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Crook Peak Parish Community Magazine October & November 2026 Edition

Local news, views, and events from around the villages of: **Badgworth, Biddisham, Christon, Compton Bishop, Loxton, Weare ... and everywhere in between.**

OCTOBER



BIDDISHAM AND BADGWORTH PARISH HALL
Oktoberfest
3RD OF OCTOBER 7.30PM START
£15
INCLUDES A BRATWURST SAUSAGE
BRING YOUR OWN BEER
LIVE MUSIC BY BURNHAM BRASS BAND
TICKETS AVAILABLE
EMAIL: stephenreed2010@hotmail.co.uk
GOOD FOOD • GREAT BEER • GOOD TIMES



Bob Foster's
Stanger on the Shore
Acker Bilk Tribute
Tuesday 6th October 6-7pm
St Andrew's Church,
Compton Bishop

With a complementary drink on arrival
By Donation on the Door
Proceeds to St Andrew's Fabric Fund
& the Artist
For more information contact
07738 953660

Butts Batch, Compton Bishop BS26 2EZ
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QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of Friends of Weare Church

Saturday 17th October 2026
Weare Memorial Hall
7pm for 7:30 start

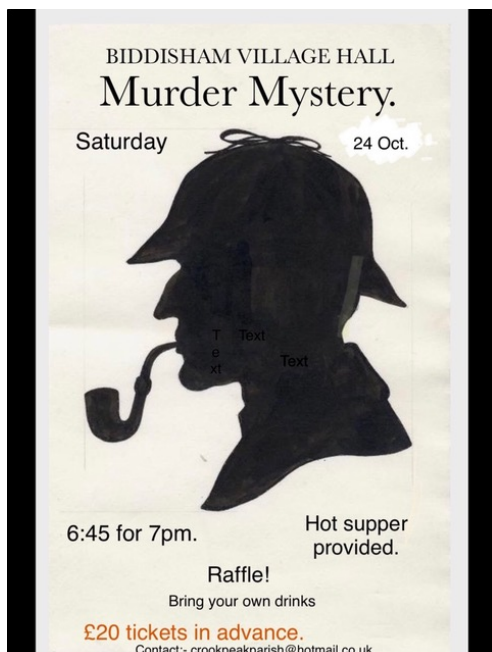
Light supper included.
Please bring your own drink.
Tickets: £15 per person

Teams of 6

If you're short of a full team, don't worry. We will happily find you a team to join, ensuring everyone gets to enjoy the fun!

Tickets and further information from
Anna Fox on 07437612339

OCTOBER (cont)



BIDDISHAM VILLAGE HALL
Murder Mystery.
Saturday 24 Oct.
6:45 for 7pm. Hot supper provided.
Raffle!
Bring your own drinks
£20 tickets in advance.
Contact: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

NOVEMBER



A Culinary Cornucopia
an evening of seasonal fare
Friday 13th November at 7pm
Tickets £15
Includes canapes and food samples
Bar and raffle
All profits will support the Church Room Restoration
Join Becky Jam (@beckyjamsomerset) for an evening of culinary tales, a few kitchen secrets, seasonal recipe ideas, top tips, a demonstration and some tasty morsels to sample.
Further information and tickets:
Anna 07437 612339

DECEMBER



Village Christmas Tree Light Up & Carols
5TH DECEMBER 2026
WEARE CHURCH
4:30pm Mulled Wine & Mince Pies (soft drinks for kids)
5:30pm Light Switch On and Carols
If you would like to bring a weather-proof decoration with your family's message on it then please do or drop in to Alex at Albeeq Cottage.
DONATIONS WELCOME
Help us keep this village Christmas tradition alive.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		CORRESPONDENTS	
OCTOBER		Badgworth	Debra Anderson
Oct 2	Loxton Village Hall – Drinks Evening	Loxton & Christon	Philip Davies (07881630629)
Oct 3	7.30pm Biddisham & Badgworth Village Hall - Oktoberfest	Compton Bishop	Situation Vacant
Oct 6	5.30pm for 6pm St Andrews Church, Compton Bishop. <i>Stranger on the Shore – Tribute to Acker Bilk</i> - Church fund raiser..., complimentary drink.	Biddisham	Claire Talbot
Oct 7	7.00pm Cross Hall. Women’s Fellowship - Michelle Hacker. Safeguarding. Light Supper. All welcome. By Donation, no booking required.	Treasurer:	Paul Wattam (732413)
Oct 8	10am – 12noon Cross Memorial Hall – Coffee Morning & Book/puzzle swap	Weare	Hilary Hugh (hdhugh@btinternet.com)
Oct 17	7pm for 7.30pm start - Weare Memorial Hall Quiz in support of Friends Of Weare Church	Cover	Various
Oct 18	Loxton Village Hall – Village Breakfast	Distribution	Pat Northmore (07788671194)
Oct 24	6.45pm for 7.00pm Biddisham Village Hall - Murder Mystery Night Hot Supper, Raffle ..£20 BYO Drinks. In aid of Biddisham Church For tickets, please email crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk	Editor	Bob Foster rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk
Oct 24	7.30 pm Chapel Allerton Church “Comic & Curious” Concert	From the Editor: Please ensure your submissions for the (Dec/Jan) edition arrive in my inbox between 12-14 November rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk . (if you need to send your contribution earlier then Gary can accept them to his email address before Nov 12 ‘crookpeak6in1@gmail.com’)	
Oct 30	10.30am -12 Weare Church room - Coffee Morning+book swap All Welcome		
Oct 31	Loxton Village Hall - Halloween Night		
NOVEMBER			
Nov 4	7.00pm Cross Hall - Women’s Fellowship - Rev Lucy Blows, Mission to Seafarers. Light Supper. All welcome. By Donation, no booking required.	 Exploring your Spiritual Journey 2027 Exploring your Spiritual Journey is a year long programme that offers an exciting, experiential course in Christian prayer commencing in January 2027. It is for people of all denominations and none, lay and ordained. However, an interest in the Christian faith and a desire to get to know God better are important to get the most from the course.  How do I find out more? For more information and to register your interest please scan the QR code or visit the website: bathandwells.org.uk/exploring-your-spiritual-journey/ For further information, or for any queries, please contact the Ministry Training Team: training@bathwells.anglican.org	
Nov 11	10.45am, so silence timed for 11:00 - St Andrews Church, Compton Bishop. <i>The British Legion Remembrance Service</i> simple short service around the wooden plaque with the names on. It lasts 20-30 minutes. All are welcome.		
Nov 12	10am – 12noon Cross Memorial Hall – Coffee Morning & Book/puzzle swap		
Nov 13	7pm. Weare Churchroom- A Culinary Cornucopia. Includes canapés and food samples. Bar and raffle. Tickets £15 Anna Fox 07437 612339.... In aid of improvements to the Church Room.		
Nov 14	7.30pm at the Biddisham Parish Hall. Fun QUIZ+Ploughmns supper... Book places with either Jenny 750715... Ian 751287...OR ... Stephen 750002		
Nov 15	Loxton Village Hall – Village Breakfast		
Nov 27	10.30am -12 Weare Church room - Coffee Morning + book swap All Welcome		
Nov 28	St Andrews, Compton Bishop – Soup Lunch		
DECEMBER			
Dec 2	7.00pm Cross Hall - Women’s Fellowship Christmas Party Bring & Share Supper.All welcome. No booking requieed		
Your Christmas Greeting in CONTACT Magazine Help the planet, put a personal Christmas greeting on the front cover of CONTACT AND give a boost to CONTACT’s funds at the same time! Send your greeting to crookpeak6in1@gmail.com any time before 12th November and then send in your donation to Paul Wattam. You can do this using the QR code on the inside cover or deliver cash or a cheque, payable to “Contact”, to Lansdown, Henmore Lane, Weare. To make a Bank Transfer Tel: 01934 732413. Thank you to all who continue to support this publication 			
Quiz Evening - Saturday 17th OCTOBER 7pm for 7.30pm start at Weare Memorial Hall , in support of Friends Of Weare Church PLEASE BOOK NOW!! ... This is a reminder about our 2026 general knowledge quiz taking place on Saturday 17th October 2026. Tickets are only £15.00 per person, which includes a light supper of cheeses, breads, and nibbles. Bring your own drinks. Booking should be in tables of 6 but if you’re short of a full team, don’t worry - we’ll happily find you one to join, ensuring everyone gets to enjoy the fun! Tickets are now available from Anna Fox on 07437 612339 so book soon to avoid disappointment! Steve Mercer, Chair, Friends Of Weare Church		COME TO OUR FUN QUIZ Saturday 14th NOVEMBER 7.30 START in the Biddisham Parish Hall INCLUDES A PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER AND DESSERT £10 per head.. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS Please book your places (it helps with the catering) with either :-Jenny 750715; Ian 751287 OR Stephen 750002 .. Singletons, pairs or groups = all welcome	

From: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Dear All,

On Saturday just gone (12th September) I was fortunate to celebrate my 70th birthday with friends and family from far and near. I am going to use the opportunity this letter provides, to give heartfelt thanks to all those who gave me cards and gifts. As I write this letter I am pondering where threescore years and ten have gone. Many of you may know the phrase 'threescore years and ten' comes from the King James Bible and is a quote from Psalm 90 verse 10. Psalm 90 is thought to be a prayer written by Moses a man who we are told lived to 120. In the western world, living to 120 would be unusual, even with all the advances in modern medicine and diet. However, living to more than 90 is becoming much more common. This, unfortunately, can often lead to some folk becoming isolated and lonely. We in Crook Peak are blessed to live in communities that care for and look out for those in need. There are the monthly coffee mornings, in Weare and Cross, and Women's Fellowship. There is the 'car scheme', that provides lifts to medical appointments. Places for us to meet socially are provided by the Webbington, the Lamb at Lower Weare, the New Inn, the White Hart and the Hub at Loxton. Then there is the church, able and ready to support people at the major milestones in life, or when they are in crisis. We have people who are trained to listen and support those who are finding life difficult. Above all we can pray with people and for people. So, as we come together to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions, I pray we can all keep an eye on our neighbours, especially those who are wiser than we are. God Bless, Gary, Lay Minister, Crook Peak Parish.

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2026

We will again be collecting filled shoeboxes here on Crook Peak to send out to Ukraine and Eastern Europe through Blythswood. Receiving a shoebox filled with simple things brings a lot of joy to children and adults despite the hardships they face daily. If you would like to take part leaflets giving instructions of the essential items to go in the boxes will be available in the churches. Please follow the instructions so that your box will pass custom regulations. When Blythswood checks the boxes they add a bible story book for children, a story of a life transformed by Jesus for teenagers or a calendar with bible verses for adults. Please add adonation towards transport costs as it costs about £7,000 to send one trailer load of shoeboxes to Eastern Europe. Last year we sent 36, could we do that again this year or better! The boxes need to be with me by November 7/8th at the latest. If you are not able to fill a box you can still donate by gifting two shoeboxes for £28 at onlineshoebox.org. If you have any questions please give me a ring on 01934 732394. You can bring the filled boxes to church, women's fellowship or give them to someone who you know goes to church or to me at Shortland, Badgworth. Thank you. Denise Cooper

Car scheme The Crook Peak Community Car Scheme offers help in transporting patients for medical appointments at local surgeries and hospitals. A message can be left on 07572336605. Some one will return your call asking for details of the request and you will be notified once a driver has been found. There would be a small contribution dependant on the destination. We are also happy to receive offers from drivers who are willing to help with this valuable service.

Calling anyone with the skills of Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary!

The Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund CIO is urgently looking to fill the voluntary roles of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Could you help? The Fund operates across Wedmore, Axbridge and surrounding area with the purpose of improving the health and well-being of people. Each role requires attendance at quarterly meetings locally, with the remainder of the role undertaken from home, in conjunction with the Trustees. Further information about the fund can be found at: <https://twachf.wixsite.com/my-site>. To find out more about the particular roles, please contact Shirley Wederell at: wederellsa@btinternet.com... We would love to hear from you. Thanks!

St Andrew's Church LOXTON needs a TREASURER!

Is this you?

- You love your village church
- You are familiar with basic accounting
- You can take responsibility for the church collection and gifts
- You are willing to report annually to the PCC of Crook Peak United Parish
- You live in or around Loxton

This role is key to keeping the church open and in good repair. If you would like an informal chat why not call Gary on 07884 129964 or email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

WEARE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION - a small charity established for the benefit of young people in the parish of Weare. Grant applications should be made to The Trustees, C/O Paul Wattam, Henmore Lane, Weare BS26 2LB

From the Treasurer - We continue to welcome your kind donations to keep Contact Magazine running and available to every household in the Parish. If you wish to support the magazine, please scan the QR Code shown here to donate. Alternatively, you can pay by cheque, made out to 'Contact' or cash to the Treasurer – Paul Wattam, Henmore Lane, Weare BS26 2LB. To pay by bank transfer please Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01934 732413



Features & Letters

Axevale Climate Action Report

Members of Axevale Climate Action group visited Taunton Recycling Centre recently when the centre was open to the public for a Heritage Day. This site processes kerbside recycling for approximately 150,000 homes. We enjoyed an interesting tour that walked us through how kerbside waste is processed and sorted at the centre before being sent to various other recycling sites for further treatment. The team's main message was about safely recycling batteries and vapes, as they've noticed an increase in fires caused by improper disposal which put people at risk.

Batteries and vapes should be placed in small bags and placed on top of your recycling left out for collection.

Gas canisters cannot be recycled through kerbside collections and must be taken to a recycling site.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/recycling-collections/>

Axevale Climate Action Group also visited A Patch Wilder, a fabulous conservation project in the Mendip Hills near Shipham. The group was given a guided tour around the area by co-owner by Rachel who has been running the site with her family since March 2020. The land provides many different habitats such as limestone grassland, woods, large man-made ponds, wild flower meadows and scrub. We looked for snakes and reptiles under the corrugated sheets and saw the hibernacula, built for reptile hibernation and sunbathing. It was great to see the wild flowers, autumn hedgerow fruit, insects and birds. The team monitor and document the species found on their site and are able to identify individual adders from their markings. Follow their social media for the wildlife camera spots!

Find out more here about A Patch Wilder here: <https://apatchwilder.com/>

CHEDDAR ARTS @ KING'S THEATRE – NOVEMBER FILM 2026

Cheddar Arts' autumn season continues on Friday 13 November with The Christophers starring: Michaela Cole, Ian McKellen and James Corden. A witty comedy about the estranged children of a once-famous artist who enlist a skilled forger to finish his abandoned paintings, setting off a tense and humorous clash of wills with the artist himself. "...terrifically exhilarating and funny."

Entrance to the theatre from Kings Leisure Centre car park.

No online bookings. Tickets are available on the door – cash payment only.

The doors of Kings Theatre at the Kings of Wessex School open at 6.45pm and performances begin at 7.30pm.

ARocha Eco Tips for October and November

OCTOBER

Greening your home this Autumn. Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

NOVEMBER

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!

"Comic & Curious" Concert at Chapel Allerton Church 7.30 pm Saturday 24th October.

Featuring a miscellany of cheerfully anarchic and irreverent songs, music and verse by talented local artistes; all supported by the celebrated Allerton Village Orchestra and Choir, who bring their rich melodic repertoire to the event (while attempting to keep some sort of order)! Cash bar. Tickets £10 from Johnny Torrens-Spence (johnnytspace@yahoo.co.uk or 01934 710188).

Axbridge Trefoil Guild will be holding a Coffee Morning and Table Sale on 7th November (to coincide with the Farmers Market) in Axbridge Town Hall for the Poppy Appeal. If you want to take a table for £10 to raise your own funds contact edith.channon@gmail.com or call 07026309249. For information on our regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, please call Sue on 01749 870239 or email swild34@hotmail.com or come and meet us at the Coffee Morning in Axbridge on 7th November!"

News from the Villages

Compton Bishop

*Jane Murray writes...*Has the weather gone back to normal yet? The rain in September came as a great relief – most of our lawn survived the drought and is green again (lots of weeds though). It is better than it was for the Contact Coffee Morning in August. Good News! That event raised £290 on the day and later donations brought the total to £370 altogether – enough to keep the Magazine going as a free publication until the New Year. A big ‘Thank you’ to all who contributed, and to Jean and Bob for entertaining us in their inimitable style.

We will be able to use the front of the December Contact to send Christmas Greetings to our friends and neighbours as an alternative to posting lots of cards -just email your greeting to the editor on 12th -14th November and donate a little to the Treasurer which will pay for the next issue too!

Compton Bishop Church hosted a wonderful violin concert given by Philippa Mo (of international fame), part of the September Crook Peak Music Festival. The church was full and her virtuosity much appreciated.

The population of the villages is moving – some literally, as there are houses on the market : we hope the inevitable glitches and delays in conveyancing are ironed out soon, although some have gone with no visible hitch , so farewell to those who have moved on, and welcome to the newcomers! Though sadly, some have moved on more finally; we send condolences to John Moore’s family - he died in September, leaving us with fond memories of his vintage cars being taken for a spin or used to transport local brides to church. Also , condolences to the family of John Counsell who formerly owned Counsell’s garage on the A38, and after he retired could often be seen riding his bike, toggged up in hi-viz for safety, though not recently as he had been unwell for some time. Now we are looking forward to harvest celebrations and the colours of autumn , Thatchers apple carts are rumbling through the village as I write, and a second crop of blackberries has appeared following the rain. I must get picking and preserving!

The St. Andrew’s Soup Lunch



In aid of St Andrew's Church Compton Bishop

**Saturday 28th November
12 -2.30pm Cross Hall**

*Join your friends and
neighbours for a soup and roll
lunch; a mince pie and a
mulled wine; and a chat.*

Weare

*Hilary Hugh writes...*A culinary cornucopia is coming to Weare! Join your friends and neighbours for an entertaining evening with private chef Becky Jam. Come along to hear culinary tales and a few kitchen secrets, be inspired by an evening full of seasonal recipe ideas, top tips and demonstrations, as well as the opportunity to try some tasty morsels!

It all takes place on Friday 13th November in Weare Church Room at 7pm. Tickets are £15, which includes canapés and food samples. Please buy your tickets from Anna Fox on 07437 612339. All profits will go towards the Church Room restoration.

Before this event, on Saturday 17th October, there will be an opportunity to get those brain cogs turning at a general knowledge quiz in Weare Memorial Hall, starting at 7pm. Tickets are £15 per person, which includes a light supper of cheeses, bread and nibbles. Bring your own drinks.

You can book as a table of six, but if you are short of a full team, don’t worry – you’ll happily be found a team to join, ensuring everyone can take part in the fun! Tickets are available from Anna Fox on 07473 612339. All profits will support Friends of Weare Church.

We are so lucky to have such a beautiful church and church room in our village. Please do what you can to support their upkeep. If you are unable to attend these events but would still like to contribute towards the maintenance of these treasured buildings, please contact Anna Fox (number above), or, for Friends of Weare Church, Steve Mercer at FOWCmembershipsecretary@hotmail.com. Anna will be happy to put you in touch with Steve if you would prefer to phone rather than email. Thank you for your support.

We’ve had lots of new babies born in the village, which is lovely news! Emma and Jimmy Aldridge from Stream Farm have welcomed baby Rudi, a little brother for their two other children, Meri and Rafe. Reuben and Beth from Alston Sutton Farm have welcomed baby William Ian Selwyn Ham into the world. Ollie and Lizzie from Upper Weare Farm have had a second daughter, Inti, a little sister for Pacha. Congratulations to all three families!

Finally, please Save the Date! Saturday 5th December is the date for the most wonderful night of the year – the Weare Christmas Tree Light Up and carol singing around the tree. More details to come in the next edition of Contact!

News from the Villages (cont)

Badgworth

SOMERSET ART WEEKS FESTIVAL - Badgworth resident and artist Tina Salvidge has been awarded a micro-commission by Somerset Art Weeks Festival. She has been working with King John's Hunting Lodge in Axbridge to display work around the festival theme of Cultural Connections. She has produced a short film "Looking for Cheddar Man" which explores connections, if any, between Cheddar Man's 10,000 year old skeleton and local residents. The display also includes drawings and ceramic tiles, made with the help of children from Weare First School and the local community. The Museum is open daily from 1pm - 4pm and the display is running until 14th October. It is free to visit. Tina is also exhibiting in two group shows as part of Somerset Art Weeks: at a sculpture trail at the beautiful Stoberry Gardens Wells (until 4th October) and at The Rural Life Museum Glastonbury (until 3rd December). Normal admission fees apply and their opening times are in the Somerset Art Works Guide, copies of which you can find at the museum in Axbridge and other SAW venues.

BADGFEST 2026 - The weather was kind for the fourth BadgFest, held at the Badgworth Brewhouse on 5th September. The festival kicked off with the brilliant local band Silverline Music, creating a relaxed vibe for the rest of the evening. Families and guests of all ages enjoyed the late afternoon sunshine and stunning sunset. The Shrimps then took to the stage supporting One For The Road, who were headlining for the second time and once again filled the dance floor. DJ Lerrock kept the dance floor full for the rest of the evening. Dancing feet were kept energised by two stalls providing exceptional Greek food and Pizzas. Don't forget to save the date for the fifth annual BadgFest next year on 4th September 2027.

CROOK PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL - Well, it is certainly festival season in Badgworth this September! At time of printing, the first two recitals of the 2026 Music Festival have taken place. Philippa Mo, international violinist, played to an enthusiastic audience of 54 in St Andrew's Compton Bishop on 8th September. She charmed us with her virtuosic playing and sincere delight in being invited to play in our lovely rural parish. Her programme featured two works inspired by angels – the 'Guardian Angel' and 'The Wounded Angel', which seemed highly appropriate in the setting of St Andrew's, but the highlight was the Partita in D minor by JS Bach which she also played entirely from memory. Very impressive.

Talking about impressive, Robert Anderson set out to impress his audience of 57 at St Congar's Badgworth, the following Tuesday, with a programme of endlessly varied organ pieces, ranging from the exquisite and much less familiar Ciacona in F by Pachelbel to the extraordinary and fiendishly difficult Fantasia and Fugue on BACH by Liszt. Faithful supporters plus many festival newcomers were suitably amazed at the talent and skill displayed and showed their appreciation warmly. As ever, the Crook Peak Music Festival is grateful for the local support of concert goers, and looks forward to our seventh festival next September 2027.

Loxton & Christon

Philip Davies writes.. Loxton became like a scene from a TV thriller in August when the police commandeered The Hub as a command centre for the day in the search for a missing man. Ten officers worked in The Hub with two dogs and their handlers in support. A radio mast was set up in car park which was filled with police and mountain rescue vehicles. Sadly the man was eventually found in an orchard in Christon.

Loxton & Christon (cont)

The lunchtime Harvest Home at St. Andrew's Farm was very successful with over 90 guests in attendance. The church bells were rung prior to the lunch. Thanks are due to Mike and Lorraine for hosting the event and to all the volunteer helpers who made it possible. Village Hall events coming up are Drinks Night on Friday, 2nd October, Village Breakfasts on Sunday 18th and 15th November and Halloween Party on the 31st October.

The Hub has been very busy breaking records. On one weekend it cooked 130 eggs and ran out of sausages and cake. On the recent steak night 55 steaks were served 30 to the Bristol City supporters who enjoyed listening to Clive Whitehead the former City player. This year The Hub will be serving a special festive Christmas lunch from the 9th to the 24th December between 12 noon and 3pm. There will be three courses with mains of pan fried Halloumi, Roulade of chicken breast, Pan fried salmon and ribeye steak. £38 for three courses. Please book in advance. Parties welcome. The Hub's normal menu will be available until 12 noon only.

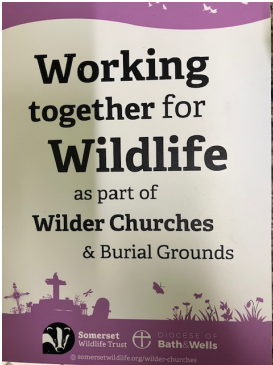
The September Parish Council meeting was fairly routine. A new bench has been installed on the West Mendip Way in the Parish Acre.

Biddisham

Claire Talbot writes.. Dear friends, Our refurbished bells are ringing out with practices and visiting bell ringers. I hope you have enjoyed hearing them in the lane and beyond.

We are holding our annual fund raising event on Saturday 24th October, you will see posters around the village to remind you to book your tickets well in advance. It is a murder mystery night with a hot supper and our famous Biddisham puds. The actors are villagers and it will be a great fun event. Please support it to raise funds for the upkeep of the church building. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

We also are happy to report in this issue of Contact that we have received an award from 'Wilder Churches' in recognition of our work on our church yard.



.. and we are sad to report that Jill Pharo has passed away. Jill lived in the village since the 1960's and was an active member of our community for many years. Our condolences go out to all the family.

Claire

WHO'S WHO IN CROOK PEAK PARISH

We are a Lay Led Parish and hold regular services across all six churches together with Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. For all general enquiries do get in touch with the Parish Administrator, either by email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk Or phone: 07884 129964 The phone and email are monitored regularly and responded to as soon as possible. Please bear with us if there is a slight delay. For confidential matters, email Gary Orriss on crookpeak6in1@gmail.com. Or phone 01934 733281 This email is checked daily, dealing with the most urgent matters first.		
Lay Minister: Gary Orriss		
Lay Worship Assistants:	Pete Murray & Ruth Orriss	Lay Pastoral Assistants: Jane Murray & Sarah Pettifer
Churchwardens:		
Badgworth:	Robert Anderson Grove House, Badgworth BS26 2QJ Tel:07774 286676	
Biddisham:	Claire Talbot , Windermere, Biddisham Lane, BS26 2RH Tel: 01934 750531	
Christon:	Mary Counsell , Gilbert Lodge, Winthill, Banwell BS29 6NG Tel: 07889 598231	
Compton	Steve McColgan , Orchard Cottage, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HF	
Bishop:	Tel: 07798 793787	
	Gary Orriss , Stable House, Old Coach Road, Cross, BS26 2EFTel: 01934 733281	
Loxton:	No Churchwarden. To apply or for other matters Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk	
Weare:	No Churchwarden. To apply or for other matters Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk	
Treasurer	Paul Wattam	Tel: 01934 732413
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Secretary to PCC	TBA	
Covenants	William Fox	Tel: 01934 732239
Weare Church Room	Anna Fox	Tel: 07437 612339
	Sarah Pettifer	Tel: 01934 732578
Children in Church	Ruth Orriss	Tel: 01934 733281
Safeguarding Officer	Michelle Hacker	Tel 07942 993563

Crook Peak Village Halls – Open for Bookings

Cross Hall (julietparry@hotmail.co.uk) Capacity: 50/60 seats .. Cost from £22 for 4 hours (Plenty of Parking on street)	Badgworth School Room www.badgworthschoolroom.co.uk : Capacity: 35/45 seats ... Cost from £15 for 4 hours (Outdoor play .. Ping Pong ... Parking 8 cars, plus on street ... Cycle rack)	Weare Church Room (Anna Fox - wwjsfox@aol.com) Capacity: 40/55 seats Cost from £18 for 4 hours (On street Parking)	Badgworth and Biddisham village hall. Booking secretary 07828133197 Capacity 75-80 Off road car park Cost £30 for 4 hours
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ROTAS FOR CLEANING & FLOWERS

	Badgworth		Biddisham		Compton Bishop			Christon	Loxton	Weare	
	Flowers & Dusting	Brass	Flowers	Cleaning & Brass	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning
2026											
Oct 3			Misha	Sheila	K Woodhouse	A Sage & P Warner				L Taylor	L Taylor
Oct 10			"	"						A Le Prevost	A Le Prevost
Oct 17			"	"	J Lunn					"	"
Oct 24			"	"						A Yates	S Meluish
Oct 31			"	"	J Murray (Poppies)		C Milkins & V Preece			"	A Yates
Nov 7			Vanessa	Issy						A Ham	J Wattam
Nov 14			"	"	P Warner	KMcColgan & T Brownlow				"	"
Nov 21			"	"							L Taylor
Nov 28			"	"	E Gardner						"

Crook Peak United Parish - Six Buildings, One Church

Services for October and November 2026

We welcome everyone to our churches, including believers of all denominations.

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As we look forward to forming the new West Mendip Benefice (Crook Peak, Axbridge, Shipham and Rowberrow), details of services in the wider Benefice-to-be, can be found at www.stjohnthebaptistaxbridge.org.uk or in the In Touch newsletter.

Sunday 4th Oct (1st) Trinity 18/Harvest (Green)	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	Phil 3.3b-14 Matt 21.33-end
	10.00am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Phil 3.3b-14 Matt 21.33-end
Sunday 11th Oct (2nd) Trinity 19 (Green)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Badgworth	Phil 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer CW	Compton Bishop	Phil 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14
Sunday 18th Oct (3rd) Trinity 20 (Green)	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Loxton	2 Timothy 4.5-15 Luke 10.1-7
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Biddisham	Acts 16.6-12a Luke 10.1-9
Sunday 25th Oct (4th) Last after Trinity (Green)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Christon	Colos 3.12-17 Matt 24.30-35
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Badgworth	Nehemiah 8.14a,(5-6)8-12 Matt 22.34- end
Sunday 1st Nov (1st) All Saints Sunday (Green)	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	Rev 7.9-end Matt 5.1-12
	10.00am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Rev 7.9-end Matt 5.1-12
Sunday 8th Nov (2nd) Remembrance (Green)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Weare	1 Thes 4.13-end Matt 25.1-13
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer CW	Christon	1 Thes 4.13-end Matt 25.1-13
Sunday 15th Nov (3rd) Two before Lent (Green)	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Biddisham	Colos 1.3-12 Mat 9.18-26
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Loxton	1 Thes 5.1-11 Matt 25.14-30
Sunday 22nd Nov (4th) Three before Lent (Green)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Biddisham	Ephesians 1.15-end Matt 25.31-end
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Badgworth	Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Matthew 25.31-end
Sunday 29th Nov (5th) Advent Sunday (Purple)	10.00am	West Mendip Together St Andrew's Festival	Compton Bishop	1 Cor. 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-end