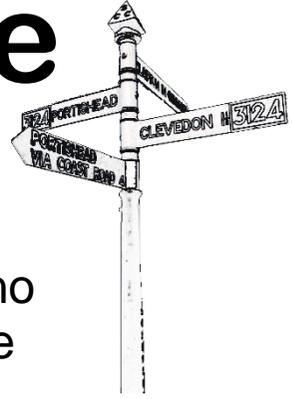


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Churchyard Maintenance Team, Kevin & Ben Edwards

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A Note from the Editors

Well we are half way through a very different year, many of us are fitter, many are frustrated that village life can equal poor internet and if like us your lounge has become an office which you tiptoe through hoping you will not be seen on the webcam! Communication is more important than ever so the introduction of the WhatsApp groups have been well received providing information, friendship and good humour, it's never too late to join in - just contact me. Please remember that we are happy to include articles from the whole community. I am especially keen to see more from Walton Bay, so if you want to share any news please phone or email me, always happy to help.

Gordon Rutley – message from Maureen: I think Gordon would have been absolutely thrilled to know that the donations made over the last few months following his death on Christmas Day, amounted to £700 and will be given, in almost equal amounts to St. Peter's Hospice and Cancer Research. Belated thanks to all of you who donated, came to his memorial service and generally supported me during the last five years or so of his life.

Face Coverings: Emily Berry from Walton Bay has kindly offered to make face coverings for both men, woman & children free of charge. Several have already benefited from this generous offer and if you would like one please contact the Chronicle or Emily directly (ecr111@hotmail.com). Social distancing will be adhered too. This is a great offer, thank you Emily.

Congratulations: Warmest welcome to our newest villager, Teddy Flower, son of Claire Flower. Sending love and congratulations to you all, can't wait to see him in a tractor!

Highcliffe, Walton Down (opposite the signal station): Due to a 'clear out', many household items will be available FREE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DRIVE, feel free to come and have a look.

Community Speedwatch (John Jackson - Coordinator)

Due to COVID19 it is quite a few weeks now since the decision was made to suspend Community SpeedWatch by Avon & Somerset Police. There has been huge increase in vehicle speeds on what have been

quieter roads. I will briefly update you on what is being done in the absence of CSW to address these concerns.

In view of a considerable rise in speeding complaints the Roads Policing Unit and the Speed Enforcement Unit have increased their visibility in the areas of heightened concern with increase in patrols carrying out further enforcement where high speeds are reported. When we are able to resume CSW activity is unfortunately something I am not able to confirm at the moment, the decision to suspend was made for the safety of all volunteers in the force area. If you have any concerns about the increased speed of vehicles in your area then please report them via www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/speedingconcern. These can then be 'picked up' and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams will respond accordingly.

If anyone is interested in joining Walton in Gordano CSW scheme when we are back in the community, very easy and informative training will be given, just call me with your details.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

The X5 Bus Service: Stagecoach has given the council notice that they will be withdrawing bus service X5 between Weston-super-Mare and Cribbs Causeway (via Clevedon and Portishead) next month. The last day of operation will be Saturday 13th June. Stagecoach took over service X5 from First Bus in September 2019. The service is operated on a commercial basis with no financial support from the North Somerset Council, who do, however, recognise the importance of the service for residents along the route, in particular for those accessing employment and education: they are urgently exploring and costing options for a replacement and we will alert you to further information as it becomes available.

North Somerset Together: Over the past few weeks North Somerset Council have been working on their local response to the current Covid-19 situation and have launched North Somerset Together. The aim of the project is to ensure residents are well informed and can access the support they need during the pandemic. For the details, visit <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/community-safety-crime/emergency/north-somerset-together/>

Our Parish Council Audit: As a small parish we no longer need to have a formal external audit, although there are external auditors who provide

the forms and oversee the internal auditing process. Our internal audit has been completed successfully. Due to the current Covid-19 problems, we have not been able to get the signatures, dates and minute numbers appended to the various forms: we expect to get this done, by the end of May and to publish the audited accounts on our website and noticeboards in the usual way during June.

Social Club (Barbara Wilyman)

Unsurprisingly the Social Club has not been active in recent months and yet this would have been our busiest time preparing for the Village Fete in July. We will all miss the fete this year but as we move closer to the date, I think the right decision was made. It does not seem that restrictions will be fully removed for some time yet and social distancing in the hall, marquee and field would have been pretty impossible!

Our plants from North Somerset Council are due to arrive at the end of this month and are scheduled to be delivered to the Village Hall. We had some plans to enhance the provision from NSC and buy one or two new planters, but it does not seem appropriate at this time as we are not anticipating any income this year. Once again though, if you are walking around the village once the flowers are around, we would be very grateful if you could water them.

Walton's community has blossomed in the 'lockdown' and we look forward to being able to capture this friendly spirit in the future. Best wishes to everyone.

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

The Village Hall remains closed for the time being. We have had a few enquiries from people wanting to use it for exercise purposes but we won't be re-opening until we have clear guidance from the Government. The wedding booking for July has been moved to July next year.

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

As I sit outside on this early morning in late May sipping my cup of tea the sun is beginning to rise on what looks to be another warm and sunny day. I lean back on my bench surrounded by pots of English irises and scented roses and as I look around the trees now have that full and fresh limey-green look to them, an indication that Spring is fully sprung and we are galloping into Summer. Further indication is the arrival of the

House Martins swooping over the fields and the increased activity of our garden birds, in particular, a pair of persistent Robins who, despite keeping the workshop doors closed, have managed to make a nest inside and I can see, as I sit here now, how they have done it - the smallest of gaps at the base of the door has allowed them free rein. This week should be the Chelsea Flower Show but, like all gatherings, has been cancelled this year. However, it also means it is time for the "Chelsea chop", the cutting back of many herbaceous perennials such as nepetas, penstemons, heleniums and achilleas to name but a few in order to elongate the flowering season by delaying some of the growth. How much you cut back is open to experimentation but the recommendation is usually to cut each clump back by at least a third. So it will be secateurs out for us this week.

The Irises have been excellent this year, benefiting from the dry, sunny conditions. "Iris chrysographes", the Black iris, with its inky-black flowers was the first to come into bloom followed by the various Pacific Coast hybrids, then the iris Siberica and finally the deep blue English iris. In the ponds the yellows, whites and blues of the water irises contrast with the emerging flowers of the pink and white water lilies.

The Alliums are also enjoying the sunny conditions: "Globemaster" a dense large headed violet sphere; "Silver Spring" a white half-dome dotted with pink; "Christophii" with a very large silvery-lilac flower; the dwarf "Karatiense" with their white or pink fluffy heads; "Sphaerocephalon" exhibiting the drumstick-shaped dark pink flower, and "Bulgaricum" a loose headed multi-flowered variety. Also making its appearance is a lone unknown allium planted last year as a "Globemaster" bulb. It is quite different being more pinky-purple and spiked so we suspect it is "Schubertii".

I was recently asked to name my favourite flower, almost impossible to single out just one I think, but at this time of year roses rank highly on my list. Simon and Philippa Wills, who lived here before us, planted a number of climbing and rambling roses and we certainly have the benefit of them now as they scramble high up into the yew trees: climbers such as "The Rambling Rector" and "Claire Jacquier" and the ramblers "Paul's Himalayan Musk" and "Shakespeare's Musk". The latter is strongly scented and a few years ago we managed to release one large stem and now have a veritable shrub scrambling over a long stone wall which we pass every day, the bees and ourselves enjoying it very much. The perfume has been intense from the Old Rose border too and in early evening the scent has travelled quite a distance. The deep pink

“Roseraie de l’Hay” and “John Ruskin” together with the white “Blanc Double de Coubert” and “Schneezweg” dominate here. The formal rose beds, however, have very little flower yet due to the entry of a solitary deer who managed to find a break in the deer fence (quickly repaired) and enjoyed a dinner of new shoots and buds of various plants but especially the roses.

Our “back garden” family of pheasants is diminishing due to the activity of the fox I suspect but also possibly due to the “kidnapping” of hens by other cocks. Our man is now limping, having fought off the marauders but is now down to four females. As I write, a slim, younger and glossier-looking male has just emerged from the shrubbery nervously looking around him but closer to the family’s territory than ever before. Oh dear....I’ll keep you posted!



St. Paul’s Church (Sue Betts)

Even though the door to our church still remains locked our church people are still busy, keeping in touch with each other and working away at all kinds of projects. How about, when we can get together again, we have a party and bring along things we are proud to have achieved during the lockdown. It could be that knitting you have never finished or the musical instrument you haven’t touched for years. It could be the cupboard under the sink you’ve been putting off for ages – take a photo! I’ve been battling with my veg garden and have got quite a tan. Someone I work with asked me where I’ve been to get so brown – what a question! – where does she think I’ve been?

We may be missing out a number of the village events but these times will pass and we will be back together in the village hall or the church with fetes and sales so if you are looking for something to do how about a crafty project to pass the time. We sell all kinds of handicrafts at our fund-raising events; we can get together up some wool, fabric and patterns if you need them. Just contact me.

We’ve been missing out on personal events as well. Ruth’s birthday was in May and we celebrated sitting in their front drive with me sitting on the garden wall well over 2m away, eating birthday cake much to the amusement of all the walkers passing by. We were lucky to have another visitor too – Graham on his daily walk. As he stripped off his jumper in the hot sunshine ready to walk back up the hill we wondered if he wasn’t a birthday strip-a-gram – that would cause a stir in the village!

Don't forget the weekly input from Noel and Martin on our church website and our parish magazine is available from the church porch with more news. Just help yourself.

All our best wishes go to Emma and Kevin who recently moved within Weston-super-Mare, good luck to you in your new home.

Finally, in these difficult times don't forget whether it a good day or a bad day just pick up the phone and you can always find someone to share with and to have a laugh with. My love to you all!

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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Maureen Rutley Rock Cakes

200g SR flour, 100g butter, 75g caster sugar, 100g dried fruit,
1 egg beaten, 2 - 4 tsp milk

Sift the flour into the bowl rub in butter finely, add the sugar and the fruit, mix to a stiff batter with the egg and milk, place 10 spoonful's of mixture onto a well-greased baking sheet, allow room to spread. Bake for 15-20 mins 200°C/400°F or gas 6, cool and enjoy, they freeze well!

Recycling Calendar

June:	What's Collected?
Tuesday 2 nd	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 9 th	Recycling, Garden Waste
Tuesday 16 th	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 23 rd	Recycling, Garden Waste *
Tuesday 30 th	Rubbish, Recycling *
July:	
Tuesday 7 th	Recycling, Garden Waste *
Tuesday 14 th	Rubbish, Recycling *

* Expected collection details as North Somerset Council had yet to update their recycling calendar information at the time of printing.

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