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Editor's letter

ARWEN ROSS

At the time of writing, the sun is out, the days are long, and it's been a pleasure being out of doors again after the long winter. Here's hoping we get some more of this May weather in June, July and August...

There are some great events being held in and around Camerton over the summer, whether for families, foodies, dancers, walkers, nature lovers, or fitness enthusiasts... so even if you're not going away this year, we hope you'll find plenty to enjoy right here on your doorstep!



SUMMER FUN DAY

Camerton Community Hall

Saturday 14th July, 12 noon to 5pm

Lots of exciting things to do and see!

For more information go to:

camertoncommunityhall.co.uk

and look out for posters about the day

Parish Council News

CHRIS TAYLOR

Dear All

Thanks to all those who attended the recent Annual Parish Meeting - I hope you found the evening interesting and worthwhile.

Particular thanks to those who expressed an interest in taking part in a community litter pick. For more information on how you can help please see the separate request for volunteers later in the newsletter. For those who didn't attend, a copy of the draft minutes can be found on the parish website.

As reported at the Annual Parish Meeting the very sad news is that the closure of the school has now been confirmed. Unfortunately the school could not continue with the low number of pupils it had attending during the last academic year it was open. The school is owned by the Diocese of Bath and Wells so we await news of the future of the building. We thank Cllr B

Edwards and the other school governors for their sterling efforts over recent years to try and increase the numbers of pupils and other activities to keep the school open.

Also thanks to all those who organized and attended the second time around of the hall's inaugural annual event, successfully organized by the management committee led by the Easter Bunny!!! This year's Easter Fun Day was a great success in terms of both children's enjoyment and the money raised to help make improvements at the hall despite the very inclement weather. Let's hope this is the second of many Easter family fun days in the years to come. Just crossed fingers that the summer family day and next year's Easter Fun Day get better weather!!! There are lots of other events coming up, so please come along and support your local community facility.

For those who weren't at the Annual Parish Meeting, please think about how you can help The Batch so we can reopen it as soon as possible. Maybe you can spare some time to join the management committee or

become a member of the 100 Club or sponsor a step. For more details please see the Batch article and the 100 club advert.

I hope you all have a good summer.

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Camerton Community Hall

SRI LANKAN NIGHT AT CAMERTON COMMUNITY HALL

What a great night it was, with the chef and helpers from the committee spending all day preparing the food and decorating the hall with Sri Lankan flags and posters. Over 70 people were accommodated, with the chef providing an outline of the food he had prepared. There must have been enough food for 100 and everyone was very well fed. The chef dished up mouth-watering curries and vegetarian delights to please everyone; tables were called up one by one to help themselves to the splendid Sri Lankan dishes.

Wine and beer flowed throughout the evening; there was a large draw and a reverse bingo with a prize of three bottles of wine. One of the parishioners in attendance said: "great food and great company, we all had a great time. Lovely to see so many friends from local villages together; that's what a community hall should do and it was done very well. The hall looked amazing, the sun shone, showing the field off to its best".

The chairman of the committee thanked the chef and everyone for coming along, and to all the committee, who had spent many hours helping with ticket, draw and bingo sales plus decorating the hall and preparing the food - yet another great success for the Camerton Community Hall.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY TEA DANCES on Sunday June 24th and Sunday July 22nd - price £6 per person, includes tea and homemade cakes. Ball Room, Latin and Sequence. Come along and strut your stuff.

Saturday July 7th it's a **ROCK AND ROLL** night with top group "The Flames". Come on, get those 50s/60s clothes out and rock your socks off.

Tickets for all events from any committee member or ring 01761-471350.

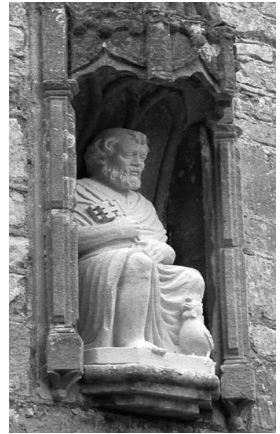
Then it's the big **VILLAGE SUMMER FETE ON JULY 14TH AT 12 NOON.**

Many new additions from last year - look out for posters.

St. Peter's Church

On May Bank Holiday weekend, we must have all thought that a lovely warm spring was here at last, but it was not to be! As I write this, the weather has turned colder and the sky is grey (that reminds me of a song from a few years ago!*) but anyone who has walked through the churchyard over the past few months would have noticed firstly the spread of beautiful white snowdrops followed by the bright yellow primroses. We are grateful to our band of hardworking volunteers who keep our churchyard in such lovely condition and anyone who would like to help will be made most welcome; the next session is on 16th June (weather permitting).

Although Gordon, our priest, retired last October, life goes on in the church. Our services have continued in the same pattern being led by both visiting clergy and members of the congregation.



Our services are as follows:

1 st Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday	11.15am	Family Service
3 rd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
4 th Sunday	6.00pm	Sung Evensong (BCP)

Refreshments are served after the 9.30 services, and the Family Service allows time for a lie-in beforehand and shopping (if that is what you wish to do) afterwards.

There are still lots of events happening, with a talk on the 15th June and, at the end of July, a Flower Festival. Do keep an eye open for the posters with more information, and all are welcome to join us.

Ann Meloy, Lay Reader

*California Dreaming by The Mamas and The Papas

Community Litter Pick

Can You Help?

In response to interest from parishioners attending the recent Annual Parish Meeting, Camerton Parish Council is looking to organise a community litter pick sometime on a weekend during the summer.

If you would be interested in helping please could you send your details to Kathryn Manchee, Camerton Parish Clerk, via the usual contact methods (tel. 01761 411305, Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or email camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk).

We would also like suggestions on particular spots in the parish that you feel need some special attention. Note we can only pick litter in areas with a 30mph limit or less, where there is a pavement or footway.

All volunteers would have to do is turn up on the day. The parish council will carry out the work and communication with BANES Council on borrowing equipment such as high visibility vests and litter pickers, undertaking a risk assessment and other health and safety requirements.



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Dunkerton WI

Dunkerton WI meets at Tunley Recreation Centre (BA2 0DZ) on the second Tuesday of the month (except for August). Meetings start at 7.15pm and end about 9.30pm. Every meeting we have a speaker or an activity. Tea, coffee and biscuits follow the speaker with lots of chat. We are a very lively, friendly group and our numbers are growing year on year - there are many members from Camerton. There is also a vibrant craft group and we are working on lots of ideas to develop new groups and activities.

If you would like to join us as a visitor you can be assured of a very warm welcome – our WI is a great place to meet new people. You can find out more by visiting www.dunkertonwi.btck.co.uk.

APRIL 2018

Our talk for the meeting was "The life and work of Marianne North", a botanical painter. An unmarried, middle-aged Victorian lady of comfortable means she set off in 1871 on the first of many expeditions travelling round many parts of the world. This resulted in over 800 paintings of beautiful trees and flowers, many of which are housed in a special gallery in Kew Gardens built under her patronage.

Members agreed on the idea of donating our fund-raising for this year to Sperring Court Animal Rescue, a local charity run by Roy Steggles. There are trips to Grey's Court near Henley-on-Thames on the 17th July and to Camerton Court on 26th July. Jesse is taking on the job of setting up a Facebook page. The meeting was a jolly affair from start to finish, with Judy proudly announcing that her granddaughter has been invited to the Royal Wedding!

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS:

8th May - Mercy Ships by Angela Grist

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BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE



Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve

TONY FRY

As I reported in the Spring edition of the Camerton Parish News the Batch has been closed to the General Public for safety reasons. It remains closed whilst negotiations with forestry contractors regarding the East face clearing and replanting and the renewal of all the steps are still under discussion, the main reason for the delay being the availability of the contractor.

We are hoping this will be in the next few months with the emphasis being on the repair and fitting of new steps. The plan is to refit all the steps, which will be dug out to facilitate an even spacing of steps for ease of use and at a more regular depth and width. Hand rails will be fitted on both sides of the steeper section, with the steps fitted with a section of chicken wire to prevent slipping when being used. Once the steps are complete the Batch will be reopened to the public.

The East and North East slopes work will be undertaken in the late summer/autumn. This will involve

clearance of any brash that has been left on the slopes by dragging down and chipping. Any suitable lengths of timber that have been left on the bank will be stored safely at the bottom of the bank. This period of work will be undertaken prior to any replanting. We have in excess of 500 whips of various broadleaf trees to be planted in the Autumn period which will all be staked and tubed to protect them from animal grazing.

The timber removed last year has still not been sold. We have had interest from three companies but to date no sale, the one problem being the access to the stored timber. This needs to be moved nearer to the field gate, in order to facilitate easier loading onto the timber lorries.

There is also a need to repair the Red Hill entrance information centre and notice boards, which have been damaged by vandalism. All other information boards throughout the Batch have been removed for safe keeping.

serve Supporters Group



From a pure nature perspective, the Batch is thriving; the bird population appears to be increasing, especially the crows, with the small mammals and deer enjoying the woodland environment. Maybe the rest from us humans is helping!

The Batch 100 Club Lottery has attracted a few more customers since the last issue of this magazine, which is encouraging; however, we still need more people to join as it is our sole source of income. To help we will be posting the winning names of the lottery every quarter in this newsletter (subject to their approval) as it appears the Facebook postings are not providing the winning information to all.

Remember, the June draw will include the bonus draw of £500 together with the normal monthly £100, so if you are considering joining now is a good time.

To accord with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came into force on 25th May 2018, if

you are happy to have your name included in the lottery section of this Newsletter, please let Louise Fry know on 01761 471280 or by e-mail to louise_fry@brinternet.com. Please help secure the benefit of our own Nature Reserve and its recreational areas by joining and helping to promote the Lottery.

Tony Fry

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Camerton Brownies



Camerton Brownies is for girls aged from 7 years to 10 years. We meet every Tuesday from 6.15 to 7.30 during term time at Camerton Community Hall.

Brownies enjoy learning new skills and making new friends through our adventures. We have been doing lots of exciting activities, from cooking foods from around the world to learning how to use hammers and nails to create string pictures. We do crafts like glass painting, sewing, using our imagination to make sock pockets and writing our own plays. Brownies also enjoy sleepovers and pack holidays. Other activities we have taken part in have included a trip to London on the train to Guiding HQ where we used our map skills to follow a route around the city and we have joined with other units from the division to take part in a skills weekend held at Camerton Community Hall. We had a go at climbing on a wall, going down a zip line, archery and circus skills. The Brownies were better than the leaders. Brownies enjoy entertaining their families and friends; later in the term we are planning another evening with a cake sale and entertainment.

We have been completing and achieving lots of badges, from toy maker to agility and world issues. Well done to all the Brownies on achieving these.

Term will finish with a walk in Greyfield woods with a bag of chips at the end.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please feel free to pop in or go on to the girl guiding website: www.girlguiding.org.uk.



Environmental Enhancement

HEATHER EDWARDS

The purple boxes planted up for the winter should have been looking good by now but disappointingly they seemed to have suffered, like all of us, as a result of the weather.

Hopefully, the weather will buck up soon and we will see some sunshine which will encourage us to get out in the garden to repair any winter damage.

I will shortly arrange for the purple boxes to be painted, but it would be really helpful if those residents who care for a box would give them a quick wash with warm soapy water to remove the dirt and algae that has accumulated over the winter months.

Just as a reminder, the plant colours selected to be used this year are any mix of pink, white, red (and purple if you wish). I'm sure all the displays will look lovely and will be enjoyed and appreciated by all residents and others who drive through our Parish.

In the meantime, if anyone has any comments or suggestions for improving our local environment, please give me a ring; I'm always happy to hear your views.

Heather Edwards 470175

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Neighbourhood Watch

Brian Edwards

Hello everybody, welcome to Summer; by the time you receive this Newsletter Spring will just be a memory - cold, damp and wet and windy, and even snow earlier. Nothing we can do about the weather but at least it gives us something to talk about.

Something else to talk about - Avon and Somerset Police have recently reported an increase in Rural Crime. Only to be expected really with the reduction in police numbers and large areas to cover in Rural Communities. This situation of course should put us on our guard and remind us that we should be more aware of what is going on in our communities, report anything that appears suspicious, and also take extra care to look after our possessions.

Nottingham Knockers are on the prowl again, this time at Lansdown in Bath. You may remember I reported on activity in the Spring Newsletter. Nottingham Knockers

are cold callers on residents trying to sell various items in order to set them back on the right track. The goods they are trying to sell are over priced products and of inferior quality; when refused, they become aggressive and try to force the sale.

Bath, numerous items stolen from a property, cameras and equipment, lenses, telescopes and tripod.

Farrington Gurney, theft from a vehicle, tools taken.

Unfortunately closer to our patch, Timsbury – four unknown men forced entry into McColls, cash stolen from Cash Machine. –

High Littleton High Street, glass smashed in garage door in an attempt to gain entry. Not satisfied with that another garage rear window smashed, again in the High Street.

It has been fairly quiet here on our patch although there are those annoying phone calls. I have had a few in the last month to tell me that

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If you see anything that concerns you please call a neighbour or contact your local Neighbourhood

Watch. You can also contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or the police on 101; if it's serious, dial 999.

Enjoy your Summer - at least we have had a preview during May Bank Holiday, let's hope we can expect more. Take care and stay safe.

Brian Edwards 470175

Avon and Somerset Police Information

There have been an interesting variety of calls to the Police for the Camerton area. Since January we have received calls concerning a dead badger and loose horses on the road. A road rage incident and an obstruction by a broken down lorry were also reported. Sadly the inevitable road traffic collisions (RTC's) on Skinners Hill featured twice amongst numerous other reported incidents.

If you take these last 6 months as a small snapshot of Policing in

general then it is easy to see the wide variety and scope of the work that Police are being called to attend. I haven't even mentioned the criminal offences that we also investigate! But one of the great joys of working for the Police is to be able to help our communities and make a difference. I always tell people that the Police are not always here for the bad things, sometimes we are here for the good things; returning found or recovered property, finding missing persons and assisting with the aforementioned RTC's to ensure nobody else is injured is often an unrecognised but vitally important part of policing.

In the last few years Police have also seen a massive rise in internet related crimes. This is partly due to the internet being more available on many different platforms and the ease in which people can now access the internet. Social media and worldwide communication are brilliant tools to have available to us but if you do have any concerns about any online issues, use the following links for more information.



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share non-urgent messages with your local beat team. You can also find us on twitter (ASPRadstock), Facebook, or Youtube.

Lastly can I encourage you all to stay safe and be safe. We live in tough times but together we can all make a difference. It's not just the Police's job; it's all of our responsibility to ensure that we make our community a better place. I know many of you are already working hard to make your own and others' lives better. Thank you and keep doing what you are doing.

Rob Hendra

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Saturday 28 July

Willow and wildlife at Coates Willow Centre, Stoke St Gregory

Meet at 2pm in the visitor centre – entry is free. There is also a café – the Lemon Tree. Meare Green Court,

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Gentle walk through the withy beds, or a longer circular walk along the River Tone and up to the viewpoint on the top of Windmill Hill. We hope to see lots of dragonflies.

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Radstock Museum

WHAT'S ON AT SOMERSET COALFIELD LIFE AT RADSTOCK MUSEUM 2018.

Tuesday 1st May – Saturday 1st September:
Radstock Museum's Exhibition: Radco 150 Years.

Packed with artefacts, old photos, paintings and memories plus much more of Radstock Co-op and all the little Co-ops in our surrounding villages. Plus a new book on the history of Radstock Co-operative Society to be launched this summer. See www.radstockmuseum.co.uk for more details.



Saturday 23rd June: Radstock Museum fundraiser: Mendip Male Voice Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, Radstock Methodist Church.

Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door to include a soft drink and biscuits. See www.radstockmuseum.co.uk for details.

Thursday 2nd August: Radstock Museum Children's Summer Event, 10 am-12 noon at Radstock Museum

A summer holiday theme, details tbc. Adults £3 and up to 3 children free. Tearoom and Shop open. Check www.radstockmuseum.co.uk for details nearer the time.

**Camerton Batch
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(CBLNRSG)**



Members Required

Join this increasingly popular local group and help protect, maintain and develop this valuable historic local asset.

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If you would like to know more, or would like to use the Mini Bus, or perhaps become a volunteer driver, please contact our Co-ordinator, Mrs Debbie Gunfield, on 01761 416910, or our Transport Manager, Mr Nick Rogers, on 01761 413872.

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Where is this?



Do you recognise this spot in the parish? If you think you know the answer, send your guesses to camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk. All will be revealed in the next issue.

Photo by Tony Fry

The Spring 2018 edition's photograph was the footpath at the end of the school track. The first correct entries received were from Julieann Biggs and Vicky Venn.

Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club Enters the Fray

Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club's (CPCC) new season exploded with Croquet Association (CA) Tournaments and Competitions leaving some of its key players shell-shocked after daily calls to duty on home and foreign lawns.

One Ball - a new format of croquet devised by the CA amalgamating Association and Golf Croquet - drew players from across the South West. The three leading players, one being CPCC's Patrick Knight, will go on to play in the National Final in Surbiton.

A three day Short Croquet Competition similarly attracted many four-member teams from the region and beyond. This form of association croquet is played on half lawns and reduced so a game usually takes under an hour. The competition was eventually won by a team from Nailsea.

CPCC also held the first of the CA's 25 Golf Croquet B Level-Play Tournaments. It was won by CPCC's scratch entry, Marion Button. Two years ago she was playing in the high

handicap league. After losing only one game in the morning to a more experienced player she raised her game to beat all her afternoon's opponents, leading one to histrionics. She now goes forward to the final in October, to be played on CPCC's home lawns.

The club's challenge for the CA's Murphy Interclub Shield started with a match against Enfield. It was close fought, CPCC eventually winning 5:2. They now meet Watford.

The undercurrent of League matches began on a rain-drenched day against Taunton Deane in the Central South League. Reflecting the weather, it ended in defeat. The second, in the Central North League, was more successful. The sun was shining for once, and CPCC beat Nailsea 13:7 even though the visitors drew on their National Junior Champion, James Galpin.

Back home, the new recruits to the ranks were faring well on the club's Beginners' Course.

And the season has hardly begun.

Norton/Radstock Ramblers

Norton/Radstock Ramblers are part of the Ramblers Association.

Our walks programme is varied and consists of short, medium and long walks that are led by various members of the group.

We are a smallish friendly group of people, who love to walk, and would welcome any new members. Why not come along and enjoy a walk that is led by another person, so you can just enjoy looking around and taking in the beauty of the countryside.

If you would like to know more about us, please look us up on the website for all the latest walks and information which is updated on a regular basis.

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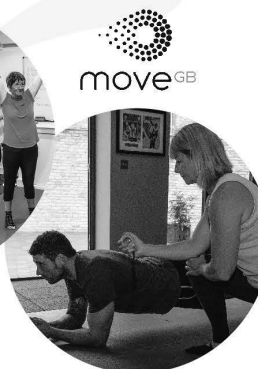
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Dates for your diary

Tue 12 Jun, 7.15pm	WI Meeting , Tunley Recreation Centre
Wed 13 Jun, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Wed 20 Jun, 7.15pm	Camerton Local History Group, Court Barn
Sun 24 Jun, 2-4.30pm	Tea Dance, Camerton Community Hall
Sat 7 Jul, 7.30pm	Rock and Roll Night, Camerton Community Hall (music from 8pm)
Tue 10 Jul, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Sat 14 Jul, 12-5pm	Summer Fun Day, Camerton Community Hall
Sun 22 Jul, 2-4.30pm	Tea Dance, Camerton Community Hall
Wed 1 Aug, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets

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