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Signpost

Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



October 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



Later this month, on the 25th, the clocks will go back one hour. It is a rare chance in our busy lives to live time again. If we are honest, we probably spend a lot of time in the past, reliving old glories and achievements, or dwelling on past disappointments and regrets. Neither do us much good, we either get morose about the passing of good times, or we let our past history weigh us down.

It is now how God would have us live our days, he wants us to live fully in the day, in the moment. We know this from scripture. In Psalm 118 (in verse 24) it is written, *'This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it'*. This day, today, not yesterday, not tomorrow, is where God seeks a relationship with us. Because today, even this moment while you read this, is all you have, yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not here yet. It is this moment that matters, because it is in this day, in this moment, where God is. We find God, we have a relationship with Him today, right here, right now, which is why we read that God's mercies, *'are new every morning'* (Lamentations 3:23). God knows we need Him each and every day, so let's respond and let Him into our lives right here and now.

As the American theologian Frederick Buechner wrote: *'If there is a God who speaks anywhere, surely he speaks here: through waking up and working, through going away and coming back again, through people you meet and books you read, through falling asleep in the dark'*.

We can linger on the past, fret about tomorrow, yet the greatest moment is today, the day the Lord has made, so let's rejoice and be glad in it.

(Adapted from UCB *Word for Today* devotional for 21st August 2026).

Reverend Dr Julian Davies

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

Welcome to October'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 November's edition is Sunday 18th October. 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.



ST JAMES'S EVENTS TEAM



Friday 16th October
7.00pm

Autumn Supper

At the Church Centre, Winscombe

With entertainment from

Belle Street Duo



Music from
'Rat Pack'
of the
40s, 50s and 60s

**Tickets £12 available from
the Post Office and Church Office**



**Autumn
Ploughmans**



**Live
Entertainment**



Bar

Information from Church Office
01934 352696 admin@winsandchurches.org.uk



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 5th September Café raised £345.12 including Gift Aid ~ thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Update on the donations from August's Charity Café ~ for Weston Hospice we raised £183.80 (not including Gift Aid) and for Children's Hospice South West we raised £150.00 (not including Gift Aid). Gift Aid details are unknown as these are personal to the individual so due to Data Protection, the charities could not share this information with us.

The next café date is:

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 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**



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

The Children's Society

BOX OPENING AND COFFEE MORNING TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER

We can't wait to see you at the Annual Box Opening and Coffee Morning at the Church Centre on Tuesday 6th October. Bring along your box for counting, join us for a cup of coffee and a chat, browse the bric-a-brac, home produce and Christmas card stalls, and then take your empty box home!

Every penny raised is vital for the work of The Children's Society so don't worry, even if your box only has a few coppers in the bottom, please bring it along.

If you need someone to collect your box, call Sarah Gunn on 01934 842374.

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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 ♥

Every Tuesday at 10.30 am
Church Centre, Winscombe

ALL WELCOME COME ALONG!

≡ All Welcome ≡

Provided by St James's Church for the local community



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!*



**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)



OCTOBER 14th & 28th

NOVEMBER 11th & 25th

DECEMBER 9th

SHORT...
informal...
Mid-Week

LYNCH CHAPEL

First Wednesday every month

10.30am

**followed by
tea & coffee**

Service

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WELCOME**

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AVAILABLE**

NEXT DATES:

7TH OCTOBER & 4TH NOVEMBER

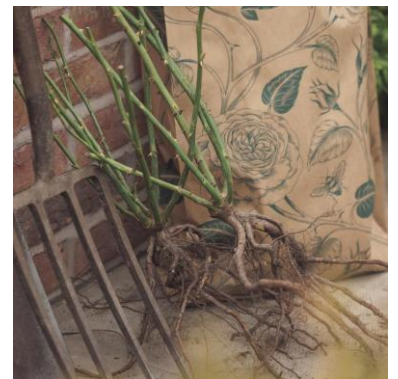
Gardening Notes for October

Bare Root Planting

Bare root plants, when they are dormant from October to March, can be purchased online from growers. You will always save money if you buy bare root plants, rather than container grown plants, simply because the grower hasn't had to pay for compost, containers and potting on.

Bought from a reputable grower these will be dispatched to you before they have had a chance to dehydrate. The secret of success when planting any bare root specimen is to avoid dehydration. Unpack your plants immediately upon receipt and check for damage; good growers will usually replace any plant that has been damaged in transit. Soak the roots overnight before you plant and keep the soil around the plant moist.

Ideal candidates to purchase as bare root plants are roses which are perhaps the most resilient of all shrubs. Roses have a great capacity to survive upheaval and can cost much less than those sold in containers. Soft fruits - currants, gooseberries and raspberries will establish well, bare root strawberries will also grow away happily. Hedging plants - by far the most economical way of purchasing these, especially if you have a long run to plant.



When planting bare root specimens, dig out a decent size hole and firm the enriched earth well around the plant. Plant roses so that the graft union is a couple of inches below the level of the soil, this will make for greater stability. Other plants should be planted at the same depth as they were growing previously (look for the soil mark on the stem). Trees (more than a metre high), need a stake, knocked in at an angle of 45 degrees, add a tree tie to keep them upright in strong winds.

Herbaceous Borders

It is very tempting at this time of the year, when the borders are not at their best, to chop everything down in an effort to tidy up. Before you do that take stock as it may not be necessary to cut everything back, and there might be several good reasons to keep some of the foliage. Some plants like to have their foliage left over the winter, it helps to protect them from frost, and they can be cut back in March when they start producing new foliage. Penstemon, fuchsias, and caryopteris, need this sort of protection. Many plants such as echinacea, monarda and rudbeckia should be left, as they are beneficial to overwintering insects, and also provide a food source for birds, as well as being visually attractive. However, any plants that are in a state of collapse should be cut back to ground level now; the list includes hostas, acanthus and day lilies. Leave grasses until February or March and then cut them back.

Churchill and Langford Ladies Lunch Club

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month

Churchill Methodist Chapel Hall, Front Street, Churchill at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

£18 per head for a 2-course lunch

Pre-booking is essential

Contact Margaret Avery on 07725 056051 for further details

Please note that the lunch is limited to residents of the two villages or those that have moved away but wish to stay in contact with friends

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



Our season of three autumn breakfast meetings got off to a very good start with a good turnout to welcome our guest speaker Denys Cutmore who is certainly well known in the village, having lived here for over 35 years. From his early days in post war London, he covered many aspects of his work and family life, over the next four decades, moving on to Preston and then Bristol. His love of jazz was very evident in his choice of music with tracks ably played for us by Beth. He suggested no luxury to take with him to a desert island, seemingly content with his music and literature that would include the complete works of Oscar Wilde. What could have been a forty minute resume was skilfully compressed into 20 minutes with a lot of help from his editor (Beth again). For the future, we look forward to more presentations from our members.

Our next meeting will take place on **Saturday 10th October** at 9 am at the Woodborough Inn; there will be no speaker on this occasion.

Do come and invite friends, but please let me know by Sunday 5th October at the latest 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.

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 at the Woodborough Inn can order in the appropriate quantities.

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

October Quiz

On 18th October 1865 Prime Minister, Lord Palmerston, died in office. His abrasive and arrogant style earned him the nickname '*Pumice stone*'. This month's quiz takes the theme of nicknames.

- 1 Which English queen was known as Gloriana after a character in a poem?
- 2 What was the nickname of Edward Teach, an infamous pirate born in around 1680?
- 3 What is the nickname of the building that can be found at 30 St Mary Axe, London?
- 4 Which country is informally known as the 'Pearl of Africa'?
- 5 Who became a worldwide icon through his screen persona and was nicknamed the 'Tramp'?
- 6 Which British city has the nickname 'Knightsbridge of the North'?
- 7 Which former British politician earned the nickname 'Tarzan' because of his tall imposing physical stature, wild hairstyle, and an infamous 1976 incident in the House of Commons?
- 8 Who coined David Beckham's nickname, 'Golden Balls', after he turned his image round after being sent off in the 1998 World Cup?
- 9 When playing bingo, which number has the nickname 'never been kissed'?
- 10 Which singer earned several nicknames during her career including 'The Iron Butterfly', 'The Smoky Mountain Songbird' and 'The Queen of Country'?



Answers can be found on page 37

AUTUMN PLOUGHMAN'S



Saturday
17th
October

All Saints Church
12.30 pm



with **Ham, Cheese & Salad,**
Selection of Fruit Crumbles
plus a **Glass of Cider**

Tickets: Adults £10.00
Children £8.00
from **Llyn** on **823484**

(In aid of All Saints Church Building Fund)

Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society

Next meeting date:

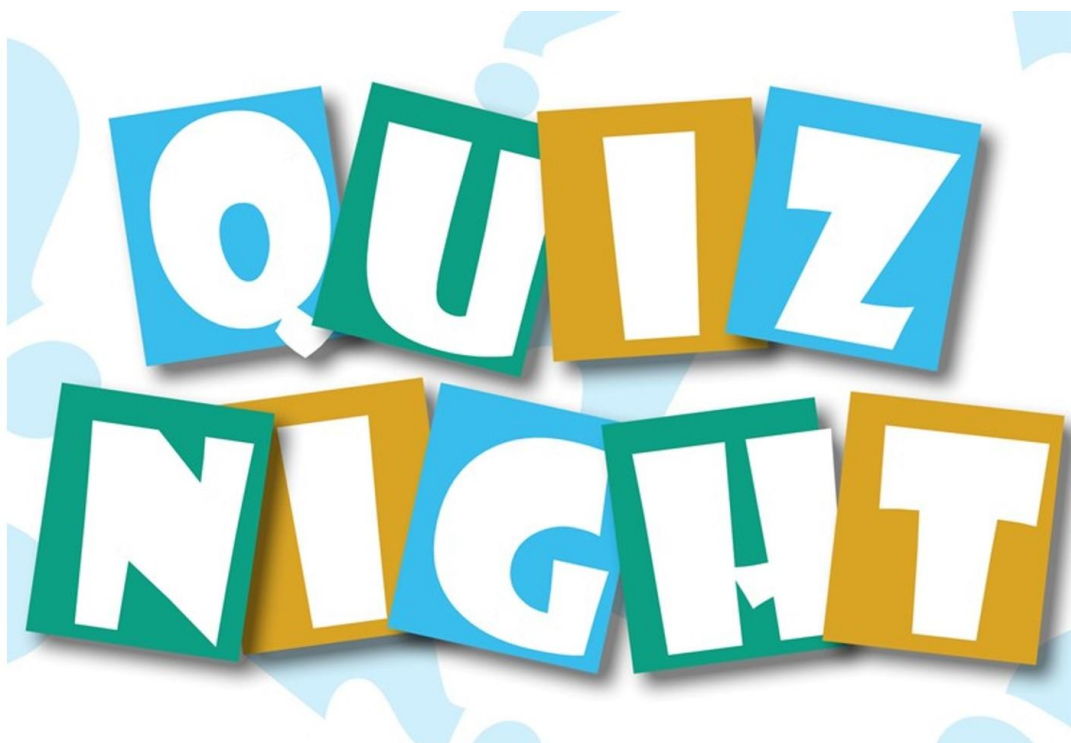
TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER

Speaker: Professor Danielle Shreve

Talk entitled: *'At the Edge of the World – Ice Age on the Mendips'*
at Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG

Refreshments: 7.15 pm **Members:** £2, guests £4

Contact Jan Taylor 01934 260784 for further details



for Christian Aid

Friday 23 October 7pm

Join us for a fun, friendly quiz raising money to support families in South Sudan to secure their harvests. Bring a team of five or six, or come on your own and join a team. Plus a great raffle!

Tickets £10 per person including light supper. Bring your own drinks. Tickets from the church office, Janet Corry 01934 842657, or David Hart 07778 109769. Friday 23 October 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Email winscombechristianaid@gmail.com



Winscombe Church Centre, Woodborough Road, BS25 1BA

The Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Christian Aid Committee would be delighted if a couple of people could assist us with some of the practical arrangements on the evening of the quiz. If you can help, please let Janet or David know – see contact numbers above.

If you can't come to the quiz you can donate to Christian Aid's Harvest appeal here:
[Harvest of Hope Appeal 2026 | Donate](#)

Supporting and Protecting our Natural World

Worrying Times



It's always an anxious time of the year waiting for the sheep to be sheared. If, like me, you only have a few sheep, the wait may be quite long as the bigger flocks are sheared first. I am lucky, because my friend Joe includes my 2 with his flock of 200 or so. Usually, the shearing date is as early as possible often 1st April, before the hot weather starts, but it may all change next year. Could there be a heatwave as early as the beginning of April?

Why is there this worry about shearing? Well, fleeces are very thick having kept the sheep warm and dry throughout the winter. The outer layer of wool contains a waxy oil called lanolin that repels water including snow. It is produced by the sheep's sebaceous glands and gives them their distinctive smell. It can be extracted from the wool and used in skin care including a balm to ease dry, chapped lips.

It is hard to know what is going on beneath such thick wool, and that is the worry. Fly strike is a painful and possibly fatal condition. Blow flies lay eggs on soiled wool or on open wounds and these hatch into many, many maggots that burrow down through the wool to feed on the flesh, often unnoticed. The attack can be fatal, and the sheep may die a dreadful death in just a few days.

Blow flies are a family of insects with many different species such as blue bottles and green bottles. Blow flies have metallic bodies of blue, green, bronze or black. Although such a nuisance, blow flies contribute to the cycling of nutrients in ecosystems as they help to decompose carrion, dung and decaying organic matter including open wounds.

Adults and larvae are a food source for many other creatures such as birds, including swallows and robins, spiders, dragonflies, toads, frogs and lizards, so they are an important part of the food web. Mice, rats and chickens enjoy maggots because they are rich in protein.

I was also interested to find out why horses are so troubled by horse flies especially round their faces. The corners of the nose, eyes and mouth provide moisture and mucus rich in protein and salts needed by the flies. Females also extract blood from the thinner skin in these areas that they need to produce eggs.

Back to shearing. The traditional way of removing parasites like scab, mites, lice, ticks and possible blow fly attacks, began in 1830 when sheep were submerged, including their faces, in a brick or concrete pit called a dip filled with highly toxic chemicals including arsenic, and later in the 20th century, organophosphates. This was a brutal process to the sheep, shepherds and damaging to local soil and water courses when the dips were emptied. Arsenic does not break down in either soil or water.

This compulsory practice was deregulated in 1992, though dipping is still allowed, but there are very strict regulations for dippers for the safety of the environment, farmers and sheep. Today there are less formidable ways of preventing blow fly attack once the sheep have been sheared. Pour on chemicals are used. They are directed along the sheep's spine, rump and around the anus with an applicator gun with a fine spray nozzle. This will last for 6 weeks or so and gives great peace of mind as the new wool grows.



That's better!



AID FOR UKRAINE

Your help is needed **NOW** – the people of Ukraine are desperately trying to provide shelter before the winter. Please get in touch if you have any of these items to donate:

- Tents
- Tools and torches
- Blankets and bedding
- Mobility aids
- Bandages and dressings
- Kitchen utensils
- Camping equipment
- Sleeping bags
- Wheelchairs
- Medical supplies
- Over the counter painkillers
- Crockery and cutlery

Can you help?

Need items collected? Contact Martin Spiller on 01934 852295. Drop off to Angela Morris at 81 Green Hill Road, Sandford, BS25 5PF or call her on 01934 852327 to arrange collection

Good Old Fashioned Jumble Sale

Saturday 10th October at 2 pm

in aid of Winscombe Community Centre

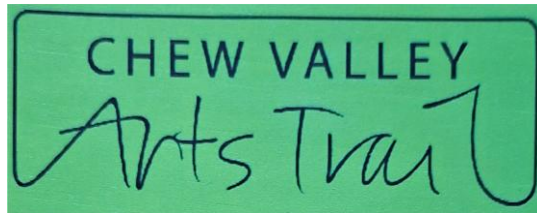
Our next very popular Jumble Sale will be held at
Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Road

Please join us - there will be great bargains, refreshments and a raffle

The Jumble Sale starts at 2 pm but if you would like to donate your unwanted items, please bring them along to the Community Centre from 9.30 am on the 10th October

Call 07811 292909 for more information

Registered Charity No. 1186290



**Saturday 10th ~
Sunday 11th
October
10 am to 6 pm**

Venue 18 at
St Andrew's Church,
Blagdon, BS40 8SJ

Please come along
and take a look ~
everyone welcome



Five artists from
Blagdon Art Group
will be exhibiting
their work,
including two
from our benefice:
Mo Taylor and
Margaret Avery

Teas and coffees
available with
funds going to
the church

October Word Search

Did you know that the 24th October is United Nations Day? This date marks the anniversary of the UN Charter which came into force in 1945. In this month's word search the names of 20 of the original 51 member states are hidden.

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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Answers can be found on page 41

RECENT RNLI SALE ITEMS AND BETTY'S POTS UPDATE

Our President Tina has sold some more items for a total of £240 while the Thursday Market stall has raised £80. Tina and John have pushed the Betty's Pots in Winscombe, Wrington and Congresbury and have banked £160.

GEORGE FURNISS MEMORIAL

George Furniss, a member of our Branch Committee, died earlier this year and his funeral was held in St James's Church, Winscombe on Friday 19th June. George was an *'offshore sailor'*, and it was his wish that all tribute and condolence money should go to the RNLI; the RNLI Mendip Branch has received £2,070 in his memory.

RNLI COLLECTION AT TESCO NAILSEA

Since submission of the September copy, RNLI Mendip Branch was granted a bucket collection at Tesco, Nailsea on Sunday 20th September. So, on the day, our collectors were dressed in smart RNLI tabards clutching their *'rescue buckets'* at the entrance to the store, smiling at the shoppers and chatting to all and sundry about the RNLI and what we do. Results and photographs will be reported in the November edition.

25 YEARS OF RNLI LIFEGUARDS – SOUTH WEST ENGLAND AND JERSEY

Starting with a small trial in 2001, RNLI lifeguards now patrol over 245 beaches, helping beach users from all over the UK and further afield including rescuing people in the water, giving first aid and offering safety advice. In our region, RNLI Lifeguards patrol 88 beaches in South West England and Jersey. In 2025 they carried out 1,276,756 preventative actions, aided 10,437 people and saved 46 lives. This year, RNLI lifeguards were present on Brean and Burnham beaches from 4th July until 7th September between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm each day.

RNLI LIFEBOAT DAY – SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

The RNLI Nationwide Lifeboat Day is on Saturday 10th October and Mendip Branch has approached Waitrose in Wells to have a collection box in the store for Waitrose tokens, as our contribution to RNLI Lifeboat Saturday.

TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER & DANCE – SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER – POSTPONED

Due to circumstances that have occurred outside the control of the Committee, it became clear that it will no longer be possible to resource and plan the event this year. Reluctantly, the Committee decided that the RNLI Mendip Branch Trafalgar Night must be postponed until Saturday 16th October 2027.

RNLI MENDIP FOLK CONCERT ‘HARBOTTLE & JONAS’ SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

RNLI Mendip Branch will present a folk concert by the Devon duo ‘Harbottle & Jonas’ on Saturday 10th October in St James’s Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA. Doors open at 7:15 pm, concert starts at 8 pm). Tickets costing £13.50 may be obtained from James Barattini at winscombe.folk@gmail.com or call 07703 538861. The duo features a distinct and compelling signature sound, blending concertina, harmonium, banjo, stomp box, acoustic guitar and cittern, with close vocal harmonies. There will be a bar selling beers, ciders, wine and soft drinks, plus a raffle in aid of the RNLI.



RNLI MENDIP BRANCH POP-UP SALE – SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER

There will be a RNLI Pop-Up Sale inside Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Road, Winscombe, BS25 1HP from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday 7th November. Entry is free to browse, and the sale will include donated items, RNLI Christmas cards, jigsaws, Christmas stocking fillers, Christmas cakes and puddings, spring bulbs, Chris’s tools and domestic items, a multi-prize Christmas raffle and refreshments (beverages, cakes and biscuits). The Committee are still working on some additional stalls all with a Christmas flavour so please come along. Contact Tina Joyce by email meejlfh@gmail.com or telephone 01934 842304 for more details.

AUGUST SHOUTS

In August, there were 12 ‘shouts’ between our four Somerset Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea – 2, Minehead – 2, Portishead – 3, Weston-super-Mare – 5).

Milford Haven Coastguard Control paged Burnham lifeboat crews at 9.02 pm on Friday 21st August after concern for a disabled yacht in the Bristol Channel, off shore from Hinckley Point. The tasking request was for a 27-foot yacht with a fouled prop, somewhere northeast of Hinckley Point. Two persons were aboard, no one was injured, and the boat’s crew were preparing to anchor. There was nothing to suggest that the crew or vessel were in grave or imminent danger, but they clearly needed assistance.

Burnham’s Atlantic 85 Lifeboat was quickly launched with a full crew of four. Once on the scene, the lifeboat crew established the problem to be due to a fouled prop, therefore the boat could not be started and make way. Launch Authority Marc Smith explains; *“The crew followed the RNLI towing policy to ‘the letter of the law’ and made the decision that the safest and best option was to tow the yacht. The boat was a Burnham yacht and was safely towed back to the sailing club where two additional RNLI crew in life jackets assisted the yacht crew to safely leave the vessel for the evening.”* Marc commented further; *“Well done all and thanks, the boat owners and Milford Haven Coastguard were very grateful for the assistance given.”*

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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
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- ❖ 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



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Winscombe District

Monday 19th October starting at 2.30 pm

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

Speaker: Charlotte Brockwell of Cadbury Alpaca Farm

Talk entitled: 'Alpacas'

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



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Churchill Methodist Church

Autumn Cafe

Saturday 3 October

10-Noon Churchill Methodist

Stalls

FREE FUN & CRAFTS BS25 5NG
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Kosmos Ensemble: A World of Music Comes to Churchill

Sunday 11th October at 3 pm ~ St John's Church, Churchill, BS25 5QW



Audiences are invited to experience an exhilarating journey through music from around the world by the internationally acclaimed Kosmos Ensemble.

Featuring violin, viola and accordion, Kosmos Ensemble brings together the passion of the Argentine tango, the excitement of Balkan and Gypsy music, the rich musical traditions of the Middle East and the precision of Western classical performance.

The trio comprises of international violinist and concerto soloist Harriet Mackenzie, world and folk music specialist who has recorded concertos with orchestras including the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and English Symphony Orchestra; Meg-Rosaleen Hamilton on viola, an award-winning Serbian classical accordionist who specialises in Celtic, Romanian, Greek and Middle Eastern styles and Miloš Milivojević who is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and winner of numerous international awards.

United by a shared love of improvisation and global musical traditions, the three musicians create their own distinctive arrangements and compositions. Their performances move effortlessly from energetic dance rhythms, to moments of tranquillity, combining exceptional technique with warmth, spontaneity and humour. Richard Morrison of The Times praised the ensemble's, *"telepathic rapport, dazzling virtuosity, serious scholarship, intellectual curiosity and impeccable musicianship"*, adding; *"I defy you not to be mesmerised."* The Telegraph described Kosmos as *"revelatory"*, highlighting the groups brilliantly performed synthesis of tango, Jewish folk music, Leonard Bernstein and Vaughan Williams.

Kosmos has performed at prestigious venues and festivals across the UK and Europe, including London's Southbank Centre, the Royal Albert Hall and Kings Place as well as being heard on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM.

Presented by Churchill Music, this concert offers local audiences an opportunity to hear musicians of exceptional calibre in the beautiful surroundings of St John's Church.

Tickets: £1 to £20 **Booking:** <https://tinyurl.com/kosmosensemble>

Further information: violet@churchillmusic.org.uk



World-class Virtuosos, Operatic Comedy and Garden Bluegrass: Churchill Music unveils thrilling new concert season.

Churchill Music, a charity dedicated to bringing world-class live performances, and life-changing music education to rural North Somerset, has officially launched its brand-new concert season. Featuring internationally acclaimed artists, interactive musical storytelling, and vibrant community initiatives, the lineup promises an unforgettable journey through sound across local historic venues.

Known for bringing premier talent, such as past performers Sheku & Isata Kanneh-Mason, to local doorsteps, Churchill Music's new season kicks off with an eclectic array of standout events:

- ❖ **Kosmos Ensemble** – see previous page for full details
- ❖ **CarmenCo's My My My Delilah:** A witty concert-play giving opera's classic femme fatale her say, featuring flute, voice, and dual classical guitars (**St John's Church, Churchill**).
- ❖ **Churchill Young Musician of the Year 2027:** Showcasing elite young talent from Churchill Academy competing for top honours, judged by industry professionals with an audience-voted trophy (**St John's Church, Churchill**).
- ❖ **Guy Johnston and Tom Poster:** BBC Young Musician winner Guy Johnston (cello) and celebrated pianist Tom Poster, perform masterworks by Brahms and Bonis (**All Saints Church, Wrington**).
- ❖ **Chameleon Wind Quartet:** A captivating performance switching between 13 woodwind instruments, featuring a brand-new commission by Ben Harlan (*The Pianist*) (**All Saints Church, Wrington**).
- ❖ **Joff Lawson Trio in the Garden:** A festive family lunchtime event featuring folk, bluegrass, and harmonies alongside an included hog roast (**garden event**).

Alongside these stellar performances, every concert directly supports Churchill Music's extensive community outreach. Since 2007, the charity has reached over 21,600 young people, bringing instrument taster lessons, school workshops, and the groundbreaking 'Power of Music' mental health project, to over 40 local primary and secondary schools. *"We believe live music should be accessible, joy-filled, and deeply transformative for all ages,"* says Jan Murray from Churchill Music. *"Whether you are coming to hear world-renowned cellists, enjoy an afternoon of bluegrass in a sunlit garden, or support our brilliant young local talent, every ticket bought helps us keep music education alive in North Somerset."*

Tickets available to purchase NOW at ticketsource.co.uk.

For further information please contact violet@churchillmusic.org.uk.



WINSCOMBE W.I.

Our next meeting is on:

WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2026

at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm

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

Entertainment from the Mike Craske Duo – an enjoyable musical evening

refreshments available - find us on Facebook



**Save the
Children**

*You can help children in distress around the
world and enjoy a lovely lunch with friends*

SAVE the CHILDREN LUNCHES

**Join us for the next lunch on
Friday 2nd October at 12.30 pm**

*Everyone is welcome to join us for soup, locally baked bread, cheddar
cheese, pickle, homemade biscuits, tea or coffee - £5.50*

Children under 5 will be given a free lunch

Lunches are held in Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG with all profits
supporting the Save the Children Charity No. 213890

Please join us and bring a friend!



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

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Sunday 19 October

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Games

Singing

Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(term time only)

October 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

October 29th - *NO Scramblers, Half Term*

November 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

December 3rd & 10th

all at The Church Centre

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



**Church of England Parishes of
Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill**

We shall remember All Souls this year on
SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER at 3 pm
St James the Great Church, Winscombe

This will be a thoughtful and gentle time of singing,
listening to music and poems and being together to
remember those we have loved; you will also be able to
have your loved one's name read out.

*Remember me,
when you will search the skies in constant wonder.
Am I gone from you?
Remember me in all your tears and sighs,
And hear my promise - I'm still one with you.*

DIARY – OCTOBER 2026

THURS 1	10.00am	Communion in the Community - Dunster Court
	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 3	10.30am	All Saints Community Cafe
SUN 4	TRINITY 18	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 6	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning & Children's Society Box Opening - Church Centre
WED 7	10.30am	Mid-week Service - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club
THUR 8	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 10	9.00am	Refresh-Men-t - Men's Breakfast, Woodborough Inn
	2.00pm	Old Fashioned Jumble Sale - Community Centre
SUN 11	TRINITY 19	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 13	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 14	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THURS 15	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
FRI 16	7.00pm	Belle Street Duo sings Rat Pack includes autumn supper - Church Centre
SUN 18	TRINITY 20	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 20	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 21	2.45pm	Communion in the Community - Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THURS 22	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
FRI 23	7.00pm	Christian Aid Autumn Quiz - Church Centre
SUN 25	LAST AFTER TRINITY	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 27	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 28	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
THURS 29	11.00am	Communion in the Community - Winscombe Hall
SAT 31	2.30-4.00pm	Come for a Cuppa - Lynch Chapel

Church Service Times - Opportunities to Worship in October

Sunday 4th October	8.30 am	St John's	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Church Centre	Benefice Praise
Sunday 11th October	10.30 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th October	10.30 am	St John's	Morning Worship
	10.30 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th October	10.30 am	St John's	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion

Other Services in October

Monday 5 th , 19 th and 26 th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer at St James's
Every Tuesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion at All Saints

Special Services in October

Thursday 1 st October	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Dunster Court
Sunday 4 th October	11.00 am	Holy Communion at Sandford Station
Wednesday 21 st October	2.45 pm	Holy Communion at Sewell House
Thursday 29 th October	11.00 am	Holy Communion at Winscombe Hall

Our love and congratulations go to: Philippa Hunt and Perry Williams who were married in St James's Church, Winscombe on Saturday 5th September.

We welcome: Aria-Grace Elizabeth Garrett to our church family. She was baptised at St John's Church, Churchill on Sunday 20th September.

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

Margaret Stocker whose funeral service and cremation took place at Weston Crematorium on Monday 14th September.

Margaret Stewart whose ashes were buried in St James's Churchyard on Saturday 26th September.

BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 4th October Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-end	Sunday 11th October Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday 18th October Isaiah 35:3-6 <i>or</i> Acts 16:6-12a Psalm 147:1-7 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9	Sunday 25th October Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-end



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Spring!

Spring may seem an age away but now is the time to plant garden bulbs to ensure you have a wonderful, colourful display early next year.

As a general rule, plant the base of the bulb 2 to 3 times the height of the bulb itself, leaving a gap of 2 to 3 times the width of the bulb to allow them space to develop. In heavy clay soil, plant slightly shallower and add grit or sand beneath the bulb to improve drainage.

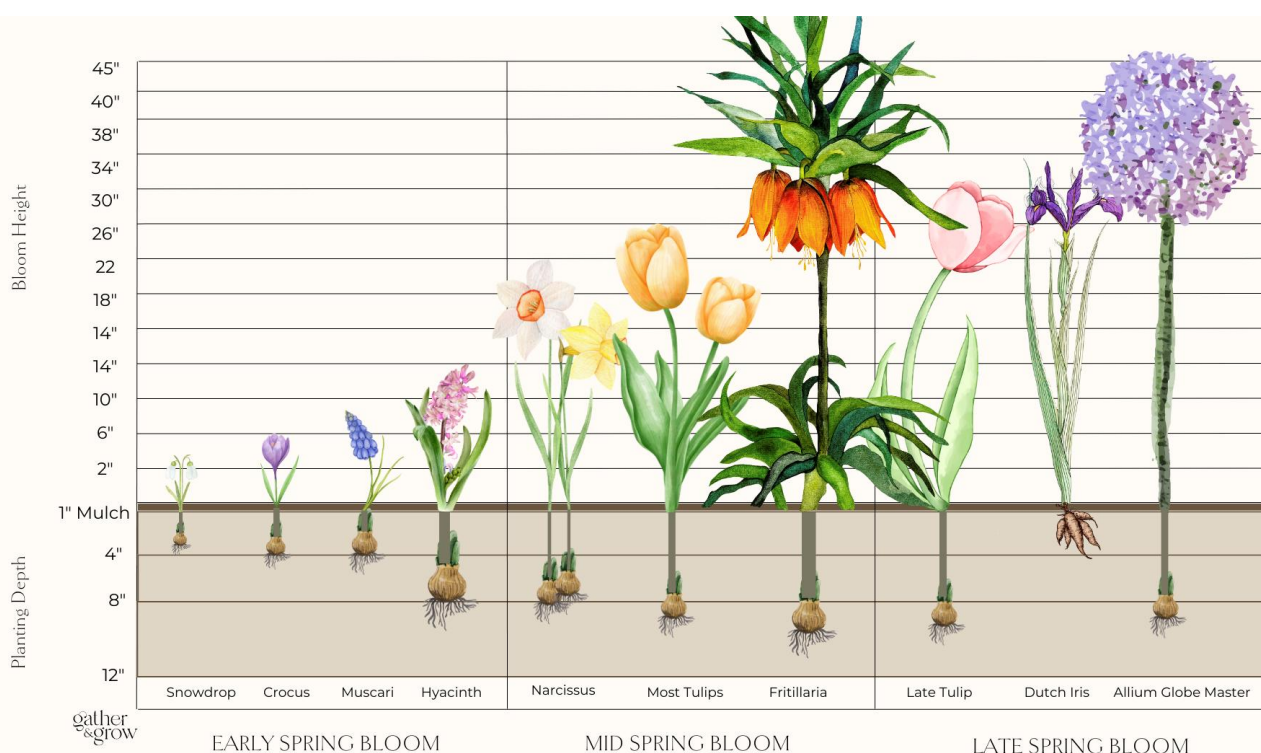
When planting permanently in an outdoor pot, cover the bulbs with compost, 3 times their depth. Different bulbs can be planted in the pot at varying depths to give a long-lasting display.

Plant snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths and irises from September to October and while the soil is still warm.

Plant alliums in well-drained soil from September to November.

You need to wait until November to plant tulips as the cooler soil will lower the risk of the bulb getting a fungal disease.

You can still plant bulbs later in the year (even December), providing the ground is not frozen, although they may bloom a little later.



WELCOME

Thursday

Lunches

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 October

**12.30pm Churchill Methodist
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Menu

**Soup & Roll
Hot or Cold Sweet
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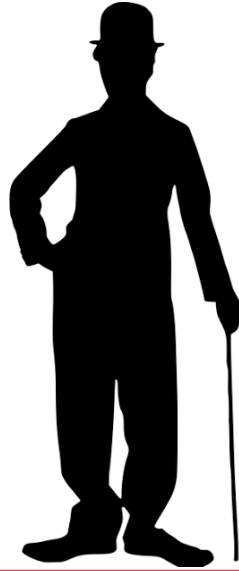
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October Quiz Answers

- 1 Elizabeth I
- 2 Blackbeard
- 3 The Gherkin
- 4 Uganda
- 5 Charlie Chaplin
- 6 Leeds
- 7 Michael Heseltine
- 8 Victoria Beckham
- 9 16
- 10 Dolly Parton



Come for a Cuppa!



**Tea and Cake
in the afternoon**

*LAST Saturday every month!
Toy Corner available*

LYNCH CHAPEL
2.30pm - 4pm

NEXT:
Saturday 26th September
Saturday 31st October
Saturday 28th November



Come for a Cuppa!

AD ASTRA CIDER BARN CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT FOR RAFA WINGS APPEAL 2026

Paul and Suzanne Rolfe of Ad Astra Cider Farm, held a Charity Quiz and Pizza Night in their Cider Barn on Thursday 3rd September in aid of the 2026 Royal Air Forces Association Wings Appeal. Paul is a member of the RAFA Mid-Somerset Branch (RAFA-MSB). Eighteen teams took part in the quiz with questions having strong aviation and RAF themes. RAFA-MSB entered two teams of six unsurprisingly named, 'A Flight' and 'B Flight' - both ended up in the middle of the pack (68 and 71 points out of 100), the winners got 93 points! There was a lovely, friendly atmosphere and spirit of rivalry with much laughter, plenty of cider, wine and beer drunk, and lots of pizzas consumed. The total amount raised was a fantastic £530; RAFA-MSB thanks Paul and Suzanne for hosting this event and for all the work they put into it.



RAFA WINGS APPEAL 2026 SUPERMARKET COLLECTIONS

This year, two of our members, Paul Kinninmont and Mike Green, organised three Battle of Britain supermarket collections in our area. The first took place between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday 5th September in the foyer at Morrison's in Wells with five of our members armed with a collection bucket and a card machine while greeting shoppers and explaining what the RAFA charity does, both at local level and nationally. Our Treasurer has reported that the total received from this day was £240 (cash £175 and card £65).



The second collection was at the entrance to Sainsbury's in Cheddar on Saturday 12th September and was supported by five different Branch members. The third collection took place on Saturday 19th September in the foyer of Morrison's in Glastonbury with five of our members participating. Results from these two collections will be reported in the November edition.



BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATION SERVICE SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

On Sunday 13th September at 10:30 am in Street Methodist Church, Leigh Road, Street, RAFA-MSB commemorated the 86th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain with a Multi-Denomination Battle of Britain Service. The Service remembered the activity, personnel and service of the RAF during WW2 and subsequent conflicts, and was led by the Branch Chaplain, Reverend Collin Moore who is the Minister at this Church. The service was attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, General Sir Peter Wall DL, The High Sherriff of Somerset, the Chairman of Street Parish Council, the Mayor and Mayoress of Wells, the Mayor of Glastonbury, other local dignitaries, Air Cadets from Shepton Mallet (1182) and Wells (1955) Squadrons and standard bearers carrying the RAFA-MSB standard and the Air Cadet standard. Following the service, the official party and congregation moved to the Street War Memorial in Merriman Park where wreaths were laid - more details will be reported in the November edition.



OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

RAFA-MSB will meet on Monday 5th October at 11:00 am at the Bell Inn, Bruton Road, Evercreech, BA4 6HY for an '*Informal Fun Games Day*' with skittles, darts and pool plus cards and board games - there will be no formal branch business at this event. Coffee will be available for purchase on arrival. There will be a collective lunch so drinks and lunch may be ordered from the pub's menu in advance. Games can continue after lunch if you wish.

The RAFA-MSB November event will be a General Branch Meeting on Monday 2nd November at Mendip Golf Club, Gurney Slade, Somerset, BA3 4UT (please note change in venue), and will include a presentation by Baz Hamblin entitled; '*The Gunpowder Plot*'. The meeting will be followed by a lunch and drinks in the golf club's bar with choices from the comprehensive menu.

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.



Saturday 7th November
Churchill Recreation Ground
Gates open 5:15 p.m.

**Tickets
from
£6.50**



Bring your family, bring your friends
- Let's light up the night together!

October Word Search Answers



C	H	T	B	F	M	W	X	C	D	W	C	D	C	J	H	J	Q	M	Y
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Dementia Support Group in Winscombe

Join our FREE, friendly group for people living with dementia. Sessions include activities that support memory and wellbeing, plus information and guidance.

All are welcome, whether you have a dementia diagnosis, or are worried about your memory. Refreshments provided - we'd love to see you there!

Where: Old School, Winscombe Community Centre
Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

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

Contact us if you have any questions:
info@aliveactivities.org or 07861 385 543



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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.

A carer is someone who provides unpaid, regular help and support to a family member, friend, or neighbour who can't manage on their own.

Where: Old School, Winscombe Community Centre
Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

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

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Christmas times a-coming - and you know what that means!



Badgerset return for an evening of music, dance and humour at their annual Christmas Concert at the Church Centre on **Saturday 5th December**. Listen to old and new Christmas songs, join in with some familiar Carols and, as usual, expect the unexpected!

Tickets available early October from the Church Centre Office, Post Office and Wine Shop. For further details contact Martin Hagen on 07901 510992 or at hagen.martin@gmail.com.

Cruse Bereavement Care



Cruse is a national charity that provides advice, information and support to anyone who has been bereaved (children, young people and adults), whenever or however the death occurred. The service is provided by trained, experienced volunteers, and is confidential and free.

Cruse provides face-to-face, telephone, email and website support both post- and pre- bereavement. We have a national helpline, and local services throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Our sister organisation Cruse Scotland provides services in Scotland.

We offer:

- Someone to talk to face-to-face or on the telephone
- Online support
- Groups – some bereaved people find it helpful to talk to others in similar circumstances
- Information – about many aspects of bereavement and other sources of help and support
- Face-to-face, telephone helpline and online support for children and young people

For help and support details contact your local Cruse Service

- Visit our website at www.cruse.org.uk
- Telephone our national helpline freephone on 0808 808 1677
- Email us at helpline@cruse.org.uk

Children and young people can

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- Visit 'Hope Again' – our website designed by and for young people- at www.hopeagain.org.uk
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Every Story Honoured



In August, I had the immense privilege of meeting Lynette Richards-Lorde who came to Flourish House with her daughter Chrissy Richards-Levi and Susann Savidge, Chair of the Somerset African Caribbean Network. Hearing Lynette's story of faith, courage, and public service, was a joyful and humbling experience. She came to Taunton, aged just 19, in 1959 in answer to an invitation from the British government to come to the UK to work in the NHS.

Initially training as a nurse at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, Lynette then became a midwife and, during a distinguished career in hospitals across the UK, became the UK's first Black divisional nursing officer for midwifery. And it all started right here in Somerset!

You can read more about Lynette's story on the diocesan website but, for me, the most moving part about meeting Lynette was seeing how extraordinarily humble she is, and what a great impact she has had on the lives not just of the mothers she helped during pregnancy and delivery, but on British society as a whole.

October is Black History Month. It's easy to think it's solely about learning more of the history of Black people across the world, and that's an important part of it. But more than that, it's about acknowledging and celebrating the history of those of Global Majority Heritage who have played, and continue to play, an integral part in British society and churches for centuries. Black History Month teaches us all more about our collective story.

Rt Revd Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton, invites us all, however we mark Black History Month, to allow our celebrations to, *"help us become more truly intercultural communities, where every story is honoured, every gift welcomed, and every person cherished in Christ."*

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Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton

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