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Thought For The Month

"Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me."
Psalm 27:7

God Blessing

We only look up to God when we are in a desperate need or situation. Our hearts cry out to the Lord for mercy. We long to hear God's voice, or just a word which can give us hope. The Lord is near when you call unto to him. At times it may seem like a lifetime before you get an answer from Him.

However you can always be confident that God has excellent plans for your protection and prosperity. The plans of the Lord stand firm forever. He has made everything perfect in its time.

Prayer:

Heavenly father I come before your presence. Father God hear my cry this morning. Lord I place before you my needs, wants and plans. Father be merciful to me and I know that you will answer me in due time and Bless me. All this I ask in Jesus name. Amen

Rev Sam,

Another good thing about being poor is that when you are seventy your children will not have you declared legally insane in order to gain control of your estate.

Woody Allen

**An event not to be missed!
Sunday 13th May 2007,
1.30pm**

Walk with Ward Jones

For the victims of Asian Tsunami 2004, Thirukkovil, Sri Lanka.

We start at 1.30pm from Holt Farm, Blagdon (A368 over looking Blagdon Lake).

We will share Rev Ward Jones' faith story during the three miles walk. Reflections by Rector of Blagdon Vickie Goodman

Finish of the walk will be at Charterhouse - tea and cake will be served. Following this there will be an open air service.

Preacher - Rev Dr. Leslie Griffiths, former President of Conference.

Come and witness a great gathering of Christians.

Rector Vickie Goodman 01761 462495
Baptist: Peter Church 01761 462443
Methodist: Rev Sam 01934 852314

Oops!

Eighty-year old Derek was driving down the motorway when his mobile phone rang. It was his daughter who sounded worried. "Dad, I've just heard on the news that there is a car going the wrong way on the M25. Please be careful". "I know" said Derek "It's not just one car, its hundreds of them"

Prayer



The Church families of St. Andrew's and Banwell Methodist Church will be praying for the people in your area on the following Sundays.

April

1st Gables Close
8th High Street
15th Hilmer Rise
22nd Hill Path
29th Knightcott Gardens

May

6th Knightcott Park
13th Knightcott Road

If you have any special prayers or concerns, whether for yourself, one of your family or for a neighbour (e.g. someone who is sick: getting married: seeking employment: going away to work or college: or in any kind of trouble or difficulty), please ring one of the following numbers either to have a chat, or leave a message, or make an appointment for one of us to visit you, or vice versa.

Dinah Harrison 822344
The Revd. Sam 852314

R.B.L.

Banwell R.B.L. have arranged a trip to visit Tyntesfield House in Wraxall on Monday 23rd April, leaving from the main road by the recreation ground at 9.15 a.m. and leaving Tyntesfield at 1.30 p.m. The cost will be £12.20 non National Trust members and £3.75 National Trust members, this includes payment to the coach driver. There are some seats still available so if anyone would like to join us please telephone Laura Batt on 01934 823466.

A good sermon should be like a woman's skirt – short enough to arouse interest, but long enough to cover the essentials.

Ronald Knox

From the Registers

Baptisms:

March

11th Thomas William Hendy May
25th William Edward North (Billy)

Banwell Playgroup for rising 3s-5yr. olds meets Monday to Friday during term-time 9.00am - 11.30am. For more information please contact the Playgroup on 823404 or Wendy Lloyd 820605.

Baby/Toddler Group meets every Friday morning 9.30am -11.45am. at the Scout Hut. Contact Gareth Thomas 823177

Banwell Fish Scheme: Chairman Mrs Dinah Harrison 822344. Lift Co-ordinator Mrs G Boddy 823621.

Village Hall Booking Secretary: Mr David Westlake 30 Knightcott Road, Banwell. Tel: 822433.

Youth & Community Centre Booking Secretary: Nicola Hooper (Parish Clerk) 812567, email clerk@banwell.org

Methodist School Room Hire Bookings Tel: 822873 or 822066

Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

Banwell Bridge Club Contact: Roger Boland Tel: 820615 or Meg Tillotson Tel: 823252

Services In Our Churches

ST. ANDREW'S

	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Family Eucharist
	3.30 pm	Evensong
1st Sunday	3.30 pm	BCP Eucharist
	7.15 pm	Young at Heart

METHODIST

	10.30 am	Morning Service & Sunday School
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

ROMAN CATHOLIC Cheddar

Sunday	9.00 am	Mass
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ALL WELCOME

Easter Services In Holy Week

April

2nd	7.00pm	Compline	St Andrew's
3rd	7.00pm	Compline	St Andrew's
5th	6.30pm	Maunday Thursday Agape	Methodist Chapel
	7.30pm	Service	Methodist Chapel
6th	2.00pm	Good Friday Last Hour of the Cross	St Andrew's
8th	8.00am	Easter Day - Holy Communion	St. Andrews
	10.00am	Easter Day Family Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt	St Andrew's



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Dates for your Diary

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and

Wed 4th July – American Evening 7.30 for 8.00pm

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BANWELL CARNIVAL is changing with help from a few fabulous volunteers;
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BANFEST '07 is launched with a festival in Banwell of events:

The 1st Weekend Sat 23rd June - The Welsh Choir

Sun 24th June - Tea at the Ritz

The 2nd Weekend Fri 29th June - Village Walk & BBQ

Sat 30th June - Whole day of 2x Duck Races, side stalls,

Fancy Dress and live music

Sun 1st July - Open Gardens and Songs of Praise

The 3rd weekend Fri 6th July - Quiz Night

Sat 7th July - Pet Show, Car boot sale and

Summer Night at the Castle.

Sun 8th July - Arts and Crafts and refreshments
run by the Methodists

Keep following the news of **BANFEST '07** Times and places will follow
Come and join in & be a part of this fabulous village where the people make the
difference.

Please feel free to phone Lyn Ralph on 822741 for any information!

Banwell Bowling Club

Open Day 29th April 2007

Never tried the game of bowls?

Thought you would like to give it a try, but
were too shy, or just did not find the time
to pop down to the bowls club and make a
few enquiries?

Well, now here is your chance....

On Sunday 29th April 2007 the club will be
holding an open day starting at 10am. So
what do you have to do? Nothing strenuous,
just turn up, and the club will provide you
with shoes, bowls, and tuition, and before
you know it you will be up and running,
with the emphasis firmly on having fun.
And afterwards enjoy a pint and a chat in
the clubhouse.

So give it some thought and, if needed, more
information can be obtained from:-

Barry Taylor. President 01934 822942

John Amos. Hon Sec 01934 742995

Email: banwellbowlsclub@hotmail.com

Web Site: www.geocities.com/johnnyamos2002

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Seniors

Hello everyone in Banwell - hopefully we
are coming into Spring!

Mr. Barry Mather gave us an excellent slide
show about St. Andrew's Church; I never
realised what a beautiful Church we have
here, and I am sure a lot of others were
surprised too.

The week after Valentine Day we had an
organ recital with all romantic songs to sing
along to. The next week we had a raffle and
played Bingo, and a discussion on what out-
ings we may have in the summer. We are all
looking forward to that. Welcome to a new
member from Locking, Mrs. Peggy Lane.
We hope she enjoys our meetings.

On March 1st we had Doug Creek, a singer
and really good organ player, who told little
amusing tales in between the music. It was
most pleasant to listen to.

(G. PINDER)

Falling Debt

Credit card lending fell last year for the first
time since 1993. Figures from the British
Bankers' Association show that the amount
lent on credit cards fell by £1.8 billion.

It seems that customers are feeling the pinch
of interest rate rises, increases in energy
bills, and rises in transport costs.

The amount of money British people put
on their credit cards has been soaring since
they were first introduced 40 years ago. It
all began with Barclays offering their card
to 40 loyal customers. Nowadays there are
more than 1,300 cards to choose from. The
average annual amount spent by consumers
on their cards is £4,600.

W.I.

Our March speaker was Mr.M.Houseman from Clutton. We didn't quite know what to expect, as the title of his talk was 'A bit of this and that'. It turned out to be three short talks and slides of his favourite hobbies. He explained that 45minutes on one subject could be boring to some people, so he gave three fifteen minute presentations. His first was Bell Ringing, which had been his life from a young boy – he had rung all over the country and also in New Zealand. His second was railways – once again he had travelled all over the British Isles and again in New Zealand. His third subject was canals and what an idyllic way of life it seemed. We all agreed it was a most enjoyable evening and he was warmly thanked for his visit.

Live Longer

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Germans drink a lot of beer, eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion:

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is what kills you.

Village Websites

St Andrew's Church – www.standrewsbanwell.org.uk

Contact: Dinah Harrison, email: pccsecretary@standrewsbanwell.org.uk

Banwell Village Website – www.banwell.info

Contact: Graham Found, email: graham@banwell.info Tel:822619

Banwell Parish Council Website – www.banwell.org

Contact Jony Russell, email: wordsatwork@macunlimited.net Tel: 822715

The Friends of Banwell Primary School Website – www.banwell.info/friends

Westfield Residents Assoc - www.westfield.banwell.info
email; westfield@banwell.info

Banwell Bowling Club Website – www.geocities.com/johnnyamos2002

Banwell Royal British Legion Website – www.rbl.banwell.info

Banwell Baby and Toddler Group – www.geocities.com/banwellbabytoddlers

Mothers' Union

Our Annual General meeting began with prayers read by Patricia. The Minutes of the previous AGM were read...what a long time ago it all seemed. Then Nancy read the Treasurer's report which was again encouraging and allowed us to make donations of £256 to several Mothers' Union Charities.

We have had a full range of visiting Speakers notably Helen Warwick from the Christian Alliance Homes, The Rev Brian Blandford on his progress through life from school boy to the RAF to Baptist minister. Joanne Rich on MU Social Policy etc. etc. We were consulted for the Government paper on Cohabitation. All of which have been reported in this excellent Parish News. We also have some kind non-members who give generously of their time notably:- Barry Mather, technical support and auditing, Dinah Harrison for transport and Elizabeth Cran for cooking.

We took part in many Deanery and Diocesan Events and Services including the inspiring Archdeaconry Council at Kingston Seymour, The Lady Day service at All Saint's Weston when two of our latest members were formally enrolled, the Epiphany Deanery Service and the Quiet Morning led by our MU Chaplain the Revd. Sharon Crossman.

Our summer outing was to Wrington where we had a jolly lunch at the Plough followed by an interesting guided tour of the Church.

Our Christmas Luncheon at the Mooseheart was again a splendid occasion and our speaker was our Archdeaconry President, Mrs Shirley Perm.

As usual our ladies are fully involved in

all aspects of the Life of St Andrew's. We are involved in the Deanery Prayer Circle, monthly visits to the Cheshire Home, hospital visiting and pastoral care, the Baby Clinic, stewardship duties at the Bishop's Palace. Members are involved in church cleaning, flower arranging, prayer intercessions, lesson reading, the choir, serving sacramental wine at Holy Communion and verger duties. Our members are involved in catering for the Men's Breakfast meetings, monthly soup lunches and other experimental lunches etc. etc. In fact we are totally enmeshed with the life of St Andrew's. So you see, the MU is not simply ladies sitting about gossiping and drinking cups of tea!

After the Branch Report Patricia Reynolds then resigned as Administrator and Gloria Boddy was unanimously elected to be Branch Leader. Gloria will be commissioned in office at the forthcoming Lady Day Service by the Rural Dean on March 26th at St Andrew's. Sonia thanked Patricia for her work for the Branch during the last ten years. Forthcoming Events. The April 11th Branch Meeting has been postponed until August 8th due to Easter Week holidays. There will a committee meeting instead on April 11th at Rosebank. On Friday 20th April the Deanery Quiet Morning will be led by The Rural Dean, the Revd. Michael J. Slade at St Paul's, W-s-M – 10am for 10.30am. Subject "We are an Easter People."

Unofficial Manifesto Of The Volunteers

We, the Unwilling, led by the Unknowing, are doing the Impossible for the Ungrateful. We have done so Much, with so Little for so Long, we are now Qualified to do Anything with Nothing.

North Somerset Arts Week

4th- 13th May



Once again we are pleased to welcome you to the North Somerset Arts Week 2007. Over 250 artists have opened their homes and studios, or have joined together to exhibit their work at various venues throughout the area. Some performers will be staging events-storytelling, drama and classical music. For the first time The Curzon cinema in Clevedon will be participating with a film festival and competition for young filmmakers; four youth centres will be organising workshops; Worle School has a programme of poetry and creative writing; Backwell School, a dance performance and Churchill a storytelling event.

The county will be buzzing with colour, form, sound, movement and words. We are sure you will also enjoy discovering the huge amount of creativity and talent displayed in this area, particularly the range of exhibitions available in Banwell. Venue 85 in East Street is showing garden sculpture, paintings and prints. Venue 86 in Hill Path is giving the opportunity for visitors to throw a pot and have it fired and also to view displays of ceramics, woodturning and

textiles. Venue 87 is The Old Malthouse, where ceramic tile commissions may be undertaken and brightly coloured tiles may be bought. Lastly, Venue 88 in Wolvershill Road displays paintings, handmade Victorian figurines, olde English cottages and inns modelled in stoneware.

Visitors will need to collect a brochure from the Post Office, the Library, the Doctor's Surgery or the local shops. Brochures give maps and information about all of the venues. Otherwise look out for the bright pink banners and flags or 'phone Annie Taylor on 01934- 627 809, or contact www.north-somersetarts.org.uk

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Year 3 have been looking at different types of poetry. They have tried to write a haiku - a Japanese type of poem with 17 syllables (5, 7, 5).

Flowers in the Spring

Spring is coming now
Flowers start to grow quickly
I am happy now



Spring

Spring is coming soon
Plants are shooting up now
Walking in the sunshine



Spring

We are all happy
Sometimes we play in meadows
The Spring is here now



Spring is Fun

Flowers coming out now
Upper bits of trees are fun
Nice days are good fun



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News From The Gardening Club

Last month the speaker, Christopher Smith, gave a talk on Propagation. Some plants do not reproduce true from seed or, if started from seed, take a very long time to reach flowering stage so need to be increased by cuttings. This can be hardwood taken in the autumn, softwood taken in the late spring or early summer, root cuttings early spring, layering in spring, grafting and division. Check which method is best for the plant you wish to increase.

We were given a demonstration of how to go about these various techniques. There were also plants for sale.

'Chrysanthemums Around the World' is the subject for this month's meeting with the talk given by John Bawden. This will be on Thursday 26th April in the Village Hall, Westfield Road, starting at 7.30pm. The competition this time is for the best 'Small Posy of flowers'. With all the spring Flowers now in our gardens why not bring a posy along? We shall be having a raffle and refreshments during the evening and hope you will be able to join us. Visitors are welcome. Further details from Eileen



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Meet Our Zambian Correspondent



Did you know that St. Andrew's, Banwell is linked with the Anglican Churches of St. Francis and St. Clare, Chililabombwe, in Zambia?

This is Mary Ngalande, our link correspondent.

Mary is 33 and teaches at Kamenza Basic School. She is studying for a Diploma in Education, and does this by correspondence course during term time and residential courses in the holidays. The picture shows Mary outside the college at Luanshya Town where she goes for the residential part. Luanshya Town is in the copper-belt and is 120 kms. from Chililabombwe. She will sit her final exams there next December.

Mary is the second of a family of seven, and has two sisters and four brothers, one of whom is a priest in the Roman Catholic church, in which Mary grew up. She joined the Anglican church when she married Benjamin Ngalande in 2001. Benjamin used to be our correspondent, and the first letter Mary wrote to us was to give us the sad news of his death from malaria at the age of 49 in April 2004. Subsequently Mary was appointed by her church to be our official link correspondent.



This is Mary's daughter Veronica, who is four. The photo was taken on a school trip to the airport.

Mary has two stepsons, Benjamin and Oliver, who have both completed secondary school, and she also looks after two of her young sisters. One is doing her grade 8 and the other will start grade 8 this year.

Mary wrote in her last letter: "I have a big responsibility, such that sometimes I feel very bad when I think about the sudden passing on of my husband, especially during festival seasons. But anyway, God has always seen me through."

Mary enjoys reading Banwell Parish News and says "Thank you so much for the encouragement and support that I get from the Banwell news booklets. They are very educative and encouraging in life experiences."

Thank you, Mary. We send you best wishes on behalf of all in Banwell. Ed.

I often take exercise. Why only yesterday I had breakfast in bed.

Oscar Wilde

One morning I shot an elephant in my pyjamas. How he got in my pyjamas I'll never know.

Groucho Marx

Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life.

Herbert Asquith

Banwell Gardening Club Spring Show

24th March 2007

Although entries were slightly down this year Banwell gardeners still managed to stage a fine display at the Spring Show. Despite the previous changeable weather there were many fine blooms on display with the daffodil categories particularly well supported.

There were a range of other spring blooms on display with the Doris Hammond Trophy awarded to David Westlake for his exhibit of 9 flowering shrubs, an astonishing number for so early in the year!

The craft section delighted as usual with some skilful examples of needlework, knitting, patchwork, tapestry etc, whilst the beautiful flower arrangements earned praise from the judges for the use of home grown material.



Banwell Brownies had again been busy, with 15 entries in the decorated Easter hat category, making the judges decision a difficult one. The 1st prize was eventually awarded to Heather Gomm.

Banwell Garden Club would like to thank all who supported the show, especially the judges, Mr& Mrs C Tripp, Mrs C Wilson and Mrs N Jones for coming to

the show and giving us your time.

Mrs Tripp kindly presented the trophies, the winners are as follows: -

- GEORGE ROBSON TROPHY for most points in Classes 1 – 23
- WILL HAMMOND TROPHY for best exhibit in Classes 1 – 23
- DORIS HAMMOND TROPHY for best collection of shrubs in flower
- CLUB TROPHY for most points in Floral Art Section
- BROOKSIDE BULB TROPHY for best exhibit in Floral Art Section
- BRENDA PEAKMAN TROPHY for most points in Craft Section
- BRENDA PEAKMAN TROPHY (Children) 7-9 YEARS

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HEATHER GOMM



Adults With Learning Disabilities Need Help, Too

Specialised support systems for adults with learning disabilities are being eroded in the name of 'inclusion', claim parents whose children face a bleak future once they leave school.

The Hon. Rosa Monckton, wife of Dominic Lawson and president of the KIDS charity, said recently: "Our system does nothing for those who are handicapped once they have finished their education. Local authorities have a statutory obligation to look after children with learning difficulties through their school years, but when they reach the age of 19, suddenly all support disappears – overnight. As 'adults' they have to rely almost entirely on their parents to look after them."

Over the last few years, government policy has been to close down day centres, which provided a purpose and a structure to each day, a social life outside the home, and much needed respite for parents or carers. But the dawn of idealistic policies of 'inclusion' and 'care in the community' (encompassed in the 2001 White Paper entitled 'Valuing People') provided cash-strapped local authorities with a justification for slashing funds for specialised services.

Charles Henley, author of a study of this

issue, has been leading a crusade to defend what's left of day services around the country. He says that under the guise of unrealistic and trendy 'inclusion' theories, day centres are being shut throughout the country and other service provision is being diluted. Policies "conveniently attuned more to cost-saving budgets than to needs" must be halted.

Rosa Monckton comments: "I see time and again the problems that the policy is causing. There is nowhere for these people to go. Until now, many parents have been able to cope with having their children at home, knowing that they had somewhere to go in the daytime. I see families living in the most difficult circumstances, with no help, and children with multiple complications. The love they show their children is humbling."

KIDS can be contacted at 6 Aztec Row, London N1 0PW (Tel. 020 7359 3635).

Carnival

Banwell Carnival Committee will be running an afternoon tea at the Ritz on Sunday 24th June 2007.

If anyone in the village is willing to make cakes, give fillings for sandwiches, tea or coffee, all donations would be very much appreciated. Also containers of Plants to decorate the hall would be appreciated contact Hilary on 822087.

Transport is available to anyone in the village wanting to come to this event. Contact Hilary 822087.

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Archaeology

'Windmills and Millers of Somerset' was the title of the talk given by Sarah Harris. She and her family showed a great enthusiasm for her subject. They had lived in one, visited and photographed a great many and found the history of both the windmills and the Millers.

Members were given a comprehensive list of windmills in our area, their history and accessibility. Many Members will be adding Windmills to their list of places to visit this year.

The Society have now finished their research into Banwell's men and women who went to war in 1914 and it has gone to print. Copies will be available for sale at a later date.

The next Meeting will be on 13th April in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. when Liz Grant will talk about the Somerset Light Infantry and Army Records.

A Share To Far?

A young man was surprised to see an elderly couple lunching at a fast food restaurant. He noticed that they had ordered one meal and an extra cup. As he watched, the elderly gentleman carefully halved the burger then counted out the chips, dividing them into two piles. Then he poured half the cola into the extra cup.

The old man began to eat, but his wife sat waiting with her hands folded in her lap.

Hand Washing!

How do you wash your hands? Can you manage to sing 'Happy Birthday to You' through twice before you finish your fingers?

Apparently there are 10 stages involved in washing your hands properly. The first two steps are the easy bits: wet hands with water, apply soap. Then it gets tricky, until by step no. 8 you are involved in "rotational rubbing... with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm, and vice versa."

This is according to the Scottish Executive, which has recently decided to spend £2.5 million on telling people in Scotland how to wash their hands. There is even a website: www.washingyourhandsofthem.com. Seriously. The campaign has the support of the British Medical Association, which is concerned about poor hygiene standards in the home, hospitals, schools and the workplace.

Feeling a little awkward the young man walked over and offered to buy a meal so that they could have one each. The old gentleman said:

"Oh no we have been married 50 years and everything has and always will be shared 50/50"

"Well," said the young man to the old woman, "Do you mind me asking why you are not eating yet?" "Not at all!" she said. "It's his turn with the teeth"

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Plant French beans in cloched warmed soil, keep covered. Onion sets can be planted and early and main crop potatoes. Plant hanging baskets with ivy leafed geraniums, pendulous begonias, lobelia, petunias and other cascaders around mid-month. Keep under glass etc for about one month until established. Start hardening off bedding plants, put under cover if frost threatens, control pest and diseases especially slugs and snails. Vent greenhouses. Apply a general slow-release fertilizer to containers in your garden, start pinching out side shoots of sweet peas. Feed shrubs and fruit bushes as necessary.

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MONDAY

16th	12.30 - 1.30pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.
16th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
30th	7.30 pm	“ “	*	Meth. Hall
Weekly	10.00 am	Keep Fit	*	V.H.
Weekly	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Cub Scouts	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	6.00 - 8.45 pm	Beginners & Advanced Yoga	*	V.H.

TUESDAY

24th	7.30 pm	Banwell Flower Arranging Group -	*	Meth. Hall
Weekly	4.30 - 5.30 pm	Beavers	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	10.00 am	Mendip Art Group (term time only)	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30 pm	Playgroup	*	P. H.
Weekly	5.45 - 7.15 pm	Brownies	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides	*	Scout Hall

WEDNESDAY

4th & 18th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
11th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union - Meeting postponed until 8th Aug. Committee Mtg. at "Rosebank"	*	V.H.
11th	7.15 pm	Royal British Legion	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	*	St. Andrews
Weekly	8.00 pm	Banwell Sequence Dance Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.30 pm	Bridge Club	*	V.H.

THURSDAY

12th & 26th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
5th & 19th	7.30 pm	“ “ “ “	*	V.H.
12th	7.30 pm	W.I. Members' Night	*	V.H.
26th	7.30 pm	Gardening Club - Speaker: John Bawden	*	V.H.
		"Chrysanthemums around the World"	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30pm	Playgroup	*	P.H.
Weekly	2.30 pm	Seniors' Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Youth Club (term time only)	*	Y.C.C.
Weekly	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Rainbows	*	Scout Hall

FRIDAY

13th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society - Speaker : Liz Grant	*	V.H.
		"The Somerset Light Infantry"	*	V.H.
20th	7.30 pm	St. Andrews APCM	*	V.H.
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Scouts	*	Scout Hall

SUNDAY

Weekly	11.00 am	Judo Club	*	Y.C.C.
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Abbreviations: * Visitors Welcome; **V.H.** Village Hall; **M.H.** Methodist Hall; **P.H.** Playgroup Hall; **Y.C.C.** Youth and Community Centre.

All Fool's Day

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1 April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for The Life of Eve's Mother. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had

been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula : 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'

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