

Editorial

Almost daily we hear about problems with the NHS (amongst other things), but not often do we here about all the good things they do, particularly our local hospital Weston General.

Chris and I have recently had first hand experience of the wonderful care and attention of the front line staff at Weston General.

12 days ago, after all the snow and ice had gone, Chris had a bad fall while we were out walking. This meant a visit to A & E on Sunday evening. Bearing in mind the A & E department closes between 10pm and 8am. There seems to be a common misconception that this means you cannot be treated between these hours. As Deborah Yamanaka points out in her report (page 24), anyone in A & E at 10:00 pm will be treated, however long it takes.

Chris was assessed by a Triage nurse within 15 minutes of our arrival including ECG, blood pressure etc. When we moved into a cubicle the care and attention of the doctors and the nursing staff

was outstanding. It was determined that she had broken her hip.

On Monday morning she had an operation to pin the break and before I could find out how she was I had a phone call from the staff nurse in the recovery unit to say she had had her operation and was sitting up having a cup of tea.

Less than 24 hours later, she was out of bed,. There then followed intense exercise from fierce physiotherapists, but with good reason. Two days later she was discharged and now walking on two sticks (sticks not crutches). She has several weeks to go to regain full mobility, but thanks to the staff at Weston General, this recovery is likely to be quite swift.

In conclusion, whatever the problems there may be at Weston General Hospital, it has nothing to do with the front line staff. Their skill, care and dedication makes what can be a frightening experience, much easier to bear.

Trevor Parnham, Editor

Front Cover photograph: Ringing for Armistice See page 4

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News from All Saints Church, Wroughton

Easter

It has been said that Christmas is really for the children, and that Easter is the festival

for grown ups. Christmas is about a baby and giving presents, whereas Easter is about

death and new life. Our crib service though always has that memorable Easter moment when the church is in darkness and then all the candles are lit to symbolise the life of Christ.

If Jesus is God then resurrection is surely the only possible consequence of his death because the life of God cannot be destroyed or extinguished by any actions humanity takes.

At the same time the resurrection appearances of Jesus can never be absolute proof of life after death. If they were, there would be no room for faith.. The stories ring true with their own power.

A walk towards Emmaus where two disciples are joined by a stranger who does not disclose his identity but explains the scripture and agrees to their request that he join them for supper 'for it is towards evening and the day is far spent'. He breaks the bread, they recognise him and realise that he has told them not new truth but old truth released into its true meaning.

A night's fishing without success and at daybreak a figure on the sea shore who suggests Peter and his friends cast the net on to the right side, and they will find some fish, 153, unless that number has a deeper significance, which it may. William Temple the former archbishop of Canterbury wrote of Peter's decision to go fishing as an action which was innocent but self chosen and adds 'the work we do at the impulse of our own wills is futile.' As EM Forster said in a different context 'only connect'. If we can only connect with the divine life, then we are in a different dimension of living.

And finally Thomas – the disbelieving disciple who yet makes the greatest declaration of faith in all the gospel. It is a declaration that can only be made at the very end of the gospel – after Jesus has risen and in the light of his life death and of all that has happened. Thomas 'words do more than acknowledge the reality of resurrection, they express its ultimate meaning 'My Lord and my God'.

Francis Montagu

From All Saints Cont.....

With the snow behind us and the joy of Easter with us, we look forward to the arrival of our new Rector. The Reverend David Gent is to be licensed on 4 June at All Saints'. Please look out for details of this service a little nearer the time. David and his wife Janet would like to meet as many members of our community throughout the Benefice so if you see someone with a dog collar do make yourself known to him as he is very approachable!

Our refurbished church is comfortably warm now, after a few hiccoughs, so if you are wanting a quiet time, do please drop in.

Fiona Densham & Andrew Whiting

Churchwardens

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

All Saints'

25 February

Arthur Clifford, aged 4½ months

UPCOMING EVENTS

7 April	12pm	Baptism of Jemima Barker at All Saints'
8 April	1.30pm	Baptism of Archie Organ at All Saints'
9 April	2.30pm	MU Locking Deanery Lady Day Service in All Saints'
11 April	7pm	Christ Church's AGM in Christ Church
17 April	7pm	St Michael's APCM in Butcombe Village Hall
20 April	2.30pm	Wedding of Robert Stead and Emily Stephens in All Saints'
22 April	1pm	Baptism of Mollie Turner at All Saints'
27 April	7pm	Churchill Academy's Concert in All Saints'
29 April	<u>6pm</u>	Special Benefice Choral Evensong at All Saints' followed by Bring & Share meal to thank those who have helped out during our vacancy

Ringing Remembers

To mark the end of the First World War and to honour the 1,400 bell ringers who lost their lives during the Great War, 1,400 new bell ringers are to be recruited throughout the country over this coming year, in order for them to take part in the Commemorative Centenary Celebrations in November.

During the course of the war, Church bells across Britain remained largely silent and only rang freely once the Armistice was declared on November 11 1918. However, on that day, church bell ringing erupted spontaneously across the whole country, as an outpouring of relief to announce the end of the most catastrophic war the world had yet seen. At that time, bells were still at the heart of the community, marking events of great significance and as a means of communication long before modern technology. At the end of the war, many people first heard about the Armistice only through the sound of church bells ringing.

The campaign to recruit bell ringers, *Ringing Remembers*, will keep this uniquely British tradition alive.

You can help to honour their memory 100 years after the end of the war by becoming one of 1,400 new bell ringers and joining in with others across the nation in ringing on the Centenary of the Armistice this coming November. Ringing Remembers is funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and is a partnership with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

If you would like to take part,
email **Philip Kinsman, at: phiip.kinsman@outlook.com**
Or telephone **01934 862852**

Stephen Tarr

24th June 1971 - 1st January 2018

Chris and Jenny wish to thank everyone who supported them and their family, with cards, messages, love and prayers during Steve's illness and following the death of their beloved son

News from Wrington Primary School

An interesting and innovative curriculum is something we really celebrate at Wrington Primary. The return to school after the February half term holiday traditionally has meant one thing– Well-Being Week - and this year was no exception! A varied programme of activities was planned for children across the school by Mrs Hodder, our PHSE leader, with the aim of encouraging all children from 4 - 11 and their families to adopt a healthy lifestyle, now and in the future.

The week began with a whole school 'healthy' theme singing service (we all know how good singing is for well-being!). Over the following two days different classes were invited to attend special health workshops in the 'Life Bus', a visiting mobile classroom which travels the region teaching children about health education, from nutrition to hygiene, teeth care to drugs awareness. Each class learnt about a different subject and it was a real treat for the children.

On Wednesday morning more than 200 miles (collectively!) were walked as the whole school took part in the 'walk a mile' challenge around the school field. After all that fresh air, pupils enjoyed a relaxing lesson of yoga which was a new addition to our well-being week activities. A police dog and its handler visited Year 3 to show how dogs are used to support the work of the police e.g. in finding drugs. The children were amazed by the dog's 'hide and seek' skills!

Esafety and anti-bullying were the themes for Thursday and children created posters to remind everyone about staying safe.

On Friday, children who take part in our KS2 choir 'Big Sing' had the enormous privilege of visiting the Academy to see a

Churchill Music sponsored vocal concert as part of their outreach programme for local schools. We also enjoyed a super visit from the RNLI who presented a variety of workshops throughout the day including on water safety and the science behind changing tides. It was a fantastic well-being week 2018!

Finally, at the end of the week, we were visited by Radio Bristol who were including Wrington Primary School in a feature on celebrating excellence in the area. They were keen to find out all about the curriculum and they interviewed lots of children about what they enjoy about the school. It was certainly a very busy week!

We are now preparing for our Easter celebrations with a special Easter lunch, Easter Egg hunt, Arts trail and Easter service. We would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter.

Visits to Wrington Church of England Primary School are always welcome. Please contact the School Administrator, Mrs. Hayley Smith, if you would like to make an appointment. Tel: 01934 862553 or by email of office@wringtoncofeprimary.org .

Sarah Joskey
Headteacher

Views from Christ Church, Redhill

As Easter Day falls on 1st April, you will understand my talking of Easter in this article. At Redhill Church we have a number of special services in the week leading up to Easter Day:

Palm Sunday Communion on 25th March at 11am in which we will celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. This is a joyful, exciting service.

Maundy Thursday Communion on 29th March at 7pm. This is a poignant service, in which we re-enact the scene of the Last Supper and the stripping and mocking of Christ. We leave the church stripped of all adornment, as we await the events of Good Friday.

Good Friday 3rd Hour service on 30th March at 2pm. Here we reflect on the events leading up to Christ's death, considering how much the world today still has to learn from the life of Christ.

Easter Eve Service on Saturday 31st March at 7:30pm. Here we anticipate the dawning of Easter Day. A highly traditional, highly elaborate, joyful service, full of symbolism for the hope that we can all gain from Christ's resurrection. It finishes with fireworks that should awake everyone to the coming wonder of Easter Day.

Easter Day Family Communion on 1st April at 11am. This is a service

specifically for everyone. Quite informal, with a strong sense of party, we will be relishing the joy of Easter. Easter Eggs will be in abundance.

The promise of Easter is two fold:

Forgiveness for all. God, our Heavenly Father has a deep love for everyone. No one is excluded. Whatever you think, or believe, or follow, you can ask God's forgiveness and He will forgive you. As many times as you need to ask. This is one of the big messages of the Bible. It is God's gift to you.

Life. When God the Son, Jesus Christ, arose from death, He showed that He had conquered death for everyone. What that life may be is as difficult for us to understand as it is for a caterpillar to understand that it will become a butterfly and fly. It is a mystery. But a wonderful mystery and a firm promise of God.

May we all share in the joy of Easter

Andrew

Rev'd Andrew Hemming
Priest for Redhill

Views from Christ Church, Redhill

Every 4th Wednesday

10.30am-12.30pm **Coffee'n'Company**

An pop-up café providing an opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new ones over coffee and cake

Every 4th Sunday

4-5pm **Storytime**

A time to explore Bible stories for primary aged children and their families

Alternate Thursdays

2-3.30pm **The Tot Spot**

Come and have some fun with other young parents and their toddlers

Singing for Fun

Our next Singing For Fun session will be held at Christ Church, Redhill, on Tuesday 17 April starting at 7pm.

We now have a wide variety of songs to sing so please come and join us for a fun evening of music and laughter. No singing or musical skills are required.

Enquiries to Tina Hillis 07835806555

Butcombe Church News

Diary Dates:

Sunday 1st April 11.15am Easter Sunday Family Communion

Tuesday 17th April 7pm Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in village hall. Open to all , come and see what your church is doing .Followed by drinks and nibbles

Sunday 29th April 6pm All Saints Wrington United Benefice Choral Evensong

A Service to give thanks to all the retired Clergy for their help with Services during the vacancy.

Light refreshments afterwards

SAVE THE DATE

Butcombe Village Fete Saturday 23 June

Arisen, alive, this glorious Easter morning
Lord, who the chains of death has broken
Life anew He brings to those who love Him
Eternal joy and hope are ours to savour
Let's sing praise to Him without ceasing
Upon the altars of humble, thankful hearts
In such blessing may we live daily in Him
And truly know His sacrifice for us

ALLELUIA!

After the darkness of Winter, the sobriety of Lent, the bitterness of the snowy spell and perhaps enforced time indoors, let us go out in spirit and, hopefully, body to embrace the vigour and beauty of Spring – and the joyous hope that Easter brings.

May Easter Blessings be yours.

Angela Smythe

Butcombe News

SAVE THE DATE 23RD June 2018

Butcombe Village Fete and Fun Dog Show

2pm start in the Old Rectory gardens

We are planning some new attractions plus sunshine ordered for you to enjoy your fabulous strawberry cream tea.

If you have any ideas for the fete or could help in any way, please do **contact Frances Worle (01761 462812)**.

Burrington News

From Holy Trinity Church

Services continued as normal in February, and we thank all our visiting clergy and organists. I have had a very large form to fill in from the diocese on statistics for mission. I also have a shorter and rather more important form to do with establishing the parish share. I will be discussing this at the PCC to make sure the parish share fairly reflects the size of the parish and congregation. We are in the process of organising the induction service for David Gent. This is not until 4th June but there are an awful lot of details that need to be sorted out quickly. David himself, does of course have a major role in planning the service and will be coming to one of our planning meetings this week

We are now well into Lent and Easter is the first of April. There will be Holy Communion at 11.00 on Easter morning, taken by Tom Ekin.

John Dixon – Churchwarden

www.burrington-pc.org.uk/holy-trinity-church/

Burrington News

Burrington C of E Primary School

Happy Chinese New Year! Our youngest children in Cherry class have been finding out all about the Year of the Dog and discovering the different traditions of the Chinese New Year. The classroom is a delightful riot of red and gold as the children's carefully created lanterns are on display. There have been dancing Chinese dragons and we have been learning how to play glockenspiels and composing Chinese music using five notes in the pentatonic scale.

STEM week (science, technology, engineering and maths) is always a highlight of the calendar and the children and staff have been busy putting their creative skills to the test on the theme of hedgehogs. Led by our Science Leader, Mr. Chamber-Smith, the children were tasked with designing a wheeled vehicle to travel through a safe 'hedgehog highway'. To make this even more special the children worked in groups with children from other classes. We love Science at Burrington and whether it has been researching the lives of hedgehogs, investigating the distance a rubber band can be propelled or considering the impact of friction on our vehicles, we have been fully engrossed! At the time of writing, the final tests for our vehicles were sadly delayed due to having snow closure but we are looking forward to this next week...

Birch class has been busy in design technology, constructing castle models including movable drawbridges. Their designs have been carefully considered with aesthetic appeal as well as strength and durability. Some of the class have certainly not limited themselves to traditional grey stone work and instead have chosen some high impact and innovative colour options!

We are so fortunate having such an active and successful PTA at Burrington Primary and their efforts make a huge difference to the school. Maple Class recently attended an Egyptian workshop at Bristol Museum with transport subsidised by the PTA. Cherry Class now has a wonderful storage shed for its outdoor learning resources and there is an amazing Forest School shelter on the school field – all thanks to the wonderful fundraising efforts of the PTA and a working party of parents and governors. The recent Music Quiz was an example of the great team work of the whole school community; thank you to everyone who took part.

We are looking forward to the special celebrations at the end of term as we prepare for our Easter service and take part in the Easter Egg Hunt. We would like to wish the whole community a very Happy Easter.

Visits to Burrington Church of England Primary school are always welcome and we currently have vacancies in the junior and infant classes, including our delightful nursery. Please contact Mrs. Sharon Morris on 01761 462662 or email

office@burringtonprimary.co.uk
for further information.

Sarah Joskey – Headteacher

www.burrington.eschools.co.uk

from Wrington Chapel

Over the last few years, weather folk have begun talking in terms of 'Meteorological Spring' (starting March 1st) instead of what us oldies would call 'Real Spring' (21st March). Why have they meddled with it? It seems to me that Meteorological Spring just doesn't work. After all, the day they declared that Spring had started, we were covered with snow. So, saying 'Spring' on 1st March gives false hope that all will be wonderful and sunny with flowers and lambs and bunnies. Bring back 'Real Spring'.

As I write, 21st March hasn't yet arrived, so I'm looking forward with expectation. That's what we do from the very start this month. April begins with our Easter Sunday celebrations, when we really do have hope for the future. Christ is risen! Hallelujah. And we anticipate his coming again.

So, our LENT GROUPS have finished. You missed a good time if you didn't join us. Look out for next year.

As for Easter, don't forget our SUNRISE SERVICE. Early on Easter Sunday (6.30am - yes 6.30am) we gather on Wrington Hill for a short outdoor time of reflection, prayer and song. We hope the sun will rise with 'Real Spring' warmth, and not too many aircraft interrupt us. It's a gentle, reflective moment for those who want something more meaningful than Easter eggs. Join us straight afterwards at the chapel for bacon butties and coffee.

So much more is going on, but here are a few regulars:

VENERATE runs again at 7.30pm on Sunday 8th April. This is a time for those who want less formality and

simply want to share in relaxed worship, prayer, and contemporary Christian music. Coffee is thrown in for free. All are welcome.

Our SUNBEAMS mums and tots group runs on Wednesday mornings at 10am during term time. Chat, sing, and let your little ones play until they get so tired they become little angels again.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Our Sunday worship is at 9.30am, with Communion on the second Sunday (8th April). Most of the teaching on Sundays is recorded, and can now be found on our website.

HOUSE GROUPS: You are welcome to come for worship. But much more learning and laughing happens together in our small house groups. There people find support and encouragement. So, if you're interested in exploring these, please contact us for details.

For more information, or contact details, see our website on wrington-chapel.com.

I wish you every blessing

Reverend Duncan Tuck



Wrington C of E Primary



Plant Sale



21st April
10am - 12pm



PLANTS: BEDDING, VEGETABLES AND MORE



FILL YOUR OLD HANGING BASKETS OR FILL A NEW ONE

CAKES, BISCUITS AND REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE



MAKE A MINI FAIRY OR DINOSAUR GARDEN

SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION KIT



All Welcome!



Local Clubs News

Wrighton Vale Rotary Club

Now, becoming more familiar with our new “home” at Barley Wood House, the club continues to be well provided with excellent speakers complimenting the facilities and attention provided by Amie, Tracy and staff at our weekly Wednesday evening meetings.

Recent speakers included Jane Guy presenting “Tales from the hospitality trade”, a most humorous talk from retired police dog handler, Pete Chaplin, telling us all about his legendary German Shepherd dog named Major, often referred to as the hound from hell. Completing the speakers for the month we had Kirston Rushby telling us all about the “Work of the village agents” in North Somerset. This is a hard working charity assisting those less fortunate than others in society where there are some in desperate need of both care and attention.

During April we have Charlie Porter speaking about “the value of the teenage cancer trust”. This will be on April 4th whist, on the 11th, we will have the pleasure of the Rt. Rev. Ruth Worsley – Bishop of Taunton advising us of “The role of the Church in an increasingly secular society”. Over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd, the club is holding The Big Frisbee Golf Challenge at the Mendip Outdoor Pursuits Centre. This will be Europe’s biggest Frisbee

event. The course offers a range of baskets from a family friendly 9 basket course up to a 54 basket challenge for serious competitors. This event is for families, friends, youth groups, teams and clubs generally. For more information please visit www.bfgevent.co.uk or check the centre page of the March issue of the Wrighton Journal.

Wrighton Vale Rotary Club will always extend a welcome to ex Round Table or Rotary members, also professional, company executives or senior management persons wishing join our international organisation. For more information visit our web page, www.wrightonvalerotary.org.uk or call Bob Shaw on 01934842551.

Local Clubs News, Cont.....

Cheddar Male Choir, open workshop evening in Wedmore.

What do you do on Tuesday nights? CHEDDAR MALE CHOIR IS COMING TO WEDMORE.

Cheddar Male Choir are looking for new members and are holding two open evenings on Tuesday **April 3rd and 10th, at Wedmore Village Hall BS28 4EQ, starting at 7pm until 9:30pm.** Please come along and listen or join in just so you can see how much fun it is to sing in **Cheddar Male Choir**. If you are unsure then don't be there's no pressure on you. Why not bring a friend or group of friends as well.

Looking forward to seeing you.

contactcheddarmalechoir@gmail.com

Tel: Bill Litherland on 01934 712592.

ANYONE FOR CROQUET?

If you have not played Croquet before, why not come along for a free taster session at Wrington Vale Croquet Club? We are happy to teach 'first-timers' the basic rules and tactics of the game. All equipment is provided and this year we are joining the England Croquet Association.

We have a very modest membership fee and you are not expected to attend every week. Come and enjoy the advantages of gentle exercise in pleasant surroundings with a social tea break.

Last year we played Home and Away friendly games against The Palace Croquet Club of Wells and the results were evenly divided. We look forward to repeating the fixtures this year.

We meet at the Wrington Recreation Ground at 2.30 pm every Thursday during the spring and summer months starting on 12th April 2018.

If you would like to know more details, please contact John Rhodes (01934 862838) or come along any Thursday afternoon.

Local Clubs News, Cont.....

Wrighton Gardening Club

19th April - 'The Story of Midney Gardens' - David Chase - this is the tale of the development of a garden and nursery as told by the owner. Midney is a village between Somerton and Street. The gardens and nursery are open to the public - full details can be found on their website.

28th April - Plant Sale/coffee morning, 10-12pm in the Scout Hall.

Donations of plants, cakes, raffle prizes and paper-backed books very welcome, in fact, essential! Collection can be arranged.

Visitors are welcome to join us - £2 entry. If you have any queries regarding the club do please contact me.

April - primroses, lady's smock and celendines, unpredictable showers, rainbows and the promise of warmth, seed beds, early sowings, sudden mood changes, winter skeletal trees disappearing, honey and bumble bees taking advantage of the early blossom food source, nesting birds and Easter.....

Maggie Williams - 861126

PLANT SALE /COFFEE MORNING

In the Scout hall on Saturday 28th April from 10am-12.00pm

This is the annual Gardening Club Plant Sale/Coffee Morning - besides a range of plants there will be a number of stalls including cake and book plus a raffle.

All are welcome - please support us and enjoy a coffee/chat

Yatton Bridge Club

Our group would very much welcome new members.

We are a small friendly club playing duplicate bridge every Wednesday evening in Yatton Village Hall, from 7.00-10pm

If you have a partner just come in on the evening (Jack Crease room)

If you need a partner or would like more information please ring Rosey on 01934 876886 or 07976 835341

Local Clubs News, Cont...



**i.VOLUNTEER
WILL YOU?**
Benny

Do you have any spare time?

We have over 140 young people (aged 5 – 15) going through our 8 Scouting & Guiding Groups.

These Groups are run entirely by volunteers and cannot continue without your support!

We are looking for volunteers to help with your local Scouting & Guiding Groups; this can be as much time as you can afford; maybe just one evening a month.

We also need support with the following:

- Fundraising/Gift Aid Claims
- Running our website/social media
- Collecting group subs
- Organising the Scout Hall maintenance
- Managing the minibuses

We are on the lookout for a new Treasurer for our Executive Committee, who meet once every two months.

Please contact us if you can spare any time.

wringtonscoutsandguides@gmail.com



Local Club News, Cont....

Wrington Friendship Club

Memorial Hall 2.30 until 4.30 on alternate Fridays

Our first meeting for 2018 was held on February 9th, this was for our AGM followed by Tea, biscuits and a social get together.

We then had a meeting on February 23rd with a talk on "The Chinese New Year" given by Dan Lloyd, this proved to be very interesting and entertaining with Dan explaining how the 12 animal signs were chosen by the Chinese, together with the 4 elements and how these elements affected each animal, so, often the month would be different even though the sign was still the same. As you can imagine, there was lots of discussion and hilarity amongst our members, we discovered that to have all the animals signs in our club we needed people born under the signs of

the Dragon, Monkey, Horse, Rabbit and Pig, so if you were born under any of these signs, please come and join us, so we can say we have all twelve signs.

Dan then proceeded to give some amusing and entertaining stories about the different personalities that each sign would probably have, with many of these showing in our members. Altogether proving to be one of our most enjoyable meetings for a long time, Well done Dan and **thank you**

The afternoon was rounded off with tea and scrummy cakes followed by a raffle.

Our forthcoming meetings for March are on the 9th, this will be a social get together with in house entertainment followed by tea and biscuits. The second meeting

for March will be on Friday 23rd, with a talk by Ian Parsons hopefully on "Blue Flowers", Ian has given us many talks in the past and, as usual, is always entertaining, so, please come along and join us we would be delighted to see you there. FFI 01934 863829

Shirley West

Local Club News, Cont....

Wrington WI

Our meeting this month was held on International Womens' Day and we celebrated with a lovely cake. It was also our Open Evening which was well attended. The speaker was Cathy Marjoram. Unfortunately technical problems meant that she was unable to show her slides but despite this she gave a very enthusiastic talk on the magical world of animation. She described how the sets were made from scrap sourced from all over the place. She worked on creating sets for Aardman's "Chicken Run" which was extremely interesting. She finished by saying she would encourage any child to have a go at making their own animated film and consider it as a career as it was such fun!

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 12th April at 7.30 p.m.** at the Memorial Hall. Our very own Franka Knight will be giving us a practical session on Decoupage which should be very enjoyable. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Diane Reay

Winscombe U3A

Did you know that there is a thriving U3A in Winscombe? U3A is short for University of the Third Age, with the word university meaning a group of like minded people. There are no qualifications needed and definitely no exams or homework! The 3rd age refers to people no longer in full time employment or who have finished bringing up their family. There is no age restriction.

Winscombe Distict U3A meets in the Community Centre on the 3rd Monday of the month, from 2pm when tea or coffee is available, followed by a talk at 2.30 by a visiting speaker. The talks are varied and always interesting.

There are many interest groups, each run by a U3A member who has knowledge, skills or interest in a particular subject. At Winscombe there are practical groups including Photography and Craft, language groups for French, Spanish or German, as well as more traditional groups like Book group, History Group, Art Appreciation. Each group meets on a regular basis with the emphasis on fun. There are also trips and social events during the year.

If you would like to meet people, make new friends and maybe try something new, come along to an informal coffee morning, at Winscombe Community Centre, on the 1st Monday of the month from 10am and discover what we have to offer. Alternatively come to one of the talks. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Local Club News, Cont....

Redhill WI

Saturday, 31st March, 2.00 – 4.00pm Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Bonnet Parade – prizes for best child and best adult bonnet.

Refreshments available. Easter Egg Hunt - £1.50 per entry. Raising money for Redhill WI.

Visit our Facebook page @redhillWI for further information.

Unfortunately our February speaker was unable to come to our meeting. The good news was though, that one of our members, Dorothy Blackmore, was able to step in and what an excellent evening we had! Dorothy was, for many years, a warden at the Methodist International House in Bristol. She told tales of the extremely varied nature of her work, how she coped with living 'on-site' in a flat with her young family and the many friends she made during the course of her work. We had such an interesting evening. Thank you Dorothy.

Our meeting on 10th April will be an Open Evening, when we invite non-members to join us for the evening. The theme is an 'in-house' Arts & Craft evening – there will tables with activities for people to sample, refreshments and lots of new friends to meet. Come along and join us at 7.30pm in Redhill Village Hall.

Quiz Night at Chew Valley School – Thursday 19th April

Chew Valley School Society are once again inviting everyone to join us at our fantastic quiz night - exactly the same format as usual!

- Thursday 19th April at Chew Valley School Hall
- Doors open at 7.00pm
- Quiz starts at 7.30pm
- Cost is £8.00 per person, which includes a ploughman's supper
- Teams of up to 6 players
- Lots of prizes to be won

Tickets available from Chew Valley School Reception on 01275 332272

Contact cvschoolsociety@outlook.com for further information

This year we are raising funds to support the school in providing counselling services, learning software, media & IT equipment and GCSE revision

Redhill Village Hall/Club Events

Dates for your Diary

Open Mic Night's 8pm - 11pm

Friday 6th April

Friday 4th May

Friday 1st June

Hosted by Jerry Blythe. Join us in the club room and unwind with an evening of live music, acoustic singer-songwriters at their very best and enjoy the mix of local professionals as well as open mic slots. Call Jerry on 07900 587646 for more information.

Classic Car & Motorcycle Breakfast Gatherings 9am - 11am

Sunday 25th March

Sunday 20th May (Charity Event)

Sunday 7th October

Classic Car & Motorcycle BBQ Gatherings 7pm - 10pm

Thursday 17th May

Thursday 21st June

Thursday 19th July

Thursday 16th August

All enthusiasts are welcome to park up for a chat and meet like-minded people. All welcome to come along and view the vehicles on show on the Recreation Field.

Local Club News, Cont.....

Wrington Drama Group

This year's Spring Production takes place from 16-19 May, so make a note in your diaries, calendars and phones before you forget. After several years of performing full-length plays, this year the Club returns to the one-act format. We'll be staging no fewer than three plays. The first is Alan Ayckbourn's *Between Mouthfuls*, then *Alternative Accommodation* by Pam Valentine and lastly, *Properly Processed* by Lynn Brittney. These provide opportunities for two directors and 12 cast – 6 women and 6 men- and the three dramas vary considerably in content and style, so there should be something for everyone. Very different to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!* Tickets will be on sale at the usual outlets in April, and once again we'll be offering the opening Wednesday night for the bargain price of £5. Look out for posters and news on social media nearer the time.

On a personal note, I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who braved the arctic conditions to attend our annual quiz on Saturday 3 March. The questions were fair but challenging, the food excellent as usual and the event was a great success. The winners were also "as usual", so let's see if someone can beat them next year. I'm not bitter (my team came fifth)!

Finally, thanks to you, we took enough money to make a significant contribution towards the high cost of our new "tri-lite" rigging system.

Mark Bullen, Chairman

Kate Eastment (soprano) and Jonathan Price (piano & organ)

St Mary's, Yatton, 14th April

Yatton Music Society are privileged to present a concert by the brilliant Sandford based soprano Kate Eastment who will be accompanied by the esteemed organist Jonathan Price who is the organist and director of music at Christ Church, Bristol City. Their programme will encompass music for nature, revelry and love. It promises to be a balance of familiar songs from musicals and light entertainment, along with a few well-known pieces from the world of opera.

The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Yatton. Ticket prices £8.00 members, £10.00 non-members including refreshments. Tickets can be obtained from the Church office or on the door on the night. For details of this concert and future Society events please visit www.yms.org.uk or contact David Ford 01934 830255 or e-mail david.ford@yms.org.uk.

Local Clubs, Cont.....



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1st Burrington & Wrington Scout & Guide Group Update : Wrington Scout Hall Improvement Fund Appeal

Readers will be aware that last year we launched an Appeal for Funds to Improve Hall Access and Replace Rotten Windows.

I am pleased to report that by the time this Edition of the Journal hits the streets (April 2018) Phase 1 of our Improvement Plans: The rebuilding of the existing front wall, the creation of an access ramp and improvements to the walkway across the front of the building, will be well under way.

This has been made possible by kind donations from many Village Residents and a donation from Bristol Airport's Community Fund.

Due to timings of the work and Journal, we are planning a more substantial article thanking everyone in the May edition of the Journal.

We are continuing to raise funds for Phase 2 of our Improvement Plans – Replacement Windows for the Small Hall so we are still welcoming further contributions to the Appeal.

Adrian Hopkins
Group, Executive Chairman
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Wrington Parish Council

April 2018

North Somerset Council Area Officer 'surgery' Tuesday 10 April, 10-11am, in the John Locke Room, Silver Street.

Come in to talk to Jeff Shipway from NSC about any concerns you have regarding highway, road maintenance, footpath and drainage issues.

Parish Meeting

Thank you to all those who attended the Parish meeting on 7 March. It was a very informative evening with interesting presentations, particularly Chris Sperring, MBE, who gave a talk about the delicate balance between people and nature in our area and ways to try and help preserve local wildlife. There were also talks on Claverham's neighbourhood plan, sharing their experiences and giving ideas on how to begin the process here in Wrington Parish and from CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) on what is special about the Parish landscape and its character and the potential impacts of large scale development.

Parish Council meetings in April 2018:

Tuesday 3 & 24 April - Planning Committee meeting at 6pm in the John Locke Room

Wednesday 18 April – Parish Council meeting at 7pm in the John Locke Room

The John Locke Room is open to the public on Tuesday and Friday mornings (except Bank holidays) from 10am-12noon.

Fiona Burke

Clerk

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North Somerset Council

Wrington's Bus Service

It has now been confirmed that the A2 service will end on Sat 26th May, with a new Carmel A5 service starting on Mon 28th May. The service will be much as I described in February's Journal, except that it will unfortunately continue to run up the A38 and NOT along Church Rd Redhill, it will be a regular service and not a community bus and will not run on Saturdays. Please contact me for further details.

Trip Accidents on Broad St Wrington

I was told recently that several residents have injured themselves, in some cases quite seriously, by tripping on the raised kerb at the bus shelter on Broad St. I have spoken to 2 of the residents concerned, but I do not know who the others are. Could you please get in touch with me if you have fallen on the kerb or pavement on Broad St. If the accidents have the same cause it may be possible to do something to make it less likely to happen again.

A&E hours at Weston General Hospital

Apparently some residents have misunderstood the situation at Weston Hospital's A&E department, since it was closed overnight last July. A statement issued by NSC says "The A&E department is open every day between 8am and 10pm and can accept patients up until 10pm. Appropriate staffing levels are in place in Weston's A&E to provide safe care to patients who are admitted before 10pm and who need care throughout the night, including consultant cover until midnight and middle-grade doctor cover to 2am.

Weston's A&E should therefore be fully utilised with confidence during every hour and minute that it is open to receiving patients. GPs will continue to refer patients to Weston during this time and not to alternative hospitals unless there is a clinical need.

When Weston's A&E department is closed, patients needing A&E services are treated either through NHS 111, out-of-hours GP, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, North Bristol NHS Trust and Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.
Deborah Yamanaka 01934 862109 d.yamanaka@btinternet.com

SAVE THE DATE! WRINGTON VILLAGE FUN RUN

Sunday 13th May 2018

1 lap (3 miles) around the village

Race starts at the Pavillion at The Rec at 11.00am

Warm up with the Cadbury Fitness Team at 10.45am

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wrington C of E Primary School PTA

Wrington Helpline

Helpline is a local voluntary group that provides transport to all medically related appointments. E.g. Doctors/ dentist/ opticians/ blood test etc. We also assist with visits to care / nursing homes for family members.

We do appreciate as much notice as possible, in order to arrange a driver, but we will always try to help with short notice appointments.

Helpline Contact Number: 07092983064

When you 'phone, just state your name and number clearly and then ring up. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. This will radically reduce the cost of your call.

Although our drivers volunteer their time we do reimburse their petrol at 45p per mile. Helpline functions entirely on the donations of those people who use the service. Any amount that people are able to donate to cover the cost of their journey is much appreciated, as without such donations the service would cease to exist.

And lastly, we are always looking for new drivers to join our team. If you are able and willing to occasionally spend some time helping others in need, please call **07092983064** for further information. Thank you

Pelleas Ensemble - Flute Viola and Harp

Henry Roberts, flute; Luba Tunnicliffe, viola and Oliver Wass, harp

The Pelléas Ensemble has won numerous prizes at major international competitions and recently won a prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society Award. They have performed at the Wigmore Hall, live for BBC Radio Three's 'In Tune' programme to name but a few.

This stunning ensemble has developed a remarkable reputation for performing recitals from memory, creating an immediate and intimate connection with their audience.

The Pelléas' programme will include Bach's joyous C Major Flute Sonata, Ravel's sparkling Tombeau de Couperin and Arnold Bax's sumptuous Elegiac Trio for Flute, Viola and Harp.

Can you stay at home when this incredible ensemble is in the area? We hope that you will come and join us for more fine music-making in North Somerset!!

Event details

7.30pm - 9.30pm (approx.)

Saturday 28 April 2018

St. John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, Somerset BS25 5QW

There will be one interval.

Tickets

£12.00 Champions of Churchill Music!; £16.00 Non-Champions; Under 18's £4.00

Tickets available from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/387035> Susannah Read 01934

Winscombe U3A

Did you know that there is a thriving U3A in Winscombe? U3A is short for University of the Third Age, with the word university meaning a group of like minded people. There are no qualifications needed and definitely no exams or homework! The 3rd age refers to people no longer in full time employment or who have finished bringing up their family. There is no age restriction.

Winscombe District U3A meets in the Community Centre on the 3rd Monday of the month, from 2pm when tea or coffee is available, followed by a talk at 2.30 by a visiting speaker. The talks are varied and always interesting.

There are many interest groups, each run by a U3A member who has knowledge, skills or interest in a particular subject. At Winscombe there are practical groups including Photography and Craft, language groups for French, Spanish or German, as well as more traditional groups like Book group, History Group, Art Appreciation. Each group meets on a regular basis with the emphasis on fun. There are also trips and social events during the year.

If you would like to meet people, make new friends and maybe try something new, come along to an informal coffee morning, at Winscombe Community Centre, on the 1st

Local Classes

Corinne's Barley Wood Pilates.

Corinne's Shipham Pilates is continuing to expand its activities into Barley Wood House where it will be offering Pilates classes on Wednesday afternoons from March 7th at 1.30pm. Additional classes are also being planned for other days which will include body conditioning and health fitness classes.

Corinne has been a qualified fitness instructor since 1993 and achieved her qualification to teach Pilates in 2003. She teaches a range of classes to cover all levels but will cover 1 : 1 instruction if required.

Barley Wood House

Sitting in 11 acres of stunning woods and parkland is the 18th century country house called Barley Wood House with a superb large hall, library, morning and dining rooms.

Being in such an ideal location with excellent leisure facilities, the question now being asked is what organisations, interest or leisure groups could take advantage of the facilities the house has to offer.

Current suggestions include afternoon tea dances, various dancing routine groups; keep fit classes, craft classes, badminton games, wine tasting evenings, specific group meetings or art classes. Basically the list is endless but, with your participation, perhaps you could help in providing an answer to what facilities you would like to see happening at Barley Wood House.

If you have any ideas then please contact Amie or Tracy, either give us a call on 861215 or just pop in and discuss what you have in mind.

We have the rooms and the space, you have the ideas.

Let us get together and make Barley Wood House a first class community centre.

The Arts Society Mendip

What's On April and May 2018.

10th April 2018 (NB 2nd Tuesday)

Undressing Antiques. Mark Hill, seen often on the Antiques Road Show, will talk on collecting antiques today and influences on today's market. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

1st May

Guerra, Guerra! Music, the arts and war 1800-2000 is the subject of the talk by Daniel Snowman, examining the art during Napoleonic, Italian unification, Franco-Prussian and 2 World Wars. We meet at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

ARE YOU TERRIFIED OF TABLETS? Or irritated by iPads? Or Stumped by Samsung? Then why not give us a ring and see if we can help?!

I.T. for the Terrified provides help with using tablets, smartphones, cameras, computers, and similar devices on a one to one basis. Each informal session of 2 hours is tailored to meet the individual's needs, in a relaxed and friendly way, using their own equipment. Our volunteer trainers can help with most subjects and fully understand that the use of modern technology can be daunting to the newcomer. We can cover android phones, android tablets and iPads, iPhones, Windows and Macs.

Our opening hours are flexible, because we have different volunteers with different skills on different levels on different days, but we will arrange an appointment to suit both parties as quickly as we can.

If you are a beginner getting started or have some experience and need help with something new, please telephone us 01934 741751 as we will need to book an appointment for you. We meet at Cheddar Village Hall next to St Andrew's church, Church Street, Cheddar, BS27 3RF. Appointments are essential and now cost £10 for a two-hour session but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements.

. 01934 741751

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Local Clubs & groups Cont.....

Lets get physical!

The big open day!!!!

Its what you have all been waiting for. At 2pm on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th April, Wrington Bowls Club will be holding a grand open day. This is a great opportunity to try your hand at bowls and we promise no hard sell. Why not pop along to the bowls rink to give it a go and enjoy free refreshments. We are hoping this will be a great family day out so why not bring along other family members and have a game against each other.

Did you know!

British officers installed bowling greens in the American colonies in New York in 1725 and Port Royal Canada in 1734.

The earliest documented use of the word 'Jack' in Bowls is thought to have been by Shakespeare who used it in Cymbeline (thought to have been written in 1609) when one of his 'characters' exclaimed, "Was there ever man had such luck! When I kissed the jack, upon an up-cast to be hit away."

2018 Season

We are now preparing ourselves for the forthcoming season and will be publishing details of fixtures, competitions and progress in the next journal. We are also hoping shortly to launch our own Facebook page so please keep an eye out for this and be sure to 'like' us.

Players Needed

We know there are lots of shy people out there and others thinking it's not for me. This is a sport open to all age groups, so if you are interested why not come along for what is an interesting and highly sociable sport. And remember you don't have to wait for the open day, just contact a club member.

Andy and Wendy Tandy, 01934 863684

MEDIEVAL SETTING FOR MODERN CRAFTS

Two years ago, for the first time in over 500 years, an Arts and Crafts Fair was held in the unique Congresbury Refectory, and many of the general public visited the Grade 1 Listed building for the first time and enjoyed the wide range of craft exhibited.

Since then, the Refectory has become a popular venue for the North Somerset Arts week.

So successful was the original fair, that another one has been organised on Saturday, April 21, 10a.m – 4 p.m. and there has been no shortage of local craft people keen to enter.

There will be 17 stalls, with exhibitors covering many hand crafted items, including basketry, wood carving, ceramics, ironwork, jewellery, quilting, mirrors, pictures, felting, cards and textiles.

The Refectory is situated just off the A.370, approached by the church drive to St. Andrew's church, and will be well signposted, with ample parking.

Refreshments will be available all day, with light lunches.

Local Organisations

VINE NEEDS YOU !!

Could you possibly volunteer 3 hours of your time on either a Tuesday evening or Thursday afternoon?

Vine Counselling Services is a charity based in Congresbury and offers confidential, affordable, professional counselling to members of the local community.

Due to an increasing number of enquiries we receive, with so many in our community seeking help, we wish to extend our opening hours. We therefore urgently need to add 2 or 3 discreet, friendly volunteers to our team. Our receptionists are valuable members of the team and welcome our clients, make a cup of tea, take phone messages, prepare the counselling rooms and tidy up afterwards – could this be you?

Whilst the counselling sessions are in progress you will have some “quiet time” to catch up with your own reading, writing, studies etc.

Vine would love to hear from you if you think you could help! Please contact our Operations Director, Liz Linnitt, on 01934 876377, or send an email to vine.counselling@hotmail.co.uk

For more information about our work, please go to www.vinecounselling.org

Thank you!

Wrighton Minibus Society

As Spring is just around the corner, now is the time to think about booking the minibus for that private function coming up in the next six months. It always pays to book early so ring Janet now on 861153 and she will fix you up with a friendly driver to look after you.

We are always on the look out for new drivers, especially those whose jobs involved travelling, so we don't get “Can you do a trip to Seaton”, “Yes, but where is Seaton” . All the people who use the minibus are a friendly crowd and a fun time is had by all.. Do come and join if you are free, enjoy driving, are under 70 years of age. You will have to take a 1 hour midas test, Ring Adrian on 863857 for more details

On Tuesday May 8th it is the Minibus AGM at 8pm in the Reading Room. Do come along if you wish to join the committee, become a driver, or just hear what a good year we have had and all the interesting things and trips we made. See you there..

Stop Press: Minibus lunch, Saturday 30th June. Subject to confirmation

M J Hunt Finally: A man with a bee in his bonnet quite often gets stung!

Wrington Community Minibus

April and May 2018

WESTON Wednesday

April 04 09:30
18 13:30
May 02 09:30
May 30 13:30

WELLS Wednesday

April 25 09:30
May 16 09:30

GENERAL PUBLIC TRIPS

Monday April 09 10:30 am Nailsea
Thursday April 12 11:30 am Pub lunch – Rich’s Cider Farm
Thursday April 19 10:30 am Thornbury and Oldbury on Severn
Monday April 23 02:00 pm Nailsea
Thursday April 26 11:00 am Sanders Garden World, Brent Knoll
Wednesday May 09 10:30 am Nailsea
Saturday May 12 09:30 am Frome market
Thursday May 17 11:30 am Pub lunch - Little Harp, Clevedon
Friday May 18 09:30 am Quantocks, scenic trip
Monday May 21 02:00pm Nailsea
Thursday May 24 11:00 am Cadbury Garden Centre

All the public journeys above should be booked with Alison Robbie on 862953 (e-mail robbiealison@btinternet.com).

Journeys may have to be changed for various reasons so please check when booking your seat on the Minibus.

PRIVATE BOOKINGS

For any private events please ring Janet Walters on 861153 or email to walters.n@sky.com for information on what is required to book the minibus for a private function.

Please bear in mind that to use the minibus you will need to obtain a volunteer driver from the Minibus Society’s list of approved drivers.

SAVE THE DATE

This year’s Minibus Lunch will be held on Saturday 21st July. Further details will follow. Please note that this is a change to the date mentioned in the article which appeared in the March issue of the Village Journal

Dates for your Diary

30th March	Good Friday 11:15 - 1pm Wrington Christians Together Procession of Witness & United Services
1st April	Easter Day See Church pages for times of services
3rd April	Wrington Parish Council Planning. See page 23
10th April	NSC Area Officer Surgery. John Locke Room 10-11am
12th April	Wrington Croquet Club 2:30 Recreation Ground
12th April	Wrington WI 7:30pm Memorial Hall Franca Knight Decoupage
14th April	Yatton Music Society. See page 21
18th April	Wrington Parish Council meeting. See page 23
19th April	Wrington Gardening Club. See page 15
21st April	10:00am—12:00pm Plant Sale Wrington primary School
21st & 22nd April	The Great Frisbee Golf Challenge. Mendip Outdoor Pursuits Centre.
23rd April	Wrington Parish Council Planning See page 23
28th April	Wrington Gardening Club. Plant sale. See page 15

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Butcombe Church Full list of upcoming events—See page 8

Wrington Chapel Full list of upcoming events—see page 11

Redhill Club Dates for the year see page 20

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