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Welcome from Ignyte

We're sure you're as excited as we are for blue skies and warmer weather and with a host of summery events and activities coming your way over the next few months, we hope it will be one to remember.

In this issue, we're welcoming the return of the fun fair and getting ready for the Front Garden Competition, as well as looking forward to celebrating the Jubilee. Don't forget to send us details of your own Jubilee celebrations, we'd love to include them next time!

Have a good summer and we'll see you in the autumn.

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The next edition of The Westfield Warbler will be in August 2022. If you would like your group to be included, please contact us by 1st August.

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Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the summer edition of the Westfield Warbler.

Westfield Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting at the Trinity Methodist Hall at the end of March.

It was well attended and it was good to hear Andy King of New Leaf Studio who gave a superb presentation on the Waterside Valley Management Plan.

There was also a presentation for the Inspirational Citizens for this year, which was awarded to

Rachael and Eddie Liddiard of St Peter's Road. They were nominated by the residents of St Peter's Road for the help and dedication that they have shown to all their neighbours. They have been truly inspirational.

To start off the summer the Parish Council welcomes back the Fun Fair to Norton Hill Recreational Ground from the 18th to 22nd of May. We hope the weather holds and everyone has lots of fun.

Cllr Geoff Fuller

Chair of Westfield Parish Council

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will soon be upon us. This site gives details of Platinum Jubilee Events both near and far - <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events/>

Here in Westfield, we will be putting up the flags and bunting and we have a special Platinum Jubilee Category in our Front Garden Competition – please do consider taking part.

You may have heard of The Queen's Green Canopy. This is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee inviting people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates are encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

At Norton Hill Recreation Ground we have planted

14 beautiful Silver Birch Trees to line the A367 and a plaque will go up shortly to highlight these trees as part of the nationwide tribute to the Queen.

The plaque, pictured below, will be made by one of the Royal British Legion veterans at their social enterprise, Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company. Their profits go towards supporting their veterans and those with disabilities with work and employment, as well as providing residents in their care homes with vital support.



Westfield Inspirational Citizen

Each year the Parish Council has occasion to recognise the caring nature of the residents of Westfield and present the Inspirational Citizen award to one (or more!) who has been nominated by those who have been the recipients of that care over the last year.

Following our request for people to let us know of someone who had made a difference in their community we were overwhelmed with nominations for a couple at St Peter's Road who had done a huge amount of volunteering in their area. Some of the nominations read:

Despite having very busy working and family commitments Rachael and her husband Eddie (Tank) Liddiard have tirelessly contributed to our community as St Peter's Road since lockdown March 2020 (and most probably beforehand). They have gone out of their way to make themselves known to us, check on us and offer us their help. This unassuming, caring and selfless help comes in many forms – shopping, gardening, providing cooked meals, visiting elderly residents, listening, maintaining the commemorative planter – to name just a few. They have helped with and organized the following events: An outside Fish and Chip evening, an outside VE celebration, a barbeque, a Macmillan coffee fundraising morning, a birthday party, a ladies Christmas lunch at the Old Down Inn, not forgetting a Secret Santa for our elderly residents!

Rachael and Tank have truly kept us all going by their encouragement and fun. Being a household of pensioners we have very much appreciated their thoughtfulness and kindness by keeping us safe. We would like to nominate them both for the Westfield Inspirational Award 2022. They have enhanced our lives tremendously.



Rachael and Eddie have been so supportive over the last 2 years (especially during covid-19) getting shopping for me every week. Eddie has cut my grass and tidied my garden. They bring me roast dinners and cakes! Generally being really helpful, kind, thoughtful as they have so many other neighbours in St Peter's Road. I think this would be a lovely way to really thank them both.

We would like to nominate Rachael and Eddie Liddiard for their outstanding support and help they gave the residents of St Peter's Road, ie shopping most days, gardening, mowing several lawns, cooking treats, painting and looking after our community flower box. It is never too much trouble to go that extra mile.

The award was presented by the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Fuller. He said "We have all seen how much a little care and attention can help those in need to feel that they are not forgotten, and they are part of the community. I am honoured to make the award on behalf of Westfield Parish Council. Huge thanks go to Eddie and Rachael Liddiard for the work they have done to make the lives of their neighbours so much easier in times of need."

News from the Allotments



During March the Allotments held their AGM and were pleased to welcome Councillor Geoff Fuller, Chair of Westfield Parish Council.

He presented WAGS and Larch Court with their awards for 'Its Your Neighbourhood 2021' where both received the highest level of 'Outstanding'.

This season work has commenced on replacing all the edging boards around each plot. We would like to



thank both Westfield Parish Council for their support in the form of a grant and also Charlton's Timber, who are sponsoring the allotments.

Photos (above):

Margaret Bridges and Paul Millard who are receiving the award on behalf of WAGS.

Alan Sperring who is receiving the award on behalf of Larch Court Allotments.

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New Swings at Norton Hill Recreation Ground

You may have noticed that the wooden framed swings at Norton Hill Recreation Ground are showing signs of wear and tear. Over 20 years old, the wooden beams of the current swings are succumbing to rot and need replacing. In the past 10 years, the Parish Council has gradually replaced the rotting wooden pieces of play equipment with colourful, robust alternatives. The swings are the largest and final wooden items in the play park and are situated right at the centre.

We would like to upgrade to contemporary steel framed swings - one of which is a 'me and you' swing which allows a baby to swing opposite an adult or older sibling. And the other is a five-way swing which positions five flat swings in a circle, so young people can talk and interact as they swing. Both will add fun

and play value, increasing interaction between the young ones as they play.

Although fairly small, the play area is a vital part of the grounds and incorporates picnic benches so that families can spend time here.

Norton Hill Recreation Ground was set up by the Miners' Trust over 100 years ago, so that people in the neighbourhood might benefit from sports, play, fresh air and social interaction. It is a tribute to their foresight that Norton Hill Recreation Ground remains at the heart of the parish. Football, tennis, boules, table tennis, basketball ensure that the ground is buzzing at all times of the year.

As a Parish Council, we are going out to various funding providers to help meet the cost of this much needed re-vamp. We will let you know how it goes.



A Jubilee Recipe

Queen of Puddings

According to various sources, the Queen's favourite pudding is called Bombe Glace Royale. We tried to find a recipe to share with you, but weren't able to. There is a YouTube video but we couldn't find anything written down to share. Consider it a challenge to find one – we'd love to hear from you!!

Instead, we thought we'd share this delicious recipe for Queen of Puddings. Enjoy.

Ingredients:

The base

- 600ml/1 pint full-fat milk
- 25g/1oz butter, plus extra for greasing the dish
- 1 lemon, zest finely grated
- 50g/2oz caster sugar
- 3 free-range eggs, yolks only
- 75g/3oz white breadcrumbs

The jam

- 175g/6oz raspberry jam

The meringue

- 175g/6oz caster sugar
- 3 free-range eggs, whites only

To serve

- pouring cream or crème fraîche

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3 and grease a 1.4 litre/2½ pint shallow ovenproof dish (one that will fit into a roasting tin).
2. For the base, warm the milk in a small saucepan. Add the butter, lemon zest and the 50g/2oz of sugar, stir until dissolved.
3. Lightly whisk the egg yolks in a bowl. Slowly pour the warm milk into the eggs, while whisking.
4. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs over the base of the greased dish and pour over the custard. Leave to stand for about 15 minutes, so the breadcrumbs absorb the liquid.
5. Transfer the dish to a roasting tin and fill the tin halfway with hot water. Bake in the preheated oven for about 25-30 minutes until the custard has set. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool a little.
6. Melt the raspberry jam over a low heat.
7. Whisk the egg whites using an electric whisk on full speed until stiff peaks form. Add the remaining 175g/6oz sugar a teaspoon at a time, still whisking on maximum speed until the mixture is stiff and shiny.
8. Spread the melted jam over the set custard, then spoon the meringue on top.
9. Lower the oven temperature to 150C/130C Fan/ Gas 2 and return the pudding to the oven (not in the roasting tin with water) for about 25-30 minutes until the meringue is golden and crisp. Serve at once with pouring cream or crème fraîche.





Home Library Service

The Home Library Service is for residents who want to read or listen to books but have a range of mobility and/or other impairments which restricts their ability to leave home.

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Record your garden's wildlife

Residents are being urged to help the ecological emergency by recording the wildlife, plants, animals and insects they find locally as part of City Nature Challenge.

The challenge is an international event which encourages people to search for and document biodiversity in their local area. This year it takes place on the weekend of 29 April to 2 May.

The Bath and North East Somerset area is more wildlife rich than much of Britain, with rare bats in the old stone mines at Combe Down and Brown's Folly, and wildflowers on our hillsides, but accurate information about which species are doing well and which are struggling is essential as the council responds to the ecological emergency.

Local records show that since 1900, red squirrels and pine martens, turtle doves and nightingales have all gone. Mature elm trees, Somersetshire Weed as it was popularly known, have been lost to Dutch elm disease, just as ash trees are now succumbing to ash dieback.

Councillor Jess David, cabinet assistant for Neighbourhood Services said: "Bath and North East Somerset is a beautiful place to live. However, we know that in common with the rest of the UK, nature is under threat, with a decline in wildlife numbers and diversity.

"The City Nature Challenge is a fantastic opportunity to help study and protect nature in our cities. Using the iNaturalist app you can identify plants and insects easily and help to document the nature in our area."

To take part you will need to record what you have seen and the dates with information about where you saw it, the type of habitat and the environmental conditions: weather, aspect and ground conditions. You can also upload a picture of your sighting.

Anyone needing help with identifying what they've seen can use the iNaturalist app which is free to download and simple to use. You can also use the app to record your sightings. The Natural History Consortium is running a free online training session on using the app on Thursday 28 April, 12.15pm to 13.00pm. You can sign up here:



www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-nature-challenge-training-tickets-324136750747

People who are confident they can correctly identify what they've seen can report their sightings to Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (BRLSI) or the Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre (BRERC)

Local ecologist, Mike Williams, has recorded and identified over 750 species of plants, animals, beetles, birds and insects he has found on his regular visits to Bath City Farm since 2016.

As part of City Nature Challenge, Bathscape will be running a Big Nature Watch at the farm on Saturday April 30. Visitors will be able to help add to Mike's count by joining family friendly activities including guided wildlife walks, bug hunting and pond dipping that are focused on discovering wildlife at the farm such as birds, moths, newts and butterflies.

Experts from Bath Natural History Society and Avon Wildlife Trust will join local volunteers to lead the events. The events can be booked on Eventbrite and more information can be found on the Bathscape website: <https://www.bathscape.co.uk/event/bath-city-farm-big-nature-watch-various-events/>

Bathscape and Avon Wildlife Trust are launching some new resources for primary schools that want to bring more nature into their school grounds and their teaching. The Wilder Schools Workshop will take place at Bath City Farm on Thursday, 28 April, from 4pm to 5.30pm. Teachers and home educators can sign up here: <https://www.bathscape.co.uk/event/wilder-schools-workshop/>

WESTFIELD FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION 2022



2022 is a very special year in the United Kingdom, when we are celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The Parish Council is adding a category to this year's competition which will offer a prize to the gardener that best commemorates this, so if you have or see a front garden in Westfield that you feel is worthy of a prize, kindly donated by Thomsons Hardware of Radstock, then please enter or nominate it.

Nomination forms can be found on our website, or you can just email us.

Last year's winners:



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Waterside Valley update

Thank you to all who responded to the consultation on the future Management of Waterside Valley and who attended the Annual Parish Meeting in March for an update by our Consultant, Andy King of New Leaf Studio, who is driving the Plan.

We have now commissioned the work to have about four of the trees cut back to make them safe, in line with a recent Tree Inspection.

We have also made a decision to go ahead and register Waterside Valley as a site for bio diversity net gain and incorporate this into the emerging Management Plan.

Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is an approach to development, and/or land management, that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand.

Where a development has an impact on biodiversity it encourages developers to provide an increase in appropriate natural habitat and ecological features over and above that being affected. In such a way it is hoped that the current loss of biodiversity through development will be halted and ecological networks can be restored.

It is our understanding that developers can purchase bio diversity net gain credits so that if an increase in natural habitat cannot be achieved on site, their credits can be used to enhance the bio diversity of nearby pieces of green space, such as Waterside Valley. For the Parish Council this could be a helpful source of funding, taking the pressure off the precept, and enabling, for example grass cutting at the site.

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SWALLOW, the local charity based in Westfield and supporting teenagers and adults with learning disabilities relies on the generosity of the local community to be able to continue to respond to all those who desperately need their help.

They are asking people in Westfield to help to raise funds for their work by holding a Jubilee event in aid of SWALLOW. It could be a coffee morning, an afternoon cream tea or a street party. SWALLOW will provide a pack to help you to fundraise and be on hand with support and advice.



The money raised will make a huge difference and help SWALLOW to continue its vital work enabling local people with learning disabilities live independent and fulfilling lives. If you want to know more please contact Nicky Tew by email at nickyt@swallowcharity.org or by telephone 01761 414034, or go to www.swallowcharity.org.





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Grants from Westfield Parish Council

When the applications for grants were received before Christmas, it was apparent that we still had some money in the pot. As a result of that, a second round of grant funding was advertised in January and several organisations in and around Westfield applied. It was good to see that there were a couple of organisations that hadn't asked for any funding previously, who had spotted that we could help and entered. These were organisations that might not have been based in Westfield, but their services benefitted the residents of Westfield.

Some of the beneficiaries were:

Bath Area Play Project

– Bath Area Play Project is a small voluntary organisation and registered charity that provides a range of services for children, young people and families, as well as support for adults working with children and young people including training. The funding was required to hold a Westfield play session in the summer holidays. During the long summer holidays, family play sessions provide the opportunity for getting out of the house for little cost in their own community, improving the quality of life for residents providing them with the opportunity to meet up with other parents and reduce social isolation. Children have missed vital opportunities with the pandemic, particularly around emotional wellbeing and social inclusion and this family play session will enable children who may live in the same community, the opportunity and space to meet children they don't know in a controlled and supervised way, often leading to friendships and continued use of the park beyond the day.

Westfield Sports and Community Centre

– the club was looking for funding for an increase in the number of security cameras on the site, which would be not only a benefit for the users of the club, but also the public using the recreation ground and play areas

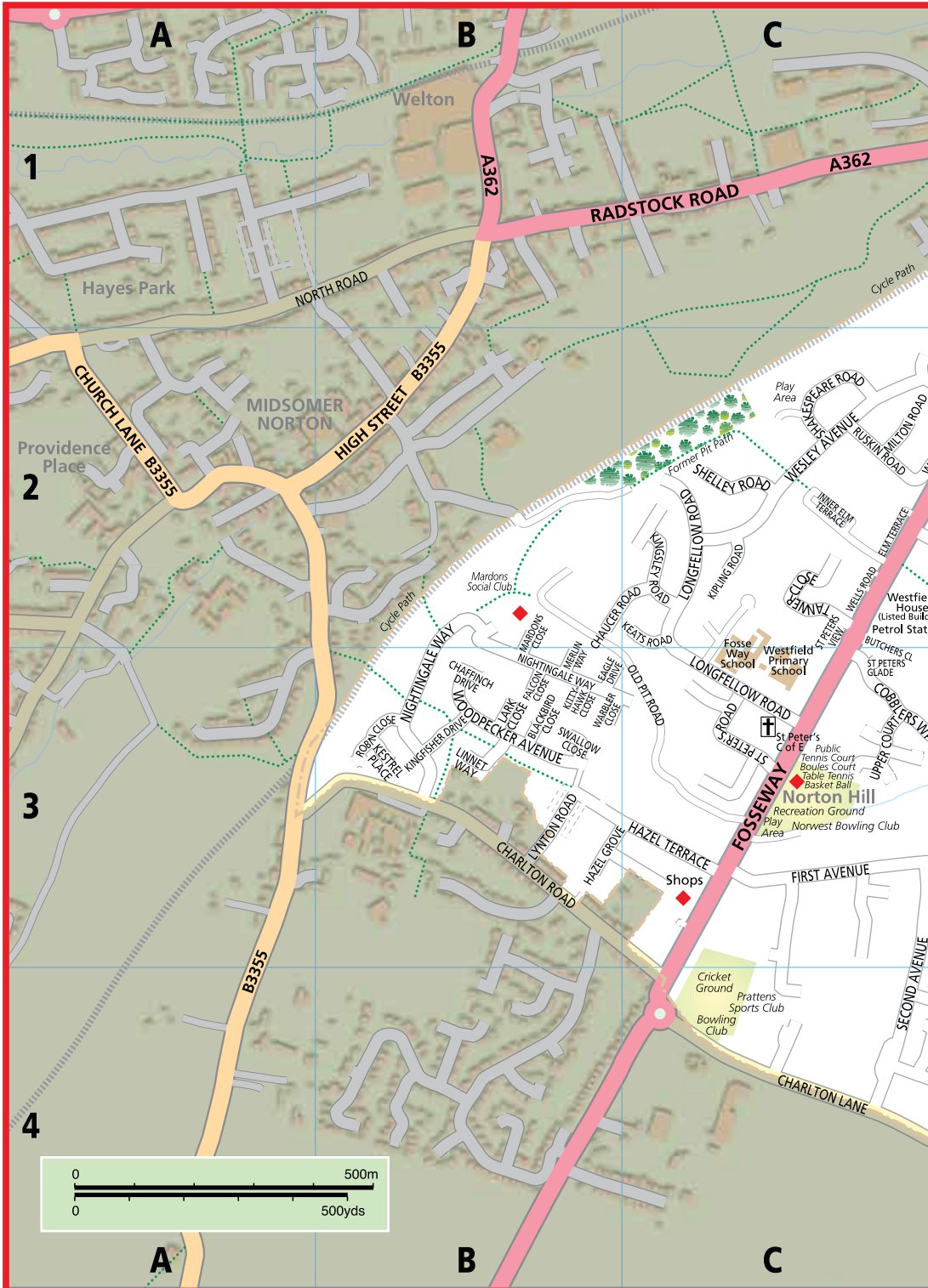
Midsomer Norton Cricket Club

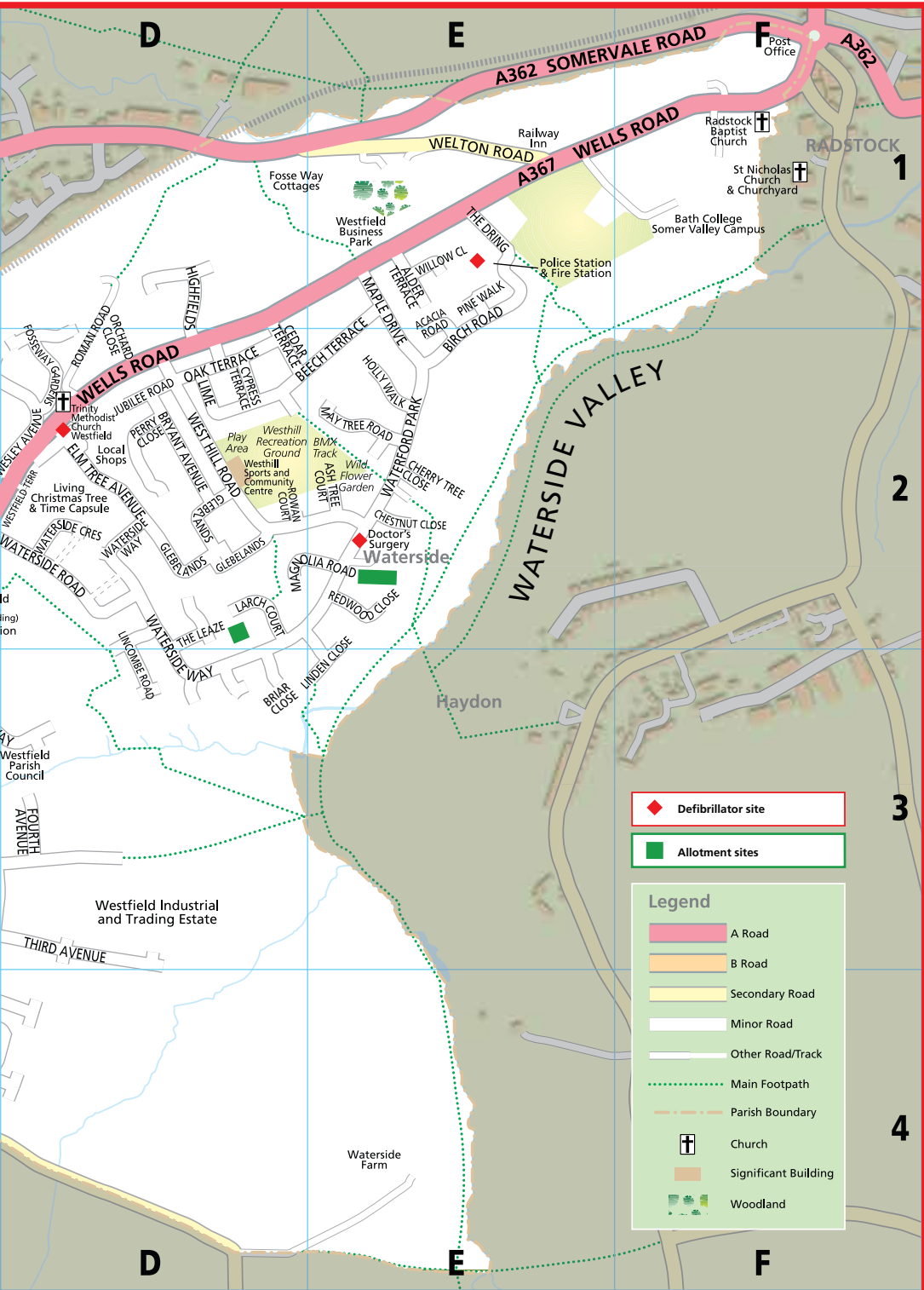
– the club found that there was a significant increase in young people wanting to join the club in the aftermath of the Covid restrictions. Approximately 20% - 25% of those live in Westfield. The club wanted to make sure that for this season the coaches had the appropriate coaching qualifications and first aid training. They also needed some extra equipment.

Prattens Bowls Club

– the Club have about 40 members who are predominantly residents of Westfield and Midsomer Norton. The nature of bowls is that it attracts an older generation who wish to remain active but some of whom can find it difficult to negotiate even a small flight of steps. As a result of that they club felt that they needed to provide a ramp from the car park to the Club to facilitate access for less able visitors.

The Parish Council has a fund that is distributed among deserving organisations each year. The next round of grant funding will be later this year, so if you are part of an organisation that would benefit then keep an eye on our website and the Warbler.





WHAT'S ON

MAY

3rd – Full Council Meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

7th – B&NES Councillor Surgeries, 10am-11am at Trinity Methodist Church.

7th – Live band, The Stiff Upper Lips at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

9th – Environment and Development committee meeting, 7pm, at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

11th – Neighbourhood Team Beat Surgery, Longfellow's Café, Fosseyway School, 10am – 10.30am.

14th – Live band, AngelHeart at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

18th – 22nd – Fun Fair, North Hill Recreation Ground.

18th – Finance and Personnel committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

21st – Live band, The Caballeros at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

21st – B&NES Councillor Surgeries, 10am – 11am at Trinity Methodist Church.

22nd – 24th – Spring Mixed Traction Gala, Somerset and Dorset Railway, 10am

27th – Live band, The 7-8-9s at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

28th – Driver Experience Day with Austin 1 at the Somerset and Dorset Railway.

JUNE

3rd – Platinum Jubilee Party Night with Dr Fraggie Band, at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

4th – Kid's Jubilee Party with DJ Pete, at Mardons Social Club, 2pm. Free entry and all welcome.

6th – Full Council Meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

8th – Neighbourhood Team Beat Surgery, Longfellow's Café, Fosseyway School, 10am – 10.30am.

11th – Live band, Hair Of The Dog at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

13th – Environment and Development committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

18th – Live band, Call The Shots at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

25th – Live band, Walker Close Band at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

JULY

2nd – Live band, Soul'd Out at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

4th – Full Council Meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

11th – Environment and Development committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

13th – Neighbourhood Team Beat Surgery, Longfellow's Café, Fosseyway School, 10am – 10.30am.

16th – Live band, The Dark Tones at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

20th – Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

23rd – Live band, JPJ at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

30th – Live band, Freeze at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry to all.

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Round up of Westfield's Annual Parish Meeting

The 30th March saw a number of people gather at the Trinity Methodist Church in Westfield for the Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting is open to all electors of the parish, who have the right not only to attend, but also to speak on any matter of local interest. Here in Westfield, we serve light refreshments and welcome all who would like to hear more about what the Parish Council is doing and to raise questions of local concern. Our B&NES Councillors were on hand to answer questions relating to services provided by our Unitary Authority.

This year, the Chairman, Geoff Fuller, welcomed our inspirational citizens, Rachael and Eddie Liddiard, and also Andy King from New Leaf Studio who talked about Waterside Valley.

Geoff started his overview with the big item of the year, which is the purchase of land at the Waterside Valley. We surveyed residents of Westfield before the purchase to see if it was something they would like to see happen and the response was a resounding YES. We are delighted that the purchase has gone ahead and are in full consultation mode for a management plan which is being put together by Andy King of New Leaf Studio.

Geoff went on to talk about the safety of the play equipment at both recreation grounds which is constantly under review. Some of the wooden play items were coming to the end of their life, so have been replaced with more robust items.

As you may have noticed, we have, unfortunately, lost some of the Ash trees that line the road along Norton Hill Recreation Ground. This was due to

Ash Dieback. They have been replaced by some Silver Birch trees, but more may have to go in the year ahead. We await the advice of the Tree Inspector.

It was great to see the Christmas Lights event back in full swing and it proved very popular once again. Thanks to a lot of people that put this together and especially Father Christmas and his helper for coming along!! We hope the new Christmas Decoration Competition which started last year will continue again this year.

Youth services are still going strong in Westfield and we are pleased that they are able to come into this hall once again for their sessions. There is good engagement with the service and we are happy to support it financially.

Covid had a big effect on the income of a lot of local small businesses. One thing the Parish Council could do last year to help was to give free advertising in our quarterly newsletter, The Westfield Warbler. We hope it was beneficial.

Mindful of the importance of the Trinity Methodist Church Westfield to the community the Council had it registered as an asset of community value. That means that if it had to be sold the Parish Council would have a specified window of time to see if purchasing it would be an option.

It was good to see people turn out for the Annual Parish Meeting and take part in a full discussion on parking issues in the parish. We look forward to welcoming you again next year.



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St. Peter's Church Westfield

A reminder that our services are now at 9.30am each Sunday, followed by tea and coffee in the hall – apart from the first Sunday when we have refreshments at 9.30 followed by an informal service at 10.00

- Second Sunday – Communion
- Third Sunday – Service of the Word
- Fourth Sunday – Communion
- Thursday Mornings – Communion at 10am

We'd love to see you at any of our services! It has been lovely to welcome some new faces over the past few months – we'd love to see more!

Whether you have been going to church for years – or if you'd like to find out more about Christianity – this is for YOU! We have an Alpha Course starting on Thursday 28th April at 7pm. If you'd like more information – please contact rev.ian.stpeters@gmail.com



On Sunday 5th June we are holding a special service to celebrate and give thanks for the 70 years of service the Queen has given to our country and the Commonwealth. This service will be at 11am and will be followed by a celebration lunch.

Lynne Waton (Churchwarden)

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Mardons' Right Royal Knees-up

Mardons Social Club will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style as they host two 'free to enter' events – one for the adults and one for the whole family.

On Friday, 3rd June, the club will be partying with the extremely popular Dr Fraggles Band. The lively band play a real mix of music to appeal to everyone, perfect for the occasion, they will have the dancefloor filled from the start of the night 'til the very end! The club has recently confirmed that Dr Fraggles will perform for them at their New Year's Eve party - so this is a great chance to catch them ahead of that night.

The Saturday (4th June) will see local children's entertainer, DJ Pete, return to host the club's Kid's Jubilee Party in the afternoon - starting at 2pm. There will be lots of fun, music and absolute chaos as Pete plays games and comes up with all manner of ways to keep the youngsters busy. Parents/guardians must remain on the premises throughout, but the bar will be open and there will be a special barbecue available, so why not make an afternoon of it?

The regular entertainment continues at a pace, with live music every weekend coming from talented, top quality bands.



The 7-8-9s (Friday 27th May)

The Caballeros return on Saturday, 21st May and the following week sees the music switch to a special 'Live On A Friday' for a brand new band. The 7-8-9s are a 4-piece who are making a name for themselves, playing some leading Bristol venues, and performing at weddings and events - so Mardons are extremely pleased to have secured a night with them.

With returning favourites like Call the Shots, Hair Of The Dog, AngelHeart and The Walker Close Band, as well as new groups like The Dark Tones and local outfit Soul'd Out, there's plenty going on and always a warm welcome at Mardons!

Find out all that's happening, follow:

Facebook.com/mardonsclub

**Dr Fraggles Band
(Friday, 3rd June)**



Prattens Bowls Club

Prattens Bowls club is situated in Westfield behind the neatly trimmed hedge on the opposite side of the Prattens Westfield Sports and Social Club (just off Charlton Lane).

Not for nothing is bowls known as the Sport for All with world champions having been aged from late teens to thirties and players into their eighties playing regularly and competitively. Prattens is an outdoors bowls club for males and females of any age with the outdoor season running from mid April until mid September.

Matches for Ladies are played mainly in the afternoons, with men playing their games largely on Saturday afternoons and weekday evenings. Mixed matches are mainly on Sunday afternoons and Friday evenings. Prattens also hold social events at the bowls club.

For further details see our website at www.prattensbowlsclub.com where you will find regular updates of what is happening at the club.

Many members have found bowls to be an enjoyable sociable sport to move on to after playing other sports such as Rugby, Netball, Tennis, Football and even some who did not find Golf to their liking.



If you would like to try bowls, and why would you not, come along to our Monday club night from 6.00 pm during the season where members (old, new and potential) will be warmly welcomed.. We can arrange free assistance to play with bowls being available to borrow – just wear a pair of flat soled shoes. Membership is free to new bowlers in their first season. In order to facilitate access for older and physically impaired bowlers we have recently installed a ramp from the car park.

If you are interested in joining you could also contact Barrie or Pauline Dando on 01761-412705 for more information.



Your museum needs you!

Radstock Museum Education Team is looking for volunteers to join their 19 strong team. Are you looking for a hobby with a difference on which you can spend as much or as little time as you choose?

Do you like working with children? Do you like history? Do you like crafting? Do you like acting and performing? Or maybe you are good at coordinating others or helping more behind the scenes? If this sounds like you, why not come along and give it a go, no experience is necessary, just bring your enthusiasm.

Radstock Museum's Volunteer Education Team welcomes primary schools from across the region from February - November from 10am-12 noon, term time weekdays, for a living history experience, and for each school visit, four Education Team members are needed to host the event. This means volunteers can sign up when they choose to, taking turns when it suits them.

The Education Team are particularly keen to welcome new volunteers interested in the roles of Victorian teacher, coal miner or blacksmith, but all roles are available for everyone that would like to join in. New volunteers receive full training and join in gradually as suits them with committed support from the rest of the team.

Outside of school visits, the team also run a two-hour themed event in each school holiday where children come with their families and can take part in activities such as crafting, printing,

listening to stories, and playing games. Again, volunteers can sign up to help at these events or not as they choose.

For more details about volunteering for the Education Team or elsewhere within the museum, please email publicity@radstockmuseum.co.uk and volunteers Janette, or Lucy will get back to you and arrange to meet you to chat further.



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THINGS TO DO

MONDAY

- Arts and Crafts Club at Westfield Trinity Methodist Church, 10am – 12 noon every Monday.
- Carer's Café, first Monday of the month at Mardons Social Club, 10am – 11.30am.

TUESDAY

- Knit and Natter at Westfield Trinity Methodist Church 2pm – 4pm every Tuesday.
- Boules at Norton Hill Recreation Ground, 6pm.
- Westfield TT Running Club, 6.30pm, Fast Running Group, Advanced, Beginners' and Intermediate groups. Visit Facebook for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- Westfield TT Running Club, 6.30pm, Beginners' Running Group, visit Facebook for more information.
- Westfield Voices at St Peter's Church, Westfield. No auditions needed, just come along and sing, 7.15pm – 9pm.

THURSDAY

- Westfield TT Running Club, 6.30pm. CATs Running Group, advanced, beginners' and intermediate groups. Visit the Facebook page for more information.

FRIDAY

- Trinity Friday Club, second Friday of the month, 2pm-4pm.
- Folk Dance Club, St Peter's Church, 8pm – 10pm.

SATURDAY

- Coffee Mornings at Trinity Methodist Church, fortnightly, 10am – 12 noon.

SUNDAY

- Westfield TT Running club, morning flour trail run and half marathon training sessions. Visit Facebook for more information.

HomeKit scheme from Bath Share and Repair

HomeKit is a scheme run by Bath Share and Repair to provide electrical items to people in BANES that are in need e.g. because of coming out of homelessness and setting up home or because of the economic situation.

The idea is that small household electrical items in reasonable condition are donated by people who no longer need them; these are then checked for safety and generally refurbished by the repair team at Share and Repair and are then made available via care agencies in the area to people who can use them but can't afford them.

To discover more see <https://shareandrepair.org.uk/homekit/>

HomeKit have got plenty of kettles and toasters but are particularly looking for vacuum cleaners, handheld food blenders, toastie makers, digital radios or radio / CD players, flat screen TVs, lamps and slow cookers.

If you have a spare item which has some life left in it and that you would feel able to give to this cause could you contact Ian Souter on souterfam@aol.com or 01761 433251.

Vandalism at Norton Hill Recreation Ground

The much-loved basket swing was vandalised in April with the cutting of the binding between the swing net and the frame.

It was removed from site for safety reasons but sadly, this meant that this popular piece of play equipment was out of use over Easter – such a shame for the young people.

The Police have of course been informed and the Parish Council is working hard to get a new basket swing installed as soon as practical.

If you happen to notice or suspect signs of antisocial behaviour at our recreation grounds, please do alert the Police on 111. It will go a long way to keeping the recreation grounds free of crime and a pleasant place for all to enjoy. Thank you.





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The Fun Fair is back!



After an absence of two years, we are pleased to welcome the return of the Fun Fair to Norton Hill Recreation Ground.

The Fair will pull in to the site on Sunday 15th May and spend a few days setting up before opening on Wednesday 18th May until Sunday 22nd May. Monday 23rd May will see the Fun Fair dismantle and leave Westfield.



The Parish Clerk

Thank you to all who gave their time to attend the Westfield Annual Parish Meeting in March. It was good to see people turning out in person to this annual event for the first time since the pandemic – thank you. We were delighted to award the Inspirational Citizen Award to Rachael and Eddie Liddiard and the presentation from New Leaf Studio on the future of Waterside Valley sparked a good debate.

Thank you also to all who responded to the Facebook consultation on the possibility of building a dog

exercise enclosure at Westhill Recreation Ground. The range of responses gave a wide snapshot of views. After much consideration, the Parish Council feels that there is not the space at the grounds to create an enclosure where larger dogs could reasonably have a good run and that therefore it is unlikely to be used. Dogs at both Westhill and Norton Hill Recreation Ground should be kept on a lead at all times. If you would like to give your dog a good run, why not explore the beautiful Waterside Valley accessed at the gate at the top of Chestnut Close.

I mentioned in the last edition that we were looking to replace the wooden swings at Norton Hill Recreation Ground. Quotes for more contemporary swings have been to Committee and I am now approaching funding sources.

We hope you enjoy the Fun Fair which will pull up on site at Norton Hill Recreation Ground on 15th May, take a number of days to set up and will leave on 23rd May.

Lesley Close
Parish Clerk

Wanted – Office space in Westfield!

Can you help? Westfield Parish Council is looking to move office and would like to rent a small office somewhere in the Parish.

Perhaps you know of a workplace which has some spare space and would like to boost its income with a sub-let. We are very nice tenants!

If so, please do get in contact with us as soon as possible. Council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk or 01761 410669 – Thank you!

Radstock Folk Dance Club

Radstock Folk Dance Club will be meeting at St Peter's Hall, Longfellow Road, Westfield, Radstock BA3 3YZ on Friday evenings, from 8.00 pm until 10.00pm, from Easter until the end of July.

If you would like some gentle exercise in friendly company, then please come and join us. All sessions are led by an experienced caller to guide you through the dances and you do not need a partner. For more information contact Dick and Jean Shilton on 01458 841400.

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