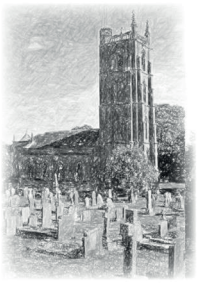
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From our Ministry Team

Dear Friends and Neighbours

Remember, Remember……. We do a lot of remembering at the beginning of November: the Saints on All Saints Day, followed by all the ones we have loved but are now out of sight on All Souls Day. On Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, we remember all those who gave the biggest sacrifice, their lives in war.

So where, you may ask, is hope?
Hope is found in celebrating the love we shared, their courage, and a faith that death could not defeat. Jesus promised that light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. Hope lives in the way we honour those who went before us: by choosing peace over conflict, kindness over division, and love over indifference.

As the nights draw in and the fallen leaves remind us of seasons passing, memory can sometimes feel tied to sadness. But Christian hope is not about looking backward with regret; it is about looking forward with assurance.

In our parish community, that hope shows up in simple, everyday acts of care—a hot cup of tea shared with a neighbour, a quiet prayer offered for someone in pain, or a welcoming smile on a rainy Sunday morning. Every time we reach out to help or comfort one another, we bring a little piece of God's hope into our world.

This November, as we hold our memories close, let us also look around us. May we be a community that carries hope for one another, shining brightly as a reminder of God's endless warmth and grace.

Yours in Christ,
Sandra Edgerton, Licensed Lay Reader

Weekly 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**

St James' Church, Regil – Cleaning & Flower Rota

November (Remembrance) – Jo Dando and Wendy Garland

Thank you for all your help

Services in Chew Valley West Benefice in November 2026

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER		**All Saints Day**
8.30am	REGIL, St James	Morning Prayer
10.30am	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew	Eucharist
6.30pm	STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong
SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER		**Remembrance Sunday**
8.30am	REGIL, St James	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am	FELTON, St Katharine	Remembrance Gathering
10.30am	WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter	Remembrance Service
WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER		**Armistice Day**
10.45am	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew	Act of Remembrance
10.45am	REGIL, St James	Act of Remembrance
SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER		**2nd Sunday before Advent**
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity	Eucharist and Baptism
4.00pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St Mary	Evensong
SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER		**Christ the King**
9.00am	WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter	Morning Worship
11.00am	FELTON, St Katharine	Eucharist
6.30pm	STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong
SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER		**1st Sunday of Advent**
10.30am	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew	Eucharist
4.00pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St Mary	Christingle Service
SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER		**2nd Sunday of Advent**
8.30am	REGIL, St James	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	FELTON, St Katharine	Christingle Service
6.30pm	STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion

Holy Communion with **Prayers for Healing** is usually celebrated in our group of parishes on the **1st** & **3rd Wednesdays** of each month at **10.30am**



Wednesday 4th November - St Katharine's, Felton
Wednesday 18th November - St Andrew's, Chew Stoke
Wednesday 2nd December - St Katharine's, Felton

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)



LEST WE FORGET

On **Remembrance Sunday**, **8th November**, Acts of Remembrance will be held at **St Katharine's, Felton** at **9.00am**, and at **St Mary & St Peter's, Winford** at **10.30am.** We will pause to remember those who lost their lives in two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts, and pray for peace in our world today.

ARMISTICE DAY

On **Wednesday 11th November** an Act of Remembrance will be held at both St Andrew's Church, **Chew Stoke**, and St James' Church, **Regil**, beginning at **10.45am.**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM – New Churchyard Appeal

St Mary & St Peter's Church, Winford has received a **very kind donation** from the former **Winford Cricket Club**: a parcel of land which adjoins the existing churchyard. This will enable burials to be able to continue as the old churchyard is now full. All the (lengthy!) legal proceedings pertaining to the official transfer of the land are *nearly* complete – but not without incurring some substantial legal fees. **So Winford Church is requesting donations to help with these legal fees.**

If you feel able to help, thank you. Our bank account details are:
Winford PCC, Sort Code: 40-17-49, Account No: 51012991 [with the ref '**New Churchyard**']
You can also donate online to **www.chewvalleywest.org/winford**

It will be a great relief to many local families to know that in the near-future their loved ones will (one day) be able to be laid-to-rest where they have lived and perhaps grown-up. We are very grateful to the former Winford Cricket Club for standing with our local community in this way.

Festive Readathon

On Sunday 6th December, at 2.00pm, Winford Church will be holding the first part of

A Readathon

We all know the Christmas Story, but to hear a 30-minute reading of it as imagined through the eyes of Mary, and as penned by **Bear Grylls** in '***The Greatest Story Ever Told'***, is perhaps new to us. So do come and wonder anew at the story of Christmas, and stay and enjoy some Festive Fare.

Festive Fare and Launch

On Sunday 6th December, at **2.30pm, Winford Church** will be hosting a **Festive Fare** with **mince pies and warming drinks** in order to launch of a new 'must have' item of merchandise:

Winford Tea Towels

For sale by cash or card. All proceeds will be for church funds. We are very grateful to Alison Johnson for her idea and enthusiasm in launching this item. Do come along.

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Whenever I see a little church, I simply have to visit,
So when I'm carried in at last, the Lord won't say "who is it?" [Anon]

Mind & Spirit Carer's Café

Run by the churches of Chew Valley West, we meet every **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **Felton Village Hall** at **10.30am.**
The next meeting is on **Wednesday 11th November.**
Enjoy refreshments and connect with others facing similar challenges in this relaxed and friendly way.
Free entry with plenty of parking. Contact Becky for more details **07780 734713.**

SNAP HAPPY!

Churches of Chew Valley West are hoping to produce a Calendar for 2028!
So, we would like to invite local people to take photos of local scenes



Photographs can be of anything that catches your eye within the Chew Valley: landscapes, big skies, tiny insects, blooming flowers, animals, farm equipment, events, something funny – in fact anything that you would like to look at for a month at a time! (Though no children, and adults only with their permission, please. Landscape format preferable.)

We live in such a beautiful part of the world and this could be a fun community project to reflect that. All proceeds to go to church funds.

So, please getting snapping NOW to capture the seasonal changes.

Final submission date will be **1st August 2027**, when a small team will make the final selection. There may be a small prize for the overall favourite for the cover!
Send any submissions now, or as-and-when, with **a title and/or where it is in the Chew Valley** to **janespanner710@gmail.com. Thank you!** Jane Spanner

Winford Coffee Mornings

Held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Prince of Waterloo Pub** from **11.00 am**
Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones.

Welcome Wednesdays

Do come along to the friendly coffee mornings at the **George & Dragon** pub in **Felton every Wednesday** from **11-12ish**. We look forward to seeing you there.

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We believe that every child is unique and full of potential. Our aim is to provide an education that helps in developing the confidence, knowledge and character they need for the future.

Our three school values are at the heart of everything we do:

Aspire – We encourage children to aim high, embrace challenges and be the very best they can be.

Belong – We create a welcoming, inclusive community where everyone feels safe, valued and accepted.

Care – We teach children to show kindness, compassion and respect for themselves, others and the world around them.

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A Community Where Everyone Belongs

Relationships are at the heart of Winford

We want every child to feel happy, safe and proud to be part of our school. We encourage children to develop friendships, care for one another and take an active role in school life through pupil leadership, our house system, collective worship and community activities.

As a Church of England school, our Christian foundation shapes our ethos and daily life. We have close links with our local church and warmly welcome families of all faiths and none.

We are proud to be part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership and value the opportunities this provides for collaboration, professional development and strengthening the education we offer.

Come and See Us

Our website gives you a flavour of what makes Winford such a special place to learn and grow, but the best way to get to know us is to come and visit. We would be delighted to show you around our school.

Please contact our school office to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Jenny Campbell, Headteacher

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Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Last month was a really interesting presentation about the history, current, and future work of *Secret World Wildlife Rescue*. The items brought along for sale proved very popular (early Christmas presents?!).

This month our illustrated talk is ***'The Swan Whisperer.'*** This will cover a little history of the **swans** at **Bishop's Palace**, **Wells**, along with a couple of swan adventures/stories.

All are welcome to join us at **Felton Village Hall** on **Tuesday 10th November** for a **7.15pm** start.

Re our **Christmas Party** on **Tuesday 8th December**, could you please return your menu choice forms, with payment at this month's meeting. Thank you. Anne Cantwell

Felton Village Hall

The next **Film Night** is **Friday 27th November**, screening ***'Hamnet'*** starting at **7.30pm**.

No admission charge but a donation would be appreciated. Full bar, tea, coffee, biscuits and ices all available before the film starts and in the interval.

This film dramatizes the family life of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes Hathaway as they cope with the death of their 11 year old son, Hamnet. It stars Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal.

We had a very successful Bingo evening in October which everyone enjoyed, so maybe it will be repeated in February or March next year. We would like to thank Claire being our Caller for the evening, also for the loan of the bingo ball machine; a profit of £197 was made. Money raised at Film Nights and Bingo help with the running costs of the hall as we try not to increase rental costs.

100 Club was drawn at the last Film Night, and the October winners were: £50 Mrs M Shore (number 119) and £25 Mrs S Sutton (number 261). Well done.

December is the Big Christmas Draw so if you wish to join – as you need to be in it to win it – please contact Paul Hatherell, **paulhatherell@btinternet.com** Angela Britton

News from Winford Village Hall (written on 13th October)

The Murder/Mystery Evening is going ahead on **Saturday 21st November.** Tickets will be on sale soon – so look out for them (if you dare!).

A Ballroom Dance is being held on **Friday 15th January.** £8.50 a ticket, BYO drinks (water provided) and we will do a **light ploughman's supper**. Numbers will be limited and the tickets are already selling well.

We are still hoping to get a few people who are interested in attending and/or helping at social events in the Hall, and who would like a **monthly email newsletter**. We could then advertise events more easily, and also maybe persuade some of you to help at events – no need to be on the Committee!

Please let us know what events you might like to attend and give us your ideas on how we can advertise them. I hope you have all had a good summer and are ready for the nights to draw in.

Regards to all. Denise Poole

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Answers on a Postcard

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?!

Community Minibus Trips

Date	Destination	Departing
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Felton Flower Show Society

This month **Rob Handy** is coming to talk to us about ***'Forest Gardening: living off grid'***.
This will be **followed by a short AGM**. To be held at **Felton Village Hall** , **Thursday 19th November**, starting at **7.30pm**. Please come and join us. Anne Cantwell

Winford Flower & Produce Show

The **AGM** of the Winford Flower & Produce Show will take place in **Winford Village Hall** on **Friday 13th November** at **7.00pm.**
All welcome. If anyone would like to suggest categories to include, the Committee will be delighted to hear from you.
If anyone wishes to help-out and join the Committee, please call the Secretary, Philippa Herring, **01275 474270,** or turn-up to the meeting. Philippa Herring

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Alternatively if you know someone in need of support, please also contact Mary. Thank you.
Mary Douglas-Jones

Diary at a Glance – November 2026

Mon 2	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 - 12.25pm
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 - 12.55pm
Fri 6	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 - 4.00pm
Tue 10	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00am
Tue 10	Felton & Winford Tue Group	Felton Village Hall	7.15pm See p7
Wed 11	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 - 11.15am
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 - 12.00pm
Wed 11	Mind & Spirit Carer's Café	Felton Village Hall	10.30am See p5
Fri 13	Winford Flower & Produce Show, AGM	Winford Village Hall	7.00pm See p8
Mon 16	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 - 12.25pm
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 - 12.55pm
Mon 16	Winford Parish Council Meeting	Felton Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 19	Renew Coffee Morning	Winford Baptist Chapel	10.30am
Thur 19	Felton Flower Show Society Talk & AGM	Felton Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 20	Community Minibus Trip	Monkton Elm Gdn Centre, Taunton	9.00am See p8
Fri 20	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 - 4.00pm
Sat 21	Murder/Mystery Evening	Winford Village Hall	See p7
Wed 25	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 - 11.15am
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 - 12.00pm
Fri 27	Film Night *'Hamnet'*	Felton Village Hall	7.00/7.30pm See p7
Mon 30	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 - 12.25pm
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 - 12.55pm

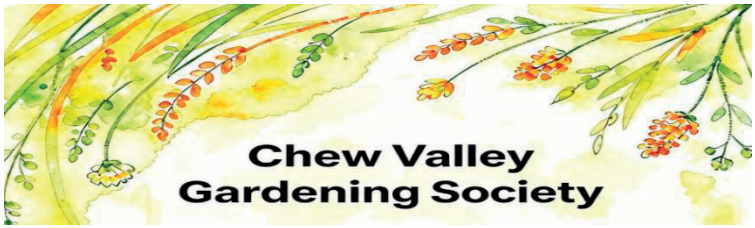
Don't forget the **weekly Welcome Wednesdays** at the **George & Dragon, Felton**, see **p6.**

NEW COMPOSTING SITE at WINFORD HEIGHTS

Following the initial survey, an enthusiastic number of volunteers are now ready to offer their services to get this project off-the-ground, and to help develop it into an exciting Community Hub.

However, WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO FILL-IN THE SURVEY – enclosed and more who are willing to **pay an annual membership fee** to make it viable.
So, **if you have not already done so,**
PLEASE complete and return the Survey to the PO by 30th November.

Together, our support will considerably reduce our carbon footprint and enable the site to provide multiple community benefits, such as
The Duke of Edinburgh youth development programme, a cuppa and a garden 😊.



Invite you to a special talk by our own Mary Payne MBE
'Grasses and Perennials are the low maintenance option'

Date: 12th November 2026
Place: Stanton Drew Village Hall (ample parking). Time: 7.30 for 8.00pm.
£5 cash entrance (non-members). Everyone welcome.

Harptrees History Society

Wednesday 25h November 2026

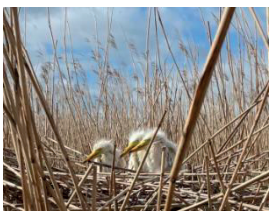
Thankful Villages of Somerset and Gloucestershire

Thankful Villages are those communities from which all men and women who went to fight in WWI returned home safely. In 2013, researchers identified only 52 such civil parishes in the whole of England and Wales. **Steve Osman** will explore in detail those in Somerset and Gloucestershire. The talk also looks at the background to military recruitment at the time and the aftermath of the war on communities.

As always, visitors are very welcome, space permitting, with a donation of £3 a head.
Booking in advance is essential (see below) although you can pay on the night.
West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG. Doors open at **7.15pm** for **7.30pm**.
Visitor booking opens on **Wed 11th Nov** and closes at **5.00pm** on **Tue 24th Nov**.
To book, please email**: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org**
with the subject line "**November 2026**"

Avon Wildlife Trust – Chew Valley Group

Thursday 26th November: *'Great White Egrets - on Somerset's Avalon Marshes.'*



Having successfully bred on the Somerset Levels, they are now breeding all over the country. Illustrated talk by **Alison Morgan.**
Chew Magna Old School Room, 7.45pm. £2.50 inc. refreshments.

BARN DANCE in **Chew Magna Village Hall** on **Saturday 14th November.**
Open to all ages this traditional and fun Barn Dance is from **7.00pm – 10.00pm**.
Live music with **The Barnstormers** and Dave Francis calling.
Tickets £15 include a light supper, children half price. Tickets from **Chew Magna Pet Hub**.

JUMBLE SALE, Old School Room, Chew Magna, Saturday 9th January 2027, **10.00am.**
This Annual Jumble Sale is in aid of **Avon Wildlife Trust** and their work at **Folly Farm Wildlife Reserve**, **Stowey**. If you are having a clear-out: **please** save items for the sale: children's toys, games, bric-a-brac, clothes, white elephant and books etc. Arrangements for delivery/collection will appear later. Contact **01275 332482. Thank you.** Annie Sewart

Valley Arts Fringe Festival 2026 – Listings for November 2026

- **Sun 1 Nov / toooB / 2.00pm** & **3.30pm, Old School Rooms, Lower Hall, Chew Magna.** Gentle sensory theatre and play. Ages 6–24 months.
- **Tue 3 Nov / Pop-up Comedy / 7.30pm** (doors **7pm**) **The Waldegrave**, **East Harptree**. Stand-up with Mark Hurman, Jess Lo and Greg Winfield. Ages 16+. Free.
- **Thu 5, 12** & **19 Nov / Creative Writing Workshops / 6.30 - 7.30pm, Chew Magna Baptist Hall**. Stories, stage plays and screenplays with Will Terran. Adults. Free.
- **Sat 7 Nov / I'm Muslamic Don't Panik / 7.30pm, Bishop Sutton Village Hall**. Storytelling, dance and live music exploring identity. Ages 12+.
- **Sun 8 Nov / Myths and Legends Drama Day / 10.00am–4.00pm, West Harptree Memorial Hall**. Bring ancient tales to life through acting. Ages 8+. Free.
- **Tue 10 Nov / Jazz Jam / 8.00pm**. **The Pelican Inn**, **Chew Magna**. Join the house band or enjoy the music. Ages 14+. Free. Just turn up.
- **Sat 14 Nov / Circus Workshops / 10.00am** & **11.15am**. **Chew Magna Baptist Chapel**. Try juggling, plate spinning and more. Ages 8+, with an adult. Free.
- **Sat 14 Nov / Come and Try Music Workshop / 10.00am - 1.00pm**, **Chew Magna Baptist Hall**. Explore instruments and music-making. Ages 8+, with an adult. Free.
- **Sat 14 Nov / The Tragedy of Omlet**, **Prince of Hen-mark / 7.30pm, Bishop Sutton Village Hall**. Living Spit's comic Hamlet with one man and an egg. Ages 12+.
- **Tue 17 Nov / Cathy Judge / 7.30pm**. **The Pelican Inn**, **Chew Magna**. Original songs and favourite covers with Johnny Francis. Ages 14+. Free. Just turn up.



- **Fri 20 Nov / What Wood Victoria Do? / 8.00pm**. **Chew Stoke Village Hall**. Paulus celebrates Victoria Wood through songs and comedy. Ages 10+, with an adult.
- **Sat 21 Nov / My Friend Donkey / 2.30pm**, **SkyLark**, **Blagdon Baptist Chapel**. Family theatre with puppetry, dance and classical guitar. Recommended ages 5+.
- **Tue 24 Nov / Open Mic / 7.45pm, The Pelican Inn**, **Chew Magna**. Local live music; performers & listeners welcome. Ages 14+. Free. Just turn up.
- **Thu 26 Nov / Rock the Tots Christmas / 11.00am**, **Chew Magna Baptist Chapel**. Live Christmas hits, puppets and bubbles. Ages 0–4.
- **Thu 26 Nov / Full English / 7.30pm**, **Chew Valley Library**, **Bishop Sutton**. Melanie Branton's comic journey through the English language. Ages 8+. Free.
- **Sat 28 Nov / A Nutcracker Christmas by Candlelight / 7.30pm**, **St Andrew's Church**, **Chew Magna**. Bristol Ensemble plays the Nutcracker Suite and festive favourites. Ages 10+.
- **Sun 29 Nov / The Tailor of Gloucester / 2.30pm**, **Temple Cloud Village Hall**. Beatrix Potter's tale with live music and puppetry. Ages 3+.

Please book for all events, even if free (unless stated 'Just turn-up'.)
All tickets can be booked at valley-arts.co.uk



REMINDER: The Big Arts Weekend, 14th & 15th November
East Harptree, the Theatre 10.00 – 4.30pm
https://www.artshubharptree.com/about-6 for more details

Chew Valley Local History Society - **Research Update: King Harold II winning in Somerset!**
For the **70th Anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth's visit**, our wide-ranging research involving British Royalty has continued – with exciting news about the battle fought by the Earl of Wessex (later King Harold II) and at least two of his sons, and the 11th century ravages in Somerset. The consequences for the Valley, including the Chew Valley Hoard and early development of Wells Cathedral, will be available soon.

During the visit of King Henry III in 1250 to the bishop's palace (the remains of which form part of Chew Court) a royal burglary occurred. For centuries an inscription detailing the theft was carved, and was prominently visible on the walls of the main entrance. Legal customs of the time meant that collective responsibility may have applied, potentially incurring massive punitive finds for members of the Chew Hundred. Patent Rolls from King Henry's court may offer details? It is suggested that CVLHS once held details, but none are recorded: we wonder if details of their safe keeping are known?

The **250+ page booklet** containing all the **70th Anniversary**, **19th April 2026 display**, subject to printing, should be available soon, to borrow or purchase.
It includes **an almost unbroken story of 7,000 years** of **habitation in the Valley**: from the Neolithic (houses, pottery, tools), Beakers and Iron Age, Roman (villas, tools, and from 300AD *Roman wooden writing tablets* in ink) to Norman and Medieval sites and artifacts. The book includes the 1950's archaeological research, the Lake construction, Her Majesty's visit and subsequent years.
The Neolithic houses are the first indication of where the amazing builders built (by diameter) the 2nd, 3rd and 4th largest stone circles/henges (of more than 2000 in the world). In 1883 the complex was (sadly) the first in the country to receive police protection because of the horrendous damage being done to the stones, and before the Ministry of Works took action, because for generations the site and international significance was not understood or appreciated. The Neolithic also left the Valley with the largest wooden prehistoric structure and the largest known prehistoric wooden platform, which rotted away thousands of years ago but left sufficient evidence for English Heritage to identify them.

We will be delighted to hear from you relating to any of the above, or of other aspects of Valley history. Please contact Robin Cade, **rcade47@gmail.com**. Robin Cade

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For more information go to *thecommunityfarm.co.uk*

Chew Valley u3a

Chew Valley u3a's next speaker meeting is on **Monday 16th November**, when there will be a talk entitled '***Modern Day Pressures on an Ancient Landscape***.'
Do come along to **Ubley Village Hall** at **10.00am** for coffee/tea and biscuits.
Members £1. Guests £2.50 Diana Elsmore

RNLI CHEW VALLEY BRANCH – Curry Lunch Event

We are pleased to confirm that our ever popular Curry Lunch will be held at **Ubley Parish Hall**, **BS40 6PN** on **Thursday 12th November**.
Doors open at **12noon** and the event starts at **12:30pm.** We have been able to keep the price unchanged at £17.50 per head. The curry main course, with accompaniments, will be followed by a choice of delicious homemade sweets, and there will be a cash bar with a choice of beer, wines and soft drinks. We will also be running our usual **raffle** with great prizes.
Please support this event and book your places by applying to our email address, **rnlichewvalley@gmail.com**. This event is very popular so early booking is recommended to secure your ticket. We look forward to hearing from you. Adrian Dodds

Save Felton Common News – November 2026

Airport Application – Planning Decision Day – Wednesday 16th December (?)

It is now suspected that, following expected reports from NSC officers, a decision will be made by NSC Planning & Regulatory Committee at their scheduled meeting at Weston Town Hall on **Wednesday 16th December** at **2.30pm**.
SFC plan to talk at the meeting and we would ask as many people as possible to attend the meeting or lobby outside.
Please put the date in your diary and we will send information when we know more.

The Committee has 13 members who may listen to objections particularly if they come from their constituents. So, if you know people who live in the following local government wards, please ask them to lobby their Councillors: WSM, WSM Uphill, WSM Hillside, WSM Milton, WSM Worle, Wick St Lawrence & St Georges, Portishead North, Portishead South, Nailsea Youngwood, Banwell & Winscombe, Clevedon Yeo, Congresbury & Puxton, Long Ashton.



Even if the Committee grants the Airport Application, there may be a compulsory purchase process and many other legal hurdles for the Airport to get its way – and this could take many years!

Please think about coming to the Planning Meeting and lobby anyone you think can influence the decision.
To show your support car window stickers are still available in Winford Community Shop together with new signs at £4 cash each.
To keep you informed of any further developments, if you have not already done so, please send your email address to **savefeltoncommon@gmail.com**

Simon Martin on behalf of Save Felton Common. **www.savefeltoncommon.org**

Adult social care: what is it, and why does it matter to us all?

When we think about what North Somerset Council does for us, most of us probably think first of waste and recycling collections, fixing potholes, or looking after our parks and open spaces. But did you know that waste and recycling, together with maintaining our parks and green spaces, account for only around 5% of Council spending? By comparison, around 62% goes towards adult and children's services.

What is adult social care?

Most of us don't give it much thought unless we have a family member or friend who needs support. We often associate it with older people needing care at home or in residential care, but it goes much further than that.

Adult social care also supports younger adults with physical or learning disabilities, people with mental health difficulties, and those who need help to live independently. It might mean helping an elderly neighbour wash and dress, or providing specialist support for a young adult with complex needs. It also supports family members and friends who care for loved ones, often unpaid. And unlike most NHS treatment, social care isn't necessarily free. Depending on their circumstances, people may have to contribute towards the cost.

Why is it putting pressure on Council finances?

These are essential services, and demand is growing. People are living longer, often with more complex needs, while the cost of providing care continues to rise. Importantly, adult social care is a **statutory responsibility**. This means the Council is legally required to provide support to people who qualify for it. We cannot simply stop providing these services because they have become too expensive.

In North Somerset, we will spend over £100 million on adult social care this year alone. The problem is that these costs keep going up, but the money we receive to pay for them isn't keeping pace. And that means there's less money available for all the other things the Council needs to do.

What does the future hold for adult social care?

There has been much national discussion about reforming adult social care, but finding a long-term solution is proving difficult. In the meantime, councils and families continue to face growing pressures.

I believe we should be proud that we support people who need care, whether young or old. Looking-out for one another is part of what makes our villages such good places to live. But we also need to find a fairer, more sustainable way of paying for the care that people need.

After all, adult social care isn't just about budgets and figures. It's about people, families and communities, and making sure that help is there when it's needed.

Annemieke Waite
Ward Councillor for Winford, Felton, Regil, Dundry, Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton
Email: annemieke.waite@n-somerset.gov.uk

Winford Parish Council Meeting – held on Monday 21st September 2026

Open Forum. Five members of the public attended the meeting. One member of the public advised the Parish Council that they wished to address the Council regarding proposals for the Compost Site. Two members of the public, namely the owner of Winford Manor and the Operations Manager, advised the Parish Council that they wished to address the Council regarding emerging proposals for Winford Manor.

Winford Manor. The owner of Winford Manor and the Operations Manager informed the Parish Council that they had been considering a range of potential future uses for the site and were currently exploring the development of a retirement village, hotel, and restaurant. They explained that they had previously considered changing the use of the site to a school for children with special educational needs; however, this option was no longer being pursued. The proposals remain at an early stage and are currently being developed. The representatives of Winford Manor expressed a desire to meet with the Parish Council once the plans had progressed further. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the owner of Winford Manor to facilitate a future meeting with the Parish Council.

Compost Site. The Parish Council had received a proposal from a Community Interest Company seeking to operate from the Compost Site. It was noted that a number of outstanding matters remained to be resolved before any formal decision could be made, including issues relating to the proposed diversion or alteration of the public footpath that crosses the site. Following discussion, it was agreed that a working group would be established comprising representatives of both the Parish Council and the Community Interest Company. The purpose of the group will be to consider the detailed arrangements associated with the proposal and to report its findings and recommendations back to the full Council for consideration and determination. The Clerk would coordinate establishment of the working group and arrange an initial meeting.

Felton Common. Members were advised that the bracken had been rolled and that, at present, there was no requirement for the grass to be cut. It was noted that a number of boulders were due to be delivered to the site shortly. The Council was informed that Natural England had recently visited the site and had expressed satisfaction with the current management arrangements. It was agreed that the barrows would be inspected again to identify any damage that may have been caused by grazing cattle. The Council would also request that the Commoner currently grazing cattle on the Common excludes them from the geofenced area. It was noted that the Parish Council does not currently have sufficient funds available to undertake any remedial works required as a result of damage caused by cattle.

Airport. The Parish Council received an update following a recent meeting of the Environmental Effects Consultative Committee attended by a Parish Council representative. It was noted that Cllr Patch had requested the installation of a noise monitor at the Felton end of the runway. However, Bristol Airport advised that the monitor would instead be located closer to the midpoint of the runway.
The Clerk reported that no further correspondence had been received from Bristol Airport regarding Felton Common. It was noted that North Somerset Council (NSC) had deferred its planning decision until 31st December 2026. A Parish Council representative would be attending the next meeting of the Parish Council Airport Association (PCAA).

Footpaths & Highways. It was noted that the diversion of the public footpath at the Compost Site remained unresolved. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would report an intentional obstruction of Public Footpath LA19/76/20 to NSC for investigation and appropriate action.
The Parish Council expressed concerns regarding the proposed North Somerset Agricultural Show, which is scheduled to take place at Kingdown in May 2027. Members noted that access to Kingdown is via narrow rural lanes and were concerned about the potential traffic impacts associated with the event. The Clerk reported that correspondence had already been sent to NSC seeking clarification on the traffic management measures that would be implemented to mitigate the impact on local roads and residents. It was noted that a response had not yet been received. The Council was advised that representatives of the Parish Council

were due to meet with the organisers immediately in order to obtain further information regarding their proposals and the arrangements for the event.
It was agreed that the vegetation surrounding the Millennium Stone at Barrow Lane would be cut back. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Council's grounds maintenance contractor to establish whether the vegetation surrounding the Millennium Stones formed part of their routine maintenance programme. The contractor would also be asked to remove the grass growing between the paving slabs adjacent to the Memorial at Winford Heights; also to clear vegetation from the steps linking Winford Heights and Felton Lane.
It was **noted** that the advisory signs stating that the route is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles were missing from the top of Frog Lane, Winford. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the missing signage to the appropriate highway authority and request that the matter be investigated and the signs replaced.

Allotments. The Parish Council reviewed the future viability of the Allotment Site at Felton and agreed that it was no longer financially sustainable to continue operating the site. It was therefore resolved that allotment tenancies at the Felton site would not be renewed in 2027.
The Clerk was instructed to write to all plot holders to inform them of the Council's decision. It was further agreed that those tenants who had maintained their plots to a satisfactory standard would be offered first refusal on any vacant allotment plots that become available at the Winford Allotment Site.

Parish Property. It was noted that Vee Lane and Walton Crescent Play Parks had recently been inspected and there were no areas of immediate concern highlighted. The Clerk would seek an update on the conveyancing process regarding the acquisition of Vee Lane Play Park.
It was **noted** that a number of trees owned by the Parish Council would require inspection and remedial works within the next 12 months. It was agreed that quotations would be obtained for the necessary works in order to assess the likely costs.

Defibrillators. The Parish Council considered and approved a quotation for the replacement of three Defibrillators and their associated cabinets. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to local businesses to explore whether they would be willing to contribute towards the cost of the replacements as part of the Council's efforts to support the provision of community emergency equipment.

Any other business. The Parish Council considered a request for a financial contribution towards the establishment of a Junior Park Run at Chew Valley School. After consideration of the request and the Council's current priorities and budget commitments, it was resolved not to provide financial support for the project.

Next meeting: Mon 19th October 2026**. Upcoming meeting: Mon 16th Nov, 7:30pm** at **Felton Village Hall.**

Winford Parish Council serving **Felton, Regil & Winford** Website: **www.winfordpc.org.uk**

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Every 3rd Thursday	Renew Coffee Morning, Winford Chapel	10.30am

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For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name O Jesus, be forever blest, alleluia, alleluia.

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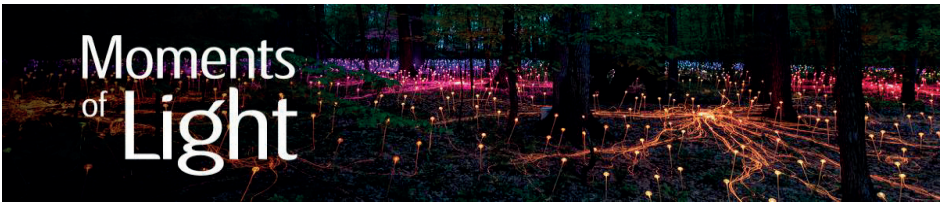
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