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Signpost

Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



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It seems these days that people go on holiday all year round, with far more options available than were possible when I was young. Though for those with school-age youngsters, the traditional summer break still offers the best chance to get away.

It's interesting to chart how holidays have evolved over time. The actual word '*holiday*' derives from an Old English word '*hāligdæg*' which means holy day, as the word originally referred only to special religious days in the Christian calendar when people were excused from work to attend church and celebrate. Of course, these days, the word holiday can be used to define any designated period of rest or recreation.

While these days, not all '*holiday*' may be '*holy*' in the strictest sense of the term, we do well to recall that God himself instructs us to have times of rest, times of time away from the stresses and strains of our daily responsibilities. Christ himself invited the weary and burdened to come to him for rest and to find in him rest for our souls. (Matthew 11:28-30). In Psalm 46 we hear God say; '*Be still and know that I am God*', in other words we need to take breaks from the busyness of life to fully focus on God and what he does in our lives. And of course, we have these so memorable words from Psalm 23 inviting us to rest in God:-

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul

Time away then from our everyday lives, can be as '*holy*' as say attending church, yet only if we recall the invitation to have time away is to rest in God. There is no rest from our relationship with God purely because true rest, true peace of mind, true refreshment, can only be found when we walk with God, perhaps especially when away on our holidays when we have time and space for rest, time for reflection, time to gain perspective on our lives. Whenever you take it, I wish you all a holy holiday! *Amen*.

Reverend Dr Julian Davies

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

Welcome to August'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 September's edition is Sunday 16th August. 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.

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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

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We are always grateful to supporters who choose to make a donation, and those that place a paid 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

The 4th July Café raised £440.25 (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 1st AUGUST 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



**ALL
WELCOME
♥
COME ALONG!**



Every Tuesday
at 10.30 am



Church Centre,
Winscombe

≡ All Welcome ≡



ST JAMES'S EVENTS TEAM



FLORAL CREAM TEA

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

At the Church Centre

2.15 pm

Entertainment from
The Somerset Crooner
Strawberry Cream Tea
Raffle



Tickets £8



from the Church Centre or Post Office

Telephone 01934 352696

Wear something floral
and enter your ticket into
a free prize draw.





OPEN GARDEN DAY

Wednesday 12th August

13 Belmont Road, Winscombe

For many, many years this fundraising event, in aid of The Children's Society, has been a popular fixture in the Winscombe summer calendar. On Wednesday 12th August, the Matthews' family are once again opening their lovely garden starting at 10.30 am with coffee and cakes followed by lunch and then afternoon cream teas.

The family continue to host this popular day as a tribute to Paul who, with Mo, so loved inviting friends, neighbours and visitors to share their garden, whilst offering food and fellowship. So please do come along, everyone is welcome. As well as the delicious food, there will be home produce, bric-a-brac stalls and a raffle.

It is a special day when we can sit back and spend time enjoying good food and each other's company in restful and colourful surroundings.

10.30 am ~ Coffee & Cake - £3.00

12 midday ~ Lunch - £12.00

3.00 pm ~ Cream Tea - £4.00

If you would like to find out more about the work of The Children's Society visit www.childrenssociety.org.uk or call Angie Lacy on 07475 011108.

The Children's Society Support Group, Winscombe

u3a Winscombe District

Monday 17th August starting at 2.30 pm

Main Event Hall, Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

Speaker: Andy Wagstaff

Talk entitled: 'The Work of the Magistrates Court'

Refreshments from 2 pm

Members £2 ~ Visitors, very welcome £3

Visitors are also welcome to join us for coffee mornings which take place at the same venue on the first Monday of the month from 10 am to 12 midday



Wroughton Vale Rotary Club donates £17,200 to local charities



Retiring President Nigel Oakley (right) passes the Chain of Office to incoming President Francis Montagu.

What a wonderful year of achievements Nigel has had! We have donated £17,200 to local charities as well as six vans as part of Pick-ups for Peace to Ukraine.

We thank you all for your support and contributions – details as follows:

Frog Racing £2,300	Jazz in the Orchard	Dourdan	Young Musician
AdAstra Cider Farm Quiz Night £455	Junior Youth Speaks	Pines for Pounds	Mendip Festival £7,000
Young Chef	Garden Party £4,000	Kids Out	Pick-ups for Peace
Junior Young Musician	Young Carers Weekend	Classic Car Big Breakfast £512	Carol Singing Street Collection £1,047
Further information from Ivor Metherell on 07771 712356			

If you love singing we'd love you to join us
WINSCOMBE COMMUNITY SINGERS



Rehearsals
Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.00pm

Winspace
 Sandford Road, Winscombe BS25 1JA

Musical Director: Josh Newport



Music, friendship, fun and laughter

For more information please contact
 Simon Page 07900 693783

Gardening Notes for August

Ornamental Garden

Most gardens reach their peak in June and July, but with a bit of planning and plant selection, your garden can look good until the first frosts. Dahlias can be planted singly in a border and offer a contrast in foliage. Japanese anemones also have attractive foliage and are available in white, pink and mauve, both doubles and singles. Kniphofias (red hot pokers) are a varied bunch of flowers from spring until autumn; Kniphofia Roopers is one of the best late bloomers. Shade loving tricyrtis (toad lily) is not the boldest of flowers but on close inspection has the most interesting star shaped white flowers spotted with maroon. Sanguisorba come in a range of heights, from towering giants to cute edging plants; pink ones like fuzzy caterpillars, white ones like snow cones, and those with red button flowers. Other plants to consider are asters (Michaelmas daisies) available in a number of varieties, many penstemons that will continue to flower well into autumn, and pink flowering sedums which also provide nectar for butterflies and bees.

Dahlias

It is important to keep deadheading dahlias to ensure a continuation of flowering. When dead heading, it is important to be able to differentiate between unopened buds and spent flowers. They can look quite similar, the difference being that the spent flower is always conical in shape whereas an unopened bud is either round or buttoned shaped. It is also important to follow the stem of the spent flower right back to the next leaf and cut just above it. Dahlias also benefit from a regular dose of high potassium feed such as tomato fertiliser.



Bearded Irises

Lift congested clumps of bearded irises now if you didn't do so last month. Separate your plantlets by pulling apart the rhizomes. Select pieces with roots and reduce water loss by cutting back the foliage to 10-15cms, leaving a fan-shaped stub of leaves. Replant into free draining soil in a sunny position and make sure the top of the rhizome is exposed on the surface, water well and leave to grow.

Lavender

Without regular pruning, lavender can become straggly, tired and woody, a regular annual trim can keep the plant neat and fresh. After the flowers have faded, using a sharp pair of secateurs, take off the dead flowers together with 2.5-5cms of the current year's growth. Alternatively, spring pruning can be carried out in March or April by cutting back the stems to the first vigorous bud on each branch. The old flowers and growth will have helped to protect plants against the winter cold and wet.



August Word Search

August sees the school summer holidays taking place, a time to enjoy some summer weather and maybe a nice cooling ice cream. This month's word search features some popular ice cream flavours. Which is your favourite?

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 and backwards, and can overlap with each other.



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CHOCOLATE

COFFEE

COOKIE DOUGH

HOKEY POKEY

LEMON

MANGO

MELON

MINT CHOC CHIP

PEACH

PISTACHIO

RASPBERRY RIPPLE

ROCKY ROAD

RUM AND RAISIN

SALTED CARAMEL

STRAWBERRY

TOFFEE

VANILLA

Answers can be found on page 35



WINSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

Enter our Show categories

Scan the QR Code for details on how to enter

There will be entertainment for all the family

plus **MINI DOG SHOW**

Stalls and Refreshments

Show opens 1.30 – 4.00 p.m.

Entrance £1 adults Children/concessions 50p



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Churchill and Langford Ladies Lunch Club

Due to the closure of the Churchill Inn, the lunch club is taking a break until a new venue can be found. Hopefully it will be up and running again by September. Watch this space for details – we hope to see you soon.

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



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!*





July breakfast: Cricket, the FIFA Football World Cup, Wimbledon tennis finals, cricket! So many things for banter and discussion. We were not short of talking points which was just as well as we had not planned for a speaker. All the sport being later in the day, meant that we were not torn between loyalties. This was our last breakfast for the summer; our next meeting will take place on **Saturday 12th September** at 9 am at the Woodborough Inn. We expect to have a speaker that day, so this will be an **open meeting** to which ladies are invited.

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.

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 August breakfast, contact Tim Harland on 01934 843248.



August Quiz

This month sees the annual spectacle of the Bristol Balloon Fiesta at Ashton Court from 7th to 9th August. This month's quiz takes the theme of balloons of all sorts.

- 1 In November 1783 in Paris, which brothers made the first untethered hot air balloon to carry a human?
- 2 Which local company flies an iconic green and yellow hot air balloon which also features in one of their television adverts?
- 3 Which fictional character composed and sang a song while floating below a balloon?
- 4 What was the name of the balloon that made the first non-stop flight around the world?
- 5 In which Disney Pixar film does Carl Fredrickson lift his entire house with exactly 10,297 balloons?
- 6 What is the name of the hot air balloon company, famous for its special shapes, which was established in Bristol in 1971?
- 7 Which German band sang the 1983 anti-war protest song '99 Red Balloons'?
- 8 What gas is used to fill party balloons and make them float?
- 9 What name is given to the fear of balloons?
- 10 In which book by Jules Verne, does Phileas Fogg dismiss the idea of hot air balloon travel as 'highly risky and, in any case, impossible'? Despite this, the 1956 film featured a balloon for visual excitement!



Answers can be found on page 33

Supporting and Protecting Our Natural World

Ladybird, Ladybird

Not only are most people, including children, able to recognise a ladybird, but we love to see their bright colours and domed winged body with black dots, that makes them resemble tiny toys.

Ladybird books were designed for children in 1915 and in 1940 were redesigned as smaller hardbacked books that could be carried in a pocket in order to save money during the war years.

The ladybird that we know well is likely to be the 7 spot ladybird but there are more than 40 species in Britain some of which are of differing colours with a varying number of spots.



Ladybirds are a widespread family of small beetles. Their bright colours attract us, and they are mainly harmless to humans but really, they are predators, their bright colours being a warning to other creatures that they have an awful taste when eaten. There's more... they have a powerful, defence mechanism whereby a very pungent yellow substance can be released from their joints.

To us, ladybirds are a gardener's friend as both adults and larvae eat aphids voraciously. Some species eat other insects that may be a nuisance to growers such as scale insects, whiteflies, and mites, consuming up to 5,000 aphids in a lifetime.

Ladybirds of all species go through a total change in their life known as a metamorphosis that passes through 4 stages; egg, larva, pupa and adult that takes about a year from the completion of the adult's winter dormancy in March. Then it is time to find a mate and lay eggs. Larvae hatch from the eggs and live for 4 to 6 weeks. Since they grow very quickly, they must shed their skins 3 or 4 times.

In summer, fully grown larvae attach themselves to a leaf or stem and harden into a pupa. Inside this protective casing huge changes take place. The larvae's body is totally reorganised into the adult form; a process taking 5 to 14 days. Around midsummer, the fully formed ladybird emerges from the pupa. At first, it is pale yellow with a soft shell but within a few hours it's recognisable colour and hardened spots appear.



As autumn sets in, ladybirds find a winter shelter in protected places such as leaf litter, crevices in walls and trees, and even in our homes often in large numbers. When warmer weather returns, the cycle starts again though an adult ladybird may only live for a year or so.

Ladybirds have a whole mass of endearing nick names and associated folklore is common, not only in the UK, but also throughout Europe and even Asia.

Why 'lady' and why 'bird'?



The name dates back to the Middle Ages and refers to the Virgin Mary. The clothes worn by Our Lady were deeply symbolic usually in blue, the most expensive dye. However, in some images she wears red clothing, perhaps a response to the blood of Christ. The 7 spots may be mystic representing the 7 joys and sorrows of Mary. For that reason, the 7 spots on the ladybird, conveyed to the medieval mind of being a divine message that the beetle was blessed from Heaven, a bringer of sorrow and joy in equal parts. All flying creatures in medieval times were known as birds.

No wonder a group of ladybirds is always regarded as lucky and called a loveliness!

How lucky was a Test Match team at Lords in 2025 when a whole swarm of ladybirds invaded the game between England and India! Late on day one, a large swarm descended on the pitch, forcing the umpires to halt play. Players from both sides (including England captain Ben Stokes), were visibly distracted and frustrated as the insects swarmed their clothing and helmets. Experts noted that warm weather and an abundant supply of aphids caused the massive population boom. The delay was brief, as the umpires conferred and the insects eventually drifted away, allowing the game to resume. England eventually won by 22 runs!





RNLI SUPERMARKET COLLECTION AT TESCO WELLS



As reported last month, eleven members of Mendip Branch conducted a second collection on Saturday 27th June at TESCO WELLS; the team included the four members of the Attwood family from Wells who arrived as Stormy Stan, Stormy Lucy, Stormy Sonny and Stormy Ollie. Thanks to all the team who raised £678 on the day.

A 'BREW FOR THE CREW' IN WRINGTON

The Wrington Mini Bus Society, coordinated by Gill Keys, organised a 'Brew for the Crew' in

Wrington on Wednesday 1st July to raise money for the RNLI. Some 25 ladies from the Wrington area, enjoyed an afternoon tea party with homemade cakes in a garden under a gazebo. Money was collected in one of our 'rescue buckets' which raised £265 on the day but Gill also received pre-event and post-event donations of £280 from ladies that could not attend, making a grand total of £545; a brilliant result!



RECENT RNLI SALE ITEMS

Our President Tina has sold some items following the Mayday Plant Sale including a ladder, deckchair, toy cars, wooden posts, a roof box and plants raising a total of £195.

RNLI LIFEGUARDS ON BEACHES – SILVER ANNIVERSARY 31st JULY

This year is the RNLI Lifeguards' Silver Anniversary and lifeguards returned to Brean and Burnham beaches on 4th July and will be present until 7th September. In particular, Friday 31st July is the International Lifeguards' Appreciation Day, and this is likely to be the centrepiece of the RNLI Lifeguards' celebration.

RNLI LIFEBOAT DAY – SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

The RNLI Nationwide Lifeboat Day is on Saturday 10th October and Mendip Branch is approaching Waitrose in Wells to have a collection box in the store for Waitrose tokens, as our contribution to RNLI Lifeboat Saturday. Nearer the date the Branch may organise some other activity.

RNLI MENDIP FOLK NIGHT – SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER



James Barattini has booked a new group '*Harbottle and Jonas*' for a RNLI Folk Night at St James's Church Centre in Winscombe on Saturday 10th October to coincide with the National Lifeboat Day. Harbottle and Jonas are a dynamic Devon-based folk duo who are partners in life and in music. Dave and Freya have developed a distinct and compelling signature sound, blending concertina, harmonium, banjo, stomp box, acoustic guitar and cittern with their beautiful and closely intertwined vocal harmonies. James will advise more details in due course.

TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER & DANCE – SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

The second RNLI Mendip Branch Trafalgar Night Celebration will be on Saturday 24th October at the Batch Country House, Lympham, BS24 0EX. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm. The 3-course dinner will be served at 7:15 pm followed by dancing and the night will conclude with carriages at midnight. Tickets cost £55 and will be available in advance. The guest speaker will be Vice Admiral Sir Adrian Johns, former Second Sea Lord and Governor of Gibraltar. Peter Sparkes, RNLI CEO will be invited and all local RNLI and sea-based organisations will be contacted. More details will be available for the September edition.

JUNE SHOUTS

In June, there were 16 '*shouts*' between our four Somerset Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea – 3, Minehead – 5, Portishead – 4, Weston-super-Mare – 4).

RNLI Minehead's Atlantic-class lifeboat was called to assist yachts off the coast twice in June. The first call-out was on Monday 1st June to assist Ilfracombe RNLI with a yacht drifting in Lynmouth Bay, having run out of fuel and with a skipper and their child incapacitated due to seasickness. The skipper knew to call Coastguard for assistance on 999 but was unable to communicate with the RNLI crew due to lack of knowledge with VHF radios. There were insufficient functioning lifejackets on board. Minehead's crew helped RNLI Ilfracombe tow the yacht to safety in Coombe Martin.

On Sunday 7th June, the Minehead crew assisted a yacht sailing from Portishead to Cornwall with engine trouble. The boat was towed into Minehead Harbour due to the lack of a suitable anchor on board.

At 9.20 pm on Saturday 27th June, a member of the public reported to the Coastguard that a 6-metre vessel was drifting past The Royal Inn Pub and going towards Battery Point, Portishead, as it seemed to be unable to start its engines. RNLI Portishead's Atlantic-class lifeboat was launched to assist. Given that the vessel was in an ebbing tide (going out), the vessel's crew managed to deploy their anchor but were by then, in

the busy shipping channel, putting them at risk from the large ships that are restricted to the deep channel. Arriving on scene, it was clear to the lifeboat crew that the 2 people on board, were fit and well and had lifejackets on. Their engines would not start, so the decision was taken to set up an alongside tow and to take them to the safety of Portishead Marina where Portishead Coastguard Rescue Team took over the lines from the vessel in the marina lock so that the lifeboat crew could recover the lifeboat.



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SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

1.30 – 4.00 p.m.

& MINI DOG SHOW

As part of the Village Show this year we are having a 'Mini Dog Show'. Please bring along your pet and take part in our fun categories. See QR Code for Show details

Waggiest tail
Best rescue dog

Biggest smile
Longest sit and stay

Best dressed dog
Longest ears






Winscombe Contact Scheme

Voluntary transport to medical appointments

We urgently need volunteer drivers – could you help the Winscombe community?

- ❖ Volunteer drivers are urgently needed to take Winscombe residents to medical appointments
- ❖ Drivers use their own vehicle
- ❖ Expenses are fully reimbursed
- ❖ No regular commitment necessary
- ❖ Such a rewarding and worthwhile way of spending your free time

This valued scheme has been taking Winscombe residents to medical appointments since 1974.

Interested in finding out more?

Email Lottie Enser: enser@btinternet.com



come to Scramblers

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

We are on our Summer Break
in August but will return on
Thursdays from 10th September,
9.30-11.30am at The Church Centre,
Woodborough Road.
(24th September will be held at Lynch
Chapel on The Lynch)



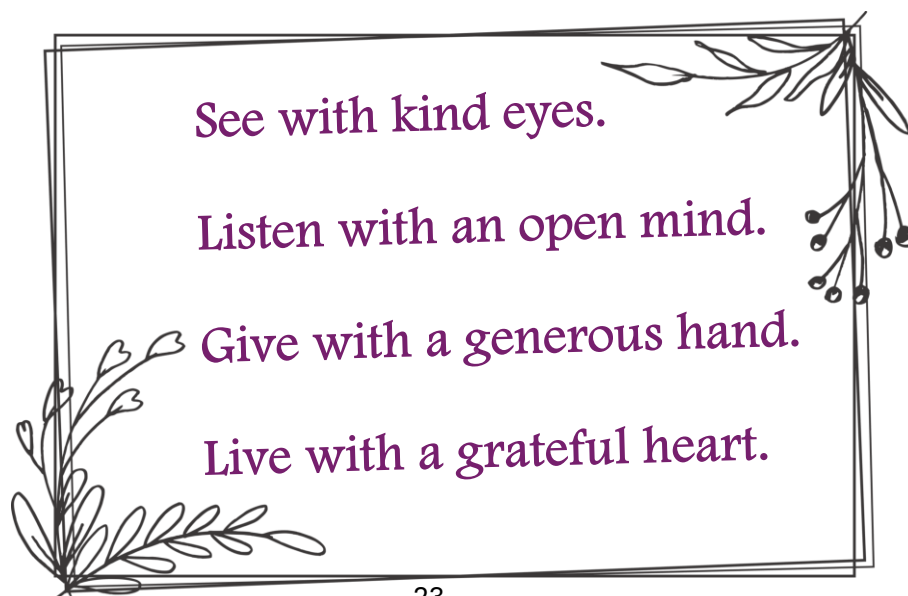
Local History Corner No.29

Wiveringdon Summer House

A map, made by W.White in 1792, shows the manors of Winscombe and Shipham that belong to the Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral. This map shows a number of features not recorded elsewhere, such as the location of the bull baiting yard at the junction of Yadley Lane and Winscombe Hill, and the cockfighting ground north of The Lynch where the footpath crosses (a modern house has been constructed on the site). One feature which is particularly intriguing is the location of '*Wiveringdon Summer House*' close to the Ordnance Survey triangulation point on Wavering Down. *Wavering Down* is almost certainly a corruption of *Wiveringdon* which in turn can be traced to the name *Heverendown* in the Winscombe Church Vestry Minutes in 1793, and earlier to *Himerindon* and *Himerynde* in a document held in the archives of Wells Cathedral and dated to the time of Richard III [1307 HC f.102]. It is just possible that the name was derived from Old English words meaning '*ridge* or *spur of land*' or '*high edge* or *ridge*'.

It is beyond doubt that the location commands extensive views across the Somerset Levels and the Severn Estuary, but there are no clues as to when it could have been constructed. The land was formerly common land which was enclosed in 1799; a structure must have been in existence at this time. A possible explanation is that the remains of an earlier feature were later used as a lookout point at the end of the 18th century. This could well have been the location of a watchtower in Roman times, as it is situated precisely in a position to monitor access to activity relating to the lead mines and silver production at Charterhouse, and the connection to a harbour (such as described in earlier articles), as well as having a view of shipping on the Severn. Such a vantage point would have been vital, certainly in later Roman times, when invaders from the Irish Sea were recorded as raiding the area. Permission has been sought from the National Trust to make an archaeological geophysical survey of the location as nothing on the surface now remains to show it ever existed.

John Matthews



Children's

POP-IN

FREE

at **Lynch Chapel, Winscombe**

10 - 12 noon, **Wednesdays**

during the school summer holidays:

29th July

5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 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



A Place to Pause

Life seems to move faster every year. Diaries fill up, phones buzz, and even a trip to the supermarket can feel like a military operation. Sometimes it seems as though we spend our lives hurrying from one thing to the next, with little time simply to stop. One of the lovely things about village life is that it still offers moments to pause. A chat over the garden fence, a wave to a passing neighbour, or taking time to admire the colours of a summer evening, can remind us that life is more than a list of jobs to complete.

Jesus often encouraged people to slow down and notice what really matters. He said; *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Those words are just as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago. Churches are sometimes thought of as places only for Sundays, or special occasions, but they are also places where people can find friendship, peace and hope. Whether you are a regular churchgoer, someone with fond memories of Sunday School, or simply curious, you are always welcome. And if life is feeling particularly hectic, perhaps take five minutes with a cup of tea, sit in the garden, listen to the birds, and thank God for the ordinary blessings we often overlook.

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful month.

From your friends at the Lynch Chapel

Preachers for August:

Aug 2: Rev Andy Caldwell **Aug 9:** Pastor David with Communion **Aug 16:** The Deacons

Aug 23: Pastor David **Aug 30:** Rev Yvonne Stone



DIARY – AUGUST 2026

SAT 1	10.30am	Community Café - All Saints Church
SUN 2	TRINITY 9	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 4	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 5	10.00-12.00	Children's Pop-in - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THURS 6	10.00am	Communion in the Community - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 8	2.30-4.00	Summer Show – Sandford & District Gardening Club, Sandford Village Hall
SUN 9	TRINITY 10	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 11	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 12	10.00-12.00	Children's Pop-in - Lynch Chapel
	10.30-4.00	Open Garden Day - 13 Belmont Road, Winscombe
THUR 13	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 15	2.15pm	Floral Cream Tea with the Somerset Crooner - Church Centre
SUN 16	TRINITY 11	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 18	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 19	10.00-12.00	Children's Pop-in - Lynch Chapel
	2.45pm	Communion in the Community - Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THURS 20	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SUN 23	TRINITY 12	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 25	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 26	10.00-12.00	Children's Pop-in - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THURS 27	11.00am	Communion in the Community - Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 29	2.30-4.00	Come for a Cuppa - Lynch Chapel
SUN 30	TRINITY 13	See opposite page for details of Services

Church Service Times - Opportunities to Worship in August

Sunday 2nd August	8.30 am 10.30 am	St John's Church Centre	Holy Communion Benefice Praise
Sunday 9th August	10.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	St John's All Saints St James's	Morning Worship Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 16th August	10.30 am 10.30 am	St John's All Saints	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd August	10.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	St John's All Saints St James's	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 30th August	10.30 am	St James's	Benefice Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints

Special Services in August

Sunday 2nd August 11.00 am Holy Communion at Sandford Station
 Thursday 6th August 10.00 am Holy Communion at Dunster Court
 Wednesday 19th August 2.45 pm Holy Communion at Sewell House
 Thursday 27th August 11.00 am Holy Communion at Winscombe Hall

We welcome:

Joshua Aaron Ingram to our church family. He was baptised at All Saints Church, Sandford on Sunday 19th July.

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

Reverend Canon Shaun Darley whose funeral service took place at St James's Church on Friday 17th July followed by his cremation at Weston Crematorium.

Margaret Stewart whose funeral service took place at St James's Church on Monday 20th July followed by her cremation at Weston Crematorium.

BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

Sunday 2nd August Genesis 32: 22-31 or Isaiah 55: 1-5 Psalm 17: 1-7 or Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-end Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21	Sunday 9th August Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 or 1 Kings 19: 9-18 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b or Psalm 85: 8-13 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33	Sunday 16th August Genesis 45: 1-5 or Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Psalm 133 or Psalm 67 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
Sunday 23rd August Exodus 1: 8-2: 10 or Isaiah 51: 1-6 Psalm 124 or Psalm 138 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20	Sunday 30th August Exodus 3: 1-15 or Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b or Psalm 26: 1-8 Romans 12: 9-end Matthew 16: 21-end	



Sandford & District Gardening Club

At our June meeting, we had a most informative talk by Dave Usher on the history and renovation of Hestercombe Gardens. Dave was employed as Head Gardener in 1983 by the Fire Brigade who had their headquarters there; he worked in the gardens for 21 years. He said he still goes back to keep an eye on the place.

They restored the Italian formal terraced gardens and the fountains. Some old paintings of the garden were found, and they were used as a template to bring it back to its former glory. A lake was in one of the paintings and they had to dig out 17 tons of silt to replace it, and to plant the trees around it, that were also found in the paintings. There were a lot of urns and benches which had to be replaced, and a lot of little follies were also restored. The Victorian shrubbery was bought back to life by following the planting schemes of Gertrude Jeckyll. John thanked Dave for his talk.

The members enjoyed an outing to East Lambrook Manor; a very beautiful cottage garden in South Petherton. The weather was very warm but there was plenty of shade. It was unfortunate that there was a problem with the coach, so they were unable to continue their trip to Forde Abbey.

Our **Summer Show** is on **Saturday 8th August**, 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm in Sandford Village Hall. There will be tea, coffee and homemade cakes and a raffle. Admission is **FREE**, so come and join us and have an enjoyable afternoon.

There is no meeting in September.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th October** at 7.30 pm in Sandford Village Hall, there will be a talk by James Cross (head gardener at the Bishop Palace Garden in Wells), entitled '*The Winter Garden*'.



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

Spot the Oddity

Spot the Oddity comes to Winscombe

From 10th - 30th August Winscombe shops will have weird and wonderful, large or small, or plain and outlandish items in their windows.

Download the QR code to print out a list of participating shops, and go hunting for items, or Oddities that shouldn't be in their windows.

Has the flower shop got a kangaroo? The Post Office a potato masher? See what you can find.

Entries to be posted into the box in Ajenta. The winning entry will be drawn at The Village Show at the Community Centre on 12th September.

A big thankyou to all the Winscombe Traders. Every outlet able to take part has done so.



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.



**We have a small pool of volunteer drivers
BUT URGENTLY NEED MORE!!**

Regular commitment is not necessary, and mileage allowance is paid - please contact: Chris Noble on 01934 903145 or email: mrs.noble@gmail.com



RAFA CUP GOLF COMPETITION



As reported last month, four Members of RAFA-MSB attended Mendip Golf Club at their Battle of Britain Trophy Golf Competition for the RAFA Cup over the weekend of the 20th and 21st June. In the morning the members were in the pro-shop for the 'tee-offs' and play card issues and



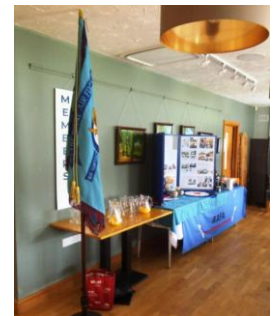
in the afternoon in the club bar. From teenagers to octogenarians, 148 golfers took part over the two days, and raised a total of £242 for the 2026 RAFA Wings Appeal.

RAFA-MSB 80th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH



Also reported last month, the Branch celebrated its 80th Anniversary with a special lunch in Wells Golf Club that was attended by 26 members. Between courses, the President and Chairman gave a brief resume, and some humorous anecdotes, of the Branch's history starting with the first

meeting on Wednesday 18th September 1946 in the Red Lion Shepton Mallet.



RAFA-MSB LAYS WREATH AT YPRES



One of our members, John Heath along with his colleague Philip Payne, attended this year's Sunset Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Belgium which was very memorable and rather emotional.

John laid a wreath on behalf of RAFA-MSB,

while Philip laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



BRANCH MEETING MONDAY 6th JULY

RAFA-MSB held a Branch Meeting on Monday 6th July at 11:00 am in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS. Our member Dave Willmott gave a splendid presentation '*Epic Delivery Flight of a HS 748 from Christchurch New Zealand to Southend-on-Sea UK, which was his Last Flight as an Airline Captain*'. This was followed by a review of recent events and an outline of forthcoming events - see below. The meeting ended with the optional lunch and drinks from the club's menu and bar.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

The next RAFA-MSB event will be a **BBQ** on **Sunday 2nd August** in the Cider Barn at Ad Astra Cider Farm, Stone Allerton, BS26 2NG. Arrival time is from midday; the BBQ starts at 1:00 pm and the event will finish by 4:00 pm. The BBQ will include sausages, burgers, chicken, a selection of salads, cheeses and bread (vegetarian and dietary requirements available if notified in advance). A full bar and desserts will be available plus games and fun activities. Please contact the Secretary via email rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or call 07881 822140 for further information.

The RAFA-MSB autumn programme will start on **Thursday 3rd September** with a **Charity Quiz and Pizza Night** in aid of the RAFA 2026 Wings Appeal again at the Cider Barn at Ad Astra Cider Farm, Stone Allerton, BS26 2NG (doors open at 6:00 pm - quiz starts at 7:00 pm). **The Quiz is run by Paul & Suzanne Rolfe (owners of Ad Astra Cider Farm) and is open to all members of the public for teams of up to six persons at £5 per head; all quiz fees will be donated to the RAFA 2026 Wings Appeal.** There will be a full bar throughout the evening, and pizzas will be available to purchase. For more information, please contact Ad Astra Cider Farm; paul.rolfe@adastracider.com or call 07897 348119.

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.

WELCOME

Thursday Lunches

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August Quiz Answers

Were you 'up, up, and away' with this month's quiz or did you get that sinking feeling?

- 1 Montgolfier
- 2 Thatchers Cider
- 3 Winnie the Pooh
- 4 Breitling Orbiter
- 5 Up
- 6 Cameron Balloons
- 7 Nena
- 8 Helium
- 9 Globophobia
- 10 Around the World in Eighty Days



PICKLE BALL 

Do you play?

Would you like to play in Winscombe?

Badminton Court and equipment available for hire at the Church Centre

Contact
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Come for a Cuppa!



Tea and Cake in the afternoon

LAST Saturday every month!

Toy Corner available

LYNCH CHAPEL

2.30pm - 4pm

NEXT: Saturday 25th July
Saturday 29th August
Saturday 26th September



Come for a Cuppa!

What we treasure reveals where our heart really is



This month, the Church will mark the feast of St Laurence. If my calculations are correct, there are seven churches dedicated to St Laurence/Lawrence in our Diocese of Bath & Wells, so happy patronal festival to all of them!

We don't know a lot about Laurence, but what we do know is impressive. He was a deacon martyred by the Romans in a particularly violent way, during a time of brutal persecution of Christians.

It's said that the Emperor ordered him to hand over all the treasure of the Church. He refused. But not in the way you might think. When he was asked to gather and display all the treasure of the Church, he called together the poor of the city to pray. And when the soldiers came to collect the treasure, and found only the poorest of the poor, Laurence declared; *"these are the treasures of the Church"*, and for that defiance in the face of tyranny, he was killed.

Laurence's worldview was in complete contrast to that of the ruling powers. Where they saw the poor as worthless and to be despised, he saw them as precious. He valued people above possessions in a way the authorities found baffling, maybe even threatening.

Jesus famously taught that what we treasure reveals where our heart really is.

In our society there are so many competing demands for our hearts and minds. It can be hard to work out where to place our loyalty. If you were asked to gather all your treasure, I wonder what you'd bring, and what that would reveal? If we analysed how we spend our money as individuals, PCCs, and a Diocesan Board of Finance (the body that manages the assets and finances of our diocese), what would that show about our priorities?

Those are provocative questions to ask, and tricky to answer, but in an area where St Laurence is so honoured, maybe we should try?

Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton

August Word Search Answers

We hope you found your favourite flavour!



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Knit &

**We are on our
Summer Break for August.**

**See you again on
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Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

When: Mondays from 10am to 12 noon
(excluding bank holidays)

Contact us if you have any questions:
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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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Where: Old School, Winscombe Community Centre
Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

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

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Winscombe Cricket Club

Winscombe Community Association

Sandford

Pullman Restaurant (Sandford Station Retirement Village)

Thatchers Cider (Main Reception and Hive Staff Office)

Railway Inn

Sandford Primary School

Churchill

Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane

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.

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We're pleased to share that a Bleed Control Kit is now installed at Churchill Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane, Langford providing lifesaving equipment in case of a serious emergency.

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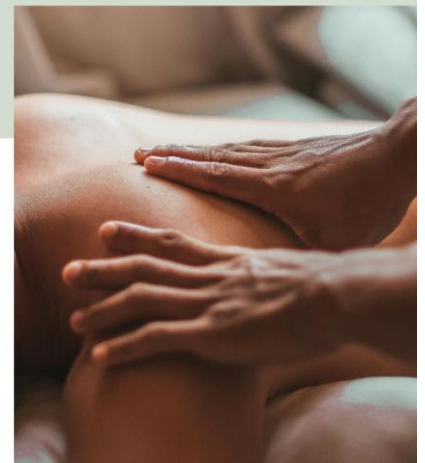


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