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Details of our services, events, contacts and Safeguarding policies are on our Benefice website:
www.chewvalleywest.org



Worship in Our Churches

April 2024

SUNDAY 7th APRIL

9.00 am
10.30 am
6.30 pm

REGIL - St James
CHEW STOKE - St Andrew
STOWEY - St Nicholas & St Mary

Second Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 14th APRIL

8.30 am
9.30 am
10.30 am
11.00 am

STOWEY - St Nicholas & St Mary
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL - St Mary
BISHOP SUTTON - Holy Trinity
FELTON - St Katharine

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Morning Worship
Eucharist

SUNDAY 21st APRIL

8.30 am
10.30 am
6.30 pm

REGIL - St James
BISHOP SUTTON - Holy Trinity
CHEW STOKE - St Andrew

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 28th APRIL

9.00 am
11.00 am
6.30 pm
6.30 pm

FELTON - St Katharine
WINFORD - St Mary & St Peter
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL - St Mary
STOWEY - St Nicholas & St Mary

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong
Evensong



Restoring Winford Church

We hope to begin moving back to church during April and, after a deep clean, hold our first worship there at **11.00 am** on **Sunday 28th April**. Details of a special Service of Thanksgiving will be announced soon.

St. James Church, Regil – Cleaning Rota - Easter

April – Di Cox and Maria

From the Rector



After what has seemed like an endless winter, can we finally say that spring has arrived? I love the Valley at this time of year and have yet to meet anyone who doesn't look forward to the bursts of colour along the hedgerows and in our gardens. Last year turned out to be a bumper year for daffodils. Will they put on such a good show this year? All this spring colour, accompanied by longer and—hopefully—warmer days can really lift our spirits.

The month of April is a celebration of 'new life' in our churches and schools too. Easter Day announces that Jesus is alive and that his love for us bursts out of the darkness of despair and death.

There is a lovely detail in the Resurrection Story in St John's Gospel that I think about when I see spring flowers at Easter (John 20: 11–15). In John's telling of Jesus being raised from the dead, the setting is a garden. Jesus, who was crucified three days before, has been placed in a cold, dark tomb — a place of death in the middle of a place of new life.

Mary Magdalen, who had been a devoted follower of Jesus, goes to the garden early in the morning to tend the grave of her friend. When she sees that the tomb has been disturbed and the body of Jesus taken, she is distraught. She turns to talk to someone whom she supposes to be 'the gardener'. Of course, she does not realise that this 'gardener' is Jesus until he speaks her name. She has made a mistake. Or has she?

The Risen Jesus is indeed 'the gardener'! The one who lovingly cares and nurtures us. The one who sees the potential in our dry seeds and waits patiently for us to burst into life, tending us every day.

Could we allow Jesus The Gardener to help us grow in faith this spring?

Yours in Christ

Tan K. Mills +

Parking at St. Katharine's, Felton



A reminder that parking is available at the Village Hall during services. We are grateful to the Village Hall committee who have agreed to make their carpark available. We ask that those who are able would make use of the Hall carpark in addition to the spaces by the Common.

Sparklers



Sparklers will be held on **Monday 15th April** 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.

Prayer



Our **Contemplative Prayer Group** will continue to meet in **St Andrew's, Chew Stoke**, on **Monday 8th April 2024** and **Monday 6th May 2024** at **10.00am**.

Community Choir



The next Community Choir session will be held on **Wednesday 17th April 2024** at **7.00 pm**. We hope that restoration work to Winford Church will be complete allowing us to rehearse as usual in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford.

Midweek Holy Communion

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



Wednesday 3rd April 2024

**St. Katharine's, Felton
at 10.30 am**

Wednesday 17th April 2024

**St. Andrew's, Chew Stoke
at 10.30 am**

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'

(Matthew 11:18)



Sunday First

Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' worship will recommence on **Sunday 5th May 2024** at **Winford Church** at **11.00 am**.

Breakfast and craft activities will be provided followed by a short act of worship.

Worship is Key

In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian soldiers' that remain popular today. He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. 'To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God'.

The current edition of Manna contains encouraging stories of New Christian Worshipping Communities in Bath and Wells. Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: 'It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important, and conduct tests it.'

Bishop Michael

Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells

Job Vacancy - Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer- Winford Parish Council,

Due to the forthcoming retirement of our Parish Clerk, Winford Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic and highly motivated individual for the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). Whilst training will be available, the successful candidate will need good, up-to-date financial, IT, communication, administrative and literacy skills, together with the ability to work largely autonomously.

The Clerk is responsible for managing the council's day-to-day business, providing independent and objective advice, implementing council decisions, preparing meeting agendas and minutes, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements and overseeing budgets and assets. The council does not employ any other staff, but there would be some liaison with external contractors.

The Clerk works flexibly from home on a **part-time basis (19 hours per week)**. A small amount of evening work is necessary, including attending the monthly meetings of the Parish Council, but the remainder of the time is largely self-managed. Some travel within the Parish is needed and your own transport will be essential. A fixed monthly allowance will be provided to cover working from home and travel expenses.

Salary will be subject to experience and qualifications but will be on the NALC pay scale range for Clerks, starting at **£12.63 per hour**.

Further information can be obtained from the current Parish Clerk, Paula Shelley, on 01761 453046. To apply please send a CV with a covering letter explaining how your knowledge and experience meets the requirements of the job, to Winford Parish Council at winfordpc@gmail.com

Applications to be received no later than 15th May 2024

Full details of job description can be found on www.winfordpc.gov.uk

<u>Winford Village Hall</u>	<u>Tea and Try It</u>
Monday 29th April 2.00 – 4.00 pm Spring Wreath Making and Gentle Movement to Music	
Free Event with Teac, Coffee and Cake.	
Contact Tina 07502 641805	tina@wern.org.uk
Delivered by the West of England Rural Network & Alive Activities Funded by the UK SPF	

Winford Village Hall (written 16th March)

The Bingo evening was a roaring success as usual with lots of prizes. Thank you all those who organised it, served food and washed up and of course joined in to make it an enjoyable evening.

The table sale is on 24th March and we have a good mix of things for sale. If it is a success it can become a regular event.

I'd like to welcome a new member, (Karen Holliday), who has joined our committee.

If anyone is confident using Facebook, we can do with help advertising events and raising the profile of the hall.

Just contact one of us if at all able to help

Present members to contact

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Joe Herring	01275 474270	joe1wigwam@aol.com
Lynne Barnes	01275472628	lynne@thecomunicators.uk

We will be holding our AGM in the summer: this will be advertised in the next edition of this magazine.

Denise Poole on behalf of the committee

Winford Community Shop News April 2024

Following a large amount of work the Shop Committee are pleased to report progress in securing the long-term future of the shop.

A potential purchaser of the freehold of the shop and cottage has indicated that he will be prepared to lease the shop premises to us on a long-term lease which would secure the future of the shop for several generations. To facilitate this some changes to the premises are required to separate the cottage from the shop and provide a new pedestrian access to the cottage by demolishing the existing lean-to and replacing it with a dry and secure stockroom with access to the cottage down the side.

The committee are starting the application process with the Community Ownership Fund which, if successful, should provide a significant proportion of the funds that will be needed to purchase the lease and undertake the lean-to conversion work. However, additional finance will need to be raised by a combination of a Community Share Offer, fundraising and a commercial loan.

We will keep you informed and, in the meantime, please keep using the shop as much as possible. New volunteers are always welcome to help in its running and contributing to the long-term future of the shop.

On behalf of the Shop Committee Simon Martin

Winford Coffee Morning.

Our next coffee morning will be **Tuesday 9th April at The Prince of Waterloo Pub from 11.00am**. Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones. This is a regular event held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Contact Lyndsay Newman, Village Agent 07967 345559.

Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

In March we had a talk from the Alzheimer's Society and Dementia Support Service, which was very interesting and useful. Especially as we discussed the fact that our Doctor's Surgery was in BANES but we lived in North Somerset.

This month's talk will be learning about **Waste and Recycling in North Somerset** with the opportunity to have your questions answered. The meeting starts at **7.45 pm in Felton Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April**. Visitors are always welcome.

Viv Etheridge

Felton Village Hall

Friday 3rd May starting at 7.30 pm, The Twerzels (A Wurzels tribute band) are performing at the hall. This promises to be a great fun evening costing **£12.50 each including a ploughman's supper**. **Tickets available from Paul Hatherell 01275 472802 or Kathryn Tooth 07919 094725**. Numbers are limited so please purchase your tickets now as the last few events have been a sell-out.

Thank you to everybody who supported the last film night of this season, it was great to see it was so popular. These will resume again in September.

100 club winners for March were number 172 Mr M Lee and 162 Mrs A Britton. The draw took place at the last film evening. Anybody wishing to join 100 club and have a chance to win each month please contact Paul 472802 or Viv 472921. It is very easy to join and you would help with the running costs of the hall.

Felton/Regil/Winford Community Transport

Here are the trips for April to June. If you would like to book for any of these ring me on **01275 472440 or 07796 445091**, If I am out please leave a message and I will ring you back.

Unless otherwise stated, all trips are half-days leaving to come home at about 12.15 pm. If any of these are under-booked they may have to be changed or cancelled.

Date	Destination	Return fare
Thursday 18 April	Wells	£7.00
Monday 29 April	Weston-super-Mare	£7.00
Thursday 9 May	Clevedon	£7.00
Friday 31 May	Minehead	£10.00 Full day
Monday 10 June	Clarks Village, Street	£8.00 Return 1.00 pm
Thursday 20 June	Bath	£7.00 Return 1.00 pm

Felton Flower Show Society - Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 4th May 11.00 am - 2.30 pm at The Barn, Felton House, Felton

As last year, Rob & Terri have kindly agreed to host our Event at their home at Felton House, Upper Town Lane, with opportunities for those interested to take a timed tour to view the progress of the ongoing restoration of this historic Grade II Listed property.

There will be a first tour at 10.00am, with a gap until 12 noon in order to allow those wanting to purchase plants to do so when the plant sale opens at 11.00am. There will be good quality plants at bargain prices, which are sure to sell fast!!

In the gardens there will be our usual book and puzzle stall and a garden stall with useful garden tools, planters and baskets etc. Donations for this would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested in having a stall themselves, please contact our Secretaries Viv or Anne to discuss. (Contact details Page 18)

The Village Hall committee, as last year, will provide refreshments, drinks and cakes and any donations of cakes will be very welcomed by Angela at the house on the morning.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale. **Entry to the house and refreshments is £5.00** at the gate where tour times will be available.

Proceeds from the day will be shared as last year between the Flower Show Society, Village Hall and St.Katharine's Church

On this, the Flower Show Society's 70th Year, let's make it a great Community Village Event Do come along and support us. Any help on the day will be greatly welcomed.

Diary for April at a Glance

Wed 3	Mobile Library	Lulsgate, Coombe Dale Felton, George & Dragon Regil, Regil Green	10.40 – 11.00 am 11.05 – 11.25 am 11.40 am – 12 noon
Fri 5	Craft	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00 pm
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Tues 9	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00 am
Tues 9	Felton & Winford Tues Group	Felton Village Hall	7.45 pm
Wed 10	Mobile Library	Winford Lay-by on main road	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
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Mon 15	Sparklers	St. Mary & St Peter, Winford	1.45 pm
Mon 15	Winford Parish Council	Felton Village Hall	7.30 pm
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Thurs 18	Mini Bus Trip	Wells	See Page 9
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Mon 29	Mini Bus Trip	Weston-super-Mare	See Page 9
Mon 29	Tea and Try	Winford Village Hall	See Page 6
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Chew Valley Choral Society

Chew Valley Choral Society present a programme of anthems and sacred pieces from across the centuries, from the early Renaissance to the Present Day. The works will cover many moods, from the darkness of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Day, and there will be some new works to discover alongside some more familiar classics.

Saturday 18th May 2024 at 7.30 pm
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

Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help

April 3rd The Queens, Chew Magna April 17th Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

Having difficulty using the Green Buses, WESTLink App or website to book a ride? Or do you have problems with your wifi system 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 Busters are holding face to face sessions, thanks to The Queens pub in Chew Magna and the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke. So do visit **Gadget Busters** who are here to help. Either book an appointment by e-mailing **cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com** or turn up on the day.

We hold two, 2-hour sessions each month from **12.30 to 2.30 pm** on a Wednesday. The first Wednesday of each month is at The Queens pub, Silver Street, Chew Magna, and the third Wednesday of each month at the Stoke Inn, Bristol Road, Chew Stoke. **It costs £3.00 per appointment**, all of which will go to charity.

The Pound, Chew Magna.

You are warmly invited to the **Church Hall, Silver Street, Chew Magna, on Sunday 12th May at 2.30 pm** to hear Jim Pimpernel present his illustrated talk **'The Agricultural Revolution 1700 to 1850'**.

This was a period of massive change, not only within the country and the Chew Valley, but also in the role served by village pounds. So huge were the developments that Jim proposes that the Industrial Revolution may not have occurred as it did, and our societies may have made less progress, had the agricultural revolution not developed as it did.

Pounds were not an isolated feature, but an essential benefit, common in villages throughout much of the country. The Parish Council strongly recognises the heritage value provided by the Pound and have provided vital help and financial support for the current work.

Jennie Anderson, BA MA MCIA, Archaeological Illustrator and Reconstruction Artist – who designed, amongst many others, the information boards for English Heritage at Stanton Drew, will be introducing her progress on the display boards for the Pound.

After the talk, tea and cake will be available, courtesy of Annie Sewart, and are included in the **£8 per head, £16 a family, contribution** - all of which will be put towards the heritage restoration. No Tickets, but an **e-mail or telephone call to help with catering will be much appreciated.**

If you cannot attend, but would like details of the project, or require further details of the Pound, and /or future heritage projects please contact: **Robin Cade - rcade47@gmail.com, 01275 333450.**

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meet on the second Thursday of the month at **8.00 pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall** where there is easy access and parking.

On the 11th April, John Addison will talk on 'Soft Fruits'.

The competition will be for a Houseplant.

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

Chew Valley Snails

Spring will soon be here, and what better time to have a go at learning how to run? Or maybe you used to run and you would really like to get back into it again?

There will be 2 new Couch to 5K (C25K) Courses starting on **April 8th (evening) and April 9th (morning)**, a 10-week Course where you will be coached towards managing to run 5K.

The cost is **£35.00, which covers your 10-week course, your annual Chew Valley Snail membership and a neck buff.**

On completion of the Course, the Chew Valley will be your oyster. You will gain the confidence to join in with the variety of runs that are on offer. It is a well-known fact that being outside in the fresh air will help your mental health by releasing endorphins as well as boosting your vitamin D uptake. Find us on Facebook ChewValleySnails and on Runtogether/Chewvalleysnails

Valley Arts

Local performing arts charity Valley Arts are back this month with a fabulous programme of events.

- **Music Club Night with Gabriel Moreno** - the master alchemist of poetry and song returns with his unique blend of Americana Folk music. **Friday 5th April - 7.30pm, Old School Rooms, Chew Magna.**
- **Jazz Jam** - monthly open floor session with a lively local jazz band. **Thursday 11th April - 7.30pm The Pelican, Chew Magna.**
- **Open Mic Music Night at The Pony** - supportive audience and local music from new and established acts. **Tuesday 16th April- 7.30pm, Chew Magna.**
- **Baby Boppers with Rock the Tots** - an interactive pre-school music class with lots of fun! **Wednesday 20th Mar – 11.00am Chew Magna Baptist Church**
- **Funny Mummy** - actress and comedienne Alyssa Kyria in her hilarious show! **Friday 26th April – 8.00pm Compton Martin Village Hall**

Tickets for all events can be booked via the Valley Arts website www.valley-arts.co.uk.

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Chew Valley U3A

will hold its monthly meeting at **Ubley Parish Hall at 10.00 am on Monday, 15th April, when Richard Rickitt will present a talk "Introducing the Amazing Honeybee"**. Members and guests are welcome.

Chew Valley Flower Club

Our next meeting after our Easter break will be a **day workshop on April 15th** Unfortunately, the requirements for this are not available at the moment.

We would be pleased to welcome you to one of our meetings, which take place in Compton Martin Village Hall, fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm **Joyce Burton. 01761 462560**

Chew Pet and Craft Show, 8th June, Church Hall, Chew Magna - It's Time to get Crafting

The show is for all ages and to enter all classes is free of charge. Choose from the craft classes below, you can enter as many as you like, and classes are judged in age groups.

Let's get crafting!

Special Classes for 2024

1. Hedgehog drawing	7. A poem about a hedgehog
2. Hedgehog painting	8. Bake a hedgehog cake
3. Hedgehog photograph	9. Bake a family of hedgehog biscuits
4. Hand-made hedgehogs – from kit	10. Max. 200 words about your memories of the traditional 'Chew Magna Fair'.
5. Hand-made hedgehogs – own design	11. An article, photograph, or report featuring the traditional 'Chew Magna Fair'
6. Pick a hedgehog picture to inspire you to write a story or just describe why you like it.	12. Your memories of the Fair King and Queen in up to 100 words

Regular Classes for 2024

1. A potato print of a pet	10. A pet made from recycled materials
2. A cake decorated with a pet design – only the decoration to be judged	11. A posed photograph of a pet, an animal, or a bird
3. Handmade dog biscuits	13. An action photograph
4. A pet made from vegetables and/or fruit	14. Photograph of a dog/s on holiday
5. A vase of flowers to attract wildlife	15. Animal or pet artwork
6. A handmade birthday card for your pet	16. A short poem about your pet or an imagined pet
7. A decorated paper plate with a pet, animal, bird, fish design. Any medium.	17. Max. 200 words about pets, adventures with pets, or animals
8. A design for your ideal pet robot!	18. Bring along a non-living pet – such as a teddy – treasured and loved by you
9. A pet design from pressed flowers or leaves	

Submit entries 5.30 - 7.00 pm on Friday 7th June or 8.30 -10.30 am on Saturday 8th June

Your Support and Entries are very much appreciated

To volunteer or for more info contact Robin Cade

t. 01275 333450 or e. rcade47@gmail.com

Redhill Village Hall/Club - Up and Coming Events 2024

Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG. Tel: 01934 862619. Redhillvillagehall@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook

April

Open Mic Night from 7.30 pm Friday 5th April

If you are a musician or performing artist, please come along and show us what you can do!

Free entry. Food drinks and a great atmosphere. See you there.

May

Open Mic Night from 7.30 pm Friday 3rd May

Classic Car BBQ and Motorcycle Gathering from 7.00 pm

June

Open Mic Night from 7.30 pm Friday 7th June

Redstock Festival 2024 Saturday 22nd June

Six Live Bands, local traders, food stalls, craft breweries, kids zone.

Further details to follow.

Book advance tickets online at Redstock.live.

Coffee Room (Opening days and times)

Wednesdays: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Every other Sunday: 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Redhill Live

Find further details about our events

Online Ticketing (where applicable)

Latest News, updates and much more

Barrow Gurney Cricket Club

Indoor nets conclude at the end of March and weather permitting it is hoped to **start outdoor training on Saturday 13 April at 11.00 am, continuing thereafter on Tuesday evenings (6.00 pm onwards)**.

The club has attracted several new players, and it is hoped to arrange some additional fixtures on Sundays to ensure everyone gets the chance to play. If you are interested in joining us, then please get in touch. You don't need to be the next Joe Root or Jimmy Anderson, just enthusiastic and willing to join in the friendly club atmosphere with our other players (male and female). We have players joining us who have played for previous clubs, some who have not played since schooldays and others who are just starting out.

The first match of the season is a friendly against St Mary Redcliffe on Saturday 20 April with further friendlies against Leema (21st), Blagdon (27th) and Charlton Super Kings (28th) before the League season starts on 4th May. Barrow's First XI will start at home against Bristol Lions, whilst the 2nds head to Lodway for their first outing.

A village club depends on its volunteers, and we were delighted to see 15 head up to the pavilion for the big spring clean. Meanwhile we have been delighted to welcome back our existing sponsors, Audioistic, M J Patch & Co and Lawton Bros Scaffolding. In addition, we are grateful to Butcombe Brewery for joining the Barrow family and we look forward to stocking a range of their products this season.

All we need now is a few weeks of dry weather and all will be set for our 150th anniversary season.

For more information contact Mark Forge on 07884 122301 or email barrowgurneycricket@gmail.com or see our website: <https://barrowgurneycc.co.uk>



Do you find Reading Difficult?

To learn to read in the south of North Somerset contact:

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nosocoordinator1@readeasy.org.uk

To learn to read in the north of North Somerset contact:

Carrie Riches 07340 772 334

nosocoordinator2@readeasy.org.uk

ReadEasy offers free, one-to-one coaching to adults who want to learn to read. This takes place with trained volunteer Reading Coaches.

You can find out more about ReadEasy at: <https://readeasy.org.uk/about-us/>

Are you a Responsible Dog Owner?

The Community Response Team are on patrol across North Somerset tackling irresponsible dog ownership. If you are in charge of a dog anywhere in North Somerset, The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) requires, at minimum. That you must:

- Keep your dog(s) under close control at all times
- Carry a poo bag
- Bag it and bin it, please don't fling it
- Keep your dog(s) out of children's play areas
- Do not walk more than six dogs at a time.

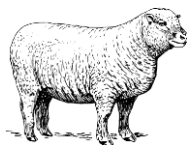


Failure to comply with a PSPO could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to you. For further details of PSPOs visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/dogcontrol

Please Remember

Some of us are pregnant now.

Please keep your dog on a lead and don't run about in our fields in case you scare us. **Thank Ewe**



Winford Parish Council Meeting – Monday 19 February 2024

Open Forum: Six members of the public attended to raise their concerns about vehicles parking on Felton Common. They were residents of properties with easements and had complaints about the condition of the track leading from the carpark to their homes. They argued that, since the track was being used by unauthorised vehicles, they should not be responsible for the resurfacing. They said that the Parish Council

should enforce the rules prohibiting driving on the Common without permission. They suggested that the village hall carpark should be opened at weekends to reduce the pressure on Church Trees carpark, and put forward proposals that more boulders should be placed to prevent parking on the Common, or that a bund or ditch could be created to stop parking. They also offered to pay for an additional “no vehicles past this point” sign. The Chair explained that there were legal restrictions on what could be done, and that the Parish Council did not have the powers to police unauthorised driving or parking on the Common. He suggested that this should be reported to the local police, who did have the powers to issue fines or to move vehicles on. He explained that the working party was looking into solutions, and that there was a possibility that the track as far as the church trees carpark might be restored in the next few months. He agreed to inform the residents via a spokesperson when anything was decided. The Parish Council agreed to look at a tree which had apparently partially fallen on the Common.

Highways and footpaths: The Clerk reported on a meeting between Parish Councillors, North Somerset Council (NSC) Highways and Councillor Waite to discuss possible measures to mitigate speeding and rat-running. A variety of solutions had been discussed. It was agreed to raise a formal request for NSC to look at the possibility of installing traffic calming measures (build outs) on West Lane/Felton Lane. The Clerk would request a site meeting with an NSC Highways engineer, to look at the damage caused by heavy traffic to the verges along Kingdown Lane and New Road. Potholes on Dial Lane, Lower Strode and Vee Lane, and a sunken verge on Upper Town Lane would be reported. It was noted that the recent prolonged rainfall had overwhelmed the road drainage system in multiple places. It was agreed to wait for drier conditions to see what needed attention. It was noted that NSC was aware of flooding on Winford High Street and was doing what they could to clear the gulleys in that location.

Enforcements: Cllr Waite reported that she had had a meeting with several NSC planners to discuss unauthorised airport parking operations. She had been supportive of the Parish Council's view that several car parks should be authorised and become subject to regulation, leaving the enforcements team to deal with the problem operations that caused issues for residents. It was noted that, as a condition of the temporary extension of the Silver Zone, the airport had been required to fund an NSC planning/parking enforcement officer for 2 years, focusing on minimising the impact of parking on local communities and ensuring that off-site car parks operated within planning regulations.

Felton Common: There had been problems with people misusing the dog waste bins, filling them with other refuse and leaving the bins overflowing between twice weekly empties. It was agreed to look at purchasing new, larger bins with restricted-size openings.

Compost site & allotments: Following adverts on social media and in the village magazine, three plots had been let at Felton Allotments and there were two couples interested in plots at Winford. The Bristol Conservation Volunteers had agreed to help tidy up the conservation area at Felton allotments. More material had been removed from the compost site, and the invoice added to the claim for reimbursement already with NSC.

Parish Property: Shaftesbury Road Cricket Club had signed a 25-year lease for the pavilion and grounds at High Winford. Winford Community Shop had been registered as an Asset of Community Interest, subject to an eight-week period during which the owner could request a review of the decision (ending on 6 April). The snooker club would submit a quotation for repairs for water damage to the club roof.

Village Magazine: It was agreed to contribute £500 towards the cost of producing a copy of the magazine for every household, but it was also agreed to ask whether the format could be changed to reduce the emphasis on church matters.

Any other business: Efforts were continuing to arrange a working group with the school and NSC, to look at possible road safety measures. The headmaster had indicated that he was fully on-board. It was agreed to remind the Police Community Support Officers that they had promised to make random checks and issue fines for unsafe parking.

Next Meeting: Monday 15 April, 7.30 pm, at Felton Village Hall

Chew Stoke Methodist Church

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Sunday Services at 10.30 am

A warm welcome awaits. Do come and join us.

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

Trustee	Alan Parker	01275 472149	
Sunday:	Evening Service		5.00 pm
Wednesday:	Prayer & Bible Study		2.30 pm
Every 3rd Thursday	Renew Wellbeing Coffee Morning		10.30 am

Communion Service third Sunday in the month

Contact Trustee for details

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Our family of Catholic Parishes: St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham St Pius Xth, Withywood;
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In the name of Jesus: Welcomed, Loved, Sent

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

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Sunday Masses:

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

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

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

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

Tel: 0117 964 6922 (out of hours mobile 07729 833 779)

Winford Parish Community Cars.

For medical and care appointments: please call

01275 333430 (Mon – Fri) 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Winford Parish Community Transport. (Mini Bus)

Jan Longden

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	James Webster	472818	Margaret Webster	472818
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Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Police	Non emergency	dial 101
Bristol Airport Community Relations Officer	Jacqui Mills	0117 4575024
District Councillors: Winford Parish	Annemieke Waite	Annemieke.Waite@n-somerset.gov.uk
Backwell Parish	Bridget Petty	
Wrington Parish	Steve Hogg	01934 863283
Backwell Parish Council Clerk	Jane Stone	464653
North Somerset Council Emergency Number		
(for use out of hours, weekends and Bank Holidays)		
Doctors Chew Medical Practice		01275 332420
Prescriptions (12 noon to 2.00 pm) Please choose Option 3 on main phone line		
Wrington		01934 852906
Downside (Flax Bourton)		01275 850600
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Avon Wildlife Trust	Annie Stewart	332482
Bristol Airport Complaints https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/contact-and-help/complaints/		
Chew Valley Choral Society	Catherine Hunt	07814 098 457
Chew Valley Children's Centre/Health Visitors		01225 395455
Chew Valley School – Head Teacher	Gareth Beynon	332272
Community Shop		472222
Cricket Club		
Felton Evergreens	Tina Clements	01179 645668
Felton Flower Show Society	Viv Etheridge	472921
	Anne Cantwell	474647
Felton & Winford Tuesday Group	Anne Cantwell	474647
Felton Village Hall Committee Sec.	Angela Britton	472223
Felton Village Hall Cttee. Letting Secretary	Kathryn Tooth	07919 094 725
Floodline (24 hour)		0345 988 1188
Guides and Brownies	Sue Curtis	333361
Rainbow Guides	Jackie Morris	474858
Regil Village Hall	Daisy George	07766 084762
Sparklers for mums, carers & young babies	Sonia Clark	472019
Table Tennis		
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 Pre-school	Claire House	472742
Winford Produce Show	Philippa Herring	474270
Winford C of E Primary School		
Head Teacher	Nik Gardner	472730
Chair of Governors	John Miles	07427 191898
Winford Village Hall Bookings	Joe Herring	474270
Winford Village Hall Secretary	Denise Poole	472797