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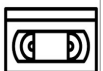
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A Thief in the Night

I don't know if you've ever had anything stolen. It's a horrible feeling. I once arrived home to find the windows at the back of my house smashed. Although the robbers hadn't managed to get into the house and steal anything, it was unsettling to know that they had tried. On another occasion, the catalytic convertor was stolen from my previous car. Someone had just sawed it off, leaving a lot of damage and expensive work to have it fixed. The idea of someone breaking into a place we call home or taking something expensive or valuable to us can feel very unsettling.

This year Easter is only nine days earlier than in 2023, yet it feels like it's creeping up on us much faster than usual. Life has a habit of flying by. Weeks turn to months, and months turn to years. Jesus' life on earth was short – just 33 years. And yet his impact was monumental. Billions of people have followed his teachings, more Bible's are sold every year than any other book, and millions around the world are persecuted simply for believing in him. Jesus has impacted our calendars and split history itself in half. Jesus has impacted our laws and our way of life, our buildings, artwork, and literature.

On Good Friday and Easter Sunday millions of Christians remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. These were the two greatest events in human history as they were the means of God reconciling people like you and me, who have messed up life in lots of ways and done wrong things, with a perfect God. All who trust in Jesus now enjoy relationship with God again and new life in Jesus.

Despite all that Jesus achieved, our world is still damaged and marred by sin. We see natural disasters, wars, and poverty continue to cause hurt and pain for many. We see this in the news every day. Sometimes we can feel a sense of anger or confusion towards God – why doesn't he just stop bad things from happening?

The Good News is that Jesus' resurrection wasn't the end. He is still alive today and working in our world through his Church and Spirit. The even better news is that he is going to come again, like 'a thief in the night' (Revelation 16:15). He's not coming to steal or to break in though. Jesus is simply saying that we don't know when he will return, and many will be shocked when he does. Jesus' return is Good News because he is coming to renew and heal the earth, to administer justice, to deal with evil and to make all things right. For those who trust in him, Jesus' return means no more death, mourning, crying or pain, but it means living in perfect peace and joy with God (Revelation 21:1-4).

This Easter time, I encourage you to reflect on your life and the words of Jesus. As the months fly by and the years move on, Jesus could return at any moment and none of us are guaranteed tomorrow. This world is groaning with pain and suffering, crying out for Jesus to come again and restore it back to its original perfection. The only way to guarantee you will enjoy God's loving presence for eternity when heaven and earth come together is by trusting in Jesus and following him. We'd love to help you start that journey.

Happy Easter, and God bless.

Tim Crossley (Minister-in-training, Backwell Baptist Church).

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Parish Council Report – January

(The January Meeting took place later in the month than usual to allow Councillors to consider the draft budget in full. That being the case, this report was too late to be included in the February Magazine). The Council meeting in January was taken up for the most part by setting the budget for 2024/25.



A draft budget had been prepared by the Finance Working Group and was presented to Councillors for their consideration and full debate.

After a lengthy discussion, Councillors voted to set the precept at £210,745.70. This is the amount of money Councillors consider is required to enable the Council to fulfil its duties to the residents of Backwell, noting that some functions currently undertaken by North Somerset Council may be devolved to the Parish Council. Money was set aside in the Contingency Fund for this and other possible non-standard calls on the Parish Council in the year ahead. Confirmation of the proposed precept requires the approval of North Somerset Council. When this is received, a full breakdown the budget will be published on the Parish Council website for the information of residents.

Grants totalling £23,936 were approved for charitable and other organisations which support Backwell residents. The largest grant was for £13,000 to the Playing Fields, whilst smaller grants will be provided to groups such as the Backwell Senior Club, Backwell Scouts, and Backwell and Nailsea Support for Carers. St Andrew's Church will also receive a grant of £500 to assist with maintenance of the graveyard.

Full details of the grants approved by Councillors are available on the website.

Planning applications – The Grove Farm application was discussed. The strong feelings of residents opposed to the plan were recognised and would be considered in all Council submissions and responses.

Airport – Cllr Harland will be the Council's representative on both the Bristol Airport Consultative Committee (BACC) and the Parish Council Airport Association (PCAA).

Parish Council Report – February

Councillors heard that the Parish Clerk was still away from the office, that the post continued to be staffed by a locum. This was leading to unavoidable delays in Parish business. The Chair, Cllr Ould thanked residents for their patience.

Planning – There were no updates regarding the developments at Farleigh Fields or Rodney Road.

The 'Gleeson' proposals – land to the south of Nailsea bordering on Backwell Lake – were being monitor together with Nailsea Town Council. There were no updates at the present time.

There were three planning applications, two of which were supported. However, Councillors discussed at length an application to remove previous conditions attached to the 'Signet Signs' site in West Town Road. Councillors were very concerned about the possible development of the site, and in particular the owner's submission that visiting vehicles could park in the Recreation Ground car park opposite.

Councillors voted unanimously to reject the proposal.

Draft Local Plan – Councillors heard that North Somerset Council (NSC) had published the draft Local Plan. The draft plan sets out NSC's vision for the future to 2039. It includes, amongst many other topics, local planning for house building, highways, and the potential for growth at the Airport. The full draft plan is available at

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planning-policy/our-local-plan/local-plan-2038/publication-version-2023>

Highways – Councillors were told that a resident had voiced concerns about pedestrian safety in Station Road at the junctions with Meadow Close and The Crescent. Cllr Barclay had been in contact with NSC Highways about the issue, and would continue to liaise with them together with Cllr Power.

Backwell Bow and Backwell Common - Whilst Councillors were pleased to hear of the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40mph, there was strong feeling that, on the grounds of safety, it should be lower at 30mph. NSC were resistant, citing national and local criteria. Councillors will monitor the situation and continue to push for a lower speed limit.

Parking West Town Road – Councillors discussed problems with visibility for drivers in the vicinity of the Methodist Chapel. Cllr Power said that she was looking to arrange a site visit with an NSC representative and local residents to discuss the situation and possible solutions to the problem.

Other – Councillors were delighted with the final design for the stained-glass panel for the Parish Hall window to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. A date for the panel to be erected would be proposed on completion of the work.

Electric Charge Point – Councillors recognised the need for a charge point in the village. Various location were suggested, but none were immediately available. The issue will be kept in view.

The next Full Council Meeting will be on Thursday, **7th March 2024** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

A warm welcome will be given to villagers attending.

ROTARY Book Sale

The ever popular ROTARY Book Sales begin again this year with the first on **Saturday 16th March** from 9.00am to 13.00pm outside Nailsea Waitrose.

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North Somerset Philharmonia to perform Scheherazade

The next concert of the North Somerset Philharmonia (formerly Nailsea Concert Orchestra) will be at 7.30pm on Saturday **13th April 2024** at The Auditorium, Nailsea School. The orchestra will perform Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, an exhilarating journey of love, intrigue and adventure. The programme also includes Bizet's Carmen Suite No. 1 and Danse Macabre by Saint-Saëns. Tickets available on the door, from www.nsphilharmonia.org.uk, and from Nailsea Music Shop. There will be a retiring collection in support of Freewheelers.

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Backwell School News

West Side Story –

Backwell School – 6th – 9th February, '24

Young lovers, Maria, and Tony are caught between prejudice and warring street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks, in this seminal retelling of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Transported to 1950s New York City, themes of love, prejudice, and the destructive nature of gang violence are explored. They exhibit the tragic consequences of hatred and the power of love to transcend societal divisions.

The hugely talented performers at Backwell School enthralled audiences with their incredible production of West Side Story. Performed on four sell out nights the cast crew can be infinitely proud of this sensational production.

Directors, Emily Merry and Steve Clark commented:

"The production was immaculate in every way. The energy, enthusiasm and creativity from our cast, orchestra and crew has been spellbinding. Their commitment to their craft has been evident during every rehearsal and performance. We are immensely proud of the growth and progress they have made throughout this process, which began in March 2023."

Ruby, who plays Maria said:

"Getting this role was a dream come true and I am so thankful to everyone that made it happen. I was absolutely terrified to audition, but I am so glad I did, as this experience has been one of the best things I have ever done."

Leo, who plays Riff said:

"Being in West Side Story was an amazing experience to say the least. To perform this brilliant musical was a huge honour and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. Everything from rehearsals, learning lines, the orchestra..., it was all fantastic. Riff is such a fun character to play, and I am grateful for the experience. Riff is so bright and full of life and theatrics but is also a deeply flawed individual and that is what makes him so interesting and unique to play."

One of the great things about productions at Backwell School, is that everyone has the opportunity to get involved.

As part of the rehearsal process, the cast and crew showcased the production to all the students and staff in school. This ensured nobody missed out seeing this incredible production. It also allowed the cast and crew to promote the show and enthuse students to get involved in future productions at the school.

Whether an actor, dancer, instrumentalist, set designer, member of the tech crew, photographer etc, there will be opportunities available in all areas.

Headteacher, Jon Nunes said:

"I am incredibly proud of all our performers, and everyone involved in the production of West Side Story. It is so uplifting to be able to share the talent we have at Backwell School."

Clair Gardener- Headteacher's PA

Federation of West Leigh Infant and Backwell Junior School

West Leigh Infant School

Enrichment

Tuesday 6th February 2024 was our second Enrichment morning of the school year. This year's theme is Mental Health and Wellbeing, and the children took part in creative and even messy wellbeing activities.

Willow House made dreamcatchers as part of our enrichment morning. We made them as, in indigenous American cultures, they take away bad dreams and help us to sleep better. Sleep is really important for our well-being as it means our brains and bodies are well rested and ready for the day.

To make the dreamcatchers, we had to use our cutting, hole-punching, sticking, threading and colouring skills. They look fantastic!

Our Enrichment days this year are focused on the theme of Mindfulness. The children from Oak House had a go at two activities which involved exercise and the outdoors. They completed a yoga challenge and went outside into the millennium garden to see what signs of nature they could spot. They collected natural materials such as leaves, twigs and pebbles to create a leaf crown or a nature-themed collage.

Sycamore House talked about how breathing can make us feel calm and relaxed. We also made sun catchers/stained glass windows, choosing colours which make us feel cheerful.

Beech House enjoyed a very sticky enrichment morning! They designed and made their own string bowls. This involved cutting different lengths of string and dipping each piece of string into PVA glue. The string strands were then arranged on an upturned paper bowl and left to dry. We hope our bowls will look something like this picture.



Backwell Junior School

Beech house joined the teachers from Oak House (Mr. Williams and Mrs. Pearson) to create shadow puppet shows based on classic fairytales. In groups of nine, the children wrote a script, cut out their characters and props and performed their show using an old light-projector - all in a morning's work for Beech house! – *Mr Williams.*

The teachers of Sycamore house challenged the children of Oak house to make fashion news. The task was literally to make an item of clothing out of newspaper: the ultimate recycling! After research, we split into mixed year group teams and began planning, making and perfecting our designs. Each outfit was then expertly modeled on the catwalk to great applause from the audience.

West Leigh Infant School

Westfield Drive was permanently made a School Street with work carried out to the entrance of Westfield Drive over half term. The Infant school now has temporary restrictions on motor traffic at school drop off and pick up times.



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Overall winners will receive a prize, trophy/medals and get the bragging rights knowing they are the ultimate quiz champions of Backwell. For more information, please see the links below. You are able to buy tickets from both BJSA & WLI as we are splitting the funds raised between the schools equally. The on-line links to pay are given on page 17 of the Federation Newsletter No 6, February 8th.

Boglárka György (violin) & Amy Butler (piano)

at St Mary's, Yatton, **23rd March**

A memorable evening by the prize-winning Hungarian violinist Boglárka György from the Liszt Academy of music in Budapest. Boglárka will play a Cuypers 1797 violin, kindly on loan to her from the Harrison-Frank Family Foundation. She will be accompanied by the brilliant Oxford graduate pianist Amy Butler. Their programme will include a variety of music to suit all tastes including popular classical, Hungarian and sparkling Gershwin music to conclude the evening.

The concert starts at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, tickets price £10, half price for students over 16, children free. Details of this concert and future events can be found on Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk

Backwell Residents Association (BRA)

We have had a winter of constant need to make our views known on planning issues to North Somerset Council.

- North Somerset Local Plan (LP) 2024 – 2039
- Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)
- Outline Planning Application by Taylor Wimpey (TW) for up to 515 houses at Grove Farm

Residents have expressed their major concerns on these proposals to BRA, and most usefully, sent their feelings to North Somerset Council. Numbers of comments are important and BRA members and other volunteers distributed a leaflet to the whole village on behalf of Backwell Parish Council, Backwell Resistance and BRA regarding the Grove Farm application. We are hugely appreciative for the enthusiasm of our team of distributors. At the time of writing there are 880 well-argued objections to the Grove Farm application on the NSC website.

An update on the above will be given at our forthcoming AGM, along with issues associated with Farleigh Fields, Rodney Road housing and Coles Quarry.

BRA AGM

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 23rd April** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre, Backwell School (entrance via Meadow Close off Station Road). Members and non-members will be warmly welcomed. Formal aspects of the AGM will be minimised, to allow time for open discussion on planning matters, including the Local Plan.

We are grateful to the many households who have already paid their £10 subscription for 2024. We would appreciate outstanding renewals, and payments from new members as soon as possible please, or at the AGM. Forms are available on the website.

From the BRA Committee

Visit our website on www.backwellresidents.org.uk

Email us at backwellresidents@btinternet.com

Nailsea District Leg Club

Our famous handbag stall takes place outside Waitrose on Saturday morning **18th May**, an opportunity to purchase a bargain, or donate handbags no longer needed. These can be taken to 65 Nailsea High Street prior to 18th May, please ensure donations are clean, in good condition and empty.

Leg Club takes place 9.00am – 12.00 noon on Wednesdays at Nailsea Tithe Barn, and is available to anyone registered with Tynesfield Medical Group, needing advice or treatment on lower leg issues. No appointment necessary and 'drop-ins' are very welcome, call in to see what happens and enjoy refreshments always on offer. Alternatively ask for an appointment via your surgery or talk to your nurse about Leg Club.

Members of our committee would be happy to visit any local group or organisation to give a short talk about Leg Club. We're keen to spread the word about why, where and what is on offer from our NHS nurses (employed by TMG), refreshments and chat provided by our volunteers, and other activities and visitors that are part of Wednesday mornings at Nailsea Tithe Barn.

Carole Brooke 07954 302498 or Sandy Riley 01275 853547 are available for information, or ask at your surgery, and there are large blue notice boards in each surgery waiting room giving lots of details.

Tribute to Ron Febrey from Backwell Allotment Holders

Ron Febrey passed away in January, aged 85. He and his wife Jean (often called Beanie) took on an allotment some twenty years ago. He was an excellent gardener, scooping the best allotment prize (ahead of stiff competition) for several years, and is the current holder of the Len Harris cup for the best full plot, as he was in 2018 in the photo.



He was very active until recently.

During his 20 years he played a pivotal role in transforming the allotment field hedges, boundaries and car parks. He created good plots from "jungles". One major project was the landscaping of the top car park, removing junk (including a dumped TV set) and creating a wildlife friendly area. He chose and installed the smart new notice board. He relished a big challenge, removing dead trees, mending gates, keeping an eye on the water taps, and mending where needed. The list is endless.

He was a great example of the power of volunteers and was generous in so many ways with his time for our community. He probably ended up out of pocket, as he was never very good at claiming expenses for projects!

He started our enjoyable annual summer BBQs several years ago and ran them efficiently.

He had an endless supply of friends who appeared with BBQ kit, free cider on trial, sharing his abundance of strawberries etc. He was very sociable, taking a keen interest in newcomers giving advice and practical help.

Here are a few comments from plottolders:

*He was such a lovely man and a larger than life character.

* Greatly enjoyed his comments as he would walk past my plot. They don't make many like him anymore. I well remember his catch phrase, "another day over in Paradise".

* He was such a huge character - fun and knowledgeable. He was the first guy to greet me when I took over my plot. His humour and guidance were invaluable. I know he was an immense support to the allotment community and will be a huge loss.

* He was such a popular guy always prepared to stop and chat.

* Another irreplaceable guy is taken from us

It is hard for me to imagine the field without Ron, as he had a solution for most problems. He planted many trees, very professionally, which will be a lasting tribute to him. I am not very good at recognising tree types and looked at a label on one he had newly planted. It said "Ron Febrey", as it had been put aside for him at the nursery. Ron and I smiled at this newly discovered variety. He will be greatly missed.

Geoff Wells

On behalf of all our plottolders, past and present

Maundy Thursday 28 th March	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist	St Andrew's Church
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Joseph's Portishead
	7.30pm	Joint Service	Nailsea Methodist Church
Good Friday 29 th March	10.00am	Good Friday Service	St Bridget's
	10.30am	Good Friday Service	Backwell Baptist Church
	11.00am	Hot Cross Buns	Ecumenical Celebration and Sharing of Good Friday, starting at St Andrew's Church
	11.30am	Walk of Witness behind the Cross	
	12.00	Service of Witness outside SPAR	
	Holy Saturday 30 th March	2.00pm	Final Hour
5.00pm		Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	St Francis R C Church
8.30pm		Easter Vigil	St Joseph Portishead
Easter Sunday 31 st March	6.30am	'Sonrise' Ecumenical Communion Service	Backwell Lake
	10.30am	Easter Day Communion Service	West Town Methodist Church
	10.30am	Easter Day Service	Backwell Baptist Church
	10.45am	Benefice Eucharist	St Andrew's Church
	11.00am	Easter Sunday Mass	St Francis R C Church



Easter Services in and around Backwell



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Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects.

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The 2024 Real Easter Egg will not be available in any supermarkets but the Original Milk Chocolate and the Dark Egg will be on sale at the Fair Trade Cafe on 9th March or from Jane Canning (jfcanning@btinternet.com)

About the Real Easter Egg

The Original and Dark eggs include a 24 page Easter story-activity book. They are Palm Oil and plastic free, and include a competition.

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The Meeting Point

It's lovely to see the Sitting Fit Yoga sessions being so popular with a large group of people now gathering for each session running from **11.00 to 12.00** on a Tuesday (except school holidays) in the Parish Hall. There

are always refreshments from 10.30 to start with a social time when coffee and cake are enjoyed before the exercise begins. It's especially helpful exercise for the upper body, so give it a try.

Our full 2-course lunch produced by Scotty will be served on **19th March at 1.00pm**. This is always a popular event, so we do ask for bookings for this one by 12th March please, to ensure we have catered for you. Our soup-makers are ready to deliver a warming bowl of something deliciously home-made, followed by bread and cheese with fruit etc on **5th March at 1.00pm**. No need to book for this meal; just come and enjoy.

There were lots of heart-shaped and pink crafts on show in our half-term Tuesday Break last month, ranging from biscuits to cards and potato prints. We're now planning our summer programme, which involves a number of local providers, so if you have something you would particularly like to see included, please do let us know and we'll see what we can do (and afford). The after-school and pre-ballet folk meet for the last period of the afternoon on Tuesdays, helpfully finishing up all the remaining cake, but as ever, a warm welcome awaits any Tuesday between 10.30 and 4.30, maybe for just a coffee and a biscuit or perhaps some help with a computer question.

This month our **Communion** service will be held on **5th March at 12.15**, also in the **Parish Hall**. All are welcome as we break bread together before enjoying the soup lunch.

If you have comments or suggestions, or if you'd like to volunteer with us, please do get in touch.

Contact: e-mail or phone: backwell.life@gmail.com or call/text on 07851 438530. Or visit our website at www.themeetingpointbackwell.co.uk

Christians Together In & around Backwell

World Day of Prayer: this year we are joining with the Prayer Watch Group for the World Day of Prayer service at the Baptist Church, at 7.45 pm on Monday **4th March**

Stations of the Cross: 7.30 pm at St Francis R C Church on **Monday 25th March**.

Good Friday: 11.00 am at St Andrew's for hot cross buns. 11.30am Walk of Witness behind the Cross, for 12.00 noon service outside SPAR.

Open the Book

Sharing a bible story in a fun and interactive way with the children of West Leigh Infants School on **Wednesday 6th and 20th March** at 10.00am, doing the parable of the paralytic and the feeding of the 5000.

Backwell Scout News

Monday Cubs began the spring term with an evening of Taskmaster challenges which required teamwork and problem solving, such as blowing out a candle from over a metre away. This was followed up with air activities such as designing, making and testing paper planes for different qualities, learning the phonetic alphabet and investigating different types of aircraft. The month ended with lots of fun building box forts, then defending these. *Helen*

Tuesday Scouts

January is definitely Winter so it must be time for our Tuesday Scouts Winter Camp.

This year we decided to risk visiting the wilds of Dartmoor. The site was booked at Broadleas, nestled in a small area of woodland below Haytor Rocks. Fingers were crossed that snow would not make the site inaccessible - and it didn't!

Arriving on the Friday evening everyone was soon settled in and preparing for the main event on the Saturday - the Mini Ten Tors taking in Haytor Rocks, Rippon Tor, Honeybag Tor and Hound Tor amongst others. It was a route of some nine miles across the open moorland and whilst it stayed largely dry throughout, it was very windy, especially on the exposed tors and moorland above the valleys.

All the teams successfully completed the course and were welcomed back with hot curries to bring life back to tired and chilled bodies (which didn't take long). On the Sunday we set off home but not before calling in to the House of Marbles in Bovey Tracey where we were able to see all sorts of marble runs and watch the glass blowers in action and, of course, purchase marbles to take home.

More camps and outdoor events are scheduled this year and we look forward to sharing the fun and adventure with you. *Ian*

Wednesday Explorers and Ten Tors training

Explorers had a night in Goblin Combe, an evening ten pin bowling and celebrated Burns night with some highland dancing, our own version of the Highland Games and enjoyed haggis, neeps and tatties. In mid-February we plan to head to the Brecon Beacons Waterfall Country Park to stay in a bunkhouse and feast on a Chinese banquet to mark the Chinese New Year.

In Ten Tors training, we've now completed two-day hikes with the 35-mile teams experiencing a cold day on Dartmoor, and a very wet and windy day on Llangattock Plateau, perfect training weather. Our 45 and 55-mile teams completed their "long" day with a hike from Bath to Weston-Super-Mare in early February. *Iain*

Thursday Cubs

The Group is having to do a lot of fundraising this year as one of our minibuses is in desperate need of replacement. Cub leaders and parents have done their bit by holding a Pie & Quiz night. Everybody had a great time and helped raise almost £700. A big thanks to Pieminster for donating their excellent pies. In early February, Thursday Cub leaders were busy planning a sixer and seconder camp at the beginning of March for the older Cubs. The weekend will be about teamwork and Cubs will have to work together to overcome various challenges and win the essentials for surviving the weekend (Food, somewhere to sleep, etc).

We are also planning a camp for June when Cubs and their families will be walking the West Mendip Way between Weston-Super-Mare and Wells with an

overnight camp enroute and raising more money for the minibus fund. *Frank*



Friday Scouts

Friday Scouts were super-busy as usual in early February. Twelve of our Scouts celebrated successful completion of a 10-mile night hike in the Cotswold Marathon competition with lots of other Scout and Explorer groups from all over the Gloucester area and further afield. Despite the mud and many hills, all twelve made it back with huge grins on their faces and their bronze level medals, see picture above. Maybe the silver 20-miler next year then...???

We did lots of training as a troop for this competition, including map games, hikes and we also enjoyed a visit from St John's Ambulance who helped us to brush up on our emergency aid skills.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to a visit to Bristol Light Festival. Next term, we are planning a science experiment night - we hope this will go 'with a bang' - and a bit of golf at Tickenham driving range amongst many other things.

Lorraine Friday Scouts Section Leader

Backwell & Nailsea Ladies Choir Concert

Our 'Spring Sing' this year will be on **Thursday 21st March** in the evening at the WI Hall Backwell.

There will be drinks available from **18.45** with the performance starting at **19.15**.



We will be singing a variety of songs from different times and different places. This includes songs from Africa, Musicals, Folk Songs and much more.

The cost of tickets is £8.00 for adults and £4.00 for children under 16.

Tickets are available from Mandy Collinson (07722 703956) or Lesley Barratt (07929 093888). You can also purchase them via Eventbrite. The link is- <https://bandnladieschoir-SpringSing.event-brite.co.uk>

Senior Club

We were delighted to welcome Mike Britton back to entertain us in January and his talk **On the streets**, which was all about roads, bridges, signposts, pillar boxes and many other things to do with transport and nostalgic street furniture.

On Friday **March 15th**, Yvonne Bell will be coming to us again, this time with a new talk that she entitles **Some Edwardian Occasions**.

As ever, we are always pleased to welcome everyone - regulars, those who come occasionally and those who have not been before - into our midst to enjoy good company, a cup of tea and, of course, some excellent entertainment. Senior Club meets in the Lawnside lounge at 2.00 for 2.30pm and is a lively part of Backwell life,... don't be shy!

Nancy Lewis 01275 770555

Climate Myths Challenged!

On **March 25th** at 8.30pm it's Earth Hour, a time when we are encouraged to turn off non-essential lighting. A global movement, this small act was started in Australia due to growing concerns around climate change. These small, local initiatives are the kind of positive steps the Backwell Climate Action Group are trying to build within our beautiful village. Whilst almost everyone has heard the phrase "climate change", a lot of people are still overwhelmed by the technical jargon and the vast array of myths surrounding it. So in celebration of Earth Hour, we have pulled together a few commonly held myths - and debunked them for you. Happy reading.



Myth 1: **the Earth's Climate Has Always Changed!**

It has. Over the Earth's 4.5 billion year history the climate has changed a lot. However the rapid rate at which we are seeing climate change currently cannot be explained by natural cycles alone. This rapid rate corresponds with levels of carbon dioxide emitted since the industrial revolution.

Myth 2: **Why Bother, When China Isn't?**

Yes, China is the largest annual emitter of greenhouse gases. However, it's also the largest investor in green technology - which will be needed to tackle the ongoing climate crisis - and current estimates suggest that it will overachieve on its renewable energy targets before 2030. A trend that has been pushed by climate conscious Chinese voters - much more than the average Briton. Additionally, it might be worth remembering that much of the energy used by China is to prop up the mass consumerism that we, and the rest of the western world, import without conviction.

Myth 3: **Scientists Aren't Sure...**

This isn't true. A recent study by NASA found that 97% of scientists are agreed that human activity is the cause of current climate change trends.

Myth 4: **Climate Change Won't Affect Us**

Whilst some of the extreme impacts of climate change won't be felt here until some decades later - and with other geographic regions set to be much more severely impacted than the UK, we will not - and are not - going to escape unscathed. In fact, we can already see the impacts of climate change in our weather patterns. The Met Office have found that the ten hottest years in the UK since 1884 have all happened since 2002. Additionally, evidence is growing linking extreme events directly to climate change - such as the 2019 heatwave.

Myth 5: **but It's so Cold and Wet Here**

Isn't it just. We're currently writing this on a grey, drab, and slightly damp day but climate change is all about the Earth's average surface temperature rising. This average increase impacts the natural systems, which then plays out differently depending on the geographic area. For instance: the UK is likely to get more rain, New York more snow, Ethiopia more droughts, and Bangladesh more floods.

If you'd like to get in touch you can find us on Facebook, or via our shiny new website: <https://zcn.org/backwell-climate-action/>. This article was co-written by 2 members of the Backwell Climate Action Group (and Backwell dwellers);

Marian Evans and Vanessa Pilley.

Have you heard of The Filo Project?

"I am full of praise for The Filo Project and the impact it has had on my Mum's wellbeing. I can only describe one day with Filo as being equivalent to three days in my Mum's life. One day is looking forward to her Filo Day; one day at Filo and then the next day being able to talk about the day!"

Sarah, daughter of Sheila

The Filo Project has been running successfully for 10 years in other areas of the West Country and has now been commissioned by North Somerset Council to provide high quality day care for small groups of older people set in the intimate setting of our fully trained and vetted Filo Host's own home. The Project is currently looking to recruit a paid Host and clients in the Nailsea and Backwell area. The focus of support is for people who are experiencing symptoms associated with early to moderate dementia, whether diagnosed or not, and people who may be socially isolated due to Parkinson's (with or without dementia), stroke, sensory loss and very often a combination of the above. For clients with less than £23,000 in savings, local authority funding is available, alternatively privately funded clients are very welcome.

A day with the Filo Project begins around 10.00am when clients are collected from their home by the host and are then taken back to the host's own home where they spend the day. Each Filo group is different and tailored to the personalities and preferences of the individuals within the group; so they might be baking a cake, spending time in the garden, doing crosswords and word puzzles together or discussing special memories. A home cooked two course lunch is an important part of the day and it is never rushed, ensuring a nutritious meal over a social occasion. At the end of the session clients are returned and seen safely into their home by the host around 4.00pm.



Once assigned to a Filo Group a client attends on the same day each week with the same host and the same group members so every session feels like a warm catch up with

friends. Meanwhile families and carers of our clients know they will have six hours on a set day each week to themselves and can also benefit from our Filo Family Support Team if needed.

We are currently recruiting Hosts for the Filo Project locally. Experience is not necessary, but what you must be is gentle, a good listener, able to 'read' people well, have a sense of humour and be understanding. All hosts receive full training, are DBS checked and earn £100-£125 per session, with extra to cover the cost of providing lunch and 45p a mile for collecting and returning clients to their homes.

Please to our website for more information, to make a client referral or to inquire about a Hosting role www.thefiloproject.co.uk

Or contact:

Sue Kingman, Area Co-ordinator, The Filo Project North Somerset

sue.kingman@thefiloproject.co.uk

Backwell Probus Club Report

During the end of January and the beginning of February we have had two meetings, the first being our AGM. We elected a new Chairman in Bob South and a new Treasurer in Ted Potter. All other posts stayed the same, but without a volunteer for Social Secretary. At our second meeting, we had a talk by Michael Malaghan called "Can you hear me at the back?". No, it had nothing to do with hearing aids, he was a bit of comedian, reeling off many amusing anecdotes of when he had given many other talks in the past. Do come and join us on the second and fourth

Wednesday of each month at 10.00am for coffee followed by a 10.30am talk in the Bowls Pavilion. Any retired men are welcome to join us for convivial conversation before and after the talk.

Peter Lamb

Tel : 01275 463160



Gordon Brassington passes the Chairmanship of Probus on to Bob South

Film Club

March marks the start of our 3-month experiment with democracy when members are asked to add their suggestions to a list of recent films that they would like to see during the next season. In April members will be given an edited list of those films, depending on availability and offering as wide a choice as possible for them to vote for up to 8 films. In May a membership letter will bring the results of everyone's cogitations and offer membership for the 2024/25 season ... with priority to existing members ... of course. A time for serious reflection.

Despite the title, *Living*, the story depicts a bureaucrat in the county Public Works department (played by Bill Nighy) facing a fatal illness. The film received many nominations in various categories with Bill Nighy receiving much acclaim for his performance.

Please note we are showing this film on **Thursday 29th February and the following two evenings.**

We follow this with a comedy/romance starring Lily James & Emma Thompson on April 4th, 5th & 6th which tells the story of a London based award-winning filmmaker, who documents her best friend's journey into an assisted marriage in line with his family's Pakistani heritage. In the process, she challenges her own attitude towards relationships.

Tim Lewis 01275 790555

Nailsea & District Local History Society

Monday 11th March at 7.45pm in The Green Lecture Room at Nailsea School: Garry Atterton speaking on "Bedminster Coal. Blood, Sweat & Tears". Further info 01275 463479. Visitors welcome £3

Backwell's 2ND Saturday Fair Trade Café

March 9th Backwell Parish Hall 10.00am to 12.00 noon

It's almost Spring so why not come along to Backwell community café and enjoy the excellent Fair Trade coffee and tea as well as some delicious home baked pastries and biscuits.

As usual this month the bulk-buy Grub Club will provide its comprehensive service. Here you can join and buy all kinds of food stuffs in bulk including many different types of flour, a wide range of cereals, nuts, seeds and spices as well as all kinds of tinned fruit and vegetables, various coffees, teas, beverages, chocolates, biscuits and much more. The range includes many fair trade and organic items. Come and peruse the catalogue or go to <http://www.essential-trading.co.uk>, join the Club and place an order. You can also buy from the wide range of goods on display without joining or ordering.

Move from recycling to re-using by bringing your own container to fill (or better refill) with all kinds of BioD/ Ecover detergents and cleaning fluids on our BioD/ Ecover stall.

Marian Evans of Backwell's Climate action group will have a stall on the theme of Shop/Buy local. Come and add to the list of local suppliers she is developing.

The Real Easter Egg will be on sale.

Our District Councillor Bridget Petty intends to be present again to discuss local affairs with any concerned resident.



Love Your Bike

Does your bike need some T.L.C.? Bring it along to the drive of 25 Mulberry Close on **Saturday**

20th April, 10.00am-

12.00noon, where

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spring days. We can

mend punctures, oil

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advise about bigger repairs but may not have the parts to do them.



Backwell Garden Club

20th March starting at 1.45pm for 2.00pm in the Backwell W I Hall. The Speaker is Caroline Pakenham and her topic is "The Cultivation and Uses of Unusual Herbs". The Club meets in the Backwell W I Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 1.45pm. New Members and Visitors are always welcome. For further information please contact Robin Langford on 01275 855822 or email rclangford64@gmail.com



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St. Andrew's Ladies Group.

At our February meeting we were looking forward to hearing all about the history of Clevedon Court from Arthur Taylor but there had been a mix-up with the booking and his visit was cancelled. However not all was lost. Our leader Elizabeth Webb invited anyone who had something interesting to talk about to come forward. We listened as Gill recited the entire narrative poem The Highwayman, with only a few stumbles. We then heard from Audrey who talked to us about her wartime experiences of being evacuated to Canada with her mother and sister to avoid being bombed in her home town of Blackpool which was the site of many munitions factories in the 1940s. Elizabeth then told us about her life before she and her husband moved to Backwell ten years ago and how one day when she was visiting the Holy Land she felt God was calling her to become ordained. Other members of the group contributed to make an unplanned but very sociable and enjoyable evening.

We always are delighted to welcome new ladies to our very friendly group, do join us.

Gillian Vasey.



West Town & Backwell WI

Our next meeting is on Wednesday **20th March** from 7:30pm in the WI Hall.

The speaker will be committee member Jane Atherton, who is a member of the Society of Master Saddlers. Learn about the variety of leather items that Jane makes and see a short demonstration of the craft of saddlery.

New members welcome

Email [BackwellWI@gmail](mailto:BackwellWI@gmail.com) for more information or find us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

Backwell & Nailsea Macular Support

We are looking forward to a return visit from Jenny Stirrett as the speaker on **Wednesday 27th March**, at the Backwell W.I. Hall, Station Road. The meeting starts at 1.30pm. All are welcome to come and hear about the further adventures of a blind person. Further information from Sheila on 01275 462107.

Mothers' Union

We held our Wave of Prayer service when we pray especially for our link Diocese worldwide. This was followed by a short AGM, when it was good to hear that in the past year we had raised £562.07 for MU Projects such as AFIA, (helping to providing holidays for those who are experiencing stressful or difficult times in family life and need a break away), and other MU projects worldwide and in this Diocese. So far this year a successful coffee morning was held at Marie's when just over £136 was raised, a good start to our fund raising this year.

Dates for March

Saturday 9th	Posy making in Church House for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 10th	Mothering Sunday
Thursday 21st	11.30am Cathedral Prayers at Wells Cathedral
Tuesday 26th	2.15pm Branch meeting. Lent reflection with Andy Pitcher

Backwell & Nailsea Support Group for Carers

Inviting all carers to join us on Wednesday **6th March**, at the WI Hall, Backwell from 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Speaker: Mr Tim Lewis and Ms Sheila Furneaux

Subject: "From Music Hall to Beanstalk"

Come and join us for support, friendship, entertainment and a short respite from your caring role.

The afternoon includes a quiz, raffle, delicious refreshments and a warm welcome - all free of charge. New carers, any age or gender, always welcome.

Look forward to seeing you.

Beverley, Carol, Cath, Chris, Chris and Mel (Volunteers)

The Parkinson's UK NW Somerset

Support Group welcomes new members. If you would like to give us a try, come along to one of our meetings. The group meets on the second Saturday of each month for an informal coffee morning at St Francis Church Hall in Nailsea, 10.30am to 12.15pm, and all those with Parkinson's and those who are caring for them are welcome. At the meeting on **Saturday 9th March** there will be coffee, friendly chat, and a talk by Dr Konrad Szewczyk-Krolukowski, consultant with a special interest in movement disorders.

You could also come along to the Singalong group which gets together on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 2.30-4.00pm at St Francis Church Hall, to sing popular songs and old favourites. Singing helps loss of voice due to Parkinson's. No skill required.

Nailsea & Backwell Disabled Access Cafe

Are you, or someone you care for, encountering difficulties accessing shops, transport or venues? Are uneven or obstructed pavements preventing you getting around? Do you have any other issues relating to disability access?

If your answer is yes to any of these, members of North Somerset Council's Disabled Access Group are on hand to offer friendly advice and empathy over a free cup of tea or coffee and biscuits in the pleasant and fully accessible surroundings of 65 High Street Nailsea on **Friday 22nd March** from 3.00pm - 4.30pm.

North Somerset Quilters

will be holding their March meeting at 7.30pm on **Friday March 15th** at the W.I. Hall, Station Road, Backwell BS48 3QW. Our speakers are Ruth Case and Michaela Knight with their talk "What is a Modern Quilt". Our trader for the evening will be Jan Prior from Country Threads. Visitors welcome at a cost of £6.

On Saturday **16th March**, Gill Clark is running an "Abstractions" Workshop.....also at the above venue. 10.00am – 4.00pm cost £30 Refreshments provided. Please bring your own lunch



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3rd March: Together Service with Nailsea Baptist Church at Kingshill School

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: Neil Hedger

Passage: John 27:20-26

Theme: The Prayer of Jesus

10th March,

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader's: Dawn Jefferies

Passage: Matt 6:9-13

Theme: The Lord's Prayer

17th March,

Preacher: Neil Wylie

Service Leader: Tim Crossley

Passage: John 14:5-14

Theme: The Way the Truth and the Life

24th March,

Preacher: Peter Price

Service Leader: Tim Crossley

Passages: Luke 19:28-44

Theme: Palm Sunday: The Way

29th March, (Good Friday)

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: Tim Crossley

Passages: Luke's Gospel

Theme: The Truth

31st March, (Easter Sunday)

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: Tim Crossley

Passage: Luke's Gospel

Theme: The Life



Prayer Watch, 4th March 2024, 19:45pm at Backwell Baptist Church: All are invited to an evening of reflection and prayer for the land of Israel, Palestine, and Gaza, using material from the World Day of Prayer Service.

The evening will finish about 9.00pm.

News from St Francis

We begin March with the last few weeks of Lent before the Easter Triduum which is the last three days of Holy Week. This year, the Lord's Supper and the Easter Vigil will only be celebrated at St Joseph's in Portishead.

Easter Services and Masses are as follows during Holy Week.

- **Monday 25th March,** Annual Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm at St Francis
- **Maundy Thursday 28th March,** Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm at St Joseph's Portishead
- **Good Friday 29th March,** Stations of the Cross at 11:00 am at St Francis and the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 5.00pm at St Francis
- **Holy Saturday 30th March** 8:30pm Easter Vigil at St Joseph's Portishead
- **Easter Sunday 31st March** 11:00am Mass at St Francis

The parishioners of St Francis would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Easter

West Town Methodist Church

March Sunday Services, at 10.30 am

3rd David Eggleston

10th Revd Michael Pullan

17th Revd Deborah Mallett

24th Alan and Marian Emery

31st Revd Deborah Mallett

Communion

Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday

Communion

06.30am Easter Sunday 'Sonrise' Communion Service at Backwell Lake followed by refreshments at Nailsea Methodist Church

Stations of the Cross – an ecumenical service at St Francis R C Church, 7.30pm on **Monday 25th March.**

Good Friday – 11.00 at St Andrew's for hot cross buns. 11.30am Walk of Witness behind the Cross, for a short service at 12.00 noon outside SPAR.

The Welcome Hub - Monday mornings 10.00 to 12.00, where a warm welcome awaits you for a cuppa and a chat. Feel free to bring along knitting, crocheting, puzzles, craft project etc., or simply enjoy the conversation. Any queries, please contact Ann Pullan email: nailseagirl@virginmedia.com or Shirley Edwards: tsmce12@gmail.com

Ready Teddy Sing - every Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00 noon, in term time. Play, story, songs, craft and café at our babies and toddlers group led by Patty Lou, our Families Worker, with May Vivian and a team of volunteers.

Fellowship Group 10.30 am for 11.00, on Wednesday **6th and 20th March** at 53 Oakleigh Close.

Hire of building

West Town Methodist Church is in the centre of the village and provides ample comfortable space for small gatherings, meetings, rehearsals, children's parties, etc. Do look at the pictures on the Church website. We have a large wall-mounted TV screen for audio visual presentations by agreement. Contact Julie Ratcliffe on email:

ratcliffedj@btinternet.com or 01275 463123

St Bridget's

Our Patronal Service held on 4th February was notable in many ways. Not only did we have a church full of our friends from near and far, but we had the choir from St Andrew's to lead us with some most appropriate singing in a delightful service led for us by Peter Bailey.

Two new plaques were unveiled marking the recent history of St Bridget's, the first to record our gratitude to Michael Dorey as both organist and churchwarden for many years and sited on the oak surround to our famous knight in the Tynte Chapel. The other plaque in the Nave lists the considerable achievements of the 2007 Appeal which not only restored major areas of the church but enhanced so many of its facilities.

The other delight for us all was that we could officially thank John Prior, Treasurer throughout the Appeal, who has just retired after eighteen years. Without his wise counsel throughout we would have struggled to achieve so much. A small mark of our gratitude was a collection made for one of the charities which we know is very close to his heart.

Tony Stirratt

The Benefice of Backwell with Chelvey and Brockley St Andrew's Backwell, St Bridget's Chelvey and St Nicholas, Brockley

At the start of this month, we will welcome Hugh Stary from Bridges for Peace to hear about the organisation's work bringing together Jewish and Palestinian Christian communities in the Holy Land. On the following Sunday, Mothering Sunday, we will be delighted to hear from our Children's Choir as they will sing several of the songs they have been learning.

Unfortunately, Rev Jane Eastell wasn't able to be with us last month as she was unwell. We hope to be able to welcome her at a future date.

During Lent, whatever discipline you have adopted, I hope it is a time for deep reflection. Our Thursday evening prayer meetings on Zoom have been based on the psalms of lament as well as continuing our prayers for the vacancy. We have also been following and discussing the Church of England's Lent booklet "Watch & Pray", learning from the wisdom of Black Spirituality.

When we come to Holy Week, we will join together with other churches in the village for **Stations of the Cross**, 7.30pm at St Francis R C Church on Monday 25th March. We mark Maundy Thursday with a Passover meal, washing of feet and stripping of the altar. Good Friday begins in St Bridget's with a reflective service at 10.00am. Our witness in the village begins with coffee and hot cross buns in St Andrew's before the ecumenical walk of witness to the green outside SPAR and a short service.

The wonderful celebration that is Easter Day begins with the "Sonrise" Service at 6.30am at Backwell Lake. Watching the sun come up over the village is a truly special moment.

Lastly, our preparation of the parish profile prior to advertising the post of Rector has progressed and a draft is under review. We hope to be advertising for the post soon.

With warm greetings, *Martin Canning*

Sundays in March

St Andrew's Church
3rd Third Sunday of Lent
 9.00am Little Lambs
 10.45am Informal Worship and Word
10th Mothering Sunday
 10.45am Sung Eucharist
17th Fifth Sunday of Lent
 10.45am Informal Worship with Communion
 5.00pm Evensong
24th Palm Sunday
 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Liturgy of palms)
 10.45am Informal Worship
28th Maundy Thursday
 7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar
29th Good Friday 11.00am – Gathering and Walk of Witness
 12.00noon Ecumenical Service (Spar)
 2.00pm The Final Hour
31st Easter Day
 6.30am "Sonrise" Service (Backwell Lake)
 10.45am Benefice Eucharist

St Bridget's Church
3rd Third Sunday of Lent
 9.15am Holy Communion
10th Mothering Sunday
 9.15am Morning Worship
17th Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9.15am Morning Prayer
29th Good Friday
 10.00am Good Friday Service

**Benefice Register of
Baptisms, Marriages &
Funerals in January**

none

As part of our church services and in private prayer, we remember people in our community. To help focus our thoughts and prayers, we identify people by the roads in our benefice where they live and work. Thus, the whole area is covered over the course of 18 months, a few roads at a time

In March we shall be praying for

**St Andrew's Road,
Summerland,
St John's Road,
Lawnside,
Dark Lane,
Little Garth**

St Andrew's Charity for January, February & March - USPG

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The Christmas Appeal 2023 centred on malaria treatment in a programme run by the Anglican Council of Malawi.



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St Bridget's

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