



WITHAM FRIARY news

JANUARY 2022

A very Happy New Year to all our readers! It's a quiet month after a busy December in Witham Friary and with the continuing uncertainty about covid. We were waiting for revised government guidelines as we produced this newsletter so please do check the village Facebook page for updates to events listed here.

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Witham Wassail



Saturday January 15th. Come along and enjoy an evening of wassailing in Witham. There will be a candlelit procession leaving the Seymour Arms at 5pm, walking along the public footpath up to the small orchard at Moorleaze Farm where there will be a ceremony with lots of noise to scare away evil spirits! There will be traditional songs, and do bring something noisy to bang.

After singing and possibly some mulled cider we shall return to the Seymour Arms for some food and chat. Please bring some food to eat.

Please note this event is limited to villagers only. More information about wassailing here: [Wassailing events in the UK | National Trust](#)

Witham Friary History Society



Thursday 20th January: A short history of Naval Aviation Graham Mottram from the Fleet Air Arm Museum will explain how the Royal Navy gradually and reluctantly adopted aviation as a key technology and operational asset. Village Hall 7.45pm. Please check the village Facebook page for confirmation nearer the time.

Mike Gorman's talk on Ralph Hopton, scheduled for January 6th, will now take place later in the spring. Dates and details to follow.

Witham Friary directory

Witham Friary Parish Councillors and responsibilities



- Hugo Brooke(Chair): Planning, Recruiting and any general enquiries.
- Will Sheppard (Deputy Chair): Farmers and the Playing field
- Fred Nicholls: Highways, potholes, street lighting etc.
- Colin Horstmann: Communications, Website etc
- John Knowles: Finances, Witham Water, the Play patch
- Marcus Powell: Network Rail and the Footpaths

More information about the PC and meeting minutes here:

http://withamfriary.org.uk/#parish_council. To contact the PC, email: withamfriary.parishcouncil@gmail.com

Somerset Waste collections



According to the Mendip District Council webpage, this month's collection dates for Witham Friary village are as follows:

Recycling collection: Jan 2 (Sun), 8(Sat), 14 (Fri), 21 (Fri), 28 (Fri).

Refuse collection (Fridays): Jan 14.

Garden collection (Tuesdays): Jan 18. 'Garden Waste Service subscribers can leave their Christmas tree out with their next collection. Trees must be free of decorations and be no taller than 6ft with a trunk no wider than 4in in diameter'.

More information here: <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/article/6752/Collection-Dates>

The Post Office



10.00-12.00 every Wednesday in the Village Hall. Most Post Office services are available plus everyday personal and business banking: cash withdrawals; cash deposits; cheque deposits; Post Office card account withdrawals; home shopping returns and posting of parcels.

100 Club



The 100 Club holds a draw for three prizes every month (£20, £15, £10) and five prizes of £50 in December. There are a few numbers available for new members or should you want another one (£12pa per number). All proceeds go towards supporting community facilities and projects. Please contact Mike Gorman (Mgorman2017@gmail.com) or Roy Featherstone (r.featherstone@yahoo.com) for more information. Last month's winners: M Howard; V Gould; J Taylor; G&H Maynard-Griffin; T Hyde.

Village hall bookings



Available for private and community functions. Bookings for the hall are via Jess Hyde, email withamfriaryvillhall@gmail.com or call/text 07970 434299. Email is preferable. Further details here: http://withamfriary.org.uk/#village_hall.

Seymour Arms bar billiard knockout winter challenge



For anyone over 16, if you are interested and have time during February and March please register your interest by January 31st by phoning or texting or WhatsApping Lorna on 07969 174459 or give your name at the bar. First round to be played by mid February. There will be an entry fee and a voucher and cup to play for.

More Witham Friary news and information



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Witham Friary village website: www.withamfriary.org.uk

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