

**DIARY**

<b>FEB 10</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>FEB 20</b>	<b>W.I.</b>
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>BEETLE DRIVE</b>
<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>MARCH INFORMATION SHEET ENTRIES TO EDITOR</b>

**THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Police** have warned that, recently, a lot of cars have been damaged in Portishead, and Clevedon has suffered garage and car break ins. Please be extra vigilant, and remember, also, the general advice, as we move into spring, to be watchful of open doors and windows at the front of your property, while you are in the back garden.

**Walton Common:** There have been concerns that Avon Wildlife are to fence off areas of the Common. The legal position with Walton Common is that it is recorded as Access Land and Registered Common. The public have a right of Access but under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, a person who takes a dog on to "access land" is required to keep it on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July and at any time that it is in the vicinity of livestock on such land. It is believed that Avon Wildlife plan to repair an old perimeter fence that surrounded the common and to put cattle up there to aid "repair" of the land which has, during their tenure, fallen into a poor state. Information of the Avon Wildlife plans is emerging and any significant new information will be published here.

**Website:** There are plans for the Parish Council to start an internet website in April 2013. There will be room for interest groups, activities and business to have pages on, or links to the site. The Parish Council wants to hear from you with ideas for content: about the Parish, about Council matters, or about things that impact on Parish life. The Clerk, Don Hill, is co-ordinating things - under the experienced eye of Cllr Mike Ralston - do contact Don if you can help.

**The Next Meeting:** As the Village Hall has been booked for a table-tennis tournament, the February Parish Council meeting will be held in St Paul's Church on **February 10th** 2013 at 7.30pm.

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**Councillors:** Brian Cannell 874291, Ann Charlesworth 874292, Richard Kent 872476, Floss Morgan 340419, Mike Ralston 872741.

**SOCIAL CLUB****ADVANCE NOTICE.**

**Guitar and Mandolin musical evening,** Village Hall, Saturday 12th April 7.30pm. More information in March.

**BEETLE DRIVE**

**Friday 21st February** in the Village Hall. To blow away those winter blues how about a Beetle Drive. It's great fun and if you don't know what a beetle drive is it will only take two minutes how to learn. All ages can join in and it's a great way to get to know your neighbours. For only £3.50 not only will you get an evening where you will laugh and laugh but also sausages and baked beans for supper – what a bargain! Tickets are available now from Emma in the village shop or ring Sue on 848645.

**WI**

We meet on Thursday **20th February** at 2-30pm in the village hall. This is the time of year when we give a cheque to a local charity, Clevedon girl guides. Patricia Manning is coming along to accept it and tell us a little about the organisation in Clevedon. The competition is to see how many words you can make from 'AGNES BADEN POWELL' (3 letters or more).

Please do not forget subscriptions are due this month. We all had reminders from Mary with our Christmas cards. New members are always welcome. Rosemary Tucker 878671

**GARDENING CLUB**

The date of our March meeting will be announced in next month's edition.

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

Services for February

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.15am	Candlemas
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion

**Candlemas**

We are holding a special service to mark Candlemas with guess what? - a lot of candles! It is all about celebrating a new light coming into the world and into our lives.

**Thanksgiving Service**

This is our annual opportunity to say 'thank you' to all who so generously support our village church. We have been able to carry out many vital repairs jobs with the help from your donations and have more waiting for the right conditions. (I'm talking bats here) Please come and join us for a light hearted service followed by lunch in the church. We will be introducing our new church mascot as well who is going to help us with our fund raising this year.

**Toilet Twinning**

Thank you for your support over Christmas. We have been able to twin with two toilets – one in Burundi and one in Cambodia. When we have received the photos of our loos we will have a special twinning celebration.(hopefully at our Thanksgiving Service). We are also a third of the way to another twinning – isn't it great that we are able to help provide fresh water and sanitation to people living in very different villages to Walton-in-Gordano?