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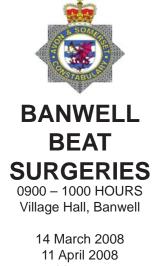
- 9th Knightcott Park
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- 6th Littlefields Road
- 13th Moor Road

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. St Andrew's: Dinah Harrison 822344 Methodist: The Revd. Sam 852314



11 April 2008 9 May 2008 27 June 2008

Please take this opportunity to come along if you have any queries or concerns

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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.

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1st Sunday	8.00 am 10.00 am 3.30 pm 3.30 pm 7.15 pm	Holy Communion Family Eucharist Evensong BCP Eucharist Young at Heart		
17th	7.30 pm	Compline		
18th	7.30 pm	Compline		
20th	6.30 pm	Maundy Thursday United Service		
21st	2.00 pm	Good Friday	Last Hour Of the Cross	
23rd	10.00 am	Easter Day	Easter Egg Hunt	

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Gardening Tips for March

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Gardening Club News

At our first meeting of 2008, Chris Cudlipp gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on growing vegetables. He explained the system of crop rotation, and the reasons behind it. Crops are rotated annually between three beds to reduce risk of pests and diseases developing in the soil, and to make sure each crop type is provided with its ideal growing conditions. Chris also gave us a series of tips and hints on showing vegetables, which will come in handy for the Spring Show, which is coming up on March 29th. Our next meeting will be on 27th March, when a speaker from Sanders Garden World will be talking about new and unusual plants. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information please contact the Club secretary, Eleanor Baker, on 824021.



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Reception Class



In Reception we have been reading Postman Pat and have been helping him solve all his problems, from sorting parcels to finding Jess' lost cousin. Postman Pat is a very helpful man and we went on a trip to the Post Office



to find out what happens to our letters when we send them. We wrote letters to ourselves, brought stamps and then posted them. It was great when they came through our doors in the post. We also had a Post Office in our classroom.

"We posted our letters." Neve.

"I liked posting our letter." Thomas.

"I liked the post box." Victoria.



"I saw the dog. I liked it." Lucas.

"I liked seeing the dogs and posting my letter." Toula-May.

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Mothers' Union

Our speaker for January was our Deanery President Mrs Elizabeth Green who gave a report on the Mothers' Union General Meeting held in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral on June 20th 2007; attended by 3,000 people.

After a keynote speech by Worldwide President Rosemary Kempsell on injustice in the third world, each unit co-ordinator presented their unit's report. In the UK over 1,000 Mothers' Union members are volunteers working in 90 prisons to strengthen faith and family life for prisoners and their families. This work is mirrored in Ireland, Nigeria, Uganda, the Solomon Islands and West Africa. Much is also done to help families through schemes like "Away from it All Holidays" to help families leave stress behind for a time. In Sub Sahara Africa over 30,000 people have benefited through Mothers' Union Literacy and Numeracy programmes and discussions about relationships helping families to overcome poverty and marital breakdown. Mothers' Union members are also involved in supporting families through parenting groups; working in Women's refuges; providing necessities for mother's and children who often arrive without any possessions; and supplying tiny garments for premature babies. We have a representative in the United Nations, and have been active at the Commission on the status of women, lobbying for gender equality in both families and communities.

ship of 3.6million Christian women and men united in their commitment to support family life. Members volunteer practical support and policy-driven advocacy at a local and international level, reaching out to those who are isolated, in trouble or in need of help.

The five objectives of the Mothers' Union are:

To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.

To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the church.

To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.

To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.

To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Our February speaker was Mr Eric Small who told us of his early life, and was so interesting and entertaining that he has promised to return next year and continue the story.

Our March meeting will be our AGM.

On April 9th Barry Mather will be speaking about "Russia, a Journey by Water, St Petersburg to Moscow".

> All welcome Gloria Boddy

Mothers' Union has a growing member-

Copy for the next issue by the 21st March

EDITOR: Dave Colbourne, The Gate House, East Street, Banwell. Tel.822902 Advertisement Manager: Mike Hebden, 1 Chestnut Close. Banwell. Tel.823517 theeditor@banwellparishnews.org.uk **Banwell Gardening Club**

Spring Show

The Banwell Gardening Club Spring Show is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday 29th March 2008.

There will be exhibits of Spring Flowers, Crafts and a Baking Section, and of course the Children's Section, which means there should be something of interest for everyone.

Exhibits from all amateur gardeners in the village are welcome. You can download entry forms by clicking onto the gardening club website www.banwell.info/ go to community directory & scroll down to gardening club website. Entry forms can also be picked up from the library, Vickerys, or telephone the Show Secretary, Jude Long 820769.

Exhibits should be taken to the Village Hall between 8.30 am - 10.00 am on the morning of the show. Judging starts at 10.15am.

Doors are opened to the public for viewing at 2.30pm and in the afternoon there will be tea, coffee and home made cakes and a raffle, so come along and join in the fun.

Trophies will be presented at approx. 4pm. to the winning exhibitors.

We look forward to seeing you there. Bring your friends and family to support your village Spring Show.

A recession is a period in which you tighten up your belt. A depression is a time in which you have no belt to tighten. When you have no trousers to hold up, it's a panic.

Visit HQ

Forthcoming Visits To Communications And The Force Service Centre At Police Headquarters, Portishead

If you have never visited HQ then this could be your opportunity – see what happens when members of the public ring in. Places are still available on the following dates:

Thursday 13th March 2008

Thursday 29th May 2008

Thursday 17th July 2008

Thursday 11th September 2008

Thursday 13th November 2008

Each visit runs from 7.00 pm - 9.00pm, with tea/coffee offered from 6.30pm, and consists of a presentation in the lecture theatre by a senior officer from the department, followed by visitors splitting into groups of about ten to tour the various elements of the Force Service Centre and the Communication Department. (The latter depends on operational commitments). The evening usually ends around 9.15pm - 9.45pm depending on the interest of each group.

To book a place contact Harriette Dottridge: Harriette.Dottridge@avonandsomerset. police.uk or ring 01275 816850.

You will need to provide your name, daytime telephone number, registration number of the vehicle you will be using and any special requirements (eg disabled parking/access).

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Parish Council

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Parish Clerk: clerk@banwellparishcouncil. tel. 01934 812567 co.uk

Vacancies - Parish Councillors for Banwell

Community, Parish and Town Councils are the part of local government closest to the people. They serve the smallest area and are responsible for the most local of matters. Very importantly, these councils can "precept" raising a sum collected with the council tax each year to improve facilities and services for local people.

These individual powers include the provision and maintenance of community transport schemes, traffic calming measures, local youth projects, tourism activities, leisure facilities, car parks, village greens, public lavatories, litter bins, street lighting, street cleaning, burial grounds, allotments, bus shelters, commons, open spaces, footpaths, bridleways and crime reduction measures.

Community, Parish and Town Councils can also comment on planning applications - they are statutory consultees (they have to be consulted if they so wish) and can be represented at public inquiries.

By now you are probably getting excited enough to apply, so contact Mrs Nicky Hooper - Parish Clerk on 01934 812567 or email: clerk@banwellparishcouncil.co.uk for the appropriate form. It would help if you could attach a short letter with a little of your background in it to give your application a more personal touch.

We look forward to lots of responses.

David Elsey Chair - PC

Communications

During the last five months your Parish Council has been running a 4 page spread in this magazine so that you can read in an informal way what is happening in the Parish.

As a way of improving communication, it would be very helpful to have your feedback on this and on our other channels of information-giving. This feedback will help us to concentrate on the areas in need of improvement.

Please complete the short questionnaire in this magazine and post it in the Parish Post Box situated in our village Post Office within the next two weeks (see picture



below) Alternatively, you can email your response by going onto the PC's website and forwarding it to the Clerk.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery "Tidy-up Day" was a great success with about twelve people giving up their Sunday morning even though, when we started, the dead flowers were still frozen in their pots.



As the morning warmed up everyone got busy and filled eleven green bags with leaves and green waste from around the cemetery.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the people who gave a helping hand and it was nice to see a couple of new faces, so spe-



past it's always the "same old faces" who get involved, but here is the proof that volunteers are getting younger.

Peter Shipton

Children & Youth Committee

As most are aware, the Banwell Recreational Area is going to have a make-over. We have a few hurdles to overcome before work can commence, including the cost for development, which will exceed the funds we have available. So we are looking to Sport England and The Big Lottery Fund to help assist with our funds. By the time you read this a first stage application will have been submitted to both funds. This stage can take up to a month before a response is received.

If successful, a second stage request for funds will be placed and this process can take three months to complete. If this second stage is successful the recreation area will go ahead as planned.

All is not lost if funding is not granted. We will have to scale down your requirements and carry on with the development targeting the important areas.

In the meantime we will be cutting the hedges, attending to the trees, cutting the grass and generally tidying up of the area.

BUT we need YOUR help. The Children & Youth Committee needs parishioners to join. Any age welcome as all help is appreciated, If interested, call the Parish Clerk on 01934 812567 or email on clerk@banwellparishcouncil.co.uk

Finally, check out the plans on the North Somerset On Line Planning Portal. Application number 07/P/0598/F. Show your children, show everyone, let us know what you think, email the Clerk as to your opinion as this will all help to build the case for the second stage funding.

Richard Griffin Co Chair - Children & Youth Committee

BANWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Communication - response form Please tick relevant boxes

Do you feel you are kept informed on what your Parish Council does?

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If Yes where do you get your information from?

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- □ Parish Notice Board
- □ Parish Clerk
- □ Parish Councillors
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Please detach this page and post it into the green Parish Post Box found in our village Post Office (right hand side service counter) Or

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resident, and have a BTEC National Diploma in Animal Management. I have many years of experience looking after a variety of different animals and have been a foster carer for the RSPCA. Unfortunately I am unable to accommodate any more pets at home, but will visit or even stay at your home to care for your pets. References supplied. Please telephone 01934 824461 for further details.

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Pancake Trophy

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the trophy?

It comprises of a small copper and brass frying pan fixed to a board. Past winners are recorded on the face. It is several years since the last fiercely fought competition. Perhaps we could have an event next year. If you are the present champions and proudly display the trophy in your house would you contact Wally Rice 01934 822465

The measure of a man's real character is whathe would do if he knew he would never be found out.

Thomas Babington Macaulay

Do you know where your child is?

In recent weeks there has been an escalation of nuisance and rowdy behaviour within the village. Young people have been found, in some cases, to be drinking alcohol and causing alarm to residents. Naturally, this is of concern to both the Police and villagers.

We would ask parents to be a little more inquisitive about the whereabouts of their own children; to reaffirm boundaries, check where they're going and what time they are expected to return. As you are probably aware, children invariably tell you what you want to hear in terms of their whereabouts, therefore, be a little more sceptical and check up on them once in a while.

Children are exposed to many dangers you only have to see the headlines to see evidence of that. We would rather not see children getting into trouble on the streets or, more importantly, at risk from some predator. It is so easy for young children particularly, to mix with the wrong crowd and to be influenced or bullied into situations that could lead to antisocial behaviour. Please be a bit more curious when your children are out and about. Make sure you know where they are, who they are with and what they are up to. If in doubt check!

The Police, and other professional agencies, are there to help so please contact us if you have any worries or concerns about your child.

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WSM Digital Camera Club

Budding photographers of all levels of experience are welcome to come along to our club held in Banwell Village Hall every Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm. The club was set up last year to provide people who have an interest in photography, with an opportunity to pick up tips and to learn how to get the best out of their digital camera, whether it is a mobile phone camera, a point and shoot or a DSLR.

We have regular training sessions using various software such as Photoshop and Lightroom, enabling members to get the best out of their images.

We have a full programme of events for the year which can be seen at our website www.wsmdcc.co.uk along with a selection of photos taken by our members. For more details telephone Roz de-Layen Vian on 07775 647936 after 6 pm.

Our Banwell

Parishioners will soon be receiving an OUR BANWELL yellow leaflet through their letterbox. This will request their views on Banwell, asking what they feel strongly about and would like tackled over a period of time or what they feel positive about. These answers will help the steering committee formulate a larger questionnaire which will be sent out September time.

If anyone wishes to attend an OUR BAN-WELL meeting, please come along on the 19 Mar 7.30pm in the Scout/Guide hut or check out www.bpp.ukgo.com for more info on Parish Plans.

Banwell & District Volunteer Fire Unit

Although this year has been 'quiet' for the unit, the monthly 200 Club draws have taken place and the list of winners listed on the newsletter given to members. The top prize of £150.00 was a particularly nice new years present to one club member. We aim to continue with this essential fund raiser for another year and will soon be canvassing old and hopefully new members inviting them to rejoin for a further twelve months. For just one pound a month you have the chance to win each month prizes of £30.00, £20.00 and £15.00

The Unit would like to thank everyone who gave donations at the recent Banwell Fair event in the Fire Station. This money is to be used to help towards the general station maintenance costs.

Should you be involved with a group that would like to consider using the Fire Station building for a display (or other purpose) or if you would like to join the 200 Club, then please contact 820141 or 823517 for details or an application form.

The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least possible amount of hissing.

Attributed to J B Colbert.

Play Pod

Update On The Session Held At Half Term

I organised this session in conjunction with North Somerset Council's Rob Warren, the Project Development Worker, so that he and the play rangers could meet the local young



people to get their ideas for the pods' use and what sort of games and equipment they would like.

The morning went well although we could have done with more young people. Those



that did come were a little bewildered at first as to what the session and the pod was all about but were enthusiastic after learning more from Rob, Sam and Scot. The rangers took the young people out into the park and got them involved in various games which did wonders for their colour! They came in rosy-cheeked and hungry. After all that exercise they practically polished off the food that was provided by courtesy of the constabulary.

Whilst the pod won't be put into place immediately, the rangers will be appearing shortly to get the play going by doing two afternoons a week after school. Hopefully, there will be so much activity that your children will be drawn in – do encourage them! The rangers' timetable is being compiled at the moment and you will know in due course when they start in the village.

Some of the children were camera shy but I managed to get some of them to have their photo taken with me.

Maggie Evans PCSO 7369

Five & Twenty

A well-worn five-pound note and a similarly distressed twenty-pound note arrived at the Bank of England to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burnt, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty-pound note mused: "I've had a pretty good life. Why, I've been to London and Las Vegas and Hong Kong and even a cruise to the Caribbean".

"Wow!" said the fiver. "You've had a really exciting time!"

"So tell me," said the twenty, "where have you been?"

The five-pound note replied, "Oh, I've been to the Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, the Methodist Church, and once even to the United Reform Church....."

The twenty-pound note interrupted, "What's a church?"

Priest Holes & Secret Passages

by Anne Bowring

When Elizabeth I became Queen, and reverted to Henry VIII's Protestantism, many thousands of monks, nuns and priests fled to Europe, especially Belgium. Although not as cruel as her sister Mary, Elizabeth did persecute Roman Catholics and priests were banned. She had an espionage service run by Walsingham, hunting RC priests. She eventually wanted religious freedom and hoped Catholicism would die. But after St Bartholomew's Eve, when many Protestants were massacred in France, Walsingham and his 'suivants' became very good at finding priests.

Many of the grand families of England were Roman Catholic and did not wish to change their religion yet again and wanted to worship as before. Called Reticents, they were allowed to not attend the Church of England services if they paid a fine which eventually amounted to as much as £20. During Elizabeth's reign, much of the land belonging to these large houses had to be sold to pay off these fines and, if they wanted their children brought up as Roman Catholics, they had to send them to Europe for their education where the monks ran schools.

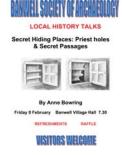
In order to serve this need, priests were forced to came back into the country through various secret routes and they were hidden in the large houses. Most houses had only one hide but Harvington Hall had several, and these survived two hundred years of neglect whilst the house deteriorated. During Elizabeth's reign, the owner was Humphrey Packington, a Reticent. Packington changed the house to accommodate priests'

holes together with smaller hiding places where religious items could be hidden. If priests or religious effects were found, the people could be imprisoned or even executed.

Earlier hides became easy to find. Sometimes they were built at the side of fireplaces. Often they were situated beside the toilet area. One in Harvington Hall is over the bread oven and under the toilet. The front of the house has two front doors, one led to the beer store and kitchen area and took you away from the main stairs, confusing any searchers. In the medieval part of the house, there is a hide under the floor of the passage to the north tower. Sometimes, priests had to spend as long as two weeks in a hole but could speak through a hole in the wall. Suivants would measure rooms both inside and out, and if it didn't tally, they ripped the house apart and poked sticks down into gaps.

Father Garnet was sent from Belgium on a mission to Hindley Hall, in Worcester with the aim of bringing Roman Catholicism to England. Priests could pose as Tutors as they were always well educated. He asked Packington to use Harvington Hall as a depot for incoming priests, and from there they would move on into the countryside. The whole of Middle England was staunch Roman Catholic at this time.

Hindley Hall had eleven hides. Nicholas Owen, a carpenter, became Garnet's servant and he was responsible for many of the hides in the house. He built a grand staircase by day, and hides by



night. Double hides led suivants to believe the obvious front hole was for family wealth, and didn't find the actual hole behind it. One hide was in the banqueting hall, over the doorway, another in the fireplace. On the third floor, one could step up into the roof space to a hide. Another double hide is in the school in the grounds. Some boys playing in the ruins found it. Many of the first hides were behind bookcases in the library and priests could be bolted in.

Nicholas Owen and Father Garnet were captured around the time of the Gunpowder Plot, although they were not involved in the plot themselves. They were hidden in a hide and heard the patrols marching around the house at regular intervals. After two weeks, they decided to leave for food and walked straight into the patrol. Nicholas was put on the rack where he died. He suffered with a hernia which split and killed him.

Seniors Club

We are so pleased Spring is on its way as we have many members ill with colds. It was difficult for us to keep warm in that cold wind and the hard frosts.

We had a successful Christmas Party last year, much enjoyed by all. Last month, we celebrated Valentine Day with a party and, as it was Derrick Bird's birthday, we had a delicious cake to share with everyone.

We have had four new members join our Club, and they will have lots of entertainment and some coach trips to look forward to through the coming year. If anyone has a free Thursday afternoon, (2.30p.m. - 4.00p.m.) we would be most pleased to make you welcome.

D. GREEN.

Pat Corbett



Vine Counselling

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to raise the roof on Banwell Village Hall when Banwell Palace of Varieties took to the stage once more after an absence of ten years. A superb evening was had by a full capacity audience who enjoyed a wonderful show which



was produced and chaired by Chris Avery. Thanks also go to the many people who helped behind the scenes, including Gloria Boddy and her team, Sonia Mitchell, Banwell Village Hall Committee and StAndrew's Church PCCs in Banwell and Congresbury. The evening raised £1,050 for Vine Counselling Services,

which is a local charity based in Winscombe and Congresbury providing counselling appointments for people living in Banwell, Winscombe, Sandford. Churchill. Langford, Wrington, Congresbury and Yatton. To find out more about the charity or to make an appointment please phone 01934-876377.



A New Seat

A new seat to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Kathleen Jones Family Charity.

The opportunity was taken to enhance the area adjacent to the war memorial, replacing the existing seat with a more substantial one.



Tony Yarde and Wally Rice fixing the refurbished seat..

The founder of the Chari-



LOCAL HISTORY TALKS What's in Wellington's Chest?



Fri 14th March Banwell Village Hall 7.30 RAFFLE



ty Jack Jones with his fellow trustees Roy Rice, Mike Hebden and Wally Rice We also remember the contribution of Geoff Hebden a trustee for eight years.

End Of An Era!

Sue and Alan would like to thank all their customers for their loyal support over the last 26 years. They have enjoyed serving you whilst in business.

After 50 years in the butchery trade Alan has decided to retire and hang up his famous white coat. They will cease trading on Saturday 30th March 2008.

Alan & Sue Vickery

We wish them a long and happy retirement. Ed



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

MONDA	AY			
10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
17th	7.30 pm	Compline	*	St. Andrews
24th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	Methodist
Hall				
Weekly	10.00 am	Keep Fit	*	V.H.
Weekly	5.30 – 6.30 pm	Beavers	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	6.00 - 8.45 pm	Beginners & Advanced Yoga	*	V.H.
TUESD	AY			
11th	7.30 pm	Banwell Flower Arranging Group		
	"Getting ready for	the Show"		
	Practice Evening -	Sonia Mitchell	*	Methodist
Hall				
18th	7.30 pm	Compline	*	St. Andrews
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
Weekly	7.30 pm	Weston-super-Mare Digital Camera Club	*	V.H.
WEDNI	ESDAY			
5th & 19	0th 1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
12th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union – A.G.M.	*	V.H.
12th	7.30pm	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.
THURS	DAY			
13th & 2	7th 10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
6th & 20)th 7.30 pm		*	V.H
13th	7.30 pm	W.I. Speaker: Mrs Thirza Ashelford		
		"Norland Nurses"	*	V.H.
20th	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday AGAPE & Service	*	St. Andrews
27th	7.30pm	Gardening Club – Sanders Garden World		
		New & Unusual Plants (plants for sale)	*	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				
7th	2.00 pm	Womens' World Day of Prayer Service	*	St. Andrews
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		Flux "The Wellington Chest"	*	V.H.
21st	2.00 – 3.00 pm	The Last Hour of the Cross	*	St. Andrews
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	6.30 – 7.45 pm	Cubs	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.45 – 9.30 pm	Scouts	*	Scout Hall
SATURD 29th	AY 2.30 pm	Spring Show	*	Village 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.

W.I.

On Tuesday 5th February we had a very enjoyable trip to London. Our first stop was the Palace of Westminster, We had an excellent guide to take us round and point out the historical places of interest. Our MP John Penrose met us after the tour and spent about an hour with us answering questions.

We then went on for our ride on the 'London Eye' That really was an experience. The weather was kind and we all had a really good day out. Our February speaker was Mrs. Ann Bowering on Bayeux Tapestry. On March 13th we have Mrs. Thirza Ashelford, her subject Norland Nurses. All are welcome.



Size and shape

I went to the surgery for my yearly physical examination. The nurse started with the

basics. "How much do you weigh?" she asked.

"Nine stone," I said. The nurse weighed me, and it said 12 stone.

"How tall are you?" she asked.

"Five foot, seven inches," I said. The nurse measured me, and it said five feet.

"How's your blood pressure?" she asked.

"Fine," I said. She took it, and it was very high.

"No wonder!" I screamed. "Five minutes ago I was tall and thin. Now I'm short and fat!"

Why is it, when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open, it's not a door?

Why is yawning contagious?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

You are not yourself today. I noticed the improvement immediately!

Archaeology Society - Speaker: Margaret

7.30 pm

14th

Some reasons why English is so difficult to learn:

- 1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2. The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full it had to refuse 3. any more refuse.
- We must polish the Polish furniture. 4.
- He could lead if he could get the lead 5. out.
- The soldier decided to desert his 6. dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the 7 present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8. A bass was painted on the bass drum.



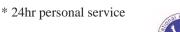


- When shot at, the dove dove into the 9. bushes.
- 10. I did not object to the object.
- 11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13. They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into the sewer line.
- 16. To help with the planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18. After a number of injections, my jaw got number.

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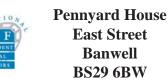
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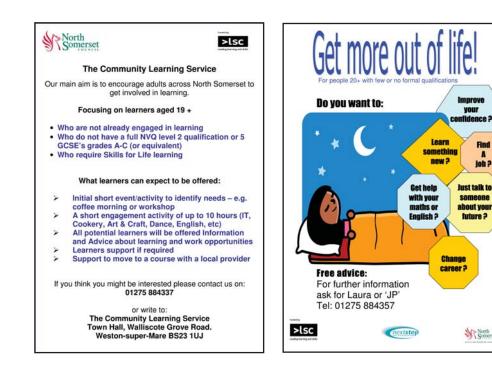


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