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

'Seasons of Mist and Mellow Fruitfulness'



September heralds the beginning of Autumn, described in the poem by John Keats as 'the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. Yet, I expect, that if you're anything like me, you will be hoping that, this year, we may have a little bit more of summer before that time arrives!

It is also the time that we have Harvest Festival celebrations in our churches, where we say thank you to God for all the good gifts that he gives us, and especially for the harvests from our farms and gardens. It is a time for gathering and sharing.

In many churches the words 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seeds on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand', will be sung. But do we ever really think about what that actually means?

On the surface, we can imagine the farmers doing just that, as they prepare the soil and then plant the seeds that will grow into the crops that are harvested at this time of year. With God's gifts of sun and rain to nurture the growth of those crops, there should be sufficient food for everyone. (Unfortunately, because of human failures that does not always happen!)

But do we think about God's harvest of people for his kingdom? Do we as Christians plough the fields and scatter good seed? We can prepare good soil by being welcoming to everyone we meet, anywhere and everywhere; we can make our church buildings accessible and suitable for all ages, and we need to work, and pray together, for the benefit of all.

And how do we scatter the seed? We're doing a lot already – coffee mornings, social events, Scramblers, Messy Church, school assemblies, pastoral visiting, Alpha courses and much more. Yet we can still ask God to give us more opportunities to share his love with others. It is up to us to sow the seeds that God can then nurture and nourish -and he may use us to do some of that as well.

To do all this, we also need to harvest the fruits of God's Spirit in our own lives. In Galatians 5:22, Paul says 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'.

At this time of Harvest, it's good to reflect about what sort of harvest we're producing from ourselves, and to remember to be faithful to God as he is faithful to us – and to remember to thank him for all his gifts to us and to the earth.

Reverend Pauline Nixon



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- St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW
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Many thanks to all those who have already made a donation. Thank you.

The 60th Anniversary of Canon Shaun Darley's Ordination

This is a special year for Canon Shaun Darley. He was ordained in 1963, so this is his 60th Anniversary year of ordination. Shaun studied at Durham University and Cranmer Hall College in Durham. He was a Chaplain at Bristol Technical College, Bristol Polytechnic, and Senior Chaplain and Lecturer with the University of the West of England. He was made an Honorary Canon at Bristol Cathedral in 1989. He retired in 2001, since then he has officiated at our churches under a number of incumbents.

Below, Shaun writes about his journey to ministry.

**Join us for a special service of Holy Communion
to celebrate the 60th Anniversary**

of

the Ordination of Canon Shaun Darley

on

Sunday 24th September 2023 at 10.00am

at

St James the Great, Winscombe



ALL WELCOME

About a Boy



This is a story about a teenage boy living in North London in the early 1950s. Much of his social life revolved around the local church; choir, youth club, scouts, etc. The highlight of Sunday evening's entertainment was Evensong! This was less a matter of religious devotion than to the absence of any alternative opportunities for socialising. Theatres and cinemas were closed on Sundays by law, coffee bars had not been invented and pub owners did not welcome teenagers, particularly those who were or looked under the age of eighteen.

The church was generally well attended in the evening (the service was shorter than in the morning!). There was good sprinkling of teenagers in the congregation. The girls usually arrived first and settled themselves somewhere in the middle of the church. The boys were not far behind and found places as close as possible to the girls. It wasn't long before communication between the two groups was established with a certain amount of whispering and giggling. Cue for a churchwarden, an elderly and authoritative figure, to come striding down the central aisle and threaten everything just short of excommunication if they did not be quiet.

A feature of the evening service was that it often involved a visiting preacher from a missionary society or some other national church organization. They weren't always very interesting but at least it was a change from listening to the vicar! On one evening there was a preacher from CACTM, the Church Assembly Committee for Training for the Ministry. His message was clear, since the end of the war both the membership of the Church of England and vocations to the full-time ministry had been falling. The church needed more young men to come forward and offer themselves for ordination!

The boy listened more intently than usual; he had no real ideas about his future. His school record was not encouraging and the only subject in which he showed any promise was art. He had vaguely thought about a career in commercial art; he certainly wasn't destined to become a future Rembrandt or a Picasso! As the preacher went on the boy became convinced that the preacher was speaking to him. Here was something that perhaps God wanted him to do – he became excited and went home that Sunday night happy in the belief he knew where he was going.

On Monday morning in the cold light of day the whole idea seemed ridiculous! He didn't really like all this praying, endless psalms and often incomprehensible Bible readings. No, he was not really 'religious', how could he possibly consider himself as a future priest! Furthermore, he would have to learn Greek, as well as Latin and possibly Hebrew too! What was he thinking? He could hardly string three words together in French! No, he was surely deluding himself. It was 3 days before he could bring himself to tell his parents. His father's only comment was, "You won't make much money at that, my boy!" Clearly not a ringing endorsement.

He decided he would talk to the vicar. The vicar arranged a visit for him to meet one of the advisors on ministry in Church House, (Westminster). The advisor was very warm and encouraging but explained that it would be a long training if he went forward. He would need Good 'A' levels, a three year degree, preferably not in theology! And then 2 years at a theological college. Oh, and no exemption from 2 year's National Service which could be taken either before or after university. At some point he would be invited to attend a 3-day selection conference, army style. So 7 years in all before he could hope to be working in a Parish! Half his classmates would have left school, have full time jobs, and be married long before then! Could he stick it out?

The boy became a man. Like many young men of his generation, he was in awe of 'the few' who had fought in the Battle of Britain, and he opted to do his National Service in the RAF. As a commissioned officer he learnt a great deal about life and about himself. He became much better at managing his life and work and understanding how other people who are not part of a close-knit parish think and feel. In the chapel, reading the long list of names of those who had fought and died in the war taught him the true cost of war. They were nearly all his age!

The RAF was keen to recruit regulars by encouraging National Servicemen to 'sign on' for longer than their 2 years. He had hoped he could learn to fly but a minor medical condition ruled him out for pilot training. He was asked however, if he would consider 'signing on' as an air electronics officer on a Vulcan bomber? It was explained that he would have to sign on for 10 years! No way! (It was only much later that he discovered that of the Vulcan's crew of 4 only the pilot and co-pilot had ejector seats!)

University followed hard on the heels of National Service. He started by studying Social Science but after a year moved up into Politics and Economics. In Durham where coal mines, shipbuilding, iron and steel works dominated the environment at that time, these subjects were not just academic, the reality was all around. The college was predominantly evangelical but many of the undergraduates came from 'middle' or even 'high church' backgrounds and this made for plenty of heated debates! Long held views and beliefs were seriously challenged. It was a good learning experience but there was even better to come!

For students preparing for ordination the college offered the 2 year Durham Diploma in Theology as a preparation for ordination. The majority of the teaching was provided by the University's Faculty of Theology. At that time the faculty included many of this country's finest theologians, some of world class status. This was a real bonus. For the first time he began to understand some of those 'incomprehensible' Bible passages and not take everything he read too literally. In the final year the class went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land not just to see the sites but also to listen to those actively researching documents and digging up the remains of ancient settlements from Jesus' time and earlier.

During his final year as an undergraduate he had met a lovely young undergraduate, a committed Christian, at one of the women's colleges. The friendship grew and in due course they became engaged.

And so, it came to pass..... that the not-so-young man was ordained, married and together with his wife, he began a new life as a curate in Luton Parish Church.

Canon Shaun Darley

Mendip Folk Dance Club

Mondays 11th and 25th 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

Homes for Ukraine



I am sure you all remember how people from all the Churches worked to furnish Birch Cottage in time for the arrival of our Ukrainian guests. It was real team effort, and the result was a friendly, welcoming home for Liudmyla, Yara and Liubov.

They quickly settled in and were able to take advantage of the local services, including the doctors' surgery, the library and shops in the community. It was also a blessing to have them attend Services both in the Church and the Church Centre.

Initially, the scheme run by North Somerset Council on behalf of the Government, was to last for six months. Then it was extended to twelve months. Subsequently we have agreed with North Somerset Council that they remain our guests until 31st December 2023 when the scheme is expected to end.

As far as Liudmyla and Liubov are concerned, the little garden created by the bridge has provided them with a little sanctuary away from home that is easily achievable independently as they have mobility problems. They have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the local community.

Please keep them in your prayers that they continue to be safe and well.

Dorothy Baldwin and Alison Haynes

All Saints Church Community Café



The August Cafe raised £388 including Gift Aid.
Many thanks to all those who supported us.

Our next Cafe will be on
Saturday 2nd September
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.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



Firstly, a HUGE thank you to all who helped at and supported Paul and Mo's Open Day last month. As ever, it was a wonderful occasion blessed with sunshine and warmth – a rare commodity this summer! Many people came to enjoy Coffee, Lunch or a Cream Tea in Paul and Mo's beautiful garden and once again we raised just over £1400. Amazing! The event was also attended by three representatives from the Children's Society – Jess Meale (South West Communities Relationship Manger), Nicky King (Diocesan Ambassador for the Children's Society) and Olivia Bombardini (member of the CS High Value Partnership Team), and they were delighted by their warm welcome and the happy atmosphere of the day. The Winscombe Committee are deeply grateful to everyone who attended but particularly we thank Paul and Mo and their family for their hard work hosting such a wonderful event.



September is also going to be a busy month for the Winscombe and Sandford supporters! We are still looking for a few more collectors for our Collection for Children which will be held outside Morrisons, Worle on Monday 4th and Thursday 7th September. If you have an hour to spare on either of those days and would like to help, please contact Sarah Gunn on 01934 842373 or Sarahgunn2000@hotmail.com. Your help would be much appreciated.

Also in September is our Annual Box Opening which will be held at the Tuesday morning Coffee Morning in the Church Centre on Tuesday 26th September from 10.30 am to 12noon. If you have a Children's Society Box please do bring it along to be counted whilst you have a cup of coffee and a chat and perhaps buy some Home Produce! We shall also be selling the 2023 Christmas Cards. If you have a box but can't be there, do give Sarah Gunn a ring to organise someone to collect it.

Your support is so valued and appreciated but, rest assured, after September we shall go quiet for a few months!

Winscombe St James' Children's Society Committee

Churches Together Vision Morning



We enjoyed our time together on 8th July where over 30 of us met at Cheddar Catholic Church.

Time rather ran away with us, and we spent most of it revisiting and highlighting all the many wonderful things we have done together, formally and informally, over the past 30 or more years. It was especially useful as a good third of people attending were not fully aware of the background to what has been happening for so long a period.

We made a visual 'journey' of all the things we have achieved, and this will be passed around the individual churches over the coming months.

We were aware though, that we didn't have time to focus on our future working together. And so, we would like to follow up the Vision Morning with time spent thinking and praying about the way forward – the things that work and we would like to keep going; the things that have lapsed and we would like to pick up again, and any new ideas. To this end you are warmly invited to come to the next Churches Together meeting to be held on:

Monday 25th September
7.30 pm
Sidcot Quakers Small Meeting House

We will spend the first part of the meeting considering our way forward. If you wish to come along with any ideas you may have, please contact either Hilary Hagen hilaryhagen54@gmail.com or Sarah Gunn sarahgunn200@hotmail.com by 11th September at the latest.

The second part of the meeting will be spent considering our usual business. As a non-committee member, you may choose to leave at this point, but you are very welcome to stay and join in the discussions if you wish. At this time of year, discussions revolve around upcoming events including the Christmas Services leaflet (Christmas card to the villages); initial thoughts on Lent 24 and finances.

We look forward to seeing you.

Hilary Hagen



ST JAMES'S EVENTS TEAM



FRIDAY FILM CLUB

At the Church Centre

Woodborough Road, Winscombe

Friday 1st September

Friday 6th October

Friday 10th November

Friday 1st December

2.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Refreshments

Free Entry

Our first film is a comedy drama about a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls in love with a Dior dress and decides that she must own one herself.



ST JAMES'S EVENTS TEAM

**SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER**

AUTUMN SUPPER

**AT THE CHURCH CENTRE, WINSCOMBE
WITH ENTERTAINMENT FROM**

THE FAB TWINS

**MUSIC FROM THE BEATLES AND OTHER HITS FROM
THE 60S AND 70S**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN NEXT MONTH'S
SIGNPOST AND AROUND THE VILLAGE**



For more information about the Fab Twins and their music visit their Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/thefabtwins>



Quiz Night

In aid of South Sudan Refugee Crisis Appeal

(<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/where-we-work/south-sudan-refugee-crisis>)



6.30 pm for 7.00pm start

Friday 6th October

**Winscombe Church Centre,
Woodborough Road, BS25 1BA**

Tickets: £10 per person

(Buy tickets individually, or for teams of 5 people)

Please bring your own drinks

Light Supper – Raffle

**Tickets from: Janet Corry: 01934 842657, John Hayter:
01934 844656 or Angela Morris: 01934 852327.**



'Fresh Foundations' News

'Fresh Foundations' is our project to create a new Church Centre in Winscombe to serve the three churches of St. James's, St John's and All Saints and their communities.



Following several positive consultations with church members, neighbours and other stakeholders about the project, the team applied for Outline Planning Permission in July.

The application was based on the concept illustrated here. This does not represent the final look or layout of the proposed centre, but our aim is to provide a visually striking building that together with landscaping will improve the local environment.

We expect feedback from North Somerset Council in mid- September.

In the meantime, the application was discussed by the Parish Council on Tuesday 21st August and was approved unanimously which is a really positive step forward.



Refresh-men-t Breakfast

We look forward to resuming 'Refresh-men-t' after a short summer break.

September's breakfast will take place on Saturday 16th September in the Skittle Alley at The Woodborough Inn, Winscombe at 9.00 am.

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

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

- Cooked breakfast: 1 x sausage, 1 x bacon, 1 x fried egg, hash brown, mushrooms, grilled tomato, baked beans, black pudding, toast and butter with tea/coffee/fruit juice - £10.00
- 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 01834 843248.

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

September 14th, 21st & 28th

October 5th, 12th, & 19th

Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information





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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| ❖ Instant mashed potato | ❖ Tinned fish |
| ❖ Cereals | ❖ UHT milk |
| ❖ Sauces – tins and jars of pasta sauce | ❖ Main meals in tins (not 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 |



Over the summer holidays we have been donating small toys such as cars and plastic figures to the For All Healthy Living Centre which they have been selling to local children on their 10p toy stall.

Now that the children are returning to school donations of rucksacks, pencil cases and stationery would be appreciated.

Clean re-usable clothes in good condition have been welcomed too and can always be used.



During autumn 2023!

@The Winscombe Show, September 9th:

We'll have some activities in a gazebo. Do come and find us there!

and then switching to SUNDAYS!

@The Church Centre, Woodborough Rd, Winscombe

***October 8th 2.30-4pm**

***November 12th 2.30-4pm**

***December 10th 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**

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

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

LYNCH CHAPEL LINK

On two of the Saturdays in August, I have had the joy of attending and taking part in weddings; one of the greatest joys of life!

Early in the month we travelled to Cornwall, and I gave the address in a village church hidden away down very narrow roads south of Launceston. Later in the month, I contributed to a wedding taking place just over the road at Wrington Parish Church, where we now live.

However, over the weekend between these two wedding celebrations I had the even greater privilege of being invited to a couple celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary! I mentioned to someone a couple of days ago that this will become an increasingly rare event as many people wait to get married until they are in their thirties.

This month of weddings and anniversary celebrations has reminded me of some of the parables of Jesus as He often used illustrations based on the Jewish customs around weddings to get His point across. One such ritual in those days was that the bride had to wait until the bridegroom came to visit her; rather different from British weddings where the groom must wait for the arrival of the bride, sometimes it involves a lot of patience as the poor chap experienced last week in Cornwall!

Anyway, in ancient times, the bridegroom might not arrive until late in the evening, so the bride must have been frantic with worry!

Jesus told His listeners that God is like the bridegroom, and we are like the bride. We want immediate answers to our prayers, but sometimes we have to wait a long time for God to act, however, we must stay prepared for the moment of His arrival when our prayers are answered, and His timing is always perfect!



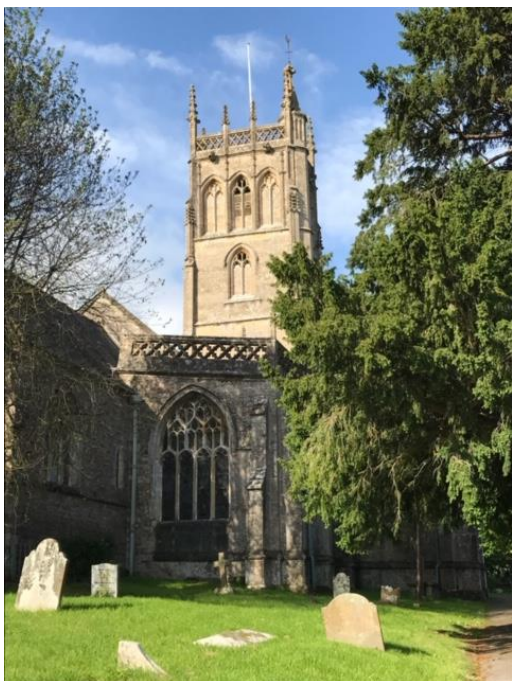
Reverend David Jewell

A poster with a white background and a black border. The text 'Come for a Cuppa!' is written in a large, blue, cursive font at the top and bottom. In the center, it says 'LYNCH CHAPEL' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that, it reads 'First Saturday each month' and '2.30pm - 4pm'. At the bottom, it says 'Tea/coffee and cake'. On either side of the central text, there is a small illustration of a white teacup and saucer with a spoon.

A poster with a white background and a black border. The text 'Knit & Natter' is written in a large, red, cursive font. In the center, it says 'Second and fourth Wednesday each month' and '2pm - 4pm'. At the bottom, it says 'at LYNCH CHAPEL'. On the right side, it reads 'Knit, crochet, macramé or simply natter!' and 'Tea and coffee provided.'. There is a small illustration of a ball of blue yarn and a knitting needle.

Local History Corner

A Year Older!



This year marks the 787th anniversary of the dedication of St James's Church in Winscombe.

The land was given to the church in 1226 by Henry Luuseft (or Louseft). The site was selected carefully; it was very close to the manor house (now Winscombe Court), and it was on a crossing of two trackways: the important north/south route between Sandford and Bourton and it also connected with the ancient way between the manor house and what we now know as Barton Road, as there was a mill at Max. This latter route can, with some difficulty, still be traced and was almost certainly along the line of the present road that runs north of the church car park and continues through the

churchyard and the field and wood beyond.

Connection with the mill was essential. It is possible that there may have been a mill close to the manor at Winscombe itself, but the location is unknown.

Political upheavals of the period saw possession of the manor of Winscombe transfer between Glastonbury Abbey, the Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral, and finally granted to Jocelyn, the bishop, in 1226.

The mediaeval arrangement of Winscombe Court suggests that the buildings were constructed around three sides of a courtyard which opened to the west. A well, now enclosed within much later construction, was in the courtyard. On the east side of the courtyard, the arrangement of buildings suggests that there may have been a chapel with a crypt.

It is likely that the bishop wished to reserve this for his private use and so arranged for a small church to be constructed at the crossroad described. The first vicar was appointed in 1226 and the building dedicated in 1236.

This church would have been where the present chancel now stands, the west door facing the old trackway which is on the line of Church Lane. Later extension to the church necessitated the re-routing of this road to take the line of the present day footpath.

The first church was dedicated on 26th August 1236. The manor of Winscombe was returned by Bishop Jocelyn to the Dean and Chapter on the occasion of the dedication of the new Wells Cathedral on 23rd September 1239.

There is an unanswered question: the dedication of the chapel in Winscombe Court. The new cathedral was dedicated on the feast day of St. Romanus. There are no recorded dedications to this saint in the country, but Jocelyn spent a number of years in exile in Rouen where St Romanus was the patron saint. Could it be possible that the chapel was dedicated to this saint? Records show that in 1331 a hermit resided in Winscombe at a place called St. Romanus's, so here is food for thought.

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John Matthews

Message from Ann Harley, previous Ward Councillor for Banwell and Winscombe

It has been a huge privilege and honour to have represented Banwell, Winscombe and Sandford, and Loxton and Christon for the last 24 years and I want to thank all of those people who have supported me over the time; despite what was portrayed about me at the last election, I have always represented the Community without any political agenda.

I served the Community because I care about helping and supporting my fellow villagers, helping them overcome issues that they were experiencing. I got great satisfaction by helping others, that was my reward.

I have never just appeared at election time expecting a vote, that certainly was not my style, you work hard and put your Community first, people were always my priority and whatever happens in your own life, you can always and should look around and see somebody in a worse position than yourself and that is where you reach out to help, quietly and confidentially which gives people trust and confidence in your ability and that is what I did.

I will not be giving up as I intend to use my experience which I have gathered over the last 24 years, serving the Community in a different way and look forward to being involved with you all once again.

Ann Harley
Sandford Road, Winscombe

September Quiz

As we are celebrating Harvest this month our quiz features a harvest of fruit and vegetables. Each question names three varieties of a particular fruit or vegetable. Can you identify them?



1. King Edward, Jersey Royal, Maris Piper
2. Alicante, Moneymaker, San Marzano
3. African Devil, Padron, Lemon Drop
4. Jazz, Fuji, Pink Lady
5. Tromboncini, Ambassador, Defender
6. Enorma, St George, Red Rum
7. Eskimo, Volcano, Chantenay
8. Glen Ample, Polka, Autumn Bliss
9. Marketmore, Mini Munch, Jogger
10. Musselburgh, Below Zero, Autumn Giant

Answers on page 35



WINSCOMBE W.I.

You are welcome to join us for our next meeting
Wednesday 13th September
at 7.15 for 7.30 pm start

at the Church Centre, Winscombe
Our speaker will be Dick Hyde: 'Barton Camp'
Refreshments will be available.

(We are now on Facebook)

Churchill Baby & Toddler Group



Mondays 11, 18 & 25 September

9 - 11.30am Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

Try us for FREE!



Friendly Group

Lots of toys & craft

Cake & Cuppa

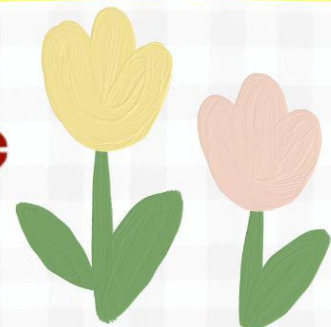
Children's snack

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Winscombe Luncheon Club

***Are you over 60 and living on your own?
Would you like to have lunch cooked for you and
enjoy the company of others?***

The Winscombe Luncheon Club was started over 40 years ago when the need was recognised for people living on their own to enjoy a hot meal and fellowship.



Three teams of volunteers cook a fresh meal on the first three Wednesdays of each month at Winscombe Community Centre.

The meal is served at 12.30 pm and a typical menu is:

**Roast Lamb
Roast Potatoes
Cabbage, carrots and cauliflower**

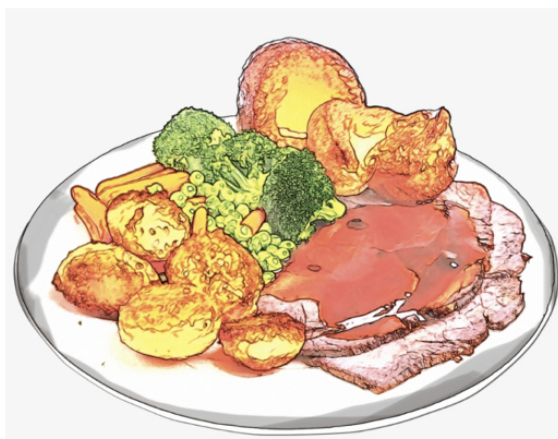
Dessert

Tea or Coffee

All for £5 a head.

We need more people to join us and enjoy what the Luncheon Club has to offer, so that the club continues to be viable.

If you are interested, please contact Mo on 01934 843729 for further details.



Ruby Conquers Another Mountain



Last month we featured a story about local girl Ruby and her fund-raising climb of Ben Nevis in early July. Over the summer Ruby has been mountain climbing in the Slovenian Alps and can be seen above at the peak of Triglav, the highest mountain in Slovenia.

Ruby is pictured with her brother, Ed (16) and sister, Bella (14). Part of the climb is a Via Ferrata. A Via Ferrata translates as “iron path” in English. It refers to metal rungs, ladders or permanently fixed safety wire as a means of crossing otherwise tricky and extremely steep rocky terrain.

COFFEE MORNING



Every Tuesday at 10.30 am
Church Centre, Winscombe
All Welcome



(Formerly The Michaelmas Fair)

Saturday 9th September 2023

At Winscombe Community Centre

Gates open 12pm – 4pm

**Live Music * Exhibits * Circus show
Entertainment * Bar * BBQ * Refreshments
Stalls & Games * Climbing wall * Inflatables
Fun for all the family**



Free schedule available online & in local stores

www.winscombeca.org.uk

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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we'd love you to join us.



Winscombe Community Singers

Have fun, make friends and enjoy singing.

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Winscombe Community Centre

Musical Director: Joshua Newport

For further details please contact
Simon Page on 07900 693783

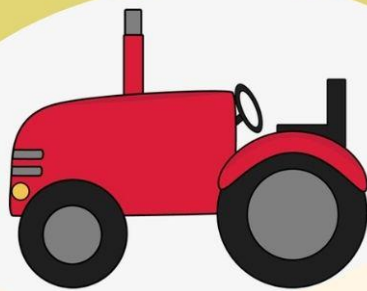
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**Listen to us singing at Winscombe Village Show on
Saturday 9th September at 1.15pm**

CREATE! Sunday

**FUN 4 FAMILIES
@FENSWOOD FARM**

Sun 17 September 4pm



1. Nature activities for children & grownups
2. Scavenger hunt
3. Outdoor art
4. Picnic tea (bring & share)
5. Storytime
6. FREE Entry
7. All ages welcome
8. Details: Jacqueline
..... 01934 844134



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Saturday 23 September

Pop Up Harvest Cafe

10-noon @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

***Enjoy refreshments
and stalls***

***FREE crafts, activities &
games for all ages***

***Proceeds for
Christmas Shoeboxes***

**01934 844134
Jacqueline**



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SEPTEMBER 2023 – DIARY

FRI 1	2.30pm	Film Club - Church Centre
SAT 2	10.30am	Community Café – All Saints, Sandford
	2.30-4.00pm	Come for a Cuppa – Lynch Chapel
SUN 3		TRINITY 13
		See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 5	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 6	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THURS 7	10.00am	Communion in the Community – Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SAT 9	12.00pm	Winscombe Village Show – Community Centre
SUN 10		TRINITY 14 HARVEST FESTIVAL
		See opposite page for details of Services
	12.30pm	Harvest Lunch – at each church
TUES 12	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 13	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THUR 14	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SAT 16	9.00am	Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre
	9.00am	Refresh-men-+ - Woodborough Inn
SUN 17		TRINITY 15
		See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 19	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 20	10-12noon	Children’s Pop-In – Lynch Chapel
	2.45pm	Communion in the Community – Sewell House
	7.30pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THUR 21	10.30am	Communion in the Community – Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SAT 23	12.30pm	Autumn Ploughman’s Lunch - Sandford Village Hall
SUN 24		TRINITY 16
		See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 26	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 27	10.30am	Coffee Morning & Children’s Society Box Opening - Church Centre
	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s Church
THUR 28	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s

BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

<p>Sunday 3rd SEPTEMBER Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26: 1-8 Romans 12: 9 - end Matthew 16: 21 - end</p>	<p>Sunday 10th SEPTEMBER Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - end Luke 12: 16 - 30 or Luke 17: 11-19</p>
<p>Sunday 17th SEPTEMBER Genesis 50: 15-21 Phillippians 1: 1-20 Matthew: 18: 21-35</p>	<p>Sunday 24th SEPTEMBER Jonah 3: 10 - end of Ch 4 Psalm 145: 1-8 Phillippians 1: 21-end Matthew 20: 1-16</p>

Church Service Times

Opportunities to Worship in September

Sunday 3 rd September	8.00 am 10.00 am	St James's Church Centre	BCP Holy Communion Café Church
Sunday 10 th September	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	Harvest Hoy Communion Harvest Parish Praise Harvest Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th September	10.00 am 11.00 am	Church Centre All Saints	Family Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th September	10.00 am	St James's	Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday All Saints 10.00 am Holy Communion

Special Services September

Sunday 3 rd September	Sandford Station	11.00 am	Communion in the Community
Thursday 7 th September	Dunster Court	10.00 am	Communion in the Community
Wednesday 20 th September	Sewell House	2.45 pm	Communion in the Community

The Holy Communion Service on Sunday 24th September at St James's at 10.00 will be a joint service to celebrate Canon Shaun Darley's 60th Anniversary of his Ordination in 1963 (see also page 5)

We Remember

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

Brian William Leaney whose funeral service took place at St James's Church followed by his burial at Ilex Lane Cemetery on Saturday 29th July.

John Vivian Ellis whose funeral service took place at Weston Crematorium on Thursday 10th August.

Monica Pratt whose funeral service took place at St James's Church followed by her cremation at Weston Crematorium on Tuesday 29th August.

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 one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers can be found on page 2 of this magazine.

A September Birthday.

George Cadbury

George Cadbury was born on 19th September 1839, the third son of Quaker, John Cadbury who founded the famous chocolate company. He was educated in Quaker schools and he was a deeply religious man who believed in improving the lives of ordinary workers.

George's father handed his small chocolate business in Birmingham to George and his brother, Richard, when he retired. At first the business struggled and they almost abandoned it, but then progress stepped in and transformed their fortunes.

The Cadburys brought new technology, developed by the Dutch, to England improving the manufacturing process and enabling them to use the 'pure' label as a successful marketing tool. In 1866 the company became the first in Britain to sell cocoa as a drink and Cadburys became a thriving and profitable brand.

In 1879 having outgrown their premises in Birmingham, the firm moved to Bournville. The area straddled the Bournbrook and Cadbury added Ville after the Bourn to sound exotic as, at the time, French confectionary was thought to be the best in the world.

Cadbury recognised the value of providing better conditions for his staff as well as seeing it as a social or religious duty. He built Bournville, one of the earliest and most successful 'model' villages. Cadbury built twenty-four houses on the site for the main workers but later another 300 were added to form the attractive Bournville Village. These houses were vastly superior to other homes of the working class and Cadbury saw to it that each had its own garden.

Other facilities such as schools, which still exist today, a parish church and Quaker meeting house, wash houses reading rooms and hospitals were all included in the village but no pubs!. Cadbury also encouraged sporting activity amongst his employees.

In 1900 the management of the village was placed into a Trust. The town still stands today and has been ranked as one of the nicest places in the UK to live (and alcohol is still not allowed).

George also introduced reforms in the work-place, including canteens and playing fields, followed by workers' committees and adult education. His reforming spirit moved further afield too, when he purchased the Daily News newspaper to campaign against the Boer War, sweatshops and for pensions. He also founded what is today the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

Cadbury himself moved to Woodbrooke, a Georgian-style country house nearby, which today is a Quaker study centre.

Cadbury died at home on 24th October 1922. His grave is in the Friend's Meeting House Burial Ground, in Bournville.





Si Barron



In Concert

WFC supporting RNLI

Sat 14th October 2023

Church Centre

52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

An exquisite raconteur, witty, original and a fine interpreter of traditional and contemporary folk songs.

Si plays and sings with great integrity. His guitar arrangements are a sparkling accompaniment to his crystal clear voice.

Supported by members of WFC

**CASH
on door
please**

This will be a special evening
Doors open 7.30 for an 8pm start

*Tickets £8 reserve by email
winscombefolkclub@gmail.com*

**Cash
BAR**

Standing Room Only

There was standing room only for the few who arrived only minutes late for the Ukraine Concert at St James's Church on Saturday 15th July. The church was highly decorated with fabric, paintings and smiling faces.

The evening consisted of a mixture of musical treats by a quartet from Cardiff with beautiful songs accompanied by their "bandoza" a traditional Ukrainian instrument with so many strings I lost count at 50. Also, a range of traditional songs by "Kozachky" (pictured below) a wonderfully expressive choir from Bristol who are blazing a trail around the country.



The evening was constructed by Olya Rnic who created a beautiful and sensitive mixture of a display of traditional clothing, music, and art gallery. Her commentary explained the origins of much of what was shown heard or seen. There were many heart-rending stories about the destruction of her native land, and the peril of husbands and family left behind, with many serving in the Ukrainian forces.

These young wives showed with pride their "vyshyvanky" the highly decorated clothing which was banned in soviet times. Hence it was "a fashion show" of patriotic defiance. Even seemingly innocent patterns were significant. In one case flowers were based on the outline of major cities that are being heavily bombarded by Russian weapons. Olya explained the significance of beautiful images including where the artist had been terrorised by Soviets in former times. We were privileged to see wonderful garments (some 100 years old) in a static display including museum items removed to the relative safety of Britain. Modern interpretations of classic designs were on sale on shoulder bags and used on T-shirts (pictured above).

Coming into direct contact with young people living through the horrors we only know through the lens of our TV sets was a salutary experience for us all. But it was a joyous evening, revelling in the culture and humour of a richly endowed country.

The largest contingent of the audience was from the church congregation with many also from neighbouring churches. The folk music network was well represented and of course the sponsors of refugees who continue to support their dire needs. Each group welcomed the others with rounds of applause.

Over £1,700 was donated on the evening and will be sent direct to Ukrainian charities working in some very difficult conditions. We thank all who came and supported the evening, to Reverend Hiscox for the use of your beautiful church, to Sarah Gunn and Sue Smyth for helping us above and beyond the call of duty. Also, to Redrow Homes for providing a platform donation to enable initial expenditures towards printing and publicity, Farrons for once again helping with last-minute printing, and my friends at Yeo Valley Lions for getting the cast to us on time in their minibus! Last but not least thanks to Jo and the Signpost team for squeezing us into last month's edition as her print deadline clashed horribly with our high-speed organisation of the event. Patrick Martin has taken some lovely photographs and and created this website where I hope soon to have a few MP3 recordings.
<https://ukraineconcert.weebly.com/>

Slava Ukraine.

Nigel Carson
Winscombe Folk Club 07551 197 685
winscombefolkclub@gmail.com

September Quiz

Answers

1. Potato
2. Tomato
3. Chilli
4. Apple
5. Courgette
6. Runner Bean
7. Carrot
8. Raspberry
9. Cucumber
10. Leek



Lyncombe Lodge Riding for the Disabled Association Group



We are a small group of enthusiastic people whose aim is to provide life enhancing riding experiences for disabled children. We meet at Wick Stables Riding School in Wick St Lawrence, which itself has been awarded the Accessibility Mark by the RDA.

Some of our riders have competed in regional and national RDA competitions and displays. Additionally, RDA has enabled some riders to participate in other initiatives such as the Special Olympics for athletes with learning disabilities. Riders attending sessions do so with the support of their schools. Participation provides children with physical and emotional therapy, fun, personal challenges and achievement in an environment where they do not '*stand out from the crowd*' because of their disability. Parents and carers have commented on real improvements in their child's physical and emotional well-being and engagement in learning as a result of riding. They have also found support and friendship themselves through meeting other parents/ carers.

We run two sessions on Thursday afternoons during term time and teach children from 5 years of age upwards.

We usually have a small waiting list of children keen to ride with us. To reduce this list, we need more helpers. You don't have to be able to ride to help as everyone is given basic RDA training.

If you have some time available and would like an initial conversation, please contact our Group Organiser: **Mrs Stella Dales** on **01934 852364**.

Likewise, if you have a child with either a physical or learning/mental disability who is keen and would benefit from riding, please contact the Group Organiser – details above.



Folk .. Yes, but all kinds of music and verse.
Fourth Tuesday each month 7.30 to 10.30 £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.



WELCOME

Thursday Lunches

7, 14, 21 & 28 September

12.30pm Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

Menu



*Ham or Cheese Ploughman's
Hot pudding or Cold Dessert
Tea or Coffee*

Only
£5

Details, Bookings & Transport:

01934 832606 Queenie

or 852197 Janet

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Supporting and Protecting Our Natural World.

'What immortal hand or eye,
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?'



This shot of outstretched wings reminded me of William Blake's poem 'Tyger'. 'There is indeed fearful symmetry; made by the hand of God - I wonder?'

The arrangement and intricacy of feathers is just awesome.

Geese are rather peaceful unlike hens who can be spiteful to each other. Hence the term 'pecking order.' Geese

bond as a team in their daily lives especially when there are goslings. The whole group takes responsibility. They are bereaved if one member dies.

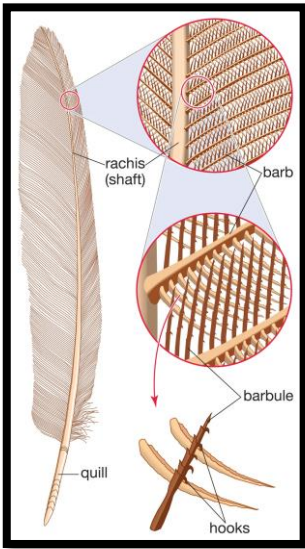
Geese are creatures of routine much of which involves looking after their feathers. In the morning their first job is to wash in the pond, splashing, dunking their heads in water, turning somersaults and generally getting drenched. Only then do they think of food, by which time squirrels have eaten it, but there is always grass. Next comes preening and resting. This pattern is repeated several times daily. There is always one goose on guard.

Towards the end of the breeding time geese moult, losing feathers that are not acting efficiently. All the feathers are streamlined along the body and wings absolutely smooth and flawless to make them aerodynamic. Feathers are made of keratin like our hair.

Recently I have been retrieving fallen feathers. Here is what I found - so many different types each with a very specific use from the large tail feathers or quills (top left) to the tiniest cheek feathers (bottom left). I do not know all the uses, but down feathers are clear to see.



Each feather has a separate parallel strand of feather material called a barb extending laterally from the quill.



Each barb then carries on both sides tiny little hooks called barbules. These lock the barbs together. If the hooks become unstuck the bird passes its beak along the barb to zip them together again, so making them completely smooth. No wonder they must groom so fastidiously.

To Do: Pick up a feather and pull the barbs apart. Then pass your fingers the other way and it will zip together again. A hand lens will help to see this detail.

Make a quill pen from a tail feather. Cut off the end at an angle, dip it in ink or paint and use for writing or drawing.

AUTUMN PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

12.30 PM IN SANDFORD VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £8.00 ADULTS AND £6.00 CHILD

Ploughman's lunch will consist of ham, cheese, salad, pickle and fresh bread with a glass of cider. Fruit crumble and ice cream to follow. Tea and coffee will be served.

There will be a raffle. Raising funds for All Saints Building Fund towards provision of a kitchen in the Church Room.

If you have any dietary requirements please let us know.

More details and tickets can be obtained from Llyn Callow 01934 823484 or at the next Community Cafe on Saturday 2nd September.

Love to see you there.

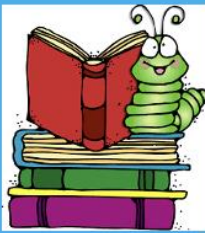
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All Welcome

Gardening Notes for September

Reviving the Flower Border

Borders can become tired and overcrowded so at some time they will need reinvigorating and refreshing. This does not mean a complete make-over is needed or ripping everything out and starting again.

Some plants may need moving if they are in the wrong place, others may need dividing up if they are taking up too much room and preventing neighbouring plants from growing well and there are those that need removing if they have never grown properly and are beyond caring for.

Early Autumn is the best time to move plants while the soil is still warm and there is sufficient moisture to enable the plant to become established before winter sets in.



If you are planning to move a well-established shrub this should be pruned several months in advance to produce a well-balanced shape, also it is a good idea to prune the roots by slicing through with a sharp spade, making a trench around the plant. Prepare its new home in advance by adding lots of organic matter to the soil.

When shrubs have become tired and congested, renovation by pruning is needed. This can be a drastic process especially with shrubs such as deutzias, weigelas, and philadelphus and should be carried out during the winter by cutting back the main stems to within 6 inches of the ground and feeding with organic matter after pruning.

Some plants can become thugs and take over the border blocking out surrounding plants, often the best solution is to remove this plant altogether. Some older plants that have outgrown their space may need rejuvenating by splitting up. Autumn is the best time to do this with early flowering plants, but late flowering perennials should be split up in the spring. Most plants can be divided by using two forks, back to back, and prising apart, or plants with dense roots can be chopped up with a sharp spade. It is also an ideal time when carrying out this work to the border to plant spring flowering bulbs although planting tulips should be delayed until late October/November.

Spring Flowering Bulbs

Planting bulbs now will get them off to a good start before winter sets in. These can be planted in the borders, under trees, in grass and in containers where you can layer the bulbs to give a succession of colour. Firstly plant tulips, then daffodils, crocuses and finally hyacinths. If you are just using tulips delay planting until November. Bulbs should always be planted at least two to three times their own depth. It is better to go deeper.

Sandford & District Gardening Club

There were over 200 exhibits in our Summer Show with a high amount of fruit and vegetable exhibits!

Some beautiful hydrangeas, stunning fuchsias, sweet peas, roses, dahlias, agapanthus, gladiolus and some lovely vases of mixed flowers were also exhibited.

As usual the cookery and handicraft sections were of the highest quality and the photos of 'A Country Scene' were amazing.

The winners are as follows:

- Vegetable Cup, Committee Cup, Sandford Harvest Home Cup and Presidents Cup: Pauline Hurst
- Sweet Pea Trophy, Members Trophy, Higgins 40th Anniversary Trophy, Vic Bridges Dahlia Trophy and Committee Trophy for the Best Exhibit in Show: Gill Cleverly
- Novices Trophy: Eve Watts
- Stan Thatcher Cup: Beryl Jenkins
- Greg Smith Memorial Trophy: Meryl Leach
- W.I. Rose Bowl and Single Rose Trophy: Tony Callow
- Dickens Cup, Fuchsia Trophy and Ebsworth Cup: John Dunster
- Committee Ladies Vase and Whitewell Challenge Cup: Marjorie Dunster



The Committee would like to thank all the exhibitors for supporting the show, all the members who came and helped on the day and all the donations of homemade cakes. We really have some good cooks amongst our members! I'm sure everyone enjoyed the afternoon!



Next Meeting:
Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7.30 pm
Sandford Village Hall
Talk by Chris Sperring (*who is bringing his owl with him!*)
'British Owls'

There will be refreshments and a draw.
Everyone welcome to join us!



Songs Of Somerset

The Boyd Shaw Trio

Presents: Live at

BURTLE VILLAGE HALL

TA7 8NB Friday 8th September, 7:30 pm

The Boyd Shaw Trio present an evening of original Acoustic Folk Music, Songs and Poetry inspired by Somerset, its places and History.

This exclusive performance includes work from Daniel Shaw's album Fish House Blues, Amanda Boyd & Graeme Furlong's 'Songs From The Levels' & poetry from Abigail Shaw's 'Wading in Wessex' with new traditional pieces curated especially for this event.

Tickets £10 (£8 conc) available from:

www.ticketsource.us/boyd-shaw-trio





SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME

There are two events in September:

Wednesday 6th September (Please note that this is a change of date) at 11:00 am

This will be in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS, and will be a Presentation by Alan Whitfield from Weston Helicopter Museum titled “An Engineers Journey from Metal File to Software File”. It will cover his career from apprenticeship in the Royal Navy, working as an helicopter engineer both in the RN and as a civilian, becoming a Control Engineering Designer and culminating as a Software Engineer. There will be an optional lunch at 1:00pm chosen from the Golf Club menu.

Sunday 17th September at 10:15 am

Battle of Britain Commemoration Sunday Service will be held at St Cuthbert’s Church, Wells, followed by wreath-laying at the Church War Memorial. Local dignitaries will be in attendance.

All events are open to Branch Members, RAFA Members from other Branches, Current and Ex-RAF Service Personnel (Including RAF Reserves), Current and Ex-Service Personnel from the Commonwealth Air Forces, Members of the “RAF Family” and members of the public that support the aims and purpose of RAFA. Please contact the Branch via e-mail rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or tel to Secretary 01458-224057 for further information.

Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society

A new year of meetings begins with a talk entitled:

‘Life in Rural Somerset’

by local farmer, Peter Tinney of Lime Kiln Farm, Wedmore

Tuesday 12th September at 7.30 pm

Thierry Room, Shipham Hall

Doors open at 7.00 pm

Members £2 (*£10 for the year*) - Guests £4

Visitors are always very welcome

Light refreshments provided

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TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

7pm @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG



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A male voice ensemble performing an eclectic selection of popular, spiritual and show songs, old and new.

You are invited to an afternoon of music with light refreshments at

**CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH
Front Street, Churchill, BS25 5NG, on**

Saturday, 30th September 2023 at 3:00pm

**Tickets £8 – under 16s, £2
available from 01934 514363
or available on the door**

**Proceeds to
Methodist Homes for the Aged
and Churchill Methodist Church funds**



Trinity Singers and Costanzi Consort Joint Concert

14th October 2023

On Saturday 14th October two renowned local choirs, Trinity Singers and Costanzi Consort, will be joining forces in a celebration of English Music ranging from the devotional polyphony of William Byrd (1539-1623) to the sumptuous sound-world of Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

They will be conducted by their Musical Directors (Andrew Tyrrell and Peter Leech) and accompanied by the strings of Lochrian Ensemble with soloists Zoe Maitland (Soprano), Peter Leech (Tenor) and Claire Alsop (Organ and Piano).

The programme will include Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music and O clap your hands, performed by the combined choirs, and other pieces by English Composers performed by each individual choir.

This is a great opportunity to hear some of the best local musicians in the wonderful acoustic of All Saints Church, Weston-super-Mare.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available through the choirs' websites:-

www.trinitysingers.co.uk or www.costanziconsort.org.uk



For further information contact Bob Shapland (bob.shapland@btinternet.com) or Martin Warren (martin.warren@live.co.uk)





Wrighton Vale Rotary Club

Future Events

Harvest Home Festival in collaboration with Mendip Activity Centre, Sandford: 1st, 2nd and 3rd September. Live Bands and activities galore. Find it on Facebook.

New President



The Rotary Year starts on 1st July with a change in management. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Angie Biggs, a retired school teacher as our new President. Angie is well experienced in Rotary having served for many years in the Kendal Club before coming to live in Churchill a few years ago.

Photo of retiring President Bob Preedy handing over the Chain of Office to Angie

Classic Car and Bike Meet at Lye Cross Farm



We were delighted and grateful to the many enthusiasts who came to support us bringing their fabulous cars.

Many took part in the raffle, organised by Suzi, and were rewarded with some pretty fantastic prizes. Most importantly the rain stayed away.

Many thanks to the Alvis's for hosting the event.

Oldest in Show? 1934 Hillman Minx owned by Geoffrey Pearce

Jazz in the Orchard at Sandford

Many supporters came to enjoy The Severn Seven Jazzmen and a glass of cider in Thatchers Orchard at Sandford.

Excellent pork baps were provided at cost by Angus Murray of Murray and Co.

Altogether a most enjoyable afternoon, although it got a little damp later on.

Thanks to Thatchers Cider for hosting the event.



**The Severn Seven Jazzmen
doing their stuff**

Want to find out more about what we do? Why not come to a meeting? Call Paul Jenkins 07722 122672 or Angie Biggs on 07790 400718

Youth Programme. The Car Meet and Jazz in the Orchard generated about £2400. All this and more will sustain our Youth Programme with local schools and society. Activities include Young Chef, Young Musician, Youth Speaks, Young Carers weekend and Kids out.



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RESULTS UPDATE

July was a quiet month for fund raising but, nevertheless, £395 was raised from a variety of sales at Clevedon Salesroom and locally plus 'High & Dry' Shanty Group donated £90 from their gigs and £60 was donated at the Wedmore Street Fair while the 'Honesty Stall' at Winscombe Thursday Market continues to provide around £20 - £30 each week.

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; Tina (01934 842304) is still on the lookout for more venues willing to help us.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE SHANTY FESTIVAL – 4th to 6th AUGUST

The Shanty Festival was held between Friday 4th and Sunday 6th August at various venues around Weston-super-Mare. The proceeds of the Festival will be shared between Weston RNLI and Weston Lions and results will be reported next month.



COLLECTION AT SANDERS GARDEN CENTRE – 12th & 13th AUGUST

Once again RNLI Winscombe Members were 'moored' at the exit to Sanders Garden Centre complete with 'Rescue Buckets' on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August rescuing cash from the visitors! Results will be published next month.

2023 WESTON LIFEBOAT WEEK

Weston-super-Mare RNLI 2023 Lifeboat Week was held between the 19th and 28th August between the RNLI shop at The Cove on Marine Lake and the Grand Pier with collections each day on the Grand Pier. Two children's events were held at the Lifeboat Shop on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th August; Starbucks held a coffee tasting at the shop on Saturday 26th August and the shop held a cake stall with teas and coffees on Sunday 27th August. RNLI Weston lifeboats could be seen as they conducted their weekly training on Sunday 27th August.

WINSCOMBE SHOW – SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

The Branch will be providing a stall at this event between noon and 4 pm on 9th September that will include the Branch Display Board and a Novelty Stall.

BRISTOL SHANTY FESTIVAL (BSF) – SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

The BSF is organised by the local 'High and Dry' shanty group, will gather around 23 shanty crews to perform while supporters collect donations along the harbour front. The BSF will raise funds that will be dispersed between the RNLI; Somerset Prostate Support Association (SPSA), Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) and the recovery after the recent fire at 'The Underfall Yard', on the harbour side. This year, RNLI Winscombe Members will be wearing their shiny new RNLI crew shirts as they support the Festival at a range of venues around Bristol Floating Harbour. Financial results will be reported in future editions of this magazine.

RNLI WINSCOMBE FOLK NIGHT RETURNS ON SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER FEATURING REG MEUROSS & COHEN BRAITHWAITE-KILCOYNE

RNLI Winscombe & District Branch is pleased to announce that the ever popular Reg Meuross will be returning for a full length Folk Concert at 8:00 pm (doors open 7:15 pm) in Winscombe Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA.



Reg will be presenting his stunning song cycle '*Stolen from God*' which looks at the slave trade as viewed from the other side. It is hard-hitting, beautiful, poignant and uncomfortable at times, but should not be missed. It comes with the sparkling playing of concertina wizard Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne (Granny's Attic Member – Winscombe November 2021). Tickets priced £15 may be obtained from winscombe.folk@gmail.com

JULY SHOUTS

In July there were 12 'shouts' between our four Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea – 2, Minehead 1, Portishead 6, W-s-M 3). On Thursday 27th July, at 12:14, the Coastguard tasked Weston-super-Mare RNLI to the island of Flat Holm, to recover an injured male, who had sustained a head injury whilst working there. The male was conscious, and up and walking, but in some pain. The Atlantic lifeboat was launched at 12:30, along with the D class lifeboat in support. With a moderate breeze and good weather, the crew arrived at the island 20 mins later. The injured male was assessed by the crew and his wounds dressed before being helped into the lifeboat for the journey back to shore. On arrival, he was checked over again, before being transported to the local hospital.

Atlantic Helm, Dave commented; *"This was an interesting job as I've not been called to Flat Holm in the 14 years, I've been part of the RNLI. It was something new for all the crew, however, we have trained putting crew on and off the island for extractions, so it all went smoothly."*

Crew member Chris said, *"It was a good job. We used skills we've trained for multiple times and haven't had to use often. It could have been a lot worse for the casualty, who was very lucky."*

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.



Do you know someone who is feeling lonely, isolated or in need for any reason?

Our Pastoral Care Team is on hand to offer support.

If you would like any further information, please [contact](#)

Reverend Pauline Nixon

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Learn from the Master



When you hear the word ‘disciple’, what comes into your mind? A learner? A follower? A super Christian? Someone kitted out in Biblical dress complete with robe, sandals, tea towel head covering and beard?

The New Testament’s word for disciple doesn’t quite match any of these descriptions. It’s much closer to the word we’d use in English for ‘apprentice’.

Back in history, and still today, to be an apprentice meant spending time in the presence of a master in order to learn a craft – maybe carpentry, or blacksmithing, baking or butchery. You’d start out doing the simple stuff – sweeping floors or sharpening tools. Then gradually you’d acquire more and more skills until you learnt to work confidently with materials producing beautiful things, products of utility and worth. Apprentices often learnt their craft while living alongside their masters, becoming members of their trade through time spent together at work and rest and play.

Jesus was often called ‘the carpenter’s son’ – apprenticed to his worldly father Joseph, growing in skill at the plane and the lathe. He was also the apprentice of his heavenly father. The Gospels speak of Jesus withdrawing to spend time with God in order to know God’s mind, hear God’s voice, grow in God’s ways.

Apprenticeship was and is a story of growth, development, discovery and change. It’s the journey that Jesus invites us to take with him too – of baby steps and toddler stumbles, of emerging skill and increasing understanding.

Churches near you are offering opportunities to apprentice yourself to Jesus this autumn - from practical action that gets you involved in Jesus’s service to the world, to learning and discussion that comes with courses such as Alpha, Exploring Christianity or Pilgrim.

Why not sign yourself up and learn from the Master?

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If you are interested in attending an Alpha Course locally please contact Reverend Andrew Hiscox for more information.

rev.Andrew.hiscox@hotmail.com 07970 011502

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 01934 853081 or Trevor on 01934 852589

Winscombe Contact Scheme

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



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

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