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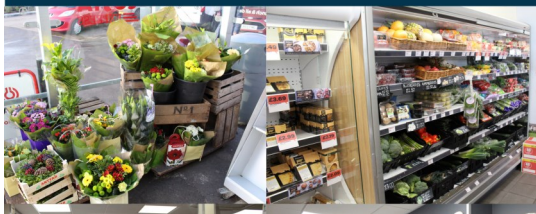
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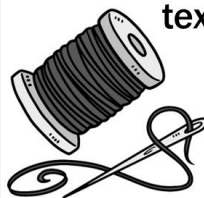
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**The copy deadline for the
September edition
will be Friday 16th August**

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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,

The summer months wouldn't be the same without music. In July the BBC Proms will begin, spoiling fans of classical music with 90 concerts over 58 days in London and across the UK. This most ambitious celebration of music in the world is ours to enjoy on radio, television and iPlayer at times of our choosing.

Before the Proms, the world-renowned Glastonbury Festival will begin down the road. Closer to home, Valley Fest will arrive on our doorstep at the beginning of August. Countless other festivals will spring up across the country, celebrating every genre from opera to dance music.

Away from these headline events, there is a great deal of music-making in our villages and communities throughout the year. Choirs, orchestras and choral societies bring pleasure to so many. Our churches play a part in this through our children's choirs Mini Melodies and Jubilee, and our adult Community Choir.

Here in the Valley we are blessed by talented folk musicians, bell ringers, instrumentalists and singer-songwriters—too many to mention.

Saint Augustine said, 'whoever sings, prays twice'. Music has long been a means by which people experience God—glimpsing something of the indescribable beauty and complexity of our creator whether in a grand symphony, or simple birdsong. I hope that you will find time to experience the joy of music this summer, and in so doing offer a silent prayer of thanks to the one who gives us these gifts.

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

**Don't forget! it's the
St Andrew's Teddy Tower Zip-wire Challenge
Saturday 6th July
with Cream Teas, cakes and refreshments in the church.
See the advert on page 15!**

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 3rd July 2024

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 17th July 2024

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

Wednesday 7th August 2024

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 21st August 2024

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke 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 15th July and Monday 19th August

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.

Chew Valley West Community Choirs



Our Community Choir and Children's Choirs look forward to performing at a concert in Winford Church at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 4th July**. Admission is free with a retiring collection in support of the restoration of St Mary & St Peter's Church.

On Sunday 14th July, our Children's Choirs **Mini Melodies** and **Jubilee!** will give a special performance in **Wells Cathedral** beginning at **1.00pm**. You are very welcome to come along and hear our young choristers as they showcase the pieces they have been learning this year.

Our adult Community Choir will be providing some light entertainment at this year's Chew Stoke Harvest Home on Saturday 7th September. You will find us in the tea tent at around 1.30pm.

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,

Sunday First

Sunday 7th July & 8th September

Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' worship
continues on Sunday 7th July

in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.00am.

Breakfast and craft activities will be provided followed by
a short act of worship which begins at 10.15am.

There will be no Sunday First in August, but a
special 'back to school' service on Sunday 8th September (the
second Sunday of the month) at 10.00am.

Come along to receive a blessing as our young people
begin another year of study.



Mind and Spirit

continues on **Wednesdays 10th July**

and **25th September**

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.

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Nempnett Thrubwell

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Sunday 11th August

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Puppet show at 3.00pm

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Rosemary Porter 01761 462571
or Nick Houlton 01761 462075

St Andrew's Chew Stoke

Teddy Tower

Zip-wire Challenge!



Saturday 6th July 2-5pm

**Cream Teas & Cakes available in church
Entry £1 including Certificate of Bravery**

Benefice of Chew Valley West

Diocese of Bath & Wells July Services

	Sunday 7 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Sunday 14 July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Sunday 21 July Eighth Sun- day after Trinity	Sunday 28 July Ninth Sunday after Trinity
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.00am 'Sunday First'		6.30pm Evensong	
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong
FELTON St Katharine	9.00am Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	11.00am 'Sunday First'			11.00am Eucharist
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Evensong	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS
BISHOP SUT- TON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON	10.30am Eucharist	

St Andrews July Rota

Flowers: July 7th & 14th Altar & Lady Chapel: Hazel P.

21st & 28th " : Carol Raffety

August 4th & 11th Altar: tba Lady Chapel: Mel J.

18th & 25th Altar Joan W. & Lady Chapel: Maggie B.

Cleaning & Brass: July Cleaning: Joan W. & Di Abrahams Brass: Anne Summers

August Cleaning & Brass: Mel Jameson

Readers & Sidespeople

Sunday 7th July, 10am Sunday First Sidesperson: Sheila L.

Bible Story: Lyndsey, Hazel W. & Jessica

Sunday 21st July Evensong 6.30pm

Readers: Andrew & Liz W. Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

Sidespeople: Peter Jameson & Cynthia

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THE WEBSITE : www.chewvalleywest.org**



At the **MAJESTIC**
Aka Chew Stoke Village hall
Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm

THE HOLDOVERS—15 on Thursday 25th July
ANATOMY OF A FALL on Thursday 29th August

Harvest Home Saturday 7th September – A community event



Harvest Home 2023 – the hottest day of the year! Are we in for another scorcher?

It's certainly been a great growing season already so we are looking forward to some bumper entries in the flower and produce show this year!

We'll definitely be enjoying some great food, entertainment and stalls. Our Harvest Home team has been working hard to bring you an even better line-up than last year.

As always, the flower, produce and craft tent remains the focus of the event, a village tradition that we are incredibly proud to maintain. Please remember that the show is only as good as the people who join in. A healthy amount of entries really helps to keep the spirit of Harvest Home alive so please get growing, baking and making!

Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the show, our dedicated committee, volunteers, advertisers, sponsors, especially Joanna Tiley Estate Agents for all their support and of course, the Ogborne family for the use of the show field.

Please remember, any profits raised from the show get donated to local causes so please come along and enjoy the show! If you would like to make a donation to assist with the running of the event, please visit our Just Giving page or email nickbakergb@gmail.com.

And to finish the day off, Chew Stoke Primary School PTA will be organising an early evening event to allow the fun and relaxation to continue with sundowner drinks, food and music. Moving into the evening, Chew Valley Arts will be holding a Harvest Hoe Down Ceilidh. Look out for more details to come!

With very best wishes, Nick Baker

Fathers Day Breakfast

Big shout out to Kate, Bethan, Lowri and Matthew who helped plan and run the breakfast as a community event for the village and fundraiser for the hall; £235 raised! Most of the food was from our lovely new village shop. Thank you to everyone who came to breakfast.

CHW STOKV VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The hall is currently available for a regular booking on a Monday or Tuesday evening. In particular, there seems to be demand from the village for an evening aerobic or yoga or Pilates type class. The trial Clubbercise was very popular but unfortunately the teacher couldn't continue.

If anyone has any suggestions of someone who might want to run a class please let Suzanne McDonald know, 01275 333130.

Or is there anything else the village needs to offer as the hall committee are committed to the hall being available for the whole community?



National Garden Scheme: Stowey Open Gardens

On Sunday 21st July, from 2 pm to 6 pm, 4 gardens in Stowey will be opening under the National Garden Scheme. The gardens at Dormers, Stowey Mead, Vicarage Cottage and Manor Farm will open their gates, enabling you to enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of the gardens and the wonderful surrounding countryside. Vicarage Cottage is a welcome addition to the group, not having been part of it for some years.

We've been working very hard to ensure everything looks its best on 21st July. Now there is an emphasis on having wildlife friendly gardens, especially to ensure birds, bees, butterflies and other insects can thrive; the 4 gardens reflect this. They have many features, including wildlife ponds, vegetable gardens, orchards, exuberant flower-packed borders, a wonderful rockery bank, interesting trees and shrubs and seating with wonderful views.

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

There is ample off-road parking at Dormers in Stowey Bottom, (BS39 5TL). Admission is £7 per adult, with accompanied children under 16 being free. For entry to the gardens, you can either pay by cash or card, (by card at Dormers only), or you can pre-book on the NGS website, www.ngs.org.uk All admission fees are given to the National Garden Scheme, which distributes the money to various healthcare charities, amongst them The Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer, Parkinson's UK, Hospice UK and Marie Curie.

Please come along for an enjoyable afternoon looking at some delightful gardens which aren't normally open to the public. We'll look forward to seeing you!

Jill and Graham Nicol

CSPC co-opted two new members to the council, Rowan Coleman and Nicola Wilson.

RHS 'Community Bloom' update: the RHS will be visiting the village to judge on Friday 26th July in the morning. Working groups are meeting up regularly to work on various projects around the village, any help is still most welcome. Please contact nicolainger@chewstoke.org.uk if you can help. A portfolio has to be completed by 12th July, again any help will be most welcome.

National Grid (NG) need to replace a telegraph pole near the ford, they have come back with plans to place a cable at the ford underground to prevent a large metal pole being erected on the corner of Pilgrims Way and School Lane. Cllr Baker agreed to discuss digging the trench with NG, it is not within the PC's remit to undertake this work.

CSPC has received renewed proposals from B&NES for a pedestrian crossing on Bristol Road. This would have to be situated between Quarry Hay and The Stoke, and cross to the post box by the bus stop. If the village wish to have a zebra crossing, some street lights would be required, awaiting info from B&NES about what would be needed. Views of residents are welcome. If lighting is not wanted, to consider different coloured road surface and/or island etc. Agreed the need for a safer crossing location, especially now the shop is open, where there is the playpark, Primary School and Rectory Field on either side of the road. The road is very busy, a main thoroughfare to many other villages in the valley with vehicles exceeding the 20mph speed limit. Agreed to discuss at the July meeting.

Complaints have been received about overgrown hedges around the village, the groundsman has cut back overgrowth where it is within his contract, and homeowners have been asked to cut back hedging from their properties.

CSPC has been in discussion with the Primary School about safe walking routes to school when the ford is flooding. Information received from the school confirms that if there were no access for emergency vehicles to the school, it would have to shut for safety reasons. Although there have been requests from some parents to look at ways to keep the school open even during severe flooding, last winter this amounted to 3 days when it was very wet, and evidence shows that many parents would prefer not to risk driving their children to and from school in dangerous conditions and are happy that the school is closed in these circumstances.

Bristol & Avon Rivers Trust (BART) met with CSPC representatives in March to look at issues around Chew Stoke and flooding around the school area. To get a more detailed insight into where the main issues are coming from, and identifying solutions for this, BART would need to spend a lot more dedicated time looking at the site and surrounding catchment during storm events. They have provided us with a quote to undertake further investigations and to provide a suite of opportunities to help reduce flooding in Chew Stoke. If CSPC pay for this, it will contact various local organisations to seek funding.

The new shop, will be called the 'Grocertree', opened officially on June 3rd. The new tenant, Thaya received a very warm welcome at the opening. It will be open 7 days a week, 7am-10pm (to 9pm on Sundays). Thaya is looking for a Shop Manager, ideally a local person, please contact him if you are interested. Continued next page.....

Parish News Continued: Update on Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – the ground remains too wet to use vehicles to move stones to make a stone bench. Orchids seen in the woods.

Next meeting Thursday 11th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

School News

Chew Stoke Church School Summer PTA Barbecue

Get ready for some sizzling fun at the Chew Stoke Church School Summer PTA Barbecue! This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and local community to come together for an evening of food, games, and laughter.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Delicious BBQ:** We'll be firing up the grill and serving up a tasty selection of barbecue classics. There will be options for all appetites, including vegetarian.
- **Fun and Games:** We'll have a variety of games and activities to keep everyone entertained.
- **Chance to Mingle:** This is a great chance to catch up with fellow parents, teachers, and friends from the school community.

The Details:

Date: Friday 12th July Time: 5-8pm

Location: Chew Stoke Church School Grounds

This is a lovely way to celebrate the end of the school year and create lasting memories. The money raised by our PTA helps support every pupil in the school, so please do try to come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

Chew Stoke Church School Society

Are you a former pupil of Chew Stoke Church School? If so, you may be interested in joining our Chew Stoke Church School Society. The society provides a platform for past parents and pupils to maintain a link and continue to support our remarkable and unique school.

First and foremost the Society forms a type of “alumni” for past students and ensures that “leaving” students are able to maintain a link with their fellow pupils and former staff by means of correspondence, publications and events. There will be opportunities for past pupils to return to the school in order to share their experiences and to contribute to school events.

Secondly, the Society has a benevolent aim focused on supporting and assisting Chew Stoke Church School by fundraising as and when appropriate or by donations.

More information can be found on the ‘community tab’ of the school’s website: www.chewstokeacademy.org/

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 11th July where Alan Easton will talk on 'Climbers and Wall Shrubs'. The competition will be 3 stems of Clematis flowers.

At the meeting on 8th August Bett Partridge will talk on 'Along the Lanes of Somerset' and the competition will be 'A Posy of Culinary Herbs'.



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 HISTORY SOCIETY

50th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

1.00.pm. TUES 9th JULY AT FOLLY FARM.

This will be a Summer Buffet with a selection of items served in a sharing/platter style served to each table.

Following lunch there will be a lecture by Colin Budge entitled "Sutton Court and the St.Loe Family" and, of course there are connections between our venue Folly Farm, Sutton Court and the Stowey Manor House. Colin is a long standing member of this Society and a very keen local historian with a long history of research and this will be a hugely interesting talk about history on our doorstep.

The cost will be £26 per person, this will cover the luncheon and gratuities.

I shall circulate full details to all members including an application form by email or post.

The forms should be returned to Jim Farmer, who has done all the organising for this event. There will be no restriction on numbers and friends, family and visitors will all be welcome to this event to celebrate 50 very successful years of our History Society.

Russell Peters. Tel: 01275332741 / 07976266427.

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Chew Valley U3A no meeting in July

19th August - History of Bristol Blue Glass - James Adlington

Ubley Parish Hall at 10am FFI www.chewvalley.u3a

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 £4 a session!



Our June meeting was an inspiring talk by Dilly Taylor who told us about the work of Uncle Paul's Chilli Charity at Butcombe which provides a relaxing venue for youngsters to improve their mental welfare. They also provide corporate "social value give-back days" and well-being pamper days for adults. Helping to fund this venture, the company grows twelve poly tunnels of various chillies, from which Dilly makes hundreds of chutneys and jams with any other available fruit too. She welcomes news of fruit gluts which she can utilise, except apples of which they have plenty.

Fourteen members and friends also enjoyed a mini-bus trip to the Hauser & Wirth Art and Sculpture Gallery at Bruton, stopping for a light lunch at the George Inn at Castle Carey.

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY is our Members Show at the Village Hall. We look forward to a good number of entries for Baking, Preserves, Craft, Art, Poetry, Photography, Floral Art, Garden Flowers, Fruit and Veg and, not forgetting, the largest potato crop! Copies of Schedules available from:

<debbie.storey@uwclub.net>.

Entries on the day between 1p.m. - 2p.m. please or liase with Committee member or friend if at work - let me know(hazelwedlake@gmail.com)

The hall will be open for visitors from the general public to view our handiwork from 3.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.

Members and guests welcome as usual from 7.p.m. for 7.30p.m.

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST. 12.00P.M A special social occasion:

A PICNIC AROUND THE CENTENARY TREE in Rectory Field, just below the Old Rectory. Please bring a picnic chair and your own picnic. We will provide Pimms or elderflower cordial. In hall if wet.

HARVEST HOME SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER: the WI will have their usual stall for which we would be grateful for donations of cakes. Names of volunteers to man the stall would be welcome at the July Members Show meeting. Thankyou, Hazel Wedlake.



CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

We have a demonstration evening on July 1st, this will be given by Ellie North, and her title is "Let's Celebrate". Our last practice session before our summer break will see us interpreting, with plant material, "A summer Picnic".

During our break in August, we hope to enjoy a lunch together, but this is not finally arranged yet.

If you or your friends would like to come along and join us, you would be very welcome. Give us a try! We meet fortnightly, on Monday evenings, at Compton Martin Village Hall, at 7.30pm. Joyce Burton. 01761 462560

RNLI 200th Anniversary event at Lady Farm, Chelwood



Following the unpredictable and uncertain weather experienced earlier this year, we approached our fund raising event at Lady Farm, Chelwood with some trepidation. We need not have been concerned!

The day was as perfect as one could have wished for and the gardens looked spectacular under a cloudless sky. Our supporters were able to wander leisurely through the garden and take refreshments on the patio, whilst listening to musical entertainments. At the end of the day we raised just over £2,000.

We are most grateful to Lady Farm owners for allowing us to use their fabulous garden, to our sponsors, A & J Champion & Sons and to Yeo Valley and Butcombe Brewing Co, not forgetting The New Academic Footwarmers, Mendip Folk Choir and High and Dry for the musical entertainments. We also owe thanks to our friends who helped out and most of all to our supporters who turned out to make the day such a success. Thank you to everyone involved for helping the RNLI in 'Saving Lives at Sea'.

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