

# ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS



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# Editorial

Living in the country side is certainly not quiet in any sense of the word. As we embark on a new year there continue to be many new events and activities planned as reported in this magazine. We also have the updated details of the local Clubs and Societies.

So those of you who perhaps do find life a little quiet, or even if you enjoy being busy and can find some extra time, one of your New Year resolutions might be to provide a contribution for Wedmore News. We are looking for two new members of the community to join the committee. The work is not onerous, we meet four times a year to discuss the governance and running of the magazine. If you would like to find out more please contact me (details below). Wedmore News is your local magazine which is run by local volunteers and relies on the news and articles of interest that you bring to us.

We also like to receive your letters. If you do wish to have a letter published we would like to hear from you. The committee has agreed that all correspondence must be accompanied by a name and postal address. Only your name will be published and you can request for this to be withheld, however all correspondence to the editor must be owned, no anonymous letters will be published.

The editorial team would also like to wish you all a happy and peaceful 2016.

Sue James

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*The editors also reserve the right to edit or amend any contribution for reasons of space, conformity, legibility or legality.*

## Front Cover

This month's front cover is the new Community Bus. Waiting to offer you a lift to a number of local towns, details can be found towards the back of this magazine.

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# News

## Parish Council Business

In November the Council agreed to make a grant of £1000 to Blackford Play Area committee to help with replacing the safety materials under the play equipment. This play area is well used by local children and very popular as a family picnic area in the summer. Maintenance grants were also made to local churches within the parish.

Not many members of the public attend council meetings but they are always very welcome. Any parishioner may ask a question of the Councillors at a meeting but unless the matter is already on the agenda for discussion they will not always receive an answer at that time. It would be helpful if anyone intending to ask a question lets me have prior sight of it. Council Standing Orders allow a 10 minute period of 'public participation' at each meeting with each parishioner limited to one question and not speaking for more than 3 minutes.

## Sedgemoor District Council Local Plan Consultation

Over 200 people recently attended a presentation in the Council Rooms hosted by Sedgemoor Planning Department. They are currently considering pockets of land throughout the district that might be suitable for future development and the plan when adopted will remain in place for the next 17 years. The recent presentation is part of a public consultation exercise being carried out throughout Sedgemoor and they anticipate the plan will be finally submitted for approval in late 2016. The consultation has been extended with the closing date for comments now being Monday 18 January 2016. If you wish to look at the proposals for this area, visit the Sedgemoor D C website and follow the links for 'Local Development Plan'.

*Rod Pring*

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## Wedmore News - Donations to local charitable causes

The committee of Wedmore News will be considering applications for donations of up to £1000 (in total) to support groups, clubs and charities in the parish of Wedmore. If your organisation would benefit from an additional one-off small cash grant then we would like to hear from you. Please let us know

- The name of your club / group / organisation / charity;
- The aims of the organisation;
- What you would use the money for;

- Contact name, email and telephone number.

Please submit your application by Tuesday 19 January. Applications will be considered at the next Wedmore News committee meeting. For further information or to submit an application please contact [editorwedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:editorwedmorenews@gmail.com)

*Sue James*

## **Hervey Trust**

A previous vicar of Wedmore Revd Sydenham Hervey left a sum of money in 1929 to the young people of the village. The award is still offered annually to one or more students who have been judged to have made a contribution to school and village life and is for them to use in any further education or employment.

The award only amounts to a reasonably small monetary value but is still useful to those who receive it and is of value when it comes to writing a C.V.

If you are in Year 11 currently and live in the parishes of Wedmore, Theale or Blackford and would like to apply for the award then please do contact the Revd Richard Neill at [richardneill1967@sky.com](mailto:richardneill1967@sky.com) or on 713566 for further information.

Alternatively, do you know of any Year 11 student from our parishes who you would like to nominate for the Hervey Trust award, perhaps because of some particular or long standing community involvement or someone who has overcome particular obstacles and is looking to flourish in education or someone with plans for the future which would benefit from being considered for the award?

*Richard Neill*

## **International Spoof Competition**

The event will see International Spoofers from across the globe converge on The New Inn, Wedmore to try to claim Spoof Champion 2016. The event will take place on Friday 5 February at 8.00pm. Players who have entered so far include;

Frank Sparks 2015 Champion for shortism  
 Stephanie Patch 2014 Champion  
 Paul Kingston, the Glastonbury Gambler and 2013 Champion  
 Dave (USA) Palmer 2012 Champion  
 Greg (suave) Mills, 2011 Champion  
 Alice (who the ????) Swain, 2009 Champion  
 Ivor (never lost a game) Squire, former Long Hill Champion  
 Timmsy, the former Coins and Callus's Champion  
 Roger Hancock, the Blasphemer Champion 1931-2011  
 Jim Mathers, the Glasgow Kiss Champion 1902  
 David One Dog  
 Lesley Watts, the Blackford Bloodhound  
 Matt Ainge, the Mutton Lane Mincer  
 Randy Candy, the Brickyard Bonker  
 Neil Ellis, the Mudgley Master

Players will play in groups of four, each group will play 8 games a round, and points will be awarded for guessing correctly as follows;

1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 2 points and the last one out - 1 point.

The winner and second will go forward into the next round, whilst the loser will stand a drink for the other three players in their group. Players must not call less than the coins they are holding or call an impossible call.

For more information please contact Debbie or Frank, telephone 712099.

*Trevor Prideaux*

## **Could You Be A School Governor ?**

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our team of Governors at Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School in Blackford. We are a friendly and supportive Governing Body, made up of people from all walks of life, working hard to ensure the school delivers outstanding levels of teaching and learning, as well as plenty of enrichment opportunities for all children within the school family.



We believe that an effective Governing Body is one whose members reflect a wide range of different skills and are drawn from within the local community. We are therefore seeking new members who may have skills in any of the following areas:

Education at KS2 and KS3 levels.

Graphic design, publishing or advertising.

Knowledge of other cultures and religions.

Buildings, architecture and surveying

Legal experience

We would love to hear from you if you have any of the above skills, or any other skills that you feel would benefit our Governing Body. For further details and more information, please contact; Clerk to the Governors, Sonia Galley 01934 712211, or Chair of Governors, Gareth Smith 01934 710471.

Please also visit the “Meet the Governors” section of our school website – [www.hughsexey.com](http://www.hughsexey.com)

*Gareth Smith*

## **Men in Sheds**

Coming soon, ‘Men in Sheds’ in Wedmore. For many no-longer employed people, who need something to do, it is, in part, a work substitution. It may also compensate for the loss of your workmates and the kind of banter that took place on the workshop floor. Men are social beings, and if your children have flown and maybe your wife too, it could save your life to join a shed, or at least relieve the life-shortening stress of relative isolation.

A shed’s activities usually involve making or mending in wood, such as carpentry, joinery, carving, whittling and furniture renovation, but can also include bike and vehicle repairs, tool renovation, upholstery, model engineering, milling and gardening.

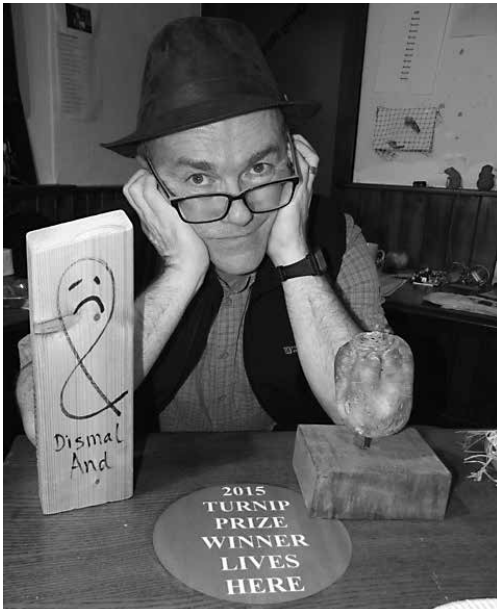
We intend to hold an open meeting (venue and date to be confirmed early in 2016) and ask that you come along to listen to our ideas, offer your own, or get involved! For more information please contact your Village Agent Lucille Simms on 07746340536 or email [lucille@somersettrcc.org.uk](mailto:lucille@somersettrcc.org.uk)

*Lucille Simms*



## The Turnip Winner 2015

'Dismal And'



At a ceremony held at The New Inn, Wedmore, Somerset, this year's Turnip Prize has been awarded to Bonksy for his work entitled "Dismal And" (The Symbol '&' Looking Dismal).

The award was made in front of a packed art loving audience. TV cameramen and photographers cheered when the 53 year-old winner gruntingly walked across the gallery floor to accept the prize, a turnip mounted on a six-inch nail. Organiser Trevor Prideaux said, 'I am delighted with the lack of effort taken to create this work'.

Mr Bonksy, from Bristol (who has recently been made redundant from a well-known theme park in Weston

super Mare) said, 'If you set your sights on the gutter and refuse to work hard, your dreams really can come true'.

Trevor said, 'This year's event attracted a total of 69 entries, which is exactly the same as last year. It's fantastic that Bonksy has won, he clearly has what it takes to be recognised in modern art circles and will be remembered in art history for no time at all! It's a hole in the commode to the ageist Turner Prize and I believe that over the last sixteen years the artists entering 'The Turnip Prize' have created by far better works than Nicholas Serota and The Tate Britain Gallery could ever wish to exhibit'.

For more information please visit our facebook group 'The Turnip Prize' or [www.newinnwedmore.co.uk](http://www.newinnwedmore.co.uk)

*Trevor Prideaux*

## **Come Walk With Me**

Together we can raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Starting in April 2016 I intend to walk the entire length of The South West Coastal Path - 630 miles. This year I will be walking the Minehead to Padstow section, a total of 166 miles.

Come and join me for a day, or maybe more, or perhaps just a couple of hours. It will cost you £25 for a day walking, or you could get yourself some sponsors and all monies raised will go to Macmillan and the DSAA.

Actual dates 25 April - 9 May. To register an interest or to find out more, please e.mail Vi Howley at [vihowley@me.com](mailto:vihowley@me.com) or telephone 07711 662993.

*Violet Howley*



## **Operation Christmas Child, Shoeboxes**

Many thanks to everyone who filled a box or boxes. With great joy, we packed a wonderful 336 of them onto the lorry! We're not sure yet where they're going, but we suspect Eastern Europe. If you'd like to see some footage of shoe boxes arriving (maybe not this season's yet though), you can do so here [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/) Thank you, each one of you.



*Sharon Rabbitts & Julie Harding  
Bagley Baptist Church*

## **Wedmore Village Store's wine and food tasting**

We are pleased to report that the recent Wedmore Village Store's wine and food tasting raised £1000 which was donated as follows

£500 to Wedmore in bloom

£250 to Mrs Metters for Wedmore by Lamplight

£150 to the Wedmore playground

£100 to Blackford toddler group.

A good time was had by all, with thanks to The Swan, Table Eight and Essence Hair and Beauty for donating the star raffle prizes.

*Mark Walker*

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# Reports and Society Updates

## St Mary's Church 100 Club

Congratulations to Sally & Paul Martin, the lucky winners of £20 in the final, December draw, with No.90, and Heather & Alan Hector receiving £10 holding No. 54.

A sincere 'thank you' to subscribers for supporting this venture in 2015 (it has now been running for 5 years). Only one number remained unsold, with £360 being given in prize money, and over £800 to St Mary's General Fabric Fund, this sum goes towards the general maintenance and protection of our lovely village church. Hopefully we can sell even more numbers for 2016, meaning that we might have more prize winners, and it would help if intending members were happy to keep their same number/s, making the records easier to maintain, but please contact Thelma 710467, or Barbara 712975 if you would prefer a change.

Wishing everyone a peaceful, healthy New Year.

*Thelma Jenkins-Jones*

## Wedmore WI Report – November 2015

Hazel welcomed us and a visitor, and we got through the usual business items, including comments on the Annual Meeting – the morning was good, the afternoon session less so. Our shoe box with Christmas gifts for a young woman had been delivered, and tickets for the Carol Concert in Wells Cathedral collected. A more comprehensive trading table has been introduced, members are asked to bring something every week, and buy something too. The date for the Coffee Morning is Saturday 19 March, please put it in your diary.

Our speaker, Peter Davey, was introduced and he started off by telling us that his father had taken thousands of photographs of trams, trains and buses. These pictures form the basis of his talks about local transport, this evening he was going to show us 'Bath by Tram'. The first slide was of the last tram on Blackboy Hill, with a small boy and girl on the footplate behind the driver and conductor. The driver was a Mr Bishop, and the children were Peter and his sister. There followed a fascinating series of photographs of Bath from the later part of the 19th century, until just before the Second World War. The first trams in Bath were horse-drawn, and in 1881 the horses were stabled behind a pub in Southgate Street.

One of the most striking aspects of all the photos was the absence of other traffic, none of the trams in the pictures were obscured by other vehicles; the other





notable difference was the dark stonework of the buildings, everything appeared much grubbier than today. In the days of horse-drawn trams, 'horsage' had to be shovelled up by teams of 'scavengers', to provide clean crossing places over the road. Electric trams were introduced in 1904. The trams went from Bathford to Combe Down via the city centre, and took one hour. They did not run before 7.00am so as not to wake the guests in the hotels! Other routes covered the rest of the city, some were single track with passing loops, and there was an anti-clockwise circulation around the Abbey. The trams were open on top, with a set of controls for the driver at each end. They had seats which could be folded so that passengers could face forwards whichever way the tram was travelling. The advertising on the outside was most interesting – Bovril, Oxo, W. H. Smith, Harris sausages, Bath coal, and other local traders. The clothes worn by passengers and people in the streets, and other vehicles, were all of a different era, we had quite a social history lesson. Peter`s whole collection is a wonderful record of the past, and his relating of various incidents, including accidents, was enthralling. Those WI members who knew Bath well, kept recognising various landmarks, and Peter was very good at identifying the buildings in the pictures with their present day use.

At the end of the slide show we were shown various pieces of hardware – tickets and ticket punch, leather money bag, a driver`s handle and a linen sheet with all the destination names showing white on a black background, so they could be illuminated at night. After a number of questions a vote of thanks was given by Diana. The competition was won by Sue.

For more information contact Chris Barker, 2 Dunns Close Wedmore BS28 4BL, 712182, email [chris@cjbarker.plus.com](mailto:chris@cjbarker.plus.com)

*Chris Barker*

## **Isle of Wedmore Society, November 2015**

The Isle of Wedmore Society celebrated the last meeting for 2015 with a talk by Matt Piper the Curator of The Haynes International Motor Museum.

The Museum opened in 1985 by John Haynes who owned over 20 cars and he decided to donate them to a charitable trust set up to operate the centre – it is now one of the largest motor museums in the UK and boasts over 300 cars and 100 motor cycles collectively worth many millions of pounds!

The Founder also started up the Haynes Workshop Manuals which have sold in their millions.

The site in Sparkford which used to be a timber yard and ammunition depot has recently undergone a multi million pound redevelopment even winning an award for its architectural design.

The full time staff are supplemented by 50 volunteers and the museum now attracts 100,000 visitors a year.

Matt showed us slides of some of the more interesting vehicles and informed us that many of them are in running order and used to advertise various events.

The well received talk finished with free wine and mince pies for all our members and visitors.

We have 8 talks booked for 2016 starting with the ever popular Hazel Hudson who will be telling us about 'Hidden Wedmore' on Thursday 28 January. The brochure with details of all the talks will be available at that meeting.

*Chris Edwards*

## **January Director's Blog – The Importance of Being Earnest**

Looks like choosing Oscar Wilde's best-loved satire was a good move! For the first time in many years, there were more people auditioning than there are parts in the play (the last time was Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, when we had so many little ones queuing round the block at the audition that I ended up casting 14 dwarfs!) It's not an issue when I'm writing the piece myself, because I can always write in extra roles, but Oscar only wrote 9 roles in this play and it's rather well-known, so if we were to slip in some extras, it might be noticed!

Anyway, the result is an absolutely cracking cast. Most encouraging of all, we have managed to get four outstanding young actors to play the four romantic leads – Algernon, Jack, Gwendolen and Cecily – three of whom have appeared in past WTC productions. It has sometimes been hard, in the past, to find sufficient local talent in the age bracket of 16-24, but Tristan Palmer, Greg Tyrrell, Annie Gould and Daisy Graham-Brown are all going to fill these leading roles brilliantly.

In the slightly older age bracket, Lady Bracknell will be played by Alan Philps, with David Cole, Elizabeth Coulter, Peter Langley and Val Godfrey taking on the roles of the Reverend Chasuble, Miss Prism, Lane and Merriman respectively. Like I said, a cracking cast!

We got together, initially to read through the play and discuss characterisation in December; but rehearsals start in earnest (pun intended) at the beginning of this month. Performances are on Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 April, at 7.30pm at Wedmore Village Hall, and numbered seats will be available.

(You can read all of the monthly Director's Blogs, and find out more about 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and about Wedmore Theatre Club at [www.wedmoretheatre.com](http://www.wedmoretheatre.com))

*Sue Rippon*

## **Isle of Wedmore Garden Club**

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 26 January at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. This will be followed by a talk by Lady Rosemary Fitzgerald on 'South West China'.

Lady Rosemary's grandmother was a passionate gardener, and a family friend taught her about wild flowers and their Latin names. Her experiences include a degree in English, a restaurant, some history of science, fringe theatre, teaching and antique dealing. Eventually she worked professionally in botanical conservation, searching for rare and threatened plants and negotiating their protection.

For many years she ran a successful nursery and now searches out plants for clients.

Members and guests are always welcome. Contact Andrea West 712161.

*Andrea West*

## **Mendip Rotary Club**



*Members of Mendip Rotary Club install boxes and construct raised beds at the school*

Members of the Mendip Rotary club spent two fun-filled Saturday mornings making and installing bird boxes, bug boxes, raised flower beds for the forest school area at Axbridge C of E First School Academy.

Organiser Rotarian Richard Tilley said, 'We have really enjoyed ourselves, and produced something of benefit for the local community. We would be happy to talk to other schools in the Cheddar Valley about assisting with their nature projects.' He went on to thank local suppliers Somerlap Timber of Mark and Woodland Horticulture of Glastonbury for their generous donations of timber, raised beds and topsoil.

Mrs Lorna Richardson, head teacher at Axbridge C of E First School Academy explained, 'The Forest School approach provides outside learning opportunities for all the pupils in a safe and secure setting. We are able to raise pupils' attainment through social and emotional development and it helps to highlight a greater awareness of the natural environment. Through the effort and generosity of the Mendip Rotarians, we were able to enhance the limited space in the school grounds and we are very grateful for their time and effort in helping the school with such a worthwhile project.'



*Members of Mendip Rotary Club construction of bird and bug boxes*

*John Manders*

## **IT for the Terrified**

I.T. for the Terrified, for all your computer training needs. A skill-sharing, informal, community project. Run by a Committee, Staffed by Volunteers. We will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2016.

We offer 1:1 sessions to help you to use a computer, iPad, Tablet, smartphone or Mac in a friendly, relaxed environment.

Thursday afternoons 'Computer drop in' £2.00 per visit. Ideal for a small problem that doesn't need a full 2 hour session. No need to book, just drop in (term time only 1.30-3.30pm).



If you want to find out more about us, why not drop into our 'Open House' on Wednesday 6 January from 1.30-3.30pm or Friday 8 January from 10.00am - midday. There is no charge for open house sessions, it is an opportunity for you to have a look round, find out more about us and book for a course if you wish.

## **Workshops**

Introduction to iPad – Friday 8 January, 1.30-3.30pm, cost £5.00.

Introduction to Tablet computing – Thursday 14 January, 10.00-midday, cost £5.00.

## **Courses**

eBay – Thursday 21 January, 10.00am - midday, cost £20 for 3 week course.

Photo management – Thursday 25 February. 10.00am - midday, cost £35 for week course.

Contact us on 741751 or email [itfortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itfortheterrified@btconnect.com), or visit our website [www.itfortheterrified.co.uk](http://www.itfortheterrified.co.uk)

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If you can spare two hours a week and have skills on any level, including basics especially on iPad or Tablet, that you would like to share with others, please get in touch.

## **Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)**

Thursday 7 January. Our first speaker of the year is Shaun McCormack, retired Company Sergeant Major. His talk is entitled 'The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard' in which Shaun still actively serves.



Join us at Church House, Cheddar at 2.15pm, entry £2, visitors welcome.

Thursday 21 January we have our Meet & Greet Coffee Morning at 10.30am - midday at Church House, Cheddar. If you would like to find out more about us then come along and meet us, entry is free and all visitors are welcome. Telephone 744241 or visit [www.cheddarvalleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.cheddarvalleyu3a.org.uk) for more details.

*Roger Coe*

## **Cheddar Lions Club**

Cheddar Vale Lions Club would like to thank everyone who bought a Christmas Raffle ticket from them. We hope to site our first defibrillator later this year.

Our next event will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 13 February at Church House, Cheddar. Doors open at 2.00pm.

If you are holding an event and would like the Lions to bring along their coconut shy, candy floss machine or Lions tombola then please contact Lion Andy on 01278 786211 to book. We will make a donation to your cause.



*Janet Clark*

## **Weather Report in issue no. 432**

Apologies to Denley Brown and readers for errors published in December's edition. The correct information is as follows:


Last 3 months (Aug- October)

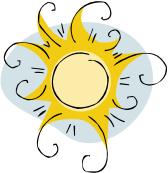
Year ending 31 October 2015

Maximum temperature 9th

Minimum temperature 25th

## Weather Report for November 2015

	RAIN FALL	Monthly Total	65.2mm	(2.57")
		30 year average	81.4mm	(3.20")
		Wettest days (23rd)	8.0mm	(0.31")
		No of dry days	8	
		Last 3 months (Sep-Nov)	169mm	(6.67")
		Year ending 30 Nov 2015	766mm	(30.2")
		30 year annual average	795mm	(31.3")

	TEMPERATURES	Maximum (6th)	16.5 °C	(61.7 °F)
		Minimum (23rd)	-2.5 °C	(27.5 °F)
		Number of air frosts	2	
		Monthly average maximum	12.0 °C	(53.6 °F)
		30 year average maximum	10.8 °C	(51.4 °F)
		Monthly average minimum	6.8 °C	(44.2 °F)
		30 year average minimum	4.4 °C	(39.9 °F)

COMMENTS      Rainfall 20% below average, a remarkably warm month, especially night time temperatures.

*Denley Brown*

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## Forthcoming Events

### Theale Film Club Fun Quiz Night – Friday 8 January

In Theale Village Hall, starting at 8.00pm, teams of six. The evening includes a light supper, raffle, winners' prizes and film and music extracts on screen. Test your knowledge and powers of observation, all for £7.50 per person. For more information telephone Lesley Luke 713176, or Bernard Coulter 712144.



### Mr Punch's Folk Club – Friday 15 January & 29 January

At the New Inn, Wedmore at 8.00pm.

Friday 15, a special open mic featuring Strawfolk who are threatening to repeat their indoor 'safe' version of a Wassail, where they bring the apple tree to us! Some comedy to brighten up a winters evening.

Friday 29, open mic session. Come along, sing a song, play a tune, recite a poem. All welcome.

### Theale Film Club - Sunday 17 January

The film is 'Far from the Madding Crowd', starring Carey Mulligan, Michael Sheen, Matthias Schoenaerts and Tom Sturridge. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm prompt start, at Theale Village Hall. Membership for 2016 is £16 for 12 films. Contact Phil Butterworth, 712775.

For more information please contact Lesley Luke on 713176, email [lesleyluke@live.co.uk](mailto:lesleyluke@live.co.uk), Bernard Coulter on 712144, email [bcoulter@talktalk.net](mailto:bcoulter@talktalk.net), or Pam Meadows, 712143.

### **Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 20 January**

The meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm at The Council Rooms, Grants Lane. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **WI Meeting – Thursday 21 January**

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. Our speaker will be Colette Jeff, her subject 'How I got here'. The competition is for a snowy Christmas card. Visitors and guests are very welcome, we finish the evening with tea or coffee and biscuits and time to chat.

### **Family Wassail, Bagley Community Orchard - Saturday 23 January**

It's time to crown our Wassail King and Queen at our Orchard in Bagley. After blessing the apple trees with songs and apple cake in the orchard we all form a procession to march down to Theale Village Hall to continue the festivities in the warm. Cakes and tea will be served and there is entertainment for the children. This year a magician and balloon artist will provide fun and laughter at this very popular village event.

The Orchard event is free to all who attend, and a small charge is levied to cover the festivities in the Village Hall, which include the entertainment and the tea and cake that the Bagley folk generously provide.

Feel free to join us in the Orchard with pots, pans and drums to make lots of noise at 2.30pm, or meet us in the hall at 3.30pm. Entrance fee at the Hall is £4 for adults and £2 for children, or buy a family ticket for £10.

Looking forward to welcoming you all at our most popular event of the year!!

### **Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club – Tuesday 26 January**

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 26 January at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. This will be followed by a talk by Lady Rosemary Fitzgerald on 'South West China'. Members and guests are always welcome. Contact Andrea West 712161.

### **Isle of Wedmore Society - Thursday 28 January**

The meeting will be in the Masonic Hall at 7.30pm when Hazel Hudson will tell us about 'Hidden Wedmore'. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions will be due that evening – new members will be most welcome.

Annual membership is £22 for a couple, £12 single and non members pay £3 per talk. These rates include coffee/tea and biscuits after the talk!

### **Wedmore Theatre Club, Take Art Music Event – Friday 5 February**

At Wedmore Village Hall, 7.30pm. Graffiti Classics present a classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy set and a brilliant dance show all rolled into one. A group of four musicians whose aim is to make classical music wickedly funny and exhilarating for everyone, young and old. Tickets (£9/£5 for children), available from early January at Wedmore Village Shop and Liz McDonnell, 712649.

## Wedmore First School Academy PTA Winter Supper – Saturday 6 Feb

At 7.30 pm in Wedmore Village Hall. The annual Winter Supper is a real highlight on the social calendar during the long winter months. An informal night of good food, drink and laughter, the event is open to anyone, not just school parents. It is also a vital fundraiser for the school.

Tickets cost £17.50 each, which includes a glass of Prosecco and a two-course meal, and are available from the school office and Wedmore Village Stores.

## Flamenco Dancing and Paella Evening- Saturday 20 February

Mendip Rotary Club is bringing some Spanish sunshine to Wedmore this winter with a flamenco dancing and paella evening at Wedmore Village Hall on Saturday 20 February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £25 per head or £180 per table of 8 from Chris or Maggie Steel, 713412 or email [chris@mhpk.co.uk](mailto:chris@mhpk.co.uk).

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# Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

## Cheddar Vale Lions, Jumble Sale – Saturday 13 February

At Church House, Cheddar. Doors open at 2.00pm

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# Polly's Kitchen

Happy New Year! Another year has flown by and here we are again in January and I have the task of giving you another 12 recipes to see through the months to come. This is an easy supper party dish and a comforting winter dish too. Serve with some scrummy mashed potato and some steamed kale.



## Pork fillets with a creamy Prune and Armagnac sauce *(Serves 4)*

### Ingredients

1 large or 2 small pork fillets  
4oz/100g butter  
15oz/425g ready to eat prunes, stoned  
1 tablespoon flour  
4floz/125ml Armagnac  
2 finely chopped onions  
1/4lb/100g mushrooms, sliced  
1/2pint/300ml double cream  
Salt and freshly milled black pepper



Slice pork into 8 pieces and flatten by beating.  
Roll in seasoned flour and fry lightly in butter on both sides.  
Arrange in an oven proof dish and keep warm.  
Fry onions and mushrooms until soft and sprinkle over fillets.  
Add Armagnac to pan and ignite, carefully, standing well back from flame.  
Add double cream and prunes and heat gently, season well.  
Pour over the pork and bake at 350 degrees F/180 degrees C/Gas4 for 15 minutes.  
Serve with mashed potato and kale or whatever grabs you.

*Polly Costello*

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## The Garden in January

Writing an item like this a month in advance seems to make time go a lot faster and of course, it is difficult to know what the weather may be doing when you read this and how that may affect your gardening. We get such variation in our winter weather that it is difficult to make sweeping generalisations too far in advance. However, I suppose I have to assume that we shall have 'normal' winter weather and proceed on that basis.



I am writing this on 26 November. It is fairly mild, we have had one frost, a week or so ago and that has spoiled, if not put an end to, many of the flowers that were still around, like Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Cyclamen hederifolium and even Hydrangeas, which were still producing new flowers. The forecast is that it will stay relatively dry for a few days yet and then get colder; although being dry makes garden work much easier on heavy soils like I have in my garden, the rain of a week or two ago, prior to the frost, has already made them sticky, so similarly to last year, many of the leaves have been late falling, but every time we have a bit of a breeze now more come down.

January is often considered to be a quiet time in the garden, so much so, that I considered maybe having a gardening crossword this month instead of my usual ramblings, but making one up requires some time spent in advance and I seldom get around to thinking of it soon enough.

Soon after Christmas, perhaps something to do with lengthening days, I start getting the urge to sow some early seeds. At least this makes me go through those I have left over from last year and throw out any that are not worth sowing. If you have stored them well, certain things, like cabbages and tomatoes will retain their viability for quite a long time, but parsnips for example will not. With many things you can simply sow them a bit thicker to allow for slightly poorer germination. If you have a greenhouse that is not too cold or a window sill propagator, or are simply prepared to move them around depending on just how cold it is, it is worth sowing some early cabbage seeds and even parsnips in plugs (although leaving them in there too long may distort the roots). If you want to grow big onions from seed, you can start sowing them in plugs or pots now. Remember that most vegetables are biennials and will

grow to the stage at which we eat them in the first season and then go to seed in the next. Experiencing low temperatures after they have started into growth will trigger off the mechanism that makes them go to seed, so protect them from getting too cold early in their lives. It may be worth risking this happening with a few in the hope of an early crop, but don't let it happen to too many. Sweet peas, if not already sown in the autumn can be sown early; remember that field mice and voles will often steal the seeds in a greenhouse, so take measures to protect them. I know from experience that voles can get through half inch mesh chicken wire (or the equivalent metric size) so use something smaller like quarter inch weld-mesh. Also remember to pinch out the growing tips of sweet peas when fairly small so that they develop more than one main shoot.

If you have thoughts about making serious changes to the structure of your garden look around and plan it now, before the ground becomes workable again and you get carried away with the rush of spring work.

One thing you do need to ensure now is that top-heavy growth on trellis and pergolas is cut back before the windy weather of March arrives and blows it all down.

I have written before about carefully rotating vegetable crops to discourage pests and diseases; this was brought home to me last summer when some of my brassicas (cabbage family) developed 'club-root', probably through being grown too soon after a related cabbage / swede / turnip crop. Remember also that 'green manure' crops like mustard are also related and can also harbour pests and diseases (it really is a mine-field out there isn't it!). 'Club- root' in particular can also be more of a problem if the soil is acid, so liming is beneficial.

We are at the beginning of the fruit tree pruning season and this needs to be completed before bud-burst at the end of February. Do not however prune plums now as the wounds may become infected with the debilitating 'Silver Leaf' disease, the spores of which will be drifting about now (the fungus itself is a sort of bracket fungus that grows on the trunks of infected trees).

By next month there should be plenty of snowdrops and daffodils about, heralding the serious beginning of the new gardening year.

*Adrian Hutchison*

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## Thought for the Month

Dear Friends

One of the very best teachers I remember in my primary school was Mrs Powell. Among her many tricks of the trade were her quizzes. She would regularly set us a riddle of the week. The greatest of these went something like this: 'A man on his death finds himself in an ante-chamber. There are two doors that lead out – one to heaven and one to hell. He does not know which is which. Each door is guarded by an angel. One angel only tells the truth and one only tells lies. Again he does not know

which is which. He is allowed one question and only one to ask of an angel and after that must choose his door. What question should he ask so he guarantees the correct choice?' I'll come back to the answer at the end.

At the beginning of a fresh new year it can feel as if the choices that face us are many and possibly exciting and possibly crippling. 2015 ended with our representatives having to make a choice about military action in Syria. 2016 might see us all having to make a choice about our membership of the European Union. For some the year will bring a choice about schooling for children or whether to take a job offer or not. It is something of a truism that we are defined by the choices we make – both the large and the small ones.

In the Old Testament there is a moment when the people of Israel are beginning to colonise their Promised Land (modern day Israel and Palestine). A whole new land has brought many new opportunities and many choices about the way they should lead their lives. So their leader Joshua gathers them together between two large hills and offers them a choice. Stick to God's path, that relationship of hope and promise and find life; stray from the way and bad consequences will follow. He ends by urging them to 'choose life'.

Whatever choices face us this year, 'Choose Life' is not a bad way of approaching those choices. What is it that will enhance life, our own and those of others and those we do not even know?

The answer to the riddle is 'If I were to ask the other angel which is the way to heaven what would he say?' Then, whatever the answer, choose the other door.

Choose Life.

*Richard Neill*

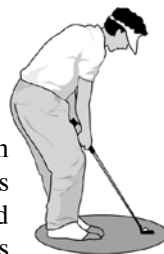
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## Sport Reports

### Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

As the season moved from Autumn to Winter, November was a month of change at Wedmore Golf Club as both Seniors and Ladies Sections held their AGMs and installed new captains. The Seniors came first and their AGM was preceded by the annual contest between the Captain's and Vice Captain's teams. The result this year was a win for the Vice Captain. Best scoring pairs were Terry Simpson & Graham Stock and Peter Rowntree and Alasdair McDonald who both scored 37 points from 15 holes. Terry and Graham took first prize on countback. At the AGM Jim Crick handed over to Mike Tanswell who introduced his charity for the year as Great Ormond Street Hospital, the children's hospital which has played a vital role in the life of his grandson.

The Ladies played a full-blown bowmaker prior to their AGM which saw the team of Mary-Lou Denny, Carol Horsley and Shirley Gooding recording a convincing victory. Their score of 74 was 4 better than runners-up Gina Falcon, Sue Chambers



and Sarah Matthews with third placed Sue Tarry, Saybria Sims and Di Cornelius another



*Sue Tarry takes over as Lady Captain from Ann Adams*

4 points back. There was a further win for Mary-Lou Denny at the AGM where she was declared most improved player of the year. Prizes for the best eclectic scores in the summer competitions went to Janis Lawrence in bronze division and Sue Tarry in the silver. This was particularly appropriate as Sue was incoming Captain, taking over the reins from Ann Adams. She introduced the second of the Captains' charities for 2016, the Motor Neurone Disease Association.



*Toni Ribi becomes Male Captain succeeding Mike Garbutt*

Halloween seemed to last into November at the start of the month as ghostly figures were seen in the mist. It was only the Seniors Stableford though and as most

struggle to see anyway the fog had little impact on scores. This was particularly true in division 3 where both Derek Meades and Philip McMahon scored 43 points. Derek edged it on countback with Keith Rabbitts a distant third on 35. There was a very close finish in division 1 with Bill Lander winning on 37 and Ray Dodkin just taking second place on countback from Ian Robson after both scored 36. Derek Osborn was clear leader in division 2, his 41 points put him 2 clear of Tony Hoskings who was a further 2 clear of Terry Simpson.

The fog had been dispersed by the wind and rain on Thursday when the Ladies played their Stableford. There was the usual blanket finish with 3 points covering the top five places. Janis Lawrence finished clear of the field on 36 points. Jane Hewitt took second place on countback from Joan Peck, a par on the penultimate hole just getting her home on 35 points. Countback was again required to sort out fourth and fifth place with Pam Berry just getting ahead of Ange Webber after both scored 34 points.

There was yet another Stableford on Sunday with more wind but slightly less rain. Dom Smith was not put off by this, his score of 42 points won division 1 by 2 points from John Russell with Club Captain Mike Garbutt third on 38. Jim Gray led the way in division 2, his score of 39 being 2 better than both Dave Skelton and Malcolm Tanner with Dave taking second place on countback. Toughest division to win though was division 3. Eventual winner was Dale Worthington on 42 points but he was hotly pursued by both David Coggan and Max Grant coming in with 40 points with David winning out on countback. The Ladies struggled in the wet, Pauline Hale won on 31 with Alison Dodkin best of a group on 28.

By the end of the month Christmas had made its first appearance as the Seniors held their Christmas Bowmaker. Eating well this year will be the winning team of Mike Smith, Alasdair McDonald and Phil McMahon who scored a convincing victory on 87 points. Drowning their sorrows with copious supplies of drink were runners up Tony Ireland, Martin Peakman and Geoff Brooks, 2 points behind on 85 points which in itself was 2 points better than a group of teams on 83. Countback which went down to the last six holes was needed to sort out the places with Gordon Summers, Calvon Poulton-Sadler and Derek Meades edging out Tony Roe, Peter Bennett and Roy Tomlins, with Peter Rowntree, David Hollingdale and John Sim claiming fifth place with the same score. To round off the meal, the Ladies played for various puddings in their competition but like to keep their results a secret until the Christmas Party.

There was no secrecy about the final competition of the month in which Cheddar took on the Rest of the World in the annual challenge match. This was the sixteenth holding of the match with scores standing 8-7 in Cheddar's favour. With the Rest of the World keen to equal the score there were close hard fought matches as well as some not so close. The overall outcome certainly was close with Cheddar just edging the match by 17 points to 15 to extend their lead in the series to 9-7.

*Tony Biggs*

## Wedmore Tennis Club

Winter League



The exhilaration of GB winning the Davis Cup has possibly galvanized our players this month, as Wedmore's teams too have played with spirit and determination.

The A team continue to dominate division one having lost only 4 points after playing half of their matches, so are resolute in defending their title. Congratulations to Craig Phillips, John Cooksley, Ben Wylie, Matt Drew, Ines Beeson and Annabel Hicks. Also, best wishes to Craig for a rapid recovery – his club and county need him!

The B team, with Nicky Attwood at the helm, has also easily won all five of their matches and top Division 2, despite Steve Randall's injury and Tony's unconventional match recovery methods.

The C team, led by Mark Jackson, having had a rough start to the season with four losses, has finished the year with an inspiring win against Cheddar B, 8.4. Despite losing both the



*some of Tony's Tuesday night stoics.*

ladies and men's matches in three closely fought sets, Shirley, Tess, Mark and Mike, emboldened following the break, won the mixed matches in straight sets.

The D team in division 5 has only played four matches so far, winning their two home and losing their two away matches. In the most recent match, battling wind and rain, David Bennett and John Gould cruised to a 6.1, 6.0 win in the men's doubles as Cheddar B struggled on an unfamiliar surface. The more adaptable Cheddar ladies levelled with a 6.0 6.4 win against Sandra Evans and Charlotte Wright. After a restorative coffee and chocolate biscuits the teams returned to court, conscious of the need to finish in time to return home and watch a crucial rubber in the Davis Cup. David and Sandra promptly won in straight sets while John and Charlotte battled hard to come from behind twice to win the first set on a tie-break. The second set proved a little easier with Wedmore winning it 6.3.

The Vets teams have only played three matches each to date, both finishing for Christmas mid table. The A team, with two wins and one loss, took on Bridgwater A away in blustery conditions in their last match. Clive Ross and John Gould proved too strong for Robin Knight and Bob Kippen winning 6.0, 6.1. The Bridgwater ladies, Jean Russell and Vicky Flicker, coped better with the tricky conditions to win 6.1, 6.4 to level. In the mixed doubles Shirley Turner and Clive won a very close match, coming from behind in a third set tie break to beat Vicky and Bob by two sets to one. Liz Randall and John also won their mixed match on a third set tie break against Jean and Robin, with Liz's lobs and volleys winning crucial points.

The windy conditions proved more troublesome for the B team in their away match against Avenue. Matty and Irene lost the championship tie break in their first match, having easily won their second set 6.1, while the men, Bill and Jim, lost in two sets. In the mixed matches, Bill and Matty lost to the first pair, while Jim and Irene won in straight sets to boost the overall score to a 3 7.

### **Tony's Ladies**

Tuesday evenings continue to be well attended, even in adverse weather conditions. A big thank you to the ladies from Tony for making his job as captain such a pleasure again this year.

### **New website**

Thanks to the considerable expertise of Dae Sasitorn, the beginning of the new year will be marked by the launch of the club's new dynamic website. Features such as a newsfeed, members log in, league link and daily calendar are planned to make the website a useful tool for all members to refer to, for finding out the latest news, for reference or to communicate with others. Please could anyone wishing to advertise on the new site contact David Bennett or email the club.

Wishing everyone a very happy new year.

*Sarah Cunningham*



*David Wederell left, with Michael Jennings  
of Bowls England.*

### **Wedmore Bowls Club**

David Wederell has been prominent in bowls at local and county levels for many years. At a recent Somerset Bowls Association lunch he was presented with a National Honour, Bowls England Certificate of Merit. The presentation was made by Michael Jennings, Senior Vice President of Bowls England.

David was a founder member of the Wedmore club serving as competition secretary, captain twice, chairman and president and is a life member. At

County level he has taken on many responsibilities including President. He continues as a life member here too.

Asked about the honour, which came as a surprise, David said, ‘ I was gobsmacked. As I said at the presentation, this must be the first time you have seen me at a loss for words’.

*Bob Dearden*

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# Church News

## Education Sunday

On Sunday 31 January the four churches of our local group – St Mary’s, Allerton, Holy Trinity and Christchurch - hope to join together to remember those involved in education with a special communion service at Wedmore First School Academy at 9.00am.

This will be an opportunity to give thanks for and pray for those who are involved in educating our children, whether through school or at church or as part of other groups. We will be joined by Elizabeth Alden who is the Christian worker at Kings of Wessex Academy and she will be telling us about some of the good things that are happening there.

All are welcome.

## The Revd Paul Kingdom

Many of us have been blessed by the ministry of Paul during the time he has spent serving our churches and communities. His preaching, leadership, humour, wisdom, care and his big personality have enriched the life of the benefice over this last year.

We always knew that Paul would be with us for only a relative short time and now has come the time for him to move on to a more permanent position. We will be sorry to see him leave but rejoice with him that he has been appointed House for Duty vicar of some of the villages near Dulverton on the edge of Exmoor. Paul’s last service will be the Epiphany Carol Service at Christchurch Theale on Wednesday 6 January at 7.30pm (appropriately his first service was the equivalent carol service earlier this year) and will move into his new home in Brompton Regis vicarage soon after. He will be at Allerton church for the last time on Sunday 3 January. Paul’s licensing at his new parish will be on Wednesday 27 January in the evening. If you would like to go to that please put your name on the sheet in church as it may be possible to hire a coach for the evening.

We thank Paul for all he has given us and wish him and Wendy all the very best for their new start.



## ‘On a Wheel and a Prayer’

On Wednesday 13 January, the vicar will be conducting the next ‘cycle prayer pilgrimage’, cycling around the different villages and hamlets that make up the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore that our churches serve, stopping at various points and praying for the particular communities.



Details of timings can be found in the churches and you are welcome to join him at any of the stops.

## Parish Registers

### Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of

Derek Warn of Wedmore aged 75 who died on 27 October 2015 and whose funeral was on Friday 6 November 2015 at St Mary's.

### Baptisms

Welcome to the following baptized into God's church recently

Florence Rose Lily Beavan, daughter of Steven and Donna of Highbridge baptised at St Mary's Church on Sunday 15 November 2015.

Rory John Richard Rumbelow, son of Richard and Rachel of Shalbourne, Wilts baptised at St Mary's Church on Sunday 15 November 2015.

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# Church Services

## St Mary's Wedmore

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 8.45am*

Sunday	3	Christmas 2	10.30 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	10	Baptism of Christ	10.30 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	17	Epiphany 2	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30 am	Family Service
Sunday	24	Conversion- St Paul	10.30 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	31	Epiphany 4	10.30 am	Benefice Communion at Education Sunday, Wedmore First School Academy

*Junior Church welcomes children aged 4-11 on the first Sunday of each month, while a supervised crèche for pre-school children runs on special occasions.*

## Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	3	Christmas 2	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	10	Baptism of Christ	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	17	Epiphany 2	6.00 pm	BCP Evensong
Sunday	24	Conversion of St Paul	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	31	Epiphany 4		No Service

## Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	3	Christmas 2	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Tuesday	6	The Epiphany	7.30 pm	Epiphany Carols
Sunday	10	The Baptism of Christ	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	17	Epiphany 2	11.00 am	Parish Communion

Sunday	24	Conversion of St Paul	11.00 am	Come & See
Sunday	31	Epiphany 4	6.00 pm	Candlemas Communion

### Allerton Church

Sunday	3	Christmas 2	9.00 am	Family Service & Gift Service
Sunday	10	The Baptism of Christ	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	17	Epiphany 2	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	24	Conversion of St Paul	9.00 am	Youth Communion
Sunday	31	Epiphany 4		No Service

*Revd Richard Neill, Vicar of the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore can be contacted on 713566.*

### Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30 am Morning service. (Groups for 3-15s.)

Please always check the website for any last minute changes to normal service times and dates, particularly during the winter time.

Every Wednesday from 10.00 am-12 noon is our really popular 'Coffee with a View'. Come for free coffee and home-made cakes, our wonderful view and a warm welcome. Bring a friend, or come and make some new ones here. We have good parking and wheelchair access.

We have various Bible studies and youth groups which we'd love to tell you about. For details, please telephone 710779 / 712812 / 713267, or email us on [contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk](mailto:contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk) or visit our website [www.bagleybaptist.co.uk](http://www.bagleybaptist.co.uk).

### Wedmore Methodist Church – January 2016

Sunday	3		10.30 am	Eric Small
Sunday	10		10.30 am	Ken Young
Sunday	17		10.30 am	Moira Cowell Family Service
Sunday	24		10.30 am	Revd Carol Chaplin Covenant Service, Holy Communion
Sunday	31		10.30 am	Tony Stevenson

### Crickham Baptist Church

Every Sunday			10.30 am	Sunday School
			6.30 pm	Evening Service

*Contact Dulcie Hooper: 712187*

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar

Thursday			10.00 am	Mass
Friday and Saturday			9.30 am	Mass
Saturday			10.00 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sundays			9.00 am	Mass

*Contact Father Philip Thomas on 742564.*

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# Axbridge and Wedmore GP Practice

## Surgery Opening Times

### Wedmore Surgery

Mondays and Fridays ..... 8.30am to 6.00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays ..... 8.30am to 1.00pm

Telephone 712774

### Axbridge Surgery

Monday to Fridays ..... 8.30am to 6.00pm

Telephone 732464 - Please note the surgeries are closed on Bank Holidays.

### Extended Surgery Hours

The practice offers an extended opening hours service. This extra service is being offered in response to the wishes of patients expressed in the Patient Surveys. During the 'Extended Hours' a GP will be available for routine appointments outside normal surgery times.

These appointments are not for emergencies or to see a nurse, they are dedicated to those patients who find it difficult to attend during normal surgery hours.

Extended hours surgeries are held:

### Axbridge Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday ..... Alternate weeks 6.30pm to 8.00pm

### Wedmore Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday ..... Once a month 7.00am to 8.00am

Saturday ..... Alternate weeks 8.00am to 9.30am

*Please note, these hours may be subject to change depending on the availability of doctors.*

During extended hours the front door will be locked. Please ring the video doorbell for access. Access will only be granted to patients with pre booked appointments. Surgery telephones are not manned during extended hours.

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## Wedmore Community Bus



The Wedmore Community Bus is available for everyone, travelling to Taunton (Tuesdays), Bridgwater (Wednesdays), Weston-super-Mare (Thursdays) and Street (Fridays).

The service acts less like a bus and more like a personal taxi service. You get on and off wherever you tell us is the most convenient place - usually

outside your own house. Travel is free if you have a current bus pass. If you have to pay, then fares compare very favourably with alternative forms of transport - saving money on fuel and parking. For example, the 50 mile round trip to Taunton is only £4.80.

The bus departs from Wedmore at 9.30am and is back by early afternoon - leaving plenty of time for those needing to collect children from school. To book a seat ring the friendly controller between 6.00pm and 6.30pm on the evening before your journey:

Controller Taunton	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Bridgwater	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Weston super Mare	Pam Meadows	712143
Controller Street	Rosy Brooks	713697

The bus is also available for private hire. It can be booked by contacting Rachel Bennett, telephone 07807 156069 or email rachbennett1@hotmail.co.uk.

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# Somerset Waste Partnership, January Collections



<b>Thursday</b> 7	Recycling and refuse
<b>Wednesday</b> 13	Recycling and green garden waste
<b>Wednesday</b> 20	Recycling and refuse
<b>Wednesday</b> 27	Recycling and garden waste

Decoration-free natural Christmas trees under 6ft can be composted: Take to your local recycling site or, if you pay for garden waste collections, put them out on your usual garden waste collection day from 11 January. As a last resort you can send your tree to landfill: Place next to your refuse bin on your usual collection day between 4 - 15 January 2016.

Use brown food waste boxes for all cooked and raw food, including:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Meat and fish
- Cheese and egg shells
- Bread, pasta, cereal
- Tea bags and coffee grounds

Use green recycling boxes for:

- Paper including: newspapers, magazines, leaflets, printed paper, white envelopes and telephone directories
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminium foil (clean, not paper or plastic backed)

- Clothes – bagged to keep dry
- Shoes – tied in pairs and bagged
- Car batteries
- Note - Please do not put clothes or shoes out on wet days.

Use black recycling boxes for:

- Food and drinks cans
- Plastic bottles only (no tops)
- Cardboard (flattened) – clean packaging card, corrugated card and greetings cards
- Brown envelopes

Please do not put out:

- Drink cartons or Tetra Pak
- Broken glass, Pyrex, window glass, tableware, light bulbs
- Plastic pots, tubs or film
- Plastic bottles used for engine oil and garden or DIY chemicals
- Household batteries
- Business waste for recycling



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# What's On in the Parish

1 - Fri	<b>New Year's Day</b>		
2 - Sat	<b>Fairtrade Coffee Shop</b>	9.30am	St Mary's Church
5 - Tues	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
8 - Fri	<b>Theale Film Club</b>	8.00pm	Theale VH
9 - Sat	<b>Wedmore in Bloom</b>	9.30am	The George
10 - Sun	<b>Holy Trinity Breakfast</b>	8.30am	Blackford VH
11 - Mon	<b>Wedmore Club 50 Lunch</b>	12.30pm	Weare VH
13 - Wed	<b>Blackford Cafe</b>	2.00pm	Blackford VH
	<b>Probus</b>	10.30am	Wedmore Golf Club
15 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club</b>	8.00pm	New Inn
16 - Sat	<b>Theale Community Cafe</b>	10.00am	Theale VH
17 - Sun	<b>Theale Film Club</b>	7.00pm	Theale VH
19 - Tues	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
20 - Wed	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Council Offices Grant's Lane
21 - Thurs	<b>WI Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
23 - Sat	<b>Wassailing</b>	2.30pm	Bagley
26 - Tues	<b>IOW Gardening Club Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
27 - Wed	<b>Probus</b>	10.30am	Wedmore Golf Club
	<b>Wedmore Harvest Home Committee</b>	8.00pm	The Recreation Social Club
28 - Thurs	<b>IOW Society Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
29 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club</b>	8.00pm	New Inn

# January 2016

## Regular Weekly Events

### MONDAY

<b>Modern Dance</b>				
<b>Hugh Sexeys Blackford Crew</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204
<b>Beavers</b>	5.00pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Bridge Club</b>	7.00pm	Masonic Hall	Thelma Jenkin-Jones	01934 710467
<b>Scouts</b>	7.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

### TUESDAY

<b>Tuesday Club</b>	10.30am	Masonic Hall	Sue Freeman	01934 741861
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	3.45pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre	01179 605844
<b>Acting Up Drama Club</b>	3.45pm	Wedmore VH +	Lou Merryfield	07973 429947
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Circuit Training</b>	7.30pm	Blackford VH	Nigel	07775 682231
<b>Cardiodance</b>	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204

### WEDNESDAY

<b>Rainbows</b>	4.30pm	Wedmore VH +	Gail Millard	01934 713922
<b>Beavers</b>	5.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Brownies</b>	6.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Lisa Hall	01934 713566
<b>Guides</b>	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
<b>Yoga</b>	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686

### THURSDAY

<b>Wedmore &amp; Blackford Toddlers</b>	9.30am	Blackford VH +	Gareth Smith	01934 710471
<b>Yoga</b>	9.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Life Drawing Class</b>	10.00am	The Swan	Lily Sawtell	
<b>Over 50s Dance Group</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
<b>Yoga</b>	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	3.45pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre	01179 605844
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Mendip Rotary Club</b>	7.15pm	IOW Golf Club	Chris Steel	07799 068669

### FRIDAY

<b>Tots and Tinies</b>	9.15am	Wedmore First School +	Sarah Maddock	01934 713578
<b>Wedmore Art Group</b>	2.00pm	Masonic Hall	Eileen Sanders	01934 710353
<b>Karate</b>	5.00pm	Blackford VH	Kayleigh Branston	07748 916695

+ Not taking place during school holidays