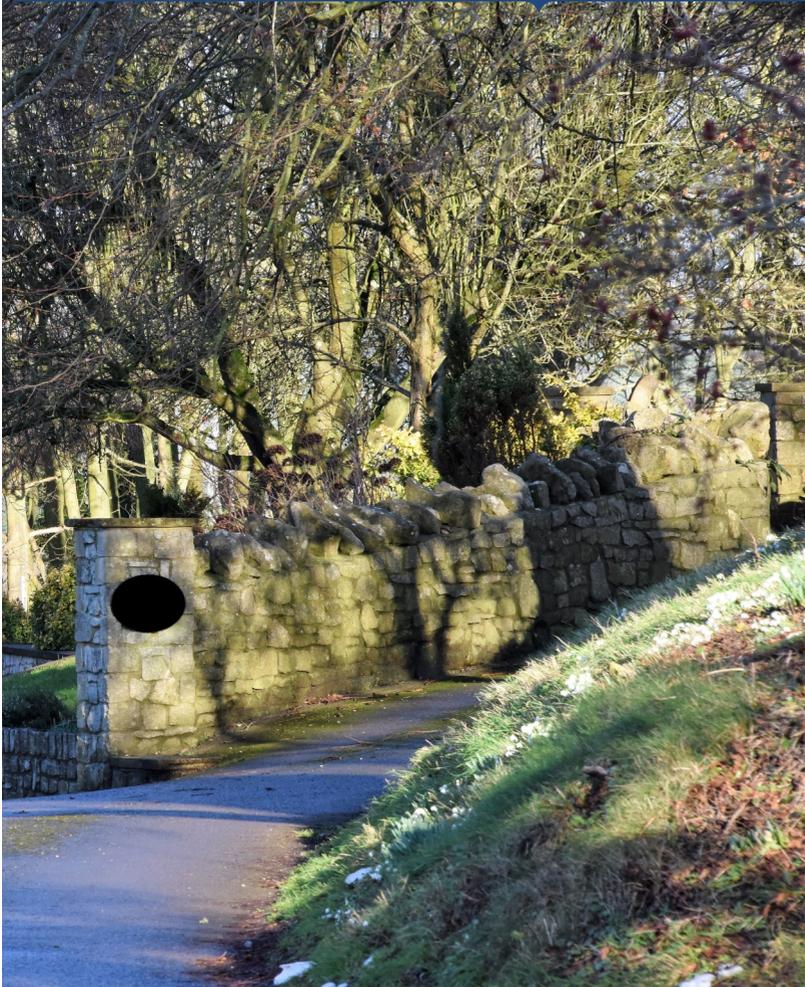


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Editor's letter

ARWEN ROSS

As a car owner, in theory I have the enormous privilege of being able to go wherever I need to go, whenever I need to get there. However, as a resident of Camerton and having recently suffered not one but two flat tyres I am very much aware that, if our (one) car has a problem, our lives have a problem!

A large part of this problem arises because of the lack of alternative transport options in our area, with some of these currently looking increasingly at risk.

On the positive side, many people are taking action to protect our mobility, whether by contributing to working groups (see page 4), organising petitions and demonstrations (pages 8 and 9), volunteering with a community transport organisation (pages 10 and 11), or simply helping a (di-)stressed neighbour change a tyre (thank you neighbour, you know who you are!!).

Here's hoping we can preserve the balance between seclusion and isolation here in Camerton.

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Contact: Heather on 01761 470175

Parish Council News

CHRIS TAYLOR

Dear Parishioners

I hope you all had a good Christmas and now we are looking forward to the spring and the warmer weather.

Next month on Thursday April 25th the Parish Council will be hosting the Annual Parish Meeting at Camerton Community Hall starting 7.30 pm. I will be reviewing the events of the last twelve months and the Clerk will be reporting on the Parish Council finances for the financial year 2018/2019. Our guest speaker this year is our local NatWest community banker, who will be there to talk to us about preventing ourselves from being scammed. We hope to see many of you there.

Shortly after the Annual Parish Meeting, on 2nd May, there will be local elections including elections to the parish council.

There has been much concern over the last few months about the ever decreasing bus service in our parish. I would urge parishioners to use our buses as much as possible to help justify keeping them as well as making

use of community transport options, some of which are featured in this issue. However, in case of further cuts one of our parishioners and a councillor are representing you on a group looking at the possibility of a new community bus service being introduced to serve the rural parishes in this area as well as working on maintaining our existing services.

Unfortunately due to problems getting some of the bins in the parish that are not owned by B&NES council emptied we have had to remove some of the bins in the parish. However you can still dispose of your dog mess in the B&NES owned litter bins in the parish or take your bagged waste to dispose of in your bin at home.

Concerns about speeding throughout the parish continue to be an issue. We have started to look at the possibility of introducing Community Speedwatch but still need more volunteers to come forward to make this a viable option. So if you are interested and have not already responded please contact the clerk on camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you to those who have already come forward as volunteers.

The parish council has also recently set the budget with a very small increase in the precept this year. Based on a Band D household the increase to you will be 47p per annum.

I want to take this opportunity to also thank Cllr Ray Lithgo for all his work in the parish and on the parish council as he has recently moved from the parish. He moved here some sixteen years ago for work reasons and during his time on the parish council has taken on the roles of highways, with responsibility for the roads and our litter picker, as well as more recently becoming our flood representative. He has also been heavily involved in the local Rotary Club including supporting the very important work of the Water Survival Box charity, which provides a rapid response for emergencies

throughout the world where families have no access to safe drinking water and have also lost their homes and possessions. We wish him all the best in this new chapter of his life.

Hope to see lots of you at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Camerton Community Hall

The Camerton Community Hall Trustees and Management Committee can look back over 2018 with great satisfaction; the hard work put in by the Committee and Friends of the Hall has really paid off.

Regular bookings are up; there is Ballet/Modern/Tap Dancing, Zumba, Dog Training, Brownies and Cookery Classes.

Casual bookings are also well up, with many more adult and children's parties and a 50% increase in weddings. We have seen the hall dramatically transformed with the use of drapes and murals and there was even a Harry Potter themed event.

There has been lots of hard work putting on events to raise much needed funds to continue the upgrade of the Hall. 2018 highlights include the Sri Lankan evening, Summer Fete, Sunday Lunch, Rock & Roll Evening, six Winter Talks, Christmas Lunch and to round off the year the New Year's Eve Disco, all well supported.

There is no let-up, with our final Winter Talk coming on 29th March, which is Neil Clark on "From Shoes to Films". Neil worked for Clarks Shoes for over 40 years.

After the great success of the Mendip Male Voice Choir Concert last year at the Hall, it's great to announce that the lads are back again on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm. This is the 100th year anniversary of the choir so you can expect something special with new songs being rehearsed at this moment in time. Tickets are limited and cost £10 so to book your ticket ring 07866 112689.

Every resident of Camerton over the age of 18 is automatically a member of the Hall. The Hall continues to need support from local people to make sure enough funds are raised to keep this very valued village asset going on into the future, so if you haven't before, why not come along to one of the events? See our website – camertoncommunityhall.co.uk – for full details of upcoming events.

Out in the field the "Colliers' Copse" has been planted with additional trees and hundreds of flowers; everyone is looking forward to all the colour that is promised for later in the year. More bird boxes have also been installed. The restoration and upgrading of this area has only been made possible with funding support from The Ralph and Irma Sperring Trust.



There's no catch or hidden charges – Camerton Community Hall will be really grateful for your donations. All those pennies will add up over time and go towards maintaining and improving the hall.

If you do sign up – Thank you.

Do you shop on line?

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To register go to the easyfundraising website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/3X682F> search for **Camerton Community Hall** and click "support us". Once you have signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation.

As well as financial help we always need volunteers (Friends of the Hall) to help out at events or activities. We are planning to paint the hall over the Easter school holidays so if you fancy yourself as the next Michelangelo or would like to volunteer in any way for this, or future activities, please get in touch via the website or phone 01761 470175.

Or would you like to be more involved? In which case you might like to join our proactive and dynamic Management Committee – ring 0771 612 9569 or email via the website for more information.

Camerton Community Hall Trustees & Management Committee

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Save our Rural Buses Campaign News

Since January 2017 the 179 bus service has been gradually eroded until it is now only a third of the service it was, with no evening buses, a one-in, one-out service on a Saturday, and no service at all on Sunday. First Bus has indicated that they will withdraw the service completely in August 2019.

As a result several voluntary initiatives are being created to try and find a solution. Various ideas have been proposed and will need to be thoroughly reviewed before a possible solution is identified and taken forward... but even then there are no promises.

One initiative to elevate the profile has been the petition organised by the rector of several parishes affected, Revd Martin Blewett, and his wife Rosanna. That petition attracted over 1000 signatures and was presented to the key decision makers on Saturday 2nd February 2019.

Villagers braved icy roads and a foot of snow to let First Bus and B&NES know how much they value their bus. Over 60 men, women and children gathered at Bath bus station to hand over a petition of 1000+ signatures to Managing Director of First West of England, James Freeman and B&NES

Cabinet member for Transport, Councillor Mark Shelford.

The people of Tunley, Timsbury, Farmborough, High Littleton, Camerton and Hallatrow are hoping that the 179 bus route will be saved. With over 14,000 people in the villages potentially affected, many of whom commute to Bath for work, education and leisure, the villages feel there is a clear environmental need for the bus service to expand rather than disappear, particularly if B&NES is to meet its clean air targets.

Amongst the demonstrators were students who rely on the bus to get to College, teenagers who would love to be able to socialise with friends in Bath, and those without cars who rely on the service to get to work or hospital appointments.

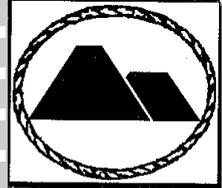
The villagers hope that First Bus and B&NES will find a way to, if needs be, redirect another bus on to the route, perhaps with the help of a subsidy from B&NES. There were also requests for more consultation with passengers, and a review of bus times to make the buses more useable. B&NES has been asked to develop a detailed transport policy that focuses on rural areas and to lobby the West of England

Combined Authority (WECA) to change the way bus contracts are awarded.

The heavily subsidised 768 bus contract also ends in August 2019, and at the time of going to print there is no

guarantee that it will be renewed. Bus services are vital to our rural communities; once gone they are very unlikely to be replaced and we can't all depend on cars.

CAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL



CAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Invites you to
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
on

THURSDAY 25 April 2019

at CAMERTON COMMUNITY HALL, starting at 7.30 pm

The evening will commence with a talk by
Ryan Taylor, Nat West Community Banker, on
Protecting Yourself against Scams

This will be followed by the **Chairman and the Clerk** of the Parish Council reporting on

the parish activity highlights of the last year and our annual expenditure and income for 2018-2019.

Midsumer Norton & Radstock Community Service Vehicle Trust Mini Bus

The Community Service Vehicle Trust, a non-profit making organisation that relies on the goodness of volunteers willing to give their time to drive and assist passengers to and from their meeting points, has now celebrated over 50 years of running, having started life in 1967 – quite a record. The committee are in the process of producing a booklet of the updated History of the Mini Bus, celebrating the 50 years.



It is hoped that the booklet will bring back many memories of time spent using the bus or being involved in one way or another. There are pictures and articles from many people who have been involved in the use and running of the bus, and to quote one sentence in the booklet, “Community Transport has never been more important to the wellbeing of people and communities”. This seems to say it all.

If you would like to make use of the Community Service Bus, or would like to know more about it, please contact the Co-ordinator, Mrs Debbie Gunfield, on 01761 416910.

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Carol Price (Committee Member)

**Camerton Batch
Local Nature Reserve
Supporters Group
(CBLNRSG)**



Members Required

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

Membership offers reduced members only events, discounted open events and products and management committee opportunities. Forms can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, Louise Fry, 4 Sunnyvale, Durcott Lane, Camerton, via www.camertonbatch.com or louise_fry@btinternet.com

Membership is free and open to all

Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial a Ride

The Dial a Ride is a pre-booked (by telephone) door to door transport service, using vehicles specially adapted for wheelchair passengers; the vehicles also have improved accessibility with low floors and no steps. The service operates from around 08.15 to 16.00 Mondays to Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays).

The Dial a Ride telephone contact no is 01761 417504, or e-mail info@dialaridemsn.co.uk

The service covers pick-up and drop-off destinations anywhere within the BANES area apart from the centre of Bath. We can also cover hospital & medical appointments with the assistance of SWAN volunteer car service. All residents within our parish are eligible to use the service but it is particularly useful for those unable to access public transport. The elderly, disabled, parents with small children and people living in rural isolation benefit from the door to door service.

Costs to members are: a small annual membership fee of £6 (from 1st July to 30th June in any year) – this will rise to £7 from 1st July 2019. After that each journey has a small fare

charge dependent on the distances travelled. Members who are eligible for a Diamond Travel Card (available from BANES at no cost) receive a 50% reduction on the fare charged – a typical local trip would cost around £4 return. Longer trips are charged extra depending on the distance travelled.

We also run seasonal day trips to destinations such as Cheddar Garden Centre, Shepton Mallet Garden Centre & Fish & Chip Shop, Clarks Village, etc.

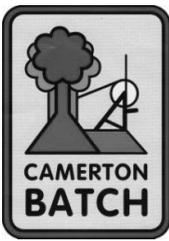


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Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve

TONY FRY

The Batch has weathered well over the winter considering the heavy periods of rain and the high winds. Four trees fell, three of which are in safe areas and one which fell into the field on the Bridge Place Road side and was removed at no cost.

We have undertaken the pre-Spring inspection and were pleasantly surprised at the small amount of remedial work that is necessary. This being:

1. Six steps on the top centre footpath.
2. Filling on some of the newly erected steps, mainly at the eastern end.
3. Repainting the statue of the Miner.
4. Repair to the vandalised gates at the Red Hill entrance.
5. Repair to the Notice Boards and Information Centre, again at the Red Hill entrance.

This work will commence over the next few months starting in April. So, if you feel you would like to help please contact me either by phone

(01761 471280) or e-mail (anthony.fry3@btinternet.com). All footpaths are clear and at the moment the edges are looking good with a display of snowdrops and crocuses. The bluebells have just started to shoot and we look forward to them flowering in due course. We are also considering extending the wild flower range that the Batch will support, which will mainly be in the deciduous tree areas.

We have not yet replanted the saplings on the felled eastern and north eastern end of the Batch. The area has been surveyed and deemed too dangerous for us to undertake ourselves; we will need to engage specialist forestry experts to undertake this. Unfortunately, this will involve funding and quotes provided are in the order of £1750. We already have the saplings, and these have been bedded out over this winter and are looking fine.

When did you last see a Hedgehog? We are currently considering increasing the hedgehog population by utilising the Batch and are

serve Supporters Group



mapping out the most suitable areas to undertake this. Hedgehogs in this country thrive in grasslands, woodlands, and meadows. They are typically found in areas close to the border with human beings rather than in the remote areas. Chilly weather affects them, making them hibernate to survive the cold winter. In most parts of the UK, hedgehogs can also thrive in hedges and fields in the countryside. So, the Batch's geographic location and environment

suits hedgehogs well, especially the North and South edges.

As you may be aware the Batch is self-funding via our 100 Lottery Scheme, for which we have vacancies. There is a monthly pay-out of £100, a half yearly bonus of £500 and a yearly bonus of £1000, all for the cost of £5 per month. If you are interested in joining, please contact Louise Fry on 01761 471280 or louise_fry@btinternet.com.

Tony Fry (Chairman)

Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve
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Environmental Enhancement

HEATHER EDWARDS

In the last Newsletter I appealed for volunteers to help water the displays in the Coal Truck and the Boundary Planters. Nobody has indicated their wish to help so it may well be that these planters will suffer during the summer months. Perhaps its early days yet.

The small purple boxes are badly in need of repair and a repaint. I will



shortly be contacting those residents who maintain them to establish whether they are happy to continue. If not, we will arrange to have them removed; it doesn't look good for Camerton to have flower boxes with dead plants and looking in need of TLC.

Many thanks to all those who have previously helped; I hope you will be prepared to continue the good work. The floral displays throughout the Parish have attracted many favourable comments in the past; it would be such a pity should they all have to be removed.

Heather Edwards

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Think Croquet – think Friends, Fun, Sport, Strategy, Skill, and it's good for your health.

Men and women play on equal terms – skill and tactics are the name of the game and age is no barrier.

Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club will be holding their Beginners' course on Sunday afternoons (from 2.00 to 4.30 pm) March 10th, 17th, 24th and April 3rd. All equipment will be provided – all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes.

The Club's experienced and accredited coaches will take you



through all the different skills and tactics you'll need to play this increasingly popular game. All this for £25 all 5 sessions – and that's refunded when you join the club.

You'll be introduced to this fascinating game. At the start of the first day you may a bit hesitant about hitting the ball – but by the end you'll be clearing the opposition and scoring hoops as if it was second nature. "Beginners give our better players a shock" noted one of the Coaches!!

"Our Club has established itself as part of the Community. It offers superb facilities – with 4 lawns, a Club pavilion and beautiful views across the Somerset countryside – not forgetting FREE equipment, FREE coaching and a wide range of inclusive social events – so to reserve your place on our Beginners' course why not contact me on 01225 708540", says Club Chair Mo Boys – "or follow us at www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk"

Neighbourhood Watch

Brian Edwards

Gosh hasn't the winter weather really caught up with us? A weekend of snow which, after two or three days of pretty but cold scenes, disappeared suddenly overnight as if a magic wand had been waved. The rain quickly put paid to the snow but now the rain doesn't want to stop. Time of the year I suppose, it's still winter. Let's look forward to spring; at least the snowdrops have braved the weather, always a good sign.

Whatever the weather may throw at us it doesn't deter those who wish to gain advantage through illegal practices.

Thefts from vehicles.

Two males were seen breaking into a van parked on a driveway in Moorsfield, Clutton – tools were taken.

Front number plate stolen from a vehicle parked in Maynard Terrace, Clutton.

Van broken into whilst parked in Greyfield Road, High Littleton – tools stolen.

Van broken into whilst parked on Wells Road, Hallatrow – various items stolen.

It is difficult for tradespeople to remove all valuables from their parked vehicles overnight but it has been reported, over and over again, that parked vans are an obvious target and contents stolen.

Nottingham Knockers...

...have been reported operating in the Compton Martin area. As reported in a previous Newsletter, Nottingham Knockers are cold callers who tell residents they are ex-offenders trying to go straight. They try to sell you poor quality and over-priced goods, usually cleaning products. The police have advised residents that they are under no obligation to answer the door to anyone they don't know or are not expecting. If you do talk to them they are supposed to be able to provide a valid Pedlar's Certificate and should leave your property when asked.



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If you see anything suspicious, or you are uncertain about anyone calling at your door, never let them enter your house. Call a neighbour or your local NHW contact, or the police on 101. If its serious, dial 999, or you can call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Wishing you all a pleasant and warm springtime.

Brian Edwards 01761 470175

Poppy Appeal 2018

On behalf of Timsbury Royal British Legion I would like to thank all the volunteers from Timsbury, Camerton and Tunley and also the businesses and various organisations which have supported the appeal.

I would like to say a big thank you to Gay Fear from Tunley, who has been volunteering for **51 years** and has decided to retire; this is an amazing achievement. We do sincerely appreciate all those years

of going out collecting door to door for two weeks on cold and wet November evenings - enjoy your retirement. I would also like to welcome the five new ladies from Timsbury who started volunteering last year, thank you; also thanks to Danny and Rod, who have helped over the past few years and are no longer able to continue, well done.

This year we have raised a total of **£4011.53 for 2018** to date, we hope this will go up before the collecting period for **2018** finishes in September this year. Without your support we would not be able to help the thousands of ex-service and serving men and women and their families.

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, one of the most remarkable Allied wartime operations. The Royal British Legion is working with the UK Government and other stakeholders to plan significant commemorations to mark D-Day 75 both in Normandy and across the United Kingdom. They are also in partnership with Arena Travel, who have chartered a ship, the MV Boudicca, to provide a fully funded tour for 300 D-Day Veterans. Each

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veteran is able to bring one carer, who will also be fully funded. Priority will be given to veterans who participated in the D-Day landings. For further information contact Arena Travel, Tel: 01473 660800 or go to the Royal British Legion website below.

You can donate to the Poppy Appeal at any time throughout the year by visiting the Royal British Legion Club in Timsbury, or you can donate some of your change in the collecting tins around the area or by logging onto the website.

www.britishlegion.org.uk

Radstock Museum



WHAT'S ON IN BRIEF AT RADSTOCK MUSEUM

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| Until April 30th | Model Engineering Exhibition |
| March 19th | Science in Radstock Talk, Radstock Working Men's Club, 7:30pm, £3 |
| April 2nd | Bygone Days Talk, Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton, 7:30pm, £4 |
| April 6th – April 22nd | Inclusive Children's Easter Trail with a Free prize, Free for museum visitors |
| April 11th | Easter Children's Event |
| April 16th | Science in Radstock Talk, Radstock Working Men's Club, 7:30pm, £3 |
| May 1st –August 31st | Local Villages Exhibition |
| May 30th | May Half Term Children's Event |

For details on all these events go to radstockmuseum.co.uk

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 Winter 2018 edition's photograph was top of Red Hill on the left-hand side travelling up. The first correct entry received was from Emma Ruddick.

Norton/Radstock Ramblers

Norton/Radstock Ramblers walk nearly every Sunday and the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the month.

We are a smallish group of walkers that love to get out into the Countryside.

We recently walked to Wilmington, near Bath, to present Mr Melvyn Keeling, at Wilmington Farm, a certificate of recognition for his efforts in maintaining public rights of way over his land. Mr Keeling was nominated by the Bath Ramblers Footpath Volunteer Team, as an example of a farmer reinstating a footpath after cropping and thus providing a clear direct route for all walkers to use. This highlights the gratitude that Ramblers have for being able to walk footpaths in and around 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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Carol Price (Member)



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Cam Valley Wildlife Group Events



Wednesday 20 March 2019, 7.30pm

Talk “The Swift – a life on the wing” by Peter Bright

Peter has been watching swifts nest in his Mendip house since 2006.

Coffee & cake from 7.30pm, talk at 8pm.
Members £2 (non-members: £3)

Our venue for indoor meetings:

SWALLOW, Old Engine House, Old Pit Road, Midsomer Norton, BA3 4BQ

If coming from Midsomer Norton, go up Silver Street, turn left into Charlton Rd, then at the end go left onto A367 towards Radstock. Go past the row of shops on the left: Fosse Way Co-op store & Whitstones fish & chip shop.

About 300 yards further, just past zebra crossing and past Buildbase on your right, turn left at the sign for ‘Sun Chemical’ opposite the children’s playground/bowling club. This is a single track road - go along, road curves to the right, and just past the bend is the entrance to SWALLOW (sign on noticeboard at entrance). Go through the gateway and the meeting room is straight ahead on the far left. Plenty of parking. Please note that SatNav may take you astray!

If you need any more information about anything please phone Judy on 07460 278311 or email judy@swallowcharity.org.



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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.

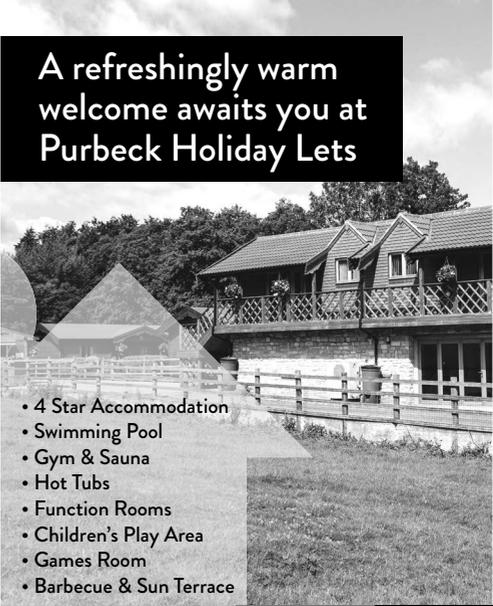
If you would like to join us as a visitor you can be assured of a very warm welcome – our WI is a great place to meet new people. You can find out more by visiting www.dunkertonwi.btck.co.uk.

JANUARY MEETING

Our speaker for the evening was retired police officer Alan Hale, who gave us an amusing, off-the-cuff account of his career within the force. Alan tried his hand at many different roles including

patrolling by all means of police transport, including motorcycle, car and horse. Latterly he worked in the area of mental health.

Members are looking forward to some outings later in the year including a tour of the Houses of Parliament and a visit to Bowood House. The Crafts Club members are also looking forward to starting work on their project of making a banner.



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Dates for your diary

Tue 12 Mar, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Fri 15 Mar, 7.30pm	Quiz & Ploughman's Supper, Camerton Community Hall. Tickets £8 including supper. Teams of 6 or come & join a team. For further information contact Liz Dakin (01761-435580)
Wed 27 Mar, 7.15pm	Camerton Local History Group, Court Barn
Fri 29 Mar, 7pm	Last of the Winter Talks: Neil Clark, "From Shoes to Films", Camerton Community Hall. £5 entrance (includes light refreshments)
Wed 3 Apr, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Tue 9 Apr, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Wed 17 Apr, 7.15pm	Camerton Local History Group, Court Barn
Thu 25 Apr, 7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting, Camerton Community Hall
Wed 8 May, 7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Tue 14 May, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Sat 18 May	Mendip Male Voice Choir, Camerton Community Hall. £10 Tickets from 07866-112689

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