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## Moving On

When Timi and I were planning the service for the Year 6's at Backwell Junior School at the end of this last academic year, we looked at some of the aspects that are important to reflect on as you go somewhere new. I think this is something that, as I prepare to leave this place and start a new role at Bath Spa University as their Chaplain, I am trying to do:

There have been many great times that I'll always remember, moments that will stay with me forever, captured as if on a postcard sent to a loved one. One of these was celebrating Easter Day down by the lake and hearing and seeing the dawn chorus.

I also know that there have been times when things got in a mess and I've needed to clean up and to say sorry, and to forgive or to leave behind regrets about things that didn't go as I'd hoped. It's important to recognise these and learn from them.

As time goes by, I know I will make new mistakes, so I hope that I can continue to bring these things into God's hands and choose to let go, so I can walk in His freedom that He has already given to us.



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But we have achieved so much together here since I came to Backwell in July 2019.

- you have supported having a children's worker in the Parish.
- We have begun a parent and toddler group on a Sunday which has gone from 4 children to being oversubscribed.
- We have an ante natal course designed specifically by a Christian obstetrician for use in churches, which runs three times a year.
- We have managed to find a way to allow differing styles of worship to share the same space.
- a band that leads our worship for the more informal services alongside our robed choir for the traditional services
- Morning prayer is still happening on Zoom.
- We can live stream services.
- A children's choir meets after school to sing and have fun (see page 12)
- **We have survived Covid together.**

I hope these projects will flourish and there will be more to add to this list.

When I arrived, I took you all into my heart. I am leaving having worked & worshipped with you, with your love in my heart.

Peter & I will both be sad to leave but know we must return home to Bath & be there for the family.

*Rev Katy*



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## Backwell Parish Council – August Meeting

At the August meeting of the Parish Council, it was noted that there are currently five Councillor vacancies. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk.

A representative of Backwell Residents Association addressed the Council regarding the request by Taylor Wimpey to NSC for a formal scoping opinion on land at Grove Farm. They asked that BPC organise a meeting of its working party to discuss this, along with the draft local plan in relation to Backwell. The (acting) chair, Cllr Karen Barclay advised that a meeting of the working party would be arranged to discuss these matters.

Cllr Barclay advised Councillors that a letter had been received from NSC regarding a woodland expansion scheme, funded by Defra, to increase tree planting across the district with a view to improving open spaces and facilitate easier public access to trees. Cllr Horton undertook to liaise with the Clerk to investigate any land within the village that could be used to further the project.

### Planning

Councillors were told that there was no further information regarding the developments at Rodney Road and Farleigh Fields. Councillors will continue to meet with the Developers to ensure that the views of residents continue to be heard.

Councillors heard that a planning application had been received by NSC regarding the 'Gleeson' proposal to build on land to the south of Nailsea, which would affect Backwell residents in Station Close and Station Road. Working with BRA and Nailsea Town Council, a joint response had been submitted strongly objecting to the application. Copies of the response are available at the BPC Office in Rodney Road and should also appear on the NSC website ref 23/P/1145/OUT – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

Councillors were invited to comment on a planning application at 34 Church Town (23/P/1408/FUH). Whilst not raising objections, Councillors were concerned about access to the site and its proximity to the rear of Backwell Junior School and the Recycling Centre. Councillors asked that the NSC Planning Officer carry out several visits at different times of day to assess the situation.

### Other business

Cllr Power submitted a report concerning a possible Service Level Agreement with Nailsea and District Community Transport with regard to the service they provide to local residents. Councillors agreed that she should pursue this possibility and report back with more details at the September meeting.

The next meeting of the full Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September** at the Parish Hall. All are very welcome to attend.



## Front Cover Story

The photo on the front cover this month features Simon and Liv-Marie Kodurand outside St Andrew's Church. This Brockley based couple are organising The Somerset International Festival of the Arts. Learn more on page 13.

## The Meeting Point

A huge Thank You to all who helped support our summer Holiday Action programme, and to the external providers of a super range of activities. We hope all the children who came enjoyed the variety of sessions and we thank Backwell Parish Council for their support. It was lovely to welcome some of the families to lunch as well on two of those weeks.



The Parish Hall kitchen refurbishment will overflow into September, so to the best of our knowledge, the soup lunch on **5<sup>th</sup> September** will still be in the **WI Hall at 1.00pm**, with the usual accompaniments. The next 2-course lunch is on **19<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm**, and we do ask for bookings for this one by 12<sup>th</sup> September please, to ensure we have catered for you.

Coffee and cake are available from 10.30 every week prior to the Sitting Fit Yoga sessions, which resume on **12<sup>th</sup> September**. Nina will be checking up on who's been following her exercises over the summer.

We won't be able to cater for the after-school crowd until we are back in the Parish Hall, so this is unlikely to happen before 12<sup>th</sup> September. However, we would love to see you all again whilst the ballet dancers enjoy their lessons.

This month the usual **Communion** service will be held on **5<sup>th</sup> September at 12.15**, also in the **WI Hall**. All are welcome to this very informal gathering.

**Volunteers needed.** Are you recently retired or just about to? Would you like to be involved in supporting the local Backwell community? The Meeting Point and its parent charity Backwell Life are seeking new volunteers and/or Trustees to continue the work we started 10 years ago. If you might be interested in helping us secure the future of our work, please get in touch by phone or e-mail.

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## Backwell School News End of Year at Backwell School Sports Award Evening

The PE Department organised a fabulous Sports Award evening on the last Tuesday of the Term. The achievements of a huge number of Backwell students, both in and outside school, were recognised in sports from fencing to taekwondo. The audience saw a very appropriate balance of emphasis on the value of endeavour, teamwork, leadership and participation against the celebration of sporting excellence.



### Sports Day

Finally, Sports Day went ahead – at the third time of asking and in perfect weather. Hundreds of students in Years 7-10 took part in at least one event, while no less important was the contribution of spectators who, with vibrant house colours and home-made banners, made the event a fantastic celebration. Sedgemoor were victorious and retained the Sports Day trophy for another year.

### Charity Fund-raising

There is rarely a week at Backwell where students are not involved in some kind of charity work, but the final week was exceptionally busy! The Staff held a coffee and cake afternoon which raised over £500 for Macmillan Cancer Research and Tommy's baby charity. Our non-uniform day raised around £1,000 for the Za Foundation, a long-standing charity partner of the school which works in South Africa supporting children and young people in Nkomazi. Additional charity funds were raised on Sports Day via a "tuck sale" and a donation from the Ice Cream Van.

### Term Dates and Inset days for this academic Year (2023-24)

**Term 1** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*(The first day back for Year 7 and Year 12 students is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

*All other students return on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September)*

**Term 2** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Term 3** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Term 4** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Term 5** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Term 6** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### Inset Days

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Federation of West Leigh Infant & Backwell Junior School

### West Leigh Infant School

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Fox and Hedgehog classes (Year 2, aged 7) visited the Aerospace Museum in Filton. The children had been learning about the history of aviation in their history lessons, so this was a great opportunity to see some of the aircraft they had learned about up close. At the museum, they got to explore Concorde, took part in a workshop where they worked in teams to build and test their own model Concorde, and even saw a giant model of Concorde made of chocolate! They also explored the museum and saw some amazing historic aircraft in the process of being restored.

In Reception, we had a very exciting term as we had some new arrivals. At the beginning of June, we were given 14 eggs from FarmLink which we kept in an incubator. After three weeks of being in the incubator, 10 chicks hatched from the eggs. We had a mixture of light Sussex chicks, and speckled Sussex chicks. The children were fascinated with them. They enjoyed watching them, looking after them, and most importantly, cuddling them. We kept the chicks for just over a week before they were picked up and taken to a farm in Devon where we hope they will live a lovely long life.



### Backwell Junior School

Year 6 had a fantastic time to finish last term, performing to the school and their parents. Their production of "Peter Pan" had the audience smiling and laughing and there were a few tears too. All the children of Year 6 worked as a team; learning lines, creating backdrops to be projected for scenery, painting props and finding amazing costumes to bring the story to life. From stage crew to Hook, from Wild Warriors to Tinkerbell, everyone played their part and the staff who worked with them were incredibly proud of their acting, their singing and their enthusiasm. Well done Year 6.

### Diary dates

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September—Inset Day (both schools closed to pupils)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September—Inset Day (both schools closed to pupils)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September—Start of Term 1

## Backwell Residents Association

We hope everyone will be able to enjoy some good weather in September and October, after our very strange summer!

There is currently much uncertainty regarding housing targets at the national level, but applications are still being made by developers, whilst actual building has slowed down! A common theme for all sites in and near Backwell is our inadequate road system. We thought residents would appreciate a reminder of the current status of applications.

Location	Houses	Status	Comment
Farleigh Fields	119	NSC Approved	Persimmon in no rush to start building
Rodney Road (Scout Hut)	65	NSC Approved	Serious issues remain with the access etc
Even Keel, Moor Lane	35	Awaiting NSC decision	Developer has reduced total from 55 houses
Backwell Motors	7	Awaiting NSC decision	Part business, part residential
Ex MICA site	4	NSC Refused	Owner reviewing (site on market)
Gleeson (near Backwell Lake)	400	Speculative	Planning application submitted
Land East of Backwell	500	In previous draft Local Plan	In Green Belt
Grove Farm, West of Backwell	515	In previous draft Local Plan	Planning application expected

**Gleeson** This proposal involves a new junction on Station Road near the Lake entrance, and there are significant flooding concerns. A comprehensive, 13-page, letter of objection has been sent to NSC on behalf of Backwell Parish Council, BRA, and Nailsea Town Council.

**Land East of Backwell** (beyond Backwell School Playing Fields) This is an important part of the Green Belt between Backwell and Bristol.

**Grove Farm** The current feeling is that this is the most likely development to reach the next stage of the NSC planning process. It will be vital that residents make their views known when the time comes to do so. Details of developments can be found on the BRA website, including the recent objection letter regarding the Gleeson proposal.

*From the BRA Committee*

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- ☺ Pick up a Map & List of **Freecycle addresses** around Backwell where people will leave free things at the end of their drives (9.00am-5.00pm) for anyone to take.

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If you would like your address to be on the Freecycle map and list, please either email [sustainablebackwell@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablebackwell@gmail.com) or phone Sarah on 01275 463978.

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On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Saint Andrews Children's Choir joined with The Backwell and Nailsea Ladies Choir and North Somerset community choir Evergreen Chorus in an early evening concert at St George's Hall, Bristol. The photo (© Dan Rowley) shows the children's choir being conducted by their musical director Katie Williams. Ann Heymans accompanied them on the piano.

**Music** abounds in and around Backwell this early autumn.

Read on to find ways to participate in or listen to quality music in our area

### Backwell and Nailsea Ladies Choir

Our Autumn term starts on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**; meeting at 1.15pm in Backwell WI Hall.

We will be learning a variety of music to sing at our Christmas concert which this year will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Our musical director is Katie Williams who has just completed her first year with us.

New members are most welcome. Please give me a call if you are interested on 07929 093888. We offer a free taster session so why not give it a try. We work hard but have fun as well.

*Lesley Barratt*

**Congresbury Singers** new term starts Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 @War Memorial Hall, Congresbury - new singers very welcome (no audition). For information please email [congresburysingers@gmail.com](mailto:congresburysingers@gmail.com) or ring 01934 838699



### Nailsea Concert Orchestra

is holding a Come and Play Day on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Nailsea Methodist Church. Players of all ages and experience are welcome to come along. Music will be selected from Holst The Planets, Overtures by Mozart and Beethoven and selections of film music. The cost is £10.00, and a sandwich lunch and drinks will be provided. Come and join us for a fun day of music making.

**St Andrew's Church Choir** is always keen to recruit new members. Ring the church office or email St Andrew's Choirmaster for more details.



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Our launch festival will take place between the **6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, presenting a series of events with leading international musicians including concerts, workshops and talks.

The festival opens with the musical imagery of Vivaldi's Seasons by Candlelight on Friday **6<sup>th</sup>**, a fun-filled Family Music Workshop morning on Saturday **7<sup>th</sup>**, an atmospheric evening of Film Classics of the Silver Screen on Saturday **7<sup>th</sup>**, an exhilarating concert of Argentine Tango Music by Candlelight on Sunday **8<sup>th</sup>**, and much, much more. Something for everyone!

Tickets are now on sale for all our events:

<https://www.somersetfestivalarts.co.uk/2023-festival>

We look forward to welcoming you to our 2023 festival.

*Simon and Liv-Marie Koduran*

## A little further afield....

### Yatton Music Society Autumn Concerts

Yatton Music Society is now in its 43rd year and continues to promote quality music in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Church. Our concerts include professional musicians, many with international reputations, and talented amateurs from the West Country. We believe in providing music for all tastes and for this year's Autumn season we are delighted to engage the brilliant French pianist Louis-Victor Bak to open our season. Further concerts this Autumn will include the superb Italian clarinetist Luca Luciano with the Japanese pianist Yuki Osedo, and the Winscombe based West Mendip Orchestra with our local piano protégé Joss Wort.

Louis-Victor's (pictured below) concert will start of 7.30pm on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**, ticket prices are £10 and the audience is assumed of a warm welcome with brilliant music from French composers and Beethoven's great and challenging "Appassionata" sonata.

Details of this concert and future events can be found on the society's website [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk) or contact David Ford [daford220@gmail.com](mailto:daford220@gmail.com), 01934 830255.

**Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Louis-Victor Bak (piano). 7.30pm,**  
**St Mary's Church, Yatton, Tickets £10,**  
 details: [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk)



## Backwell Scout News Monday and Thursday Cubs.

On the penultimate weekend of the summer term both Backwell Cub Packs headed to Glennywood Scout Campsite, near Portishead, for a weekend of fun. For many of the younger Cubs this was either their first time away without family, their first-time camping, or both. For the oldest Cubs, this was their last camp before moving up to Scouts. Some of the older ones took the opportunity to sleep in hammocks under tarps. Despite the weather being decidedly soggy an action-packed camp ensued. After breakfast on Saturday everyone set off for Go Ape in The Forest of Dean. All the Cubs and some of the adults had a wild time on the high ropes and zip wires. We used a hiatus due to electrical storms circling the site to have lunch. The fun continued once the weather improved.

On our return to Glennywood there was time for a few games and practice of songs and sketches for later. After dinner, spirits high as ever, despite incessant rain, the Cubs had a traditional campfire featuring traditional songs and silliness as we all enjoyed the entertainments the Cubs had prepared. Hot chocolate and cake ended the evening and a peaceful night followed.

Sunday morning began with a fried breakfast and packing up bags then giant Jenga indoors. As soon as the rain eased the Cubs were busy having fun doing outdoor activities, which included tunnel caving, grass slope sledging, go karts and ball games.

Camp closed around the fire with Cubs' Own where we reflected on a happy, if soggy, weekend with good friends. All the Cubs showed scouting spirit in approaching new activities and staying cheerful when the weather turned wet. We're proud of all of them.

The camp leaders would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who helped with tents, cooked meals, cleared up and cleaned. Your support enabled the leaders to provide a full weekend of activities.

*Helen – Monday Cubs Akela*

## Tuesday Scouts

They are enjoying their summer break while the leaders take a well-earned rest to reflect on the year past and look forward to planning for the year ahead. Although the Scouts are not meeting in



August, the leaders are still at the Scout Hut every Tuesday evening as we prepare for Summer Camp at the end of August- checking tents and equipment to ensure necessary repairs and purchases can be made before we set off. It promises to be another good week at a new (to us) Scout camp site at Harry's Island in The New Forest National Park. We will be kayaking, cycling, walking and hope to do some crabbing, visit an Aqua Park as well as the usual on-site activities, not forgetting the traditional Masterchef evening when the Scouts will cook for themselves, and the Leaders will over-indulge in something equally superb. Full reports will follow next month on this camp and the **South Korean Jamboree** where we had two Scouts attending - Douglas Hinton and Katie Cliffe. We understand from them both that, notwithstanding the UK Scout Association abandoning the site early, they had a good time. *Ian, Asst Scout Leader*

## Friday Scouts

We had a very wet but very successful week-long summer camp in Barnstable with 23 of our scouts at the end of July... Despite erecting all the tents in torrential rain, the scouts were



amazing. No one moaned and they got on with what needed doing and we made the most of the week. Highlights included, surfing, coasteering, shopping in Lidl for our MasterChef competition, a night hike, a taskmaster challenge, quiz and camp cadet making and an investiture on the beach on our one truly sunny day.

This was a perfect way to end our awesome summer term. Thank you so much to all the leaders who gave the time and energy to make this happen and to the scouts for making it so much fun.

*Lorraine Section Leader of Friday Scouts*

## Explorers – in Europe .

I am pleased to report that we all got back safe and well from our Explorer camp in Europe. 19 Explorers and 4 leaders took part in their first overseas camp at the end of July which saw them leave on 21<sup>st</sup> July for Amsterdam. After a brief visit we got on our first train and experienced the joys of Interrailing through Europe, being able to sit back and watch the world go by and still getting to see some of the country we were passing through. Our second destination was Berlin where we checked in to our youth hostel and rested up after a long day of travelling. The next day was spent visiting the Brandenburg Gate, climbing the Reichstag Tower, experiencing the labyrinth of the Jewish memorial, and following the route of the Berlin Wall, seeing Checkpoint Charlie and learning much of its history and the events surrounding it. Day 5 saw us boarding another train, this time to Prague in the Czeck Republic. On arrival we took the opportunity of a lovely evening to visit the castle and wander the streets of the Old Town. The beauty of the buildings and atmosphere were an instant hit with all. During our two days stay we did plenty of exploring as well as having an action-packed day with zorb football, paintballing and human darts.

Leaving Prague we headed further south into Slovakia to the capital of Bratislava, where we again explored, shopped, ate, swam and soaked up the atmosphere of this great city.

All-in-all a fantastic week was had by everyone, and our thanks go to leaders Iain, Graham, Laurence and Ian for giving their time and energy to putting on such a great camp. *Iain, Explorers Leader*



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## St Andrew's MU

We had a good afternoon hearing about members special holidays and days out, a nice social event before our break in August.

Members can subscribe to a monthly newsletter on the MU website, [mothersunion.org](http://mothersunion.org) and read about MU events and happenings worldwide. One article this month tells of an 85 year old MU member who travelled 400 miles on public transport, to raise funds for MU. She went from Newcastle to Sussex using 26 buses!

September is a busy month for us, see dates below.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm MU Deanery Service at All Saints church Wraxall . A time for members in the Deanery to worship together.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** MU Annual gathering in York

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** 12.00 noon Branch meeting, Harvest lunch.  
Speaker:- Rev'd Deborah Mallet - Trip to Israel.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** MU Deanery quiet day  
at St Andrew's Church Clevedon.

## Nailsea District Leg Club

Last month's information from Leg Club was a reminder as to what the ethos and purpose of Leg Club is all about, how and why it operates, staffing and funding, and hopefully it will have jogged some memories.

For those who aren't familiar with Leg Club, there are now new boards in each surgery waiting room which gives details of who, what, when and where we are. They can't be missed as they're bright blue with some information and wonderful photos.

Our nurses are now seeing an increasing number of members (patients) each Wednesday morning at Nailsea Tithe Barn, in turn freeing up some appointments at the surgeries. And of course, members who come to Leg Club, even if no treatment is needed, have the benefit of tea/coffee and a chat in very convivial, interesting and historic surroundings.

Anyone is welcome to drop in to find out more at Nailsea Tithe Barn on a Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30am

**STOP PRESS - we're holding a further handbag sale on Saturday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> September, outside Waitrose in Nailsea. Famous for the bargains to be found!**

## Knitting for Others

This month, our social "get-togethers" are as usual on the second Monday morning, followed by the Tuesday afternoon, therefore:-

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.30am

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** from 2.30pm

Unless you would prefer an evening, then phone me. We are still knitting for families, babies to older people and seafarers. Bundles of knitted contributions with your name and telephone number can be left on my back doorstep if I am not at home, or too slow for you to wait.  
*Barbara Paige (01275 463131)*

## Rotary Whist Drives

The Whist Drives organised by Rotary, Nailsea and Backwell, are now established as a local feature designed to lift the winter blues and provide opportunities for friendship and fun.

The next Rotary Whist Drive is at the Nailsea Tithe Barn on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September** from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. The cost is £3 which includes tea/coffee and a delicious home-made cake. So why not come along, bring some friends and enjoy some relaxing activity with like-minded people.

Future dates are **October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>**, all Thursdays.

Just turn up on any or all of those dates and be assured of a warm and welcoming reception.

## Backwell Probus Club Report

We have had two meetings since the last report, the first was entitled "A Brief History of Clocks & Watches" by Roy Schubert, which was certainly not brief, starting with ancient Sundials to modern time setting involving latitude around the Globe. Truly a fascinating talk. Our second talk on "Ffestiniog Railway" by Tim Maynard was very interesting because not only did we learn about its history but also of the newly recreated Welsh Highland Railway from Portmadoc to Caernarvon, which had been only recommissioned in 1992. Tim Maynard is Chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Ffestiniog Railway Society of which 20 members are volunteers on the two railways, which is amazing considering the distance involved.

In September we can look forward to "The Art of the Magician", and "The Myths & Legends of Sabrina, Goddess of the River Severn", so do come and enjoy these 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 (01275 463160)*

## Backwell & Nailsea Macular Support

The next meeting will be on Wednesday **27<sup>th</sup> September** at 1.30pm in the W.I. Hall, Backwell. The speaker will describe how an innovative process of monitoring, recording and reporting general eye health is being investigated. All are welcome: further information from Sheila, 01275 462107.

## Backwell 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday Fair Trade Café

10.00am -12.00 noon Backwell Parish Hall  
**9<sup>th</sup> September** - Grub Club, laundry liquid refills as well as Fairtrade coffee, chat and a biscuit.

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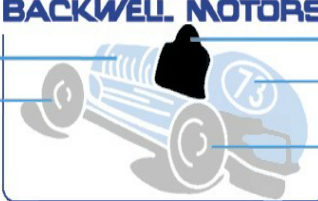


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## Backwell Garden Club.

The Garden Club meeting on Wednesday **20<sup>th</sup> September** will have Julie Haylock giving a talk called "Going for Gold". The club meets every third Wednesday of the month at 1.45pm for 2.00pm start in the WI Hall, Station Road, Backwell. The Club is always pleased to welcome new members. For further information please contact Robin Langford. 01275 855822 or email [rclangford64@gmail.com](mailto:rclangford64@gmail.com)

## Film Club

We start the new season with a comedy/drama entitled *A Man Called Otto*, which will be showing from **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** for three evenings. Tom Hanks stars as a grumpy widower, who forms an unlikely friendship with his new neighbours - a friendship that turns his world around.

As ever, we have a varied programme of films over the next eight months, selected with great care from a list suggested and voted upon by our members. What a way to light up those dreary winter evenings with good entertainment and camaraderie. There are still places available - so act quickly - should you have forgotten either to join or to rejoin this hub of village entertainment or you can come as a 'visitor' with a member to sample the delights on offer. Please ring Tina Andrews (01275 464259) for more details.

*Tim Lewis 01275 790555*

## Backwell Bridge Club.

The Bridge Club normally meets every Wednesday evening at 6.45pm for 7.00pm in St. Andrew's Church House, Church Lane, Backwell. However, from Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> September** for six weeks until Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> October** the Club will meet at the West Backwell Bowling Club, The Recreation Ground, West Town Road, Backwell. BS48 3HQ at its usual time. The club will return to Church House on Wednesday **25<sup>th</sup> October**. The Bridge Club welcomes new members and for further details contact Robin Langford on 01275 855822 or email [rclangford64@gmail.com](mailto:rclangford64@gmail.com)

## Senior Club

After the summer break we are looking forward to getting together at our monthly meetings again. Programmes for the remainder of this year will be distributed in early September well before Friday **15<sup>th</sup> September** when Tim & Sheila will kick off the season in their inimitable style with '*From Across the Pond*', an entertainment with an American bias. This will be followed on October 20<sup>th</sup> with a new talk from Roy Ackrill intriguingly entitled '*Motoring in Backwell and Beyond*'.

We meet in the lounge at Lawnside on the third Friday of each month with entertainment starting at 2.30pm followed by a cup of tea and biscuits. We would be really pleased to welcome any new people to what is a very sociable meeting place - please come and bring a friend ... or two.

*Nancy Lewis 01275 790555*



## Backwell WI

Our Next Meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 7:30pm in the WI Hall  
The topic will be Cleaner Rivers with speaker tbc  
New members welcome  
email [BackwellWI@gmail.com](mailto:BackwellWI@gmail.com) for more information or find us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

## Backwell & Nailsea Support Group for Carers

Inviting all carers to join us on Wednesday **6<sup>th</sup> September**, at the WI Hall, Backwell from 2.00pm – 3.30pm

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*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 **9<sup>th</sup> September** there will be coffee, friendly chat, and a talk about Birnbeck Pier by Peter Lander.

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.

## North Somerset Quilters are back!

Our first meeting, after our Summer Break, will be on **Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm at the WI Hall in Station Rd., Backwell BS48 3QW

We will be welcoming Sally Hutson with her talk - "Old to New Work from Old Inspiration" .....Our Trader for the evening will be StitchyWooWoo. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

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

For more information Tel. 01275 463119

## The Nailsea & District Local History Society

will meet in the Green Room at Nailsea School at 7.45 pm on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** to hear Geoff King speak on "Surgery as it was practised in the 18th Century". Visitors/Guests welcome £3. More Info 01275 463479.



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## Backwell Baptist Church September Sunday Services

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Preacher: Crawford Telfor  
Service Leader: Dawn Jefferies  
Theme: Culture of Discipleship: The Life of a Disciple  
Passage: Luke 12:22-34

### 10<sup>th</sup> September

Preacher: Tim Crossley  
Service Leader: Dave Nicklen  
Theme: Jesus is Saviour  
Passage: Hebrews 2:5-16

### 17<sup>th</sup> September

Preachers: Dave and Anne Nicklen  
Service Leader: Tim Crossley  
Theme: Jesus is High Priest  
Passage: Hebrews 2:17-18

### 24<sup>th</sup> September (Café-Style)

Preacher: Tim Crossley  
Service Leaders: Ann and Alan Lewis  
Theme: Jesus is Lord  
Passage: Romans 10:9-13 and Matthew 7:21-23

## News from St Francis

The Parishioners of St Francis wish all children and young people a good new academic year.

Starting this month, nineteen children of the Parish are beginning their preparation to receive their first Holy Communion next June. They will be enrolled on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** during the 11.00am Mass.

Also starting on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** is a youth group from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. This will initially begin monthly at St Joseph's Portishead for both Parishes.

Beginning on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** is an introductory course of six weeks in the transformative practice of Christian Meditation. The weekly sessions will be held in the Church Hall for one hour at 8.00pm.

To register or for more information please ring 01275 857129

As usual, please see website for Mass times and Livestreaming  
[www.josephfrancis.org](http://www.josephfrancis.org)

## Christians Together In & Around Backwell

**Open the Book** – will be at West Leigh Infants on Wednesday mornings, **13<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Backwell Christian Fellowship at Lawnside

2.30pm on Wednesday, **6<sup>th</sup> September**. Speaker tba

### Prayer Watch

All welcome to join in prayers for our community and the world from 7.45 – 9.30pm on Monday **4<sup>th</sup> September** at West Town Methodist Church

### Revd. Dr Katy Garner

On behalf of all the Christians Together committee members, we wish Katy every blessing as she moves to her new role of Chaplain to Bath Spa University.

## St Bridget's at Harvest Time

We were very happy to receive additional coverage in the August Magazine for our main fund-raising event of the year. We again thank Clevedon & District Flower Club for undertaking the Flower Festival on our behalf. This is their second visit to us and we are sure it will be a very special occasion just as it was in 2007. Our prime object is to replace the church funds spent on the fabric during this last year so we ask everyone visiting us over the course of **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> September** to help us with 'Donations on the Day'. Our actual Harvest Festival service takes place on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September** at 9.15am with the Flower Festival opening after the Service. Refreshments are available on all three days.

Times of opening :-

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 10.00am – 4.00pm**

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10.30am – 4.00pm**

## West Town Methodist Church

### September Sunday Services, at 10.30am

3<sup>rd</sup> Jane Mason

10<sup>th</sup> Revd Deborah Mallett

### Communion

17<sup>th</sup> Revd Deborah Mallett Café Service

### Harvest Festival

24<sup>th</sup> Heather Bentley

**Ready Teddy Sing** – will recommence on **12<sup>th</sup> September**, 10-00 – 12.00 noon. Our toddlers and babies group led by Patty Lou, our Families Worker.

**Fellowship Group** – all welcome to join this friendly study group at 53, Oakleigh Close at 10.30am on **Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September**

### Praying for Kirsty

On **September 1<sup>st</sup>** our former Families Worker, Kirsty McGhee, takes up her appointment as probationary Minister in the Weald of Kent circuit, where she will have pastoral charge of two churches and share responsibility at an Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership. Our good wishes are with Kirsty, and we will remember her in our prayers.

### 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](mailto:ratcliffedj@btinternet.com) or 01275 463123.

Tony Stirratt

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

As we are now entering a period of vacancy following Rev'd Katy's departure, the ministry team and PCCs have reviewed the available resources and have decided on a new pattern of services for the foreseeable future. We wanted to retain as much as possible of the variety we have enjoyed over the last few years across the Benefice and as many as we could of the services we have been scheduling. There have had to be a few compromises, but we really hope this will allow us to face the challenges of a vacancy together, to worship in the way we prefer as well as to experience different formats and styles of worship.

On the weekend of **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, St Bridget's will be holding an extended flower festival in the church, which encompasses a Harvest Communion service on the Sunday. Full details of the programme for the weekend are given on page 20.

As 3<sup>rd</sup> September will be her last Sunday with us, there will be a farewell service for Rev'd Katy in St Andrew's at 10.45am. Please do join us as we give thanks for her ministry in this benefice and wish her God's blessing in her new role.

Meanwhile, St Andrew's will be celebrating Harvest at Moorside Farm on **17<sup>th</sup> September**, courtesy of Billy Smith and the family. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our connection to and dependence on God's creation and the work our farming community do to keep us fed as well as care for the land and the livestock. There will be a "bring and share" lunch after our informal celebration which will include sharing communion together.

The Summer BBQ last month was a great success and the funds we raised will support Aaron Stanbury, the CMS Mission Partner, as he prepares to travel to Kenya. Thank you to all who contributed food and supported the event.

With warm greetings,  
Martin Canning

### Sundays in September

#### St Andrew's Church

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 13**

9.00am Little Lambs  
10.45am Farewell Service for Rev'd Katy

**10<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14**

10.45am Sung Eucharist

**17<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15**

11.00am Harvest at Moorside Farm (coffee from 10.30):  
Informal Worship with Communion and bring & share lunch.  
5.00pm Evensong

**24<sup>th</sup> Trinity 16**

9.15am Sung Eucharist  
10.45am Informal Worship and Word



#### St Bridget's Church

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 13**

9.15am Harvest Communion and Flower Festival

**10<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14**

9.15am Morning Worship

**17<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15**

9.15am Morning Prayer

#### Benefice Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals in July 2023

**Funerals**

10<sup>th</sup> David Pike St Nicholas'  
12<sup>th</sup> Susan Harker St Andrew's  
13<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Hobbs St Andrew's

**Burial of Ashes**

11<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Hill St Andrew's  
17<sup>th</sup> Fiona Hybs St Andrew's

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 September we will be praying for people living in Station Road and Colliers Gardens**

### The Charity St Andrew's is supporting this quarter is CMS

The Church Mission Society (CMS) story began in London in 1799 with a group of Christians whose hearts were stirred to go to the edges; people like William Wilberforce, John Venn and John Newton. Together, they worked to abolish the slave trade, they fought for the rights of oppressed people at home and they launched out onto dangerous seas to share Jesus with the world.

CMS is likewise called to connect with people at the edges: the edges of church, the edges of society, the edges of our comfort zones. They are always looking for others who will join them at edges near and far, to help share God's love in creative ways, knowing that person-by-person, community-by-community, this is how we will see our world made new.

CMS describes itself as a community on a journey of rediscovering God's mission together.



# Christians Together In & around Backwell

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## St Bridget's

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## West Town Methodist Church

<https://sites.google.com/view/westtownmethodist/>

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## Backwell Baptist Church, Chapel Hill

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Treasurer	Ruth Ham	

## Roman Catholic Church of St Francis Ash Hayes Road, Nailsea

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