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Repair Café

Sustainable Backwell volunteers will be running a Repair Café alongside the Fairtrade Café on **Saturday 10th June, 10am-12noon, at the Parish Hall**. We will have a go at repairing anything! It's better to repair than throw it out. In the past we have repaired chairs, coats, shopping bags, a strimmer, table lamps, rucksacks, umbrellas, a food mixer, secateurs, bikes, cuddly toys ... We can also sharpen garden tools, knives and scissors.



Plant Sale

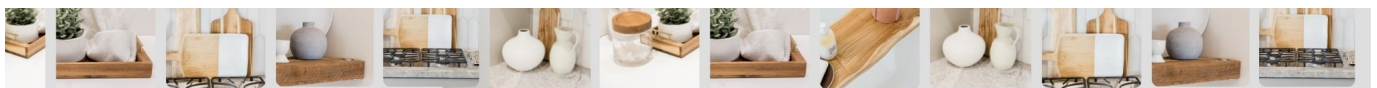
At the next Fairtrade Café on **Saturday 13th May, 10am-12noon, at the Parish Hall**, Anne Morley will be having her popular plant sale. Come along to choose your lovely plants and then relax with a delicious mug of Fairtrade coffee and a home-baked biscuit or cake.

Anne will also be selling plants 8.30am -11am on the **6th May** (coronation day) at the Parish Hall, where the parish council will also be providing bacon and vegetarian rolls and crafts.



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Remember Jesus too

Writing about the celebration of Holy Communion almost eighty years ago, Gregory Dix posed the question 'Was ever another command so obeyed?' It's well worth searching online for his whole answer. An edited quote of his response reads:

'For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unflinchingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sanctan people of God.'

The first of Dix's scenarios will be played out before us at the coronation of King Charles III. At the heart of the ceremony, amidst all the pomp and circumstance, the oaths and declarations, the regalia and crowning, will be the celebration of Holy Communion. The words used will be just the same as those spoken in our parish churches Sunday by Sunday. From Communion, the King and Queen will be sent out from Westminster Abbey to live like us the prayer we say at the end of many of our services. They will offer 'their souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice, sent out in the power of [God's] Spirit to live and work to [God's] praise and glory.'

The command that the King, Queen and all of us obey is Jesus's direction to 'Do this in remembrance of me.' So, as you watch the Coronation please remember Jesus too. For he is the one who comes to us as a servant; the king of Kings.

Bishop Michael

Bishop Michael to play historic role at Coronation

The Cabinet Office has announced that 13 individuals will play historic roles at the heart of the Coronation. Among them are Bishop Michael and Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham, who will act as Bishop Assistant to The King.

Commenting on the announcement, the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells says, "I am deeply honoured that as the Bishop of Bath and Wells I will have the privilege of supporting His Majesty King Charles and Her Majesty the Queen Consort during the service of Coronation. It is a truly historic moment and humbling to realise that this continues a tradition dating back to Richard I in 1189. The church family in Bath and Wells will be praying for their Majesties as we approach the Coronation and marking the event itself with services of celebration, community events and volunteering."

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Backwell Parish Council April Meeting Planning



There were no updates on either the development at Farleigh Fields or that at Rodney Road, and no important decisions affecting Backwell regarding the possible development of land south of Nailsea – the Gleeson proposals. Councillors discussed the planning application for the Old Coach House, part of Backwell Hill House, Backwell Hill, and unanimously voted to object to the proposal as it was felt to be inappropriate. A planning application had also been received regarding an extension and other work at 97, West Town Road. Councillors felt that, as this was a listed building which would require specific permissions from North Somerset Council and English Heritage, they did not have the necessary technical knowledge to comment. Similarly, an application to discharge planning conditions at the former BT Radio Research Laboratory in Long Lane was outside the expertise and technical knowledge of Councillors and would be returned to North Somerset Council (NSC) Planning without comment.

Councillors objected to an application regarding retention of land at Walnut Tree Cottage, Downside, as domestic curtilage. The land is within the green belt and as such was not thought to be appropriate.

Coronation Morning

Councillors were pleased to hear that the arrangements for a celebration of King Charles' Coronation were finalised.

The plan is to provide bacon and vegan rolls to those who attended a morning gathering before the Coronation. Amongst other activities, there will be an opportunity to assist with the design of a commemorative stained-glass window for the Parish Hall. Plants will also be on sale from a local supplier.

Other matters

As the responsible authority, Councillors accepted a quotation from Landscape Services to remove a small ash tree which was interfering with the telephone line at Farleigh Green, and also to remove mistletoe which was affecting the health of an apple tree.

Councillors were pleased to accept and ratify two policies covering both Health and Safety, and Safeguarding. Cllr Morley was thanked for her work in developing these necessary policies.

After a short presentation from Drummond Forbes, Chair of the Backwell Playing Fields Charity BPF, Councillors were pleased to vote unanimously to release grant funds to assist in the running of BPF. Cllr Power reported to the Council that there were still issues to be addressed before any funding could be

released to Nailsea and District Community Transport. The matter was to be placed on the May meeting agenda for further discussion. However, it was noted that certain procedural issues would have to be addressed before any decision could be made. Councillors voted unanimously to renew the subscriptions to both the National Association of Local Councils at a cost of £880.92, and the CPRE, the Countryside Charity for £36. The knowledge and support of both these organisations had proved invaluable in the past.

Due to the Local Council Elections, the May meeting of the Parish Council has been put back to **Thursday, 18th May at 7.30pm** at the Village Hall. Councillors will be sworn in at that meeting following the election.

Knitting for Others

Thank you from the recipients of all the contents of the bags we have been filling to help others keep warmer -blankets, family garments and the woolly hats etc. we make for the seafarers.

It is the family garments which are most needed though; blankets for cold knees and babies as well as warm things for seafarers are very welcome. If you do not feel like knitting a complete knee blanket, just knit a strip of any double-knit colours left over from other garments (or put two thin wools of different colours to the DK thickness). With number 9(3 ¾) needles knit up 35 inches in garter stitch on 35 stitches. Five strips make one blanket, if you let me have your strips, they will be put together and have a crochet border. But make sure that you start the different colour always on the same edge and weave the ends into the back of the strip.

If you cannot come to the social knitting time at my home on the second Monday morning of each month and/or the Tuesday afternoon following, put your knitting in a bag on my back doorstep with your name and telephone number.

Our dates for this month are

Monday **8th May** from 10.30am

Tuesday **9th May** from 2.30pm

Both at 18 Karen Close with coffee, tea, nibbles and of course chat. If you prefer an evening meeting, please phone me. *Barbara Paige 01275 463131*

St Andrew's Art Group

Open Evening - 29th June 2023

The Art Group is holding an Open Evening on **Thursday 29th June** in St Andrew's Church House, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Our charity this year is Great Western Air Ambulance who are sending a speaker that evening. This is a lifesaving service with the helicopter being deployed for people in North Somerset. In fact, one was deployed for the husband of a member of the Art Group last May. Full details regarding tickets will be included in the June Village Magazine. Please keep this date free in your diaries. Many thanks. *Jill Hobday*

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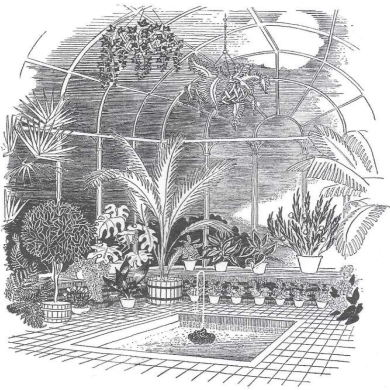
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Backwell School News

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Exchange Visits

This year we are delighted to welcome back our exchange programmes for those studying French (Year 9 and 10) and German (Year 10). Backwell School is very lucky to have built relationships with schools in Dinan, Brittany, and Freising in Germany, over the years and these language exchanges provide an excellent opportunity for our students to develop their language skills in a real-life context and to experience staying with a French or German family.

Students from Collège Broussais (France) and Camerloher Gynasium (Germany) spent a week here at Backwell School, at the end of March, staying with our students and their families. They attended lessons at school as well a number of exciting day trips to Bath and Bristol. The French Exchange students benefited from an extra 24 hours in Backwell due to a cancellation of their return ferry. Host families were all very gracious and quickly sprang into action for the extra days care and accommodation.

We find that these language exchanges can have a wider impact on those who take part in helping to develop a deeper understanding of similarities and differences, as well as shaping more positive, open and tolerant attitudes. In the past students have also benefited from increased self-confidence.

Backwell Students will be heading out on the 'away leg' of the French Exchange in June and the German Exchange in July.

Next year we hope to run exchanges to our connections in Spain as well (this was not possible this year due to different COVID-19 restrictions in Spain when planning took place) **However** we have had some exciting extra curriculum activities happening in Spanish.....

Science Lessons in Spanish!

Year 9 Spanish students had two extra special Spanish/Science lessons. Scientists and Spanish lecturers from Bristol University came to the school to teach a Science lesson totally in Spanish.

The microbiology lesson was on the topic of "How clean is your school?" It was a practical lesson featuring two experiments. One involved students taking swabs from around the school site and growing the microbes collected in petri dishes. After a week a follow up lesson was held looking at what microbes and bacteria had grown. Luckily the results showed the school was not *too* filthy or full of germs! The students involved had a brilliant time and really enjoyed their 'two lessons in one'. Thank you to Bristol University for offering this project to us.



Spring Concert

Some of you may have attended our Spring Concert (end of March). Our Theatre was packed out with an audience of just under 300 people, whose enjoyment of the eclectic high-quality programme was clearly evident. There were performers from Year 13 (some making the last of many memorable appearances on the Backwell stage) to Year 7, clearly on course to make their own wonderful musical memories over the next few years. From 'Amazing Grace' to 'Zombie' the song choices illustrated the A to Z of musical genres, often arranged skilfully by the Music Department to fit perfectly the range of instrumentation offered by the pupils.

Thanks so much to all involved, including our brilliant Music Department for the organisation, and also the BSA for providing refreshments and raising vital funds for the school.

Rugby Success

Congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby squad who tied in the Somerset County Cup.

The final of the tournament ended in a 12-12 draw between Backwell School and Churchill School meaning both schools can celebrate the title this year.

Key Dates

Friday **12th May** – Final Day for Year 11 (GCSE study leave begins)

Friday **26th May** – Non-Uniform Day for the Backwell School Association (BSA)

Friday **26th May** – last day of Term 5

Monday **5th June** – Start of Term 6

Mrs Capel-Davies, Headteacher's PA

Backwell Probus Club

We have had two meetings since the last report, The first was by Mike Britton, who gave an illustrated talk on Bedminster Part 2 detailing the development of Bedminster street by street and highlighting some of the interesting buildings there, many of which have now gone. The second talk was "Klaus Fuchs -Atomic Spy" by member Doug Thompson. He detailed an interesting story of Fuchs' life from Germany in the 1930's to English University becoming naturalised and being a communist gave away atomic secrets for which he was imprisoned.

In May we have two interesting talks, "The Industrial & Fine Arts Exhibition in Central Bristol in 1893" and "A Through Ticket to New York", so do look us up 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

Nailsea & District Local History Society

Meets at Nailsea School at 7.45pm on **8th May**

This month Yvonne Bell gives the talk -

"Grandma's Garden - The Edwardian Garden"

Backwell Scout News

Tuesday Beavers

This term they have been working towards their Personal Challenge Award and were given two challenges to complete. One was set by the leaders and one they decided themselves to complete at home. We have been really impressed with the variety of challenges completed as well as the skills and commitment shown. The challenges have included attending gymnastics competitions, joining new sports clubs, trying to eat new foods, tying shoelaces, learning a new instrument, emptying the dishwasher and much more. Amazing work by everyone and lots of new life skills learned. We are now getting very excited about the summer term and being able to run our session outdoors again after Easter. Lots of exploring and outdoor adventuring coming up....

Hanne

Thursday Beavers

They held a charity cake sale on Saturday 25th March on the Playing Fields. The sale was really well attended, with plenty of hungry and muddy footballers in attendance. We raised £210 which has been split between the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal and the British Red Cross Ukraine appeal. Thanks for the support - the Beavers really enjoyed running the event.

Jeff

Monday Cubs.

They have been stargazing, learning about space exploration, constellations, planets and the sun and moon. Despite many wet evenings, camp skills were practiced - here's hoping that these are remembered at summer camp. The rain and wind didn't dampen spirits on our hike from Clevedon. The term ended with a dry evening, making bug hotels and hearing about some of the more secretive mammals in our local woods.

Helen - Akela

Tuesday Scouts

It was the last weekend in March which means Spring is on the way and it was time for our first hill walking day in the Brecon Beacons. A long journey into Wales saw half a dozen of our older Scouts plus two leaders (and Chester the dog) safely deposited in Llanfrynach (famed for its all year open public conveniences - very useful).

The day's walk took in the high point of Fan y Bîg at 2352 feet (717 metres) as well as the ridge walks of Cefn Cyff and Rhiw Bwlch y Ddwyallt - a total distance of over 10 miles (16km).



Meanwhile the backup/rescue/transport crew of two had their own quest to find The Royal Oak in Pencelli for a well earned cooked lunch - no soggy sandwiches for them!

The day started out quite misty but cleared up after lunch and the expansive views into mid Wales soon appeared to wow the audience.

No visit to Fan y Bîg is complete without the mandatory pose on the 'Diving Board' (see below) - but no diving is allowed unless you want a severe headache...The day ended with the journey back home and the now traditional call in to Sub Zero for ice cream, a fitting end to a great day out.

Ian, Assistant Scout Leader

Explorers

It's been a busy and fun time of late for our Explorers. In March we attended the annual London Monopoly Run which is a great event with over 8,000 young people taking part. Our four teams did really well, getting around nearly all the properties and racking up good points from earned rent and chance cards.

Our Ten Tors participants went on two weekend training hikes on Exmoor and Dartmoor, both of which were pretty wet and cold experiences. All 28 had just one final training weekend and were looking forward to the event at the end of April on Dartmoor.

We wished them all much luck in the Gold, Silver or Bronze expeditions, in teams of six, as part of the 2,400 young people taking part.

Thanks, as always, to our trusty volunteers who gave up their time to deliver such a packed programme full of adventure and exciting opportunities to our members. (Full report on the event next month)

Iain Explorers Leader



Federation of West Leigh Infant & Backwell Junior School

West Leigh Infant School

WL Talent Show

Monday 27th March was the final of the West Leigh Talent Show. Throughout Terms 4 and 5, the School Council had been working hard with organising the event and their final challenge was to present the show. They presented with confidence and professionalism and Miss Hiscocks was very proud of them all.

The finalists also performed with confidence and wowed the West Leigh audience. Our panel of judges was amazed by all the talent and found it very challenging to choose a winner. After lots of deliberating, the results were in and Mr Webster presented the medals.

A huge well done to everyone who auditioned for the talent show as well as our finalists and School Council. What a great way to celebrate the end of Term 4. Happy Easter from Miss Hiscocks and the School Council.

School and British Value Champions

Each term, we have a focus School Value and a focus British Value to learn about. This term we have been learning about Responsibility and Tolerance. Once we have learnt what these values mean, we try our best to demonstrate these values whenever we can in school. We demonstrated Responsibility by being responsible for our school community by keeping it tidy and showed responsibility towards ourselves by keeping clean and healthy as well as talking about our feelings. We demonstrated Tolerance by accepting others just the way that they are and by celebrating differences. At the end of the term, Miss Hiscocks asked our teachers who had been a champion in demonstrating these values and they were rewarded with a special certificate and a photo has been displayed on the School and British Value Champions board in school. Congratulations to our champions of this term:
Responsibility = Cassian, Evangeline, Yahya, Isla, Rowan and Anais.

Tolerance = Hattie, Matilde, Freddie, Lucille, Arabella and Ezra.

Congratulations and well done everyone!

Backwell Junior School

BJS - School Council News

School council wanted to do something to help those affected by the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. They sprang into action and organised a 'Penny in the Jar' event. All classes made a great effort collecting loose change but 4JC were the winning class, filling their jar first and collecting the most money along the way. After much counting - and recounting by Mrs Gardner- our final total was £200 which has been sent off to the disaster appeal. An amazing amount. Thank you to everyone.

Backwell's Second Saturday Fair Trade Café May 13th Backwell Parish Hall 10.00am to 12.00

Come along to Backwell's Fair Trade Café and enjoy the excellent Fair Trade coffee and tea as well as some delicious home baked pastries and biscuits.

The bulk-buy Grub Club will provide its usual 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.

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

This month there will also be a sale of plants and seedlings by Anne Morley.

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

Reluctantly and after many years and for reasons we are all too familiar with, the Fair Trade Café is having to put up its prices. Coffee will from this month cost £1.50 but with free refills. Coffee and a pastry will be £2, again with free refills.

North Somerset Quilters will be meeting on **Friday May 19th** at 7.30pm at the W.I. Hall in Station Rd., Backwell BS48 3QW.

We will be welcoming Anne Underhill with her talk - "My Quilts and the Techniques I Have Learned" Our Trader for the evening will be Mark Pickles. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Visitors are welcome at a cost of £6 on the door.

For more information Tel. 01275 463119

This will be the last meeting before our summer break.

Our programme will recommence on Friday **September 15th** with Sally Hutson's talk.... "Old to New Work from Old Inspiration". The trader will be StitchyWooWoo

Yatton Music Society Concert,

Saturday 20th May

St Mary's Church 7.30pm

Yatton Music Society's final concert of their spring season will be a welcome return of the brilliant Kramer Durcan Duo. Nichols Durcan will accompany violinist Miriam Kramer on the piano and organ and their music will include popular music from the classical composers and Gershwin. Tickets on the door £10, concert details on the YMS website www.yms.org.uk.



Backwell Environment Trust (BET)

owns and manages 22 acres of nature reserves high on the hill above the village of Backwell. Unfortunately, in line with the rest of North Somerset, we have a very high incidence of ash dieback disease which is having a severe effect on the health of our ash trees.

Ash trees are common in woodland and non-woodland settings. They make up 12% of Great Britain's broadleaved woodland and are often found in parks, gardens, hedgerows and roadside margins.

Ash dieback is a fungal disease affecting the common ash tree. It is caused by a fungus called *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* which is native to eastern Asia. The disease was first identified in England in 2012, although research has shown that it is likely to have been present since at least 2005. There is no treatment for the disease and in the coming years a high proportion of infected trees will, almost certainly, die and collapse.

The rapid decline of our ash trees has meant that the Trust has had to reluctantly embark on a felling programme of the most infected trees close to houses, roads and footpaths. Employing experienced tree surgeons to carry out this work is undoubtedly expensive and so BET has teamed up with a local firewood supplier (Backwell Logs) to share costs.

However, the steep, narrow terrain of the nature reserves makes any timber extraction a very challenging prospect and so the only real solution was to use heavy horses for the task.

And so two French Percheron heavy horses started work in the woodlands during Easter and will continue as the weather allows. It has been truly amazing to see just how easily the horses have moved such heavy loads. Once hitched to a massive trunk they use their immense pulling power to get the log moving with no hesitation and then drag it along at a very fast walking pace.

It has been simply fabulous to be able to use such a very eco-friendly, traditional approach to extracting timber from the woodlands and they have been the perfect solution to cope with the difficult terrain and narrow paths.



More information on our website

<https://www.backwellenvironmenttrust.org/?view=article&id=143:working-horses&catid=21>

Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th May

Help dreams come true! Around the world, soaring costs of food and essentials are crushing dreams, keeping people in desperate poverty. In Malawi, food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price. The climate crisis means farmers are struggling to survive. Devasted by droughts, floods and storms, harvests fail. However, we can celebrate how these farmers are transforming their livelihoods using the humble, but mighty, pigeon pea – a drought resistant, soil-revitalising, high protein delicious crop.

However, recently Cyclone Freddy hit Malawi and washed away their crops during the critical growing season. Over 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds lost their lives.

Join the Big Pea Challenge by visiting caweek.org/BigPea and spread a little Hap-Pea-Ness this May!

Look out for the Christian Aid envelope which will be delivered to every household. Please return this to Parker's Estate Agents, and **please be generous**.

If you can help by delivering envelopes in your road, please contact Julie on ratcliffedj@btinternet.com Thank you.

Coronation weekend

Friday 5th May:

7.00-7.30pm Prayers for the King, St Andrew's

Saturday 6th May

8.30 - 11.00am Backwell Coronation Morning,
Parish Hall

Sunday 7th May:

9.15am Holy Communion with
celebration of the Coronation
St Bridget's

10.45am All-together Communion with
celebration of the Coronation
St Andrew's

2.00pm Full Bell Peal, St Andrew's

4.00pm Afternoon Tea, Church House

5.30pm Coronation Songs of Praise
St Andrew's

Monday 8th May:

11.00-3.00 Churches Together Coronation
Rewilding & Tower Open Event

St Andrew's
Events at the Bowls Club and in the
Playing Fields



West Backwell Bowling Club
A Right Royal Tea Party with a Right Royal Heritage
Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2.00-5.00pm

This special Coronation event is for all the family. Given the noble heritage of bowls, it seems only fitting that West Backwell Bowling Club is the perfect venue for a celebration. King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla have joined a long list of regal bowling enthusiasts including King James I, Anne Boleyn to Queen Victoria. Queen Elizabeth II was Patron of Bowls England and known to visit the Royal Household green at Windsor. (The Club is playing a match there in June). Although the original sport of

Kings, there was a time when lawn bowls was restricted by royal decree to noblemen. Luckily for the Backwell Coronation event, there is no restriction to attendance and certainly no loss of heads. Instead, everyone is invited to the most social of occasions, with free refreshments fit for the King, some fun bowling activities on the green, and indoor games and carpet bowls.

Our Club is open for the enjoyment of all. You can have a go at bowls, play games inside, eat cake and enjoy tea and drinks on the terrace, or do all three. You will definitely get a right Royal welcome.

Thrive with Bowls. A game for everyone and you're invited. We welcome new members.

There is a good social programme, and Club Night every Friday, with BBQ.

Try bowls, Tuesdays Pop Along at 6.00pm, meet fellow beginners. It will be run by coaches and our beginners from last year – so they know exactly what it is like to start something new.

If you would like more information, please contact Bob Bees, email: wbbcsecretaryinternal@outlook.com

The bowling Club is situated in the Recreation Ground on the A370, postcode BS48 3HQ.

Backwell Celebrates the King's Coronation

A community event is being organised by Backwell Churches Together to celebrate the King's Coronation. The bank holiday Monday after the coronation (**May 8th**) has been designated "The Big Help Out" and it's an opportunity for us all to get together to commemorate this occasion.

The event will take place between 11.00am and 3.00pm at St Andrew's Church (inside if wet). Everyone is invited to bring their own picnic and light refreshments will also be provided. There will be a treasure hunt for the kids – with the opportunity to dig for buried treasure at the end. The adults can help out by planting a small coronation rose garden or getting involved in rewilding part of the church-yard – bring your own spade. The bell ringers will also be there and will be hosting small parties of people up the church tower. Fifteen people at a time, the tours will take place at 1.00, 1.45 & 2.30pm. Bellringers will be demonstrating six bells ringing in the English way. People wanting to go up the tower will need to be fit as there are 135 steps.

For more information, email Backwellbaptist@gmail.com



Backwell Playing Fields Charity

We invite you to our Volunteer Day on **Monday 8th May**, part of "The Big Help Out" in celebration of the King's Coronation... we'll meet at 9.30am at the Rodney Road and provide mid-morning refreshments along with snacks to accompany a BYO picnic lunch. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for gardening/painting/cleaning. Jobs include painting the silver climbing frame, relaying the matting at the zip wire and constructing a leaf-mulch store. Hope to see you there, visit backwellplayingfields.org for more information.

Backwell District Girlguiding

The launch of Girlguiding's new branding gives us the opportunity to showcase Girlguiding both locally and nationally. The symbol that brings us all together in Girlguiding is the trefoil, and it has changed too. The new design has been created to represent and retain our heritage, while being modern and easy to use.



Each part of the trefoil has a meaning.

- The three leaves represent a part of the promise:
 - Self: being true to myself and developing my beliefs
 - Others: serving the King and my community and helping other people
 - Keeping the Guide law
- The guiding star represents the Guide law.
- The 2 Gs represent Girlguiding and are a reference to earlier versions of our trefoil.
- The stem of the trefoil points forwards and towards the guiding star, showing the direction members are always going in.

Our new brand purpose is "We help all girls know they can do anything" – this and describes exactly what we do.

- **We help:** shows that we are a supportive organisation. Using 'we' highlights importance of togetherness and belonging.
- **All girls:** we are an inclusive organisation, and everything we do aims to bring the guiding experience to as many girls as we possibly can. It reinforces the community that powers Girlguiding.
- **Know:** this reflects the courage and confidence of what we offer to girls.
- **They can do anything:** 'do' is active and is about participation and the attitude of trying new things. Both the activities we offer week in week out, and also a mindset that they can take out into the world, a way of seeing that there are hundreds of possibilities waiting for them to get stuck into.

Here in Backwell District we operate three units – Rainbows and Brownies, which meet at the Scout and Guide HQ in Rodney Road, and Guides that meet in Cleeve Village Hall. This rolling programme enables our girls to enjoy the benefits of Girlguiding from the age of 4 all the way through to 15.

Rainbows – Backwell Rainbows meet every month, on the first Sunday. In our monthly meetings the Rainbows do fun activities, play games and earn skill builder badges - learning and developing many life skills. We are delighted to celebrate Chloe receiving her GOLD Award last month.

Brownies – Backwell Brownies meet every Wednesday during term time. In addition to getting skill builder badges, the Brownies are currently looking forward to an adventure weekend at PGL, where they will be encouraged to try all sorts of activities.

Guides – Cleeve Guide meet up every Wednesday too. It's a place where they can develop new skills and try new activities, along with a few old favourites. This year we've been learning first aid skills.

None of these exciting adventures could take place without the brilliant teams of volunteers who assist at all levels of Girlguiding.

To help us ensure that Girlguiding flourishes and grows in the Backwell District, we need more help and support. No matter how much time you have to give there is an opportunity for you!

If you would like some more information or just want to help in some way, please go to the Girlguiding website and register your interest <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>

Or visit the Girlguiding Wraxall facebook page or email backwell.district@gmail.com and we'll be in touch very soon.

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Rotary Bookstall

Saturday 18th March saw the return of Rotary, Nailsea and Backwell's ever-popular bookstall outside the Waitrose store in Nailsea. In four hours, the stall raised £327.70 which will go to the Water Survival Box charity for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Response. Rotary wishes to thank the helpers, the book donors and particularly the local people who were as supportive as ever. Date of next stall **17th June 2023**, same place, 9.00am to 1.00pm



Nailsea Charity Walks & Runs

The twelfth Nailsea Charity Walks & Runs, organised by Rotary Nailsea & Backwell, takes place on **Sunday 11th June**. This is a great opportunity to support your favourite charity by getting sponsorship to walk, or run, 5K, 10K or 20K. The event is based at the Scotch Horn Centre in Nailsea and if 11th June doesn't suit you, you can do your walk or run at any time until the end of July.

Charity incomes have been hit with a double whammy, first the pandemic caused a halt to fundraising and now the current increase in costs of all kinds is causing great hardship, hindering their ability to provide their services. They desperately need our support. So, we are challenging the community to put out another record number of people in 2023 and to raise a record amount of money. The event is suitable for all ages and level of fitness with the shortest walk being suitable for disability vehicles and pushchairs / strollers whereas we challenge the fittest to run the 20K, as several have done in recent years.

For full details, including how to register to take part, go to <https://bit.ly/NailseaWalks>. Any queries can be addressed to Bob Keightley at RotaryNailseaWalks@outlook.com.

The Meeting Point

The schedule for lunches this month in the Parish Hall begins with soup on **2nd May at 1.00pm**. If you've not been before, come with a friend or come along with one of our regulars. The next two-course lunch is on **16th May at 1.00pm**. Please do book by 9th May to ensure we have catered for you.



You can be assured of a warm welcome any Tuesday whether you come to one of our scheduled sessions or simply drop in for a coffee and some home-made cake. There's also a lively group taking time out whilst children are taking their dance class next door after school. Coffee and tea are available any Tuesday, between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

The Sitting Fit Yoga sessions of seated exercises are on their normal schedule of **11.00 to 12.00** for the first four Tuesdays of May, but not **30th May**, during half-term. This large and very sociable group begin arriving from 10.30 for coffee before Nina starts her class, so a chance to catch up with news.

Sorry, but Tuesday Break won't be happening on 30th May in the half-term break as many of our volunteers are themselves on holiday.

Continuing on **23rd May**, our digital / tech advice sessions will include help with using the **NHS app** on your phone, tablet or i-Pad. Bring your smartphone, laptop or other device on the fourth Tuesday of the month from **11.00** and we'll do our best to help.

This month the usual **Communion** service will be held on **2nd May at 12.15**. All are welcome to this very informal gathering.

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

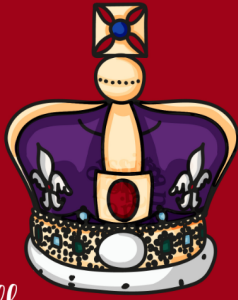
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Backwell Parish Council



Backwell Coronation Morning

Saturday 6th May

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Backwell & Nailsea Support Group for Carers

Inviting all carers to join us on **Wednesday 3rd May** at the WI Hall, Backwell crossroads, Backwell from 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Speaker: Mr Michael Pratt

Subject: "My Travel Experiences"

Come and join us for support, friendship, entertainment and a short respite from your caring role. New carers, any age or gender, always welcome.

Beverley Cook

Nailsea District Leg Club

Looking for an (almost) new handbag, then be sure to visit the now-famous handbag stall on **Saturday 20th May** outside Waitrose, there'll be bargains aplenty. Formerly run by local Rotarians, they handed the 'straps' to Leg Club last year, and this will be the second we've run to keep up the vital funds to help us continue providing what we do every Wednesday morning at Nailsea Tithe Barn. Should you have any donations (empty and in good condition please), 65 High Street are kindly accepting donations on our behalf.

If you have any lower leg issues, Leg Club clinic is open to all providing you're registered with Tyntesfield Medical Group. Treatment and advice is given by our great nursing team, and appointments must still be made by calling your local surgery (TMG). Refreshments and friendly chat are given by the lovely volunteers, in Nailsea Tithe Barn every Wednesday 10.30am – 12.00 noon. Call Carole Brooke 07954 302498 or Sandy Riley 01275 853547 for more information regarding any of the above.



Backwell Garden Club

The May meeting of the Garden Club is on **Wednesday 17th May** when Carl Woodman will give a talk entitled 'Trug Making by a miserable old Trugger.' The Club meets every third Wednesday of each month at 1.45pm for 2.00pm in the WI Hall, Station Road, Backwell.

We are pleased to welcome new members so if you are interested in gardening come along. Further information regarding the club please contact Robin Langford on 01275 855822 Or email rlangford64@gmail.com

Backwell & Nailsea Macular Support

On **Wednesday 31st May**, the subject of our speaker will be Talking Newspapers. This is a voluntary service for poorly sighted people to keep up-to-date with local news every week.

We welcome anyone who is interested; please come! We meet in Backwell W.I. Hall at 1.30pm. More information from Sheila at 01275 462107.

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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. Parkinson's Local Adviser Caroline Craig will attend the meeting on **Saturday 13th May** to give a talk and answer queries. How about coming 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.

St. Andrew's Ladies Group

On March 13th Bridget Petty, the Green Party Councillor for Backwell, came to talk to us. She outlined the Party's forward-looking proposed policies for improving our local environment. Our members welcomed this opportunity to explore these ideas and, needless to say, the Councillor was pleased to answer the many questions that followed her talk.

On April 3rd Timi Booy, the St .Andrew's Church Children's worker, gave the Group an amusing and informative talk about her life and experiences leading up to her work here with the children in Backwell. We are, indeed, fortunate to have in our midst someone who has brought so many talents for the benefit of our community.

Diary Dates

May 22nd Peter Lamb will give a talk about his early days in Plymouth.

St Andrew's MU

Fair Trade was the subject at our branch meeting. Jane tested our knowledge of it with a quiz, which meant we learned a lot more about it. It was a fun afternoon as well as informative.

Four new members were enrolled at the Wednesday mid-day communion service.

It is the Deanery of Portishead MU's turn to lead Cathedral Prayers, the theme is; Praying the Lord's Prayer.

Dates for May

Thursday 18th 11.30am Cathedral Prayers at Wells

Tuesday 23rd 2.15pm Branch meeting,

Speaker:- Bethany Lee from 'Unseen' -

Subject :- Modern Day Slavery



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Backwell Baptist Church Services in May at 10.30am

7th (Café-style and Communion).
Preacher: Tim Crossley
Service Leader: Ann Lewis
Theme: Equipped to Serve: Lessons we can learn from biblical characters.

14th Preacher: Josh Howard
Service leader: Tim Crossley
Theme: Equipped to Serve: Lessons we can learn from biblical characters.

21st Preacher: Tim Crossley
Service leader: Dave Nicklen
Theme: Bless the Community: Lessons we can learn from biblical characters.

28th Preacher: Tim Crossley
Service Leader: Dawn Jefferies
Theme: Bless the Community: Lessons we can learn from biblical characters.

Christians Together In & around Backwell

Open the Book

Wednesday mornings at West Leigh Infants School

3rd Ruth and Boaz
17th David and Goliath

Backwell Christian Fellowship

2.30pm at Lawnside, May dates

3rd Tony Powell (Homeless Centre)
17th Robert Dungy (MAFF)
31st Jean Balcombe

Prayer Watch

In May, the group will join the Time of Prayer for the King, on **Friday 5th May**, at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church.

Next Prayer group meeting is at West Town 7.45pm on **5th June**

Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8th May

11.00 – 3.00pm St Andrew's. Will include a treasure hunt for kids, digging a small coronation garden, & creating a wildflower area. Bring a picnic and enjoy chatting.

News from St Francis

The season of Easter continues through the month moving towards Pentecost.

In St Francis (as do all Catholic Churches) May is a month devoted to Mary the mother of Christ. We remember her in all Masses.

Parishioners will be thinking and praying for King Charles III as he's crowned in Westminster Abbey on May 6th.

All Masses continue to be Live streamed. Please see website <https://www.josephfrancis.org/>

West Town Methodist Church May Sunday Services, at 10.30 am.

7th Jean Balcombe

14th Revd Deborah Mallett **Communion**

21st Heather Bentley

28th Preben Andersen

Ready Teddy Sing for parents and toddlers Tuesday mornings 10.00 – 12.00 noon. Play, story, songs, craft and café led by our Families' Worker Patty Lou Bryant.

Fellowship Group Wednesday 3rd and 17th May at 10.30 am, at 53 Oakleigh Close. All welcome

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 recently installed a large wall-mounted TV screen for audio visual presentations by agreement.

Contact Julie Ratcliffe on email: ratcliffedj@btinternet.com or 01275 463123

Coronation Tea Party

West Backwell Bowling Club are organising a fun family afternoon on Monday, **8th May** for all ages, 2.00-5.00pm, with indoor and outdoor activities, and cakes.

Choral Evensong at St Andrew's

I had only ever been to Choral Evensong once before we came to the South West and that was over fifty years ago when I was brass rubbing in a small village church, Westley Waterless, on the borders of Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. The vicar came in while we were on our hands and knees declaring it was time for the service, so we downed tools and started singing. I had no idea what was going on, but he was pretty complementary at the end.

When we moved to Backwell and later welcomed into the St Andrew's Church choir, some six years ago now, we were expected to take part in Evensong each Sunday. To begin with I found it, especially psalm singing, very challenging and somewhat alien. But something about the serenity of the service got under my skin. I find the harmony, rhythm and continuity of the settings so calming and comforting. I understand that they originated in medieval monastic practices, which were taken on into the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549 at the time of the Reformation. Choral Evensong has survived the Civil War of a century later, world wars, religious revivals and all the highs and lows of church history. It almost has an eternity about it.

Two weekends ago, on a rainy Saturday evening, we went to Choral Evensong in Magdalen College, Oxford. It is sung there every day. The young, largely male congregation was tightly packed. David and I increased the average age by somewhat. The choir, made up of college students, was superb. The service was gentle, peaceful, beautiful and transporting.

We can't be quite that amazing in St Andrew's but 5.00pm on the third Sunday of each month is going to remain a special time for me.

Ann Heymans

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

We begin this month with all the celebrations surrounding the Coronation of King Charles III, amongst which will be a service of celebration at St Andrew's on **7th May** at 10.45am and don't miss the Full Bell Peal rung at 2.00pm. Coronation Songs of Praise in the evening is preceded by tea at 4.00pm to which all are invited (please tell the office by 4th May if you plan to come). Last minute nominations of your favourite hymn or praise song, together with the reason why it's your favourite, to the Benefice Office by 3rd May please. We start though on Friday **5th May** at 7.00pm with Prayers for the King. On **8th May**, the Coronation Bank Holiday, you're welcome to come and help with creating a small coronation garden in the churchyard. Details are on page 12 -13.

On Thursday **18th May**, we are commemorating Jesus' Ascension with a service in the evening at St Andrew's. This is followed by Pentecost at the end of the month, marking the gift of the Holy Spirit to all Jesus' followers and the birthday of the church. You're very welcome at these significant events in the church's year. At around the same time, Christian Aid Week takes place, this year from **14th to 20th May**. There will be opportunities around the village to help the charity bring life in all its fullness to our brothers and sisters in less affluent parts of the world.

Pentecost also marks the end of our extended sermon series "It's all about...", when we have been exploring the basics of our Christian faith and thinking more deeply about what this means for each of us. The final part is Mission – Making Disciples. If you have missed any of the recordings or texts of the sermons, please let us know so we can send you what you need. We also plan to reflect back over the series next month.

The prayer breakfast this month is on **20th May** at 9.00am at St Andrew's. It's a time for fellowship and prayer together in the company of a bacon or veggie roll and some good coffee. To help with catering, please let the office know you are coming by Thursday 18th May.

Services at St Bridget's return to their usual pattern as we follow through the events of the Easter season, and also include a Coronation Celebration of **7th May**.

With Easter greetings, Martin Canning

St Andrew's Church	Sundays in May	St Bridget's Church
	Easter 5	
7th 10.45am Celebration of King Charles III 5.30pm Coronation Songs of Praise		7th 9.15am Holy Communion Coronation Celebration
	Easter 6	
14th 9.15am Sung Eucharist		14th 9.15am Morning Worship
	Ascension Day	
18th Thursday 7.30pm Sung Eucharist	Easter 7	
21st 10.45am Informal worship with Communion		21st 9.15am Holy Communion

Pentecost **28th**
9.15am Said Communion (BCP)
10.45am Informal worship



Benefice Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals in March 2023

St Andrew's Church
3rd Michael Scholes, internment of ashes
25th Colin Comrie, internment of ashes
28th Funeral of Chris Sutton
30th Funeral of Tony Taylor

St Andrew's Charity this quarter, which we are supporting because of their help with our work in Backwell Junior School.....



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**In March we will be praying for people living and working in
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communities to enrich spiritual aspects of school life in ways that are appropriate to the school's ethos and the broader educational context.

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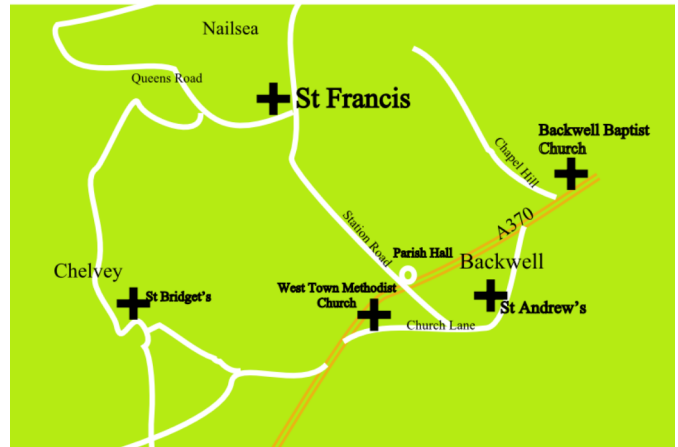
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