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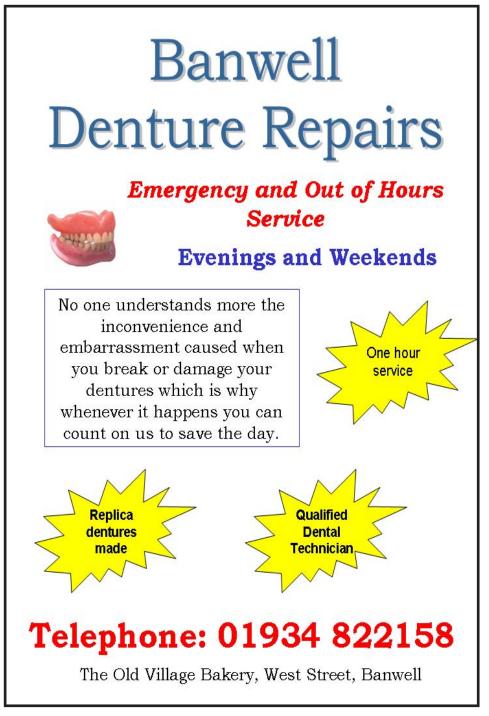
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Thought For The Month

Dear Friends,

I welcome the opportunity to write to you as a representative of one of the Banwell church communities, alongside the new Methodist Minister and the Vicar of St.Andrews.

The medieval church of St.Andrew was built in 1380 to serve the needs of a population that was then entirely Roman Catholic. But when a new Headmaster of Banwell School arrived in 1946 he and his family were the only Roman Catholics in the village. There was no longer a church for them and they had to journey to Cheddar for their Sunday Mass. Bob Cousins contributed actively to the parish life there and before he died left a beautiful fresco which he painted of the Virgin Mary surrounded by the Apostles. This was in honour of the new church which was to be built in Cheddar in 1966 dedicated to Our Lady Queen of Apostles. It may be seen today above the inner church doors.

It was not long before the Cousins family were joined in Banwell by other Catholics and they became, and are, amongst the most active parishioners of the local Catholic parish of Cheddar. Over the years they have engaged in fund raising and were prime supporters of the project to build the new church in Cheddar. They launched an annual bazaar which eventually became the Banwell Market held in October.

It is good to recall key members of our different church communities, to reflect on the struggles and achievements, but today we are challenged to reach out to one another ecumenically, to work together as Christians and build bridges with those of other faiths and with people of good will who have the interests of Banwell at heart. I am grateful for the friendship, co-operation and support that is shared between our churches particularly amongst fellow clergy. An expression of this is the weekly Prayer Meeting and Breakfast every Friday at 7am which has drawn together all the clergy and ministers from Banwell, Winscombe, Sandford, Congresbury, Wrington and myself from Cheddar for over two years. There is a personal commitment on the part of each one of us which we would like to see in the development of similar personal commitments between the members of our respective churches with one another.

Good personal relationships are essential to fostering Christian Unity and give the lie to all the arguments and divisions featured in the national media.

At the beginning of February Christians celebrate Candlemass - carrying candles into church, shedding light in darkness, to recall the time when the baby Jesus was taken into the Temple in Jerusalem and the aged Simeon took him in his arms and cried out that the little one would become a Light to the Nations. We pray that the world will find new hope as it looks at Jesus Christ and his followers today. For this to happen locally our churches need to work together and witness more actively than ever before. We need to be a people who light up our own village community and provide inspiration to all concerned to build a better world.

> With prayers and good wishes, Fr.Peter Slocombe Roman Catholic Parish Priest of Cheddar

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.

February

- 5th William Daw Close
- 12th Wint Hill
- 19th Wolvershill Batch
- 26th Wolvershill Park

March

- 5th Wolvershill Road
- 12th West Garston

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. The Revd. Sam, 852314 The Revd. D. & Mrs. H. Lockyer 822320

Marriage requires falling in love many times – always with the same person.





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ST. ANDREW'S

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist
3.30 pm	Evensong
1st Sunday 7.15 pm	Young at Heart
Fri. 3rd March 7.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service
METHODIST	
10.30 am	Morning Service & Sunday School
6.30 pm	Evening Service

ROMANCATHOLIC CheddarSunday9.00 amMass

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ALL WELCOME

From the Registers Baptisms

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- January
 - 15th Joshua John Mills
 - 29th Olivia Rose Damerell

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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 -1.45am. at the Scout Hut. Contact Jane Gomm 822972.

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: Jo Duffy (parish clerk) 824210, email clerk@banwell.org

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Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

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

When You've **Lost The One** You Love

Written by a grieving husband

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you want to pick them from your dreams and hug them. So dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only this one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

Always put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person, too.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Happiness lives for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives.

Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss and ends with a tear. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past. You can't go on well in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying and smiling.

Pre-school Success

At last we have good news to report for Banwell Pre-school Playgroup and Out-ofschool Club! We have been successful in obtaining a grant to build a new log style building on the site behind the school. We hope to start work on site in the next month. Thanks to the local community for their continued support.

We also wanted to remind any parents (including Yr. 7 at Churchill) that our Out-of-school club runs five days a week, 3.15pm-6.00pm. We are Ofsted registered and provide excellent childcare for either working parents or just extra "entertainment." We have a varied programme of activities and often have theme nights and trips out. The cost is £6.50 for the first child and £5.00 for the second. We also offer an hour rate of $\pounds 3.50$, which is ideal for that bit of extra time in the afternoon. Pick-ups from other schools can be arranged. Registration packs available from Banwell Playgroup.

Contacts Enid Clark 07773573028 Banwell school 01934 822498 Jane Gomm 07870461327

Anyone can admit they were wrong; the true test is admitting it to someone else.

How many Christians does it take to change a light bulb? Three: but they're really one, so that's okay.

Women's World **Day Of Prayer**

This year's service will be held on Friday 3rd March in St. Andrew's Church at 7 p.m.

Please note the time. We are holding the service in the evening in order to give those who work an opportunity to come. If going out in the evening presents a difficulty to anyone who would otherwise like to come, please get in touch with either Chris Drew (tel: 822873) or Dinah Harrison (tel: 822344) and we will do our best to arrange transport.

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian Women of South Africa on the theme "Signs of the Times". Our speaker will be Moira Cowell from Wells.

All - men, women and young people are welcome to this interdenominational service.

Dinah Harrison



Dinah Harrison
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The Friends of Banwell Primary School Website – www.banwell.info/friends
Westfield Residents Assoc - www.westfield.banwell.info
Banwell Bowling Club Website – www.geocities.com/johnnyamos2002
Banwell Royal British Legion Website – www.rbl.banwell.info

Banwell Royal British Legion **WCCONC**

Seniors Club

A happy new year to all our friends. When we met after Christmas we all talked about how we had enjoyed ourselves – it was so nice to be together again and have our usual afternoon tea and biscuits. Derek was the caller for our game of bingo and his way of calling made for light-hearted laughter among the members. We went by coach to the Theatre and saw "Cinderella". Jimmy Cricket was Buttons: he was excellent even though he had a very bad throat, which made it difficult for him to speak. The children were very good and looked lovely in their costumes. One little boy went up on stage dressed as "Batman": he was the winner of the competition. Each child had been given a bag of goodies but he was given a lollipop. Well, the expression on his face was marvelous - you could see his disappointment. Jimmy gave him one prize at a time and eventually he was given a carrier bag of prizes. He was such a happy little boy, all smiles, as he came off the stage.

The other artists were very good with lovely voices. We had a marvelous time, thanks to Dollie's organization.

On The Web

The Parish News is now available on-line at [www.banwellparishnews.org.uk]. You can browse the current issue or download back issues. There is also the facility to view or download the pictures that have appeared in the magazine over the past six months. You can also email us direct from the website. The website will be updated in line with the printed copy.

Banwell Town Twinning

Wishes you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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Contact Jeanne Evans 01934 823878 Numbers before Tues 14th Feb please!

Look forward to seeing you all At The Scout & Guide Headquarters.

Are you missing out?

Your village Post Office is having an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 22nd February from 2:30 pm until 4:30pm. Jean and Lawrence will be the other side of the counter to explain and talk to you about the services available through the Post Office here in the village.

At the moment there are some very attractive offers of £50 money back on Post Office Homephone, Car and House Insurance . There will be a free draw for some Bubbly and Chocolates on the day, so pop into the Post office for more details.

The Very First Valentine Card

A Legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison waiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

These are the four abuses: desire to succeed in order to make oneself famous; taking credit for the labours of others; refusal to correct one's errors despite advice; refusal to change one's ideas despite warnings.

Confucius

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How privileged we were to have Mr John Bawdon coming along to our January meeting to show slides of his life set around growing and exhibiting chryanthemums. John was born in Banwell and was brought into this world by Nurse Thomas. He is now head gardener at Combe lodge in Blagdon. He is not your average grower – he is a National Champion with lots of gold medals gained at all the famous shows, also a national judge. His slides showed some amazing displays from Japan and the continent. We had a full house to hear how he achieved the perfect bloom.

At our next meeting in February Mrs Ann Bowing will come along and talk about 'Tynesfield' – A Gothic Gem.

We welcome visitors to come along and join us. We always have excellent speakers, lots of outings and most of all – fun.

Car-ride

A teenager who had just received her provisional licence offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination. The mother got out of the car and said in a quiet but fervent voice: "Thank you!"

"Anytime," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the car door she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."

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Mothers' Union

Our Deanery President, Mrs Liz Green reported to the Branch about the National Meeting of the Mothers' Union held at Portman Road Football Ground, Ipswich in 2005. This was a very well organized event with a 'Glastonbury Pop Festival' style stage and large screens so that every one could see and hear well. There were 25 Provincial Presidents from around the world. Cathedral and other choirs and religious dance groups to enhance the various services. Bearing in mind that the Mothers' Union functions in some 74 countries and has approx.3.6 million members, tickets for this event were strictly limited. When our World-wide President Trish Haywood welcomed everyone, she said that this was the largest gathering we had ever had at a National General Meeting.

One session was of great interest and was led by Diane Jordan. [Many of you will have seen Diane on BBC 'Songs of Praise'.] After her personal address, she interviewed three of the Overseas Provincial Presidents...all highly talented women whose Provinces cover huge areas in Africa. To hear the situation, at first hand, of our members and how they are endeavouring to empower women in these African countries was heartening - and yet very shocking that such appalling conditions exist in these modern times. So much of Africa is continually destroyed by 'wars' and wicked dictators. It was interesting to note that one government (in Uganda) was calling for experienced people to help guide the new leaders and civil servants on

the right track..... not old colonialism, but a mutual progression for the benefit of all. That seems a good idea as everyone can help each other to progress where there is the wish and a lack of false pride.

One is proud that the endeavours of the members and workers of the Mothers' Union are really making a difference in the Campaign to Make Poverty History.

Then, while we had tea and biscuits, always kindly supplied and organized by Eila and Valerie, Barry Mather showed us his video of our Christmas Luncheon. This was very enjoyable and caused much laughter and pleasure as we recalled a jolly occasion.

Coming Events.

The Lady Day Service at All Saint's Weston-s-Mare on March 23rd at 2.30pm[Banners]

Our next Branch Meeting at the Village Hall on Feb 8th 2.30pm. Speaker: Helen Warwick of the Christian Alliance Homes.

March 8th: Branch Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall 2.30pm

P.Reynolds

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News From The The Kathleen **Gardening Club**

Members and friends enjoyed an excellent Annual Dinner at Worlebury Golf Club last month with 43 people attending.

The monthly meetings recommence on Thursday 23rd February when we have Dr George Hargreaves speaking on Camelias. We regret that Chris Cudlipp, who was booked for this meeting, has had to cancel.

We meet in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Non-members are always welcome. Cost £1.50 including refreshments.

At our October meeting when Terry Bratcher spoke on dahlias he kindly offered 12 dahlia cuttings as a prize, to be collected at the end of March / beginning of April. There will be a separate raffle for these at this meeting as well as the usual one. The competition will be for the best 'Jar of Marmalade'.

Diary Date: Spring Show - Saturday 25th March. Further details may be obtained on

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Gandhi

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Jones Family Charity

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The awards made from the Kathleen Jones Family Charity for 2006 are as follows;

Carols under the Tower $\pounds 100$:

Banwell in Bloom £50:

The Mendip Society £200 toward the restoration of the William Beard grave stone.

Subject to the agreement of the PCC, repainting and reguilding of the church clock estimated at £1000:

Scout & Guide Hut Roof £250:

The fire station roof repairs are now complete, we will forward the £250 granted in 2002. It is hoped that the erection of the new village road signs designed and financed by the charity will soon be completed.

People who drink to drown their sorrow should be told that sorrow knows how to swim.

Anne Landers



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Banwell road closures

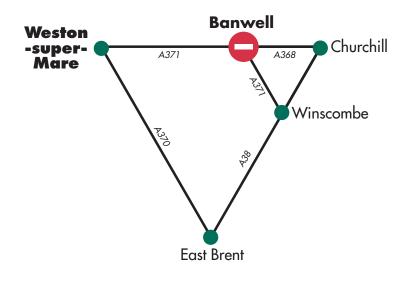
Works will start on Monday 13 March 2006 and could last up to 8 weeks.

Closed roads

A371 Castle Hill	from East Street to The Rhodyate		
A371 West Street	From Wolvershill Road to East Street		
Dark Lane	the whole length		
High Street	from A371 West Street to Littlefields Rise		

Alternative routes

- A371 (Knightcott Road/Locking Moor Road)
- A370 (Flowerdown Bridge/Herluin Way)
- Winterstoke Road
- Broadway
- A370 Bridgwater Road
- A38 (Turnpike Road/Bridgwater Road)
- A371 (Sidcot Lane/Banwell Road)



Construction Works

The works are to provide a new drainage system from Castle Hill to the car park on West Street, construct the 'narrowing' at the Old Bakery and resurfacing.

The closure is required because the construction will not allow the passage of vehicles through the village. To avoid another closure in the foreseeable future, sewer work by Wessex Water and bridge repairs by the Highway Agency will be carried out at the same time.

Businesses

We will supply plans of the diversion to local businesses so they can inform customers and suppliers of the appropriate route to their premises.

Access

Reasonable access will be maintained for residents and businesses and site staff will be available should any problems arise.

Feedback

Your comments on the construction works are valuable to us and in May, on completion of works, there will be an opportunity to provide feedback.

Contact Streets and Open Spaces 01934 888 802







Burns' Night Success

A night to be remembered

Continuing what has now become a tradition in Banwell, the village hall committee produced an evening crammed full of good food, good music and good company. In fact the hall was so full that it was difficult to find enough room to dance!

Well done to all those who made it happen. It has become and continues to be, one of the highlights of the village calendar.

I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him.

Booker T. Washington



My formula for success is rise early, work late, and strike oil.

Paul Getty

Scouts & Guides Another Big

Christmas Quackers....

Boxing Day seems a long time ago, but not too long to say a massive thank -you to the Brewers Arms for providing not only the venue for the Duck Race but also a magnificent first prize in the shape of a generous Christmas Hamper. The First Banwell Scout and Guide Group Executive Committee would also like to thank all those parents and supporters who bought racing Ducks and who came along to join in the fun. We had a really good time, and made front page in the Weston and Worle News to boot.

Roof News.....

The bad news is that the Scout and Guide Headquarters is in need of a new roof. The good news is that we have raised about half of the money which will be needed with funds generated by the Christmas Fayre and the Duck Race.

We were thrilled to have a donation from the Kathleen Jones Trust for the sum of $\pounds 250$ which will also help to make the new roof a reality. Our grateful thanks to the Trustees for their generosity. It is much appreciated.

Family Quiz Night.

Saturday 18th March in the Scout and Guide Headquarters. Get a team together with family and friends to exercise your brain, and have a fun evening. Buffet included – bring your own wine or beer.

Soft drinks, tea and coffee on sale. Tickets from Banwell News. Adults £3, children over 3 years £2. Proceeds to assist with the cost of the new roof. Come and join us!

Another Big Thank You For Caring At Christmas

In addition to the van-loads of goods we thanked you for last month, we were able to send donations to Caring at Christmas totalling £290 (this includes an anonymous cash donation received over Christmas). Thank you, everybody, for your kind & generous support.

Ann Lambert, Eric Small & Dinah Harrison.

Gardening Tips For February

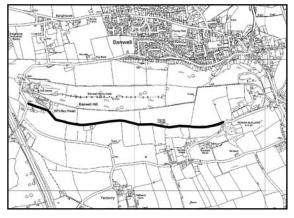


This month usually brings slightly warmer temperatures and the first signs that spring is near. Cover

pots with polythene or cloches to warm the soil in readiness for sowing early vegetable crops next month. Lift, divide and replant overgrown clumps of snowdrops once finished flowering. Feed fruit trees by dressing round the roots sulphate of potash or good fertiliser. Towards the end of the month prepare the ground for sowing hardy annuals. In mild weather continue planting trees and shrubs. Container - grown plants can be planted at almost any time of the year. Prune hard any shrubs such as cornus and salix Do the same to buddleias and late flowering clematis.



Save our Footpath



North Somerset District Council. Footpath AX3/46 Winthill to Whitley Head Definitive Map Modification Order. Footpath to Bridleway. Reference EB/MOD 08.

If you value your footpaths please support me and object to the above Order in writing to : Director of Development and Environment, North Somerset Council, Streets and Open Spaces, Weston Court, Oldmixon Crescent, Weston-super-Mare BS24 9AU, to arrive not later than 25th February 2006. You must state your

reasons, including the length of time you have seen the signs on the two field gates and any challenging to Horse Riders. Also quote Reference EB/MOD 08.

All previous objections need to be renewed. Remember Golling Lane, how pleasant it was.

Thank you. Jean Harris, Winthill Farm

It's All Relative

A psychiatrist visited a Norwich mental institution and asked a patient, "How did you get here? What was the nature of your illness?" He got this reply... "Well, it all started when I got married, and I reckon I should never have done it. I married a widow with a grown daughter who then became my stepdaughter. My dad came to visit us, fell in love with my lovely stepdaughter, then married her. And so my stepdaughter was now my stepmother. Soon, my wife had a son who was, of course, my daddy's brother-in-law, since he is the half-brother of my stepdaughter, who is now, of course, my daddy's wife. So, as I told you, when my stepdaughter married my daddy, she was at once my stepmother. Now, since my new son

is brother to my stepmother, he also became my uncle. As you know, my wife is my stepgrandmother since she is my stepmother's mother. Don't forget that my stepmother is my stepdaughter. Remember, too, that I am my wife's grandson. But hold on just a few minutes more. You see, since I'm married to my step-grandmother, I am not only the wife's grandson and her hubby, but I am also my own grandfather. Now can you understand how I got put in this place?"

If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?

Benjamin Franklin



Year 2 has been learning about alliteration. We tried to describe ourselves with a word beginning with the same sound as our names. Creating this poem.

Inside the Classroom

Inside the classroom there is ... Angry Aiden being angry,

Antique Aimee eating an apple,

Angry Alastair eating an apple.

Athletic Alex eating an apple in the corner,

Beautiful Becky batting,

Big Brandon Hopkins batting,

Beautiful Brandon Scott bouncing around the classroom,

Kind Caitlin caring for cats,

Careful Chloe clapping,

Evil Edward being evil,

Excellent Elena doing easy work,

Evil Elise enjoying being evil,

Hulk Harry hopping to a hulk,

Haunted Heather being haunted,

- Holy Holly helping,
- Hopping Hugh hopping around the classroom,

Jumping Jacob jumps all day, Gingerbread Jasper jumped down the road. Jammy Joshua jumping on jam on a piece of toast. Jumping Joseph jumped all the way home, Cool Katie counting numbers, Laughing Livvy laughing in the corner, Lovely Luke loving everybody, Mad Madeline making a mask. Magic Megan making a spell on a frog, Nicking Nicole nicking gold, Smiley Samuel smiling his head off, Stormy Sophia storming, Swimming Sophie swimming in circles, And Small Stevie so small no one can see him.

By Y2 and Miss Williams

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY 12.30 - 1.30 pm 13th Soup Lunch * V.H. * V.H. 7.30 pm Parish Council 13th 27th 7.30 pm * Meth. Hall 10.00 am * Weekly Keep Fit & Tap Dancing V.H. Weekly 6.45 - 8.15 pm Cub Scouts * Scout Hall Weekly 6.00 - 8.45 pm Beginners & Advanced Yoga * V.H. TUESDAY Weekly 4.30 – 5.30 pm * Scout Hall Beavers Mendip Art Group (term time only) * Weekly 10.00 am VН 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 * 1st & 15th 1.30 - 3.30 pm Baby Clinic V.H. 2.30 pm Mothers' Union - Speaker: Helen Warwick 8th Christian Alliance Homes * V.H. 11th 7.15 pm Royal British Legion * Scout Hall 7.30 pm **Bell Ringing Practice** * Weekly St.Andrews 8.00 pm Banwell Sequence Dance Club * Weekly V.H. * 1.30 pm Bridge Club V.H. Weekly 1.30 - 3pm Baby & Toddler Group * P.H. Weekly THURSDAY 9th & 23rd 10.00 am Banwell Short Mat Bowling * V.H. " 66 * V.H 2nd & 16th 7.30 pm W.I. Speaker: Mrs Ann Bowring 9th 7.00 pm * "Tvnesfield - a Gothic Gem" V.H. Gardening Club - Speaker: Chris Cudlipp 23rd 7.30 pm "Year round through the eyes of a camera" * V.H. 7.30 - 10.00 pmYouth Club (term time only) * Y.C.C. Weekly * Weekly 1.00 - 3.30pm Playgroup P.H. * Weekly 2.30 pm Seniors' Club V.H. 5.30 - 6.30 pm Rainbows * Scout Hall Weekly **FRIDAY** 7.30 pm Archaeology Society - Speaker: Ann 10th Freeman "History of Herb Gardens in the Bristol Area" * V.H. 7.30 - 9.30 pm Scouts * Scout Hall Weekly * Weekly 9.30 - 11.45 am Baby & Toddler Group Scout Hall **SUNDAY** Weekly 11.00 am Judo Club Y.C.C. Abbreviations: * Visitors Welcome; V.H. Village Hall; M.H. Methodist Hall; P.H. Playgroup Hall; Y.C.C. Youth and Community Centre.

National Nest Box Week

14 – 21 February

National Nest Box Week begins on St Valentine's Day, the traditional date for birds to pair up for the new breeding season.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) aims to urge everyone with nest boxes to clean them out and check that they are in tip-top condition for the coming breeding season. This is also the very best time to put up new boxes.

Nest Boxes are important for birds and other wildlife - including mammals like bats and hedgehogs and insects like bumble bees and hornets - because modern habitats are often very short of the holes and cavities they need to nest and roost safely.

The best boxes for an ordinary garden are those for tits - they have a very good chance

of being occupied. In many gardens, particularly those in modern developments, these nest boxes are the only places for these birds to nest safely.

Making Boxes: The design and materials of a nest box are important since it needs to be well insulated and of the correct dimensions for the birds to be successful. Unfortunately some boxes are not well made and many do not last long.

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I put some cute teddy bears on my glass. They are planning on coming to do it with another class.

Jessie Arlidge



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