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Signpost

Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



May 2023

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This magazine is one of the ways we are fulfilling our Vision



God Save the King!



On May 6th we will witness the coronation of our king and his consort. For anyone under the age of about 75 years this will be their first experience of the momentous religious ceremony which dates back to Anglo Saxon times.

Originally the monarch was the ruler of the country and the coronation was the confirmation of his or her political authority. But in the 16th century the monarch assumed religious responsibilities as well when Henry VIII broke away from the Church of Rome. Under the Act of Supremacy Henry declared himself Governor of the new Protestant Church of England with power to appoint Bishops. Initially, no other forms of religion were permitted but over time laws were gradually relaxed, at least for non-conformists.

Following the Act of Union with Scotland in 1707 the monarchy acquired a certain responsibility for the protection of the Church of Scotland, (Presbyterian) and the appointment of a *Lord High Commissioner*. This is a largely ceremonial role and Queen Elizabeth II frequently appointed someone to represent her at the opening of the Church Assembly of Scotland.

Today the monarch is still responsible for the appointment of the archbishops, bishops and certain other senior positions in the Church of England. These appointments are made on the advice of the church and through the Prime Minister. As king, Charles will be expected to attend church services with his family.

When Charles is formally crowned as king on 6th May he will be taking on many responsibilities for the religion of our country in addition to everything else. He and Camilla will need our prayers and the prayers of all Christians. He is living in a very different country from the one which his mother inherited in 1953! As we are constantly reminded, we now live in multi-cultural society. Even more significantly only a minority of the population now claim to be Christian, whereas in the 1950s more than 80% of the population would describe themselves as Christian on official forms. Weddings in Church were the norm and most couples sought to have their children baptised even if they rarely came to church. Church attendance today is less than a third of what it was in the 1950s and falling.

Charles must be the king of people of many faiths or none and yet still manage to uphold the Christian faith. Let us pray for King Charles and Camilla and all the royal family.

Shaun Darley

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

This magazine is created by volunteers from the Anglican Churches in the Benefice 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

The deadline for the July Magazine is Sunday 12th June. Please submit items as Word documents to parishmag2@gmail.com which should be no longer than 400 words. If you are including photographs please ensure that you have the permission of anyone appearing in the photograph for them to be published in this magazine. Please supply high resolution photographs as jpegs.

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Our Website

www.winsandchurches.org.uk

Our website is the 'go to place' for information about our Churches and activities. It is regularly updated with the latest news and information.

- ❖ Home Page: latest news, monthly service plan
- ❖ Our Vision: find out about our plans for the future
- ❖ Church Life: our activities and groups
- ❖ Our Podcasts and Videos: a library of Church services to watch or listen to
- ❖ Parish Magazine: download the latest copy and find out how to contribute
- ❖ Hire A Venue: how to hire our Church Centre, Churches and meeting rooms

How To Find Our Churches - If you need directions to:-

- St James the Great Church, Church Lane, Winscombe, BS25 1DE
- 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

Please use your Satnav with the postcodes, or visit the website www.achurchnearyou.com

SIGNPOST - DONATIONS WELCOME

It costs approximately £600 per annum to produce the magazine, based on current prices for materials and ink. Volunteers give their time freely to compile, print and distribute the magazine.

We are always grateful to those who choose to make a donation towards the on-going costs of the magazine and those that place, paid for, advertising in it.

Donations can be placed in an envelope marked 'Signpost Donation' and posted in the letterbox at the Church Centre in Winscombe.

If you wish to place an advert please contact the Editorial Team: parishmag2@gmail.com

We are very appreciative of those who have already made a donation. Thank you.

Easter Weekend in Churchill & Langford



Easter Pop Up Café @Churchill Methodist

What a buzz! Children and adults excitedly chatted as they busied themselves with a variety of Easter themed activities.

Those with green fingers designed their own Easter gardens and assembled garden flowers and foliage into delightful spring posies. Meanwhile, crafters made Easter cards and painted sun catchers. Other arty people decorated their own Easter hats. 'Well done!' to Evie, Kasper and Reuben who all won prizes from Rev Meg for their hats.

As always, children enthusiastically searched for chocolate eggs hidden in the church pews, then kindly shared their loot with surprised grownups in the café.

Plenty of hot cross buns and doughnuts were washed down with hot and cold drinks while visitors sat and chatted. It was lovely to meet new residents and familiar friends. Thank you to all who helped and supported this community event.

At 7am on Easter Sunday morning, under a blue sky and accompanied by birdsong, people gathered by Churchill traffic lights. Their purpose was to commemorate and celebrate the very first Easter Day.

By the Jubilee sculpture, a symbolic bare timber cross had already been erected on Good Friday by other locals, who had walked with it from St John's via Churchill Academy, the Post Office and Churchill Methodist, with several pauses to reflect on the events of the very first Good Friday.

On the first Good Friday, Roman soldiers were posted to guard Jesus' tomb which was sealed with a rock. Yet, the earliest visitors on the first Easter Sunday were totally shocked and distressed to find the grave empty. Bereft, Mary Magdala and a few women who came to dress the body with spices. They were puzzled and spent time anxiously searching to find out what had become of Jesus' body.

By contrast, why were the 2023 'early birds' at the crossroads so joyful? From witness accounts, Mary Magdala met the risen Jesus near the tomb and Jesus' friends (called disciples) met the risen Jesus in the evening. Thus, Christians believe that Jesus was not just any average human, but also the Son of God. Through his teaching and manner of dying, Jesus showed the power of love, the power of compassion and the power of forgiveness.

Reflecting on events, the disciples understood that Jesus' mission was to show how much God loves each of us and to show humans how to love each other. The challenge to Jesus' friends in the 1st century and to all of us in 2023, is how to respond....





Refresh-men-t Breakfast

Our 'Rebranded, Refreshed, Relocated' Refresh-men-t Breakfast is starting again on Saturday 20th May 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. This time there will not be a speaker but 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 01934 843248.



Messy Church in April: Easter Special!

“The best laid plans of mice and men!”

We are delighted to welcome every family who comes to Messy Church: those with pre-schoolers and toddlers, through to some families with long-suffering teenagers, who we hope also find some enjoyment in our atmosphere, and get something out of it.

We know we can't expect to control every aspect of our afternoon, so when a small person contributes some black paint onto the blue sky of the Easter mural we were making, we marvelled at Alison Butcher's creative inspiration as the dark sky that we had planned around the Good Friday scene acquired two very ominous and artistic black storm clouds. Those two clouds seem to capture the awfulness of Good Friday in a way that we had not planned, and contrast perfectly with the bright sun, triumphant light and shining grave clothes in the empty tomb.



The children also enjoyed making Easter Gardens complete with tiny crosses, a path, a stone tomb and a stone at the entrance, embellished with beautiful greenery from Hilary and Chris's gardens. The example (left), by one child, gives us cause to pause and reflect.

The Easter Story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day was retold using 50 beautiful cartoon images.

We welcomed members of St James's music group this time. They led us heroically above the clatter of percussion to 'We have a King who rides a donkey... Jesus the King is Risen.' And again, accompanied with waving ribbon wands and some dancing to 'Lord of the Dance'. According to the Bible, Jesus didn't actually say "I am the Lord of the dance." But He did say to his listeners "Follow me!"

We reflected that life can sometimes be like following Jesus in a dance (especially when contemplating His joy and triumph of Easter). At other times it can seem more like a walk or pilgrimage!

Other activities? Chocolatey nests for mini eggs, Easter cards, Easter colouring and word-searches, crosses made of Lego, and three teams had an egg and spoon race.



Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 13th May 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Spread the word!



During the summer!



at the Church Centre, Woodborough Rd, Winscombe

***May 13th 2.30-4pm**

***June 10th 2.30-4pm**

***July 15th 2.30-4pm**

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

All Saints Church Community Café



The April Cafe raised £334.60 including Gift Aid.
Many thanks to all those who supported us.

There is no cafe in May as it is Coronation Day!

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 21st April , 5th and 19th May, 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.

For further details contact Amanda Firth on 01934 844232

LYNCH CHAPEL LINK

Greetings from the Lynch Chapel.

Do you have your Union Jack flag, your bunting and a party crown ready and waiting to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III?



I don't know about you but I still have to think about saying, King Charles rather than Prince Charles. No doubt it will become second nature eventually. I've never met the King or seen him in real life, although I saw Queen Elizabeth a couple of times but I didn't meet her.

Many of us don't remember having a king and have only seen a king in photos or film.

But as Christians we have a king who is always with us and who knows us well. Our lives are led by the King of Kings and we are lucky to know him.

I hope you enjoy your Coronation celebrations on 6th May.

Remember you will be made very welcome at the Marquee for a Churches Together celebration service at 11.00 am on Sunday 7th May, or join us every Sunday at 10.30 am at Lynch Chapel to join us in celebrating our King of Kings.

Every Blessing

Alison Waite

A framed poster with a black border. The text is arranged as follows:
- 'Knit' in large, blue, outlined, slanted font on the left.
- '&' in a smaller, blue, outlined font in the middle.
- 'Natter' in large, blue, outlined, slanted font on the right.
- In the center, between the words, is the text: 'Second and fourth Wednesday each month', '2pm - 4pm', and 'at LYNCH CHAPEL' in black, bold, sans-serif font.
- To the right of the central text, it says: 'Knit, crochet, macramé or simply natter!' and 'Tea and coffee provided.' in black, bold, sans-serif font.



Family Film Club

**On the Big Screen
at Lynch Chapel, Winscombe
LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

20th May (third Saturday),
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



The Coronation of King Charles III

We are fortunate to have events to celebrate this historic event in each of our villages. The next few pages contain information about all the activities we have been told about locally. There is certainly plenty of variety. Hopefully something for everyone!



**Churches Together In
Winscombe and Sandford
invite you to**

**An All- Age Service to
Commemorate the
Coronation of
King Charles III**



**Sunday 7th May
11.00 am**



**in the Marquee at
Winscombe Community Association**

**To be followed by a
'Bring Your Own' Picnic
and
The Coronation Quiz**





COMMUNITY CORONATION CELEBRATION WHAT'S ON IN SANDFORD AND WINSCOMBE



Sunday 30th April to Monday 8th May

- "BEST OF BRITISH" SCARECROW TRAIL AND COMPETITION 2023 (see over)

Tuesday 2nd May

- Church Centre, Woodborough Road 'CORONATION COFFEE MORNING' 10.30 am
Tickets free from Beth 01934844529 or at Tuesday Coffee Mornings before the event

Friday 5th May

- Sandford Primary School – 'CORONATION CONGA AROUND THE PLAYGROUND' and 'BEST CROWN IN CLASS' competition - 2.30 pm for pupils and their families
- Winscombe Folk club present a 'CORONATION CELEBRATION CONCERT'
In the Marquee 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm Tickets £7 (see over)
- The Winscombe Club, Sandford Road. Live band 'THE HARRISONS'
8:00 pm Free Entry



SATURDAY 6TH MAY 'THE MAIN EVENT'



SANDFORD AND WINSCOMBE COMMUNITY CORONATION CELEBRATION

In the Marquee at Winscombe Community Centre 2.00 pm - 10.45 pm
For details see over.

- Railway Inn, Sandford: LIVE SHOWING OF THE CORONATION in Stan's barn
 - Sandford Village Hall: LIVE SHOWING OF THE CORONATION
with refreshments provided

Sunday 7th May

- ALL AGE COMMUNITY SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION
in the Marquee 11.00 am ('Churches Together')
- COMMUNITY PICNIC LUNCH: Bring your own picnic lunch in the Marquee 12 noon
- THE BIG CORONATION QUIZ: Royal themed family quiz from 1.30 pm (see over)
- All Saints Church, Sandford 'SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE' 10.00 am
- All Saints Church, Sandford 'CORONATION HIGH TEA' 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Tickets from Llyn 01934 823484.

Monday 8th May

- Railway Inn, Sandford. Live music 'Function Junkies' 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm.
(Details on Railway Inn website)

Other dates

- Various events at the Cricket Club. Check the Winscombe Cricket Club facebook page.

For further information contact Alison alisonparmj@aol.com



'THE MAIN EVENT' SATURDAY 6th MAY

Giant Marquee on the grass at
Winscombe Community Centre
Sandford Rd BS25 1HP



2:00 pm – 6:15 pm **THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH**



Bring your own picnics to the Marquee
Bring your neighbours
Bring your family and friends

- Family Scavenger Hunts
- Ice Cream Van
- Candy Pop Treats
- Short Tennis (Winscombe Tennis club will be running some short tennis on the day for people of all ages to try – winscombelawntennisclub@live.co.uk)

3:00 pm Winscombe Community Singers Concert to include the National Anthem

3:30 pm DJ Tav – Family Disco

4:00 pm BBQ, Street Food and Bar – Supplied by The Winscombe Club (cash only)

4:15 pm Kidstime Children's Entertainer

5:45 pm DJ Tav – Family Disco

6:00 pm Marquee closes to prepare for evening events



Avon and Somerset Police Horse 'Sandford' 'HORSE - NAMING CEREMONY'

With guard of honour and presentation of a name plaque by Mr Martin Thatcher DL, Managing Director, Thatcher's Cider Company Limited

6:30 pm Marquee re opens for Evening Entertainment

RE-ENTRY TO MARQUEE BY WRIST BAND ONLY- DETAILS OF HOW TO PURCHASE OPPOSITE

N.B. Only alcohol purchased at the Marquee Bar allowed in the Marquee

7:00 pm to 10:45 pm Lets Rock Live Music by -'Elevation' and 'Super Blue Moon'

*Thank you for the kind sponsorship from
Chew Valley Gas and Oil Ltd, Mrs Betty Webb and Farrons Estate Agents*

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**HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR WRISTBAND
FOR LIVE BANDS ON SATURDAY 6th May**



Be quick - limited number of wristbands available
Buy early to avoid disappointment



**Winscombe : Farrons Estate Agents and The Wine Shop
Sandford : Sandford Stores**



Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an Adult
CASH ONLY



Early Bird Price – Saturday 1st April - Sunday 30th April £3.00
each



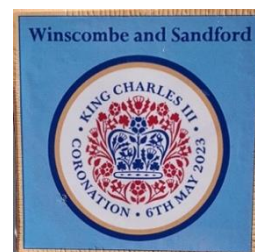
Monday 1st May to Friday 5th May £4.00 each
Saturday 6th May at Marquee £5.00 each

GET YOUR SOUVENIR COASTERS, FRIDGE MAGNETS and CLOTH BADGES



Available from Farrons Estate Agents
from Monday 3rd April

Box of 4 Coasters plus free fridge magnet £5
Individual coasters, badges, fridge magnets
£2 each



**Winscombe Folk Club
King's Coronation Concert
Friday 5th May 2023
Music from 7pm**



Tickets £7 from Winscombe Post Office, The Wine Shop or on the door.
Cash only.

Winscombe Folk Club is proud to have been given use of the Flags and Festivals Marquee to run a unique concert to celebrate the coronation whilst raising money for the Flags and Festivals Committee and the local foodbank energy fund.

A wealth of local talent will provide a wonderful evening of varied entertainment, headlined by our much loved local band Magenta. Winscombe Club will provide a licenced bar.



A Coronation

Celebration Concert

*Proceeds to Local Food Bank and
Winscombe Flags & Festival Committee Fund*



Featuring a host
of local, talented
musicians
and headlining an
exciting, rare
opportunity to see

Magenta

Friday 5th May

The Marquee in the Community Centre Grounds

7pm - 10pm

*Tickets at £7 are available from Winscombe
Post Office and The Wine Shop or on the door.*

*For further information please refer to
Winscombe Folk Club page on Facebook
or Martin Hagen*

*on 07901 510992/hagen.martin@gmail.com
or Nigel on 07551 197685 during April*



Coronation Coffee



Morning



Tuesday 2nd May

10.30am - 12noon

at The Church Centre

Winscombe

Join us for a right royal cup of coffee or tea and cakes

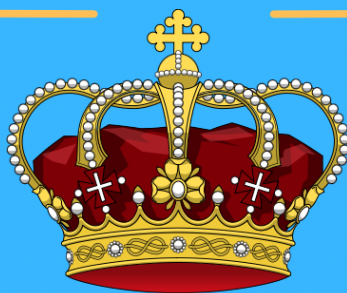


**Free tickets
from Beth
01934 844529
or at Tuesday
Coffee
Mornings**

**Music
and
Special Royal
Visitors!**



Organised by St James's Church.



Join us for
The Coronation Quiz
Sunday 7th May at 1.30pm
in the marquee
(Winscombe Community Centre)
A family quiz on a royal theme

**Free
Entry**
no need to
book



**Come as a
team (up to 6)
or make one
up on the day**



Organised by St James's Church.



Churchill Village Fund Events for the King's Coronation

The Village Fund has planned events for the community to celebrate the King's Coronation (see overleaf).

As for the Jubilee last year we are looking for your help, not only in attending and enjoying the festivities, but also with volunteering for an hour or two over the weekend to help spread the load.

Tickets for the Saturday party night (same line-up as last year - back by popular demand) are on sale now at Churchill Post Office and Stores or via this link which is also on the PC website: <https://buytickets.at/churchilllangfordvillagefund/885635>

If you feel you can offer time to:

- help set up - dates and times TBD;
- help on the bar for an hour on Friday or Saturday evening;
- help park cars at anytime over the weekend;
- help clear up on Saturday or Sunday morning;
- help check tickets on Saturday evening;

Please email Brenden: brenden.c.hill@btinternet.com

If you can help with children's activities on the Saturday afternoon: face painting; candy-floss making; monitoring a bouncy castle; organising some games etc. please email Ian: churchillian67@gmail.com

If you can help by baking cakes for the Saturday tea, please email Ken ken.rkyoung1@btinternet.com or Jacqueline jyys1@tiscali.co.uk

Churchill & Langford Village Fund



Celebrate the Coronation

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th May

Beacon Lighting and BBQ

Family Fun Afternoon

Music Party Night with Hog Roast

Community Church Service and Big Picnic



Full Details Inside



Timetable of Events

Thursday 4th May to Tuesday 9th May

Decorate your house or a window for the Coronation

Friday 5th May

From 6:30pm - BBQ, Music & Beacon Lighting

Saturday 6th May

From 1:30pm - Community Tea and Family Fun Afternoon

From 7:30pm - Live Band & DJ Party

Sunday 5th June

From 11am - Act of Worship

From Midday - Big Jubilee Picnic

Churchill Recreation Ground

Volunteer and Help Your Community Celebrate

Details From

www.churchillpc.org.uk

Why Not Decorate Your House or a Window to Celebrate the Coronation? No Prize But It's a Great way to Get the Community Walking Around Our Village and Celebrating Together.

BBQ, Music and Licensed Bar
Friday 5th May from 6:30pm - Free Entry!
Beacon Lighting at 9:00pm

Come and Watch Our Specially Commissioned Commemorative Beacon Being Lit
A Tribute to His Majesty The King

Community Tea and Family Fun Afternoon
Saturday 6th May from 1:30pm - Free Entry!
Meet for a Chat, Tea and Cake
Bouncy Castle, Games, Candy Floss and More
Churchill & Langford Minibus Society Transport Available

Music Party Night Featuring Live Band & DJ
Saturday 6th May from 7:30pm
Licensed Bar
Hog Roast & Veggie Option Available To Purchase From

**THE MARKET
KITCHEN**

Tickets £12 Available from Churchill Post Office & Stores
or On-line* Via www.churchillpc.org.uk

*Service Charge Applies

Act of Worship
Hosted by St John's, St Mary's and Churchill Methodist Churches

Sunday 7th May from 11am

A Fun, Family-Friendly Community Service

Come Together for The Big Coronation Picnic

Be Part of The National Celebration

Sunday 7th May from Midday

Bring Your Own Picnic and Some to Share

Tea, Coffee and Squash Provided

End the Weekend With a Community Singing

Parking is Very Limited For All Events - Please Park and Walk



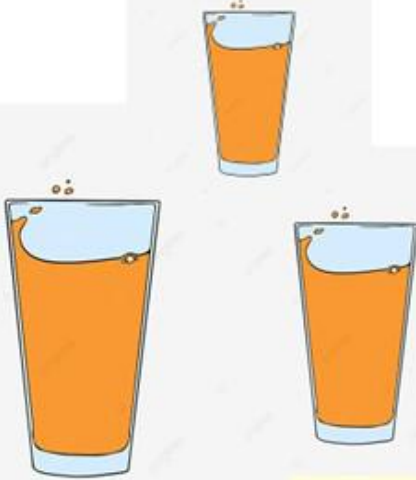
King's Tea Room

Saturday 6th May

14.30-16.30

Marquee @Churchill Rec BS25 5NZ

Serving drinks and cake



Three things will last forever
— faith, hope, and love —
and the greatest of these is
Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Celebrating King Charles'
Coronation with our Community:
St Mary's, St John's & Churchill
Methodist Churches Together



Community Celebration

>Caring for our World & People<

Sunday 7th May

10.30 for 11.00 start

Marquee @Churchill Rec BS25 5NZ



- ❖ Everyone invited!
- ❖ Welcome drink 10.30
- ❖ For whole community
- ❖ Family friendly fun activities from 10.30
- ❖ 11.00 Praise, Prayers Singing & Story
- ❖ Hosts: St John's, St Mary's & Churchill Methodist

Details: 01934 844134

Jumbles
CREATE! Sunday





The Big Coronation Picnic

Sunday 7th May 2023

From Noon @Churchill Rec BS25 5NZ

*Come and join the
National Big Lunch!
FREE ENTRY*



*Just bring own
drinks &
picnic, with
some to share!*

**Thank
You For
Not
Littering**

Local History Corner

Salt and saltines

Sea salt was a locally sourced item that has featured in the history of the Vale of Winscombe. It was an essential commodity for a number of reasons: it could be used to preserve food; to enhance flavour; as an antiseptic and a fertiliser and even as a form of currency (this is where we get the word *salary* from: payment to Roman legionary soldiers was often made partly in salt).



During the Bronze Age, salt was being produced at Brean Down, and salt production there has been radio carbon dated to between 3500 and 2600 years ago. The inhabitants of this salt making settlement were wealthy enough to have possessed gold ornaments such as those unearthed in 1983 and now in the British Museum.

Salt making continued in places where it was feasible, into the Roman era and beyond, and particularly on the Somerset Levels. It died out as a result of the discovery and mining of rock salt in other parts of the country. One can see the locations of mainly Roman and mediaeval salt production as large low mounds visible on the Levels from the A38 road and M5 motorway.

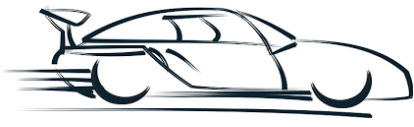
Salt making also took place near the present junction 21 of the M5 motorway. An excavation in 1988 of one of these salterns near Hunstspill by Richard Brunning, archaeologist with Somerset Environment Department, recovered thousands of pieces of salt making pottery (*briquetage*) and pot fragments dating back to the Roman period as well as a well-preserved wicker basket for carrying salt.

The northern extremity of the Mendips forms a land bridge from the higher inland regions of Somerset to the areas of salt production, and the ancient trackways, such as the line of Barton Road, along the Vale of Winscombe were undoubtedly used in its transport. South of Banwell hill-fort on the north side of the valley, some ancient features have been recorded dating from at least the Bronze Age*. Here, in the boundary ditch between Banwell and Winscombe, a fragment of *briquetage* has been identified. This may possibly suggest that at some period salt water may have reached along the valley as far as Broadleaze Farm. However, this site is also on the ancient trackway which led south across the valley, partly along the line of Church Road and Church Lane, and over Winscombe Hill to the tidal saltwater marshes along the course of the River Axe, so it is most likely that the *briquetage* travelled in a bag of salt to the settlement (perhaps a piece of sharp trading?).

*To be the subject of a future article

John Matthews

May Quiz



On 1st May 1954 Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes at the Iffley Road Sports Ground in Oxford.

Therefore, this months quiz is all about '*speedy*' things.

1. The speed record for which animal is 0.28 meters per second?
2. The world's fastest public train, the Maglev Bullet train runs on tracks in which country?
3. Which country makes the Veyron, the fastest car in production?
4. Which is the fastest dog breed?
5. Which animated cartoon character was "The Fastest Mouse in all Mexico"?
6. Which dinosaurs name translates as speedy predator?
7. An anemometer is a device used for measuring the speed of what?
8. Which chemical element is commonly known as quicksilver?
9. English actress Doris Speed is best known for her role as which fictional soap character?
10. Who is currently the fastest man on earth?

Answers can be found on page 42

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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A friendly,
church toddler group for children
from birth to 4 years
and their parents/carers

Toys

Drinks &
Snacks

Stories
Both Bible &
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Singing

Craft Activities

Games

Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(term time only)

May 4th & 11th (at Lynch Chapel, Winscombe),
May 18th & 25th (at The Church Centre),
June 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th (at The Church Centre)

Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information



MAY 2023 – DIARY

TUES 2	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coronation Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 3	7.00pm	Winscombe WI – Church Centre
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall
THURS 4	9.30am	Scramblers – Lynch Chapel
	10.00am	Communion in the Community - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
FRI 5	7.00pm	Coronation Celebration Concert – Winscombe Folk Club – Community Centre Marquee
SAT 6	CORONATION of KING CHARLES III - Community Coronation Festival	
	See separate entries for details of Events 5th – 8th May	
SUN 7	EASTER 5	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
	1.30pm	Coronation Quiz – Community Centre Marquee
TUES 9	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 10	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's Church
THURS 11	9.30am	Scramblers – Lynch Chapel
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's Church
SAT 13	10.30-11.30	Sandford & District Gardening Club – May Plant Sale
	2.30-4.00pm	Messy Church - Church Centre
SUN 14	EASTER 6	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 16	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 17	2.15pm	Communion in the Community – Sewell House
THURS 18	ASCENSION DAY	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 20	9.00am	Refresh-men-t Breakfast – Woodborough Inn
	9.00am	Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre
	2.45pm	Family Film Club – Lynch Chapel
SUN 21	EASTER 7	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 23	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 24	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THUR 25	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 27	10.00am	RNLI Annual Plant & Garden Equipment Sale – Community Centre
SUN 28	PENTECOST	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 30	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre

BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

Sunday 7 th May	Sunday 15 th May	Sunday 21 st May	Sunday 28 th May
Acts 7: 55-end	Acts 17: 22-31	Acts 1: 6-14	Acts 2: 1-21
Psalms 31: 1-5	Psalms 66: 7-end	Psalms 68: 1-10	Psalms 104: 26-end
1 Peter 2: 2-10	1 Peter 3: 13-end	1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11	1 Corinthians 12: 3-13
John 14: 1-14	John 14: 15-21	John 17: 1-11	John 20: 19-23

Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in May

Sunday 7 th May	8.00 am (see below for other Services celebrating the Coronation)	St James's	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th May	9.30 am	St James's	Matins
	11.00 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st May	10.00 am	Church Centre	Family Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Morning Worship
Sunday 28 th May	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Morning Worship

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday All Saints 10.00 am Holy Communion

Special Services May

Thursday 4 th May	Dunster Court	10.00 am	Communion in the Community
Sunday 7 th May	All Saints	10.00 am	Coronation Celebration Service
	Winscombe Marquee	11.00 am	Coronation Celebration Service
	Churchill Marquee	11.00 am	Coronation Celebration Service
Wednesday 17 th May	Sewell House	2.45 pm	Communion in the Community
Thursday 18 th May	St James's	7.00 pm.	Ascension Day Holy Communion

Advance Notice

Sunday 4th June Church Centre 10.00 am Charity Café Church
For Motor Neurone Disease with guest speaker from the MND Association and our Music Group

We Welcome

Marley Clive Radcliffe to our church family in Winscombe. He was baptised at St James's Church, Winscombe on Sunday 30th April 2023.

We Remember

Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of:

Reevley Charles Stephens whose funeral took place at St James's Church on Wednesday 29th March followed by a committal at Weston Crematorium.



A Famous Birthday in May.

Florence Nightingale was born on 12th May 1820. Famous for being the 'Lady with the Lamp' who organised the nursing of sick and wounded soldiers during the Crimean War, Florence Nightingale's far-sighted ideas and reforms influenced the nature of modern healthcare. Here are a few more unusual facts about the famous nurse:

Florence's parents named their children after the cities of their birth.

Florence was born in Italy and named after the city of her birth. Florence's older sister, Parthenope, was named after her birthplace in Naples.

Florence's father's surname was originally Shore.

He inherited his fortune from his mother's uncle Peter Nightingale, and with it changed his name.

Florence had a natural skill for analysing data.

Florence's early letters demonstrate that she had a natural skill for classifying, analysing and documenting data. She was able to look at data, draw conclusions and create a picture in her mind of the results. She created the first Pie charts to illustrate her findings. In 1860 she was elected the first woman Fellow of the Statistical Society.

Florence wrote a novel.

Florence wrote about the lives of women of her class, which evolved into her novel Cassandra. The novel explored the oppression of the educated and privileged women of Britain. Years later the work was rediscovered and it has become an important feminist text.

Florence rescued and hand-reared an owl.

While in Athens in 1850, Florence saw some boys playing with a ball of fluff, which turned out to be a baby owl. She rescued the owlet, which she named Athena, and hand-reared her, carrying her around in her pocket. After Florence left for the Crimea, the poor creature was neglected and died. It was later stuffed!

Florence turned down several marriage proposals.

She had several marriage proposals but refused them all. One of her suitors later married her sister. The man she came closest to accepting was the philanthropist and poet Richard Monckton Milnes, whom she met in 1842. She knew it was a match her mother would approve of and she thought he would be sympathetic to her interests. However, she eventually turned him down.

Florence was not impressed by the gift Queen Victoria offered the troops in the Crimea.

During the war the public at home began sending items to the Crimea to help the soldiers. People sent all sorts of things, sometimes useful and valuable, but some – although well intended – were useless. Florence listed and distributed all the free gifts that were sent and sometimes despaired of others that she had to store. When Queen Victoria offered to send the troops eau de cologne Florence responded that 'a little gin would more popular'.

As Florence's fame grew, her sister Parthenope acted as her manager.

The first image of Florence as 'The Lady with the Lamp' was published in 1855 and her story gripped the world.. Parthenope became her manager, collecting cuttings of her sister, and circulating information and reports. She knew that Florence would demand her privacy to be respected and refused to consent to the release of photographs and pictures. Only two portraits, were published with the family's authorisation, but they were expensive and not intended for the mass market. This meant demand for portraits of Florence became insatiable and had to be created from the imagination. Many depictions of her were romantic and idealised, and looked nothing like her.



**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 day's 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.

Sandford & Churchill Fellowship
at Churchill Methodist Church 2.30 pm
Tuesday 2nd May - Members' Day
Tuesday 16th May - Reverend Higgins
Tuesday 30th May - Reverend John King

Do come along for a time of worship, friendship and fellowship together with interesting talks.

For more information contact

Ann Pursey on 01934 823234

or **Eileen Westlake on 01934 822433**



THURSDAY LUNCHES

Enjoy a chat over soup and sweet

4, 11, 18 & 25 May

12.30pm @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG



For bookings and transport call
01934 832606 (Queenie)

or **852197** (Janet)

- ✓ Friendly welcome
- ✓ Special diets ok
- ✓ Wheelchair access
- ✓ Transport available

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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 822030

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

New WESTlink Bus Service for North Somerset



A new on-demand bus service has been available to local residents since early last month.

The service consists of up to 30 accessible 16-seater minibuses running across all three zones. The maximum wait time is expected to be 60 minutes.

The minibuses operate across three different zones in the West of England

- North - covering areas of South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset
- South - covering areas in North Somerset
- Future Transport Zone- covering North Bristol

You can book 'on demand' or the day before you want to travel.

The buses operate Monday to Saturday from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm (except on Public Holidays)

Journeys can be booked

- through a free app
- by phoning the call centre on 0117 457 8561
- through the website

<https://WESTlink.appridewithvia.com>

They operate without a fixed route. Smart technology will match your journey with other customers to best use the space on board.

The pick-up and drop off location which is usually a local bus stop will be notified by app, text or the call Centre depending on how you book.

Fares

The single fare for any journeys within a zone is £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Concessionary and older person's bus passes are accepted.

You can pay by card via the app or call centre or pay the driver with cash.



For more information about WESTlink visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/westlink



Churchill Baby & Toddler Group

Mondays 09.00 - 11.30 Term Time Only

15 & 22 May 2023



@Churchill Methodist Hall,
BS25 5NG, by the Clock Tower

- ✓ Friendly group
- ✓ Lots of toys
- ✓ Cake & cuppa
- ✓ Children's snack
- ✓ Change station
- ✓ Easy parking

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Supporting and Protecting our Natural World

Simple pleasures from our environment.

'Prayer for the Day' is led by a priest daily at 5.45 am on Radio 4.

Recently the speaker listed 10 things that bring joy to his heart I was surprised to hear that his number one joy was opening a bag of crisps! I see his point.

Then I began to think of my own list just from the natural world. This, I found was very hard there being just too many! So I have settled on five in the hopes that readers may like to add their own.

On reflection I find that they all give me hope for the future as well as joy - a kind of looking forward and that all is well with the world (unlikely but we can dream for a while).



My very favourite is holding a freshly laid egg in the palm of my hand and even better if it is still warm. Within that protective shell is all that is needed to produce a chick (provided that the egg is fertile and that a mother hen can sit on it for exactly 21 days). The chick itself has a reinforced beak to enable it to peck its way out of the shell without any help. Amazing!

Second is the anticipation of seeing the first swallows arrive back to their summer home after a hazardous 6000 mile journey from the southern part of Africa This should be happening sometime in April depending on the weather.



Third is more anticipation; that of waiting for the rather dry and dead looking seeds, that have been sown in pots of compost with water, to germinate and show their first green shoots pushing steadfastly through the soil and subsequently to become a mature plant that can itself set seed.

Fourth the delicate fragrance of primroses as they begin to flower profusely sometimes in the harshest of weather and often in the most surprising and new places.

Lastly the lovely welcome from your dog when you return home There is excitement as he or she jumps around with excitement and sometimes with little sounds of joy or even barks. The welcome is always unconditional no questions asked. 'You're late' 'Where have you been?' But there may be the inevitable question 'Should we go for a walk now? I'm ready.'

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May Recipe - Elderflower Cordial

(Sophie Grigson)

This is a deliciously refreshing and fragrant drink that can be made in May when the elderflowers are out.

The recipe makes about 1.5 litres or 2.5 pints.

What you will need:

1. About 25 large heads of elderflowers.
2. 1.8 kilograms (4lb) of granulated sugar
3. 1.2 litres water (2 pints)
4. 75 grammes citric acid (two and a half ounces). Many chemists will sell the acid
5. 2 lemons (preferably organic)

Method.

- Put the elderflowers into a large bowl
- Place the sugar and water into a pan and bring it slowly to near boiling point, stirring all the time until all the sugar has dissolved.
- Pour the hot syrup over the flowers and then stir in the citric acid.
- Grate in the zest of the lemons. Then slice the lemons and lay them over the syrup
- Cover and leave for 24 hours
- Strain the mixture through muslin and pour into very clean bottles (dark green ones are good)
- Label and store in a cool, dark place.

The cordial will keep for several months. It does need to be diluted to taste.

Undiluted it is good on ice cream or in fruit salads. It may also be frozen in plastic bottles.

Hope that you enjoy it!





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.

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 |

Bishop Michael to play historic role at Coronation

The Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells, is among the thirteen individuals named by the Cabinet Office to play a historic role at the heart of the Coronation of Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort on 6th May.



Commenting on the announcement, the Bishop said, "I am deeply honoured that as the Bishop of Bath and Wells I will have the privilege of supporting His Majesty King Charles and Her Majesty the Queen Consort during the service of Coronation. It is a truly historic moment and humbling to realise that this continues a tradition dating back to Richard I in 1189. The church family in Bath and Wells will be praying for their Majesties as we approach the Coronation and marking the event itself with services of celebration, community events and volunteering."

**Help Jen's
dreams
come true**



Christian Aid Week

14 – 20 May 2023

David Hart

On behalf of Winscombe and Sandford
Christian Aid Committee

No mum should have to choose which
child to educate and which one will miss
out on their dreams. No young person

should be forced to give up on education, locking them into poverty. But these 'choices' are faced in Malawi by countless families.

Jen Bishop, a loving mum in Malawi, dreams of her children being able to have the education they deserve. Her hard-working boys have earned places at top colleges – but she cannot afford to send them both. Jen works hard, but she can barely scratch a living from the soil. Soaring costs of food, fuel, fertiliser, school uniforms and school fees are crushing dreams and keeping her family in poverty.

Christian Aid's partners in Malawi, empower vulnerable communities to find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty, including giving them the skills to grow crops that are more resilient to the climate crisis and join cooperatives to earn more for their crops.

The churches across the Winscombe and Sandford area are united in their hope to eradicate poverty, injustice and inequality. We partner with Christian Aid to turn that hope into action. We dream of a better world. We want every child to be able to have the education they need to break free of poverty. Together, we can help people secure a better future for their families. With your help, we can make dreams come true around the world. We have our own Winscombe & Sandford Christian Aid donation webpage or you can use the QR code on your phone. Donation envelopes will also be available in churches across Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/winscombe-sandford>



Christian Aid works with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change and help people claim the services and rights to which they are entitled. Christian Aid stands with people of all faiths and none and is the official relief, development and advocacy agency of 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland.



A special Film Show during Christian Aid Week (14-21 May 2023)

The Ants & the Grasshopper

Showing at 2.30pm on Tuesday 16 May at the Lynch Chapel, Winscombe.

Followed by Tea, Cake and a chance to discuss.

The film focusses on the attempts of some Malawian and US farmers to understand the different economic worlds in which they live by visits and conversations. Insightful and thought-provoking; particularly relevant in this year's Christian Aid Week which uses case-studies from Malawi to illustrate the work it does.

On Tuesday 18th April Branch Members visited the Boscombe Down Aviation Museum, Old Sarum Airfield, followed by a pub lunch at the 'Old Castle' Harvester Inn, Salisbury.

Monday 15th May at 11.00 am

General Branch Meeting

Followed by a presentation 'Building RAF Mount Peasant in the Falkland Islands'

The meeting will be followed by an optional pub lunch.

The Street Inn, 1 - 3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 0DR

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.

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 email rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or telephone the Secretary 01458 224057 for further information.

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May Quiz Answers



How 'speedy' were you in answering this month's quiz?
Here are the answers.

1. Tortoise



2. Japan



3. Bugatti



4. Greyhound

5. Speedy Gonzales



6. Velociaptor



7. Wind

8. Mercury

9. Annie Walker, the original landlady of the Rovers Return in Coronation

10. Usain Bolt



Wrighton Vale Rotary Club

Young Chef – A New Star

Wrighton Vale Rotary Club's final competition for local primary schools took place on Thursday March 23rd. Seven enthusiastic young chefs from Wrighton, Burrington and Churchill Primary schools gathered at the Farm Kitchen at Baker's Farm. There they cooked two delicious courses each, presented attractively on their own designs of table settings. Their preparation, cooking ability, healthy ingredient choice, and a number of other skills were expertly judged by professional chef, Angela Stevens. Ten year old Barnaby from Churchill (pictured) was the winner in a very close contest.



Since January children from eight local primary schools have taken part in competitions to showcase their original writing, artistic and public speaking skills. They have all shown great talent and enthusiasm, making it such a pleasure for volunteers in the Rotary club, who planned and organised it all.

Recent Speakers

Dr. Nick Hooper,

Nick, already known to many club members, since he had been a GP in Langford, gave us an entertaining, often humorous account of his working life. Initially Nick was with Royal Naval Reserve.

Twenty years later, now a poorly paid doctor with a very young family in New Zealand and Australia, he decided to work his passage home as a medical officer on a large liner being responsible for 1800 passengers, mostly very old or very young.

He joined HMS Flying Fox in Bristol, which was used as an RNR training vessel. Here Nick was the principal medical officer, training doctors and nurses for war work.

Then followed his much respected work as a GP, retiring from civilian medical practice in 2009.

Amongst other roles Nick took on the role of medical escort, flying sick people home from around the world. More recently he has been guiding at Wells Cathedral. Altogether a wonderful career dedicated to service.

Fraud

Jordan and Megan from Avon & Somerset Police, Cyber and Fraudulent Crime Service, spoke about fraud under the banner "Serve, Protect and Respect".

Their vital message is summarised below:

Nearly all fraud is run by criminals overseas and hence catching them and punishing them is not possible, so the service is there to help UK citizens avoid being victims.

41% of all reported crime is fraud, yet not all fraud is reported as too often people are too embarrassed to report it.

That which occurs locally has a gross cost of £121 million, but in reality non-reporting masks the true losses estimated to be around £600 million! Nationally £190 billion is lost in fraud per annum (compare the spending of £160 million on the NHS).

When anyone gets a dubious written or verbal request which is suspicious, don't be taken in by it and even if tempted the key phrase is '**Take5; Tell2**'. There is a big difference between availability and vulnerability.

Take 5 – take 5 minutes when scammers or fraudsters call; think before taking any actions.
Tell 2 – tell someone else in the family, a friend, the police, report it and share the information.

In summary: Pause for thought.

Dates for your Diary

Classic Car & Bike Meet
Sunday 9th July

<https://m.facebook.com/events/236735245547125>

Jazz in the Orchard on
Sunday 14th July at Sandford.
More info soon.

If you are interested in Rotary and what we do, give us a ring.
Angie Biggs 07790 400718 or Ivor Metherell 01761 462607



Winscombe W.I.

You are welcome to join us for our next meeting.

Wednesday 10th May
at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start
at 'The Church Centre', Winscombe

We will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III
Wine and snacks will be available followed by a Royal Quiz.

Please join us for a sociable get-together.

We are now on Facebook.

Carol Hudson (Secretary)

CREATE! Sunday



Sunday 22 May 2023

4-6pm @Churchill Methodist Hall, BS25 5NG

Wind & FLAMES!



Pop along for loads of fun...Everyone welcome!

- ✓ Activities & crafts for families and seniors too
- ✓ Toasted marshmallows
- ✓ Storytime & songs
- ✓ FREE ENTRY inc hotdog tea

**INFO: Jacqueline
01934 844134**

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SANDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our Speaker for the April meeting was Mervyn Reed who gave us a most informative talk on 'David Austin - A New Style of Roses'.



We were told that David was a man obsessed with producing an old style rose with a beautiful scent and repeat flowering.

It takes six years for a rose to be tested for its performance before it comes on the market for sale.

We were shown slides of the glass houses where the roses are bred. The pods are harvested and kept in a fridge. Out of 350,000 seeds only about 250,000 seedlings may germinate, these seedlings are then planted in raised beds. All the budding is done by hand. In their third year they are planted out in the ground.

After all the work that is put in to growing a beautiful rose you can understand why they are quite expensive.

There were some beautiful illustrations of the roses that David Austin Roses produce.

John thanked Mervyn for his talk. He also reminded people about our outing to Dewstow and Dyffrun on Saturday 17th June. There are still some tickets left if anyone is interested. You don't have to be a member of the club. Please contact John on 01934 844777. The price is for National Trust members £23.00 not RHS members as previously stated. And for non members of National Trust it is £32.00.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

A talk and demonstration on 'Flower Arranging from Your Garden' by Myra Cox

Saturday 13th May 2023 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Sandford Village Hall

May Plant Sale

Vegetable plants, bedding plants and a wide selection of perennials at very reasonable prices.

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.'

Gardening Notes for May

Pruning

To maintain the shape and promote new growth lower down, now is the time to prune spring flowering shrubs after they have finished flowering.

Spirea: once it has finished flowering cut the tallest, oldest shoots to the base.

Forsythia is a vigorous shrub and can soon become unmanageable. Simply prune after the last flowers have faded, cutting out the oldest flowered stems each year to encourage strong new shoots from the base.

Other spring flowering shrubs that can be treated this way are deutzia, flowering currant, philadelphus and weigela.

Lilac trees and bushes should only be lightly pruned, cutting out no more than a third. Start by cutting back all spent flowers and any crossing branches, finally cut out suckers from the base and apply a dressing of general fertiliser as with other shrubs that have been pruned. Clematis montana which flower in early spring should be pruned when the flowers have faded as next years flowers will be formed on growth produced this year. These can be reduced up to half or alternatively remove one in three stems down to 6-9ins.

Topiary plants like bay and box should be pruned back into shape now and may also benefit from a further trimming later in the season.

Plant supports

The secret of supporting plants is to make sure you do it before they need rescuing when they never really recover. By doing it early the supports will soon be hidden by the new growth and secondly any plant that has been knocked or blown over will never look the same however carefully you prop it up. Various metal supports are available as well as using hazel twigs or canes for tall flower stems such as delphiniums. It is most important to support flowers like peonies, although the flower stems are not all that tall their blooms are very heavy and the stems tend to drop to the ground particularly when it rains.

Agapanthus

Repot agapanthus once the roots have filled the original container into a slightly larger pot. Remove the plant from its pot (you may need to cut it out) and tease out the roots from the base. Pour some loam based potting compost into the bottom of the new container, placing the plant in the centre and topping up with compost to just below the rim. This boosts growth and ensures continued flowering. Feeding and watering through the rest of the season will help to develop the flower buds.



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Winscombe Community Singers

At a recent Tuesday night rehearsal, Winscombe Community Singers presented a cheque for £267 to Lorna Richardson, Head Teacher at Winscombe Primary School. The money was donated to help fund those children in their final year at the school who couldn't afford to go on the Year 6 Leavers' Camp at the end of this coming summer term. Two families have already received help from this donation so their children are now able to go on this formative event. The money was raised at the choir's Christmas concert, last December, and choir members voted for the school to receive the money for this purpose.





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RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



RESULTS UPDATE

The Branch Treasurer reported at the March Branch AGM that the Branch raised a total of £16,411 in 2022, an increase of £3,993 from the 2021 total of £12,418. Donations, Contribution Boxes and Collections all increased the fundraising total.

RNLI UK & IRELAND NATIONAL OPERATIONS - LIVES SAVED AT SEA IN 2022

The RNLI has just released its operational figures for 2022, revealing that the charity's lifeboat crews and lifeguards saved a total of 506 lives last year. That's more than one life saved every single day of the year. The data, captured between January and December 2022 and shared by the Data and Analytics Team, highlights just how busy their lifesavers have been, with 9,312 lifeboat launches over the course of the last year. That's an increase of 5% on 2021. RNLI lifeboat crews saved the lives of 389 people over the course of 2022, whilst lifeguards saved 117 lives.

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 look out for more venues willing to help us

CORONATION WEEKEND 6th to 8th MAY

RNLI Winscombe & District Branch will be supporting Coronation Weekend Events in Winscombe and the surrounding area including the 'Scarecrow Trail', the Marquee and the 'Main Event' so do look out for the RNLI Banners and our people wearing RNLI Tabards. The aim will be to present the RNLI as one of 'The Local Big Help Out' Organisations.

ANNUAL PLANT & GARDEN ITEMS SALE – SATURDAY 27th MAY

RNLI Winscombe & District Branch will hold its Annual Plant & Garden Equipment Sale on Saturday 27th May starting at 10:00 am at the Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Road, Winscombe, BS25 1HP. 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 & domestic tools; and guest stalls plus a few new ideas all at 'Give-Away' prices. This year once again there will be beverages and hot dogs available. Contact Allan Cooper by e-mail allan.coop@tiscali.co.uk or tel 01934 842954 or Tina Joyce by e-mail meejlfh@gmail.com or tel 01934 842304 for more details. Branch members will collect any items donated for this sale ahead of the date. Meanwhile, down in Axbridge outside April Cottage on Jubilee Road, Mike's Honesty Table is up and running again with early plants and seedlings supplied regularly by Christa for those that cannot wait for the Plant Sale.

WINSCOMBE SCHOOL FETE – SATURDAY 10th JUNE

The Branch has been invited to represent the RNLI at the Winscombe School Fete on the afternoon of Saturday 10th June by mounting a display about what the Branch does and about the RNLI Life Saving Operations in Somerset.

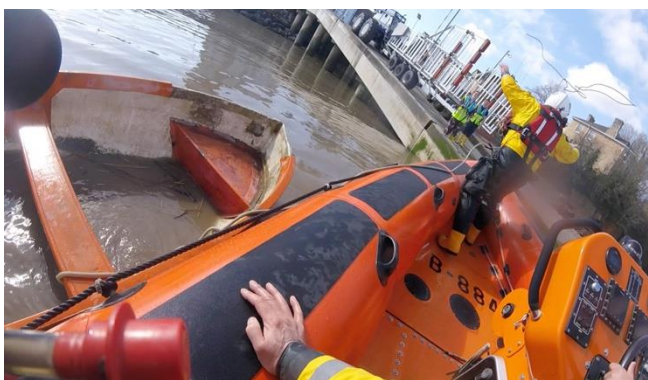
DIARY DATE – 2023 WESTON LIFEBOAT WEEK

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 the 19th and 28th August 2023 at a number of sites between the RNLI shop at The Cove on Marine Lake and the Grand Pier, who are supporting the week's events. More information to follow in future editions.

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). This live show, which features a narration on the historical background to each song, was previewed during last year's Black History Month. Reg has taken this show on tour recently where it received a tremendous reception at shows in Bristol, London and Manchester. Winscombe will be treated to the same show featuring vocals from both musicians, alongside incredible instrumentation, it tackles the history of the transatlantic slave trade in story and song including 'Good Morning Mr Colston'.

MARCH CALL OUTS



In March there were 13 Shouts between three of our four Lifeboat Stations (Minehead 2, Portishead 3, Weston-super-Mare 8). Portishead Crew volunteers were paged on Monday 27th at 10.14 am by HM Coastguard who were informed by the crew of one of the dredgers that there was an upturned dinghy floating west of Denny Island. After arriving on scene it was clear that there was nobody on

board and that it had been drifting potentially for a while. The crew managed to right the small dinghy and tie it alongside My Lady Anne, the Atlantic 85 class lifeboat; they then towed the small vessel back to the safety of the lifeboat station.

Somerset Day 2023



Somerset Day, celebrated on 11th May every year, gives everyone an opportunity to celebrate Somerset as a place to live, work, play, learn.

Did you know that Somerset is one of the most sought after destinations in the U.K.? Somerset has great cider, tasty cheese, and a world famous music festival. It has plenty of coastline from sandy beaches to Jurassic sections packed with fossils, lush forests, and an abundance of historical buildings and heritage sites.

So, what exactly is Somerset Day about, and what is its history? Read on to find out more.

Somerset Day marks Alfred the Great's call to arms and the gathering of 'all the people of Somerset' to march against the invading Viking army, and is now an annual opportunity to celebrate all that is "great" about Somerset and its residents and communities.

Alfred is the only Monarch to have been called the Great and following his defeat of the Danes is regarded by many to be the first King of England. By the 890s Alfred's charters and coinage were referring to him as 'King of the English'.

The date was chosen by an online poll in 2015 in which over 8,000 people voted.

11th May features more than once among the milestones of Somerset history.

On 11th May 973 that St Dunstan, the Somerset-born Archbishop of Canterbury, conducted the coronation of King Edgar in Bath Abbey, an occasion of great significance in the history of the English crown.

This was the first coronation of an English king for which any kind of extended record survives and still forms the basis for the coronation service being used this month.

On 11th May 1645 the terrible second siege of Taunton ended when Royalist forces suddenly withdrew and the town was improbably held for Parliament.

It was a watershed in the Civil War and gave rise to a rhyme that was chanted in the streets of Taunton long afterwards: "Rejoice ye dogs 'tis the 11th of May, the day the Cavaliers ran away".

Fly the flag for King & County

The 2023 Somerset Day weekend, and the lead up to it, following on from the Coronation weekend, will be an opportunity to celebrate the 'gathering together of all the people of Somerset' for King and County, with many different events taking place

<https://www.somersetday.com/somerset-day-2023>

Remember Jesus Too



Writing about the celebration of Holy Communion almost eighty years ago, Gregory Dix posed the question ‘Was ever another command so obeyed?’ It’s well worth searching online for his whole answer. An edited quote of his response reads:

‘For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God.’

The first of Dix’s scenarios will be played out before us at the coronation of King Charles III. At the heart of the ceremony, amidst all the pomp and circumstance, the oaths and declarations, the regalia and crowning, will be the celebration of Holy Communion. The words used will be just the same as those spoken in our parish churches Sunday by Sunday. From Communion, the King and Queen will be sent out from Westminster Abbey to live like us the prayer we say at the end of many of our services. They will offer ‘their souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice, sent out in the power of [God’s] Spirit to live and work to [God’s] praise and glory.’

The command that the King, Queen and all of us obey is Jesus’s direction to ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’ So, as you watch the Coronation please remember Jesus too. For he is the one who comes to us as a servant; the king of Kings.

Bishop Michael

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