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You may have noticed that the Parish Council have had some repairs carried out to some of the surfaces in the play area. A couple of mats near the steps of the slide have been replaced and the surfaces around the see saw and roundabout have been changed as the old matting and edging were extremely worn with large gaps.

The Parish Council are putting together a Business Continuity Plan for the village which will set out what potential risks could affect the village and its residents such as a pandemic, flooding, loss of power etc. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help their neighbours especially the vulnerable members of the community, whether it is just a point of contact, carrying out deliveries or providing transport – the possibilities to assist are endless. If this is something that you would be willing to help with, please contact either Christine Saint, Chair of the Council or Sarah Moore, Parish Clerk.

You will have received through the post an invitation from Gigaclear and hopefully you had a chance to attend their online community event on Tuesday 25th October. Gigaclear provides ultrafast fibre-to-the-premises broadband and they have been working with rural communities since they were founded in 2010. For more information on Gigaclear, please visit their website www.gigaclear.com.

In order for Gigaclear to provide this service, they will be carrying out civils work throughout the whole village. Currently, this is anticipated to start late January/February, but this is subject to change. Once we receive notification of any road closures/disruptions we will let you know.

The Parish Council have finally received the go ahead from the Planning Department; the Discharge of Conditions have now been approved. The process of getting new facilities on the recreation ground has been long and sometimes arduous but there is light at the end of the tunnel! At our meeting in October, Councillors reviewed the project and held a vote to continue with the work. Our next step is to get new quotes for the contracted works and then the work can commence.

In the very near future the village will be able to make full use of the recreation ground once more. With the new facilities in such a beautiful setting, the possibilities are endless! Just think what events can be held on our recreation ground. Not only can we bring back a variety of sports, but a multitude of other recreational activities can be held.

The annual Christmas tree lighting event is being held on Friday, 9th December at 6.30pm in the Borough. To make the Borough look extra festive, the tree will be bigger than last year with a lot more lights. After the tree has been lit, everyone is invited to join us for mulled wine, mince pies and someone special maybe there to see the children!

Bus services across Somerset are under threat because the Government's Bus Recovery Grant is set to end next March. Also, the growth in working from home and the continuing nervousness about Covid, particularly amongst older bus users, has resulted in bus passenger numbers dropping to around 30% below pre-Covid levels. This along with the withdrawal of the Government funding will make many bus services no longer commercially viable.

Yet the cost-of-living crisis will mean that buses will become an even more vital form of transport than ever, so please support our bus service while you can. For many residents, the bus is their only way of getting from A to B. Please can we encourage you to travel by bus as much as possible and protect this vital service. If you are not sure what times the buses run, the local timetable is here in this magazine and on the Parish Council's noticeboard.

SOUTH WEST COACHES

SOUTH PETHERTON - YEovil

SERVICE 81

VIA STOKE SUB HAMDON - MONTACUTE

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

FROM TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

SERVICE NO.	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
NOTES	LF												
	NSAT		NSAT		NSAT		NSAT		NSAT		NSAT		
Yeovil, Bus Station			0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1615	1715	1815
Yeovil, Clarence Street, Tesco			0803	0903	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1618	1718	1818
Yeovil, Kingston, Opp. Hospital			0804	0904	1004	1104	1204	1304	1404	1504	1619	1719	1819
Yeovil, Preston Road, Bell Inn			0807	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1622	1722	1822
Yeovil, Crematorium	0648	0738	0809	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1624	1724	1824
Yeovil, Houndstone Corner	-	-	0810	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1625	1725	1825
Lower Odcombe, Nursery	-	-	0813	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1628	1728	1828
Montacute, The Borough	-	-	0815	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1630	1730	1830
Montacute, OPP Stanchester School	-	-	0818	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1633	1733	1833
Stoke Sub Hamdon, Post Office	0658	0748	0822	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1637	1737	1837
Norton Sub Hamdon, Telephone Box	-	-	0826	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	1641	1741	1841
Watergore, Petrol Station	-	-	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1645	1745	1845
South Petherton, Library	0704	0754	0833	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1648	1748	1848
South Petherton, Summershard	-	-	0836	0936	1036	1136	1236	1336	1436	1536	1651	1751	-
South Petherton, St James' St, Church	0705	0755	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1655	1755	1855
South Petherton Hospital			0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1700	1800	

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South Petherton, St James' St, Church	0710	0800	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1655	1755	1855
South Petherton Hospital	-	-	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1700	1800	1900
South Petherton, David Hall	0711	0801	0849	0949	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1549	1704	1804	1904
Watergore, Petrol Station	0715	0805	0853	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1553	1708	1808	1908
Norton Sub Hamdon, Telephone Box	0719	0809	0857	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1712	1812	1912
Stoke Sub Hamdon, Post Office	0722	0813	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1715	1815	1915
Montacute, Stanchester School	0725	0816	0903	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1718	1818	1918
Montacute, The Borough	0728	0820	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1721	1821	1921
Lower Odcombe, Nursery	0730	0823	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1723	1823	1923
Yeovil, Houndstone Corner	0732	0825	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1725	1825	1925
Yeovil, Crematorium	0733	0828	0911	1011	1111	1211	1311	1411	1511	1611	1726	1826	1926
Yeovil, Preston Road, Bell Inn	0736	0832	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1614	1729	S	S
Yeovil, Kingston, Hospital	0740	0840	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1733	S	S
Yeovil, Borough	0742	0842	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1735	S	S
Yeovil, Bus Station	0745	0845	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1740	S	S

SATURDAY SERVICE WILL OPERATE ON GOOD FRIDAY

NSAT = NOT SATURDAYS

LF = USUALLY OPERATED BY LOW FLOOR VEHICLE

S = SET DOWN ONLY

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CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of August and December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 16th November 2022 at 7pm**. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public, so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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