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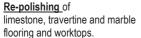
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Dear Friends.

The eagerly awaited rain has finally made an appearance, bringing much-needed relief to our surroundings. The lawn has regained its vibrant green hue, the grass in the fields is beginning to flourish once more, and familiar puddles are forming along the roads. Despite the unmistakably autumnal chill in the air, there is little room for complaint, given how desperately we have needed the rain.

October marks the period when most of our parishes come together to celebrate Harvest. During this time, we gather to express our gratitude for the crops that have been grown and gathered, and to thank God for His enduring goodness. While it may seem unusual to offer thanks at a time when farmers are already resorting to winter fodder for their livestock and our gardens still bear the scars of a dry summer, Harvest serves as a reminder that much in life remains beyond our direct control.

There is a unique satisfaction found in singing Harvest hymns—be it the cheerful "Cauliflowers Fluffy" or the classic "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"—and in bringing gifts to be shared among those in need. The vibrant displays of apples, corn and sunflowers in our churches, underscore the bounty and beauty of the season. These traditions remind us that we do not exist in isolation. Instead, we are part of a wider community, one that extends beyond humanity to include plants, animals, fungi, the soil beneath our feet, the water we drink, and the land we inhabit.

This Harvest season, you are warmly invited to participate in any of our churches' Harvest thanksgivings, or simply to spend a quiet moment reflecting on your place within the broader community of creation. Take this opportunity to acknowledge the gifts that this interconnected community offers, and give thanks for the role we all play within it.

Yours in Christ, Fran

Autumn leaves



Jesus doesn't

Services in Your Parish Church in October 2025

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER		Trinity 16
9.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	Eucharist
10.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew	'Sunday First'
		Harvest Thanksgiving
5.00pm	FELTON St Katharine	Harvest Evensong
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary	Harvest Evensong
SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER		Trinity 17
8.30am	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary	Eucharist
		(Harvest Thanksgiving)
11.00am	FELTON St Katharine	Eucharist
4.00pm	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity	Choral Evensong for
		Harvest
SUNDAY 19 TH OCTOBER		Trinity 18
8.30am	REGIL St James	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity	Eucharist
6.30pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew	Evensong
SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER		Last after Trinity
9.00am	FELTON St Katharine	Morning Worship
11.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	Eucharist
		(Harvest Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary	Evensong
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong
SUNDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER		All Saints' Day
9.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	Eucharist
10.00am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew	'Sunday First'
4.00pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew	Service of Remembrance

Midweek Holy Communion

Evensong for All Souls

STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

6.30pm



Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing is celebrated in our group of parishes on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10.30am

Wednesday 1st October – St Katharine's, Felton Wednesday 15th October – St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

'Sunday First' Harvest Thanksgiving – 5th October



Sunday First Harvest: Come and join us in St. Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke at 10.30am [note time] for a celebration of Harvest with Holy Communion in a 'Sunday First' style! There will be refreshments after the service, crafts available throughout, and Mini-Melodies and Jubilee will be joining us for

their first performance of the new school year. Harvest gifts will be going to the *Loaves and Fishes* project in St Paul's, Bristol, run by the Community of the Sisters of the Church.

NEW! Baby & Toddler Group 'Tuesday Tots'



You are welcome to join our new Baby & Toddler group — Tuesday Tots — in Winford Church on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month between 10.30am and midday.

Please spread the word to mums, dads & carers and come along to enjoy some refreshments, conversation, music and sensory play.

Tuesday Tots will also meet in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at the same time.

Winford Tuesday Tots -7th & 21st October Chew Stoke Tuesday Tots -14th & 28th October

NEW! Mind & Spirit – Care Café



Our monthly **Care Café** for those experiencing conditions affecting memory and those who care for them, will be held on **Wednesday 8th October**.

This will be a relaxed space to enjoy conversation and offer mutual support with free refreshments.

Care Café opens from 10.30am in Felton Village Hall.

Community Choir



The next **Community Choir** rehearsal will be held on <u>Thursday 9th</u> **October** at **7.00pm** in **Winford Church**. [Note change of day for this month.] As always, these sessions are free and everything you need will be provided. If you haven't been before, you will be made very welcome! There is no audition and singers of every standard and level of experience can join in.

Community Gardening





Community Gardening has come to an end, with a wonderful harvest of potatoes, tomatoes, courgettes, peas, broad beans, cucumbers, corn, cauliflowers, carrots, kohlrabi and onions already picked, and with a few cabbages still to go. It's been a wonderful space to be in over the spring and summer – thank you to everyone who has dug,

weeded, watered and planted, and to Joanna and Alan for their hospitality. If you have done anything in the garden you are most welcome to come to our 'Sunday First' Harvest, and give thanks to God for everything we have grown!

Felton Harvest Supper



The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Supper will be held in St Katharine's, Felton on Sunday 5th October at 5.00pm with supper served in the Village Hall from 6.00pm.

Tickets cost £13.50. To reserve your place please put your name on the list in church, or contact Lizzie Patch 07714 376455 or Karen Holliday 07717 664727.

Winford Harvest Thanksgiving

We will give thanks to God for the Harvest at our **11.00am service** on **Sunday 26**th **October**. Those attending are encouraged to **bring donations** which will be distributed to the **foodbank (Loaves & Fishes ministry)** run by the **Community of the Sisters of the Church**, in **Bristol**.

New Hymnbooks for Regil

St James' Church, Regil, finds itself in the happy position of not having enough hymnbooks for those attending worship. If you would like to **sponsor a new hymnbook** (costing £12), please contact Morris Stuckey **(01275) 472787** or Yvonne Chapman

(01275) 472648. You might like to consider dedicating a hymnbook in memory of a loved one. Inscriptions can be arranged.

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

St. James Church, Regil – Cleaning & Flower Rota

October – Barbara Mabbutt & Ali Simmons

Bishop's Letter - For or against: slavery and salvation

Much of our world operates around the challenge to be 'for' or 'against'. And generally, it is easier to be against things than for them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes.

On 18th **October, Anti-Slavery Day**, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, one of the great evils of our time. Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.

And the challenge is growing with:

- More vulnerable people susceptible to false promises
- Increasingly flexible working arrangements which gives space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour
- Police and prevention resources being ever overstretched
- And our own insatiable appetite for cheap products

There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish. But, in facing these almost overwhelming challenges we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

In Anti-Slavery Week, give time to thinking how you or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. **The Clewer Initiative** has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes and assist the authorities and reach out towards victims.

But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper — systems to provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

+ Bishop Alastair Redfern, Honorary Assistant Bishop of Bath & Wells

[Visit clewer.org.uk for Modern Slavery resources to help you reflect on how you can contribute to the fight against modern slavery.]

If it looks wrong...

Somerset and the South West may look peaceful, but slavery happens here just as it does in cities. The countryside looks soft and safe, so it's hard for people to imagine. But it does take place.

Who are the people being exploited?

The largest group on the government's support scheme are UK nationals. Vulnerabilities such as homelessness, drug abuse, and family breakdowns, are exploited.

How can we spot if slavery might be happening locally?

There are no definitive signs, but there are indicators. Our view is: *if it looks wrong*, *it probably is wrong*. We see abuse in nail bars, car washes, and the construction industry. Pop-up brothels are another issue, particularly around the Hinkley area. And increasingly, we're seeing exploitation in the care sector.

Why is the care sector such a concern?

There are over 130,000 vacancies in the care sector, and traffickers know this. People are being brought in, particularly from abroad, to fill the gap. Many of them end up trapped and exploited. It's a hidden crisis.

What can people or communities do?

Churches and communities can play a big role. Many parishioners either live in care homes or work in them, so they're in a position to notice the signs. Think: *if it looks wrong*, *it probably is wrong*.

If you suspect slavery:

- Call the Modern Slavery Helpline (Unseen): **08000 121 700**
- Report online: www.modernslaveryhelpline.org
- Or contact the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA): 0800 432 0804

John Dickinson

Trustee at Sparrows Project, raising awareness of modern-day slavery locally, providing support to survivors

Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Last month was our planning meeting, so now I can start putting next year's program together.

This month John Highnam is talking about his experience of a real volcanic eruption in New Zealand: 'Ngauruhoe - Don't go up the volcano!'

I will be handing-out slips for our Christmas meal and would appreciate if these could be completed and returned in time for our November meeting, with payment if possible.

Maggie is keeping the price the same as last year: £24 for 2 course, £27 for 3 course, with the usual extras.

Remember, visitors are always welcome if you would like to give us a try, for just £2 to include tea/coffee & biscuits.

I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 14**th **October** at **Felton Village Hall** for **7.15pm start**.

Anne Cantwell

Felton Village Hall

Friday 21st November 7.00pm back by popular demand a **Cheese n Wine Evening** hosted by Martin Britton. This is a fun evening trying different wines and assorted cheeses.

Cost £20. Tickets available from Angela Britton (01275) 472223 or Paul Hatherell (01275) 472802.

'An Evening with Steve Davis' was a very successful and enjoyable time had by all with plenty of laughter. We would like to thank people for their appreciation of the evening.

Profit made at this event was £3,274 which was amazing, and this is split between the Hall funds and Steve's charity, *Feline Cats Protection*. A special thank you to Paul for arranging this event, to the catering team, bar staff, Shaun for the auction and car park attendant.

100 Club was drawn at the Steve Davis evening and the winners were:

£50 Mr M Bale (number 124) and £25 Mrs C Williams (number 123). Well done.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Cheese n Wine Evening. It was nice to see different faces at our last event so please support the next fundraiser, everyone is welcome.

Angela Britton

Felton Flower Show Society

Despite our concerns regarding entries for The Flower Show (Saturday 23rd August) we were pleasantly surprised, that not only did more people enter than last year but entries were slightly up. We received very positive comments from the judges and those who attended in the afternoon. It was lovely to see the Hall full of so many happy, smiling people.

Also encouraging was that there were several new entrants, and others who would enter next year, so hopefully the future of The Show will be secured.

Our grateful thanks to all those that helped on the day, with the raffle and refreshments exceeding our expectations.

Anne Cantwell

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"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."

<u>The Community Farm</u> is looking for enthusiastic Management Committee members and Secretary, who could choose to be a member of the Committee or a standalone secretary. See <u>www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/about-us/jobs/management-committee-members-2025</u>

Community Minibus Trips

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

<u>Date</u> Thursday 2 nd October Monday 20 th October	<u>Destination</u> Circus on the Downs Weston	afternoon/evening leaving 9.00am
Thursday 6 th November	Windsor	leaving 9.00am
Saturday 22 nd November	Gloucester Quays Christmas Market	leaving 9.00am
Friday 28 th November	Broadway in the Cotswolds	leaving 3.00pm

Bookings: tel Maggie 01761 462979 (leave message) or email maggiemurphy1944@hotmail.co.uk If any of these trips are under-booked they may have to be changed or cancelled.

<u>Winford Community Shop News – October 2025</u> *Please Help Your Community Shop!*

Following a period of uncertainty the future of the shop currently appears slightly brighter, and all involved are working hard to try and ensure the long-term viability of this important village asset.

Please use us whenever possible or consider becoming one of our vital volunteers, a helper or a member of our committee.

Please come to our **Annual Shareholders Meeting on Friday 3**rd **October** at **Winford Village Hall**. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served from **6.30pm** with the meeting starting at **7.00pm**. **Everyone** is welcome but only shareholders are allowed to vote on some items.

We are also having a **social event** for **Volunteers new and old and Friends of the Shop** at **Winford Village Hall** on the evening of **Friday 24**th **October** (full details tbc).

If you want to ensure the future of the shop, please help!

Simon Martin on behalf of the shop committee

Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help with digital devices

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It costs £3 per appointment, all of which goes to charity.

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

Diary at a Glance - October 2025

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Sun 5 Mon 6 Tue 7 Wed 8 Thur 11 Sat 11	Felton Harvest Supper Mobile Library* Tuesday Tots Care Café (Mind & Spirit) Community Choir Quiz	Felton Village Hall Felton, Stanshalls Lane Lulsgate, Coombe Dale Winford Church Felton Village Hall Winford Church Winford Church Winford Village Hall	See p5 12.05 – 12.25pm 12.35 – 12.55pm 10.30 – 12pm See p4 10.30am See p4 7.00pm 7.30pm See p11
Tue 14 Tue 14 Wed 15 Fri 17	Winford Coffee Morning Felton & Winford Tues Group Mobile Library* Craft Group	Prince of Waterloo Felton Village Hall Winford, School Regil, Regil Green Winford Village Hall	11.00am 7.15pm See p7 10.15 – 11.15am 11.30 – 12.00pm 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Mon 20 Mon 20	Community Minibus Trip Mobile Library*	Weston Felton, Stanshalls Lane Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	Leave 9.00am See p8 12.05 – 12.25pm 12.35 – 12.55pm
Mon 20 Tue 21 Fri 24	Winford Parish Council Meeting Tuesday Tots Community Shop Volunteers/ Friends Social	Felton Village Hall Winford Church Winford Village Hall	7.30pm 10.30 – 12.00pm details tbc See p8
Sat 25	Elvis Night	Felton Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 29 Fri 31	Mobile Library* Little Pumpkins Play	Winford, School Regil, Regil Green Felton Village Hall	10.15 – 11.15am 11.30 – 12.00pm 9.45-11/11.15-12.30 See p10

^{*}Mobile Library continues to offer their 'Click & Collect' only service for customers to collect pre-ordered books, at the agreed time, from their stop. See timetable above.

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Winford Coffee Mornings

The Prince of Waterloo Pub from **11.00 am.** Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones. This is a regular event held **2nd Tuesday** of the month.

Welcome Wednesdays

Do come along to the friendly coffee mornings at the **George & Dragon** pub in **Felton every Wednesday** from **11-12ish**. We look forward to seeing you there.



Winford C of E Primary School - Together We Flourish

A Wonderful Start to the New School Year.

I wanted to take a moment to say a big thank you to all the children, staff, and families for such a warm and positive welcome. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the school community, and I'm incredibly proud of how smoothly the new academic year has begun. Our new Reception children have settled in beautifully—full of smiles, curiosity, and enthusiasm. It's been lovely to see them exploring their new environment and already becoming part of the Winford family. It's also been fantastic to see all our returning pupils back in school, refreshed and ready for the year ahead. Classrooms have been buzzing with energy and learning, and I'm very much looking forward to watching everyone grow and thrive this year.

We're also pleased to welcome several new members of staff to our team: Mrs Thornton, Miss Cook, Miss Stephens, Mr Leddy and Miss Haskins. They've each made a great start and bring with them lots of experience, enthusiasm, and fresh ideas. I'm confident they'll be a wonderful addition to our school.

Mrs Campbell, Headteacher

So you think you know?

Q. what is twofold?

A. beginners' origami class 😅



News from Winford Village Hall (written on 16th September)

Please note that the date of the QUIZ has been brought forward to Saturday 11th October.

Nick Hammett will kindly be running it again. The charge will be £5 per person.

Nibbles will be provided and there will be a cash-only bar serving cider, wine, beer and soft drinks. The doors will open at **7.00pm** for **7.30pm** so you can get your drinks all ready to start. We will be finishing at **10.00pm**. **Teams** can be **2-6 people** and tables can be **reserved**.

Tickets will be on sale in the **Community Shop** and from **Committee Members**:

Denise Poole (01275) 472797, email denise.poole@hotmail.co.uk or Karen Holliday, email kaholliday@btinternet.com or Joe Herring (01275) 474270, Alan Parker (01275) 472149, Kevin Davies 07483 844495 or Lynne Barnes (01275) 472628.

As always we are anxious to **recruit more volunteers** willing to help with the upkeep of the Village Hall. Weeding, tidying-up outside, occasional decorating, so if you have skills that you can share with us we will welcome you with open arms.

We hope to see you at some of our events especially the Quiz which promises to be a good evening. Kevin Davies is willing to hold a tea dance if people would be interested, just let us know.

Denise Poole

Chew Valley Gardening Society

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

There will be a meeting on Thursday 9th October when Gavin Haig will give a zoom talk on 'The Healing Garden'.

The competition will be for three healing herbs.

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

Avon Wildlife Trust – Chew Valley Group



The Kestrel. This illustrated talk by **Naomi Johns** answers the question: 'what happened to the raptor that used to line the motorways?'

Thursday 23rd October, 7.45pm, Chew Magna Old School Room.

Admission £2.50 incl. refreshments.

Barn Dance. Saturday 8th November, 7.00 – 10.30pm, in The Church Hall, Chew Magna.

This Barn Dance, with live music from the Barnstormers and caller Dave Francis, will be open to all ages. A traditional fun Barn Dance/Ceilidh.

Ticket, £15, includes Light Supper. Bar available. Tickets from the Post Office, Chew Magna.

And...a date for your diary:

Jumble Sale. Saturday 10th January 2026, 10.00am, Chew Magna Old School Room.

In aid of Avon Wildlife Trust and their work at Folly Farm Wildlife Reserve, Stowey.

If you are having a clear-out: **please** save items for the sale: children's toys, games, bric-a-brac, clothes, white elephant and books etc. Donations to Old School Room **Friday 4.00 – 8.00pm**. Arrangements for delivery/collection will appear later. Contact **(01275) 332482.**

Valley Arts

This month heralds the arrival of our **9th** annual **Fringe Festival** offering a packed schedule of events, running from **Friday 17th October – Saturday 19th November**:

- Local Music Showcase live music from 5 acts across from The Chew Valley!
 Saturday 4th October, 7.30pm, Bishop Sutton Village Hall.
- Music for Miniatures back with classical concerts for babies and toddlers.
 Thursday 16th October, 10.30am, Chew Magna Baptist Hall.
- Venice Treacle groove-laced quirk punk and deranged disco.
 Friday 17th October, 7.30pm, Chew Stoke Village Hall.
- Gurt Haunted part improvised, fully West Country comedy thriller!
 Saturday 18th October, 8.00pm, Compton Martin Village Hall.
- The Little Red Piper's New Clothes super fun family theatre mash-up.
 Sunday 19th October, 2.30pm, Winford Village Hall.
- John Hegley, New and Selected Potatoes a greatest hits compilation from comedy's poet laureate.

Friday 24th October, 7.30pm, Chew Stoke Village Hall.

Jazz Jam on 14th at The Pelican, and Open Mic Night on 28th at The Pony continue as usual. Tickets for all events can be booked via the Valley Arts website www.valley-arts.co.uk



Harptrees History Society - Somerset Military Coastal Defences

At our October meeting, **Military Historian**, **Phil Curme**, will be talking about how the Bristol Channel features in the military history of the region now known as North Somerset. Starting with the Vikings and finishing with the Cold War, and drawing on his experience of exploring local military history sites, Phil will describe how the war and the threat of war have

touched local communities – with a particular focus on Clevedon and the surrounding area.

Phil is a Trustee of the War Memorials Trust, a grant-giving national charity which aims to protect war memorials across the full breadth of the United Kingdom. He recently attained an MA (with Distinction) in Military History. He is the author of www.walkingthebattlefields.com

Wednesday 29th October. Doors open at **7.15pm** for **7.30pm**. West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG.

Members have access to early booking and free admission.

Visitors are very welcome at £3 a head. Book in advance but pay on the night.

Visitor booking opens on Wed 15th October and closes at midday on Wed 29th October.

To book, or request a membership form, please email:

info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "October 2025".

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 Breakfast Meet: Sunday 19th October, 9.00am – 12noon.

Bingo Night: Friday 17th October. Eyes down at 8 o'clock. £6 for a book of 6.

Christmas Market: Sunday 30th November 3.00 – 6.00pm.

Visit Santa in his Grotto 3.00 - 5.00pm.

If you would like a stall (free of charge) please contact Vonnie on: 07766 114517 for a table.

Coffee Room (opening days & times):

Wednesdays: 10.00am - 1.00pm and every other Sunday: 2.00 - 4.00pm

<u>Winford Parish Council</u> – next meeting will be held on **Monday 20th October, 7.30pm** in **Felton Village Hall** as usual.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team - Redwood

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Parish Council News from Annemieke Waite, District Councillor

Dear All,

I hope this finds you well and settling into autumn — as I write, the rain is pouring down and summer already feels a long way behind us.

Here are the latest updates on local services and news for our community.

P1 Bus - Use It or Lose It

By now, you should have received the new P1 leaflet and timetable. The route is still on its 18-month trial (to March 2026). Usage has been encouraging – especially the early morning service – but we need more residents to get on board. Quite simply: if we don't use it, we'll lose it.

This would be a real setback, especially as 2026/27 will bring a year of major roadworks on the A38. Having a bus that avoids the jams will be a huge benefit. The P1 also provides vital links for commuters and collects children from Backwell School mid-afternoon. If you haven't yet tried it, please do so this autumn and through the winter. The more passengers we have, the stronger our case to keep the service long-term.

Recycling - Your Efforts Are Paying Off

The new black bin and recycling collections are already making a difference: black bin waste is down 20%, recycling is up 10%, food waste collection has risen 12%, and there has been a big rise in cardboard recycling. This is a great start and shows what can be achieved with a little goodwill – so thank you for your efforts.

Some residents have found that the larger red recycling bags, introduced this summer, are fading and splitting. Other councils using the same batch have had the same problem. As the smaller trial bags remain in excellent condition, we believe this batch is faulty and are now in discussions with the supplier.

Recycling Centres - Book Your Slot

From this autumn, our recycling centres will move to a booking system. You'll be able to pick a time that suits you and avoid queues. Similar systems in Bristol, B&NES, South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire have proved popular, reducing wasted trips and allowing staff to focus on helping with recycling rather than managing traffic. It will also avoid people from outside our district tipping at our sites – and costing us money!

The new system will first be introduced in Weston-super-Mare, with Backwell and Portishead to follow later this year. Booking is simple and can be done online at

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recyclingcentres or by phone for those not using the internet or the North Somerset app.

Thank you all for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me.

With best wishes.

Annemieke Email: annemieke.waite@n-somerset.gov.uk

RNLI MENDIP Celebrates 220th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

Tuesday 21st October at Mendip Spring Golf Club, Congresbury BS49 5JT Guest speaker, Mark Dowie CBE, former CEO of RNLI

3-course formal dinner. Dress: black tie or lounge suit

Multi-Prize Raffle. Tickets £42-50 per head. All profits to RNLI Mendip Branch

Reception 6.30pm, Dinner 7.30pm, Carriages 10.30pm

Contact Tim Moran Tim@moransonline.com or tel 07801 678432



RNLI CHEW VALLEY BRANCH

Curry Lunch Event Thursday 13th November

The Chew Valley Branch of the RNLI is holding the popular Curry Lunch again this year, at **Ubley** Parish Hall, BS40 6PN, and we are looking forward to welcoming supporters to our event when the doors open at 12noon. The curry main course is served with the usual accompaniments (vegetarian option is available) and is followed by a choice of delicious homemade desserts. We will have a cash bar with a choice of beer, wines and soft drinks.

We will run our usual raffle with some great prizes and RNLI Portishead will be on hand with Christmas cards. We have held our price over the last two years but have reluctantly had to increase the price this year to £17.50 pp.

Please support our event and book your places by applying to rnlichewvalley@gmail.com but don't leave booking too long as this event is often oversubscribed. If you want to make up a group of friends and make a table reservation, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Adrian Dodd (RNLI Chew Valley Committee Member)



Dorothy House Hospice Care

Join them for their brandnew event - the Bath City Abseil 2025 - on 24th, 25th & 26th October!

Expect three action packed days, filled with hair-raising fundraising, a fantastic Dorothy House retail pop up, live music, food and drink all combined to offer an incredible atmosphere and joyous community event right at the heart of Bath City!

Registration is £12.50 with an Early Bird Entry of £10.00 (limited to first 150 sign-ups). To register for this hair-raising fundraising challenge, head to the Dorothy House website now www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/get-involved/events/bath-city-abseil/

Dorothy House Hospice Care, covers the Chew Valley, Banes, Somerset and parts of Wiltshire, and has supported 4,254 families living with an end of life diagnosis in the last year. According to Childhood Bereavement UK, around one child in every classroom will have been bereaved of a parent or sibling at some point in their childhood. Bereavement can threaten children's wellbeing, health, relationships and learning.

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

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Winford Baptist Chapel – part of the Chew Valley Baptist Church

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

Sundays Evening services pause for a short while and

worship will now be at our sister church in Chew Magna.

 Wednesdays
 Prayer & Bible Study
 2.30pm

 Every 3rd Thursday
 Renew Wellbeing Coffee Morning
 10.30am

You will receive a very warm welcome to all our meetings

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Roman Catholic Churches Covering the Chew Valley South Bristol Mission Area

Our family of Catholic Parishes: St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham St Pius Xth, Withywood;

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Sunday Masses:

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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

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