

# Link News

The *Sandford Station*  
Weekly Newsletter for  
**Social Link**  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Another successful “**Open Coffee Morning**” happened last Wednesday. In future they will be **Monthly** on the first **Wednesday**. So, please make a note to remember to come on **November 1<sup>st</sup>** at **11am**.

So, every month, there will now be two activities on **Wednesdays** at **11am**. The “**Open Coffee Morning**” and the **RVMM** (Resident Voice Monthly Meeting). Do try to come along to both these important Village meetings. At least one of them should be **fun** and one of them **informative**!

The **Link Group** do realise that “**Open Coffee Morning**” is a noisy event, which can be difficult for the hard of hearing. There is no obvious solution for this? But, because people sit at small tables of four, do give it a try. You may find it better than you thought and **Link** does not want *anyone* to feel excluded.

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**Village events this week.** (Full list on the **StMT Activity Sheet**).

This **Saturday (October 7<sup>th</sup>)**, it is ‘**Liz Glen & Lyrica – A Night at the Musicals**’ (arranged by **StMT**) so there will be **NO Quiz** this month.

**Tomorrow** at **2pm**, it is the **Harvest Festival Service** in **The Atrium**, followed by a **Strawberry Tea**.

On **Wednesday (October 11<sup>th</sup>)** it is **Men’s Night Out** in **The Railway Inn** at **6pm**. Come along and have a beer, or two and a chin-wag? (Other beverages available!).

Next **Saturday (October 14<sup>th</sup>)** at **6:15pm** for **6:30pm** in the **Activity Room**, it is the **Monthly Talk – ‘Footsteps in Summer - an epic walk across Britain’** by **Russel George**. Do bring your **Friends** and **Relatives**. **£2** on the door (**cash or card**).

- By and large, our guest speakers represent a Charity. **Link** are going to trial a collection box for **any cash** donations you may wish to make (so bring some if you wish to!). This is in addition to the fee and gift (usually wine) that goes to the speaker. This month, **£50** from your **Resident Fund** is going to **Cancer Research**.



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## Village Notes.

- From **Monica**. The **Residents' Telephone List** is due to be updated in **November**. Please would any new resident who would like to be put on the list & has not already sent me their details, or if any corrections / alterations are needed to existing entries, let me know by **October 20<sup>th</sup>** on **01934 824753** or to [monicamenzies20@gmail.com](mailto:monicamenzies20@gmail.com).
- The **Link Group** is the large group of residents who, ever so informally, run your organisation and administration. They have decided to drop the word ‘**Resident**’

from the title – (don't) see in the box top right of this page! – and it will, in future, be known as **Social Link** in full, or **Link** for short.

- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Keep it clear in your calendar for the performance of **Jump** by the **PRG** (Play Reading Group) in **The Lounge** at **2pm**. Lots of fun, costumes and sound effects!

### Events Outside our Village.

- **Churchill Music Concert**. At St John's Church, Churchill at **7:30pm** this **Saturday (October 7<sup>th</sup>)**. See the notice in **The Orangery**. Top quality performances!
- **Winscombe Folk Club** featuring Si Baron. At St James CofE Hall, Winscombe at **7:30pm** next **Saturday (October 14<sup>th</sup>)**.

### 'Mobile Phone Security' submitted by **Patrick**.

If you lose your mobile phone, even if you have a PIN code, Fingerprint Reader or Face Recognition to unlock it, you are vulnerable to having the SIM removed and used in another phone. To prevent its use, you can set a 'SIM lock PIN'. Ask **IT** on a **Monday** to set one if you want this extra level of protection. You will need to remember this PIN for whenever you start / restart your phone so make it memorable and different from any other PIN (Particularly the one used to unlock your phone!).

### 'Vandalism on the Strawberry Line' presented for the **Strawberry Line Society**.



Sadly, the tree planted by **Sandford School** on the area known as "**Meryl's Meadow**" next to the southern boundary of our Village, has been snapped off.

This area is maintained by **Meryl** (with mowing done by the **Strawberry Line Volunteers**).

Now we are due for a few more balmy days, why not have a picnic there, on the circular table (sponsored by **Humphrey Motors** in Sandford), before the winter?



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