

# Editorial

This is the fifth edition of The Journal which I have had the privilege to edit. I hope you like the changes in format I have introduced.

I think writing the editorial is probably the hardest part of the process.

I am encouraged by the increasing number of contributions each month, but this in itself brings its own problems.

I am limited to a maximum of 32 pages of editorial, which seems a lot, but believe me it soon gets filled.

This means that I have to manoeuvre contributions around. This all takes time but contributors can help by sending copy in good time.

This month, 36% of items arrived either on deadline day or later. I know that some contributors cannot send items much earlier because of practical issues, but I would be really grateful to receive contributions as early as possible

so that I have more time to plan the layout.

Having to leave items out is not something I enjoy doing.

I would like to draw your attention to some important occasions, happening this month.

The first is Easter at the end of the month. All the churches and chapels in our area have mentioned various celebrations and services in their articles.

Another is the 45th anniversary of the tragedy of the Basle air crash. As Richard says in his article, a horrible part of the history of the area, which we should not forget.

I keep telling myself that Spring is just around the corner, but that maybe wishful thinking. However, it is something to look forward to. The days are getting longer, I now walk to the shop in daylight and soon will be able to walk home in daylight, too.

In the meantime keep warm and healthy. Trevor Parnham, Editor

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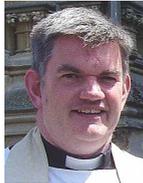
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# News from All Saints Church, Wrington

## A New Rector

We are extremely pleased that David Gent has agreed to be our new Rector starting in June. David comes from the Martock Benefice in South Somerset where he has been Vicar since 2008.

The interview panels were unanimous in their decision and were all impressed by what David had to offer. He completed a German & Law degree and spent a year working for the Mission to Seafarers before his ordination in 1998. He served a curacy in Wotton-under-Edge (Gloucester diocese) before moving to Somerset where he was Chaplain of Yeovil College, FE development officer and a parish priest just outside Yeovil. In 2005 he married Janet (who has three daughters in their twenties and four grandchildren aged 11 years – 21 months).



***Who says prayers never get answered!***

**Lent Courses** - Your chance to learn a bit more about our Christian faith. These courses will have started by the time you read this, however we can squeeze anybody in should you wish to join us. Just contact Gill in the Church Office on 01934 861294.

Singing with Jesus – how song is used in the Bible & in our faith.  
The Four Gospels and One Cross – what is the meaning of Lent?

## **Compline**

Compline offers an opportunity to be still for a while, to reflect on the events of the past day, and to give thanks for the peace and comfort that God offers freely to us all.

As previously, in our Compline talks we seek to provide a slightly different perspective on the Passion narrative. This year we will be looking at it through the eyes of the various women who played a part taking the form of a ten-minute reflection followed by the office of Compline. Each week there will be a different speaker from our ministry team, giving the perspective of a woman of their choice.

This service of Compline will be at 7pm each Tuesday evening during Lent in All Saints'.

You are warmly invited to join us for these times of prayer and reflection.

## From All Saints Cont.....

### Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches are continuing to happen in All Saints' on 7, 14 & 21 March from 12.30-1.30pm in aid of

The Julian Trust, which runs "The Night Shelter" in Bristol for the homeless. Come along and join us for soup and a roll in our re-ordered church... you'll be very welcome!

**Andrew Whiting & Fiona Densham**

### Churchwardens

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#### LENT - A DESERT EXPERIENCE

The desert may at first seem dead, but there are many plants and animals that have adapted to life in this inhospitable environment, and I have seen that there are even pools of water.

Moses led the people of Israel for 40 years across the Sinai desert on the way from Egypt to the Promised Land. The desert lay between Babylon and Jerusalem, and Jewish exiles were encouraged by the prophets to have faith that God would make a straight and level path for them across the rocky desert to return home.

Jesus went into the wilderness to prepare for his forthcoming ministry, and the Desert Fathers and Mothers chose to live in the desert in order to avoid the distrac-

tions of materialism and enable the growth of their spiritual lives.

Sometimes we may feel as though we are going through a "desert experience", when our existence feels dry and barren, and we seem to be making little progress. But like the hidden life in the desert, these lonely moments may be times of special growth by enabling us to become more real, stripping away the superficial and trivial habits that obscure our true selves.

During Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, 14 February, we are encouraged to give up an unnecessary luxury to help us to reflect on more important values and to give us an opportunity to know ourselves better. I believe it is better to do something positive during Lent, to make a difference to others also.

Lent is also a time to reflect on what God is calling us to do in the future, and to make changes in our lives to bring us closer to His plan for us. Let us renew our commitment to follow God's will for us in His call to Mission and Ministry, both as individuals and as a Christian community under the leadership of our new Rector David.

With every blessing.

**From our visiting retired minister, Revd Dr Victor Barley**

# From All Saints Cont.....

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

All Saints'

4 February Isla Mo Pearce, aged 4½ months

### FUNERALS

All Saints'

15 February Vera Brummell, aged 107

Weston Crematorium

23 January Celia Fish, aged 88

### Burial of Ashes

1 February Joanna Horler, aged 63

9 February Alison Innes, aged 54

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2 March 2-3.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer celebrated in All Saints' this year
- 3 March 12 noon Christ Church Ploughman's Lunch in Christ Church
- 8 March 7.30pm Burrington PCC meets at Yew Tree Farm
- 17 March 3-4.30pm Bell-ringing! Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers Chew Branch Ringing Practice
- 20 March 7.30pm Redhill Chapel Committee meets at 20 Wiltons
- 25 March 1am British Summer Time Begins - Clocks go FORWARD  
One hour
- 31 March 10-12nn St Michael's Good Friday Children's Workshop at Butcombe
- GOOD FRIDAY 11.15-1pm Village Hall– see Butcombe's page for details  
Wrington Christians Together Procession of Witness & United Services  
NO Edward Bear Club today
- 1 April  
**EASTER DAY** Watch out for our usual Easter Day Services!

## **News from Wrington Primary School**

At Wrington Church of England Primary School, we are very fortunate in having such lovely outdoor spaces for children to play and learn. Within this delightful rural setting, we have newly painted playground markings, well-resourced play equipment and lots of green space for playtime fun. The children also have access to a wonderful scientific learning environment in the form of our conservation area with our wildlife pond and a newly designed stone seating area.

We are always, however, looking to find ways to further improve the provision for our children to support them at different times of the school day, and to meet their differing needs as they journey through the school. As a result of a recent application, we are delighted to share the wonderful news that Bristol Airport has generously given the school a grant to enhance our Year 1 outdoor learning area; with a lovely canopy and outdoor resources, children will be able to use the space as an active learning zone. This will be a fabulous addition to the school, and have a significant impact on the opportunities available to our Year 1 children.

Over the next few months we will also be developing a spiritual garden, which can be used as a place of quiet and reflection for children and adults across the whole school community. We are hopeful that we will be able to work closely with parents from the school, as well as the wider community to share skills, ideas and resources and to create a unique and special garden, which reflects our Christian values and recognises diversity and a respect for other faiths and cultures.

As spring approaches, and the days get longer and warmer, we are ever more grateful for our beautiful surroundings, and we will continue to ensure that outdoor learning experiences and an appreciation of the awe and wonder of the natural world are at the heart of our school.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist in the development of our spiritual garden, do please contact the school on 01934 862553. We would love to hear from you!

**Ms Joskey**

## Views from Christ Church, Redhill

On 4th February Christ Church held a Plough Service on Regilbury Park Farm. We blessed the Plough, Cows & Sheep, Farmers and Farm Workers, the fields and the crops. We finished the service with a mug of hot cider whilst watching the cows being milked. A good time was had by all. But many would say the timing was wrong. Ploughing is now done immediately after harvest, not in the new year. May be, but it is good to spread out such celebrations and it is tradition.

Tradition is the excuse for doing a lot of things when we do them. We are now in the time of Lent, leading up to Easter. By tradition the date of Easter depends upon the Lunar Calendar. There is no theological reason behind this, and it messes with the school holidays, but we seem to like these idiosyncrasies. Certainly, many would think something lost if we just fixed Easter on a set date each year.

The church has many such traditions, especially around Easter. They can give rise to much debate as to the reasons behind them, such as why churches put veils over crosses during the last fortnight of Lent. We can either, just carry on doing them because we always have, or we can question such traditions. I am in favour of questioning traditions in order to learn more about the thing itself.

This approach can be applied to

Easter. Christians understand that through His death and resurrection Jesus won for all of us the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of life after death. This is God's gift to us all, if we will but accept it. How this works and what 'Life after Death' might look like are, of course, is a mystery. This is probably why so many strange traditions have grown up around Easter. However, it is through engaging with these traditions that we can learn more about Easter and the promises of Jesus.

The point is, we don't just repeat the traditions of Easter because we always have, but to learn more about the mystery of Easter. This is why, each year, we celebrate Easter Day as if it were the first Easter Day. That way we come closer to the truth, and the wonder, and the reality of God's promises. Come and share in our Joy at this festival of wonder

May we all share in the joy of New Life.

*Andrew*

Rev'd Andrew Hemming  
Priest for Redhill

# Views from Christ Church, Redhill

## **Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **Christ Church, Redhill**

We are holding a Ploughman's Lunch on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

12.00 – 1.30pm. Tickets £6.50 to include ploughmans, pudding, tea/ coffee.

For tickets telephone 01934 863058, or 862778 , 863080.

## **Singing for Fun**

Our next Singing For Fun session will be held at Christ Church, Redhill, on Tuesday 20 March starting at 7pm.

Despite the weather numbers doubled at our January session so the volume doubled and we had a great time. Each session we add new songs and now with the very welcome technical help of others it gets better and better.

No singing or musical skills are required just come and join us and fill the Church with music and laughter.

Enquiries to Tina Hillis 07835806555

# Butcombe Church News

We are, along with the whole Benefice, delighted at the appointment of The Revd David Gent as our new Rector. We look forward to welcoming David and his wife Janet to St Michael and All Angels following his Installation on June 4th and to the rich ministry they will bring.

We would like to extend our thanks to all the retired Clergy who have helped with our Services during the Vacancy and also a special thank you to The Revd Andrew Hemming for his tireless guidance and support during this time.

## **Diary Dates:**

Sunday 4th March 9am "Xplore " Butcombe village hall

Sunday 11th March 10am Mothering Sunday Service including " Hugging the Church" which will require sensible shoes !

Friday 30th March 10am - 1200 Childrens' Easter Workshop in village hall ( under 3s accompanied by an adult please)

Sunday 1st April 11.15 am Easter Sunday Family Communion

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

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Butcombe Village Fete Saturday 23 June

At Christmas I received a 1,000 small-piece jigsaw puzzle, an almost addictive hobby of mine. The image shows a section of a haystack: dark brown, light brown and streaks of cream. Included is a tiny magnifying glass, in order to find the proverbial hidden needle. To do so will need a very good light, cleaned spectacles, dedicated time, patience and resolve, to form its outline, fill in the pieces, sometimes three or four at once, at times just one or even none, building the picture in order to find the needle which the maker's print promises me is there.

I always have a puzzle "on the go", open on a board for the quick peep which evolves into an hour or more – a cloth covers it at times to distract me.

The Church's season of Lent is a time when we are called to be distracted away from usual pursuits and to endeavour to seek to grow our relationship with God by giving him quality time to study scripture, attend a Lent Group, to pray, quietly reflect on our discipleship. We know God's promise: "I am always here, waiting for and wanting you to draw closer". My current jigsaw will be covered during Lent. Open books will replace it to which I hope to be drawn more frequently. The magnifying glass is our making time for whatever way we wish to "find God" and experience the joy of "knowing him more dearly, loving more dearly, following more nearly day by day" (*Richard of Chichester*). May our Lenten journeys be those of discovery.

**Angela Smyth**

# Butcombe News

## **An Evening of Magic for the Bristol Eye Hospital**

**Butcombe Village Hall, Friday 23rd March 2018, 7pm**

We are holding an Evening of Magic at Butcombe Village Hall on Friday 23rd March at 7pm. This will be in aid of the Bristol Eye Hospital. Stephen Wells, who is a member of the Magic Circle, will be delighting and amazing his audience with his magical skills. We will be having a delicious supper, with a choice of hot pies from the Unusual Pie Company, followed by scrumptious desserts. There will be a licensed bar, and of course a raffle with some excellent prizes. Tickets are £18 for adults, and £10 for children, and can be obtained from Georgina Jefferies on 01761462269 or by email at [georgina.jefferies7@gmail.com](mailto:georgina.jefferies7@gmail.com) .

Book you tickets soon, as they will be selling fast (like hot pies!): state your pie order when you book please! (Chicken& ham, Beef & ale, steak & kidney, or vegetarian)

## **BOOK KEEPER REQUIRED**

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels, Butcombe ,is urgently seeking someone to maintain a book keeping system for the church financial accounts. Whilst the church finances remain the responsibility of the PCC, the book keeper will be responsible for keeping accurate records of the PCC's financial transactions and producing quarterly accounts and annual financial statement.

Payment will be made for these services, fees to be negotiated

For further details please contact Jane Pemberton on 01275 472213

## **No Finer Life'**

7.30pm - 6th March 2018

Ubley Village Hall, The Street, Ubley BS40 6PJ

Don't miss an exciting opportunity to see the acclaimed production of 'No Finer Life', a tale of our relationship with the countryside, the food we produce and our very identity. Hosted by local charity CPRE and received with great reviews around the country,

Do join us.

For further information and tickets go to:

[www.avonside.cprelocalgroups.org.uk](http://www.avonside.cprelocalgroups.org.uk)

# from Wrington Chapel

Easter is coming. It's often said that many Christians don't seem to get so excited and interested in Easter. Not like they do with Christmas. If true, that's a shame, as Easter celebrates the good news. Good Friday remembers that Jesus died to save us from the penalty for our sins, and to give us a chance to respond in faith. Then Easter Sunday celebrates his resurrection, when all who respond are able to share in the new life of Christ and hope for the future. There's so much more than that, but you get the idea. So why not enjoy the time.

**LENT GROUPS:** With that in mind, Lent groups continue this month, where we join together with folk from All Saints, and others, for times of fellowship, learning and laughter. Look out for posters.

**EASTER REFLECTIONS:** Also, at the Chapel, we will share in some simple reflections through Holy Week, leading up to Easter. Everyone is welcome to join us each evening, from Monday 26 March to Thursday 29 March, at 6.30pm. Hopefully they will leave you wondering. Our usual Maundy Thursday meal will also take place after the Thursday reflection.

**WALK OF WITNESS:** Don't forget the Good Friday Walk of Witness, which will proceed from Wrington Chapel to All Saints, this year hopefully giving out goodies as we go.

**SUNRISE SERVICE:** Early on Easter Sunday (6.30am - yes 6.30am) we will gather on Wrington Hill for our Sunrise Service. This is a time of reflection, prayer and song when we can (hopefully) watch the sun come up and avoid the sound of aircraft. It's an atmospheric and precious time for those hardy folk who get up in time. As usual, to reward you

for your early sacrifice, we will follow that at the chapel with bacon butties.

So much more is going on, but let me pick out a few regulars:

**VENERATE:** This time of relaxed worship and prayer, sharing in fine contemporary Christian music, and coffee, takes place again at 7.30pm on Sunday 11th March. All are welcome to come and share.

**SUNBEAMS:** Our Sunbeams mums and tots group runs on Wednesday mornings at 10am during term time. Notice it is at 10am, not 10.30am as I had previously reported. Chat, sing, and let your little ones play until they sleep for the rest of the day.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Our Sunday worship is at 9.30am, with Communion on the second Sunday (11th March). Most of the teaching on Sundays is recorded, and can now be found on our website.

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

For more information, or contact details, see our website on [wringtonchapel.com](http://wringtonchapel.com).

I wish you every blessing

**Reverend Duncan Tuck**

# Burrington News

## From Holy Trinity Church

The big news this month is the appointment of David Gent to be the new rector of Wrington and vicar of Burrington. He was unanimously approved by the patrons and the parish representatives as well as Archdeacon Adrian and Bishop Ruth. He is currently vicar of Martock, where he has been for 10 years, and he has good experience of working with schools and young people. He is in his 40s and is married to Janet. They have already been over to look at the villages again since the appointment, and I bumped into them looking at Wrington church a few days ago. He has to give notice to Martock and it looks as though he will be able to move into Wrington rectory in April. His official licensing service will be in Wrington church at 7.00pm on Monday 4th June. The appointment was made 8 months after Nicholas Maddock retired, and there was only another month to go before the appointment reverted to the diocese, no doubt with considerable delays.

We also have a new headmistress of Burrington School with Sarah Josky, head of Wrington School, taking up the headship of Burrington part time. She certainly has a busy job and we wish her well in this lovely school. I

showed our new vicar David round the parish before his appointment. He was particularly taken with the school, and he sat in on an "Open the Book" session, which he found very inspiring.

Our thanks go to all the clergy and organists who have kept our services going well during last month.

I am sorry to report Gerald Bird's funeral on January 12th.

The architect's report on the quinquennial examination of the church is here. We are still digesting it, but it seems there are no nasty and expensive surprises. I think we can thank Stephen Edwards for keeping on top of things and preventing troubles at an early stage. It looks as though there will be some inside and outside cosmetic work, which will freshen up the appearance. We will be keeping up with Wrington at a fraction of the cost!

**John Dixon – Churchwarden**

**[www.burrington-pc.org.uk/holy-trinity-church/](http://www.burrington-pc.org.uk/holy-trinity-church/)**

# Burrington News

## **Burrington C of E Primary School**

As the new Headteacher at Burrington Church of England Primary, I have been so warmly welcomed into my new role by the whole community of the school.

Thank you to everyone for their generous support. Although Burrington is a small school, it certainly offers enormous opportunities for children in their learning, both inside and outside the classroom. From the delightful nursery (the Cherry Buds) with its wonderful nurturing ethos and bespoke care through to the sheer diversity of experiences for the older children, Burrington Primary offers an educational setting for children to truly thrive as individuals.

It has been lovely to talk to pupils to learn more about the school. One child described it as being in one enormous family! Children in reception (Cherry) class take part in forest school each week ably supported by a forest school teacher and other helpers. They have recently been busy collecting twigs to burn in their newly acquired kelly kettle which is used to heat the water to make their hot chocolate.

The excitement of knights and castles has been filling the air in Birch class as they have been writing dramatic stories of dragons and in technology creating castle pictures with moving parts.

Oak class have been putting their persuasive writing skills to the test with some fantastic results. There was a general disappointment that macaroni cheese

had been removed from the lunch time menu so the children decided to write letters to the catering company to complain! A new menu has just arrived with macaroni cheese reinstated!

Children in Maple class enjoyed an Egyptian Wow Day to kick off their new topic. They had fun making salt-dough hieroglyphics, 3D shadufs, sketching Egyptian Gods and designing and making 3D paper pyramids.

There are lots of sporting opportunities for our children to participate in. We are very proud to say that we were awarded the School Games Gold Award in the summer. This followed our Y5/6 Quadkids team winning silver medals at the Level 3 competition held at Bath University. We are lucky to have sports after-school clubs every day.

With small class sizes, dedicated staff and an inspiring curriculum, not to mention its idyllic setting, children at Burrington Primary have a unique education. I feel very privileged to be part of this school, building on its wonderful traditions and exciting ambitions, and I look forward to working with the whole community to further develop this vibrant school.

Come and see for yourselves why Burrington Primary is such a special primary school! Visitors are always welcome at the school, at one of a number of open days throughout the year; or you can make an appointment. With Mrs Morris in the school office on 01761 462662

**Tuesday, 6th March 11.02am *Aftermath***

*45 years ago a plane from Bristol crashed in mountains as it came in to land at Basle during a snow-storm. Nearly 140 people, mainly mothers from Somerset, were on an Invicta Airlines Flight435 - on a day out to go shopping and sightseeing.*

*BBC Radio 4 are making a new series of programmes looking at how communities, like those in North Somerset, face and cope with sudden and devastating disasters. Some of those in Wrington who lost loved ones talk about their feelings then and now, an awful moment in Wrington's history, never to be forgotten.*

The Sunday following the broadcast is Mothering Sunday, and at Even-song at 6.30pm in All Saints. Prayers will be said, reflecting on the memories stirred by the programme after the passing of the years.



## **News from Wrington PTA**

On Wednesday 7th March we are hosting a Mothers Day Tea Party and warmly invite you to join us for tea, cakes and gifts to treat Mum on Mothering Sunday Neals Yard will be there along with the Tanyard Studio and Jo's Crafty Sew & So. There will be flowers provided by Charlie Armour and plenty of PTA favourites to sample.

The tea party starts at 3.15pm in the school hall. Just follow the bunting.....

Other dates for you diary:

Saturday 21st April - The ever popular PTA plant sale

Sunday 13th May - The annual fun run, in collaboration with Cadbury Spa & Gym

We thank you for your continued support of our fundraising events and look forward to seeing you.

# Local Clubs News

## Wrington Vale Rotary Club

happened to be the recipient of what can only be described as an excellent and informative presentation by the Avon and Somerset Chief Constable, Andy Marsh. The event was the Annual Charter evening at the Clubs new venue, Barley Wood House in Wrington.

Despite an extreme demand on Andy's time, he still managed to present a very comprehensive explanation of "Policing up to Date". This focused very much on the numerous facets of police surveillance in this age of electronic technology. With so much information covering crimes, internet interference, drugs, murders and missing persons, to name just a few of the topics the force has to investigate, and with both reduced budgets and manpower, one was left feeling that though there is lack of a visual police presence in our streets, there certainly is not in the police HQs. Whilst not on view, the public can be assured the surveillance systems are keeping a watchful eye both prior and at potential areas of crime 24 hours a day.

The vote of thanks for this outstanding presentation was given by John Alvis who congratulated Andy on recently being awarded with the prestigious Queens Medal Award in the New Years Honour List.

During the month we held the third Charity Casino Night at Thatcher's Cider. 248 guests enjoyed cocktails, an excellent meal, dancing and using their "fun money" playing roulette and blackjack over tables presided over by professional croupiers. The evening was a huge success raising over £8000 for charitable purposes, the main beneficiary this year being the Teenage Charity Trust who received a cheque of £4000 on the night from President John Murphy.

Barley Wood House is proving to be an excellent venue as our new home, especially with Amie and Tracy being such super hosts and making our meetings and meals trouble free. Future meetings include a presentation by Peter Lander speaking about Birbeck Island and Pier on the 7th of March. The expansion and growth of Bristol Airport by Jackie Mills is on the 14th of March, whilst, on the 15th of March we are holding the Young Chef competition. For more information about Wrington Vale Rotary Club, its aims and objectives, future events or membership details, **Please visit our web page, [wrington-valerotary.org.uk](http://wrington-valerotary.org.uk), visit us on facebook or call Bob Shaw on 01934 842551.**

## Mothers Union

At the January meeting it was sadly announced that our oldest member, Vera Brummel, had passed away in her 108th year. According to her daughter, Pam, she died in her sleep peacefully after a short illness. An amazing, and very interesting woman 'one in a million'.

We held the usual AGM, Lin gave a very full report on the year describing the various meetings and activities which had taken place over the last 12 months.

There was one change on the committee with Pat Parsons retiring as Treasurer after serving for 'more years than she cared to think!' The role will be filled by Gabriel Wilson.

Afterwards, Katie O'Connor told us all about 'Messy Church'

She described how she had seen a similar scheme and been drawn to try something in All Saints. Originally Katie, Pauline and Lee began running it after a lot

of meetings and discussions. It began in the Memorial Hall as at the time the Church was closed for refurbishment.

The idea was to encourage families who didn't attend any 'Church' things, by very simply, telling stories, using craft, singing songs and sharing food.

It has become very successful with a regular attendance to all the sessions, whether in the Church or the Memorial Hall.

Lots of people have become involved in different ways - helping with craft, preparing food, welcoming, joining in, and it has become a regular part of Church life and some great 'outreach'.

Chris Elliott

## THE LANGFORD HISTORY GROUP

We are a small friendly group who meet once a month at Langford House. Our aim is to provide an interesting programme of talks covering local history, more general historical topics and also family history and research. Amongst other topics, our varied programme for 2018 will cover a talk on 'The Doomsday Book and the Locality', to be given by Frank Thorn, and also a talk on 'The Gardens of the Wills Houses' to be given by Glenda Bryan. Our November meeting will be an evening dedicated to our members research into their family con-

nections with WW1. The complete programme is available to see on our website [langfordhistory.com](http://langfordhistory.com). The website also gives details of our researches, books that we have published and much historical information about Langford. We meet on the second Thursday of the month with the exception of August and September and would love to welcome new members and visitors.

**Jane Dixon**

**Chair 01934 862248**

**[jandjdixon@waitrose.com](mailto:jandjdixon@waitrose.com)**

## **Arthritis Research UK – Chew Valley Branch, 2018 Events**

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our usual Spring Quiz Night. The good news is our Autumn Quiz Night will be back at Cameley Lodge in November this year. We're looking forward to seeing all our regulars (and hopefully new teams) on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November.

We are holding a Summer Coffee Morning in July this year. We're hopeful that this will be on 10<sup>th</sup> July at Liz Balmforth's. Further details of both events will be published in future editions of the parish magazines. Please put these dates in your diaries. We are also considering holding another Information Day later in the year and we are currently finalising details – watch this space for more information!

### **Wrington Gardening Club**

15th March - This is the month for our AGM - please don't be reluctant to come as it is as short as possible and will be followed by a talk on flower arranging - I have no more details at present.

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

### **REMINDER**

Our main fundraising event - Plant Sale/Coffee morning is due to take place in the Scout Hall on Sat. 28th April. So.....could you sort out any plants you may have, plus possible raffle prizes and any paper backed books. Pat will no doubt be in contact for donations of cakes. Many thanks.

### **Maggie Williams - 861126**

'This time of year can at first glance seem a little grey and dull, but open your eyes to the miniature Tolkeinian world to be found in the crevices of our lovely limestone walls. No world polluting travel required, just imagination.'

# Local Clubs News, Cont...

## **The Big Frisbee Golf Challenge**

The Rotary Club of Wrington Vale, in collaboration with Mendip Outdoor Pursuits and Thatchers Cider, is promoting the Big Frisbee Golf Challenge over the weekend of 21st / 22nd April 2018 in aid of mental health charities working with children, teenagers and young adults; and other charities supported by Rotary.

Disc golf is just like traditional golf, the difference is it's played by throwing a flying disc into a metal target in the fewest throws.

The club is building Europe's Biggest Ever Frisbee Golf Course – a unique 54 basket course on the stunning Mendip Hills above Churchill. The event starts on Saturday 21st April with a sponsored family fun day suitable for all ages and abilities.

Participants can choose from family-friendly 9 hole courses (watch out for the Yeti), or tackle 18 holes, 36 holes or go for the big one - the 54 basket challenge. No experience is necessary - disc golf is easy and great fun to play. The first 1000 people to sign up will get a free limited edition Disc Golf frisbee worth nearly £10 as a little thank you and a memento of the day.

The fun continues on Sunday 22nd April. This day includes events which are reserved for the Pros! Serious, experienced disc golf players can compete in the 10K Discathon race or take part in the Ultimate Endurance 54 Challenge!

The Big Frisbee Golf Challenge's national headline charity is YoungMinds - the UK's leading charity championing the wellbeing and mental health of young people. The event's local headline charity is In Charley's Memory. In Charley's Memory is based in Burnham-On-Sea and was founded in memory of Charley Marks, who took his own life in September 2014. The charity is very active across Somerset and the surrounding areas working towards the prevention of suicide in young adults. For more details, visit the BFG Event website at

<https://www.bfgevent.co.uk/>.

## **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....

### **Wrington Youth Week 2018**

This will take place between 6th and 10th August 2018. It is a community activity week just for children who live in Wrington, or who attend Wrington Primary School. Although activities are provided for all children from key stage 1 through to key stage 4, this is a village event where as many of the community, both young and old, are encouraged to take part in some way. As this is not a "holiday club" where parents/carers leave the children and pick up at the end of the day, it is vital that parents/carers/grandparents get involved in helping at some activities - this is the only way Wrington Youth Week can go ahead.

The committee is made up of volunteer parents who are putting together a programme of approximately 90 varied and exciting outdoor and indoor activities. Many of the activities take place locally with DBS checked providers, or are parent led. The week culminates in the always popular BBQ evening on the recreation ground on the Friday evening. Event programmes and booking forms are currently being finalised and will be available from Amors AND sent out to Wrington Primary School children, via the School, in mid April.

Please note that Booking in Night will take place at the Pavilion on Wednesday 9th May 2018 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. **AFTER THIS DATE, NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN** so please put the date in your diaries! It is essential that you attend Booking in Night in person to register your child/ren so that you can sign necessary consent forms and confirm which activities you can help at. If however you cannot attend booking in night please contact the chair on the email below to make alternative arrangements.

If you require any further information, please contact either Paul Gillard (Chair) or Lizzie Gibbs (Deputy Chair) at [chair@wringtonyouthweek.org](mailto:chair@wringtonyouthweek.org)

Finally, a big thank you to our Committee who are already working hard to put together another varied and exciting programme.

## Local Club News, Cont....

### **Wrington WI**

Gabrielle Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and we sang Jerusalem.

A group of WI members from Wrington, Yatton and Redhill met up at the restaurant in Weston-super-Mare college for a meal. It proved to be a very pleasant evening and hopefully we will have more joint outings in the future.

As it is the 100 year anniversary of some women getting the vote, Wrington WI are organising several small events during 2018 to celebrate. Our next meeting is on International Womens' Day and there will be a cake decorated to mark the occasion.

We are looking forward to participating in the Group Meeting and competition to be held this year at Redhill on 24th April.

Sandy Bateman then gave us a very full and detailed presentation on the Bronte family but focussing in particular on the sisters Charlotte, Emily and Ann. It was a fascinating insight into their life.

Our next speaker is Cathy Marjoram from Aardman Animations who will give a talk entitled running with 'chickens'. It is an Open Meeting and we invite anyone who would like to hear the presentation to come along and join us at The Memorial Hall, Silver Street, Wrington on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

*Diane Reay*

### **Wrington Vale Inner Wheel Club**

Wrington Vale Inner Wheel held a very successful Quiz and Fish and Chip evening in aid of International Charities. The evening was organized by Pauline Britton International Committee Member with the help of Chris and Yvonne Greenwood presenting the Quiz.

## Local Club News, Cont....

### Redhill WI

#### **Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2.00 – 4.00pm Easter Egg Hunt.**

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

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

Visit our Facebook page @redhillWI for further information.

**Liz Shorney**

### **Redhill Village Hall/Club Events**

#### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Open Mic Night's 8pm - 11pm**

Friday 2nd March

Friday 6th April

Friday 4th May

Friday 1st June

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

#### **Classic Car & Motorcycle Breakfast Gatherings 9am - 11am**

Sunday 25th March

Sunday 20th May (Charity Event)

Sunday 7th October

Classic Car & Motorcycle BBQ Gatherings 7pm - 10pm

Thursday 17th May

Thursday 21st June

Thursday 19th July

Thursday 16th August

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

# Local Club News, Cont.....

## **THE GREAT PILGRIMAGE 90 (GP90)**

In 1928, 10 years after the end of the Great War, the British Legion (not Royal at this time) arranged for veterans and widows to visit the wartime battlefields of the Somme and Ypres Salient, Walking for miles between each; every site the scene of sacrifice of a scale never seen before. On 8th August 1928 the original pilgrims marched in solemn silence to the Menin Gate in Ypres, under the watchful gaze of the Legion's patron, the Prince of Wales, to mark the 10th anniversary of the start of the 'Last 100 days Offensive' which, later that year, led to the signing of the Armistice.

The Royal British Legion are re-enacting these events by asking Branches to send a Standard Bearer and wreath layer to represent their Parishes and communities to remember the fallen and injured and, especially, those on their local memorial. The local school children will be asked to design a remembrance message to be attached to the wreath.

In August our secretary and treasurer will be going to represent the Parish, and where possible will place poppy crosses on known graves of those named on our memorial in All Saints' Churchyard.

**John Gallop,**  
Secretary, Royal British Legion, Wrington Branch. 862621

## **Clevedon Food Bank.**

Wrington churches and community contribute on a regular basis to Clevedon Food Bank.

The good news is that between us in 2017 we donated 760kg of food. This equates to approx 15 large supermarket trolleys.

Kelly Croxton from The Clevedon centre sends her very grateful thanks.

Please visit their website at <https://clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

If you want to become part of this work please place your donation of non-perishable food in the collecting receptacles in either the Chapel or the Parish Church. Otherwise, as some do, leave your donation at 15 Brooklyn where the front porch is always open ready.

Again well done everyone in helping to relieve suffering of people who are in a desperate situation through no fault of their own.

**Derek and Wendy**

## **From Chew Valley U3A!**

Chew Valley U3A will be holding a coffee morning on Monday, 19 March 2018 at Ubley Village Hall, commencing with refreshments at 10 am and followed at 10.30 am by an informal talk by Jennie Noakes, who is a member of Street Pastors of Bath. Jennie will be talking about the work this charity does to help the disadvantaged on the streets of Bath. Entry fee £1 for members and £2.50

## On Our Farms

You don't have to travel far to have a great day out living where we do and March is an excellent case in point in 2018. On the 24th March, Fernhill Farm on top of the Mendips, is host to a fantastic day of rural tradition, skills and entertainment.

First up are the hedgers of the Wrington and Burrington Hedging Society. At 9.30am, fifty or so beginner, improver and champion hedge layers will sharpen their hooks, rev up their chain saws to untangle and 'lay' a mass of overgrown trees, brambles and hedgerow plants around the fields to create a stockproof hedge. Not only will they serve the very practical purpose of keeping the farmers sheep in, they will look great as well.

At the same time as the hedge layers are getting to grips with the hedges, the very best blade shearers in GB and further afield will be getting to grips with the sheep and giving them a haircut. Whilst powered sheep shears are the tool of choice for the majority of sheep shearers there is a committed group who want to keep the age old skill and tradition of hand shearing alive. This is what blade shearing is all about. The blade shearing starts soon after 9.00am with competitions for novice, intermediate, ladies and the Open Final.

And if those two events aren't enough, there's a beginners sheep

dog trial that visitors can watch as well. Entry to the event is free and with food and drink available throughout the day. As I said, you don't have to go far to enjoy yourself around Wrington, and Fernhill Farm could be the place to go for a whole day of excitement at the end of March.

If that wasn't enough, the day after sees the staging of the Mendip Farmers Point to Point horse racing at Ston Easton. It's a great day out with its origins very much in the farming community.

In the mid 1700's two neighbouring farmers in County Cork challenged each other to a horse race from one church steeple to another church steeple - from one point to another point. The race was staged over four and a half miles and each farmer had to ride his horse over a range of stone walls, ditches, hedges and of course some flat land. At all times the steeple had to be kept in sight. That was the start of point to point horse racing and Mendip Farmers have been staging its Point to Point race meeting since the mid 1800's. It's a great event well worth visiting but be warned, if you think it's cold in the 'boys land' of Wrington and surrounding parishes be ready for a shock at Ston Easton. You will need to wear a very warm coat.

**Nick Green**

# Wrington Parish Council

**North Somerset Council Area Officer 'surgery'** Tuesday 6 March, 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.

## **Cox's Green development**

While the developers have what's known as outline permission for 59 houses, they will need to submit further applications to cover the layout and detail of the development. This will include drainage and highways issues, including the proposed footway on Cox's Green. Watch out for information on these 'reserved matters' applications, which are expected in the next few months.

## **Airport development**

Bristol Airport's growth plans will have a major impact on the parish if any of the options shown in the draft 'Master Plan' are progressed as originally suggested. There's to be a public consultation on the Master Plan itself, and details will be provided as soon as these are available.

## **Broad St toilets site**

The garden area has been tidied after one old tree was removed and the other pruned. We'll wait to see how healthy this tree is in the summer; although we're now thinking that any tree here isn't necessary. Have a look and let us know what you think. There will be flowers planted for the summer.

## **Fly tipping**

There have been a couple of incidents recently of fly tipping of branches and other material cut from trees, these outside the Old Quarry, Wrington Hill, and in Long Lane. If you notice any fly tipping

locally please contact the parish office or report it directly to North Somerset Council. If you're arranging for any tree works, you might check what the contractor intends to do with the material removed, especially if it's not being chipped.

Finally, the Council has agreed that the parish share of the council tax charge should again be unchanged for 2018/19, this for the fifth year.

## **Parish Meeting**

The Council will be holding a Parish Meeting in the Hall on Wednesday 7 March, commencing at 7pm. Come along if you have any particular issues to raise or questions to ask about local matters.

## **Parish Council meetings in March 2018:**

Tuesday 13 March - Planning Committee meeting at 6pm in the John Locke Room

Wednesday 7 March – Parish meeting at 7pm in the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 21 March – Parish Council meeting at 7pm in the John Locke Room

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

**Fiona Burke**

**Clerk**

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# North Somerset Council

## List the Clock House?

In February's Journal our esteemed editor expressed the hope that Debbie Fortune's recently vacated estate agent's premises in Wrington would not be turned into a house. Another resident suggested to me that perhaps the building should be listed to prevent it being significantly changed. It is certainly an iconic building in a prominent position in the centre of Wrington. I too hope that the offices will be re-let commercially, but I am well aware that several other business premises have successfully applied for change of use to residential in Broad St and elsewhere. Whether as an office or a residence, Clock House is within Wrington's Conservation area, and so it would be difficult for anyone to gain permission to change the outside appearance. If any concerned resident does want to apply to have the building listed by Historic England then they would have to apply online at <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/apply-for-listing/>. The building would not be listed unless there was an immediate threat to it.

## Flood storage work started

Last July the application was approved for the formation of a flood storage embankment off the brook in the field off Rickyard Rd. When this flood storage area is complete I certainly hope that the houses in Garstons Close, The Glebe and Sil-

ver St which have been flooded so many times in the past will no longer be threatened at times of heavy rain.

In January the public footpath along the brook was closed temporarily so that work on the storage embankment could start. The footpath from Rickyard Rd to Long Lane is staying open.

Work started by reducing hedges and felling trees in the pond area.

## Registry Office and Registrar's Service

Last year NSC delegated the operation and storage for its Registrar's service to Somerset County Council - the Weston and Clevedon offices remained open. The change included an online appointment booking service for the public, as well as a telephone contact centre. Now the Clevedon registry office has moved to Castlewood and the booking function has improved. It will be open 9am-12.30pm Monday to Friday, plus 2-4pm on Tuesdays.

**Deborah Yamanaka tel 01934 862109**  
**d.yamanaka@btinternet.com**

## Students impress at Churchill Music's Young Musician competition



On Monday evening we celebrated our student's fantastic performances at the annual Churchill Music's Young Musician of the Year. The concert and competition is a highlight in the Academy's calendar and just one example of the valuable partnership between Churchill Music! and the Academy.

Eight students performed over the night, including cello, voice, piano, clarinet and violin. Three of the competitors were in the junior category.

Lucy Buncombe (Yr13) won the overall prize for her vocal performances of 'Dreaming Wide Awake' and 'Blues in the night'. The adjudication panel chaired by international violinist, Ruth Rogers with Alice Harper and Adrian Trapp - both accomplished musicians, expressed how high the standard of the competition was, and how hard it made their jobs. So much so, that they awarded Lucy Taylor (Yr12) a runner-up prize. Lucy sang 'Ridente la Calma' and 'Widmung' for her performance.

Prizes for the evening also included the Junior trophy which went to Ella Hutchinson (Yr10) for her performance on the cello. The audience voted for George Skeen (Year 12) who played 'Allegro Moderato' and 'Hoe-Down from Rodeo'. The final prize of the evening went to George Derry (Yr12) who won the Raymond Hayter Song prize.

Chris Hildrew, Headteacher, commented "This is my third Young Musician, and it's been a fantastic evening of performance. I'm proud to see our musicians flourishing; their success is down to the countless hours of practice that each and every student has undertaken to perform at their best, showing great and sustained determination.

We also have our wonderful music staff and our ever-present partnership with Churchill Music to thank for these amazing opportunities.

We're extremely proud of all the young musicians, whose energy and enthusiasm make the night all the more special. They delivered some truly unique performances and it was a privilege to listen to them tonight."

Following Monday's performance, all the students are invited to play at the Young Artists Showcase at St Georges, Bristol "What a fabulous night of music-making. The standard was extremely high. We cherish our partnership with Churchill Academy, where music is such an integral part of their students' education" said Jan Murray, Churchill Music.

**Churchill Music: advance notice of a really special event  
this Summer... Saturday 16 June 2018**

***John Williams, John Etheridge and Gary  
Ryan - 6 hands***

**3 guitarists**

After many years of playing together, John Williams, (Widely acknowledged as the world's greatest classical guitarist) and John Etheridge (one of the world's finest jazz guitarists) are excited that the classical guitarist and composer Gary Ryan (internationally acclaimed for his exceptional technical control and profound musical insight) is joining them to bring you their colourful and varied programme of solos, duos and trios.

Put this in your diary now. Plan your holidays around this 'one-off' opportunity that just cannot be missed.

*Simon Page*

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Publicity Volunteer for Churchill Music!

<http://www.churchillmusic.org.uk/>

**Cheddar Male Choir, open workshop evening in Winscombe.**

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

Cheddar Male Choir are looking for new members and are holding two open evenings on Tuesday 13th and 20th March. We will be at the Lynch Chapel in The Lynch, WINSCOMBE, BS25 1AR. Please come along and listen or join in just so you can see how much fun it is to sing in Cheddar Male Choir. If you are unsure then don't be, there's no pressure on you. Why not bring a friend or group of friends as well.

# Local Classes

## **PILATES AT BARLEY WOOD**

An invitation is extended to anyone who may be contemplating joining a PILATES Class to visit Barley Wood House for a complementary introduction session on either the 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of February at either 1-30 or 2-30pm.

To book your free place, please call Corinne on 07919532960

## **Yoga for All in Wroughton**

Yoga classes started up in Wroughton Memorial Hall again just before Christmas. New students are welcome.

This is a small friendly gentle class aiming to help students with physical problems to get the best out of their body without damaging it.

As well as posture work, the tutor, Mo, includes yogic breathing practices – very helpful for maximizing lung capacity and calming the mind - relaxations and meditation. You should leave the class feeling rejuvenated and better able to face the wintry weather during February!

Mo can be contacted on 01934-862985 or greentara2006@gmail.com if you would like to know more.

Classes are on Thursday mornings 10-30 – 12.15 in the Wroughton Memorial Hall.

## **Relief Caretaker for Wroughton Memorial Hall needed**

Wroughton Memorial Hall and Recreation Committee need a relief Caretaker to cover for the Caretaker in his absence due to sickness or holiday leave. This will probably amount to 20 to 30 days or part days of work a year.

Main duties would involve:

Opening, setting up, cleaning and closing the hall as required.

Opening the Memorial Hall car park toilets in the morning, checking, cleaning and locking them in the evening.

The relief caretaker will often be required to work on a Sunday and occasionally bank holidays at 1.5 times the hourly rate.

The hourly rate will be £8.00 plus a daily retainer of £8.00.

Please contact Fiona Burke on 01934 863984 or email clerk\_wroughton@hotmail.com if you are interested or require further details.

The Arts Society Mendip

What's On March and April 2018.

6th March 2018.

The Anatomical drawings of Leonardo Da Vinci – a surgeon's view. Guy Rooker will talk on the accuracy and importance and of this artist's work to both science and art. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk). Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

10th April 2018 (NB 2nd Tuesday)

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

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

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

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

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

**. 01934 741751**

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# Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Reviewed by Steve Taylor

Director Adam Milne and Producer Richard Kingcott can be proud of their recent mise en scène of Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" in Wrington's Memorial Hall.

The scenery, costumes, staging, lighting and special effects, supplied by a team of experienced 'back room boys' were all superb. The original music was composed and played by John Lambert: – what a find for the Club – they should hold on to him – his score and playing were excellent, and perfectly matched the unfolding of the action.

The acting was of the high standard one has come to expect from the juniors of Wrington Youth Drama, and the troupers of Wrington Drama Club. Charlie's grandparents (Duncan Tuck, Pat Milne, Chris Parnham and Simon Medd) squabbled endearingly over the sparse blankets of their vertical bed. Willy Wonka, the whimsical and waspish chocolatier, was played by Michael Berkley, strutting and scooting about his wonderful ramshackle factory. (Can this really be his swansong at Wrington Drama? No! – please come back soon, Michael.)

Charlie Bucket's mum and dad were endearingly portrayed by Julie Kirby and Richard Stockham. The parents of the naughty four Golden Ticket winners were, if anything, more dreadful than their offspring. They were played, with abundant glee and gusto, by Adam Hall, Zoe Maitland-Round, April Kirby, Stephanie Milne, Mark Halper, and Lorna Leggett, who was

also responsible for the excellent choreography.

Charlie Bucket, Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde, Mike Teavee, Veruca Salt, the Oompaloompas, the rappers and the storytellers, all came from the ranks of Wrington Youth Drama, and were mentored by Julie Kingcott, whose artistic presence was felt throughout the production,

Highlights for me were the come-uppances of the spoilt children and their parents. All so cleverly staged and executed: the chocolate river swallowing up Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde transformed into a blueberry, to the horror of her vampish mother, the gloriously undignified descent of Mr and Mrs Salt down the rubbish chute, as they chased Veruca into the squirrel pit, and the magical teleportation, via the Oompaloompas' myriad iPad screens, of Mike Teavee into a midget the size of a Lego man, that his (no doubt secretly relieved) father popped into his breast pocket. All accompanied by the chorus of the fierce little rapping and dancing Oompaloompas – let's not leave them out.

I saw the play twice, with a different companion each time, neither of who had been to a Wrington Drama Club/Wrington Youth Drama production before. One remarked on the strong sense of community emanating from both stage and audience; the other was struck by the energy and enthusiasm of all involved; both loved the originality and sheer joyfulness of the whole production.

S.T.

# Local Organisations

## VINE NEEDS YOU !!

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about our work, please go to [www.vinecounselling.org](http://www.vinecounselling.org)

Thank you!

## Wrighton Minibus Society

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

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

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

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

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

## Wrington Community Minibus

### March and April 2018

<b>WESTON</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>WELLS</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
March	14	09:30		
			March	21 09:30
	28	13:30		
April	04	09:30		
	18	13:30		
			April	25 09:30

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC TRIPS**

Friday	March02	11:30 am	Pub lunch – Little Harp, Clevedon
Monday	March05	10:30 am	Nailsea
Saturday	March10	09:30 am	Frome Market
Thursday	March15	10:30 am	Clarks Village, Street
Monday	March19	02:00 pm	Nailsea
Monday	March26	11:00 am	Whitehall Garden Centre, Whitchurch
Monday	April 09	10:30 am	Nailsea
Friday	April 13	11:30 am	Pub lunch – Rich's Cider Farm
Thursday	April 19	10:30 am	Thornbury and Oldbury on Severn
Monday	April 23	02:00 pm	Nailsea
Thursday	April 26	11:00 am	Sanders Garden World, Brent Knoll

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

# Dates for your Diary

<b>3rd March</b>	<b>Christ Church, Redhill Ploughman's Lunch 12:00 - 1:30</b>
<b>6th March</b>	<b>North Somerset Council Area Officer 10-11am John Locke Room</b>
<b>6th March</b>	<b>'No Finer Life' Ubley Village Hall 7:30 pm</b>
<b>7th March</b>	<b>Lent Lunch, All Saints 12:30 –1:30 Wrington PTA Mothers Tea Party 3:15 School Hall Wrington Parish Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>8th March</b>	<b>Wrington WI Cathy Marjoram from Aardman Anima tions - "Chickens" 7:30pm</b>
<b>11th March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
<b>14th March</b>	<b>Lent Lunch, All Saints 12:30 –1:30</b>
<b>15th March</b>	<b>Wrington Gardening Club AGM</b>
<b>19th March</b>	<b>Chew Valley U3A 10:00am</b>
<b>20th March</b>	<b>Singing for fun 7:00. Christ Church Redhill</b>
<b>21st March</b>	<b>Lent Lunch, All Saints 12:30 –1:30 Christ Church Redhill Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 - 4pm</b>
<b>23rd March</b>	<b>An Evening of Magic 7 pm. Butcombe Village Hall</b>
<b>24th March</b>	<b>Traditional rural skills Fernhill Farm</b>
<b>25th March</b>	<b>Mendip Farmers Point to point Ston Easton</b>
<b>30th March</b>	<b>Good Friday 11:15 - 1pm Wrington Christians To gether Procession of Witness &amp; United Services</b>
<b>1st April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>

All saints Full list of upcoming events – see page 4

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