

# Editorial

When I start to ponder what I should say in my editorial, I try to look around our wonderful communities for inspiration. This month I didn't have to look far.

There are many examples this month of achievement within our communities, both individual and groups. Not, just in the last month, but over time. The Friends of Wrington Churchyard continue to achieve wonders in keeping the churchyard in a condition we can all be proud of.

All the schools in our area are constantly achieving greatness, not only within the schools but in the wider community. Young musicians, speakers, debaters, chefs and many others achieve amazing standards.

Every day, as I walk down to our shop, I admire the recent high standard improvement to the scout hall access. Making it more accessible for the many different groups and individuals who use it.

Butcombe recently organised a litter collection day and created a

litter tree to demonstrate, how a community cares for their environment. It is a great pity that such a thing is necessary but a testament to the community to make such a difference.

There are several individual achievements worthy of note this month. David Exell, tells us about his latest achievement of completing the five marathon Annapurna Ultra in the foothills of the Himalayas in Nepal.

Richard Thorns' Wrington website approaching half a million hits. But, even more important it is now probably the most complete archive of the village. Another incredible achievement.

There are many other examples of personal or group achievements in our communities and it makes me proud and glad that I live here.

Trevor Parnham

Editor

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# News from All Saints Church, Wrington

## THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD

Ascension Day (Thursday, 10 May) celebrates Christ's return to heaven following his resurrection appearances to the disciples, and after he gave them instructions for continuing his mission to all people. Jesus returned to God the Father so that the disciples would be ready for the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit, although it appears from St John's account of Jesus' appearance to them in the Upper Room that they received the Holy Spirit by his breathing on them.

Pentecost (Whit Sunday, 20 May) is described as the birthday of the Church, and the power of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, Confirmation, or conversion seen as bringing a new birth for that person. The celebration of the Holy Trinity (27 May) then reminds us that God has been present always, Father, Son and Holy Spirit before the world began and One Person in all eternity. Though no longer visible as an individual human, he lives in us and anyone willing to welcome him into their lives. How are we and other Christians going to put our recently celebrated faith in God into practice, and spread the Good News to all people?

I believe that we reflect God's presence in our lives and will show his love to those we meet by what we do and say. We show our faith in service and support of our family and friends, and in taking the opportunity to share in caring for our community and environment. There are plenty of examples of wonderful support by the church community, and let us all keep alert to opportunities that will occur among the people we meet and in our neighbourhood.

Whatever our limitations and however little time we have available for serving others, we can all pray, and I am aware that many prayers have been answered, not always as was expected. Prayer does not take us out of the pain and difficulties of life, but it does change the perspective of how we see ourselves and what is happening to us and to the world. Prayer enables us to share in joys and pains with other people, and most of all it renews our fellowship with God.

**"May we in heart and mind also ascend, and with Him continually dwell" (from the Ascension Day Collect).**

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

## *How was This Easter for You ?*

Our Palm Sunday service was brought to life with real live "donkeys" as we re-enacted Jesus entering Jerusalem bringing to life the joyous procession of Jesus entering Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday we had Communion in church and foot-washing just like Jesus performed at the Passover meal, the Last Supper. A Watch was kept throughout the night in church just like the disciples did when Jesus went off to pray. On Good Friday we processed through the village with a cross like Jesus did, our service focused on real people. We witnessed the Last Supper, we heard from the Roman Centurion who was in charge of Jesus' crucifixion, the gardener who witnessed the crucifixion, and finally Pilate who washed his hands of responsibility for the crucifixion as he could see no just reason.

On Easter Sunday we celebrated Jesus resurrection as proof he is not a false prophet, that there is life after death.

Jesus endured all this to save our sins... how was Easter for you ?

# From All Saints Cont.....

## 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 Thought

Take a little time out to reflect on Christ's ultimate sacrifice to set us free from the burden of sin, what a gift ... for everyone.

Andrew Whiting & Fiona Densham *Churchwardens*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDDINGS

All Saints'

20 April

Robert Stead & Emily Stephens

### BAPTISMS

All Saints'

7 April

Jemima Barker, aged 5½ months

8 April

Archie Organ, aged 3½ months

22 April

Mollie Turner, aged 4½ months

### FUNERALS

All Saints'

28 March

Nicolas Burnett, aged 80

Canford Crem

11 April

Zena Britton, aged 87

South Bristol Crem

16 April

Betty Venn, aged 98

Weston-S- Mare Crem

17 April

Janice Dyer, aged 79

### THANKSGIVING

Christ Church

17 March

Andrew Dunn, aged 53

## REGULAR EVENTS

### ALL SAINTS', WRINGTON

**Every Friday** (except Good Friday & during August)

2pm

**Edward Bear Club**—For pre-school children & their parents/carers in All Saints'. Come and join us for music, stories and craft, with tea and squash afterwards!

Any questions? Do contact Pauline Wathen on 01934-862650

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

10am-12 noon

**The Alzheimer's Society Hub** in the Reading Room. - *If you are worried about your memory or have had a diagnosis of Dementia, or someone you know is affected by dementia, do come along to the Hub for support and advice. For more details, call Helen Harvey -Foster, an Alzheimer's Society Dementia Support Worker, on 07740 456706.*

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

10am-12pm

**The Big Clean Up** in All Saints' - *all welcome for cleaning, coffee & cake!*

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

4pm

**Messy Church** in the Memorial Hall - *Fun and food for the under-11s and their families*

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

9.30am

**All Age Breakfast Café Church**—*A different kind of worship with cafetière coffee, croissants and good company!*

### CHRIST CHURCH, REDHILL

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

10.30am-12.30pm

**Coffee'n'Company** *A 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*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10 May 8.50am

**Wrington School Ascension Day Service** in All Saints'

11am

**Burrington School Ascension Day Service** in Holy Trinity

12 May 2.30pm

**Wedding of Henry Acreman & Charlotte Smith** at All Saints'

3pm

**Wedding of Evan Moore & Clare Reid** at Christ Church

25 May 11am

**Wedding of David Mills & Bethany Keyte** at All Saints'

4 June 7pm

**Licensing of our new rector, the Revd David Gent** in All Saints'

# Friends of Wrington Churchyard

If you think that All Saints Churchyard is looking good then you might like to know that the Friends of Wrington Churchyard has been making grants towards its upkeep for the last 40 years. Following a period when the churchyard had fallen into a state of neglect the 'Friends' was established in 1978 to help raise funds in a non-denominational way to support the upkeep and general maintenance of the churchyard. It is after all a focal point within our community that is appreciated by most people in our village. As a registered charity the 'Friends' provide support by way of grants towards specific funding requests – but it is only possible to do this because of the generosity of individuals within our community and beyond.

Since 1978 the 'Friends' has contributed 2/3 of the cost of grass-cutting and maintenance every single year.

In the past 15 years alone it has: funded the five yearly tree inspection and subsequent remedial work (next inspection 2018)

paid the majority of the cost for repairing the Lychgate (2008)

replaced ailing rose beds with a box hedge along the length of the north path

paid for the new notice board by the North Gate (2013)  
contributed to gravestone repairs (on-going)  
contributed to the cost of re-surfacing the path from the North Gate (2017)

The trustees of the 'Friends' are proud to have been able to provide such grants and are grateful to everyone who has in the past given so generously and those who continue to do so now. A number of funding requests have been received recently and the trustees are giving them due consideration.

At its recent Annual Meeting held on 12th March 2018 Pippa Marsh was re-elected as Hon Chair, Chris Brown as Hon Treasurer, Jeremy Birkett as Hon Secretary. Pat Ledbury and Andrew Whiting were re-elected as trustees.

If you like what you see outside All Saints Church and would like to make either a one-off or a regular donation to enable us to maintain our on-going support please contact our Hon Treasurer, Chris Brown on 01934 862067.

Thank you.

**Jeremy Birkett, Hon Secretary**

## Ruth Jenkins

Ruth Jenkins passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 13th 2018, aged 75 years.

Paul, Shan and Beth would like to thank everyone for their love, support and words of comfort.

She will be sadly missed by friends and family.

On 21 May 2018 the Annual General Meeting of the **Chew Valley U3A** will precede by a choral contribution by the choir from Ubley School and immediately following the AGM there will be a brief Extraordinary General Meeting. Refreshments will be available from 10 am followed by the meeting at 10.30 am and all are welcome. As U3A does not meet in June or July the next date for your diary will be 20 August 2018, when Richard Lancaster from Greenpeace will be talking about climate change.

## **News from Wrington Primary School**

I cannot quite believe that we are now in the summer term at Wrington Church of England Primary School; how quickly the academic year is flying by! Perhaps it's true that time flies when you're having fun, and we certainly have been having lots of fun!

Our Easter celebrations filled the school with great warmth and excitement, as children busily made Easter cards, learnt Easter songs and dances, created artwork for our Easter Arts Trail, shared our Easter lunch and learnt about the Easter message through stories, poems and projects. The celebrations culminated in a wonderful church service held at our local All Saints Church. The children were outstanding in their performances and we are also very grateful to our fantastic RE Leader, Mrs Chloe John, who has helped to inspire the myriad of Easter activities.

Despite our World Book Day celebrations being rather later than planned (due to the snowy weather), last month we enjoyed a fun-filled day dressed in a range of costumes from 'Stick-Man' to 'Winnie-the-Pooh'. We held our eagerly anticipated book-swap, had a book quiz, held competitions, read stories and wrote book reviews. At Wrington Church of England Primary school we pride ourselves on our love of reading, and this special day is one that always takes pride of place in our school calendar.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our librarian, Sheila Bowker, who together with our Year 1 teacher Julie Pinner, organised a whole school spon-

sored spell. This fantastic event raised an incredible £2000 for new books for our school library. We could not have raised this amount of money without the support of all our children and families - a huge thank you to all. The children will now have an even wider and more up-to-date selection of texts to choose from!

There was no time to rest before we had commenced our energetic endeavours in support of the national Sports Relief Appeal. We all dressed up (again!) in our sportiest clothes, participated in a whole-school walk a mile, learnt a Sports Relief song and had a whole school dance. We look forward to passing on all the funds raised to support the valuable work that Sports Relief do in supporting less fortunate children across the country.

No wonder times flies!

**Visits to our school are always welcome. Please contact Mrs Hayley Smith, School Administrator, to arrange a visit on 01934 862553 or email of-  
office@wringtoncofeprimary.org**

**Sarah Joskey  
Headteacher**

## Views from Christ Church, Redhill

We have just held our Annual General Meeting. This is an occasion to reflect on the past year and to look forward to the next 12 months. Overall your church is doing well. Regular attendance at Sunday services is holding up well and the number of people who attend occasionally or are involved in other church activities is increasing. This is very encouraging. This church exists to serve the needs of the community of Redhill. Our primary concern is that everyone in Redhill should know that this church is there for them and, if we can find out what people want from their church, that we provide for those needs.

It has to be said that the number of people wanting to get to know God through regular Sunday worship has always been, and will probably remain, a minority. But that is only one of the functions that the church offers. Worshipping God as a group activity is important in that it enables us to encourage each other. It should be a source of comfort and strength to all. Whist not simply entertainment, it is also something that we can all enjoy. This is what Christ Church sets out to do and we see festivals as a great opportunity for a wider group of people to share in this enjoyment. Our Plough Service on Regilbury Park Farm was typical of this; good singing, general rejoicing in the fertility of our farms and hot cider to boot! We are hoping to have a Rogation Sunday service in June, in which we can walk around our village and fields to bless all aspects of our community. Do look out for the posters.

This is very much a church that is living and growing. Two years ago we set up Tots Spot, a parent and toddler group, to meet a need that was identified to us. It has been very successful with 10 children attending at various times over those two years. It is clear now that the format needs to change. Where tea and biscuits for the parents and toys for the children (plus castles made of kneelers) was more than enough, perhaps an after school group is more what's needed now. Is fortnightly the right frequency? Should it be on Saturday? Is a junior youth club what is required? These are the questions we are asking ourselves, please let us know of any ideas you may have. (07584 124 198)

With joy at God's blessings for us all

*Andrew*

Rev'd Andrew Hemming  
Priest for Redhill

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

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

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## **Alternate Thursdays**

2-3.30pm              **The Tot Spot**

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

## **Singing for Fun**

Our next Singing For Fun session will be held at Christ Church, Redhill, on Tuesday 15 May starting at 7pm.

We start with singing Jerusalem and move on to the likes of John Denver, Abba, Dusty Springfield to name just a few and finish with one or two well known hymns. We can't claim any musical expertise, hence no singing or musical skills are required, but we can guarantee a good laugh.

It's all about enjoying good company, all are welcome so please come along and join us for any evening of music and fun and let's get those giggle glands going.

Enquiries to Tina Hillis 07835806555

## **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

# Butcombe Church News

## Diary Dates:

Sunday 6th May 9am "Xplore" Family Worship and breakfast . This month as it is Rogation Sunday, after breakfast worship will continue on a walk around the centre of the village. All welcome

Sunday 27th May 630pm Evensong

Monday 4th June 7pm All Saints Wrington Licensing Service for our new Rector David Gent followed by refreshments . Open to all , do come to celebrate his appointment and to welcome David and Janet. we look forward to his ministry with us in Butcombe

**Jane Pemberton Churchwarden**

The Church season of Rogationtide is held four days before Ascension and, following Easter, its themes are resurrection and renewal. In the 17th century, the Church adopted the Roman custom of "Beating the Bounds", serving a practical purpose. Before the days of Ordnance Survey maps, there were not many clear lines of demarcation between parishes. The priest, accompanied by the villagers, went around the boundaries of each parish. En route, obstacles obstructing the boundary were broken or removed. At various points, boys were given the bumps so that when they grew up, they wouldn't forget where the markers, such as trees, were.

We all have boundaries - a sort of invisible border surrounding us. We have places to escape to, to feel secure, be quiet. We often put up fences against things that frighten us or with which we would rather not get involved. As humans, we also erect boundaries of our love and compassion. Our God knows no boundaries. His love and mercy overflows for all

His creation, especially us His children.

At Rogationtide, we are called to ask (rogare) for a blessing on sprouting crops in fields and gardens, the waterways and people and also on young animals.

St Michael's has marked the festival for many years. At Xplore on Sunday 6 May, we will meet at the Village Hall at 9am for a simple breakfast and then process around the village centre. Led by the Cross of the Resurrected Christ, we give thanksgiving as we seek further blessing. Please join us, wearing suitable footwear, either at the Village Hall, leaving there at 9.20am, or en route.

We promise not to "bump" or up-end any children into the water. Some traditions are just not health and safety approved.

**Angela Smythe**

# Butcombe News

The village of Butcombe organised a successful litter collection day on Sunday March 25th and filled numerous black bin liners with copious rubbish discarded along the surrounding roads, not least from parked vehicles waiting to collect passengers from Bristol Airport.

Rather than just send it straight to landfill, a choice selection of recovered litter was used to create a Butcombe Litter Tree in order to highlight this unnecessary blight affecting the surrounding villages and countryside. This worsening scourge is visually unattractive, environmentally damaging and ultimately wastes ratepayers' money through clear up costs like drain unblocking.



It would be great if other villages and local communities 'grew' their own litter trees in order to help make the dropping of rubbish socially unacceptable.

## **SAVE THE DATE, 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2018**

### **BUTCOMBE VILLAGE FETE AND FUN DOG SHOW – from 2pm**

Come and join us for a fabulous strawberry cream tea in the Old Rectory Gardens

(by kind permission of the Vester family).

Lots of fun games and activities for all the family.

Cakes and Produce – Books and Toys – Tombolas and Bric-a-brac stalls.

Grand Summer Hamper Raffle – great prizes.

**For further information contact Frances Worle (01761 462812).**

# Burrington News

## **From Holy Trinity Church**

Our Lent services were rather dislocated due to snow in March! The first Sunday was to have been the United Benefice Service with the new Archdeacon Adrian Youngs. Sadly there was a lot of snow in Burrington square, and so we had to change to Wrington at the last minute. The service went very well and we are most grateful to Wrington for getting everything going so efficiently with very little notice. It was good to meet our new Archdeacon after our exchange of views re the new Vicar. A fortnight later snow came again and we had to cancel Victor Barley taking the family communion, and this was the day my granddaughter was due to read the lesson. I blame global warming!

Apart from the snow, church activities have continued as usual. At our PCC meeting we had welcome confirmation that the quinquennial inspection of the church had revealed no major problems requiring urgent attention. Stephen Edwards will be organising a contract to undertake some of the works identified in due course.

On Trinity Sunday, May 27th there will be a special service at 6.30pm to welcome David Gent our new Vicar to Holy Trinity. The service will take the form of Sung Evensong, led by the Trinity Singers. We hope as many of you will be able to attend to formally welcome David to Burrington.

We hope you all have had a happy Easter.

## **John Dixon & John Lee – Churchwardens**

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

## **From Holy Trinity Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild is planning to hold a Silent Auction of Promises on Friday, 16th November in aid of Church funds.

Previous similar events have been very enjoyable and financially successful but much depends on the range and numbers of 'Promises' put forward. In the past we have auctioned everything from offers of baking, gardening, baby sitting, dinner parties, golf days, pleasure flights in small aircraft to cottage holidays in Cornwall.

If you feel you can offer a 'Promise' we would love to hear from you – please contact Mo Taylor (01761 462274) or Heather Lee (01761 462243).

Tickets (to include supper and a glass of wine) will be on sale nearer the date @ £15.00, available from Heather, Mo or anyone on the Altar Guild.

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

It has been a very busy month at Burrington Primary School...

Sports Relief gave us all the opportunity to become more active for this worthy cause. We all dressed in our sporty gear ready for various energetic pursuits which included a special whole school Zumba lesson led by former parent, Claire Hooper, enjoyed by staff and children alike.

We were rather exhausted at the end of it but we all agreed it had been such fun. At lunch time we took part in a 'walk' a mile activity on the Dring. Collectively, we are trying to walk the distance between Burrington and Buckingham Palace over the next few months and Sports Relief day seemed a good day to begin this challenge! Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the fundraising.

Our Easter service was led by Maple Class who gave a wonderful dramatic retelling of the Easter story from the excitement of Palm Sunday to the disbelief of Thomas following Jesus's resurrection. The PTA had organised an egg hunt and Easter competition which were completed with great delight! On the final morning of the term we enjoyed a quiet and reflective Agape service where we listened to beautiful music and shared hot cross buns as we considered the many different emotions of the Easter story the importance of hope.

The last service of the term was held in the church and celebrated the many achievements of pupils from across the school, from the endeavour trophy to reading certificates, the music award to excellence in maths trophy; over twenty special achievements were recognised.

Well done to everyone who received an award. What a group of talented children there is at Burrington Primary!

Over the holidays we have been very busy in Reception Cherry Tree and Nursery Cherry Buds class, restructuring the classroom and organising resources. The children have also been enjoying our delightful new Early Years equipment for outdoor play. Come and visit us and see our lovely classroom in action. Visits are always welcome!

We are planning a special Teddy Bears' Picnic event on Wednesday 20th June from 11am -12.30pm for children aged 2-3 and their special teddies (children are asked to bring a grown up too) at the Cherry Bud Nursery at Burrington Primary School. The event is free of charge and open to all children (not just children in Burrington). There are limited places so please contact the school on 01761 462662 if your child would like to join us for this special event and we will send you an invitation. We look forward to seeing you and your teddy bears!

**Sarah Joskey**

**Headteacher**

**[office@burringtonprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@burringtonprimary.co.uk)  
for further information.**

**[www.burrington.eschools.co.uk](http://www.burrington.eschools.co.uk)**

# from Wrington Chapel

Now that the celebrations of Easter are over, everything settles down to a more even keel. The warmer weather means we can all look to gardens and maintenance, seeing life all around us. A new pond I put in last month seems to be already full of dynamic movement. Easter seems far away. But there is such a strong connection with new life to Easter that we must never forget. The renowned crime writer and poet, Dorothy L Sayers, put it like this:

‘The people who hanged Christ never, to do them justice, accused him of being a bore; on the contrary, they thought him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left to later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround him with an atmosphere of tedium.’

So, despite this being a ‘quiet’ month, life at Lynch continues with faith and joy, hopefully reflecting the Jesus we worship, not the tedium. I say ‘quiet’, but so much still goes on:

**VENERATE** explodes into life again **at 7.30pm on Sunday 13th May**. This is a time for those who want less formality and simply want to share in relaxed worship, prayer, and contemporary Christian music. Coffee is pitched in for free. All are welcome.

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Our Sunday worship is at **9.30am**, with Communion on the second Sunday (13th May), this month with a christening. Most of the teaching on Sundays is recorded, and can now be found on our website.

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

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

I wish you every blessing

**Reverend Duncan Tuck**

# Local Clubs News

**Wrigton Vale Rotary Club** April has proven to be a most active month for the club both from our continuous supply of excellent speakers and the successful Frisbee Golf event. We also extended a welcome to our new member, Trevor Parnham from Wrigton. Trevor is the proprietor of The Treasury and Wrigton Parcels in Wrigton, which he operates in partnership with Chris, his wife. Prior to creating The Treasury some ten years ago, Trevor held senior management positions with AOL.

Coupled with our new home at Barley Wood House at Wrigton, it is fair to say the club is enjoying a most enjoyable period by recruiting new members, attracting high quality speakers and contributing to both local and international projects following the Rotary motto of "service above self".

Lined up for future meetings is a most interesting subject entitled, "seeing the invisible". This will take place on the 2nd of May when Martin Hitchcock will explain what we can learn from animal vision. This talk will be followed on 9th May when Ian Porter will outline the growth of the Weston College; followed at a later date by a visit to the college when members will tour the engineering department amongst other facilities open to the students. The evening of 30th May will be of special interest when the Royal Naval Presentation Team will visit the club.

With our track record of attracting quality speakers, perhaps there may be readers wanting to know more about our Rotary Club, what we do in the name of service or perhaps what sort of persons are attracted to become members of a Rotary Club. If so why not visit our web page,

**[www.wrigtonvalerotary.org.uk](http://www.wrigtonvalerotary.org.uk)**  
**or call Bob Shaw on 842551.**

## Wrigton Website Upgrade

I launched the website in December, 1999 and it has grown to 2,300+ pages and 22,700+ images. I always intended it to be a village archive as well as covering current activities.

Recently, the Homepage - probably the most complex in design - started playing up, and I put it down to problems arising from the different technical demands of Windows, Android, mobiles, and iPad systems, and trying to accommodate them all. I also took the opportunity to try to make finding your way around those thousands of pages easier. I hope I've done that.

Most of the time, running the website is a one-man (6 day a week) job, with many welcome emails coming in from Wrigtonians now living in Australia, New Zealand,

USA, and Europe, so keeping things going this past year, with three spells in hospital, has been possible only with the help of some pals in the village, especially Bob Bowen, Ann Dale, and my brother-in-law, the Journal Editor !

This December will, hopefully, see the start of the website's 20th year when, at the present rate of around 70 hits a day on average - far more at times like Fair Week, Remembrance Sunday, Dickensian Evening, &c - we could be in striking distance of our **half millionth visitor !**

**Richard Thorn**

# Local Clubs News, Cont...

## **Wrington Gardening Club**

17th May - PLEASE NOTE - this months meeting will be an AFTERNOON visit to Holt Farm, Blagdon We meet in the Memorial Hall car park at 1.30pm for lift sharing and directions, leaving by 1.45pm. Entry costs for members will be paid by the club. Non-members are very welcome to join us but are asked to contribute their entry of £5 per person. Tea/cakes will be available to purchase.

If you have any queries regarding this visit or the club in general, do please contact me.

## **FOREST GARDENING visit -**

Following his talk to us earlier in the year, two dates - 24th June and 8th July, both Sunday afternoons have been booked with Rob to see for ourselves his

unusual way of life.

Only ten people can attend each afternoon so it is a case of first come first served - each booking to be accompanied by £5 cash. Once a booking has been accepted there will be no refund unless a replacement person can be found. From the 1st May the visit will be open to non-members

It must be noted that there is a walk of several hundred yards on an uneven surface from the car parking to the venue plus uneven and steep-ish paths on site. Further details will be available at a later date.

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom' Marcel Proust -1871-1922

**Maggie Williams - 861126**

## **1st Burrington and Wrington Scouts and Guides**

### **Spring is in the air – I do wish it would land.**

It is Ten Tors time and over the weekend of 12/13th May we will have teams of 6 walking 35,45,55 miles between 8 am Saturday and 5 pm Sunday, depending on ability.

They have all done weeks of training and may they all complete the course and be presented with a medal on Sunday. – Looks great on your CV

Our grateful thanks to all those who donated to our HQ windows/ Disabled ramp appeal in Wrington and beyond. We appreciate your support, thank you.

The Group has a new Group Scout Leader, Janet Knott, late of Congresbury. We

wish her all the best in her appointment, All units in the group are functioning well, but all suffer from a lack of adult support. Why not volunteer to help with a unit for a month and see how you enjoy it. We have recruited several leaders this way.

They find it gets them out of the house once per week and, being with young people keeps them young and active.

They find they enjoy it and so give it a go.

### **A note for your diary. – Group A.G.M. Tuesday June 26th at HQ**

**Finally**—There is one thing to be said for ignorance—It causes a lot of interesting arguments.

**M J Hunt Scouter**

## Local Club News, Cont....

### **Wrington Friendship Club**

Memorial Hall Alternate Fridays From 2.30 until 4.30 pm.

Our meetings for May are the 4th and 25th, on the 4th we will have in house entertainment with various activities including quizzes and bingo, together with tea and biscuits, on the 25th, we shall have a visit from Diane Saunders, who will be entertaining us with songs from the past.

Please come along and join us as it would be nice if we had more musical voices to accompany her.

On the 23rd March we had a visit from Ian Parsons and he gave a talk entitled "Borneo revisited" with a slide show to accompany it. This was extremely interesting and a very pleasant surprise as we thought it was going to be a talk about flowers.

We were supposed to have a meeting on the 6th April, but due to circumstances, the Hall was closed for the week, so it did not take place, as we were only going to have our in house entertainment it did not cause us any problems and the next meeting was to be on the 20th April, when we were holding one of our bring and buy afternoons.

Please feel free to come a long and join us especially on the 25th and we would make you very welcome, you can always contact a member on **863829 or 862093**.

**Shirley West**

### **Christian Aid Week 13th-19th May**

Yes, it's that time of year again when volunteers around the parish will be distributing envelopes for donations to the annual Christian Aid Week appeal. Christian Aid is an organisation that works to change the world so that everyone can live a full life, free from poverty, by eradicating the causes of poverty and striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

If you are able to devote a couple of hours to this worthwhile cause, I would be very pleased to hear from you. I will of course be contacting all previous collectors in anticipation of their help again this year. Wrington as a community has always given very generously during Christian Aid Week and I hope this year will be no exception. There is a Gift Aid declaration attached to each envelope, so if you are a UK taxpayer, please use this form to enable Christian Aid to reclaim 25p for every £1 you donate, thereby significantly increasing the value of your gift.

Gabrielle Wilson Christian Aid Week Organiser tel: 862303

[gwaw@agwilson4.plus.com](mailto:gwaw@agwilson4.plus.com)

## Local Club News, Cont....

### Wrington WI

This month members tried their hand at Decoupage. We decorated flower pots with decorations cut out from pretty serviettes under the supervision of our own Franka Knight. It was a fun night and it was nice to hear the room full of chatter and laughter. At the end of evening there were some very attractive pots to take home together with some very sticky fingers!

Our next craft activity will be on 28th April when we will be learning about screen printing.

Margaret Barker started the evening off by giving us a short presentation on the how and when not only women but also men received the right to vote. She told us about the suffragist and suffragette movements with special mention of Emily Wilding Davison who was killed by the King's Horse at Epsom Derby in 1913.

The May meeting is our Resolutions Meeting when we will be discussing and voting on this year's Resolution which is "Mental Health Matters". Liz Linnet will then tell us about Neal's Yard Remedies.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10th May 2018** at The Memorial Hall, Silver Street, Wrington at 7.30 p.m. We always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

**Diane Reay**

### Redhill WI

**Advance Notice:** Summertime Cream Tea, Saturday, 21st July 2018 2.30 – 4.30pm. Redhill Village Hall. Make a note of the date in your diaries – we're looking forward to seeing you! Further details to follow.

At our meeting in March we welcomed a speaker from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. It was an extremely interesting evening and we were able to learn a lot of information about how these incredible dogs are able to help people with a loss of hearing and so enable them to live as independently as possible.

At this time of writing we are about to have our Arts & Crafts Open Evening when we shall be making some of the items to be included in the competition at our Group Meeting at the end of April. More news next time.

Our May Meeting will include a discussion on the proposed resolutions for the National Federation AGM in June. Come along and join us and find out what issues the National Federation of WIs is interested in. In past we have been at the forefront as a pressure group on issues such as the banning of Microbeads; awareness of plastic soup caused by excess plastic packaging and carrier bags; Female Genital Mutilation; mental health issues and Alleviation of Loneliness to name but a few. Our meetings begin at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and we welcome visitors who wish to come and see if they would like to join.

## Local Events

### **Langford Court Open Garden 10 June 2018**

Sir David and Lady Wills will be opening the gates to their beautiful gardens again this summer on Sunday 10th June from 10.30am - 5pm. This year the gardens will be open in aid of the charity Canine Partners which trains and provides assistance dogs to people with a range of physical disabilities including those with multiple sclerosis, arthritis and spinal and head injuries.

The dogs can help with everyday tasks such as opening and closing doors, helping with shopping and fetching help in an emergency. The dogs also provide psychological support to their owners increasing their independence and self-esteem.

There are around 10 acres of garden to enjoy at Langford Court with many distinct areas to wander around including a

formal parterre, large herbaceous borders, a fernery and a newly designed white garden. There will also be a plant sale which will include many of the plants you will see around the garden.

Refreshments will be available during the day with proceeds donated to Canine Partners.

Children are most welcome at the gardens however we politely ask that no dogs are brought other than assistance dogs.

Tickets are priced at £3.50 and are available in advance from Trug Stores in Wrington or Wedmore or they can be purchased on the day. If you require any further information please **contact Scott Arrowsmith or Jeanette Read of Trug Gardens on 0117 862847.**

### **SAVE THE DATE! WRINGTON VILLAGE FUN RUN**

**Sunday 13th May 2018**

1 lap (3 miles) around the village

Race starts at the Pavillion at The Rec at 11.00am

Warm up with the Cadbury Fitness Team at 10.45am

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Wrington C of E Primary School PTA**

### **Trinity Singers 10th Annual Plant & Cake Sale -**

Saturday May 5th 2018, 10.00am - 12.00pm, St Mary's Church, Langford (next to Budgens petrol station). £1 admission charge (includes tea/coffee & biscuit) on the door, children free of charge. Stalls to include books, cakes and of course plants. We hope to see you there.

## African Funk Fundraiser in Wrington

Saturday June 9th, 2018  
(Doors open 7.30) 8.00-11.30pm  
Wrington Memorial Hall

Tickets priced at £10 from 'Amors Store' Wrington or contact Sandie at [shargreaves@live.co.uk](mailto:shargreaves@live.co.uk)

If you find yourself in the midst of West Africa instead of North Somerset on June 9th it will not be your Sat Nav at fault!

The 'TOKENDE' African drumming group will be hosting an evening of "Afrobeat/ Highlife/ Funk & Soul/ Global Grooves" with the spectacular 'HELELE' topping the bill.

The event is a fund raiser – with the emphasis on fun – for PROJECT MAHOLA– a charity providing much needed healthcare to communities in rural Cameroon. There will be a raffle on the night and donations of prizes are most welcome

**For further information about the event contact – Sandie–  
[shargreaves@live.co.uk](mailto:shargreaves@live.co.uk)**

**For information on Project Mahola – [www.maholaproject.org](http://www.maholaproject.org)  
For sample of the music of Helele - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b84yBoUsZcA>**

## Primary schools Dance Their Socks Off!

On Monday and Tuesday Churchill Academy & Sixth Form presented its Primary Cluster Schools event – Dance Their Socks Off, for the tenth year. Children from ten schools joined on the adventure with Churchill Academy & Sixth Form students to perform at the The Playhouse.

The dance event saw the students inspired by dance from all over the world, from Bollywood, to Egypt and the New Zealand Haka. This year marked the tenth anniversary of this wonderful event, and it was busier than ever with over 1200 people in the audience over the two nights. A true testament to the calibre of performance that Vicki Rees, Dance teacher at Churchill Academy and her team do.

Over 400 children from Banwell,

Blagdon, Burrington, Churchill, Hutton, Locking, Sandford, St Andrew's Congresbury, Winscombe and Wrington Primary schools took part. Months of hard work, choreographing, planning and rehearsals have ensured that all were ready for their big night.

This is one of several activities involving the local Cluster schools where the Academy provides support in the Performing Arts.

"Dance their socks off" is a great example of what can be accomplished through collaboration between schools, and it's wonderful to see such enthusiasm from all the primary schools involved. DTSO has become a tradition amongst our local primary schools and one that we are proud to be able to support. Our own students were a credit to the Academy, delivering polished routines with real conviction," said Chris Hildrew, Head teacher at Churchill Academy.

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

Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG. Located just off the A38, 2 miles south of Bristol Airport. Tel: 01934 862619. (Open six days a week from 7pm) Website: [www.wrington.net/organisations/redhillclub/](http://www.wrington.net/organisations/redhillclub/)

Open Mic Night's 8pm - 11pm 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.

Quiz Night - Saturday 26th May. 8pm Start. Test your knowledge. Suitable for teams with a max of 6 people or individuals. £1 entry per person. Winning team takes the prize money. Refreshments available during the break.

Classic Car & Motorcycle Gatherings 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 on the following dates:

Sunday 20th May - Charity Breakfast Gathering 9am - 11am.

We are supporting James Marshall & his Team who are raising Sponsorship to cycle 520km (Amsterdam to Cadbury House Congresbury 21-24 June 2018) in aid of PROPS Charity in Bristol, who help train young adults with disabilities. Registered Charity No: 1089951. See website: [www.propsbristol.org](http://www.propsbristol.org)

Thursday 21st June - BBQ Gathering 7pm - 10pm

Thursday 19th July - BBQ Gathering 7pm - 10pm

Thursday 16th August - BBQ Gathering 7pm - 10pm

Sunday 7th October - Breakfast Gathering 9am - 11am

## **Advance Notice**

Harvest Fair - Sunday 2nd September

Christmas Fair - Sunday 25th November

## **Annual membership subscription of £5 are now due!**

New members always welcome.

Thinking about joining?- call in for an application form.

(Subs due on 1st April each year).

# Events

## **If tomorrow**

If tomorrow you woke up  
And nothing was the same  
Faces once so familiar  
Now strangers once again  
The places you know  
Like the back of your hand  
Removed from your memories  
Now a strange unknown land  
Conversations hard to follow  
Struggling to drink tea  
Difficulties concentrating  
Can't follow a recipe  
Would you feel frightened?  
Would you feel scared?  
Would you ask questions?  
Feel alone and unprepared?  
There are so many people  
In the UK alone  
Diagnosed with dementia  
And feeling on their own  
Stop. Take a minute  
There's a person still inside  
Someone's Mother, Sister, Daughter,  
Someone's Father, Son, or Bride  
Listen to their story  
Don't tell them they are wrong  
Stop and reassure them  
Sing their favourite song  
Sit and hold their hand a while  
It's important to be kind  
Look through old photographs  
Stimulate their mind  
Try not to say a cross word

Although it's hard to do  
They may lash out frightened  
But it isn't aimed at you  
Everyone has a story  
The label's not their name  
Stop and get to know them  
Find who they are again  
There are many different types of  
dementia and no two peoples experi-  
ences are the same.

It's Dementia Action Week (21-27th  
May) - find out how you can make a  
difference here [https://  
www.alzheimers.org.uk/](https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/)

Why not become a dementia friend?  
You can sign up through your work,  
school or social groups.

Speech and language therapists  
work with people with dementia and  
their families and help support with  
communication and swallowing.

# Wrington Parish Council

## **North Somerset Council Area Officer ‘surgery’**

Unfortunately, Jeff Shipway is leaving his role as Area Officer and we don't currently know when or if he will be replaced so there will be no surgery scheduled for May. Residents are still very welcome to come and talk to us in the office on our open mornings, Tuesday and Fridays, between 10-12.

## **Allotment vacancies**

We currently have some available allotments so get in touch if you fancy a go at growing!

## **Hedgehogs!**

Hedgehog Awareness week 6-12th May. [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk) For tips on helping the species and to report sightings [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org). Data suggests that the populations are becoming more isolated, so ensuring that hedgehogs can move freely between gardens will encourage a connected landscape. Another plea is to avoid the use of slug pellets – harmful to both hedgehogs, song thrushes (also in decline) and any other species for which slugs are part of their diet. There is concern over an imported rat trap, called an A24, originally designed to catch hedgehogs in New Zealand. Recently approved by Defra, it avoids the use of poison to control unwanted pests but, unless set very carefully, is considered potentially lethal to the British population of hedgehogs.

## **Wildlife recording**

We are keen to record wildlife in the local area and report it on to the British Regional Environment Records Centre (BRERC). We would be grateful if residents could report any wildlife sightings to us for us to submit to BRERC and also keep as our own record. It would be helpful if you tell us where, when and how many you saw.

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

**Tuesday 15 May** - Planning Committee meeting at 6pm in the John Locke Room

**Wednesday 16 May** – 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**

**Tel 863984**

**[clerk\\_wrington@hotmail.com](mailto:clerk_wrington@hotmail.com)**

**[www.wringtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.wringtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

# North Somerset Council

## Plastic litter

The damage caused to wildlife by plastics in the oceans has horrified most people watching the Blue Planet.

Theresa May has promised to eliminate all “avoidable” plastic waste by 2042, but we could all do our bit NOW. Plastic litter blows about, gets into streams and ditches and is washed down to the sea. If you see plastic litter in your garden or on the street, please pick it up if you can and put it in your rubbish or recycling bin, depending on whether it is recyclable. Some will then end up in landfill, which is not ideal but causes far fewer problems than in the sea or countryside.

Some residents have asked me whether NSC sent plastics to China for recycling, and if so, what will happen now that China no longer takes foreign plastics. The answer is that NSC has not sent plastics to China. NSC’s waste contractor Biffa arranges for plastics to be processed in the UK. Because NSC’s different recyclables are kept separate they have very little contamination compared to some recyclables collected by other Councils which are “co-mingled”, ie mixed up altogether for separation later. It is then easier for NSC’s recyclables to be sold on as separate materials (ie plastics, paper, cardboard etc) for recycling.

## Submit evidence online to NSC

Thousands of documents are received by North Somerset Council every month from people with evidence about their housing benefit or council tax claims.

These documents were previously handed into council offices in person, which was very inconvenient for many residents. Now documents can be uploaded online, which is quicker for all concerned.

Just complete the form online at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/evidenceupload](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/evidenceupload) and when you want to attach the evidence, take a photo using a smartphone or tablet, or use a scanned image, attach it to the form and submit it. Residents need to use or register an online account for this (see [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/register](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/register)).

## Bus service changes

A reminder that the A2 bus will be replaced by a new A5 bus on 28th May with no direct connection to Weston-super-Mare. Residents who want to travel to Weston via the airport and the Weston Flyer bus should make sure they have an airport concessionary travel card - apply online at <https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/community/local-community>. This card reduces the fare from £11 return to about half-price, or enables older residents to travel free by showing both the diamond bus pass and the airport travel card.

Please contact me if you need a printed copy of the airport travel card application form.

**Deborah Yamanaka 01934 862109 [d.yamanaka@btinternet.com](mailto:d.yamanaka@btinternet.com)**

## **Marathon Man**

Having completed the six marathons of the Marathon des Sables last year as the oldest Brit ever to have achieved it – I have now completed a notable double by running the five marathon Annapurna Ultra in the foothills of the Himalayas in Nepal a truly amazing experience.

Having suffered a devastating earthquake in 2015 which caused the cancellation of the annual climb of Everest the results of the earthquake were only too apparent in the villages and towns of Nepal especially Kathmandu and Pokhara which was my base this year.

It is no surprise that Nepal is the candidate for massive charity appeals worldwide; it is a very poor country with a disastrous economy which releases very few funds to improve the infrastructure; there is little tarmac on the roads which are mostly cobbles built painstakingly by hand with no machines, sanitation is almost non-existent in the towns and tea-houses where we stayed, hot water is an unusual privilege but seldom come across; food and drink is cheap and tipping of more than 50 pence is considered over generous.

But ..... the scenery is outstanding and watching the yaks ploughing the terraces without falling over the edges and the peasants tending to their chickens and their vegetables in the many villages scattered over the foothills is illuminating and so different from the technology of the more civilised countries.

The Annapurna Ultra covered 210 kilometres over a period of 6 days with nights spent in the comforts (!) of the village houses where the occupants would move out to sleep in the verandahs of their own homes and the proceeds from the half pension would be handed over to the whole village such is the community spirit, where of course most of the residents are related to each other.

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## Marathon Man Cont.....

The hills on the tracks and trails were often too steep for running up so we tended to run on the flat and downhill to try to make up time, often finding the 1000 steps or so climbing through mountain villages and jungles quite intimidating and requiring frequent stops to draw breath!

It mostly passed without incident except on one occasion when I was concussed walking straight into a fallen tree whilst looking at the ground to avoid tripping up over loose stones – blood everywhere but the marathon doctor cleaned me up as best he could and I was able to go on my way.

As with the race last year the camaraderie of my fellow contestants and the organiser was so rewarding, there we were all crammed together in bare rooms with only sleeping bags for comfort, and often not enough chairs for sitting round the table for supper yet the unselfishness was outstanding and each morning I had a 'valet' to fit me into my kit and my rucksack before sending me on my way with a good luck message.

Training involved running more miles over the Mendips with Dora my dog, to the point where my decision to now hang up my boots seems very reasonable, especially as there are no new challenges currently in view!

Last year I was able to raise over £25,000 divided between Bristol Area Stroke Foundation and Mountain Rescue this year I simply gave a small contribution to help rebuild the devastation of Nepal.

The photos show a typical teahouse with the 8,000 metre Annapurna range behind set off by Machhrepuchhcre the sacred 'fishtail' mountain which nobody is allowed to climb.



**David Exell**  
**Monday 9 April 2018**  
**Wrighton**

## **Old Rectory Garden Party Saturday 9 June**

Please come and join us at Wrington's Old Rectory (opposite the Golden Lion) on Saturday 9 June 2.30 – 5pm for our garden party to raise much needed funds for Weston Hospicecare.

The gardens will be glorious, so you can have a good mooch round, enviously admiring the wonderful borders, before moving on to the delectable array of home made cakes or a cream tea.

There will be plants for sale, a raffle, face painting and a children's tombola. Everyone is welcome.

Entrance £2 with accompanied children under 16 free. (A word of advice- there are no loos at the garden party, so please go before you come, so to speak, or if desperate there are the public loos opposite.)

Let's hope for good weather, but we do have gazebos to hide under if it rains, so the important task of cake/scone eating can proceed whatever the weather brings.

**Caroline Agar and the Pop up Vintage Cafe Team “**

### **Winscombe U3A**

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

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

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

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

# Scout and Guide hall improvements

## Phase one: Improved access UPDATE

We hope you are pleased with how the work has gone so far. We're delighted with the quality of work, and are looking forward to completion and full opening.

In the meantime, we've had a few questions around access to the main hall door.

As with all building projects, particularly with older buildings, there are challenges and compromises. Accessibility through the main door was unfortunately never going to be completely wheelchair friendly due to the height restriction through the doorways of the porch.

Unfortunately bringing the ground level up in that area to meet the height of the floor in the hall would mean many of us would be in danger of banging our heads on the arches of the porch.

We hope the lowering of the step is at least an improvement on what was there before and will make things easier for most people.

It will be a few weeks before the railings and handrails arrive. The suppliers can only start to manufacture them once the precise measurements are taken from completed building works. Please be assured they will be fitted as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please respect the barriers and take care near the edge of the walls. Children need to be supervised at all times please, and access is at your own risk.

**Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.**

## The Arts Society Mendip

### **1st May**

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

[www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk). Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

## **BARLEY WOOD HOUSE—Terry Waite CBE**

Saturday evening, April 14th, turned out to be a most memorable evening when 100 guests assembled at Barley Wood House to listen to Terry Waite CBE, Y Care International's President and Co-Founder, speaking about his career to date, in particular giving support and training to assist young person's to lift them out of poverty and to help to build prosperous communities.

Guests enjoyed a young pianist welcoming them on the Grand Piano as they entered the impressive reception hall before climbing the attractive staircase to enter the grand hall. Here they enjoyed a lovely cold buffet before sitting back and enjoying a most interesting presentation from Terry Waite.

Terry spoke about his career to date with particular reference to his role as a peace negotiator for the Archbishop of Canterbury. He assisted in many activities which resulted in hostages being released in numerous countries, he also spoke about his own capture and the treatment he received by his captives. Of special note was how Terry addressed with compassion and commitment the subject of creating prosperity for vulnerable youth. A most impressive presentation well received by the audience.

The evening concluded with a silent auction in aid of charity, the proceeds being divided between the Y Care Trust and the YMCA. As the guests departed they were entertained by music being provided by a small group of young talented musicians. This was a very successful evening and much appreciated by the invited guests.

## **From the Wrington & Redhill Village Journal**

**June/July 1973**

### **VAT AT THE TILL**

Traders selling to the final consumer will not be required to record VAT charged, or issue receipts showing purchase price + vat.

Cash registers recording vat separately are unlikely to be required except in specialised cases, but many traders may find a simple calculating machine helpful..

The VAT rate in July 1973 was 10%!!

Happy days—Ed

# On Our Farms

With 38% of England's 1.1 million dairy cows in the south west, spring is the time of year when the south west is awash with one of the most nutritious, wholesome and natural foods available – milk. I

n 2016, south west dairy farmers produced 3.3bn litres of milk. 1.5bn litres were consumed as liquid and the rest manufactured. Of the UK's 422,000 tonnes of cheese made, 160,500 tonnes of it were made in the south west. Using cream from the cheese making process, 37,000 tonnes of butter was made. These few headline figures combined with all the yoghurt, ice cream, cream and chilled dairy desserts made in the south west demonstrates what an important sector it is to the regions' economy.

As we know, milk can be a part of a healthy diet. Whether it is cow, sheep, goat or buffalo milk, it provides protein, calcium and a wide range of vitamins and minerals which our bodies make good use of. 5.5 billion litres of fresh milk are consumed in Great Britain each year. Milk can be consumed on its own as a drink or as a component of drinks or a part of a meal. Think of it like that, and the majority of us consume milk morning, noon and night. The most common breakfast is cereals. Guess what most people have on their cereals, cold milk. If you fancy porridge for a change, what do you make it with? Milk. Moving on to lunchtime and what is the most common thing people eat to satisfy their hunger? A cheese sandwich. And guess what cheese is made out of? You've guessed, milk. Butter completes the perfect sandwich and that is made from the cream from milk.

Moving on to a main meal. How do you fancy mashed potato? For really creamy mash, a dash of milk and knob of butter does the trick. Yorkshire pudding to go with it? Milk is a part of the recipe. To finish off, there are many different well known dishes that involve dairy products. Trifle, soufflé, bread and butter pudding, pan-

cakes, yoghurt, ice cream the list goes on. If you haven't got time for a main meal how about a pizza? Mozzarella cheese is one of the most common pizza ingredients and it is made from buffalo milk. Dairy products really do get everywhere.

There have been many experts over the years warning us about the dangers of dairy. In one way they are right. That said, if dairy products are consumed in moderation and combined with an active lifestyle there is no reason why they shouldn't be consumed as a part of a healthy diet. If we think back to how our parents and grandparents lived there are some lessons to learn from them. They were expected to walk to and from school. Once home there would be chores to do. Without the luxury of the gadgets these would often be physical. And once the chores were finished, no computer games, Facebook or TV, their entertainment was building dens, riding bikes, playing football and no doubt getting up to some kind of mischief. It's easy to look back and see what we are doing wrong in comparison. That's the easy bit. The hard bit is making changes to our lives so we can enjoy the delights of good wholesome dairy products without one of the 'experts' telling us we should cut down – it's not good for you. Let's turn the argument the other way around and burn off what we consume. That would be good for us and good for the farmer.

**Nick Green**

# 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!

### **‘Party in the field’**

**(behind recreation ground, next to Rickyard Road)**

**Saturday 19th May 12pm til late**

**Please join us to celebrate the Royal wedding**

**Live broadcast of the TV coverage of the Wedding and F.A. cup final**

**Live music**

**(Bands/Talent, there is still time, please contact us NOW to save a space)**

**Fully Licensed bar**

**Food & ice cream van**

**Tea & cakes**

**Ferris wheel & bouncy castle / slide**

**Go Karts**

**Archery sessions**

**& many other stalls**

**Contact: Hester 07767 895218 / Rachel 07769 684684 / Jennie 07833 964174**

# Wrington Community Minibus

## May and June 2018

### WESTON Wednesday

May	02	09:30
May	30	13:30
June	13	09:30
June	27	13:30

### WELLS Wednesday

May	16	09:30
June	20	09:30

### **GENERAL PUBLIC TRIPS**

Wednesday	May 09	10:30 am	Nailsea
Saturday	May 12	09:30 am	Frome market
Thursday	May 17	11:30 am	Pub lunch - Little Harp, Clevedon
Friday	May 18	09:30 am	Quantocks, scenic trip
Monday	May 21	02:00pm	Nailsea
Thursday	May 24	11:00 am	Cadbury Garden Centre
Monday	June 04	10:30 am	Nailsea
Wednesday	June 06	09:30 am	Bourton on the Water
Friday	June 15	02:00 pm	Tea time trip
Monday	June 18	02:00 pm	Nailsea
Thursday	June 21	10:00 am	Cribbs Causeway
Friday	June 29	11:00 am	Whitehall Garden Centre

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>4th &amp; 25th May</b>	<b>Wrington Friendship Club See page 16</b>
<b>5th May</b>	<b>Trinity singers Plant &amp; Cake sale See page 18</b>
<b>6th-12th</b>	<b>May Hedgehog Awareness week See page 22</b>
<b>10th May</b>	<b>Wrington W I 7:30pm Memorial Hall</b>
<b>13th May</b>	<b>Wrington PTA Fun Run 11am Start</b>
<b>13th –19th May</b>	<b>Christian Aid Week</b>
<b>15th May</b>	<b>Singing for Fun Christ Church Redhill</b>
<b>15th May</b>	<b>Wrington Parish Council Planning See page 22</b>
<b>16th May</b>	<b>Wrington Parish Council meeting. See page 22</b>
<b>17th May</b>	<b>Wrington Gardening Club. See page 15</b>
<b>19th May</b>	<b>Party in the field. See page 30</b>
<b>21st– 27th May</b>	<b>Dementia Action Week See page 21</b>
<b>21st May</b>	<b>Chew Valley U3A AGM</b>
<b>27th May</b>	<b>Burrington welcome to new vicar David Gent 6:30pm</b>
<b>30th May</b>	<b>Wrington Vale Rotary Club Royal Naval Presentation Team See Page 14</b>

All saints Full list of upcoming events – see page 4

Christ Church Full list of upcoming events—see page 8

Butcombe Church Full list of upcoming events—See page 9

Wrington Chapel Full list of upcoming events—see page 13

Redhill Club Dates for the year see page 20

## **SAVE THE DATE**

9th June Old Rectory Garden Party See page 26

10th June Langford Court Open Garden

23rd June Butcombe Village Fete & Fun Dog Shoe see page 10

26th June Scout & Guide AGM

This year's Wrington Minibus Lunch will be held on Saturday 21st July. Further details will follow. Please note that this is a change to the date that has been previously publicised.