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Editor's letter

ARWEN ROSS

Where are you going?

This is a question being put to many local residents at the moment, in terms of both the destinations we need to reach and how we can (continue to) get there quickly, conveniently and safely. Local transport is still very much a key topic in this issue of Camerton Parish News, and one which has the potential to have a massive impact on both our working lives and our leisure activities.

But it's also a question we can ask ourselves now and again from a slightly different perspective – as in, am I heading in the direction I want/ need to go? And of course it could also be asked with reference to the community; is that moving forward, going towards where we want it to be? At those levels, this initial question can give actually rise to some pretty deep thought, not to mention action....

Hopefully this issue of Camerton Parish News will provide some direction in the matter of community activities, entertainment and local interest for the next few months.

Photo: Tony Fry



Parish Council News

CHRIS TAYLOR

Dear Parishioners

Just a quick update on what the parish council has been up to since the election in May. We have recently met with the head of BANES Council highways to discuss the possibility of a Red Hill footpath and other issues related to the roads and footpaths in the parish. We also continue to progress the idea of a community Speedwatch though this is taking a little longer than we would like. However, one good outcome of this work is that the speed enforcement arm of the police has been tackling speeding on Tunley Hill.

The parish also has two representatives on the newly formed B&NES Rural Transport Group, including Cllr B Edwards. This group, consisting of Parish & Town Councils, B&NES Officers, Community Transport and Bus Service Operators, has been set up to work on a joint project to better

understand the needs of residents for transport and the best way to meet them using a wide range of solutions (buses/car share/ community transport) working together in a coordinated way.

In terms of planning we have been consulted on by BANES Council and responded to four planning applications since the last issue. The parish council also continues to be involved in the development of the new BANES local plan. The plan details the BANES planning policies against which BANES determines planning applications.

This work is keeping councillors and the clerk busy but if there are any issues that you feel need addressing please feel free to raise them with the parish council. If you are really keen to help: a reminder that we still have a vacancy on the parish council.

Rural Transport – Service 179

BRIAN EDWARDS

Hello everybody, hopefully you will have had a questionnaire through your letter box recently about your local travel destinations and if you use the bus service available to you at the moment.

You will probably have heard about the reduction of the bus services through Camerton and possible demise of a service altogether.

This bus obviously serves other villages along its route and, if taken away, could cause problems to people who have no other means of transport and who are trying to get into Bath or Bristol for work, school or college and also for pleasure and recreation.

A committee, the BRTG (B&NES Rural Transport Group), has been set up to save these rural bus routes. The committee is composed of

representatives from all the villages affected and the first item on its agenda is to establish the need for a viable bus service throughout the rural villages.

The latest update is that 7000 questionnaires have been delivered with a further 3000 covering the MSN area. The result of these questionnaires will help direct the work on the way forward with rural bus services in conjunction with BANES Council and Bus Service Operators.

I hope to be able to provide further details in the next newsletter.

Brian Edwards 01761 470175

Bath & North East Somerset Council's Cabinet

DISTRICT CLLR NEIL BUTTERS

Like most principal councils – i.e.: those above town and parish councils – Bath & North East Somerset Council is run by a Leader plus Cabinet. In our case embracing 10 members out of 59. There are however many other important roles, such as Chair of the Planning Committee – filled by my ward colleague Matt McCabe; and Chairs of (three) Policy Development & Scrutiny Panels.

There are eight Cabinet ‘portfolios’. The reason why there are 10 members of the present Cabinet is because this time we have chosen to split two portfolios as job shares.

The eight portfolios with some of the key responsibilities are as follows –

Leader – Dine Romero (Ward: Southdown)

Cabinet direction and decision-making, representation on key external bodies – such as the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), tourism, and community relations.

Resources and Deputy Leader – Richard Samuel (Walcot)

Finance, property, audit, legal and democratic services, revenues and benefits, corporate communications.

Adult Services – Rob Appleyard (Lambridge)

Adult social care and safeguarding, public health.

Children’s Services – Kevin Guy (Bathavon North)

Children’s social care, looked-after children, special needs, youth services.

Climate Emergency & Neighbourhood Services – Sarah Warren (Bathavon North) + David Wood (Mendip)

SW: climate emergency and air pollution.

DW: waste, flooding, drainage.

Community Services – Paul Crossley (Southdown)

Leisure, customer services, libraries, tourism, culture, arts, retail sector and engagement, registrars, bereavement services, parks and open spaces, building control and public protection, community safety.

Housing, Planning and Economic Development – Tim Ball (Twerton)

Council house building programme, planning and regulatory policy, housing services, economic development, regeneration.

Transport Services – Neil Butters
(Bathavon South) + Jo Wright
(Lambridge)

It is this last portfolio which is the trickiest! ‘Who does what?’

Jo and I have joint responsibility for policy matters. In practice, Jo and I work together, taking a lead in areas that interest us in particular – and/or simply need doing.

Formally however responsibilities assigned to me include:

- a. emergency management
- b. risk assessment
- c. CCTV
- d. relationship with Avon Fire Authority (of which I am currently a member)
- e. highways: winter gritting, emergencies, maintenance and resurfacing works relating to roads, footways, bridges and other structures
- f. street lighting
- g. rail, mass transit
- h. parking and bus lane enforcement.

Jo’s responsibilities include:

- a. road safety, including school crossing patrols
- b. walking and cycling
- c. traffic management – including signals and signs;

- street works co-ordination;
bus stop maintenance
- d. non-commercial bus services, community transport, blue badges
- e. park and ride services
- f. car parks
- g. electric vehicle and car club provision; clean air zone enforcement.

Whilst we each have a long list of responsibilities, sadly there is very limited money to go with them. In particular we have found that whilst often there can be capital money available – to build things – there is no accompanying revenue money to maintain them. Something which urgently needs to be rectified.

Camerton Community Hall

What a tremendous few months we have gone through at Camerton Community Hall; bookings have gone through the roof, with superb weddings taking pride of place. For all the weddings the hall has been transformed into a place of colour with different exciting features like drapes, chandeliers and even 8 foot high trees.

Our hall is becoming the place of choice for weddings and parties, having been recently redecorated and with the advantages of the outdoor space.



Cash Bingo is back after many years absence. It started at once a month and now after public demand is being held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month. Doors open at 6.30pm with eyes down at 7-30pm. There is a licensed bar. Hot



drinks and cheese rolls are also available. These twice monthly Bingo sessions are building up to the big one - the Grand Christmas Bingo on Thursday December 19th, put it in your diaries now - it will be special.

On Sunday September 22nd there will be 2 tours of Camerton Court Gardens. Tickets cost £10 per person to include tea and cake; all proceeds are for Camerton Community Hall. There is a maximum of 30 people per tour. Unfortunately the tour is not suitable for anyone with restricted mobility, wheelchair users or buggies. Please see our website for further details or speak to a member of the committee.

We know it's a bit early to be talking about Christmas, but it is only about 15 weeks away. We have our Christmas Lunch special on Sunday December 15th put on by our own number one chef David Mott. Last year it was a sell out and we expect it to be again this year.

The Friday night Camerton Talks will start again in October. Speakers are being organised so watch out for the adverts, posters and road signs.

2020 is going to be an exciting year for Camerton as it is 70 years since Camerton New Pit closed and 40 years since the opening of the Community Hall. There are lots of ideas being discussed at the moment on how we should celebrate this anniversary; if you have any ideas speak to one of the hall committee members.



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Camerton Local History Group

Appeal from the Camerton Local History Group

Our next project is going to be about Camerton Church School. We hope to put an exhibition together covering all the history of this lovely old school. We appeal for your help: did you teach at or work for the school? Did you used to be a pupil? Have you any memories, stories, photographs etc that you

would like to share with us? Please ring 01761 479319.

Our next meeting will be held at Court Barn, School Lane on 18th Sept at 7.15 pm.

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St Peter's Church



Dear friends,

I was born within sight and sound of the sea, and spent the first eighteen years of my life living within walking distance of one of the most beautiful beaches in the country. So, for my family, my friends and me, summer was rarely a time when we went away on holiday because we didn't need to; our lives were one, long seaside holiday!

I'm aware that the memory is notoriously selective, but I recall many sunny summer days spent on the beach with my friends. We'd walk down to the sea, with the warm air full of the scent of pine trees.

My favourite time of day on the beach was early evening, when any wind that there had been during the day would drop and the sea would become beautifully warm, and as still as a millpond. But I also recall very different wild and spectacular days in winter months, when the sea would come crashing down on the beach and smash against the cliff faces,

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and there would be little or no beach to see. Standing on the cliff's edge, looking down at the raging sea, it would be hard to recall, in that moment, how it had been a few months earlier, in the heat of a summer's day.

I think that the experience of living the first part of my life in such a place touched me deeply. It's not simply that the sea is in my blood, so to speak. It's more the way that, living in such proximity to this aspect of God's creation, I was able to witness the way in which the seasons interact with the sea to form a constant metaphor for the reality of life: there are periods of calm and peace and times when the storms rage in everyday life as much as in creation.

As a result of this, I came to understand that, as St Paul wrote to the Romans: "God's invisible attributes, namely, his

eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”

Also, it’s no accident that nearly every other book of the Bible is bursting with references to creation.

The Psalmist compares the longing of his soul for God with the thirst of a deer running to water, fully expecting his readers to get the word picture! He sings of the heaven’s divine declaration, he praises the Lord for making mankind ruler of “all flocks and herds...animals of the wild...birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea...”

“Ask the beasts, and they will teach you,” exclaims Job, “the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.”

The prophets, too, foretell the restoration of all things using imagery of a transformed created order: wolves lying down with lambs, lions eating straw like oxen, and myrtles and cypress replacing the thorns and briars of the curse.

And, of course, Jesus Himself announced the Kingdom of God on earth with parables about trees, seeds, birds of the air which God feeds, along

with lilies of the field which He clothes. The Bible at length promises that the consummation of history, like its beginning, will take place in a garden-city atop a mountain, with a river of life and trees whose leaves are to heal the nations.

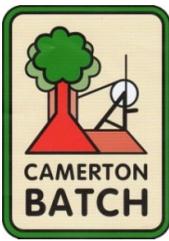
Faced with such a host of references, it’s clear to see how appreciating the beauty and power of creation can help us to grasp fully the things of God. Today, the undoubted benefits of modern technology can all too easily cut us off from the natural world and the revelation of God that it offers, perhaps more than any other time in history. However, we’re blessed here in Camerton, living in such a beautiful part of God’s creation. It’s good to spend time appreciating it, not just in the warm days of late summer and early autumn, but also in the depths of winter, and giving thanks to the One who is the source of all life, and of all that exists.

As the old hymn expresses it:

“Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.”

With love and blessings,

Tony



Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve

TONY FRY

The Batch is looking well considering the relatively dry spring and summer, to the extent that we have had to trim the footpaths and overhanging branches only once. The next trimming work will take place this month together with some maintenance at both the Red Hill and Bridge Place Road entrances. The centre steps have been repaired and will only need filling which is planned for early autumn. The other

maintenance jobs listed in the summer edition of this magazine must be delayed due to lack of funds.

It is hoped that a limited amount of broadleaf saplings can be planted in the non-dangerous felled areas during the autumn. The more steep and dangerous areas will have to wait until sufficient funds are available. We published the cost for professional forestry to undertake this in the summer edition of this

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magazine as being £1750. This still holds but raising the funds is difficult with the Batch Lottery being the only source of fundraising.

From a pure nature perspective, the Batch is doing well in supporting a wide variety of birds and mammals together with shrub, floral and fungi growth. There is some evidence of picnicking, which we welcome, but please take your litter home.

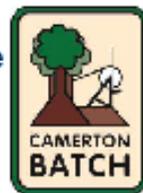
I referred to the Batch Lottery above which is our only source of funding. It is that funding that keeps us up and running but it needs additional members to support the tasks we need to undertake to keep the Batch up to the standard we expect a Nature Reserve to be. The fee is £5 per month with a monthly prize of £100 together with a half yearly (June) prize of £500 and

(December) prize of £1000. All you need to do is contact Louise Fry, on 01761 471280, or email her at louise_fry@btinternet.com.

If you are already a member would you consider sending Louise an email to say you are happy to have your details published if you win. (There is an underscore dash between Louise and fry)

Tony Fry

**Camerton Batch
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Neighbourhood Watch

Brian Edwards

Summer 2019, although we're not out of it yet the evenings are beginning to draw in, not a pleasant thought. This summer what a mixture; hot, very hot, chilly and heavy rainstorms. We are told it's the effect of global warming, that's as may be but we must all be aware of the way we conduct our lives in the future.

In the present we must all look to our personal and property safety. This of course means that we must ensure that our belongings outside of the house are locked away securely, and those inside of our house are also locked away securely, and not left hanging about for everybody to see.

I refer of course to those people that come sniffing around our properties and think, that maybe, because we are of an age, they can take advantage.

I have written about this over the many years in my position as NHW Coordinator/Contact for Camerton. If you are not expecting callers do not open the door to anybody even though they may seem genuine and have a fancy badge on display. If you are happy with what they can offer you, well then so be it. Do not pay any money up front until you are happy with the work carried out. Always

when in doubt call a neighbour or NHW contact, or even the police on 101.

Telephone and internet scams are a different kettle of fish, however, the same result is hoped for by the perpetrator – TO GET THEIR HANDS ON YOUR MONEY. Please do not enter into anything you are not sure of, don't be bullied or threatened, put the phone down or click on delete on your PC.

Now back to our local patch.

A garage was broken into in Clutton, scramble type motorbike and fishing gear stolen.

A Black Yamaha Aerox motorbike registration No WR07 JUT was stolen from a garden in Hillview, Farrington Gurney.

A van was broken into in Farrington Gurney, rear and side doors forced open, power tools stolen.

Lansdown Crescent, Timsbury – 3 males were disturbed by the owner of a van as they tried to break into it. The offenders were using a crowbar to force the rear doors open, nothing was stolen. This all happened at 6-15pm, broad daylight, on a Sunday evening.

Avon and Somerset police report

ROB HENDRA

One of the topics guaranteed to make people’s blood boil is drivers using their mobile phones while driving. It can be so frustrating quite how uncaring some people can be. Other road users are also endangered by these callous acts and sadly we too often see the devastation caused by “driving without due care and attention.” Please can I take this opportunity to remind us all to “put our phones away when driving.” Just because

we now have the technology to be contacted at all times doesn’t mean that we have to be. It is never acceptable to use your mobile phone while driving. (NOT even just to check messages or just to see who was texting!!)

In 2016 tougher penalties were brought in to reduce the number of drivers using their mobile phones while driving. Recent figures from the RAC show that despite the introduction of tougher sentences last year there was an increase in the number of drivers admitting using their mobile phones while driving.

Since 2016 drivers caught using their mobile phone face the possibility of being given 6 points on their licence, a £200 fine and the possibility of losing your licence altogether. More importantly, using your phone while driving comes with a significant risk of seriously injuring yourself and others.

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As part of the National Police Chiefs' Council mobile phone enforcement week I'd like to remind drivers to stay legal by:

- Turning your phone off and or locking it away in the glove box
- Ensuring your phone is in a cradle so it's hands-free
- Using the "do not disturb while driving" mode on your

smartphone. Smartphones like the iPhone have the function built in, however some android phones have an app you can download for free.

Rob Hendra, Police Community Support Officer from your local neighbourhood police team

Member

Residents of the Parish of Camerton aged 18 and over are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and/or become a Member of the Committee. Come along to an event or committee meeting and find out more.



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Environmental Enhancement

HEATHER EDWARDS



Following on from my summer report, I can now tell you that a resident in The Daglands has very kindly volunteered to water, feed, weed and deadhead the plants in the Coal Truck. A local family is also watering the small planters at the entrance to The Daglands.

I have already mentioned in a previous newsletter that volunteers have also stepped up to water and maintain the plants in the boundary planters at Tunley Hill and the 'D'.

All these planters are looking absolutely lovely as are others cared for by residents. I am so grateful to everyone for their kind assistance.

We are managing to replace/repair/repaint some of the other boxes in need of attention so the floral displays throughout the Parish of Camerton should once again be looking good.

It is planned to clear/tidy the Copse area (opposite the entrance to The Batch) in the near future but we will need some help from local residents, perhaps on a Sunday morning. Many hands make light work, so if you would like to join us please contact me.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer; let's hope this lovely weather continues.

Heather Edwards 01761 470175

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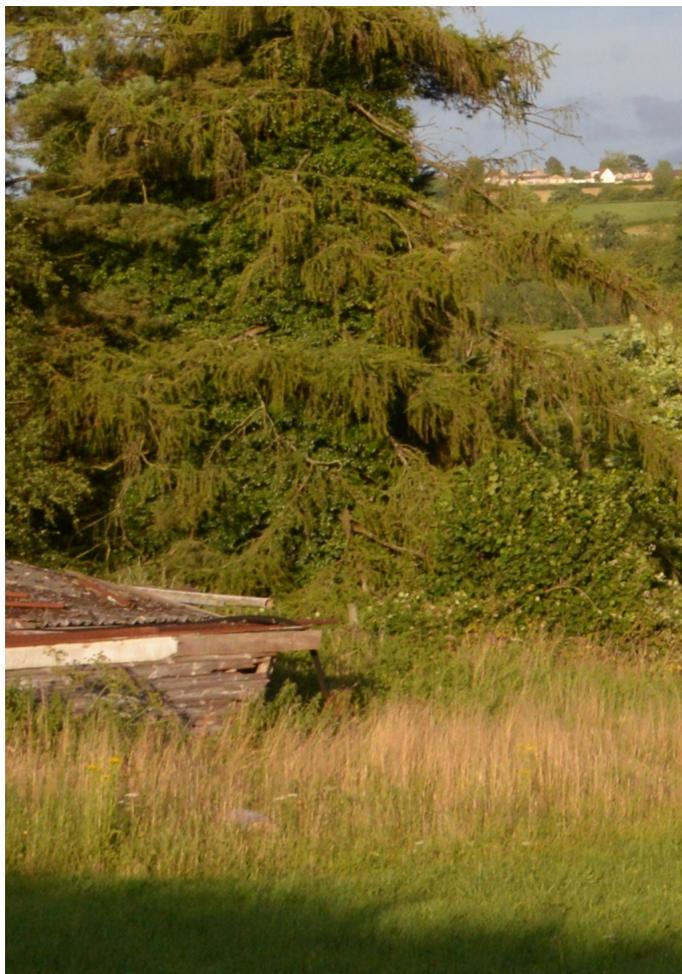
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Where is this?



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 Summer 2019 edition's photograph was the kerb side at the entrance to Church Lane and was correctly identified by Wendy Venn.

Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club (CPCC)

Croquet – Competitions, Sport and Success

Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club (CPCC) members have been taking part in a range of competitions against other clubs.



There are competitions for beginners, improvers and more experienced players so there are always opportunities for everyone to take part.

Some of this year's beginners are taking part in the High Handicap Competition and have already got a number of wins under their belt.

CPCC coaches and team captains keep their eye on players – free coaching and 'fine tuning' is available and everyone is encouraged to try competitive croquet – they soon 'get the bug'!

So far this year CPCC has won a number of matches.

The High Handicap Team, including some of this year's beginners, is on a winning streak. One match was won by 13 to 7 and the other by 11^{1/2} to 8^{1/2}

Both matches took place in hot and humid weather, but that did not stop the CPCC team from playing some of their best croquet. The team had to hold their nerve as our opponents started to 'pull back', but our steadfast play won the day.

In both matches every member won a game – some won them all!! It is certain that handicaps will tumble and other members will have to improve their skills!

The Club also takes part in National Competitions – a team of 4 travelled to Nottingham to take part in the Murphy Cup. This match of singles and doubles brought out our best play and many games were won or lost by just 1 or 2 points. Eventually CPCC won by 4 and so we are looking forward to meeting our opponents in the Semi Final.

Croquet is a sport that, with a short introduction, you can play immediately – it is truly a sport for everyone – young, old – men and women (who play on equal terms) - people of all skill levels and abilities. It is particularly suitable for those recovering their fitness, health and mobility. Flat soled shoes are the only equipment needed as everything else is provided free.

The club offers a free introductory session and subscriptions are reduced in the first year – so why not contact Mo Boys on 01225 708540 to arrange your own Croquet Experience?

Somer Valley Ramblers (formerly Norton/Radstock Ramblers)

Yes, we have changed our name to Somer Valley Ramblers, because we have expanded our area, taking in more of the Somer Valley, hence the name change.

We walk every Sunday and the first & third Wednesdays in the month.

We are a smallish group that just love to walk! Our walks vary in distance between approximately 6 miles to 10+.

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Carol Price.

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Radstock Museum

Museum's Part Time Events Manager Lisa Pool Gives Radstock Museum A Boost



Somerset Coalfield Life at Radstock Museum has been lucky to have secured funding this year to employ part time Events and Marketing Manager, Lisa Pool. You may have noticed in the local press and social media, that the number and variety of events happening at your museum has increased significantly all thanks to Lisa. Lisa's background is as a history teacher and a volunteer at East Somerset Railway. Her enthusiasm, her commitment to Radstock Museum and her friendly personality are greatly appreciated by the museum volunteers.

Lisa is working really hard to make the museum the hub of the former Somerset Coalfield community. She has established two successful, regular monthly events: the first is "Memories over Elevenes", a free local history group to which everyone across the former Somerset Coalfield is welcome. The group meets on the first Friday of every month from 10:30am – 12 noon in the museum

tearoom; the idea is that you bring along old local photos, your memories and maybe an artefact or object related to local history to the informal meetings for discussion, though just bringing yourself along is fine too. You are welcome to bring a friend or two or meet new friends over complimentary refreshments.

Lisa has also established a Dementia Café every third Friday of the month from 10:30am-12 noon, for those with memory difficulties and their carers. This event is supported by the Alzheimer's Society and B&NES Carers Club, and is free with complimentary refreshments. Email Lisa at events@radstockmuseum.co.uk to book.

With the museum celebrating 20 years in its home of the Old Market Hall in Radstock (1999-2019), Lisa still has a lot planned for the Autumn, with WWII Evacuees' Week running from 3rd-7th September along with the latest exhibition commemorating 75

years since the WWII glider crash in Paulton, killing 23 soldiers on their way to the city of Arnhem in Holland. Many more events are planned including events for children and the monthly Bygone Days and Science in Radstock talks, plus the now annual “Trash or Treasure” antiques valuation day. The museum hopes very much to secure further funding

to retain Lisa in 2020. Meanwhile take a look at radstockmuseum.co.uk for “what’s on” at your museum this autumn. The support from the residents of Camerton is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Lucy Tudor, Museum Volunteer.

What’s On At Radstock Museum Autumn 2019

Autumn Exhibition: Double Hills & Arnhem 75th Anniversary, 20th August – 30th November

WWII Evacuee Week, 3rd -7th September

Radstock Museum and Killen’s Auction Rooms presents: ‘Trash or Treasure’ Antiques Valuation Day, 26th October 10am-4pm, Somer Centre MSN

“Annual Fossil Hunt” – Monday 28th October, 2pm, FREE

Children’s Arts & Crafts Morning, Thursday 31st October, 10am-12 noon, Carnival Theme

“Edwardian Christmas”. Arts, Crafts and attractions for families. Saturday 30th November, time TBC

The monthly “Bygone Days” and “Science in Radstock” talks resume in the autumn.

The monthly history group: “Memories over Elevenses” and the monthly Dementia Café continue throughout the autumn

For further details see website - www.radstockmuseum.co.uk

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.

JUNE MEETING

Our talk this month was given by Ian Cassie, who is a visitor services volunteer who travels the country speaking about Brunel's SS Great Britain. He covered the history of the ship from inception to the present day, including the passenger journeys it made to the USA, and later to Australia, following the discovery of gold.

The first English Cricket teams to travel to Australia went on the SS Great Britain, first in 1861, captained by H H Stephenson, and in 1863, captained by George Parr, the team including Mr E M Grace, brother of the better known Mr W G Grace.

JULY MEETING

Traditionally the July meeting of Dunkerton WI is held in a member's garden but this year, with the promise of a demonstration and perhaps participation in Tai Chi, it was decided to use the field adjacent to Tunley Village Hall.

The dog walkers and footballers were saved from having to stifle their laughter at seeing twenty plus women trying to stand on one leg, as the instructor failed to turn up, which was a great pity although a relief to some.

However, refreshed with hot dogs, lemon posset and cake, and fortified by much conversation and good humour, members had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The business side of things was kept to a minimum but we were delighted to learn that Dunkerton came second in the Avon Federation darts tournament, for which a certificate was awarded.

Cam Valley Arts Trail

Get Inspired!

Cam Valley Arts Trail

Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd November

Come along and help us celebrate the arts in the Cam Valley [10 miles south of Bristol and Bath along A37 and A39] by visiting this year's Arts Trail. This is a fantastic, free, community event which takes place in venues across the Cam Valley in the villages of Clutton, High Littleton, Paulton, Timsbury and Tunley.

Over forty artists are showcasing and selling their original, handcrafted work in painting, printing, textiles, ceramics, felt, glass, pastel, silver, wood, Batik and more. We also host free 'taster' art workshops, including papier mache, drawing, batik and lino; plus demonstrations, as part of the Trail for the community to enjoy. It's a great opportunity to try something new, talk with different artists about their work, and buy some original pieces as Christmas presents.

Doors open from 11am - 4pm on both days. There will be parking and refreshments available. Remember your chequebook or cash since most artists cannot take credit card payments.

Download full details and book your workshop on
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Midsomer Norton & Radstock Comm

The mini bus service is now over 50 years old, and is still to be seen running around the local area, serving the community.

We believe that the bus is still as important today as it was back in 1967 when it was brought into service for the elderly, housebound,

and less able bodied, enabling them to get to their lunch clubs, days out and meetings.

If you are a group that could benefit from using the bus, please contact our Co-ordinator Mrs Debbie Gunfield on 01761 753979.

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Community Mini Bus

There is still a need for new volunteer drivers! Please can you help, or do you know of anyone who would be interested in this role? If so, please contact Mr Melvyn Johnson on 01761 452585.

Any other enquiries, please contact Debbie Gunfield on 01761 753979 or Melvyn Johnson on above number.



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Would you like to hear about the work we do at Children's Hospice South West?

If you are part of a group and would like to hear more about the vital work we do, we can provide free speakers at a time suitable for you and can tailor the talk to suit your group.

For more information or to book a talk please email reception.cf@chsw.org.uk or call 01275 866 600

We would also like to invite you to attend a hospice tour day at Charlton Farm.

For more information please see our website www.chsw.org.uk/open

Dates for your diary

Tue 10 Sep, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Wed 18 Sep, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Wed 18 Sep, 7.15pm	Camerton Local History Group, Court Barn. If you would like to come along, please ring 01761 479319 beforehand to let us know you will be attending.
Thu 19 Sep, Eyes down 7.30pm	Bingo - Camerton Community Hall
Sun 22 Sep, 10am & 2pm	Camerton Court Garden Tours - entry by ticket only from the hall
Thu 3 Oct, Eyes down 7.30pm	Bingo - Camerton Community Hall
Tue 8 Oct, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Thu 17 Oct, Eyes down 7.30pm	Bingo - Camerton Community Hall
Wed 30 Oct, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Thu 7 Nov, Eyes down 7.30pm	Bingo - Camerton Community Hall
Sat 9 Nov, 10am to 1pm	Craft & gift sale in aid of Children's Hospice SW at Camerton Community Hall
Tue 12 Nov, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Thu 21 Nov, Eyes down 7.30pm	Bingo - Camerton Community Hall
Wed 27 Nov, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets

Deadline for the next issue is 8 November.

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