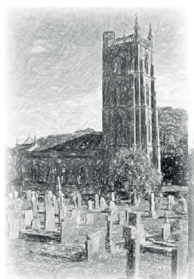


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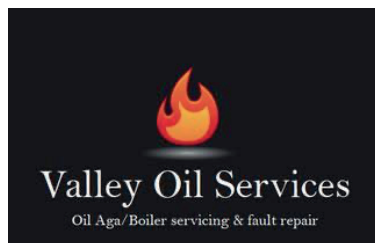
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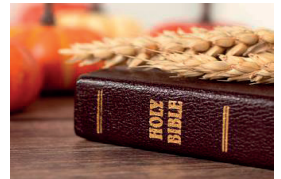
We give thanks also for those who contribute in other ways to our well-being and material needs;
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We offer also as a Harvest offering to God, our skills, expertise and time, to be used for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Above all we thank God for the spiritual growth and Harvest of souls;
for those who have allowed the Word to grow in their hearts,
and who give their fruit by sharing the love of God with everyone they meet, especially those who are still seeking the spiritual side of their lives.

We thank God for the seed of His Word in our hearts that is growing and bearing fruit through His grace.

Our gift is to be aware of and alert to the spiritual needs of others, and to find-out where God is working among us, so that we can join in bringing-in the Harvest in God's Kingdom.



*Yours in Christ,
Rev'd Victor Barley*

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

October – Barbara Mabbutt and Ali Simmons

Thank you for all your help

Services in Chew Valley West Benefice in October 2026

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

8.30am	REGIL, St James
10.30am	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew
11.00am	FELTON, St Katharine
6.30pm	STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary

Trinity 18

Holy Communion (BCP)
Harvest Thanksgiving
Harvest Thanksgiving
Harvest Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

8.30am	STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary
11.00am	WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter

Trinity 19

Holy Communion (BCP)
Harvest Thanksgiving
Family Service

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

9.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St Mary
11.00am	BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity

Luke the Evangelist

Harvest Eucharist
Harvest Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

9.00am	FELTON, St Katharine
11.00am	WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter
4.00pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St Mary
6.30pm	STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary

Last in Trinity

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong
Evensong

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

8.30am	REGIL, St James
10.30 am	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew

All Saints' Day

Morning Prayer
Eucharist

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER

8.30am	REGIL, St James
10.30am	WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter

Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)
Remembrance Service

***PLEASE NOTE** some of these services are different from how they appeared in the September magazine as some necessary changes had to be made. Thank you for your understanding.

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 7th October - St Katharine's, Felton
Wednesday 21st October - St Andrew's, Chew Stoke
Wednesday 4th November - St Katharine's, Felton

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

We will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving in each of our 7 churches during September and October – please see the list of services on p3. Everyone is most welcome to attend – just come along.



And Remember –

Felton Harvest Festival Lunch



All are welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival Lunch – on **Sunday 4th October** in **Felton Village Hall at 1.00pm**.

Tickets cost £18 from Lizzie **07714 376455** or call-in at **Hair Tree** in **Winford High Street**. Pay then or on the door.

Enjoy an ‘earthy’ lunch, jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, complimented by fresh deserts, tea/coffee, cheese & biscuits. Please bring your own drink; corked for cheese. There will be a surprise afterwards! Come and enjoy 😊.

Lizzie Patch

Loaves & Fishes Project

Run by **The Community of the Sisters of the Church**, in **Bristol**.

All donations received at Winford’s Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service on Sunday 11th October at 11.00am will go to this project.



Throughout the year and through people’s generosity, *The Loaves & Fishes Project* has been able to provide around 300 emergency food parcels *every week*. As we move deeper into the season, demand for their services will continue to rise as they seek to restock their shelves and fund vital support for those facing genuine hardship in our city.

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A BIG “Thank You”

To everyone who worked so hard and expertly to give Revd Ian, Kelly-Ann & Iris such a wonderful send-off. It could hardly have been better – except for having to say our goodbyes!

To those who organised the parting gift and donations; who contributed so generously (a clear indication of our appreciation); to the Felton Hall team for making the hall such a delightful luncheon venue; who provided food and drink (it was all delicious with very little left!); to Chew Stoke Church for hosting Ian’s last service – and to little Iris for helping Ian at the end! A special note of thanks to Churchwarden Andrew, for his hilarious but appropriate ‘few words’ of thanks and gift presentation to Ian at the end of the service. For saying what we were all thinking, if not in a way we expected!

We feel sure that the Mills Family were left in no doubt as to the high regard in which they are held by our villages and churches. We wish them every blessing and continued prayers for their future in Bath and for Ian’s ministry at the Abbey.

On behalf of us all



Together we Flourish

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
John 10:10*

As pupils and staff get stuck into their new classes, focusing on their new timetables and goals for this academic year, and welcome the new Reception Class, Winford School is also welcoming back the Open the Book team.

Open the Book is a Bible Society initiative that takes Bible stories into primary schools, through teams of costumed Storytellers from local churches. Last year, 2,307 schools in England and Wales and over 7,100 volunteers were involved! Open the Book is a wonderful way to engage pupils with biblical stories, and it's amazing the difference some simple props can make to encourage that.

Held fortnightly during assembly, the children love taking part – either as a whole school 'exercise', joining-in with actions, asking questions, praying – or by taking part in some key roles: there is usually no shortage of volunteers!

Stories in Winford this term will be based on some of the acts of the Apostles after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. The first – '*The Ethiopian Treasurer*' – will see some of Jesus' followers 'thrown into jail' (we'll need some pupils to volunteer for that!) but Apostle Philip is quickly guided by God to turn this bad situation into an opportunity to spread the Good News far-and-wide, much to the Ethiopian Treasurer's delight. Anyone got a chariot handy?!

The Open the Book team would like to thank the school for welcoming us in this way.

We pray the stories will encourage pupils and staff alike in their Christian walk, as they have encouraged us.

The Open the Book Team



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At Winford C of E Primary School – Together we Flourish

See inside back cover

Mind & Spirit Carer's Café

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The next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th October**.

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"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever."
Winnie-the-Pooh

Felton Flower Show Society

As always, my report for our Annual Flower Show comes a month late due to the magazine cut-off time. Looking back, we had a very successful day with entries significantly up, despite the heatwave followed by downpours!

It was good to see some people entering for the first time and winning classes. The only slight disappointment was the lack of children entering. Please encourage your children/grandchildren to enter next year 😊.

Finally, a big *thank you* to all of you who entered and attended this year's Show.

Next 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**. Look forward to seeing you there.

Anne Cantwell

Felton Village Hall

Friday 2nd October is **Film Night** screening '*Mothers Pride*'. Doors open at **7.00pm** so you can purchase drinks from the bar, or tea and coffee, before the film starts at **7.30pm**.

The film is a 2026 British comedy drama and the story unfolds about a grieving family who want to save their failing rural pub and community, starring Martin Clunes and James Buckley.

Free admission, but donations are gratefully received, there is a pot at the entrance.

Friday 9th October is **Bingo Night**. Doors open at **7.00pm** ready for eyes down at **7.30pm**.

No admission charge. Six games of bingo will cost £6. This needs to be **paid in cash** on the evening as all the prizes for each game will be in cash – therefore the more people attending, the bigger the prize money will be 😊. A fully stocked bar will be available plus filled rolls and crisps to purchase in the break.

For your diary: **Friday 27th November**, screening the film '*Hamnet*'.

100 Club winners for September were: £50 Mr K Milsom (number 249) and £25 Mrs V Dibble (number 175). Well done.

Angela Britton

News from Winford Village Hall (written on 15th September)

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Bingo Night due to scarcity of helpers for the evening.

We are hoping to get a few people who are interested in attending and/or helping at social events in the Hall, and who would like an **email newsletter monthly**. 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!

We intend to have a **Family Bingo** in **December**, so it would be very useful to have a **list of email addresses** so that we can let you know the date.

Please phone me on **01275 472797** or email **denise.poole@hotmail.co.uk** if interested.

The Murder/Mystery Evening should go ahead on **Saturday 21st November**.

And **A Ballroom Dance** is planned for **Friday 15th January**. £8.50 a ticket. BYO drinks (water provided) and we will do a **light ploughman's supper**. Numbers will be limited.

Regards to all.

Denise Poole

Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Last month was our planning meeting: a good mix of suggestions for next year's programme.

This month, our talk is '**All about Secret World Wildlife Rescue**'.

I shall be starting a list for our Christmas Party to be held on 8th December at the Hall as usual.

I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 6th October** (please note this is the **1st Tuesday** of the month) **7.15pm** start at **Felton Village Hall**.

Visitors very welcome.

Anne Cantwell

West of England Rural Network

A chance to meet our local police, get some top tips, enjoy music, movement, a quiz and cake.



The poster is for an 'AUTUMN WELLBEING SOCIAL EVENT' organized by WERN (West of England Rural Network). It features a green and teal color scheme. The event is on Tuesday 20 October at Winford Village Hall, Felton Lane, from 2-4pm (doors open at 1.45pm). The poster lists activities: getting moving with Ketyn Jepson, safety tips from local police, a music memory quiz, and tea and cake. It also mentions 'Free entry' with a suggested donation of £2 for refreshments. At the bottom, it provides contact information for West of England Rural Network Village Agents: Kate 07985 022030 - kate.w@wern.org.uk and the website www.wern.org.uk. There are small illustrations of people, musical notes, and trees.

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Wednesday 11th Nov The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke 12.30 – 2.30pm

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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 – October 2026

Fri 2	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 - 4.00pm	
Fri 2	Film Night ' <i>Mother's Pride</i> '	Felton Village Hall	7.00/7.30pm	See p6
Sun 4	Felton Harvest Lunch	Felton Village Hall	1.00pm	See p4
Mon 5	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 - 12.25pm	
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 - 12.55pm	
Tue 6	Felton & Winford Tue Group	Felton Village Hall	7.15pm	See p7
Wed 7	Community Minibus Trip	Weston-super-Mare	9.00am	See p8
Fri 9	Bingo Evening	Felton Village Hall	7.00/7.30pm	See p6
Tue 13	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00am	
Wed 14	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 - 11.15am	
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 - 12.00pm	
Wed 14	Mind & Spirit Carer's Café	Felton Village Hall	10.30am	See p5
Thur 15	Renew Coffee Morning	Winford Chapel	10.30am	
Fri 16	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 - 4.00pm	
Mon 19	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 - 12.25pm	
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 - 12.55pm	
Mon 19	Winford Parish Council Meeting	Felton Village Hall	7.30pm	
Tue 20	Autumn Wellbeing Social Event	Winford Village Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm	See p7
Wed 28	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 - 11.15am	
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 - 12.00pm	
Fri 30	Community Minibus Trip	Carmarthen	9.00am	See p8

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

Mobile Library For their timetable, reservations or more information, ring **01275 888 864** or see the link: <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/leisure/libraries/bringing-the-library-to-you/mobile-library/>



Volunteer Car Drivers Needed – Can YOU Help?

Chew Valley Community Transport Scheme offers transport to medical appointments for people with no other way to get to them.

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[CVCT was set-up as a Community Interest Company in 2010, under the auspices of WERN, the West of England Rural Network.] Mary Douglas-Jones

Croatian Wisdom. "All mushrooms are edible. Some, only once."



Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7.30** for **8.00pm** at **Stanton Drew Village Hall**, where there is easy access and parking.

On **Thursday 8th October**, **Caradoc Doy** will be speaking on '*Fantastic Foliage Plants*'.

The competition will be for the most interesting or beautiful piece of fantastic foliage.

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. £5 a session.

Cynthia Troup

Harptrees History Society

Wednesday 28th October

Keynsham Abbey, Characters and Events

Elaine Cook, Chair of Bristol History and Archaeological Society, will be talking about Keynsham Abbey at our October meeting. An Anglo Saxon Minster and burial ground had made Keynsham a place of significant religious importance, and by the twelfth century there was a large, rich and powerful Augustinian Abbey there. Nowadays, few people know of its existence, and little physical evidence of it remains, but archaeological work which took place during and after the building of the Keynsham by-pass has revealed a wealth of information.

Visitors are very welcome to this event, 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 14th Oct and closes at 5.00pm on Tue 27th Oct.

To book, please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org
with the subject line **"October 2026"**

14th October: A Day in History

1066. The Battle of Hastings took place, changing the course of English history forever. 960 years later we can still see the event unfold in the incredibly embroidered,



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And from the ridiculous to the...

1926. 100 years to the day since AA Milne's **Winnie the Pooh** was first published.

Has Winnie shaped our nation as much as the above event? You can decide 😊.

"People say that nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day." Winnie-the-Pooh



Avon Wildlife Trust – Chew Valley Group

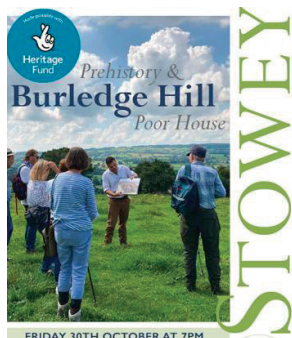
Thursday 22nd October: ‘The Secret Lives of GARDEN BEES’ – an illustrated talk by Jean Vernon – a gentle introduction to our garden bumblebees and solitary bees.

Award winning writer Jean Vernon (aka Jeanie Bee) is on a mission to unravel, demystify and explain the intricate balance of nature and introduce us to the familiar and unfamiliar bees that live and breed in our gardens. She looks into the secret world of our wild bees and introduces some of the charming bumblebees and fascinating solitary bees that bring our gardens alive and pollinate our plants. Understanding the needs of your garden bees, you can make powerful plant and gardening choices to transform your plot into a truly bee-friendly, pollinator paradise.



Chew Magna Old School Room, 7.45pm. Admission £2.50 incl. refreshments.

Annie Sewart



Do we *really* know what's beneath our feet?

Burledge Iron Age Hillfort

On **Friday 30th October at 7.00pm**, **Stowey Church** will host a presentation by **Andy Mayes** about **Burledge Iron Age Hillfort: ‘Prehistory and the Poor House.’** Andy is a professional Archaeologist with over 30 years' experience in the field and as a consultant. He has worked on many of our key heritage sites, including the Stonehenge World Heritage Site and the Historic Royal Palaces.

Burledge is an early Iron Age promontory hillfort dating from around **800BC**, but with indications of earlier Bronze Age farming. Recent geophysical survey suggests that the hillfort contains a well-preserved settlement including several round houses. In addition, within the hillfort is the former site of a late 18th Century Poor House which served some of the villages in the wider community. Andy's research on the hillfort has also led to the discovery of a potentially important oval banked enclosure of unknown date within fields to the east. The enclosure is located within fields named 'Nimblett' on early maps. This name is very unusual and may derive from the Celtic term *Nemeton* or sacred enclosure.

Andy's research on Burledge presents an intriguing glimpse into our local prehistoric and more recent past, which it's hoped will lead to further investigation. Come and learn more from Andy, in the beautiful environment of this historic church. There'll be plenty of opportunity for questions. Free entry; retiring cash collection.



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Stowey Church, BS39 5TQ

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Valley Arts Fringe Festival 2026 – Listings for October 2026

All tickets can be booked at valley-arts.co.uk



- **Tina Pluchino – Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm**

Local singer-songwriter Tina Pluchino brings her rich vocals and blues, soul, folk and pop influences to The Pelican, mixing original songs with much-loved covers. 14+. Free; donations welcome. **The Pelican Inn, Chew Magna, BS40 8SL.**

- **Mendip Swing – Friday 9th October, 7.30pm**

A lively big band evening, featuring classic swing, musical theatre & film favourites, Latin rhythms and more. Come to listen, dance or simply soak-up the atmosphere. 14+.

Bishop Sutton Village Hall, BS39 5XJ.

- **Yara in the Wild Wood – Sunday 11th October, 2.30pm**

A captivating family show combining puppetry, non-verbal storytelling and original music, following Yara as she faces new challenges and unexpected friendships. Ages 3–8.

Compton Martin Village Hall, BS40 6JW.

- **Jazz Jam – Tuesday 13th October, 8.00pm**

A friendly and inclusive jam session with the Valley Arts House Band. Musicians and singers of all abilities are welcome to join in, or simply come along and listen. 14+. Free; donations welcome.

The Pelican Inn, Chew Magna, BS40 8SL.

- **Music for Miniatures – Thursday 15th October, 10.30am**

Introduce little ones to the magic of live classical music with 45 minutes of professional musicians, relaxed listening, dancing, cuddling and plenty of musical discovery. Ages 0–4.

Chew Magna Baptist Chapel, BS40 8SP.

- **Not Now Bernard – Sunday 18th October, 2.30pm**

Roustabout Theatre brings David McKee's much-loved story to life with physical comedy, live music, Makaton and an enormous purple monster. Ages 3+.

St Andrew's Church Hall, Chew Magna, BS40 8RE.

- **Millena & the Misfits – Tuesday 20th October, 7.00pm**

A joyful mix of folk, infectious pop melodies, funk grooves and feel-good energy, with original songs and well-loved covers given the Misfits treatment. 14+. Free; donations welcome.

The Waldegrave, East Harptree, BS40 6BD.

- **Landscapes of Connection – Thursday 22nd October, 7.30pm**

An evening of nature, poetry and all kinds of love with local writer and performer Beth Calverley, exploring the connections between people and places. 12+. Free; donations welcome.

Chew Valley Library, Bishop Sutton, BS39 5UU.

- **Moscow Drug Club – Friday 23rd October, 7.30pm**

A heady mix of jazz, French musette, Latin grooves and New Orleans swing, combining original material with songs by Jacques Brel, Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen and Eartha Kitt. 14+.

Chew Magna Old School Rooms, BS40 8SH.

- **Open Mic – Tuesday 27th October, 7.45pm**

A welcoming evening of live music from Chew Valley performers, with solo, duo and trio acts across all genres. Performers of all experience levels are welcome. 14+. Free; donations welcome.

The Pelican Inn, Chew Magna, BS40 8SL.

- **SkABBA – Friday 30th October, 8.00pm**

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Chew Valley u3a

Chew Valley u3a's next speaker meeting is on **Monday 19th October**, when **Richard Rickits** will be telling us all about '*Gardening for Bees.*'

Do come along at **10.00am** for coffee/tea and biscuits to **Ubley Village Hall**.

Members £1. Guests £2.50.

Diana Elsmore



Save Felton Common News – October 2026 **Airport Application Decision Delayed until 31/12/26**

North Somerset Council (NSC) has just announced that their Planning Service and the Airport have agreed to extend the statutory period for determining the application until 31/12/26.

Planning Services are now reviewing all the comments and representations received during the consultation period. Due to the scale of the application and volume of responses, this is expected to take some time. Although the formal consultation period has now closed **NSC will still accept and consider comments sent to them**. NSC may also request additional information from the Airport, and if further consultation periods are required they will be published on the NSC Bristol Airport proposals webpage.

The application requires an Environmental Statement (ES) and it is understood that this has not been fully completed by the Airport. The target for deciding planning applications that need an ES is 16 weeks, although for large, complex applications the time period can be longer to address any major issues.

Details of the decision-making process and time-frame will be included on the NSC Bristol Airport proposals webpage in due course.

So, things still appear unclear and could be delayed further. **We would therefore ask everyone concerned to send as many new comments to the NSC portal as possible.** These are best personal: how the Airport affects you and what the proposals may mean.

You might also like to highlight growing national concerns about the growth of aviation, such as the sustainable aviation & industry body, the Aviation Environment Federation, acknowledging concerns over ultra fine particulates (UFPs); Government forecasts of reductions in the use of sustainable aviation fuel; delays to Jet Zero and zero emission aircraft, and lastly, more questions about the viability of Heathrow's third runway.

On 09/09 some SFC members attended a No Airport Expansion Group Demonstration at The Houses of Parliament, made-up of anti-airport growth protesters from around the UK. Several MPs and Lords attended and were made aware of SFC's concerns.

Lastly if you want to advertise your support, we have 2 great car window stickers available from Winford Community Shop for £3 each. Come along and make your choice or have both!

If you have not already done so, please send your email address to:

savefeltoncommon@gmail.com and we will keep you informed of any further developments.

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

I've just returned from travelling across Europe by train, which gives you an awful lot of time to look out of windows.

We travelled through great cities and tiny villages, past rivers, farmland and forests, and eventually through the extraordinary landscape of the Swiss mountains. What I remember most, though, isn't necessarily the grandest sight. It's the places that made me want to linger.

Sometimes it was a beautiful square, shaded by mature trees. In several cities I noticed how much thought had gone into planting trees and green spaces, providing precious shade as our summers get hotter. And sometimes it was simply silence. Up in the Swiss mountains, surrounded by peaks, trees and enormous skies, with only the distant sound of cow bells, I relaxed so completely that by the time I came home I could barely remember the password for my work laptop. Probably the sign of a successful holiday!

Travelling also got me thinking about what makes us feel that we belong somewhere. Although I'm Dutch, I was born in Hong Kong. As a child, I also lived in South Africa, the Netherlands and Ireland, and have now lived in Britain for 37 years, 25 of them in Bristol and the past 12 in Dundry. So where do I belong?

Perhaps belonging has less to do with where we were born than with knowing and caring about a place: its lanes and footpaths, its people, its wildlife and landscape. Over time, somewhere simply becomes home. And after all the wonderful places we'd seen, I was coming home. To Dundry.

That sense of home and belonging is particularly on my mind because change is coming to our area. Later this year, the Council's new Local Plan will go before independent Planning Inspectors for examination. And much closer to home, an outline planning application has now been submitted for around 3,500 homes at Woodspring, between Long Ashton and the A38.

There will be plenty of discussion about roads, housing, drainage, schools and infrastructure. But perhaps there's another question we should ask too: how do we create places where people can belong?

That doesn't mean resisting all change. Today's newcomers can become tomorrow's people who know every footpath, volunteer in their community and care passionately about the place they call home. But as we create new places for people, we also need to protect the natural world that is already here, particularly as a changing climate puts it under increasing pressure.

I was reminded of just how much there is to protect when I took part in the North Somerset Bat Survey this summer. Recordings from our garden identified 16 different types of bat, including greater and lesser horseshoes, barbastelles and brown long-eared bats. There's a whole world around us after dark that most of us barely know is there, and it too is part of what makes this place special.

Change will come, as it always has. Perhaps the challenge is not to prevent it, but to make sure it happens thoughtfully, protecting what we value while creating places where people want to linger, care and, eventually, belong.

Annemieke Waite

Ward Councillor for Winford, Felton, Regil, Dundry, Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton

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The Community Farm is a not-for-profit, organic farm overlooking the beautiful Chew Valley Lake, and is all about food that nourishes local people, community and the environment.

Unearth the Benefits!

Gathering last year's squash crop



By the time you read this, this year's crops will also have been gathered – for your own meals, and perhaps for some autumnal favourites like soups, risottos or stews! Homemade apple juice, cake and cider are other Community Farm staple favourites.

Everyone is welcome on the land for **volunteering, growing courses and events**. They also **deliver organic and local food** across the local area. <https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk>
Community Farm, Denny Lane, Chew Magna BS40 8SZ or ring 01275 295029.

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Winford Parish Council – next meeting will be held on **Monday 19th October, 7.30pm**
in **Felton Village Hall** as usual.

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

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

For other services (including Christmas & Easter) see our website.

For pastoral care, home communions or other enquiries please contact the Parish Office:

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