from the Ladies' Autumn Meeting*

The Ladies held their Away Day at Kingsdown, a Bowmaker with Sue McDonald, Karen Clark, Liz Miller and June Smith taking first place from Ange Webber, Jen Jones, Liz Hill and Hazel Gough with Linda Roberts Janice Lawrence, Eunice Bond and Vera Ireland third. A very busy month for the Ladies also included the Girls Championship with Abigail Moore claiming the trophy on 40 points.

Round of the month came in the Club Stableford, where Harriet Lockley went round in just 67 shots, a new Ladies record, which off her handicap of 1 gave 42 Stableford points to win by 8 points from Catherine Nicholson with Debbie Monks third on 32. Best round from the men was 39 points from Sean Gray winning division 1 by 4 points from Tim Harris with James Vowles in third. Ian Robson won division 2 with 36, two better than Jem Ham who beat Mark Sweeting on countback. The same scores were repeated in division 3 with Max Grant winning from Dave Sarjant and John Sims.

*Tony Biggs*

## Wedmore Cricket Club



*Wedmore team after beating Burnham by 9 wickets*

Wedmore first team have finished top of their league and have therefore gained promotion to Division 5 of the Somerset league. During the last month of the season the team won all four games that it played by comfortable margins. Fittingly leading run scorer Paul Whittaker and leading wicket taker Josh Burgess were at the crease when the winning runs were scored in the final game. However, it has been very much a team effort with eight players averaging greater than 30, with hundreds from Jack Tonkin and Paul

Whittaker as well as fifties from Paul Whittaker (3) Pip Patch (2), Martyn Boley (2), Billy Halford (2), Josh Burgess and Tom Fozzard.

On the bowling front, seven bowlers took eight or more wickets led by left arm spinner Josh Burgess with 28 and followed by fellow spinners Bob Burgess (15) and Dave Haining (13), the seam bowling was led by Sam Davey/Ian Harris with 12 and Chris Major and Sam Blackburn with 8. The fielding has been of a very high standard all season with 10 run outs and keeper Ben Evans as well as averaging over 30 has kept tidily. The team has been expertly lead by captain Billy Halford in his first season as skipper and, with hopefully youth on most of the players side, things are looking good for the coming seasons.

The second team finished a creditable third in the league and had a very enjoyable season with Marcus Lee and Dave Maddock being the leading run scorers. Jack Tonkin (before promotion to the firsts) Marcus, Adam Stringer and Marcus Hunt were the only scorers of fifties. Leading wicket taker was Alfie Lavender on 19 followed by captain George Atkins with 16, the other bowlers in double figures were Dave Maddock and Luke Hawthorne. The second also managed to introduce a few U15s to league cricket and welcome some new players this year which is promising for the coming years.

The club would also like to thank groundsman Lloyd Patch on the excellent pitches during the year.

## Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

The outdoor green closed towards the end of September but there were still several important league games to be played in the month. All three Wedmore men's teams had one match to be played in the County League. Wedmore A played away at Clevedon Prom A in Premier Division 1. Despite winning on two of the three rinks, Wedmore lost the game by 55 shots to 67. D Collins, J White, C Moss and D Nicholls top scored 22-14. The A team will now be relegated to Premier Division 2.



In North Division 3, Wedmore B played their last game at home to Burnham B, winning two from three rinks and taking the game by 65-52. C Wheller, M Batchelor, S Fisher and K Phillimore were 11-12 down at end 12 but scored 10 shots in the next four ends to end top scorers on 29-14. This match completed an excellent season for the B team who finished as League Champions and will now be promoted to North Division 2.

Also in North Division 3, the C team struggled away at Clevedon Prom C losing by 42-78 without winning a rink.

The men had one game outstanding in the Clevedon & District over 60s League which was played at home against West Backwell. They started this game needing to win just two rinks to finish as League Champions but won comfortably winning five of the six rinks and taking the game by 131-76. V Matthews, D Collins and C Moss won 12 from 18 ends, including scoring two 5s and two 4s, to win 29-8. Wedmore are now C&D League Champions for the third successive season.

Two games remained in the Weston & District over 60s League. In the first, away at Victoria Saxons, the Saxons were only able to field five rinks and forfeited 2 points and 10 shots. Despite this, Wedmore lost 82-93 as they were only able to win two of the five rinks played. A Birch, D Collins and G Annuik were top scorers, 21-19. The men produced a better performance in the second game at home against Portishead RBL. Wedmore won three rinks and tied one to win the match 112-89. D Skelton, I Gallop and K Burt top scored, 21-9.

Wedmore had reached the cup final in both the C&D and W&D Leagues but unfortunately lost two finals in the same week! The W&D final was played first at Victoria (Weston) against Winscombe. Wedmore managed to win two rinks but lost the game by 77-101. T Brown, S Fisher and R Barron had the best result winning 19-15. The C&D final was against Long Aston and was played on a very heavy green at Nailsea. This was a closer affair with both teams winning three rinks but Wedmore lost narrowly by 94-100. C Wheller, D Collins and C Moss top scored 20-9.

Wedmore Ladies have had a very good season and at the start of September were well placed in all three leagues. They had two league games left, both of which were in the Wessex League. Away at Wessex Ladies (Weston), Wedmore lost the game 48-58 but Pat Jenkins, Joan Hunt, Gil Harvey and Maureen Hordle had a comfortable 22-13 win. The final match was also away at Clevedon. The ladies lost this by 48-65. They were unable to win a rink but Audrey Birch, Margaret Barron, Ann Hughes and Gil Harvey came very close. They were level playing the last end but dropped a shot to lose 15-16.

Finals of Club Competitions have also been played and the winners and runners up are listed below.

**Men's 2 Wood Singles:**

*Winner* R Newell      *Runner-up* D Nicholls

**Men's 4 Wood Singles:**

*Winner* D Nichols      *Runner-up* R Barron

**Open 4 Wood Singles:**

*Winner* D Nicholls      *Runner-up* R Barron

**New Winner:**

*Winner* R Grant      *Runner-up* Pat Jenkins

### Over 70s:

*Winner* R Barron      *Runner-up* A Birch

### Men's Pairs:

*Winners* R Barron & M Batchelor      *Runners-up* K Phillimore & T Shepherd

### Family Pairs:

*Winners* Julie & Dave Collins      *Runners-up* Trish & Ray Newell

Four finals were unable to be played because of illness. These will be played early in the outdoor season next year.

Bowling has now moved indoors with an extensive programme of club leagues and competitive games against other clubs. New members are always welcome and coaching for new or inexperienced bowlers takes place every Wednesday from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. If you are interested just turn up. Bowls and shoes will be provided and your first four sessions will be free.

Sandra Moss

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## Church News

### 'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 20 November the vicar will be conducting the next 'cycle prayer pilgrimage', cycling around the different villages and hamlets that make up the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore that our churches serve, stopping at various points and praying for the particular communities. Details of timings can be found in the churches and you are welcome to join him at any of the stops.

Timings of the route are as follows:

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



### Parish Registers

#### Weddings

Congratulations go to:

George and Lorna (nee Turner) Willcox of Wedmore, whose wedding took place at St Mary's Church on 1 September 2018.

## Remembrance Sunday

Will be commemorated, as usual, with special services at St Mary's and Christchurch on 11 November. At St Mary's we begin in church at 10.15 a.m. (please note the time - its ¼ hour earlier than the usual Sunday service at St Mary's) before moving to the war memorial for 11.00 am. The service at Theale will begin at 11.00 am.

The first weekend in December sees the beginning of Advent, the time in the church's year for preparing ourselves to receive our Lord Jesus when he comes, both at Christmas in human form and at the end of time in glory. Advent Sunday, 2 December, will be marked in the evening when St Mary's will move from darkness to light during the Advent Carol Service at 6.30 pm. This is a particularly moving service in which the theme of the coming of the light of Christ is invoked with hymns, music and readings appropriate to the Advent season.

## Wedmore's Living Advent Calendar

We had a really good response to the Cheese and Wine launch evening for Somerset's First Living Advent Calendar and are delighted that every evening from 1 to 24 December has now been taken with householders from across the village looking forward to unveiling their window at 6.30 pm. If you are still interested in taking part there is a reserve list in case people have to drop out. The first window to be opened will be at Wedmore Village Hall on Saturday 1 December at 6.30 pm with Philip Hamlin creating a lit window that will also be incorporated into that evening's performance of 'The Railway Children', so do come along and be part of that.

Look out for the map of all the homes and dates which will be on our website in the middle of November, which will mean you can also go back and look at windows whose openings you may have missed. If you want to find out more about our Living Advent Calendar go to that website – [www.lacw.co.uk](http://www.lacw.co.uk) or join our Facebook page – Wedmore Living Advent Calendar or follow us on Twitter at @wedmoreliveadv1.

## St Mary's Christmas Fayre

St Mary's once again invites you all to the annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1 December between 9.30 am and 12.00 noon. There will be all the usual stalls, singing from pupils of Wedmore First School Academy and the Coffee Shop will be open throughout.

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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	4	4 Before Advent	10.30 am	Café Church
			3.00 pm	All Souls service
Sunday	11	3 Before Advent	10.15 am	Remembrance Service
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	18	2 Before Advent	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			9.00 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	25	Christ the King	10.30 am	No Service

## Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	4	4 Before Advent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	11	3 Before Advent	9.00 am	No Service
Sunday	18	2 Before Advent	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	25	Christ the King	6.00 pm	Celtic Communion

## Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	4	4 Before Advent	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	11	3 Before Advent	11.00 am	Remembrance Service
Sunday	18	2 Before Advent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	25	Christ the King	11.00 am	Patronal Benefice Communion

## Allerton Church

Sunday	4	4 Before Advent	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	11	3 Before Advent	9.00 am	No Service
Sunday	18	2 Before Advent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	25	Christ the King	9.00 am	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 have groups for tots to teens, and a lovely playroom for restless little ones. On 4 November we will be sharing communion at an all-in service, cafe style, serving up some bacon butties before the service at 10 am.

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon is our very popular "Coffee with a View." Come for coffee/tea and 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 good parking and wheelchair access.

After 'Coffee with a View', from 7 November we will be having an Alpha course running from 1pm each week, where we will serve a soup lunch. There is no charge for the course or lunch. Our gift to you with warmest blessings.

Every Wednesday (term time) 7.30 pm - 9.15pm. We run two youth groups for school years 6 - 8 BBC1 and years 9+ BBC2.

Every year we are involved with the Samaritans Purse Shoebox appeal. We are happy to be a drop-off point for your filled boxes this November.

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

## Wedmore Methodist Church

*Preachers for November*

Sunday 4 November	10.30 am	Anna Durkin-Auty
Sunday 11 November	10.30 am	Rev. Tina Swire - Holy Communion
Sunday 18 November	10.30 am	Andrew Pugh - Family Service
Sunday 25 November	10.30 am	Local Arrangement

## Crickham Baptist Church

Sunday Services: 6.30 pm

Sunday School: 10.30 am

*Contact Dulcie Hooper 712187.*

# 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

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

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## Crossword 19 Answers

**Across:** 1. supplement 6. taps 9. deep seated 10. tree 12. taxi 13. unlovable  
15. one liner 16. instil 18. Icarus 20. painting 23. epaulette 24. disc 26. Acol  
27. beer cellar 28. diet 29. ampersands

**Down:** 1. soda 2. prepare 3. lasciviously 4. measured 5. needle 7. speleology  
11. evening dress 14. police raid 17. carefree 19. abalone 21. insulin 22. stream  
25. kris

# What's On in the Parish

2 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
3 - Sat	St Mary's Church Annual Charities Fair Safari Supper	10 - 12.30pm 7.00pm	St Mary's Church starts at Beggars Roost
4 - Sun	Green Wedmore Litter picking day	10 - 1pm	meet at Borough House
5 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group Green Wedmore Meeting and AGM	9.30am 8.00pm	The Scout Hut The George
6 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers	10.30 - 2.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The Swan
7 - Wed	Camelot Quilters IOW remembers the First World War	10.00am 10.30 - 7.30pm	Wedmore VH Wedmore VH
8 - Thurs	IOW remembers the First World War	10.30 - 7.30pm	Wedmore VH
9 - Fri	IOW remembers the First World War	10.30 - 7.30pm	Wedmore VH
10 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party Wedmore Farmers' Market Theale Flower Show harvest supper IOW remembers the First World War	9.30am 9.30 - 1.30pm 10.30 - 7.30pm	The George The Borough Yard Theale Village Hall Wedmore VH
11 - Sun	IOW remembers the First World War	10.30 - 7.30pm	Wedmore VH
12 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
13 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
14 - Wed	Probus Blackford Cafe	10.15am 2 - 4pm	Wedmore Golf Club Blackford VH
15 - Thurs	Wedmore WI meeting talk by Christine Barker	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
16 - Fri	International penny chuffing competition Quiz Night in aid of the local Samaritans branch Mr Punch's Folk Club open Mic	8.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	The New Inn Wedmore VH The Panborough Inn
17 - Sat	Special Theale Community Cafe	10am - 2pm	Theale VH
18 - Sun	Holy Trinity Church breakfast	8.30 - 11.30am	Holy Trinity Church
19 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
20 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers	10.30 - 2.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The Swan
21 - Wed	Probus Camelot Quilters Club 50 meeting - tea and speaker Parish Council Meeting	10.15am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore Golf Club Wedmore VH Masonic Hall council rooms Grant's Lane
22 - Thurs	IOW Society - talk by Dr Dennis Briaris	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
23 - Fri	Limelight open Mic	8.00pm	The Swan
24 - Sat	Somerset Choral Society Autumn Candlelight Concert	7.30pm	St Mary's Church
25 - Sun	Theale Film Club - The Death of Stalin	6.30pm	Theale VH
26 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
27 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers Gardening Club demo of wreath & garland making	10.30 - 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The Swan Masonic Hall

# November 2018

28 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Wedmore Golf Club
29 - Fri	Performance of "The Railway Children"	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
30 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club open Mic performance of "The Railway Children"	8.00pm 7.30pm	The Panborough Inn Wedmore VH

## MONDAY

Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane Lisa	07977 415799 07801 272255
Pilates	11.00am	The George	Georgie	07976 254887
Art Group	2 - 4pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midford	01749 712522
Beavers	5.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Bridge Club	7.00pm	Masonic Hall	Steve Pedrick	01934 712852
Scouts	7.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

## TUESDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
Chair Yoga	10.00am	The Swan Inn +	Jo Willis	07552 711101
Tuesday Club	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Angela Mills	01934 712607
50+ Dance Class	10.00am	Wedmore VH	Rhian Weston	07854 594268
Ballet Classes	4.00pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +		ashermann99@hotmail.com
Acting Up Drama Club	3.45pm	Wedmore VH +	Lou Merryfield	07973 429947
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Circuit Training	7.30pm	Blackford VH	Nigel	07776 82231 07799 814204

## WEDNESDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
Rainbows	4.30pm	Wedmore VH +	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Brownies	6.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Lisa Hall	01934 713566
Guides	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
Yoga	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686
PilogaFit	10.30-11.30am	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482
Tai Chi	12.15-1.15pm	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482

## THURSDAY

Yoga	10.00am	Scout Hut	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Maturity Gang	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
Ballet Classes	3.45pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +		ashermann99@hotmail.com
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

## FRIDAY

Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School +	Jo Page	01934 710431
Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Jim Collett	01934 712663

+ Not taking place during school holidays