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Message from the Chairman

At the time that I'm writing this, the country is experiencing the hottest weather since records began. So, I hope everyone has kept cool and not been affected by the heat. 'Normal' British weather will resume, I'm sure!

A management plan has been drafted for the Waterside Valley. We would welcome your views on this. There is a paper consultation for people to view and make comments at the Parish Council office, or you can go onto our website and see the consultation under the News section.

We are delighted that the Front Garden competition this year was once again of a high standard. See more in the article covering this later in this Warbler.

There is currently a vacancy for a Councillor at the Parish Council. If you have a real interest in what happens in Westfield then please consider the opportunity. More information inside this edition.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Cllr Geoff Fuller, Chair of Westfield Parish Council

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The next edition of The Westfield Warbler will be in November 2022. If you would like your group to be included, please contact us by 31st October.

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Front Page photographs

The front cover photo on this edition is courtesy of one of Westfield's residents, Hazel Cottle.

Would you like to see a photo you have taken on the front cover?

Why not send your pictures in to us at council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk and we will consider them. Portrait photos are best.

We look forward to seeing some lovely images of Westfield in all its glory!



Somer Valley Walking Festival

In 2022, the Somer Valley Walking Festival enters its sixth year, once more seeking to introduce local people and others, whether they are experienced walkers or not, to the wealth of natural beauty and historic interest in our home area.

The Festival is in two parts:

On Saturday, 10th September, there will be three short walks around Paulton, Radstock and Westfield, plus a taster session, with poles provided, for those interested in taking up Nordic Walking. There will also be a full-day walk along the Somerset Coal Canal from Paulton Basin to Limpley Stoke with free transport back provided.

On Sunday, 11th September, there will be four longer walks (between seven and twelve miles) starting from Conygre Hall, Timsbury, plus another Nordic Walking taster in the morning and a short walk in the afternoon.

All walks are free except for Nordic Walking (£4.50). Nordic Walking and the Canal Walk on Saturday must be booked via Evenbrite but for the other walks, you need only to turn up to register at the starting venue on the day.

For details about the walks, starting venues and times, please visit: www.bathscape.co.uk/events or look out for our brochure to be distributed locally. Happy walking!

John Bull



Saturday 10th September

Limestone Link Walk - Following the Coal Canal
Historic Walk - Westfield
Town Walk - Radstock
Short Walk - Paulton and Surrounding Area
Nordic Walking Taster - MSN Town Park

Sunday 11th September **Conygre Hall, Timsbury**

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Further Information:-

www.somervalleyramblers.org.uk

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The Dragons Awake!

It had been three years since we last held a Dragons' Den while Covid cast its long shadow over community events in general, but finally it was time to rekindle the magic, and on Friday 1st July, our eighth 'den' was as much fun as it has ever been!

Our particularly enjoyable take on Dragons' Den was dreamt up in 2014 as a way to give the community the opportunity to get funds to make great things happen in the area, and it quickly became established as a popular and regular event – we have now funded over 80 projects!

In the large hall at Whisty in Tynning, a collection of brave local contestants competed for a share of £5,000 and the opportunity to carry out their project in the community. There were twelve excellent and extremely creative pitches that wowed the audience and impressed the friendly Dragons.

The community audience were invited to take on the difficult - almost impossible - task to choose the worthy winners and cast aside two unfortunates. However, with the temptation of a SWALLOW meal as a voters' reward, the votes quickly came in and we

were given the orders to kindly distribute the bounty between ten awesome pitches.

You will be pleased to know that Youth Connect South West gave a very entertaining and winning pitch. They now have £500 towards teaching young people how to create beautiful street art! The Scouts were also winners; they can now purchase a new cooker in order to learn cooking skills and make some money from the produce.

You can read about all the winners on our website – so please give it a visit: RadstockWestfield.org.uk

Special thanks to Somer Valley Rotary Club for sponsoring one of the prizes and providing a Dragon! They do great things in the community, so please check them out and see how you can get involved.

About us: Our community group is responsible for investing lottery money in ways that help people to make improvements to the area for the benefit of the community. If you are a resident of Radstock or Westfield please consider joining us.

Contact our worker: Rob Wicke robwicke@radstockwestfield.org.uk / 07901950114



Keeping Residents Informed

We are pretty keen to make sure that residents of Westfield are kept fully informed of any newsworthy items.

In order to do this, we have our website – www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk – this quarterly newsletter, The Westfield Warbler, we are on Facebook – @westfieldparishcouncil – on Twitter – @westfield_pc – and, of course, we have the good old fashioned noticeboards!

There are two noticeboards in Westfield. One is by the shops at the top of Elm Tree Avenue, next to the postbox, and the other is at the entrance to



Nightingale Way. While we try to keep the information up to date as much as we can, the noticeboards themselves have looked a bit sorry for themselves lately, so we thought they needed a bit of TLC.

Thanks to Jody Gillick, they are now looking very good and we will keep them updated as usual.

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Westfield Primary makes the most of a Parish Council grant



In the last round of grant funding, Westfield Primary School had requested money for wildflowers and pond plants to make the most of their new pond area.

The pupils in the Gardening Club had a great time putting the plants in and the patch is now looking wonderful.

Jose Ross, of Westfield Primary School, said: "The children really enjoyed planting the bulbs in the Autumn, some came up but I think the mice ate some too! We enjoyed some nice bright flowers in February and were able to talk about the importance of early flowers to bees and other pollinators.



"The Garden Club children planted out the aquatics and have already enjoyed seeing newts in our new pond area. We potted up the wildflower plugs together and are about to plant them out. Lots of classes have been accessing the new pond, which is also thanks to your previous grants."



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Bath Area Play Project



For some years, now, the Bath Area Play Project has been coming to Norton Hill Recreation Ground to host a day of fun filled activities for children.

A range of opportunities is available, including scrap, dens, water and inflatables on the day and children are also encouraged to bring their helmets and bikes/scooters/skateboards if they have one.

The fun starts at Norton Hill Recreation Ground this year on August 17th from 1pm to 4pm and is suitable

for children of Primary school age – 5 to 11 years old. Younger children are invited and parents must stay.

As the Warbler is being distributed while this is on, you may well have missed the fun, but if you do get this before it's on then please go along – the more the merrier.

For more information, you can contact BAPP direct on 01225 832479 or enquiries@bapp.org.uk. Playdays are going ahead at other locations in B&NES, which you can see on the website www.bapp.org.uk

New phone number and email for Safeguarding adults referrals

Following a transfer of service back to Bath & North East Somerset Council on 1st July 2022, the number to ring if you suspect an adult is being abused or neglected (this could be you or someone you know) will be 01225 394200.

Phone lines are open Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 5pm and Fridays 8.30am to 4.30pm; at all other times, call the Emergency Duty Social Work team on 01454 61 51 65 (evenings, weekends and bank holidays). If you think someone is in immediate danger, ring the emergency services on 999.

You can also report a concern via email; there is a new email address to use for safeguarding referrals; please use Safeguarding_Adults@bathnes.gov.uk.

Keeping people in Bath & North East Somerset safe is everyone's business. Thank you to everyone who helps us to safeguard adults at risk in Bath and North East Somerset.

More information can be found on the Bath & North East Somerset Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership website. www.bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk

Westfield Boules

Westfield Petanque Club are currently enjoying their best year ever. Although we lost some players during lockdown, we have welcomed new players, along with some returning old players. The weather has been particularly kind (perhaps a bit too kind at times) this year, enabling us to play every Tuesday throughout the summer.

July, we have so far enjoyed three particularly special events. Along with the rest of the country, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a special Jubilee Boules evening. Particularly notable were the fantastic jubilee cakes on display. Bake Off eat your heart out!

The following Sunday, we travelled to Wells for the annual Boules Tournament, the first for three years due to Covid. This year, we were unable to play in Wells Square, so the event was held in the Bishop's Palace Gardens. A spectacular venue but the games proved a challenge to us all, played as they were on the gravel paths between the beautiful flower beds. As always, it was a great day out, and one that we always look forward to.

On 12th July, we hosted a charity evening against the Connaught Freemasons Lodge. A truly great night, where I think the supper break was probably longer than the games. Thankfully, Westfield won, otherwise we would never have lived it down, and Connaught very generously presented us with a cheque for £200 to give to our chosen charity, which was Cancer Research UK.

Still to look forward to is an evening in August when we will play the Shambolics, a team from Shoscombe, who actually won the Wells Boules Tournament, so quite a challenge!



Westfield Petanque Club play every Tuesday evening from April through to October, this year, our last game will be on 11th October. There is no membership fee, no dress code, no need to book, so if you fancy a relaxed, fun evening with a difference, then just come along any Tuesday at 6pm, Norton Hill Recreation Ground.

Westfield's Front Garden Competition 2022

During the gorgeous hot weather of early July, consideration had to be taken for the Westfield front gardens that were to be judged for the competition.

Entries this year were once again fabulous. Many gardens in Westfield are looking bright and cheerful and a lot of residents have obviously taken great care to keep them that way.

As Sod's Law dictates, our judge on the day was unavailable due to the dreaded Covid. Thankfully, Mr Paul Millard, committee member of Westfield Allotment and Garden Society (WAGS), was able to step in at short notice. On a beautiful day at the beginning of July, he toured Westfield looking at gardens and containers that had been entered – either directly by the residents or by passers-by who were impressed with the displays.



Cllr Diana Cooper with Mr and Mrs Holcombe.

We are delighted to announce the winners – Mr and Mrs Holcombe, of Waterside Road, win for their strikingly beautiful front garden. Mr Holcombe said that they were delighted to have won the competition as they had put a lot of work into their garden this year. They said how it is always appreciated that passers-by get pleasure from the garden as well. One passer-by had made a point of telling them that she passes regularly, and it always makes her happy!

This year, due to the special Jubilee events, the Parish Council announced an extra prize for a garden/container that was clearly celebrating the Jubilee. The winner, with a bright red, white and blue display, was Ms Helen Moon of Birch Road. Helen was delighted to have been awarded a prize. She said: "I am amazed and delighted that we had been nominated. It gives me such pleasure, the garden, and I was moved to think that people enjoy looking at it. My father, Tony Jones, would have been really proud."

The container prize went to a beautiful hanging basket display in Highfields.

The judge said: "It was a pleasure to be asked to help judge the front garden competition this year. Firstly, may I commend all of the entrants for how well their gardens were presented given how warm and dry the weather has been. The winner of the jubilee category had obviously put in a lot of thought about their display. The front garden winner has also put in a lot of time and effort to present a very pleasing garden that has obviously been well planned. The container/hanging basket winner had used their plants in a very colourful way to present an outstanding display. Well done to everyone."



On awarding the cups and prizes, Vice Chair of the Environment and Development Committee, Cllr Diana Cooper, said: "This front garden was a well-deserved winner. It is absolutely stunning, with an abundance of healthy, colourful plants. A real eye catcher, that brings pleasure to everyone that passes by.

"The jubilee containers were beautiful, well thought out, and a wonderful addition to the jubilee celebrations."

The winners each received a cup to commemorate their win and a voucher to spend at Thomsons' Hardware in Radstock. The Parish Council would like to thank Thomsons' for their continued support. Huge thanks, also, to Mr Paul Millard for stepping in at such short notice to do the judging.

Cllr Diana Cooper with winner, Ms Helen Moon.



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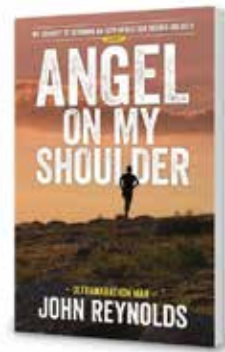
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– John Reynolds's remarkable story

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In *Angel on my Shoulder*, John tells the story of how he was diagnosed with a severe thyroid condition in 2004 which left him suffering from seizures and unable to walk. Determined not to let it beat him, he set himself the challenge of walking to the end of his garden, each day wanting to walk further each day than the previous one. From this, he began to regain his strength, eventually challenging himself to ultramarathons and setting the Guinness World Record by completing 426 miles in 6 days.

Angel on my Shoulder is out now and each copy sold will donate funds to Children's Hospice South West, another cause dear to John's heart.

Books can either be bought directly from John (the best way to get a signed copy!) by calling 07802500187 or via email on john.reynolds64.j574@gmail.com or are available from all good retailers, including Amazon and Waterstones.

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AUGUST

19th – Craft: Robots and Rockets at Midsomer Norton Library, 11am – 12 noon.

20th – Live band, Big Mama's Banned at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

26th – Craft: Zoomers and Pinwheel Houses at Midsomer Norton Library, 11am – 12 noon

27th – Late Summer Weekend at Midsomer Norton Station

27th – 80s/90s Fancy Dress Party with entertainment from Fantastique at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

28th – Kids Party with Rocky's Magic Parties at Mardons Social Club, 2pm. Free entry and all welcome.

SEPTEMBER

2nd – Autumn Gala, the Pines Remembered at Midsomer Norton Station

2nd – Craft: Pinball Machine at Midsomer Norton Library, 11am – 12noon

3rd – Live band, The Jukebox Engineers at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

5th – Parish Council meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

7th – Neighbourhood Beat Surgery, Longfellow's Café, Fossey School, 10am – 11.30am

10th – Live band, The Skinny Dippers at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

12th – Environment and Development Committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

17th – The Pines Remembered at Midsomer Norton Station

17th – Live band, The Offshoots at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

21st – Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

24th – Live band, The Haus Band at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

30th – He's the one, tribute to Robbie Williams and 2 course meal, 7pm at Centurion Hotel.

OCTOBER

1st – Live band, Voodoo Seven at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

3rd – Parish Council meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

7th – Fundraising night for Physical.Emotional Abuse Awareness at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

8th – Live band, The Walker Close Band at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

10th – Environment and Development Committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

14th – Quiz Night for Luckington Carnival Club at Mardons Social Club, 7.30pm.

15th – Live band, Elevation at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

19th – Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

22nd – Live band, AngelHeart at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

29th – Halloween at the Station.

29th – Halloween Fancy Dress Party, with entertainment from Limited Edition, at Mardons Social Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

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Waterside Valley Consultation

Since the last edition of the Warbler, the Management Plan for Waterside Valley has progressed and is now open for consultation.

It incorporates proposals for entrances, hedges, grass cutting and the natural springs, rights of way, paths and accessibility.

The Plan also records the locations of the World War II Pill Boxes visible on the site and which formed a line of defence around the local mines. It suggests making a feature of the one which is located within the boundary of Waterside Valley, opening it up for special events.

The existing grassland could be enhanced through management and overseeding of Rattle to reduce the vigour of the coarse grasses, increase bio-diversity and the wildflowers. The feasibility of an

annual hay cut is being investigated.

Hedges could be cyclically laid and inter-planted, to further increase bio-diversity and scrub could be managed to prevent further spread.

A more defined channel around the springs could be created with boulders defining the spring point and steps to retain and slow the water making it an attractive feature. This would help avoid the current seepage which makes the paths very muddy.

Why not take a look at the proposals and let us know your views –





They can be viewed in person in the foyer at the Parish Council offices, the Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield, Monday to Friday 9am -5pm. Plans are on display now and will be up until the end of August.

Why not also come along to a consultation event where our consultant, Andy King, will be on hand to answer any questions and take comments.

These events are:

- Mardons Club, Mardons Close, Westfield on Wednesday 7th September. Drop in from 11am until 12 noon.
- Westfield Methodist Trinity Church Hall on Thursday 8th September. Drop in during the evening from 7-8pm.

The Plans are also available to view on our website – www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk/news



Future Bright Career Coaching

For single mum Claire, the dream of making a career change and starting her own business was being held back as a result of having two jobs, running a household and countless other daily challenges.



"Due to Covid, I lost one of my jobs, then I was furloughed from another," she recalls. "Then through some tragic circumstances in my personal life, it made me realise life really was too short and I was ready to take the plunge and change the pathway in my life. It was then I found out about Future Bright."

Claire was matched with a Future Bright Career Coach, Ramona, and together they started to make a plan. Ramona linked her up with Cool Ventures (an organisation which offers funded support to small business support) and Claire completed their 'Starting in Business' webinar which helped her think through whether self-employment would be the right option.



She researched and applied for a local course, with Ramona helping her to secure the funding needed to pay for it.

Claire passed the course with flying colours and is currently applying for nail technician roles. She is also making plans to run her own business alongside a part-time job and has made all the arrangements necessary to run this from her own home.

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- Concern about your local area and wanting to ensure the community gets the right services
- To represent the views of local people and ensure that the community's interests are taken into account
- Having good ideas for the council and community in a time of scarce resources
- To contribute your skills
- It can be a career enhancing activity, allowing you to develop leadership and analytical skills



We understand that time is limited for most people, so your commitment to the role can change and develop over time. But as a minimum, you would need to attend at least one meeting per month.

If you would like to be co-opted to the Councillor vacancy on Westfield Parish Council, please write a short letter outlining your background and why you would like to be co-opted to the role.

Please send it to the Parish Clerk, Westfield Parish Council, The Oval Office, Cobblers Way, Westfield BA3 3BX or email council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk.

The deadline is 31st August 2022.

Allotments update

One of the recipients of a grant from Westfield Parish Council last year was Westfield Allotment and Garden Society – WAGS.

The money was used to replace the edging boards around the allotment beds, which has almost been completed.



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Prattens Bowls Club

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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.

In order to facilitate access for older and physically impaired bowlers and visitors, we have recently installed a ramp from the car park which is appreciated by both members and visitors. This was partially funded by various grants.

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.

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 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. We are always keen to talk to potential members. Membership is free to new bowlers in their first season.

For further details, please see our website at www.prattensbowlsclub.com where you will find regular updates about the club as well as a list of fixtures in case you wish to come and watch a game.

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



Grants Pot now open

Westfield Parish Council has once again opened its grants pot to applications from groups and organisations working in or for Westfield. With grants of up to £1000 available (more in exceptional circumstances) the Council would be delighted to hear from any group or organisation that is working for the benefit of Westfield residents.

You do not have to be an established group or a registered charity to apply as long as the purpose of the activity is of a charitable nature and will be of benefit to residents of Westfield. Whilst we require an established bank account in the name of an organisation in order to transfer funds, the Parish Council has in the past, supported individual ventures with the direct purchase of items that made a difference to their work.

We are delighted to support regular applicants that continue to enhance life for Westfield residents such as SWALLOW, Westfield Allotments Society, Midsomer Norton and Radstock Silver Band and Bath Area Play Project but we are equally delighted when we receive applications from organisations that are new to us. In the last round of grant funding, we were able to help Midsomer Norton Cricket Club to purchase equipment and pay coaches and Pratten's Bowls Club, who needed a new ramp from the car park to their club.

If you're not sure whether you should apply or feel daunted by forms, then please do get in touch and we would be very happy to talk you through the process and advise on the information that we need to know.

Westfield Parish Council grants pot is looking forward to hearing from you!



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An 80s & 90s Party at Mardons!

Mardons Social Club's Summer party returns with a bang this year, in the form of an '80s Party and 90s Rave' themed fancy dress night with entertainment from the incredible Fantastique!!!

On Saturday, 27th August, the club will be going retro and celebrating with the stunningly talented 'Fantastique'. Early in the year the duo made quite an impact with their electro-pop performance and covers of some crazy 80s and 90s tunes – everything from OMD, Pet Shop Boys and ABC through to Technotronic, Snap and even 2 Unlimited!

There will be a pop-up cocktails and shots bar, free raffle entry when you purchase a drink between 7-9pm, a tasty BBQ on sale and prizes for the best fancy dress – wear anything from the 80s or 90s, TV, film or pop culture - just have fun!

The kids get their turn on Sunday, 28th, when Glen Davis arrives with balloons, music and fun to create an afternoon of pandemonium (2pm start). Parents/guardians must remain on the premises throughout (don't worry, the bar will be open).



The Walker Close Band

There's lots happening over the coming months, including charity events and another great fundraising Quiz Night with Luckington Carnival Club and the Halloween Fancy Dress Party Night.

Of course, entertainment continues weekly with a mix of new bands like The Offshoots and some much-loved favourites like The Walker Close Band. You can find out all that's happening, by following [Facebook.com/mardonsclub](https://www.facebook.com/mardonsclub)



... bringing back the 80s and 90s
on Saturday, 27th August

Football at the Recreation Grounds

As trustees of the Miner's Trust, Westfield Parish Council looks after the two recreation grounds in Westfield – Norton Hill on the Fosseyway and Westhill on Westhill Road.

There are various sporting facilities on the grounds, and one of the most popular is football. Each season, there are 3 or 4 teams that play on Norton Hill, whereas Westhill is currently not used by an adult team as there are no changing facilities.

One of the teams to play on Norton Hill is the Westfield U16.

Here is a little round up of their season 2021-22:

"The U16s played in the 5th Division of the Avon Youth League and finished 6th last season. It was the boys' last youth season playing together and many of the boys have started training with the Westfield Men's 'A' team.

"They are a good bunch of lads who are well supported by parents, both home and away, and by their kit sponsor, National Express."

Good luck to them all this year.



Fundraising at SWALLOW

Swallow is the local charity supporting teenagers and adults with learning disabilities to live independent and fulfilling lives. SWALLOW relies on fundraising and donations to be able to continue its work.

SWALLOW members love to get involved with fundraising, and this year, we are repeating a very

popular event – a three hour Zumbathon on 17th September 2022 from 11am – 2pm at the Hive Community Centre in Peasedown St John.

Please email Charlotte Sayers at charlottesayers@swallowcharity.org or ring her on 01761 414 034 for more information.

Westfield Inters continues its success

Youth Connect South West (YCSW) is a registered charity offering support to young people across Bath and North East Somerset. We have a range of services for young people, and all are run in line with guidance from the National Youth Agency.

Westfield Inters, for secondary school young people aged 11-13, runs every Tuesday from Westfield Methodist Church 6pm – 8pm, and continues to be a popular session with its members.

Over the last few months, the young people at the session have been taking part in a series of activities including looping music workshops with Bath Festivals, sports and team challenges, cooking, table tennis, games and even a bingo night. Planning sessions have allowed young people to tell us what they want from youth services, taking ownership of their space and club. The Inters sessions allow positive relationships to be built with youth workers, whilst in a safe space that encourages them to learn new skills and gain confidence.



A key part of youth work is allowing young people to seek change in their community and have influence in decision making. Our young people in Westfield were given a voice through a consultation activity with the Parish Council for Waterside Valley. Allowing young people to give ideas for the conservation, ways to use the natural green space and what they would like to see for the future of the area in which they live. So many



great suggestions have led to the team hosting sessions at Waterside to engage in green activities whilst promoting positive wellbeing.

The team hope to host more outdoor activities in the autumn months, including sports sessions and green space games before the winter months draw close.

With the new intake of years 7s in September, we welcome new members to join our club nights. For more information about sessions in Westfield please contact;

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Visit our website

www.youthconnectsouthwest.org.uk or look us up on social media, Facebook - Youth Connect SouthWest Instagram - @youthconnectsouthwest



Do you have what it takes to become Carnival Royalty?

On Friday, 23rd September, Midsomer Norton & District Carnival will be looking for this year's Carnival Royalty. The first competition since COVID cancelled events for the last 2 years.

The Royal party traditionally lead the grand illuminated carnival parade along the route through Midsomer Norton, overseeing the route from the Royal glass coach.

As well as the honour of being carnival royalty, there is also some prize money up for grabs across all four of the positions available, these include:

Carnival Queen – (Age 10 to 18) Winning £50

Carnival King – (Age 10 to 18) Winning £50

Carnival Princess – (Age 5 to 9) Winning £30

Carnival Prince – (Age 5 to 9) Winning £30



To enter, just complete the form on the website www.illuminatedcarnival.co.uk and then go along to the competition on Friday, 23rd September at Prattens from 7.30pm.



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2022-2023



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THINGS TO DO

MONDAY

- Arts and Crafts Club at Westfield Trinity Methodist Church, 10am – 12 noon.
- Carer's Café, first Monday of the month at Mardons Social Club, 10am – 11.30am.
- Games sessions from Youth Connect South West, Midsomer Norton Skate Park, 4pm – 5.30pm
- Youth Club from Youth Connect South West, Church Street, Radstock 7pm – 9pm

TUESDAY

- Knit and Natter at Westfield Trinity Methodist Church 2pm – 4pm.
- Youth Club from Youth Connect South West, Westfield Methodist Church, 6pm – 8pm.
- Youth Club from Youth Connect South West, Midsomer Norton Skate Park, 6.30pm-8.30pm.

WEDNESDAY

- Westfield TT Running Club, visit Facebook for more information.
- Westfield Voices at St Peter's Church, Westfield. 7.15pm – 9pm.

THURSDAY

- Adventurer's Guild from Youth Connect South West, Midsomer Norton Skate Park, 4pm – 5.30pm.

FRIDAY

- Folk Dance Club, St Peter's Church, 8pm – 10pm.

SATURDAY

- Saturday Coffee at Westfield Methodist Church from 10am.

SUNDAY

- Westfield TT Running Club, visit Facebook for more information.

BIG CHOICES on Buses

The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) is holding a "big conversation" on buses this summer.

They want to hear your views and ideas on bus travel across the region such as:

- **Where should buses run?**
- **What's a reasonable amount to pay for your fare?**
- **Should there be a focus on urban or rural services?**
- **How would you deploy the limited number of bus drivers?**
- **What if the choice is more frequent or more reliable services?**
- **Could we use community transport more effectively?**
- **What would encourage more people to choose the bus?**

There is an online survey which opened on 22 July and will run until 31 August 2022.

During August some members of the Parish Council will be popping along to the bus stops in Westfield to ask users for their opinions on the above.

Should you wish to take part in the survey you can find details on the West of England Combined Authority website - www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk or you can send your views in to the Parish Council, should you wish to, at council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk

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The Parish Clerk

I write this article in the middle of the heatwave and we are all trying hard to stay cool! This is a summer of consultations, the biggest being the future management of Waterside Valley. Please take a look at the centre pages of this edition for more information about what is planned and do take part in the consultation and let us know your thoughts, we really appreciate it.

As you may know, we are looking to replace the wooden swings at Norton Hill Recreation Ground with some robust contemporary steel ones. We are very grateful to both the young people in the

Westfield Youth Group and to Fosse Way School for responding to a consultation on the designs – your comments were included in our bids for grant funding. I am happy to say that grant funding from the Sperring Charity has been agreed and we are awaiting a response from Awards for All.

We are putting plans together to replace the wooden planter on the grass area at Wesley Avenue. This planter has been a lovely attraction over the years but is now suffering from rot. We are looking to keep the hanging basket tree but create a circular brick surround. We hope this will enhance the area for many years.

Finally, do please give thought to becoming a Councillor and serving the local community. All councillors bring their own unique contribution to the council, whether it is local knowledge, an understanding of the finances, or an interest in horticulture. The deadline for applications is 31st August.

Lesley Close

Parish Clerk

Flower displays in Westfield

We would just like to send a quick thanks to Rob Wicke who is responsible for the beautiful hanging baskets in Westfield this year. We think they look fabulous – Thank you Rob.



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