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The Magazine of Crook Peak Parish (Feb/Mar 2022 Edition)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		CORRESPONDENTS	
	FEBRUARY 2022	Tarnock	Vacancy
4 Feb	7.30pm Loxton Village Hall - Wine Tasting. A limited number of tickets available from Jo Ritchie at £25 pp.	Weare	Julia James-Smith (jjames9691@gmail.com)
5 Feb	9am-1pm Axbridge Square – Axbridge Famers’ Market	Badgworth	Vacancy
7 Feb	12.30pm Loxton Village Hall – Loxton Village Lunch	Loxton & Christon	Philip Davies (07881630629)
16 Feb	7.30 pm Cross Memorial Hall (BS26 2EL) - Mary Miles will be giving a talk about The Clarks Family and their connection to Street. Axbridge archaeological & Local history society (www.aalhs.co.uk)	Cross	Richard Parker (732084) (richard.a.parker@btinternet.com
18 Feb	2pm–7pm Wedmore village hall “Wedmore Have Your Say” Exhibition		
19 Feb	9.30am–1pm Wedmore village hall “Have Your Say” Exhibition	Biddisham	Vacancy
25 Feb	10.30am-12noon Weare Church Rooms - Weare Coffee Morning	Distribution	Pat Northmore (733172)
	MARCH 2022	Treasurer	Peggy Farley (732989)
2 Mar	7.30pm Loxton Village Hall – Loxton Parish Council Meeting	Cover Photo	
5 Mar	9am-1pm Axbridge Square – Axbridge Famers’ Market	Edited by	Bob Foster (732935) rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk
25 Mar	10.30am-12noon Weare Church Rooms - Weare Coffee Morning	Printing	Charlie Hamilton Printing Solutions charlieroasehamilton@hotmail.co.uk
27 Mar	6pm Badgworth Church – Mothering Sunday Evensong		

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“Thank you so much for standing by our side” Weston Hospice care

We wish to thank the Community of Axbridge and friends, for their support and help in raising funds for Weston Hospicecare. At the end of last year, we were pleased to present a cheque for £710.77 to the team. This amount was raised primarily through the generosity of visitors to the Axbridge Farmers’ market, and brings our cumulative contribution to a wonderful £2,305.77. Alongside the heartfelt ‘Thank you’ that we have quoted above, Esther Biggs also said **“Because of you, our loved ones, friends and neighbours can spend the end of their lives in comfort and without pain.”** We want to add our own ‘thank you’ in recognition of your ongoing support when we have the opportunity to play.... Bob Foster & Jean



Dear Everyone,

We members of the Parochial Church Council decided that, during the time we are without a Rector, we will take it in turns to write this letter. So.....although a bit late, I wish you all a very happy ... and healthy...2022.

This is an opportunity for me to be able to say that my Christian faith helps me to deal with good times and the 'difficult' times. Jesus is a shaft of light in my life. The strength and happiness he gives me are beyond measure. I constantly thank Him for my wonderful surroundings, my family and so many friends in the local community. And I pray for those less fortunate in a million ways both in our country and all over the world.

I never make New Year resolutions because I wouldn't be able to carry them through! However, I found some lovely thoughts recently - based on words of Ralph Emerson who lived 1803-1882 (I will try to live up to at least some of them!) : To Laugh often, to try to win respect and affection, to Remember to appreciate beauty and to know that even one life has breathed easier because I have lived. This is to succeed!

I end with a Blessing that I heard on Thought for the Day -

'May Goodness follow You.'

Mary

NEW YEAR.... NEW RESOLUTIONS - A NEW COMMANDMENT !

"A new commandment I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13, 34 and 35

It seems an impossible commandment, but we can have his help if we ask for it. Jesus tells us to persist in pursuing God, and not to give up, imagining that He can't be found. This new year, let us continue to ask him for more knowledge, patience, wisdom, love and understanding, and HIS love for other people. We can believe his promise that He will do this.

Do, please ring with any prayer request – 01934 750856

Crook Peak Parish Community Car Scheme Do you need help with transport to attend a medical appointment? Contact 07572336605. Leave a message as early as possible with your request, details and telephone number.

Membership of Friends of Compton Bishop Church - Post lockdown membership of Friends of Compton Bishop Church has remained steady and we, the Trustees, are grateful for this support. From FCBC's income we are able to help towards any building repairs of St Andrews church and also towards the annual cost of grass cutting in the churchyard. Membership is the bedrock of FCBC which is an independent charity founded in 2000. We are always pleased to welcome new members which can cost as little as £15 pa. To join or learn more contact Bob Jordan on 01934 732451.

CALLING WEARE STUDENTS Weare Educational Foundation is 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 Registers:

Funerals:

21 Dec 21 Stella Long

Badgworth

From the Editor:

Thank you and well done to all contributors who sent their submissions inside the date window.

Please note next edition's window is slightly earlier:

"Concise, submissions that are emailed to rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk and which arrive between Mar 7th and Mar 11th have the best chance of being included in the April / May 2022 edition.

News from the Villages

Badgworth

Debra Anderson writes... We wish residents of Badgworth a Happy New Year, full of family reunions, outdoor activities and good health. Your Churchwardens and key supporters from the choir and the playgroup and Robert Anderson, our gifted organist, have plans to bring the joy of music and the pleasure of entertaining church services, the Pet's Thanksgiving service for example, to lift our spirits after the pandemic. Helen Mercer (church office assistant) and Ruth Orris (PCC member and Youth Organiser) have produced an annual service rota for Crook Peak Parish, which will make it easier to identify the dates for Badgworth and the other village's church services. With this development we hope to see more Badgworth residents in our church.

During the year Robert will delight you with music from our new digital organ and we have discussed with Ian Burdge a potential cello and organ concert around June, we will let you know more details in due course. The funeral of Bill Burdge, long-term supporter and Churchwarden of St. Congar's Church took place in November, well over one hundred mourners filled the church to capacity, the moving service finished with a delicate and moving piece played by his son, cellist Ian, that sounded like birds rising up into the sky, very moving. The church was once again busy for the funeral of local resident Stella Long in December with many mourners; the bells rang out before and after the service. The Crook Peak Special Choir truly lived up to its name this Christmas season with four services planned around the parish. Unfortunately, the candlelight carol service at Christon on 23 Dec. had to be cancelled due to the Omicron variant but the Advent service at Badgworth on 28 Nov. was well attended and well sung by the choir. The choir lent their voices to the congregation at Biddisham for their carol service of light on 5 Dec and at Loxton for their family carol service on 12 Dec. The choir contributed an extra celebratory feel to these services, which we all especially appreciated this 2nd pandemic Christmas, and we thank them most warmly for their commitment of time and effort in our parish Christmas services. You can contact Debra Anderson if you wish to sing with the Crook Peak Special Choir. The trainee Badgworth bell ringers were encouraged by the Axbridge Band, who are teaching them, to join the 'experts' ringing rounds before the Badgworth Advent service on 28 Nov. and after the Loxton carol service on 12 Dec. It was a real thrill to be taking part in a service and to ring the bells of churches other than Badgworth. Tuition has restarted this new year, as ever, on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm in the ringing chamber at St. Congar's.

The Boxing Day 10.30 service, led by the Revd. Anne Ogram was well attended, and included members of the Axbridge Band of Bell Ringers, who seem to have taken a shine to ringing the Badgworth Bells, please contact Robert Anderson for details if you would like to try bell ringing. The purchase of a digital organ, which was approved by the PCC, took place 6th January this year. The organ is a temporary installation enabling the restoration of the pipe organ, as recommended by the diocesan church organ advisor, Mr. Ray Willis, when funds have been raised, of course.

Biddisham

Claire Talbot writes ... Dear Friends, Happy New Year, lets hope that 2022 brings us all happy and special family time.

Early in December the village held 'a festival of light' to celebrate Christmas time in our Village. Thank you to Ken Brown for keeping us all in order. Once again we had a Biddisham laugh at me getting part of the service wrong! Thank you too for everyone who took part in the service from lesson readers, individual readings to musician's and our Crook Peak choir.

The second Biddisham 50's club draw at last has been drawn. My apologies for the Christmas delay. Fern of Rose Cottage Biddisham drew out the following winners just before New Year:

1st prize £30.00 Kevin Doohan
2nd prize £15.00 Fran Doohan
3rd prize £10.00 George Hatton

Please join the Biddisham 50's club again this year. The money raised pays for the upkeep of the church and the yearly bills that we need to pay. Please donate £10 by placing it in an envelope, with 50's club and your name on the outside of the envelope. You can have more than one number! I will try to visit to collect donations when it is possible over the next few months.

It is always nice to have a village project under way. The last one was our tree of life wall hanging. If you have any ideas for a new project please let me know your thoughts. HELP!!! We are always in need of more volunteers to help on our cleaning, flower and grass cutting rota's. If you are interested, or interested in taking on small infrequent but necessary jobs to maintain St John's please let me know. All rotas will remain the same as last year unless you let me know otherwise. Thank you for your on going support.

Loxton & Christon

Philip Davies writes... Despite the pandemic Loxton & Christon residents were able to celebrate Christmas through a wide range of very successful events including the annual wine and cheese party at the hall, the Christmas village lunch, the family carol service at the church, carols in the stable with Weston brass band and carol singing at the Webbington. Many of the events raised funds for our amazing churches and Jane Jay, Loxton church warden, would like to express the thanks of both churches to all who helped raise funds including the Loxton Village Hall committee for its support and Mary Counsell and Mary Amesbury for organising Christmas lunch. Also to Kay and Andy Whiston for enabling carols in the stable with the brass band.

News from the Villages (cont)

Loxton & Christon (cont)

Philip Davies continues... The Carol Service at St Andrew's was well attended and Jane wishes to thank soloists, Julie and Rachel Amesbury, Lily for singing Away in a Manger accompanied by her sister Luna on the cello, Phil Davies for the reading and Mason (8) for reading the Christmas poem written by Melanie Willis. Thanks also to The Crook Peak Special Choir directed by Debra Anderson accompanied by Robert Anderson.

Bells are synonymous with Christmas and thanks are due to the ringers who rang Grandsire Doubles at the end of the service. Jane also wishes to thank Mike and Lorraine Isgar for parking facilities, Mary and Rachel Amesbury for their flower decorations and Pip Toogood for organising the after service mince pies and mulled wine.

Prior to Christmas services at St Andrew's were focussing on "climate change" lead by Linda McPherson with Pete Murray and Gary Orris on guitar. Jane also wishes to thank Ruth Orris for her IT skills and Gilbert McPherson for making the projector screen and stand.

Weare

Hilary Hugh writes ... Christmas feels like a long time ago now, but didn't the village look lovely? So many twinkly lights offering some festive cheer and a super tree. Many thanks to Pat and Stephen Ham for their donation and to the Melliush family for decorating the tree. And Sue, you did a wonderful job of keeping the carollers singing along with the music!

The next big event in the village will be to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Saturday 4th June is the date pencilled in at the moment. If you would like to help organise the event or help on the day, please contact Lia Cole on 07990 901868.

The recently renovated Church Room is available for booking parties, meetings, book clubs, etc. For further information please phone Anna Fox on 07437 612339.

The next parish Coffee Morning will be on Friday 28th January at 10.30am. The following dates for your diary are Friday 25th February and Friday 25th March.

Covid permitting, The Weary Arms will be opening its doors for the first time in 2022 on Friday 4th February from 7pm – 10pm in the Church Room.

Weare (cont)

Denise Mawdsley (Weare Academy First School Headteacher) writes.. The children have settled back to school beautifully and it is a pleasure to have everyone, that's both staff and children, back with us for the start of the spring term. Staff have recently attended a Trust INSET training day with a focus on speech, language and communication. It was a very informative and inspiring session which helped us to validate what we have in place already, to learn from and share with colleagues across all phases of the Wessex Learning Trust and to establish how we can respond further to support and promote speech, language and communication across all areas of the curriculum, enabling all our children to reach their full potential. We are planning some exciting enrichment days ahead, including "No Pens Day!" as well as some fun ways to develop a 'word curiosity culture' in the school.

The children are all engaging well with their learning and enjoying their new class topics. Reception Class have been challenged to investigate how to melt ice more quickly, Year 1 are learning about 'Travel and Transport' and Year 2 were intrigued to discover that a spaceship had landed in their classroom when they arrived at school one morning! This will lead to lots of learning opportunities based on the book 'Beegu'. Our Year 3 class will focus on the brilliant book, 'Nail Soup' in Literacy and Year 4 have been excited to use equipment to explore how a switch works and some went on to discover how to make a parallel circuit! We are delighted that our Sports After School Clubs can run as usual, as well as music and instrument tuition on the guitar, piano, violin, recorder and whole class sessions on djembe drums for our Year Fours.

We are also thrilled to have recently received a public access defibrillator courtesy of the South West charity, 'Jay's Aim'. The defibrillator has been installed on the end of Rainbow Woods (pre-school) building and is accessible via our carpark to the entire community. We thanked Jay's Aim for giving this vital piece of equipment to both our school and local community which could potentially save lives. Jay's Aim is a registered charity set up to reduce the number of young people who die of sudden cardiac arrests in the South West of England. They do this by funding public access defibrillators, offering free to attend CPR/AED training and by funding cardiac screening sessions. Jay's Aim were delighted to provide this defibrillator and we look forward to providing training on CPR and on how to use the defibrillator in early 2022. As with all public access defibrillators, access to them is via a code given to you when you phone 999.

Regular Groups

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Axbridge Royal British Legion - First of all a Very Happy New Year to all members and anyone reading this. As Axbridge Branch does not meet in January, February should have been the first meeting of the year. Sadly though the central British Legion has advised all Branches not to hold their usual meetings. This unfortunately means that Axbridge Branch will not be meeting on 1 February as planned.. For the time being plans are still going ahead for the meeting on 1 March when Pat Lomasney will be talking about The Isles of Scilly. For any further up to date information or for help contact Shirley Scane on shirley.rosser4@yahoo.co.uk or Secretary Brian Winder on 01278 785696

Axbridge District Trefoil Guild - Wishing all members and friends a belated Happy New Year. The January meeting went ahead on January 11 and was an afternoon of A Trip Down Memory Lane. This was an enjoyable afternoon of fun especially considering the different interpretations of time and in the War years the difference between Country memories and Town/City. The next meeting is 8 February in the Catholic Church Rooms, Cheddar at 2pm. It will be an afternoon commemorating Thinking Day and learning about Guides in countries around the world. The meeting in March will be on Tuesday the 8 March at 2pm in the Catholic Church Rooms, Cheddar. In these uncertain times no speaker or event has been arranged as yet. This will be done nearer the date. If you would like to learn more about Trefoil Guild, or for up to date information, please contact Sue Wild at swild34@hotmail.com or Secretary Jane at jane@crooklands.net

Special Features

"A new state of the art surgery for Wedmore as part of the Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice"

Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund is a charity supporting the work of the Axbridge & Wedmore GP Practice and the health and wellbeing of patients within the Practice area. For 33 years, the Fund has used monies donated to it to provide medical and patient support equipment for the Axbridge & Wedmore practice and to support the wellbeing of patients. Following the closure of The Wedmore Ambulance Trust (a local health charity), the Fund has recently received more than £370,000 from the sale of land in Wedmore. This donation has led the Fund to consider the best long-term value for such a substantial legacy.

The Fund has decided to investigate the feasibility of building a state-of-the-art surgery for the medical practice in Wedmore, replacing the current inadequate building in St Medard Road, and leasing the new premises to Axbridge and Wedmore Doctors. This will provide a long-term secure income from the legacy to the Fund which in turn will enable it to provide even more support for the health and wellbeing of patients. It also demonstrates the commitment of our GPs to serve the community in the Wedmore area. The viability of the project now depends on the donation of a suitable plot of land, free of charge, within Wedmore, together with public fund raising to bolster the original legacy. The Fund has already identified a highly suitable plot of land, which the landowner has very generously offered free-of-charge. However, preliminary discussions with Sedgemoor's Planning Department to test whether the site would be likely to gain planning permission has identified the need to justify this location further and to confirm that there are no other suitable sites within Wedmore available free of charge. So, to seek public feedback on our outline plans, the Fund will be staging an Exhibition in Wedmore Village Hall as part of the Wedmore Parish Council's Open Day –

"Wedmore Have Your Say" - 2pm – 7pm on Friday 18th February and 9.30am – 1pm Saturday 19th February

2022 with times being published in the February issue of this magazine. This will also be an opportunity for any potential donors of land within Wedmore to come forward. The Fund also sees this project as being a way to involve local volunteer expertise to bring this exciting project to fruition. It has already received many offers from skilled volunteers, but more will be sought as the project goes ahead. All the professional advice received so far has also been generously donated free-of-charge. The focus of activity at present is to prepare an outline Planning Application. The Fund is determined that patients should have access to a first-class medical practice in Wedmore. In order to do so, the Charity will need to raise substantially more funds. The project has received the support of Wedmore Parish Council who have reserved £100k of Community Infrastructure Levy funds to support this project. In addition, a probable donation target of around £500,000 will be required. A fundraising programme will be developed to be ready once outline Planning Approval has been achieved. Can you help? Call 01934 712089 in confidence and Shirley Wederell, Secretary of Wedmore & Axbridge Community Health Fund, will discuss your contribution further.

As the feasibility stage continues, the Fund will be able to tell you more over the course of 2022.

Alan Benson (Chair, Wedmore & Axbridge Community Health Fund - Registered Charity Number: 801664)

	Badgworth		Biddisham		Compton Bishop			Christon	Loxton	Weare	
2021	Flowers & Dusting	Brass	Flowers	Cleaning & Brass	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning
6 Feb			S. Hayes	S. Hatton		S Thorne & C Laney	R Tyas			L. Taylor	L. Taylor
13 Feb			“	“	J Murray					B. Channon	J. Wattam
20 Feb			“	“						“	“
27 Feb			“	“	Lent – No Flowers	S Tabrett & F Stanford				A. Ham & J. Jackson	S. Pettifer & R. Hanson
6 Mar			No Flowers	L. Borscz	“					“	“
13 Mar			“	“	“		S Acland & G Gravel			No Flowers	A. Fox
20 Mar			“	“	“					“	“
27 Mar			“	“	“					“	G. Willis
Apr						P Warner & S Williams				“	“

WHO'S WHO IN CROOK PEAK PARISH

The Rector:

Crook Peak Parish is currently in vacancy
(The time between an incumbent leaving and the next starting.)
For all enquiries please either phone: 01934 733973
or Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Churchwardens:

Badgworth: Debra Anderson, Grove House, Badgworth, BS26 2QJ Tel: 01934 732537
David Parker, Yew Tree House, Badgworth, BS26 2QN Tel: 01934 732275

Biddisham: Claire Talbot, Windermere, Biddisham Lane, Biddisham, BS26 2RH
Tel: 01934 750531

Christon: Mary Counsell, Gilbert Lodge, Winthill, Banwell BS29 6NG
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Compton Bishop: Steve McColgan, Orchard Cottage, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HF
Tel: 01934 732321

Gary Orriss, Stable House, Old Coach Road, Cross, BS26 2EF
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Loxton: Jane Jay, Shiplate House Farm, Shiplate Road, Loxton, BS26 2XA
Tel: 01934 750439

Weare: No Churchwardens - to apply please Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

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Secretary to PCC: Situation Vacant

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Weare Church Room: Anna Fox
or Sarah Pettifer
Children's Work: Ruth Orriss

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The Parish phone and email is monitored regularly and responded to as soon as possible
however please bear with us if there are slight delays.

Crook Peak United Parish - Six Buildings, One Church

We welcome believers of all denominations to the Lord's Table

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022**Mid-morning service reverting to 10.00am**

Sunday 6 Feb (1st)	9.00 am	AGAPE Last Supper	Weare	1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
4 th before Lent (Green)	10.00 am	Praise and Worship	Weare	1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
Sunday 13 Feb (2nd)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Christon	1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6: 17-26
3 rd before Lent (Green)	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Loxton	Ps.6; Hos. 10: 1-8, 12; Matt. 5: 21-37
Sunday 20 Feb (3rd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Loxton	Rev. 4: 1-end; Luke 8: 22-25
2 nd before Lent (Green)	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Biddisham	Rev. 4: 1-end; Luke 8: 22-25
Sunday 27 Feb (4th)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Badgworth	2 Cor. 3: 12-4.2; Luke 9:28-36
1 st before Lent (Green)	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth	Ps. m89: 1-18; Exod. 3:1-6; John 12: 27-36a

Wed 2 March - Ash Wednesday No Services in CP, but may be held in Axbridge, Cheddar or Wedmore.

Sunday 6 Mar (1st)	9.00 am	AGAPE Last Supper	Weare	Rom. 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13
1 st of Lent (Purple)	10.00 am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Rom. 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13
Sunday 13 Mar (2nd)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Weare	Phil. 3:17- 4:1; Luke13: 31-end
2 nd of Lent (Purple)	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Christon	Ps.135; Jer.22: 1-9; Luke 14: 27-33
Sunday 20 Mar (3rd)	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Compton B	1 Cor. 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9
3 rd of Lent (Purple)	10.00 am	Family Service	Loxton	1 Cor. 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9
Sunday 27 Mar (4th) - Mothering Sunday				
4 th of Lent (Purple)	10.00 am	CW Holy Communion	Compton B	Col. 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 33-35
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth	Ps. 30; Isa. 40: 27 - 41:13; John 11: 17-44
Sunday 3 Apr (1st)	9.00 am	AGAPE Last Supper	Weare	Phil. 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8
5 th of Lent (Purple)	10.00 am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Phil. 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

Mid-morning Service Reverting to 10.00am