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Signpost

***Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill
Parish Magazine***



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June Is Bustin' Out All Over!



I love most kinds of music and often relax by listening to, or watching, musicals. Recently I re-watched *Carousel* and one of the songs in it is entitled 'June is Bustin' Out All Over'. Hopefully, this June, our surroundings will be 'bustin out' with flowers in blossom and warmth from the sun.

When you read this article, our churches will have just celebrated the feast of Pentecost, the Christian festival that comes fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church, when Jesus' disciples were first filled with the amazing power of the Holy Spirit. From being a group of people uncertain of what the future held for them, the disciples suddenly found meaning and purpose for their lives. That gift from God of the Holy Spirit transformed them and gave them the courage, and the encouragement, to speak out about who Jesus was, how he fulfilled the prophecies that had gone before, and what he meant to them and to the rest of the world. In a way they were 'bustin out all over' with the good news of Jesus.

Unfortunately, in today's world, most people will have no concept of the Holy Spirit at all. Even in many Christian churches, the Holy Spirit is not considered to be relevant to our time. Yet, it was Jesus himself who promised that he would give us all the gift of the Holy Spirit to walk alongside us, to guide us, to give us strength and courage, to comfort us and to help us share God's love with those around us.

For some people, the Holy Spirit may produce subtle feelings of gratitude, peace, reverence or love. For others, like those early disciples, those feelings overflow and they feed both you and those around you. They are 'bustin out all over!' God's plan for us is to be a blessing for others, and the gifts that his Holy Spirit gives us should overflow from us to help others and enable them to see and feel God's love for them.

I am going to finish with the words of another song that perhaps we could use as a personal prayer in these weeks following Pentecost.

'Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.'

Reverend Pauline Nixon

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

This magazine is created by volunteers from the Anglican Churches in the Benefices of Winscombe, Sandford with Churchill. It aims to serve and reach out to the local village communities and in doing so provide opportunities for the residents to become more aware of activities across all Christian denominations and within our villages.

Next Month's Magazine

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- All Saints Church, Hill Road, Sandford, BS25 5NY
- St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW
- Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

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Coronation Celebrations in Our Villages

We were lucky across the three villages of Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill to have a wide variety of events to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Here is a roundup of local 'Coronation News'.



Coronation Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 2nd May over 75 people gathered for a celebratory Coffee Morning at the Church Centre in Winscombe.

The hall looked very festive with special coronation plates and serviettes, bunting and a beautiful display created by Angela Morris.

Guests were greeted and entertained wonderfully by our pianist for the morning, David, who played a fabulous selection of music from the shows.

The refreshments served represented the four corners of the United Kingdom; Victoria sponge cakes decorated with edible coronation emblems; Scottish shortbread; Barra Brith from Wales and shamrock shaped biscuits for Northern Ireland.

We were thrilled that their Majesties found time to drop in for coffee and cake, no doubt enjoying the respite from all the rehearsals for the big day. Queen Camilla was delighted to receive a posy presented by Margaret from Dunster Court.



Churchill's Weekend Celebrations

Following so closely after the events to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, there was initially some reticence on the part of the Village Fund organising committee to 'go large' to mark the coronation of King Charles III. However, after some debate, it was decided that we had the requisite stamina and drive, so plans commenced in earnest at the turn of the year. Unsurprisingly, the events bore a remarkable similarity to those of June 2022.



The weekend got off to a really good start with the lighting of the parish's beacon that was designed and installed by artist blacksmith, Sam Bailey. A good crowd gathered to enjoy a family BBQ (staffed by members of Churchill Cricket Club), music and just after 9pm, the lighting of the beacon. This year we invited Jackie Bush, Chair of the Parish Council, to do the honours of setting fire to the combustible material some 8 feet above her head and this she managed on cue with aplomb, despite some understandable trepidation. Flames and sparks soon danced merrily into the clear Somerset skies, much to the delight of those assembled.

Saturday dawned wet and dreary, but with an improving forecast as the day progressed. Volunteers made light work of setting up the marquee so that, as the King returned to Buckingham Palace, we were ready to welcome families to a fun afternoon to the backdrop of some excellent teas and cakes served by the local church communities. The bouncy castle, hoopla, henna tattoos and candy floss proved to be a hit with young (and old in the latter case) and the marquee was really buzzing with chatter and laughter for the whole afternoon.



A quick three hour turn round ensued before we were again ready to welcome guests to a night of dancing to the band, Replica, with their amazing singer, Sam (supported by our very own Zena), and our DJ from last year, Mandy. They soon got the sell-out crowd rocking while James and Kirsty from the Market Kitchen provided much needed sustenance in the form of a superb hog roast with very generous portions. Sadly, our licence only ran until midnight, so it fell to the Chair of the Village Fund to make the unpopular decision to bring a tremendous coronation party to a close.

Sunday morning brought a celebration service hosted by the churches in the parish. It was extremely well attended by young and old alike with a highlight being the children's choir from Churchill Primary School. More tea and cakes were provided as parishioners then got together for the Big Coronation Lunch to the strains of patriotic music in the bright sunshine.

All in all, Churchill and Langford celebrated the coronation of our new king in some style - long may he reign. Thanks go to all those volunteers who made the events happen - we could not have done it without you!

Coronation Celebrations in Winscombe and Sandford

The Winscombe and Sandford Festival and Flags group organised events marking the historic occasion of the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. The villages celebrated in style, making memories for all who were able to be there. The funds were available due to the success of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations last year.



A Scarecrow Hunt was held in both villages and the winner voted by the community was 'Stormy Sam' scarecrow. Well done! A voucher to spend in a local shop was the prize. A photo of Stormy Sam can be seen as part of this month's RNLI report.

A relaxed start to Saturday's events enabled everyone to watch the Coronation from the comfort of their homes. Everyone was encouraged to arrive from 2.00 pm and hold their street parties in the marquee with their neighbours and friends and bring their own picnics. Tables were decorated, and families arrived. The scavenger hunt and tabletop quizzes were popular. The tuck shop did a good trade and the special designed village souvenirs of badges, coasters and fridge magnets sold well. DJ Tav, kept the party atmosphere alive with his music. A BBQ and bar ran all afternoon and evening.



The Winscombe Community Singers started serenading the crowds at 3:00pm ending with a Toast to the new King and Queen led by Mike Bravery and the audience invited to join in with the National Anthem.

At 4.00 pm the party got louder when 'Kidstime' children's entertainer had the whole crowd cheering, encouraging adults as well as children to join in the dancing, magic and fun. Copious amounts of candy floss, popcorn and ice cream were eaten. Tired children and adults were sad when the marquee had to close at 6.00 pm but it was all outside for the next event.

Avon and Somerset Mounted Police officer PC Webber brought Police Horse Oscar to be renamed 'Sandford' and Martin Thatcher DL presented the plaque. Sandford was accompanied by PC Livingstone riding Police Horse Tyson. Sidcot School kindly brought Mango and Poppet, their gorgeous Shetland ponies, along to support the naming ceremony and to meet the children from our uniformed organisations who formed a very impressive 'guard of honour' for the occasion.





The marquee re opened at 7.00 pm with two live bands 'Super Blue Moon' and 'Elevation'. The evening was very well attended with over 400 wrist bands sold. People dancing the night away kept the bar busy and a great time was had by all.

Sunday 7th at 11.00 pm saw Churches Together hold its special Coronation Service and the 1st Winscombe Scouts were very smart as they marched in the colours and joined in the service.

This was followed by a BYO picnic and a wonderful

Royal themed family quiz was organised by Jo, Derrick, Hillary, Martin and Beth. The atmosphere was relaxed, and the sun shone as 8 teams battled it out, a very enjoyable way to end a hectic weekend.

The scouts took over the marquee at 5.00 pm and held their annual overnight camp. They were certainly busy over the weekend!

I would like to extend a thank you for all the help and support we received from Church members with the Coronation Celebrations. Help was given with publicity, leaflet design and delivery, banner design and display, pop up sales of wrist bands and souvenirs, and photocopying including an 'emergency dash' by Andrew on Saturday for more scavenger hunt sheets. All the help was very much appreciated. The Church was certainly in the heart of the Village on the Coronation Weekend.

Alison Haynes

Chair of Winscombe and Sandford Festival and Flags Group alisonparmj@aol.com

Churches Together in Winscombe and Sandford Coronation Service



Following a wonderful weekend of village celebrations for the King's Coronation, Churches Together in Winscombe and Sandford held a special commemoration service on the Sunday morning.

The marquee on the Community Centre field was well-attended by the different churches in the Parish, and Vicar, Andrew, gave an all-age sermon using various symbols of the Coronation – Crown, Holy Oil, Royal Robes, Incense, Sceptre, Throne – the initial letters of which spelled out the name of the King of Kings (CHRIST) whom King Charles himself swore to

serve. We were delighted to be joined by members of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with their leaders who paraded their flags alongside the Union Flag, carried by former sub-mariner, Mike Bravery. "King George" – one of the Beavers, regally took to the throne on stage in kingly apparel, and children made jewelled crowns. God save the King!

Winscombe Folk Club Coronation Concert: A Great British Success



There were only a few empty seats for Winscombe Folk Club's Coronation Concert on the eve of the Coronation.

The three-hour concert comprised members of the club in solo or duos performing a range of music from the Everly Brothers right through some traditional and original songs, to dance music.

Folk stars Magenta who have performed in theatres up and down the country and are members of WFC headlined the show. Magenta asked all the

performers to join them on stage (pictured) for a final song, earning a standing ovation.

Part of the money raised was given to the Flags and Festival Committee towards the cost of the marquee whilst the remainder £938 will be presented to Cheddar Food Bank in the coming days.

Winscombe Folk Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the upstairs bar of Winscombe Club 7 Sandford Rd, Winscombe BS25 1HD. Entry is just £2 to cover room hire and doors open at 8.30. For more information find us on FaceBook



Coronation High Tea at All Saints Church



The Coronation High Tea on Sunday 7th June was attended by 50 people along with helpers from the Community Cafe Team. Everyone enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, cheese scones with cream cheese and chutney, sweet scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream, followed by a selection of cakes.

We raised a toast to King Charles with a glass of Prosecco. Entertainment was provided by Nigel of Winscombe Folk Club.

This was a free event and funded by the Sandford 2013 fund.



The church was beautifully decorated by Angela Morris, Pam Avery and Margaret Rimmer.

St John's, St Mary's and Churchill Methodist Churches at the Coronation Celebrations in Churchill



Saturday afternoon, straight after the coronation of Their Majesties, Churchill celebrated in that most British of feasts – Tea and Cake. Thanks to the urns of St John's, St Mary's and Churchill Methodist plus generosity of local bakers and volunteers, gallons of tea and mountains of cake delighted everyone in the marquee on Churchill Rec. Local Guides helped children to make crowns and stay safe on the bouncy castle.



For Sunday's Community Service each of the churches taking part took it in turns to lead worship, with a small group of musicians, the Sing for Fun choir and a choir from Churchill Primary School. The service was well attended by all ages.

The service took theme of Conservation and Stewardship, issues which are very important to the King.

The children used natural materials to create an amusing collage of the King; Guides and former Brownies renewed their promises, which was very moving and our local Open the Book Team' dramatised The Parable of the Talents with a modern twist.

There was a retiring collection which raised £60.00 which has been divided between the Avon Wildlife Trust and the Food Bank which is held in St Mary's Church on a Monday morning.



Winscombe Community Singers at the Coronation Celebrations

Winscombe Community Singers were delighted to be asked to perform, in the marquee at Winscombe Community Centre, on Saturday 6th May.

It was the debut public performance of a number of new pieces that the choir has been learning since Christmas and also the first time our many new members have joined us for a performance.



Conducted by Josh and accompanied by Mary the choir sang pieces including, 'Let the River Run' by Carly Simon and 'Adiemus' by Karl Jenkins who also composed a piece for the Coronation itself and was a guest in Westminster Abbey.

The set ended by leading everyone in the marquee in singing 'God Save the King'.

Thank you for the many positive comments we received afterwards. It was good to know that our performance was appreciated and enjoyed.



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 If you love singing ... 
we'd love you to join us.

**Winscombe
Community Singers**

Have fun, make friends and enjoy singing.

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Winscombe Community Centre

Musical Director: Joshua Newport

For further details please contact
Simon Page on 07900 693783

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Messy Church in May

I wonder if you remember how old you were, or when you learned 'The Lord's Prayer'?

We gather that although children in our local schools do hear Bible Stories, they don't seem to hear this prayer much in school.

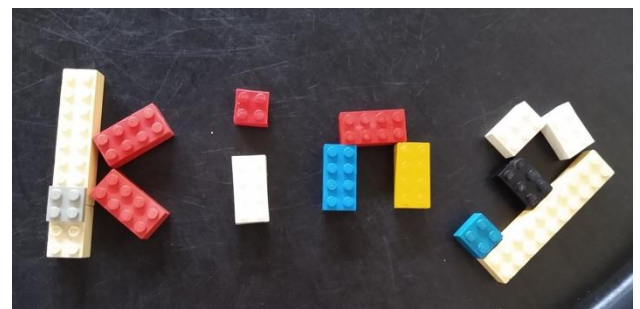
We are privileged, in this area, that the primary schools welcome teams from our local churches to take an assembly each week. Frequently "Open the Book" materials are used. A story is narrated from 'The Lion Story Teller Bible', senior pupils help to enact the story for the rest of the school, and a short reflection follows.

BUT the Lord's Prayer isn't one of the topics within this framework! So, at Messy Church we're having a couple of sessions on this theme.



Hilary helped the children create a beautiful picture of some praying hands using different colour pieces of felt. We had a gingerbread man with a big red heart on his chest to signify "our Father in heaven" who loves us. And we made orbs.

We all remembered the coronation of King Charles III the previous weekend, featuring an orb. Orbs signify "Godly power": a cross above a globe, representing "Christ's dominion over the world." The monarch is to be God's representative on Earth. So, an orb is an appropriate symbol as we pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!"



We also started on another painted mural of the hills and lake of Galilee where the disciples first heard the prayer, and our story-drama featured the disciples being given the words of the prayer by Jesus.

We were delighted to welcome Martin Hagen again who, with Hilary, led the children in two worship songs, which we pray will stay with them as they go home and off to school etc.

Next month, instead of Messy Church at the Church Centre, we'll be in a gazebo at Winscombe Primary School PTFA School Fete. We'll be taking some puzzles and other activities and we hope that it will be a chance to let more local parents know about what we do at both Messy Church and the "Open the Book" school assemblies.



During the summer!



June 10th: A slightly different afternoon!

****We will be on a stall at Winscombe Primary School PTFA school fete!****

Hope to see you there!

July 15th: 2.30-4pm at the Church Centre, usual format (see below!)

Bring Mum and/or Dad and come and join us!for....

- **Crafts**
- **Games**
- **Songs**
- **Bible story told through drama**
- **Drinks and Snacks** **..and more!**

More information?... <https://winsandchurches.org.uk/messy-church/>

Or find us on Facebook : search for Winsand Churches Messy Church



Refresh-men-t Breakfast

It was lovely to meet again for the first of this season's Refresh-men-t Breakfasts at the Woodborough Inn on Saturday 20th May. About 14 men gathered in our new home and enjoyed a delicious breakfast. It was a time to re-establish fellowship at small tables and the world was probably put to rights several times! There was also an opportunity to establish what those attending would like to happen at future meetings. The intention is that there will be talks at some breakfasts with others as a time to just talk and enjoy each other's company.

We look forward to doing it all again this month as June's breakfast will take place on Saturday 17th June in the Skittle Alley at The Woodborough Inn, Winscombe at 9.00 am.

All are welcome to join us, both regulars and newcomers, as we meet together in a relaxed, informal way to enjoy a quality breakfast with friends. There will be time to chat, renew acquaintances and hopefully welcome new people to our friendly group.

A choice of breakfasts will be available but *these do need to be pre-booked*.

- Cooked breakfast: 1 x sausage, 1 x bacon, 1 x fried egg, hash brown, mushrooms, grilled tomato, baked beans, black pudding, toast and butter with tea/coffee/fruit juice - £10.00
- Bacon Bap including tea/coffee/fruit juice - £7.50
- 2 rounds of toast with butter, jam, marmalade including tea/coffee/fruit juice - £5.00

To book your place for this month's breakfast contact Tim Harland on 01834 843248. Please let Tim know if you require a vegetarian option or have other dietary requirements.



St John the Baptist, Churchill

SUMMER LUNCH

Posh Ploughmans

Sunday 25th June

12:30

Tickets £15 from

Tricia 852360

to be held at church

All Saints Church Community Café



Our next Cafe will be on
Saturday 3rd June
at All Saints

We serve coffee, a variety of teas and soft drinks along with
homemade cakes, biscuits and soup.

We look forward to seeing you again.



**Save the
Children**

'Save The Children' Lunches
at
Shipham Village Hall



**Save the
Children**

Our lunches will be served at 12.30pm on the second and fourth Fridays
of the month

Fridays 2nd and 16th June

Join us for soup, bread, cheese, pickle and homemade biscuits,
tea or coffee
£5.00

Payments will be taken on the door and all profits go to
Save the Children charity.

***We are in need of more volunteers to
help with the lunches from September 2023***

For further details contact Amanda Firth on 01934 844232



Saturday 15 July 2023

9am – 12:30pm

@Churchill Methodist Hall

BS25 5NG

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For INFO & to book a table £10, contact
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Proceeds to Open Doors Charity & Churchill Methodist



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Family Film Club

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LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

24th June and 29th July

**Doors open at 2.45pm
Film starts at 3pm**

Admission FREE

**Come and collect your 2023 Family Film Club membership card
Membership FREE**

Films are usually 'U' rated and sometimes 'PG'
so suitable for the whole family to enjoy

**Children of all ages welcome
- but must be accompanied by an adult
Tea/Coffee - Sweets - Popcorn - Soft Drinks
available to buy**



June Quiz

Last month we celebrated the Coronation of our new king. Here is a round from the Big Coronation Quiz which took place over the Coronation weekend.



All these questions are about things with 'King' in their name. This can be found in the question itself or the answer. One question has king in the question and the answer.

1. What is the name of the 32nd Walt Disney animated feature film set in Africa and released in 1994? Its songs were written by Elton John and Tim Rice.
2. Name the Australian bird, a member of the Kingfisher family which has a distinctive call which is said to sound like fiendish laughter?
3. Name the tennis player who won 39 major titles across singles, doubles and mixed doubles and competed in the 'Battle of the Sexes' tennis match in 1973?
4. In Disney's Jungle Book what species of primate is King Louie who wants to become more human?
5. What is the name of the third and final volume of J R R Tolkien's trilogy, The Lord of the Rings'?
6. In the Harry Potter books Kings Cross Station is the location of a fictional platform, the departure point for Hogwarts School. What is the platform number?
7. What is the name of the top selling American author described as the 'King of Horror'? Several of his best-selling novels have been adapted into successful films including Carrie, The Shining and It.
8. Which snake, endemic to Asia is the world's longest venomous snake?
9. In the original 1933 film which famous building does the character King Kong climb?
10. Which breed of dog is named after a 17th Century British monarch and his supporters? Full name of breed required.

Answers can be found on page 36.



Winscombe W.I.

You are welcome to join us for our next meeting.

Wednesday 14th June

at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start
at 'The Church Centre', Winscombe

Our speaker will be Terry Ransome
'Finding Eliza Carr'

Refreshments will be available.

Carol Hudson (Secretary)

Garden Open - By Appointment



At the end of August last year Reverend Ann Ogram and Douglas opened their garden in Sandford in aid of Weston Hospicecare. Together with a service at the Church Centre in Winscombe on 4th September they raised over £2,100.00.

This year they are opening their garden, by appointment only, to families, friends and groups, from June until the end of August. This will give visitors the chance to see their garden at a different time of the year.

Again, there will be no entrance charge, but donations to Weston Hospicecare will be welcome. Refreshments can also be arranged.



Their garden is based on a biblical theme and Ann has written a guide to what can be seen. Copies will be available when you visit at a small charge of £2.50. Over the winter some plants did not survive the harsh cold spell, but new species, on a similar theme, have been planted.

You are very welcome to arrange a visit, on a mutually convenient date and time.

Their address is:

Sandew House
2 West Croft Lane
Sandford
Winscombe
BS25 5AJ

Contact Ann on 01934 820972 or email ann@ogram.com

Come for a Cuppa!



LYNCH CHAPEL

First Saturday each month

2.30pm - 4pm

Tea/coffee and cake



Come for a Cuppa!

Knit &

**Second and fourth
Wednesday each month**

2pm - 4pm

at LYNCH CHAPEL

**Knit, crochet, macramé or
simply natter!**

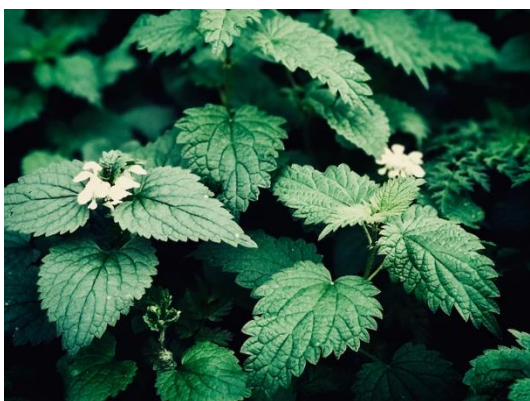
**Tea and coffee
provided.**



Natter!

Supporting and Protecting our Natural World

Stinging Nettles! They are not to be despised.



Most of us realise that nettles are edible and are good for you, but we may be reluctant to eat them because they sting! The sting disappears once the nettle is cooked. In fact, nettles provide us with iron, vitamins (B & C) flavonoids, proteins and other essential minerals.

For much the same nutritional reasons nettles make an ideal plant food especially for use in the greenhouse. They have more nitrogen and less potassium than comfrey, so they are best for feeding leafy greens such as salad leaves and brassicas. Select younger leaves, as they contain more nitrogen and less tough cellulose and lignin, so they break down quickly in water. Fill a container half to three quarters full with leaves. Top up with water, then cover it and wait 3 to 4 weeks, then strain the solution. The resultant mixture may need to be diluted to the colour of weak tea.

However, even more important is that most of our favourite butterflies depend on nettles as the ONLY food for their very fussy caterpillars. These include the Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral and Painted Lady. Sometimes Comma butterflies lay their eggs on nettles too as do several types of moths.



Thus, nettles are vital for the lives of our most well-known butterflies. The adults are not nearly so fussy and take nectar from a wide variety of flowers! The caterpillars are really not even fond of the small nettle or dead nettles so it would be good to boost the declining numbers of these beautiful insects by providing a patch of nettles in a sunny corner of the garden. For more information visit the Butterfly Conservation web site: <https://butterfly-conservation.org>

Being unaffected by their sting, nettles are a good choice for caterpillars because they offer protection from predators including herbivores such as cattle, sheep and deer all of which are keen to avoid the sting. Birds too love to find caterpillars, especially when they are feeding youngsters. Chicks can eat 100 caterpillars a day, so 5 chicks would need 500 caterpillars! Exhausting work and no wonder butterflies need to lay so many eggs.



The eggs and larvae of these butterfly species are present on nettles between April and June, with adults emerging between May and October. Insects employ various ways to survive. Female butterflies lay many, many eggs during their short life to ensure that even a small number of these eggs will survive and hatch into caterpillars. The eggs are usually laid in a protected location on the nettles that the caterpillar will eat. Often, as they grow, the masses of larvae surround themselves in silk webbing to provide protection, so that they don't become a feast for passing birds.



These caterpillars have broken out of their web and are feeding on the nettle leaves.

It's important to treat nettles like any other garden plant if you are growing for the benefit of butterflies. Cut them regularly to get good fresh growth from the nettles. March and October are good months but ensure that there are no eggs or larvae on the leaves. Watch out for any leaves that are curled or folded in any way. Something is going on inside!

Nettle Soup

As mentioned nettles are good for you so here is a simple recipe to try – nettle soup taken from the book 'Wild Food' by Roger Phillips.



Firstly, prepare the nettles using only young leaves before they flower. Wash and drain them.

Chop up one large potato, one carrot, one onion and garlic to taste. Sauté them in a 2-litre saucepan with a tablespoon of olive oil and a bit of butter to taste.

When the onion starts to soften and the potato is forming a slight crust, drop in the nettles and give them a quick whisk around with a spatula.

Then add a litre of boiled water and 2 to 4 cups of vegetable stock. Stir it all up and let it bubble for about 12 minutes, or until the potato is soft.

Liquidise it once it has cooled, then return to the pan to warm it when you are ready to serve.

To serve, pour the soup into a bowl and add some cream.

There are various other ingredients that can be added so it is worth experimenting.

Nettle soup freezes easily which is a plus.



Supporting Your Local Foodbanks



Our churches support the **Cheddar Valley Foodbank** and the Foodbank based at the **For All Healthy Living Centre** in Bournville, Weston-Super-Mare.

We are pleased to be able to deliver non perishable foods to the Foodbanks, and continue to make a significant contribution.

There are collection baskets for each village in each of the churches and at the Church Centre. The foodbanks also appreciate cash donations which can be used to buy items in particular need or provide vouchers that can be spent on food in local supermarkets.

Cash donations can be placed in the postbox at the Church Centre in Winscombe. Please label to show whether your donation is for the Cheddar Foodbank or the For All Healthy Living Centre.

Items of particular need:-

These are some of the items that can be donated and are always gratefully received.

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| ❖ Soup – packet and tinned | ❖ Tinned vegetables |
| ❖ Instant mashed potato | ❖ Tinned fish |
| ❖ Cereals | ❖ UHT milk |
| ❖ Sauces – tins and jars of pasta sauce | ❖ Main meals in tins (nit Fray Bentos pies please) |
| ❖ Tinned cold meat – corned beef, spam etc | ❖ Squash |
| ❖ Long life fruit juices | ❖ Paper goods – toilet roll, kitchen roll etc. |
| ❖ Desserts – tinned fruit, rice pudding, sponge | ❖ Custard – tinned or instant |
| ❖ Pasta, rice, instant noodles | ❖ Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate |
| ❖ Sugar | ❖ Biscuits |
| ❖ Personal items – soap, toothbrushes & paste | ❖ Men’s and ladies’ toiletries |
| ❖ Confectionery | ❖ Snack bars and crisps |



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JUNE 2023 – DIARY

THURS 1	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 3	10.30am	Community Café – All Saints Church
SUN 4	TRINITY SUNDAY	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 6	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 7	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's Church
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall
THURS 8	9.30am	Scramblers – Lynch Chapel
	10.00am	Communion in the Community - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's Church
SAT 10	2.30-4.00pm	Messy Church – At Winscombe Primary School Summer Fete
SUN 11	TRINITY 1	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 13	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 14	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
THURS 15	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 17	9.00am	Refresh-men-t Breakfast – Woodborough Inn
	9.00am	Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre
SUN 18	TRINITY 2	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 20	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 21	2.45pm	Communion in the Community – Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THUR 22	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 24	ORDINATION OF JACQUI KEIR-BUCKNALL AS PRIEST, BATH ABBEY	
	Th 2.45pm	Family Film Club – Lynch Chapel
SUN 25	TRINITY 3	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 27	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 28	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.30pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THUR 29	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	Tbc	Communion in the Community – Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

<p>Sunday 4th June Isaiah: 40: 12-17, 27-end Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end Matthew 28: 16-end</p>	<p>Sunday 11th June Hosea 5: 15-6:6 Psalm 50: 7-15 Romans 4: 13-end Matthew 9: 9-13</p>	<p>Sunday 18th June Exodus: 19: 2-8 Psalm 100 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35-10: 8</p>
<p>Sunday 25th June Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10 Romans 6: 1-11 Matthew: 10: 24-39</p>	<p>Sunday 25th June <i>(St John the Baptist Patronal Festival)</i> Isaiah 40: 1-11 Luke 1:57-66,80</p>	

A Famous Birthday In June



Captain Robert Falcon Scott's name is virtually inseparable from the history of Antarctic Exploration although he is perhaps more famous for his death than his achievements and career. His dedication to exploring the Antarctic is both inspiring and heartbreaking.

Scott was born on 6th June 1868 in Devonport, Plymouth, the third of six children. His father, John, was a brewer and a magistrate. Unfortunately he was declared bankrupt after selling the brewery and making some unwise financial decisions. The family were forced to move to Shepton Mallet. When his father died Robert and his brother Archie were left to provide for his mother.

Scott began his career in the Royal Navy in 1881, at just 13 years old, having excelled in the entrance exams for the naval training ship, HMS Britannia.

Opportunities for career growth were rare and after a chance meeting with Clements Markham, who was President of the Royal geographical Society, Scott volunteered to lead an impending Antarctic Expedition. His achievements in this expedition were the discovery of the Southern Plateau and reaching latitude 82°, fewer than 550 miles from the South Pole. He was joined by Ernest Shackleton who later succumbed to the harsh conditions and led to a falling out with Scott which continued long after the expedition.

Scott was promoted to Captain upon his return from the expedition and became a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, he later became commander of the battleship, HMS Albemarle.

In 1908 Scott married the socialite Kathleen Bruce at the Chapel Royal Hampton Court Palace. They had one son, Peter, who later founded the World Wide fund for Nature.

Scott returned to the Antarctic with the ill-fated Terra Nova Expedition of 1910-1913. The expedition was faced with many challenges. Scott's team was attempting to be the first to reach the South Pole and clinch that achievement for the British Empire. However, they arrived on 17th January 1912 to find that they had been beaten by just 5 weeks to their goal by Ronald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer.

Scott and his companions died on their return from the Pole, on 29th March 1912 but their bodies were discovered by a search party some eight months later.

Scott was a meticulous diary keeper and so the only record of his experiences is through diary notes and letters to loved ones. His final diary entry called upon the public to take care of all their families. This inspired giving by the public in support. On behalf of her husband, Kathleen Scott was awarded the Knighthood which Robert Falcon Scott would have received if he had returned from the second expedition.

The life of 'Scott of the Antarctic' has been celebrated through books, screenplays, monuments and films.

Interesting Walks to Try in June

Hopefully June will bring the mid-summer sunshine to the local area so here are a few ideas for walks for all ages, that you might like to try. They are all free to visit too.

- Try the Somerset Space Walk along the Bridgewater and Taunton Coal Canal- a true scale model of our Solar System with the planets placed along the canal.
<https://docs.somerset.gov.uk/wl/?id=JLZbGVFRyu6AO7Ou1H2ZUkAgwy5hfLqO>
- Take a walk round the Harbourside in Bristol. You could try this trail:
https://www.ssgreatbritain.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/brunel-harbourside-walk-trail_0.pdf
- Bath Skyline Walk and Woodland Play Area
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/bath-skyline/things-to-see-and-do-at-the-bath-skyline>
- Willows and Wetlands Centre at Stoke St Gregory: with free circular walking route along the River Tone and to the top of Windmill Hill
- Weston Wallz: visit the street art murals dotted around the town.
<https://superweston.net/tour/weston-wallz/>
- Portishead Art Trail: Starting at The Marina, more than twenty outstanding visual artists have contributed to the Portishead Public Art Trail. Their works, which reflect the town's rich history and heritage, are integrated into the landscape.
<https://www.visitportishead.net/art-trail.php>
- The TY Sculpture Trail, Towerhouse Woods, Wraxall BS48 1JR. The trail was created in memory of local resident TY Partridge and the sculptures were created by his family and friends. The sculptures are small, so you have to look quite carefully for them.
<http://www.tysculpturetrail.co.uk>



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**Churches Together in Winscombe and Sandford
Away Day**

Saturday 8th July

at

Cheddar Catholic Community Hall

10.30 am to 1.00 pm

This is for EVERYONE of ALL AGES in ALL our Churches.

We will be joining together for fellowship and to share ideas.

We will look at what Churches Together have been doing and find out what YOU would like to do in the future.

The days discussion will be led by Jonathan Lloyd, County Ecumenical Officer for Somerset Churches Together as we develop a vision for the future.

The meeting will be followed by a bring-your-own picnic and informal chat.

Churchill and Langford Ladies Lunch Club

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month

at The Churchill Inn, Churchill at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

£15 per head for a 2 course lunch with coffee.

Pre-booking is essential.

Contact Margaret Avery on 07725 056051 for further details.

Please note that the lunch is limited to residents of the two villages or those that have moved away

but wish to stay in contact with friends

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SANDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At our May meeting we welcomed our speaker Myra Cox who gave a most informative and amusing talk on 'Flower Arranging with Flowers from Our Gardens'.

Myra told us how to begin with an outline shape of the arrangement and suitable containers to use: pots, jars, covered boxes, garden containers, the list is endless!

Oasis should be used by taping it to the container having soaked it thoroughly before hand. When oasis is old break it up and use it in the bottom of a plant pot.

Some of the plants she used for her arrangements were viburnum, pittosporum (Tom Thumb variety), lilies, gypsophila, carnations and Canterbury bells.

She made arrangements in jars (decorated with wool wrapped round the jars in different colours) and flowers from the garden. She also covered a box with shiny paper and made an arrangement with red, white and blue flowers for the coronation.

Myra also told us an old saying "Flowers should not be put too close, leaving enough room for a butterfly to go through!"

Myra brought along a little Jack Russell dog called Sally. She told us she was looking after Sally for an elderly person through the Cinnamon Trust. They help elderly people by volunteering to look after their dog and giving them some respite.

Sally was well behaved and walked among us!

The raffle took place with the inclusion of the flower arrangements made by Myra.

John thanked everyone who had helped to make the Spring Show in March a success.

There is still one ticket for the outing in June please see John if you are interested.

May Plant Sale

Our May Plant Sale was amazing! Many thanks to all the helpers and all the members of the public for supporting us. We made £550.00 which goes towards planting up Sandford Village tubs which always look beautiful. We hope to see you all again next year. Many thanks also to John whose perennial plants were so healthy and strong!

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm

Sandford Village Hall

A talk by Nick Morgan on 'Making the Most of Your Greenhouse.'

Plus, a competition for 'The Best Single Flower in a Vase.'

Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm

Sandford Village Hall

A talk by Sally Morgan on 'Climate Change Garden'

Gardening Notes for June

Growing Herbs in Containers.



There is a wide range of herbs that can be grown in containers separately or together if they like similar conditions. This is a great use of space and can be ornamental. Placed by your back door you can benefit from their scent and easy harvesting.

The three basic culinary herbs sage, rosemary and thyme grow happily together. Tender annuals such as sweet basil and purple perilla can be planted out in early summer together with nasturtium.

Chives go well in a container together with biennial parsley, which can be sown often for a regular supply.

The more tender perennial herbs such as rose geranium, lemon verbena and French tarragon grow well together during the summer in a sunny position but will need protection from frost.

Larger herbs such as horseradish and fennel will not do well in pots for long and need more space as they will swamp smaller plants.

Mints like a moist soil but are invasive, so many are best grown in pots. Divide and replant every two years when plants look straggly. A clipped standard bay adds form and height to any group of containers.

Most herbs like a free draining potting compost such as John Innes No2 with extra grit. Water herbs as necessary and feed regularly with balanced liquid feed.

Routine Tasks

Continue to make sowings of beetroot, lettuce and carrots, also sow seed of swedes, turnips, spring cabbage, purple sprouting and French beans.

Keep up with the weeding, cutting off young seedlings with a dutch hoe, preferably in the morning on a dry day.

Watch out for the scarlet lily beetle, pick them off, but place your other hand underneath to prevent them dropping off into the soil.

Regularly feed vegetables, fruit and ornamentals in growing bags, pots and hanging baskets with a high potash liquid feed, as growing medium will soon run out of nutrients.

Keep up with the dead heading especially delphiniums and lupins to encourage a second flush of flowers also cutting back oriental poppies and pulmonaria to ground level for a fresh rosette of foliage.

Daffodil foliage which has been allowed to die back can be cut or strimmed on open grown or removed from borders where it has become unsightly.

Lawns may benefit from an application of liquid fertiliser at this time of year, it is also advisable to raise the cutting height of the mower giving a lighter trim more frequently.

The Friends of St James Church, Winscombe

JAZZ IN THE Paddock 2023



Saturday 1st July at 7.00pm

Gates open at 6.30pm

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Family ticket £25 (2 adults and 2 children)

Pay on the Gate or tickets available from Janet White at Hampden Osteopathic Clinic, Winscombe, The Wine Shop, Farrons Estate Agents, or from members of the committee.

Parking off The Square at the bottom of Winscombe Hill.

Entrance via pedestrian gate in Church Lane.

June Quiz Answers

- 1.The Lion King
- 2.Kookaburra
- 3.Billie Jean King
- 4.Orang-utan
- 5.The Return of the King
6. Platform 9 3/4
- 7.Stephen King
- 8.King Cobra
- 9.The Empire State Building
10. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel





ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION MID-SOMERSET BRANCH NEWS AND JUNE & JULY PROGRAMME

On Monday 15th May the Branch held its General Meeting at the Street Inn, followed by a presentation 'Building RAF Mount Pleasant in the Falkland Islands' after which members enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Monday 12th June at 12.15 pm

Summer Social Event: Formal Summer Lunch
The Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS
Assembling at 12:15pm for the lunch at 1:00 pm.
There will be pre-lunch drinks, as two course lunch with a choice of main course and dessert, followed by coffee and a Loyal Toast. £25 per head.

Monday 3rd July at 11.00 am

Venue to be confirmed.
This will be a Branch Meeting with a Pub Games Session followed by an optional Pub Lunch.
More details next month.

All events are open to Branch Members, RAFA Members from other Branches, Current and Ex-RAF Service Personnel (Including RAF Reserves), and Members of the "RAF Family".
Please contact the Branch via e-mail rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or tel to Secretary 01458-224057 for further information.

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connect with God and honest prayers,

Check it out?

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PASTORAL CARE TEAM

We are looking for caring, compassionate people who would be willing to give a little of their time to help those in our communities who are lonely, isolated or in need.

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07511935860 or revpolly@gmail.com

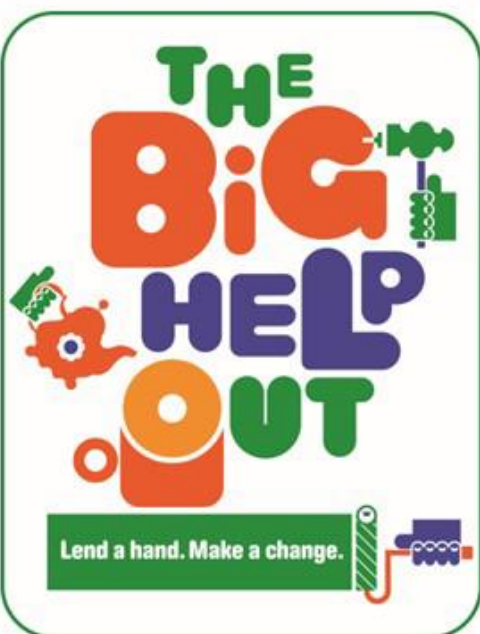
'Love one another as I have loved you'.

John 13.34



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Saturday 10 June
9am-1pm

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Wrighton Vale Rotary Club News

Future events: All profits to Charities supported by Rotary

Car and Bike Fest at Lyehole Farm: 9th July at 9.00 am



Last year's Car Fest



Last year's jazz band

Jazz in the Orchard at Sandford: Sunday 16th July

Summer entertainment with pig roast and bar.

Tickets from Thatchers Cider and Alvis's Farm Shop.

Harvest Home Festival: 1st to 3rd September

To be held in collaboration with Mendip Activity Centre, Sandford.

Live Bands and activities galore.

Lots more information on Facebook – search **Rotary Club of Wrighton Vale**.

Want to find out more? Call Paul Jenkins 07722122672 or Angie Biggs on 07790 400718

Recent Speakers

Carl Morgan, Music Therapist.

Carl, our speaker for the night recently, was an inspiration! Born with a vision impairment, he had around 40% vision up into his twenties but sadly this deteriorated over the years, and he is now almost totally blind. Through sheer perseverance and an obvious sharp intelligence, he became the first blind person in England to achieve a master's degree. He is also a very accomplished and qualified musician in both guitar, piano, singing.

Carl works as a music therapist, sharing the power of music with a wide range of clients including Special Needs children and within adult care homes. His description of working with non-verbal clients, enabling them to express, and share, how they feel through music, was extremely powerful and made a profound impression on everyone in the room, as did his use of music memories for patients with dementia.

Carl gave us a real insight into the day-to-day experience of a blind person. He talked of the technique of walking with a long cane, how to help guide a blind person (let them take your arm, rather than taking their arm), reading braille, how to use braille watches and how to play with braille playing cards. He described the painfully slow, incremental method of how a blind person learns to play music.

Nepal earthquakes

Regular readers of this column will know of our work and support for the Shiva Charity rebuilding schools and toilets in Nepal following the earthquake in 2015. Our own Paul Jenkins recently returned to Nepal to review progress. He was greatly impressed. The manual block making machine which we donated has been extensively used to make thousands of blocks in order to build reinforced buildings. He showed updated photos of the Dipsheeka School, with “our” WC block and other schools where the Shiva Trust have been involved, with their water filtration plants. He described the country as a young, dynamic society and an admirable recipient of our efforts.

He had also been fortunate enough to join a helicopter trip up to the Langtang Valley, close to the Tibetan border. Langtang village, at 4,000 metres, was destroyed by a massive avalanche as a result of the April 2015 earthquake, with over 300 deaths and only one building surviving. The village is being rebuilt literally on top of the old village and the mountainous backdrop to the village makes it a significant tourist destination, in spite of its altitude.



Dipshikha School and Toilet block

Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society.

Tuesday 13th June 7.30 pm
St Leonards Church, Shipham
Doors open at 7.00 pm

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The Porch Gate at All Saints Church

This photo shows the porch gate at All Saints Church in Sandford which has recently been beautifully renovated by the Scouts as part of their service to the local community.

Well done and thank you!



RESULTS UPDATE

Although there were no major Fund Raising events in April, nevertheless, the small routine weekly items such as Tina's Sales, Chris's Table and donations continued and accumulated £310 during the month.

CORONATION WEEKEND 6th to 8th MAY

RNLI Winscombe & District Branch were pleased to take part in the 'Coronation Scarecrow Trail' when we demonstrated the Branch's latest 'Rescue boat' and 'Stormy Stan' came to the rescue as shown in the photo.

ANNUAL PLANT & GARDEN ITEMS SALE: SATURDAY 27th MAY

RNLI Winscombe & District Branch held another successful Annual Plant & Garden Equipment Sale at Winscombe Community Centre on Saturday 27th May. Stalls included a full range of greenhouse plants; runner and French beans and courgettes; bedding plants and garden fillers all grown by our 'Head Gardener', Christa Loughrey; plus, Acers and shrubs; garden jumble including patio items and tubs; and Chris's Garden & domestic tools. For the first time since pre-Covid in 2019, beverages and hot dogs were on sale; results and photos will be reported in July.

BETTY'S POTS REMINDER

'Betty's Pots' are still available in Winscombe and can be obtained from and filled pots returned to Farron's Estate Agents, but Tina (01934-842304) is still on the lookout for more venues willing to help us.

WINSCOMBE SCHOOL FETE: SATURDAY 10th JUNE

The Branch will be representing the RNLI at the Winscombe School Fete on the afternoon of Saturday 10th June so come and have a look at what the Branch does and what the RNLI does to 'Save Lives at Sea' in Somerset.

LIFEGUARDS RETURN TO BURNHAM-ON-SEA & BREAN BEACHES

Once again, RNLI Lifeguards will return to our beaches at Burnham-on-Sea and Brean on Saturday 1st July and will continue until Saturday 3rd September. Lifeguard Patrols will be in position every day between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. So, if you are heading out to a local beach this summer why not choose one of these two and if you plan to enter the sea then for your own added safety please use the Lifeguard Patrol Area that will be marked clearly. The Lifeguards are all friendly and will welcome questions and offer advice freely.

The RNLI provides a Lifeguard Service each summer on a wide range of popular beaches throughout the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland so wherever you go find the nearest Lifeguard Beach on the RNLI website <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches>.

Every year the RNLI works with partners to produce the Daily Marine Forecast. Find out how you can sign up to receive it for your local beach. Everyone is welcome to opt-in and register to receive the forecast for beaches around the UK and Ireland.

DIARY DATE: 2023 WESTON LIFEBOAT WEEK

Weston-super-Mare RNLI fund raising and operational teams have announced that they will be organising a week of fun events as part of a 2023 Weston Lifeboat Week. The events will be held between 19th and 28th August 2023 at a number of sites between the RNLI shop at The Cove on Marine Lake and the Grand Pier. More information to follow in future editions.

DIARY DATE: BRISTOL SEA SHANTY FESTIVAL

Once again, the RNLI will be supporting the Bristol Sea Shanty Festival on Saturday 23rd September at a range of venues around Bristol Floating Harbour. This year the Branch will be collecting for the charities and members are able to wear our RNLI tabards and shiny new RNLI crew shirts.

RNLI WINSCOMBE FOLK NIGHT RETURNS ON SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER WITH REG MEUROSS

RNLI Winscombe & District Branch is pleased to announce that the ever-popular Reg Meuross will be returning for a full-length concert in Winscombe Church Centre on the evening of 30th September, so Folk Lovers get this date in your diaries! Reg will be presenting his stunning song cycle 'Stolen From God' with the sparkling playing of concertina wizard Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne (Granny's Attic Member – Winscombe November 2022). More information will be in future editions.

APRIL SHOUTS

In April there were 11 Shouts between three of our four Lifeboat Stations (Minehead 2, Portishead 5, W-s-M 4). On 29th April, Portishead Lifeboat was paged, and the crew launched at 4:01 pm to a yacht that had lost engine power just at the mouth of the River Avon en route to Bristol. The casualty vessel managed to get an anchor down as they started to drift towards the mud bank. Once on scene the RNLI crew made sure that all 4 people on board and their 2 dogs were safe and well; they were well equipped and were all wearing lifejackets. The crew set up a long tow initially, then swapped to an alongside tow and the casualty vessel was taken to Portishead Marina where their shore crew helped them onto the pontoon.

A Commitment to Serve

‘Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings’.

In reply to these opening words at his Coronation, King Charles III responded ‘In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve.’ This short exchange summed up what the service was about and what it intended to convey.

The King’s commitment to service is not in any doubt. To give just a few examples, he has engaged with our most challenged communities far more than any politician, he called on us to care for the environment years before it became popular to do so and, of course, founded The Prince’s Trust, which supports our most challenged younger people in so many ways.

He becomes king of a new era, the Carolean era. Our times see us face some big challenges. Our question is how to address them. I was immensely struck by all the agencies and charities present in the Abbey for the King’s Coronation. Their participation spoke of the ways in which we’re going to need to act differently in the years ahead to address the issues that confront us.

Because it’s all too evident that the power of government, be that local or national, to respond to the problems we see, is less now than it was when the late Queen began her reign. Our challenge in this era is of how we’re going to come together, in service, to address the different challenges that lie before us, be that the climate, how we tackle poverty, how we respond to a troubled international situation. All of us will have a part to play.

Where to find the resource to act in the way that’s going to be needed? As I stood beside the King at the Coronation what inspired me was to see the way he drew so much strength, purpose and resolve and assurance from his Christian faith for the service he’s called to give. And in that we can follow him too.

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Community Transport in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill

We are fortunate to have a number of community transport schemes operating in our villages. We have included details of these schemes this month and will include a digest of this information in future editions.



The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society runs two minibuses and operates a schedule of trips every month to shops in Wells, Nailsea, Clevedon, Worle and Weston. In addition it also provides transport for members to their healthcare appointments and subject to availability runs non scheduled trips for its members.

In the past these have included Churchill Music, Theatres, Cinema, pub lunches, trips to the coast and social events etc.

To see the current schedule of trips please visit

https://www.churchillpc.org.uk/Minibus_Society_36635.aspx

The schedule is also advertised on various noticeboards around the villages.

To become a Society member of the Community transport scheme please contact one of the organisers listed on the schedule of trips who will explain about the trips and how to enrol as a member.

Sandford Helpline



If you are a resident of Sandford and require help with transport to medical appointments, please contact any of the following numbers

01934 820300

01934 852426

01934 822174

01934 852426

Please do not leave messages but keep trying until you get an answer.

Churchill Volunteer Driver Scheme

This is a self help scheme to assist those without transport to get to the optician, dentist, medical appointments or hospital visits.

Contact Kate on 01934853081 or Trevor on 01934 852589

Winscombe Contact Scheme

Transport available for medical and other health related appointments for all residents of Winscombe and / or patients of Winscombe Surgery.



To make arrangements please contact the transport co-ordinator on 07888 812398

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