**Your local Parish Church**

**In the Benefice of Chew Valley West**

Diocese of Bath & Wells



**Rector & Area Dean**

**The Revd Dr Ian Mills**

The Rectory

4 Parsonage Lane

Winford

(01275) 474504

chewvalleywest@gmail.com

**Curate**

**The Revd Fran Smettem**

(01934) 340682

curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com

**WINFORD St Mary & St Peter**

**Churchwardens**

Adrian Johnson (01275) 472323

David Spanner (01275) 474125

**REGIL St James**

**Church Steward**

Yvonne Chapman (01275) 472648

**FELTON COMMON HILL St Katharine**

**Churchwardens**

Lizzie Patch 07714 376455

Karen Holliday 07717 664727

**Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Carole Hope

(01275) 333544

**Magazine Advertising**

Anne Wawn

(01275) 474442

**Magazine Editor**

Jane Spanner

(01275) 474125

**parishmagfelton@hotmail.com**

**Submission Deadline: 17th of each month, please**

Details of all our services, events, contacts and Safeguarding policies are on our Benefice Website

**www.chewvalleywest.org**

 From the Rector

***From the Rector***

**Dear Friends,**

‘Hope’. How often do we use that word each day? For Christians, hope is not a vague optimism or wishful thinking—hope is a powerful, sustaining force rooted in God’s promises. In our parishes and wider community, hope is more than just an idea; it’s visible in action, conversation, and care – especially in our schools.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,”* declares the Lord, “*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* (Jeremiah 29:11)

Since January, our Flourish Chaplain, Verity Eastwood Dewing has been at work in Chew Valley School. In this new role she has brought light, encouragement and hope into the lives of both students and staff. Funded by the Church of England, the Flourish Chaplaincy programme was designed to help young people build confidence in their faith, discover their value, and flourish in both school and life. It’s a ministry of presence, listening, and accompaniment—and it’s bearing wonderful fruit.

From quiet chats over a cup of tea to group reflection sessions, Verity’s work is rooted in Christ’s call to love and serve. As Paul writes, *"Encourage one another and build each other up"* (1 Thessalonians 5:11) and I pray that’s exactly what is happening in the heart of Chew Valley School.

Verity helps run creative wellbeing spaces, provides a listening ear for those going through difficulties, and coordinates moments of stillness and prayer. Whether it’s supporting someone through bereavement or simply helping them feel seen and valued, these small acts of compassion have a profound impact.

A flourishing community is one where every individual knows that they matter. It is where we carry one another’s burdens, celebrate each other’s victories, and create a culture of kindness. That’s the kind of community Jesus envisioned when He told us to *“love your neighbour as yourself.”* (Mark 12:31)

So, let’s celebrate the quiet miracles happening in classrooms and corridors. Let’s give thanks for the young people growing in confidence, the friendships being formed, and the love of God being shared in gentle, real ways.

As we continue to pray for our schools and families, may we all become agents of hope—joining in the work of building flourishing communities where everyone has the chance to thrive.

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* (Romans 15:13)

Yours in Christ,

****

 ***Services in Your Parish Church in July and August 2025***

**SUNDAY 6th JULY Trinity 3**

 9.00am WINFORD St Mary & St Peter Eucharist

10.00am CHEW STOKE St Andrew ‘Sunday First’

 6.30pm STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Evensong

**SUNDAY 13th JULY Trinity 4**

 8.30am STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Holy Communion (BCP)

 9.30am NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary Eucharist

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity Morning Worship

11.00am FELTON St Katharine Eucharist

**SUNDAY 20th JULY Trinity 5**

 8.30am REGIL St James Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity Eucharist

 6.30pm CHEW STOKE St Andrew Evensong

**SUNDAY 27th JULY Trinity 6**

 9.00am FELTON St Katharine Morning Worship

11.00am WINFORD St Mary & St Peter Eucharist

 6.30pm NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary Evensong

 6.30pm STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Evensong

**SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST Trinity 7**

 9.00am WINFORD St Mary & St Peter Eucharist

10.30am CHEW STOKE St Andrew Eucharist

 6.30pm STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Evensong

**SUNDAY 10th AUGUST Trinity 8**

 8.30am STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Holy Communion (BCP)

 9.30am NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary Eucharist

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity Morning Worship

11.00am FELTON St Katharine Eucharist

**SUNDAY 17th AUGUST Trinity 9**

 8.30am REGIL St James Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity Eucharist

 6.30pm CHEW STOKE St Andrew Evensong

**SUNDAY 24th AUGUST St Bartholomew**

 9.00am FELTON St Katharine Morning Worship

11.00am WINFORD St Mary & St Peter Eucharist

 6.30pm NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary Evensong

 6.30pm STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Evensong

**SUNDAY 31st AUGUST Trinity 11**

11.00am FELTON St Katharine Eucharist

***Midweek Holy Communion***



**Holy Communion** with **Prayers for Healing** is celebrated in our group of parishes on the

**1st** and **3rd** Wednesdays of each month at **10.30am**

**Wednesday 2nd July** -St Katharine’s, Felton

**Wednesday 16th July** - St Andrew’s, Chew Stoke

**Wednesday 6th August** -St Katharine’s, Felton

**Wednesday 20th August** -St Andrew’s, Chew Stoke

*“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:18)*

**‘Sunday First’ – 6th July**

**** Our popular all-age ‘Sunday First’ worship continues on **Sunday 6th July** at **St Andrew’s, Chew Stoke** at **10.00am**. Breakfast and craft activities will be provided, followed by a short act of worship for all ages.

**Mind and Spirit**

Mind and Spirit will be held on **Wednesday 9th July** at **10.30am** in **Felton Village Hall**. If you live with any condition causing memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are very welcome for some spiritual support and connection with people who know what it’s like.

Contact Revd Fran for more details.

**Mind and Spirit takes a break in August** and will return in **September** as a **Carer’s Café**. We very much hope that this space will continue to offer peer support and spiritual encouragement to anyone who is a carer. It takes place from **10.30 – 11.30am** on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month **in Felton Village Hall**. All are welcome.

**Sparklers**

Please note that Sparklers **will not meet during July or August**, but look out for details in our September Magazine of a new music & sensory group for pre-school children, their parents and carers beginning in the next school term.

**Winford Church Community Fun Day**

 On **Saturday 12th July** we are holding a **Fun Day for Families** at **Winford Church, 1.00 - 4.00pm**. There will be plenty of fun activities, inside and out, including a Teddy Bear Zipwire Challenge, a bouncy castle and face painting. BBQ, teas and cakes will be available, various stalls, a raffle for church funds, and a **Dog Show at 3pm**. This will be a free event to enter. We hope you’ll come and enjoy yourselves.

**Flower Festival**

****On **Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th July**. there will be a Flower Festival in both **Winford** and **Felton Church, 10.00am – 4.00pm**.

“God’s Garden” is the theme and a celebration of the wonder and beauty of flowers and nature.

All proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund, and we are very grateful to  **every business that has sponsored an arrangement**.

**Community Gardening**

The Community Gardening continues to grow well, and we harvested our first potatoes in June! Big thanks to Sara Hindle for providing those – they were delicious! Potato harvesting is continuing!

The peas, broad beans, sweetcorn, tomatoes and cucumbers are also growing well, and we have recently added onions and carrots to the plot.

Gardening will continue during the summer, with the exception of the first week of July (2/3), and the last 2 weeks of August (20/21 & 27/28) when Fran is on leave.

Everyone is welcome on a **Wednesday** at **3.30pm**, or toddlers on a **Thursday** at **10.30am**, at the lower gate to **Dippenstiles on Bristol Road in Chew Stoke.**

***Weekly e-Newsletter***

If you would like to receive a weekly email Newsletter with a reminder of service times for the coming Sunday, details of readings, and some thoughts on the readings with prayer suggestions, please sign-up via our website: [**https://chewvalleywest.org/newsletter**](https://chewvalleywest.org/newsletter)

**Bishop’s Letter – Listening to young people**

Later this month I shall be joining young people from around our diocese on a visit to the Taizé community in France. Taizé offers the opportunity to take a step back from daily life, meet people from around the world, join in a week of prayer, worship and Bible teaching, and reflect on our life of faith. In churches we often speak *about* God. To visit Taizé is to have a big encounter *with* God.

This will be the third time I have helped lead a Bath and Wells group on this pilgrimage. Some of our young people will be making a return visit, others attending for the first time. I am looking forward to seeing all they gain from the experience, and the opportunity to spend an extended time listening to young people is an utter privilege.

While more young people are showing an interest in faith, the Church of England is undeniably still dominated by the older generations. Whenever I can, I value immensely the chance to listen to young people – of their hopes and dreams, their fears and perspectives, their insights and understanding. Such listening is essential if young people are to be fully part of the life of our Church. It’s vital if we are to continue to see the shoots of growth that are happening across our diocese and the wider church.

We’re pursuing this challenge of listening to young people in lots of different ways. It doesn’t just happen at Taizé! Our Young Leaders Hub is one arena. Elsewhere we are looking at how young people can play their full part within the life of our diocesan decision-making bodies and in the national church too. I urge you to do the same where you are.

‘Nothing about us without us’ is a challenge that’s sometimes extended when discussing how young people can participate fully wherever they find themselves. What an aim and a prize this would be for us all to pursue.

**+ Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells**

**Prayers and Support for Seafarers**

95% of all we buy is transported by sea. At Royal Portbury Dock near Bristol, chaplains from the **Mission to Seafarers** visit ships in port each week offering practical support and a listening ear. Revd Lucy Blows, one of the chaplains, says, “It’s a reminder that they are out there all year working long hours away from their families and we are called to care.”

**Sunday 13th July** is **Sea Sunday.** It gives us the chance to remember and pray for all men and women who work at sea to bring us these goods, and give thanks for the role seafarers play in our lives.

**Winford C of E Primary School – A residential experience**

The beautiful (if slightly damp) Forest of Dean was the setting for Winford School’s much-anticipated Year 6 Residential. On Wednesday 4th June, the adventurous Year 6 class and four staff members set off for three days at Deanfield Outdoor Centre in Parkend. The trip was packed with exciting activities including archery, climbing, canoeing, zipwire, tunnelling, and a stream study. Evenings were full of fun and laughter, and the final night’s talent show was a real highlight. Pupils showed great courage, embraced new challenges, and grew in independence. It was a memorable trip for all – huge thanks to everyone who made it possible. Anna Young

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**St. James Church, Regil – Cleaning & Flower Rota**

July – Jane Keedwell and Jo Dando

August – Yvonne Chapman and Trish Laws

 ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Felton & Winford Tuesday Group**

Last month we had a very interesting outing to Yew Tree Farm, the last working farm in Bristol.

We were shown round the animals before refreshments of tasty homemade sausage rolls and cakes.

This month, our **Supper Party** will be held at the home of **Gill Hatherell**, **1a, Garden House, Felton Street** on the **first Tuesday, 1st July** at the **earlier start time** of **7.00pm**.

If you could bring a plate of sweet or savoury to share, along with your own plate, cutlery, glass and maybe a folding chair, that would be helpful.

There will not be a meeting in August.

Our **Planning Meeting** is to be held on **Tuesday 9th September**: plenty of time to come-up with some new ideas for next year’s programme! Anne Cantwell

**Felton Village Hall**

*\*Felton Village Hall is still seeking a* ***volunteer*** *to act as* ***Letting Secretary****.\**

*Anyone interested either male or female in helping the hall and community, please contact* **Gordon Ladd,** **07887 607294** or email **gordla26@gmail.com**

**Date for your Diaries: Friday 5th September**, **7.30pm** – **legend** **Steve Davis**, **6 times** **Snooker World Champion,** is coming to Felton Village Hall, hosting a fund-raising evening.

Further details on **Facebook**, or ring **Angela Britton** **(01275) 472223**, **Paul Hatherell** **(01275) 472802**, or go to web page **www.feltonvillagehall.com**. This will be a ticket event.

Back by popular demand: A Cheese ‘n’ Wine Evening, hosted by Martin Britton in November. Further details to follow.

We are planning a few more events possibly in September and November so keep watching your *Village Magazine.* If there are any suggestions for future fund-raising events, please contact **Angela** (as above).

**100 Club winners** for June were: £50, Ms C Shipway (number 147); £25, Mrs R Chapman (number 135). Well done. Angela Britton

**Felton Flower Show Society**

**Our Annual Flower Show** is to be held at **Felton Village Hall** on **Saturday 23rd August** from **2.30 - 4.30pm**.

There will be many different classes to enter so please support us, as sadly we have lost several of our regular contributors in the last year.

Schedules will be distributed in Felton mid- July; additional copies will be available from Winford Post Office and The George & Dragon. The afternoon will be an opportunity for villagers and friends to meet-up with a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake.

**Handicraft Classes**. In order to help those wishing to enter, given below are details to allow sufficient time to complete your entries:

**Class 62** - **Painting**/ **Class 63** - **Hand knitting or crochet made with wool**/ **Class 64** - **Adult colouring** from a book, max A4 using coloured pencils/ **Class 65** - **Any item of** **needlework**/ **Class 66** - **Wrapped present** (shoe box size)/ **Class 67** - **Any handmade handicraft item of wood, metal, ceramic or jewellery**/ **Class 68** - **A painted pebble.**

New committee members to help us plan future Shows are always welcome. If interested please contact me on **(01275) 474647.** Anne Cantwell

**Welcome Wednesdays**

Do come along to the friendly coffee mornings at the **George & Dragon** pub in **Felton**

every **Wednesday** from **11.00 – 12.00-ish**.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Winford Coffee Mornings**

Our next Coffee Mornings will be **Tuesday 8th July** and **Tuesday 12th August**

at **The Prince of Waterloo** pub from **11.00**.

Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones.

This is a regular event held **2nd Tuesday** of the  month.

For either contact **Lyndsay Newman**, Village Agent, **07967 345559.**

**News from Winford Village Hall**

By popular request we have decided to hold another **Bingo Evening** on **Friday 4th July.**

Usualformat: starting at **6.30pm** for **eyes down at 7.00pm** to finish at **9.00pm**.

Tickets will be £6 for adults and £3 for under 14s.

We are intending to hold a **quiz** (maybe in September) and a **murder/mystery evening** (possibly in October). A tea dance is a strong possibility, but we need to know who would be interested.

Let us know your ideas, or if you are interested in any of these events, email:

**Denise Poole** **denise.poole@hotmail.co.uk** or **Karen Holliday**, **kaholliday@btinternet.com**

**Next year the hall will be 100 years old** and so we feel that this really needs to be celebrated!

We are planning to collect many photos of the village and villagers over the 100 years, and to have them on display in the hall. Please contact me, **Denise (01275) 472797** or **email Karen** **or me** (email addresses above) if you have photos or memories. We are also thinking of a 1920s themed social event – ideas please.

Don’t forget we have a regular art group, a craft group, yoga, Tai Kwando, dance lessons and children’s drama classes and we have room for more regular bookings. See noticeboards for contact details.

Hoping you have a lovely summer and hope to see you at some of our events.

Denise Poole (hon. Secretary)

**Winford Village Flower and Produce Show**.

**This annual show** takes place on **Saturday 6th September** in **Winford Village Hall** from **2.30pm**.

There are classes in Baking, Fruit and Vegetables, Photography, Art, Craft, Floral Arrangements and all sorts of classes for local children.

Tea, coffee and cake are available, with a raffle and free activities for the children.  There will also be some performances from **Winford Junior Drama Group**.

Please come along and support your village local show.  Entry £1.00 adults, children under 14 enter free.

Have you thought of entering a class yourself?  There is something for everyone, from budding flower growers to artists and photographers. Come and get to meet your neighbours, there is a warm welcome awaiting you.

Schedules are available from The Community Shop in the High Street or ring **(01275)** **474270** for a personal delivery: they contain all the information you will need to enter.

The Committee look forward to seeing you there. Philippa Herring

**Diary at a Glance – July and August 2025**

**JULY**

Tue 1 Felton & Winford Tues Group Supper Party, Felton See p7

Wed 2 Mobile Library\* Winford, School 10.15 – 11.15am

 Regil, Regil Green 11.30 – 12.00 noon

Fri 4 Craft Group Winford Village Hall 1.00 – 4.00pm

Fri 4 Bingo Evening Winford Village Hall See p8

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Mon 7 Community Minibus Trip Clarks Village See p10

Mon 7 Mobile Library\* Felton, Stanshalls Lane 12.05 – 12.25pm Lulsgate, Coombe Dale 12.35 – 12.55pm

Tue 8 Winford Coffee Morning Prince of Waterloo 11.00am

Wed 9 Mind & Spirit Felton Village Hall 10.30am

Sat 12 Community Family Fun Day Winford Church See p5

Sat 12 & {Flower Festival Winford & Felton Churches See p5

Sun 13 {

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Fri 18 Craft Group Winford Village Hall 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Sun 20 National Garden Scheme Stowey See p11

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Thur 24 Community Minibus Trip Stratford-upon-Avon See p10

Mon 28 Winford Parish Council Meeting Felton Village Hall 7.30pm

Wed 30 Mobile Library\* Winford, School 10.15 – 11.15am

 Regil, Regil Green 11.30 – 12.00 noon

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

**AUGUST**

Fri 1 Craft Group Winford Village Hall 1.00 – 4.00pm

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Mon 4 Mobile Library\* Felton, Stanshalls Lane 12.05 – 12.25pm

 Lulsgate, Coombe Dale 12.35 – 12.55pm

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Mon 11 Community Minibus Trip Bath See p10

Tue 12 Winford Coffee Morning Prince of Waterloo 11.00am

Fri 15 Craft Group Winford Village Hall 1.00 – 4.00pm

Sat 23 Felton Annual Flower Show Felton Village Hall See p7

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Wed 27 Community Minibus Trip The Mint, Llantrisant See p10

Wed 27 Mobile Library\* Winford, School 10.15 – 11.15am

 Regil, Regil Green 11.30 – 12.00 noon

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

**Welcome Wednesdays** are weekly [see p8].

**\*Mobile Library** is now back on the road! Please note the different days, stops and times.

***Advertise in Your Village Magazine!***

*Some advertising space has become available in this magazine which is distributed to 1,000 households, ten times each year. Our considerable printing costs are met solely by our generous advertisers, so if your business is in a position to help us, please contact:*

***Anne Wawn (01275) 474442*** *or email* ***jwc.239.weu@gmail.com***

**Community Minibus Trips**

\*We are keen to recruit some more drivers for these popular trips. Can you help?\*

**Date Destination**

Monday 7th July Clarks Village ½ day

Thursday 24th July Stratford-upon-Avon Whole day

Monday 11th August Bath ½ day

Wednesday 27th August The Mint, Llantrisant, S. WalesWhole day

Thursday 4th September Clevedon ½ day

Tuesday 16th September Auction Rooms & Rocky ½ day

 Mountain Garden Centre, Wells

**Bookings**: tel Maggie **01761 462979** (leave message) or **maggiemurphy1944@hotmail.co.uk**

……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |

**Valley Arts** local performing arts charity continue to celebrate their **10 Year Anniversary**:

* **Jazz Jam** - monthly jam with the Valley Arts House Band, all levels welcome.

**Tuesday 8th July**, **8.00pm**, **The Pelican**, **Chew Magna**.

* **Midsummer Magic**: **The Magic Flute** from **Opera in a Box** - revamping the classic into a vibrant, accessible experience.

**Friday 11th July**, **7.00pm**, **Yeo Valley Organic Garden**.

* **Hidden Voices Community Play** - written and performed by local residents of all ages. **Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th July**, **11.00am**, **2.00pm** & **7.00pm**, **The Community Farm**.
* **Open Mic Music Night at The Pony** - great night of local music right on the doorstep. **Tuesday 22nd July**, **7.45pm**, **The Pony**, **Chew Magna**.
* **Midsummer Magic**: **Alice Through the Looking Glass** from **Quantum Theatre**.

**Wednesday 23rd July**, **7.00pm**, **Yeo Valley Organic Garden**.

* **Merry Wives of Windsor** by **Illyria Theatre** - a night of laughter and hijinks under the stars. **Tuesday 19th August**,**7.00pm**, **Yeo Valley Organic Garden**.

**Tickets for all events** can be booked via the Valley Arts website[**www.valley-arts.co.uk.**](http://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk./)

**Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help with digital devices**

**Wednesday 9th Jul The Queens, Chew Magna 12.30pm** – **2.30pm**

**Wednesday 10th September The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke 12.30pm** – **2.30pm**

Having difficulty using the Green Buses, WESTLink App or website to book a ride? Or do you have problems using your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or digital camera? Or maybe you want to make video calls, send photos or use WhatsApp to contact your friends and family, but don't know how.

Chew Valley Gadget Bustershold face-to-face sessions – with **thanks to The Queens** pub **in Chew Magna** and **The Stoke Inn,** in **Chew Stoke.** It costs **£3** per appointment, all of which goes to charity.

Either **book an appointment** by e-mailing**cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com**or turn up on the day**.**

**National** **Garden Scheme: Stowey Open Gardens**

On **Sunday 20th July**, from **2.00 - 6.00pm**, 3 gardens in Stowey will be opening under the National Garden Scheme. The gardens at Dormers, Stowey Mead and Manor Farm will open their gates, enabling you to enjoy their tranquillity and beauty, and our glorious surrounding countryside.

The 3 gardens reflect the increasing importance of wildlife friendly gardens, providing pollinator plants and food sources to ensure that birds, bees, butterflies and other insects can thrive. Each garden is also very different in character, reflecting the interests and skills of its owners, past and present. There are numerous features, including wildlife ponds, vegetables, competition standard sweet peas, orchards, exuberant flower-packed borders, interesting trees and shrubs and seating with wonderful views.

As usual, an extensive selection of plants, many of which can be seen growing in the gardens, will be on sale at Dormers. Home-made Teas will be available at Stowey Mead. These sales will be on a cash only basis and in aid of Stowey Church. And it’s an easy walk from the car park opposite Dormers to the other gardens.

There is ample off-road parking at Dormers in Stowey Bottom (**BS39 5TL**). WC facilities are available there and at Manor Farm and Stowey Mead. Admission to the gardens is £7 per adult, with accompanied children under 16 being free. For entry to the gardens, you can either pay by cash or card (by card at Dormers only) or you can pre-book on the **NGS website**, **www.ngs.org.uk** All admission fees are given to the National Garden Scheme, which distributes the money to various health and social care charities, amongst them Macmillan, Hospice UK and Parkinson’s UK.

Please come along for an enjoyable afternoon looking at some delightful gardens which aren’t normally open to the public. We’ll look forward to seeing you! - **Jill & Graham Nicol**

**Chew Valley Gardening Society**

This friendly society meets on the **2nd Thursday** of the monthat **8.00pm** in **Stanton Drew Village Hall**, where there is easy access and parking.

On **Thursday 10th July,** **Mary Payne MBE** will talk on **'The Clematis, the Queen of Climbers'.**

-The competition will be one home grown vegetable.

On **Thursday** **14th August, Paul Cumbleton** will speak **on zoom** about **'Alluring Alpines'**.

-The competition will be a plate of home grown fruit.

If you would like to become a member please contact **Graham Nicol**, our Chairman **(01275) 333456**or just come along, you are warmly invited.

**Chew Valley Flower Club**

Are you interested in flowers and arranging? We are a friendly club of all abilities who meet at **Compton Martin Village Hall** on **alternate Mondays** for chat, coffee and all things flowers!!

We are treated to demonstrations by national demonstrators and help and encouragement is provided during our enjoyable practice classes.

Our next meeting is a **demonstration by Beverley Clay** entitled ‘**Out of the Garage**’ on **Monday 7th July** at **7.30pm**. All welcome.

For further information contact **Caroline Sweet** **(01275)** **835711** or email **Carolinem.sweet@outlook.com**

**Trivia:** Tuesday 15th July is **National Cherry Day.** Enjoy! 

**Chew Stoke Bowling Club - Walley Court Road, BS40 8XN**

On **Saturday 19th July** and **Sunday 20th July** from **10.00 - 3.00pm** Chew Stoke Bowling Club are holding **open days.** Adults and children are welcome, no booking required, just turn-up on the day and bring a pair of flat soled shoes.

If you require further information please contact **Phil Gullam** **(01275)** **472605**.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Dundry Church Social Evening** |  |
| On **Friday 1st August** at **7.00pm**, **Dundry Church** is hosting a **‘School Day Bangers’** social evening. Tickets £8 include a welcome drink, lunch break, lunch box, a raffle ticket and lots of fun. For catering purposes, please book on **07860 144703** or email **dundrychurchspocial@gmail.com** |  |
|  |  |

**Redhill Village Hall/Club Events 2025**

**Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG.  Tel: 01934 862619.**

Follow us on Facebook**Redhillvillagehall@gmail.com**

**Classic Car Meets  Coffee Room** (Opening days & times)

Thursday 24th July 6.30 – 9.00pm Wednesdays, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Thursday 21st August 6.30 – 9.00pm Every other Sunday, 2.00 – 4.00pm

Sunday 21st September 2.00 – 5.00pm

Sunday 19th October 9.00am – 12 noon

**Bingo Night.** Will be back on**Friday 26th September.** Eyes down at **8 o’clock**. £6 for a book of 6.

**Christmas Fair.** If you would like a stall, please contact Vonnie on: **07766 114517** for a table.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |

**The Community Farm** overlooking the beautiful Chew Valley Lake, is run as a community, not-for-profit farm, and ethically produces and delivers organic food across our area.

It has also been named asa **Finalist** in the **Best Organic Retailer** categor at UK’s only national organic awards. The winners will be announced at the BOOM (Best of Organic Market) Awards 2025 ceremony, on **Thursday 10th July** at Paintworks, Bristol, home of the Soil Association, hosted by TV personality Andy Clarke.

The farm is all about food that nourishes us, our community and our environment. It welcomes [events](https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/events?layout=columns), [courses](https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/wellbeing) and [volunteering](https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/volunteering) – and delivers local, organic food right to your door!

Just get in touch with your requests for a Food Box: **01225 913097** or email **thecommunityfarm.co.uk**

**The Community Farm, Denny Lane, Chew Magna, Bristol BS40 8SZ**

**…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..**

**So You Think You Know?!**

 ***Q. what is an arboretum? A. a dockside restaurant* 😊**

**…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..**

**Parish Council News from Annemieke Waite, District Councillor**

**Planning and the Environment**: **A New Role – A New Approach**

As many of you know, in addition to being your Ward Councillor, I’ve also been North Somerset Council’s Cabinet member for climate, waste, and sustainability. At our Full Council meeting in May, I was asked to take on planning as well. So, in shorthand, I’m now the Cabinet member for **Planning and Environment**.

I didn’t accept the extra responsibility lightly. North Somerset has been told it must build nearly **9,000** **additional homes**. Most of our land is classified as green belt, and our existing road and social infrastructure has been pushed to its absolute limits. The challenge is clear: how do we meet our legal obligation to build and improve our roads, while protecting nature and the green spaces that matter so much to us?

I took on the role because I believe we can — and must — do both. If we get it right, building new homes and improving our natural environment don’t have to be in conflict. Over the next two years, I’ll be working hard to ensure our new **Local Plan** gives us the tools to balance these goals properly. I’ll share more as this work develops.

As always, your views really matter to me — so if you have thoughts or concerns, please do get in touch via my email: **annemieke.waite@n-somerset.gov.uk**

**Bat-Friendly Planning in Action**

Some of North Somerset’s most remarkable residents only appear after dark — the **greater and lesser horseshoe bats.**  These rare, internationally protected bats rely on quiet, connected habitats — hedgerows, woodland edges and fields — to feed and move safely at night. But development, lighting and the loss of natural corridors have made life increasingly difficult for them.

That’s why we’ve launched the **North Somerset Nature Parks** initiative, in partnership with **Natural England** and the **University of Bath’s Bat Conservation Research Lab**. Using cutting-edge tracking and acoustic monitoring, we’ve mapped bat movement across the district — and found they travel much further than expected. This means more areas are potentially affected by development than previously thought. We’re updating planning guidance to reflect this, and when on-site habitat isn’t feasible, we now offer a strategic alternative: buying and restoring land to create permanent bat habitats. Developers can buy “bat units” from us to meet their legal obligations — a simpler, more effective approach that benefits planners, builders, and bats alike.

**Join the Great North Somerset Bat Project**

Conservation isn’t just about councils — it’s about local people, too. If you live in North Somerset and love wildlife, why not get involved in the **Great North Somerset Bat Project**? This citizen science project, supported by the **National Lottery Heritage Fund**, helps gather vital data about our local bat populations. No experience needed — just curiosity and a few summer evenings.

**How it works:**

Choose a 1km² area near your home

Pick up a bat detector kit from a local hub

Record bat activity for six nights

Upload your results online — and discover who’s flying overhead!

It’s simple, fascinating, and makes a real difference.

🔗 [**www.batconservationresearchlab.co.uk/north-somerset-bat-survey**](http://www.batconservationresearchlab.co.uk/north-somerset-bat-survey)

Let’s help protect North Somerset’s bats — one square kilometre at a time**. Annemieke**

**The Dorothy House** [Family Support Team](https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/what-we-do/family-support-services/)are delighted to announce *free* access to the world’s first neuroscience and play-based digital family mental health solution – thanks to the incredible generosity of the team behind [**lumin&us**](https://luminusfamilywellbeing.com/) anda revolutionary new wellbeing App.

By partnering with Dorothy House to support families in their care, this user-friendly tool for parents of children aged 3-12, will enable patients and families to support young people at a time of crisis.

The App, which is in addition to Dorothy House’s in-person and group therapeutic support, is endorsed by healthcare professionals and organisations in the UK (including the NHS and Adoption UK) USA and Canada. **Lumin&us** has helped more than **30,000 families** since its conception in 2021.

**Winford Parish Council Meeting**

**Date held: Wednesday 28th May 2025**

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council for the next year.** It wasunanimously agreed to re-elect Paul Hatherell as Chair of the Parish Council, and Karen Bye as Vice Chair.

**Highways and Footpaths.** The Clerk would continue to seek an update from North Somerset Council (NSC) regarding road safety improvements in Winford. The Parish Council’s contractor had completed fencing improvement work at the Compost Site and NSC’s Footpath’s officer had been notified. It was agreed that the Clerk would report an issue with a failing railing post on footpath LA19/50/10 to NSC.

**Felton Common.** Enquiries were ongoing regarding whether a neighbouring land owner had access rights over the common. A local company had been identified as using Felton Common as part of their business activity associated with airport parking. The Clerk had previously written to the company regarding the matter requesting they cease doing so. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact them again re-iterating this request.

**Airport.** It was noted thata positive meeting was heldbetween representatives from the Parish Council and the Airport on 14th May 2025 and that the Airport welcomed applications for their community grant initiatives. It was reported by the Airport that they continue to collect litter from locations around the Parish and whilst there is no set time or day for this, in March, their contractors collected 38 bags of litter from the location.

A positive meeting was also held on 15th May 2025 with representatives fromthe Airport, NSC, local Police and Backwell, Cleeve and Winford Parish Councils.

Due to an increase in nuisance parking associated with airport traffic, it was agreed that the Clerk would consult with local residents in respect of potential locations for Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO’s) with a view to submitting an application to NSC [see **p15**].

**Compost Site & Allotments.** The Community Payback Scheme had now completed their trial period of maintenance work at Felton Allotments. It was agreed that this project would continue until all vacant plots had been cleared.

It was agreed that a contractor would be asked to clear rubbish from Felton Allotments.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to all allotment holders who had not been sufficiently maintaining their plot advising them that they may be liable for additional maintenance costs.

**Parish Property.** It was noted by the Parish Council that it had previously been agreed between the owners of Lulsgate Quarry and the Parish Council that the Parish Council would receive ownership once the quarry had been restored. It was agreed that the Clerk would re-establish contact with the owners of the quarry with a view to progressing this.

A contractor had been instructed to repair damage to the picnic bench at Vee Lane play park.

Enquiries into those responsible for frequent littering at Vee Lane were on-going. The Parish Council had no objections to the CricketClubinstalling anartificial Wicket at the location.

It was agreed that the Clerk would seek three quotes for the removal of the beech tree at the Church Trees car park.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would review current signage at the entrance to Felton Village Hall and the Common car park.

**Any other business.** District Councillor Waite informed the Parish Council that she had accepted the position of Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.

**Next meeting:** Monday 23rd June**.**

**Upcoming meeting: Monday 28th July, 7.30pm** at **Felton Village Hall.**

**Nuisance Parking**

**Winford Parish Council Needs Your Help!**

A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is a legal document that allows traffic authorities to implement restrictions and regulations on public roads. This includes parking restrictions, an example being double yellow lines and residential parking permits.

In order to apply for a TRO the Parish Council must submit an application to North Somerset Council for their consideration.

If there is an area you feel would benefit from a TRO in order to prevent nuisance parking, please contact the Clerk, **Louise Burgess** via **winfordpc@gmail.com** or **(01275) 612745** for more information on the process.

**This consultation closes** on **9th** **September 2025**.

**Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team – Redwood**

PCSO 9382 Connor Aitken

**c****onnor.aitken@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

PCSO 6398 Amy Holland

 **amy.holland@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

PCSO 8999 Dan Jackson

**daniel.jackson@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

**Facebook: Portishead, Clevedon & Nailsea Neighbourhood Policing. a:@ASPNorthSom**

**Chew Stoke Methodist Church**

 www.chewstoke-methodistchurch.co.uk

**Minister** Reverend John Hayes 07341 628932

**Email** revjohn0713@gmail.com

**Senior Steward** Denise Cutlan   01761 347287

**Sunday Services at 10.30am**

A warm welcome awaits. Do come and join us**.**

**+**

**Winford Baptist Chapel – part of the Chew and Yeo Valley Network**

**Trustee** (contact for details) Alan Parker (01275) 472149

**Sundays**  Evening Service 5.00pm

**Wednesdays** Prayer & Bible Study 2.30pm

**Every 3rd Thursday** Renew Wellbeing Coffee Morning 10.30am

**Communion Service 3rd Sunday in the month**

You will receive a very warm welcome to all our meetings and services

**+**



 **Roman Catholic Churches Covering the Chew Valley**

 **South Bristol Mission Area**

**(South Bristol Mission Area)**

Our family of Catholic Parishes: St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham St Pius Xth, Withywood; (also incorporating The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, now closed)

**In the name of Jesus: Welcomed, Loved, Sent**

**Parish Priest**: Fr Matt Anscombe (01275) 833699 matt.anscombe@cliftondiocese.com

**Deacons:** Rev Mark Forge and Lester Yeo (contact via Parish Office)

Sunday Masses:

9.00am St. Pius Xth, Gatehouse Avenue, Bristol BS13 9AB

5.30pm (Sat) and 11.00am St. Bernadette’s, 731, Wells Road, Whitchurch BS14 9HU

11.00am St. Dunstan’s, 20 Bristol Road, Keynsham BS31 2BQ

For other services (including Christmas and Easter) see our website: **www.calledtomorebristol.org.uk**

**For pastoral care, home communions or other enquiries please contact the Mission Area Office:**

c/o St Pius Xth Church, Gatehouse Avenue, Withywood, Bristol BS13 9AB

Tel: 0117 964 6922 (out of hours mobile 07729 833779)

………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Chew Valley Community Transport For medical and care appointments.**

Please call: (**01275) 333430** (Mon – Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Winford Parish Community Minibus For trips**.Please call: Maggie Murphy **01761 462979**

**Winford Parish Council** Website - **www.winfordpc.org.uk**

**Chair** Paul Hatherell 472802

**Clerk** Louise Burgess winfordpc@gmail.com (01275) 612745

**Felton** Paul Hatherell 472802Helen Ingram

**Regil** Margaret Murphy 01761 462979 Holly Salmon Holly-regilparishcouncil@outlook.com

**Winford** Karen Bye474063 Gillian Patch 474196

James Webster 472818

Jayne Thompson winfordpc@gmail.com 07798 850560

Nigel Reed nigelreed@aol.com 07488 388357

**Airport Working Party** Gill Patch 474196

**Some Useful Telephone Numbers**

**Police Non-emergency dial 101**

**Bristol Airport Community Relations Officer** Tracy Comer  **0117 4575027**

**Bristol Airport Complaints** https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/contact-and-help/complaints/

**District Councillors:** - Winford Parish Annemieke Waite Annemieke.Waite@n-somerset.gov.uk

 - Backwell Parish Bridget Petty

 - Wrington Parish Thomas Daw thomas.daw@n-somerset.gov.uk.

**Backwell Parish Council** Clerk Clare Melton  **464653**

**North Somerset Council Emergency Number 01934 622669**

(for out of hours, weekends and Bank Holidays)

**Floodline (24 hour) 0345 988 1188**

**Doctors -Chew Medical Practice 01275 332420**

 **-Wrington 01934 852906**

 **-Downside (Flax Bourton) 01275 850600**

………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Avon Wildlife Trust** Annie Sewart 332482

**Chew Stoke Bowling Club** Phil Gullam 472605

**Chew Valley Children’s Centre/Health Visitors** 01225 395455

**Chew Valley Choral Society** Catherine Hunt 07814 098457

**Chew Valley School** – Head Teacher Gareth Beynon 332272

**Community Minibus** for trips Maggie Murphy 01761 462979

**Community Shop & PO**  472222

**Cricket Clubs -** Barrow Gurney Mark Forge 07884 122301

 - Winford [Shaftesbury]Jake Mawford 07824 808098

**Felton Evergreens** Tina Clements 01179 645668

**Felton Flower Show Society** Anne Cantwell 474647

**Felton & Winford Tuesday Group** Anne Cantwell 474647

**Felton Village Hall Committee Secretary** Angela Britton 472223

**Felton Village Hall Letting Secretary**  Gordon Ladd 07887 607294

**Guides and Brownies** Sue Curtis 333361

**Rainbow Guides** Jackie Morris 474858

**Regil Village Hall** Daisy George 07766 084762

**Tug-of-War Day Committee** Pete Dyer 01934 823462

**Village Agent** Lyndsay Newman 07967 345559

**WI Market** Tamsin Free 01761 221674

**Winford & Felton Craft** Elizabeth Parker 472149

 Shelagh Sutton 472641

**Winford C of E Primary School**

Office Karen Hobson 472730

 Chair of Governors John Miles 07427 191898

**Winford Pre-school**  Claire House 472742

**Winford Produce Show** Philippa Herring 474270

**Winford Village Hall Bookings** Joe Herring 474270

**Winford Village Hall Secretary** Denise Poole 472797