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PARISH SCHOOL AWARDS

Given in recognition of pupils community activity.

Two nominations were received for these awards this year, one from Preston Primary school and one from Kingfisher Primary school.

Earlier this year, Jackson Sheen in Year 5 completed a superb 46 mile bike ride (in stages) as part of The Mount Fuji Virtual Challenge (74 km) which replicates the length of the journey to the summit of Mount Fuji. Jackson raised £425 with which he bought 425 Easter eggs to donate to key workers within West Abbey Care Home, Royal Mail, Yeovil Police, St Margaret's Hospice and our school.

Claire Hodgson Headteacher citation reads:

"We think he has been a fantastic example of how to keep spirit alive during times of uncertainty and when we've all had to pull together. He is such a modest boy, but we want him to know what a brilliant role model he is to us all and how greatly he is appreciated..."



Evie Gray from Kingfisher school, made and sold "Kingfisher" keyring and raised £280-00 to help Yeovil district hospital.

Dan Glenworth Headteacher citation reads:

"I am incredibly proud of Evie and her determination to help those who are unwell, especially during

a time when life was so difficult for everyone. To think of others at such a young age shows a rather remarkable young lady"



Both were awarded a £25.00 Amazon voucher and a Certificate of achievement.

A big **WELL DONE** to Evie and Jackson!

CRIME AND DISORDER

Jackie Pool community support officer had little to report as crime levels are low, a report of reckless speeding on the Toose was highlighted, please report reckless speeding or any community safety issues to the clerk 01935 424332 or police on 101. Speeding data has been gathered over a number of months and we hope to present a full picture by next months edition!

AGUSTA PARK GRIT AND DOG BINS.

Grit bins have been delivered to Kingfisher school and the installation team to fit in Kestrel way and the market square on Montacute road.

With regard to dog bins SSDC have a moratorium on fitting new bins at present, however we urge people to report dog fouling on fix my street or to the clerk on 01935 424332 or via email.

YFW BLOOD BIKES

This month the parish council was given an insight to the valuable work of Yeovil Freewheelers.

Mr Peter Baker outlined the history, different aspects of the job, mileage, connectivity, running costs and annual budget.

With a fleet of 9 bikes working from Wincanton and YDH they cover a huge area of Somerset and Dorset.

Service is provided 24hrs per day every day of the year, and all operators give of their time for free!

A great charity, relying totally on donations, working for all of us, and proud holders of the Queens award for charity.



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

LUFTON COMMUNITY HALL

A question was recently placed on Agusta Park FB page regarding this facility.

The Parish Council have agreed to take on responsibility in the short term to get the facility open for use.

We are handicapped by the legal process required, and are waiting on the Lease which has been agreed by all parties, but is not yet ready for signing.

This will be an essential facility for this growing and vibrant community, and we are eager to get it in use asap.



KINGFISHER SCHOOL SAFETY

Josh Williams County Councillor met with Dan Headteacher to look at a number of issues around the school, including signs, road markings, safety bars, and Nursery gate remodelling, recommendations will be made to County Highways and Persimmon Homes to implement.



BEES ARE INTERESTING!

We have all read that 'bees' are in overall decline through various reasons including; chemical such as herbicides (e.g. neonicotinoids), loss of habitat, pollution and changing climate.

There are at least 25,000 bee species and these pollinate circa 33% of all our food globally.

Honey bees are particularly good pollinators due to their 'hairiness' and exhibit floral consistency – an extremely useful trait for the individual plant whereby the bee will only visit the same plant species during its forage.

Scientifically, the bees are a keystone (or indicator) species which effectively allows humans to know just how good (or bad) the eco-system really is.

There are many different types of pollinators; bees, wasps, flies and even flies mimicking bees in order to fool their respective predators.

Bee DNA shows us that they have been buzzing around for over 130 Million years.

There is great diversity in the UK of over 24 species of bumblebees and 240+ solitary bees against our single unique (and my favourite) honeybee variety *Apis Mellifera*.

It is known that certain plant types 'match' the insect pollinator. For instance, the dandelion is a good source of pollen (protein for the young honey bee).

Fox gloves have a sneaky design of long hairs that permits access for only the larger bumblebees.

Red Campian requires the long tongue of the garden bumble bee but is circumvented by the buff-tailed bumblebee who bites a hole (called nectar robbing) to bypass the plants design.

Some plants such as tomatoes need the bee to vibrate their wing muscles (called buzz pollination) to obtain their reward.

Interestingly only male bumblebees have facial hair and like male (or drone) honeybees, they have no sting. Tongue length varies according to species, with honey bees being around 6mm long, whilst the more various bumblebee species range from 2mm to nearly 15mm - each matching a certain target plant species.

Often Bumble bees will nest in old mouse holes, garden bird-nest boxes and even compost heaps. Leave them alone and at the end of autumn they will vacate for new pastures.

Support our buzzy friends by planting wild flower varieties (not Daffodils!), or cut your garden grass less often (or cut higher) to allow flowers like vetch and clover to bloom. Refrain from pulling out all those garden 'weeds', all of which our buzzy insects need to feed and drink from.

The Clerk and Steve Attrill are both bee-keepers and are members of the Yeovil bee-keepers (part of the Somerset bee-keeping Association or SBKA).



ROAD CLOSURE

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<https://one.network/?tm=122072943>

The works are expected to commence on 2nd August 2021 and last for 29 days to enable Somerset Highways to carry out ditch cleaning works.

For any further information about this closure please contact Somerset Highways on 0300 123 2224, quoting reference: ttro450642 Camp Road West Coker.

Please note that should you require to view a closure which is more than two weeks ahead you will need to Register for free with www.One.Network

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Councillor Josh Williams and wife Anna-Maria on the birth of their baby boy Leopold, both are doing well.

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