

Putting the Love of Christ in the Heart of our Community



Signpost

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



July 2023

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Putting the love of Christ in the heart of our community.

An Honest Mistake?



Some years ago, my daughter who was about seven years old at the time asked, “Daddy, when can we have that meal, you cooked again?”. “Which one was that?” I enquired. “Beef boots,” she said. I paused for a moment to consider when I had actually cooked this rather unusual culinary dish or whether she was commenting on the toughness of the meat. It dawned on me what she was asking for - Beef Wellington. I was surprised she had asked for it because when I had cooked it, I made a mistake, not adding any red wine. Consequently, it didn’t taste particularly great. In her child’s mind she had remembered it was something to do with footwear - a simple mistake.

Our English word ‘mistake’ comes from the old Norse ‘mistaka’ - perhaps assimilated into our language during Viking times. I stumbled across an old dictionary’s definition of a mistake as ‘a false judgment or choice; and in its treatment of this defect the word is altogether gentle.’ [Century Dictionary, 1897] And I started to reflect on how we handle mistakes.

I remember in secular employment always being told on training courses, ‘Failure and mistakes are welcomed - it took Thomas Edison more than 1,000 attempts to get the light bulb correct.’ This would have been more motivational if we hadn’t all known that, on returning from the course to our workplace, there would be little tolerance for failure.

Closer to home, how do I treat mistakes I make, and others make? Do we beat ourselves up over our own misdemeanours? Those who are conscientious are perhaps more inclined to do this, which can result in a lack of self-esteem and guilt.

What about mistakes we see in others? Perhaps we are too quick to attribute blame and give others a hard time even for minor slip ups. These can build into a catalogue, black marks kept against those we regularly encounter, making us bitter in our resentment towards them. Those who are subjected to this can quickly grow disillusioned and untrusting, despite the mistake perhaps not being deliberate or even well intentioned. Which one of us is perfect?

The liturgical colours (those we see in church) during July have changed to Green, which is the colour of Ordinary Time in the church calendar, having changed from Red at Pentecost in May.

Why is this relevant for mistakes and Beef Wellington? Well, green reminds us of new growth and fresh starts - which sometimes we need to be willing to offer to those around us, and even ourselves, despite mistakes. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as ‘the comforter’, one who draws alongside us, reminding us of God’s love and forgiveness offered to each and every one of us, when we truly repent.

Red is the colour of love; 'Love keeps no record of wrongs' is from 1 Corinthians 13, a Bible passage which features often in the many summer weddings in our churches in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill. Red also reminds me of my mistake with the Beef Wellington recipe - a lack of red wine - although I'm not sure I am going to follow Gordon Ramsay's recommendation, which I see is to put an entire bottle in the mix! Or perhaps it would be a mistake not to?

Reverend Andrew Hiscox
Vicar

Pentecost



Pentecost comes from the word, 'pentekoste' which means fiftieth in Greek. The Christian holy day of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks.

These events are described in the book of Acts, which comes directly after the four Gospels. Pentecost is regarded as the birth date of the Christian church and was key in expanding the number of early Christian believers. In the UK, Pentecost is also called 'Whitsunday' or 'Whitsun'.

Fire is the main symbol of Pentecost. It represents the power, courage and determination given to the disciples when they received the Holy Spirit.

In the story of the first Pentecost, it also represents the apostles' ability to communicate in new languages following tongues of fire landing on their heads.

This year Pentecost was celebrated on Sunday 28th May, just as this beautiful flame-colored azalea came into full bloom in Angela's garden in Sandford.



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 August Magazine is Sunday 9th July. 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 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
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- ❖ 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

Many thanks to all those who have already made a donation. Thank you.

A New Church Community Centre

Over the past two years the Church Centre Development Group has been looking at ways to improve and extend or re-build our Church Centre in Woodborough Road, Winscombe.

The present 1960s building is reaching the end of its life and really is not viable as a Centre to meet the needs of our churches and its other users in the 21st Century.

We have recently held consultations with our congregation, the local community and other stakeholders to explain our plans for a new building.

Our next big meeting is on Sunday 9th July which will be our Grand Fundraising Launch.

All are most welcome to join us for this event where we also hope to announce the name of the project.



New Church Community Centre

YOU ARE INVITED TO

GRAND FUNDRAISING LAUNCH

Sunday 9th July at 3.00pm

CHURCH CENTRE, WOODBOROUGH ROAD, WINSCOMBE

Come and find out how you can be part of this exciting new community project.

For more information please contact Alison
alisonparmj@aol.com / 07776 235435



Messy Church & Open the Book @ Winscombe Primary School PTFA Fete



There were 8 gazebos spread across the playground, featuring everything from hand-crafted jewellery and a licensed bar to the local Rainbows group, ourselves, The Lions Club and RNLI. The



school's low tables and chairs were generously loaned for our use, and our free Bible character mask-making activity was popular, aided at the start by Reverend Andrew's fine salesmanship strategy!



The wonderful Messy Church team all joined us to help. This was invaluable as we found masks were required for colouring almost as fast as they could be drawn and cut out!

While at least 25 children made masks there were opportunities to chat with their parents, and explain that we were from local churches, and about our weekly Bible-story assemblies at the school and about Messy Church.

After mask-making we moved on to colouring sheets and other puzzles including a very tricky wordsearch (see right) Can our magazine readers manage to finish this, I wonder? Children who completed our activities were rewarded with an "Open the Book" sticker, a sweet or some grapes. So, if readers manage to finish it you may wish to reward yourselves accordingly! At the end of the afternoon the PTFA declared this fete to be one of their most successful ever, helped no doubt by the fine weather. We felt privileged to be a part of it. We appreciated our warm welcome from Head Teacher Mrs Lorna Richardson and from the PTFA team on our group's first visit to this event, and our thanks to Rebecca Hunt for putting us in touch with the PTFA.

Bible Characters

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|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Benjamin | O U A Z H X J T E Q U T M T U T P |
| Abigail | I T O Y A Y O E A H L Z B L J T F |
| Abraham | L U H D O M J M J O N A H I E C R |
| Jehovah | U M I A N X K T H B G Z J A H C P |
| Esther | I R Q J I O A B R A H A M G O P N |
| Isaiah | O A Z G P A T S P K B N S I V Q N |
| Joseph | D L A H P E S O J A G G H B A X O |
| Samuel | D L I U K S M I S L K G R A H N Z |
| David | G U R N O N D A V I D A Y G O P I |
| Jacob | N A N M N I M A J N E B Q P A K B |
| Jesus | P P K A U X O X B G N D E Q J T T |
| Jonah | Q C U S U S E J I K E N V B V F U |
| Peter | Z R X H J R Y K S L U R E H T S E |
| Adam | U Q E X X N G K V A C C H T U R W |
| Noah | X B V T D Y U W G S M A D A H J J |
| Paul | O R S A E F A C Z L E U M A S U A |
| Ruth | B O C A J P W W P Z I B V L N C W |
| Eve | |





During the summer!



Our final session until the Autumn!
July 15th: 2.30-4pm at the Church Centre

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

Our second Refresh-men-t Breakfasts at the Woodborough Inn took place on Saturday 17th June. Once again, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast and fellowship.

We look forward to doing it all again this month as July's breakfast will take place on Saturday 15th July in the Skittle Alley at The Woodborough Inn, Winscombe at 9.00 am.

Our speaker will be Chris Greenwood on the subject of his visit last year to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. This will be an open meeting to which all members of the community are welcome - not just men!

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
- Vegetarian Cooked Breakfast including tea/coffee/fruit juice - £9.50
- 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. Please let Tim know if you require the vegetarian option or have other dietary requirements.



Come and join us to hear about Chris's experience of the Oberammergau Passion Play



(Formerly The Michaelmas Fair)

Saturday 9th September 2023

Gates open 12pm – 4pm

**Live Music * Displays * Entertainment
Bar * BBQ * Refreshments * Stalls
Games * Climbing wall * Inflatables
Fun for all the family**

Look out for the schedule to enter your exhibits!

At Winscombe Community Centre

All Saints Church Community Café



The June Cafe raised £455.38 including Gift Aid.
Many thanks to all those who supported us.

Our next cafe will be on
Saturday 1st July
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.

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.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Once again, we are looking forward to our main summer event, Paul and Mo's Open Garden Day. This year it is taking place on *Wednesday 9th August* at 13 Belmont Road and the order of the day will be exactly as it ever is, coffee, followed by lunch, followed by cream teas. We hope for some lovely sunny weather to allow us to relax in Paul and Mo's glorious garden as we chat to old friends. Make sure it is in your diary!

Looking further ahead, we are also now planning for September when we will be holding a Collection for the Society and our Annual Box Opening. We are going to be collecting outside Morrisons supermarket, Worle on Monday 4th and Thursday 7th September from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm. In order to make this a success and to raise as much money as possible we need help! We are looking for teams of two to stand at the store for an hour and a half, encouraging passers-by to donate their spare cash. If you can spare some time for us on either day, we would be so grateful.

The Children's Society relies on the dedication and generosity of people like you, who are prepared to give us the time to help raise funds for the thousands of children who need their support in so many ways. If you would like to find out more about the work of The Children's Society just visit www.childrengsociety.org.uk

If you feel able to help then please call Sarah Gunn on 01934 842373 or email Sarahgunn2000@hotmail.com and give your preferred day so that we can plan our collecting days with confidence.

The Box Opening will be held alongside the weekly Church Centre Coffee Morning on Tuesday 26th September so do come along with your box and have a delicious cup of coffee and some fellowship as you wait for your box to be counted.

The Children's Society Committee of St. James the Great, Winscombe

Mendip Folk Dance Club

Monday 10th July

We resume in September

The Church Centre (St. James' Church Hall), Winscombe BS25 1BA

8.00 pm – 10.00 pm £3 per person

New dancers welcome (first night free of charge)

For further details contact Pat 01934 742853



Big Help Out – Saturday 10th June

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Big Help Out at Churchill Methodist. From the youngest to the oldest, including Churchill Guides and Rainbows, the volunteers enthusiastically set about dusting, cleaning and tidying indoors.

Outdoors, volunteers helped with essential maintenance and clearing jobs in the sunshine.

All the hard work and care was lightened with friendly humour, bacon butties and cake washed down with cups of tea.

Once again, thank you to the kind volunteers who generously gave their time to make our facilities gleaming and fresh for all the regular community groups.

Churchill Methodist Church

Tom Roynon

March 22nd 1922 – May 9th 2023

The funeral for Tom Roynon was held at St John's Church, Churchill on 1st June. The service of celebration of his long life was led by the Reverend Andrew Hiscox and attended by many members of his family, together with friends and neighbours.

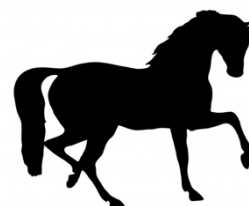
Tom was born at Dinghurst Farm and lived his entire life of 101 years in the parish of Churchill. With some support from family, friends and neighbours and the team of carers from 'Helping Hands', he was able to remain in his own home until the last couple of weeks of his life when he became too frail.

His love of horses started very early in his life on the family farm where horses were used to work the land, and it was his wish to be carried to the church on a horse drawn cart so that was indeed how he arrived. He was buried in the churchyard with his wife of 55 years, May.

His was a life that saw many changes – the arrival of cars and tractors, the second world war and its impact on everyone's lives, introduction of fridges, telephones, TVs, computers and mobile phones in the home. He didn't use the last of these but as with all the other many new things and new ideas, he was always willing to give them a go!

Until the end, he had a cheery smile for everyone.

Ellison Bibby (Tom's daughter)





Folk. Yes, but all kinds of music and verse.

Fourth Tuesday each month 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm £2
Upstairs Bar, Winscombe Club, 7 Sandford Road.

A quiet and respectful acoustic space for performers
and audience.

Further information from Nigel Carson, 07551 197 685 or
winscombefolkclub@gmail.com. Also on Facebook.

Winscombe Folk Club: Donation to Cheddar Valley Food Bank

Winscombe Folk Club made a donation of over £900 to Cheddar Valley Food Bank. This was the proceeds of a Coronation-eve Concert in the marquee provided by the Winscombe and Sandford Flags and Festivals Committee. The event comprised performances from members of the club in support of local folk legends "Magenta" and concluded with a standing ovation.



Pictured are Shelley Carson, Martin Hagen, Nigel Carson WFC Committee and Elaine Reynolds, Penny Cooke Trustees of Cheddar Valley Foodbank.



WINSCOMBE W.I.

You are welcome to join us for our next meeting.

Wednesday, 12th July

at 7.15 for 7.30 pm start

at The Church Centre, Winscombe.

Our speaker will be Susan Symons:

'The Colourful Personal Lives of Queen Victoria & Albert'

Refreshments will be available.

(We are now on Facebook.)

Churchill Baby & Toddler Group

Toys

Play

Enjoy

Mondays
3, 10 & 17 July
09.00-11.30

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



Details : call
Jacqueline
01934 844134

churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

Churchill **Methodist** Church



LYNCH CHAPEL LINK



After over a year without a minister, Lynch Chapel is excited to let you know that we have appointed a new minister, and he will have taken up the position (God and paperwork willing) on 1st July.

David Jewell and his wife Fiona may be familiar to some of you as he used to run a newsagent in Wrington. Since that time, he has trained to be a minister and has led churches in

Cornwall and Bradford on Avon.

Our previous partnership with Wrington Chapel has now been extended to make us a trio, with the inclusion of Nailsea URC. We are also excited about the new possibilities this brings as David leads our three churches.

David has consistently impressed us with his passion for pastoral care, his strong belief in God and his enthusiasm for welcoming all into our churches. We know that he will be writing articles for this magazine, giving all the chance to get to know him better. We are looking forward to his induction service, and we would love to welcome you to Lynch Chapel to come and meet David, as soon as he starts.

Alison Waite



Garden Open for Children's Hospice (South West.)

Garden in Sandford.

By appointment only!

Tea and cake can be provided.

You are very welcome to arrange a visit to my garden and meadow fields in Sandford with family, friends and groups from now until September.

The meadow is at its best in June and some of July.

There is no charge but donations to the hospice would be very welcome.

Please contact Di Redfern on 01934 852426 or dredfern@cooptel.net

Local History Corner

Marl

Marl, a degraded alluvial mixture of calcium carbonate and clay, has been used as a fertiliser and soil improver since the Iron Age. This was so much in demand that by the Middle Ages that it was necessary to limit its mining in order to prevent damage to farmland.

A law was passed in 1225 in the reign of Henry III that permitted landowners to sink pits on their own land. There was resurgence in its use in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

The names of some of the fields where this took place are still recorded in many places locally such as *Marlease*, south of Broadway in Shipham, and in Winscombe north of Barton Lane, *Marlpitts* or *Marlpits*. This latter is particularly interesting as the name is also recorded as *Mortal Pits* but it is clear that the clerk who was responsible for documenting the field in 1840 had misheard the local dialect!

Marl was frequently mined by digging a vertical shaft to reach the layers of marl and then extending the bottom of the shaft in all directions until the excavation became unsafe. When a pit became unusable another would be dug a short distance away.

To the east of Pylewell Lane in Star, an area comprising several lines of such pits was recorded by the archaeological team ALERT in a field known as Long Row by using archaeological geophysical surveying. A system of electrical imaging enabled a cross section of one of these pits to be recorded and shows that a shaft about 3m wide had been dug to a depth of 4m and then extended sideways as the marl was removed to make a bell-shaped void about 6m

wide and 2m high. A field recorded as Great Breach between the Banwell Road A371 and Max Lane also shows indications of a series of hollows, which are almost certainly the locations of marl pits. A photograph that was taken in 2001 shows large hay bales resting in these depressions, conveniently placed here to prevent them from rolling down the slope.



Hay bales resting in the depressions left by mining marl (photographed in July 2000)

John Matthews

Come to Scramblers

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

Toys

Drinks &
Snacks

Stories
Both Bible &
traditional

Singing

Craft Activities

Games

Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(term time only)
at The Church Centre, Winscombe

July 6th & 13th

We will then have a summer break until September

Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information



July Quiz

Anyone for tennis?

Wimbledon is taking place at the All-England Club this month. So, this month's quiz has a tennis related theme.



1. Who was the last British woman to win the Women's Singles tournament?
2. What sport other than tennis is mentioned in the full name of the club where Wimbledon is held?
3. What is the name of the trophy awarded to the Wimbledon Women's Singles Champion?
4. Which fruit is on the top of the Wimbledon Mens' Singles trophy?
5. Four tournaments make up the Grand Slam: The Australian Open, Wimbledon, the US Open, and...?
6. During a tennis match, if someone has a score of 'love', how many points do they have?
7. In 2017, Emma Stone and Steve Carell starred in which biographical tennis film based on the match between Billie Jean King and Billy Riggs?
8. Which tennis player released an autobiography entitled 'You Cannot Be Serious'?
9. Which overuse and muscle strain is clinically known as lateral epicondylitis?
10. In 1985 who became the youngest winner of the men's singles?

Answers can be found on page 41





Family Film Club

**On the Big Screen
at Lynch Chapel, Winscombe**

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





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.

With the rise in the cost of living the Foodbanks are in even more demand and your contributions are much appreciated. As the summer holidays approach this will put even more strain on family budgets so, please help if you can.

There are collection baskets for each village in each of the churches and at the Church 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 (no 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 |

For the summer holidays donations of small packs of crisps and other snacks, cereal and chocolate bars, squash and sandwich fillings are needed.

Knit & Natter!

**Second and fourth
Wednesday each month
2pm - 4pm
at LYNCH CHAPEL**

**Knit, crochet, macramé or
simply natter!
Tea and coffee
provided.**



Thursday Lunches



12.30pm @Churchill Methodist Church
BS25 5NG

6, 13, 20 & 27 July

Summer Menu £5

*Ham or Cheese
Ploughman's*

Hot or cold sweet

Tea or Coffee

Friendly welcome to everyone

For bookings & transport:

01934 832606 Queenie

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Churchill **Methodist** Church 



Supporting and Protecting our Natural World.

How to Spot a Roe Deer.

Another time for patience and real pleasure in nature.

Roe deer are large animals and relatively common in Sandford Woods. Even so they are very hard to spot - deliberately so, I'm sure. It is perfectly possible to miss them unless they cross your path directly.

Their instinct is not to run at first but to stand perfectly still with a watchful eye.

Only if danger is considered to be absolutely imminent and inevitable will they take evasive action and RUN! What a beautiful sight that is, as they leap and bound in huge, graceful strides apparently effortlessly and so sure footed. I have never seen a deer stumble or even hesitate once it is running.

Well, to spot a deer you must scan the wood slopes and search out a pale creamy coloured rump which may look more like a recently sawn trunk of a tree. Search until you find one. It could be a deer and so look for the rest of the shape of a whole deer and often there it will be, and you are likely to think, 'How could I have missed that?'

In the meantime, the deer has been watching you intently and single mindedly for some time. The erect ears will be alert and the eyes large, wide open and watching intently.

Try to stand equally still and see what happens. Nearly always I give up first and walk on leaving him/her or them to continue life. If I return the deer(s) may well still be there browsing, sensing that there was no real danger at all and no need to use valuable energy in trying to escape.



Di Redfern

Children's

POP - IN



at **Lynch Chapel, Winscombe**
10 - 12 noon, every Wednesday
during the school summer holidays:

Pop-in for

⇒ **toys**

⇒ **games**

⇒ **Craft**

⇒ **stories**

26th July
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August

Time for the
grown-ups
to meet new people,
catch-up with
friends and chat -
while the children
play



*Activities for pre-school children, reception
and babies*

Older brothers and sisters welcome



Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information



Open Garden
June - August
By appointment only

Hosted by Ann

Sandew House
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Open Gardens is a community fundraising initiative. Supporters, staff and volunteers open up their gardens for the public to view to raise money to support the hospice.

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 for a small charge.

To book your appointment please contact Ann 01934 820972.

Join the party!



www.westonhospicecare.org.uk/event/open-gardens/




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JULY 2023 – DIARY

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| SAT 1 | 10.30am | Community Café – All Saints Church |
| | 2.30-4.00pm | Come for a Cuppa – Lynch Chapel |
| | 7.00pm | Jazz in the Paddock – in aid of Friends of St James's |
| SUN 2 | TRINITY 4 | |
| | See opposite page for details of Services | |
| TUES 4 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre |
| WED 5 | 7.15pm | Choir Practice – St James's Church |
| | 7.30pm | Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall |
| THURS 6 | 9.30am | Scramblers – Lynch Chapel |
| | 10.00am | Communion in the Community - Dunster Court |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's Church |
| SAT 8 | 10.30-1.00 | CTWS AwayDay – Cheddar Catholic Community Hall |
| SUN 9 | TRINITY 5 | |
| | See opposite page for details of Services | |
| TUES 11 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre |
| WED 12 | 2.00pm | Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel |
| THURS 13 | 9.30am | Scramblers – Church Centre |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's |
| SAT 15 | 9.00am | Re-fresh-ment Breakfast – Woodborough Inn |
| | 9.00am | Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre |
| | 2.30-4.00pm | Messy Church – Church Centre |
| SUN 16 | TRINITY 6 | |
| | See opposite page for details of Services | |
| TUES 18 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre |
| WED 19 | 2.45pm | Communion in the Community – Sewell House |
| | 7.15pm | Choir Practice – St James's |
| THUR 20 | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's |
| | 2.45pm | Family Film Club – Lynch Chapel |
| SUN 23 | TRINITY 7 – ST JAMES PATRONAL FESTIVAL | |
| | See opposite page for details of Services | |
| TUES 25 | 10.00am | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room |
| | 10.30am | Coffee Morning – Church Centre |
| WED 26 | 2.00pm | Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel |
| | 7.30pm | Choir Practice – St James's |
| THUR 27 | 10.30am | Communion in the Community – Winscombe Hall |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing – St James's |
| SAT 29 | 2.45pm | Family Film Club – Lynch Chapel |
| SUN 30 | TRINITY 8 | |
| | See opposite page for details of Services | |

BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY

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| <p>Sunday 2nd July Jeremiah 28: 5-9 Psalm 89: 8-18 ROMANS 6: 12-end Matthew 10: 40-end</p> | <p>Sunday 9th July Zechariah 9: 9-12 Psalm 145: 8-15 Romans 7: 15-25 Matthew 11: 16-19</p> | <p>Sunday 16th July Isaiah: 55: 10-13 Psalm 65 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23</p> |
| <p>Sunday 23rd July <i>(St James the Great Patronal Festival)</i> Acts 11: 27-12.2 Psalm 126 Matthew: 20: 20-28</p> | <p>Sunday 30th July 1 Kings 3: 5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8: 26-end Matthew 13: 31-33,44-52</p> |  |

Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in July

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| Sunday 2 nd July | 8.00 am | St James's | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 10.00 am | Church Centre | Café Church |
| Sunday 9 th July | 9.30 am | St James's | Holy Communion |
| | 11.00 am | All Saints | Parish Praise |
| | 11.00 am | St John's | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 16 th July | 10.00 am | Church Centre | Family Holy Communion |
| | 11.00 am | All Saints | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 23 rd July | 9.30 am | St James's | Holy Communion |
| | 11.00 am | All Saints | Parish Praise |
| | 11.00 am | St John's | Parish Praise |
| Sunday 30 th July | 9.30 am | St James's | Holy Communion |
| | 11.00 am | All Saints | Holy Communion |
| | 11.00 am | St John's | Holy Communion |

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday All Saints 10.00 am Holy Communion

Special Services July

Thursday 6th July Dunster Court 10.00 am Communion in the Community

Wednesday 19th July Sewell House 2.45 pm Communion in the Community

We Remember

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

Tim Walton whose cremation took place at Weston Crematorium on Wednesday 10th May.

Thomas Alfred Roynon whose funeral service and burial took place at St John's Church on Thursday 1st June.

Marion Cordell whose funeral service took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Wednesday 28th June.

Safeguarding

Our churches are committed to promoting a safe environment and culture. The safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a priority. Further information about our Safeguarding Policies and procedures can be found on our website

<https://winsandchurches.org.uk/safeguarding/>. Details of how to contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer can be found on page 2 of this magazine.

A Famous Birthday in July



Thomas John Barnardo was born on 4th July 1845 in Dublin. His mother, Abigail was from Plymouth and his father, John Michaelis Barnardo was a German emigrant from Hamburg.

Barnardo studied medicine in London, Paris and Edinburgh with the intention of becoming a medical missionary in China. During his studies, however, he became aware of a plight closer to home. When a cholera epidemic swept through the East End leaving many orphaned children, Barnardo gave up his Chinese dream and opened a 'ragged school' where children could get a free basic education. When one of the boys showed him children sleeping on roofs and in gutters, he decided to devote himself to helping children in poverty.

In 1870 the first of the 'Dr Barnardo's Homes' opened for a limited number of boys but when an 11-year-old boy was found dead two days after being told the home was full, Barnardo vowed never to turn another child away.

In 1873 Barnardo married Syrie Louisa Elmslie. As a wedding present they were given the lease on a 60-acre site, in Barkingside, East London, where they opened a home for girls. Following their vision of creating a way of life for destitute children that resembled growing up in a village, the girls lived in small family-style groups looked after by a house 'mother'. By 1900 this garden village had 65 cottages, a school, hospital and church and provided a home and training for 1500 girls.

By the time Barnardo died from angina, in 1905, the Charity had 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 vulnerable children including those with physical and learning difficulties. His own daughter had Down's syndrome, and this strongly influenced his approach to the care of disabled children.

Although famous for his children's homes, Barnardo believed that a child should ideally grow up in a family setting and as early as 1887 'boarded out' children to host families, not a popular idea in Victorian times.

The charity was also one of many who sent children to Australia or Canada to start a new life, from the late 19th Century to the 1960s, although it was later realised that this was a misguided policy.

After WWII Barnardo's began working more closely with families and by the end of the 1950s much of their work involved helping children to stay with their own families. Moving into the 1960s the focus was less on residential care and more on working with disabled children and those with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Today the charity founded almost 150 years ago supports and protects children and young people who face a wide range of issues but the one thing that has never changed is the commitment to Thomas Barnardo's belief that with the right help, children can achieve their potential and his promise that children in need of help will be supported regardless of their circumstances, gender, race disability or behaviour. Quite a legacy!



Things To Do Outdoors This Summer.

With the summer holidays starting this month here are a few things that you might like to try. These are from the National Trust's '50 things to do before you are 11 3/4' but there's nothing to stop those older than that from having a go!

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things> for lots more ideas.

Get to know a tree - look in your garden, in a local wood or park. Explore the roots, bark, branches and leaves to uncover its story.

Create some wild art - use leaves, twigs, feathers, pebbles, shells, cones etc. to create an artwork. Let your imagination go wild!

Fly a kite - on a windy day 'go fly a kite' in a wide-open space.

Explore on wheels: Take your scooter, bike or skateboard and follow a safe route such as the Strawberry Line.

Have fun with sticks - try den building, wand making, set out a trail using signs made of sticks for others to follow, or play Pooh Sticks.

Go stargazing - choose a clear night and maybe download an app to help you find out which stars to look for. You might even see a shooting star in the Perseus meteor shower between 17th July and 24th August (<https://www.rmg.co.uk>)

Climb a huge hill - we have plenty in the local area such as Crook Peak, Glastonbury Tor, Brean Down, or Brent Knoll.

Go on a scavenger hunt - challenge yourself or maybe set a challenge for others. What could you look for? A snail shell, a prickly leaf, a feather, a slug trail, an animal track or a bird's nest? There is no end of possibilities.

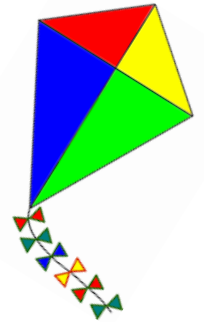
Go cloud watching - find a patch of grass, lie back and watch the clouds. What can you see in the shapes? Perhaps you can find out the names of some different types of cloud?

Make a home for wildlife - you could make a bug hotel, a hedgehog or frog den, or a log pile for all sorts of insects.

Help a plant grow - maybe grow something to eat that is fast growing such as cress, salad leaves or radishes so that you won't have to wait too long to enjoy your produce.

Watch a bird - how many different birds can you spot in the places you go and in your own garden? Maybe you could visit one of the local nature reserves on the Avalon Marshes and Somerset Levels to see some more unusual species?

Get up for the sunrise or watch the sunset - get up early to see the sun rise above the horizon. You might need to find a place with a clear view. Or find a good place to see the sun setting.



CREATE! Sunday

SUNDAY 16 JULY 4-6 PM

Beach Picnic

@Burnham

Join us for All Age Family Fun
Games, story & friendly welcome
Book hotdog or veg-dog

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Churchill **Methodist** Church
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Myths & Monsters Exhibition at Weston Museum

Open daily until 7 October 2023



Explore the wild worlds of Myths and Monsters in a new exhibition featuring artwork from some of our best loved children's stories.

Get ready to meet a motley crew of fantastic beasts, from the Gruffalo to the Iron Man, from fearsome dragons to monsters of the deep, and even monsters in underpants!

Monsters have been around since the earliest myths and legends, keeping us terrified and captivated for millennia.

The imaginations of some of the world's most celebrated illustrators and artists bring them to life.

See over 70 artworks by 17 of our most celebrated children's book illustrators. Star contributors include:

- Axel Scheffler: The Gruffalo and other Julia Donaldson books
- Chris Mould: The Iron Man
- Jim Kay: A Monster Calls
- Kristina Stephenson: The Museum of Marvellous Things, Sir Charlie Stinky Socks
- Lydia Monks: What the Ladybird Heard, Sugarlump and the Unicorn and other Julia Donaldson books
- Chris Riddell: The Cloud Horse Chronicles
- Victoria Topping : Mythologica: An encyclopaedia of gods, monsters and mortals from ancient Greece

This family friendly exhibition has been created in collaboration with Events of Wonder.

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 June meeting we welcomed two new members, Eve and Diane.

We were then introduced to our speaker Nick Morgan who gave us a most informative talk on 'Making the Most of Your Greenhouse.

Nick was in charge of the glasshouses at RHS Wisley, so he certainly was an expert!

The most important thing to do is to thoroughly clean the greenhouse inside and out at least once a year!

When thinking of buying one it is important to decide where to place it, the ideal aspect is east to west facing to make sure that you get the maximum amount of light.

You need a good ventilation system to allow air to flow through and to keep the greenhouse at a reasonable temperature. Nick told us that automatic window openers are an excellent idea. In the height of the summer, it is a good idea to damp down the floor to cool it and to keep the humidity at a good level. Also shading the greenhouse is a must to reduce plant stress.

Nick explained that watering is not an exact science, plants don't like to be waterlogged nor kept too dry. If you have a water butt it should be emptied before the season starts and thoroughly cleaned out.

We were then shown how to sow seeds of various vegetables and how to care for them including the different types of feed that can be beneficial for producing excellent crops.

Nick then judged our competition for 'The Best Flower in My Garden' which was won by Chris Byles for her beautiful rose.

John thanked Nick for his talk.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th July at 7.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

A talk by Sally Morgan on 'Climate Change Garden'.

Saturday 12th August at 2.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

Our Summer Show



Gardening Notes for July

The Flower Garden

Keep up with the dead heading to prolong the flowering period and cut sweet peas regularly as once they have set seed, they consider they have achieved their purpose and will stop flowering. Divide bearded irises, lift the congested plants and divide up selecting young portions of rhizomes with a fan of leaves. Trim the foliage to 6" and replant with the roots just below soil level but exposing the rhizomes, then water well. Bearded irises do like to be baked by the sun so replant with the rhizomes facing from north to south.

Watering

Regularly water containers and hanging baskets at least once a day; unlike garden plants those in containers have a limited volume of growing medium and a restricted water reserve. Also, the shape of the container helps, large, tall pots have a better air to moisture balance, more moisture will evaporate from those with larger surface areas.



Plants will of course have different requirements; young plants need free draining compost and frequent smaller doses of water. Established plants in large containers need more moisture retentive growing medium and will require heavier less frequent waterings.

When watering plants in the border use a watering can wherever possible concentrating on those plants in flower or showing stress. Remember the golden rule water thoroughly at the base of the plant instead of splashing it all over the surface of the soil and foliage, where the moisture will evaporate without doing any good.

Plants that need special attention during dry weather are those affected by powdery mildew such as clematis, roses, phlox and honeysuckle and will require regular watering and mulching to prevent the plants becoming stressed. Powdery Mildew is easily recognised by a white powdery coating on the leaves, and plants prone to this disease should be grown in a sunny area with good air circulation, spraying with a fungicide will also reduce the chances of infection.

Pruning

Cut back the twining shoots on wisteria to control the growth and encourage more flowering wood. Cut each one back, leaving a 'spur' with about five or six leaves, again in winter cut back these shoots to two buds.

Prune plum trees this month to avoid infection from airborne silver leaf disease, simply cut away any suckers or shoots appearing low on the main trunk, thin branches if necessary and shorten some of the upper shoots from this year's growth, avoid cutting wood bearing fruit.



On Monday 12th June, the Branch held its Formal Summer Lunch at the Wells Golf Club. Members met for Pre-Lunch Drinks followed by a Two Course Lunch, coffee and a Loyal Toast.

Monday 3rd July at 11:00 am

The Bell Inn, Bruton Road, Evercreech, BA4 6HY

This will be a Branch Meeting with a Pub Games Session followed by an optional Pub Lunch.

There is no meeting in August so the next meeting will be on Monday 4th September; details will be available 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 by telephone to the Secretary 01458 224057 for further information.

**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.

This might mean a visit or just an occasional phone call.

Training will be given to anyone who is interested.

If you would like any further information please contact Rev'd Pauline Nixon

07511935860 or revpolly@gmail.com

'Love one another as I have loved you'.

John 13.34



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15 JULY
09.00-12.30**

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Wrighton Vale Rotary Club News

Future events: All profits to Charities supported by Rotary

1. The Car and Bike Fest is at Lyecross Farm: 9th July at 09.00 am.

2. 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.

3. 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**.

Rotary Young Writer Competition



This year Wrighton Vale Rotary Club encouraged local school children to enter their Young Writer competition. The subject was 'Peace' and some excellent pieces of writing were entered in prose and poetry, with the greatest number of entries coming from Wrighton Primary School. Rhiannon from Churchill Academy won the Rotary District round of the senior competition and was very pleased to be awarded two certificates and a trophy.

Rhiannon with her well-deserved trophy

Fund Raising and Spending

Fund Raising We use our events, ranging from Carol Singing to the Vintage Car and Bike Festival, to provide fun and entertainment but also to raise money. Every penny is used to support local causes such as Schools, Kids Out, Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Carers and also to help the aged and needy.

We sent £2400 with Gift Aid to Rotary Foundation this year. So what is Rotary Foundation?

Rotary Foundation (RF) is our International Charity. It received \$440 million this year. This provides funds for our major activities around the World. Briefly, the seven areas are Peace and Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Education, Economic Development. Examples are our very successful campaign with Bill Gates to rid the world of polio with cases down by 99%. More recently our focus is turning to attacking Malaria with a new organization entitled Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) which has already raised \$2M. We also have major activities in Ukraine and surrounding Countries. The list is infinite – do have a look online and possibly make a donation.

Want to find out more, why not come to a club meeting. Call Paul Jenkins 07722 122672, Angie Biggs on 07790 400718 or Ivor Methereil 01761 462607



RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



RESULTS UPDATE

As reported in June, RNLI Winscombe & District Branch held its Annual Plant & Garden Equipment Sale on Saturday 27th May. The weather was brilliant, and the Branch recorded the biggest attendance yet for this event; this was reflected in the financial results as a staggering £2,892 was taken in pre-sales and the sales on the day while IOUs and post-sales will take the final figure to above £3,000. Thanks to everyone that attended and contributed to this result.



WINSCOMBE SCHOOL FETE: SATURDAY 10th JUNE

The Branch represented the RNLI at the Winscombe School Fete on the afternoon of Saturday 10th June with a display about what the Branch achieved in 2022, the 'Winning Coronation Scarecrow' with 'Stormy Stan' and 'Stormy Sue' plus Water Safety Advice and Freebies for the youngsters.

WEDMORE STREET FAIR

The Branch will attend the Wedmore Street Fair on Saturday 1st July with a display about Branch Activities and RNLI Operations on the Somerset Coast.

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.

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 the 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.

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.

MAY SHOUTS

In May there were 11 'Shouts' between our four Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea 1, Minehead 1, Portishead 2, W-s-M 7).

On Tuesday 30th May, the Weston-super-Mare crew were all enjoying the sunshine when the pagers sounded. The crew quickly mustered at the station to reports from the Coastguard of a boat in distress off the end of Brean Down. A sailing boat had found itself, after a series of unfortunate issues, drifting towards the rocks of Brean Down, in the moderately choppy Bristol Channel. This was not the trip the experienced captain had hoped to share for the first time with his young family. With no engine, a ripped mainsail and a bout of sea sickness the vessel and her passengers needed immediate rescue. Both lifeboats were launched and the B class lifeboat, 'Douglas Murray', was able to tow the stricken sailboat back to the River Axe, and with the assistance of the D class, 'Adrian Beaumont', they were able to get her to her moorings and transfer the family ashore.



July Quiz Answers.

So how was your 'game' of tennis? Was it 'love' or 'game, set and match'?

1. Virginia Wade was the last British woman to win the Women's Singles Title in 1977, the year of Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee
2. Croquet (All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club)
3. Venus Rosewater Trophy
4. A pineapple. There are very few facts" about the pineapple's origin, but it could date back to the fruit's use as a symbol of honour, welcoming and celebration.
5. The French Open
6. 'Love' in tennis means that the player has scored nothing. It could be used because the numeral zero resembles an egg. In French, the word for egg is 'l'oeuf' which sounds similar to love. Alternatively, it might be that those with zero points were still playing for the 'love of the game'.
7. Battle of the Sexes
8. John McEnroe
9. Tennis elbow
10. Boris Becker who was just 17 years old when he won his first Wimbledon title.



A Visible Presence for the Diocese of Bath and Wells

The Church Tent has been at two of our largest gatherings in the diocese this year, the Bath and West Show and Glastonbury Festival. The tents were manned by ecumenical teams and served a steady flow of visitors.

At the Bath and West Show the Yeast Scrapstore from Glastonbury created a display on the theme of The Servant King. A series of questions; 'What are you worried about?', 'Who has been your greatest influence?' 'What are you thankful for?' and 'How do you serve?', prompted people passing by to add their thoughts, comments and prayers to a board outside the tent.



Charity Cafe Church in June

On Sunday 4th June, over 65 people from our three churches, gathered in the Church Centre for our quarterly Charity Cafe Church.

This time the chosen charity was the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Our speaker was Carole Dacombe from the Bristol and Bath Group of the association, and she was able to tell us a little about the disease and the work of the association.

MND is a disease which affects the nerves known as motor neurones. These nerves are found in the brain and spinal cord and tell the muscles what to do. MND causes the muscles to weaken, stiffen and waste, which affects how those with the disease walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. The disease affects everyone differently, symptoms vary, and progress of the disease is hard to predict. It is life shortening and, as yet there is no cure. However, most patients with the condition die within 5 years with the average life expectancy after diagnosis being 14 years.

MND affected up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time. There is a 1 in 300 risk of getting MND across a lifetime. It can affect adults of any age but is most likely to affect those over 50.

We also heard about some well known people who have died from MND and those who are living with MND.

Comedian, Ronnie Corbett was diagnosed with the disease in 2014 and died in March 2016. Actor David Niven also died from the disease aged 73.

The story of Stephen Hawking, the theoretical physicist and best-selling author is well known and told in the film the 'Theory of Everything'. Hawking was diagnosed with MND in his early 20s and lived with the disease for 55 years. He was as famous for his motorised wheelchair and computer-generated voice as he was for his scientific work.



More recently the former Rugby League player, Rob Burrow, has shared the story of his battle with MND which was diagnosed in 2019, saying that it has made him appreciate the 'little things in life', and that the hardest thing is 'not being able to be the dad I want to be.'

In May his wife Lindsay, her brother and Rob's best friend, Kevin Sinfield ran the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon to raise money for a Centre for Motor Neurone Disease as well as the association. Many of you will have seen the emotional footage of Kevin carrying Rob, who he had pushed around the entire course, over the finish line. The short ITV documentary about this is well worth watching

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/lindsey-and-rob-living-with-mnd-tonight/zgyr4zk>

We were all touched by what we had heard and donations totalling at least £500 were made, by the church family, to the Bristol and Bath Branch of the MND Association, to help people with MND locally. <https://www.mndassociation.org>

This event is being organised by Winscombe Folk Club in collaboration with a local person from the Ukraine.

UKRAINE'S SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE



How did Ukrainian vyshyvanka embroidery and design come to embody Ukraine's spirit of resistance?

How do the stories told by Ukraine's national dress define the nation's identity, humour and love of beauty so strongly?

Discover how the vyshyvanka's traditions continue to evolve from folk motifs into contemporary images and designer styles, from Vogue to Hollywood. This evening celebrates the art of vyshyvanka with a catwalk show of designs, against a background of Ukrainian painting accompanied by haunting Ukrainian music. Including traditional folk singing and light refreshments.

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‘In response to God’s immense love for us we seek to be God’s people living and telling the story of Jesus.’

In conversations with people from around the diocese about our vision in recent months, we have talked of all the different ways that we can serve the communities in which we are based - how we can enable the life of the whole of the people of God.

One of the community connections that many of our churches nurture is with their local school, in particular with our church schools where day in, day out teachers and their support staff reflect God’s love and teachings with the pupils in their care.

As rewarding as that role is, it is a tough one. The long summer holiday may be in sight but anyone who knows a teacher or member of school staff will tell you how much that is needed as well as how much work is done during that ‘break’.

They truly need our support and love and prayers. We should also give thanks for those working in our schools during the summer, cleaning, building, or preparing for the new academic year.

Not all of us are blessed with the gifts to teach, but many of us have other gifts that can help our school communities.

For some it is the gift of storytelling, sharing the teachings of Jesus as an Open the Book volunteer, others serve as chaplains. Some will simply live out their Christian faith by volunteering in classrooms or in the playground or by praying regularly for the school community. All of these roles are valuable to our schools, and rewarding for those who fulfil them.

What our schools and Academy Trusts need in particular are governors and trustees. There are many opportunities, especially for foundation governors and trustees who have a distinct responsibility for championing the Christian character of our schools.

That may sound daunting, but that responsibility isn’t held alone as there is support locally and from our excellent diocesan education team. And if you do take on that role, what a joy to know that you are playing your part to support and nurture our young people in the way of our Lord who said, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4.

Bishop Michael

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR RUBBISH 2023

• Upgraded version of the 2019 Ruby Edition •

These days most of our unwanted household goods can be put in the recycling boxes but there are still other goods that can be recycled elsewhere – if you know where to take them. The Thursday market is a good place to start: I have a board there by the hatch with information on it and plastic envelopes to put some items in.

Books The Book Bazaar in the Community Centre welcome them. Leave them at the market on Thursday mornings or whenever the Centre is open, or ring Bob ☎ 842250 or Peter ☎ 843986.

Bookmarks to Irene Thresher – put in the plastic envelopes on my board in the Community Centre.

Blankets and bedding Near Christmas, charities that help the homeless will have them. Those in not so good a state can be taken to the RSPCA charity shop in the village.

Clothes There are numerous jumble sales in the village for local charities who will welcome them, as will the charity shops. The WCA has a container for clothes and shoes at the fence. Rags and anything that is past wearing may be put in the green recycling box.

Computers and accessories *see* Scotts at the end of the sheet. North Somerset Council also works with Donate IT to recycle electronic devices: drop them off at Weston Library or Clevedon Library. For more information ✉ skillssupport@n-somerset.gov.uk.

Electrical or electronic equipment British Heart Foundation on Winterstoke Estate ☎ 01934 331575. Also to Scotts – *see* the end of the sheet.

Flexible plastics CLEAN wrappings from food, biscuits, crisps, food pouches, vegetable and salad bags, magazine wrappers, carrier bags and bubble wrap. Take to any Sainsbury's, who recycle it into new bags.

Footwear Tie in pairs in bags and put in the container outside the Fire Station or at the Cricket Club. These will either be mended and sent abroad or the fabric recycled.

Household furniture British Heart Foundation ☎ 01934 331575. Weston Hospicecare ☎ 423987 will take most household items including electrical equipment and do house clearance. Note that upholstered furniture must have passed the 1988 fire safety regulations: if it has, it will have a label on it saying 'carelessness causes fire'. Items without this label cannot be collected. The council charges a fee for collecting such items. If you or someone can, break them down – cut fabric and prise into pieces that will fit into your car and take them to the tip.

Jumble sales The Community Centre holds two a year, usually in January and September. Keep a lookout for the posters.

Postage stamps Put them in the plastic envelope on the recycling board in the Community Centre.

Postcards and any paper memorabilia Old maps, zoo and sports programmes, black & white photos, funeral notices, anything paper including old birthday cards pre-1970, old tickets, especially from airlines – the older the better – to Irene Thresher ☎ 843030 or via the Community Centre recycling board.

Wood recycled at Somerset Wood Recycling on Winterstoke Road, BS23 3YW. Ring before you go on ☎ 01934 642294 or contact via ✉ info@somersetwoodrecycling.co.uk to check the wood is suitable. They make tables – go into the Wine Shop and see how fantastic they are!

Wool For a network of knitters who knit for various charities, Irene Thresher ☎ 843030.

Scotts This is an Aladdin's cave in Smallway, Congresbury, just beyond Cadbury Garden Centre. They take bikes; tools; leftovers from gardens and garages; electrical goods, which are refurbished and sold; paint from decorating if there is more than half a tin left; and paint from professional decorators, including Farrow & Ball, which is sold for £2.50 per litre. Opening hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 11am–4pm. Look them up online at jamesscottsreuseproject.co.uk.

Weston Recycling Centre (the tip!) takes furniture, assorted household goods and toys; these resource the Changing Lives charity. Open seven days a week, 10am–4pm. See my board in the Community Centre.

This leaflet is produced by Irene Thresher ✉ irenethresher67@gmail.com.

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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

Useful Telephone Numbers

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| Fire | Non-Emergency | 01179 262061 |
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