

**SEPTEMBER 2015****DIARY**

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>12th &amp; 13th</b>	<b>Scarecrow Festival</b>
	<b>14th</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
	<b>15th</b>	<b>Social Club</b>
	<b>17th</b>	<b>WI Celebration</b>

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Plants that need control:** Ann Charlesworth has noted giant hogweed on the verges of Moor Lane. It loves watery locations such as rhynes, is hard for a novice to distinguish from Cow Parsley (Hogweed) unless it is over 3' tall, and it can cause very severe burns if it is touched during sunny weather. Ann's concern promoted the Clerk to investigate. In law, we all have a responsibility to prevent invasive, often non-native, plants on our land from spreading into the wild and causing a nuisance or spreading onto a neighbour's property. A number of weeds are a danger to animals, or cause problems for agricultural production if left to spread unchecked. The following weeds are among those controlled by law: common ragwort - spear thistle - creeping or field thistle - broad-leaved dock - curled dock - Japanese knotweed - giant hogweed - Himalayan balsam - Rhododendron ponticum - New Zealand pigmy weed. It's not an offence to have these weeds growing on your land, but you must stop them spreading to agricultural land. If you allow these weeds to spread onto someone else's property, Natural England could serve you with an enforcement notice. You can also be prosecuted if you allow animals to suffer by eating some of these weeds. (Natural England will only take action if weeds are threatening agricultural land, particularly that used for keeping or grazing livestock, or for producing silage and hay). For more information visit: [www.gov.uk/prevent-the-spread-of-harmful-invasive-and-non-native-plants](http://www.gov.uk/prevent-the-spread-of-harmful-invasive-and-non-native-plants) & [www.nonnativespecies.org](http://www.nonnativespecies.org)

The next meeting: will be on **Monday September 14th**, in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

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**WI NEWS**

On **Thursday 17th September** we are meeting at the golf club for a celebratory meal at 12-30. Please dress "for the Ritz". We have three reasons to celebrate. It will be the 100th birthday of the W.I., the 40th birthday of Avon Federation, and our own 85th birthday – a very special event.

If you have not given your name and menu choice to Jacqui, please contact her by the 3rd of September. We will hold a raffle on that day with all proceeds going to our charity, Weston Hospice.

**Submitted by Rosemary Tucker**

**SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

This will be held on **SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** between 11am and 5pm.

**WE NEED MORE SCARECROWS!** Please email me at [flossmorgan@talktalk.net](mailto:flossmorgan@talktalk.net) before Friday 4th if you are making a scarecrow. Thanks.

**Submitted by Floss Morgan**

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH****What's on in August**

Saturday 5th	10.30 am on	<b>Welcome In!</b> Come for a coffee, cake and chat. This month we see the return of Helen James, acoustic guitarist, with her lovely selection of 'café music'
Sunday 6th	11.15	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
Sunday 13th	11.15	<b>Festival Service</b>
Sunday 20th	11.15	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Sunday 27th	11.15	<b>Holy Communion</b>

Come and join the Crafty Crew **Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm in the church.

**COPY FOR THE OCTOBER INFORMATION SHEET TO AUDREY HOLLINGSWORTH AT  
SPRING HEAD COTTAGE BY THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, PLEASE.**