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Persevere...

To the end? Absolutely right. "To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God," said the Lord to John on Patmos as he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. John could have spent his time feeling bitter about his cruel exile. But he didn't. Quieted under the hand of God, he received the most fabulous revelation of Jesus Christ and his future that any man has ever received, and as a result, wrote the Spirit-breathed book of Revelation. It's no good giving up halfway.

Wilberforce didn't. He and his friends of the Clapham Group were born into a godless, repressive, cynical and violent world. Sound familiar? Annual consumption of gin in the mid-18th century averaged three gallons per person and stealing a handkerchief could send a child to the gallows. MPs purchased their seats. All arguments about slavery and child labour were utterly ignored. Through ceaseless prayer and unswerving dedication, William Wilberforce and his friends set about transforming society and changing the character of Britain, in Wilberforce's phrase, "made goodness fashionable". After 20 years and as many attempts, on 25th March, 1807, the Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill was passed, a depiction of which the must-see film 'Amazing Grace' gives a heart-stopping and graphic account. In 1833, the year of Wilberforce's death, the Bill to end Slavery itself was passed.

In 1886 a young man, aged 22, lost his job as a store clerk and the following year became a partner in a small store, which failed. The next year he fell in love and courted a girl for four years, after which she said no. Later another sweetheart died. Aged 37, on his third try he was elected to the state legislature. But two years later he lost the

re-election. Aged 40, he was rejected for a political appointment and had a nervous breakdown. Aged 41, his four-year-old son died. At 45, he was defeated for the Senate and at 47, for Vice President. Aged 49, he was again defeated for the Senate. Aged 51, he was elected president of the United States. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Olave Snelling

Chairman of the
Christian Broadcasting Council

St Andrew's Church

It was agreed that, following the retirement of Rev. D Lockyer in July last year, St Andrew's would be appointed a House-for-duty priest for the next five years, at which point the position will be reviewed.

This appointment means that, rather than having to join with another parish at this time, we shall have our own priest for the next five years. However, as it is a House-for-duty position, whoever is appointed will only work part-time (three days a week). They receive no salary but live rent-free in a property provided by the diocese – the present vicarage is being sold and a new property being sought.

We trust that this will be resolved before the end of the year.

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.

May

- 6th Knightcott Park
- 13th Knightcott Road
- 20th Littlefields Avenue
- 27th Littlefields Rise

June

- 3rd Littlefields Road
- 10th Moor Lane

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

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WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

10.30 – 11.30 am

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All Welcome

From the Registers

Funerals:

April

- 19th Maureen Jean Freke
- 26th Peter Hunt

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

ALL WELCOME

Mendip Vale Local Ministry Group

Pentecost Praise

at Banwell Castle

27th May

5.00pm for picnic (bring your own) or to enjoy one of the Castle's special cream teas
6.00pm for a service of praise and thanksgiving

All Welcome

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



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BANFEST *07

Saturday 23rd June 2007

Pontypridd Male Voice Choir and Banwell Singers
Village Hall at 7pm
Concert 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Tickets £6.00 each. Bar open
Liz is organising this event and can be contacted on 822441

Sunday 24th June 2007

Tea at the Ritz
Village Hall 3pm - 5pm
Tickets £3.50 Lifts available. Dress Smart, Hats optional !!
Hilary is organising this event and can be contacted on 822087

Wednesday 27th June 2007

The Bone Caves, Tower and Gardens
Open 6pm - 9pm
Free Admission, donations welcome
Serving Home made cakes, tea etc £2.50
Contact Yvonne 820516 for details

Friday 29th June 2007

Village Walk
Brewers Arms, Riverside 6.30pm
BBQ and maybe entertainment from the Morris Men
Entry £1 or 50p if under 12 (really tiny free!)
Brian Godden is your contact 822734 or any member of the Royal British Legion

Saturday 30th June 2007

The Great Duck Race, Fancy dress, Side Shows, Live music, BBQ
Brewers Arms to Bow Bridge
Tickets £1 a Duck. Two scheduled races, starting at 1.00pm and 3 pm.
Sea Adventures theme Fancy Dress, judged at 12 noon
Steve Smith is organising this event and can be contacted on 820156

Sunday 1st July 2007

Open Gardens
2pm until 4.30pm
Cream Teas at Cherry Mead 2.30pm - 5.30 pm - £2.50
Route map £1 from Banwell News
Liz and Sonia are organising this event. Contact Sonia on 820460

Sunday 1st July 2007

Songs of Praise
The Coach House, East Street 6pm
The collection is for Weston Hospice Care.
If wet, in St Andrews Church
Dave Colbourne is organising this event and can be contacted on 822902

Friday 6th July 2007

Pub Quiz Night
Village Hall -7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Entry per person £3.00 includes a light snack, bar open.
Bring a team of 4, or just come and make up a team on the night. Youngsters especially welcome.
Gloria is organising this event and can be contacted on 823621

Saturday 7th July 2007

Car Boot Sale
Recreation Field - Gates open @ 8.30am for setting up.
Trading from 9am.
£5 a pitch. If you require a table- £1
Hot drinks and bacon butties will be served.
Kath is organising this event and can be contacted on 822919

Saturday 7th July 2007

Family Pet Show
Village Hall and Car Park
10.30am - 12 noon
All pets welcome. Refreshments served.
Admission Free, all entries will receive a certificate
Lyn Ralph is organising this event and can be contacted on 822741

Saturday 7th July 2007

Magical Summer Night at the Castle
Banwell Castle 6.30pm - 11pm
Two bands, a magician, stilt walking, juggling.
A fantastic evening out for all the family.
Bring your own picnic or food will be provided. Bar open.
Tickets £20 for a family £6 each.
Ali and Neil are organising this event, contact Neil on 823749

Sunday 8th July 2007

Arts and Crafts Afternoon
Village Hall 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Admission Free
Refreshments will be served
John and Laura Batt are organising this event and can be contacted on 823466

BANFEST *07

Remember to buy your
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Tickets from any Banfest committee member, Banwell News or Alan Vickery's.

Seniors Club

Hello everyone. We are now enjoying the beautiful Spring weather.

We have been pleased to welcome Mary and Derek back to the Club - they come all the way from Clevedon to be with us.

We have had a lovely Raffle with special miniature Easter eggs and a hilarious card game with everyone in a complete muddle.

We had two outings this month. The first to a Tea Party at the Kings of Wessex School in Cheddar, put on by The Lions Club, with a coach to pick us up and bring us home again. It was a lovely party with cakes, jelly, tea, etc. and the school children and Red Cross to look after us. The second was a Mystery Drive during which we visited the new Garden Centre in Cheddar for lunch and returned via Burrington Combe for a cup of tea and cake.

We would like to say a big Thank You to Chris Atwood and his Christmas Float team for their generous donation to us, and we will be having some more trips with the money. Thank you, Chris, for thinking of the Seniors Club.

G. PINDER

Another Coup for Churchill Music!

The Rautio Piano Trio
May 12th 7.30pm

St. John the Baptist Church, Churchill
Churchill Music! has managed to lure one of the finest piano trios of their generation to perform in St. John the Baptist Church, Churchill on Saturday 12th May. The Trio have been awarded numerous prizes including a Leverhulme Chamber Music Junior Fellowship at the Royal College of Music. They have performed in major concert halls throughout the country and have even given a live recital on BBC Radio 3's 'In Tune' programme. The trio will perform a programme of works by Schubert, Haydn and Ravel.

The concert forms part of the North Somerset Arts week, a vibrant and stimulating week when St. John the Baptist church will not only be filled with glorious rhythms and harmonies, but paintings, sculpture, textile and jewellery exhibitions as well.

Concert tickets: £9.50; Champions of Churchill Music! £7.50; U18's £3.50

Available from : Ursula Dornton 852919
www.churchillmusic.org.uk

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W.I.

Our April meeting was Members Night, when the committee sit back and let the members take over. This year Maureen West and her team of helpers did us proud. We had a plate painting competition which produced some very good results, and some hilarious ones too. After two general Knowledge quizzes we enjoyed an excellent buffet. Many thanks to all who made the evening such a success. We are holding a special meeting on June 7th, which will be open to all. Please keep this evening free in your diaries. More details in next months Banwell News and posters in the village.

Jesus was born on a bank holiday and died on a bank holiday. We can therefore assume that when he returns again it will also be on a bank holiday.

PG Johnson

Banwell WI

Life & Work at The Royal School of Needlework

a talk by
Miss Clare Hanham

Thursday 7th June 7.30pm

Non-members £1.50 to include coffee and cake.

All Welcome

Few sinners are saved after the first twenty minutes of a sermon.

Mark Twain

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

March 26th was a beautiful Spring day. The bells rang out from St Andrew's tower to call and welcome members of Locking Deanery Mothers' Union to a special service to celebrate the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The well attended ceremony was conducted by the Rural Dean, The Revd Michael J. Slade. It is some ten years since this Deanery Event was held in St Andrew's and every care was taken to make it a memorable occasion. The colourful, historic banners of various local branches were processed. Our own banner is now 75 years old and very interesting. Eric Small the organist, and our choir led the hymns and the singing was really inspiring. Gloria and Patricia read the lessons. The Revd. Derek Evans gave the interesting address with his well known kindness and humour. Jenny Humphreys, our Lay Reader and World Mission Advisor for the Diocese led the prayer intercessions. Jenny is a MU member.

During the service two new members, Ann Pursey and Ann Lee, were enrolled and Gloria Boddy was commissioned by the Rural Dean as our new Branch Leader.

Following Holy Communion, which was received by some eighty-three communicants, Sue Cruze sang 'The angel Gabriel from heaven came.' This sounded thrilling in the quiet following the Eucharist.

We were honoured by the attendance of our Archdeaconry President, Shirley Penn, and the Reverends:- Keith Dimoline, Peter Hancock and John Neville.

Everyone played their part in making the service a heartening, inspiring and memorable event.

Later we all gathered together for an excellent afternoon tea [would one expect less from the Mothers' Union?] and much sociability, photographs and meeting of old friends throughout the Deanery.

Our grateful thanks go to Our Rural Dean, Revd Michael Slade, Revd Derek Evans, our visiting clergy, Eric Small, our choir, our bell ringers, Jenny and Rod Humphreys, [our Church Warden] and Barry Mather for recording the joyful afternoon. I would also like to say a special word of thanks to my members who have always been a wonderful support to me during the last ten years.

Patricia Reynolds.

Forthcoming Events.

Wednesday May 9th Branch Meeting Village Hall 2.30pm: Speaker: The Rural Dean The Revd. Michael J. Slade. The June Meeting is our Summer Lunch and visit to St James the Great, Winscombe.

Knitting Circle

The Knitting Circle has been up and running for several months now with a friendly group of ladies exchanging tips and ideas, helping, teaching and drinking tea/coffee and even knitting! There are still places available – so get in touch with Rosalind 822430. Meetings held at 'Woodlands' East Street Banwell every Tuesday between 10-11am.

My ancestors wandered lost in the wilderness for forty years because even in biblical times men would not stop to ask for directions.

Elayne Boosler

Heavenly Marriage

On their way to a Justice of the Peace to get married, a couple had a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside Heaven's Gate waiting on St Peter to do an intake.

While waiting they wondered if they could possibly get married in Heaven. St Peter finally showed up and they asked him. St Peter said, "I don't know, this is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out." and he left.

The couple sat and waited for an answer ...for a couple of months... and they began to wonder if they really should get married in Heaven, what with the eternal aspect of it all.

"What if it doesn't work?" they wondered, "Are we stuck together forever?"

St Peter returned after yet another month, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "you can get married in Heaven."

"Great," said the couple, "but what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St Peter, red-faced, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "COME ON!" St Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it will take me to find a lawyer?"

CONTACTS		Tel.
Church of England.	The PCC Secretary, The Coach House, East Street, Banwell	822320
Methodist.	Rev. Sam, Wesley Manse, Dinghurst Rd, Churchill	852314
Roman Catholic.	Rev. Fr. Tibor Szende, The Presbytery, Tweentown, Cheddar	742564

News From The Gardening Club

This month we have our Annual General Meeting followed by a very interesting speaker Chris Sperring MBE who will be sharing his knowledge of 'Bird Song' with us and showing us some slides. The competition is for the best Cactus. This will all take place on Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Westfield Road. There will be the usual raffle and a cup of tea. Visitors are always welcome. Further details from Eileen 822433.

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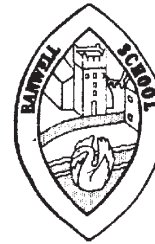
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Year 4 have been writing poems using similes and alliteration.

Spiders are bold blobby black
And they spin creepy crawly cobwebs
They are horribly horrifically hairy
And pretty much scary.

By Dominic



My sister has a spider
He's a speedy sporty spider
Is a super creepy crawly
His name is Billy Blobby.

By Jordan

I know a spider who is as happy as a lark,
And is as hairy as a cat.
He lives in a creepy crawly cobweb
And eats lots of moths and flies.

By Beth A



A joyful little spider,
As happy as a lark,
You think he lives in my house,
No, he lives in the park.
He's black and beady and sometimes bulging,
He is skinny as some grass,
And is quite a creepy crawly.

By Samuel

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Weekends Really Are Wetter

What you've always suspected is true: weekends really do get more clouds and rain, with more sunshine appearing on Monday, as you head back to the office.

A recent study involving 14 years of weather data from 12 sites has revealed that on average, the weather is colder, wetter and less sunny at the weekend.

Statistically, Monday and Tuesday are the sunniest days, while Saturday is the most humid and least sunny. Scientists have found this to be especially true in industrially developed regions, and blame it on 'aerosols' – tiny particles from traffic and industry suspended in the air. These particles, which reflect sunlight back into space and increase cloud production, build up during the main working days and affect the weekend weather.

The average weekend temperature is 0.2 degrees lower than on weekdays, and there are at least 15 minutes less sunshine on Saturday and Sunday than during the week. So- take Monday as your day off – if you possibly can!



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Aunty Pam

I am sure that many of you will remember 'Aunty' Pam Lee (Stuckey) who was our library assistant at Banwell Library for nearly ten years, until she took early retirement in March 1995.

Pam was a perfect village librarian: friendly, sociable, very aware of her customers' tastes and interests, and always with an ear to village affairs. So much so that the library coffee shop was legendary – if you wanted to know what was going on in the village! All her customers could always depend on a visit to Banwell Library for a warm welcome – and to come away with a smile. However, Pam was not technically minded – and was determined to leave before computers came along.

In her home village of Hutton she was a long time member of the church and choir and she was enthusiastically involved in Weston Operatic Society for many years - and had quite a few tales to tell of various productions. She also found time to join in village life in Banwell, and often attended and gave readings at the Mothers Union.

After retirement, Pam enjoyed a very varied social life, until she became ill in 2004. She was eventually diagnosed with dementia in 2005, and for some time continued to live at home in Hutton with her husband Horace. Recently, however, her physical and mental health deteriorated further, and she moved to Rodney House in Weston in January.

Pam died on Monday 2nd. April and was buried at St. Mary's Hutton on Tuesday 10th. It was a lovely service and a beautiful day – the sun shone and the churchyard was full of blossom and primroses. She will be loved – and missed by many.

Jeanne Evans

Michaelmas Fair & Show

Winscombe Community Association holds a Michaelmas Fair & Show every year in September. This year it is on 8 September at 2 p.m. at the Community Centre in Sandford Road. We are hoping there might be people in Banwell who would like to enter our open class for wine (red, white, rose), sloe gin and home-brewed beer. If you would like more information and a copy of the class schedule/rules please call 01934 843082. Entry forms need to be in by the Thursday before Show and entries be in place at the Centre between 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the day of the Show.

They are going to dig up Shakespeare and dig up Bacon; they are going to get Beerbohm Tree to recite Hamlet to them, and the one who turns in his coffin will be the author of the play.

WS Gilbert

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phone number has
changed.**

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Tim, Joi & Luke extend a warm welcome to customers old and new and invite them to sample their new menu that will both entice and satisfy.
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Tagliatelle with Smokey Bacon, Spring Onions and Pesto Sauce
Tagliatelle with Spring Onions & Pesto Sauce & Artichoke Hearts
Ham, Egg & Chips - Scampi, Chips, Tartar Sauce and Dressed Salad
Leek&Pancetta Croquettes served with Mixed Salad leaves& Tomato & Basil Coulis
Steak with Onions & Mushrooms
Served in a Ciabatta Loaf with Rocket dressed with Grain Mustard Vinaigrette, garnished with home made chips

Starters

Onion Soup topped with Bubbling Cheddar Cheese Croute
Prawn Cocktail with Mixed Salad Leaves in Marie Rose Sauce garnished with Crevette, lemon & Brown Bread & Butter
Fanned Avocado with Prawns and Mixed salad Leaves coated in Marie Rose Sauce
Or - Hot Baked with Double Cheese Sauce
Fanned Avocado with Crab with Mixed salad Leaves coated in Mustard Mayonnaise
Fanned Avocado with Prawns & Crab with Mixed salad Leaves coated in Mustard Mayonnaise
Or - Hot Baked with Double Cheese Sauce
Fanned Avocado with Artichokes with Mixed salad Leaves coated in Mustard Mayonnaise
Water Melon with Feta Cheese dressed with Thyme Vinaigrette
Olive with Garlic Ciabatta. **Bruschetta** with Tomato, Garlic & Basil
Pate Home made with Chicken Liver soaked in Brandy & Madeira garnished with Pickles & Chutney with Dressed Salad Leaves & Toasted Ciabatta
King Prawns with Aioli Crisply fried in Tempura Batter, served with Soy & Lime
Maryland Crab Cakes served with a warm Tomato & Tarragon Vinaigrette
Blue Mushrooms stuffed with Gorgonzola Cheese & Baked
Served with Rocket & Smokey Bacon Salad

'Singing a different tune'

Main Dishes

Traditional Steak & Kidney Pie individually Baked under short Crusty Pastry
Grilled Lemon Sole Fillets topped with Lemon & Basil Butter garnished with Sauce Romesco
Blackened Chicken Butterfly Chicken Breast coated in Cajun Spices, served with Rum baked Banana Coconut Rice & Banana Leaves
Somerset Pork Steaks Loin of Pork Cutlets topped with Cheese & Mustard, in Wine & Green Pepper Corn Jus topped with crispy fried Onions
Duck Supreme with Black Cherries Roasted Pink & Glazed with Spiced Black Cherries, garnished with Honey & Grain coated Parsnips
Leek, Wild Mushroom & Goats Cheese Tart (V)
Fillet of Salmon Crispy fried in Tempura Batter with bean Sprouts, served with a Soy & Lime Sauce
Brochette of Scallops wrapped in Smokey Bacon Char grilled, served with Garlic Butter sauce, Rocket & Parmesan Salad
Tornados Rossini Prime Fillet Steak served on a Cruton topped with Fois-Gras & served with a Madeira Sauce
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Puddings

Brioche Bread & Butter Pudding Chocolate Torte & Chocolate Sauce
Blueberry Crème Brulee with Blueberry Sorbet
Apple Pie - served with a choice of:
Cream - Ice Cream - Custard
Lemon Cheese Cake Spumoni di Amaretti
Cheese & Biscuits
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Christian Aid Week

“Growing a Future” is the theme this year



for Christian Aid Week, 13 – 19 May. Christian Aid works in

more than 50 countries; acting where the need is greatest, helping people to tackle problems and build the life they deserve. At home and overseas they campaign to change the structures that keep people poor, challenging inequality and injustice. This year's focus is on their work in El Salvador and the effects of poverty, war, natural disasters and now climate change on the lives of the people who live there.

This year we are delivering your Christian Aid envelope inside the Parish News. Please respond as generously as you can, and increase the value of your donation by signing the Gift Aid declaration if you are a taxpayer. Please take your envelope to any of the addresses below, or to either the Methodist or St Andrew's Churches by the end of May.

- 34 Riverside
- 15 Greenfields Avenue
- 34 Knightcott Gardens
- The Coach House, East Street
- The Gate House, East Street
- 32 Littlefields Avenue
- Rowan Wick, Wolvershill Road
- The Caves, Knightcott
- 1 Littlefields Avenue
- 2 Chestnut Close
- 9 Knightcott Park

- 31 West Street
- 1 Elborough Gardens, Elborough Village
- 2 Chestnut Close
- 10 Knightcott Road
- Lilac Cottage Whitecross Lane
- 1 Westfield Crescent
- 7 North Road
- 31 West Street
- Vickery's Butchers

If you need any further information please contact Jenny Humphreys on 822052 or Carole Taylor on 822942.

Christian Aid Week Service at the Methodist Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 13 May. All welcome.

Banwell Market

Banwell Market & Table Top Sale in the Village Hall 9.30 - 12.30. Next one May 19th. All new products including jewellery, household, pet food, plants, toys, wooden garden items, jams, cakes, fruit and veg, stationery, cards, refreshments and much more, please come for a warm welcome and have a look around. LIMITED STALL SPACE AVAILABLE PLEASE CALL LISA 822870 OR EMAIL griffithslisa70@hotmail.com

Ninety-nine per cent of the adults in this country are decent, hard-working, honest Americans. It's the other lousy one per cent that gets all the publicity and gives us a bad name. But then, we elected them.

Will Rogers

The Pearl Of Great Value

Tracy Chevalier's novel, 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' and the subsequent film of the book brought to life the Dutch born artist



Vermeer and 17th century Delft, but also captured the magical quality of his paintings. Vermeer's house in Delft must have been a busy one with 11 children

and in-laws coming and going, and yet all his paintings convey a world of concentration and stillness amid the bustle that surrounded his life.

As we look at 'Woman Holding a Balance,' which was painted around 1664, we see a well-to-do woman surveying her wealth laid out in glowing pearls and gold on the table. Light comes shyly in from the window to illuminate the scene as we focus not just on the pearls on the table, but on the pearl of new life in her womb. For she is pregnant, and the painting has the flavour of medieval annunciation scenes with divine light transforming a human Mary.

There are three sorts of light falling on this domestic setting: the light stealing in at the side, but also the light we bring from our world as we recall the parable of the merchant finding the pearl of great value in Matthew's Gospel. Which is the greater, we might ask: earthly possessions or new life within? And the third light is shed from the painting within the painting that hangs on the wall behind the woman. It is of the Last Judgement where all is movement and action for souls are being weighed in an

eternal balance: some are accepted, others are found wanting.

New life calls the woman from within. Pearls and gold call from the table. Jesus calls from the canvas behind. Where will the woman turn to find meaning and hope not just for herself, but for her child yet to be born? And material and eternal values call out to each of us. We are all like that merchant in the parable searching for fine pearls, and we are all like this woman weighing up where to place our hope and trust.

Plant Sale

Saturday 12th May.

Following the success of the sale last year, Banwell in Bloom and the 1st Banwell Scout and Guide Group will be holding a Plant Sale- Book and Bake at the Village Hall on Saturday 12th May, from 9.a.m. until 12noon. Tea, Coffee, and Bacon Rolls will be available, together with great value plants, home made cakes and books. Any profit will be divided between the two groups. Banwell in Bloom will supply bedding plants to brighten the tubs in the village. The Scout and Guide Group will put their share into on-going maintenance of the Headquarters.

Please come along and support us.

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George Bush

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- Badminton
- Multisports
- Playgroup AGM
- 80th Anniversary Celebrations
- Country Dancing
- WI Craft Afternoons
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- Music Workshops
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- EMAILING THE SCHOOL: banwell.pri@n-somerset.gov.uk
- GOING ONLINE AT www.banwell.n-somerset.sch.uk
- COMING TO OUR OPEN DAY at the Hall on Saturday 16th June between 11am and 1pm for tea and cakes

Waveringdown Medical Practice

Would you like to support your practice regarding medical services within the rural community?

Waveringdown Medical Practice is trying to set up a Patient Participation Group (PPG). We feel this is vitally important as the Government try to impose changes within health care which could result in the rural community losing services.

We see the PPG supporting the Practice and to act as a conduit to enhance service delivery, provide patient information and promote health education. We hope to be able to link up with local groups as this will help to ensure we cover a cross section of our patients and meet the needs of these different groups.

We are looking for patients who would be willing to give up some of their time and help contribute to setting up this Group and then becoming an active member.

Initially we may need to have monthly meetings, but once a committee has been established we would probably only need to meet on a quarterly basis.

If you feel you have the time and would like to be part of this Group please contact the Practice Manager at Winscombe Surgery on 01934 842211.

Mendip Society Walks for May

SAT 12th - Priddy Mineries. Special Interest walk around the Mineries and Stock Hill forest. 4 miles with one moderate hill. Meet Stock Hill car park GR 550513 at 2 pm Contact Peter B on 01934 843968

SAT 19th - Blackdown - 2 1/2 - 3 hours, walking to include Blackdown and the usual undulations with one long steepish ascent. Meet Tynings Farm – roadside parking GR 470565 at 2pm Contact Shirley 01934 842359 - Sorry - no dogs

SAT 26th - Compton Martin. Leisurely walk through Compton Martin and Breach Hill with views of lakes and hills. Distance 5.5. miles. Meet Heron's Green car park on west side of Chew Valley Lake ST 554593 at 2pm. Contact Richard 01749 672373

Banwell Fire Station

The Banwell Fire Station 200 Club is still thriving and supporting the Fire Station. However, if you are a member and have not yet had a visit from one of the Fire Crew don't worry – they are running a little late this year, someone will be calling soon. If you would like to join the club and help preserve this building for the village give Mike Hebden a call on 823517 for more details.

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a call on 823517 to discuss your requirements

Home Information Packs

By the 1st June 2007 anyone deciding to move home will have to obtain a Home Information Pack (HIP) from a solicitor before they can move home. There have been a lot of negative comments about these new HIPs, but what do they really mean to people who want to move home after 1st June 2007 when they become compulsory?

“Anyone wanting to move home at the moment simply has to call a few estate agents and instruct one or more of them to market their property. There is absolutely no legal requirement to comply with at present. From 1st June 2007 it will not be that easy for someone to put their house on the market, they will have to obtain a HIP before they can do so” says Marc Humphries, conveying specialist at John Hodge Solicitors Weston-super-Mare office.

Who will provide the HIP?

The documentation contained in a HIP is largely legal information and should ultimately be provided by your solicitor. The last solicitors who helped you move home should let you have more information about HIPs when you come to move or we can provide our own guide if you email newsletter@johnhodge.co.uk.

What will be in the HIP?

The HIP has two parts, compulsory items that you must include, along with some optional items.

Compulsory items for the HIP:

- A Home Information Pack Index
- The Sale Statement – confirming the seller's name, the address of the property

being sold, whether it is freehold or leasehold and registered or unregistered land.

- An Energy Performance Certificate (this confirms on a scale of A to G how energy efficient the property is).
- Evidence of the Title of the Property
- Local and drainage and water searches
- Additional information for leasehold and commonhold sales

Optional Extras in the Pack

- A legal summary (often at the front of the pack) prepared by the solicitors acting on the sale of the property.
- A Home Condition Report, including a Home Inspectors report, and forms confirming information on boundaries, any disputes, notices, guarantees and details of planning and building regulations.
- A Home Use Form (confirming what is being included in the sale of the property)
- Other searches

How much will a HIP cost?

Whilst there are many companies stating that the HIP will cost several hundred pounds, the reality is that the additional costs will amount to only between £200 to £300 over and above costs that would be incurred if you move home before 1st June 2007. The only compulsory additional costs are for the Pack itself (£50 - £75) and the Energy Performance Certificate (around £200).

Most of the documentation contained in the HIP is documentation that a solicitor would already provide for you when moving home, such as local searches, so these are not additional costs but simply costs included as part of the HIP now rather than charged separately.

John Hodge Solicitors

Lest Banwell Forgets

In 2004, with the 60th Anniversary of the end of the 1939-45 War approaching, the Banwell Society of Archaeology made the decision to mark the occasion with a tribute to those Banwellians who had lost their lives in that conflict and the 1914-18 War. It was felt that they deserved something more than a list of names on a Memorial. Why not a booklet containing personal details and photographs of those who had died in the cause of freedom? We would also include items giving insights into the life of wartime Banwell.

The project began with some Society members scouring contemporary local newspapers for any reference to the village. The most enthusiastic researcher was Netty Rice who took responsibility for contacting the relatives of the fallen for family details and photographs. We are most grateful to those who so kindly provided such valuable information. Netty also spent much time visiting The Commonwealth War Graves Commission on the internet, to discover the Regiments, Ranks, dates of death and places of burial.

With the support and assistance of Roy Rice, Netty completed this monumental task and it is thanks to her that we have this publication.

Derek Crocker
Chairman

Copies available from Banwell News or from Netty Rice, tel 822058 £5.95

Apart from that Mrs Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?

Tom Lehrer

Gardening Tips For May



Thin out hardy annual vegetables and other seedlings sown outdoors. Sow a short row of lettuce to

avoid a glut. Sow a short row of french and runner beans outdoors in manured soil. Plant summer and autumn cabbages, brussels sprouts and summer cauliflower in well limed soil. Plant out hardened off geraniums, petunias, busy lizzies and other summer bedding annuals and perennials when frost has finished. Control aphids and caterpillars. Mow lawns weekly if needed and treat dandelions and other broad-leaved weeds with weed killer.

Green Funeral

Would you consider a ‘green funeral’?

Green funerals are becoming popular - with almost two-thirds (63%) of Brits liking the idea of an eco-coffin, usually made of wicker or cardboard. About the same number of us (64%) like the idea of a green funeral, where we are buried in a woodland or meadow.

Woodland funerals are particularly popular. According to the researchers, Mintel, the growing interest in a more natural and eco-friendly approach to funerals has led to rapid growth in the number of natural burial sites. With over 200 natural burial sites now in the UK, the number has doubled since the start of the millennium.

Politics is the art of choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable.

John K Galbraith

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

14th	12.30 - 1.30pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.
14th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
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

22nd	7.30 pm	Banwell Flower Arranging Group - "Bible Flowers and Culinary Goodies"	*	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

2nd & 16th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
9th	10.30 - 11.30 am	"Storytime" for young children. Coffee and Chat for Mums and Dads	*	St. Andrews
	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union - Speaker: The Revd. Michael Slade (Rural Dean)	*	V.H.
	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

10th & 24th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
3rd 17th & 31st	7.30 pm	" " " "	*	V.H.
10th	7.30 pm	W.I. Speaker: Mr Bryan Amesbury "Inside Bristol City Wall"	*	V.H.
24th	7.30 pm	Gardening Club - A.G.M. Speaker: Mr Chris Sperring MBE	*	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

11th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society - Anniversary Night	*	V.H.
25th	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Assembly	*	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.

Doctors Notes

Here are some extracts from the letters that doctors write when they send us to see a specialist or consultant.

- She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until 1989, when she got a divorce.
- Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
- Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
- On The second day, the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.

- The patient refused a post-mortem.
- The patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- The patient's past medical history has been remarkably insignificant, with only a forty-pound weight gain in the past three days.
- The patient was in his usual state of good health until his aeroplane ran out of fuel and crashed.
- I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physiotherapy.
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