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www.chewvalleywest.org

Services in Your Parish Church in December and January

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER

9.00am	FELTON St Katharine
11.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
3.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary
6.30pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew

First Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Advent Carols with
Christingles
Evensong
Evensong

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

8.30am	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary
9.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
6.00pm	REGIL St James

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Eucharist
Carol Service

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

8.30am	REGIL St James
11.00am	FELTON St Katharine
4.00pm	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Christingle

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

9.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
11.00am	FELTON St Katharine
6.30pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eucharist
Carol Service
Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

2.00pm	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
2.00pm	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
4.00pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew
6.30pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
7.30pm	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
9.30pm	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter

Crib Service
Crib Service
Crib Service
Carol Service
First Eucharist of Christmas
First Eucharist of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am	REGIL St James
9.00am	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary
9.00am	FELTON St Katharine
9.00am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
10.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Eucharist
Eucharist

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER

11.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
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First Sunday of Christmas

Eucharist

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY

9.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
10.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

The Epiphany

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY

9.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
10.30am	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary
11.00am	FELTON St Katharine

The Baptism of Christ

Eucharist
Plough Sunday Service
Eucharist

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY

8.30am	REGIL St James
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
6.30pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

9.00am	FELTON St Katharine
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
11.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
6.30pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Worship
Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong
Evensong

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

The winter months of early darkness and shortening days will soon be punctuated by many thousands of tiny, blazing lights. Homes, schools, businesses and churches in our villages will be bathed in the glow of countless glistening fairy lights and candles each evening in the run-up to Christmas.

In church, the four weeks preceding Christmas are set aside as a special time for preparation. This season of Advent is really all about darkness, and how darkness was broken by a wonderful light. 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light' wrote the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament, foretelling that our dark world would one day be visited by a great light and would never be the same again.

The season of Advent is important not just because it gives us an opportunity to step aside from the busyness of December. Advent is also important because darkness has a part to play in our spiritual development. A difficult part of being a Christian is being able to admit to ourselves that we cannot expect to see and understand everything clearly. We stumble in the darkness, disorientated and unsettled. We know that there are gloomy shadows in our world and in our lives that artificial light cannot dispel.

Christmas reminds us that God sent a light into this dark world in the most unlikely form of a helpless child. A light which 'shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5). As we enjoy the festive glow of Christmas lights, let's remember the 'true light' of the world who came to save us from the darkness.

May the peace of the Light of the World, the Christ-child, shine into your homes and your lives this Christmas.

Tan K. Mills +

Midweek Holy Communion



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 December 2024

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 18th December 2024

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

(No service in Felton on New Year's Day)

Wednesday 15th January 2024

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'
(Matthew 11:18)

Prayer



Our Benefice **Contemplative Prayer Group** meets on the first Monday of each month between 10.30am and 11.30am in St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, led by Rev Dr Victor Barley.

A Prayer Request Box is located in the porch of Winford Church. Please feel free to leave a confidential request and you will be remembered in Prayer.

Carol Service and Crib Service



We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our many Carol Services and Crib Services during December and on Christmas Eve. All the details are contained on the list of services at the beginning of this magazine and on our website: www.chewvalleywest.org

Carol Concert 'A Village Christmas'



Join us for our annual Carol Concert, 'A Village Christmas' on **Thursday 12 December at 7.00pm in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford**. As always, our children's choirs will be performing along with our adult Community Choir. There will be familiar carols and readings followed by seasonal refreshments. This is a free community event with a retiring collection in aid of the ongoing restoration of Winford Church.

Sparklers



Christmas Sparklers will be held on **Monday 16th December 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. Sparklers will also meet on **Monday 20th January 2025**.

Mind & Spirit



Mind and Spirit will be held on **Wednesday 11th December** and also on **8th January 2025** 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.

Community Choirs



Following our Christmas Concert we will be taking a break in January and returning on **Wednesday 12th February 2025** at **7.00pm**. 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.

St. James Church, Regil – Cleaning Rota

December – Jane Keedwell and Jo Dando

Jesus, the Light of the World

'All is calm, all is bright' may not be the words that many of us would use to describe our experience of either the run up to Christmas or the feast itself. Presents to buy and wrap, food to order and cook, events and church services to be part of. And that's before we've negotiated the big day itself. I saw one website recently that claimed that Christmas is considered as one of the six most stressful life events, along with divorce, moving house and changing jobs!

In the midst of such chaos, our churches offer an opportunity to find peace during this busy time – of stillness, quiet and the opportunity to stand back from all the pressures that the season contains. This year, the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas is Follow the Star: Calm and Bright. The theme draws on some of the lyrics of the famous carol, Silent Night:

"Silent Night! Holy Night!

All is calm, all is bright..."

To be calm and bright is to be invited into the still centre of the Christmas story. It's to contemplate Mary holding the new-born Jesus, the Light of the World. It's to open ourselves to the joy of the angels as they tell the shepherds "Do not be afraid - Fear not!" It's to encounter the wonder of the wise men as they discover that the gift of this child is for the whole world.

May your Christmas 2024 be 'Calm and Bright'!

Bishop Michael Beasley

Bishop of Bath and Wells

Dangerously Modern – Traditionally Different – PDT Group Arena – Shaftesbury Road Cricket Club

We are looking for new players to join our Garden Cricket Club

We meet at Kingston Lane, Winford, BS40 8DD

Enjoy maximum playing and social opportunities with minimal costs

Contact me today if you are interested shaftesburyroadcricketclub@hotmail.com

Winford Coffee Morning.

The November coffee morning will be on **Tuesday 10th December at The Prince of Waterloo Pub from 11.00 am. We are hoping that most people will stay on after coffee to have a spot of lunch at the pub to thank them for their hospitality over the past year.** Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones. **This is a regular event held the second Tuesday of the month.**

The January coffee morning will be Tuesday 14th January 2025. Contact Lyndsay Newman, Village Agent 07967 345559.

Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Last month our speaker cancelled due to Covid. With only a couple of days' notice I was unable to get anyone to step in. Instead we listened to Pam Ayres then had a good chat over coffee.

This month our **Christmas party will be held at the Village Hall on December 10th, starting at 7.00 pm.** If you wish, bring a small wrapped gift.

No meeting in January, we start on February 11th with a talk by Vision North Somerset. **Subs of £15.00 due.**

Please note earlier start time of **7.15pm.**

Wishing you all A Merry Christmas & Good Health for 2025. Anne Cantwell

Felton Flower Show Society

At the AGM in November Lewis & Furneaux entertained us with Our Harmonious Garden, cleverly

Illustrated with pictures, music and verse.

3 of our committee members have stood down: our grateful thanks for everything thing they have done over many years. We have made several appeals for new members, especially someone with computer knowledge to help with the organisation of the annual Show to secure its future. We have received offers of help on the day and potentially 2 new members.

As always, our thanks to all of those in the community who helped and supported us during the year.

On behalf of the Flower Show committee, we wish you A Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.
Anne Cantwell

Lettings Secretary Required

For

Felton Village Hall

You will be responsible for dealing with queries and lettings for the hall.

For further information please contact

Gordon Ladd **07887 607294**

Community Bus

The Community Bus is now organised by Mrs MR Murphy, "Oakacre", Witling Street, Regil BS40 8BN. All trips are half days unless marked otherwise.

Date	Destination	
Monday 2 December	Wells Garden Centre	
Thursday 19 December	Gloucester Quays	Full Day

Felton Village Hall

Strictly Come Dancing is reaching its finale but we have arranged a one off **Evening of Dance for Beginners** at the hall. This is on **Friday 21st February the bar will open at 7.30 pm** and dance instruction will start promptly at **8.00 pm** so must arrive before then. The first hour will be more for complete beginners with instruction on the Waltz and Cha Cha Cha. From 9.00 pm until 11.00 pm there will be dances like Jive, Rock n Roll, Quickstep suitable for beginners as well as those that have danced before. There will be simple fun dances which will be taught before dancing to music. We ask you to bring a plate of food to share for an American Supper. **Cost is £5.00 each** and to book your place please **contact Angela Britton Tel 472223**, numbers are limited to 60 people so please book early.

The next **Film Night is Friday 17th January showing 'Twisters' doors open at 7.00 pm for screening at 7.30 pm.** Bar, tea, coffee, biscuits and ices all available.

We still have a **vacancy for Letting Secretary** which involves enquiries and taking bookings for the hall. This position needs to be filled so if you would like further information please contact **Gordon Ladd Tel 07887 607294.**

100 club winners for November were £50 Mr Rob Hacker number 270, £25 Mr Pete Chorley number 241. Congratulations to you both.

The hall management committee would like to thank you for your support over the last year and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chew Valley U3A

The **December meeting of Chew Valley u3a on the 16th December** will be the usual **Christmas Celebration.** Members and visitors are welcome to come to **Ubley Village Hall when doors open at 10.00 am** and join us for refreshments, including a glass of wine, music from our Minstrels Group and a quiz.

The speaker for the meeting of Chew Valley u3a on **Monday, 20th January, 2025 will be local celebrity Dr. Phil Hammond known,** amongst other things, for his regular column in The Mendip Times. Members and visitors will be welcome at **Ubley Village Hall when the doors open at 10.00 am.**

Diary for December 2024 and January 2025 at a Glance

December 2024

Mon 2	Community Bus Trip	Wells Garden Centre	See Page 9
Wed 4	Mobile Library	Winford Lay-by on main road	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
Fri 6	Craft	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00 pm
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Tues 10	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00 am
Tues 10	Felton & Winford Tues Group	Felton Village Hall	7.00 pm See Page 8
Wed 11	Mobile Library	Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	10.40 – 11.00 am
		Felton, George & Dragon	11.05 – 11.25 am
		Regil, Regil Green	11.40 am – 12 noon
Wed 11	Mind and Spirit	Felton Village Hall	10.30 am
Thurs 12	Carol Concert	Winford Church	7.00 pm
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Mon 16	Sparklers	St. Mary & St Peter, Winford	1.45 pm
Wed 18	No Mobile Library	Winford Lay-by on main road	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
Thurs 19	Community Bus Trip	Gloucester Quays	Full Day
Fri 18	Craft	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00 pm
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Wed 25	Mobile Library	Holiday	
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January 2025

Wed 1	No Mobile Library	Holiday	
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Wed 8	Mind and Spirit	Felton Village Hall	10.30 am
Wed 8	Mobile Library	Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	10.40 – 11.00 am
		Felton, George & Dragon	11.05 – 11.25 am
		Regil, Regil Green	11.40 am – 12 noon
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Tues 14	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00 am
Wed 15	Mobile Library	Winford Lay-by on main road	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
Fri 17	Film Night "Twisters"	Felton Village Hall	7.00/7.30 pm
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Wed 22	Mobile Library	Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	10.40 – 11.00 am
		Felton, George & Dragon	11.05 – 11.25 am
		Regil, Regil Green	11.40 am – 12 noon
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Wed 29	Mobile Library	Winford Lay-by on main road	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
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Valley Arts

Local performing arts charity Valley Arts have a great selection of local events:

- **A Winter's Tail** from The Last Baguette: **Play along family theatre ages 2 +.**
Sun 15th Dec -11.30 am and 2.00 pm, St. Andrew's Church, Chew Magna
- **Open Mic Music Night at The Pony** - slots available for new performers with a lovely audience.
Tues 17th Dec - 7.15 pm, The Pony, Chew Magna
- **Looking For Me Friend - wonderfully fun cabaret based on the music of Victoria Wood.**
From 7th Feb - 7.30 pm, Chew Stoke Village Hall

Tickets for all events can be booked via the Valley Arts website **www.valley-arts.co.uk**.

Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help with digital devices

December 4th, The Queens, Chew Magna

January 15th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

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.

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are holding face to face sessions, thanks to The Queens pub in Chew Magna and the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke. So do visit Gadget Busters who are here to help.

Either book an appointment by e-mailing **cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com**, or turn up on the day. We hold two, 2-hour sessions each month, both from 12.30 - 2.30 pm on a Wednesday. The first Wednesday of each month is at The Queens pub, Silver Street, Chew Magna, and the third Wednesday of each month at the Stoke Inn, Bristol Road, Chew Stoke. It costs £3.00 per appointment, all of which will go to charity.

Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group

Thursday January 23rd 2025: Avon Wildlife Trust Chew Valley Group Dormice. Talk by Cathy Mayne.

The national monitoring programme run by PTES (People's Trust for Endangered Species) shows the population of Hazel Dormice has declined by over two-thirds since 2000, with the species hanging on mostly in southern parts of England and Wales. Climate change, as well as changes in woodland management, farming practices and loss of hedgerows, have all taken a heavy toll on their living space

Find out how the dormice are faring locally and hear the latest updates on the breeding and reintroduction programme. This illustrated talk will be given by local ecologist and environmental education tutor Cathy Mayne.

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

Jumble Sale for Avon Wildlife Trust - Saturday 11th January 2025

There will be the **Annual Jumble Sale on Saturday January 11th 2025 at 10.00am in the Old School Room. Chew Magna.**

This sale is in aid of Avon Wildlife Trust and their work at Folly Farm.

Also: if you are having a clear-out: please would you save items for the sale. Clothes, books, toys, white elephant etc. **Contact 332482**

Three Digs – An Archaeological afternoon with Dr Peter Guest and Dr Mike Watts. **Millennium Hall, Old School Room, Chew Magna.**

3.00 pm Sunday 12th January 2025. Admission £5.00. Proceeds for the Pound restoration.

Beneath the England that we can see are huge unrecorded, unmarked settlements and treasures, each even more valuable than the 2584 silver pennies discovered in the Chew Valley. Three sites have been discovered and partly researched in recent years, but they had to be hidden again.

The story of serendipity and recent investigative science is part of the fascinating and, at times, amusing, but constantly interesting, illustrated talk.

Explanation of why the treasures, mosaics of late Roman antiquity, are now hidden. Details of some of the amazing, beautiful discoveries. The portable treasures are now housed in the British Museum, with examples on the poster at Chew Magna Post Office.

The archaeological digs were organised by the British Museum, with the digging undertaken by archaeological university students.

Booking is not required and there are no tickets. Details: rcade47@gmail.com

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meet on **the second Thursday of the month at 8.00 pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall** where there is easy access and parking.

There will be meeting on **Thursday 12th December where we will have our AGM together with Christmas drinks and nibbles.**

On Thursday 9th January Mary Payne will talk on 'The Magic of growing from seed'

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.

Chew Valley Flower Club

We normally meet at Compton Martin Village Hall, **twice monthly, on Monday evenings, beginning at 7.30pm.**, and we would be delighted to see you at one of our meetings to enjoy fun and friendship with flowers.

We will not be meeting until our **AGM in January**, so we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.
Joyce Burton. 01761 462560

Hartrees History Society

Unusually, members of the Hartrees History Society will not be meeting in December. Instead, they will be holding two meetings in January.

Our festive season meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th January 2025**

Festive Customs and Traditions – Colin Chapman

From time immemorial humans have relied for survival on favourable weather and fertile soil to be able to grow crops and feed livestock. Efforts to appease a “higher power” to provide ideal conditions, and to thank that power afterwards, included partying and feasting (and some sacrificing) while looking forward to a repeat of a successful cycle over the forthcoming months. In a pre-supper illustrated talk, Dr Colin Chapman, author of many books relating to British local, social and family history, looks at some ancient customs, adopted and modified by the Christian Church, and latterly by commercial interests, during this festive season.

The talk will be followed by our usual festive supper. Cash bar.

Tickets for this event are £10.00. There will be no tickets on the door, so please pre-book.

Booking opens for visitors, who are very welcome, on 27th December and closes at midday on Monday 6th January. Members may book from 27th November.

West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG. 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm.

Just email: **info@hartreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "January supper"** and you will be given details of how to make your payment. Please let us know of any dietary needs on booking.

Wednesday 29th January 2025

The second January meeting will be on our normal last Wednesday of the month.

Philip Ashford, 'Travel in the Severn Estuary before the Age of Steam',

Philip Ashford is a local historian from Thornbury. He will explain why people of all sorts came and went in the Bristol Channel and the hazards they encountered at sea in the days of sailing ships.

We are promised “Ripping yarns,” all unpublished, of a plethora of experiences which will have you “holding on to your hat.”

West Harptree Memorial Hall. BS40 6EG Doors open at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm. Booking opens on January 15th and closes at midday on January 29th.

Visitors welcome £3.00. Book in advance but pay on the night

Booking: please email: info@hartreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "January 2025"

Parish Council News from Annemieke Waite, District Councillor

Dear All,

Budget

In September, I wrote before about the difficult financial situation we find ourselves in at North Somerset Council. So, we are still looking for additional cuts in our budgets, but areas where we can cut back are harder and harder to identify.

Part of our problem is that our budget – calculated per head of the population – is much lower than it is at other, similar councils. There are many historic reasons for this, but mostly because the formula the government uses to make their calculations works to the advantage of some areas but to the disadvantage for others. We fit into the ‘others’ group. This means that many other councils have a much higher grant per head of the population than we do, and we don’t think this is fair.

But there is something you can do to help:

Petition Our Government

We have started a petition to the government for fairer funding. You can read about it and sign our petition online by going to the website <https://nordsomersetlife.co.uk/news/nov24-02>

Many people have already done so, but the more that sign, the better it is. We really **must** raise awareness of the unfairness of the current financial settlements.

Spending Other People’s Money

I’m often asked by people how it is possible that we have a budget shortfall, but that we are restoring Birnbeck Pier and the High Street in Weston-super-Mare, are working on the Banwell Bypass and will be buying 24 electric buses in 2025

The reason is that all this will be paid for by external funding that is specifically for those projects. This means that the funding does not come out of our regular council budget. It also means this funding cannot be used for fixing potholes or paying for better, more regular public transport. As much as I’d love us to spend a lot more money fixing our roads (for instance) this can only happen if we are given a bigger budget. This is why I’d love you all to sign our petition!

Fancy a Whole Month of Free Bus Travel?

All North Somerset residents can get a whole month of free bus travel in their birthday month. This scheme is open between the 1st December 2024 until the 30 November 2025. In the last year, 72,000 people applied for a birthday bus pass, and more than 1 million free journeys were made as a result! And this year, for the first time, those under 21 get 2 months’ worth of free travel!

I’m glad to say, this can be used on the Pioneer P1! To apply for your pass, go to

<http://birthdaybus.co.uk/register>

As this is the last Village Magazine before Christmas, I’d like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and I shall look forward to writing more updates in 2025.

Annemieke Waite, Ward Councillor

Email: annemieke.waite@n-somerset.gov.uk

Winford Parish Council Meeting – Monday 21st October 2024

Co-option of Parish Councillor

John Gallagher was co-opted as a Parish Councillor representing Felton Ward
Councillor Jim Webster had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council and was thanked for all his contributions.

Public Transport Serving the Parish

A resident of Winford had raised concerns that children attending Chew Valley 6th Form were no longer entitled to utilise school transport to and from the school. District Councillor Waite explained this was an issue replicated nationally as a result of new legislation regarding accessibility for users.

The Big Lemon bus service was being utilised by local residents, with daily numbers exceeding initial expectations. A more detailed map of stops would be displayed on community notice boards and leaflets are in the process of being distributed to residents.

Highways and footpaths

North Somerset Council (NSC) had reviewed pedestrian access to and from Winford Primary School and were in the process of developing plans for a consultation on road safety improvements in this area. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owner of an overgrown bush preventing ease of access along a footpath and a general reminder to home owners of their responsibilities would also be visible on the Parish Council's social media account.

District Councillor Waite had received a complaint from a resident of Kingdown regarding traffic and speeding issues. A site meeting would be arranged between District Councillor Waite, members of the Parish Council, residents of Kingdown and NSC's Executive Member for Transport in order to understand the issues.

It was noted that NSC have removed the Cattle Grid on Felton Lane due to the structure failing and posing a hazard to road users. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Head of Highways at NSC reminding them of rights associated with Common Land.

A large number of cones placed on various highways in Felton had been removed. The person and/or organisation responsible had not yet been identified.

It was noted that a car had been seemingly abandoned on Winford High Street. The vehicle was taxed, had a valid MOT and was not causing a hazard or obstruction.

The Parish Council were made aware of a large presence of mud on the A38 at Potters Hill due to heavy rain and nearby fields being utilised for airport parking. District Councillor Waite had already raised this with NSC who were looking into the matter.

Felton Common

The identity of an organisation suspected to be using the common for business purposes had been established. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the business involved requesting they immediately cease using the location for this purpose.

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that vehicles were parking on the grass due to a lack of space in the parking area. After a lengthy discussion the situation was not able to be resolved.

Airport

District Councillor Waite was continuing to liaise with representatives from the airport regarding their flight data.

Compost site & allotments

There continues to be an issue with green waste being left on the footpath at the compost site. The Parish Council would attend a site visit to review.

Any other business It was agreed the Clerk would continue to seek an update from the owner of Winford Manor as to whether this was still be utilised by the Home Office. Next meeting: Monday 18th November October 2024, 7.30pm Felton Village Hall

Chew Stoke Methodist Church

www.chewstoke-methodistchurch.co.uk

Minister:

Reverend John Hayes 07341 628932

Email:

revjohn0713@gmail.com

Senior Steward:

Denise Cutlan

Tel. 01761 347287

Sunday Services at 10.30 am

A warm welcome awaits. Do come and join us.

Winford Baptist Chapel – part of the Chew and Yeo Valley Network

	Trustee Alan Parker	01275 472149	
Sunday:	Evening Service		5.00 pm
Wednesday:	Prayer & Bible Study		2.30 pm
Every 3rd Thursday	Renew Wellbeing Coffee Morning		10.30 am

Communion Service third Sunday in the month

Contact Trustee for details

You will receive a very warm welcome to all our meetings and services



Roman Catholic Churches Covering the Chew Valley (South Bristol Mission Area)

Our family of Catholic Parishes: St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham St Pius Xth, Withywood;
(also incorporating The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna – now closed)

In the name of Jesus: Welcomed, Loved, Sent

Parish Priest: Fr Matt Anscombe (01275 833699) matt.anscombe@cliftondiocese.com

Deacons: Rev Mark Forge and Lester Yeo (contact via Parish Office)

Sunday Masses:

9.00 am St. Pius Xth, Gatehouse Avenue, Bristol BS13 9AB

5.30 pm (Sat) and 11.00 am St. Bernadette's, 731, Wells Road, Whitchurch BS14 9HU

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

For other services (including Christmas and Easter) see our website: www.calledtomorebristol.org.uk

For pastoral care, home communions or other enquiries please contact the Mission Area Office

c/o St Pius Xth Church, Gatehouse Avenue, Withywood, Bristol BS13 9AB

Tel: 0117 964 6922 (out of hours mobile 07729 833 779)

Winford Parish Community Cars.

For medical and care appointments: please call

01275 333430 (Mon – Fri) 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Winford Parish Community Transport. (Mini Bus)

Jan Longden 01275 472440

Winford Parish Council - Website- www.winfordpc.org.uk

Chair	Paul Hatherell		472802
Clerk	Louise Burgess	winfordpc@gmail.com	01275 612745
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Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Police	Non emergency	dial 101
Bristol Airport Community Relations Officer	Tracy Comer	0117 4575027
District Councillors:		
Winford Parish	Annemieke Waite	Annemieke.Waite@n-somerset.gov.uk
Backwell Parish	Bridget Petty	
Wrington Parish	Thomas Daw	thomas.daw@n-somerset.gov.uk
Backwell Parish Council Clerk	Clare Melton	01275 464653
North Somerset Council Emergency Number		
(for use out of hours, weekends and Bank Holidays)		01934 622669
Doctors		
Chew Medical Practice		01275 332420
Wrington		01934 852906
Downside (Flax Bourton)		01275 850600
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Avon Wildlife Trust	Annie Stewart	332482
Bristol Airport Complaints	https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/contact-and-help/complaints/	
Chew Valley Choral Society	Catherine Hunt	07814 098 457
Chew Valley Children’s Centre/Health Visitors		01225 395455
Chew Valley School – Head Teacher	Gareth Beynon	332272
Community Shop		472222
Cricket Club		
Felton Evergreens	Tina Clements	01179 645668
Felton Flower Show Society	Viv Etheridge	472921
	Anne Cantwell	474647
Felton & Winford Tuesday Group	Anne Cantwell	474647
Felton Village Hall Committee Sec.	Angela Britton	472223
Felton Village Hall Cttee. Letting Secretary	Kathryn Tooth	07919 094 725
Floodline (24 hour)		0345 988 1188
Guides and Brownies	Sue Curtis	333361
Rainbow Guides	Jackie Morris	474858
Regil Village Hall	Daisy George	07766 084762
Sparklers for mums, carers & young babies	Sonia Clark	472019
Table Tennis		
Tug-of-War Day Committee	Pete Dyer	01934 823462
Village Agent	Lyndsay Newman	07967 345559
WI Market	Tamsin Free	01761 221674
Winford & Felton Craft	Elizabeth Parker	472149
	Shelagh Sutton	472641
Winford Pre-school	Claire House	472742
Winford Produce Show	Philippa Herring	474270
Winford C of E Primary School		
Head Teacher	Nik Gardner	472730
Chair of Governors	John Miles	07427 191898
Winford Village Hall Bookings	Joe Herring	474270
Winford Village Hall Secretary	Denise Poole	472797