

Editorial

I can't believe that it is over a year since I took over as editor of The Journal. I must say that I have enjoyed it so far and I hope that I am providing what Journal readers want to see.

I see it primarily as a vehicle to disseminate on activities throughout our distribution area.

In particular, I have noticed that new people to the village who come into our shop are grateful to receive a copy as a source of useful information about the village and its services, clubs, activities etc.

I hope you will forgive me as I am about to give a plug for our shop, but I have to do that in order to stress the importance of sending parcels in good time, particularly for friends and family overseas.

Here comes the plug. All the latest recommended posting dates are on baubles on a giant Christmas tree in our shop window. If in doubt pop in to the shop or give me a ring on 01934 861259. I have also included them on page 15 of the Journal.

Just to show that I am not taking ad-

vantage of my position as Editor, please patronise all the local shops in the run up to Christmas. It's an important time for us all and it is possible to do most of your Christmas shopping without driving anywhere.

Whilst writing this editorial, Chris and I have had a very disturbing incident. There was a knock on our door at about 11:30pm and outside was a very distressed and frightened young girl. We brought her inside and her story fills us with sadness. She is 17 years old and an alcoholic!! She had tried to break into the Off Licence to satisfy her alcohol craving. We had contacted the police and while waiting for them to arrive, we managed to talk to her and heard snippets of a horrific young life. I won't go into detail, just to say that she has nobody to turn to. The police arrived and took her away, hopefully to a safe place. At this time of celebration and family togetherness, this incident brought into sharp focus how someone like her is alone and vulnerable and so sad.

Trevor Parnham
Editor

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News from All Saints Church, Wrington

Dear Friends,

As a child, I found it simply impossible to fall asleep this time of year. With lots of special events in school, Christmas to prepare for and, in my case even a birthday, life was simply far too exciting! I simply couldn't get to sleep.

Funny how things change with time! At this point of the year most of us are dashing around from event to event – from school nativity to Christmas party with the neighbours. Sleep comes all too easily – unless, of course, we've just realised that the parcel deadline is emerging and we have to do an all-nighter to make sure all our nieces and nephews get something to open on Christmas Day!

Which brings me, I guess, to my question: is this really a great way of preparing to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Please don't misunderstand me. I don't want to be a kill-joy. The Christmas party season is a great chance to meet with friends and family and to catch up with people who perhaps we only meet once or twice a year. But is this all the preparation we need?

This year Cadbury's are bringing out a Heroes Advent-ure Calendar. As well as great marketing, it's also a reminder that Advent should be an adventure as we journey towards Christmas. So at some point this month, pause to remember the adventure of the Son of God himself coming to be one of us!

We'll be having our own Advent adventure on Sunday 16th December at 9.30 a.m. at All Saints during our Family Service. Do come along and join us as we venture towards Christmas

I do hope you can make it for any or all Christmas services this month. It's a packed programme with something for all tastes – from the traditional Advent Carol service to the rather more informal School Carol service. One innovation is the short Posada launch service at 3.00 p.m. On Saturday 1st December during our Nativity festival. In another change this year, we're going to trial having the 'Midnight' Service on Christmas Eve at 10 a.m. You might be glad of an earlier night or the chance to meet with friends afterwards. It also means that I can go on to join Burrington for their Midnight service). But it also means that the service will begin just as the clocks strike Midnight in Bethlehem. Every blessing,

David

News from All Saints Church Cont.....

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

10 November John Maggs, aged 95

WEDDINGS

All Saints'

18 November Samuel Williams & Geraldine Rogers

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/2 December 10am-4pm **Nativity Scene Festival in All Saints'**
including 3pm on Saturday Posada Launch
- 2 December 10am **United Benefice Service** at Holy Trinity
4pm **Christingle Service** at St Michael's
6.30pm **Advent Carol Service** at All Saints'
- 5 December *and every Wednesday*
5.30-7pm **David's Drop-in** in All Saints'
- 4 December 11am **Alzheimer's Hub Carol Service** in All Saints'
All very welcome!
- 10 December 2.30pm **MU Christmas Celebrations** in All Saints'
- 14 December 2pm **World Day of Prayer** at All Saints'
- 15 December 1.30 & 3.30pm **Farmyard Nativity at Court Farm -**
Farmyard Nativity FREE tickets
only available from 10-11am in All Saints' on 1 December
- 16 December 4pm **Nativity** at St Michael's
- 17 December 6pm **Wrington School Carol Service** at All Saints'
- 18 December 2.30pm **Burrington School Carol Service** at Holy Trinity
- 23 December 12.30pm **Wedding of Harry Church & Catherine Tomlinson** at All Saints'
- 3.30pm **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** at St Michael's
- 6.30pm **United Carol Service** at All Saints'

News from All Saints Church Cont.....



Christmas Eve	4pm	United Crib Service at All Saints'
Monday	<u>10pm</u> 11.30pm	Midnight Communion at All Saints' Midnight Communion at Christ Church Midnight Communion at Holy Trinity
Christmas Day		
Tuesday	9.30am	Christmas Family Communion at All Saints'
	9.30am	Christmas Family Communion at St Michael's
	11am	Christmas Family Communion at Holy Trinity
13 January	4-5.30pm	Messy Church – <i>look out for the location</i>
27 Sunday	11.15am	Plough Sunday Service at St Michaels'

For services at Christ Church, please refer to the website:
<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/christ-church-redhill/>

Butcombe Church News

Winter blessings from Butcombe Church !

Lots of lovely services over the festive season!

Sunday 2nd December; Christingle

at 4pm, coffee/tea and cakes after in the Village Hall.

Sunday 16th December; Carol Service/Nativity!

at 4pm, tea/ coffee and mince pies after in Village Hall.

Sunday 23rd 9 lessons and Carols

at 3:30 pm.

Christmas Day Service 9.30 am. Family Communion .

Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas & New Year.

Becky Patch Churchwarden

Views from Christ Church, Redhill

December has arrived and so you have a right to expect of your church an array of sparkling and uplifting events to lead us all into our Christmas celebrations. We will be given, I am sure, exactly that. But, writing this article I am unsure exactly how they will all come about. The reason is that a problem has revealed itself with the plaster on the inside front wall of the church; the one which has the wonderful arch leading onto the Altar. Currently the church is in total disarray, with scaffolding at the front and a lot of furniture piled at the back. A large area of plaster has had to be removed, which has created a lot of dust. So our focus has been on restoring the church to working order, rather than planning special services for December. What I would have wanted to be a slick presentation of some carefully crafted events, will be much more 'seat of the pants'. Should we be upset? Have we let ourselves down?

When Joseph set out with heavily pregnant Mary for Bethlehem, to register himself as commanded by the Roman authorities, I doubt that was a well planned and slick operation.

They would still have been reeling from the shock of how this pregnancy came about. Joseph, was probably having a hard time from Mary's parents, who must have been sceptical about her story of angels and bearing the Son of God. Their friends were probably also giving them jip. I suspect they left with little preparation and no idea as to what would happen next. May be this year's Advent services, preparing us for Christmas, will be closer to the reality I have just described than we might have wanted.

And if your preparation for Christmas feels a bit like this; pulling things together at the last minute; may be you too are getting closer to the reality of that first Christmas. Whatever happens to our best laid plans, I am sure we will all be surprised and amazed, once again, at the joy the Christ Child brings to us at Christmas.

That being the case, we hope to have:

Candles of Advent: a service for all the family on Sunday 2nd December at 4:30pm.

Advent Carol Service with Brass Band, Mince Pies and Mulled Wine: on Sunday 9th December at 7pm.

Carols in the Club: Thursday 20th December in the Village Club at 8pm.

Midnight Mass: Monday 24th December at 11:30pm.

There will be no service in church on Christmas morning.

May God bless us all this Christmas with peace and joy.

Andrew

Rev'd Andrew Hemming, Priest for Redhill

Views from Christ Church, Redhill, Cont....

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

Having celebrated our first anniversary in November we now look forward to Christmas and as December tends to be a busy month for most of us we will meet again on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 7 pm in Christ Church, Redhill.

Thank you to everyone for coming along both to sing and do all the technical stuff. We have had a lot of fun throughout the year and I have thoroughly enjoyed singing along with everyone.

Wrington Vale Inner Wheel

Following an interesting talk on cheese last month from Pauline Alvis. It ranged from strong to squeaky cheese we had our own member and District Chair Pru this month. She brought with her International Service officer Pam. Between them they discussed the meaning and role of Inner Wheel both locally and Internationally.

In addition to our monthly meeting we had an afternoon at the Roxy cinema in Axbridge, the smallest in the country. We sold knitted poppies, raising some money for The Royal British Legion. Finished with a lovely homemade cream tea.

from Wrington Chapel

Writing this on 6th November, it seems strange to say, 'Christmas is nearly upon us,' but there lie the vagaries of publishing deadlines. Someone recently told me they were involved in a Christmas advert, filming in June, with fake snow, and it was hard trying to look cold. But 'The Grinch' to one side, Christmas really is time to celebrate. So much happens to lift our hearts and stop us being depressed by the cold and dark. At chapel, we celebrate the coming of Jesus. To that end, we look forward to decorating the buildings with tree, lights and colour, and rejoicing together. In one of our bible study groups, the ladies have been working hard producing knitted nativity figures to decorate our window ledges with biblical tableaux. Do come and see.

Live Animal Nativity: 15th Dec at 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Please note, tickets will be available at All Saints this year - not Amors - 1st December at 10am. Tickets are restricted to four per family, unless you prove a need. We don't want more taken than necessary. In the past, too many were handed back after other people have been turned away. You need to wrap up warm and, maybe, bring an umbrella. Pray for good weather.

Other events to note:

Children's Nativity service: 16th Dec at 9.30am. Feel free to join us.

Candlelit Carol service: Christmas Eve at 6.00pm. Again, everyone is welcome.

Christmas Day service at 9.30am: a short service to welcome the reason for the season.

Street Carol Singing: the date hasn't yet been set, but we plan to walk the streets and sing carols. If you would like us to turn up outside your door, let us know.

Apart from Christmas:

VENERATE: Normally Venerate is on 2nd Sunday each month, but please note:

Venerate will not take place in December. It returns on **13th January, at 7.30pm.**

SUNBEAMS mums/dads and tots group runs on **Wednesday mornings at 10am** during term time.

SUNDAY WORSHIP is at **9.30am**, with Communion on the second Sunday each month. Most of the teaching on Sundays is recorded, and can be found on our website.

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

PRAYER: Life together revolves around prayer and care for each other. Our prayer meeting is held every month, and we have an active group of Prayer Warriors. If you would like us to pray for you, or your situation, please let us know. Any requests will be kept confidential.

For more information, or contact details, see our website on wringtonchapel.com.

I wish you every Christmas blessing

Reverend Duncan Tuck

Local Clubs News

Wrington Vale Rotary Club

Wrington Vale Rotary has an excellent reputation for attracting quality speakers to address their meetings and the month of October has proved to be no exception.

Lindsey Nutbeen's presentation with regards to her relationship with Barley Wood House in Wrington was particularly interesting; especially as she was able speak about her visiting the house from her early childhood, becoming an employee of the HAT group and subsequently the MITIE Group. Both of these companies operated from Barley Wood House.

Training teachers in Sri Lanka from Mary Yullie created much interest. This is mainly due to the lack of facilities, accommodation, finance and religious prejudice amongst the local authorities in Sri Lanka. Mary was able to provide a slide presentation which illustrated the conditions some of the success stories she was able to share.

Janet Gent, wife of the All Saints Church Vicar in Wrington, David Gent, provided an excellent presentation about her reflections from her visits to Zambia. Knowing this is a country not on the normal tourist's itinerary; Janet provided much information not normally available to most travellers and certainly proved to be of great interest.

Rivers flow through time by David Roberts certainly caught the interest of the members as he produced many graphs, illustrations and photographs of several of the rivers flowing through Somerset and how, in several instances, they linked up with canals. Some of the rivers he mentioned no longer exist although David was able to explain how and why these situations developed; this also included the use of the many boats which used the rivers.

During the month, several members of the Club have been helping to restore a brick store for the benefit of the Winscombe Railway Station. This has entailed brick building and restoration work. The project has been a challenge but well within the capabilities of the members involved.

A future imminent project will be the assembling of Water Aid Boxes to be despatched to areas of the world where disasters in one form or another have occurred. Several boxes have already been despatched to these areas, now there is an urgent need to forward many more.

Our Senior Citizens party takes place on the afternoon of Sunday, 16th December. If anyone knows of any senior citizens living on their own who would wish to attend, please phone David Welham on 01934 852361. Transport will pick up and return to their homes.

For more information about Wrington Vale Rotary Club, its aims and objectives plus further events taking place can be viewed on our web page,

One of the hardest jobs in any organisation is to make your treasurer acknowledge that he/she is happy!

Local Club News, Cont....

WRINGTON LEGION MEMBERS HONOUR WW1 GENERATION BY RECREATING HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE OF 1928

More than 2,200 Standard Bearers and wreath layers paid tribute to the fallen

Members of the Wrington Branch of the Royal British Legion joined thousands of Armed Forces veterans and supporters from across the UK in a pilgrimage of remembrance to some of WW1's most poignant sites.

A spectacular two-mile march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial, led by 1,100 Standard Bearers, was the culmination of the three day event which saw the 2,200 participants visit the WW1 trenches, battlefields and cemeteries of France and Belgium.

John Gallop and Judith Gallop attended the Great Pilgrimage 90 as representao of Wrington, as Standard Bearer and wreath layer respectively. The wreath (Last Month's Journal fron cover) had attached to it a message from pupils at Wrington C of E School which read: 'Dear Soldiers from the past, We remember thee in our hearts. You fought in a dangerous condition. Thank you for your bravery and courage. You will always be with us. We treasure your bravery forever and always.' Arthur and Class 5.

John Gallop said "Being part of such an historic event , representing Wrington Parish in commemorating those that lost their lives in the First World War, was an honour and something I will never forget. It was also especially poignant being able to visit the resting places of five of the men named on Wrington War Memorial and lay crosses in their memory."

Bob Gamble, the Royal British Legion's Head of Commemorative Events said: "GP90 was the Legion's biggest membership event in modern history and is a suitable tribute from the members of the Royal British Legion in honour of the First World War generation, echoing the way the British Legion community commemorated the 10th anniversary of the conflict in 1928."

If you would like to see pictures & videos of the parade the links are:

YouTubeGP90 and

<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialPoppyLegion/posts/1846745378736314>

For more information visit www.britishlegion.org.uk or to find out how to get involved with your local Branch contact : John Gallop, Secretary. 01934 862621

Local Clubs News, Cont...

Royal British Legion

The Branch A.G.M. was held on Monday 5th November. The Committee has stayed mainly the same except for Mr & Mrs Mike Wool leaving us. They were given a gift in appreciation of their work over the years. Two new Committee members were voted in.

We would like to thank the businesses in the Village for their displays marking Remembrance, they certainly make a difference. Also our thanks, once again, go to Jez & Lucy Empson at The Boot Shop for allowing us to set up our Annual Branch display. This year we concentrated on WW1 and included a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the formation of R.A.F.

The Poppy Appeal monies have not yet all come in at the time of writing this article, so the total of the Parish collection will be in the February issue of the Journal.

John Gallop

RBL Wrington, Branch Secretary

Wrington Gardening Club

First of all a heartfelt apology for announcing the wrong speaker in the November Journal - no excuse as it was purely a mistake.

20th December - this meeting will take the form of our Christmas Social - mulled wine and mince pies plus our speaker Yvonne Bell taking us back to 'An Edwardian Christmas'.

17th January - James Cross will be updating us on the work being carried out at 'The Bishop's Palace Garden', Wells. A wonderful garden which is a combination of history, old architecture and plants - what better?

Anyone wishing to join us at either of these meetings will be very welcome - £2 entry. As usual our meetings start at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall - do come along. If you have any queries about the club do please contact me.

'Spending beyond their income on gifts for Christmas -
Swing doors and crowded lifts and draped jungles -
What shall we buy for our husbands and sons
Different from last year?'

Louis MacNeice - 'Christmas Shopping'

Well - here's the answer! - a Draper T.C.T. Multi-Sharpener
- a first class little tool costing approx £6.50 - plus it is in easy to open, fully recyclable, minimal packaging. I say well done Drapers!

Seasons Greetings to you All.

Maggie Williams - 861126

Local Club News, Cont....

Wrington WI

It was our Annual Meeting and Gabrielle welcomed members to her last meeting as our President. She also welcomed Jean Simms, our WI Advisor.

A group of members went to see "Cats" at Weston Playhouse and said it was one of the best productions they had seen there. Tickets have been reserved for Wrington's production of Oliver in January which should be a great evening. Three members attended the Federation Quiz in Portishead and although they weren't a full team did very well.

Jean Simms then presided over our Annual meeting and Jean Durston was elected our new President and a new Committee was also elected. Jean Simms thanked Gabrielle and the three retiring Committee members for their hard work and commitment during their time on the Committee.

The evening finished with an interesting talk on the Alexander Technique by Anita Bennett which aims to improve movement, posture, balance and co-ordination to help reduce stress and pain. Anita demonstrated the technique on three of our members.

Our Christmas meeting is on **Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m.** at the Memorial Hall and will be an American Supper. Sarah Harris will join us and give us a talk on "Windmills". It should be a really good evening. If you would like to join us do come along.

Redhill WI

We held our annual Harvest Supper on Friday, 26th October. We had a lovely evening with a Ploughman's Supper and entertainment by The Twerzels. A big 'thank you' to all who and helped make it such an enjoyable event and to all who helped to make it a success. We made £237.50, which will be used to support WI activities and initiatives.

Future dates for your diaries -

16th February - Ceilidh (see posters/ Facebook in the New year for further details)

13th April - Easter Extravaganza

29th June - Land Army Cream Tea

22nd September - Table Top Sale

25th October - Harvest Supper

We look forward to seeing you at any (indeed all) of these events!

Reminder – Singing For Fun will resume on 3rd Tuesday in January - **15th January** – at 7.00pm in Christ Church, Redhill. We hope you can join us

Local Club News, Cont....

THE FRENCH CONNECTION WRINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Activities during October included a visit of schoolchildren from Sérignan (a neighbouring village of Villeneuve-lès-Béziers) to the Churchill Academy. They were only here for a short time and were too busy for us to be able to organise any activities of with them, but good relationships are being created between the two schools and we hope these visits can continue. During the month we held our annual general meeting at the Bowling Club, followed by wines from the Languédoc region of France, accompanied by French cheeses. The attendance was disappointing for what was a good social occasion and an opportunity to meet other people interested in France.

On 24th October we held a film evening at the Roxy in Axbridge. The film 'Entre les Murs', which won the 'Palme d'Or' at the Cannes Film Festival a few years ago was shown.

The committee is now working on a programme for 2019, which will

be announced early in the New Year and which will hopefully include a visit by the Redhillbillies to Villeneuve for the Fête de la Musique on 21st June. There is also a plan being worked on to encourage more participation by young people by offering them a year's trial membership of the association free of charge.

The French conversation group continues to meet on alternate Wednesday evenings, and still has vacancies for a few new members, so if you enjoy speaking French and looking at different aspects of French culture, even if you are less than fluent, do get in touch with Margaret Hancock at margaretdivonne@gmail.com to find out more.

Our monthly newsletter emailed to members has details of the association's activities as well as snippets of French news likely to be of interest to visitors to France, information on areas people might like to visit and other items with a French flavour. To contribute to it, or to receive a complimentary trial copy, contact Tony Hancock at editor@wringontwinning.co.uk.



Wrighton Lunch Club

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Lunch Club members and, especially to our helpers and minibus drivers.

Thank you for all your help

Chris 263658

Sue 862742

Local Club News, Cont....

RNLI

Results for October – On Thursday 11th October at Churchill School, Henry Cole from Sandford presented a cheque for £750 to Tina from sponsorship money during his walk from Lands End to Sandford in August. On Saturday 20th October we held our Fire Walk in front of Winscombe Cricket Club when 18 volunteers walked barefoot over a bed of red hot wood embers in front of a crowd of 300 spectators. The committed sponsorship total now exceeds £5,000 and continues to rise but it will take some while for the money to come in; we will update you with the final total. We thank Winscombe Cricket Club for use of their facilities, Sainsbury's at Cheddar and Winscombe Bakery for providing barbecue meat and bread, Emdad from "Scoop & Spice" for the delicious curry and North Somerset Samba Drummers for their enthusiastic display.

Events in December and January – Look out for our stall during Winscombe Late Night Shopping on Tuesday 4th December when we will be selling cards, souvenirs, games and toys. On Christmas Eve we will be running our Mega Bucket Collection all day in Tesco's at Shepton Mallett when we hope to have the assistance of "Stormy Stan" and beat all our previous year's results. Once again our New Year starts with our RNLI Super Quiz in Shipham Village Hall on Saturday 26th January complete with Tina's "Mega Ploughman's Supper", well stocked bar and plenty of head scratching. Get the date in your diaries and

your bids for teams of six to Tina on 01934842304 or meejlfh@gmail.com as it always sells out.

Local Rescues in October – 10 (Minehead – 5, Portishead – 2, Weston-Super-Mare - 3). On 19 October a couple set off to walk the eight miles from Minehead to Porlock Weir along the first section of the South West Coast Path but a mile into their journey they took a wrong turn off the route and ended up on a boulder-strewn beach. After three hours walking the tide was coming in so they called for help. Minehead's D class lifeboat was launched just after mid-day, located the couple at Selworthy Sands, took them off the beach and landed them back at Minehead; this rescue is recorded on video on the RNLI Minehead Lifeboat Station web page.

Our RNLI Notice Board at Brown's Corner in Winscombe contains details of all future events or contact 01934842304 or meejlfh@gmail.com.



North Somerset Council

Airport Flyer buses to Bristol

The airport Flyer A1 is changing its route to Bristol. From 28th October the A1 will be operating from the South Bristol Link and the new metrobus guided busway. It will no longer go through Bedminster or Parson St. This bus service charges the same premium fares as the old A1 service, with the same concessions as previously. For the timetable and map see online at [https://](https://www.firstgroup.com/uploads/maps/Bristol_Flyer_A1_WEB.pdf)

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There is also a new flyer the A2 travelling to Bristol city centre via Bedminster on a similar route to the old A1. The A2 operates every 30 minutes from approximately 3.30am to midnight. This bus is run by First and charges the usual First bus fares. For the timetable and map see online at

https://www.firstgroup.com/uploads/maps/airconnect_A2_Web.pdf

Blocked Access for Waste Collections

I'm sure we are all pleased about the improvement in the waste collections, and long may it continue. There are streets over the whole district, including Wrington and Redhill, where Biffa often has difficulty collecting waste because of parked vehicles. NSC is considering bringing in parking restrictions on collection day where this happens. Are you affected by this, or are you causing it? Please think about where you park on your waste collection day.

New North Somerset Council Chief Executive

The new NSC Chief Executive Officer is to

be Jo Walker, who will join the Council in the new year. She is currently Strategic Director of Strategic Finance and Support Services at Gloucestershire County Council, where she has worked for 30 years. Her previous experience also includes director of highways, transport and waste, working with partners across health and social care and lobbying for local government funding at a national level.

Proposed Mendip Vale Medical Practice surgery at Smallway

I attended NSC's Planning & Regulatory meeting on Weds 12th Sept when the MVMP application was considered for a new surgery on Smallway, nearly opposite the Cadbury garden centre.

The application was deferred for further highway investigations. Councillors did not consider that highway safety and accessibility issues had been addressed sufficiently, and should be the subject of more stringent conditions. Many councillors would like to see a controlled pedestrian crossing at the very least. These conditions had still not been agreed by the MVMP at the P&R meeting in October. The application will be considered again at the P&R meeting in December.

Deborah Yamanaka 01934 862109

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Wrighton Parish Council

December 2018/January 2019

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents and local businesses a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please do contact us if you feel we might be able to help you in any way.

Parish Council meetings in December 2018/January 2019:

Wednesday 12 December – Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Thursday 13 December - Planning Committee meeting at 7.30pm

Wednesday 16 January – Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 8 January - Planning Committee meeting (time tbc)

Tuesday 29 January - Planning Committee meeting (time tbc)

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

Fiona Burke

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Latest Recommended Posting Dates for parcels

	Royal Mail	UK	Courier
	International Standard and International tracking and signed for		(UPS, DHL, Parcelforce)
4th December 2018	Africa, Middle East		
7th December 2018	Cyprus, Malta, Asia, Far East, Eastern Europe (except Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia)		Eastern Europe Rest of the world
10th December 2018	Greece, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand		
12th December 2018			
13th December 2018			Western Europe USA & Canada
14th December 2018	Canada, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland and USA		
15th December 2018	Finland, Sweden		UK Highlands & Islands
17th December 2018	Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland		
18th December 2018	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg	RM48(2nd Class) RM48(2nd Class) signed for	
19th December 2018			Irish Republic
20th December 2018		RM24(1st Class),RM Tracked 48 RM24(1st Class)Signed for	UK Mainland
21st December 2018		RM Tracked24	
22nd December 2018		Royal Mail Special Delivery	

Snippets of yesteryear—by Mark Bullen

Weston Mercury 30/3/72

The Proposed New Town Hall.- Amongst the many replies to the suggestions contained in "Resident's" letter of last week is the following from "Rate-payer and No Lodger.":- "I should like "Resident" to explain how he proposes to make the proposed new Town-hall self-supporting? If we had a population like Weston or Clevedon, I have no doubt of the success of such an undertaking, but the writer of the letter in question may not be aware that the growth of the population of Wrington is stationary and that beyond the monthly petty sessions and occasional vestry meetings, no gathering of importance takes place from one year's end to another. Such being the case, what percentage would shareholders receive on their investment? Besides, as things now are in the parish, it is out of the question to suppose that shares to the extent of £600 would be taken up by the trading population, more especially when it is remembered that about £700 is about to be expended for school purposes at Redhill, besides a large outlay for the construction of a main sewer. If a generous benefactor could be found to present Wrington with a suitable public building, well and good, but for the ratepayers as a body to contemplate such a scheme, I think we already have pleasantries in store to last for some time.

Wrington Local History Society

On Tuesday 18th December our speaker will be Frances Ward, an archaeology archivist based in Bristol, whose talk will be on Commercial Archaeology: why it's more than just digging holes in the ground! Frances will cover the principles and processes of commercial archaeology, including a North Somerset case study, highlighting how and why it plays such a significant part in our understanding of the past.

In January we welcome our good friend from Langford, John Gowar, with a talk entitled 500 Years of Old Maps. Using examples from the local region, John will show how map-making has developed since Tudor times and how surviving maps can support the study of local history. This first meeting of the new year will take place on Tuesday 15th January.

The Society meets monthly every third Tuesday at 8pm at the URC Chapel. All very welcome, members £1, non-members £2.50. Tea and Coffee is served before all the talks and for December there will be mince pies. The full programme of talks can be found on the Wrington village website although details for 2019 are still being finalised.



Concerned at the prospect of 3000 new houses just down the road?



New Traffic Survey

The North Somerset Villages Alliance (NSVA) is conducting a very simple survey.

We need your help to log queues at traffic hotspots between Churchill/Congresbury and Bristol to ensure that any/ALL future development of our area is appropriate, viable and sustainable and not simply adding to existing traffic and pollution problems. The survey is

**Easy
Simple
Quick**

Data to be collected between now and March 30th 2019.



To obtain a copy of the survey form, send an email to tonyhardenuk@gmail.com



The survey is also on the CALRAG website:



The Wise Woman's Stone

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.

"I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me something more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone. **Author Unknown**

Wrington Beer Festival

The planning for the first Wrington Beer Festival is now well under way. The festival will be held at the Memorial Hall on Friday 8th & Saturday 9th March 2019, with drinking sessions on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening.

There will be a range of beers and ciders available at the festival. This year we will be focusing mainly on local breweries and cider makers to show case beer and cider from some of the fantastic local producers from North Somerset, Somerset and Bristol. As well as plenty of fantastic local booze, we will also be providing food and live music at each session. This is going to be a great event.

The beer festival will be raising money for the local Scout group, Wrington & Burrington Scouts; all of the profits will be donated towards the up keep of the Scout Hall. Please help us to make this a fantastic annual community event by buying a ticket and coming along.

Tickets will go on sale December 2018, and could make the perfect Christmas present. Please check out our website at www.wringtonbeerfestival.org for ticket information.

Sponsors and Volunteers

Would you like to sponsor a cask of beer? We need local businesses and individuals to help us by sponsoring casks of beer and cider. We also need a few volunteers to help out during the event. If you can help, please get in touch either via the website or come and speak to us at our stall at the Dickensian Fair, Friday 14th December 2018.

The Great Wrington Garden Trail

Yes, 2019 is the year for this biennial event in Wrington's calendar!

Saturday 22nd June is the date.

The Organising Committee hope that if you opened your garden in previous years you will do so again and that many new gardens will be opened to enjoy.

As always we will be raising money for two charities and refreshment stops etc will be on offer to tempt you in the summer sunshine!

More details in the February Journal but any queries before then please contact **Margaret Barker on 01934 862435**

Winscombe Community Singers: Christmas Concert

St James the Great Church
Church Lane
Winscombe
North Somerset
BS25 1DE

Tuesday 11th December: 7.30pm

Tickets on the door: £5 for adults: accompanying children: Free

Refreshments available.

Proceeds to Reach Opportunity Centre, in Weare.



"The Dickensian Christmas Fayre returns. Save the date and time and come join the merriment - Friday 14th December 2018 from 6.30pm at The Plough Inn. Local stalls, local produce, pig roast, local choirs. Join us for carol singing. Something for everyone."

Christmas 1970

A little girl called Sile Javotte
Said 'Look at the lovely presents I've got'
While a little girl in Biafra said
'Oh what a lovely slice of bread'.
Spike Milligan

Chew Valley U3A will be holding their next meeting on Monday, 17 December, 2018 commencing at 10 am for refreshments before the meeting at 10.30 am at Ubley Village Hall. There will be a recital by the Recorder group and a quiz followed by a Christmas drink and nibbles. The usual meeting fee of £1 for members or £2.50 for visitors will apply.

On 21 January, 2019, Chew Valley U3A will be holding their monthly coffee morning at Ubley Village Hall. Refreshments will be available from 10 am and the meeting will commence at 10.30 am with a talk by Debbie Birtwhistle who is the Fundraising Officer for the Air Ambulance. A meeting fee of £1 for members and £2.50 for visitors will apply.

Local Events

WRINGTON SPEEDWATCH

Could you spare a little time (up to 3 or 4 hours per month) to join our small group of volunteers. Due to illness our numbers have been reduced so we would welcome any help, even on a temporary basis.

You could ask whether our efforts are worthwhile – the answer would be that if we didn't record speeds of almost 70mph in the West Hay 30mph zone (not just on one occasion) then that might be the case but whilst walkers, cyclists and horse-riders thank us, we feel justified.

Also, since the Parish Council's proposal for 20mph limits has been refused, we feel it is even more important to slow down speeding traffic approaching High St., Station Rd., School Rd., and Silver St.

So please, if you feel you could help – times and days vary to suit – please contact :
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Maggie Williams – **861126** or e-mail wringtoncsw@gmail.com

BARLEY WOOD HOUSE

What is happening at Barley Wood House?

With Christmas approaching very fast, Amie, Tracey and the staff at the house are concentrating much effort into the Christmas decorations to ensure anyone entering the entrance area will be extremely impressed with the ambiance of the building and the welcome they will receive.

The Concert by Candlelight with the Weston Light Orchestra takes place on the 30th November. For this special concert the soloists include Richard Lennox and Kate Eastment. The house is in itself a very impressive building but, with additional decorations, candlelight's everywhere and a welcoming log fire, this really is not an event to be missed. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Amor's, The Treasury or Barley Wood House. There is also a bar along with a refreshment area. Further information available from Amie or Tracey on 861215.

With the new kitchen up and running, the House can take further bookings for small or large social gatherings. Should anyone looking for that special celebration meal, maybe a school re-union, possibly a family gathering or a company seminar, or even a wake, then perhaps the idyllic location of the house could be the venue for you. Parties as small as 4 can be catered for. Brochures and information can be obtained from the House.

Amie, Tracey and the staff at Barley Wood House wish the readers of the Wrington, Burrington, Redhill and Butcombe Village Journal a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

On Our Farms

When you talk about the supply chain in farming more often than not the uninitiated start off thinking about the farm, the farm outputs and what it looks like when it ends up on their plate.

That's only a part of it. There are lots of things that feed into the extended supply chain. I thought for the quieter winter months I would go through some of the supplies we use on our farms and how they get there. So, I've talked about grass, silage maize and cereals we grow ourselves on our farms to feed the animals but what about things like soya that we use as a protein source. The majority of soya used in the UK is sourced from the United States and South America, especially Brazil. It is transported in huge ships across the Atlantic to European ports.

Sounds simple enough doesn't it? However, it's not like us realising we're a bit short of something to eat at the last moment and popping to Amors or Budgens to get something for tea. Ships are booked and cargoes secured up to two years in advance. The shipper has to have a good idea of what is needed and then take a calculated gamble on whether the cargo will be sold.

The next thing is what size ship? There are many different classes of cargo ship but the two main sizes to ship across the Atlantic are Panamax and Capesize. Panamax are so named as they are designed to be able to fit through the locks of the Panama Canal and have a capacity of between 55,000 and 80,000 tonnes depending on the cargo being carried. Capesize are too big for the Panama Canal so have to go the 'long way round'. They can carry up to 156,000 tonnes again depending on the cargo. Although our local Portbury Dock is huge, it isn't big enough to accommodate these size ships so the cargo is often shipped into Rotterdam, decanted into smaller ships and bought across to the UK from The Netherlands. It takes a lot of organisation and lining up hundreds of ships per year to discharge their cargoes means every ship has to dock, unload, reload if that is the case and set sail within the agreed time allowed. If the time is exceeded the shipper is fined for all the time they are blocking the port and holding up the following traffic.

All of that impacts on the price of the feed when it finally gets to the farm gate. One interesting fact about shipping. When the Chinese were building the Birds Nest stadium for the Beijing Olympics they imported hundreds of thousands of tonnes of steel to make it. Shipping so much steel meant there was a shortage of shipping capacity and the price of moving animal feed around the globe went up nearly ten times. So, you can see, there is a lot more to moving animal feed than first meets the eye and lots more things to make the price go up.

Nick Green

FARMYARD LIVE NATIVITY



SEAN



BAABARAA

Featuring



MILKSHAKE



HUMPHREY

Saturday 15 December

Court Farm Barn

Entrance via Wiltons ONLY

NO DOGS!

Performances: 1.30pm & 3.30pm



Experience Bethlehem!

Come & See

the Christmas Story Brought to Life!

Entry by FREE Ticket available 10-11am ONLY on Saturday 1 December
@ the Nativity Scene Festival @All Saints'



Mulled wine, squash & mince pies

Supported by the URC and All Saints'



Barley Wood Walled Garden CHRISTMAS OPEN STUDIOS

23th - 25th Nov 2018 Friday to Sunday 11am - 4pm



Three days of Open Studios at The Walled Garden, Long Lane and at Simshill, Ropers Lane in Wrington, North Somerset near Bristol airport.

The resident artists and craftspeople will be exhibiting and selling their work, **Paintings - prints - enamels - pottery - ceramics - glass - scarves - cards**

The cider barn at the Walled Garden will be open, serving **Barley Wood Orchard's mulled cider and apple juice, mince pies** and snacks

Simshill, Ropers Lane, Wrington BS40 5NH

www.bridgetwinterbourne.co.uk

Barley Wood Walled Garden Studios
Long Lane, Wrington, BS40 5SA

www.walledgarden.co.uk



Concert by Candlelight

With
Weston Light Orchestra & Soloists
(Kate Eastment & Richard Lennox)

Barley Wood, Wrington

Friday 30th November
Commencing at 7.30pm
£10

Tickets available from:
Barley Wood - Wrington
Amor's - Wrington
The Treasury - Wrington

Please note concert is on first floor,
lift unavailable.

BARLEY WOOD
WRINGTON

Barley Wood, Long Lane, Wrington, North Somerset BS40 5SA
☎ 01934 861 215 ■ info@barleywood.org www.barleywood.org

All proceeds to YMCA Charity.

Refreshments
and bar available
before & during.

Local Events

Redhill Village Hall/Club Events

Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG. 862619

Open Mic Night's 8pm - 11pm Friday 14th December

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. **(Please note: There is no Open Mic Night in January - Jerry will be back on Friday 1st February 2019)**

Children's Christmas Disco Evening - Friday 21st December - 5pm

Start. £2.50 entry per child, includes party food a drink. All children, age 13 max. must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds will go

towards the children's play area fund. All welcome to come along and join in the fun!

Skittles Competition Charity Evening - Friday 21st December Prompt start

at 8pm. Highest score will receive a bottle of Champagne. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go towards the children's play area fund. So please do come along and support us!

Classic Car Morning Gathering - Saturday 29th December - 10am -

12am. 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. Tea/Coffee & bacon rolls/hot dogs will be served in the Village Hall. Proceeds will go towards the children's play area fund. So please do come along and support us!

New Year's Eve DISCO - Monday 31 December from 8.30pm til late.

Put on your dancing shoes for a fun night to bring in the New Year and party until 1am. Free Entry - All welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Please Note: This is a combined December and January Journal.

The next edition will be February.

Happy Christmas to all our readers

Local Events

Hello from your local Village Agents, Tina Huckle-Mills and Lyndsay Newman.

We are here to help those of you aged 50 and over to access information and advice, especially around issues of wellbeing and local services. This is a free and confidential service funded by North Somerset Council.

Finding someone to provide care in rural areas can prove difficult. We are often asked if we know of anyone locally who can provide regular care to people needing support.

If you are a carer, living and working in the locality, do get in touch with us by phone or email. Tina 07967 34592207967. Lyndsay 07967 345559 or you can call the office on 01275 888 803. Alternatively email us at Lyndsay.newman@curo-group.co.uk or tina.huckle-mills@curo-group.co.uk

We look forward to helping and working with you in the community.

Lyndsay works in Burrington and Butcombe



Tina works in Wrington and Redhill.



Arthritis Research UK – Chew Valley Branch

We would like to thank all those who have supported our two autumn events this year. Firstly, we held a Coffee Morning in Chew Stoke Methodist Hall at the beginning of October. We are pleased to be able to say that we raised £145.12 for Arthritis Research Funds. This included a very generous donation of £25. We are very grateful to all those who supported us at the Coffee Morning.

On Friday, 9th November we held what is likely to be our last Quiz Evening. Again, we would like to thank everyone who joined us for the evening and helped us make it a success. We raised £243.00 on the evening and sold £79 worth of Christmas cards. Added to which we all had a really good evening. Many thanks to Chris who devised such fiendish questions and to Cath who kept score, and finally to Cameley Lodge who prepared a delicious supper. It is with deep regret that we may have to end these evenings, which have been held regularly for around 30 years and have become a tradition in the Valley. However, the numbers of teams participating have dwindled in recent years and this may be an inevitable outcome. Thank you to all who have supported our Quiz Evenings over the years.

On a national level, Arthritis Research UK has now joined forces with Arthritis Care to form a combined organisation called 'Versus Arthritis'. This will focus on not only research into the disease but also on how the findings of the research can result in better care of people with the disease. The new name can be attached to local issues i.e. Chew Valley Versus Arthritis to identify with local support groups and organisations. We hope that you be able to support us in future ventures in 2019.

Wrington Redhill Football Club

Wrington Redhill FC are holding a grand fund raising auction at the rec on December 8th approx. 6pm .. this is a Saturday. There is no cost for admission and food will be available again at no cost.. we are hoping to add to this list as days go on and advertising will appear through social media and posters etc as we near the date .. a portfolio of prizes will be available on the day for scrutiny before the auction begins. In the meantime we are now open for bids via e/mail .. please /mail me your bid and I will record your bid and notify u if you have been outbid . thanks very much

- 1/ 1 year membership of Cadbury gym/spa for 2 people (not available to those who are already members) – courtesy of Jason Eaton
- 2/ 3 course meal for 4 people at “ The Duck at Birtle “ excluding drinks – suggest google this establishment as it has won several wards – courtesy of Martin Fey/Mark Lewis. BID £50
- 3/3 course meal for 4 people at “ The Star Inn @ Star(nr Sidcot/ Winscombe A38)- completely re-furbished to a very high standard again suggest google for more info – courtesy of Martin Fey/Mark Lewis. BID £50
- 4/ Steak night voucher for two at Plough Inn Wrington – Courtesy Gabriel Withers. BID £30
- 5/ full car service FOC – yes your car serviced free – courtesy of Chris Bendall . BID £30
- 6/ VIP Pass and car parking for two people Including balloon rides at Bristol International Balloon Fiesta – Courtesy of Ben Hardy (REM event

- management) . BID £60
- 7/ 4 inch Hitachi hand grinder/disc cutter
- 8/ Large electric garden strimmer
- 9/ genuine Russian Vodka in Russian doll presentation case from St Petersburg . BID £10
- 10 / selection of framed pictures of mainly flowery depiction etc (obviously these will be much better suited to display on the day)
- 11/ Framed Wrington Redhill FC 1st team shirt signed by John Motson
- 12/ a weeks stay at holiday cottage in Dunster – courtesy of Steve Porter. BID £125
- 13/ Presentation bottle of Tequila
- 14/ 2 tickets Bristol City V Bolton Wanderers 12th January – Courtesy of Gary Teagle (everyone active)
- 15/ 1 month free swim pass @ Churchill leisure centre – courtesy Nicola Fleming
- 16/ Magnum of Bottega Prosecco – courtesy of Nick Taplin
- 17/Signed Marco Pierre Cookbook – courtesy of Nick Taplin
- 18/Voucher for 2 people for the CUBE (Birmingham) dinner in the MPW steakhouse including wine , overnight stay and Breakfast ! – Courtesy Nick Taplin
- 19/ £50 Spa Voucher at Cadbury House - Courtesy Nick Taplin
- 20/ Sunday Lunch for 4 people MPW restaurant (Cadbury House)
- 21/ dinner for 2 people including wine at MPW restaurant with overnight stay @ Cadbury House

There is more to add to this list friends but I am waiting for exact details so for the meantime please indulge.

Nick Finch

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 costs £10 and 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 cost £10 for a two-hour session, but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements.

Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified :

01934 741751

(often goes to a standard answer phone – please leave a message)

www.itfortheterrified.co.uk itfortheterrified@btconnect.com

*Using Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset,
BS27 3RF*



Registered Charity No. 1130308 : Compa-
ny No. 06779600

Or if you have any basic skills to share,
please get in touch.



Local Interest

Churchill Music

The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan plus canapés:

1 December, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

A deliciously light-hearted evening of stories, songs, poems and music centred on the immortal Savoy Operas. Gilbert and Sullivan as seen through the eyes of George Grossmith, the actor who created the comic roles in those famous operas.

Tim Hurst-Brown stars as Grossmith, ably assisted at the pianoforte by Peter Hewitt.

Grossmith gives us an insight into both W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan and enables us to meet The Sergeant of Police, Ko-ko, The Lord Chancellor, Major General Stanley, et al.

With Churchill Music's customary canapés served in the interval and included in your ticket price.

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

Tickets: £12.00 Churchill Music Champions; £16.00 Non-Champions; U18's £4.00

Online from <http://www.churchillmusic.org.uk> or Mary Smallwood 01934 852589 or info@churchillmusic.org.uk



Tim Hurst-Brown, voice; Peter Hewitt, Piano

Wrington Community Minibus

December 2018 and January 2019

WESTON Wednesday

Dec	17	09:30	(Monday)
Jan	02	13:30	
Jan	16	09:30	
Jan	30	13:30	

WELLS Wednesday

Dec	12	09:30
Jan	23	09:30

GENERAL PUBLIC TRIPS

Wednesday	Dec	05	10:30 am	Nailsea
Monday	Dec	10	11:00 am	Whitehall Garden Centre
Thursday	Dec	13	10:00 am	Farrington Farm Shop
Tuesday	Dec	18	02:00 pm	Tea time trip
Thursday	Dec	20	02:00 pm	Nailsea
Monday	Jan	07	10:30 am	Nailsea
Saturday	Jan	12	09:30 am	Frome market
Thursday	Jan	17	11:00 am	Cadbury Garden Centre
Thursday	Jan	24	02:00 pm	Nailsea
Friday	Jan	25	11:30 am	Pub Lunch at Hobbs Boat, Lympsham

All the public journeys above should be booked [by calling 07895 418560](tel:07895418560). Please leave a message if there is no reply and the Diary Administrator will get back to you.

N.B. Some Nailsea and Weston-super-Mare trips for December and January are on unexpected days of the week and are indicated in **bold** type above.

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.

Wrington Community Minibus

[07895 418560](tel:07895418560) – a reminder of the new number to use to book your seat on the Wrington Minibus. This will enable the committee to share in the administration of the diary without the need to put messages on answerphones to redirect callers to another number.

Messages can be left on the new number and the diary administrator will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Trips in December – please note that Nailsea and Weston journeys are on unexpected days of the week. Also the trip on December 13th to Farrington Farm Shop has been put on at the request of some of our regular passengers but there are a few seats available, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Drivers wanted

In order to continue offering the range of trips, that we currently do, to Wrington residents we urgently need to recruit some more drivers. Can you spare a few hours once or twice a month? Do you have D1 class on your driving licence? If so, please call Adrian Hopkins on 01934 863857 or email adrianjhopskins@btinternet.com to find out more.

We can't run this village asset without your help!

WRINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It is with great sadness that we are closing the Club. Our last meeting will be on December 14th,

When we aim to go out on a high note, celebrating Christmas with our annual party with lovely food, all the trimmings and presents from Father Christmas.

Sadly, despite every effort to recruit new members, we are now down to a very small number of stalwarts, thank you to all them.

We are hoping to meet up once a month, at one of our members home, who has been generous enough to offer us the use of her house, which will be enjoyed by all of us, especially those who live alone.

The Club has run for very very many years, with, in the past as many as 50 members, but with illness and bereavements, this number has been slowly diminishing, and as I have said we are now down to almost single figures.

This will be the last news letter we shall be adding to the Journal, so may we, as a club, take this opportunity to wish all readers a "VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR"

Shirley West

Dates for your Diary

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All saints Full list of upcoming events – see page 3

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SAVE THE DATE

Redhill WI. Various dates for 2019. See page 11

1st & 2nd December Nativity Scene Festival All Saints

13th December Joyful Spirit Choir Wrington Chapel

14th December Dickensian Evening Plough Inn, Wrington

15th December Wrington's Farmyard Nativity

Wrington Beer Festival - Memorial Hall

Save the Date 8th & 9th March 2019

22nd June 2019 Great Wrington Garden Trail