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Working for the Community

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Welcome to the September Advertiser.

The Advertiser is a valuable way to promote the many wonderful local businesses in this area, as well as to share important community news and events. If there is something you would like included in the next issue, please send to advertise@watchetadvertiser.com We do not charge for community content.

Watchet Summertime was a week long bonanza of entertainment and free events and thought to have been one of the best in the event's 12 year history. The fireworks display unfortunately had to be post-poned because of the fire risk caused by the exceptionally dry and unusual weather conditions.

The annual Watchet 40's weekend is another great event to look forward to with many displays, events, music and entertainment to relive those times. There is more about the different events on the opposite page.

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www.watchetadvertiser.com and

www.facebook.com/WatchetAdvertiser.com

Friday 11th September

The Royal British Legion: Tea Dance with May Blossom
- 3pm £5 per ticket available on the day.

The Boat Museum: Fish & Chip Supper with May Blossom
& Tabitha - 7pm tickets in advance

The West Somerset Hotel - Emmi & Co - 9pm

Saturday 12th September

On The Esplanade:

10am - Fine Whines
11am - Tabitha TBC
Noon - Lily Lovejoy
1pm - West Somerset Brass
2pm - Watchet Community Choir
3pm - Emmi & Co
4pm - Jeep Johnson

On Watchet Station:

10am - Lily Lovejoy
Noon - Mike the Bike!
2pm - Jeep Johnson
4pm - Fine Whines

On Swain Street:

11am - Jeep Johnson
1pm - Fine Whines
3pm - Mike the Bike!

The Royal British Legion: 9pm - Jeep Johnson



Chives, Swain Street:

2pm - Lily Lovejoy

The West Somerset Hotel

6pm - Pie & Mash with live
music from Lily Lovejoy

12th & 13th September

Cotton Gallery: Scouting Exhibition - 10am

The Foundry, Swain Street: Field Hospital Display - 10am

Watchet Visitor Centre - Bolt Action

Watchet Boat Museum - Rope making (outside machine)

Sunday 13th September

On The Esplanade:

10am - Shanty Singers
11am - Fine Whines
Noon - Watchet Town Band
1pm - Beau Norton
2pm - Watchet Community Choir
3pm - Lily Lovejoy
4pm - Lily Lovejoy

On Watchet Station:

11am - Emmi & Co
Noon - Lily Lovejoy
2pm - Fine Whines
4pm - Beau Norton

On Swain Street:

Noon - Fine Whines
2pm - Beau Norton
4pm - Mike the Bike!

The Royal British Legion:

6pm - Lily Lovejoy & Beau Norton

War Memorial:

10.30am Time to remember



The West Somerset Hotel

Noon - 5pm Sunday Lunch
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Watchet 1940s Group presents

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11TH - 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Readers,

Over the last couple of articles we have looked at what to do when a phone goes missing and what happens when a phone is broken or water damaged. So, assuming the old faithful has finally reached the end of the road, there is one more important job: moving everything onto its replacement.

Changing phones is much easier than it used to be. Both Apple and Android can transfer contacts, photographs, apps and settings from an old phone to a new one. Put the two phones together during setup and, in many cases, they will guide you through the process.

But there are a few things that are easily forgotten.

WhatsApp is a good example.

Before changing phones check that your chats are backed up. Your contacts may reappear automatically but years of conversations and photographs might not, unless the backup has been completed correctly.

Banking apps deserve particular attention. For security reasons they may require you to register the new phone, confirm your identity, or approve the change using the old device. If the old phone still works, do this before wiping it.

Then there are authenticator apps. These generate the security codes used when signing into email, social media and other accounts. They are easy to forget because we rarely open them until we need a code

Losing access to an authenticator can make getting back into an account surprisingly difficult so check how yours transfers before getting rid of the old phone.

Also remember less obvious things such as saved notes, voice recordings, downloaded documents and photographs stored outside your normal photo library.

And please do not immediately reset the old phone. I would normally recommend keeping it untouched for a few weeks while you use the new phone. Open your usual apps, check your contacts, look through your photographs and make sure everything important has arrived safely. Only then should you erase the old device if you are selling, recycling or giving it away.

If the old phone is completely dead your cloud backup becomes particularly important. Signing into the same Apple or Google account can restore a surprising amount of information automatically.

The best phone transfer is actually quite boring. Everything appears on the new phone, you check it, and nothing exciting happens.

When it comes to your photographs, contacts and passwords, boring is exactly what we want.

As always, any questions please send them to Andy at ICT@lyntonadvertiser.com

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Wessex leaders issue joint statement on devolution

The leaders of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, Dorset Council, Somerset Council and Wiltshire Council have issued the following joint statement after the Government invited areas without a devolution arrangement to express an interest in establishing a Mayoral Strategic Authority.

"We have been clear Wessex is ready and uniquely placed to move forward with a Mayoral Strategic Authority and we welcome the Government's invitation to express an interest as the next step in securing devolution for our region. This is an exciting and once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring decisions closer to local people, unlock investment and drive long-term prosperity to every postcode across Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire.

As the only fully unitary area in England without a devolution arrangement we already operate at the scale required and with no need for local government reorganisation, we are ready to realise the benefits of devolution from day one. A Mayoral Strategic Authority has always been our aim as it would give Wessex the powers and funding that local leaders need to improve transport, housing, skills, infrastructure and lasting economic growth while strengthening our contribution to the national economy. The case for Wessex is clear. We are united in our ambition and ready to seize this opportunity. We are committed to working with Government to secure a devolution agreement that matches the scale and ambition of our potential."

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/wessex-leaders-issue-joint-statement-on-devolution/>



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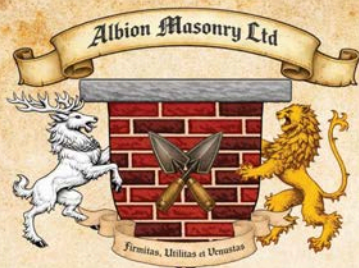
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- Cleaning vehicles, windows, walls or patios
- Filling swimming pools, paddling pools or fountains

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Council submits funding bid for Cleeve Hill, Watchet

Somerset Council has submitted a bid for Government funding to help reopen a vital road in the west of the county to vehicles.

The B3191 at Cleeve Hill near Watchet was closed in January 2023 after cliff movement was detected close to the road. A subsequent geotechnical survey recommended that the route remain closed to protect the safety of the travelling public. A later detailed report found the route could safely be used by pedestrians and cyclists, but it has remained closed to motor vehicles. The closure has had a significant impact on Watchet and surrounding communities with only one route into the town via a 150-year-old bridge.

The Council has now submitted a bid to the Government's Structures Fund seeking a significant contribution towards an estimated £40 million project, subject to further detailed design work. The funding would support either making the existing B3191 route safe for vehicles or creating a new route further inland.

Councillor Richard Wilkins, Somerset Council's Lead Member for Highways and Transport, said: "There is of course no guarantee that we will be successful but we must remain optimistic. Securing this funding is competitive with local authorities from across the country bidding for a share of it."

The bid has the support of all local councillors, local MP Rachel Gilmour, as well as a range of other stakeholders and businesses.





Milestone Exmoor Dark Skies Festival programme now available

Photograph: Shaun Davey

Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) is inviting residents and visitors to pick up a programme for its tenth celebration of the National Park's internationally renowned Dark Skies and start planning their visit to the 2026 Exmoor Dark Skies Festival. Running from 16 October to 1 November, the full event listing is available as a printed programme from Exmoor National Park Centres in Dulverton, Dunster and Lynmouth, as well as online at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival

A bumper programme of events across the Exmoor area will showcase the National Park after dark. From UV Rock pooling and Moonlit pool dips to Planetarium sessions and nocturnal wildlife-themed crafting. With adventures beneath some of the darkest skies in the country, the festival offers something for all ages and levels of experience.

Further details about the festival can be found at:
www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival



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VIRGINIA WOOLF'S NIGHT AND DAY

Tuesday, 1st September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: £6 (£4 Member/Student/ES40)

Starring Haley Bennett, Jack Whitehall, Timothy Spall, and Jennifer Saunders, based on Virginia Woolf's funniest novel Night and Day. (Cert 12A) 95 minutes

REGAL COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, 5th September 2026 - 7:30pm

All tickets only £12.00 – Also available on the door
Join us for an unforgettable evening of laughter at The Regal Theatre's Comedy Night! TWO INTERVALS

ELO ENCOUNTER – FACE THE MUSIC

Saturday, 12th September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: Adult £23.00, Regal Friend £20.50, Student/ES40 £19.00

In an all-live show featuring soaring strings and, striking vocal harmonies, ELO Encounter promises a night filled with rock, roll and Blue Skies.

EXHIBITION ON SCREEN: JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER

Tuesday, 15th September 2026 - 7:30pm

ALL TICKETS £12 Directed by David Bickerstaff
Considered by some to be one of the great innovators of 19th century art, James McNeill Whistler was a contemporary of the Impressionists.

THE FLEETWOOD MAC SONGBOOK

Friday, 18th September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: Adult £22.50; Friend of Regal/Student/Unemployed £21

Earning rave reviews wherever they play 'The Fleetwood Mac Songbook' are not to be missed.

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: THE MISANTHROPE

Tuesday, 22nd September 2026 - 7:00pm

Tickets: £15.50, Film Society member/Regal Theatre Friend £14.00, Student/ES40 £13, under 14 £10.

Indhu Rubasingham directs Martin Crimp's (Cyrano de Bergerac) highly anticipated play.

PLEASE NOTE START TIME

THE UPBEAT BEATLES

Friday, 25th September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: Adults £23, Concessions £20

With their powerhouse vocals and, precision harmonies, the Upbeat Beatles are second to none.

Tickets for all events may be booked in advance online at <https://regaltheatre.co.uk/whatson> or from the Box Office (Tel 01643 706430) between 9.30am and 12.00pm Monday – Saturday.

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Matinee Monday 7 September at 2.30pm

STOP ! THAT TRAIN ! RuPAUL CHARLES, GINGER MINJ, JUJUBEE *Glamazonian Express is headed straight towards a massive storm dubbed "Stormaganza". In the midst of the chaos the Glamazonian Express loses their brakes; the train is headed for Florida and is expected to crash into a nuclear site. 15 90 minutes*

Friday 11 September for 7 days at 8.00pm

Matinee Monday 14 September at 2.30pm

THE END OF OAK STREET ANNE HATHAWAY, EWAN MCGREGOR *The Platt family bands together to navigate their new surroundings after a cosmic event transports their suburban neighbourhood into a Jurassic world. 15 99 minutes*

Friday 18 September for 7 days at 8.00pm

Matinee Monday 21 September at 2.30pm

THE INCOMER DOMHNALL GLEESON, GAYLE RANKIN *On a remote Scottish island siblings Isla and Sandy hunt birds and talk to mythical beings while fighting off outsiders. Their lives change when Daniel, an awkward official arrives to relocate them. 15 102 minutes*

Friday 25 September for 7 days at 8.00pm

Matinee Monday 28 September at 2.30pm

PRACTICAL MAGIC 2 SANDRA BULLOCK, NICOLE KIDMAN *A multi generational family of witches cursed to be loveless for centuries attempts to break the spell by confronting dark secrets and sacrificing for each other. 15 88 minutes*

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September at 2.30pm

TICKETS £7.00

SURFILMUSIC *After Surfilmusic, a documentary chronicling Johnson's evolution from surfer to filmmaker to world-renowned musician, weaves through the making of his iconic surf films, (1999 and 2000). These classic films revealed Johnson's artistic point of view through his lens and guitar, ultimately launching his music career. PG 80 minutes*

Friday 2 October for 7 days at 8.00pm

Matinee Monday 6 October at 2.30pm

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