

# ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS



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# Editorial

June - traditionally the height of the British sporting calendar - we are certainly fortunate enough in the Wedmore area to have a whole range of sporting opportunities available to us. So as Wimbledon gets under way, our new tennis courts will be enjoyed, the Bowls Club is thriving and other playing field facilities such as cricket may encourage some of us to become more active. For the golfers amongst you there is another Golf Day to enjoy. Ascot is reflected locally with the Theale Flower Show race night, for which you do not need to be active - just enjoy yourself and watch the races, it's not energetic at all! Many of us get our exercise through walking, as the Moon Walk ladies do, reporting this month on their successful fundraiser; and if you see me walking around getting in practice for walking The Somme then please say 'hello'. I can usually be seen sporting a pink and white striped fleece – unless it is blazing June of course!

Finally, please could I ask all contributors, if you are submitting items for Wedmore News to ensure that all entries clearly state in the title of the email if there is more than one article for inclusion in any edition. This will avoid any disappointment.

Sue James

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## Front Cover

Thanks to the Wedmore Opera for this month's front cover. The photo by Geoff Dunlop shows some of our talented local teenagers who are singing in the chorus of gypsies in the July production by Wedmore Opera of *Carmen*. They are (left to right) Eve Dagba and Maisie Lewis, both of Wedmore, and Emily Coombes of Winscombe. Maisie and Emily both took solo roles in last year's production of Dido and Aeneas in the village hall, whilst Eve's most recent school performance was as Willy Wonka in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Apologies for an error regarding last month's front cover – it wasn't a honey bee it was a carder bee.

## Contacts List

Please note, we will be publishing an updated list of contact information for local clubs and societies in the July issue. Please could you send any changes/amendments by the end of May to [whatsonwedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:whatsonwedmorenews@gmail.com).

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# News

## Election Results

This month saw not only the General Election, but also local parish council elections and a district election. The results were as follows:

### District Council, Wedmore and Mark Ward

**Polly Costello (The Conservative Party) 1686 elected**

Rosemary Joan Hasler (Liberal Democrats) 1034

Gabrielle Kathleen Hector (Labour Party) 474

**Will Human (The Conservative Party) 1280 elected**

Dave Wills (UKIP) 391

### Parish Wards

*Wedmore, Blackford Ward*

Martin Patrick Cahill - 83

**Lousie Seymour - 120 elected**

**Pete Tinney - 123 elected**

**Alexander J. Whittingham - 130 elected**

*Wedmore, Wedmore Ward*

**Peter Benjamin Drury Bird - 462 elected**

**Polly Costello - 727 elected**

Lindsey Craig - 320

**Stephen Frank George - 456 elected**

William Ernest Healey - 339

Richard Frederick Killburn - 395

Ian William Monson - 412

Mike Rippon - 407

*Wedmore, Theale Ward*

**Nick Avery - 150 elected**

**Edwin George Badman - 185 elected**

**Michael George Bethell - 140 elected**

Simon Christopher Tomes - 139

**Judy Candy - 443 elected**

**Glenys Lynne Cousins - 470 elected**

**Neil Ellis - 456 elected**

**Jessica Anne Healey - 494 elected**

**Rikki John Isgar - 440 elected**

**Suzanne Metters - 581 elected**

Andrew Nash - 379

**Sue Worrall - 503 elected**

## Spotted in Hector's Farm Shop



*The elections affected us all!*

## Volunteer Drivers to Help Somerset Communities

We are seeking drivers from across Somerset for this rewarding opportunity to help people get to and from local medical appointments and day centres. You should be:

- Over 18 years old;
- Have full use of your own four door car;
- Have a full UK driving licence with no more than six points.

Mileage will be reimbursed at up to 50p a mile. For more information please contact Somerset You can Do Services, 01278 664180.

*Somerset You can Do Services*

## The Singing Children of Africa – Love Can Turn the World 2015 Tour



Many of you will remember 'The Singing Children of Africa', a group of Kenyan school children who have sung and danced their way into people's hearts on two previous tours to this area. Good news! A new group of Kenyan children will be staying with local host families during three weeks in June and July. They are here to promote and raise funds for the charity Educate the Kids which provides food and education for them and 600 fellow students in a severely under privileged area of Kenya, where life is desperately hard. The charity is run by volunteers and every penny raised gets directly to where it is needed to change a young life; no money is wasted on administration or red tape.

Please come along and meet these delightful children; I can promise it will be a truly uplifting experience. Free concerts, followed by a retiring collection are being held as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Fri 26 June	Beachcomber, Warren Road, Brean	8.00pm
Sat 27 June	St. John's Church, Highbridge	7.00pm
Sun 28 June	St. Mary's Church, Berrow	10.30am
Thurs 2 July	Farmer's Tavern, Leisure Centre, Brean	7.00pm
Sat 4 July	Sander's Garden World, A38, Brent Knoll	10.15am
Sat 4 July	Sander's Garden World, A38, Brent Knoll	2.00pm
Sat 4 July	St. Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea	7.00pm
Sun 5 July	Methodist Church, College St., Burnham-on-Sea	6.00pm
Mon 6 July	St. Michaels Church, Brent Knoll	7.00pm
Tues 7 July	Beachcomber, Warren Road, Brean	7.00pm
Fri 10 July	Farmer's Tavern, Leisure Centre, Brean	7.00pm
Sun 12 July (tbc)	Catholic Church, Burnham-on-Sea (to be confirmed)	12.00 noon (tbc)
Tues 14 July	St Mary's Church, Bridgwater	7.00pm

With kind thanks to the venues above for providing the concert facilities free of charge.

If you would like more information about the charity or you can help in any way, please visit [educatethekids.com](http://educatethekids.com) or contact Sue Stevens on 01278 782789.

*Sue Stevens*

## **Wenches in Trenches**

'Roses Of No Man's Land' is the title of the 'Wenches In Trenches' four year project

to coincide with the centenary of World War 1 (WW1) and includes a main sponsored walk each year along with other fundraising events.

During the weekend of 11 to 15 September 2015, I will be joining a group of fourteen women who will be walking the battlefields of The Somme paying their respects at many war cemeteries along the way. This walk forms part of a wider programme of events that started in 2014 and culminates in 2018. The walk will include a wreath laying ceremony at Thiepval Memorial and at the 'Wenches In Trenches' memorial bench at Lochnagar Crater. The bench will be installed and dedicated on 1 July 2015 as a lasting memorial and place of peace and reflection dedicated to the nurses, VAD's and medical staff of all conflicts and all nations.

As a retired nurse, midwife and health visitor and having been an officer in Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC) for eight years, I am supporting the aims of the charity to raise funds for worthwhile projects and causes, raising awareness of role of medical and nursing staff in WW1, helping to fund projects



directly associated with the conflicts of WW1 and WW2 and to help individuals with injuries and illnesses received during service to their country, to enrich their lives.

All the walkers are raising their own sponsorship money, we have to raise £500 to participate in addition to our £100 registration for travel etc. So if you would like to support me then I would be most grateful. Donations can be made by visiting my Virgin Money Giving page, [http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Susan James](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Susan%20James).

'Roses of No Man's Land' is a not for profit company, registration number 8793983. 'Roses of No Man's Land' patrons are Simon Weston, OBE (Falkland Islands War veteran) and Sarah Phelps, writer of WW1 Drama, 'The Crimson Field'. For more information please contact me via Wedmore News or visit the website [www.wenchesintrenches.co.uk](http://www.wenchesintrenches.co.uk).

*Sue James*

## **'Ascot' Racing Event**

On Saturday 6 June at Theale Village Hall, Theale Flower Show are pleased to announce an evening to remember!

Arrive at 6.30pm for a pre-supper drink, followed at 7.00pm by a three course supper fit for any race goer, served (weather permitting) in a marquee in the orchard behind the village hall.

Then prepare to enjoy the main event with up to 12 races shown on the big screen in the village hall, with opportunities to own your horse and place bets!

Come dressed for the occasion. Ladies, how often do we get a chance, to wear those wonderful hats and outfits that have been languishing in the back of your wardrobe!

There will of course be a bar and tickets cost £10 if you are dining, or £4 if you can only come for the racing!

Tickets will be sold in advance, please contact either Lesley Luke 713176 or Yvonne Hutchison 712729.

*Lesley Luke*

## **Moonwalk Quiz**

A huge thank you to all those who attended and supported the recent quiz in aid of Breast Cancer charities. A fun evening was had by all (we hope!) and we raised a magnificent total of £1,043. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and a special thank you to all our friends who helped enormously in the organisation and running of the evening. Thanks also to The Village Store and Hector's Farm Shop for their support.

Now all that remains is the walk itself on the night of Saturday 16 May! Hopefully by the time that you read this we will have successfully completed it and be enjoying a hard earned rest!

*Beth, Penny and Trish*

## **Thank you from Stone Allerton Gardens, May 2015**

Two beautiful gardens, Badgers' Acre and Greenfield House were open for charity in Stone Allerton on 3 and 4 May. The weather was not kind to us on the Sunday but thankfully was on Monday.

**ngs** gardens open  
for charity

A magnificent £3,085 was raised for the NGS with 482 visitors passing through the gates. In addition, the delicious teas at Greenfield House raised £650 for the Burnham RNLi. This makes a grand total of £3,735 raised and given to charity.

The exhausted but very happy garden owners would like to thank all the volunteer helpers who helped them to achieve this wonderful result.

George, Ben, Laura and Emily Wainwright, Simon Hicking, Katie Palmer, Dave Palmer and Steve Reading manned the gate and directed traffic and parking at Badgers' Acre. Anna Allott (Lucy's mother), Alison Smith and Nina Reading ran the plant stall.

At Greenfield House a large team of helpers looked after the car park and admission money and many more helpers were needed for the teas. Thanks go to Ted and Jean Bevis, Steve and Kate Poland, Fiona Bull and Alison Buckton.

Thank you also to the Bucktons and the Unwins who provided the fields for car parking

Finally, Lucy Hetherington and Jim Mathers and Vivien and David Bull would like to say thank you to all of you who took the time to come and visit. They really hope you enjoyed the day as much as they did.

For any further information about gardens opening in Somerset for the rest of 2015 please visit the NGS website [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk).

## Wedmore Street Fair

The theme of this year's street fair is the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. As always there will be a fancy dress competition for adults and children and a best dressed stall competition with the theme being the Magna Carta.



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## Wedmore Street Fair Booking Form

Please return to: c/o Gareth Gosling, Applewood, Mutton Lane, Wedmore BS28 4DS.

I / we would like to book a stall at Wedmore Street Fair on Saturday 4 July 2015.  
Charities £17, local groups and societies £22, commercial stalls £32.

I do / do not require a table at an additional £3.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation  
or type of stall \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

(obligatory for receipt and stall details)

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Wedmore Street Fair.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Congratulations to Jules Elliman**

Jules successfully completed the Brighton Marathon in April. Jules raised over £1,700 which he donated to Musgrove Park Hospital Cancer Unit in memory of his sister Karen Hole.

## **3C's oil syndicate**

It is now almost time for the summer oil order and delivery. Hopefully prices will be lower at this time of year. Please place your orders by 2 July at the latest.

*Bob and Mary Chapman*

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# **Reports and Society Updates**

## **St Mary's Church 100 Club**

Lucky Christine Simpson won the 1st prize of £20 in May's draw with her number 82, and the second prize of £10 was won by Romey and Robin Williams with number 11. Congratulations to them.

*Thelma Jenkins-Jones*

## **Wedmore WI Report April 2015**



The April meeting started with news of the Group Meeting in Weare, hosted by Allerton WI, on the 19 May, used postage stamps are going to be collected for ACWW, and the outing to Bowood House is on 3 June. Mary was delighted to be the lucky person going to the Buckingham Palace garden party.

After all the mundane stuff, Hazel welcomed our speaker, Pamela Riley, who entertained us on the 'Perils and Pitfalls of Public Speaking'. As we have a speaker at most of our meetings, it was fascinating to hear about it from the other side. Mrs Riley started her career as a speaker by replying to a newspaper advert by Ann Ladbury, who needed a lecturer to assist two or three nights a week to promote her sewing books and demonstrations. On being a successful speaker, words count for about 7%, voice and manner 38% and dress sense 55%! Prompt cards are useful, but never read a script. She had not talked until she was two years old, but has made up for it since.

She moved to Somerset and continued with the job, working for the Pfaff sewing machine company, whose demonstrators had trips to Germany, with lavish entertainment. Her audiences have included WIs, psychiatric patients with blank faces, young people, the elderly, and those who fall asleep. At a Young Farmers meeting she tried to use the audience as models, and there were hilarious visions of vests under summer dresses, wellingtons with evening wear and bright orange clashing socks with clumpy shoes. Getting to venues can be a hazard, we heard tales of cars breaking down, and satnavs and maps which led her astray. The venue is usually a village hall, though on one occasion the hall roof had blown off and the talk was given in a farmhouse.

Votes of thanks were usually good, but the advice was to keep it short and enthusiastic, which Margaret T did with aplomb. In summing up, Pamela said have a sense of humour whatever happens, and don't be afraid to speak – it will be appreciated whatever the subject, as long as it interests you.

The competition for a spring flower arrangement was won by Sue, to whom I owe a vote of thanks for recording the meeting while I was on holiday. The June meeting will be on Thursday 18.

*Chris Barker*

## **Isle of Wedmore Society Report for April**

Mark Bullen, a retired Customs and Excise Officer, who gave us a talk last September about Old Time Smuggling, returned to give us another talk, this time entitled 'The Bridge that Killed' (a Bristol Victorian tragedy). The bridge in question was the The Hills Bridge (aka Bath Bridge) which was built in 1805 by The Colebrookdale Iron Works and spanned the canal between Bath Parade and Totterdown and was a large cast-iron single arch building. In 1808, a defect in the stonework on which it rested caused its collapse, resulting in several deaths and injuries and, on 20 March 1855 there was another equally serious accident, when a coke barge 'The John' hit the ironwork. The barge, which hauled coke from Cardiff to Bristol, skippered by John Domican and owned by James Insole, was said to have been caught by a strong tide and pushed into the bridge support. Two people died but the exact number of casualties and fatalities was unknown since nobody knew how many people were on the bridge at the time of the disaster. The bridge had a chequered history and Isambard Kingdom Brunel (who built the Clifton Suspension Bridge) never trusted the bridge's construction and although the skipper of the barge was never held responsible for the accident, ironically he died later in an accident on The John.

An interesting talk about the dangers of bridge building.

Please note The Isle of Wedmore Society does not meet for the months of June, July and August.

*Chris Edwards*

## **Wedmore in Bloom**

April has been less busy than in previous months, but we continue with the monthly work parties every second Saturday. The birch trees planted at the Playing Fields have had to be watered through the dry period but they are now showing signs of coming into leaf. Wedmore in Bloom were asked to replace a tree along the bottom fence in the cemetery which had died. An amelanchier has been planted in its place. An inspection of all the tubs around the village was made to see whether the colours were as planned and ordered. There were a few anomalies, not only with colour but with irregular growth amongst the tulips. We could find no rhyme or reason as to why this had occurred.



*Wedmore in Bloom*

## Wedmore Opera and Festival

This year's Arts Festival looks set to be the best ever, with a full week of varied events planned from 3 to 11 July, the latest to be confirmed being best-selling novelist Joanna Trollope in conversation, 2.00pm on Thursday 9 July.



The main Festival event will be Bizet's enduringly popular opera *Carmen*. Wedmore Opera's breath-taking new production is set in the late 1920s and is inspired by Lorca's haunting poetry. With Marie Elliott in the title role, Ben Thapa (of G4 fame) playing Don José, and Tom Colwell as Escamillo the Toreador, *Carmen* is on 8, 10 and 11 July and will bring back to Wedmore that superb mix of local and international professionalism that has made Wedmore Opera so successful. As well as the professionals, there are many familiar faces amongst the cast: Alan Philps who was last year's Aeneas, Beth Hourigan and Gemma Hildred, who both also appeared in *Dido and Aeneas*, and many members of the chorus (children and adults), including a number of extremely talented teenagers, some of whom feature on this month's front cover. Keep an eye (or ear!) on them – you will hear more from them in the future...

The Festival line-up is expanding all the time, so look out for the leaflets and posters. And check the website for full details. Tickets for all events are available via the website, [www.wedmoreopera.com](http://www.wedmoreopera.com), or on 713271 ... and they are selling fast!

## Mendip Rotary

### Mendip Rotarians Celebrate 70 Years of Service



Left to right: Mike Hiles, president of Mendip Rotary Club; Her Excellency Ms Asta Skaisgiyrtė Liauškienė, the Lithuanian ambassador; Judy Barnard-Jones, Rotary District Governor

Members of the Rotary Club of Mendip recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of their inaugural meeting with a formal dinner. The guest of honour was Her Excellency Ms Asta Skaisgiyrtė Liauškienė, the Lithuanian ambassador to the UK. In her address she spoke about the growth of Rotary in Lithuania since its breakaway from the Soviet Union and the many links forged with Rotarians in the UK, among which was a recent friendship visit by members of the Mendip club to two clubs in her country. The ambassador was presented

with a piece of Bristol Blue glass as a memento of her visit.

Rotary District Governor Judy Barnard-Jones said, 'I congratulate the Rotary Club of Mendip on their first 70 years of outstanding service to the community and wish them every success in their future endeavours.'

## Mendip Rotary Raises Cash for Vanuatu Victims

Members of the Rotary Club of Mendip were out in force in Cheddar and Wedmore last weekend, raising money to help victims of the recent hurricane in Vanuatu. The collection raised £320 which will pay for two Water-Survival boxes.

Rotary president Mike Hiles said, 'World Waterworks, supplier of water survival boxes, is a local charity founded by Rotarians, and has direct links to aid agencies across the world. It is able to respond quickly to emergencies such as the Vanuatu disaster'.

The need for clean water is met by a water-filtration system in which water is passed through hollow fibres whose very fine pores allow water to pass through but block all bacteria and viruses. Time is critical and therefore Water-Survival Boxes are sent by air so as to arrive within days of the request for help.

The 40-strong team of Mendip men and women of all ages form one of over 1,800 clubs in Britain and Ireland. They meet weekly at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club, and organise events throughout the year to support local, national and international projects, in addition to their own social gatherings.

Club President Mike Hiles said, 'This club has always practised the Rotary motto 'Service above Self'. It's our way of putting something back into the community of the Cheddar Valley and beyond. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in finding out more us.' Contact with the Rotary Club of Mendip can be obtained via the internet.



*Mendip Rotary president Mike Hiles, with Rotarian Nigel Deane, collecting in Cheddar*

*John Mander*

## IT for the Terrified



IT for the Terrified – for all your computer training needs. A skill-sharing, informal, community project. Run by a committee and staffed by volunteers, we offer one to one sessions to help you to use a computer, iPad, Tablet, smartphone or Mac in a friendly environment. We can cover most topics on most computers/devices at most levels.

On Thursday afternoons there is a computer drop-in session, £2 per visit. Ideal for a small problem that doesn't need a full two hour session. No need to book – just drop in (term time only).

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

IT for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar, BS27 3AG. Registered charity number 1130308.

*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)



If you are retired/semi-retired and are wondering what to do with your spare time, you are eligible to join Cheddar Valley U3A. We provide the opportunity for our members to learn new skills or perhaps revive old ones. Our June meetings are

Thursday 4 June at 2.15pm at Church House, Cheddar our speaker is Pete Tinney, a well known local farmer who will talk about his early days in the Cheddar Valley. His talk is entitled 'Childhood Reflections'.

We are promised a very witty and amusing presentation. Entry only £2 (includes tea or coffee).

On Thursday 18 June we have our Coffee Morning at 10.30am to 12.00 noon at Church House, Cheddar. Entry is free.

Visitors are always welcome.

For more details telephone 710242 or visit our website [www.cvu3a.org.uk](http://www.cvu3a.org.uk).

*Roger Coe*

## Cheddar Valley Lions Club

'Cheddar Vale Lions Club' are holding a cheese tasting evening on Friday 12 June at 7.30pm in Church House, Cheddar. All proceeds will be split between the Church House Restoration Fund and the Lions' work in the community. Tickets include a buffet supper, a glass of wine, tasting of local cheeses and a talk on the making of Cheddar cheese by Johnny Alvis of Lycross Farm, Redhill. Cost £10 per person. A bar will be available. Tickets from Janet Clark 248114.



*Janet Clark*

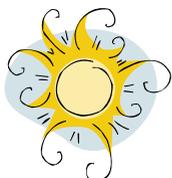
## Weather Report for April 2015

### RAIN FALL



Monthly Total	15.0mm	(0.59ins)
30 year average	53.7mm	(2.11ins)
Wettest days (25th)	5.2 mm	(0.20ins)
No of dry days	23	
Last 3 months (Feb- Apr)	118mm	(4.64ins)
Year ending 30 Apr 2015	770mm	(30.3ins)
30 year annual average	795mm	(31.3ins)

### TEMPERATURES



Maximum (13th)	19 °C	(66 °F)
Minimum (6,20,27th)	0 °C	(32 °F)
Number of air frosts	3	
Monthly average maximum	15.2 °C	(59 °F)
30 year average maximum	14.0 °C	(57 °F)
Monthly average minimum	3.8 °C	(38.8 °F)
30 year average minimum	4.5 °C	(40 °F)

### COMMENTS

A very dry month with rainfall only 28% of normal. Temperatures above average by day, but below by night.

*Denley Brown*

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# Forthcoming Events

## **WI Outing to Bowood House - Wednesday 3 June**

The coach will leave the village car park at 9.15am. Cost for the coach, a guided tour of the House and entry to the gardens is £28. Everyone welcome, please contact Diana Rocky on 713136 for more information.

## **Mr Punch's Folk Club - Friday 5 and Friday 19 June**

For traditional and contemporary folk music, singers and musicians welcome. At 'The New Inn' Wedmore, starting at 8.00pm. Entrance £1. Open mic. Everyone welcome.

## **Fairtrade Coffee Morning - Saturday 6 June**

St Mary's Church welcomes everyone to visit our Fairtrade coffee shop from 9.30am to 12.00 noon. There will be a variety of homemade cakes to enjoy with the Fairtrade tea and coffee. Pop in for a quick visit or enjoy some relaxation with the daily newspapers.



## **'Ascot' Race Event - Saturday 6 June**

At Theale Village Hall. From 6.30pm. A three course supper and bar. Races will be shown in the village hall. Tickets £10 to include dinner, or £4 if you can only come for the racing! Tickets will be sold in advance, contact Lesley Luke on 713176 or Yvonne Hutchison on 712729.

## **Brain Teaser and Supper - Saturday 6 June**

At 7.30pm in Wedmore Village Hall in aid of Brain Tumour Research (registered charity number 1153487). Bar and Raffle. Teams of four, Tickets £7.50 each, available from Wedmore Village Store or Sue Burton, telephone 712092.

## **Wedmore Secret Gardens - Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June**

A rare opportunity to visit 11 private gardens which will be open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Afternoon Teas will served in Dragonfly Cottage, 5 Gardiners Orchard. All proceeds from the Secret Gardens event will go to Wedmore Opera. Tickets including a map are £5 each, and available from The Borough Venture Menswear, Provident House, or on the day at the stand outside the Village Store.

## **Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club Outing - Tuesday 9 June**



Coach trip to the National Trust property - Mottisfont Abbey in Hampshire. A beautiful house and gardens famous for its national collection of old-fashioned roses. There is a cafe, ice-cream parlour and shop. The cost for the coach is £14, payable on booking. If you are a National Trust member entry is free, non-members

will pay between £9 and £10. Coach leaves at 8.45am prompt from The Swan. To put your name down ring Margaret Kitson on 712107.

## **Theale Film Club - Sunday 14 June**



The film is 'Before I Go to Sleep'. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm prompt start, at Theale Village Hall. 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 on 712143.

## **Council Meeting - Wednesday 17 June**

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

## **Wedmore WI Meeting - Thursday 18 June**

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. We will have a talk and demonstration on 'Stained Glass' by Andrew Patch. The competition is a pincushion or thimble. We always welcome visitors and guests, there is a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at the end of every meeting, and a chance to chat. For further information contact Chris Barker, telephone 712182 or email [chris@cjbarker.plus.com](mailto:chris@cjbarker.plus.com).

## **Wedmore Methodist Church Flower Festival Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June**

The annual Flower Festival will take place from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Friday and 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday. The Theme is 'Childhood Memories'. There will be floral displays in the Church, craft stalls, art works of Marquetry, paintings and lots to see and buy. Join us for a pleasant two days. Coffee and cake will be served in the morning, soup and roll at lunch time and cream teas in the afternoon.



## **'Lime' (Borough Mall) Fashion Show and Vintage Tea - Saturday 20 June**

Please join us for our fundraiser for 'Help The Child' at Wedmore Village Hall starting at 2.30pm. Enjoy a glass of prosecco, along with tea and a raffle. Tickets from Lime, Borough Mall, £15. For more information contact Sally Denbee, 712304.

## **Mid-Summer Jazz in the Garden - Saturday 20 June**

An event for all the family! Jazz in the Garden will be held at Westholme Farm, West End, Wedmore (courtesy of Clive and Heather Banwell). Licensed bar open from 6.00pm and the 'Panama Jazz Band Quartet' will play from 6.30pm. Food will be served from 7.00pm and will include pig roast and a dessert. Tickets available from Heather Banwell on 712216 or Wedmore Village Store, at a cost of £12.50 each, £5 for children under 12, with children under five free. This event is in aid of St Mary's Church Tower Parapet Repair Fund.

## **Allerton Players 'Barn Do' - Saturday 20 June**

The annual Barn Do by the Allerton Players will be held at Lime Kiln Farm, Stoughton. This fun night of entertainment and supper starts with the bar opening at 7.00pm and supper served at 7.30pm. Tickets at £12 available from Carol Kilburn on 713158 or Imogen Drakeford on 712685.

## **Club 50 Outing to RHS Rosemoor Gardens, Devon Wednesday 24 June**

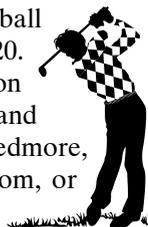
£15 per person for non-members. The coach will leave the village car park, Cheddar Road at 9.00am. For more information or to book your place please call Pauline on 732517 or Val on 710059.

## **Fathers Day - Sunday 21st June**

From 10.30am to 4.00pm. The Cheddar Valley Churches invite you to our Fathers' Day Special in the grounds of Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar. Join us for a service at 10.30am, followed by bouncy castles, climbing wall, puppets, games, cakes and drinks, bbq, all completely free. Bring the whole family for a fun day out.

## **Charity Golf Day in Aid of Samaritans - Friday 26 June**

At the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club. Teams of four playing a four ball Bowmaker, best two scores to count on each hole. Team entry fee £120. Cheques made payable to 'Samaritans Weston-super-Mare' (£5 per person reduction for members of Wedmore Golf Club). For more information and to register please contact Holly Cole, Walnut House, Plud Street, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4BQ. Telephone 713392, email [hollyrcole@gmail.com](mailto:hollyrcole@gmail.com), or Andrew Midgley on 712642, email [a.midgley1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:a.midgley1@tiscali.co.uk).



## **Wedmore Baptist Church, Service of Thanksgiving Saturday 27 June**

The Wedmore Baptist Church has closed and been sold. The new owner has given permission for a final Service of Thanksgiving to be held in the church at 4.00pm on 27 June. All are welcome.

## **Concert in the Barn – Saturday 27 June**



Commencing at 6.00pm. Cheddar Male Choir and Cheddar U3A Ladies Choir will be singing at an early Summer Evening Concert in aid of Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance at the Barn, Lime Kiln Farm, West Stoughton, Wedmore BS28 4PR Tickets £8.00 from Deane and Sons, Cheddar. Pig roast and bar also available.

## **Wedmore Opera and Festival – Friday 3 to Saturday 11 July**

Wedmore Opera's Carmen heads the line-up for this year's Wedmore Arts Festival which runs from 3 to 11 July and offers a dazzling mix of jazz, comedy, literature, drama – and music. For more details and tickets, go to [www.wedmoreopera.com](http://www.wedmoreopera.com) or telephone 713271

## **Hugh Sexey School Summer Festival – Saturday 11 July**

At Hugh Sexey Middle school 2.00pm till late. Lots of fun and games, stalls, raffle, live music, pig roast, beer tent – camping available.

## **Ashton Horse Show - Sunday 19 July**

Save the date for this annual charity event to be held at Ashton Mill Farm, Ashton, Wedmore. For more information contact John Denbee on 712304.

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# Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

## **Paradis Palm Court Trio 2015 Concert Series, 'An English Idyll' – Friday 5 June**

Concert commences at 12.30pm until 1.30pm, at The Assembly Room, Midsomer Norton. Entry by donation. Home-made cakes and tea / coffee on sale.

## **Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre, Paddington – Friday 5 June**

A special cinema night with 'Paddington', featuring Julie Walters and Hugh Bonneville. There will be a pre-film storytelling and a prize for the best Paddington picture. Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start.

## **Bath Canata Group perform Dido and Aeneas - Sunday 7 June**

Together with professional singers and instrumentalists are performing Dido and Aeneas at Midsomer Norton Town Hall at 6.00pm. Entrance will be by donation. This represents a unique opportunity for those with limited access to live music performance to experience opera. Further information available at [www.musicians southwest.com](http://www.musicians southwest.com).

## **Cheddar Vale Lions Club – Friday 12 June**

Cheese Tasting Evening at 7.30pm in Church House, Cheddar. All proceeds will be split between the Church House Restoration Fund and the Lions' work in the community. Tickets include a buffet supper, a glass of wine, tasting of local cheeses and a talk on the making of Cheddar cheese by Johnny Alvis of Lycross Farm, Redhill – all for only £10 a head, A bar will be available. For tickets contact Janet Clark on 248114.

## **Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre, The Imitation Game – Tuesday 23 June**

The story of the war hero and pioneer Alan Turing, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley. Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start.

## **West Mendip Orchestra Concert – Friday 15 July**

At The Friends Meeting House, Sidcot, commencing at 7.45pm.

Music by Mussorgsky, Walton and Dvorak. Tickets on the door £10 (concessions £8, children and students £2 or visit the website [www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk](http://www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk)

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# Polly's Kitchen

Gosh there are so many lovely recipes to write and especially good ones for the spring and summer months as there are so many fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs to use, but sadly not enough space in my column to fit them all in. These are two fairly easy and not too time consuming ideas that I hope you enjoy.



## **Fresh Potato Salad and mustard vinaigrette.**

*Serves 4 to 6 Prep time 20 mins Cook time 12 mins*

### **Ingredients**

#### **Potato Salad**

900g / 2lb small salad potatoes, skins on  
16-18 cornichons, halved diagonally  
2 tbsp finely chopped red onion  
3 tbsp snipped chives  
Freshly milled black pepper and sea salt flakes

#### **Mustard Vinaigrette**

2 tsp Dijon mustard  
1 tbsp red wine vinegar  
4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
Freshly milled black pepper and sea salt flakes

### **Method**

Put the potatoes in a saucepan of lightly salted water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to medium and cook for 10 to 12 minutes until tender. Drain, then return to the pan for a few minutes.

To make the vinaigrette, combine the mustard, vinegar, pepper and salt in a bowl, mixing well. Add the olive oil and whisk until smooth and thickened.

Put the potatoes in a serving bowl and pour over the dressing. Add the remaining ingredients and toss gently to mix. Leave to stand at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before serving.

## **Piri Piri Chicken**

*Serves 4 to 6 Prep time 5 mins Cook time 25 mins*

### **Ingredients**

8 chicken drumsticks	2 tsp smoked paprika
1 1/2 tsp chilli flakes	Juice of 1/2 a lemon
2 cloves of garlic, crushed	Salt and pepper
1 tsp dried oregano	

### **Method**

Preheat the oven to 220 °C/425 °F/Gas Mark 7. Cut deep slashes into the thickest part of the meat.

Place the chilli, garlic, oregano, paprika and lemon juice in a large mixing bowl.

Season to taste with salt and pepper and mix together. Add the chicken and turn to coat evenly.

Arrange the chicken in a single layer in a large, shallow roasting tin. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, turning occasionally. Check the chicken is tender and the juices run clear when a skewer is inserted into the thickest part of the meat.

Transfer to serving plates. Serve with lemon wedges.

*Polly Costello*

# What's On in the Parish

2	- Tues	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
3	- Wed	<b>WI Outing to Bowood House</b>	9.15am	Village Car Park
		<b>Isle of Wedmore Green Group Meeting</b>	7.30pm	The Swan
5	- Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club</b>	8.00pm	New Inn
6	- Sat	<b>Fairtrade Coffee Shop</b>	9.30am	St Mary's
		<b>WEDMORE SECRET GARDENS</b>	2.00pm	
		<b>Theale Flower Show Race Night</b>	6.30pm	Theale VH
		<b>Brain Teaser Quiz for Brain Tumour Research</b>	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
7	- Sun	<b>WEDMORE SECRET GARDENS</b>	2.00pm	
9	- Tues	<b>IOW Gardening Club Outing to Mottisfont Abbey</b>	8.45am	The Swan
10	- Wed	<b>Camelot Quilters</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH
		<b>Probus</b>	10.15am	Golf Club
13	- Sat	<b>Wedmore in Bloom Work Party</b>	9.30am	The George Inn
		<b>Theale Community Café</b>	10.00am	Theale VH
14	- Sun	<b>Sunday Breakfast</b>	9.00am	Blackford VH
		<b>Theale Film Club - Before I go to Sleep</b>	6.30pm	Theale VH
16	- Tues	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
17	- Wed	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Council Rooms
18	- Thurs	<b>WI Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
19	- Fri	<b>FLOWER FESTIVAL</b>	2.00pm	Methodist Church
		<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club</b>	8.00pm	New Inn
20	- Sat	<b>FLOWER FESTIVAL</b>	10.00am	Methodist Church
		<b>Fashion Show for "Help the Child"</b>	2.30pm	Wedmore VH
		<b>Jazz in the Garden</b>	6.30pm	Westholme Farm
		<b>Allerton Players Barn Do</b>	7.00pm	Lime Kiln Farm
21	- Sun	<b>Fathers' Day Celebration</b>	10.30am	Kings of Wessex
24	- Wed	<b>Camelot Quilters</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH
		<b>Club 50 Outing to RHS Rosemoor Gardens</b>	9.00am	Village Car Park
		<b>Probus</b>	10.15am	Golf Club
		<b>Wedmore Harvest Home Committee Meeting</b>	8.00pm	Rec. Soc. Club
26	- Fri	<b>Charity Golf Day</b>	All Day	Golf Club
27	- Sat	<b>Service of Thanksgiving</b>	4.00pm	Old Baptist Church
		<b>Concert in the Barn</b>	6.00pm	Lime Kiln Farm
30	- Tues	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George

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## Regular Weekly Events

### MONDAY

<b>Dog Training</b>	10.00am	Blackford VH	Sarah Cooke	01934 733716
<b>Modern Dance Blackford Crew</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01934 743326
<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>	3.00pm	Blackford VH	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
<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>Youth Club</b>	7.00pm	Wedmore VH	Maxine Ingrouille-Kidd	07915 699715
<b>Circuit Training</b>	7.30pm	Blackford VH	Nigel	07775 682231
<b>Cardiodance</b>	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01934 743326

### 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

### THURSDAY

<b>Wedmore &amp; Blackford Toddlers</b>	9.30am	Blackford VH	Gareth Smith	01934 710471
<b>Sugar Water Curls Dance Group</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
<b>Yoga</b>	9.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Yoga</b>	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Mendip Rotary</b>	7.15pm	Golf Club		

### FRIDAY

<b>Tots and Tinies</b>	9.15am	Wedmore First School	Sarah Maddock	01934 713578
<b>Children's Modern Dance</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01934 743326
<b>Karate</b>	5.30pm	Blackford VH	Kylie Branster	01458 860117s

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# The Garden in June



I see that six years ago, writing this piece, I said ‘at the time of writing, May Day Bank Holiday weekend, the weather is dull, dry and cool with a not terribly pleasant wind from the north-west’; well in many ways, this year, at the same time, it has been similar although we have had, latterly, some typical ‘April showers’ and a fine sunny Bank Holiday Monday is forecast. In fact, April has been very dry and many seeds sown, including lawns, have required regular watering to get them off to a good start. I have seen in the press that a warm dry summer is forecast, so let’s hope they are correct, but of course that may mean more watering; however, I think that is preferable to a wet summer.

June is, of course, the month when roses are at their peak; at the time of writing, they seem to be growing well and looking healthy, but they may soon be afflicted with aphids and either mildew, if the weather is dry, or black-spot if it isn’t. I have said before that it must be very difficult to be an organic rose-grower and I prefer to spray them with one of the broad spectrum combined fungicide/insecticide mixtures that are available. Of course, you should follow the instructions and avoid spraying when windy and when bees are working.

We have two old apple trees in our garden, as our house was built in an old orchard and at the moment they are bearing a huge amount of blossom; if we have an apple for every flower we will be inundated with them. In June, especially if the trees have set a large amount of fruit, there is a tendency for a lot of immature fruit to fall off; this is usual enough to have a name, ‘June drop’, so don’t worry about it. This is simply nature’s way of ensuring that the tree does not set excessive amounts of inferior fruit. If you wish to thin out the fruit even further to get larger fruit for showing, perhaps, then do it after the natural drop.

If you grow potatoes and tomatoes, should we have a warm damp summer, they may be affected by potato blight. This can only be controlled by chemical means, which must be prophylactic (ie applied before the disease appears). Even organic growers are allowed to use Bordeaux mixture for this purpose.

In the flower garden, lily beetles can be a problem; they are conspicuous on their host plants, lilies and fritillaries; they are bright orange-red in appearance and about a centimetre in length. They and particularly their larvae cause tremendous foliage damage; the larvae look black and slimy, because they are covered in their own excrement, presumably as a deterrent to creatures that might eat them. Adults and larvae can be removed and squashed, or treated with a contact insecticide, observing the usual precautions.

Lawns will be growing well by now and require regular cutting; by mid-summer, the amount of leaf produced by the grasses will decrease in favour of seed production (brought about by day-length), and tall flowering stems will grow rapidly; these should be mowed as normal, but at least there is less bulk of cut grass to deal with and it is less full of sap.

Danger of night frosts should be past by the beginning of June and it should be perfectly safe to put all tender plants and seedlings outside. Plants newly emerged from under glass can be susceptible to wind damage for a few days so keep an eye on them, should there be windy weather.

Continue successional sowing of salad and other vegetable crops and bear in mind that after midsummer, shortening days (perish the thought) will not only affect the growing time available to plants but may affect their tendency to bolt etc (eg it is difficult to transplant lettuces after midsummer without them going to seed).

If, like I am, you are in close proximity to pasture land and rhynes, you may well find that plants that naturally inhabit these places such as dandelions, ragwort and willow-herbs and produce wind-borne seeds may be sending an airborne invasion into your garden. Large areas of bare ground can be covered with fleece or suchlike, but in amongst vegetables and border plants, vigilance is necessary to prevent the weeds from becoming too established. Dandelions will be seeding from May onwards (Somerset is world capital of dandelions!), willow-herbs come later and ragwort doesn't flower until late July, so I am being a little premature in warning against it.



*Adrian Hutchison*

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## Sports

### Golf

Trips away were a feature of April as the season got under way in earnest at Wedmore Golf Club. The final weekend of the month saw 60-odd golfers travel to the Wiltshire Golf Club for the annual Captains' Away Weekend.

There was none of the drama of the previous year when the Captain's



*Liz Sims and Phil Dickie winners of the inaugural Paul Pluime Trophies at the Captains Away Weekend alongside Captains Ann Adams and Mike Garbutt*

wife gave birth but there was some excellent golf on three unexpectedly dry if chilly days. First day was an individual Stableford with trophies donated by Paul Plume, who had contributed so much to these events even during his struggle with cancer. Inaugural winners were Paul Dickie with 40 points, and the indomitable Liz Sims who scored 34 points despite being ill earlier in the week.

Day two had two Betterball competitions for mixed and all-male pairs. Vera Ireland and Bobby Jones took first place in the Mixed with Tony Ribbi and Steve Smith winning the Men's event. The weekend ended on Sunday with a Bowmaker in a biting cold wind which did not deter the winning team of Jane Hewitt, Jim Dobbs, Jim Baker and Tony Hoskings.

The following Tuesday the Seniors were also in Wiltshire, this time at Kingsdown Golf Club for their Spring Away Day. The brisk wind and fast greens on what was a strange course for most kept scores down. David Adams found 30 points enough to win division 3 from Alasdair McDonald. Martin Peakman was again in the prizes, winning division 2 on 33, a point better than David Bates and Calvon Poulton-Sadler won in a tight finish in division 1 with 31 points just ahead of John Russell. Ellis Nearn was the best of the Over-70's with 32 but clearly the best round of the day came from Roy Tomlins with 35 points to take the overall win by two clear points.



*Prizewinners at the Seniors Away Day including overall winner Roy Tomlins  
with Seniors Captain Jim Crick*

The Ladies stayed at home for their main event, the Spring Meeting. The weather lived up to the billing with beautiful sunshine. The golf was just as good with excellent scores in both divisions. The silver division play for the Midgeley Cup and taking the trophy was Shirley Gooding with 40 points. This put her two ahead of runner-up Betty Norman with Alison Dodkin in third place on 37 points.

There was an identical result in the bronze division playing for the Fry Cup with Alson Owen taking the trophy on 40 points. Runner-up was Louise Allen on 38 points with Sarah Mathews taking third place on 37 points. The evening meal was enjoyed as usual by all competitors.

The same week started with a Bowmaker on Bank Holiday. The scores were not too friendly, the winning team of Di and Daryl Cornelius, John Wormald and Ben Barwell stacking up 88 points which was the three better than runners-up Tom Bennett, Mike

Garbutt, Bill Lander and Andy Ratcliffe . Third place went to the Cornish family, Robert, Darren and Mark with Richard Lane who came in with 82 points.

Highlight of the Club Stableford at the weekend was a hole in one from Derek Moody who blobbed the first and then holed his tee shot at the second. He was not in the prizes though. Division 1 went to Terry Clark with 37 points, one better than Robert Cornish who was a point better than Chris Norris. Best score of the day came from Paul Dickie with 39 points to win division 2. This was two better than Chris Norris with Richard Lane third on 35. The strong wind took its toll on division 3, but 34 was a very respectable score from Chris McGowan to win by two points from Perry Snelgrove and Steve Patch, with Snelgrove taking second place on countback. Shirley Gooding had a second win in the Ladies with 30 points just ahead of Alison Dodkin. Best score was in the bronze division with Pam Berry winning on 34 points ahead of Maggs Willetts.

The Medal took place at the same time as the Away Weekend which reduced the field this month. Division 1 went to Dominic Smith who beat John Russell on countback after both scored 68. Richard Weight was third on 71. Simon Moore scored 69 to win division 2 by a shot from John Vowles with David Myers third. Brian Fry had the best score of the day, 67, to win division 3 by one shot from David Bates with Bill Wallace in third. Desiree McGowan won the Ladies competition by one shot from Louise Allen.

In a busy month other highlights saw the Seniors safely through to the second round of the Somerset Bowl; the final Winter Mixed Greensomes went to Ange Webber and Jim Dobbs; Jenny Thomas won the Ladies Stableford with 41 points and the Seniors Captain – Pro challenge, won by Alasdair MacDonald and Martin Peakman, raised £112 for charity. Roll on the rest of the season.

*Tony Biggs*

## Wedmore Tennis Club

### Summer League



The summer league matches have now commenced on the new, more springy, kind to the joints, courts.

The men's results were mixed during the first week, with the A team of John Cooksley with Ben Wiley and Craig Phillips with Matt Drew achieving a 10 0 win away at Bridgwater A - a promising start following their promotion to division 1. The D team, made up of Dave Bennett, Mark Jackson, Dave Evans and Paul Blundell, also started impressively with a 10 0 win against Backwell C.

The B team struggled against Lymsham A, losing 10 0, and the C team are currently 3 4 down, having abandoned the courts in Cheddar due to rain.

The newly formed E team won 8.5. David Walker and Bryant Cradock won both of their matches in three sets. Bill Haley and Sam Mullick also beat the Winscombe D second pair in three sets, but lost to the first pair in two sets. Well done to them.

The ladies C, D and E teams all played on the new courts due to the Cs and Ds being in the same division this season. The C team triumphed - 10 0. The E team



fought valiantly against Winscombe B to achieve a 7 4 win due to Juliette and Lucy managing to take a set off their stronger pair.

The Ladies A team won comfortably at home against Clevedon A and the B team, who have yet to complete their match against Woodland A, are currently drawing 3 3.

*The ladies C and D teams before their match on the new courts*

### **Coaching**

The coaching programme has now been expanded with additional junior courses, a teenage girls group, two mixed adult and two cardio sessions on offer. Please see the website or noticeboard for further information.

*Sarah Cunningham*

### **Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club**



Our summer season is now well underway with a full programme of in-house competitions and local league matches. The fine weather in early April didn't last and early May was very changeable. Our Family Day on 17 May was well attended and our coaches are now busy helping the new bowlers enjoy their new sport.

Wedmore is fortunate in having both indoor and outdoor rinks and both are used throughout the year.

The club welcomes new members and our recruitment efforts have been successful with a steady flow of potential bowlers attending our Saturday Beginners Coaching sessions. These are free and all equipment is provided – we encourage anyone who would like a new summer and winter activity to attend one of these sessions. Just call Dave on 713483 or Stuart on 01749 870704 to arrange an introduction.

*Stuart Fisher*

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# Thought for the month

Do you ever wish that life was more black or white?

We can hold strong views about issues – very black or white – until that issue comes a little closer to home and we feel the need to introduce a little more tolerance, a bit more mercy, just a little grey.

From the outside of a situation it is all too easy to have lines drawn in the sand but when we become the arbiter and the issue is too close for comfort, justice often gets tempered with mercy.

Through the decades, centuries and millennia society's opinion on issues change radically. No doubt they all thought they were right in their time, but now we see them as wrong.

In our time and in our perspective we of course are right – or are we?

In 50 or 100 years will society look back on our lines in the sand with astonishment that in 2015 we could have been so wrong. It would be very arrogant of us to think that impossible.

Christianity, like all other walks of life, has suffered in this way, mostly because we thought we were right. Jesus took a different tack.

Jesus Christ said of Himself that He had not come to condemn the world but to save it.

Is this the reason that of the two trees mentioned in the Garden of Eden it was the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that they were forbidden to eat. Judgements are best left to God such that even Jesus in his humanity chose not to judge.

In truth there are few things we need to be Right about. For me one of those things is from the Westminster Catechism, 'Worship God and enjoy Him forever'. This is helped by a new definition of Worship I heard recently, Worship – the mutual exchange of delights.

*Bob Drew - Bagley Baptist Church*

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## Church News

### 'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Wednesday 10 June 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.

Timings of the route are as follows:

<b>10.30am</b>	Cocklake	Lane End Farm
<b>10.40am</b>	Crickham	Crickham Baptist Chapel
<b>10.50am</b>	Clewer	Clive Weare House
<b>11.20am</b>	Stone Allerton	Stone Cross

<b>11.30am</b>	Chapel Allerton	Allerton Church
<b>11.40am</b>	Ashton	On the corner next to Hill View Farm
<b>11.50am</b>	West Stoughton	T Junction with the road to Allerton
<b>12.00 noon</b>	Blackford	Holy Trinity
<b>12.15pm</b>	Westham	On the corner next to Bockingford House
<b>12.25pm</b>	Heath House	Ash Tree Farm
<b>12.35pm</b>	Sand	Upper Sand Farm
<b>12.50pm</b>	Mudgley	Court Farm Cottages
<b>1.00pm</b>	Bagley	Bagley Baptist Church
<b>1.10pm</b>	Theale	Christchurch
<b>1.25pm</b>	Wedmore	St Mary's

## Parish Registers

### Weddings

Congratulations go to David and Jennifer (nee Willcox) Lord of Blackford whose wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 10 April.

### Baptisms

Welcome to the following baptized into God's church recently:-

Jacob Callum Lord, son of David and Jennifer, baptised at Holy Trinity, Blackford on Friday 10 April.

### Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of: -

Julia Cairns (David Sisson's sister) who died on 20 March.

Rita Murkin formerly of Cocklake who died on 22 March aged 80 and whose funeral took place at St Mary's on 1 April.

Gerald Prince of Chapel Allerton who died on 23 March aged 70 and whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Thursday 9 April.

Freda White of Old Farm Court, Blackford who died on 8 April aged 87 and whose funeral took place at Allerton Church on Friday 24 April.

Elizabeth Williams of Wedmore whose funeral took place at Mendip Crematorium on Tuesday 28 April.

### Weddings and Christenings

The church has been the venue for celebrating many of the great events in people's lives over the centuries and still today people chose to celebrate life's happy occasions in church. It helps root our own lives in a wider sphere of being.

Anyone who lives within the villages served by Christchurch Theale, St Mary's Wedmore, Allerton Church and Holy Trinity Blackford, or who used to live here or who have parents living here are entitled to be married in one of these churches whether you come regularly to church or not and whether you have been christened yourself or not. It is also possible for those who have been divorced to be married again in church although some discussion is needed beforehand in these cases.

Anyone bringing their children for christening will be most welcome, whether or not they themselves attend church.

If you are thinking about getting married or want to find out more about a christening the Revd Richard Neill would be happy to talk with you and explain a bit more.

### **Fathers Day Fun Day**

The churches of the Cheddar Valley once again invite you all to a Fathers Day Fun Day at Kings of Wessex School on Sunday 21 June from 10.30am. There will be plenty of activities including a climbing wall, bouncy castles, a craft tent and various games. There will be a barbecue and other food stalls. Everything is free of charge. There will be fewer services in our Benefice on that day and a service as part of the Fathers Day Fun Day in the hall at Kings of Wessex School at 10.30 am.

### **New Curate**

On Sunday 5 July, we will have the opportunity to welcome Joy Hawes to our local area as she becomes assistant curate to the Anglican churches on The Isle of Wedmore, following her ordination in Wells cathedral.

Joy will be with us for three years or so on a part time basis as she will continue in her job as chaplain at Wells Blue School.

We look forward to welcoming Joy and her family at a special service in St Mary's Wedmore in the evening of 5 July.

*Revd Richard Neill*

## **Church Services**

### **St Mary's Church, Wedmore**

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

Sunday	7	Trinity 1	10.30am	Parish Communion
			6.00pm	Start the Week
Sunday	14	Trinity 2	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sunday	21	Trinity 3	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	28	Trinity 4	10.30am	Parish Communion

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

### **Holy Trinity Church**

Sunday	7	Trinity 1	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	14	Trinity 2	9.00am	Sunday breakfast at the village hall
Sunday	21	Trinity 3	9.00am	No Service
Sunday	28	Trinity 4	9.00am	Parish Communion

### **Christchurch, Theale**

Sunday	7	Trinity 1	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	14	Trinity 2	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	21	Trinity 3	4.30 pm	Summer Songs of Praise
Sunday	28	Trinity 4	11.00 am	Parish Communion

### **Allerton Church**

Sunday	7	Trinity 1	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	14	Trinity 2	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	21	Trinity 3	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	28	Trinity 4	9.00 am	Youth Communion

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

### **Bagley Baptist Church**

Sundays 10.30am, Morning Service (groups for 3 to 15s).  
No service June 21 – Cheddar Valley Churches Fathers Day event  
Wednesdays 10.00am to 12.00 noon, 'Coffee With a View' (no charge)  
Morning coffee and cake. Good parking and wheelchair access, everyone is welcome. We have a wonderful view with a lovely coffee area from which to enjoy it.

We have various groups, Bible studies and youth clubs which we'd love to tell you about. For details, please ring us on 710779, 712812 or 713267, or email [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**

*Preachers for June*

Sunday	7	10.30am	Local Arrangement
Sunday	14	10.30am	Revd Carol Chaplin Holy Communion
Sunday	21	10.30am	Cheddar Valley Churches Fathers Day – Kings of Wessex
Sunday	28	10.30am	Tony Stevenson

### **Crickham Baptist Church**

Every Sunday	10.30am	Sunday School
	6.30pm	Evening Service
Every fortnight	2.30pm	Prayer meeting

*Contact Dulcie Hooper on 712187.*

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

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

# Wedmore Community Bus



The Wedmore Community Bus is open to all and travels to Taunton on a Tuesday, Bridgwater on a Wednesday, Weston-super-Mare on a Thursday and Street on a Friday each week. The bus collects and drops you to a convenient point as near to your address as possible and if eligible an example fare is £3.80 adult return to Weston-super-Mare (each destination varies slightly in price).

To book a ride please ring the relevant controller between 6pm and 6.30pm the night before your journey.

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

The bus is available for private hire at all other times and can be booked through Rachel Bennett, telephone 712426, email Rachbennett1@hotmail.co.uk.



## Mobile Library

Each service passes through the area every four weeks and stops at the following places and times:

Westham	West Ham Farm	Thursday 18 June	2.15pm to 2.25pm
Westham	Elm Tree Farm		2.30pm to 2.40pm
Heath House	Ash hurst	Thursday 18 June	1.50pm to 2.10pm
Stone Allerton	Old Post Office	Thursday 18 June	11.50am to 12.10pm
Chapel Allerton	May Tree Farm (Old PO)		12.15pm to 12.40pm
Bagley	Honeycombe	Thursday 4 June	10.20am to 10.40am
Wedmore	Dando's Lane		10.50am to 11.35am
	Little Owls		11.45am to 12.00pm
	Village Car Park		12.05pm to 12.35pm
Cocklake	Lane End Farm		12.45pm to 1.00pm

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# Somerset Waste Partnership, June Collections Sedgemoor



<b>Wednesday 3 June</b>	Recycling and green garden waste
<b>Wednesday 10 June</b>	Recycling and refuse
<b>Wednesday 17 June</b>	Recycling and green garden waste
<b>Thursday 24 June</b>	Recycling and refuse

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

# Local Information

## Tides

Now that the nice weather seems to have arrived, you may fancy a day trip to one of our lovely local beaches. Here are the tide timetables for Weston-super-Mare to help you plan your visit. For Burnham add 4 minutes.

## June 2015

		AM				PM			
Date		High Water		Low Water		High Water		Low Water	
		Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)
1	Mon	06:34	11.01	00:11	1.44	18:58	11.33	12:31	1.38
2	Tue	07:15	11.36	00:51	1.19	19:38	11.66	13:11	1.19
3	Wed	07:56	11.62	01:31	1.02	20:18	11.87	13:51	1.08
4	Thu	08:37	11.79	02:12	0.94	20:58	11.97	14:31	1.06
5	Fri	09:19	11.83	02:53	0.94	21:41	11.91	15:12	1.13
6	Sat	10:02	11.69	03:37	1.04	22:24	11.67	15:55	1.29
7	Sun	10:49	11.38	04:21	1.22	23:13	11.29	16:39	1.49
8	Mon	11:38	10.95	05:10	1.42	-	-	17:30	1.70
9	Tue	00:05	10.86	06:08	1.62	12:32	10.52	18:32	1.91
10	Wed	01:04	10.50	07:16	1.80	13:35	10.21	19:46	2.07
11	Thu	02:13	10.33	08:28	1.89	14:46	10.14	21:00	2.10
12	Fri	03:25	10.41	09:37	1.84	15:58	10.35	22:07	1.96
13	Sat	04:34	10.70	10:39	1.71	17:05	10.75	23:12	1.76
14	Sun	05:36	11.06	11:43	1.52	18:04	11.19	-	-
15	Mon	06:31	11.39	00:12	1.46	18:54	11.54	12:34	1.25
16	Tue	07:20	11.63	00:57	1.21	19:40	11.79	13:16	1.08
17	Wed	08:04	11.77	01:38	1.09	20:22	11.92	13:55	1.02
18	Thu	08:46	11.78	02:16	1.09	21:02	11.88	14:32	1.08
19	Fri	09:27	11.62	02:52	1.19	21:41	11.63	15:07	1.24
20	Sat	10:06	11.26	03:26	1.37	22:18	11.21	15:40	1.47
21	Sun	10:43	10.76	04:00	1.61	22:53	10.70	16:13	1.73
22	Mon	11:17	10.21	04:32	1.84	23:29	10.18	16:48	1.98
23	Tue	11:54	9.69	05:10	2.07	-	-	17:27	2.24
24	Wed	00:07	9.68	05:55	2.32	12:36	9.21	18:17	2.52
25	Thu	00:55	9.24	06:47	2.61	13:31	8.86	19:15	2.81
26	Fri	01:58	8.97	07:51	2.85	14:42	8.81	20:28	2.99
27	Sat	03:11	9.05	09:13	2.88	15:49	9.18	22:00	2.74
28	Sun	04:13	9.51	10:27	2.46	16:48	9.84	22:54	2.17
29	Mon	05:10	10.14	11:15	1.94	17:41	10.57	23:39	1.66
30	Tue	06:02	10.76	-	-	18:30	11.20	12:01	1.53

## Sunrise and Sunset

The days continue to get longer – until 20/21/22 June – then, I am sad to say, they start getting shorter!

It'll be Christmas before you know it!!!

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight Hours
<b>1</b>	05:02	21:17	16 h, 15 min
<b>5</b>	04:59	21:22	16 h, 23 min
<b>10</b>	04:56	21:26	16 h, 30 min
<b>15</b>	04:55	21:29	16 h, 34 min
<b>20</b>	04:55	21:31	16 h, 36 min
<b>21</b>	04:55	21:31	16 h, 36 min
<b>22</b>	04:55	21:31	16 h, 36 min
<b>23</b>	04:56	21:31	16 h, 35 min
<b>25</b>	04:56	21:31	16 h, 35 min
<b>30</b>	04:59	21:31	16 h, 32 min