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**NB The copy deadline for the
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will be Monday 17th August**

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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: Jerry 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,

This Parish Magazine will be my last as Rector of these parishes. So, my final message is a simple one—thank you!

It has been a joy and privilege to serve God with you here in the Chew Valley. When we arrived, the Benefice of Chew Valley West was a recently-formed group of four parishes. There was some anxiety as to how things would work, but together we made things work so successfully that the Diocese rewarded us with two additional parishes in 2024!

There have been many memorable moments over the past five years as we marked seasons and festivals together. Harvest Suppers, Concerts, Carol Services, Summer Fetes, Flower Festivals, Teddy Bungees, Jubilee Celebrations and so much else have helped bring our communities together. We have worshipped together faithfully each week and I have shared in your joys and sorrows at weddings, baptisms and funerals. I have loved being in our church schools each week as well as welcoming our schools to church.

For three years I was able to share my ministry with our former curate, Revd Fran, who is now thriving in Derbyshire.

All this has been possible because of the small army of volunteers who keep our parish churches functioning. Churchwardens, PCC members, treasurers, secretaries, magazine editors, flower arrangers, cleaners, brass polishers... thank you! You have made ministry here a real joy.

Kelly-Ann and I arrived as a pair, but we will leave the Rectory as a family of three. We will never forget the hundreds of cards and gifts which we received when Iris was born, or the wonderful occasion of her Baptism in Wells Cathedral.

Finally, a couple of requests. First, that you say a prayer for us as we prepare to leave for Bath. I will be praying for you all during the interregnum. Secondly, please come and say hello if you find yourself at a service in Bath Abbey. We would love to stay in touch with the many friends we have made here.

Wishing you God's richest blessing for whatever he has in store,
Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +



Farewell Concert

Our Community Choir and Children's Choirs will be performing at a special Farewell Concert for Revd Ian as he prepares to leave for Bath.

This will be held in Winford Church at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th July.

The concert will last one hour and will be followed by refreshments. Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection in support of Winford Church.

Revd Ian's Final Service

Please note that the Rector's final service in these parishes will be held at 10.30am in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on Sunday 6th September.

**You are warmly invited to attend the Licensing & Institution of
The Revd Dr Ian Mills
as Rector of Bath Abbey
at Evensong on Thursday 24th September 2024
beginning at 7.00pm
Midweek Holy Communion**



Sunday First 10am on the 5th July

SUNDAY

First

Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' continues in St Andrew's on the first Sunday of the month at 10.00. Breakfast and craft activities will be provided followed by a short act of worship for all ages..

Do come along!

Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing will be celebrated in our group of parishes on the **first & third Wednesdays** of the month at 10.30am.



Wednesday 1st July 2026

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 15th July 2026

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

Wednesday 5th August 2026

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 19th August 2026

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)



Mind and Spirit Care Café

**Mind and Spirit Care Cafe will be held on
8th July at 10.30am in Felton Village Hall.**

**On Wednesday 12th August there will be a café meeting at 10.30
at Islett, Pagan's Hill, Chew Stoke BS408QJ**

If you live with any condition causing memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are very welcome for some spiritual support, refreshments and connection with people who know what it's like.

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>



Free Entry!

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Nempnett Thrubwell

FETE ON THE FARM

SUNDAY 19TH JULY

2-00-4.30

At Nempnett Pastures BS40 7UZ

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The background of the poster is a photograph of a group of people sitting on a grassy hill at dusk. A large bonfire is burning on the right side of the hill, casting a warm glow. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple. The text is overlaid on this image.

Free event

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
CHEW STOKE VILLAGE**

SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY 11 JULY FROM 5PM

*To celebrate and dedicate our new
memorial to Brian Westaway*

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**COOK'S MEADOW, WESTAWAY FIELDS,
AT THE TOP OF SCOT LANE
(W3W: ACHIEVING:JAZZY:BEAD)**

	Sunday 5 July Trinity 5	Sunday 12 July Trinity 6	Sunday 19 July Trinity 7	Sunday 26 July Trinity 8
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.00am Sunday First		6.30pm Evensong	
NEMPNETT THRUB- WELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist		4.00pm 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 Virgin Mary	6.30pm Evensong	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON	10.30am Eucharist	

July & August Services

	Sunday 2 August Trinity 9	Sunday 9 August Trinity 10	Sunday 16 August Trinity 11	Sunday 23 August Trinity 12	Sunday 30 August Trinity 13
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong		
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eu- charist		4.00pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Eucharist
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	
BISHOP SUT- TON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON	10.30am Eucharist		

St Andrews Duty Rota for July & August

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: July: Cynthia & Liz W

August: Liz W & Sue Cook

July Cleaning & Brass: Joan Williams & Cynthia

August Cleaning: Mel Jameson **Brass:** Anne Summers

Services

Sunday First 5th July 10am Lindsey & Liz Botham

19th July Evensong 6.30pm Sidespeople: Jessica & Sheila

Readers: Hazel P. & Sue C. Isaiah 44: 6 - 8 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

2nd August Eucharist 10.30am Sidespeople: Sara Hindle & Sarah Manville

Readers: Jerry Romans 9: 1-5

16th August 6.30 Evensong Sidespeople: Clare & Lindsey

Readers: Sue C. & Andrew Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Matthew 15: 21-28

Nempnett Church Duty Rota

12th July Cleaner: Nick Reader: Hugo Romans 8: 1-11

26th July Cleaner: Hugo Reader: Rosemary 1 Kings 3: 5-12

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

9th August Cleaner: Jane O Reader: Nick **Patronal** Galatians 4: 4-7

23rd August: Cleaner: James Reader: Kathleen Isaiah 51: 1-6

Matthew 16: 13-20

Churchyard Maintenance

July 6th-19th Nick Houlton

July 20th-2nd August Rosemary

August 3rd-16th Gerry and Ian

August 17th -30th James Everett

Nempnett Thruwell Parish Council Vacancy

Following the recent retirement of one of our long-standing councillors we now have a vacancy.

Your opinions matter.

This is an ideal opportunity for anybody who cares about where they live to get involved in local decision making.

No party politics, just what you think is best and right for the local community.

Have a say on planning applications, potholes, and issues you care about.

Hear about what is going on locally and then influence it!

You just need to attend a monthly meeting with your views.

For further information, or just a chat, call 01761 462039 or email pete@petenjan.plus.com

National Garden Scheme: Stowey Open Gardens

On Sunday 19th July, from 2 pm to 6 pm, the gardens at Dormers and Stowey Mead will be open, enabling you to enjoy their tranquillity and beauty, and our glorious surrounding countryside.

These gardens reflect the increasing importance of being wildlife friendly, providing plants for pollinators and food sources to ensure that birds, bees, butterflies and other insects can thrive. Both gardens are very different in character, reflecting the interests and skills of their current and previous owners. There are many different things of interest, including wildlife ponds, vegetables, cordon grown sweet peas, a salvia collection, beautiful hydrangeas, orchards, exuberant and exotic borders, and interesting and unusual trees and shrubs. And there are many seats and benches where you can relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

An extensive selection of plants, many of them home-propagated and grown, 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 are in aid of Stowey Church. It is an easy walk from the car park opposite Dormers to Stowey Mead.

There is ample off-road parking at Dormers in Stowey Bottom, (BS39 5TL). WC facilities are available there and at Stowey Mead. Admission to the gardens 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 last year distributed nearly £4m to various health and social care charities, amongst them Macmillan, Hospice UK, and Parkinson's UK.

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

Jill and Graham Nicol

JENNY'S Hairdressing Salon AT FAIRSEAT

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

After some 25 years serving the local community, we are sad to announce that Jenny's at Fairseat is now closed for business with immediate effect.

Jenny is fine and well, but has retired from hairdressing.

Jenny thanks you for your custom, and we all wish Jenny well in her retirement.



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 10th 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 Stoke Parish Council News

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‘Officers from the Roads Policing Unit are attending the Chew Valley area following reports of motor-cycles being ridden at speed, causing concern for residents and other road users.

Officers are carrying out

patrols in the area to deter further issues and identify those involved. They understand the impact this type of behaviour has on the community and will continue to respond robustly.

Riding at excessive speed not only puts the rider at risk but also endangers others. Rural roads, like those around Chew Valley, often have sharp bends, limited visibility and unexpected hazards, meaning there is very little room for error. Anti-social riding can quickly lead to serious or even fatal collisions, as well as causing distress and disruption to those living nearby.



Anti-social use of vehicles will not be tolerated, and where offences are identified, action will be taken.



We would ask the public to continue reporting incidents like this, as your information helps us target patrols and act:

Report online via the Avon and Somerset Police website - <https://orlo.uk/kpY1R>

Call 101 to provide information

Call 999 if there is an immediate danger.’

Youth Provision in Chew Stoke

Thank you to those who came along to the meeting on 15th June, we would still welcome anyone who is keen to be involved. Please keep an eye on Facebook or our website for more details of the next meeting. **P.T.O.**

Parish Council report continued

**You are invited to Chew Stoke Village Summer Picnic
on Saturday 11th July from 5pm
to celebrate and dedicate our new memorial to Brian Westaway.
BYO Picnic & Drinks/ live music/ Bonfire and the best views in the valley!
See poster on page 14**

Next Parish Council meetings: Thursday 2nd July
no meeting in August
Thursday 3rd September
7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke

Clubs and Societies



At the MAJESTIC

Aka Chew Stoke Village Hall

Thursday 30th July

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 screening

Song Sung Blue (12A)

Lightning and Thunder, a Milwaukee husband and wife Neil Diamond tribute act, experience soaring success and devastating heartbreak in their musical journey together. This musical drama is an inspiring true story about a blue-collar couple, Mike and Claire Sardina, who find love and redemption by forming a successful singing duo in the pursuit of happiness, second chances and the healing power of music. Golden Globe, BAFTA and Oscar nominated.

Then on August 27th

Doors open for 7pm for 7:30 screening

H is for Hawk (12A)

A biographical drama that tells the story of Helen McDonald a Cambridge academic dealing with grief after the death of her father. Seeking escape, Helen decides to train and tend a stubborn goshawk finding herself saved by an unlikely friendship with the bird. The narrative interweaves two strands: Macdonald's personal bereavement and the practical and psychological challenges of falconry. An interesting counter point to "Kes", previously screened in November 2024. BAFTA nominated.



It was my pleasure to introduce Lidia Griguoli and her colleagues to members at our meeting last month, which coincidentally fell within the 2026 Check Your Defib Week. Their demonstration which included key guideline updates on bystander CPR and applying a defibrillator was informative and practical. We certainly feel more confident in correctly identifying cardiac arrest and taking appropriate action.

In July, Chew Stoke WI will be holding its **2026 Members' Show**. This annual event is an opportunity for our members to demonstrate their skills and creativity in classes including Artwork, Crafts, Photography, Cookery & Preserves, and Floral Arrangements. Members will also exhibit their homegrown Fruit & Vegetables, and Quality Flowers. As usual, we welcome visitors from the village, and further afield, to pop in to view our efforts during the afternoon, free entry and a cup of tea!

Venue: Chew Stoke Village Hall

Members submit exhibits: 1.00pm to 2.00pm

Hall closed for judging: 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Show Open to Visitors: 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Members' Meeting: 7.30pm

Chew Stoke WI meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke, BS40 8TU. For further information about our meetings, email: chewstokewi@avonfwi.org.uk Thankyou, Debbie (President)



Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at Stanton Drew Village Hall at 7.30 for 8pm.

We will be holding a **GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME with MARY PAYNE MBE on Thursday 9th July in aid of Cancer Research.**

Do come along with your problems to share them - and hopefully to solve them! There will be no meeting in August as we are taking a summer break.

If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol on 01275 333456 or just come along, £5 entrance..

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 followed by floor exercises. Only £5 a session!

A Garden Event in aid of Dorothy House Hospice

RHS Badminton Pocket Garden The Hospice is also delighted to be partnering with award winning garden designer [Charlotte Sanderson](#) on her successful 'Pocket Garden' entry into the Royal Horticultural Society's inaugural show at the Badminton Estate, Gloucestershire. Running from 8-12 July, the garden entitled '[Shared Breath](#)' highlights the collective reliance of all human beings on a finite, shared resource: oxygen.

Gadget Busters The Queens, Chew Magna

July 8th, The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

August 12th, The Queens, Chew Magna

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

Either book by emailing cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com, or turn up on the day.

We hold one 2-hour session each month, **from 12.30-2.30pm**

It costs £3 per appointment, all of which will go to charity.

The Community Farm announces family-friendly wildlife celebration day!

The Community Farm, a social enterprise based in the Chew Valley that delivers organic food across the local area and champions nature-friendly farming, has announced a family-friendly wildlife celebration at its beautiful farm overlooking Chew Valley Lake.

The event takes place on Saturday 4th July and runs from 12.30-3.30pm.

The Community Farm 'The Farm' invites you to come and celebrate wildlife with a fantastically fun afternoon of exploration and learning. They have some very special guests coming along and a whole host of activities to enjoy, including wildlife discovery walks, nature connection, pond dipping, discovery trails, insect-themed crafting and lots more!

The roundhouse cafe will be open selling refreshments: The Farm's very own organic apple juice and seasonal sustenance based around fresh produce from The Farm's fields, as well as some sweet treats baked by volunteers.

Don't forget the Harvest Home is coming!

This year's show will be on

Saturday 5th September.

Start polishing up your entries for the Flower tent in the summer holidays!

If you or your organisation are interested in applying for a grant from the profits of last year's show, please email charityadmin@chewstokeharvesthome.org.uk for more information and an application form. **Applications close on 12 July!**

We are starting to prepare for this year's show. It would be great if we could have a few new members on the team – the Harvest Home is a time-honoured tradition and forms an important part of making our village and the wider Chew Valley such a lovely place to live.

If you can spare a few hours, either on the day of the show, or if you would be Interested in being part of the team that helps plan and run the Harvest Home, please email us at the above address.



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