

The Village Connection
Leigh on Mendip + Downhead + Stoke St Michael +

Issue 287

July 2022



Dates for your Diary

July

- 1 Coffee & Chat Stoke Church 10.00am - Noon
- 1 Afternoon Cafe Concert Leigh Church 2.30pm *See p 8*
- 2 Leigh Open Gardens Festival
- 4 Leigh Memorial Hall Meeting 7.30pm
- 8 Coffee & Chat Stoke Church 10.00am - Noon
- 8 Leigh Lunch *See p 13*
- 12 Kurling & Cake Memorial Hall LoM *See p 12*
- 15 Coffee & Chat Stoke Church 10.00am - Noon
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- 18 Active Living Centre Memorial Hall LoM *See p 12*
- 22 Coffee & Chat Stoke Church 10.00am - Noon
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October

- 15-16 Leigh Art & Craft Exhibition *See p 19*

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This month we hear from the Rev. Chris North

Faith on the Farm: - Glastonbury Festival Church Tent

Justine and I have just returned from working in The Church at Glastonbury Festival. I thought I would share a few of my experiences.



A group of Christians from Churches across Somerset came together to form the Church for the Festival. On the first day when it was so hot we gave out cups of water to people as they arrived (over 1000 litres), whilst also providing shade from the sun. Over the week we led services, both in the tent and up in the Peace Garden. We blessed relationships and marriages, for instance one couple came, having made rings for each other in the craft field and they renewed their vows, gave and received rings and I asked God to bless them (I don't think there was a dry eye in the house!). We listened and prayed with people who were in distress, and I had the privilege to baptise and welcome two children into the family of the church.

The media got hold of our work, and on Sunday morning I was asked to speak on various radios programmes about the Glastonbury Festival and why we were there. As I got up very early in the morning, I was walking down to the Pyramid Stage when it started to rain and I saw a huge rainbow. I held off taking the photo so I could get to exactly the right place, unfortunately, in doing so I miss the opportunity... Paul McCartney in his headline performance spoke of missing the chance to say to John "*he loved him*"... For me that is why it is so important for us as the Church to be at the festival. So many people see Glastonbury as a spiritual place, and if we are not there an opportunity will have been missed. I think being there, being attentive, reaching out to people in the moment is so important.

One interviewer asked me, where would Jesus be at the festival, to which I replied "*In the dust and the mud, amongst the music and arts, alongside people telling the good news of God's love*". And so as followers of Jesus I think that is where we should be too.

If you want to know more, I will be speaking about our experiences at the next *Soul Food Service* in Stoke St Michael on 10th July, 6pm.

Chris North

From the Registers

Weddings

Laurence Ludgate & Grace Merry	Marston	11th June
James Cox & Clare Miles	Marston	18 th June

Funerals

John Leach	Marston	15th June
Richard Baker	Mells	17 th June

Letter from Bishop Ruth

A wealth of ministries

Half-way through the year already! Midsummer's day past. It hardly seems possible. We have now had Bishop Michael's election as our new Diocesan Bishop confirmed and we have joined together in a Day of Prayer to mark this new chapter in the life of the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Praying with hope and joy as we look forward to the next part of the journey together, and with realism as we recognise the challenges we face especially with our limited financial resources.

However, we are rich in other ways. The missional and ministerial resources amongst us are strong. We continue to see people drawn to exploring ordained ministry and yet an even greater number seeking new lay ministerial opportunities. Reader training is beginning to increase once more. Chaplaincies of all shapes and sizes are developing. Recently we introduced chaplaincy to the courts in Taunton, and Weston-Super-Mare is following after. Churchwardens in this past month have demonstrated their commitment to service at the annual Visitation services.

And there are loads more ways in which the wealth of the Church is seen, through pastoral care, worship leading, and children and youth work, to name but a few. Our deaneries are working together on plans for local shared ministry focussing on the particular needs, context and gifts of each place and community. It is an opportunity for us to note God's abundant goodness to us and the gift of the people with whom we gather.

I am looking forward to sharing in our celebration of all the lay ministries across the diocese. It is an opportunity to hear the stories of one another, to reflect on creative possibilities and ways you can join in. Please respond to the invitation to come along!

Every blessing

Bishop Ruth



FRIENDS OF LEIGH CHURCH

Registered charity number (England and Wales): 1174913

JULY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Trio Paradis concert during the village's Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations. We especially enjoyed welcoming several young families to the event. The church came alive with the children's enjoyment of the music, especially the pieces from Saint-Saëns' 'Carnival of the Animals'. There was dancing in the aisles!

The next concerts in the series will be on Friday 1 July and Friday 5 August, with the themes of 'Here and Now' and 'Songs of Travel' respectively. We hope to see some of you there.

On 18 June we hosted our first FOLC coffee morning, and look forward to many more. Why not come along next time to meet up with friends and enjoy a hot drink and a slice of home-made cake? We will be announcing the next date soon.

Meanwhile, the next 'Leigh Lunch' will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 8 July. These popular monthly lunches are now an established part of the village calendar. To be sure of your place, you can book by e-mailing Vicky Higgins at v.l.higginsfox@btinternet.com or calling 01373 812087.

Finally, it's not too late to register your garden for next summer's Open Gardens Festival, to be held on Sunday 2 July 2023. Please contact us at folcleigh@gmail.com to find out more so that you can start planning your planting!

Best wishes -

The FOLC Committee

Coffee and Chat

We continue to welcome members of the community to Stoke Church every Friday mornings for a Coffee and a Chat!



Meet and catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

Every Friday morning, 10 to 12noon

There will be refreshments; younger guests also welcome!
(Any profits made will be divided between the Disasters Emergency Fund (DEC), and Church Funds)



More details from Justine North- 01749 840412

Justine.north123@gmail.com

Or from the church website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10959/>

Sidesmen & Flowers



Leigh on Mendip

	Sideman	Flowers
3 July	Brian and Margaret Loten	Wedding
10 July	No service	-
17 July	No service	Jan Pattison
24 July	No service	-
31 July	No service	Sue Mattick
7 August	Alastair Weston	Joan Pattison

Church/Brass Cleaning

July – Margaret Loten and Jackie Longley
 August – Caroline Harris and Jane Weston

Stoke St Michael

	Sideman	Flowers
3 July	Jane Evans	Karen Pearce
10 July	Janet Gilham	-
17 July	Justine North	Lin Strong
24 July	No service	-
31 July	No service	-
7 August	Jane Evans	Hazel Tucker

Church Cleaning

July - Jane Evans
 August - Cicely Middle

Sunday Stokers



For their June meeting the Sunday Stokers met in the Memorial Hall on the 12th when they looked at the God's wonderful world of flowers. They drew and decorated their own vision of a flower and then planted up pots with colourful flowering plants, choosing their favourite colours. As well as taking a pot home a beautiful collection, with many butterflies, has been placed outside the church porch for all to see

The next Stokers will take place on **Sunday 17th July**. All 3-11 year olds welcome!

For more information, please contact Lizzy Rice: lizzyrice@hotmail.co.uk

Informal evening worship

SOUL FOOD

MUSIC. PRAYER. REFLECTION
COFFEE & CAKE
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
6PM

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

SUN 12 JUNE (NUNNEY)

SUN 10 JULY (STOKE)



/STOKESTMICHAELCHURCH

/ALLSAINTSNUNNEY





Trio Paradiso

in association with



present an

Afternoon Café Concert
at
Leigh Church
on
Friday 1 July 2022 at 2.30pm

'Here and Now'

Music by living composers

A variety of classical, folk and popular pieces

Free entry – no booking required – donations welcome!

*The Tower Room Café will be open before and during the performance,
serving hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes*

All proceeds from the cafe will benefit FOLC

Please also join us on Friday 5 August at 2.30pm for

'Songs of Travel'

Music from exotic – and not-so-exotic! - locations

For more information visit www.trioparadis.com, Facebook @trioparadisbath

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Wales):1174913

Leigh on Mendip

Summer Sat Fair 16 July

Noon until 5, on the Rec Field

+ Fun Dog Show

Bar, Games, Stalls, BBQ, Light Refreshments

live music !

**with Soul'ed Out
and
3 more bands!**



Barn Dance!

with Cat's Whiskers ceilidh band

Saturday 16 July

7-30 in the Summer Fair marquee
with hot food



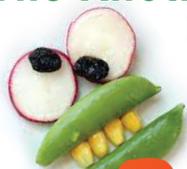
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under 12 free
(£4 for food)

Bar

Tickets from Leigh on Mendip school
or 01373 812459

The Allotment Association
brings you the...



CRAZY CREATURE COMPETITION

CREATE A CREATURE
WITH FRUIT & VEGETABLES!

GO ON...
GET
CREATIVE!



Bring your entry to the **CRAZY CREATURE** display area!

PRIZES!

JUDGING AT 3.30PM



PRIZES!



PRIZES!

At the
Village Fair



16th July 2022

Community Activity

The Active Living Centre (ALC) meetings are open to anyone over 50 years of age, together with any carers attending with them. The Kurling meetings are open to everyone, and the cake after playing the games makes for a good afternoon out. Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated. All our meetings are held with a range of safety precautions in place to help protect members.

For more information, or for bookings, please ring Graham on 01761 232753 or e-mail: graham@grahamcroft.plus.com

LOMCA – July 2022

The next meeting of the **Active Living Centre** is in the Memorial Hall at the usual time of 10.00am on Monday 18 July (3rd Monday) when Patrick Lomasney will give a presentation about ‘Cruising the Northern Hemisphere’ to get you thinking about your future holidays! New members will be very welcome, but everyone is requested to book well in advance, as we expect to be using outside caterers for the lunch at this event. Please book by 8th July at the latest. The cost paid on the day is £2.00 for attending the event and £5.00 for the two- course lunch. For booking, or for further details, please contact Graham.

We will be holding our successful, fun, **Kurling and Cake** meeting in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 12th July at 2pm. All ages are welcome, and we do cater for anyone who is less agile at the Kurling meetings, but please book by 5th July please – the cost is still just £2.00 and that covers not only some fun Kurling but also tea/coffee and the cake! Why not come and give it a try – no experience is necessary and the emphasis is on having a fun afternoon – new members will be very welcome. For booking, or for further details, please contact Graham.

Leigh Recreation Field

Bonus Club The winners in June were the Caroline Harris and Kim & Geoff Bone, with number 24. They should have their £20 prizes by now.

Jubilee celebrations What a great week! Thanks you to all those who organised and arranged it all, especially the beacon, the time capsule and the picnic which happened on the rec. The beacon looks designed to last until the next Jubilee!

Leigh Fair. Don’t forget to come along on 16 July. After two years off, it’s back to normal with lots of good fun, good food and good local drink.

Keep safe and enjoy the rec.

David Pattison 812570

THE LEIGH LUNCH

at Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

Friday 8 July 2022

then on the second Friday
of every month

Open from 11.30am for coffee

£5 for a 2-course hot lunch, including hot drinks

Bar available

Dietary needs catered for - just let us know when you book

Everyone is welcome - all ages!

Book now for 8 July

E-mail v.l.higginsfox@btinternet.com or call 01373 812087

Please book by Tuesday 5 July at the latest

If you would like help with transport please let us know when you book

We look forward to seeing you soon

Jo Carter, Vicky & Frank Higgins and Joan Pattison

Remaining domestic Covid restrictions have been removed but we still want to do all we can to keep you safe, so it would be good if you **use the hand sanitiser** in the hall lobby, **do not join us** if you have symptoms and do **wear something warm** as we will ventilate the hall.

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Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

As the summer begins the hall remains busy with booking during what is usually our quiet period. This is really great to see. We have many regular events in the hall including Yoga, Zumba, Art club, Tai Chi alongside our more established bookings. Please see the village website for more information.

Don't forget that along with hiring the hall you can also hire equipment from the hall for your own functions. We hire out anything from glasses to tables and chairs. For more information please go to the LOM website or if you have a booking enquiry please do contact our booking Clerks, Roger and Ann Orpwood r.a.orpwood@btinternet.com.

We also have a meeting room that we are willing to hire out for office space if required for more information please contact Vicki vickigt@hotmail.co.uk

The next meeting will be on Mon 4th July at 7.30pm everyone welcome.

Leigh on Mendip WI

The Month of July signifies the height of Summer and all its glorious radiance. It's a perfect time to celebrate the outdoors and enjoy the beautiful countryside. We have much to look forward to with the forthcoming Village Fete and Barn Dance. A great time for everyone to come together and hopefully enjoy excellent Summer weather!



We, at the WI, are very much involved and looking forward to it. We will be running the Tombola stand and as such are currently gathering as many prizes as possible. Donations from all Villagers will be gratefully received. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please let us know. (You can deliver to: 3, The Old Sawmills or 7, Apple Meadow View or phone Mary on 812415 - Ideally by Wednesday 13th July. Many Thanks.)

Last Month some of us gathered in the Memorial Hall to watch the live-streamed NFWI AGM, from Liverpool. It was wonderful to witness the wide variety of amazing women, speaking on the charities and topics that drive them. Very uplifting too, to acknowledge the solid charity work and campaigning that forms the base of the WI organization. The session finished with a truly engaging and heartwarming talk from Sarah Clarke, Lady Usher of The Black Rod and ex chief of Wimbledon Lawn tennis Club. Quite a character and CV!

Last Month our speaker was Norton Asbury, brother to one of our members. He is an Art Expert, educated at The Courtauld Institute and now affiliated with The National Gallery in Trafalgar Square. His talk was entitled 'Art for the Nation' and took us through a span of some of the Gallery's key works of Art. It was a glorious, behind the scenes, telling of the significant social periods and how the major artists were tied into them. He took us from the 13th Century, with an exquisite miniature icon, through the best of the Italian Masters to the European Court Painters, English and Dutch Rural Society Painters and up to the end of the 19th Century with the Key French Impressionists. All brought to life with compelling back stories and told with great warmth and humour! Enjoyed by All!

At County level we have various events and outings offered this Month. One such is a trip to Wellfield Barn in Wells. An open garden, just outside Wells and part of 'Somerset Garden Visits'. Beautiful location, magnificent views with mature gardens and borders. A great way to enjoy Summer.

Our Sub-Groups are going strong. We had our first outdoor T'ai Chi session of the year, last month. Even better surrounded by nature. We are also adding a monthly Walking Group, a good way to be outdoors in good company!

Next Month, our guest will be Pauline Miller, speaking about Detection Dogs. The amazing resource they are for our Police and the span of what they are now trained to cover. Should be fascinating.

Finally, just to mention that our president, Caroline, successfully completed an abseil down the side of Wells Cathedral last Month. Very brave indeed! She is

collecting for her charity S.O.S Africa, specifically Education for Children living in the Townships in South Africa. Extremely worthy! Well done Caroline!

Denman Courses are still available on-line and are now offering pre-recorded sessions for those who can't attend at the time. They are open to all at just £5 per session and offer a huge variety of creative and educational subjects. Well worth taking a look. <https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on>

If there are any ladies in the Village who would like to join in, get to know others and meet us, you are very welcome to come along to our monthly socials. Second Monday of each month, in the Memorial Hall from 8pm. No commitment! Contact Caroline on 812889.

See more on our Blog at: <https://leighonmendipblogspot.com>



Stoke St Michael Nursery and Primary School

It has been very few busy weeks at the Nursery and school, with the children enthusiastically joining in with the jubilee celebrations. The children participated in a variety of patriotic activities, including a “wear red, white and blue day” and a celebration afternoon tea. Royal portraits of the Queen were also painted by the children in the style of different artists including Matisse, Warhol and Klimt, and a grand opening of their gallery was held where parents and public could admire the children's hard work over a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Acorns class had a fantastic visit to Noah's Ark zoo. The children loved being able to see the animals up close and the giraffe was a big hit! It was a great opportunity for them to learn more about habitats, lifestyles and the eating habits of a wide variety of species.

We have been delighted to host artists from Make the Sunshine over the past few weeks for music, words, images and sound work-shops based on ‘Kindness’. The culmination of this collaboration, which also include 5 other local primary schools, will be a play performed at St. Paul's Junior School. The play shares ways in which the children would like to change the world, and features work made with professional dancers, theatre practitioners, puppet makers and artists. The ideas and words for the play have come from the children themselves, so it promises to be a unique and personal performance.

Owls class have also enjoyed taking part in an Outdoors Activity Day hosted by Downside School. Archery, team games and Combined Cadet Force activities were all laid on for the children to experience, along with some delicious food and refreshments.

Church Services in the Benefices of Stoke St Michael, Leigh on Mendip and the United Parish of Postlebury

1 July (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP *Rev A Dickson*

3 July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

09.30	Wanstrow	Holy Communion	<i>Rev M Weymont</i>
11.00	Leigh-on-Mendip	Family Communion	<i>Rev I Pearson</i>
18.00	Stoke St Michael	Evensong	<i>Jane Evans</i>

8 July (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP *Rev A Dickson*

10 July – 4th Sunday after Trinity

09.30	Stoke St Michael	Holy Communion	<i>Rev A Dickson</i>
11.00	Witham	Family Communion	<i>Rev A Dickson</i>
18.00	Stoke St Michael	Soul Food	<i>Chris North</i>

14 July (Thursday)

19.30 Wanstrow Compline & Meditation *Rev A Dickson*

15 July (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP *Rev A Dickson*

17 July– 5th Sunday after Trinity

09.30	Nunney	Holy Communion	<i>Rev M Weymont</i>
11.00	Stoke St Michael	Family Communion	<i>Rev M Weymont</i>
18.00	Downhead	Evensong	<i>Jane Evans</i>

July 2022



22 July (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP Rev A Dickson

24 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Marston Holy Communion Rev A Dickson

11.00 Cloford Matins (BCP) Jonathan Cheal

29 July (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP Rev A Dickson

31 July - 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Witham Holy Communion Rev A Dickson
Combined Benefice Service

5 August (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP Rev A Dickson

7 August - 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion Rev A Dickson

11.00 Leigh on Mendip Family Communion Rev A Dickson

18.00 Stoke St Michael Evensong Jane Evans

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Post vacant please contact a Churchwarden

I DON'T WANT TO PANIC YOU BUT...
YOU ONLY HAVE 'TIL OCTOBER TO

HURRY UP AND

GET WEAVING
PAINTING
CRAFTING
KNITTING
TURNING
DRAWING

DEFLOCCULATING
(ceramics term)

Any age... Any artform... Any anything... just do your thing!

SHAVING
(woodworking term)

ARTS and **CRAFTS**
EXHIBITION

Memorial Hall
LEIGH on MENDIP

Sat - Sun
11am - 4pm
15th - 16th OCTOBER

East Mendip Gardening Club

July brings long, warm days that continue late into the evening — perfect for pottering in the garden after work, hosting barbecues, and enjoying your beds and borders as they reach their peak. It is also the perfect growing month, long warm days stretch out late into the evening. With vegetable gardens full of produce and borders at their peak, if you're planning a holiday, invest in an irrigation system to look after fruit, flowers and veg while you're away.

Summer can still throw out a few surprises — make sure tall plants and climbers are well supported in case of bad weather.

Water at dusk to reduce evaporation and use mulch to retain moisture around plants. Terracotta pots are prone to evaporation so dampen the pot down to keep roots inside cool and damp.

Regularly deadhead bedding and perennial plants to encourage new blooms for as long as possible.

Prune wisteria now. Just remove the whippy side-shoots from the main branch framework to about 20cm from their base (about five leaves from the main stem).

Divide clumps of bearded Iris so they have time to form roots and flower buds for next year before the cold weather arrives.

Take cuttings from your favourite tender plants for overwintering indoors. Cuttings can also still be taken from shrubs and border perennials.

Stop rust damaging hollyhock foliage by pruning out affected leaves and/or spraying with a fungicide.

Look out for clematis wilt. Symptoms include wilting leaves and black discolouration on the leaves and stems. Cut out all affected material and dispose of it in your household waste.

Train cucumber stems upwards to make the most of the space available. Simply tie in their long stems to vertical wires or use cane supports to create a wigwam of poles.

If you're growing aubergines, pinch out the growing tip once they have 5 or 6 fruits.

Pick fruits while they are young. You can expect to start harvesting mid to late summer.

Nip off the growing tips of squash and courgette plants to encourage branching.

Pinch out tomato side shoots each week. Cut off any leaves growing below the lowest ripening fruit trusses to improve air circulation and prevent diseases.

Boost your tomato crop by regularly feeding plants with dilute tomato fertiliser once a week. If leaves look pale and yellow, feed more regularly.

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Encourage more marrows by harvesting regularly. Marrows that form in July and August should reach a good size by autumn. Let their skins harden in the sun before cutting them later in September or October. They can be stored into winter.

Pick, dry and freeze herbs for using later in the year.

Pick runner beans regularly to prevent them becoming stringy and to make room for developing pods. Leaving mature pods on the plant can prevent further flowers forming and reduce your crop.

Resist the temptation to harvest more rhubarb stems. Leave the stems in place; this will allow the plant to build up reserves for next year.

Use grass clippings as a mulch around potato plants to stop tubers near the surface from turning green. Alternatively earth up your potato plants as they grow. If you're growing potatoes in bags, gradually add more compost until the bag is full.

Tackle blackfly on broad beans by pinching off any affected growing tips.
Check for cabbage white butterfly eggs under brassica leaves and squash any that you find.
Thin out the fruits on your fruit trees to produce good sized crops. This also helps to prevent brown rot.
If you have plants fruiting in containers, make sure you give them a high potash liquid feed to keep them healthy and productive.
Check the leaves of gooseberry bushes for sawfly larvae, which can completely strip the foliage in a matter of days. Jet them off with water or pick them off by hand.
Peg down runners on your strawberry plants to create more plants for next year. If you don't need more plants simply remove the strawberry runners completely.
Prune your stone fruit trees like plum, apricot, peach and cherry now. Pruning these species in the summer reduces the risk of silver leaf disease.
This is your last chance to feed your lawn with a special lawn fertiliser to encourage healthy green growth.
Water patio plant perennials and baskets thoroughly in hot weather. Continue to feed them with a balanced liquid fertiliser every 2 to 4 weeks.
Use water butts instead of tap water as often as you can when watering your plants.
Turn the content of your compost bin every month to keep it well aerated.
Keep bird baths topped up in hot weather.
Look after your aphid eaters — ladybirds, hoverflies and lacewings feast on greenfly and blackfly so it's worth protecting them.
Keep an eye out for scarlet lily beetles on your lilies — remove and crush any you see. Also check for the sticky brown larvae on the underside of leaves.
If your plants are wilting for no obvious reason, check for vine weevils by tipping your plants out of their pots and looking for 'C' shaped creamy maggots amongst the roots. Treat with nematodes if vine weevils are spotted.
Direct sow salad leaves regularly throughout the summer. Pick the leaves when small and remove any spent plants. Expect to start harvesting in three weeks.
Add some colour to your plot by direct sowing Swiss chard 'Bright Lights'. This will over-winter to give a bumper crop in the spring.
July is the ideal time to sow spring-flowering perennial seeds for next year in trays filled with good quality compost.
Make a note of your garden's pros and cons at its peak to remind you of any changes that you need to make for next year.
Taken from Thompson & Morgan's "What to do in the Garden this month <https://www.thompson-morgan.com/in-the-garden-this-month>

On Tuesday 26th July the East Mendip Gardening Club will visit Batcombe House
Further details from our Chair Mark Manley --markamanley81@googlemail.com

Leigh on Mendip Allotment Association

The Leigh on Mendip allotments are in the field to the west side of the Recreation Playing Field. If you live in the parish of Leigh on Mendip and want to register, or simply discuss having an allotment, please contact :-

Tim Spurgeon, 18, Park Hayes, tel 07813 505830 or e mail timsurgeon@btinternet.com

Stoke St Michael

Village Hall

Fantastic modern facility

Fully equipped kitchen

Large screen

Accessible changing

Contact Teresa on:

07960295425

Email: enquiries@stokestmichael.co.uk



SOMERSET EAR WAX CLINIC

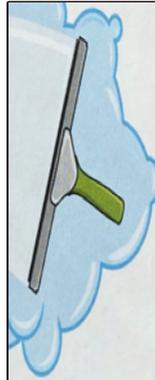
- ◇ Ear wax removal by irrigation
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available

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Dunns Logs

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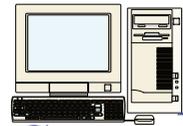


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Meetings are held on the **3rd** Monday of every month in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise advised – see Parish Noticeboards for details of Agenda, Minutes etc. or visit

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