

ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS



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Editorial

It only seems like 10 minutes since we were all wishing each other a Happy New Year, but here we are half way through it already, welcome to the June Edition, number 474.

Firstly my sincere apologies go to Sue Gudgeon who I omitted to credit as the author of last month's delicious Tasty Morsels recipe for Eastern Lamb Casserole. I know it was delicious because I tried it, so please forgive me Sue.

That said, I now have to ask again if anyone would please come forward and join the distinguished group who compile this feature. The July Edition will include the final recipe from Stuart Fisher, whilst Norma and Derek Logan will bow out at the end of the year. With just one author the feature will only appear every third month so I really hope new people will come forward to stem the gap. Indeed, I would be grateful to anyone who might care to submit just one or two recipes in order to keep this going.

Hearty congratulations go to Bob Selwood and his team for their excellent work in getting the Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan approved by such a high proportion of the electorate, so much hard work went into that.

So do we have a quiet and peaceful month in the offing here in Wedmore during June? Well apart from the usual array of folk evenings, coffee mornings, coach outings, working parties, meetings and talks, the Antiques Fair on Saturday 1, the Farmers' Market and St Mary's Strawberry Fair on Saturday 8, the 40 / 60 Cycle Ride on Sunday

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

16 and, the Canterbury Tales on Friday 21 Jun, well yes I guess we do. Please find all details in the following pages.

Thank you to all who contributed to this edition. In particular may I express my appreciation to our sponsors who I hope regard advertising in the Wedmore News as excellent value for money. Happy reading.

Bill

Front Cover

Martin Duckett took this photo of a magnificent kingfisher in late autumn on the bridge going over the north drain through Tealham. It was on a post by the drain, it then caught a fish and perched on the railings on the bridge. You can see other close-ups of birds and animals, as well as beautiful views and flowers in the Readers' Gallery in the centre pages of this edition. Bird lovers might also like to read the 'Focus on Businesses' feature in this edition about Somerset Birdwatching Holidays.

News

Parish Council Business



There was no election for Parish Councillors this May as not enough candidates volunteered. As a result, several new Councillors were appointed in an 'uncontested election' (which actually saved the Parish about £3k!) At the May meeting the Chairman welcomed Joanne Keen, Matthew Ainge, Dennis Briaris and Adrian Fear - all representing the

Wedmore Ward - and Andrew Landers and Shaun Thorogood representing Theale. There is still a vacancy for a Councillor at Theale and one other at Blackford so if anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk for details. At the April meeting several long-standing Councillors stood down. These included Jessica Healey, Mike Bethel, Edwin Badman and Nick Avery. Jessica's career spanned over 34 years in local government. The Chairman presented each with an engraved memento together with his thanks for their loyal service over many years. Rikki Isgar, Louise Seymour and Steve George had also decided not to continue in office after serving a four year term.

Other Council Business

The members agreed to support 'Green Wedmore' in their emergency climate change and ecological motion following a very impressive presentation from Steve Mewes. Wedmore in Bloom were awarded a grant towards planting and a Speed Indicator Device was purchased on behalf of the village using funds from the Community Infrastructure levy.

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Guest Musicians at the Panborough Inn

Mr Punch's Folk Club is holding another special guest night on Friday June 14 at the Panborough Inn. The evening will start at 8pm with a few local regular performers and then we will hand over to a very popular Bristol based-group, the Willbees, a harmony duo, performing regularly around the Bristol and Somerset folk / roots scene.

They are both singers and acoustic guitarists, but have recently developed an interest in playing ukuleles. Their repertoire does not fall into one particular category. They include folk, country, ballads, comedy, and just about any other style, selecting their songs chiefly on the basis of strong harmonies.

Tickets are £5 and limited in number... book soon. Tel 01749 670212

The Wedmore 40 / 30 Cycle Ride – Sunday 16 June

The Wedmore 40 / 30 returns after a great inaugural event last year. Once again riders can choose from a selection of four routes: 12, 30, 40 and 70 miles.

The 12-mile route is a fun ride, the 30-mile cycle is a short ride across the Somerset Levels and the 40-mile route is a hilly cycle across the Mendips. And for a bigger challenge, cyclists can embark on the 70-mile route which incorporates both the Mendips and the Levels.

As the event is being held on Father's Day, Sunday 16 June, there is a special opportunity this year for any children aged 16 and under to register and cycle for free, as long as they are accompanied by an adult family member.

All routes start from Wedmore Playing Fields.

This year the organisers are pleased to be supported by Tout's Budgens who will be providing the majority of the catering.

The event will raise money for Weston Hospicecare and Friends of St Mary's Church, Wedmore. To register go to www.tiny.cc/wedmore4030

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School presents: The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer, adapted by John Hartoch – Wedmore Village Hall, Friday 21 June

A colourful cast of characters set off for Canterbury, competing to tell their tales of love, lust, adventure and chivalry. Brimming with verve and energy, Chaucer's well-loved stories are brought beautifully and vividly alive by the talented students from Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, who we welcome back to Wedmore once again this year as part of their West Country Tour



Bristol Old Vic
Theatre School

All of medieval life is here, with the wide range of social strata rubbing shoulders as the Miller, the Steward and the Wife of Bath (among others) all have their tales to tell. The Canterbury Tales is a touchstone of English literature and has delighted readers for centuries.

Opened in 1946 by Laurence Olivier, the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School has grown a reputation for attracting the very best in young acting talent and has many notable alumni to its name including Olivia Colman, Sir Daniel Day-Lewis, Naomie Harris, Jeremy Irons, Tim Pigott-Smith, Pete Postlethwaite, Miranda Richardson, Dame Patricia Routledge, Sir Patrick Stewart, Mark Strong and Gene Wilder. This is a performance not to be missed – you will be seeing in Wedmore the stars of stage and screen of the near future.

Tickets are on sale from Wedmore Village Store, online at wedmoretheatre.com and direct from our Box Office on 01934 743953

Wedmore Tuesday Club

We need volunteers. Are you available to give up a small amount of your time on a Tuesday to transport our members to and from Wedmore Village Hall? We are looking for drivers who are available to pick up and drop off our members at approximately 10.30 am and again at 2.30 pm. If you are able to help, please contact Angela Mills on 07957 834250.

Wedmore YFC Tree Planting #protectyourfuture

We're losing our incredible wildlife at an alarming rate. Between 1970 and 2013 56% of species in the UK declined. Are you worried about this?

Young people around the world have declared an ecological crisis and are demanding that governments listen. We need to raise awareness of the current climate EMERGENCY. We at Wedmore YFC are joining NFYFC's campaign #protectyourfuture and taking 'green' action in our rural communities. As custodians of the land we farm, we wish to #protectyourfuture along with the wildlife and climate within.



What are we doing? Wedmore YFC has been awarded 420 tree saplings to be planted on land accessible to the public, or in public areas, e.g. sports fields, public parks, village halls, pub beer garden, land accessed via public footpath etc. Our aim is to create a planting scheme that is suitable to the area being planted, not only to boost wildlife but also to be aesthetically pleasing for the public to enjoy, e.g. avenue of birch trees, mix hedge row, avenue of oak. As an arborist I can use my knowledge to guide and inform what is best for the area. It is important that areas selected are appropriate for growth of the trees in the future years.

We are looking for areas to plant our trees - can you help?

Firstly, talk to your friends and family, spread the word! If you are aware of anywhere Wedmore YFC can plant trees or people who can help, please get in touch. Send an email to Jack Nicholls at yfcfreetree@gmail.com. If you are willing to help plant, that's BRILLIANT. Planting will take place in December/January. Please send your details to stay informed on the planting programme. You can follow our progress on Facebook: search Wedmore YFC.

Thanks for your time, get talking!

The Late Geoffrey Alan Leslie Windsor

Geoffrey Alan Leslie Windsor (Geoff) passed away at his home on 24 March 2019.

Married to Sally for nearly 41 years, of which 33 were spent in Wedmore, Geoff played cricket for Wedmore and at various times was Club Captain, Club Secretary and Club President as well as coach to the under 13 boys team. He was also a talented rugby player and in later years a keen golfer.

Geoff enjoyed village life from the time he moved to Wedmore and upon retiring, also engaged his love of the countryside as a volunteer for the Somerset Wildlife Trust which he enjoyed immensely.

Sally and their daughter Lucy would like to thank everyone for their kindness, lovely messages and donations to Cancer Research UK and The Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Thank you to everyone who supported Geoff at every stage of his illness, including outstanding care from Dr Jackson Voyzey and Wedmore Medical Practice. We would also like to thank the Reverend Joy Hawes who returned to conduct Geoff's funeral, Burnham Funeral Services for their exceptional service and also the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club - Geoff wouldn't have wanted his wake anywhere else.

Sally Windsor

Ashton Windmill – Chapel Allerton

Ashton Windmill is one of two surviving windmills in Somerset and is an example of our agricultural and industrial past. It was once one of several such mills on the Isle of Wedmore. It remains with its simple but effective machinery intact and was last used commercially in the 1920s. It was saved from dereliction by a local benefactor in the late 1950s.

You can visit this local heritage, on the road between Wedmore and Weare, on Sunday afternoons between now and the beginning of September and also on Wednesdays during July and August (and Bank holiday Mondays) between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm. A team of dedicated custodians open this attraction, which is free to enter, but of course donations towards its continued preservation are always welcome!

For further information search 'ashton windmill' on www.sedgemoor.gov.uk Groups welcome for private viewings: call the Chair of the Custodians Committee on 01934 712692

Wedmore Street Fair 2019 in The Borough, Wedmore – Saturday 6 July, 10am - 4pm

Records show there has been a Street Fair in the village since 1285. Over the years it has evolved and moved with the times and this year we are bringing it bang up-to-date with our theme of 'space'.

2019 is a big year in the world of space exploration. It is of course the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing when Neil Armstrong made his famous 'one giant leap for mankind' statement. For those too young to remember the moon landing in 1969, this year has also been an eventful one in terms of space discovery. Sir Richard Branson is working on his Virgin Galactic programme, hoping to offer commercial suborbital flights to paying 'space tourists'. Also this year we have witnessed an incredible photograph of a black hole for the first time.

So there's plenty of inspiration for your costumes this year, whether it's astronauts or aliens. We will be awarding prizes for the best dressed stall as well as the best adult and the best child costume, so join us to celebrate all these amazing achievements at our out-of-this-world fair.

With live entertainment, music, food and drink as well as all the usual stalls, games and demonstrations, Wedmore Street Fair is fundraising for four local groups – Wedmore First School PTA, Green Wedmore, The Village Hall and Wedmore Harvest Home. In the past five years alone the event has raised nearly £15,000 for these good causes and that's thanks to the incredible support from local businesses, villagers and visitors.

The success and safety of the Street Fair relies on your co-operation. Please follow these important instructions for parking:

- If you live in Wedmore please try to either walk or cycle to the event to alleviate some of the pressure.
- Please do not park on the street as we have to ensure that we have access for emergency vehicles through our narrow roads.

Free parking is provided in Glebe Field (beside the Village Hall) for all stall-holders and visitors. Disabled parking **for blue badge holders only** will be provided in the Village Hall car park. We will have volunteer marshals supported by the local police so please help keep things running smoothly by adhering to any instructions.

We are always looking for extra helpers, so please get in touch if you can assist with setting up or packing away on the day or marshalling the parking. Contact Gareth Gosling, Chair: 01934 710234.

We have a limited amount of stalls still available so if you'd like to book please complete the booking form at the rear of this publication and forward it along with payment asap. Follow our Facebook page for news and updates; www.facebook.com/WedmoreStreetFair

Kindred

Local Wedmore band, KINDRED, continues to see growing success and has just come out of the recording studio where they recorded a new EP 'In the Darkness' that will be released at the end of May.

They are also playing the main stage at two Somerset festivals this Summer, at Home Farm Fest in Yeovil on Saturday 8 June and the Top of The Gorge festival in Cheddar on Saturday evening 15 June.

With lots of other gigs throughout the year they continue to develop a strong following.

Their previous releases have now been streamed / downloaded across 26 countries including UK, USA, Russia and



the continents of South America and Asia. A new lead singer Michelle Mitchell joined early this year and the band are really excited by their new sound.

The new EP, 'In the Darkness' has four fantastic tracks on it which we can't wait to showcase' said Scottie, 'The sound feels much more grown up and our new singer Chelle has the most amazing voice and we are all so excited to be playing the Top of The Gorge festival in Cheddar and Home Farm Fest in Yeovil.'

The 2019 Wedmore Harvest Home Business Directory

The 2019 Directory is now being prepped! If you would like to advertise your business with us please get in contact with Sarah Wear (07884017560).



All adverts will be printed in FULL colour. 1000 directories will be printed. These will be given out during July into local businesses and on our event day in August. There are four sizes to choose from, with four prices to suit all different businesses. (£25, £50, £100 or £200 per advert.) Contact us today!

Henton Village Fete – Saturday 13 July

A fun afternoon for all the family, you are warmly invited to our fete, which will take place at Henton Village Hall, between 2pm and 5pm. There will be a variety of stalls, the Mendip Brass Band, a dog show, burgers, beer and plenty of great activities for kids of all ages, including a children's fun run. Do come along and enjoy a great afternoon.

For any queries, please contact iantinsley@tiscali.co.uk

Our Health and Wellbeing

Thinking about a holiday?

Are you planning a holiday this summer? As well as remembering the bucket and spade there may be some other preparations you need to make. You may need special vaccines for some destinations. It is also advised that your regular UK vaccines are up to date wherever you are travelling to. You can find out whether your existing UK vaccinations are up to date by 'phoning or visiting the Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice. If you are new to the area and have any records of your vaccinations, let the GP know what you have had previously.



Many GP practices provide some travel vaccinations free on the NHS, as does the Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice. But if you are travelling further afield you may need to attend a specialist travel clinic. Your GP practice will be able to advise you. For more advice go to www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/before-you-travel/.

As I write this Brexit has still not been settled, so it is worth checking what arrangements there are for healthcare in Europe now. At the moment, UK citizens can receive free emergency healthcare when travelling to other countries in the EU, provided they can show an EHIC (European Healthcare Insurance Card) card. After Brexit the EHIC card may not entitle us to healthcare provision any more. For more information go to www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/

You may wish to update your travel first aid kit. For advice on what to include go to www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/travel-health-checklist/

The purpose of a holiday is to recharge our batteries, physically, mentally and emotionally. Happy holidays!

Axbridge and Wedmore Community Health Team

The Tea Set

The Tea Set was started at the end of 2016, so is now in its third year. We meet in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's Church on the second Friday of every month from 3 – 4.30 pm for tea, cake and informal chat.

The idea is for people living alone to have an afternoon of company with like-minded folk. People make donations if they wish and we have been able to contribute to the church heating bill each year and fund a lunch in November which has been enjoyed by all.

Anyone from the community is welcome to come along. Transport can be arranged. Further details can be obtained from Heather Banwell, 01934 712216.

Wedmore Methodist Church Annual Flower Festival – Friday 26 and Saturday 27 July

The theme for this year's Flower Festival is 'Somerset Villages.' The Festival will run over two days, Friday and Saturday 26 and 27 July, from 10 am to 5 pm. There is no charge for entrance to the Flower Festival but donations can be given for the upkeep of the church. There will also be arts and crafts stalls in the schoolroom. Coffee and cakes will be served in the morning, soup and roll at lunch time and cream teas in the afternoon. Everyone welcome and we look forward to seeing you at this yearly event.

If anyone would like to take a craft stall in our Methodist Schoolroom please contact Angeline Duckett on 01934 712631.

Blackford Village Hall

Blackford Village Hall, which has excellent facilities and parking available, has some current capacity for new bookings on Thursday and Friday evenings, and some mornings and early afternoons. Booking enquiries can be made to Mrs Margaret Tinney on 01934 712324.

Harvest Home Lunch and Tea Tickets – Friday 16 August

Tickets will be on sale again this year from Wedmore Village Store, Hector's Farm Shop and Roger Wilkins Cider Farm, also we will be reserving tables again for parties of six or more, but they can only be bought from me, Arthur Gadd, on 713063 or 07527488531. For more information don't hesitate to give me a call. Look forward to seeing you on the 16 August.

@WedmoreRealAle or go to our brand new website www.wedmoreale.com

Advance Notice of Charity Golf Day in Support of The Samaritans – Friday 6 September 2019

Whilst this year's Samaritans' Charity Golf Day at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club is still some way off, based on the experience of 2015 and 2017 when we were sold out

well in advance, there is no time like the present to give all you golfers the opportunity of getting your entry registered so you can book your preferred start time.

As you may be aware, Samaritans is a charitable organisation that provides confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide. This event has on two previous occasions, over the last four years, raised significant sums towards the running of the Weston-super-Mare and N.Somerset Samaritans Branch which is run entirely by unpaid volunteers and without any financial assistance. Our branch has annual costs of circa £30,000, all of which we have to raise. We are so grateful for the generosity of those who support us by taking part in fundraising events and for donations from local groups and charities.

The competition will, as usual, be based on teams of four, playing a 4-ball Bowmaker format with the two best Stableford scores to count on each hole. Maximum handicaps: Men 28 and Ladies 36. ($\frac{3}{4}$ handicap allowance) with, in addition, two courtesy strokes allowance for ladies. Two nearest the pin competitions for both Men and Ladies.

Entry fee (same as for 2017) £140 with a £10 pp reduction for members of Wedmore GC. It includes a bacon butty and coffee/tea on arrival and buffet meal at the end of your round.

During the day we will be running a silent auction for some fabulous lots and a raffle for great prizes both of which we hope will be generously supported.

We do hope that those of you who have supported this event previously will do so again and, of course, we would welcome anyone wanting to participate for the first time. It is a great event for such a worthwhile cause.

We are also seeking sponsors for each hole either solely for £100 or shared for £50.

For more information and entry forms, please contact any of the following: David and Holly 01934 713392; Andrew Midgley 01934 712642 or Shirley Turner 01934 713214.



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

The forthcoming dates are: 3 and 17 June, 1 and 15 July.

Stella Moore

Registered Music Therapist, HCPC 01934 732282

Derek Wotton

Derek, who lived in Wedmore for over 40 years, died a year ago from heart failure. During that year, friends in Wedmore and all around the country have given wonderful support and kindness to the family. Derek took up running in his 40s, running marathons and half marathons, including the London Marathon twice. His daughter Carol decided to follow in his footsteps by doing the London Marathon in his memory and in aid of the British Heart Foundation. On 28 April, after lots of training, she completed it and raised over £4,300 for the charity. We would like to thank all those who contributed money and encouragement and kept her going on the race day itself. Your continuing support has meant a lot to us. If you feel inspired to help this worthy cause you can access Carol Pinnock's page on www.justgiving.com or donate directly to BHF.org.uk

Eileen, Ken and Carol

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



Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan



Thanks to all of you who took the time to vote in the Referendum on the Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan.

The result was that 85.5% voted in favour of the plan. This means that it will formally become part of the development plan for Sedgemoor and all planning applications will have to be tested against it. The Parish Council will get 25% of all Community Infrastructure money which can be spent on local projects. Many of these are identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the preparation of the plan over the last three years, but particular thanks to the small band of volunteers who gave up their time to work on the Neighbourhood Plan Group. We will now get the final version of the Plan prepared. It will be put on the website (www.wedmore.online) and be available to buy from the Parish Council. Now that we have a statutory Neighbourhood Plan, we look to both Wedmore Parish Council and Sedgemoor DC to ensure that future planning decisions reflect its contents.

*Bob Sellwood
Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group*

Cheddar Valley Lions Club

Would you like us to bring our coconut shy, pig racing or candy floss machine to your fete this summer? Contact information@cheddarvalelions.org.uk to book us in.

Wedmore Real Ale Festival 2019: Friday 20 – Sunday 22 September

Last year's Wedmore Real Ale Festival raised a whopping £18,150 for 11 local beneficiaries. This brings our grand total of fund-raising for local, worthy causes to just over a staggering £186,221 since the festival began back in 2001!

Whether you've volunteered to help, sponsored a barrel, sponsored the festival pint glasses, donated an auction or raffle prize or turned up and quaffed ales in 2018, without you none of our fundraising would have been possible. So many, many thanks for attending in the past and we hope that you, your loved ones, colleagues and everyone else you know can join us for this year's Wedmore Real Ale Festival.

Planning is already well underway for the 19th festival, which takes place on Friday 20 – Sunday 22 September 2019.

This year the festival is moving, but not very far, in fact we will be just opposite the village hall carpark in Glebe Field, Manor Lane, Wedmore, BS28 4EQ.

Live music will come in the form of the Straytones on Friday night, live local music from noon until 6pm on the Saturday, followed by the Mantawrays and then our head



liners Zuma. Our resident DJ Enhance will be with us throughout the festival again this year. Saturday night will have a 1980s fancy dress theme, so there will definitely be some classic 80s hits in Olly's collection.

Alongside this musical line-up there will be over 100 different choices of real ales, craft ales, ciders, perrys and wine to satisfy all taste buds. Food will also be available throughout the weekend. Evening admission to the festival will be £10 per person, which will include a 2019 festival pint glass to take away.

If you would like to support the festival by sponsoring a barrel of beer or cider, then please contact James Turbitt on sponsors@wedmoreale.co.uk, who will be delighted to add you to our list of waiting sponsors.

We are also currently appealing for prizes and lots for the Sunday afternoon's raffle and auction. If you have an item / service / promise that you wish to donate, please contact Sam Brown on wraf@wedmoreale.co.uk

If you would like to volunteer during the festival either to help us to set up in the mornings, during the festival or to clear up on the Sunday afternoon, then please contact Mike on 07794 781 975. Helping at such a social event really doesn't feel like work at all.

Festival tops and hoodies are now available to order. The hoodies will only have the logo on the front left breast and will be available in various colours. So, if you want to get your festival top or hoodie in time to wear for the summer season, visit our website and complete the pre-order form. Deliveries will be available for collection in July.

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

From Blackford Village Hall to Sadlers Wells

Wedmore dancer Innes Oliver, aged 12, has successfully auditioned for the National Youth Ballet for the third consecutive season. After two seasons in the Junior Company where she was selected for principal roles, this summer she will be dancing in the Main Company Cast. The company will perform in Birmingham in August, with a gala performance at Sadlers Wells in London on 1 September, in the presence of patrons Darcey Bussell and Matthew Bourne. Innes is a student of Bristol Ballet Centre and has been taught by the brilliant principal Miss Alexandra Sherman.



She has also been a junior associate of the Royal Ballet School, a Young Dancer associate at Elmhurst Ballet School in Birmingham and has been offered full time training at Tring Park School for the performing arts. Innes has performed with Wedmore Opera in *Carmen*, *Dido and Aeneas* and *Cavalleria Rusticana*.

She's so passionate, hard-working and dedicated, and has the qualities that she hopes will make an artist of the future, to delight audiences and perform on the stages

of the world. She was unable to get a scholarship to take up full time training but has accepted the news with great positivity and grace. All of her training needs a lot of travel as we live in rural Somerset - she travels over 200 miles a week!

Last summer Innes was very fortunate to be able to fund raise for her ballet training at the performances of *Cavalleria Rusticana*, thanks to the company and trustees of Wedmore Opera. This year as there is no opera performance she is hoping the art-loving community here will help with her fundraising towards her fees, travel and equipment costs. Look out for cake sales at village events, or please visit her gofundme page 'Send Innes to Sadlers Wells'. Please donate or get in touch if you could help make a little dancer's dreams come true. Find out more at www.nationalyouthballet.org or contact ellieoliver@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

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IT for the Terrified

Are you Terrified of Tablets? Or irritated by iPads? Or Stumped by Samsung? Then why not give us a ring and see if we can help?

IT for the Terrified provides help with using tablets, smartphones, cameras, computers, and similar devices on a one to one basis. Each informal session of two hours costs £10 and 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.

If you are a beginner getting started or have some experience and need help with something new, please telephone us 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 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
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Or if you have any basic skills to share, please get in touch.

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.

Focus on Businesses

Somerset Birdwatching Holidays

For this month's feature I visited Graeme and Kay Mitchell at Walls Farm, West Stoughton. Graeme has always been an enthusiastic birdwatcher and he and Kay have recently turned this passion and their experience of the travel industry into a new and thriving business.



Graeme and Kay have spent all of their working lives in the travel industry, running their own tour operating business in Scotland, focusing primarily on garden tours. They built the business from scratch to become the market leaders in this specialist area. After 25 years they were approached by a larger firm, and after much consideration, and the realisation that the weekly commute between Somerset and Fife was not a sustainable option, they decided to sell up and completely put down their roots in Somerset.

They were certainly not ready to retire, so they spent the next year or so transforming the outbuildings on their property into luxury holiday-let accommodation, while deciding what to do next.

Graeme told me that Somerset has a very valuable resource with its many and diverse nature reserves, all full of wonderful birds and wildlife. What was once an industrial landscape with peat extraction at its heart is now a magnet for wetland birds – particularly attracting differing varieties of herons, egrets and the elusive bittern. Many people it seemed wanted to visit but would also like to be shown around by someone with expertise and local knowledge. There was definitely a gap in the market that they were sure they could fill.

A fortuitous meeting took place at a dinner party in Wedmore, when Graeme and Kay met Stephen Moss from Mark. Stephen is a renowned naturalist, wildlife filmmaker and author. They hit it off immediately and have been friends and birding companions ever since.

Stephen leapt at the chance when Graeme and Kay asked him to lend his ornithological expertise and join their 'fledgling' business.

In autumn 2017 they set up Somerset Birdwatching Holidays and the first guests arrived in February 2018.

Drawing on their experience, Graeme and Kay created a smart corporate identity, and web site along with investing in a comfortable 9-seater van bedecked in their egret logos – soon christened 'Thunderbird 1'.

So far advertising has been minimal, however one of the UK's leading Birdwatching magazines featured a three-day introduction to the Birds of Somerset package which has been very popular. However, they told me that most visitors get to know of the company through word of mouth and referrals, which is often the best way to grow a new business.

Tours are usually two or three nights long, although there are also day trips which are popular with locals or are bought as presents for friends or relatives.

Graeme and Stephen accompany all tours, providing expert guidance and local knowledge on where to find the different birds. There is a maximum of eight people on each tour and the guests usually stay in the cottages at Walls Farm or in their neighbour's farmhouse B&B, Poplar Farm.

After arrival, guests all gather in the house for welcome drinks and dinner cooked by Kay.

In addition to pointing out the birds Graeme and Stephen provide additional information about the landscape and history of the Isle of Wedmore and the Levels.

Tours criss-cross Somerset, visiting the Avalon Marshes, the Quantocks, the Mendips and Somerset's coastline. The idea is to visit different habitats to see as wide a variety of birds as possible, although Graeme did make the point that they do not chase specific birds just to tick them off a list – it was more about enjoying the wonderful Somerset countryside as a whole and just seeing what turns up. At the end of each tour all participants receive a full report on which birds they have seen and where, as a memento of their birdwatching visit to Somerset.

On the final afternoon often there's a visit to Cheddar where there is the opportunity to buy authentic Cheddar cheese which always goes down well with visitors to the area.

Their aim is to offer a thoroughly enjoyable experience for birdwatchers of all levels - from beginners to experts - with the chance to see a wonderful variety of birds. If the weather is wet, there are good hides to watch from. Accommodation and food are of the highest standard, and they are pleased to be able to support local pubs and restaurants when Kay is not catering.

Watching birds change with the seasons means that Somerset Birdwatching Holidays can offer different packages all year round – be it starling murmurations in the winter to spring and summer highlights – and this has encouraged guests to come back several times. Indeed, Kay told me that one couple will soon be on their fifth visit.

Liz Sweeney

Do You Run a Business in the Parish?

Then how about telling our readers more about yourself? Who are you? What is your business? Are you from the Wedmore area? If not, where did you come from? What motivated you to start, take over or carry on the business? If you would like to share your story, send an email to editorwedmorenews@gmail.com or photoswedmorenews@gmail.com and I will contact you for a short interview.

Liz Sweeney

Reports and Society Updates

Wedmore YFC – 85th Annual Show

Wedmore YFC held their 85th Show on Saturday 13 April at The George Hotel, Wedmore. The crowds flocked to see the excellent display of dairy and beef calves, alongside sheep, pigs, poultry and handicrafts. The sun shone and it really was a spectacle of everything that Wedmore Young Farmers is about. Lottie Hill won the best junior member and Jack Williams best senior. Champion awards went to:

- Dairy - Maddie Rousell and Emily Bell,
- Beef - Lottie Hill,
- Pigs - Megan Hatch and Jess Boobyer,
- Lambs - Archie and Lottie Hill, Maddie Rousell and Eddie Walton,
- Poultry - Archie Hill.
- Handicrafts overall cups were won by Ollie Gosling and Jack Williams.

The club held their dinner and dance at The Oaktree Arena in the evening. Beatrice Dyer, the South West Area President, was main speaker, having travelled all the way from Cornwall.

The club meet on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at The George Hotel in Wedmore.



St Mary's Church 100 Club

The lucky winners in this month's draw are, first, Tom and Jane Wright with ticket number 70 and, second, Sue Smith, with ticket number 43. Congratulations to all

Wedmore Harvest Home 100 Club Lottery 2019

Winners of the April 100 club are Rob Bennett winning £100 and Katie Keen winning £50. Congratulations to you both!!

Wedmore Opera Goers Society Outings

Thursday 20 June – 'Hobsons Choice' (Ballet) at Birmingham Hippodrome, tickets £55
Saturday 22 June - Matthew Bourne's 'Romeo and Juliet' in Cardiff, tickets £55 (a completely different take on the story as usual by him).

Tickets are available from on 712515 and the cost will include the coach.

Wedmore Theatre Monthly Report – June 2019

Annual Summer Barbecue on Sunday 21 July

This perennial favourite lunchtime social event will once again be held in the garden of Walnut Tree House, courtesy of David and Holly Cole. It is open to all our Newsletter Subscribers, who can obtain tickets from our Secretary, Jendy Weekes, on 01278 641370 or at jendyweekes@btinternet.com.

This year, as an added entertainment, we shall be including an outdoor performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' as a rehearsed play reading during the afternoon. Anyone interested in participating in the performance (all ages welcome) should contact the director, Kathryn Jones at kathryncjones9@hotmail.com.

To subscribe to our Newsletter, visit wedmoretheatre.com.



Theatre Workshops for Directors – Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July

Once again, the distinguished professional stage director and former Head of Acting Courses at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School has agreed to conduct two workshops for members of our community interested in directing for Wedmore Theatre.

This year, the workshops are open to over-18s only, and will work specifically on the script for our proposed autumn production, 'The Wind In The Willows', which John has himself staged a number of times in the professional theatre.

Anyone interested in learning more about the workshops should contact sue@holdenhurst.co.uk

Ted's Taters in a Tub competition!

It's time to start thinking about your potatoes, if you want to enter the grand 'Ted's Taters in a Tub' competition at the Theale Flower Show this September. This is what you need to do:-

- Potatoes to be grown in a maximum of 25 litres of soil / compost.
- Any variety or number of seed potatoes may be used.
- Changing or replacing the growing medium is not permitted.



- Haulms to be cut.
- Then on Show Day, on 7 September there will be The Big Dig at 4.30 pm!
- Each competitor will be required to turn out the container when asked to do so by the judge.
- The judge will weigh the crop of potatoes.
- The prize is for the competitor with the heaviest crop of potatoes in the container.

The prize will be £5.00 and a novelty trophy.

So don't delay, plan to plant today! There is more information about how to grow potatoes successfully in containers on the worldwide web!

Remember you need to register your entry by 9pm on 5 September 2019. Go to www.thealeflowershow.com for details about how to make your entry and about the Show.

*Cathy Butterworth, Show Secretary, Theale Flower Show
01934 806157, cb@theconsultant.org*

RNLI – News and Local Rescues in April

There were twelve launches (Burnham-on-Sea - 5, Minehead - 1, Portishead - 3 and W-S-M - 3). Burnham launched both their lifeboats on two occasions on 4 April and again on 14 April. However, on 14 April it was the launch tractor to the rescue when it was used to help pull out a horse trapped up to its haunches in the mud near the old Lower Burnham Lighthouse. On Easter Sunday 21 April, Burnham held an Open Day at their Lifeboat Station and on Burnham Jetty and raised £250.



Wedmore Gardening Club

What a great evening we had with Neil Ross on 'Garden Disasters'. Neil was hilariously funny, informative and involved us all throughout the evening asking us to share our own 'disasters'. We laughed so much he had to cut his talk short as we ran out of time - definitely a sign of a really enjoyable and uplifting evening.

Looking forward to what sounds like another fun evening, on Tuesday 28 May Roger Turner will be giving a talk entitled 'Lust and Loveliness in the Garden'. Sounds wonderful but intriguing.

On Tuesday 25 June our coach trip will be to RHS Rosemoor when, as well as the many other plants, the roses will be at their glorious best. The cost is £18, but as the Club is an affiliated member of the RHS, entry is free. The coach will leave the Cheddar Road car park at 9.15 prompt. Please let Andrea West (01934 712161) know if you'd like to join us.

All Garden Club meetings are held in the Masonic Hall and start at 7.30 pm, with refreshments served after the talk. All members and guests are, as always, most welcome.

As we have our coach trip there will not be a meeting in June. On Tuesday 23 July there is a talk by Emily Utgren on 'The History and Maintenance of Stourhead'. This

will tie in nicely with our planned trip to Stourhead in August. This trip will be by cars and entry free to National Trust members. Lifts will be arranged nearer the time.

Jean Windridge

Report of April Isle of Wedmore Society Meeting

Would you believe that approximately 50% of our April audience did not know who our Village Agent is or what their role is?

Well our Village Agent is Kirsten Rushby and she enlightened us about exactly what her role is.

The Somerset village and community agents, as they are known, make a link between individuals and the various available services and offer free and confidential practical support to local people and community groups.

A lot of their referrals come through the Axbridge, Wedmore and Cheddar GPs, although anybody is able to contact our Agent directly on 07746332897.

The Agents are able to help with finances, health, isolation/loneliness and anxiousness. Loneliness being a major factor for ill health, the Agents are funded by the Somerset Commissioning Group, basically the NHS. One of the ailments that Kirsten mainly has to deal with is dementia and in this context she advises older people to make a will and appoint a Power of Attorney.

We all left the meeting with the full facts about what a Village Agent now performs.

We thank Kirsten for giving up her time to come and talk to us.

Chris Edwards, Isle of Wedmore Society



Green Wedmore News and Updates

Next Meeting: Monday 3 June 8pm CHANGE OF VENUE now held in The Swan, Wedmore.

Due to increasing attendance and membership month on month, we have decided to find a more suitable venue which will be accessible to all. We'd like to pass on our sincere thanks to The George for kindly hosting us thus far, and the The Swan for allowing use of their function room going forward. From June's meeting onwards, Green Wedmore meetings will be held in The Swan, Cheddar Road. Their rear, ground-floor function room has step-free access.

The speaker at June's meeting will be Jake Taylor, Somerset County Council's Trails Officer. Come along and find out more about how you can volunteer to be a guardian for our local public footpaths, adopt a path and help report any issues so they can continued to be enjoyed by walkers.

Freecycle Event

The Freecycle morning in April was a great success. Many people attended with lots of items re-homed, re-purposed and saved from landfill. This event is held twice a year, so look out for the autumn date to be announced and plan your clear-out accordingly!



Readers' Gallery

Throughout the year we have received some beautiful photos from our readers. As it is not always possible to use them on the front cover for various reasons, we publish a gallery once a year. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed. Please continue to send in your photos, bearing in mind that the front cover has a 'portrait' orientation, we need room for the titles and photos need to be a reasonably high resolution (which normally means that they will be at least 1 MB).

Beautiful Flowers

It is a joy to see all the lovely and colourful flowers in our gardens. Two of these photos were taken recently, by Sue Hughes and Dawn Pallant. Dawn also sent me a photo of one of the hidden gardens last year.



Sue Hughes



Dawn Pallant



Dawn Pallant

Sunsets and Snow

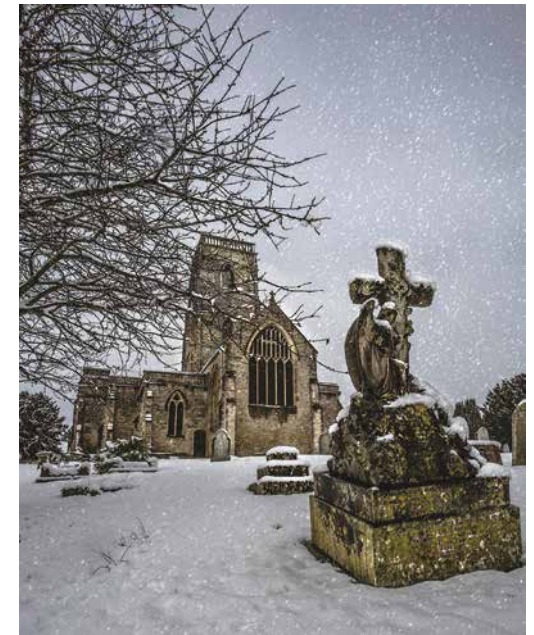
The sky in February, May and October.



Christine Simpson



Graham Whitcombe



Stuart Watson

Our Wonderful Wildlife

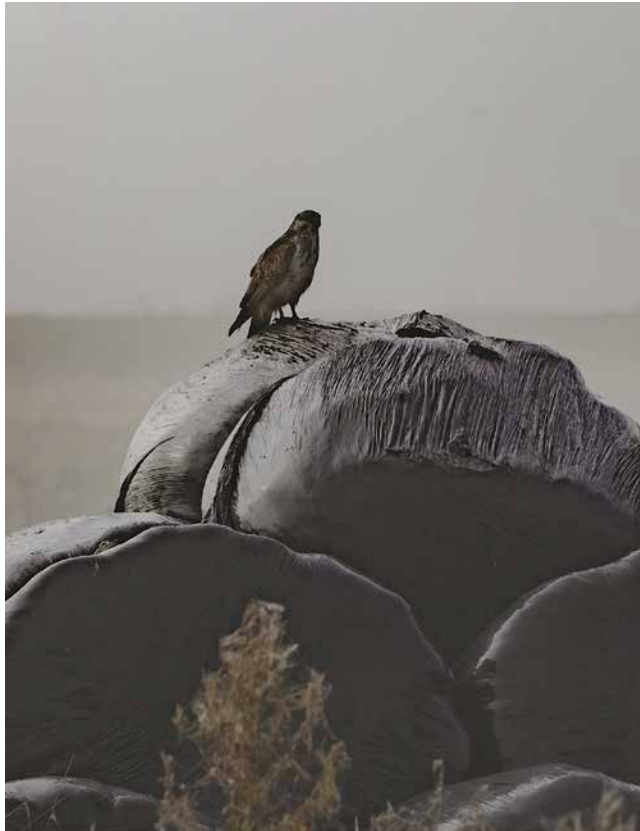
We are very lucky to be living in an area that has amazing wildlife. Stuart Watson and Martin Duckett have sent in these great close-ups.



Stuart Watson



Martin Duckett



Stuart Watson



Martin Duckett



Stuart Watson

Cheddar Vale Lions Club Host Senior Citizens at Their Annual Tea Party

There were smiles and laughter all round at the Cheddar Vale Lions Senior Citizens Tea Party on Saturday 13 April.

A coach was laid on to pick up around the Cheddar Vale area, together with mini buses and cars, to transport the party goes to Shipham Village Hall. The Lions were busy all morning preparing a delicious tea with sandwiches, homemade cake and jelly, fruit with cream. They were even given goody bags to take home.



Entertainment was laid on with a quiz, sing-a-long and music from The Silver Levels Band. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon which was evident from all the smiling faces, clapping, laughter and even dancing!

Cheddar Vale Lions Club have been running this event for over 40 years and it is still a highlight in their calendar each year where the members enjoy themselves as much as the attenders, bringing them so much pleasure to see everyone having such a good time



IOW Probus Club

Programme for June 2019:

- Wednesday 12 June: The Evolution of the Aircraft Carrier - Mr John Madgwick
- Wednesday 26 June: S.S. Great Britain - Mr Brian Aston

We cordially invite retired or semi-retired gentlemen to join our very friendly Society. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 10.15 am at Wedmore Golf Club. Starting with coffee and chat, we then have a talk on a wide range of subjects. We also have visits to a variety of local interests throughout the year, some of which are not open to the public.

If you are interested please contact our Hon. Secretary Mr. Ross Young Tel 01934-710255 or randyjyoung@openworld.com to make an application.

Wedmore WI

On a warm spring evening, Margaret welcomed members especially a new member who had just joined us. Seven members enjoyed a visit to the Road Show at Draycott. The afternoon speaker was excellent and left us all breathless from laughing. There was a request from Musgrove Park Hospital for dementia blankets. These are needed for individual patients so that they can recognise their own beds and take them home when they leave hospital.



A stall has been booked for us for the Street Fair on 6 July when will be selling books. Some books will have a £5 note in them so come and support us. Our evening speaker was Margaret Farnie accompanied by her husband and her subject was a trip with her hand bell ringing team to Japan. About 50 years ago she joined a WI where she lived in Bedfordshire and the first evening the speaker's subject was hand bell ringing. Margaret was fascinated and so started her career as a ringer. There are seven countries that belong to an International Organisation who meet for rallies every two years. Recently, Margaret, her husband and the team competed in a competition in Osaka in Japan. About 1000 people were competing and it was a most rewarding and interesting experience. Afterwards they had a three-week guided tour of Japan and marvelled at all the modern and ancient architecture and wonderful gardens that they saw. The visit included a trip to Hiroshima and three nights in a Buddhist Monastery. It was a fascinating talk accompanied by many slides.

Diana Rocky

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre

Oscar winners and outstanding performances are promised from Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre's exciting summer season of films.

- Tuesday 18 June, Glenn Close in The Wife.
- Tuesday 16 July, Stan and Ollie.

Tickets for all events are available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts
For queries and help, email. cheddararts@gmail.com

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

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

YLIS Gold Award for Cheddar Guide

Jessica Way is the first Cheddar Guide to achieve the Lions Young Leader in Service Gold Award, which was presented to her during the Axbridge District Guide Service, held at Wedmore Church on Wednesday 27 March, 2019. Jessica had completed 206.5 hours of community service in the year, so was well deserving of her Gold YLiS Award. Jessica also received her Young Leader Award from the District Commissioner.

Friend of Cheddar Vale Lions, Bev Davies MJF, also received a well-deserved award for 20 years service to the Girl Guide Association.



Jessica Way



(Left to Right) Bev Davies, Jessica Way, Theresa Warrell (Cheddar Vale Lion)

Club50

We enjoyed a day in Bradford-on-Avon on 17 April. A fine sunny day helped and we were able to wander around looking at the shops, visit the ancient Tithe Barn and stroll along the Avon & Kennet Canal with its interesting barges and houseboats.

Our coach trip for June is on Wednesday 19 to Cirencester. Cirencester is the largest town in the Cotswolds and was the second largest town in Britain during Roman times. Cirencester's market town status was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. Situated to the west of the town, Cirencester Park is an example of a forest style garden and is well worth a visit. It can be reached via Church Street and Cecily Hill. Opening hours 9am – 5pm. Admission is free with the kind permission of Lord Bathurst.

The coach leaves the Cheddar Road car park at 9.15am. The cost is £15 for members and £20 for guests.

Programme of outings:

- 19 June: Cirencester
- 18 September: Stratford-upon-Avon
- 16 October: Royal Mint, Cardiff

Contact Pauline Lunn if you'd like to come on 01934 732517

Weather Report for April 2019

RAINFALL



Monthly total	65.4mm	(2.57ins)
30-year average	52.4mm	(2.06ins)
Wettest day (4th)	16.2mm	(0.64ins)
No of dry days	20	
Last 3 months (Feb – Apr)	170mm	(6.70ins)
Year ending 30 Apr 19	630mm	(24.81ins)
30-year annual average	804mm	(31.67ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (21st, 22nd)	22.5° C	(72.5° F)
Minimum (3rd)	-4.0° C	(28.4° F)
Number of air frosts	3	
Monthly average maximum	14.0° C	(57.2° F)
30-year average maximum	14.1° C	(57.4° F)
Monthly average minimum	4.3° C	(39.7° F)
30-year average minimum	4.4° C	(39.9° F)

COMMENTS

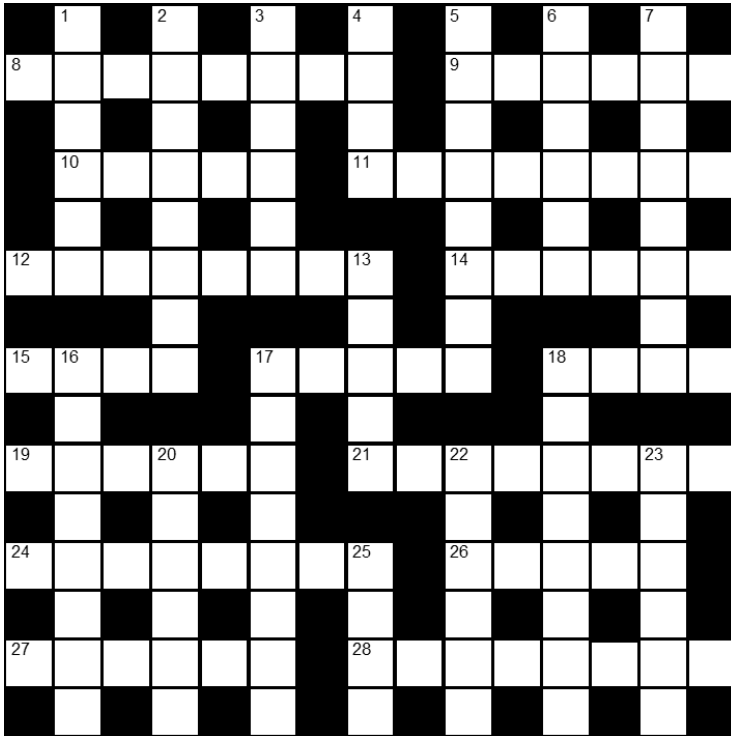
Rainfall for year ending 30 April 2019, only 78% of long-term average.

Denley Brown

The Crossword:

Number 26

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

- 8 Itinerant against spy atop the cooking range (8)
- 9 Laminate returns without the ends for a pet (6)
- 10 Young French dog to really enjoy (3,2)
- 11 Parasite recording William covering option (8)
- 12 Master Cochrane might impose (8)
- 14 Indulge father and the politician before Her Majesty (6)
- 15 Garden parties decentralised charges! (4)
- 17 Embroider about six and travel west for the nearest (5)
- 18 Fall short of being a lady (4)
- 19 Dears leave Miss De La Rue to make breakfast (6)
- 21 Avariciousness of Eros (8)
- 24 Prison as yet covered by British Aerospace (8)
- 26 Article at a loss to display artefact (5)
- 27 Seconds sponge off these underclothes (6)
- 28 Raw needs have been treated twice (8)

DOWN:

- 1 Both sides are in the middle of the ocean as is the answer (6)
- 2 Bats swop last edifice in Empire with V & A (8)
- 3 Bear goes west before the French chuck rings (6)
- 4 Manage to turn the tide (4)
- 5 Get churchwardens the wherewithal to make a sort of music (8)
- 6 Eastenders syrup, Batman's belt, and somewhere for an Indian to live? (6)
- 7 Close the centre before getting shaved (8)
- 13 Is the Church a vociferous defender of mayhem? (5)
- 16 Outraced foreign tutor (8)
- 17 Cleaning round fashionable side could result in neck injury (8)
- 18 Showed second act holding a couple of quid (8)
- 20 Put support in the lounge (6)
- 22 Study for each operation (6)
- 23 Permit a moment with friendly alien (6)
- 25 Afternoon scrutiny (4)

Answers at the rear of publication

Vera's Verse for June

A restless night

My bedroom ceiling is made of wood
So when I want to decorate the room
I don't have to white wash it
I just sweep it with a broom
When I cannot get to sleep
I start counting ceiling wood knots
They are so much more interesting than sheep
And believe me when I get to 50 I've bored myself to sleep.
I don't know what lives in the cracks
They rarely get disturbed
But we don't bother one another
So I have no need to be perturbed
And I hope they won't bother you
If you come and stay the night
If you don't want to disturb the ceiling folk
Don't put on the light!

Vera Banwell

Forthcoming Events

St Mary's Fairtrade Coffee Shop – Saturday 1 June

9.30am to 12 noon. All the usual stalls, Fair Trade coffee shop.

The Wedmore Vintage and Antiques Fairs – Saturday 1 June

In the Borough Yard, 9.30 am until 4 pm.

Green Wedmore Meeting – Monday 3 June

At The Swan (change of venue), 8 pm. New members are always welcome.

Wedmore Farmers' Market – Saturday 8 June

At the Borough Yard, 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Any enquiries please contact Mrs Judith Gould on 07813 340086.



Wedmore in Bloom – Saturday 8 June

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



St Mary's Strawberry Fair – Saturday 8 June

2.30 – 5.30 pm. Come along to our fair for all things strawberry! Cream teas, cakes and a summer punch and lemonade bar. Hot dogs and burgers will also be served.

All the usual stalls, traditional games and a Messy Church craft stall. Wedmore First School Academy dancers will entertain us. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Tea Set – Friday 14 June

3 – 4.30 pm, the Lady Chapel at St Mary's Church, cake and informal chat.

Mr Punch's Folk Club at the Panborough Inn – Friday June 14

8pm Special Guest Night, The Willbees, tickets limited £5 Tel: 01749670212

Theale Community Café – Saturday 15 June

At Theale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon.

The Wedmore 40 / 30 Cycle Ride – Sunday 16 June

Theale Film Club – Sunday 16 June

6.30 for 7pm 'The Old Man & the Gun' is a pleasantly breezy cops and (aging) robbers tale anchored by Redford's charismatic performance - be it his last one or not. Tel 713176 / 712144



Club 50 Trip to Cirencester – Wednesday 19 June

Join us on a coach trip to Cirencester on Wednesday 19 June. The coach leaves the Cheddar Road car park at 9.15am.

Andrea West 01934 712161

Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 20 June

At 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall when our speaker will be Glyn Jones, a Police Dog Handler. The competition is 'A Pretty Jug.'



Wedmore Methodist Church, Coffee for All – Friday 21 June

In the Methodist Schoolroom commencing at 10.30 am and probably finishing around 12 noon. This is a monthly event being held on the third Friday morning of each month.

Pop in for a 'quick cuppa' or stay for as long as you wish. Complimentary coffee or tea and biscuits will be served and if you wish to bring along a craft to do whilst chatting, then please feel free to do so. Your 'well behaved' pets are also welcome.

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School presents 'The Canterbury Tales' – Friday 21 June

Wedmore Village Hall, Friday 21 June

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Wedmore Garden Club Coach Trip to RHS Rosemoor – Tuesday 25 June

The cost is £18, but as the Club is an affiliated member of the RHS entry is free. The coach leaves the Cheddar Road car park at 9.15 prompt. Please let Andrea West (01934 712161) know if you'd like to join us.

Mr Punch's Folk Club at the Panborough Inn – Friday 28 June

8pm Open Mic - £2

Wedmore Street Fair – Saturday 6 July

Wedmore Gardening Club Talk – Tuesday 23 July

Emily Utgren on the 'History and Maintenance of Stourhead'.

7.30 pm at the Masonic Hall.

Wedmore Methodist Church Annual Flower Festival – Friday 26 and Saturday 27 July

Wedmore Vintage and Antiques Fairs – Saturday 27 July

In the Borough Yard, 9.30 am until 4 pm

Wedmore Harvest Home – Friday 16 August

Wedmore Real Ale Festival 2019 – Friday 20 to Sunday 22 September



Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Cheddar Baby Book Club – Mondays

At the Cheddar Library from 10.45 am to 11.15 am, 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

Cheddar Valley U3A – Monday Mornings

Retired or semi-retired? If you are in Cheddar on a Monday morning between 10.30 am 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 2.00 pm 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.

Inner Wheel Club of Mendip

We are a friendly group of ladies (of varying ages) and meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Cider Shed, Winscombe.

The aims of the Club are: to promote true friendship; encourage the ideals of personal service; and foster international understanding. That all sounds rather serious but I can assure you that we have fun supporting a wide range of local, national and international charities and enjoy a varied programme including speakers, visits and social events.

New members are always welcome – please contact Linda Wright 01934 713226 for any further information.



Axbridge Church Fete – Saturday 15 June

After a rest year in 2018, the church of St John the Baptist Axbridge is holding its Fete on Saturday 15 June this year. The Fete will be held on the lawns of The Court, Axbridge by the kind permission of Mr & Mrs Jenkins.

While the Fete is put on by the church it is a community event, and work is underway to make it a success and a large crowd is expected. There will be the usual mixture of stalls, refreshments and entertainment offered up, and volunteers are encouraged to come forward to help on the day. Anyone ready to help should contact Jan Rabbitts at janrabbitts@aol.com (01934 732768) or Tony

Strange at anthonyestrangle@gmail.com (01934

West Mendip Orchestra Concert - Friday 28 June

At 7.45pm at The Friends Meeting House, Sidcot. Bizet: Carmen Suite No. 1, Saint-Saens: Cello Concerto No. 1, Franck Symphony in D. Tickets £10 (concessions £8, students £2) available on the door.

Henton Village Fete – Saturday 13 July

The Garden in June

At the time of writing (April 24) we have just had our first measurable rain for a couple of weeks, during which time we have also experienced a very warm Easter week-end. At the moment, they are predicting (or as an old landlady of mine used to say, prophesying), a week or two of unsettled weather with much lower temperatures than we have been having (actually much nearer the seasonal norm).

I have written before that June is the month in which roses are at their peak and at the time of writing they are looking very healthy; dry conditions often encourage powdery mildew, but so far I haven't seen any, nor have greenfly yet become a problem. With luck, if we do have damper conditions, the roses will not be ruined by black-spot by the time you read this. Blackspot causes severe defoliation and generally debilitates the plants, it is spread by rain-splash from old, infected foliage and the advice has always been to pick up fallen leaves and ideally burn them; if you have a lot of roses this is not always feasible. If you do pick them up, these days the green wheelie-bin may be the best way to get rid of them rather than burning. The material thus disposed of is composted at a temperature higher than most of us can achieve in a domestic compost heap, hot enough to kill off the disease. Incidentally, the compost made from this green waste is available from your local tip in bags and from some sites in bulk and seems to be an excellent substitute for peat*, which we should all be trying to use much less of as a soil improver. I have not tried it yet as a growing medium but hope to do so this summer and hopefully will report on that at a later date. (I have, however, heard some who have used it complain that it still contains viable weed seeds, which theoretically it shouldn't.)

If the amount of blossom on the trees is anything to go by, this will be a bumper year for fruit; we have, however, had some cold nights while they have been in flower, and in my garden one or two frosts which have severely damaged hydrangeas and wisterias, so it remains to be seen whether or not the fruit trees have been affected. Apple trees, of course, do have a self-thinning process, known as June-drop, which helps ensure that they do not set excessive amounts of (inferior) fruit; if you wish to grow a smaller number of larger fruit, you can carefully thin out the fruitlets, but it is a rather laborious task. This should be done after the natural thinning has occurred. In previous years at this time, I have mentioned that potato-blight could be a problem in warm, humid weather, both on potatoes and tomatoes. Early potatoes are not usually affected, but spraying with a fungicide is the only way to prevent later crops from being damaged. I believe organic growers can use Bordeaux mixture although I have been told that that may soon not be available. Other more modern materials exist if you are not organic, but they may not be available to amateurs. However, these must be used prophylactically (i.e. before the blight is seen) and will not clear it up once it is there, although they may prevent further spread. There are more blight resistant varieties of both potatoes and tomatoes available now, so if you do suffer from this problem, look out for these in future years.

In the flower garden, lily beetles are conspicuous if you grow their host plants, lilies and fritillaries; they are about a centimetre or slightly more in length and a conspicuous bright orange. They and their larvae, which look black, because they are covered in their own excrement, strip lily foliage quite quickly and also eat the flower buds. They can be physically removed and squashed or sprayed with a contact insecticide. They were unknown in Britain until about twenty years ago but have now joined the ranks of creatures sent to try us. Interestingly, DNA profiles tell us that tulips are more closely related to fritillaries than are lilies, but the beetles still seem not to attack tulips.

Speaking of tulips, I think I mentioned in my last piece that I was about to visit the Dutch bulb displays at Keukenhof; I must say it is a spectacular shop-window for the Dutch bulb trade and well worth a visit at the beginning of April.

Lawns were slow to start growing this year, because of low night temperatures in April, but are well under way at the time of writing. My lawn is particularly weedy at the moment and I am tempted to use a weed-killer on it. It is necessary to be very cautious if using a liquid herbicide (sprayed), that it is not blown onto surrounding borders or worse still, into green-houses; tomatoes are particularly sensitive to weed-killers and can 'sniff' them a mile off, so close greenhouse vents when spraying, whatever the weather. You can use powder or granular 'Feed and Weed' products but these can still blow and of course, also make the grass grow more vigorously. A good rule of thumb, is not to use a sprayer if the wind-speed is over five mph; that means if you can see trees moving.

It should be safe to put all tender plants outside or in a cold greenhouse by June as the danger of night frosts should be over, but bear in mind that the greenhouse, as well as keeping the night temperature up, also keeps the wind off and this can increase the average temperature experienced by your plants; be careful therefore, not to let the daytime temperature get too high. Keep the glasshouse well ventilated and damped down.

In your vegetable garden, keep up successional sowings, but bear in mind that you often cannot transplant such things as lettuces after mid-summer as the reducing day length may cause them to bolt.

By the time you read my next piece, the days will indeed be getting shorter again, so make the most of your early mornings and long evenings in the garden.

* Actual extraction of peat has, I believe, ceased locally and what is still being sold was already stockpiled. Peat deposits lock up carbon dioxide and thereby reduce adverse climatic effects.

Adrian Hutchison

Thought for the Month

After His resurrection Jesus was with His disciples for 40 days before ascending to God the Father. Jesus was seen not only by his friends but by several hundred people in that time. We celebrated the ascension on 30 May. A 10-day period followed when the disciples waited and prayed.

Initially the resurrection of our Lord was beyond belief of his closest friends.

How do you see a man crucified, dead and buried and then three days later have him appear in a locked room saying 'Peace be with you'. He was given a piece of fish which he ate before them. He showed them the wounds of crucifixion – physical wounds they could not dispute. Yes it really was Jesus in the flesh – no longer dead but very much alive.

You may remember that on that occasion Thomas was not with them but he heard the account and found it unbelievable. Unless I see the wounds and put my finger in the nail prints in his hand and my hand in his wounded side I will not believe.

Thomas heard the good news but needed to see, for him hearing the account was not enough. This has given Thomas the title Doubting Thomas – but would I have done any better? Probably not?

The urge to see as against hear often robs us.

This morning I woke just before dawn and as I made my way to the bathroom I was very much aware of beautiful bird song, loud and very melodious. The room was full of sound. It was a nightingale very close to the window – maybe on the window sill. I wanted to see. As I moved toward the window this loud beautiful song stopped – the bird had flown.

My urge to see had robbed me of the song I had heard. The nightingale is not a spectacular bird to observe – its beauty is in its song in early morning when there is no other bird song.

What do we do with the resurrection of Jesus?

Peter and six other disciples, they went fishing!

They returned to what they knew, to ordinary life and Jesus met them there in the ordinary. A failed night of fishing ended with a word from Jesus that transformed the situation.

Resurrection is a transformation and we who cannot see the risen Jesus in the flesh can rely on the transformation that his presence brings in our ordinary lives.

This month we celebrate Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Jesus Christ and his resurrection.

Bob Drew, Bagley Baptist Church

Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You



Ancho Chilli Asparagus with Mint and Feta

Asparagus is in season and this recipe, full of flavour, works well as a quick and easy snack/starter/al fresco dish. Ancho chilli paste is available in all supermarkets, it is from Poblanus chillies and is often used in Mexican cuisine. Probably any chilli paste would do but it's always good to try something different! Enjoy, hopefully, in the sunshine, with a cold lager or crisp dry white wine.

Ingredients *(serves four)*

4 tortilla wraps

200g asparagus tips (or whole asparagus cut into pieces)

2 tbsp ancho chilli paste

1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Squeeze of lemon/lime juice

100g feta cheese, crumbled

28g pack of coriander, roughly chopped

25g pack of mint leaves, roughly chopped

Method

1. Heat a griddle pan to smoking hot. Griddle the tortilla until they start to char, then wrap in foil to keep warm.
2. Simmer the asparagus in boiling water for 1 minute. Drain and cool in cold water, then dry on kitchen paper.
3. Mix the chilli paste, oil and lime/lemon juice in a bowl and toss the asparagus into the mix. Season and griddle for 2 minutes on each side, turning with tongs.
4. Toss the feta and herbs together and season. Unwrap the tortillas and place on plates, top with the feta and asparagus, then drizzle with a little extra olive oil if liked.
5. Serve up with extra mint on top for appearances.

Norma and Derek Logan

Sport Reports

Wedmore Tennis Club

Letter from the new Chairman



I am delighted to be the newly elected Chairman of our tennis club. It is a privilege and I hope that during the time that I am needed I will help ensure that the club continues to be well run, welcoming and a financially stable village club. Doubling up as men's captain I also intend to make sure our men's and winter teams are as successful as they can be on court and importantly, those taking part enjoy their tennis.

I am pleased to be part of a well organised committee working on behalf of Wedmore Tennis Club and its members. Whilst we need more members to step forward and help us with the running of the club, I am pleased to say that we have a healthy number of volunteers carrying out an interesting variety of essential and interesting roles. There is a mix of personalities to ensure open debates take place regarding how our club should be run. We openly invite other members to join us, in particular anyone welcome to promote the club through social media and anyone with time and experience to keep the website up to date.

Moving forwards we are pleased Craig Phillips continues to be our club coach. He is a well-liked coach and a superb tennis player. He offers a variety of coaching programs to suit all ages and standards in group sessions or on a one-to-one basis, as well as holiday camps for juniors. If you are interested in learning from one of the best players in Somerset visit our website. www.webmoretennis.co.uk and have a good read through the coaching section. Coaching is available to members and non-members, and discounted coaching rates are offered to members.

We run various social sessions open to members of all standards. On a Wednesday and Thursday evening we have a turn up and play session from 6pm and the same from Saturday afternoons at 1pm. These sessions are open to any non-members who

want to come along and visit the club and may be considering joining. Non-members can play three times for £3 per session (£5 per couple), before being invited to join.

Now we are heading into summer we now have league tennis on Monday and Tuesday evenings. We have four men's teams taking part in the North Somerset Tennis league on a Monday evening and five ladies teams playing on a Tuesday evening. If you are an experienced tennis player and looking to play competitive tennis this may interest you. In addition, many of our players will arrange games at various times of the week and with five wonderful new courts and excellent facilities we welcome any potential new members to come along and meet us. If you are interested in joining please either visit our website www.wedmoretennis.co.uk for details or contact our membership secretary Liz Randle on tennisclubwedmore@gmail.com

Michael Gill, Chairman and Men's Captain, Wedmore Tennis Club

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

'April is the cruellest month' and many of the golfers returning from the Captains' Away Weekend or the Seniors Away Day would have agreed with T.S.Eliot, particularly given the wonderful weather earlier in the month. About 100 golfers decamped to St. Mellion in Cornwall to take on the feared Nicklaus course for the Captains' Weekend. Given the forecast of gale force winds and heavy rain many faced this prospect with trepidation but thanks to the hard work and panache of Captain Kev Osman and Ladies' Captain Gill Jones, combined with the organisational prowess of Heather Osman, most emerged if not triumphant then at least knowing they had enjoyed a fantastic weekend. Proceedings started with a gentle warm-up on the Kernow course. In a Four Ball Better Ball format, Helen Tanswell and Richard Ham took the honours and some people stayed not too wet if fairly cold.



Saturday was a test on the Nicklaus course, and players were grateful winds never quite reached the 50 mph level predicted. Playing for the Paul Plume trophies scores were not high but somebody has to win and in this case Trish Phelps won the Ladies' Cup and Tim Harris the men's prize. Those fit enough were back on the Kernow on Sunday for a Texas Scramble with Tim Harris in the prizes again, taking first place alongside Pru Witter and Keith Thomas.

The Seniors travelled to Peterstone Lakes in Cardiff for their Away Day and the day steadily grew wetter and colder. Despite this, spirits remained high, particularly for the prize winners. Dave Griffiths overcame the conditions to win the overall trophy on 34 points, just one better than Bobby Jones who won division 1 from Tom Hiscock and Ian Robson. John Vowles won division 2 on 32, ahead of Mike Nicholls and Peter Roberts whilst Graham Jones did best in division 3 ahead of Clive Warren-Smith and Phillip Springfield.

The Ladies stayed at home for their big event, the Spring Meeting. This comprises an individual Stableford, followed by a nine hole Bowmaker. Youth was to the fore in the Stableford, particularly in division 3 where the Webber Plate was won by Abi Moore with 42 points, with even younger Megan Wilde second on 38. Penny Oliver took third spot on 35. In division one there was a very close finish with Eunice Bond

claiming the Midgley Trophy with 36 points, just one better than Shirley Gooding who took second place on countback from Saybria Sims. Janis Lawrence was the clear winner of the Fry Cup in division 2. Her score of 35 points put her five ahead of second placed Judy Cutter with Hazel Gough third. In the afternoon Bowmaker there was another clear winner. The team of Sally Clifford, Judith Robinson and Pat Jeans amassed 41 points to win by 6 points.

The regular Medals and Stablefords took place as usual. In the Club Stableford, Stuart Bishop won division 1 with just 35 points on countback from Rich Vowles. There were two 38s in division 2 with David Poynor beating Jonathon Raeside on countback. Best scores came in division 3 with Liam Cann winning on 41 with Chris McKinley second on 39. There were a number of ladies playing with Alison Dodkin top scoring with 32 ahead of Ronnie Follenfant and Beth Williams. It was almost tropical for the Club Medal but scores were cool again. As always there were exceptions. Marcello di Mascio scored a nett 65, best of the day, to win division 2 by seven clear shots from Brian Webber. Ross Aitken was only a shot worse, his score of 66 was three better than runner-up John Wormald. Nobody was under par in division 3 with Tei Newman leading the way with 71. A tight finish in the Ladies division saw Ronnie Follenfant winning on countback from Saybria Sims, both scoring 78.

Conditions were miserable for the Ladies' Stableford, with half the field giving way to the sleet and wind. Annya Patten had the best score of the day by far, 35 points, winning division 1 by three from Maggie Morris. Ali Mantell won division 2 on countback with Carol Horsley and Heather Abrahams taking the other places. Penny Oliver won division 3 with 28 ahead of Esme Gulliver and Helen Tanswell. In the Ladies' Medal Eunice Bond won division 1 with the lowest score of the day, 75. Saybria Sims was two shots behind in second. A close finish in division 2 saw Aileen Robertson beat Hazel Gough on countback after both scored 76. Jennifer Fell was the winner of division 3 with 79, two better than second placed Alison Owen.

In the Seniors' Medal Philip McMahon recorded the best score of the day, nett 65, to win division 1 from Martin Olive and Gordon Kendall. John Viney took division 2 with a nett 67, two better than a group of four players on 69 with Keith Thomas and Roger Harding taking second and third on countback. Bill Witter won division 3 on 68, two better than both Francis Rabbits and Barrie Gardiner. In their April Stableford the outstanding score of the day came from Brian Pearce who scored 45 points to win division 3 by six points from Gordon Newbery whose 39 was actually second best of the day. There were close finishes in the other 2 divisions with Toni Ribí on 38 winning division 1 from Mike Garbutt and there was a four-way tie in division 3 with John Hogan taking first place on countback on 36 ahead of Mike Nicholls and Tei Newman.

The Avalon League started with the A team gaining a very creditable away draw at the Mendip. The B and C teams both find themselves in division 6 this season but started with contrasting results with the B team gaining a clean sweep against Mendip Spring but the C team going down 4 -1 against Orchardleigh.



Ladies' Captain Gill Jones on the left and Captain Kev Osman on the right around Texas Scramble winning team Tim Harris, Pru Witter and Keith Thomas following the Captain's Away Weekend



The prizewinners celebrating their successes at the Ladies' Spring Meeting

Tony Biggs

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

The outdoor green opened in the middle of April initially for practice sessions and friendly matches. Among the early friendlies were two games played against City of Wells. The men played at home in a game consisting of five triples but lost the match

70 shots to 86. T Collingwood, M Batchelor and R Barron secured Wedmore's only win, 15 - 9. The ladies also played at home, with their game consisting of three rinks. They did much better winning two rinks from three and taking the game by 51 - 42. Pat Jenkins, Julie Collins, Joan Hunt and Pam Beard top scored, 20 - 10.

Other friendlies included a mixed match away to Clevedon Prom which comprised two rinks and two triples. Wedmore won three of these and took the game by an impressive 91 - 43. D Skelton, S Young, D Trow and R Newell were the top scorers, 31 - 7. In a mixed game at home to North Petherton, Wedmore won three from four rinks taking the game by a comfortable 71-28. N Fowler, Caroline Ladd, B Cottrell and R Hughes recorded the biggest win, 22 - 5. A mixed Wedmore team travelled to Wrington to play on their carpet surface in difficult windy conditions. Wedmore lost the game by 32 - 56 but won one of the three rinks played. S Wilkinson, Ann-Marie Wilkinson, T Shepherd and T Simpson were 1 -10 down after six ends but managed to win eight from the remaining 10 ends to take the game by 15 - 10. The ladies had an encouraging game in a friendly at home to Yatton. They won all three rinks finishing with a combined score of 46 - 30. Margaret Davies, Caroline Ladd, Trish Newell and Jenny Collingwood took an early lead of 9-1 after six ends and top scored 15 - 10.

The men have started their games in the Weston & District over 60s league. In their first match, away at Clarence Blues, they lost the game but managed a win on two of the six rinks. Away at Clevedon Prom, the rinks were shared three each but Wedmore lost overall by a close 97-105. B Back, C Panchaud and T Brown won nine of the 18 ends and took the win by 20 - 14 thanks to scoring a 6 on end 12. League play will start in earnest in May with both the ladies and men playing in three different leagues. Friendly games also continue and play will start in club competitions. If you are interested in trying bowling for free contact Keith Pettit on 01934 733237 or Sandra Moss on 01934 710699. Trial sessions can be arranged at a time to suit you and bowls and shoes are available.

Sandra Moss

Wedmore Cricket Club

Wedmore Cricket Club is a very friendly social club that welcomes all ages and abilities. Although the season has now begun we always welcome new people to the club who wish to play in league cricket / train with the club / or just watch and use the new pavilion facilities completed for the start of this cricket season



**Wedmore
Cricket Club**

Our First and Second X1 Senior teams play in the Somerset Cricket League on Saturdays throughout the summer (home games are on the Playing Fields, Wedmore, Blackford Road).

There is also a Friendly Sunday side and a Midweek Twenty 20 side that play throughout the cricket season.

Wedmore CC caters for all junior ages - we have Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 1's and Under 15s and also a Ladies' side (started up this year).

All sides have nets and train throughout the winter and summer months.

Please find contacts below should you want more details

Senior Sides Contact - Bob Burgess 07748 301081
 robert.burgess@integrity-print.com

Junior Sides Contact - Chaz Maguire 07973 810786
 chazmaguire@btinternet.com

Ladies' and Girls' Sides - Nicki Maguire 07867 527996
 njmaguire@hotmail.co.uk

Fixtures for June

First Team

1 June Hardington	Home
8 June Wellington	Away
15 June Leigh on Mendip	Home
22 June Street	Away
29 June Trull 2nds	Home

Second Team

1 June Mark	Away
2 June Lydford 2nds	Home
8 June Mark	Home
15 June Weston 5ths	Away
22 June Peasdown 2nd	Home
29 June Peasdown 2nd	Away

Church News

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 18 June, 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.



Parish Registers

Baptisms

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

Cora Taylor, daughter of Gareth and Lara Taylor of Weston-super-Mare, who was baptised on Sunday 28 April 2019 at St Mary's.

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Geoff Windsor of Wedmore who died on 24 March aged 72 and whose funeral took place at St Mary's church on 12th April.

Weddings and Christenings

The church has been the venue for celebrating many of the great events in people's lives over the centuries and still today people choose to celebrate life's happy occasions in church. It helps root our own lives in a wider sphere of being.

Anyone who lives within the villages served by Christchurch Theale, St Mary's Wedmore, Allerton Church and Holy Trinity Blackford, or who used to live here or who have parents living here are entitled to be married in one of these churches

whether you come regularly to church or not and whether you have been christened yourself or not. It is also possible for those who have been divorced to be married again in church although some discussion is needed beforehand in these cases.

Anyone bringing their children for christening will be most welcome, whether or not they themselves attend church.

If you are thinking about getting married or want to find out more about a christening the Revd Richard Neill would be happy to talk with you and explain a bit more.

www.yourchurchwedding.org

www.churchofenglandchristenings.org

Confirmation Service

At a confirmation adults and teenagers affirm the promises made on their behalf at their baptisms, promise to follow Jesus, take their places as adult members of the church family and are blessed with the Holy Spirit through the bishop. It is often the moment when people formally come of age in their faith and it is always very moving and an important moment in their lives.

This year's confirmation service will be in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 9 November in the afternoon. If you are interested in finding out more, then please let the vicar know and come to a preliminary meeting at The Vicarage on Tuesday 9 July at 7.30 p.m. Confirmation classes will begin in September.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, together with leaders of many others churches in our country, are calling on churches to spend time praying for their communities and for our nation during May. As part of this, churches on the Isle of Wedmore and across the Cheddar Valley will be open from Thursday 30 May until Sunday 9 June and putting on some interactive prayer tables and installations. So, please do feel free to pop in and experience any or all of these during this time.

Following a successful walking pilgrimage to Wells from Cheddar last year we will be repeating this on Saturday 1 June. Beginning from Cheddar Baptist Church at 8.30 am, with a short service, members of churches from across the Cheddar Valley, with anyone who wants to join us, will come together to walk up to Priddy for a short service and picnic before continuing down through Ebbor Gorge to the Bishop's Palace where we will finish with a short act of worship around the famous wells. It will be an opportunity for people to walk together, talk together and be pilgrims together. All are welcome (dogs as well). Look out for further information in our churches. Please speak to the vicar if you want to know more.

Thursday 30 May is when Christians remember Jesus ascending to God the Father after his resurrection (Ascension Day) and Sunday 9 May this year is Pentecost when Jesus' Disciples experienced God's spirit in a special way; so the time in between is often thought of as a waiting time and so is an appropriate time to spend in special prayer.

If you want to find out more visit - www.thykingdomcome.global

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Holy Communion is celebrated most weeks on Wednesday morning at 9.45 am

Sunday	2	Easter 7	10.30 am	Café Church
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	9	Pentecost	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week (Taizé style)
Sunday	16	Trinity Sunday		No morning service
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	23	Trinity 1	8.00 am	BCP Communion
			10.30 am	Morning Praise
Sunday	30	Trinity 2	10.30 am	Benefice Communion

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	2	Easter 7	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	Pentecost	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	16	Trinity Sunday	9.00 am	Patronal Communion
Sunday	23	Trinity 1	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	2	Easter 7	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	9	Pentecost	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	16	Trinity Sunday		No service
Sunday	23	Trinity 1	11.00 am	Morning Praise

Allerton Church

Sunday	2	Easter 7	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	9	Pentecost	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	16	Trinity Sunday		No service
Sunday	23	Trinity 1	9.00 am	Parish Communion

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

Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30am - Morning service. We have groups for tots to teens, and a lovely playroom for restless little ones where you can still see and hear the service. Communion will be shared on 2 June.

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon 'Coffee with a View.' Come for coffee / tea and home-made cakes, a wonderful view and warm welcome for all. No charge, come relax and meet friends old and new. We have good parking and wheelchair access.

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

Thursday 6 June 7.30pm - 9pm Prayer Meeting. All welcome.

Friday 7 June – Men’s night at The Panborough

Sunday 9 June 6pm - Ladies meet for fellowship, prayer and worship.

For further details, please ring (01934) 710779 / 712812, email contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Sunday	2	June	10.30 am	Barry Speddings
Sunday	9	June	10.30 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday	16	June	10.30 am	Moira Cowell, Family Service
Sunday	23	June	10.30 am	Rob Haskins
Sunday	30	June	10.30 am	Rev Joh James, Holy Communion.

A friendly ‘Coffee for All’ will be held in the Methodist Schoolroom on Friday 21 June commencing at 10.30 am and probably finishing around 12 noon. This will be a monthly event to be held on the third Friday of each month.

Crickham Baptist Church

Sunday Services:	6.30 pm
Sunday School:	10.30 am

Contact *Dulcie Hooper* 712187.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar

Contact *Father Philip Thomas* - telephone 709244.

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

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.

Wedmore Community Bus

The Wedmore Community Bus is available for everyone, travelling to Taunton (Tuesdays), Bridgwater (Wednesdays), Weston-super-Mare (Thursdays) and Street (Fridays).

The service acts less like a bus and more like a personal taxi service. You get on and off wherever you tell us is the most convenient place - usually outside your own house. Travel is free if you have a current bus pass. If you have to pay, then fares compare very favourably with alternative forms of transport, saving money on fuel and parking. For example, the 50-mile round trip to Taunton is only £4.80.

The bus departs from Wedmore at 9.30 am and is back by early afternoon - leaving plenty of time for those needing to collect children from school. To book a seat, ring the friendly controller between 6.00 pm and 6.30 pm on the evening before your journey:

Controller Taunton	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Bridgwater	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Weston super Mare	Carol Ayliffe	713471
Controller Street	Carol Ayliffe	713471

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



Wedmore Street Fair – 2019 Booking Form

C/O Gareth Gosling, Applewood, Mutton Lane, Wedmore BS28 4DS
or gareth.gosling@btinternet.com.

I/we would like to book a stall at Wedmore Street Fair on Saturday 6 July 2019.
Charities £17, local groups & societies £22 , commercial stalls £40.

I do/ do not require a table at an additional £3.

Name: _____

Organisation / or type of stall:

Address: _____

Tel no: _____

Email address (obligatory):

for receipt & stall details:

I enclose a cheque for: £ _____

made payable to Wedmore Street Fair or BACS to WSF account:

Sort code 30 91 84 Account Number 24297168.

Signed: _____

Crossword 26 Answers

Across: 8. Vagabond 9. Animal 10. Lap up 11. Tapeworm 12. Encroach
14. Pamper 15. Fees 17. Wives 18. Miss 19. Muesli 21. Cupidity 24. Bastille
26. Relic 27. Boxers 28. Answered

Down: 1. Marlin 2. Vampires 3. Hoopla 4. Edit 5. Bagpipes 6. Wigwam
7. Hairless 13. Havoc 16. Educator 17. Whiplash 18. Modelled 20. Settee
22. Peruse 23. Ticket 25. Exam

What's On in the Parish

June 2019

1 - Sat	Vintage and Antiques Fair St Mary's Fairtrade Coffee Shop	9.30am - 4pm 9.30 - 12 noon	Borough Yard St Mary's Church
3 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group Green Wedmore - speaker Jake Taylor SCC Trails Officer Wedmore Bridge Club	9.30am 8.00pm 6.45pm	The Scout Hut The Swan Masonic Hall
4 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers	10.30 - 2.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The George
5 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
8 - Sat	Farmers Market Wedmore in Bloom working party St Mary's Strawberry Fair	9.30am - 1pm 9.30am 2.30 - 5.30pm	The Borough Yard outside The George St Mary's Church
9 - Sun	Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30am	Blackford VH
10 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group Wedmore Bridge Club	9.30am 6.45pm	The Scout Hut Masonic Hall
11 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
12 - Wed	Probus talk on "The Evolution of the Aircraft Carrier" Blackford Cafe	10.15am 2.00 - 4.00pm	Wedmore Golf Club Blackford VH
14 - Fri	The Tea Set Mr Punch's Folk Club - special guests "The Willbees"	3.00 - 4.30pm 8.00pm	St Mary's Church The Panborough Inn
15 - Sat	Theale Community Cafe	10am - 12noon	Theale VH
16 - Sun	40/30 Cycle Ride Theale Film Club "The Old Man and the Gun"	 6.30pm	Wedmore playing fields Theale VH
17 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group Wedmore Bridge Club	9.30am 6.45pm	The Scout Hut Masonic Hall
18 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers	10.30 - 2.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The George
19 - Wed	Club50 coach trip to Cirencester Camelot Quilters Parish Council Meeting	9.15am 10.00am 7.30pm	Cheddar Rd car park Wedmore VH
20 - Thurs	Wedmore WI talk by Gyn Jones Wedmore Operagoers trip to see Hobson's Choice	7.30pm	Masonic Hall Birmingham
21 - Fri	Wedmore Methodist Church coffee morning Bristol Old Vic Theatre School presents Canterbury Tales	10.30am	Methodist Church Wedmore VH
22 - Sat	Wedmore Opera Goers trip to Romeo and Juliet		Cardiff
24 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group Wedmore Bridge Club	9.30am 6.45pm	The Scout Hut Masonic Hall

25 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Gardening club trip to RHS Rosemoor Wedmore Young Farmers	10.30 - 2.30pm 9.15am 7.30pm	Wedmore VH Cheddar Rd car park The George
26 - Wed	Probus talk on SS Great Britain Wedmore Harvest Home committee meeting	10.15am 8.00pm	Wedmore Golf Club The George
28 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)	9.15am + 8.00pm	Blackford VH	Lisa	07977 415799
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 + 8.00pm	Blackford VH	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	07775 682231

WEDNESDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Lisa	As above
Rainbows	4.30pm	Wedmore VH +	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Brownies	6.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Guides	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
Yoga	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686
PilogaFit	10.30-11.30	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	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