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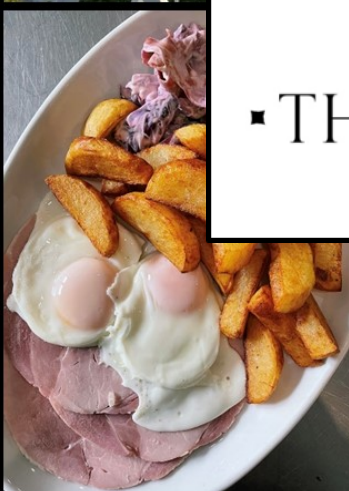


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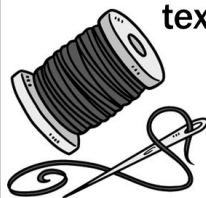
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**The copy deadline for the
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will be Monday 18th November**

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Chew Stoke: Tina Kilroy, Jessica McInnes, Laura Down, Sheila Limburn, Lindsey Suenson-Taylor, Andrew Troup (Vice Chair), Les Poynter, Jerry Moorhouse, Sue Cook and Hazel Wedlake

Nempnett Thrubwell: Jane Batten, James Everett, Geraldine Ford, Nick Houlton, Alison Howard, Hugo King, Jane Oosthuizen, Rosemary Porter, Dorian and Kathleen Haskard

Chew Stoke Sidespeople: Mesdames: Down, Downey, Kilroy, Limburn, Patch, Manville, McInnis, and Troup,
Messrs: Jameson and Moorhouse.

Website

A reminder that full details of forthcoming services and events in our benefice of Chew Valley West can be found on our website: www.chewvalleywest.org

Letter from our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

One of the many privileges of ministering here in the Chew Valley is being able to attend our Church Schools and, in turn, welcome children and staff from our schools into their churches. Recently, children from Winford and Chew Stoke Church Schools attended their parish churches to thank God for the gifts of Harvest and to leave Foodbank donations to be distributed to those in need.

These services are always colourful, vibrant and uplifting occasions. Soon children and staff will be returning for their Christmas services and will be back again on several occasions in spring and summer next year. In the meantime, Revd Fran and I enjoy leading worship in our schools each week and always look forward to welcoming the youngest Reception-class children for a special visit when they get to ask the Rector lots of difficult questions.

In my time here I have been asked lots of questions by our youngest children. One of my favourites followed an explanation of what the Font is, and how we use it to hold water for Holy Baptism. A young boy raised his hand and asked, 'Does it have a plughole?'. Good question (it does!).

Recently I was asked by a five-year-old whether we should pray to God, or Jesus, or both. That's the sort of deep question that really stops me in my tracks. In one of his most profound teachings, Jesus told us that we have no hope of receiving the gift of the Kingdom of God unless we do so like a child (Mark 10:15). What could he mean? Jesus loved children and held them in his arms as examples of humility, love, simple obedience and trust. These are the qualities that Jesus wants to see in those who follow him—young and old.

It also means we shouldn't be afraid to ask lots of good questions about our faith. If you're stuck, ask a child for suggestions!

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Church News

Holy Communion with Intercessions for Healing is held in our group of parishes on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10.30am.



Wednesday 6th November 2024

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 20th November 2024

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

Wednesday 4th December 2024

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'
(Matthew 11:18)



Sparklers pre-school group

Sparklers will be held on **Monday 18th November**
in **Winford Church at 1.45pm**

Please spread the word to families who may be interested
in an hour of fellowship, activities, conversation, and refreshments.



Contemplative Prayer Group

Our **Contemplative Prayer Group** meets on the first Monday
of each month between 10.30am and 11.30am
in St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke
led by Rev Dr Victor Barley. Please note the new starting time.



Mind and Spirit

continues on

Wednesday 27th November
at 10.30 in Felton Village Hall.

Church and Community conversations
around memory loss

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 Fran for more information at curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com, or on 01934 340682.

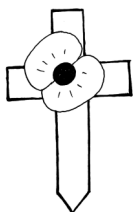
SUNDAY

First

Our next All-age Worship 'Sunday First' will be held in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on **Sunday 3rd November** beginning at 10.00am with refreshments and a craft activity, followed by worship from 10.15am. All welcome!



A special All Souls' **Service of Remembrance** for departed loved ones will be held on **Sunday 3rd November** at **6.30pm** in **St Andrew's, Chew Stoke**. This is an opportunity for the families of those who have been bereaved in recent years to remember their loved one by being present at this gentle service of music, readings and prayers, and by lighting a candle. You are most welcome to attend.



Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

On Remembrance Sunday, 10th November there will be an Act of Remembrance as part of our Eucharist in St Andrew's at 10.30am. On this occasion we look forward to welcoming members of the congregation of Chew Stoke Methodist Chapel. The preacher will be the Rector.

An Act of Remembrance will be held in St Andrew's on Armistice Day, Monday 11th November beginning at 10.45am

If you would like to be part of creating the Lower Chew Forest, a new woodland on the community's doorstep, please go to www.avonneedstreets.org.uk to make your donation today.



Charity Soup Lunch

Wednesday 6th November

12.30 till 1.30 in the Village Hall

See you there for homemade soup and cakes!

£6 entrance, £1 for children under 5



Community Choir & Childrens' Choir

The adults will meet again in **Winford Church** on **Wednesday 13th November** at **7.00pm**. 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.

Our young singers from Mini Melodies and Jubilee Children's Choirs have begun rehearsals and it has been wonderfully encouraging to welcome new members. Is your child aged 7–11? Do they enjoy singing? Could they benefit from the many rewards of singing in a choir and learning the basics of music and rhythm? If so, we would love to hear from you. Rehearsals are held in Chew Stoke Church School on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school term. Please contact the Rector or Carole Hope for more information: CHope@chewstokeacademy.org

Village Shop Break-in

Following the very upsetting and shocking incident of a break in at the village shop late on Saturday 5th October, villagers have organised a GoFundMe fundraiser to help towards the cost of installing security shutters at the shop. If you would like to show your support by making a contribution to this, please see the Village Telegraph FB page, or give a donation in an envelope in the collection box at the shop. The tenants at the shop, Thaya and his wife Holly would like to express their gratitude for all the kindness and support they have received from the community.

Benefice of Chew Valley West

Diocese of Bath & Wells November Services

	Sunday 3 November All Saints'	Sunday 10 November The Third Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 17 November The Second Sunday before Advent	Sunday 24 November Christ the King	Sunday 1 December The First Sunday of Advent
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.00am Sunday First 6.30pm Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed	10.30am Service of Remembrance	6.30pm Evensong		6.30pm Evensong
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist			3.30pm Advent Carol Service with Christingles
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Eucharist	9.00am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Eucharist			11.00am Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Evensong for All Souls	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Even- song VEN TONY WILDS	6.30pm Evensong
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON	10.30am Eucharist		

St Andrews November Rota

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: 2nd Cynthia & Liz W 9th Ruth Dunlevy 16th & 23rd tba
Cleaning & Brass: Cynthia & Liz W.

Readers & Sidespeople

Sunday 3rd November, 10.30am Sunday First Sidesperson: Cynthia

6.30pm Service of Remembrance for departed loved ones

Readers: Andrew & Hazel P Wisdom 3: 1-9 John 14: 1-6

Sidespeople: Jessica & Lyndsey

Sunday 10th November, 10.30am Service of Remembrance with Eucharist

Readers: Jerry & Sue C. Ecclesiasticus 51: 1-12 Matthew 5: 1-12

Sidespeople: Sarah M & Cynthia

Sunday 17th November, 6.30pm, Evensong

Readers: Lyndsey & Liz W. Daniel 12: 1-3 Mark 13: 1-8

Sidespeople: Clare Downey & Andrew

December Dates for your Diary

Wednesday December 4th

Christmas Wreath making at Nempnett Village Hall 7pm

Foliage and equipment provided.

Names to Jane Batten: battenjane9@gmail.com or 07903711355.



Saturday 7th December

'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS'

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Raising funds for the village hall All ages welcome!

Sunday December 15th

Nempnett Christmas Breakfast at Nempnett Village Hall

from 10 to 12 o'clock

Christmas decorations for sale

Full English Breakfast with coffee, tea and orange juice £10 per person

or Continental Breakfast £5 per person

In aid of the village hall and the Salvation Army Please Join Us.



A concert for St Andrews Day, Patron Saint of Singers

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Vesperae solennes de confessore
Camille Saint Saëns, Requiem Bob Chilcott, Creation Song*

Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna, BS40 8PW

Tickets: £15 (£6 for children and students) available through our website
or on the door

www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk



The Country Market is a not for profit Co-operative market providing a venue for local producers to offer high quality home made products – all kinds of baked products, local organic vegetables, eggs, smoked fish and meats and a variety of craft. **We are looking for a new Treasurer from January 2025.** Can you help with this voluntary role? (Expenses paid.) The role would require just two and a half hours attendance on a Friday morning, 9.am until 11.30a.m. Taking payments by card reader, cash or phone and later that day tallying receipts from customers with producers invoices. Producers are paid monthly on line. Simple Quarterly and Annual accounts would need to be produced for four Committee meetings a year and submitted to the National Head Office of Country Markets Ltd.

The Market will not be able to continue after Christmas 2024 without a Treasurer so we do hope someone will be able to help the Market continue to provide local wholesome products and a meeting place for friends. The market would normally re-start after a Christmas break in the second week of January. Meanwhile, we welcome new customers to the market every Friday 9.30am – 11am at the Lower Old School Room. We will have our Christmas Special market with Christmas cakes, puddings, mince pies on Friday 13th December.

Hazel Wedlake (Market Manager) hazelwedlake@gmail.com 01275 332 812



School News



It has been a very busy start to the academic year at Chew Stoke Church School.

Earlier this term Mr Hewett (Headteacher), Miss Hennessy and the PE Council attended the [Team Modeshift](#) Stars School of the Region event. We can proudly announce that, for the fourth year running, Chew Stoke Church School has won both the Local Authority and the South West Region School of the Year Awards for our commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel, especially for journeys to and from school. There are over 1,000 schools nationally who hold accreditations with Modeshift Stars and only a handful are put forward for these awards. It is an amazing achievement! We will now



progress to the National Awards which will take place in London in March.



The school had a wonderful start to the academic year with a Harvest Celebration at St Andrews Church. Led by the Reverend Ian and the Reverend Fran, our students took turns sharing readings, poems, and songs, creating a truly special service. We were delighted by the generous harvest gifts brought in by the children. These have been donated to the Community of the Sisters Church in Bristol, which

provides vital support to families and homeless charities in the area.

Chew Valley Community Transport Scheme Urgently Needs More Volunteers!

If you, or anyone that you know, might be interested in volunteering for CVCT, either as a driver or by joining our team of coordinators, please contact us to ask for more information:

CVCT phone number: 01275 333430 – or email: cvct.coordinator@gmail.com

Speeding in the village At the meeting we concluded that there are 3 main speeding issues: chronic speeding; acute issues of very high speeds; and incidents of the anti-social behaviour such as bikes using the road at Herons Green as a race track and consequent danger and noise disturbance. The latter issue has been reported repeatedly to Avon & Somerset (A&S) Police, and to the local MP Dan Norris.

CSPC discussed the possible options for autospeedwatch cameras/other solutions. CSPC agreed that it was necessary to acquire data from A&S Police to be able to evidence the problem. CSPC are also supportive of a pavement from Stoke Hill to Woodford Lodge, this has been considered before (last time in 2022). Actions agreed:

To Set up a working group to move proposals forward – including one member of CSPC
To liaise with Highways at B&NES at an early opportunity, they are responsible for roads and hold the budget.

The working group to consider costings and funding opportunities (crowd funding, increasing precept, grants (eg Bristol Airport due to increase in traffic because of airport expansion).

The working group to devise a method of recording incidents and to ensure these are reported to A&S Police.

To review the Community Speedwatch group being reinstated in the village.

To work with Councillor Harding to acquire speeding data, and consider grant from Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund for technology if that will help.

Bristol Road 'crossing' proposal – CSPC reviewed the latest proposals from B&NES Highways team regarding a modified 'crossing' on Bristol Road. **Residents are encouraged to contact CSPC if they have any questions or concerns about the proposals which may be confirmed soon (details are available from the Clerk if needed).** Work to be completed this financial year. CSPC noted that a crossing had been requested by residents and supported by the Ward Councillor on their behalf. However, it is not possible to have any type of crossing or raised road surface without street lights and CSPC also received feedback that villagers do not want lighting in the village as it interferes with dark sky policy and impacts our rural setting. The latest proposal from B&NES includes a buff-coloured area of road at the Quarry Hay junction. The corners of Quarry Hay will be built out slightly to make the crossing distance across Bristol Road shorter. Bollards to be installed along the Quarry Hay side of Bristol Road from The Stoke Inn to Rectory Field to prevent pavement parking as it impedes the sight lines for anyone trying to cross the road. B&NES have confirmed it is not possible to have a crossing at the current crossing point of choice (Bilbie Road footpath & shop - to Quarry Hay & Primary School) because it would be too close to the narrow section of road. Finally, the original proposed location by B&NES south of Quarry Hay would have meant it would not be used as it was too far South compared to the natural crossing point to / from the school and the shop by Quarry Hay.

Ward Councillors report: NPPF and Local Plan - BANES proposed extra allocation of housing being opposed by Council. 80% of extra housing needed in Bath is affordable homes - therefore needs funding. **PTO Continued next page**

Parish Council Report Continued UNESCO world heritage status of Bath means most of proposed new homes would need to be built in NE Somerset. Consultation Mendip AONB / National Landscape Management Plan: <https://mendiphills-nl.org.uk/caring/management-plan/>

No increase in community Beat Officers likely for minimum of 2 years- funding needs to be put in place in April, then bid for, then staff recruited and trained.

A368 and Active Travel Masterplan consultations- reviewing all responses. Not yet published. Next meeting **Thursday 7th November** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

Clubs & Societies



At the **MAJESTIC**
Aka Chew Stoke Village hall
Thursday 28th November

Kes (PG)

Bullied at school and ignored and abused at home, Billy Caspar (David Bradley), a 15 year old working-class Yorkshire boy, tames and trains his pet kestrel falcon who he names Kes. Helped and encouraged by his English teacher Mr Fathing (Colin Welland) and his fellow students, Billy finally finds a positive purpose to his unhappy existence, until tragedy strikes. A special screening of a timeless classic.



The **Curry lunch** will be held on **Friday 15th November** at our usual venue at Ubley Parish Hall, BS40 8PN. You will be treated to a superb curry lunch and sumptuous desserts, served in a convivial atmosphere. We will have a cash bar and a raffle.

Why not make up a party of friends or family and enjoy our event. It is always a very popular occasion, and early booking is strongly advised to avoid disappointment. The ticket price is £15 pp. (unchanged from 2023) Booking can be made by contacting: email rnlichewvalley@gmail.com or phone **01275 331074**. The RNLI exists and operates through the goodwill of volunteers and supporters and we in the Chew Valley Branch are desperately short of two or three committee members to help run events. The work is not onerous as we meet generally just a few times a year. If you feel you could spare just a small amount of time helping as a committee member, please make contact through the above to find out more. Thank you.



Tuesday 5th November *The Car in Art and the Car as Art*
with Julian Richards.

Julian will showcase the sometimes unsettling relationship between cars and art - From its introduction as a symbol of avant-garde art, through the Art Deco, to the present day when the car has become the canvas for the likes of Andy Warhol, Damien Hurst and Peter Blake.

The talk will begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. We always welcome new members - further details available on

www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk

CHEW VALLEY HISTORY SOCIETY Email: russpeters@btinternet.com

On Weds 6th November Tony Coverdale of the Saltford Brass Mill Project will give a lecture "Powered by the River Chew - Chewton Mendip to Keynsham, 25 Mills". This talk is long awaited as it was booked previously and had to be cancelled because of the Covid pandemic lockdown.

We shall meet as usual in the Millenium Hall, doors open 7.15. for 7.45. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available after the talk.

4th December: The History of the Magic Lantern

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall where there is easy access and parking.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 14th November where Richard Higgins will talk on 'Soil'.

The competition will be a bunch of Autumn Foliage.

If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol on 01275 333456 or just come along, you are warmly invited.



Chew Valley U3A Ubley Parish Hall

.At the meeting of Chew Valley U3A at Ubley Parish Hall on 18th November there will be a talk by Mendip Caving Rescue Org. including the Thailand Rescue. All will be welcome when the doors open at 10 am.

Friendly **Keep-Fit class at 10am on Tuesday mornings at Chew Stoke Village Hall.** Just bring a mat to join in aerobic movement to music followed by floor exercises. Only £5 a session!

A party atmosphere prevailed at the Group Meeting held on 2nd October. Mike Dilger entertained us royally with stories of his love of birds and how he came to be a Wildlife presenter setting a jovial atmosphere for the evening. Members enjoyed a ploughman's supper and

it was a shame to have to bring conversations to a close as time ran out.

Group Members joined enthusiastically in singing Jerusalem and the National Anthem. The Wildlife photograph competition was won by Pat Peel. (See photo)

This was followed by our usual monthly meeting – a special occasion again as friends and family were invited to enjoy an evening with auctioneer and valuer Chris Yeo often seen on Antiques Road Show. He, again, was very entertaining, explaining how the programme was run and how he became part of it. A few items were valued - a trinket box, an Ebony figurehead, a

mystery object (which remained a mystery !) and a ceramic pottery cat promoting the Suffragettes which was valued at £150! As many people know, there is no sale for "brown furniture" any more, the current trend being minimalist.



Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting on Wed. November 20th. We are hoping to get another volunteer by then to help with the Treasurer's role. The WI cannot function without a treasurer. Please consider helping out as we have an excellent programme arranged for next year and a good membership.

Hazel Wedlake (President) 01275 332 812

Debbie Storey (Secretary) debbiestorey@uwclubnet

CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB Our open Christmas demonstration, '**Festive Floral Fantasy**', given by Arnaud Metairie will take place in Bishop Sutton village hall on **November 4th**. This is sure to be a spectacular evening. You will not be disappointed. There will be drinks and nibbles, and tickets are on sale at £10 for members, and £15 for visitors obtainable from our secretary, Anne, on 01275 835691.

We normally meet twice monthly, on Monday evenings, in Compton Martin Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. Give us a try! Joyce Burton 01761 462560



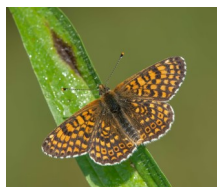
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