

Editorial

My editorial for this edition was going to concentrate on the new Public Spaces Protection Orders recently made by North Somerset Council and which, in addition to other things, has important ramifications for dog owners. You can find more information about these orders on the NSC website <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/community-safety-crime/public-space-protection-orders/public-space-protection-orders/>

However, just as I was about to go to press came the announcement by Bristol Airport of their consultations on a new master plan. Alongside this is the consultation on the Joint Spatial Plan for the West of England.

Both of these consultations occur before the next edition of the Journal is published and I am sure that most of our readers will have an interest, even if they do not wish to comment in person.

Bristol Airport. BA is consulting on a new Master Plan. This consultation

opened on 16 November, and is open for comments until 26 January 2018. A Wrington consultation event has been arranged in the Memorial-Hall. This will be held Friday 1st December, 3pm to 7pm.

Joint Spatial Plan(JSP). The JSP consultation will open 22nd November and run until 10th January 2018, which isn't a lot of time in what, for many people, is a very busy period. Alongside potential airport growth, the main points of interest in the JSP will be proposed new housing development at Churchill (2800 houses) and at Banwell (1900 houses), along with possible new road construction. This could result in a new M5 junction 21a to the west of Banwell and provide a Banwell bypass. That's fine, but where would the new road meet the A38, especially if it's to link with significant new housing at Churchill? See also the recent issue of North Somerset Life, pages 28/29.

Trevor Parnham, Editor

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News from All Saints Church, Wrington

HERE IT COMES, READY OR NOT

"I shall never be ready!"

How often do we hear or say that as Christmas gets nearer as though we hadn't known the date and couldn't plan ahead. Usually by "being ready" we mean having presents bought and wrapped, the turkey ordered, the Christmas pudding and the mince pies made, the drinks cupboard restocked, the cards signed and sent, the cake iced, the tree bought, the decorations got out of the loft, and so on.

Then there's all those Christmas parties to attend, the pantomime the children just have to see, the relatives we must visit before the big day.

So much to do... so little time to do it all.

Of course all those things are important, having fun with family and friends is always good.

But in all the frenetic activity and the busy-ness it is so easy to forget the real reason for our celebrations: the birth of Jesus Christ, God with us.

So take a moment to pause and reflect. Join the worship of the Church. Feel the love of God in your life.

If you leave Christ out all you have left is the meaningless Xmas - omit the mass (an old word for the Holy Communion) and you are left with

nothing but an empty shell.

So remember "Jesus is the reason for the season" and have a very Happy Christmas.

From our visiting retired minister, Preb John Andrews

EXCITING TIMES

An Open Invitation

We invite everyone to experience our Advent & Christmas celebrations in all forms, sharing our nativity scenes with their personal stories, traditional Christmas carols and services, singing a range of carols old and new at the Advent carol service. Details can be found below and in the village Christmas card distributed to all households in Wrington from All Saints' and the URC Chapel.

Rector Search Update

By the time you read this, the closing deadline of 17 November will have passed for interested priests to apply for post of rector in our benefice. We hope and pray that the person God has chosen comes forward, we only need this one applicant! Watch this space for the next up-date in January...

United Carols by Candlelight - 6.30pm - Sunday 17 December

Come and join us together with our fellow Christians from the URC to sing traditional carols and hear seasonal readings. Enjoy mulled mine and mince pies after to celebrate the Advent season together.

From All Saints Cont.....

United Crib Service - 4pm - Christmas Eve

A village favourite with young families, children are invited to dress as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels or animals. We look forward to the delight in children's faces with the assembled parents, grandparents and friends.

Christmas Eve Midnight Service - Redhill

With the vacancy we have decided to join with Christ Church this year, so do come and join us up at Redhill, where you will receive a very warm welcome.

Got a Question?

The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12pm for enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals, Reading Room bookings... the list is endless. Maybe you would like to put on musical or artistic events in our church. We now have improved lighting, heating and space at the

back for gatherings. Do come and see for yourself; we would love to hear your ideas.

A Final Wish

We wish you, your family and friends a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. Take a little time out to reflect on the miracle of Christ's birth, and life.

Andrew Whiting & Fiona Densham Churchwardens

FROM THE REGISTERS FUNERALS

All Saints'

30 October
Mike Ford, aged 77

Christ Church

17 November
Kathleen Williams, aged 84

BAPTISMS

St Michael's

29 October
Henry Brown

Holy Trinity

19 November
Codie Venn

Laurence Edward Croucher

Kathleen sends grateful thanks for the kind letters, cards of sympathy and support following the passing of Laurence on 20th September. The friendship of so many was a great help at such a sad time. Thank you, also, to all who attended his Memorial Service on 11th October and for your donations to Dementia Research

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

2/3 Saturday/Sunday	10am-4pm	Nativity Scene Festival in All Saints' please see details elsewhere in The Journal
3 Sunday	10am	United Benefice Service at Holy Trinity with the Revd Lydia Avery, our Rural Dean, and the Posada
	4pm	Christingle service at St Michael's
	4.30pm	Tea Towel Nativity at Christ Church
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service at All Saints' A seasonal programme of music, poetry & readings by candlelight
5 Tuesday	7pm	Compline in All Saints': "Patriarchs"
6 Wednesday	2pm	WI Carol Service at All Saints'
7 Thursday	6.30pm	Burrington School Carol Service at Holy Trinity
10 Sunday	6.30pm	Carol Service at Holy Trinity with The Trinity Singers
	7pm	Carol Service at Christ Church
12 Tuesday	7pm	Compline in All Saints': "Prophets"
15 Friday	7.30pm	Carols in The Club, Redhill
17 Sunday	4pm	Carol Service and Nativity at St Michael's
	6.30pm	United Carol Service at All Saints'
18 Monday	6pm	Wrighton School Carol Service at All Saints'
19 Tuesday	7pm	Compline in All Saints': "John the Baptist"
	7pm	Singing for Fun at Christ Church open to everyone!
Christmas Eve	10am	United Benefice Service at All Saints'
Sunday	4pm	United Crib Service at All Saints'
	4pm	Crib Service at Christ Church
	11.30pm	Benefice Midnight Communion at Christ Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at Holy Trinity
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Family Communion at All Saints'
Monday	9.30am	Christmas Family Communion at St Michael's
	10am	Christmas Family Communion at Christ Church
	11am	Christmas Family Communion at Holy Trinity

January

11 Thursday	8.50am	Wrighton School Christingle Service at All Saints'
16 Tuesday	7pm	Singing for Fun at Christ Church open to everyone!
28 Sunday	11.15am	Plough Sunday Service at St Michael'

Views from Christ Church, Redhill

3rd December marks the beginning of Advent, time for anticipating the arrival of Jesus. All the things going on in and around Redhill Church during December were detailed in last month's Journal, but do keep an eye on [https://](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/christ-church-redhill/)

www.achurchnearyou.com/christ-church-redhill/ for details of the events to come and photos of those that have happened.

What I want to talk about now is 'Our expectations of Christmas?' Every child will tell you the answer is 'The birth of Jesus'. And every child knows that what we are really anticipating is the holidays, the parties, the presents and the food. Celebrating the Birthday of Jesus is a great time for all of us, clergy included, but is there not something more? What difference will this Christmas make come January when school/work resumes?

The anticipation of Christmas Day, with all the trimmings, is mirrored in our anticipation of presents under the tree. We love to look at them, maybe pick one up to feel the weight and give a little shake. Come Christmas Day we let loose the child within us all and tear our presents open. Here, the comparison with Christmas diverges, because very few really explore the relevance of Christmas to our lives. That is like anticipating Christmas Day, then leaving our pre-

sents unopened.

Before that first Christmas, God was understood to be a big, powerful, and frankly scary 'thing' that it was dangerous to get too close to. Any who looked upon God could expect to die. He was unapproachable and thought of as generally disappointed with how the human race had turned out.

At the first Christmas, God gave Himself to be known as a human baby. Through the Bible stories we have come to know Him as a boy, then a man, not that different from ourselves. Through Jesus we have also come to know that God loves each one of us as His own child. Many disciples invited Jesus into their homes and their lives. In celebrating His birth again this year we are reminded that we too can invite Him into our homes and our lives. And to celebrate this He offers us gifts. Gifts of Love, Joy, Peace, Hope and Freedom from guilt. Was there ever a time when we had more need of those gifts? Don't forget to open these gifts too.

Wishing you joy at Christmas

Andrew
Rev'd Andrew Hemming
Priest for Redhill

Butcombe Church News

Advent, four weeks before Christmas, is a special season when we anticipate the coming of God's son to us.

Yes, Christmas is almost here. Are family, friends visiting you – are you going to them? One way or other there is a "coming towards" in love and excitement. There is a busyness on both sides, preparations for a festive, joyous being together. Festivals are feasts of rejoicing, sharing with those we love, perhaps opening our hearts and doors for unknown extra guests. They are a celebration of the past, present and future as so wonderfully described by Scrooge in Dickens's "A Christmas Carol". They unite us with our ancestors, each other and lay family traditions for future generations.

The four Sundays of Advent bring the Old Testament promises into the present, reveal the faith, humility and courageous love of Mary and renew the expectancy and joy of Christ's birth.

We find time to prepare earnestly for our visitors. Advent is a time to find quiet moments, oh yes we can!, to reflect upon the true cause of our rejoicing - Christ's birth, to welcome him with glad hearts, to renew our confidence in the present, our hope in the future, to pray for those unable to celebrate for whatever reason. In doing so we know more fully God's love for us in his greatest gift to us and all people.

May Christmas Blessings of Peace, Love and Joy be with us all.

Diary Dates:

Sunday 3rd December 4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 17th December 4pm Carol Service and Nativity

Christmas Day 9.30am Family Communion

Sunday 31st December 10am Family Service

A short relaxed Service for all ages to thank God for our Christmas fun and gifts, especially for the baby Jesus. Please bring a present to show. A chance to sing a favourite carol and an early toast to the New Year

Sunday 28th January 11.15am Plough Service

Please note NO Xplore in January. Restarts Sunday 4th February 9am

We wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas

Jane Pemberton

Butcombe Animal Thanksgiving Service



from Wrington Chapel

For some people, Advent is like that period of dread in the dentist's waiting area, trying to tell yourself the filling will be fine. 'Christmas will be okay, as long as I don't panic.' They then are filled with relief once the 'operation' is over. For me, however, Advent is like waiting for the carnival to come down the road, filled with excitement over what will arrive.

I love Christmas, and I enjoy anticipating the event. It's not 'just for children,' which seems to be the way that those 'dread at the dentist' people try to assuage themselves.

Christmas is our time, in the middle of some dreary weather, to celebrate what is the lynchpin of human history - the coming of Jesus, to live for us and die for us and give us new life.

With that said (and I feel so much better for saying it), we at Wrington Chapel are involved in several events over this season.

Don't forget the Joint Village Carol Service, at All Saints, 6.30pm Sunday 17th December.

We lead Carol singing in The Golden Lion, 8pm Tuesday 19th December.

In the chapel, we hold our own Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm on Christmas Eve, 24th December.

And all are welcome to share in our Christmas Day family Service at 9.30am.

With so much going on, Venerate takes a break in December. But come along in at 7.30pm on 14th

January 2018, for fine contemporary Christian music, and a chance to worship freely (and drink coffee), and pray openly.

Sunbeams mums and tots group runs as normal on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am during term time. Chat, sing, and let your little ones play until they sleep for the rest of the day. What a great idea.

Sunday worship is at 9.30am, with Communion on the second Sunday (10th December). Most of the teaching on Sundays is recorded, and can now be found on our website.

We believe strongly that Christian belief, and following Jesus, is not just for an hour or so on Sundays. It's life-changing and life-challenging. That is why we have House groups. These meet at different times during the week, for support, chat, bible study, and general laughter. The plan is to make sure no one feels alone, or unprepared for this life we are called to live. You will be made very welcome. Please contact us for details.

If you want to know more, or want to make contact, please see our website on wringtonchapel.com for more details than seems possible on one little website.

I wish you every blessing for this Christmas season

Reverend Duncan Tuck

Wrington Parish Council

The Council will soon be replacing the last batch of concrete column street lights with more efficient LED lighting, as already installed in the village. It's our intention to then move on to upgrading some of the older wall and post mounted lights. Also, we are in discussion with NSC about a 20mph zone in Wrington, which could be implemented sometime next year. More to follow on the scheme. As mentioned last month, we are working on preparation for a possible Neighbourhood Development Plan, with local consultation probably early in 2018.

By the time you read this the dead tree at the Broad Street toilets should have been removed and the other one pruned. We do intend to plant a replacement tree in the next few months. The Christmas Tree should be installed in its new base on the Green in good time for the Dickensian Fair. Thanks to everyone involved in organising the Fair.

Finally, we 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.

STOP PRESS

As the Journal goes to press we've received details of a consultation on a proposed development Master Plan for Bristol Airport. This coincides with a public consultation on major future housing development and possible new road construction in North Somerset, with possible local impacts. This is the Joint Structure Plan (JPS). Please see our website for

further information.

North Somerset Council Area Officer 'surgery' Tuesday 5 December, 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. There will be no surgery in January but please let us know if you have any problems Jeff can help with.

Parish Council meetings in December 2017/January 2018:

Tuesday 12 December - Planning Committee meeting at 6.00pm

Wednesday 13 December – Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 9 January - Planning Committee meeting at 6.00pm

Wednesday 17 January – Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 30 January - Planning Committee meeting at 6.00pm

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

Fiona Burke

News from Wrington Church of England Primary School

As the frosty autumnal mornings turn decidedly chillier, we look to the bright lights of the forthcoming festive season. It has been another busy term with many thought provoking and poignant moments.

Last month, our school, alongside other schools around the country, paid tribute to the men and women, some not much older than our own pupils, who gave their lives to serve our country. We sold poppies, shared historical texts, asked questions, created artwork and poetry, and laid our class poppies wreaths in our special whole school Remembrance service. We all stood in solemn silence as a mark of respect.

As a school we also wanted the children to understand how their learning about Remembrance relates to their day to day experience in school, so on 13th -17th November we held our school Anti-Bullying week, entitled 'All Different. All Equal.' During this week, the children participated in a range of activities including drama, reflective writing and class debates to highlight the issue. Our School Council generated a pupil questionnaire and the senior leadership team held an informal afternoon meeting for parents to share our anti-bullying policy.

On a lighter note, we were delighted with how well the Wrington PTA Firework's night (held at the Wrington Recreation ground) was supported by the local community. The night certainly went off with a bang - a fantastic time was had by all! The

PTA also hosted a film night for the children, providing popcorn and refreshments. Both events help to raise valuable funds to support all aspects of school life, from reading books for the school library to playground equipment. We also eagerly await the PTA Christmas fair, which will be held after school on Friday 8th December – please do come along. A great opportunity to get ahead with the Christmas shopping!

We are all very much looking forward to our whole school Panto trip to see 'Scroogical' performed by the West-End in Schools team at the Memorial Hall, and wish our children the very best of luck in their own KS1 and KS2 Christmas plays. KS1 will perform an entertaining play called 'EWE....' And KS2 are staging a traditional nativity 'A Child is Born'. There's great excitement in the air!

We will be holding our traditional candlelit carol service at All Saints Church on the evening of 18th December at 6:00pm - one not to be missed, and finally, on the last day of term we will be singing carols on the playground on 19th December at 2:45pm. Please do join us for these two very special events.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Sarah Joskey

Burrington News

From Holy Trinity Church

We have had a PCC meeting, and were sorry to say goodbye to Sarah Conner, and to Jeremy Leighton, who has been our Hon Sec for some years. We are very lucky to have Alexis Mackie to take over the Hon Sec job. The PCC discussed various matters including the possibility of a broadband ariel on the church tower. The PCC approved the idea as it does give the village an alternative high speed broadband provider, and will get an income for the church. Our approval does depend on the school governor's agreement as well as the parish council's agreement. Hopefully we will all be able to come to a decision soon.

Burrington parish's contribution to the combined benefice profile was agreed and I am pleased to say the advertisement for a new vicar has gone out. The Society for the Maintenance of the Faith are patrons of Wrington and Butcombe, and they are in agreement with Burrington having a full share in the selection process.

We have had a very successful safari supper and many thanks to the altar guild and all those hosting courses. We must also thank Will and Claire Parsons for taking on a very successful harvest supper and for the generous donation to the church funds. The treasurer is very pleased with both these events!

We have had the quinquennial architectural inspection. We are awaiting the report but Stephen Edwards is confident we have kept on top of maintenance and repair of the church fabric.

Church services have continued to run as usual thanks to several visiting clergy and organists. Over Christmas we will be having the carol service with traditional readings from the King James' bible, and we are also having a midnight mass service on Christmas Eve, not an easy thing to arrange during a vacancy.

John Dixon – Churchwarden

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

From the Altar Guild

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent Safari Supper in aid of Holy Trinity Church. The evening was an enjoyable occasion which raised the grand sum of £1160...

Burrington News Cont....

From Burrington C of E Primary School

It seems very strange writing this article as it will be the last time I write it as the head of Burrington School. I am retiring at Christmas and the school will be very capably led by Sarah Joskey, who is also the head of Wrington School.

I have been head at Burrington for 15 years and during that time I have seen many changes in the education system but the Christian ethos at the school has continued to underpin all we do. The school deservedly has a reputation for being a caring school. As one parent said, 'I feel that my children go from one family to another', but as well as caring for the children, we challenge them to be the best that they can be and I am always so proud of their achievements.

We have had lots of success in sport in recent years and this has continued recently with cross country when from a field of 374 children from across North Somerset, our Year 6 girls won the bronze award, we had a number of children in the top 10 and two children won bronze medals for third place in their respective races. An amazing achievement for one of the smallest schools in the county.

Christmas at school is always such a lovely time and even more so in a church school. The children will enjoy lots of Christmas activities including parties, lunches and our nativity plays and church service. The school choir is working hard towards singing at the Holy Trinity Church carol service and will provide a special part of this lovely service.

I will look forward to watching the school continue to grow and flourish after Christmas. There is a great level of commitment of the whole school team to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children so I know that I am leaving the school in the best possible hands.

Alison Waite – Headteacher

www.burrington.eschools.co.uk

Burrington News Cont....

Gold, Silver and Bronze for Team Burrington

Burrington CofE Primary School started the first term of the new academic year how they finished the last one - with sporting success. 374 children took part in the North Somerset Schools Level 2 Cross Country event at Hutton Moor on Wednesday 11th October.

Our Year 6 girls won the team bronze medal. Harriet Brown finished in 6th position and Grace Hurst finished 8th. In the Year 6 Boys' category Herbie Cooksley finished in 10th position. Harriet, Grace and Herbie have all been invited to participate in the Inter Area Primary Cross Country competition in Bristol on Saturday 25th November as they all achieved top 10 positions.

In the Y4 races Maddock Jackson-Brown and Tilly Fitton-White both received bronze medals for their 3rd place achievement in their respective races.

This success follows on from the Silver Medal that the Y5/6 Quadkids team achieved in the Level 3 competition held at Bath University in July.

To top off the achievements Burrington CofE Primary School was awarded the School Games' Gold Award for the 2016/17 academic year.



Fair Week funding helps projects, people and communities



Darren Dyer, caretaker at the Memorial Hall, is a happy man. A donation from the funds raised during Wrington Fair Week has meant the kitchen now has extra resources from chopping boards to large commercial-quality roasting tins.

Donations were also made to:-

All Saints Church as a thank you for providing free use of the church and chairs for the very popular Joyful Spirit concert

Joyful Spirit, whose singing attracted such a huge audience and who contribute so much time to provide concerts to so many audiences in and around the villages

local charities nominated by Steve Hogg and Steve Price as a token thank you for their fabulous concerts which were sell-outs

Wrington Church of England Primary School enabling it to buy software to support the teaching of pupils with special educational needs. And the after school netball club has had a useful boost with a donation to buy equipment.

Legge's Charity, which is dedicated to supporting local children

Wrington Local History Society. The demand for places in the guided history walk by Mark Bullen was so great that extra sessions were organised

Wrington Drama Club which has used the donation to contribute to buying a new set of 'tri-lite' equipment that will be available for use by other community groups and events.

Wrington thru the Lens project. Launched during Wrington Fair Week the man behind it, John Rubridge, has said that the result of the ambitious project will be seen at the next Wrington Fair Week 2022. He is hoping that the donation from this village community event will help support any applications for other grants

Thank you to everyone who came to any event. Your support has enabled us, the Wrington Fair Week Committee, to support a lot of local groups and societies in our community.

See you in 2022 for the next Wrington Fair Week,

Jill Rawlins Chair, Wrington Fair Week 2017



NATIVITY SCENE FESTIVAL

at ALL SAINTS'

10am-4pm

Saturday 2 December and Sunday 3 December

**Come along and see a huge variety of Nativity Scenes,
enjoy a mince pie or two and a cup of coffee**

AND

help us to raise money for Crisis at Christmas

Wrington Redhill FC

Wrington Redhill FC are extremely pleased to announce the support & generous sponsorship of "The Wring Demolition Group". Chairman Nick Finch said "To have this endorsement by one of the industries leading players is a true honour. We are delighted that our club of over 126 years history representing a small North Somerset village is able to enjoy this wonderful support".

A huge thankyou to MD John Wring for making this happen.

Wrington Redhill FC are delighted to announce & present a brand new 1st team kit from our wonderful friends & sponsors from Double Tree (Cadbury House).

We would particularly like to thank Mr Nick Taplin who has been a loyal & enthusiastic supporter and sponsor of the football club for many years. At Nick's instigation we have the world famous Michelin starred Chef Marco Pierre White as shirt sponsor & the club have had the privilege of meeting the man himself on several occasions. We are simply blessed as a football club to have such people of the calibre of Nick & we must also mention Cadbury Club & Spa manager, former Bristol Rovers, City, Forest Green Rovers & Cheltenham town professional Jason Eaton, who has donned the famous green & black of Wrington Redhill FC not so long ago, play such a pivotal role in our club.

Local Clubs News

WRINGTON GARDENING CLUB

21st Dec - very close to Christmas but we hope you can come. Terry Merrett -Smith will be introducing us to 'December Delights'. If you remember his Irving Berlin evening last year, I don't need to say more. Extremely entertaining and along with mulled wine and mince pies.....

18th January - 'Aldwick Court Vineyards' - Sandy Luck. This month our meeting will be held in the BOWLING CLUB clubhouse - see Journal entry below.

Visitors are very welcome to join us - £2 entry. If you have any queries regarding the club or our change of venue, do please contact me. Our meetings begin at 7.30pm and are normally held in the Memorial Hall.

GARDENING CLUB VENUE FOR JANUARY

Unfortunately we have again been obliged to relinquish our regular Memorial Hall slot, this time for our JANUARY meeting. Fortunately, and with grateful thanks to them, the Bowling Club have offered us the use of their clubhouse. So for your diaries -

18th JANUARY '18 - we meet in the BOWLING CLUB CLUBHOUSE - times etc remain the same. It might be wise to bring a torch to ensure a safer walk from the car park.

I'm sorry for the inconvenience to our members ,but we had no alternative. I hope that I will not have to apologise to you again in the future.

CHRISTMAS

'Christmas can be split into two kinds of people -

Those who look into the windows of houses of others

And those who look out.'

Lemn Sissay

Maggie Williams - 861126

On a lighter note - Did you know? - Herod's first wife was called Doris.

Local Clubs News, Cont...

FLOWER SHOW CHARITY DONATIONS

The first news is that since 2001, thanks to your continued support we have been able to donate a little over £10,000 to local/national charities. Well done to everyone concerned, both present and past.

From this year's profits donations totalling £750 have been made to the following charities -

Wrighton Parish Charities	- £100
Wrighton Minibus Society	- £100
Legges Charity	- £100
1st B&W Scout & Guide Group	- £50
Macmillian Cancer Support	- £100
Weston Hospicecare	- £100
Children's Hospice SW	- £100
Alzheimer's Society	- £100

Thankyou everyone for entering the show, providing raffle prizes, advertising in the programme, making teas, setting up the hall, and walking through the door on the afternoon. Most of all, thankyou to the organising committee.

We need your support to make this village event a success so see you next year.

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 Club News, Cont....

Wrighton Tennis Club

Wrighton Tennis Club are offering a FREE 5 month period up to 30th April 2018 for any new member joining Wrighton Tennis Club.

This is offered on payment of a full year adult single membership of £125.00 which will cover the subsequent 12 months from 1st May 2018 to 30th April 2019.

There is also membership available at £60.00 for those people employed between 18 and 25 years old and £35.00 for those in the same age group who are students or unemployed.

The costs of providing floodlights and tennis balls are included in the Membership fee.

There is also a free session with one of our tennis coaches Mike Rakosi included in this offer.

It is possible to have two trial invitations as a Guest before making your decision on whether you would like to join.

If interested please contact Guy Winterbourne [m] 07970 901273 or e-mail guywinterbourne@aol.com

Wrighton Lunch Club

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our helpers, members and minibus drivers. Thank you all for all your help and support this year.

Chris 263658 Sue 862742.

Mothers Union

The October meeting was a talk by Jill Rawlings about Wrighton's 'Poor House' an interesting subject which, sadly, I was unable to attend. By all accounts I missed a very good evening. - sorry Jill!

In November we will be welcoming Pam Bendall to tell us all about 'Old Pharmaceutical curiosities.'

December will be in Ledbury's Barn again for our Christmas meeting with carols, mince pies etc, and in January 2018 we we'll hold the Annual General Meeting and programs will be available for the coming year.

Chris Elliott

Local Club News, Cont....

Wrigton WI

It was our Annual Meeting this month and Gabrielle Wilson welcomed Jean Simms who attended as our WI Advisor. After the usual business we held our Annual Meeting. As no-one volunteered to act as President Gabrielle agreed to stand for one final year. Margaret Barker stood down from the Committee and we were pleased to welcome Laura Laird and Julie Graham as new Committee members.

A team took part in the Group Quiz and had a respectable score and as Gabrielle said "came in the first division but not in the premier division".

Several members had a trip to see "Half a Sixpence" at the Playhouse which was excellent. Jean is organising a minibus trip to the Mall for Christmas Shopping on 24th November. We are looking forward to a silver jewellery craft session on 25th

November and our crafting group are busily making articles for our table at the Dickensian Fayre. Wrigton WI is hosting the Group Carol Service at All Saints this year on Wednesday 6th December so we have plenty to look forward to.

After our Annual Meeting Michael Malaghan entertained us with a talk entitled "It shouldn't Happen to a Writer". He started work writing for the Skegness Standard and now writes adventure stories for children. He was very amusing and kept us laughing with stories of his experiences. We were then able to purchase copies of his books which will make good Christmas presents!

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party on **Thursday 14th December at 7.30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall** which should be good fun. Please bring a plate of food.

Diane Reay

Wrigton Vale Inner Wheel Club held a very successful Soup and Puds lunch in aid of Mercy Ships at St. James Hall Winscombe. For further information on the wonderful surgery carried out on these Mercy Ships do go to - www.mercyships.com The Club would like to thank all those who supported this event.

Local Club News, Cont....

Redhill WI

We held our annual Harvest Supper on Friday, 27th October. We had a wonderful evening and it was great to share it with so many members, family and friends. The food was excellent, as usual.

This was followed by entertainment given by The Flaming Feathers – a Bristol dance group. They performed a wide variety of dances from burlesque to the can-can to dancing with feather fans (an experience which the members had enjoyed at a meeting earlier in the year).

We would like thank all those who made it such a good evening. The proceeds from this will enable us to

fund events in the community. This is part of our commitment to the National Federation's Resolution this year directed at alleviating loneliness in communities.

We have been pleased to welcome several new members this year, which has been fantastic and we look forward to their friendship and companionship over the coming years.

Our Christmas Party will be at 7.30 on Tuesday, 12th December, when we shall have an American Supper. This will be followed by a Christmas Sing-Along. All are welcome, so come and join us and hopefully you will pay us another visit in the New Year when our new 2018 programme begins.

Redhill Village Hall

Club Events

Open Mic Night's

Friday 1 December - 8pm - 11pm.

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 2nd February from 8pm.

New Years's Eve - DISCO

Put on your dancing shoes for a fun night at Redhill Club, join us to bring in the New Year and party until 1am. Large car park. All welcome.

Redhill Village Hall/Club, Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG. Located just off the A38, 2 miles south of Bristol Airport. Tel:

Local Classes

Yoga Class in Wrington

After a gap of several years a new yoga class has sprung up in Wrington.

Mo Hutchison, a British Wheel of Yoga tutor, is running classes on Thursday mornings from 10.30 - 12.30 at the Memorial Hall.

These classes aim to cover all aspects of yoga, and Mo is particularly interested in helping students with physical limitations such as arthritis, high blood pressure or hip and knee replacements, to get the best out of a class without damaging themselves.

She has been teaching yoga for 17 years and firmly believes that yoga is for everyone - not just the young and fit, although it is great for them too! As your practice develops you will find you can handle yourself better under stress, breathe better, be able to relax more fully and clear your mind. Your flexibility, strength and posture will improve. You will become more centred, calm and balanced. What's not to like? Mo can be contacted on 01934-862985, 07511075576 or <greentara2006 @gmail.com> and will be delighted to answer any questions about the classes.

The North West Somerset Branch of Parkinson's UK

The branch provides support and information to those with Parkinson's and those caring for them who live in Wrington, Butcombe, Redhill, Burrington and the surrounding area. Parkinson's and the side effects from medication can be difficult to manage, both for the people affected and their families. The aim of the local branch is to help to support them all.

They are welcome to join 'the club' (as it's affectionately known by members) and to attend the monthly meetings, workshops, therapy days and various social events which take place in the area during the year. The meetings, which are informal coffee mornings often with a speaker or some form of entertainment, take place at St Francis Church Hall in Nailsea on the second Saturday of each month (10.30am to 12.15pm). Transport (free or subsidised) can usually be provided for those who otherwise would not be able to attend.

If you are interested in joining this friendly group please contact Jill Gilbert on 01275 855524 or come along to a branch meeting.

Jill Gilbert, Acting Chair

North Somerset Rural Business Forum

North Somerset Rural Business Forum is a non profit making organisation open to all those involved in, and with an interest in progressive rural business. We meet on the third Thursday of the winter months. Current membership includes farmers, farm managers, bankers, consultants, accountants, solicitors, feed suppliers and others who earn a living from rural industry.

The third meeting of the season is on January 18th when we welcome Jacqui Mills, Public and Community Relations Manager at Bristol Airport.

Membership of the North Somerset RBF is currently £25.00 for the year. Non members are welcome at meetings at a cost of £10.00 per meeting. All enquiries, and to be added to our email list for advance notice of meetings please email; richard@cooksleyandco.org

The venue for evening meetings is the Mendip Spring Golf Club, Honeyhall Lane, Congresbury, Bristol BS49 5JT and the meeting will start with the speaker at 7.30pm.

To assist with catering arrangements, it is important that you confirm attendance to richard@cooksleyandco.org by Sunday 14th January.

Arthritis Research UK

On Friday, 3rd November we held our annual autumn Quiz Night at Cameley Lodge. We had 13 tables of contestants. It was an enjoyable evening with excellent questions set by Chris and fair play and scores kept by Cath.

As a result we raised £335.00 for Arthritis Research UK, which included £142.00 raised by the raffle. Ann also sold about £50.00 worth of Christmas cards.

So many thanks to all who came and who helped make it such a worthwhile event. Thanks to to Bridget for organising the event and Ann for handling all the finances.

Lastly, the Committee would like to thank the staff at Cameley Lodge for the excellent venue and delicious supper.

For news about next year's Spring Quiz Night, look out for a press release in the New Year.

North Somerset Council

North Somerset Council Green garden waste collections

Just a reminder that garden waste collections will be monthly instead of fortnightly in December, January and February. In Wrington the collection dates will be 11th Dec (Mon), 9th January (Tues) and 5th Feb (Mon). You should have new collection calendars, and they can also be downloaded from NSC's website <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/>. If you have any problems please contact me.

NSC Planning Developments

You may have heard about large proposed housing developments near Banwell, Churchill, Backwell and Nailsea. NSC is holding some public Local Plan drop-in events aimed at "generating ideas and starting the debate" for more detailed planning for these developments.

You may just catch one or more of these.

For Churchill and Banwell - Wed 22 Nov at Churchill Primary School 6-8:30pm and Wed 29 Nov at Banwell children's centre 3-7pm.

For Backwell & Nailsea - Thurs 30 Nov at Backwell Parish Hall 4-8pm and Thurs 7th Dec at the Tithe Barn, Nailsea 2-6.30pm.

There is also online consultation at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/localplan2036.

Council Connect

Last year NSC introduced an automated switchboard for its phone line 01934 888888. This involved automating many calls which could be directed easily to the right department. Some examples of programmed words for waste bin queries are: Bin Collections; Bin Timetables; Food Waste; Recycling Bins; Recycling Centres; Wheelie Bin Not Emptied.

If these words are spoken into the Interactive Voice Response system (IVR) the call will go to the Development & Environment Directorate. Over 75% of calls now go straight through the IVR, without the need to involve an operator, and with reportedly very few complaints.

Residents' calls are logged onto a system which delivers the request to the services' back office systems. For example, if the resident reports a pot hole, the team will ask a set of questions to establish the right information. This is then logged onto a database and electronically transmitted to the pothole team who will action it.

The number of "abandoned" calls (ie not answered) has been difficult to address in the last year due to the introduction of garden waste bins and difficulties with the new waste contract. The total number of calls was unexpectedly high, and four extra staff were employed to deal with this.

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North Somerset Council, Cont...

The contact centres allow 10 calls at any one time. The 11th caller will receive a message to say that all agents are busy, please call back later. In order to make cost savings

contact centre hours were reduced from 08:00-18:00 to 09:00-17:00 in July. Hours will probably be reduced further in the future.

Wrington Community Speedwatch

Wrington Community Speedwatch (CSW) started around 6 years ago following concerns from residents about the actions of vehicles coming in and out of the village. CSW is a joint initiative between the local community, the police force and the local authorities. It relies on trained volunteers monitoring speed at locations approved by the police. Those drivers found to be travelling above the prescribed limits are sent warning letters from the police, the aim being to educate drivers and thereby enhancing road safety. There are similar schemes in most North Somerset villages and towns.

The collected data shows that there are a number of black spots here principally West Hay Road near Alburys, Butts Batch and Havyatt Road. In addition following the opening of the nursery at Barley Wood and the extension of the 30mph speed limit zone further up Long Lane we now monitor traffic there for the safety of those taking their children. Unfortunately Long Lane, by the YMCA, has the highest percentage of vehicles measured above the speed threshold in the whole of North Somerset with West Hay Road not far behind with the average speed here of offending motorists almost 45mph. We had one driver clocked at 64mph approaching High St earlier this year.

It would appear that the number of vehicles of all types is increasing but so is the number of people walking and cycling and it is clear that many drivers seem oblivious to their speed. The Parish Council are looking at the possibility of a 20mph zone in the village centre but in the meantime the CSW team are looking to increase the size of the group. The commitment is usually no more than one hour twice a month and all clothing, equipment and training is provided. If you'd like to be part of this initiative to help improve safety for all Wrington road users or have any comments then please let us know via the email address below. Thank you.

Wrington CSW Team

wringtoncsw@gmail.com

Work starts on new science and technology build



Contractors H. Mealing & Sons begin work on site for £3.9m new build project at Churchill Academy.

Following the successful build of the Alan Turing Business, Computing and Social Science building, staff have been busy making preparations for the development of the next phase of new build development which is due for completion in December 2018.

“We are thrilled to be working with Churchill Academy & Sixth Form again to support them in realising their vision for the best learning environment for their students. Seeing how they are redeveloping the site is really exciting,” said Laurence Wright, Operations Manager at H. Mealing & Sons.

The new build will include 12 Science Laboratories and two Food Technology classrooms and will provide over 1800m² of space. Headteacher, Chris Hildrew said, “this is a really exciting development which will provide our students with the state-of-the-art facilities they deserve.”

For further information please contact Stephanie Franklin, Commercial and Marketing Manager on 01934 854070 or sf@churchill-academy.org

Soup & Spuds

In aid of the Scout Hall Access Fund

Saturday 20th January 2018

11:30am—2:30pm

Scout Hall

Adults £7

Children £3

Includes soft drink, tea or coffee

I.T. for the Terrified provides help with using computers, tablets, smartphones, cameras 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, usually 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 Windows, Macs, android phones, android tablets and iPads. If you need the use of one of our machines, please let us know as this can be arranged.

Our opening hours are flexible, because we have different trainers 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. Our basic charge is £20 for the two hour session but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements.

Appointments are essential and cost £20 for a two-hour session. We will be closed over the Christmas period – please ring and leave a message and we will get back with more info.

Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified :

01934 741751

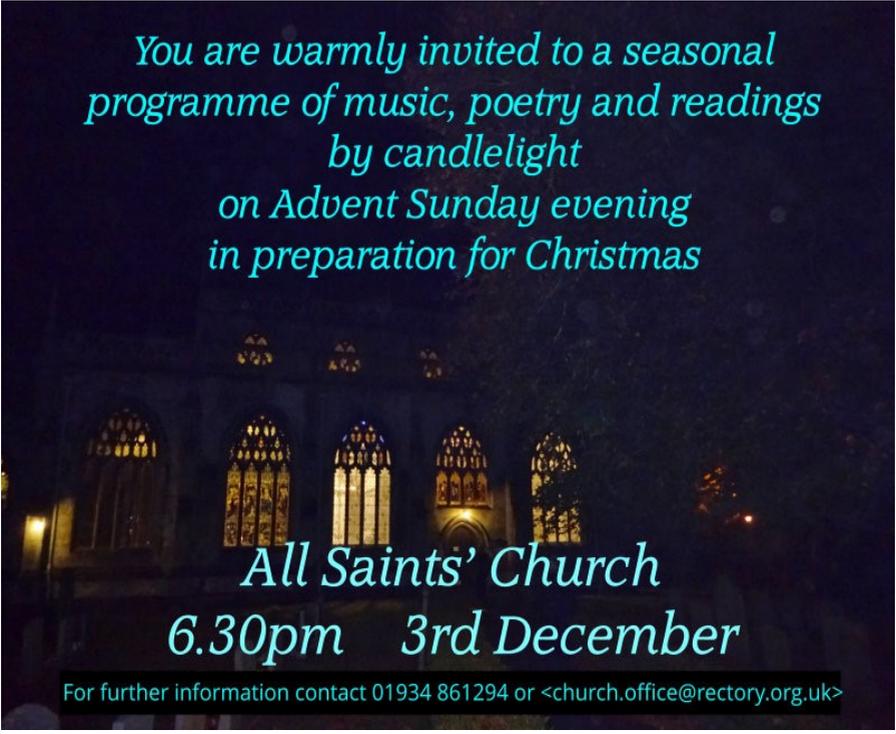
(usually goes to a standard answer phone – please leave a message)

www.itforheterrified.co.uk itforheterrified@btconnect.com

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*You are warmly invited to a seasonal
programme of music, poetry and readings
by candlelight
on Advent Sunday evening
in preparation for Christmas*



*All Saints' Church
6.30pm 3rd December*

For further information contact 01934 861294 or <church.office@rectory.org.uk>

Singing for Fun

Our next Singing for Fun evening will be held at Christ Church, Redhill, on Tuesday 16 January 2018 starting at 7pm.

No singing or musical skills are required. Please come along and join us and have some fun and help to cheer us all up on a cold, dark winters evening. If you have any favourite songs on a CD please bring them along. We plan to sing anything popular and enjoyable.

Tea and coffee will be available. A contribution would be appreciated which will go towards the running of the Church for the evening.

We look forward to seeing everyone. Enquiries to Tina Hillis 07835806555



WRINGTON DRAMA CLUB AND WRINGTON YOUTH DRAMA JOINTLY PRESENT

ROALD DAHL'S Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

ADAPTED BY
RICHARD R GEORGE
AN AMATEUR
PRODUCTION



7.30PM (DOORS 7.00PM)
SATURDAY MATINEE 2.30PM (DOORS 2.00PM)
NO CONCESSIONS, TEAS, COFFEE AND BAR.
Tickets available from Amors, Buglers,
The Gallery, Richard Kingcott 07767 778297
(evenings only)

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FOLLOW US ON



Get your Golden Ticket to a world of pure imagination!

There's only one ticket to get your hands on this Christmas and that's the Golden Ticket that will get you into a world of pure imagination...right here in Wrington! From Tuesday 16th until Saturday 20th January, Wrington Drama Club and Wrington Youth Drama will be staging their own original version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The production will feature all of the familiar characters we know and love - Willy Wonka, Charlie Bucket, Grandpa Joe and of course our very own Oompa Loompas!

The production will be directed by Alan Milne along with the expertise of artistic director Julie Kingcott. The cast will include a large number of children from the village, as well as many experienced adult performers.

Please come along and join us for what promises to be a Wonka Whipple-Scrumptious Fudgemallow Delight of a show. Performance times are 7.30 pm Tuesday - Saturday with a 2.30 pm matinee performance on the Saturday.

Arthritis Research UK

A big 'Thank You' to all those who supported us at our annual Autumn Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 11th October. Held this year at Felton Village Hall, this was a change of venue and we were very pleased that we were able to use their facilities.

We raised £154 on the day which will make a big contribution to the total we send off to Arthritis Research this year. Once again, thank you all for coming. If you were unable to join us on this occasion, hopefully you will be able to join us in 2018 – look out for dates and venues.

Our next event is our Autumn Quiz Night at Cameley Lodge on 3rd November – look out for news of the evening in December.

If you would like to join our fundraising group we would love you to join us – we always have room! Please contact Liz Shorney, secretary, on 01934 863058 for more information. Or any member of our group whom you may know.

Family Bingo Night at Chew Valley School Society

Feeling luck? Come and have some fun playing bingo and winning prizes!

Chew Valley School Society are pleased to host the return of the very successful Bingo Night on Wednesday 6th December. We welcome all the family, the more the merrier!

The doors to the school hall open at 6.30pm, there is no admission charge and no need to pre-book as all bingo cards will be sold on the door.

There will be many prizes won throughout the evening and all game winners will receive fabulous luxury festive hampers. Refreshments will be sold and there are more chances to win fantastic prizes in our raffle.

This year we are raising funds for a Languages software, Counselling services and an outdoor shelter

The Arts Society Mendip (formerly the Mendip Decorative and Fine Arts Society)

What's On for December 2017 and January 2018.

5th December

Gods and Gardens: The wall paintings of Ancient Rome is the topic of the talk by Dr Angela Smith to The Arts Society Mendip. The lecture will be followed by the Christmas Lunch. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

9th January 2018

Women Impressionists: neglected modern mistresses is the subject of the talk by Martin Heard to The Arts Society Mendip. He will look at the lives and works of Morisot, Cassatt, Gonzales, Bracquemond and others. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

Seasonal greetings from Chew Valley U3A!

December:

The meeting on the 18th December at Ubley village hall will include a short recital by the recorder group, followed by a quiz. After which nibbles will be served with a Christmas drink, so please come along at 10 am to enjoy a coffee before the meeting commences at 10.30. There is a charge of £1 for members and £2.50 for visitors.

January:

New Year greetings from Chew Valley U3A! Our meeting on the 15th January will include a talk by Gill Hogarth regarding Fun and Games in the Chew Valley 1821 – 2017. From the Waldegraves to the WI featuring farming, folk -dancing and football, including the Kettlewells, cricket and carnivals but not forgetting Austin Wookey and a host of other village folk! Refreshments will be served from 10 am before the meeting begins at 10.30, there is a charge of £1 for members and £2.50 for visitors.

Wroughton Community Minibus

December 2017 and January 2018

WESTON Wednesday

December 06 13:30

22 09:30 (Friday)

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January 03 13:30

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WELLS Wednesday

December 13 09:30

January 17 09:30

GENERAL PUBLIC TRIPS

Monday Dec 04 10:30 am Nailsea

Monday Dec 11 11:00 am Whitehall Garden Centre

Monday Dec 18 2:00 pm Nailsea

Wednesday Dec 20 2:00 pm Tea time trip

2018

Monday Jan 08 10:30 am Nailsea

Saturday Jan 13 09:30 am Frome market

Thursday Jan 18 10:00 am Cribbs Causeway

Monday Jan 22 2:00 pm Nailsea

Friday Jan 26 11:30 am Pub lunch at The Lamb at Weare

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 when booking 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.

Dates for your Diary

1st December	Bristol Airport Wrington Mem Hall 3pm-7pm
2nd & 3rd December	Nativity Scenes Festival All Saints 10am-4pm
3rd December	Music, poetry and readings – All Saints 6:30pm See page 27 Butcombe Christingle Service – 4:00pm
6th December	W.I. Group Carol Service – All Saints
8th December	Wrington PTA Christmas Fair – after school
12 December	Parish Council Planning Committee meeting 6.00pm Redhill W. I. 7:30pm
13 December	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
14th December	Wrington W.I. Memorial Hall &:30 pm
17th December	United Carols by Candlelight - 6.30pm All Saints Carol service and Nativity – 4:00pm Butcombe Church
18th December	Wrington school candlelit carols 6:00pm All Saints Chew Valley U3A 10am See page 30
19th December	Carol singing in the Golden Lion 8pm
21st December	Wrington Gardening Club -See page 16 Wrington School Carols in the playground 2:45pm
Christmas Eve	United Crib Service - 4pm Midnight service Redhill Carols by candlelight – Wrington Chapel 6pm Burrington Church – Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	Family service – Wrington Chapel 9:30am Family Communion – 9:30am St Michael's Butcombe Family Communion – 9:30am All Saints Family Communion – 10:00am Christ Church Redhill Family Communion – 11:00am Holy Trinity Burrington
10th January	West of England Joint Spatial Plan Consultation ends
11th January	Copy deadline for February Journal
14th January	Contemporary Christian Music -Wrington Chapel 7:30 pm
15th January	Chew Valley U3A 10:am See page 30
16th January	Singing for Fun – Christ Church Redhill 7:00pm
16th-20th January	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Memorial Hill See page 28
18th January	Wrington Gardening Club – BOWLING CLUB See page 16
20th January	Soup & Spuds Scout Hall development fund 11:30am to 2:00pm
26th January	Bristol Airport Consultation ends
28th January	Plough Sunday - 11:15am St Michael's Church Butcombe
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