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Signpost

Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



July 2026

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- St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW
- Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

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

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



In our Diocese of Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael has called for 2026 to be a year of special focus on prayer. A year in which we are perhaps more intentional about our prayer life. With prayer we can perhaps get bogged down in feeling that we are not that eloquent or good with words, and so it's easy to be put off. Yet prayer is integral to our life as Christians.

As the Diocesan website defines: *Prayer involves listening and talking to God, anytime, anywhere. It helps us grow closer to God and hear God's desires for our world, our communities and ourselves.*

As well as teaching us the Lord's Prayer, Jesus was always praying and by so doing gives us the best of examples to follow. For example, on the night before his arrest and crucifixion, we find Jesus in prayer on the Mount of Olives, prayers which strengthened him for what lay ahead.

If I am honest, I find starting to pray quite difficult at times. So, I follow the Morning Prayer cycle offered by the Church of England and use this each morning. Its mixture of liturgy and scripture offer set words to follow or recite, which is very useful if one feels tired or lacking in enthusiasm, at least initially. But there is space within the provision for one's own prayers, to bring to the Lord people and circumstances which are in our hearts and minds.

To this end, I have begun saying Morning Prayer on each Monday morning at 9 am at St James's Church. I warmly invite all who are available, and would find this a good start to their week, to join me whenever they can.

Yours in Prayer,

Reverend Dr Julian Davies

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 12th July. Please submit items, which should be no longer than 400 words, as Word documents to parishmag2@gmail.com. If you include 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 reserves 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.

Signpost – via email

We encourage as many people as possible to receive their full colour copy of Signpost via email. If you would like to receive future editions by email, please send your email address to parishmag2@gmail.com. If you are unable to receive your copy via email, please contact one of the Churchwardens giving your full name and address.

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 at parishmag2@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all those who have already made a donation; your generosity is very much appreciated.



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) |
| ❖ Custard – tinned or instant | ❖ Squash |
| ❖ Long life fruit juices | ❖ Paper goods – toilet roll, kitchen roll etc. |
| ❖ Desserts – tinned fruit, rice pudding, sponge | ❖ Tinned cold meats – corned beef, spam |
| ❖ Pasta, rice, instant noodles | ❖ Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate |
| ❖ Sugar | ❖ Biscuits |
| ❖ Personal items – soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste | ❖ Men's and ladies' toiletries |
| ❖ Confectionery | ❖ Snack bars and crisps |

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.

All Saints Church Community Café

6th June Café raised £385.00 (including Gift Aid), towards Church funds –
thank you to everyone who came along - your continued support helps
All Saints Church to remain open for the community

The next café date is:

SATURDAY 4th JULY 2026

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

All Saints Church, Sandford



A variety of coffee, teas and soft drinks along with
homemade cakes, biscuits and soup is served

We look forward to seeing you ~ **EVERYONE WELCOME**



COFFEE MORNING

Good coffee. Great company.
Everyone welcome!



Relax with
a cuppa



Meet new
people



Feel part of
your community

Pop in. Say hello. You'll be glad you did! ♥

Make friends • Share stories • Take a break • Be part of something special ♥

Provided by St James's Church for the local community



Every Tuesday
at 10.30 am



Church Centre,
Winscombe

≡ All Welcome ≡



St James the Great Events Team



Fundraising for St James the Great Church

⇒ Forthcoming Events ⇒



Sunday 26th July

St James the Great Patronal Festival

at St James the Great Church
Winscombe



10am to 1pm

page 9 gives full details



Saturday 15th August

at the Church Centre, Winscombe
at 2.15pm.

*Floral Cream Tea
with the Somerset Crooner*



BELLE STREET

Friday 16th October

at the Church Centre, Winscombe
at 7pm

*Belle Street Duo
perform their
Rat Pack tribute*



⇒ All Welcome ⇒

Further information about each event will be found on posters
around the village, our website, social media and in

Signpost(Parish Magazine)



Winsandchurches.org.uk



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01934 352696

St James the Great, Winscombe
Patronal Festival – Sunday 26th July 2026

Sunday 26th July marks the Patronal Festival of Winscombe's Parish Church. This is the day when we celebrate St James, to whom our church is dedicated, and an opportunity to celebrate our heritage.



This year, we are inviting people of all ages from the local community, who wish to find out more about our beautiful Grade 1 listed church on the hill, to visit us on that day. The church will be open from 10 am to 1 pm with members of the congregation there to welcome you.

The bells will be ringing out before our service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am, which again, everyone is warmly invited to attend. The service will be led by our vicar, Reverend Julian Davies, who joined our Benefice earlier this year.

During the service there will be activities for children based on the symbol that represents St James, the scallop shell.

One legend claims that when St James's disciples transported his body by ship to Spain, a heavy storm caused his remains to be lost at sea. His body miraculously washed ashore, completely covered in scallop shells.

From 11.30 am refreshments will be served and there will be the opportunity to take a self-guided tour around the church, ask questions and meet Reverend Julian and our Churchwardens informally.

There will be trails and quizzes to keep the children busy too.

This year is special as we are going to be joined by members of the Confraternity of St James which is a pilgrims' association that promotes the modern day pilgrim route 'Camino de Santiago' or 'way of St James'.

Two of our church members have completed parts of this route over the past few years and we will also be displaying some of their photographs and reflections on their walks. So why not come along and visit your Parish Church, an important part of our local heritage here in Winscombe?

We look forward to seeing you.



ST JAMES'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING OUR PATRON
St James the Apostle

— SUNDAY —
JULY 26TH
— 2026 —

from 10.00am to 1.00pm



ALL WELCOME



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 10.30am



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



COME AND MEET US



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



HEAR ABOUT THE CAMINO PILGRIMAGE



July Quiz

This July sees the final stages of the FIFA World Cup competition which is being held in Canada, Mexico and the USA. The teams compete to win a gold trophy depicting two human figures holding up the earth. This month's quiz is all about famous sporting trophies.



- 1 What is the name of the cup awarded to the winner of the biennial competition between men's golf teams from the U.S. and Europe?
- 2 The America's Cup is the world's oldest sporting trophy. In which sport is it competed for?
- 3 In 1966 which trophy was stolen and recovered by a dog called Pickles?
- 4 Which famous luxury brand best known for its jewellery created The Vincent Lombardi trophy awarded to the winning team in the NFL's Super Bowl?
- 5 In which sporting competition is the winner awarded the iconic 'Augusta Green Jacket' in addition to a trophy?
- 6 Which fiercely contested trophy gets its name from a mock obituary published in 'The Sporting Times' in 1882 following an Australian victory on English soil?
- 7 The Venus Rosewater Dish is awarded to the Wimbledon Women's Singles champion. Who has lifted this trophy the most times in the Open Era?
- 8 The Webb Ellis Cup is awarded to the winner of which sport's World Cup competition?
- 9 Rachael Blackmore made history in 2022 by becoming the first female jockey to receive which trophy after winning the most prestigious Grade 1 National Hunt race?
- 10 The Borg-Warner trophy is awarded to the winner of the Indianapolis 500 motorsport race. Why is the image of the man on the top most often photographed from an angle?



Answers can be found on page 41

West Mendip Orchestra

John Johnson Director of Music

Helen Grey Leader



Summer Concert



Friday 10th July 2026 7:45 pm

All Saints Church, All Saints Road

Weston-super-Mare BS23 2NL

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

Available at the door (cash or card)



www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk Charity no. 1041826

Supported by The Mortlock Memorial Fund

Seven of the King's Men from King's College, Cambridge Choir
St John's Church, Churchill, BS25 5QW
Sunday 19th July
5 – 7 pm

A rare opportunity to hear this incredible ensemble right here on our doorstep; an extra concert in the Churchill Music calendar which we couldn't refuse.



Their repertoire ranges from the exquisite sacred music, heard in King's College Chapel, to dazzling close-harmony and barber-shop style arrangements of popular songs.

Tickets: from Ticketsource or email: holly@churchillmusic.org.uk or call: 07442 672805

Champions of Churchill Music - £15.50
Non-Champions - £19.50
U18s - £1.00



Churchill Reading Room

Saturday mornings 10 am - midday

Come and join us for a friendly chat over coffee at the
Reading Room on Front Street
(just behind the Clock Tower)



We have a lending library and jigsaw exchange plus
tea, coffee, cake and bacon baps on offer.

*A chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.
Hope to see you there!*





Cottage Homes Garden Party

Featuring
Tim Pitman

Classical/pop singer
songwriter

There will be cream tea's
various stalls and a small bar



Come along and enjoy our
fundraising event for a diffribulator
for our grounds

(Limited Parking Available)

Saturday 11th Of July - 2pm to 6pm

The full address is : Sidney Hill Cottage Homes ,
Sidney Hill, Front Street , Churchill , bs25 5 ne

Pastoral Care Team



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

Or perhaps you have a prayer request?

If yes, please get in touch - our Pastoral
Care Team is on hand to offer support.

If you do need support or would like further information,
please contact Reverend Pauline Nixon
07511 935860 or email revpolly@gmail.com

Gardening Notes for July

Watering

It is the plants that are most vulnerable to fluctuating moisture levels, that need the most attention when it comes to watering. Anything growing in a container has a limited volume of growing medium and a restricted water reserve. The shape of the container helps - large, tall pots have a better air to moisture balance - more moisture will evaporate from those with larger surface areas. Established plants in large containers, need more moisture retentive growing medium and will require heavier, less frequent watering. Hanging baskets need special attention as they have a large surface area and dry out very quickly; in extreme heat they may need watering twice during the day. Newly planted trees, shrubs, perennials and bedding plants need watering to establish their roots; they should be watered repeatedly until their root system has become established. Fruit and vegetables need a steady supply of moisture to keep them growing and developing well. Take tomatoes for instance, if these are allowed to dry out, the skin of the fruit begins to harden and when water is reapplied, the skin has lost its flexibility and splits.

Established, deep rooted plants in the border, generally do not need watering, except during prolonged drought, so concentrate on those that have roots close to the surface such as rudbeckias, phlox and asters and water directly at the base of the plant if it starts to show signs of stress. Avoid using a hose with a spray, splashing water everywhere over the soil and foliage, as moisture will evaporate without doing any good. It is best to give these plants a really good soaking once a week rather than frequent light applications.



Although lawns are the first to suffer in a drought (grass roots being very close to the surface), it has tough little buds that will stay alive and regenerate come the first shower of rain. Only newly sown lawns, or newly laid turf, should be watered.

Plants that need special attention during dry weather are those affected by powdery mildew such as clematis, roses, phlox and honeysuckle; they require regular watering and mulching to prevent the plants becoming stressed. Powdery mildew is easily



recognised by a white powdery coating on the leaves and plants prone to this disease should be grown in a sunny area with good air circulation. Good cultural practices in the garden, by destroying fallen leaves, pruning out shoots affected with powdery rose mildew, and cutting back early flowering perennials, will go a long way to minimising the disease.



At our breakfast meeting in June, we were pleased to welcome Martin Hagen as our guest presenter. Very well known to all of us for his inspirational lead in the Sunday worship band at the Church Centre, and as a key member of the folk group Badgerset, we could be sure that he would be sharing some memorable musical tracks along with his lifetime of memories; music has very much been part of his life. The songs of the Beatles had been early favourites, so it should have been no surprise that a book of all their lyrics would be greatly treasured on a desert island. As a finalé we were treated to a beautiful duet with Hilary, accompanied with his guitar.

For the future, we look forward to more members of the group relating aspects of their life, their interests and their faith, in time to come. A free breakfast is still on offer for any of our speakers. Our next meeting will take place on **Saturday 11th July** at 9 am at the Woodborough Inn. There will be no speaker on this occasion.

Please do let me know at least a week in advance if you will be coming as I will need to let the Woodborough Inn have an estimate of our numbers for the Saturday. 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.

The price of a small English breakfast is £11.50. The vegetarian option is £10.50. Other breakfast options including a bacon bap, or tea and toast, will be available. *All these do need to be pre-booked* so that the kitchen can order in the appropriate quantities,

To book your place for the July breakfast, contact Tim Harland on 01934 843248.



Sandford Station Railway Heritage Centre

A Gem of the Railway Era

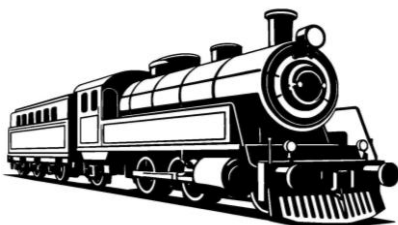
Beautifully restored Victorian station on the Strawberry Line Flowery
platform : G1 Model Railway : 1940s 'Sentinel' engine :
1950s carriage trucks for tea, ices etc.
toy trains for kids-play



Admission **FREE**: Open 11 am to 4 pm
Saturdays, Sundays and bank
holidays to the end of October

Not visited yet?
Why not come along soon?
Location: BS25 5AA

www.sandfordstation.co.uk



*Pat Evans and family would like to
thank you for your prayers and
thoughts at the great loss of Richard.*

July Word Search

This month's bumper word search features the top 20 ranked teams out of the 48 teams competing in the FIFA World Cup.

The hidden words are listed beneath the word search. Circle the words in the word search as you find them; they can be found across, down, diagonally, backwards and can overlap with each other.



World Cup Teams



ARGENTINA	ECUADOR	MOROCCO	SENEGAL
BELGIUM	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN
BRAZIL	FRANCE	NORWAY	SWEDEN
COLUMBIA	GERMANY	PARAGUAY	TURKIYE
CROATIA	IVORY COAST	PORTUGAL	URUGUAY

Answers can be found on page 39

Sandford & District Gardening Club

At our June meeting, John welcomed our speaker Angie Blackwell who gave us a superb floristry demonstration. She very kindly showed us how to arrange flowers in a tea cup, also petite foliage arrangements. We were shown the different receptacles that could be used and she showed us where to start and finish the arrangements. So, with this knowledge, we are hoping our members are going to enter more arrangements in the Floral Art Section of our Summer Show. John thanked Angie for her amusing and most informative talk.

Angie donated an arrangement for the raffle which consisted of beautiful orange roses and the lucky winner was Lyn Callow. She also judged our competition for '*the best single flower in a vase*', and this was won by Yvonne Greenwood for her lovely rose.

Dates for your diary:

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 1st July** at 7.30 pm and there will be a talk by Dave Usher entitled; '*The Restoration of Hestercombe*'.



Our **Summer Show** is on **Saturday 8th August** - 2.30 to 4.00 pm in Sandford Village Hall. Come and see all the lovely exhibits and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake - you will all be made most welcome! The theme of the photograph for this year's Summer Show is; '*Wild Flowers in a Natural Setting*'.



Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May 2026



Winscombe and Sandford Christian Aid Committee would like to thank all who helped us to gather **£1,779.87** (including Gift Aid) to donate to Christian Aid from donations and street collections during Christian Aid Week. We are glad that this will help many people affected by famine and the war in Sudan, as well as others in developing countries, to earn enough to feed, clothe and pay for schooling and health care for their children.

Look out for our **Annual Quiz Night** on **Friday 23rd October** at the **Church Centre!**

New members joining our committee would be very welcome. Please contact us on winscombechristianaid@gmail.com.



WINSCOMBE W.I.

Our next meeting is on:

WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2026

(no meeting in August)

at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm

Community Centre (Meeting Room), 11 Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

Speaker: Colin Barley

Talk entitled: 'I Did It My Way' – Frank Sinatra's Life and Career

refreshments available - find us on Facebook

Come for a Cuppa!



Tea and Cake in the afternoon

LAST Saturday every month!

Toy Corner available

LYNCH CHAPEL

2.30pm - 4pm

NEXT:

Saturday 27th June

Saturday 25th July

Saturday 29th August

Saturday 26th September



Come for a Cuppa!



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

**Any age and all abilities
welcome.**

**Tea and coffee
provided.**

Knit &



Natter!

**Second and fourth
Wednesday each
month**

2pm - 4pm

at LYNCH CHAPEL

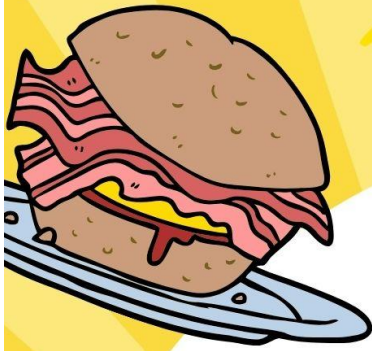
(Just over the bridge on The Lynch)



JULY 8th & 22nd

No sessions in August

SEPTEMBER 12th & 26th



POP UP CAFE

BARGAINS, BACON BUTTIES & BAKES!

SUMMER TABLE TOP SALE

Sat 11 July

FREE

10-Noon @Churchill Methodist
BS25 5NG

Book a Table £10
Call Amy 07490186680



Proceeds to
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Contact us:

churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com

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Winscombe Folk Club
Is proud to present
Sian & Rob Colquhoun
In Concert

Supported by members of the Club

Tuesday 7th July
"The Room Upstairs"
Winscombe Club
7 Sandford Road
Winscombe BS25 1HD
7.30pm for 8pm start



A deep dive into Appalachian culture.
From the depths come up singing playing and
clogging. Their empathy for the culture, and their
ability to convey that musically, makes for
a truly great evening.

Free Entry for Everyone



***"The Hat" will be passed round - please
bring cash to show your appreciation***



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

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)

July 2nd, 9th & 16th at The Church Centre

We will then have a break until 10th September

The Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe. BS25 1BA



RNLI MENDIP BRANCH MAYDAY PLANT AND GARDEN SALE - RESULTS

As reported in June, as part of the nationwide Mayday events, RNLI Mendip branch held its annual Plant and Garden Sale. The weather was fine and sunny which guaranteed a good turnout and a strong steady footfall. Chief grower Christa Loughrey had been putting plants onto '*Mike's Table*' outside April Cottage in Axbridge for a couple of months, so the pre-sales contributed £1,150 to the final total of £2,524 which is an excellent result.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2026

The weekly Winscombe Thursday Market table brings in a steady income - £49.56 so far this year while '*Betty's Pots*' continue to raise income; the latest being £50 from the Post Office in Congresbury. So up until the 14th May, the fundraising total for this year is £6,520.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF 2025

RNLI Mendip branch held its Annual Review on 14th May. The Annual Review has replaced the Annual General Meeting for assessing the branch's events in the last year. The meeting was less formal and focused on fundraising targets, future fundraising events and succession planning for 2026. The Treasurer circulated the end of year summary for 2025 which showed that we raised £16,881 from 15 events.

RNLI SUPERMARKET COLLECTION AT TESCO WELLS

Mendip Branch conducted a second collection on Saturday 27th June at TESCO in Wells. Once again, the team was anchored at the store entrance wearing yellow tabards and deployed their '*rescue buckets*' and '*card reader*' among the Saturday shoppers. The team smiled sweetly and engaged in conversation with anybody and everybody, talking about the RNLI in general, local lifeboat stations, and the role of our branch in supporting '*Saving Lives at Sea*'. Results will be reported in the August edition.

RNLI LIFEGUARDS ON BEACHES – SILVER ANNIVERSARY 31st JULY

This year is the RNLI Lifeguards' Silver Anniversary, and a special anniversary campaign was launched on Saturday 4th April. Every summer, RNLI lifeguards patrol more than 245 beaches in the UK and Channel Islands and will return to Brean and Burnham beaches from 4th July to 7th September. Here you will have the chance to see them in action, examine their equipment and talk to them about what they do. Since the first patrols in 2001, RNLI lifeguards have saved more than 2,000 lives and kept people safe more than 48 million times. The International Lifeguards' Appreciation Day is on the 31st July and is likely to be the centrepiece of their celebration.

RNLI LIFEBOAT DAY – SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

This year the RNLI is planning to hold a Nationwide Lifeboat Day on Saturday 10th October and Mendip branch will be approaching Waitrose in Wells to request having a collection box in the store for Waitrose tokens. In addition, our Secretary is negotiating to have a bucket collection in a local supermarket as our contribution to this day.

RNLI MENDIP FOLK NIGHT – SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

James Barattini has booked a new group *‘Harbottle and Jonas’* for a RNLI Folk Night at the Church Centre in Winscombe. Please put this date in your diaries and await further details.

TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER & DANCE – SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

A poster for the RNLI Mendip Trafalgar Night 2026. It features a background image of a sailing ship on the water. The text on the poster includes: 'RNLI MENDIP TRAFALGAR NIGHT 2026', 'SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER', '6:00pm to MIDNIGHT', 'BATCH COUNTRY HOUSE', 'Dinner & Dance Price £55', 'Speaker', 'Vice Admiral Sir Adrian Johns', 'KCB CBE KSIJ DL', 'Reception at 6:00pm', 'Dinner at 7:15pm', 'Carriages at Midnight', and 'Contact Tim Moran at Tim@moransononline.com or tel 07801-678432'. There are also small RNLI and Union Jack flags at the top.

The second RNLI Mendip branch Trafalgar Night Celebration will be on Saturday 24th October at the Batch Country House, Lympsham, BS24 0EX. See poster (left) for full details and how to purchase tickets.

The guest speaker will be Vice Admiral Sir Adrian Johns, former Second Sea Lord and Governor of Gibraltar (see photo right).



Peter Sparkes (RNLI CEO) will be invited, and all local RNLI and sea-based organisations will be contacted. More details will be added as they become available.

MAY SHOUTS

In May, there were 11 *‘shouts’* between our four Somerset Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea – 2, Minehead – 2, Portishead – 3, Weston-super-Mare – 4).

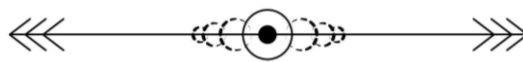
Milford Haven Coastguard control paged Burnham-on-Sea lifeboat volunteers at 5.43 pm on Thursday 14th May, after a yacht reported engine difficulties in the Bristol Channel. The distressed vessel was enroute from Burnham-on-Sea to Watchet, when the engine overheated. Burnham’s Atlantic 85 Lifeboat *‘Doris Day and Brian’* was quickly launched so that the volunteers could do a welfare check of the casualty.

Duty Launch Authority Lyndon Baker explains; *“We located the casualty without difficulty, and our crew escorted the yacht back to the safety of the Burnham-on-Sea Sailing Club’s pontoons which she did under her own sail and engine power.”* The Atlantic 85 was stood down and returned to Burnham slipway for recovery and wash-down by the volunteer shore crew.



Portishead lifeboat station launched twice to the same incident on 21st May. The first launch was at 12.35 pm. It was believed that a person was in the water near to the Clifton Suspension Bridge. A thorough search was carried out alongside the Portishead Coastguard Rescue Team, the Coastguard Rescue Helicopter crew from St Athan, Avon & Somerset Police, Avon Fire & Rescue Service, and the Ambulance Service.

As the search was carried out, the Coastguard Helicopter crew from St Athan conducted a low-level search demonstrating incredible skill (see photo where, during the search, RNLI volunteers look on from the Atlantic 85 class lifeboat whilst the Coastguard Helicopter flies underneath the Clifton Suspension Bridge). Sadly, even after re-launching at 8.22 pm to continue the search, nothing was found.



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Members enjoyed a fascinating and highly engaging presentation from **Jo Richardson, FRAS**; a respected space consultant and close friend of astronaut **Tim Peake**. With striking visuals, Jo brought to life the extraordinary realities of living and working aboard the **International Space Station (ISS)**.

She described the ISS as an environment of; *"very close quarters"*, where astronauts must adapt, not only to the confined space, but also to the profound physical challenges of microgravity. Jo explained the; *"terrible effects on the human body of zero gravity for even short periods"*, which includes muscle loss to changes in bone density and balance.

The audience was particularly struck by the sheer intensity of launch: astronauts are; *"accelerated from zero to 17.5 thousand mph in eight minutes"*, an experience that few humans have ever undergone. In fact, Jo reminded us that to date; *"only 600 people have been into space"* - a figure that underscores how pioneering human spaceflight still is.

Looking ahead, Jo explored the big questions shaping the future of exploration. Will humans one day colonise Mars? What technologies must be developed to make long-duration missions possible? And perhaps the biggest question of all: are we alone? Jo suggested that life elsewhere in the universe is almost certain, though the nearest potentially similar system is; *"2.5 light years away"* - a reminder of the vastness of the cosmos.



*President Nigel Oakley
with Jo Richardson*

Her talk left members inspired, curious, and full of questions about humanity's next steps beyond earth.

For more information, please contact Angie Biggs on 07790 400718.

DIARY – JULY 2026

WED 1	10.30am	Mid-week Service - Lynch Chapel
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club - Sandford Village Hall
THURS 2	9.30am	Scramblers - Lynch Chapel
	10.00am	Communion in the Community - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 4	10.30am	Community Café - All Saints Church

SUN 5

TRINITY 5

See opposite page for details of Services

TUES 7	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 8	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.30pm	Winscombe WI - Community Centre
THURS 9	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 11	9.00am	Refresh-men+ Men's Breakfast - Woodborough Inn

SUN 12

TRINITY 6

See opposite page for details of Services

TUES 14	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 15	2.45pm	Communion in the Community - Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THUR 16	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's

SUN 19

TRINITY 7

See opposite page for details of Services

TUES 21	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 22	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THURS 23	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 25	2.30-4.00pm	Come for a Cuppa - Lynch Chapel

SUN 26

TRINITY 8 – ST JAMES'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

See opposite page for details of Services

TUES 28	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
THURS 30	11.00am	Communion in the Community - Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's

Church Service Times - Opportunities to Worship in July

Sunday 5th July	8.30 am 10.30 am	St John's Church Centre	Holy Communion Benefice Praise
Sunday 12th July	10.30 am 10.30 am	St John's All Saints	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 19th July	10.30 am 10.30 am	All Saints St James's	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 26th July	10.30 am 10.30 am	St John's St James's	Morning Worship Holy Communion Patronal Festival

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints

Special Services in July

Thursday 2nd July 10.00 am Holy Communion at Dunster Court
 Sunday 5th July 11.00 am Holy Communion at Sandford Station
 Wednesday 15th July 2.45 pm Holy Communion at Sewell House
 Thursday 30th July 11.00 am Holy Communion at Winscombe Hall

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of those we remember:

Geoffrey Bradford whose funeral service took place in St James's Church followed by his burial in Ilex Lane Cemetery on Friday 5th June 2026.

Margaret Aske whose ashes were buried in Ilex Lane Cemetery on Friday 12th June 2026.

George Berry whose ashes were buried in St James's Churchyard on Monday 15th June 2026.

Lionel Mee whose funeral service took place at Weston Crematorium on Tuesday 16th June 2026.

George Furniss whose funeral service took place at St James's Church followed by his cremation at Weston Crematorium on Friday 19th June 2026.

BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY

Sunday 5th July Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-end or Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 45:10-end or Psalm 145:8-15 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end	Sunday 12th July Genesis 25:19-end or Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sunday 19th July Genesis 28:10-19a or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 139:1-11, 23-24 or Psalm 86:11-end Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Sunday 26th July Acts 11:27-12:2 Matthew 20:20-28



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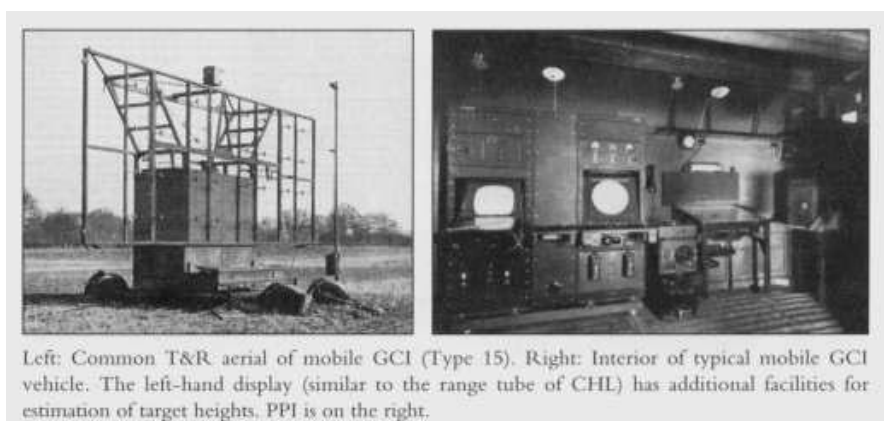

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BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

RAFA-MSB held a Branch Meeting on Monday 1st June in Wells Golf Club. Our member, Steve Barton, gave a fascinating presentation entitled; '*RAF National Service*'. Steve outlined the history of National Service in the UK from initiation in January 1949 until the last conscripts left in 1964. All physically fit males between the ages of 17 and 21, had to serve in one of the armed forces for an 18-month period. They then remained on the reserve list for another four years. During this time, they were liable to be called to serve with their units but on no more than three occasions, for a maximum period of 20 days. In 1950, a further National Service Act lengthened the period of service to two years. During the 1950s, servicemen took part in various military operations in Malaya, Korea, Cyprus and Kenya. Students and apprentices were allowed to defer their call-up until they had completed their studies or training. Conscientious objectors had to undergo the same tribunal tests as in wartime.

Then Steve presented the RAF National Service life of his friend David Green between 1953 and 1955, starting with his call-up and '*square bashing*' at a basic training camp. David then moved to RAF Yatesbury where he trained as a Ground Radar Operator prior to being posted to a RAF radar station in northern Germany, for just over a year. Life was a combination of rather tedious radar screen watching on a ground map display of the Type 15 Ground Controlled Intercept (GCI) Radar, interspersed with time-off in the local German towns and countryside. David returned to RAF Innsworth where he completed his two years' service but was later called up for a 20-day reserve service at one of the more modern south coast radar units.



The photographs show David Green with Steve Barton, the Type 15 GCI radar antenna, and the target height and plan position indicator (PPI) displays.

RAFA CUP GOLF COMPETITION

Due to some miscommunication, the dates for the later June events had to be changed. Mendip Golf Club held their Battle of Britain Trophy Golf Competition a week later over the weekend of Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June for the RAFA Cup, presented in 1959 by Sqn Ldr Ron Fell DFC Chairman of the then RAFA Shepton Mallet branch. Several members of RAFA-MSB attended on both days; in the morning in the pro-shop for the tee-offs and play card issues, and in the afternoon with branch display boards and collecting tins in the club bar. A full report will be available in the August issue.

RAFA-MSB 80th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

The date change above meant that RAFA-MSB held its 80th Anniversary Lunch a week later on Saturday 27th June in Wells Golf Club. Around thirty members enjoyed pre-lunch drinks and a formal lunch followed by tea or coffee. The meal began with the RAFA dedication, a welcome from the President, a game of '*Heads or Tails*', chatting and jokes throughout the meal, and concluded with the Loyal Toast with a glass of port and some final frivolity. Again, a full report with photos, will be available in the August issue.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

The July RAFA-MSB Event will be a Branch Meeting on Monday 6th July at 11:00 am in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS. There will be a presentation entitled; '*Epic Delivery Flight of an HS 748 from Christchurch New Zealand to Southend-on-Sea UK, his Last Flight as an Airline Captain*', by our member Dave Willmott. There will be a short business discussion, and the meeting will end with the normal optional lunch and drinks from the club's menu and bar.

The date of the last RAFA-MSB event of the spring programme has also changed. This will be the **Summer Barbecue** starting at noon on Sunday 2nd August in the Cider Barn at Ad Astra Cider Farm, Stone Allerton, BS26 2NG. The afternoon will include some games and fun activities.

BRANCH COVERAGE AND CONTACT DETAILS

RAFA-MSB covers BS25, BS26, BS27, BS28, BS29, BS40, BA4, BA5, BA6, BA11, BA16, TA1, TA10, TA11 and TA21 postal areas. The Committee welcomes RAFA members, current and ex-RAF personnel and reserves, current and ex-Commonwealth Air Forces personnel and reserves, members of the RAF family and members of the public that support RAFA's aims and purposes, living in these areas, to join us for all our 2026 events.

For information about any of these events, please contact the Branch via email rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or call the Secretary on 01458 224057.

Sandford Helpline

This is a car scheme offering transport to all Sandford residents who do not have family or friends to take them to health-related appointments including hospitals, dentists or opticians.



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When: Mondays from 10am to 12 noon
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Carer's Wellbeing Group in Winscombe

Join our FREE, welcoming group for carers. Our monthly sessions will include activities to boost wellbeing, plus info & guidance to support you in your role of being a carer.

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Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

When: 2nd Monday of each month
10am to 12 noon

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Supporting and Protecting Our Natural World Inside Out

My house, being old and rather damp in places, is home to woodlice. I rather take them for granted in dark corners. Once inside, I expect they feel safe from most predators. Of course, there are many other places to hide outside; under flowerpots (a favourite), in crevices especially damp wood, or amongst plant debris.

I knew nothing about these creatures, even classing them as insects, but no, they are crustaceans belonging to the same family as crabs and lobsters. Insects have 6 legs in pairs in the middle section of their body (the thorax), but woodlice have 14 legs, again in pairs on the thorax. They can move fast, manoeuvring equally quickly (I have never seen one trip over!), and they breathe through gills.

Here is the place to mention exoskeletons. Unlike other creatures, insects, spiders



and crustaceans have their skeleton on the outside with their body in various segments. This supports and protects the inner organs and prevents water loss. It is a hard outer shell made of chitin. However, it cannot grow, so the creature must periodically shed it to increase in size. The old outer layer splits open to expose a new inside. While the new exoskeleton

hardens, the creature is very vulnerable especially to weather conditions and predators.

Back to woodlice. The exoskeleton is shed approximately every 2 months, and they may eat it for calcium. The back half sheds first and then the front two days later. Mortality is high with attacks from spiders, toads, shrews, plus other mammals.

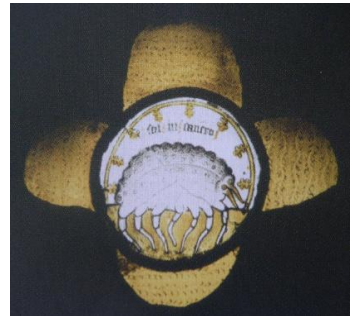
Unusually woodlice breathe from gills which are found on the underside of their rear segments. However, these gills must have moisture to extract oxygen from the air and release carbon dioxide into the air. Without moisture on the gills woodlice will suffocate and die. Hence their liking for damp places. They are highly beneficial as decomposers.

Woodlice are the type of creatures that gather nicknames. Different names in different parts of the country. There are thought to be over 80 different names most of them rather affectionate or endearing e.g. packy pigs in Bristol. Most names go back a long way. As early as the fifteenth century they were known as lock doors, chislaps and monk's peas! They attracted such names because they were useful. When curled up in little balls they were the size of apothecary's pills and were used as medicine. The dried bodies were ground into a powder or just swallowed whole.

They were used to cure a wide range of disorders such as indigestion, stomach pain, diseases of the urinary tract and bladder, jaundice and kidney stones.

Today, woodlice hold specific medical and therapeutic applications primarily as components in traditional and alternative medicines, as well as in modern biomedical and ecological research, particularly in the area of developing new therapies against antibiotic resistant bacteria.

Woodlice were held in such high esteem that a stained-glass window in St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury celebrates this little creature with its bulging eyes, 7 pairs of legs and small antennae.



July Word Search Answers

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July Quiz Answers

Are you lifting the trophy as a quiz champion this month? Here are the answers to the sporting trophies quiz.

- 1 The Ryder Cup
- 2 Sailing
- 3 The Jules Rimet Trophy, the original prize awarded to FIFA World Cup winners from 1930 to 1970.
- 4 Tiffany & Co.
- 5 The Masters (golf)
- 6 The Ashes (cricket)
- 7 Martina Navratilova
- 8 Rugby Union
- 9 The Cheltenham Gold Cup
- 10 The man on top of the trophy is naked. Photographing him from an angle means that the flag he is holding protects his modesty!



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Care, Dignity and Aspiration for Everyone

Did you know that the Church of England has been providing education in a formal way through its church schools for more than 200 years? 180 Church of England schools are supported by our Diocese including Churchill Primary School. The foundation of all church schools is underpinned by the Christian faith which informs decision making, relationships and the wider culture of the school community.

As well as OFSTED, these schools undergo a separate SIAMS inspection which plays an important role in exploring how effectively that Christian foundation is lived out in practice. For many school leaders, the process offers an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the impact of their vision and values on the whole school community.

Although Winscombe and Sandford Primary Schools are not church schools, we are fortunate in having an excellent relationship with them, and our Assembly Teams visit regularly to deliver the Christian message through the re-telling of Bible stories.

The following message is from our Bishop.

Human Flourishing for All



'Tell me about your school days' is a deeply illuminating question to ask. Our experience of school shapes us deeply our whole lives long. Schools mould our character and values. They develop our skills and expectations. They influence our relationships and our life chances.

Rooted in our understanding of the Bible, Christians have been involved in schooling for many centuries. In the nineteenth century, the Church of England's National Society set up thousands of schools all around our country, established principally for the benefit of the poor. It is largely out of this heritage that our Diocese of Bath and Wells continues to have a stake in so many local schools today. The majority of our church schools are for primary school aged children, with nine middle, upper or secondary schools, and one specialist provision. Big and small, and found in all kinds of communities, our schools educate around 60% of primary school children in the Diocese.

Although our schools are Church Schools, they are not faith schools. We are open to everyone, of all faiths and none. Our schools are guided by our Christian ethos, manifested in their engagement with the Bible and worship, in prayer and Christian ethics. More recently, this is expressed most fully in the Church of England's Vision for Education. This understands our schools' mission to be *'deeply Christian, serving the common good'*. Our vision embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. Our vision is of human flourishing for all.

As Bishop, I am privileged to spend lots of time in our Church Schools. What I value most is seeing played out in our young people the four main elements of our Church's vision - wisdom, hope, community and dignity. And the most fun I have is being grilled by young people who pose me questions about ethics and doctrine, our Church's life and faith I'm certainly kept on my toes!

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells



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Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill



Hello everyone,

It's been another busy month, both here and in Westminster. I had a brilliant time at Churchill Academy, holding my first school lunchtime 'surgery'. It was fab to talk to so many young people about what matters to them, and to hear their concerns, questions and ideas. I look forward to returning next term.

I joined Avon & Somerset Search and Rescue volunteers out on the Mendip Hills, meeting the team and learning more about

their essential work across the area. Set up in 1975 primarily to rescue climbers in the Cheddar and Avon Gorges, nowadays they respond to a wide range of incidents, accidents and emergencies across the whole area, giving their time freely and helping those who get into difficult, and often risky, situations. They respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and it's truly humbling to spend time with such well-trained, dedicated and highly motivated volunteers. ASSAR is a unique resource for our communities, and their work is entirely reliant on public donations. Thank you, ASSAR for everything you do!



In Westminster, I asked Ministers about:

- * the low mileage rates paid to those undertaking Jury Service
- * Councils losing income from recycling their aluminium
- * potential breaches of export trade regulations for waste tyres
- * huge business rate hikes for rural micro and small businesses
- * long delays to the compensation scheme for victims of the medical 'mesh' scandal
- * the legacy of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' Bill
- * when and who sealed the records relating to the June 1994 Chinook air crash for 100 years
- * whether new Police training to increase the understanding of state threats should be given to 'front line' health, job centre and social services staff
- * habitual waste of NHS resources, time and taxpayers' money providing patients with unsuitable wheelchairs which are then replaced

My next local 'surgeries' are listed below, but please call me or visit my website for the full list:

Friday 3rd July from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Monday 6th July from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**

Saturday 11th July from 14:30 to 15:30 at **The Coffee Bank, Winscombe**

Friday 17th July from 18:00 to 19:00 at **The Brewer's Arms, Banwell**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

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Pro-Heating, Langford Road

Touts Supermarket and Petrol, A38

Defibrillators are designed to be as easy as possible to use. The defibrillator will tell you how to use it, so even if you've never had the experience of using one before, you should try your best and give it a go - you could save someone's life.

Emergency Bleed Kit Now Available at Churchill Memorial Hall

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