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www.chewvalleywest.org



Worship in Our Churches

February 2024

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY

9.00 am
10.30 am
6.30 pm

REGIL – St. James
CHEW STOKE – St. Andrew
STOWEY – St. Nicholas & St. Mary

Second Sunday before Lent

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY

8.30 am
9.30 am
11.00 am

STOWEY – St. Nicholas & St. Mary
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL – St. Mary
FELTON – St. Katharine

Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY

10.30 am
7.00 pm

FELTON – St. Katharine
CHEW STOKE – St. Andrew

ASH WEDNESDAY

Eucharist (with Ashes)
Eucharist (with Ashes)

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY

8.30 am
10.30 am
6.30 pm

REGIL – St. James
BISHOP SUTTON – Holy Trinity
CHEW STOKE – St. Andrew

LENT 1

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY

9.00 am
11.00 am
6.30 pm

FELTON – St. Katharine
REGIL – St. James
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL – St. Mary

LENT 2

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong

Please note that due to restoration work, no services are currently being held in Winford. Services for the Parish of Winford will be held in St. James'. Regil. As always, you will be most welcome to worship at any of the churches in our group of parishes.

Restoring Winford Church



We are pleased to report that restoration work to replaster the internal walls of St. Mary & St. Peter's Church has begun. The contractor estimates that the project will take approximately 12 weeks to complete. In the meantime, services and other community events will be held elsewhere – please refer to this magazine for details.

St. James Church, Regil – Flower and Cleaning Rota

February – Wendy Garland and Jo Dando

From the Rector



During these early days of the 2024 I have been reflecting on some words from a much-loved hymn. It's a favourite of mine which we sing regularly—as often at weddings as we do at funerals.

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

The hymn is a simple prayer which recognises our dependence on God at every time of day and in every season of our lives. It asks God to be present with us as we go about our everyday tasks at work and at home.

I have been thinking about the opening line, especially those words 'hopefulness' and 'joy'. We can all recognise that joy and hope are often in short supply in our world. Perhaps they are also lacking in your own life, or in the lives of those dearest to you for any number of good reasons. Joy and hope can seem like things we might only glimpse in passing—if we are fortunate enough.

Yet this hymn reminds us that hope and joy are not just qualities which are part of God, there are *all* of God. God is *all* hopefulness and *all* joy. It is through his presence in our lives that we find bliss and peace in our hearts.

May God be present with you and those you love at the beginning of this New Year, and may you continue to know his loving, hopeful, joyful presence through every day and every season.

Yours, in Christ,

Tan K. Mills +

Sparklers



Sparklers will be held on **Monday 19th February** in **Winford Baptist Chapel** at **1.45pm**. Please note the temporary change of venue while Winford Church is closed for restoration work.

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 5th February** and **Monday 4th March 2024** at 10.00am.

Community Choir



The next Community Choir session will be held on **Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.00 pm**. Please note that as restoration work is being carried out in Winford Church the venue will be **Chew Stoke Village Hall**.

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 7th February 2024

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

Wednesday 21st February 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)

Ash Wednesday



The season of **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday, 14th February 2024**. Lent is an important time which prepares us for the great celebration of Easter. It is a season in which Christians should take seriously our duty repent of the sins which separate us from God, to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness, and to grow in faith and devotion to the Lord.

We will mark Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent—with the following services in our group of parishes:

Ash Wednesday, 14th February 2024

St Katharine's, Felton – Holy Communion at 10.30am
St Andrew's, Chew Stoke – Holy Communion at 7.00pm

Lent Bible Study : Acts of the Apostles



The Acts of the Apostles is a fascinating book. The longest of the New Testament, it tells the story of what God did to take the message of the Risen Jesus into all the then-known world. It begins where St Luke's Gospel ends with the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. From there it records the growth of the church as it expands geographically from Jerusalem to Rome, and both culturally and ethnically as the Good News of Jesus spreads from Jews to Gentiles.

Over five weeks we will spend time studying the early chapters of Acts in detail (probably Chapters 1–3) finding much to inspire and challenge us as the same Church of God in our time and place.

When: **Tuesdays 20th, 27th February; 5th, 12th & 19th March 2024**

Time: **12.30 – 1.30 pm**

Where: **Chew Stoke Village Hall**

Led by the Rector, Revd Dr Ian Mills & Revd Fran Smettem.

For further information please contact the Rector: chewvalleywest@gmail.com or 01275 474504

Our Precious Gift

As Christians, while we may look to reduce our own carbon footprint, we are called to be stewards and witnesses of a much more radical resource. The clue is in the word ‘ecology’.

‘Eco’ comes from the Greek word oikos, meaning house, or dwelling place. Ecology is partly about our responsibility to recognise the precious gift of the Earth, as our dwelling place: to be thankful, and play our part. God made humankind to care for the earthly world: Jesus amplifies the call, as He uses ‘nature’ as the sign of how we can live in order to flourish and to fulfil God’s will.

‘Logy’ comes from a Greek word logos interpreted as reason, the ordering of knowledge, logic. In John’s Gospel, logos is a word to describe Jesus – through whom all things are made and from whom all true knowledge comes. Logos is the word, the source of all goodness and grace, for every human life, and for all of creation.

It is the ‘logos’, the word, who inhabits our lives, our creation – inviting us to recognise His light, and allow it to overcome the darkness of our own limited concerns and agendas. We meet the logos in scripture, in worship, in prayer, and deeper reflection.

In Jesus, as logos, we can find the wisdom, the resources and the commitment to play our part in caring for creation. We are able to invite others to recognise the deeper truths about Eco, our common dwelling place, and to see more clearly how we join with others to work out what to do, how to live, and honour the gift of life that we receive through Him. The Logos is the possibility of good news for humankind and for the Earth.

What a responsibility each Christian disciple is called to bear! And what grace can be ours to enable us to fulfil our calling, and help all of God’s children become caught up in the praise and prayer that gives true life to our dwelling place, and to exercise our stewardship appropriately.

Read John 1v1-14. Become an ECO-warrior – committed to our common dwelling place – through celebrating the power and presence of the LOGOS.

ECOLOGY: we know it makes sense.

Bishop Alastair

Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Mind and Spirit: Conversations about Memory Loss

If you are living with memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are warmly invited to Mind and Spirit, which offers a space for spiritual connection and support.

The next meetings are on **Wednesday 28 February and Wednesday 27 March**, both starting at **10.30 am, in Felton Village Hall**.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Fran at curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com or **01934 340682**.

Winford Community Shop News February 2024

The committee thanks everybody that completed the questionnaire before Christmas. We had an amazing 327 responses with 98.2% saying that having a Shop and Post Office in the village was important to them, and almost 50% saying the shop was important for socialising and a sense of the community.

When asked what people most valued about having the shop in the village the following comments were typical-

- “The village shop is the heart of Winford and is absolutely essential. It provides an invaluable service both in terms of the items it offers and the community connection it provides”.
- “Winford is effectively an island. No pavements, safe cycle routes or reliable public transport out of the village. Having the shop is a great asset and adds to the community. We’re very grateful to all for continuing to keep it in operation”.

The committee is currently investigating a range of options to ensure the ongoing viability of the shop at the end of the current lease in May 2024, with some things not necessarily under our control. But it is likely an application to the Community Ownership Fund for some level of funding will be made in the future. It is also important to note that 47.1% of respondents said they would, or might be, interested in becoming a shareholder or buying additional shares as further funding from the community may also be required at some time.

This whole process is complex and may take some time to resolve, however the committee is committed to its success and a priority is trying to keep everybody informed and involved.

On behalf of the Shop Committee Simon Martin

Winford Village Hall

We need to raise some more money to help us to keep the hiring fees at the present rate so we are holding another popular

Family Bingo Evening

To be held on Saturday 17th February from 7.00 for 7.30 pm until 10.00 pm

It will be run again in the usual way with bingo cards, prizes, and a light supper included in the price of **£8.00 for adults and £4.00 for under 14s**.

There will be a cash only bar selling beer, cider, wine and soft drinks.

Tickets will be on sale in the shop and from committee members.

We will probably run a table sale on a Sunday afternoon in March. If you are interested please contact me, Denise Poole.

As we keep asking, we really, really need more help to run the committee. A few extra people would make so much difference. We would be able to reach a bigger audience and make less work for the present committee members.

Some of the ways you could help are: helping at social events, cutting the hedges, weeding around the hall, taking turns to take the rubbish home to put in your bin, be part of a team to set heating for hirers, occasionally open up and close up after bookings. There are not many of us available, especially when some of us are on holiday. Just contact one of us if at all able to help.

Present members to contact

Denise Poole	01275472797	denise.poole@hotmail.co.uk
Joe Herring	01275 474270	joe1wigwam@aol.com
Lynne Barnes	01275472628	lynne@thecomunicators.uk

Thanks for your support

Denise Poole on behalf of the committee

Winford Coffee Morning.

Our next coffee morning will be **Tuesday 13th February at 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 on the second Tuesday of the month.

Contact Lyndsay Newman, Village Agent 07967 345559.

Felton Village Hall

100 club winners for December were numbers 157 Mrs J King and also number 225 Mr J O'Farrell.

January draw winners were number 120 Mrs H Foskett and number 268 Mr R Hacker. Congratulations to you all.

The next film night is Friday 23rd February screening "The Great Escaper". This is based on a true story about a pensioner who absconded from his care home in Hove to attend the D-Day Landings' 70th Anniversary in France, starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the film will start at 7.30 pm. Admission is free but a donation would be appreciated. Tea, coffee, biscuits, ices and a licensed bar will be available.

Burns Night has been very popular and fully booked with a waiting list. Thank you for your support at this event: great to see. The next date for your diaries is Friday 3rd May when 'The Twerzels' are performing. This is a tribute band to The Wurzels. It promises to be a great fun evening. More details in next month's magazine.

Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Back in December we had a lovely Christmas party and as always Maggie and her team cooked a very tasty meal.

We start this year's programme with "**The Wind in the Willows**", an illustrated musical by **Lewis and Furneaux**. The Subs of £15.00 are now due.

I look forward to seeing you all on **13th February at the Village Hall. The meeting starts at 7.45pm.**

As always, visitors are very welcome.

Anne Cantwell

Felton/Regil/Winford Community Transport

Here are the trips for the February and March. If you would like to book for a trip ring me on **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.

I would very much like to give up the organising of the bus trips, after having done them since the beginning (23 years). If there is anyone who would like to take it on, please contact me, Jan Longden.

We would still welcome helpers to take the money and generally assist the passengers so, if you would be willing to help with this, please do contact me.

Date	Destination	Return fare
Thursday 8 February	Clarks Village, Street	£8.00 Return 1pm
Thursday 15 February	Clevedon	£7.00

Monday 4 March	Cardiff	£12.00 Full day
Friday 22 March	Cheddar Garden Centre	£6.00

Felton Flower Show Society – 70th Anniversary Year

Best wishes for the New Year from the Committee. We give below our events planned for 2024 with dates for your diary.

March Spring Meeting Felton Hall

Date to be announced.

Plant Sale and Community Event

To be held at Felton House again

Saturday 4th May

Summer Show - Felton Hall

Saturday 24th August

Festive Flowers - Felton Hall

Flower demo and arranging evening

November - date to be announced

Guest Speaker & AGM - Felton Hall

November - date to be announced

We hope this will not be the final year of the Flower Society but, as we have mentioned before, due to advancing ages of the Committee, unless new and younger people join us we will not be able to carry on with diminishing numbers on the Committee.

You will be made very welcome and might find a really interesting and enjoyable pastime while helping your community. Why not give it a try!

Allotment Plots

Are you looking for something enjoyable and healthy to do this year? There are currently vacant plots at both the Parish Council's allotment sites – at **Parsonage Lane, Winford and the former St Katharine's School site in Felton**. The Parish Council is keen to see the allotments being fully used by local residents and keeps the rents very low at **£25 - £35 per year, depending on plot size**.



If you are interested, please email **Paula Shelley, the Parish Clerk, at: winfordpc@gmail.com, or tel: 01761 453046**

Diary for February at a Glance

Fri 2	Craft	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00 pm
Wed 7	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
Thurs 8	Mini Bus trip	Clarks Village, Street	See Page 8
Tues 13	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00 am
Tues 13	Felton & Winford Tues Group	Felton village Hall	7.45 pm
Wed 14	Mobile Library *	Winford Lay-by on main road	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
Thurs 15	Mini Bus Trip	Clevedon	See Page 8
Thurs 15	Community Choir	Chew Stoke Village Hall	7.00 pm
Fri 16	Craft	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00 pm
Sat 17	Family Bingo	Winford Village Hall	See Page 6
Mon 19	Sparklers	Winford Baptist Chapel	1.45 pm
Mon 19	Winford Parish Council	Felton Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wed 21	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 23	Film Night	Felton Village Hall	See Page 7
Wed 28	Mind and Spirit	Felton Village Hall	See Page 6
Wed 28	Mobile Library *	Winford Lay-by on main road	11.35 am – 12.20 pm

- As the mobile library timetable was not available at the time of going to print, please refer to the online timetable on North Somerset’s website for up to date information

Calling All Singers



Chew Valley Choral Society

We are looking for new members for all parts: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. Some music-reading ability is an advantage but support will be given to those with less confidence.

For more information about the choir, please visit our website:
<http://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk> or email: info@chewvalleychoral.org.uk

Chew Magna Family Craft Show and Pet Show – Saturday 8th June.

Day long activities for all ages and many interests. Please record the date

Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help

February 7th The Queens, Chew Magna February 21st Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

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

Chew Valley Gadget 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 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. **Both sessions are from 12.30-2.30 pm. It costs £3.00 per session**, all of which will go to charity.

Chew Valley Gardening Society

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

On 8th February we shall have the renowned garden expert **Mary Payne** as our speaker.

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 Flower Club

A very happy New Year to all our friends in the valley. We have had no meetings since 20th November, when we tried an experimental afternoon meeting with a lunch, followed by a speaker, to encourage people who dislike driving to evening meetings on dark winter nights. This was successful and is likely to be repeated.

Our A.G.M, and Christmas meeting were both cancelled, one due to floods in our area and the other for unavoidable reasons. The AGM will now be held on 22nd January

If you would like to join us for fun and friendship with flowers, come to Compton Martin Village Hall. **We meet fortnightly, Monday evenings, at 7.30 pm.** We would love to see you. **Joyce Burton. 01761 462560**

The Chew Magna Village Pound

Village pounds were essential before fields, and therefore livestock, were restricted. Pounds housed stray animals until collected by their owners – for a fee. Pounds now provide a strategic, historic base of a village – even origins – of many. As in the case of Chew Magna, the history includes the period when much of the village was influenced by the Lord of the Manor, who included such as the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

With more recent changes to villages, pounds lost their traditional value and Robin would like to hear about pounds throughout the Valley, so they can be recorded.

Chew pound has been robbed of many stones and used as a rubbish dump. We have approached the Parish Council, representatives of which have been very encouraging. Work will be in stages and has already started. It will include stabilisation of the remaining stones, clearance of debris, branches and so on. We hope to supply and erect Identification and Explanation board/s - by the artist who did the English Heritage boards at The Stones complex, Stanton Drew.

We would very much appreciate your support in preserving the pound and ideas you have, and any help you can offer, will be sincerely valued. In addition to physical help, we have received a donation from the Baber family. We have copies from the author, Richard Dunn, of two interesting (new copies) of local books:

- The Field - Names of Chew Magna. £4.99
- Nempnett Thrubwell: Barrows, Names and Manors. £14.95.

Robin Cade 01275 333450 rcade47@gmail.com

Community Pickleball in the Church Hall, Silver Street, Chew Magna.

On Mondays from 6.30 pm. £3.00. No booking required for regular players. Everyone is welcome to come and give the game a try. Other times and days are available – only subject to your interest. Please email, or phone, to notify your intentions, so that we can try and provide the best opportunity to play with limited waiting. **rcade47@gmail.com 01275 333450.**

Valley Arts

Local performing arts charity Valley Arts have a fantastic programme of events coming up

- **Doug Allan - An Eye below Zero.**
Fascinating photos and anecdotes from the award winning nature cameraman.
Bishop Sutton Village Hall, **Friday 9th Feb - 7.30 pm.**
- **Half-Term Drama Club.**
A fun packed day with acting and devising.
Chew Magna Baptist Church, **Tuesday 13th February – 10.00 am til 4.00 pm.**
- **Igloo from Travelling Light Theatre Company.**
Beautiful pre-school theatre show.
St.Andrew's Church Hall, Chew Magna, **Saturday 17th Feb 11.30 am and 2.00 pm.**
- **Open Mic Night** - monthly music night looking for local talent to perform!
The Pony, Chew Magna, **Tuesday 20th Feb - 7.30 pm.**
- **Music Club Night with Gypsy Jazz.**
Immerse yourself in the intoxicating rhythms and soulful melodies of Gypsy Jazz!
Old School Room, Chew Magna, **Friday 23rd February - 7.30 pm.**

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

Chew Valley U3A

will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, 19th February 2024 at 10.30 am at Ubley Parish Hall**, when Dick Hyde will present a talk about the **Barton Camp at Winscombe for Disadvantaged City Children.**

All members and guests welcome.

Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group

Thursday 22nd February: Butterflies in the Chew Valley

An illustrated talk by Rupert Higgins. An exploration of the natural history of these charismatic insects, a look at their past, present and possible future in and around the Chew Valley, and a discussion of what we can all do to ensure their survival. Rupert is a well-known and local ecologist involved in and advising on many aspects of management and biodiversity plans for local Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Nature Reserves. **Chew Magna Old School Room, 7.45pm. Admission £2.50 incl. refreshments.**

Two Hundred Years of Saving Lives at Sea

In 2024 the RNLI will celebrate 200 years of service dedicated to the preservation of those who work or play at sea or on our inland waters. The RNLI was founded by Sir William Hillary on the Isle of Man, where he observed at first hand the perils of seafaring. He personally took part in many incidents to help save lives and as a result, resolved to set up a rescue service which subsequently became the RNLI in Great Britain and Ireland.

Since its establishment, the RNLI has saved more than 144,000 lives but this has come at the high cost of losing 600 volunteer crew members in the process. The work continues today with a wider remit, as our beaches swell with holiday makers in the summer. In 2022 there were 9312 lifeboat launches with 389 lives saved and beach lifeguards saving 117 lives.

Here in the Chew Valley we try and do our bit to raise funds to keep this crucial service going and it is thanks to our loyal supporters that we are able to do this. We recently held our Curry Lunch which raised £2,300 and thanks go to all who contributed. In fact, 94% of RNLI income is derived solely from public donations.

We are a small, inland branch of the RNLI, but we do as much as we can to help our charity achieve its objective of 'Saving Lives at Sea' - which we intend, with the help of our loyal supporters and the general public, to continue for the next 200years!

In May 2024 we are planning to celebrate our bicentenary with an outdoor event at Lady Farm, Chelwood to which all family members will be welcome. Make a note of the timing and keep an eye open for further information. We also hope to repeat our Curry Lunch in the Autumn.

Our small committee is now in desperate need of new members to help plan our fund raising activities. We only meet on two or three occasions a year, so please consider helping us by dropping a note to: **rnlichewvalley@gmail.com**

Barrow Gurney Cricket Club

2024 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of Barrow Gurney Cricket Club. On 1 June 1874 a group of 30 villagers, including the local Vicar, got together and resolved to form a cricket club for the princely annual subscription of half a Crown.

As the year ticks round there is real excitement for the season ahead. Although our players come from far and wide these days, we still strive to be a friendly village club where everyone is welcome, and every penny is spent on improving our facilities for players and spectators alike.

To prepare for the new season we will be having weekly indoor nets on a Tuesday evening 6.30 to 8.00 pm starting on 13 February at the Downs School in Failand (continuing until the end of March). New players and those who haven't played for a while are more than welcome. Unfortunately, we do not have a junior or women's section at present but we have several ladies who play in our teams and under 14s upwards are welcome to join us too.

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

Redhill Village Hall/Club - Up and Coming Events 2024

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

Open Mic Night

Friday 2nd February from 8.00 pm.

Classic Car Meet

Sunday 3rd March Breakfast 9.00 am

Frogs are playing 13th April 8.00 – 9.00 pm

Redstock 22nd June

Save the date:

More details to come.

Coffee Room (Opening days and times)

Wednesdays: 10am – 1pm

Every other Sunday: 2-4pm

Redhill Live

Find further details about our events

Online Ticketing (where applicable)

Latest News, updates and much more



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

We currently have a series of dwelling burglaries across Nailsea, Backwell, Long Ashton and Failand, some of which are targeting high value cars on driveways. Other areas are affected but not to the same extent.

Officers are attending all burglaries utilising forensic opportunities, doing house to house enquiries, utilising ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) and viewing CCTV and Video doorbell footage. We also have additional overnight patrols from 1am to 5am.

If residents have any information about individuals involved in criminality, or they have any concerns about someone who is vulnerable in their community, they can contact the Nailsea & Villages NPT by emailing them directly at: SomNorthNPTNailsea@avonandsomerset.police.uk by ringing 101 or using the police online reporting system at: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report>

People can also visit their local Neighbourhood Policing Team Webpage, which includes information about the officers who cover their area, see what policing priorities have been set, get crime stats, see any events the team are attending and there is a form to make contact with them at:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area>

We also have a dedicated crime prevention website at: www.aspolicestaysafe.co.uk which has lots of information about how to keep yourself and your property safe.

Winford Parish Council Meeting - Monday 20 November 2023

Open Forum: Four members of the public attended to complain about the increased traffic on the local roads, the speeds vehicles were doing, illegal off-site carparks and the effect on traffic. They also raised parking on red lines and the pavements. A resident also attended to explain that they had made a retrospective planning application because, to make it sufficiently profitable to meet planning requirements, they needed to be resident on their farm. A resident spoke in support of planning application 23/P/2310/FUH: The Old Chapel, The Street, Regil. They explained that, in response to concerns raised, they would be amending the plans to ensure that the extension did not exceed 49% of the original area of the building.

Highways and footpaths: Issues with speed and volume of traffic using the rural lanes were discussed at length. It was agreed that, given the expected increase in volume of traffic as a consequence of airport expansion, and in the shorter term due to the A38 improvement plans, the Parish Council would ask for a meeting with a senior Highways Engineer at North Somerset Council (NSC) to discuss schemes to “future

proof” the local road network as far as possible. This might include, for example, speed restrictions and/or traffic calming measures. It was agreed to find out whether the potential co-ordinator of a local Community Speedwatch was still interested in taking on the role. If not, the Parish Council would seek an alternative volunteer. An email from a resident regarding the build up of traffic on Winford High Street at busy times was also considered, but it was considered that presently no action could be taken to alleviate this. Following the retirement of the school crossing patrol, discussions were on-going regarding the development of road safety measures in the centre of Winford. It had been decided to set up a Safer Winford working group, including representatives of the Parish Council, school and NSC. The Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) had agreed to attend occasionally at school pick up/drop times to warn people who were parking inappropriately, and to issue tickets for any dangerous/illegal parking. The Clerk would ask again that NSC consider extending the 20mph zone, to cover the full extent of the main road through Winford, Church Road and Chapel Lane, and the residential part of Dundry Lane.

The Clerk would report potholes on Kingdown Road, Old Hill, Hen Lane, Lower Strode and Dial Lane. She would also report the destroyed verges on Kingdown and Old Hill and request repainting of the give way white lining at the junctions of Stanshalls Lane and Currells Lane with Dial Lane/Upper Town Lane.

Felton Common: The state of repair of the track running from West Lane to the top end of the car parking area was discussed. There was uncertainty about whether the Parish Council was responsible for maintaining the track, which was a bridleway, and who would be liable in the event of an accident. It was agreed to seek legal advice on this, including whether the Parish Council was the owner or just the trustee of the Common. A Commoner had taken issue with the airport’s view that he was not allowed to exercise his right to graze cattle on the Common. It was agreed to ask for legal opinion about who held the higher authority, the landowner/trustee or the Commoners.

Airport: The Chair reported on a meeting that had been held with PCSOs, who were keen for better liaison with the Parish Councils in future. The main point of discussion had been cars continuing to stop on the red lining at the entrance road to Felton Allotments. It was agreed to consider installing signs warning that it was a tow-away area and indicating that cameras were in operation. A resident had complained about the withdrawal of the reduced fare on the airport flyer for travellers from the stop by the Airport Tavern. It was agreed to raise this at the next meeting with the airport.

Play Areas: The bike track at Vee Lane had been cleared, and the Working Party had received good feedback from parents. An application had been made to the airport for funding towards new picnic tables.

Parish Property: Winford Cricket Club had given notice that they would be closing and would relinquish the lease of the sports pavilion and cricket ground at the December 2024 break-point. An alternative cricket club had expressed a strong interest in taking over the lease and discussions were on-going.

A resident had requested work to trees on Kingston Lane, because they were concerned that they had grown too large. It was agreed to commission a professional survey of all the Parish Council owned trees at High Winford, with a view to identifying any work required. It was likely that the trees were all covered by a Tree Protection Order, so approval for any work would be required. Following a complaint about vegetation outside the boundary of the Walton Crescent play area, it was agreed to remind the resident that they had previously been advised that this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Winford Community Shop: The lease for the shop was due to expire in 2024. Following discussions over the summer, the owner was minded to put it on the open market in order to reach the best price. It was agreed that an application should be made to NSC to register the shop as an asset of community value.

Winford Parish Council Meeting – Monday 18 December 2023

Open Forum: Two members of the public attended to raise the problems horse riders were experiencing when using legitimate bridleways across the Common. They reported that in recent years there had been many instances of aggressive behaviour towards riders, especially from dog walkers. They recognised that everyone had a right to use the Common, and suggested that better signage would let people know that the

bridleways existed. It was also suggested that dog walkers could be advised to keep their dogs on a lead whilst on a bridlepath. It was agreed to publish a map of the Common bridleways on social media, and to post something on the Parish Council's website.

Highways and footpaths: The Clerk would request repainting of various give way white lining; on Upper Town Lane, Featherbed Lane, Broadmead Lane, Lower Strode and Hen Lane. Nothing had been heard to date about the diversion of the footpath running across the compost site.

Planning Enforcements: A possible breach of planning at a property on Currells Lane would be reported.

Felton Common: A resident had raised the problem of people parking on the Common and blocking the access track for residents. It was agreed to reply explaining that the Parish Council was currently seeking legal advice on the ownership and responsibility for the tracks on the Common. It was also agreed to remind the church authorities that on busy occasions, such as weddings etc, people were welcome to use the carpark by the village hall.

Airport: North Somerset Council (NSC) had circulated the terms of reference for the new Airport Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund (AEAIF). This would replace the Environmental Improvement Fund on 1 January 2024. The Chair had complained about the lack of consultation and it was agreed that, given the short notice and in consultation with the Clerk, he would submit detailed comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was noted that several Parish Councils had submitted objections to the release of additional land from the greenbelt at Bristol Airport, as outlined in the North Somerset Local Plan 2039 Pre-submission Plan. It was agreed that Winford Parish Council would rely on the Parish Councils' Airport Association to make comments on their behalf.

Compost site & allotments: It had been suggested by a plotholder that the problem of under-occupancy of Felton Allotments could be resolved by inviting those on the waiting list for Bristol allotments to apply for a plot. After discussion, it was recognised that this would help reduce the costs of paying contractors to clear weeds etc, and could restore the vibrant allotments community that had been lost over recent years. However, it was agreed that local people should be given another chance to take on plots before they were offered further afield. The Clerk would advertise the vacancies again on social media and the village magazine.

Parish Property: Shaftesbury Road Cricket Club was very keen to take over the lease for the sports pavilion and cricket field, and it was agreed that the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer should agree heads of terms with the Club and could incur legal fees to draw up a new lease.

There was various work needed on parish property, including repairs to the zipwire, assembling new benches at Vee Lane play area and treating the Angel for rot. It was agreed to seek a general contractor who would be willing to take on these jobs.

Another complaint had been received about the condition of the hedges and trees at Walton Crescent play area. The contractor would be trimming the hedges shortly. Some of the self-seeded trees would also be trimmed back when he was available to undertake this.

Any other business: Chew Valley Nature Forum had approached the Parish Council for a grant towards their new website. It was agreed that, whilst this was not something that the Parish Council was able to support from their limited funds, they would be advised to approach the airport for support.

Chew Valley Death Café – People Supporting People



A safe and supportive setting for discussions about life and death, based in the Chew Valley at Bishop Sutton Community Library. This is a time and space to talk about life, death and loss, over tea or coffee and cake.

As a group our aim is to increase understanding of death, creating a view that helps us make the most of our lives.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

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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

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



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;
(also incorporating The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna – now closed)

In the name of Jesus: Welcomed, Loved, Sent

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

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 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 01275 472440

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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
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Head Teacher	Nik Gardner	472730
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