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Signpost

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



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Faith in Democracy - Voting for Justice, Peace and the Common Good



The General Election has been called; Polling Day is Thursday 4th July (in case you missed the news!).

By the time this article goes to print, politicians in all parties will be fighting their campaign trails up and down the country, shouting pithy slogans, promising solutions and currying favour of their electorate... and they are not alone.

Globally, more voters than ever in history will head to the polls in 2024. At least 64 countries, representing a combined population of about 49% of the people in the world, are meant to hold national elections during this year¹. Despite its flaws, we live in a country where democracy provides a structured and peaceful means for us as citizens to express our preferences about who should govern. Sadly, we know that not all countries offer electoral processes that are free and fair; election violence, government intimidation and fraud, help to ensure that opposition voices are silenced and the result certain, before the first vote is even cast. In stark contrast, we can have faith in our democracy that our voices on 4th July can be heard and can affect the outcome.

For Christians, elections are not just a civic duty but also a spiritual responsibility. The Bible encourages active participation in society. Romans 13:1 reminds us that; *"there is no authority except that which God has established."* Understanding that all authority is ultimately under God's sovereignty, as Christians, we are called to engage in the election process. Seeking God's guidance through prayer as we reflect on our values and the teachings of Scripture, we can make choices that help to shape our communities and nation as a whole.

Christians are also called to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). We need only to think back to Brexit to remember that elections can often be divisive, fracturing families and separating communities. Whether professing a faith or not, even if we hold strong views on issues, we all need to engage in the electoral process respectfully and thoughtfully and try to build bridges rather than walls.

¹ Time Magazine, 28 December 2023

If we want wise government, we need wise leaders of integrity and we need to 'wise-up' ourselves. An informed voter is an empowered voter so engaging with candidates and understanding their platforms is crucial. By attending local debates, reading campaign materials, and asking questions about the issues, we can try to identify the truth behind the fake news and social media sound bytes. Then on Election Day, we can embrace our role as informed and active citizens.

Our voice matters and our vote holds power. Let's use them wisely to promote justice, peace, and the common good.

Rev'd Jacqui Keir-Bucknall



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Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting
Sunday 7th July 2024
11 am

(immediately following Café Church)

St James's Church Centre,
52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe

The E.G.M. is being held to elect Church Wardens for
St James's Church

*Everyone whose names are entered on the Church
Electoral Roll and all persons resident in the Parish whose
names are entered on the register of local government
electors, are welcome to join us*

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

Welcome to July's edition of Signpost. The magazine aims to serve and reach out to the local village communities of Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill and in doing so, provide opportunities for the residents to become more aware of activities across all Christian denominations and within our villages. We hope you enjoy reading this month's edition.

Next Month's Magazine

The deadline for August's edition is Sunday 14th 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.

The Editorial Team reserve the right to amend and/ or reformat submitted articles.

Signpost – paper copy

We produce a limited number of black and white printed copies of Signpost that are available from some local shops, each of our churches and the Church Centre.

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Our website: www.winsandchurches.org.uk

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

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

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 distribute the magazine.

We are always grateful to supporters who choose to make a donation, and those that place a paid for advert, towards the on-going costs of the magazine. 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; your generosity is very much appreciated.




Jazz In The Paddock



Winscombe's very own outdoor
live music event



Featuring 'The Big R' Big Band
Trad Jazz and Swing of 30's and 40's



Bring a picnic, a tippie, a rug or
a chair- sit back and enjoy the
fantastic music and great company
stunning views on a sunny
summers eventing

Saturday 6th July

6:30-9:30 pm (gate opens 6:30 pm)

Church Paddock,

Winscombe Hill, BS25 1DE

Parking off The Square at the bottom of Winscombe Hill

Entrance via gate in Church Lane

Hosted by 'Friends of St James Church'



Tickets Adult £12

Child £5

Family £25 - 2A2ch

Pay on the gate, or purchase from The
Post Office /Wine Shop/Farrons

Giving is G(o)od!

One of the things I am sure many of us do when the monthly bank statement arrives, is to open it, and then go through it, just to make sure that there is nothing untoward on it. But go back and have another look at yours. Nothing shows better, in black and white, what our priorities are. It clearly records where our disposable income goes, and therefore (essentials like heating, lighting, insurance, food and clothing aside), where our priorities as people lie. As Christian people, our first priority in life needs to be God - and if what we spend our disposable income on is not reflected in some way in those terms, we perhaps need to ask ourselves some hard questions. As Jesus said; *“the greatest commandment is that we should love God with all our heart and soul and our neighbours as ourselves.”*

Our Churches are called to be places full of love and life and there are many ways in which that can be measured - numbers, age profile, activity outside of Sunday worship, opportunities to learn about faith and to live it out and so on. What does a dead or dying Church look like? What causes Jesus to weep at the loss of those whom He passionately loves? Do we believe how we give our time, our talent and our money can show our spiritual pulse rate and whether we have flat-lined or not?

Winston Churchill once said; *“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”*

What we give is important to God. Any response that we make may be an inadequate response, but we do need to respond. We need to give thanks for all that God has done, and since God's giving is renewed each day, so should our thanksgiving.



We are encouraged to give regularly, and generously, with money, of our time, with love and with compassion and we need to give of ourselves. Our giving cannot just be a cold, financial transaction, but as God's giving intrinsically involves the giving of himself, so must we.

Isaac Watts puts it so beautifully and powerfully; *“Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”*

Please give what you can to support our Churches.

Denys Cutmore

WINSCOMBE MINI FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 20TH JULY
9 AM - 12.30 PM
FREE ENTRY (on both sides)
MARKET STALLS - CHILDREN'S GAMES - LIVE MUSIC - BAR - FOOD
St James Church Centre BS25 1BA

All Saints Church Community Café



The June Cafe raised £307.50 including Gift Aid
 Many thanks to all those who supported us

Our next cafe will be on
Saturday 6th July
10.30 am – 12.30 pm
 at All Saints, Sandford

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

We look forward to seeing you again



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 post box at the Church Centre in Winscombe. Please label to show whether your donation is for the Cheddar Foodbank or the For All Healthy Living Centre.

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

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| ❖ Soup – packet and tinned | ❖ Tinned vegetables |
| ❖ Instant mashed potato | ❖ Tinned fish |
| ❖ Cereals | ❖ UHT milk |
| ❖ Sauces – tins and jars of pasta sauce | ❖ Main meals in tins (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 and toothpaste | ❖ Men’s and ladies’ toiletries |
| ❖ Confectionery | ❖ Snack bars and crisps |



WINSCOMBE W.I.

You are welcome to join us for our next meeting:

Wednesday 10th July 2024

at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

Sewell House, Belmont Road, Winscombe, BS25 1LQ

Our speaker will be Susan Symons whose talk is entitled; ‘Victoria, the Widowed Queen’

Refreshments will be available

(find us on Facebook)

Art



Exhibition

by **Adrian Bastin**
Local Artist

in **All Saints Church**
on **Friday 12th July**
and **Saturday 13th July**
from **10.00am to 4.00pm**

Free Entry (*light refreshments available*)

Adrian *welcomes* **Commissions**

Gardening Notes for July

Treating Pests and Diseases

Using chemicals in the garden to control pests and diseases, can do long-term harm to the environment and in particular, wildlife. Fewer and fewer chemicals will become available to gardeners in the future as their use will be confined to commercial growers. Learn to be better gardeners without them, by growing plants in conditions that suit them, which will result in naturally healthy and vigorous growth more able to resist attack by pests and disease.

Help to avoid problems by buying healthy plants and avoid cheap foreign imports which are a source of many pests and diseases. Above all, grow plants well by enriching the soil with garden compost and well-rotted manure, which will also improve water retention. Hungry and thirsty plants will fall prey to pests and diseases more easily than healthy plants.

It is also important that the plant is growing in the right environment, check that the plant has enough light if it is a sun lover, if it is a shade lover is it being scorched by sunlight. There may come a time when a plant is constantly under attack and the battle is not worth fighting; it may be the time to remove it and grow something else.

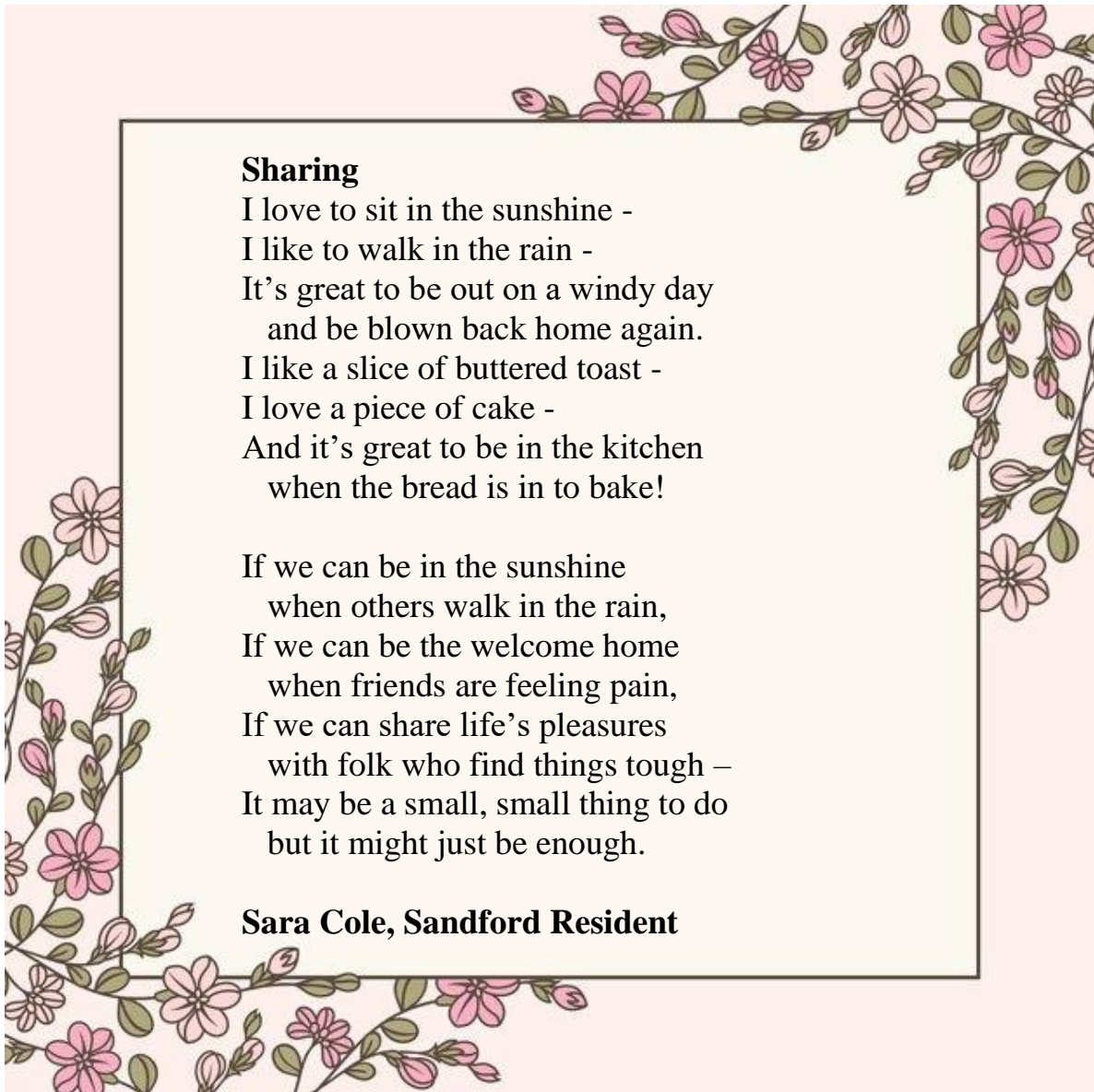


The most common pests are slugs and snails, aphids, whitefly, carrot fly and cabbage caterpillars. Slugs and snails can be controlled with copper collars placed around the most vulnerable plants; make sure the plants are healthy and encourage vigorous growth by enriching the soil with organic matter. Encourage birds into your garden that will feed on greenfly and blackfly.

Wasps, lacewings and hoverflies also help, so grow plants that attract these insects and rub off heavy infestations by hand. Whitefly can attack tomatoes, you can combat this by planting French marigolds in the same soil as the pungent smell from the marigolds seem to repel the whitefly. Avoid carrot fly by sowing thinly, avoiding the need to thin out and cover the crop with crop-protection netting. To prevent attack by cabbage caterpillars, again cover the plants with crop-protection netting.

The following are the most common diseases. To lessen the chance of roses being affected by mildew and blackspot, choose varieties with thick leathery leaves and plant in rich moisture retentive soil. Collect and burn any leaves infected with blackspot. There is no solution to curing plant viruses, dig up and burn affected plants and also encourage birds and predatory insects into the garden to control aphids that spread viruses. Blossom end rot in tomatoes is caused by uneven watering. Control scab in potatoes by making sure the soil is moist - scab resistant varieties are available.





Sharing

I love to sit in the sunshine -
I like to walk in the rain -
It's great to be out on a windy day
and be blown back home again.
I like a slice of buttered toast -
I love a piece of cake -
And it's great to be in the kitchen
when the bread is in to bake!

If we can be in the sunshine
when others walk in the rain,
If we can be the welcome home
when friends are feeling pain,
If we can share life's pleasures
with folk who find things tough –
It may be a small, small thing to do
but it might just be enough.

Sara Cole, Sandford Resident



Winscombe District U3A

Monday 15th July starting at 2.30 pm

Winscombe Community Centre, BS25 1HP

Talk by Hugh Roberts entitled

"Early English Church Woodwork"

£2.50. Visitors very welcome. Refreshments from 2 pm

Jazz in the Garden - family lunchtime event

Saturday 6th July starting at 12:30 pm

Bramble Cottage, Dinghurst Road, Churchill, BS25 5PJ

Featuring Opa Rosa



Opa Rosa, one of the most dynamic and virtuosic bands in the UK will share music from the Balkan, Greek, Klezmer and Roma traditions. They are guaranteed to set the feet tapping or even dancing (ably guided by Lulu). Bring your gazebo and seats (limited number of chairs will be available) sit back, soak up the music whilst enjoying a delicious hog roast bap. *Bar available as well as vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options.*

Tickets include hog roast: £19.50 Champions of Churchill Music
£22.50 non-champions
£7.50 under 18s

Tickets can be purchased online from Ticketsource or by email:
holly@churchillmusic.org.uk or call 07442 672805

AID FOR UKRAINE

The people of Ukraine are desperately in need of the following items:

- Crutches
- Walking sticks
- Zimmer frames
- Wheelchairs
- Tarpaulins
- Tents

Can you help?

Equipment can be delivered to:

Angela Morris at 81 Greenhill Road, Sandford, BS25 5PF

Telephone 01934 852327

We can collect locally



Commemorating D-Day 80 in Winscombe



6th June 2024 marked the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings; a time to remember and honour the brave people who risked their lives for freedom and peace.

Several events were organised to mark the occasion in Winscombe throughout the anniversary week.

The Festival and Flags Group organised the flying of D-Day 80 flags and Union Jacks throughout the village and several shops had special displays.



D-Day Coffee Morning

About 50 people gathered for a special Coffee Morning at the Church Centre on Tuesday morning. The tables were decorated on a patriotic theme and several people enjoyed sharing memories of wartime including photographs, with others. Music from the World War 2 era accompanied the morning. One attendee even brought along his own ration book!



Beacon Lighting on Millennium Green



On Thursday 6th June, the anniversary of D-Day, the village was proud to be part of the National Beacon Lighting event.

About 300 people gathered on Millennium Green at dusk for the beacon lighting, some of whom had attended a documentary film shown earlier in the Church Centre.

A parade of members from the Royal British Legion, Girl Guiding, the Scout Association and the Fire Service signalled the start of the event.

Before the lighting of the beacon, Lois Brenchley, Chair of the Millennium Green Trust, spoke about life in Winscombe at the time of D-Day and Scout Leader, Mark Caddy outlined the role that cubs and scouts played in the local community during wartime.

Reverend Andrew Hiscox read; *'The International Tribute'* which was followed by the lighting of the beacon by Archie Forbes, Chair of the Parish Council, and the singing of the National Anthem.



Nostalgia Night

On Saturday 8th June the St James's Events Team held a sell-out *'Nostalgia Night'* at the Church Centre. Many of those attending chose to come along dressed to represent the World War 2 era which added greatly to the atmosphere of the evening.



Entertainment was provided by the trio, Harmonic Motion, and by Nigel Carson from Winscombe Folk Club. The music had a largely nostalgic flavour and included the opportunity to join in with many sing-along favourites.

The *'rations'* supper included spam sandwiches and bread pudding and was surprisingly enjoyable!

Although the evening was generally lighter in mood than the official events of the week, time was also taken to reflect on what D-Day meant for a serving soldier through a reading of eye-witness diary extracts.



Local History Corner

Charitable bequests: *The poor always ye have with you.* [John xii. 8]

Today we live in a world of the welfare state, but earlier generations were not so fortunate, where poverty, near starvation and poor education was frequently the lot of many of the residents of the rural countryside. The workhouse system, which came into being in 1834, to some extent helped to alleviate the lives of numerous people despite many problems and abuses. Before this, workhouses run by local parishes, became a last resort for countless people.

The plight of many residents frequently became the concern of local benefactors and records remain of such charitable work in Winscombe. The earliest of these for which records can be found, is in the Will of a wealthy landowner, Symon Cardinbrook of Sandford. In his Will dated 1761, he left an Estate in South Brent for the purpose of providing a school for the children of Winscombe. This was on the condition that the Parish paid £200 towards the cost. This sum was not found until 1776, and even then, the Executors of the Estate were obliged to pay £100 towards the cost. By 1813 interest had grown the capital to £359.4s.4d. Of this sum, £59.4s.4d was used to defray the cost of building a schoolhouse on Woodborough Green, and the interest on the £300 used to support the school (the balance of the cost of the school was to be met by public subscription). It is probable that this school was the building later owned by the Plymouth Brethren as Gospel Hall between 1907 and 1971. It was then sold by the Brethren and the proceeds donated to charity. A blue plaque now marks the site in Woodborough Road.

Two memorial tablets in St James's Church are reminders of other bequests for the benefit of the poor of the Parish. Francis Taylor Doolan gave £250 in 1842 secured in the West Harptree Turnpike Trust, the interest to be used by the Vicar, churchwardens and overseer of the workhouse, to be spent on warm clothing. This was to benefit the aged and infirm with preference given to those who attended the 'Protestant Church'. Another bequest by Miss Charlotte Knollys in 1853, left £200 secured in government funds to the incumbent vicar for the annual distribution of blankets, clothing and coals for the poor inhabitants of the Parish. These trusts, recorded by the Charity Commission, are now defunct.

The Axbridge Historical Society is planning to research into the history of Axbridge Workhouse in the near future.

John Matthews

References: Knight, F.A.; *The Heart of Mendip*. Blackwell, 1915. Rutter, John; *Delineations of the North Western Division of the County of Somerset*, Longman, 1829. Taylor, Margaret; *The Book of Winscombe*, Bath, Halsgrove, 2004.



Our meeting in June was an open meeting for all, resulting in a good turnout to hear our guest speaker, local artist Ralph Mann present his illustrated talk; 'Art and Faith'. Ralph has had wide experience in different contexts working alongside businesses, councils, prisoners, charities and 'The Barge' in Bristol docks. Lately he has taken space in a studio in Clevedon where he can network with others in the art world. Much of his work is digital but he presented illustrations of some of his recent work including a mural in a Bristol Church entitled 'The Prodigal' and most recently publicity for National Carers' Week as well as publicity for a prestigious hotel in the Netherlands. Ralph is passionate about his work and inspired us all to consider our own creative talents as well as challenging us in the way we communicate our faith.

Mostly, as a breakfast club for men of our three local parishes, attendance has been just under 20. Our next breakfast together will be on **Saturday 20th July at 9.00 am.**

All men will be welcome, and as usual I will send reminders to all on the mailing list. Do consider joining us if you have not been before, or invite friends too, as we have capacity for more at the Woodborough Inn. A full breakfast is now £10.50, but there are still other options at less cost.

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 - £10.50

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.



LATE MAY & JUNE ACTIVITIES



As reported last month, the Branch attended its first exhibition event at the WarAg Festival at Westonzoyland Airfield on 25th and 26th May but photos were not available at the copy date. The Branch mounted a display in a gazebo covering the Branch activities and what the RAFA Charity does; collecting tins raised funds for the 2024 Wings Appeal. The Saturday was a beautiful fine day but Sunday's weather was windy and eventually there

were some horrendous thunderstorms so the displays and gazebo had to be removed in a hurry!

On Monday 3rd June the Branch Meeting was held in Wells Golf Club. The highlight was a follow-up to the WarAg Festival in the form of a full presentation by Robbert Turner entitled; *'The Westonzoyland Air Museum'* that covered the Jet era at RAF Westonzoyland (Meteor T7 and Canberra B2 aircraft) in the 1950s including the horrendous accident rate experienced with the Meteor T7. This was followed by a commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day with a brief presentation of the RAF involvement in the invasion. The meeting concluded with drinks and lunch from the golf club bar and menu.



The Branch attended its second exhibition and fundraising event at the Collett Park Day in Shepton Mallet on Saturday 8th June in conjunction with 1182 Squadron (Shepton Mallet) Air Cadets Squadron again providing a display of the Branch activities and what the RAFA Charity does. The weather was fine and many good contacts were established.

The Branch attended the Mendip Golf Club outside Wells on 22nd and 23rd June when the golf club held its annual competition for the Sqn Ldr Ron Fell RAFA Trophy; details will be reported later.

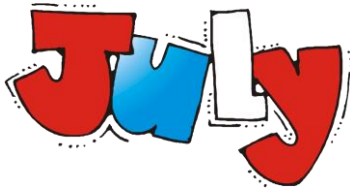
FUTURE PROGRAMME

On Saturday 6th July the Branch will hold its Summer Lunch assembling at 12:15 pm in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS. This will be a 2/3 course formal lunch with choices for each course and the price will include an aperitif, coffee, mints and port. This always popular event is open to all Branch members plus their friends and family, members from any RAFA branch, current and ex-RAF personnel and reserves, current and ex-Commonwealth Air Forces personnel, and members of the RAF family; you will be welcome.

Our next exhibition and fundraising event will be on Sunday 18th August at the Mid-Somerset Show at Shepton Mallet Showground.

RAFA-MSB covers BS25, BS26, BS27, BS28, BA4, BA5, BA16, TA10 and TA11 postal areas. For further information, please contact the Branch via email: rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or telephone the Secretary on 01458 224057.

July Quiz



On 13th July 1985 the Live Aid Concert took place simultaneously at Wembley Stadium in London and JFK Stadium in Philadelphia.

This month's quiz is based on the set list played at Wembley. Can you name the act that performed each of these songs?

1. Rockin' All Over the World
2. Don't Like Mondays
3. Bohemian Rhapsody
4. Rebel Rebel
5. My Generation
6. In the Air Tonight
7. Money For Nothing
8. I'm Still Standing
9. True
10. Vienna
11. Let It Be
12. Do They Know It's Christmas?



Answers can be found on page 45

West Mendip Orchestra

John Johnson Director of Music

Helen Grey Leader



50th Anniversary Concert

To mark the occasion of our 50th Anniversary we proudly present a programme reflecting the history of the orchestra since its creation ...

... items played at the first concert on Friday 11th October 1974...

... popular favourites by Elgar, Schubert, Edward German, Franz Lehar and Johann Strauss...

... soloists (two from the orchestra and a guest performer), two guest conductors, an original composition, and an opportunity for some audience participation!

James Bond 007, will also make an appearance...

Friday 5th July 2024, 7:45pm

**All Saints Church, All Saints Road,
Weston-super-Mare BS23 4SD**

Tickets £12 (concessions £10, students £2)

Available at the door - cash or card accepted



www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk

Charity no. 1041826

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Winscombe Folk Club had a great Americana Concert on 4th June. Lara Linete from El Paso Texas met up with Mandy Woods from Glastonbury and James Slater from Bristol to give a lovely evening of melodic and thoughtful music. This was part of Lara's UK2024 tour. The evening was supported by

Club members Andy Dandord and Nigel Carson who played some classic songs solo then combined on a couple of songs; the evening was a great success.

We were happy and proud to once again give our support to the RNLI when we organised the Cheddar Vintage Rock Band evening at the Church Centre – see report on the RNLI pages.

We are pleased to report the Folk Club will continue to meet at Winscombe Club on the fourth Tuesday of the month and welcome new audience members and performers alike to this quiet and respectful (upstairs) venue - see below for further information.



Lara, Mandy & James



Club member Andy



**Folk ... Yes, but all kinds of music and verse
Fourth Tuesday each month 7.30 to 10.30 – just £2**

Upstairs Bar, Winscombe Club, 7 Sandford Road - a quiet and respectful acoustic space for performers and audience.

Further information from Nigel Carson: 07551 197685 or winscombefolkclub@gmail.com - also on Facebook.

MID-WEEK

CHURCH SERVICE

Short, informal service on the first Wednesday of each month

3rd July, 4th September, 2nd October

No mid-week service in August

10.30am at Lynch Chapel, followed by tea and coffee

come for a Cuppa!

LYNCH CHAPEL



Saturday 6th July and 3rd August

2.30pm - 4pm

Tea/coffee and cake



First Saturday every month!

Come for a Cuppa!

Knit &

**Second and fourth
Wednesday each month
10th and 24th July
2pm - 4pm
at LYNCH CHAPEL**

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

**Tea and coffee
provided.**



Natter!

Birth Flowers and Birth Stones

July

The Water Lily

The water lily is one of two birth flowers for July. It holds deep meaning and symbolism across various cultures. Its serene beauty, floating on calm waters represents purity, enlightenment and rebirth.



In ancient Egypt, water lilies, particularly the blue lotus, were linked to the Sun God Ra and often used in religious ceremonies and art.

In Chinese culture, the water lily symbolises purity, harmony and enlightenment, and in Japan it is associated with summer and often depicted as a symbol of beauty and grace.

In Western cultures, water lilies gained popularity during the 19th Century, particularly through the work of artists like Claude Monet. Monet's famous paintings of water lilies captured the beauty and tranquillity of these flowers.

There are over 50 species of water lilies ranging from miniature species to the extraordinary giant *Victoria Amazonica* whose flowers can be up to 3 meters in diameter! Their leaves are hydrophobic, meaning they repel water, helping to keep the leaves clean and dry, preventing them from sinking underwater.

Some species of water lilies, like the tropical water lily, bloom at night and close during the day and helps them attract nocturnal pollinators like moths.

In many spiritual traditions, the water lily is seen as a symbol of transformation and growth as it emerges from the muddy depths to bloom into a stunning flower.

The Ruby



The birthstone for July is the ruby, considered by Hindus to be the king of all gemstones and used to protect their souls from evil spirits.

Ancient Chinese warriors added rubies to their armour for protection.

The blood like colour of the stone means it is associated with health, vitality and physical strength. Its deep red colour also symbolises love and passion.

Rubies can be found in Southeast Asia and Africa. The largest ruby ever to be mined was the Liberty Bell Ruby, which weighed 1.8 kilograms.

The bible also provides analogies between the value of wisdom and rubies; *'Coral and jasper are not worthy of mention; the price of wisdom is beyond rubies'*, (Job 28:18). *'For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her'*, (Proverbs 8:11).



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Rotary
Club of Wroughton Vale



Jazz Lunch

on 14th July 2024

from 12 noon until 3.30pm

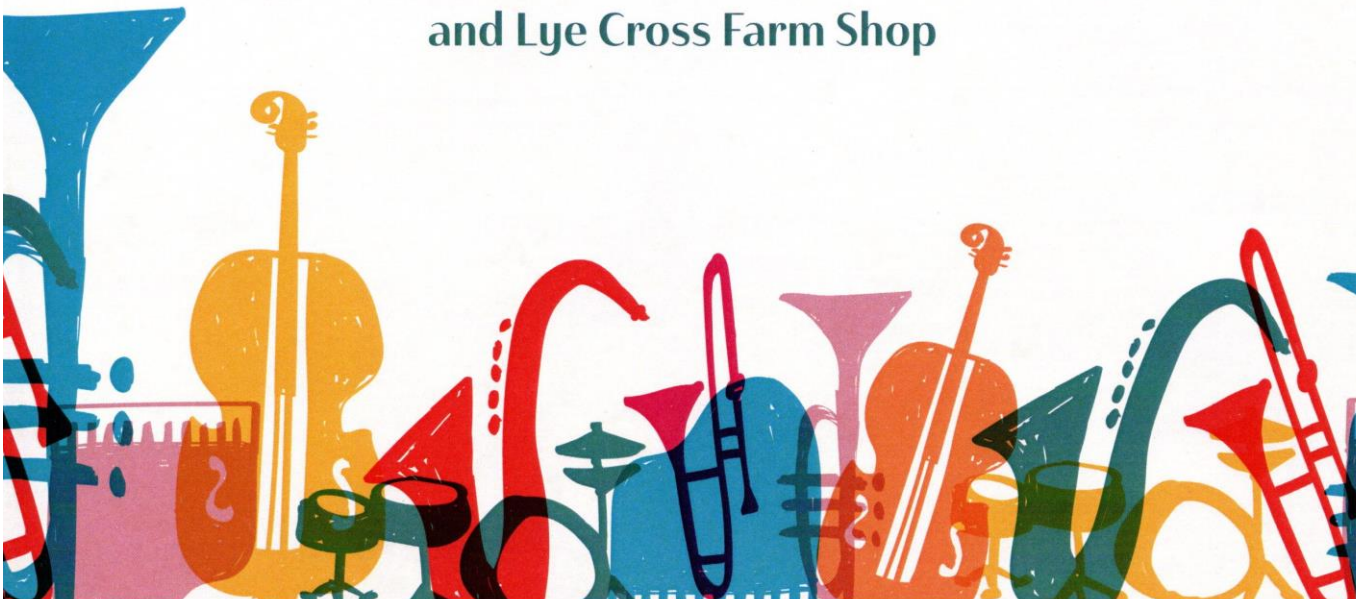
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The Severn Jazzmen for your entertainment

Price £15 per adult, £6 per child (2-12 years)

**Tickets available from Thatchers Cider shop
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SANDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We had over a hundred people at Shipham Village Hall to host the Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs AGM; they certainly do a tremendous amount of work and we were told that Pip Harwood has been on the committee for 37 years! The Federation is devising a website where all the gardening clubs can access all events across the region and you can find the lists of speakers and judges.



John then introduced guest speaker Nick Wray who is the Curator of the University of Bristol Botanical Gardens. Nick shared that the gardens moved to its new site in Stoke Bishop in 2005 and covers about 4.4 acres; the garden contains over 4,500 plant species. How the garden was planned and created is very interesting. They have some plants in the collection dating back over 200 million years right up to the present day and are committed to conserving the threatened species of native flora in the local area.

They have a *Mediterranean Collection* from Europe, North and South Africa, Australia, Chile and California. There is also what they call the *Useful Plant Collection* which is home to the largest collection of traditional Chinese medicinal herbs in the UK. They also have a wonderful glass house. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening.



The May plant sale was a great success. We had an amazing array of John's special perennials at really reasonable prices; they sold out within half an hour. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us!

Dates for your diary:

Next Club Meeting

Date: Wednesday 3rd July 2024 starting at 7.30 pm

Speakers: Pauline and David Wright

Talk entitled: Lift the Latch and The Little Latch

Summer Show

Date: Saturday 10th August from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Photograph Section subject: Landscape or Seascape

Sandford Village Hall - refreshments and a raffle available

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Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(term time only)

July 4th – Lynch Chapel

July 11th – Church Centre, Winscombe

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Supporting and Protecting Our Natural World Only Moss?

Mosses look simple but their lives are very complex.

Despite its ubiquity there are few common names for moss (as there are for other plants), just the formal Latin name: Bryophyta. Moss is a plant even so. It prefers to grow in damp, shady places; we tend to take moss for granted. Most people recognise it and see it growing in a wide variety of habitats - on exposed tree roots, on bark, in and on soil, on bare rocks, on concrete or tarmac paths and on roof tiles and in gutters.

Moss has no flowers, no seeds and no proper roots only modified hairlike structures called rhizoids that anchor the plant to bare surfaces. Nor does it have a vascular system to carry water and nutrients to all parts of the plant especially from the soil. However, being green, moss can photosynthesise. It absorbs water, carbon dioxide and nutrients from the air and transforms them into sugars and oxygen.

Moss can attract strong feelings, particularly by those who foster a pristine lawn that under wet conditions may be invaded by moss. Those who care for golfing greens may not be too pleased either. Conversely florists love to use moss to enhance various arrangements.

To many of us all mosses look similar but try using a hand lens to look at them and a new wondrous world is revealed. There are over a 1,000 species of moss just in the UK.



Mosses can breed asexually and sexually the latter being complicated. Some produce structures called gemmae on leaves which can break off and form new plants; this is called fragmentation.

Sexual reproduction in mosses depends on exposure to moisture. After maturation, the male sperms, not seeds, swim across to fertilise the egg to produce brown capsules (see left). More processes follow; a biologist is needed to fully explain!

Are mosses beneficial to the environment including us?

Yes certainly. Everything has a role to play in creating a healthy environment.

Here are some benefits:

- They are colonisers that can establish themselves on bare surfaces thus beginning a simple soil in which other plants grow.
- They can soak up rain in their leaves and collect water between them so creating humid conditions in which other plants may grow.

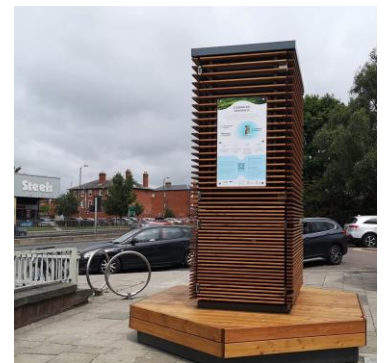
- A myriad of small insects such as beetles, other invertebrates some of which may be microscopic such as mites, springtails and nematodes, live in the moss where they reproduce so providing more living creatures.
- This in turn attracts small mammals, birds and amphibians in search of food.
- Mosses do no harm. Plants can easily live with them especially if water is short. It is a perhaps an aesthetic concept that plants and moss should not grow together in gardens.
- Moss gardens are increasingly popular especially on roofs. They require no mowing, no pesticides, weed killers or even fertilisers. Low maintenance indeed and attractive.
- Certain mosses have medical properties because they are antibacterial. Sphagnum moss for example was used extensively by soldiers during World War 1 to cleanse and heal wounds.
- Since moss gathers all its needs from the atmosphere, it helps to absorb pollutants such as CO₂, dust, even heavy metals.
- Helps to slow down flooding by absorbing water in the upper reaches of river valleys.



To attract more diversity in the garden, log and stone piles are useful. Attractive mosses will gradually grow on them whilst attracting small creatures and then birds, mammals such as hedgehogs and amphibians that are on the hunt for a mini feast from the moss itself or from amongst the structure.

Hereford Town Council is serious about using moss to reduce pollution by using air filters to naturally clean the air. They are about the size of a small tree but more efficient.

Moss mats clean about 80% of fine dust and particles from the air and using ventilation filters, breathing air for up to 7,000 people per hour. The moss filters are in busy traffic areas, where they will use specially selected mosses to help naturally absorb pollution from the air. Moss mats for the home are available online - just see the variety and uses!



Moss filters are already being used in Europe and in other parts of the UK including London and Newcastle.

**Don't forget to use a hand lens
- not just on mosses!**



DIARY - JULY 2024

MON 1	9.30am	Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church
TUES 2	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 3	10.30am	Midweek Church Service – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall
THUR 4	9.30am	Scramblers – Lynch Chapel
	10.00am	Communion in the Community – Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 6	2.30pm	Come for a Cuppa – Lynch Chapel
	6.30pm	Jazz in the Paddock – in aid of Friends of St James

SUN 7 TRINITY 6

See opposite page for details of Services

MON 8	9.30am	Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church
TUES 9	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 10	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THUR 11	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's

SUN 14 TRINITY 7

See opposite page for details of Services

MON 15	9.30am	Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church
TUES 16	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 17	2.45pm	Communion in the Community – Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THURS 18	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 20	9.00am	Winscombe Mini Festival & Saturday Market – Church Centre
	9.30am	Refreshmen+ Breakfast - Woodborough Inn

SUN 21 TRINITY 8

See opposite page for details of Services

MON 22	9.30am	Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church
TUES 23	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Winscombe Folk Club
WED 24	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	2.15pm	Wednesday Film Club – Church Centre
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THUR 25	11.00am	Communion in the Community – Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 27	2.45pm	Family Film Club – Lynch Chapel

SUN 28 TRINITY 9 and ST JAMES'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

See opposite page for details of Services

TUES 30	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 31	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's

Church Service Times

Opportunities to Worship in July

Sunday 7th July	8.00 am	St James's	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Church Centre	Café Church
	11.00 am	Sandford Station	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th July	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Morning Worship
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st July	10.00 am	Church Centre	Family Holy Communion
Sunday 28th July	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Morning Worship

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday	All Saints	10.00 am	Holy Communion
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Special Services in July


Thursday 4 th July	Dunster Court	10.00 am	Communion in the Community
Wednesday 17 th July	Sewell House	2.45 pm	Communion in the Community
Thursday 25 th July	Winscombe Hall	10.30 am	Communion in the Community

We Remember

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

Tony Corney whose funeral service and burial took place at St John's Church on Friday 21st June 2024.

BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY

<p>Sunday 7th July 2 Samuel 5: 1-5,9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13</p>	<p>Sunday 14th July 2 Samuel 6: 1-5,12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29</p>	
<p>Sunday 21st July 5th 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Psalm 89: 20-37 Ephesians 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34,53-56</p>	<p>Sunday 28th July 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21</p>	

Dates for your diary ...



Look what's coming up this autumn at the Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe

 <p>FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER</p>	<p>FAB AUTUMN SUPPER (featuring the fabulous Fab Twins) tickets available soon ~ includes ploughman's supper, bar available</p>
 <p>SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER</p>	<p>BADGERSET tickets available soon ~ includes glass of wine or juice and seasonal sweet treats</p>
 <p>TUESDAY 10th & WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS WREATH AND TABLE DECORATIONS limited places for this popular event ~ ticket includes mulled wine and seasonal sweet treats</p>
 <p>SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER</p>	<p>CAROLS by LANTERN LIGHT (featuring Weston Brass Band, Santa's Grotto, fun games, hot food) free event for all ages</p>



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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
£17 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

The Doctor Who Scarf Project – how long is our finished scarf?

The local community of Weston-super-Mare via Weston Museum has been busily knitting away over the past six months, making scarves to be sewn together into one huge Doctor Who inspired scarf and the time has come to share the finished result!

The Doctor Who Scarf Project was launched last October to coincide with the popular exhibition - '*Adventures in Time and Space - 60 years of Doctor Who Art*', which ran from October 2023 – April 2024. Experienced knitters were asked to send in stripy scarves of a specified stitch, width and length, whilst beginners were encouraged to buy a Knitting Starter Pack from the museum shop. Dozens of scarves were sent in, and the final result is estimated to be over 200 metres long!



Ever wondered why the 4th Doctor (Tom Baker) had such a long, striped scarf? - The story goes that the costume designer gave a knitter a big bag of wool and asked her to knit a scarf. He thought she would choose what she liked from the bag, but instead she used up the whole lot and an iconic piece of Doctor Who fashion was created! Some sources say that the first scarf was 20 feet long and the museum team's aim was to beat this length, but they were bowled over by how many scarves were sent in and now the scarf needs such a long space to measure it that they are heading off to the Grand Pier in Weston-super-Mare.

On Saturday 18th May the scarf was unrolled along the promenade of the pier and held up by many helpers in order to measure its final length. Once measured, the plan is to chop it back down into standard lengths, finished neatly and donated to the '*Warm Bundles Project*'. The museum's learning and engagement team has been working with other community organisations to gather bundles (scarves, gloves, hats etc.) that are then given to homeless people. This means that the long, record-breaking scarf will go to a very good cause.

If you'd like to know more information email:

Katherine Bell (Learning and Events Officer)

katherine.bell@wsm-tc.gov.uk



Lynch Chapel Winscombe

Young Person's Concert

Sunday 7th July

2.30pm

Come and enjoy a concert of young people performing for you; some are beginners and some are more advanced.

If you are still at school, and would like to perform in this concert please contact Alison at alison.waite5@btinternet.com

It is not a competition; all standards of musicians are welcome, especially beginners.

Service in the Quiet

Lynch Chapel, Winscombe

7th July, 6 - 6.45 pm



EVERYONE WELCOME!

Any Questions? Contact:
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Wrighton Vale Rotary Club

FRENCHAY AFTER BURNS (FAB) Children's Club

Lizzie Evans spoke about the Charity FAB which provides ongoing, post-discharge support and rehabilitation of burn injured children from injury to adulthood. It is now centred at the Bristol Children's Hospital, which is the Regional Centre for burn injuries for the Southwest treating up to 1,000 patients a year.

Lizzie was herself badly burnt as an 8 year old, and after completing nurse training, her first job was working on the very ward where she was treated as a child. With others, she set up the independent charity in 2001.

Children who suffer burn injuries may face many years of painful treatment and psychological trauma from scarring. FAB provides various activities including residential holidays and other social get togethers designed to increase self-esteem and tackle self-image and self-confidence issues. The camps allow burn injured children to spend time with their peers, experiencing activities such as zip lines, caving, kayaking, mountain biking and archery.



Lizzie Evans (centre) with friend Angus and Angie Biggs

The charity needs to raise around £25,000 a year. It is not funded by the NHS so all of this has come from fundraising, which includes a monthly lottery, auctions, coffee mornings and an annual Summer Ball. Contributions can be made via www.fabclub.org

North Somerset Young Carers

There are several hundred Young Carers, some as young as six, who provide essential support to other family members. Each year we fund a most welcome weekend break for about twenty of them who can be spared their normal caring routine. This year, they stayed at the Mendip Activity Centre who provided the activities. They had lots of fun and especially enjoyed the tobogganing, the frisbee golf and the late evening walk as the sun set along with the chance to make new friends and learn new skills. But the highlight for some, was the sumptuous cakes provided by Inner Wheel Ladies!



We are so pleased to be able to provide an opportunity for these youngsters to shed the cloak of responsibility that at times must weigh so heavily on such young shoulders.

This is another facet of our extensive youth programme which consumes quite a lot of the funds that we generate from events like Frog Racing and the Vintage Car Fest.

Date for your diary: Jazz Lunch in The Orchard, Sandford on Sunday 14th July - tickets available from Thatchers and Lye Cross Farm Shop – see page 25 for full details.



What's going on every week at St James's Church Centre?

52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe

Thinking of setting up a class or club but not sure what you need from the Church Centre? Happy to discuss ~ give Sue a call

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BADMINTON

Monday morning
Wednesday evening

CHAIR YOGA EXERCISE

Thursday afternoon



CHI BALANCE

Friday morning

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday morning



PILATES

Wednesday morning
Thursday evening

SCRAMBLERS Parent & Toddler

Thursday morning
(term-time)



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UPDATE AND RESULTS FOR BRANCH MAY EVENTS

As reported in June, on Saturday 18th May Winscombe Folk Club staged a Rock Concert/Dance by 'Vintage Cheddar' in the Church Centre, Winscombe. This was a leap into the unknown for both the Folk Club and the Winscombe RNLI Branch but was well received by an audience of 62 on the night. Nigel Carson and Winscombe Folk Club thank Farron's Estate Agents for stepping in at a late stage to help with ticket sales and boosted numbers.



'Vintage Cheddar' performed songs from Chuck Berry, Soul, The Beatles, ABBA, Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison which the audience lapped up! The combination of the profit from ticket sales and the bar resulted in a sum of £523 towards the RNLI Winscombe Branch funds.

The May edition reported that Mendip Inner Wheel presented a concert of popular music by the Cameo Orchestra Bristol on Saturday 27th April in St Andrew's Church, Cheddar, in aid of the RNLI and Cheddar Village Hall. The concert included local soloists Jenny Jefferies, Alan Philps and Hannah Biddlecombe.

On the evening of Tuesday 4th June, the Branch Treasurer, Steve Punter, attended a meeting held at The George Hotel in Wedmore where he was presented with a cheque for £1,350 by Margaret Gelder, President of the Mendip Inner Wheel. This was the RNLI share of the concert in April and collections at Sainsbury's in Cheddar and Wedmore. The branch was thanked for its help with the raffle prizes and advertising.



On May Bank Holiday, Saturday 25th May, RNLI Winscombe & District Branch held its RNLI Bicentennial Plant & Garden Equipment Sale outside the Winscombe Community Centre. Prior to the sale, our chief grower Christa Loughrey had been taking orders and also placing early plants on 'Mike's Honesty Stall' outside April Cottage in Jubilee Road, Axbridge. Consequently, Christa presented a cheque for £1,500 to our Treasurer, Steve before the sale even started! By 10:00 am all was set-up and the customers were queuing to get in. Stalls included a full range of greenhouse plants, runner and French beans, courgettes, bedding plants and garden fillers, shrubs, garden jumble including patio items and tubs, garden and domestic tools - all at give-away prices.

Once again Steve and Julia provided beverages, cakes and hot dogs throughout the morning to add to the attraction.



The bargains went quickly including some good compost bins and by 11:00 am half the stock had sold and the people gone! The grand total profit from pre-sales and on the day came to a fantastic £2,905!

RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH - JUNE EVENT

The Branch has just received confirmation from the Customer Service Manager at Tesco, Wells that we can collect in aid of the RNLI on both Saturday 29th June and Saturday 20th July. The Branch has been trying to get a slot here for over a year as there has been no collection there since before the pandemic, so this is good news as it highlights our presence in Wells, which is within our district. Consequently, by the time you read this, the Branch *'focus and rescue van'* will have made best speed to Wells and anchored off Tesco's to rescue cash from the Saturday shoppers. Results and photos will be reported in a later edition of Signpost.

RNLI LIFEGUARDS RETURN TO BURNHAM AND BREAN FOR SUMMER 2024

RNLI Lifeguards will return to Burnham-on-Sea and Brean beaches on Saturday 29th June and will be on patrol, each day from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm until Sunday 1st September. If visiting these beaches look out for the RNLI beach flags and markers that designate the safe and patrolled bathing areas and take a look at their rescue kit or have a chat with the lifeguards; they are a friendly bunch and will be happy to discuss and offer advice. Remember, RNLI beach lifeguards saved 86 lives in 2023, and prevented many more tragedies, by offering their advice in advance.

MAY SHOUTS – there were 11 *'shouts'* in May between three of our four Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea 3, Minehead – 3, W-s-M - 5).

Minehead's volunteer crews answered the shrill call of the pager twice on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024. At 2 pm, just six minutes after the initial tasking from HM Coastguard, Minehead's Atlantic-class lifeboat launched to assist the crew of a 16 ft. Orkney fishing vessel, that was in trouble close to Hurlstone Point. The well-equipped crew had radioed HM Coastguard for assistance after their propeller became entangled with their anchor line, while fishing off the coastline. The vessel was starting to take on water. Upon arrival the lifeboat crew quickly got to work, first evacuating the crew and then cutting the vessel's anchor line, allowing it to be towed by the lifeboat. The reason for their concern was clear - at this stage of tide and in this location, a tidal stream of approximately five knots threatened to inundate their trapped vessel.

The lifeboat towed the vessel towards Minehead, where calmer waters allowed the entangled propeller to be fixed, and the crew to resume their return journey to Porlock Weir. Throughout the rescue, local fishing vessel Teddie Boy, stood by ready to assist if required, having rushed from Blue Anchor upon hearing the vessel's distress call.

No sooner than the crews had returned to their families, a further call to the Coastguard was made, and at 5 pm both the Atlantic and D class lifeboats launched towards Kilve in order to assist Burnham-on-Sea RNLI's Atlantic-class lifeboat, and HM Coastguard land units, in the rescue of a person and two dogs, cut off by the tide. All were safely returned to Watchet Harbour, and the crews returned to their stations for a well-earned Bank Holiday rest.

Helm Phil Sanderson commented: *“Today's rescues really highlight how versatile and skilled our crews are, and some great teamwork between us, Coastguard and Teddie Boy. The tidal range in this area can pose a real risk to safety both on and off the water, and it's important to be aware of.”*



Your actions make a difference

When you ask people to stand alongside you for dignity, equality and justice you never know whether you'll be left standing up all on your own. Well, we needn't have worried because the people of Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill all demonstrated your solidarity with us. This Christian Aid week you supported our work in a most generous way demonstrating your belief that when we are united in hope we can end poverty.

Total donations to Christian Aid from Christian Aid week activity totalled just over a marvellous £2,600. We were able to organise a magnificent concert with the Joyful Spirit community gospel choir. The concert raised just over £850 and was a testament to the inspirational and joyful performance of the choir.

The local Christian Aid committee send you our very grateful thanks for funding lasting change. Let's continue to give, act and pray to push back against poverty.

It's not too late to make your contribution to bring hope – our fundraising page is still open here <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/winscombe-sandford-churchill>



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Lynch Chapel

I think we may all be agreed that in the last twenty years things have moved on materially for this country and generally with greater wealth has come reduced interest in the spiritual. For Christians it has meant being on the back foot, defending their faith against accusations that it is superstitious nonsense. Here is a list of **TWELVE** rational reasons to believe that there is a God and to be a Christian:

1. **Mathematics and physics:** The universe contains numerous physical and mathematical constants that are precisely right for the existence of a material world which can be inhabited by such as us.
2. **Big bang:** Many scientists accept that the Universe began as a 'big bang' millions of years ago. But the bigger question is: Who caused the big bang? Who created something out of nothing?
3. **Meaning:** The Christian story gives significance and meaning to our lives. A truly atheistic view is bleak, and life is meaningless.
4. **The Bible:** There are more copies of the original New Testament than any other ancient manuscript. We can be confident in the accuracy of scripture.
5. **The Resurrection:** There is good evidence that this took place. What otherwise motivated the disciples and the early church to witness to it even under the threat of death?
6. **Morality:** Why do we know there is wrong in the world and what it is? The sense of an objective right and wrong is strong evidence for the existence of God.
7. **Prophecy:** The story of Jesus' life was accurately prophesied hundreds of years before His birth.
8. **Philosophy:** Theism is increasingly accepted in academic philosophy thanks to such as Alvin Plantinga and Richard Swinburne.
9. **Your story:** The changed lives of people who have found Jesus show the reality of God and the truth of redemption. Many seemingly insoluble problems have been overcome through faith in Jesus.
10. **Inspirational faith:** Christian believers have inspired some of the most important social changes in history. Christian love has inspired many thousands of people to act for the betterment of all people.
11. **Believing scientists:** Almost half of all scientists believe in God. Why do so many believe if belief is irrational and unscientific?
12. **Afterlife:** Near-death experiences, where people have an intense spiritual experience can be seen as evidence for some form of afterlife.

God bless you, David

Children's

POP-IN

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10 - 12 noon, every Wednesday

during the school summer holidays:

24th and 31st July

7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August

Pop-in for

⇒ **toys**

⇒ **games**

⇒ **craft**

⇒ **stories**



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

Activities for babies, pre-school children and reception

Older brothers and sisters welcome



Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information

Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society

Our June meeting was about *Turnpikes and Toll Houses of Somerset*, very appropriate as Shipham still boasts its very own toll house in the centre of the village. The toll houses were part of a Trust responsible for maintaining the roads and were eventually succeeded by canals and the railway. Several toll houses and way-markers can still be seen in surrounding villages.

Special thanks must go to our speaker for the evening, Steve Osman of Wrington History Society, who stepped in at the last moment when our planned speaker was taken ill. This was the last meeting of the current year but hopefully some readers will come to Shipham Hall from September onwards for another year of stimulating talks.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th September

A short AGM will be followed by

Speaker: John Page; a returning and popular speaker

Talk entitled: *Time & the Clockmakers of Axbridge*

Tuesday 8th October

Speaker: Bernard Purrier

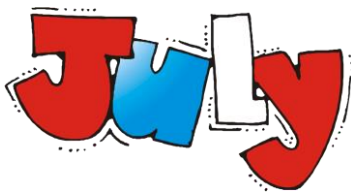
Presentation entitled: *Roman Baths*

Meetings take place in Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG

Start: 7.30 pm

Members: £2, welcome guests £4

For further details contact: Jan Taylor 01934 260784

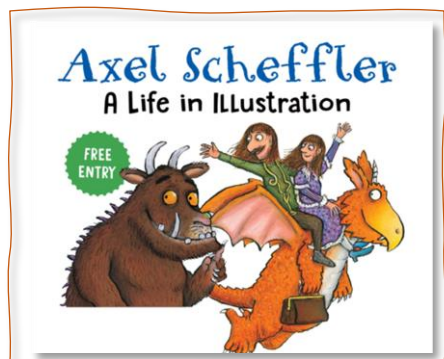


Quiz Answers

1. Status Quo
2. The Boomtown Rats
3. Queen
4. David Bowie
5. The Who
6. Phil Collins
7. Dire Straits
8. Elton John
9. Spandau Ballet
10. Ultravox
11. Paul McCartney
12. Band Aid

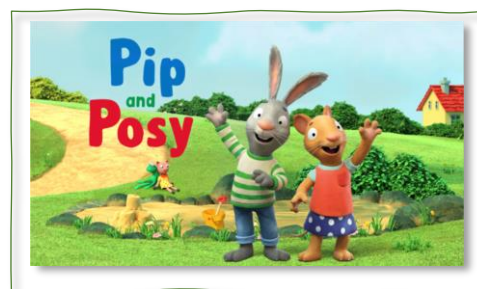
Exhibition: The Wonderful World of Illustrator, Axel Scheffler
27th July to 9th November – Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

This summer, Weston Museum proudly presents *Axel Scheffler: A Life in Illustration*, a comprehensive exhibition celebrating the work of the UK's number one bestselling illustrator who is known for creating beloved characters like the Gruffalo and Stick Man.



This family-friendly exhibition offers the most extensive public display of Axel's illustrations in the UK, providing visitors a rare opportunity to delve into his artistic brilliance. The exhibition celebrates the partnership between Axel and renowned author Julia Donaldson, showcasing artwork from over 150 books that reflect his luminous colour, expressive faces, and distinctive humour.

Visitors can explore Axel's creative process, witnessing how his characters come to life, from his sketches to preparatory artwork to the final illustrations that feature in the books. The exhibition spans his entire career. Visitors will see original illustrations from favourites such as *The Gruffalo*, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, *Room on the Broom* and *Stick Man*, all written by Julia Donaldson. Visitors will see the original artwork from a number of their books which have been developed into award-winning animations by Magic Light Pictures, including *The Snail and the Whale* and *The Smeds and The Smoos*. There will also be artwork from Axel's *Pip and Posy* series, which many visitors will recognise from the Channel 5 preschool series.



Reflecting on his connection to the region, Axel Scheffler said: *"I spent an unforgettable summer holiday in North Devon in 1975 and fell in love with Southwest England. I came back in 1982 to study visual communication at Bath Academy of Art in Corsham. Following the success of my exhibition at the Museum of Somerset in Taunton last year, I am pleased that children and families in Weston and the surrounding area will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition this year and hope that everyone enjoys it."*

Sarah Cox, Exhibitions Manager for Weston Museum, added: *"Axel's books have been published in numerous languages and cherished worldwide. This exhibition allows visitors to explore his journey to becoming the UK's most popular illustrator and witness the creation of these modern classics."*

For more information, please visit www.westonmuseum.org

A Richness of Ministry



If we're all alike we tend to think the same. This can be comfortable and reassuring; *'everyone around here sees things just like I do'*.

But it doesn't help us think out of the box or worse, spot risks and dangers of which we're unaware; *'crumbs we never saw that one coming!'*.

For this reason, companies and all kinds of organisations are seeking to become more diverse. Having differing viewpoints, skills and abilities is increasingly recognised to grow ability to think not only more widely, but more effectively too.

Recognising diversity has been very much part of our life here in our Diocese of Bath & Wells during recent weeks. Back in May we acclaimed the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. It's almost impossible now to imagine what our Church would be like without the contribution of women throughout the ordained ministry.

At the end of June, the *'Celebration of Lay Ministries'* held at St Paul's Weston-super-Mare saw us affirm, thank and bless the many different roles and responsibilities that lay people are undertaking across our churches and in local communities – from leading worship to pastoral care, ministry with children and young people, to preaching and teaching the faith. Again, it's almost impossible to imagine what our churches would be like without such richness.

Our hope is that the diversity we've been honouring will only flourish and grow. For it's essential if we're to bring the light of the Gospel to everyone in our communities; especially those we find hard to connect with. For none of us alone, either individually or as a group, has the ability to reach everyone. *All of us are needed.*

It's for this reason that one of the priorities we're commending across our Diocese is *'shared local ministry'*. This recognises that everyone, everywhere, has a contribution to make. Now surely that's something to celebrate!

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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.

Community Transport in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill

We are fortunate to have a number of community transport schemes operating in our villages.



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

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01934 822030

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

Churchill Volunteer Driver Scheme

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Currently, the allowance for inheritance tax is £325,000, known as 'The Nil Rate Band'. This amount will be less if you have given away money in the seven years before your death.

Additionally, there is a relief of up to £175,000 known as 'The Residence Nil Rate Band' (RNRB). This applies to your home, and only if it (or the proceeds) go to your descendants such as children.

So how can you minimise IHT?

- Do nothing! If IHT is not a concern, you need not do anything.

- Tax efficient investments. Some investments are IHT exempt. There will be specific qualifying criteria.
- Life insurance - a 'whole of life' insurance policy can be put in place to cover any IHT liability which should be written into trust.
- Charitable giving. If leaving 10% or more of your estate to charity lowers the IHT rate to 36%.
- Pensions. As funds within a pension usually sit outside of the estate. Depending on the type of pension, it can be more tax efficient to take income from other sources to reduce the size of the estate below the IHT allowance.
- Use your gifting allowances and make sure you have an up-to-date Will and review this regularly.

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