

An aerial photograph of a village, likely Wedmore, showing a dense cluster of stone buildings with red-tiled roofs. The buildings are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with a street running through the center. In the foreground, there is a large green tree and a grassy area. In the background, there are rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. The text 'ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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# Editorial

Dear Readers

Welcome to the May Edition, number 506.

Sadly, my wish from last month's Editorial that a solution be found in Ukraine didn't come to pass, so I can only hope that some semblance of peace can be restored there before this drops through your letterbox.

May looks like being an absolutely packed month here, so I am pleased to present the full details of an eclectic mix of coffee mornings, tower tours, the Wedmore Arts Festival, making jubilee bunting, AGMs, sun awareness week, folk evenings, film nights and the chance to play both cricket and bowls. Oh, and it's also time to buy your Harvest Home lunch and tea tickets.

So I had better not take up any more space by waffling on, it just remains for me to thank everyone who contributed towards this Edition in any way, shape or form. Happy reading.

*Bill*

## Front Cover

If you are climbing to the top of St Mary's Church Tower on 2 May, the village will probably look a bit different than it does in this photo from 2018 taken by Stuart Fisher. We would love to see some 2022 photos showing the new houses.

*Liz Sweeney*

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# News

## Parish Council Business

After reading the Isle of Wedmore News for the vast majority of my life, it feels a little surreal to now be writing as Clerk of the Parish Council.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the messages of support and warm welcome. Thanks also must go to Rod, for his help and support in guiding me through my first weeks. With elections taking place in the coming days, I am looking forward to new beginnings and really hopeful that the good work that the Parish Council have done thus far is continued with gusto.

With spring and new beginnings in mind, I would ask you to take a look at the new website which is full of helpful information about the Parish, with the aim to only continue to develop it more over the coming weeks and months. You can find it at [www.wedmore-pc.gov.uk/](http://www.wedmore-pc.gov.uk/)

Alongside the website we are going to become more present on social media, offering up-to-date information, details of local events and providing a platform to showcase how the Parish Council are active in the community. Please give the page a like and follow, you will find it by typing 'Wedmore Parish Council' in the Facebook search bar. Finally if you would like to get in touch with the Parish Council you can email [clerk@wedmore-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wedmore-pc.gov.uk)

'Phew, it wasn't as bad as I thought!'

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## Plants, Craft and Coffee Morning for Cancer Research UK – Easter Monday 2 May

A Coffee Morning with all proceeds to Cancer Research UK will be held at Stook House Farm, Littlemoor Road, Mark, Highbridge TA9 4NL (2 miles from Mark Church – sign on gate) on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May 10 am – 12 noon. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, property next to River Yeo. Entrance £2.50 for coffee / tea and cake. Plants, cakes, craft, raffle, tea and coffee. If you are kind enough to donate a cake for us to sell, could you please include a basic list of ingredients (eg. flour, eggs, sugar) to keep in line with current regulations? Thank you.

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Picture them: Charles Dance next to Henry VIII, the Brandon Hill Chamber Orchestra with the Mendip Morris Dancers, a bunch of shanty-singing sailors competing with the lilt of haunting harp strings, a doctor, a pianist, a rock'n'roller, a drama queen... and a king long buried in a car park.

In short, the stage is set (and swept!) for the Wedmore Arts Festival which starts on Saturday 7 May.

Tickets available now:

from Wedmore Village Store or online at [www.wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk)

- Ready, Get Set, Go!

## Isabel Lee

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Isabel Lee will be held in St Mary's Church at 3.00 pm on Saturday 14 May.

Born in Wedmore, Isabel was involved with so many organisations throughout her life until ill health necessitated a move into a nursing home away from Wedmore and nearer family. Isabel sadly passed away during the pandemic, so this is the perfect opportunity to commemorate her long life and remember her huge contribution to village life.

Everyone will be most welcome at this service and Isabel's family also invite you to meet them for refreshments at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club afterwards.

In order to assist with catering arrangements it would be appreciated if you would please contact Lisbeth Bull on 712742 (acting on the family's behalf) if you are able to join them, if possible by 3 May.

This offers the perfect opportunity to reminisce and remember Isabel.

## Christchurch, Theale's APCM (AGM) – Tuesday 17 May

7 for 7.30 pm in Theale Village Hall. All welcome, wine and nibbles.

## Wedmore WI – Wednesday 18 May

7 - 9pm Masonic Hall - AGM and Ice Breaker.

## Theale Community Café – Saturday 21 May

Usual stalls and raffle with Plant Sale 10 am to 12 noon, in and around Theale Village Hall.

## Margaret Hodge Memorial Service – 28 May

The family invite all friends of the late Margaret (Maggie) Hodge of Mill Lane, Wedmore to a Memorial Service to be conducted by the Reverend Richard Neill at St Mary's Church on 28 May at 12.00 noon. It will be followed by a gathering at the Village Hall for refreshments provided by Kate Isgar and local helpers.

## Wedmore Village Hall – Coffee Morning in Aid of Ukraine

We would like to thank all involved in helping to raise just over £400 for Ukraine at the coffee morning run by the Village Hall Committee in early April. Particular thanks to the lovely lady helpers from the Tuesday Club who produced endless mugs of coffee, to the Guides selling cakes, books and jigsaws and to all the local people who produced so many wonderful cakes that sold so quickly!

Thank you all.

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## Thank You to Eric and Joy!

Eric and Joy Bobbett most certainly deserve a Gold Medal from the IOW News and its readers.

Every month for the last 36 years they have delivered over 100 copies of our magazine to all the residents along the lanes from Bagley to Sand.

Sadly for us they have decided to let someone else take over their round.

If you would like to take it on please contact me.

Meanwhile a massive thank you very very much for your commitment delivering the magazine to everyone around you...you will be hard to replace!

Wishing you a Happy Retirement

Glenys Cousins.... and the IOW News Team.



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## IOW News Distributors ... Could You Help?

The arrival of this copy of your IOW News into your letter box is thanks to a team of local people who between them deliver 1800 copies of our magazine to almost every house in Wedmore and its surrounding areas.

Eventually people move on to other things and then we quickly need to find another person to cover the round.

In order to achieve this we keep a list of anyone who might be interested in having a delivery round. At the moment we have a waiting list with just one person hoping to take on a round. Everyone else interested has been allocated one.

Distributors receive a payment for their effort. The amount varies depending on the number of magazines they deliver. From £10 per month for rounds less than 50 to £20 for rounds over 200. The majority receive £15 for a number of copies in between.

If you would like to put your name on our new list of people interested in taking on a round, please email or phone me with your name, contact phone number and if possible an email address. I will then get back to you with further details.

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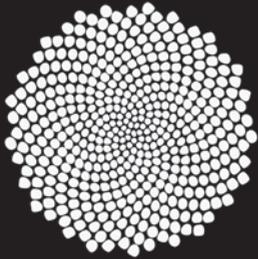
I look forward to hearing from you.

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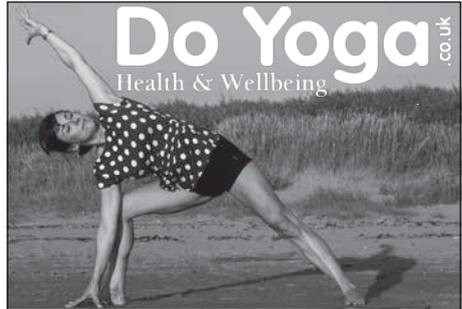
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## Maisie's Lemonade

Maisie Woodward decided she wanted to raise money for Ukraine after being so shocked at the images of families having to flee their homes. She decided to make some homemade lemonade and stood outside her house in Saxon Way all Sunday afternoon selling a cup for 50p. Luckily the sun shone so there were plenty of thirsty locals to keep her busy. She'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone that stopped, chatted and bought her lemonade and all the extra donations that were made. Everyone was so friendly and generous and she made a very impressive £60 which has gone to the Red Cross for their efforts in Ukraine.



## Wedmore Good Neighbours – How Can We Help You

The Wedmore Good Neighbours Group is now relatively well established and supporting a steady stream of people in the local community with a wide variety of 'neighbourly' requests.

As you might expect most calls continue to be from people needing transport for medical appointments or visiting a vaccination centre. Now that lockdown restrictions have eased we're also providing lifts to local club and society meetings. We're pleased to report that feedback from those using the service has been extremely positive. 'Everyone has been so lovely, it's like having a friend take you' being a good example.

Our volunteers are also available to help in a number of other ways. Maybe you need some light work doing in the garden? Or someone to do a few days dog walking if you are unwell? Got some rubbish that needs taking to the local recycling centre – we can probably manage that too. Perhaps you are unable to get out of the house for some reason but need something from the local shops or chemist?

Volunteers can also help with writing letters and filling forms, including assisting with simple tasks that need completing online. Last but not least you might just want some company over a cuppa? The group can handle a wide variety of requests – but occasionally has to decline simply because the insurance policy does not cover every circumstance.

Whatever your request please call 01934 806299 and leave a message - a volunteer will reply within 24 hours. Please note that we're not part of social services, or an emergency service...we're just good neighbours!

Wedmore Good Neighbours is operated by volunteers and has received some start-up funding from Sedgemoor District Council and the Somerset Community Foundation. It's free to use but the group does have running costs – insurance, petrol expenses, as well as vetting and training of volunteers. So, if you do use the service and want to make a small donation, this is always very welcome!

If you'd like more detailed information about the group and how it operates visit the Wedmore Health and Wellbeing website – [www.whawb.co.uk/gns/](http://www.whawb.co.uk/gns/)



## Our Health and Wellbeing

In consultation with Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice and with the support of Wedmore Parish Council here is this month's item relating to our health and wellbeing.

### Walking in warmth in May?

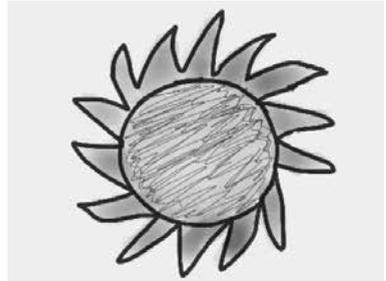
May is National Walking Month. We are lucky to have beautiful countryside around us to walk in and we have a booklet available with suggestions for walks around Wedmore. You can download a copy of 'Walks around Wedmore' from the Isle of Wedmore website.



According to the NHS, walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get more active, lose weight and become healthier. Sometimes overlooked as a form of exercise, walking briskly can help you build stamina, burn excess calories and make your heart healthier. You do not have to walk for hours. A brisk 10-minute daily walk has lots of health benefits and counts towards your recommended 150 minutes of weekly exercise. For guidance on how much exercise and what type is good for us and for all age groups and abilities, as well as useful apps and support, go to the NHS website 'Live well' section.

### Sun Awareness Week

Feeling the warmth on our faces can be so soothing after the long, cold, wet winter months. However, there is often a need for caution when it comes to things which feel good! And so it's Sun Awareness Week from Monday 2 to Sunday 8 May. The British Association of Dermatologists advise that you don't have to avoid the sun all year, but taking a few steps when out and about in the summer sun will help to protect you from sunburn and the risk of skin cancer.



- Protect the skin with clothing, including a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses.
- Spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm when it's sunny.
- Use a 'high protection' sunscreen of at least SPF 30 which also has high UVA protection, and make sure you apply it generously and frequently when in the sun.
- Keep babies and young children out of direct sunlight.
- Sunscreens should not be used as an alternative to clothing and shade, rather they offer additional protection. No sunscreen will provide 100% protection.
- For more information go to British Association of Dermatologists website.

The NHS website also has useful information, including pictures, to help you check out any moles you may have. Search for NHS- moles.

There is also a useful App to help assess skin marks and moles – 'MoleCare'. Whilst it is helpful and free it is not under the auspices of the NHS.

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### **Global Hand Hygiene Day**

And the final awareness day of the month of May is Global Hand Hygiene Day on 5 May, but I'm sure we have had enough reminders of hand hygiene in the last two years! Suffice to say, that the advice about washing our hands frequently and thoroughly has never been more important than in the recent past. Clean hands will continue to be important, not just on 5 May, but every day thereafter!

For easy links to all the websites mentioned please go to our own Health & Wellbeing website [www.whawb.co.uk](http://www.whawb.co.uk) and go to the Wedmore News item for May 2022.

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### **The Great Jubilee Bunting Bee**

Join the community project to transform the Borough in preparation for the Queen's Jubilee weekend by creating your own length of beautiful bunting.



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If you would like to get involved please collect an info pack from The Cottage Gallery or via email on [wedmorejubilee@gmail.com](mailto:wedmorejubilee@gmail.com).

All bunting should be completed by 22 May.

### **Peter Small Memorial Charity Garden Party**

A date for your diary.....

You are invited to join us for a delicious cream tea, scones, cake and glass of fizz for a donation of £10 in aid of Weston HospiceCare on Saturday June 11 (Peter's birthday) from 2 to 5 pm at Highbury Barn, West Stoughton, BS28 4PW.

Tombola prizes welcome.

Hope you are able to come along and enjoy the afternoon with us in support our amazing local hospice.

We, the Small family, never imagined having to become involved with the hospice, but there they were in our hour of need ready to care and support us in every way imaginable.

Tickets are available from either Matty Small 01934 712108 or Holly Cole 01934 713392. Looking forward to seeing you.

### **Easter Cakesgate**

Those of you who tried to make Hazel Hudson's famous Wedmore Easter Cakes, using the recipe in the village 'Close to Home' cookbook, may have been disappointed by the result!



Despite infinite care to edit out glitches, and though the instructions called for beaten eggs to be added, there were no eggs in the list of ingredients. Needless to say, this error was not Hazel's.

These lovely village cookbooks are for sale at The Cottage Gallery or direct from me - just £7

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David Hopkins 07984 924432

## **Blackford Village Hall**

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*A recent flower arranging event*

## **New Wedmore Surgery**

Would you like to hear more about the proposals for a new, replacement Doctors' Surgery in Wedmore? If you would, please come along to the Masonic Hall on either

Friday 27 May (6.30pm to 9pm), or

Saturday 28 May (9.30am to 1pm)

There are now three sites which have been suggested, all of which have both advantages and disadvantages. This is your opportunity to discuss the ideas with members of the Project Team and Trustees of the Health Fund prior to the selection of a preferred site.

*Alan Benson,  
Chairman of the Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund.*



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## Art Can Awaken the Child Within

‘When I stand in front of a canvas, I never know what I’m going to do – and nobody is more surprised than I at what comes out.’ - Joan Miro (1893 to 1983).

Like most doting grandparents our home has always been a private gallery of our talented grandchildren’s artwork, starting with their earliest scribbles to the latest renditions of their favourite cartoon character and so on. As a retired teacher I still smile as I watch the stages in the development of their art form as it progresses from seemingly unconscious play with shapes, colour and texture, toward more life-like paintings of objects and nature.



When my first grandson was only three years old, we went on a week’s holiday with all the family to Mallorca, and if you have been to there and like modern art, then the chances are you will have visited the gallery of the celebrated Catalan artist Joan Miro in Palma. We are a family of art lovers, so it was required we take our grandson for his first major visit to an adult art gallery.

Fortunately, there were very few people in the gallery at the time of our visit, because as soon as my grandson entered, he was possessed by such joy and sheer delight at the child-like abstract surrealism that is Miro’s style. He began to run from one large canvas to another; from one room to the next, apparently absorbed in the colour and freedom of Miro’s work. He would squeal with excitement in front of each one, and we were left speechless. To an adult, Miro’s paintings can seem juvenile and unsophisticated, but my grandson thought they were sublime.

A gallery attendant appeared from around one corner, and we began to apologise profusely for our grandson’s obvious noisy enthusiasm, and she simply smiled and reassured us she was used to it, explaining that every day she saw the same reaction from young children when they visited.

‘It is the child in Miro’s art that awakens the unconscious child within us all.’ She smiled as we all considered the simple profundity of what we were witnessing.

Several years later I called into a municipal recycling shop in Hampshire looking for second hand picture frames for my wife, who is an artist, and I noticed a large dusty picture partially hidden behind some furniture in the corner. I pulled it out and instantly recognised the artist. I asked the shop keeper how much he wanted for the frame and the grand price of ten pounds was agreed. I took it home, cleaned it off and googled the picture and sure enough, it was a limited edition, signed lithograph by Miro worth a lot more than what I paid. I put the painting in a place of honour, next to the artwork by my grandson in my office and I use it to daydream for inspiration.

The next day my grandson, now aged 8, arrived in my office and saw the new Miro.

‘Did I paint that?’ he enquired excitedly.

‘No, I replied. ‘But you could!’

Joan Miró was among the first artists to develop automatic drawing as a way to undo previous established techniques in painting, and thus, with André Masson, represented the beginning of Surrealism as an art movement. However, Miró chose not to become an official member of the Surrealists to be free to experiment with other artistic styles without compromising his position within the group. He pursued

his own interests in the art world, ranging from automatic drawing and surrealism, to expressionism, Lyrical Abstraction, and Colour Field painting. Four-dimensional painting was a theoretical type of painting Miró proposed in which painting would transcend its two-dimensionality and even the three-dimensionality of sculpture.

Miró's oft-quoted interest in the assassination of painting is derived from a dislike of bourgeois art, which he believed was used as a way to promote propaganda and cultural identity among the wealthy. Specifically, Miró responded to Cubism in this way, which by the time of his quote had become an established art form in France. He is quoted as saying 'I will break their guitar,' referring to Picasso's paintings, with the intent to attack the popularity and appropriation of Picasso's art by politics.

The spectacle of the sky overwhelms me. I'm overwhelmed when I see, in an immense sky, the crescent of the moon, or the sun. There, in my pictures, tiny forms in huge empty spaces. Empty spaces, empty horizons, empty plains – everything which is bare has always greatly impressed me. —Joan Miró, 1958, quoted in Twentieth-Century Artists on Art.

In an interview with biographer Walter Erben, Miró expressed his dislike for art critics, saying, they 'are more concerned with being philosophers than anything else. They form a preconceived opinion, then they look at the work of art. Painting merely serves as a cloak in which to wrap their emaciated philosophical systems.'

In the final decades of his life Miró accelerated his work in different media, producing hundreds of ceramics, including the Wall of the Moon and Wall of the Sun at the UNESCO building in Paris. He also made temporary window paintings (on glass) for an exhibit. In the last years of his life Miró wrote his most radical and least known ideas, exploring the possibilities of gas sculpture and four-dimensional painting.

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## Wedmore Harvest Home Lunch and Tea Tickets

Lunch and Tea Tickets are now available to buy from Arthur Gadd on 01934713063 or 07527488531.

Prices are: Tea £4 each for Adult and Child. Lunch £30 for over 16s, all you can eat, as well as beer, cider and wine. We are reserving tables again this year for parties of eight or more for lunch, so give me a call for more information. Please remember we have changed our day to Saturday this year, 20 August. Let's make it a year to remember.



*Arthur Gadd, Ticket Convenor*

## On the Table, Behind the Cross

As I plonked the huge silver cross onto the altar table, I felt for the first time this year, beads of perspiration running down my forehead.

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The recent warm spell, along with the other little signs, like primroses, daisies and violets in the church yard, had seemed to me like the opening bars of the symphony of summer.

At this time of year winter clothing is not conducive to humping heavy metal objects around at speed, so why was I doing this, you might ask?

I was preparing to lead a party of school children on a tour of the church.

Having watched our Vicar do the same a week before, I had spent the last hour working myself into a frenzy to ensure that everything was ‘all singing and all dancing’ when the children arrived.

My hope, indeed, the earnest desire of my heart, was to deliver something half as good as the one I had seen my trainer, my mentor and my friend lead just seven days before.

The lights were on, the candles lit, the baptism jug had been filled, the font was ready and certain objects of interest had been planted in strategic places, all ready for the children to experience a place of worship at its best.

As I awaited their arrival, the soft strains of an angelic heavenly choir played out excerpts of Handel’s Messiah through the speakers, I thought for a moment that I had died and gone to heaven.

But suddenly I was snatched back from heaven’s gate, the sound of angelic voices disappearing into silence; I couldn’t feel my keys in my trouser pocket. I quickly hurried back to the vestry checking my bag and jacket, cupboards, draws, and anywhere that I might have put them down. All drew a blank.

I began to panic. I don’t know about you, but I always feel somewhat vulnerable without either my keys or my wallet or my phone. As a priest, I know I should be holier and calmer, as such trifling earthly matters should be somewhat beneath me, but they aren’t.

And it was into this panicked and vulnerable state, that the distant muffled sound of tiny footsteps could be heard, closely followed by the chatter of young voices. And for the next hour I was going to have to put all thoughts about the whereabouts of my keys to the back of my mind.

Surprisingly, this was easier than I imagined, with the children fascinated by the many sights, sounds and objects around them. They loved the water being poured into the font and some of them even marvelled at finding their own name in the baptism book!

They loved climbing into the pulpit and looking with profound amazement at the many colourful vestments that priests wear. In particular, my white ordination stole, with its Ken Dodd and Diddy Man motif. How tickled they were!

And as we gathered under the high altar, where I had placed the communion set for the children to see, I was hit with an avalanche of questions, which ranged from: ‘Does God sleep?’ and ‘Was Jesus ‘cross’ on the cross?’ to the slightly more challenging, ‘Will my rabbit go to heaven?’

The whole experience left me profoundly encouraged about the spiritual and moral software that children possess, and that their teachers were actively encouraging them to explore the bigger questions of life.

Signalling that there was time for one final question, a small boy stuck his hand up, ‘How does Jesus use these on a Sunday?’

It was in that moment that I noticed what he was holding – my keys! When I enquired where he had found them, he said, ‘On the table, behind the cross.’

As he said those words the voices of the heavenly choir playing through the speakers, resumed out of the silence. It was as if the balance of the world had been restored.

*\*In the April issue of the IOWN (505) in the article entitled ‘The green UPVC door mystery’, reference was made to someone called ‘Colin Ferguson’. The writer wishes to clarify that this person was entirely fictitious, with the name chosen at random, and is in no way, connected to a person of the same name who has lived on the Isle of Wedmore for several years.*

Rev. Sam Healey,  
Curate for the Isle of Wedmore Benefice

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## Coming Soon

### Big Jubilee Lunch at Wedmore – Sunday 5 June

The Borough will be closed between 12 and 4pm on Sunday 5 June for everyone to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee with a picnic, a pizza and your winning pudding, obviously! Sunshine is booked for the day. As are tables and chairs, but if you have your own portable tables, chairs, picnic baskets then please polish them up so they are fit for a queen and join the lunch.

Our Queen is the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee so that must be a good reason for a party! Four days of celebrations are planned throughout Wedmore culminating in the Big Lunch in The Borough. We’re aiming for a good old-fashioned feel and welcome all ideas to help the celebration go with a swing.



#### And we need your help!

Do you know local residents who may have stories, photographs or memorabilia from the Coronation? We’re hoping that some of you will have memories of the actual day that you are willing to share. A lady was telling me that she was only three years old and she clearly recalls being bought a new stripey dress especially for the day! We are aiming to make new memories for three-year-olds of today and we would love to take the opportunity to share those old memories too. If you can help, please either give me a call, Jan - 01934 712617 or email [wedmorejubilee@gmail.com](mailto:wedmorejubilee@gmail.com)

### Wedmore Street Fayre – Saturday 2 July

#### Wedmore’s One Armed Bandit, The Return – Saturday 2 July

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## Wedmore Harvest Home – Saturday 20 August

We are pleased to announce that this year's event will be held on Saturday 20 August 2022.

The event will follow its usual course. It will begin with the traditional harvest service in The Borough, followed by crowning of the King, Queen, Prince and Princess. Then moving on to our procession of fancy dress (don't forget the dogs and horses), floats and classic vehicles which will then move around the village towards the playing fields. This is followed by a harvest lunch for adults (16+), live music from 3pm, children's tea and entertainment from 4pm, and evening of live music and dancing from 8pm.



Ticket prices will be as follows:

- Lunch: The traditional all you can eat main course, including meats and salads, dessert / cheese and biscuits with wine, beer and cider included - £30 per person
- Children's Tea: £4 per person in advance, £5 per person on the door.
- Evening Tickets: Headline act is The Leylines with supporting bands and DJ - £15 per person.

Please contact Arthur Gadd – 713063 - for ticket enquiries.

The well-stocked bar will be open all day serving beers, wine, soft drinks and spirits. This year we hope to have contactless card payment systems at both the caravan and the bar. We will also be accepting cash.

We are also pleased to announce that our new website is now live! All information will be kept up to date so keep an eye out for updates.

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We also have our instagram account, follow us @wedmoreharvesthome

We look forward to seeing you all there!!!

Tom and The Harvest Home Committee

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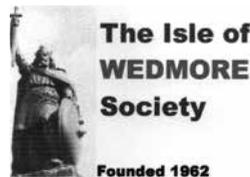
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# Club Reports and Society Updates

## Isle of Wedmore Society – Report of 24 March Meeting

A rather small turnout for our March meeting on 24 March, to hear Dawn Lawrence, who has been connected with the Born Free Foundation, telling us about the background to its work. The Foundation was founded in 1966 when Virginia McKenna OBE and her husband, Bill Travers, actor and wildlife photographer, starred in the classic film 'Born Free.' The film was about the raising of a female lion cub in the 1950s, from the wild in Kenya and its eventual return when grown back to the wild, the first time this had ever occurred with such an animal.



The Foundation is now an international wildlife charity that campaigns to keep wildlife in the wild, to rescue wild animals in need and is opposed to the keeping of exotic animals as pets and to the killing of any animal for sport or pleasure. We were asked to appreciate that we now 'have a chance to rescue imperilled wildlife from extinction, a chance that will never happen again' but that 'captivity is not conservation.'

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Dawn gave us some rather startling varied facts such as 80% of the chimpanzees in West Africa have disappeared in recent years, cheetahs are now extinct in 25 countries and that there are now less than 4,000 tigers left in the wilds in the world. On a lighter note though we learnt that many animals are colour blind!

She explained how individual persuasion was being used by the Charity and that in countries such as South Africa and India wild life refuges have been set up. These measures give hope for the future.

*Ian Tomes*  
*Secretary Isle of Wedmore Society*

## **Club50**

Our series of coach trips commence in May. Here is a list of the year's activities:

- Wednesday 18 May - Lynton and Lynmouth
- Wednesday 15 June - Sidmouth
- Wednesday 20 July - Lunch in the Masonic Hall
- August - no meeting.
- Wednesday 21 September - Ross on Wye
- Wednesday 19 October - Exeter
- Wednesday 16 November - Speaker 'Fun with Flowers for the Season.'
- Wednesday 7 December - Christmas lunch at Wedmore Golf Club.
- Coach trips: £20 members, £23 non members

Contact Pauline Lunn for details. Tel: 01934 732517

## **Mr Punch's Folk Club Theale Village Hall**

- Friday 13 May 8pm, £2 bring your own refreshments
- Friday 27 May 8pm £2, bring your own refreshments

## **Theale Film Club – Sunday 22 May**

James Bond 'No Time to Die' 7 pm - new members always welcome

## **Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 26 May**

Our May meeting will take place in the Wedmore Masonic Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Dr Francis Burroughes BEM, whose talk will be about 'Bristol Blue Glass.' From his own collection, he will bring historical and valuable items for members to examine for themselves to illustrate the history of glass making from 3,000 BC to the present day. Members free, Visitors £4 with free tea/coffee afterwards.

Contact Ian Tomes on 01934 710390.



## **An Invitation**

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Tel. No. 01934-710255, email : randjyoung@btopenworld.com

## **Wedmore in Bloom**

Hope you all have been enjoying the varieties of tulip around the village.

There is a variety called Big Love to the left of the church gates.

Dior is in the tub at the Village Hall.

Double You features in the troughs at the Church door and the George.

Hermitage is in the two stone tubs at the Paper shop (Village Store).

Innuendo is in the small trough next to the steps leading to the church yard and at the Chemist. Mariette and Pretty Princess have been mixed together in the barrels at South Manor. Finally Silk Road is at the New Inn and Allington House on the Borough.



## **Alfred and Guthrum Lodge No 4535**

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### **Can I become a Freemason?**

Yes you can. In Alfred and Guthrum Lodge we are actively looking for new members and if you would like to learn more we would be very happy to give you more information. You don't need to hold a previous connection or know another member of this Lodge. Find out more by contacting Robert Hector, Secretary, on 01934 712954. or on aandsec4535@gmail.com.

We are holding an open afternoon on Sunday 8 May at 2 pm when the Somerset Masonic Cycling are visiting. Please come along.

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## Wedmore WI - Wedmore WI's colourful meeting

Inspirational colour therapist Jill Cowles discussed the impact of colour on our lives when she spoke to Wedmore WI in March.



Sharing her passion for colour with members, she suggested using colours to improve our physical health and how to recognise the impact of colour on our moods and emotions.

Red has a reputation for stimulating blood pressure and adrenaline for example, whereas blue could calm you down. Green is the most restful colour on the human eye and can help us relax, Jill explained.

‘Colours are like a bunch of friends who’ve got different personalities,’ she told us.

‘You can have the good side to a colour and a negative side.’

‘Yellow will help stimulate the memory. If you are studying, then writing notes on yellow paper will help. But yellow can make you feel sick. Airlines don’t paint the inside of their planes yellow.’

She said it’s also been found that babies who are put into bright yellow nurseries cry more.

Jill added that blue is the most popular choice for men and women. It is associated with honesty and integrity and companies who want you to trust them will have blue branding. But the blue lights from our devices can affect our sleep.

‘If you’ve not been well and you’re struggling with food, then orange will increase your appetite. Red and yellow are deliberately chosen for fast-food logos.’ Jill said our colour choices will tell us about our state of mind. ‘Your subconscious will know why you’ve chosen that outfit.’

She offered us these tips:

- If you want a pick-me-up then red is perfect because this colour is about physical energy
- For a boost of optimism, orange is an enthusiastic colour
- Green is incredibly harmonizing
- Pink can be a gentle colour if you need some self-care
- If you’re feeling insecure and anxious then brown will make you feel safe, secure and grounded
- If you want to feel that you’re in control, go for black. When you’re nervous it’s a great colour to hide behind.

She told us that a brilliant way to have colour in our lives, if we don’t want to wear it, is to eat it! Gardening is a fantastic way to enjoy colour or we can use mood lighting in the home. And colouring books are not just for children.

Jill has written a book called ‘Colour Magick’ and runs Jellybean Solutions. She has helped many people including parents of children with severe autism, people with fibromyalgia, bereavement counsellors, carers of relatives who are living with dementia, people with mental health issues and those who just want to find a different approach to feeling well – physically, emotionally or mentally.

It was fascinating to hear how colour has changed Jill's life and how we can learn to make friends with the colours of the rainbow.

Wedmore WI will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 18 May at the Masonic Hall, 7pm. As we are a new WI group, we plan to have a fun icebreaker activity between members when we'll discover the things we have in common with others!

For further information contact Wedmore WI at [wedmorewi@outlook.com](mailto:wedmorewi@outlook.com)



*Speaker Jill Cowles (centre) with WI members Tracy Gill and Sheila Mackintosh*

## **Green Wedmore**

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## **Wedmore Community Mapping - Somerset Environmental Records Centre (SERC)**

Let's record our nature data so we can show our natural environment bouncing back in Wedmore.

Green Wedmore, collaborating with SERC, has launched the Wedmore Community Mapping scheme so everyone with a smart phone can learn and record all the amazing plants and animals we have in the parish. More information is on the SERC website <http://www.somerc.com/community-wildlife-mapping/>. To take part you just need to register for iNaturalist on your computer at [uk.inaturalist.org/](http://uk.inaturalist.org/) before downloading the iNaturalist and Seek apps on your phone (more info on those phone apps can be found at [www.somerc.com/help-tell-us-what-you-see/](http://www.somerc.com/help-tell-us-what-you-see/)).

## **Freecycle**

Freecycle in April was another big success with many unwanted things being given a second life. Watch out for another in the early autumn

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## **The Big Tidy Up**

Watch out for the next Tidy Up in the late autumn once the roadside growth has died down. With fresh impetus from Blackford, many new helpers from Wedmore and re-equipped by a donation of litter pickers from Thatchers Cider, we are well set to help keep the roads and lanes around the village clean and cared for.

## **Repair Café**

There is a new hand on the tiller, so watch out for the return of the Repair Café - probably on the last Saturday in November. If you are handy at mending things, please contact Green Wedmore and lend us a hand as we try to give fresh life to worn and damaged items.

## **Wild for Wildlife in Wedmore**

Have you 'marked' your garden yet? Help us make Wedmore as wildlife and carbon friendly as possible ... garden by garden.

'Top Tip' – make sure that there is a way through from your garden to your neighbour's garden so that hedgehogs can range and thrive.

Email [dahopkins@aol.com](mailto:dahopkins@aol.com) for the form.

## **Somerset Food Trail 2022**

Put 15 to 24 July in your diaries. There will be 15 in the Wedmore cluster and other clusters all over the county allowing us to celebrate local, decently produced food and drink. Watch out for the maps, leaflets, and on-line info in the months to come and for the blue signs that will lead to you to the venues

## **The First School**

Green Wedmore are working with the school's Green Council to help arrange class-by-class visits to Worthington Woods Food Forest, debates and assemblies.

## **A Village Community Supported Agriculture Scheme**

The gleam in Green Wedmore's eye is for a village community agriculture scheme to bring food production as close to home as possible. On 11 June join us to look at similar farms elsewhere in the county.

Contact David Hopkins .... [dahopkins@aol.com](mailto:dahopkins@aol.com)

## **E-Charging Points**

There are now around 50 home E chargers around the village with more being added all the time. The next step is public chargers, and the Parish Council are looking at viable options at the village car park and at the playing fields car park. A commercial company is also looking at other sites.

## **Wells Cathedral Sustainability Fair - 27 October**

Green Wedmore have been asked to take a stall at this event to demonstrate what can be done throughout the county, village by village.

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# What's On in the Parish

2 - Mon	<b>Tower Tours</b>	From 10am	St Mary's Church
3 - Tues	<b>Coffee Morning for Cancer Research</b>	10am - 12 noon	Stook House Farm
	<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	<b>The New Inn Open mic</b>	8.00pm	New Inn Wedmore
6 - Fri	<b>Wedmore Arts Festival (until 14 May)</b>		
7 - Sat	<b>St Mary's Church Coffee Morning</b>	9.30 - 12 noon	St Mary's Church
10 - Tues	<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
11 - Wed	<b>Blackford Cafe</b>	2 - 4pm	Blackford VH
	<b>Probus</b>	10.30 am	Wedmore GC
13 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club for details phone 01934 712144</b>	8pm	Theale VH
14 - Sat	<b>WIB work party</b>	9.30am	outside The George
	<b>Wedmore Garden Club Coffee Morning &amp; Plant Sale</b>	9.30 - 12 noon	Masonic Hall Wedmore
15 - Sun	<b>Wedmore Bowls Club Open Day</b>	10am - 4pm	Bowls Club
16 - Mon	<b>Wedmore Bowls Club Open Day</b>	3 - 7pm	Bowls Club
17 - Tues	<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	<b>Christchurch Theale APCM (AGM)</b>	7:00pm	Theale VH
18 - Wed	<b>Club 50 Coach Trip to Linton and Lynmouth</b>	9.15am	Cheddar Rd Car Park
	<b>Wedmore WI AGM</b>	7:00 pm	Masonic Hall Wedmore
21 - Sat	<b>Theale Community Café</b>	10am - 12 noon	Theale VH
22 - Sun	<b>Theale Film Club - No Time to Die</b>	7pm	Theale VH
24 - Tues	<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	<b>Wedmore Gardening Club speaker John Cavill</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall Wedmore
25 - Wed	<b>Probus</b>	10.30 am	Wedmore GC
26 - Thu	<b>Isle of Wedmore Society - W' Dr Francis Burroughes</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall Wedmore
27 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club for details phone 01934 712144</b>	8pm	Theale VH
28 - Sat	<b>Theale Show Quiz</b>	7.30 pm	Theale VH
30 - Mon	<b>Green Wedmore meeting</b>	7.30pm	St Mary's Church

# May 2022

## Regular Weekly Events

Monday			
<b>Pilates</b>	7.45pm	Blackford VH	
<b>Beavers</b>	5.45 - 6.45pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw 01934 712438
<b>Yoga with Anna MacGregor</b>	6.30pm	Wedmore VH	Anna MacGregor 07587 703883
<b>Bridge Club</b>	7.00pm	via Zoom	Steve Pedrick 01934 712852
<b>Scouts</b>	7.15 - 8.45pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw 01934 712438

Tuesday			
<b>Chair Yoga</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH	Jo Willis 07552 711101
<b>Little Lambs</b>	9.15am - 11.15am	Little Lambs +	Jane Bewick 01934 713745
<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Lesley Nichols 01934 712045
<b>50+ Dance Class</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH	Rhian Weston 07854 594268
<b>Music Matters</b>	2.30pm	via Zoom	mhc.dance4change@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30 - 7.45pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw 01934 712438
<b>Pilates with Anna MacGregor</b>			
- beginner / general class	6.00 - 7.00pm	Wedmore VH	Anna MacGregor 07587 703883
<b>Yoga with Anna MacGregor</b>	7.15 pm	Wedmore VH	Anna MacGregor 07587 703883

Wednesday			
<b>Pilates</b>	9.15- 10.15am	Blackford VH	Lucy Brown 07813 913309
<b>Pilates</b>	10.30 - 11.30am	Blackford VH	Lucy Brown
<b>Tai Chi</b>	12.15 - 1.15pm	via Zoom	John Beasley 01749 672482
<b>Rainbows</b>	4.30pm	Wedmore VH +	Gail Millard 01934 713922
<b>Brownies</b>	6.15pm	Wedmore VH +	Sue Moreman 01934 710278
<b>Guides</b>	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling 01934 713650
<b>Yoga</b>	7.45 - 8.45pm	Blackford VH	Sandra Mailey 01934 712686

Thursday			
<b>Pilates</b>	9.15- 10.15am	Blackford VH	Tabitha 07977 362817
<b>Pilates</b>	10.30 - 11.30am	Blackford VH	
<b>Wedmore Dance Group</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Nikki Pryn 07519 630365
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	4.00pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +	bristolballetcentre.co.uk
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw 01934 712438

Friday			
<b>Tots and Tinies</b>	9.15am	Wedmore First School +	Penny Wallace 07833 105418
<b>Wedmore Art Group</b>	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Jim Collett 01934 712663

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## Green Wedmore Meetings

On the last Monday of every month at St Mary's at 7.30pm ..... or at Worthington Woods Food Forest if the weather is good!

Come along to see how you can help

## Worthington Woods Food Forest



Bats, bees, butterflies, birds ... and Brownies ... 'Build it and they shall come'

Go down soon and have a look at the Food Forest as it oozes with summer sights and sounds. Two outdoor meeting areas, bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog boxes and bee/bug hotels nestled in amongst the fruit trees and fruit bushes.

This previously unloved and derelict land is turning into a special place.



## Wedmore Theatre Monthly Report – May

### Wedmore Theatre Raises £263 for Ukrainian Refugees

Wedmore Theatre invited the much-loved stand-up and Radio 4 favourite, Alfie Moore, to perform his popular show 'Fair Cop Unleashed' (he's an ex-policeman, for those who don't know him!) at Wedmore Village Hall on 1 April. A suitable date for a good laugh all round!



The show was a sell-out, unsurprisingly, and an hilarious time was had by all.

Wedmore Theatre ran the bar – with delicious wines from Wedmore Village Store and draft beer from Cheddar Ales – in aid of Ukrainian refugees, and our thirsty punters did us proud – we raised £263 during the evening.

So many people said, at the end of the evening, 'you must do this more often' that we have taken the message onboard and will try and get some more of Britain's best-loved stand-up comedians to come and perform over the coming year – and always with a view to donating the bar proceeds to Ukraine.

Sadly, it is becoming clear that, even if the war is resolved in the short-term (and let's all pray that it is), the Ukrainians are going to continue needing our support for many months, if not years, to come.

With that in mind, we are starting to plan a big comedy revue show for the autumn, which will enable us to donate the ticket proceeds, as well as the bar profits, to Ukraine. This will be a community-wide show, with as many performers and back-stage creatives as are keen to participate. All aged 8 or over who want to have a bit of fun in aid of a good cause will be welcome – no auditions!

Work is starting now on the writing and designing, and rehearsals will begin in September. Anyone who might be potentially interested in performing or helping backstage, go to [www.wedmoretheatre.com](http://www.wedmoretheatre.com), click on the 'subscribe' button and fill in your details to be included in all our future newsletters, which will provide everyone with regular updates on progress in developing this community effort to support Ukrainians.

We already have a very special celebrity guest signed up.

## St Mary's Church 100 Club

The latest lucky winners in the monthly draw are Luke and Anna Kirk as well as Josh Budd.

## Wedmore Gardening Club

There's a lot going on in the Gardening Club as well as our excellent speaker evenings. After a very interesting talk in April on Wildlife Gardening, on Tuesday 24 May Allan John Cavill's topic will be 'No Dig Vegetable Gardening.' I know quite a few people already practise



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*Life is too short to be burdened with anxiety*

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this type of gardening, but it will be interesting to have Allan's take on it. As always, the meetings are held in the Masonic Hall and start at 7.30 pm. Existing and new members and friends are always welcome.

Saturday 14 May will be our Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in the Masonic Hall from 9.30 am until 12.00 noon. There are always lots of flower and vegetable plants that are reasonably, or should I say cheaply, priced. If you have any spare plants you would like to donate to the sale please let a committee member know or bring them along on the morning.

Our coach outing this year will be to Kiftsgate - near Chipping Camden. The coach will be £20 and entrance to Kiftsgate is £8.50. Sue Burton is co-ordinating the trip so please let her know if you would like to come. We will leave Wedmore at 9.30 am stopping at Highfields Garden World for coffee and a chance to browse, arriving at Kiftsgate for 12 o'clock when they open. We are planning a trip by car in August, details of which will be available later.

## Wedmore Opera Goers

The following outings have been organised:

- Sunday 25 September to see La Boheme at the Millenium Theatre in Cardiff. The cost will be £54 per person for the coach and the theatre. These seats are in the side raised stalls, not in the centre mid stalls where we usually sit.
- Sunday 5 March 2023 to see The Magic Flute - the cost as above.

If you are interested in going, please contact Suzanne Metters:

(suzannemetters@hotmail.com)

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# Weather Report for March 2022

Location: Chestnut Farm, Snake Lane, Theale

## Rainfall:



Monthly total	41.8mm	(1.6in)
Long-term (29yr) March avg	56.5mm	(2.2in)
Wettest day (16 <sup>th</sup> )	11.2mm	(0.4in)
No of dry days	15	
Total for last 3 months (Jan - Mar)	135.7mm	(5.3in)
Year ending 31 March 2022	747.1mm	(29.4in)
Long-term annual average	861.0mm	(33.9in)

## Temperatures:



Maximum (23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> )	18.6 °C	(65.5 °F)
Minimum (31 <sup>st</sup> )	0.9 °C	(33.6 °F)
Number of air frosts	0	
Monthly average maximum	13.0°C	(55.4 °F)
Long-term average maximum	16.2 °C	(61.2 °F)
Monthly average minimum	4.8 °C	(40.6 °F)
Long-term average minimum	-1.2 °C	(29.8 °F)

**Comments:**

A long dry spell from 18th to 27<sup>th</sup> with spring-like temperatures..

**Observers:**

Anne and Dave Bodley

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## Focus on Businesses

As I mentioned last month, life is getting back to normal (at least as far as Covid is concerned), so it is time to restart the business feature. If you own a business in the Parish of Wedmore, or you live in the Parish and would like your business to be featured in the Wedmore News, please contact me by email at [photoswedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:photoswedmorenews@gmail.com) to arrange an interview. As a reminder, or for those of you who haven't seen previous articles, the idea is to focus on the person(s) behind the business rather than just on the business itself. In other words, they are 'people' stories, not advertisements. (We'd like you to pay for ads, please, as it is our only way of covering the printing costs!)

*Liz Sweeney*

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## Vera's Verse

### May

Sometimes I find myself thinking  
What are holidays for,  
Are they for rest and sleeping  
Or are they a time to explore?

Are they for taking photos  
Of places you don't want to forget,  
Or for making new friendships  
With fellow travellers you've met?

Maybe a cruise ship will take you  
To a place you thought you'd never see,  
Or perhaps you'll stay in a hotel  
Where all the booze is free.

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And you long for their quiet and peace,  
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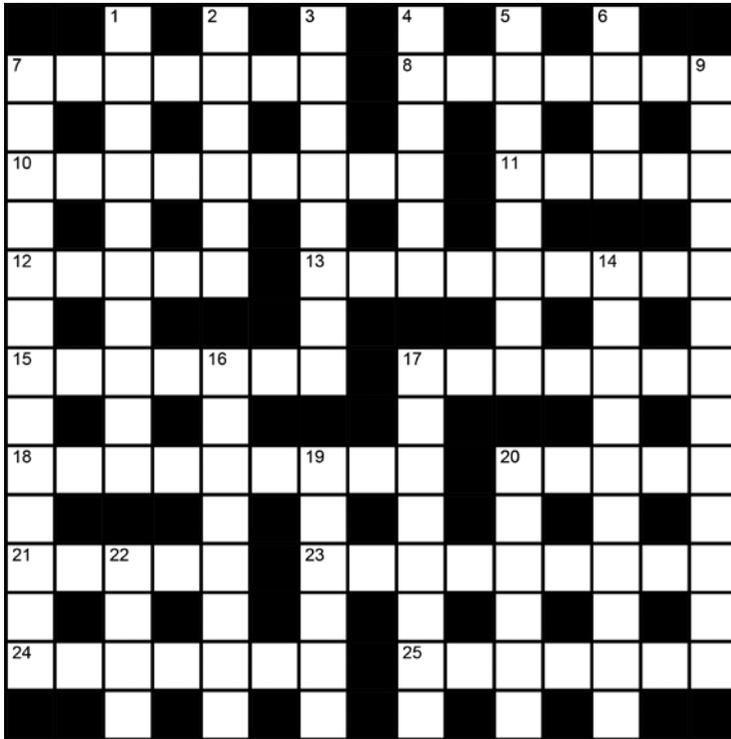


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# The Crossword:

Number 58

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

- 7 Ron, albeit dressed elegantly, was dire (7)
- 8 Small debt (nothing cleared) resettled in an onion patch (7)
- 10 Dog will follow all points for a story (9)
- 11 It sounds as though two couples leave and do without (5)
- 12 In the centre of a ship with a smile (5)
- 13 Credit Union lost end of discussion but still resolved to start (9)
- 15 Love making a record about husband (7)
- 17 When, in Paris I blew my nose, the French found it amusing (7)
- 18 Move the urn, have a fight, and start selling family cars (9)
- 20 Deliver a lower beast (5)
- 21 Sound of jingling coins (5)
- 23 Happiness with sound support for a gang from Sherwood (9)
- 24 Stand-ins welcome large drinks (7)
- 25 Up in the air nuclear explosion (7)

DOWN:

- 1 Forced into second place argument with old airline an hour before coffee (10)
- 2 An 'M' covers the chorale (6)
- 3 Carol about exit making sure the way is clear (8)
- 4 When the judiciary heard what the thief was up to, they made it illegal (6)
- 5 A spring day when nobody makes sense (3,5)
- 6 Turn up rights displays a cat's pleasure (4)
- 7 Being included strangely becomes inconsiderate (13)
- 9 A school prefect behind the cycle sheds (5,8)
- 14 A French adherent can be seen as an atheist (10)
- 16 Merry Andrew gets insects turning up in timber centre (8)
- 17 One might find The Lady of Shalott in this garden (8)
- 19 Highest extreme (6)
- 20 Walk in the park about centre of village will seal the deal (6)
- 22 Sister covers nothing but a part of speech (4)

Answers at the rear of publication.

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# News and Events from Outside the Parish

## Cheddar Arts is Back

Its cinema season begins on Friday 6 May with A Royal Night Out, inspired by true events in the lives of princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Windsor, on VE night.

- On Friday 10 June, Toni Collette and Damian Lewis star in Dream Horse, the story of a race horse bred by Welsh barmaid Jan Vokes.
- On Friday 8 July Will Smith stars in King Richard, the story of Richard Williams and his plan to write daughters Venus and Serena into tennis history.

Tickets for all events are available online at [www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts)  
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The doors of Kings Theatre at the Kings of Wessex School open at 6.45pm and performances begins at 7.30pm.

## Cheddar Flower Power

The monthly meeting of Cheddar Flower Power will be held on Monday 9 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Cheddar.

Come along to see Kathryn Delve demonstrate several flower arrangements with the title 'Waste Not, Want Not'. You may even win one of the arrangements in the raffle! Tea and biscuits are included for £5. For any further information please contact Linda Wright - 713226 or Carol Kilburn - 713158.



## Cheddar Country Market

10 - 11.30 am at Cheddar Village Hall, every Tuesday.

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## Somerset Choral Society Spring Concert – Saturday 21 May

Somerset Choral Society will present their Spring Concert in St Cuthbert's Church, Wells on Saturday 21 May at 7.30pm. The programme will be 'The Rutter Requiem' featuring Soprano Maria Danishvar and 'Stanford – Songs of the Fleet' featuring Baritone Matthew Tilley, all accompanied by the Brandon Hill Chamber Orchestra and conducted by their Musical Director Daniel Cushing.



Tickets costing £20, £15 and £12 (under 18, £7) can be obtained on line from the Society website [www.somersetchoralsociety.com](http://www.somersetchoralsociety.com). The performance of the Rutter Requiem will be dedicated to the people of Ukraine with a retiring collection in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. More information may be obtained from the Society website.



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# Cheddar Vale Lions Club (CIO)



## Lions Go For Gold!

Cheddar Vale Lions Club celebrated 50 years of serving the community with a Golden Charter Anniversary Dinner at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club on Saturday 5 March. This special occasion was attended by many Lions and friends from Lions Clubs in the SW District as well as our own members. A special message from Lion Norman Leavey, the first Charter President, was read out as sadly Norman was unable to join us in person for the evening. Norman reminded us of the many and varied activities of Cheddar Vale Lions over the last 50 years and said how proud he was to see the Club that he helped to set up was still going strong.

Lions SW District Governor Mark Lockie and his wife were our honoured guests for the evening. As well as giving a short speech and toast to Lions Clubs International, DG Mark had the privilege of presenting our own President Keith Cook with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Congratulations, Keith, we hope this was the icing on the anniversary cake for you! After a hearty dinner, short speeches and presentations, including a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lions Patron, Sophie of Wessex, we were entertained by Andrew Sheldon aka 'The Somerset Crooner' who performed a super variety of songs and got some of us dancing!

Here's to the next 50 years!



*Lion President Keith Cook (left) receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lion DG Mark Lockie*

The Club has started the New Year as it means to go on, with the recycling of laptops continuing. Two laptops have been presented to The Space Youth Club, and two were recently given to a desperate family. We have been building up a stock of repurposed items and if any families are struggling to provide laptops to their children for schoolwork at home, please get in touch.

A Preloved Sale was held on 26 February in the Village Hall and raised just under £500 to aid the Club's work in the community. On 30 April, we are holding a Spring Fair in the Village Hall which will be over the Cheddar Arts Festival Weekend.

Planning is well underway with organising our usual annual events, such as the ever-popular Duck Race which will take place on Saturday 4 June, a 'Jubilee Duck Race,' complete with new ducks that have been sponsored by Hansons.

Finally, we have a fantastic new event which will be held at Petruth Paddocks on 20

May, a Country Festival. Planning of this is well underway and details will be released very soon.

We really are looking forward, but we also need new members to help us. If you are interested in volunteering to help the community, please do contact us. All we ask is for members to give us their time as and when they can. We are a welcoming group and hold social get togethers, so it's not all work, we also get to play!



*Group photo just before opening the Preloved Sale in the Village Hall*



*Presentation of two laptops to The Space youth club.*

Contact details: [information@cheddarvalelions.org.uk](mailto:information@cheddarvalelions.org.uk) – 0345 833 7402 or via our website:

## **Inner Wheel Club of Wrington Vale**

Thursday 10 March saw the much-anticipated reunion with members meeting face-to-face at our new venue, Mendip Springs Golf Club. Speaker Bob Foster gave a brief talk about Pensford-born Acker Bilk before recreating his sound on a beautiful ebony clarinet. A really nostalgic evening held in honour of World Kidney Day with proceeds of our raffle going to the Renal Unit at Southmead. Several members



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left sporting stick-on badges! We have also contributed to the appeal for Ukrainian refugees by delivering a carload of donations for the local appeal.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at Mendip Springs Golf Club, BS49 5JT, starting at 6.30 pm, with a Speaker at 7 pm and our meal at 8 pm. New members are always welcome. FFI: Telephone Yvonne 842976



## Cheddar Valley u3a Rocks the Night Away

On Saturday 19 March, Cheddar Village Hall reverberated to the sounds of the u3a's Rock Band. This much anticipated evening had been postponed from January and the waiting served only to make it all the more enjoyable. The Band members themselves also enjoyed performing, so a grand time was had by everyone. (Rock and) Roll on the next one!

**u3a** Cheddar Valley

Our popular Coffee Mornings continue to be held from 10.00 am in the Village Hall, on the third Thursday of each month and our next Speaker Meeting, entitled 'Pirates of the Caribbean' will be held at the new venue of Cheddar Community Pavilion, Sharpham Road playing fields at 2.00 pm on Thursday 5 May, following the AGM.

Preparations for the Jubilee Celebration picnic are continuing and if anyone has spare plain blue or red material, suitable to make into bunting, please call either Helen on 743474 or Chris on 740407, who will gratefully receive your contribution.

## RNLI Winscombe and District Branch Activities

### RNLI Winscombe Pop-Up Sale – Saturday 12 March 2022

The Branch held its first 'Pop-Up' Sale of 2022 on Saturday 12 March on Studley's Forecourt; luckily, the weather was kind and the sun came out. There were 10 Pop-Up stalls offering a



variety of items but footfall was down on previous sales; the profit was still a healthy £303.

### RNLI Winscombe and District Branch Plant & Garden Jumble Sale – Saturday 14 May

The next Branch event will be the ‘Plant and Garden Jumble Sale’ from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on Saturday 14 May on Studley’s Forecourt in Winscombe opposite the Coop Supermarket. Stalls will include a full range of greenhouse plants; runner and french beans and courgettes; bedding plants and garden fillers; acers and shrubs; garden jumble, including patio items and tubs; garden and domestic tools; and guest stalls plus a few new ideas all at ‘give-away’ prices. Contact Allan Cooper by e-mail [allan.coop@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:allan.coop@tiscali.co.uk) or tel 01934-842954 or Tina Joyce by e-mail [meejlfh@gmail.com](mailto:meejlfh@gmail.com) or tel 01934-842304 for more details. Branch members will collect any items donated for this sale ahead of the date.

The Branch has just started a new fund-raising initiative called ‘Betty’s Pots’ that can be done by anyone in their own home. Participants are issued with small individual breakfast style jam/marmalade pots to fill with five pence coins for the RNLI; an ideal opportunity for young and old to save those pesky little coins for our charity. Contact Tina Joyce by e-mail [meejlfh@gmail.com](mailto:meejlfh@gmail.com) or tel 01934-842304.

### March Rescues

In March there were eight shouts between just two of our lifeboat stations (Portishead – 4 and Weston-super-Mare – 4). Both Weston RNLI lifeboats were requested by HM Coastguard to launch on service at 19.30 hrs on 3 March as a member of the public was concerned after seeing a person entering the water near to The Grand Pier on Weston beach. The D class lifeboat launched with three volunteer crew members on-board, and was quickly on scene. However, the casualty was helped back ashore as the lifeboat arrived, the crew were stood down and returned to station. The Atlantic 85 lifeboat had been en-route to launch when the good news came through that the casualty was safely in the care of the ambulance service.

## Axbridge and District Museum in King John’s Hunting Lodge

### A glimpse of our local past

The future is ours, but our area’s past is owned by those who lived here. They have left us a glimpse into their lives in the postcards printed at the time. Axbridge and District Museum, in King John’s Hunting Lodge on Axbridge Square, is hosting an exhibition of local, early to mid-20th century postcards acquired by avid collector, Mac Tozer of Pill. His comprehensive collection covers Axbridge and the villages comprising the old Axbridge Rural District which, at the time, was one of the largest Rural District Councils in the country. The postcards are on display until the end of May.



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## Mendip Rotarians Raise Funds for Ukraine Humanitarian Aid

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The funds will go direct to Rotarians in the countries bordering Ukraine thus ensuring the money will be spent on specific and needed supplies – ALL money donated will go to help Ukrainians.

Thanks to all those people who supported Mendip Rotary Club.

**Rotary**  
Club of Mendip



*Mendip Rotarians collecting in aid of Ukraine refugees*

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## Thought for the Month – May 2022

A over a hundred years ago the English journalist Rudyard Kipling wrote the following poem:

*O ye who tread the Narrow Way  
By trophet flare to Judgment Day  
Be gentle when the heathen pray  
To Buddha at Kamakura*

I have visited Kamakura in Japan and have seen the bronze statue of Buddha. It is immense and is almost seven hundred years old. Gathered around it was a great crowd of people, most of them Buddhists. Nowadays to describe them as ‘heathens’ would not be acceptable and quite rightly so.

In the 1990s I was supervising a veterinary officer from Turkey who was studying for a PhD in microbiology. On several occasions he travelled with me on long motorway journeys to factories in the north of England. He was a devout Muslim who prayed five times each day and observed all the dietary restrictions of his faith. In order to allow him time for his mid-day prayers I would plan our journeys to stop at a motorway service station at or near the appropriate time. He would go off to say his prayers and I would have a cup of coffee. I greatly respected his devotion to his faith.

A friend of mine is an elderly Indian lady and a Hindu. She had travelled widely in her younger years and describes religions as a mountain with God at the top and with all faiths being different pathways to the summit. In our multifaith society I think that is a good way to look at things. One can use verses from the Bible to justify almost anything and sadly some people use them on an exclusive basis. There is a verse in

the gospel of John that I love and it quotes Jesus as saying : *‘There are many dwelling places in my Father’s house, if it were not so I would have told you; I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you.’ (John 14, v. 2).*

The love of God extends to all of humanity no matter what faith they hold and it ill betides any of us to denigrate the faith of others. Christians accept that love through Jesus Christ, Jesus is our rock our reality, but there are other realities out there in our multifaith world. It is not up to us to judge what is acceptable to God. Part of the Lord’s Prayer says *‘Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth.’* In order for that to happen we should respect the faith of others and love our neighbours however hard at times that may be.

*Bill Hudson  
Wedmore Methodist Church*

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## Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You

### Auntie Gwen’s Ulster Crumbly Fudge Recipe

**Serves:** 40 squares

**Cooking-Time:** 30 mins

#### Ingredients

500g/18oz/2 cups granulated sugar

60g/2oz/one quarter cup butter

3½ tablespoons condensed milk.

170ml/6 floz/three quarters cup water



#### Method

1. Grease a tin.
2. Place all the ingredients in a large saucepan and heat until the butter has melted and sugar has dissolved.
3. Bring the mixture to the boil. It is important to stir continuously at this point so the mixture doesn’t stick to the bottom of the pan.
4. Bring the mixture down to simmer for approximately 10 minutes. Keep stirring occasionally. The mixture should be thick and the colour should have turned from white to golden brown (not dark brown).
5. Take the pan from the hob and place it on a heat resistant surface for about 5 minutes.
6. After the 5 minutes beat the mixture really hard. At this point it will start to set.
7. Before the mixture sets, use a wooden spoon to transfer it into the prepared tin. You will find it sets almost straight away.
8. Before it has completely set, cut the tablet into bitesize pieces and leave it to cool and set hard for 5 minutes.

## Tips

1. The fudge is meant to be crumbly and the secret to ensuring that it doesn't go sticky is in getting the heat right and making sure you beat it really hard. I use electric beaters. The idea is to make it crystallise which creates the crumbly texture. If you don't beat it, then it stays 'toffeeish' and doesn't really set properly.
2. Keep cooking it until the mixture starts to crystallise on the side of the pot in which you are constantly stirring the fudge. It does result in slightly darker fudge but it works.
3. The trick is to whip it when you take it off the heat. Soft ball is the right temperature to boil it to.
4. To test if the mixture is ready, drop a spoonful into a bowl of ice water and leave for a minute - if you can pick it up as a ball it is ready - if it is still 'liquidy' through your fingers cook it some more

Jeff White  
(The Galloping Major)

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# The Garden in May

*(Editor's Note: This article was first published in May 2008 and is reproduced here by kind permission of Mrs Yvonne Hutchinson).*

By the time you read this the cuckoo, the house martins and swallows will probably have all arrived, telling us that summer is just around the corner.

By May the flowering season of many bulbs is over, except of course for tulips, which should be in full swing; exactly when they flower will depend on the variety and type, as well as on the weather. When tulips have finished flowering, take off the seed heads to direct their energies into the bulb; in the wild most tulips experience baking in the dry ground in the summer and many gardeners like to simulate this by lifting the bulbs as the foliage dies and drying them off, but the tulips do survive left in the ground, as long as you remember where they are when planting other things. In the herbaceous border, any plants that grow tall and are inclined fall over later in the summer should be staked now; old gardeners used hazel twigs, rather than pea-sticks, but there are a great deal of grow through devices on the market now and you can use these or simple canes and string. Delphiniums and phlox, which are greedy plants, can be fed regularly from now with organic and chemical fertilizers, depending on your point of view.

Vegetables and fruit gardens will require attention during May, Strawberries in flower should be protected from late frosts with horticultural fleece or newspaper, if you have a small number of plants in pots on the patio. Greenhouse tomatoes will be already growing away, but you should still be wary of low night temperatures; outdoor tomatoes can go in now with the same precaution. Sweet-corn should be sown in the first few days of the month, or use small plants to give them a good start. If you have badgers regularly visiting your garden, as many seem to these days, sweet-corn may



be impossible as they know how to bite through the stem bases as the cobs ripen and fell the whole plant in order to get at them. I suspect that they learn to do this from maize being grown as a fodder crop. Successional salad crops can still be sown right up to mid-summer, but as I have mentioned before, day length may affect the behaviour of plants and cause them to bolt, especially if transplanted. If you are growing broad beans look out for the 'black army' now, black bean aphids appear as if by magic and kill off or distort the growing tip of the plants; these can be controlled with soapy water or a contact insecticide, but be wary of beneficial insects attracted by the sweet smelling flowers. French and runner beans can be sown now.

Lawns will require regular mowing during this time of the season, and weeds that are being a nuisance should be controlled, although there is a tendency in these environmentally aware times to tolerate more weeds on lawns than we once did. Dandelions and plantains, which tend to grow individually rather than in large colonies, can be cut out with an old kitchen knife or something similar, if you do this often enough you will eventually reduce their numbers significantly. Newly sown lawns may have come up with a lot of annual weed seedlings in them but most of those will be controlled by the lawn mower. There are of course, lawn weedkillers available if you, as I am, are still happy to use them.

Formal hedges may need their first clipping now, but look out for nesting birds, they may not be in the bit you are clipping off, but can be disturbed nevertheless.

In the rose garden, aphids will be arriving and so will various fungal diseases, such as black-spot or mildew, there are pretty safe broad spectrum rose sprays available, but do read the safety precautions.

Once again I have run out of space but do hope that what I have said is has been worthwhile and that you enjoy this lovely time in the garden.

*Adrian Hutchinson*

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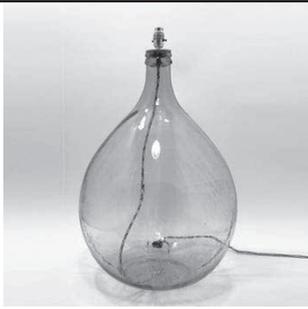
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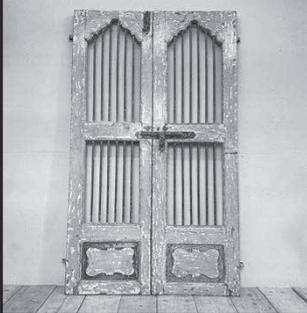


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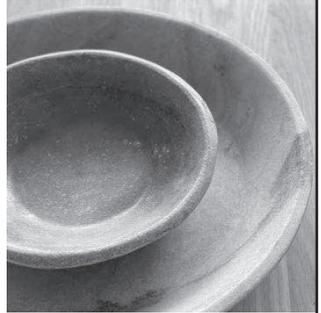
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## May Fixtures: First XI Division 2

7 May 22	Castle Cary	Home	League
14 May 22	Taunton St Andrew	Away	League
21 May 22	Middlezoy	Away	League
28 May 22	Huntspill and District	Home	League

## Second XI – Division 7 Blue

7 May 22	Churchill 2nds	Away	League
14 May 22	Frome 3rds	Home	League
21 May 22	Burnham 2nds	Home	League
28 May 22	Shaftsbury Road	Away	League

## Sunday and Friendly Fixtures

8 May 22	Lymsham	Home	
15 May 22	TICC Curry Rivel	Away	At Stoke St Gregory
22 May 22	North Petherton	Home	
29 May 22	Wellington	Home	

## Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

Weather continued to have a major impact on the Golf Club during March, with storms continuing until spring finally burst through only for winter to come back at the end of the month. After a couple of weeks of enforced inactivity the Seniors started the month playing a somewhat complicated Bowmaker. In fact, so complicated that several teams misunderstood the rules and were disqualified. There was some good scoring from those who passed this first hurdle with Captain Chris Monks leading his team, which also included Chris Norris and Trevor Guy, to victory with 83 points. This put them two clear of Steve Plant, Roy Tomlins and Mike Peacock, who finished second, with Jim Vearncombe, Roger Harding and Geoff Musson-Thorp a further point behind in third place.

The course had dried out considerably by the weekend but the cold wind still made scoring difficult. As usual though some players made light of the conditions. In division 1 Mark Higginbottom showed the way, his 40 points putting him four clear of runner-up Steve Bawden with John Wormald another shot behind in third. There was a much closer finish in division 2 with Graham Ward only a point clear of Mark Elvins, a birdie on the final hole getting him to 41 points. Phil McMahon took third spot on 38. An even closer finish in division 3 saw Chris McKinley win on countback from Stan Dinotoro after both scored 40. Daniel McQueen was third on 38. Only four ladies braved the conditions with Jane Prosser top scoring on 28 ahead of Sandy Bedford.

Spring remained elusive the following week and course conditions were still difficult as both the Seniors and Ladies were in competitive action. The Seniors played a Stableford and only one player reached 40 points. Not too surprisingly this was Nick Parker who won division 1 with exactly 40 points which put him three ahead of a group of three players on 37. Mark Cross took second place on countback ahead of Dom



Smith and John Russell. A close finish to division 2 saw Mike Nicholls win with 37 points, just a point better than Richard Efford who took runner-up spot from John Vowles on countback. John Harding won division 3 by a decisive four points, his 38 points putting him well ahead of Keith Thomas who beat Barry Royal on countback. A much closer finish in division 4 saw David Bates beat Jim Crick on countback after both scored 38 points, David Dams came third on 36.

The Ladies played a Four Ball Betterball which saw yet another close finish. Liz Hill and Jane Hewitt came in with 37 points which gave them a commanding lead for a while until Cathy Olive and Alison Dodkin came in with the same score. Countback was called upon to confirm that Liz and Jane were the winners. Jill Cornelius and Fran McMillan took third place, finishing just one point behind in third place.

The heavy rain was back the following week causing cancellations but at least spring broke out for the first Club Medal of the year. Scoring was steady rather than spectacular with the possible exception of Darryl Cornelius who had the best round of the day, a nett 67, to win division 1 by four clear shots. Nick Parker was second on 71 with Dale Worthington finishing third on 73. Closest finish of the day was certainly in division 2 with the first three players all finishing on nett 69. Places were determined on countback over the back nine which gave first place to Mark Grant



who was two shots better on the back than Derek Moody with Jeff Griffiths taking third spot. The higher handicappers in division 3 struggled more with Stan Dinatore leading the way on 72, three better than Paul England who beat John Cutter on countback. There were not many ladies out this week, best of these being Fran McMillan on 75 followed by Sandy Bedford and Jane Prosser.

The last day of the year saw many Ladies dressed in blue and yellow in support of Ukraine, even to the extent of playing off the yellow tees in a Bowmaker. No team beat par with Sue McDonald, Karen Clark and Debbie Monks coming closest with 68 points. Ali Owen, Sandy Bedford and Ruth Pearson were two points back in second place with Trish Phelps, Jill Cornelius and Val Webber another point behind in third.



*The arrival of spring at the Golf Club.*

*Tony Biggs*

## Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club



*Men's Singles Winner:  
Chris Coles*



*Ladies Singles Winner:  
Sue Holtby*



Just like the weather, things are really hotting up at the Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club. We are now approaching the final stages of the '21/'22 indoor season and with only a few games remaining the internal leagues are beginning to take shape with most looking like close finishes and likely to go to the final games. The eagerly anticipated Finals Weekend was held on 19/20 March and good crowds witnessed some

spectacular bowls. Congratulations to all finalists, particularly the winners who were: Ladies Singles: Sue Holtby; Men's Singles: Chris Coles; Ladies Pairs: Teresa Alden and Claire Biggs; Men's Pairs: Peter Gower and Dave Luke; Mixed Pairs: Bridget Knutson

and Ray Newell; Mixed Triples: Mike Batchelor, Jim White and Maureen Hordle; New Winner: Mike Batchelor; Australian Pairs: Steve Healey and Dave Brown.

Indoor bowling is available throughout the summer but from the end of April the emphasis shifts to outdoors. Our magnificent six rink green opens on 23 April and there is a full programme of matches, friendlies and leagues, throughout the summer as well as the internal competitions and social roll-ups.

The social side of the club has been very active too with a splendid dominoes evening, a Bowls and Ploughman's evening and an excellent Race Night recently enjoyed by large numbers.

If you would like to find out more about this wonderful community club we are hosting two open days at the club which is located at the Isle of Wedmore Sports Ground: first is Sunday 15 May from 10am to 4pm, second is Monday 16 May from 3pm to 7pm. Please come along, view the facilities have a drink from the bar or a coffee and meet some of the members. We'd love to see you. If you would like more details please call secretary Steve Young on 01749 870987 or mail him at [steveyoung1987@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steveyoung1987@hotmail.co.uk) or call Stuart Fisher on 01749 870704 or mail him at [millhaven44@icloud.com](mailto:millhaven44@icloud.com).

*Peter Gower*

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## Church News

### 'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 17 May, 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

#### Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Peter Duckett, of Chapel Allerton who died on 16 February 2022 aged 87 and whose funeral took place at Allerton church on Monday 7 March.

Kieron Green, of Latcham who died on 10 March 2022 aged 74 and whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Tuesday 5 April.

#### Christenings

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

Maisie and Sophie Tincknell, daughters of Henry and Hayley Tincknell of Latcham who were baptised on 13 March 2022 at St Mary's Church.

Ava and Thea Ridge, daughters of Jack and Victoria Ridge of Blackford who were baptised on 3 April 2022 in Holy Trinity Blackford.

## Jubilee Services

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will see many different celebrations and in our Churches we will be marking this momentous anniversary with some special services. All are welcome to join us in:

Holy Trinity Blackford	Saturday 4 June	12.30 pm
Allerton Church Sunday	Sunday 5 June	9.00 am
St Mary's Wedmore	Sunday 5 June	10.30 am
Christchurch Theale	TBA	TBA

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# Church Services

Our worship will also continue to be available online. At least one of our Sunday services each week is recorded and you can join in via the St Mary's YouTube channel. Links for all the above and details of services both online and in churches can be found [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10871/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10871/).

Every day, excluding Sunday, there is Morning Prayer online at 9 am on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wedmore-384215139101196/](http://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wedmore-384215139101196/)

## St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	1	Easter 3	10.30 am	Café Church
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	8	Easter 4	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	15	Easter 5	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
			10.30 am	Morning Praise
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	22	Easter 6	10.30 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	29	Easter 7	No service	See Allerton

## Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	1	Easter 3	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	8	Easter 4	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	15	Easter 5	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	22	Easter 6	6.00 pm	Zoom online Evening Service
Sunday	29	Easter 7	No service	See Allerton

## Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	1	Easter 3	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	8	Easter 4	11.00 am	Morning Praise
Sunday	15	Easter 5	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	22	Easter 6	11.00 am	Morning Praise
Sunday	29	Easter 7	No service	See Allerton

## Allerton Church

Sunday	1	Easter 3	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	8	Easter 4	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	15	Easter 5	9.00 am	Morning Praise
Sunday	22	Easter 6	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	29	Easter 7	9.00 am	Benefice Communion

## Wedmore Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Worship every Sunday commencing at 10.30 am. Family Service on the third Sunday in the month. A warm welcome is extended to all and at the close of the service you are invited to join us for coffee, tea or squash and biscuits.

## Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30 am Morning Service. Also available to view live on our Bagley Baptist -You Tube channel.

Every Wednesday 10.30am-12noon is our very popular 'Coffee with a View.' Come for coffee / tea and home-made cakes, our wonderful view and a warm welcome. All free of charge. Bring a friend, or come and make some new ones here. We have good parking and wheelchair access.

Every Wednesday (term time) at 7.30pm we have youth groups for school years 5 - 8 and yrs 9+

Other fellowship groups are available to access online and meeting at the church: home groups, gatherings, prayer meetings, and more.

For further details, please ring us on (01934) 710779 / 712812

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## Crickham Baptist Chapel

Sunday School on Sunday morning at 10.30 am, Evening Service at 6.30 pm.

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### Wedmore Surgery

Mondays and Fridays	8.30 am to 6.00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & 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

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

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*Surgery telephones are not manned during extended hours.*

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# Wedmore Community Bus – The Friendly Bus



## Scheduled Services

There are four scheduled services a week. These are to:

- Taunton - Tuesday
- Bridgwater - Wednesday
- Weston-s-Mare - Thursday
- Street and Glastonbury - Friday

*Please note a revision to arrangements for booking - see below.*

The bus departs from Wedmore Car Park at The Lerburne at around 9.30am to start picking up passengers. It returns to Wedmore between 1.30 pm and 2.45 pm depending on the destination. See below for more details.

- The bus is a friendly place where there is normally a happy buzz of conversation. Our passengers often meet for a coffee whilst at the destination.
- Anyone is welcome to come on the bus and a place can easily be booked by telephone.
- We try to pick up and drop off at the homes of all users who need this. For other passengers this will be at a location that is convenient for them. We are also flexible about drop offs on route.

- We are happy to provide help in getting on and off the bus for those who need it.
- Drivers are all volunteers who want to help passengers to enjoy their time on the bus as much as possible.
- The service is free for everyone with a Concessionary Bus Pass and for children under 5 years old. For other passengers, fares are low as the bus is financed by Somerset CC and drivers are volunteers.

## Timetable and Booking Details

### All services

Depart Wedmore Car Park at The Lerburne at around 9.30am to start picking up passengers.

### Tuesday – Taunton

Departs Taunton 2.00 pm. Back around 2.45pm.

### Wednesday – Bridgwater

Departs Bridgwater 1.00 pm. Back around 2.00 pm.

### Thursday - Weston-super-Mare

Departs Weston 1.45 pm. Back around 2.45pm.

### Friday - Street and Glastonbury

Departs Street 1.00 pm. Back around 1.30 pm.

Passenger pickups/drop-offs for all four services are normally available in Wedmore, Sand, Heath House, Mudgley, Latcham and Cocklake.

Additional pickups/drop-offs are normally available in other villages on route to each destination

- Taunton and Bridgwater - these are at Blackford, Mark, Bason Bridge and East Huntspill
- Weston-super-Mare - these are at Stoughton, Allerton, Blackford and Mark
- Street - these are at Theale and Godney.

Booking is easy. To be sure of a seat just call the number indicated below against the relevant destination at the time shown and we'll agree a convenient pick-up location and time.

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### Tuesday to Taunton

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### Wednesday to Bridgwater

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### Thursday to Weston-super-Mare

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### Friday to Street & Glastonbury

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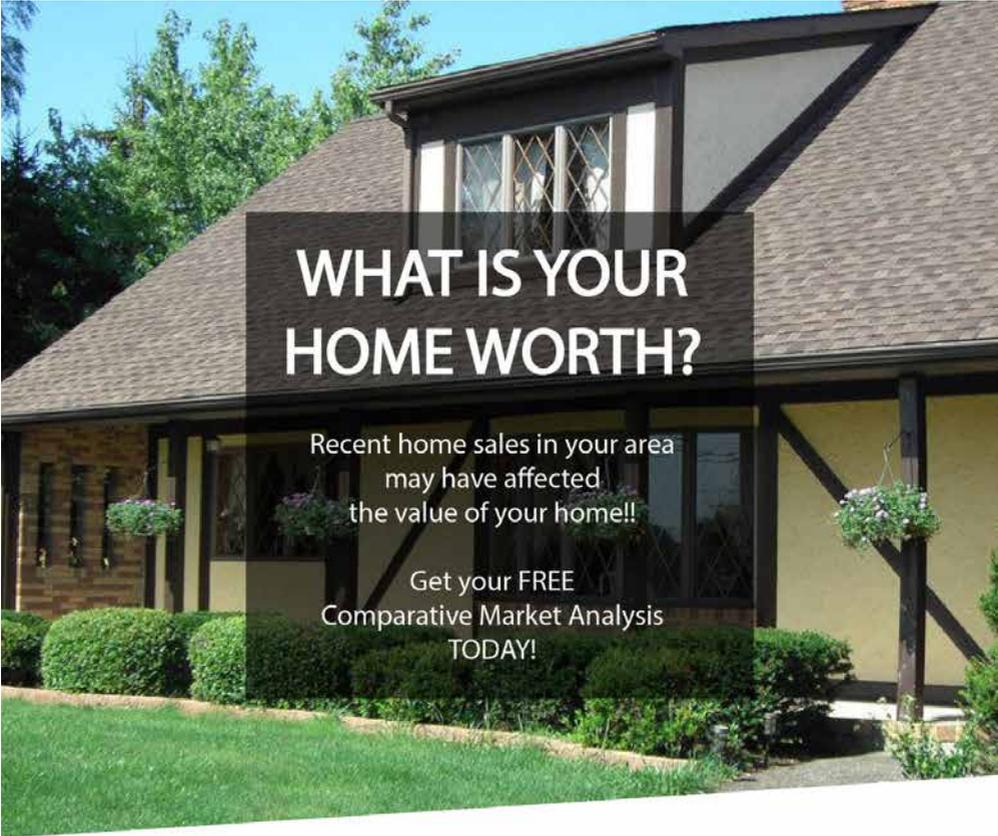
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