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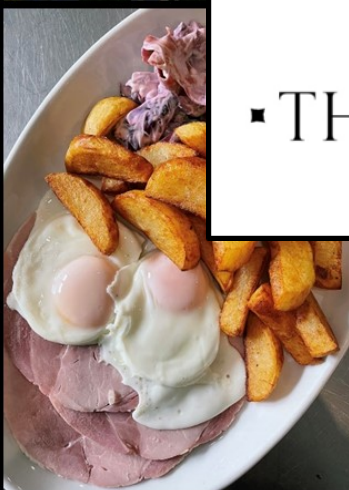
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Chew Stoke: Tina Kilroy, Jessica McInnes, Laura Down, Sheila Limburn, Lindsey Suenson-Taylor, Andrew Troup (Vice Chair), Les Poynter, Jerry Moorhouse, Sue Cook and Hazel Wedlake

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

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

Website

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

Letter from our Rector, the Rev Dr Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

June is the month in which the Church celebrates its 'birthday'. In the New Testament we read that fifty days after Easter, the Apostles had gathered in Jerusalem when suddenly they experienced the Holy Spirit among them in the form of a violent wind and tongues of fire. Everyone present was filled with the power of this mysterious Holy Spirit. They found they could speak in new languages and felt compelled to go out into the world and share the good news of the risen Jesus (you can read the full account in Acts 2: 1–13).

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost 2025 on Sunday 8th June, we might be encouraged by new church attendance figures which have just been released. According to the Church of England's latest Statistics for Mission (its annual census), regular worshippers have increased to over 1.02 million, marking the fourth consecutive year of growth.

I am pleased that we are seeing some of this encouraging trend reflected locally in our churches here in the Chew Valley. Each of our six parishes have welcomed new members this year. There are times during the year, like Christmas, when we are exceptionally busy; but the overall trend is one of new people of all ages seeking to come and worship as part of a congregation. On Easter Day 2025, some 180 people were present at our services.

Of course, church attendance on Sundays is only part of the picture. We are blessed with a strong Christian presence in our two Church of England Primary Schools. In January we welcomed Verity Eastwood Dewing as our Flourish Chaplain working two days per week with the students at Chew Valley School. We offer choirs, concerts, space for prayer; a Christian presence in life events such as baptism, weddings and funerals; hospitality; this (free) magazine! Being part of that same Church, which the Holy Spirit inspired on the Day of Pentecost two thousand years ago, now involves relationship, partnership and community—so much more than what happens inside our church buildings.

There are challenges too, of course. The expense of maintaining historic church buildings is enormous. Our PCCs are charities run by a small number of local volunteers who carry a considerable burden on a few shoulders. But Pentecost serves as a timely reminder of our calling to mission and evangelism. As the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel, so too are we invited to share the love and message of Jesus Christ with those around us. The growth in church attendance is not merely a statistic but a testament to the transformative power of faith and community.

We should be inspired by the Pentecost story to continue our mission with renewed vigour. So, let us pray for the continued growth of our congregations and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our endeavours.

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Church News



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

Wednesday 4th June 2025

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 18th June 2025

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 16th June**
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.
If you are new to the area why not come along and meet other young families?



Mind and Spirit

Mind and Spirit will be held on **Wednesday 11th June**
at **10.30am** in **Felton Village Hall**.

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 Revd Fran for more details.

Weekly Church e-Newsletter

If you would like to receive a weekly email Newsletter with a reminder of service times for the coming Sunday, details of readings, and some thoughts on the readings with prayer suggestions, please sign-up via our website:

<https://chewvalleywest.org/newsletter>

Sunday 1st
June



Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' worship will take place on Sunday 1st June 2025 at **St Andrew's, Chew Stoke** at 10.00am. Breakfast and craft activities will be provided followed by a short act of worship for all ages.

Next month, Sunday First will be held on Sunday 6th July at the same time.



The next Community Choir rehearsal will be held on

Wednesday 11th June from 7pm till 8pm

at St Mary & St Peters Church, Winford

As always, these sessions are free and everything you need will be provided. If you haven't been before, you will be made very welcome! There is no audition, and singers of every standard and level of experience can join in.

Fran's news

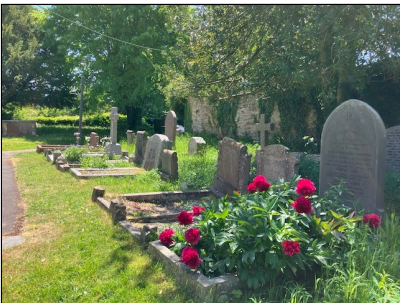
Grow Your Own continues on Wednesdays from 3.30 and Thursdays from 10.30, both at Dippenstiles. Meet at the lower gate, which is at [what3words public.compound.chucked](http://what3words.public.compound.chucked) (- *yes that really is an address Ed.!*)

Help with Gift Aid Needed

The St Andrew's PCC is looking for someone with book-keeping skills who knows their way around an Excel spreadsheet to help compose Gift Aid returns to HMRC for the last three years - for a fee to be agreed.

Please contact our Treasurer Tina Kilroy by email

tina_kilroy@hotmail.com or by phone on 07920 246322



St Andrew's Churchyard.

In spite of the lack of recent rain, the wildflowers seem to be very happy in our churchyard, so mowing has been limited to allow them to thrive.

Our grateful thanks to Keith and Jenny Tynan for their donation of a mower, which means Pete and Nigel can continue to mow in tandem!

Thanks also to Lee and the Stoke Inn team for their tidying up, which is greatly appreciated.

More volunteers always needed. In your own time and very satisfying. Anne.

The Bells at Nempnett

As most of you will be aware, the bells in Nempnett Church were removed last year by Matthew Higby and Co., to be re-tuned and for a new frame to be made in the tower to hang them.

Work on them is progressing and we are looking forward to their return to the tower shortly.

Meanwhile we have had this encouraging report from Martin Brian Hough:

"The end of another week working at Matthew Higby and Co, and the new frame for Nempnett Thrubwell, Somerset, is complete, along with the headstocks for the front five bells, as we are still waiting for the hollow section for the tenor's headstock to arrive.

We can say that this "grillage and pedestal" frame was a lot easier and quicker to build than the last frame we had set up in the workshop."

Ben has worked his magic on the bells, transforming them from a poor sounding ring into a melodious six, using the latest soundbow reprofiling technique, which are sure to become popular with peal ringers given the remote location of the church!

Rosemary Porter



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Diocese of Bath & Wells June Services

| | Sunday 1 June Seventh Sunday of Easter | Sunday 8 June Pentecost | Sunday 15 June Trinity Sunday | Sunday 22 June Trinity 1 | Sunday 29 June St Peter & St Paul |
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| CHEW STOKE St Andrew | 10.00am Sunday First | | 6.30pm Evensong | | 10.30am Eucharist |
| NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary | | 9.30am Eucharist | | 6.30pm Evensong | |
| FELTON St Katharine | | 11.00am Eucharist | | 9.00am Morning Worship | |
| WINFORD St Mary & St Peter | 9.00am Eucharist | | | 11.00am Eucharist | |
| REGIL St James | | | 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) | | |
| STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed | 6.30pm Evensong | 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) | | 6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS | |
| BISHOP SUTTON | | 10.30am Morning Worship | 10.30am Eucharist | | |

St Andrews June Rota

Flowers: Altar & Lady Chapel: **1st & 8th June:** Hazel Poynter **15th & 22nd June:** Hazel Wedlake, **29th June:** Liz Boyde & Rachel Burgoyne

Cleaning & Brass: Sheila Limburn & Heather Patch

Readers & Sidespeople

Sunday 1st 10.00am Sunday First

Sidespeople: Sheila Limburn & Cynthia Troup

Sunday 15th 6.30pm Evensong

Sidespeople: Jessica McInnes & Andrew Troup

Readers: Sue Cook & Tba Proverbs 8 1-4,22-31 John 16 12-15

Sunday 29th: 10.30am Eucharist

Sidespeople: Andrew Troup & Lindsey S Taylor

Reader: Jerry Acts 12 1-11

Nempnett June duty rota

Sunday 8th June 9.30am Cleaner - Mary Maggs, Reader - James Everett

Sunday 22nd June 6.30pm Cleaner - Rosemary Porter, Reader - Gail Houlden

Grasscutting

May 25 - June 7 - Debbie Kelly

June 8 - June 21 - Ingrid Wilms

June 22 - July 5 - Hugo King

Chew Stoke Parish Council News www.chewstoke.org.uk

Two Parish Councillor vacancies - Carol Dyer and Ali Cunningham have both recently resigned from the Parish Council creating 2 vacancies. CSPC wish to thank them both for all their help and hard work during their time as Councillors and wish them well in the future. If any resident or eligible person is interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Housing Needs Survey - CSPC are considering undertaking a Housing Needs Survey in Chew Stoke. B&NES will investigate what practical and financial help they can provide us with. Chew Stoke is classified as a “sustainable village” which means it has enough key amenities available and could be put forward for housing development. The Local Plan currently suggests a 5% increase which would equate to another 20 houses over the lifetime of the plan. This could be in the form of a new development and infill. A housing needs survey would provide valuable information about what the village would like, (eg: more smaller properties), and enable the Parish Council to influence decisions on behalf of residents.

Community Bloom 2025 – thank you to Cllr Ainger for arranging a very successful Bioblitz event in Rectory Field recently, it was attended by Primary School children and residents. 356 observations were noted and 198 different species recorded. The village will be judged in July.

Community Speedwatch initiative is due to restart in the parish. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk. Issues continue with bikes speeding around Herons Green area, residents advised to log with A&S Police using the 101 service. CSPC to look at purchasing cameras to address persistent speeding in the village and surrounding roads. **Please turn over**

Parish News Continued:

Chelwood Rotary Award - the Chew Stoke nomination, Ruth Donlevy, is this year's winner. Congratulations Ruth!

Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – Cllr Ainger is hoping to arrange a wild-flower walk in due course, please keep a look out for more details.

Recreational Trail – the blocked drain at the top of Woodford Lane remains blocked, to be reported again on www.fixmystreet.com. Rubbish has been fly-tipped in the lane, to report this and that an additional bollard is required to prevent reoccurrence.

Ward Councillor's report - B&NES have announced that Park & Rides will remain open until 11.30pm, a later time than previously. This is a trial, due to end in August.

Ward Councillors continue to meet with police representatives to discuss priorities especially speeding issues in the valley. Residents encouraged to report non-emergency crimes via 101 or Crimestoppers.

If you see anything broken, or needing fixing, please report to B&NES directly via www.fixmystreet.com

Next meeting **Thursday 5th June 2025** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke



School News



This month brought with it the much-anticipated annual PTA Duck Race, transforming the stretch of river beside Rectory Field into a flurry of yellow! It was a fantastic afternoon, bathed in sunshine, and the sight of over 100 brightly coloured ducks bobbing their way along the water was brilliant. This community event proved to be a splashing success, raising a fantastic sum for our school. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the race!

The fundraising fun didn't stop there! Earlier in the day, Rectory Field was alive with the energetic footsteps of our pupils (and a few brave members of staff!) taking part in the school's annual Fun Run. The children demonstrated incredible stamina and determination as they enthusiastically ran laps around the field, the money raised is paying for an African drumming and dance day, which is being held as part of our International week in school. We even saw some truly impressive efforts, with a few determined individuals completing over 25 laps of the field! It was inspiring to witness their perseverance and community spirit.

A big well done to all the children for their efforts, and thank you once again to everyone who came along to support both events. The money raised will make a real difference to the school! See the photos on next page.

*The School Duck Race and
Annual Fun Run*



Clubs & Societies



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Arts Society Mendip Tuesday 3rd June

Lamorna Colony Pioneers. David Tovey will introduce us to some of the great artists from this art colony between 1910-20: John "Lamorna" Birch, Laura and Harold Knight and Alfred Munnings. The list of important artists is long, extending to post WWII "moderns".

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Talks start at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and usually simultaneously via Zoom). A link will be sent to members and guests. Guests welcome, on request to tasmendip.comm@gmail.com. A guest donation of £10 will be requested.

Chew Valley Gardening Society

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

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 12th June at 8pm** where Nick Morgan will talk on '**Making the most of your Greenhouse**'. The competition will be a rose stem.

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



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
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Only £5 a session!



***To Ruth Donlevy who has won the
Chelwood Rotary Award for
Community Service!!***

***Very well deserved, thank you Ruth for all you do
for the village and the Village Hall.***



May brought us an Open meeting where we were excellently entertained by our local Senior Producer for ITV News, Alex Littlewood, who gave us an insight into what goes on behind the News headlines.

Later in the month, we had a most enjoyable outing to Phil and Amanda Honey's Caisson Gardens, near Bath, where we were shown the beautiful gardens based around an old waterway. Thanks to Sheila Limburn for organising the whole visit. Using the Blagdon Minibus again, it made for a relaxing and enjoyable day with lunch at The Wheatsheaf Inn followed by the garden as the concluding highlight.

**The June meeting will take place at Chew Stoke Bowling club
(Walley Court Rd. BS40 8XN) on Wednesday 18th June.**

Members are encouraged to join in or just support others in this fun opportunity on a summer's evening to experience the art of bowls ! (courtesy of WI Member Shirley Marsh and colleagues). Please wear flat shoes. Refreshments will be provided. Continuing the sporting theme, we have a team taking part in an indoor bowls friendly competition at The Stoke Inn on Tuesday 24th June with members from Chew Valley Group.

Looking ahead to the Members Show: Photography topics: Wildlife, An Exotic holiday, Buildings, Celebration. Creative writing topic: -"The Chew Valley".

Enquiries – chewstoke@avonfwi.org.uk or Hazel Wedlake 01275 332 812

Harptrees History Society Summer Visits

Please contact info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with 'visit and month' in subject line to reserve your place and for details of how to pay.

25th June Compton Martin Church. Full details will be available shortly. Email as above.

30th July Guided tour of Blagdon, @ 2.00pm and possibly 6.00pm, £5. This guided walk will start and end at the village club carpark in the centre of the village and will not include the steeper parts of the village. Many thanks to Kenneth Parsons of the Blagdon History Society for agreeing to lead this walk.



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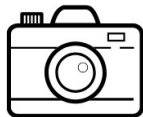
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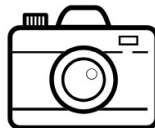
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Photographic Competition
The Flora and Fauna
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Nempnett Thrubwell

Age Groups : Juniors -U16 (At 03.08.25)

Seniors -O16

Criteria : Digital and Non Digital Size :25x20cm
(Maximum)

Entrance Rules

- 1.All photographs must be of the Flora and Fauna of Nempnett Thrubwell
2. Photographs must be 25x 20 cms (maximum)
3. All photographs must be clearly marked on the back or on a accompanying piece of paper with Name , Address, Age (see competition rule 5) ,Email, Telephone number , which competition entered , which criteria entered
4. All entries must be in by 20.07.25
5. There will be a 1st ,2nd and 3rd certificates in both age groups and criteria

Competition rules

1. Open to all (you don't have to live in Nempnett Thrubwell)
2. Any person may enter both competitions and criteria
3. Only one photograph per competition
4. Photographs must be of the flora and fauna of Nempnett Thrubwell
5. U16 -3.08.25
6. Final date of entry is 20.7.25
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