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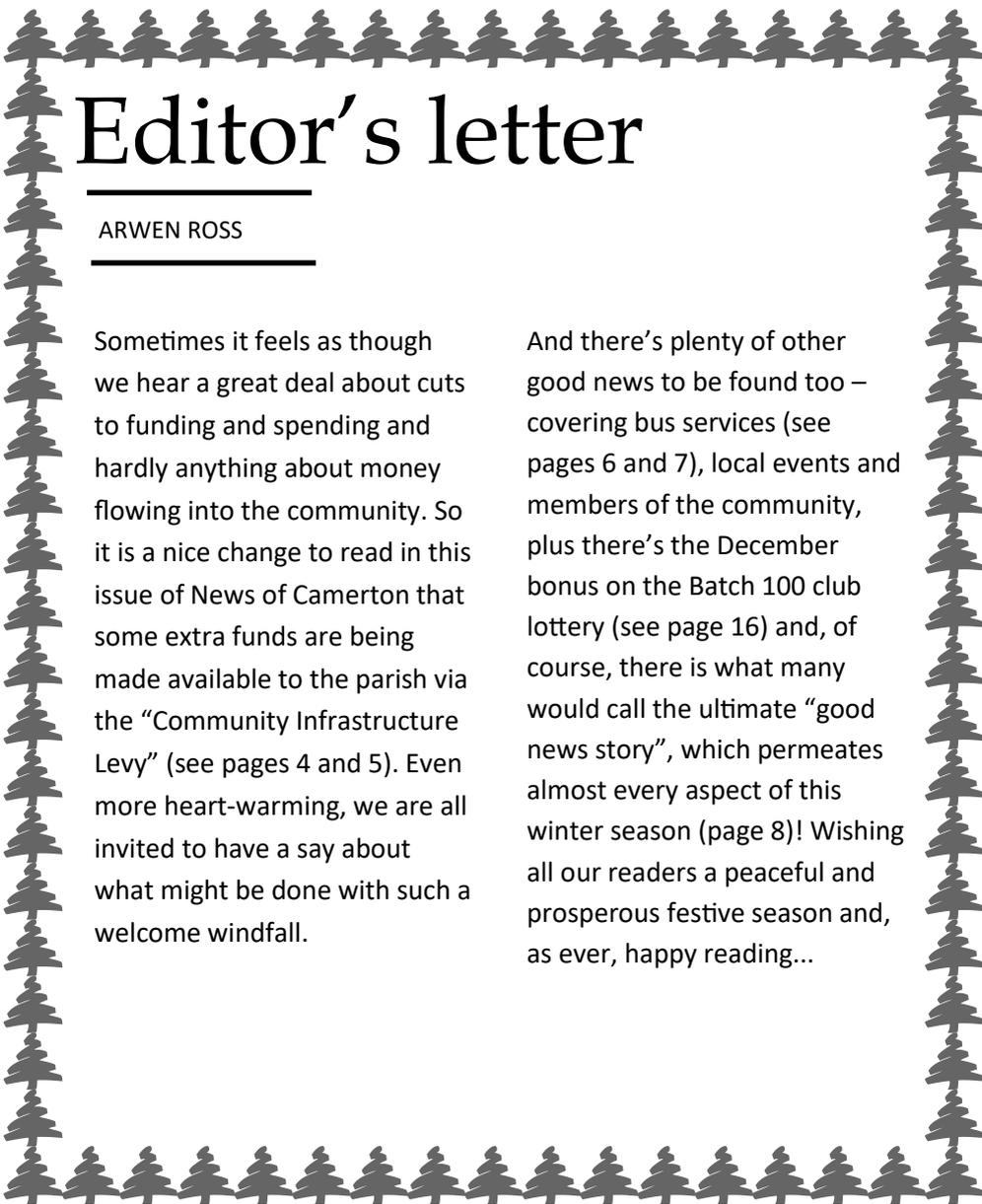
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Editor's letter

ARWEN ROSS

Sometimes it feels as though we hear a great deal about cuts to funding and spending and hardly anything about money flowing into the community. So it is a nice change to read in this issue of News of Camerton that some extra funds are being made available to the parish via the "Community Infrastructure Levy" (see pages 4 and 5). Even more heart-warming, we are all invited to have a say about what might be done with such a welcome windfall.

And there's plenty of other good news to be found too – covering bus services (see pages 6 and 7), local events and members of the community, plus there's the December bonus on the Batch 100 club lottery (see page 16) and, of course, there is what many would call the ultimate "good news story", which permeates almost every aspect of this winter season (page 8)! Wishing all our readers a peaceful and prosperous festive season and, as ever, happy reading...

Parish Council News

CHRIS TAYLOR

Dear Parishioners

By the time you read this I cannot believe it will be six months since the new council took office back in May. The new council continues to work on the highway issues in the parish, primarily tackling speeding and the need for more pavements in the parish. These are not issues that can be solved overnight but the parish council is working with the police and our ward councillors Matt McCabe and Neil Butters to progress solutions.

The good transport-related news is that the newly formed BANES Rural Transport Group, of which our parish councillor Brian Edwards is a member, has managed to save the 179 bus service – please see the article on this for more details of the new service being provided by CT Coaches.

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

applications. However, the local plan development has been delayed due to the fallout from the Joint Spatial Plan being rejected by the planning inspectors. This Joint Spatial plan was where BANES Council were working with 3 other local authorities on identifying the key major sites for the new housing that is needed and the associated infrastructure, especially new roads. We await more news and will hopefully be able to report more on this in the next issue.

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.

Also I would like to take this opportunity to give you an early reminder to put the date of the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting in your diary. This will be held on Thursday April 23 7.30 pm at Camerton Community Hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We are especially looking forward at this meeting (and before) to getting ideas from you on how we can spend the gratefully received Community

Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds that we have received. For more information please see the separate article.

As well as this good news about the CIL Funds I have also in this newsletter

shared some personal good news about one of our younger parishioners' achievements. We would welcome any other good news stories from parishioners for future issues.

Got any Ideas for Spending Money?

When new houses are built, the development potentially has an impact on the local community. Therefore in 2008 the government launched The Community Infrastructure Levy to help address this impact. The Community Infrastructure Levy is money developers have to pay to the local council when new houses are built to help deliver infrastructure to support these new developments. When BANES receive this levy from developments they have to give a share of the money to the parish council in which the development takes place. A recent development in the parish has resulted in the parish council now having £3947.09 Community Infrastructure Levy Funds to spend.

This money must be used on infrastructure such as play areas, parks and green spaces, sports facilities, and other community facilities. The levy can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development. It can also be used on anything else that is

concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

If a parish, town or community council **does not spend its levy share within 5 years of receipt**, or does not spend it on initiatives that support the development of the area, the charging authority (i.e. B&NES council) may require it to repay some or all of those funds to the charging authority.

Therefore we do not want the money to just sit there doing nothing with the result that we end up having to give this windfall back. Have you got any ideas for improvements to the parish infrastructure or projects that would help reduce the effect of development in the parish? If so could you please email the clerk on camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Once we have a range of ideas we will carry out more consultation including at next year's Annual Parish Meeting on which is the most popular idea and how we best achieve this with the funds we have available.

UPDATE ON BUS SERVICE 179

Latest news at 7 October 2019

- We have awarded a new contract for bus service 179 to CT Coaches. This will run from 10 November 2019 to 31 August 2020. CT Coaches is a well-established local company, based in Radstock.
- The Monday to Friday service will be extended to start and finish at the Beecham Place development in Midsomer Norton via the town centre. To achieve this, the frequency will be widened to every 2½ hours.
- We regret it is not possible to fund the high cost of restoring an all-day Saturday service from our limited budget for bus service support. So the existing Saturday morning bus from Timsbury to Bath and afternoon return trip will continue.
- We received a good deal of useful information from the passenger surveys earlier this year and we are very grateful to everyone who took the time to comment. The new timetable addresses some of the shortcomings that were identified in the current timetable, such as:
 - Better timetable co-ordination with bus service 768 between Timsbury and Bath
 - Restoration of link to Midsomer Norton town centre
 - Shorter time for shopping at Tesco
 - Earlier first bus to Tesco and Midsomer Norton
 - Earlier morning peak bus to Bath
 - Afternoon peak bus from Bath timed better for schoolchildren
- Some additional features are:
 - Additional morning bus from Timsbury to Bath on 768 at similar time to current 179
 - Additional afternoon peak bus from Bath to Timsbury on 768
 - Ticket inter-availability between services 179 and 768
 - New bus service to the housing development at Beecham Place in Midsomer Norton
- Adult single fares on 179 will, in most cases, be the same as those charged currently by First. Child single fares will rise from half the adult fare to roughly two thirds of the adult fare
- Return fares will be available – except before 0900 Mondays to Fridays – at roughly 1½ times the single fare
- 10-journey tickets will be available for regular travellers, offering a discount of roughly 15% on the price of ten singles
- First's network tickets will no longer be sold or accepted on service 179, but passengers who currently have First season tickets will be able to use them on service 179 **until 30 November 2019 only**. Refunds for paper tickets will be available from the Commercial Officer, First West of England, Easton Road, Bristol, BS5 0DZ. Please provide your name, email and phone number and First will contact you to arrange a refund. If you wish to get a refund for a First mTicket, please email mticket-support@firstgroup.com or call 0330 094 7577
- CT Coaches is not able to accept contactless payments or issue mTickets yet but we hope this functionality will be available in the first half of 2020.
- AvonRider tickets (day or week) will be available from the 179 driver. These are valid on virtually all bus operators' services in the area and are probably the best buy if you are travelling into Bath to catch another bus. For more information, please visit www.travelwest.info/rider.

MIDSOMER NORTON - BATH via Paulton & Timsbury

179

ALSO SHOWS BUSES ON SERVICE 768 BETWEEN TIMSBURY AND BATH

179 from **MIDSOMER NORTON** via Beauchamp Avenue, Fosseyway, Charlton Road, Silver Street, Church Lane, North Road, Station Road, **WELTON**, West Road, Tesco (turn and return), West Road, Phyllis Hill, Winterfield Road, **PAULTON**, Ham Lane, Brittens Hill, Church Street, Hallatrow Road, **HALLATROW**, A39, **HIGH LITTLETON**, **FARMBOROUGH**, The Street, Timsbury Road, **TIMSBURY**, Bloomfield Road, North Road, Hook Hill, Meadgate, Weeksley Lane, Tunley Hill, **TUNLEY**, B3115, Tunley Road, A367, **ODD DOWN**, Wellsway, Wells Road, **BATH CITY CENTRE**, Churchhill Bridge (FORWARD: Broad Quay, Ambury, Corn Street, St James's Parade, Southgate; RETURN: Dorchester Street, Broad Quay), Bus Station.

Mondays to Fridays (not Public Holidays)

Saturdays

Service number	179	768	768	179	179	768	179	179	179
MIDSOMER NORTON, Beauchamp Avenue	0646	....	....	0925	1155	....	1425	1700	....
Midsomer Norton, Town Hall	0651	....	....	0930	1200	....	1430	1705	....
Welton, Long Barnaby	0655	....	....	0934	1204	....	1434	1709	....
Midsomer Norton, Old Mills, Tesco	....	....	....	0938	1208	1253	1438	1713	....
Paulton, Ham Lane, Central Garage	0701	....	....	0944	1214	....	1444	1719	....
Paulton, Hallatrow Road, Paper Lane	0706	....	....	0949	1219	D	1449	1724	....
High Littleton, Church	0710	....	....	0953	1223	....	1453	1728	....
Farmborough, Butchers Arms	0718	....	....	1001	1231	....	1501	1736	....
Timsbury, British Legion	0723	0743*	0941*	1006	1236	1325*	1506	1741	0745
Tunley, King William Inn	0733	0751	0949	1014	1244	1333	1514	1749	0753
Wellsway, Midford Road	0745	C	C	1024	1254	1339*	1524	1759	0803
BATH, Bus Station	0800	0821	1018	1033	1303	1347	1533	1810	0812

Service number	179	768	179	179	768	179	768	179	179
BATH, Bus Station, bay 3	0810	1023	1040	1310	1352	1540	1740	1815	1740
Wellsway, Midford Road	0819	1030*	1049	1319	C	1550	C	1825	1749
Tunley, King William Inn	0828	1037	1058	1328	1414	1601	1802	1836	1758
Timsbury, British Legion	0835	1041*	1105	1335	1418*	1610	1806*	1845	1805
Farmborough, Butchers Arms	0840	....	1110	1340	....	1615	A	1850	....
High Littleton, Church	0848	B	1118	1348	....	1623	....	1858	....
Paulton, Hallatrow Road, Paper Lane	0852	....	1122	1352	....	1627	....	1902	....
Paulton, Ham Lane, Central Garage	0857	....	1127	1357	....	1632	....	1907	....
Midsomer Norton, Old Mills, Tesco	0903	1114	1133	1403	....	1638	....	....	....
Welton, Long Barnaby	0907	....	1137	1407	....	1642	....	1913	....
Midsomer Norton, Town Hall	0911	....	1141	1411	....	1646	....	1917	....
MIDSOMER NORTON, Beauchamp Avenue	0916	....	1146	1416	....	1651	....	1922	....

NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- Notes: *
- A** - continues via South Road and Camerton to Radstock
 - B** - runs via Camerton, Radstock and Midsomer Norton town centre
 - C** - runs via Priston and Englishcombe
 - D** - runs via Midsomer Norton town centre, Radstock and Camerton

Services 179 and 768 are operated by CT Coaches – telephone 01761 431643 or email enquiries@ctcoaches.co.uk. Please contact the operator for information on fares or lost property.

For timetables for all local bus services, please check Traveline at www.travelinesw.com or telephone 0871 200 2233 (calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge). Special timetables may be operated between Christmas and New Year, please refer to Traveline for full information.

English National Concessionary Travel Scheme passes are valid for travel on services 179 and 768 – except before 0900 on Mondays to Fridays.

St Peter's Church



The English are renowned for not always saying quite what they mean. Dressing things up to sound better in order to avoid hurting someone or avoid a confrontation is common to our way of doing things. And when politicians say, "With the greatest of respect" they really mean, "I think you're an idiot" and when someone says, "That's a very brave proposal" they really mean, "You're bonkers."

When God speaks, He always means what he says, and says what he means. The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament says, "In these days God has spoken to us in His son", and every Christmas we celebrate that fact.

In our carol services at Church, we hear God speaking to us about Jesus, His son. St Luke talks about Mary giving birth and naming her son Jesus. St John's Gospel says the same thing but very differently: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

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Both Luke and John have got it right. The baby born to Mary in the manger is also the Lord of creation – the one through whom all things were made. As the early 17th century poet John Donne put it, Jesus, is "Immensity cloistered in thy (Mary's) dear womb." That's the wonder and mystery of Christmas.

Come and celebrate Christmas with us at Camerton Church - at our carol service on Sunday, December 22nd at 3pm, and at our Midnight Mass, which starts at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Every blessing,

Tony.

Good News Stories

In the first of what hopefully will become a regular feature profiling people of the parish with good news stories, here is a feature on local gymnast Willow Hughes.

Willow was born in Camerton in 2006. Being a very active child, she started preschool gymnastics at Baskervilles Bath in 2008.

Willow was picked out by the coaches as a child with potential and asked to join a Beginner Girls Squad in 2010 aged just 4 years old. This was also the year that she started at Camerton Church School, where, because of the focus she had learnt from her gymnastics, education became enjoyable.

Over the next few years at Baskervilles, Willow's determination and commitment took her to the Somerset Squad, followed quickly by the South West Squad.

Although Willow was enjoying her journey through gymnastics, change was imminent and her direction altered when she was asked to join The Academy in Portishead where more experienced coaches were able to further her gymnastics abilities. This culminated with an invitation to join the England Squad due to her excellent results at national competitions earlier this year.

After working over the summer months alongside the other squad members Willow was recently picked to represent England at a competition in Greece which was held last month. Unfortunately this issue went to print before the results are known. Not only did she represent England; she was an ambassador for CAMERTON.

If you would like to share a similar good news story about yourself or any other parishioner (with their consent of course) please send the information to the clerk on camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk. The deadline for the next issue is February 7.



Poppy appeal volunteer collector retires after 47 years

One of our longest serving volunteers, Hilary Sellars from Camerton, has had to retire due to an operation on her knee which is healing well. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Hilary started volunteering way back in **1972**, amazing! When she started collecting door to door around Camerton it wasn't as big as it is now but still a hard job on those wet and cold November evenings. Hilary can remember pushing her two young children and then her grandchildren around in a pushchair when collecting. Hilary told me she loved every minute of it, especially meeting her regulars who had saved up all their pennies ready for her, saying we were expecting you! Also Hilary would collect all the other collectors' boxes and wreaths for Camerton from Timsbury Royal British Legion and return the boxes when full. Hilary has done an amazing job and as a big thank you for her dedication over all those years the Royal British Legion presented Hilary with a framed certificate, a Poppy Brooch from the

Royal British Legion Poppy shop collection and a bouquet of flowers.

Timsbury Royal British Legion would like to thank Hilary and all our collectors, businesses and residents of Camerton who helped to **make a total of £4011.53 in our area, helping to raise nearly £1,000,000 in Somerset and £50,031,805.41 nationwide in 2018.** This is a fantastic achievement by everyone involved and will go a long way to helping many servicemen, women and their families of our armed forces .





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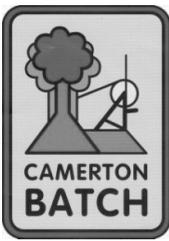
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Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve

TONY FRY

Overall the Batch is in good shape without any of the normal problems. Our concentration has been on surveying tree and shrub overgrowing and to identify any dangerous and damaged trees together with diseased trees especially any with Ash Dieback. We have engaged a forestry consultant to survey the entire Batch and

report back any thinning requirements and the extent of Ash Dieback together with a programme for the felling and thinning for the Batch spread over a two-year programme. We hoped to have the information in time for this edition but unfortunately the report has not yet been delivered.

Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve

Supporters Group



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serve Supporters Group



Members of the Batch Lottery, don't forget December is the big lottery draw of £1000 together with the normal monthly draw of £100. If you're not a member and want to join, please contact Louise Fry on 01761 471280.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Tony Fry

**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

Environmental Enhancement

HEATHER EDWARDS



We are currently awaiting an estimate for some new planters for those that are now considered beyond repair. If this is too expensive we will need to revert to previous arrangements and make up/repair our own. If there are a few people out there who would be prepared to make up a box it would be hugely helpful. We are planning to have the new boxes ready for planting in the Spring.

The state of our footpaths is an issue; can we walk on them? Litter in our hedgerows is also not pleasing to the eye as we drive through Camerton. Both these concerns have been raised to the appropriate authorities so maybe we'll see some changes.

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In the meantime I would express my grateful thanks to those stalwarts who have watered, throughout the Summer, the Truck at The Daglands and the boundary planters at Tunley Hill and the 'D' along the Peasedown Strait. Our village is well worth its appearance especially for those driving through; hopefully it's a good start to their day.

In the meantime I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Heather Edwards 470175

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.



Camerton
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Hall

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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 Autumn 2019 edition's photograph was taken from the New Pit end of the Heritage/New Pit track looking towards Peasedown.



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Neighbourhood Watch

Brian Edwards

Autumn is now truly upon us with dark evenings and days that are grey and not very pleasurable. Of course this weather is beneficial to those that wish to take advantage of our, maybe, lack of awareness of what can happen after dark.

Vehicle Crime

Farrington Gurney – two males were detected on CCTV entering a van; nothing was stolen as the owner had removed all property.

Timsbury, Lansdown Crescent – van broken into, offender forced sliding door open, tools stolen.

Scams

This is becoming the most worrying crime of recent years. Unfortunately it is mostly the elderly that are targeted and who are maybe a little scared of ‘standing up’ to a voice of perhaps convincing authority.

BREXIT SCAM: The word BREXIT is enough to make everyone run for shelter. However, Devon and Cornwall Police have warned of calls referring to the shortage of

medicines and the need to pay in advance to ensure that prescriptions won't be affected. Payment of course will need to be made ‘up-front’; the caller will need to obtain bank details. Police advise this is a SCAM and you should never disclose your bank details over the phone or even on-line.

B&NES Council Trading Standards department has been made aware of three residents being contacted by suspected fraudsters who are claiming to be from Bath Council Safe and Secure or Protect your Home. People contacted are offered home security systems. One resident was offered a wrist band costing £1 along with a quote for floor sensors which would alert the wrist band if there was a flood or fire. Another resident was offered free security equipment and £1 for installation and ongoing maintenance – costs to be agreed!! Both residents said that the caller was extremely convincing. The telephone number provided to the residents does not respond and it is strongly believed that this is a SCAM. An attempt to get bank details or to sign up to an expensive monthly subscription.

Lastly, Nottingham Knockers are on the prowl again. Offering items such as cleaning products which have proven to be substandard and very expensive. The opening gambit is that the caller is an ex prison inmate and is trying to make good his lifestyle.

As always, 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 Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) contact or call the police on 101. If it is serious, dial 999, or you can call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. Similarly, with suspicious phone calls or emails on your computer don't be afraid to put the phone down or delete the email. If they are persistent, again call your local NHW contact or the police on 101.

Well, everybody have a joyous festive season, stay safe and vigilant and I wish you and yours A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A SAFE and HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Brian Edwards 01761 470175



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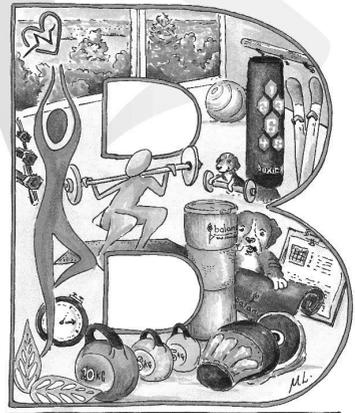
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Avon and Somerset police report

ROB HENDRA

To all our residents in our area: To the young, to the old and the in-between, to the residents who might be thinking “It won’t happen to me.” To the residents who are thinking “It doesn’t happen to me.” Let me tell you this...that right now burglars may be active in our area. I say this reservedly as I don’t want you to panic but I do want you to read this line afresh and make changes to your security to prevent yourselves becoming a victim of crime. Often simple steps can make a vast difference to protecting your property. Speak to your local beat team or take a few moments to visit the Avon & Somerset Police website for more advice. Take positive steps to protect your property starting today to ensure that you are not another victim.

Incidents have recently been reported where criminals have targeted sheds and garages and stolen a number of bicycles, meat from an exterior freezer and tools.

Investigations have identified entry has been gained through force, using bolt croppers and the

removal of screws, and have taken place in the late evening or overnight.

Officers are investigating a number of leads and members of the public are asked to get in touch if they have any information which can help with the investigation.

Residents are encouraged to take note of the following burglary crime prevention advice, particularly regarding securing bicycles in sheds and garages:

- Sheds are easy targets for burglars – consider what valuables you are happy to store in a shed, including your bicycles.
- If removal of valuables isn’t possible, ensure they are kept in a secure outbuilding such as an alarmed and locked shed or garage. Increase the quality of locks and/or frames if required.
- Lock your bicycles to something immovable like a wall, the floor or double lock your bikes using two quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock.

Get your bikes security marked and registered at **BikeRegister** and **Immobilise**.

- Keep entrances to your property easily visible by ensuring nearby hedges and trees are well maintained. Plant spiky bushes in vulnerable areas ensuring that easy access is reduced (and these are also good for the environment and nature)
- Ensure any side gates are securely locked to prevent unwanted access to the rear of your property.

- Where possible install a visual burglar alarm and an outside security light, ideally one of which is sensor-activated, which will alert you to persons coming onto your property.

Consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme (or starting one in conjunction with your local beat team if there is not one already in place).

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BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club (CPCC)

Turning to Croquet

Over the past few months Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club (CPCC) has welcomed many visitors. Some were having their first 'experience', others wanted to return to this fascinating sport. One thing was clear – whether our visitors were new or experienced croquet players, everyone enjoyed themselves – many asked about membership of the club.

Ladies from Branches of the Somerset W.I. enjoyed a series of competitive games, whilst beginners, after a short period of coaching, had their own experience. The sun shone, the grass was green and cream teas were served. It all got the 'thumbs up' and they have already booked for next year

CPCC has entertained two of our local Rotary Clubs – Frome and Radstock. For many it was a return visit, for others, it was a first time to CPCC. For both clubs it was a warm sunny evening and, after a welcoming Pimms, the competition between the returning players soon got going, whilst beginners were introduced to croquet by CPCC's experienced



coaches before they took part in their own hard fought games. Then, as the sun sank in the West it was time for a Buffet meal – much appreciated by everyone.

Croquet must have got under people's skin for, after the meal and in the twilight, many of our visitors played again until 'light stopped play'.

The facilities at CPCC are some of the best in the area – that's why they host many Regional and National Competitions. In the autumn, players from many other clubs travelled to us to take part in CPCC's Open Doubles competition.

If you are looking for a sport with a strong social side – a sport where anyone can take part – a sport for players of all skill levels – where men and women play on equal terms – then why not contact Mo Boys on 012225 708540 to arrange your own 'experience'.

Somer Valley Ramblers

Are you looking for a smallish walking group to join? We are a friendly, happy group that love to walk.

We have had some really lovely walks this year, and now, as we approach winter, we look forward to wrapping up warm and walking in the colder weather, when sometimes we can get some beautiful sunny days despite the time of year.

Whatever the weather, walking is a great way of seeing the countryside, making new friends and getting exercise.

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

We walk nearly every Sunday and the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the month.

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.

www.somervalleyramblers.org.uk



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Radstock Museum

Review of the Museum Café in 2019

Throughout the year, local residents have been meeting monthly and have successfully established 2 new Café sessions. The first to start, back in March, was 'Back In The Day' - a get-together themed on local history and common pastimes of earlier years. School days, shopping, music, sport and playtime have all been great talking-points and the café has gone from strength to strength with new friends made and great objects brought along as talking points. Our second venture, supported by Alzheimer's UK and the BANES Carers Centre, was a Memory Café to use our heritage environment (and quiet out-of-hours' time) to host and enjoy the company of people living with memory loss and their carers. Again, we have been lucky to have a great amount of interest, support and many returning visitors each month and we are delighted to be able to offer this provision in Radstock. Sometimes it's just chat time, at other times music, photos, familiar object handling and crafts: it's lots of fun with lovely people!



Both cafes are set to start again after our winter closure: 'Back In the Day' returns on the first Friday of each month, starting from February 7th (1030-12noon) and the Memory Café is on the third Friday of each month, starting on February 21st. We also hope to create further sessions, so if you would like to be involved please contact events@radstockmuseum.co.uk or phone 01761 437722.

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.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

After the summer break, Dunkerton WI commenced the autumn season with a fascinating talk about the young Queen Victoria given by Susan Symons, whose interest was sparked many years ago by finding a photograph of the Queen in an attic. This led to a lifelong thirst to discover as much about her life as she could find and she has written several books about her life and that of her extended German family.

Although there was no meeting in August, some members enjoyed visits to the Cleveland Baths in Bath and a riverside walk that finished with lunch at Mells.

We were delighted that our new banner, worked by several members who attend the monthly craft club, won first prize in the embroidery class at the Dunkerton Horticulture and Produce Show.

OCTOBER MEETING

As the nights are drawing in, Dunkerton WI celebrated the start of autumn with its annual Harvest supper. We started as usual with the traditional singing of Jerusalem followed by our agenda, which included news of the federation AGM at Weston-super-Mare where we were so pleased to be presented with a runner up certificate in the federation darts competition. There were also reports of an enjoyable, interesting trip to SS Great Britain and news of our September walk around Hallatrow and Temple Cloud that finished with lunch at the Old Station Pub. Forthcoming events include a trip to the BBC, the Federation Carol Concert at St Peter's Church Camerton on 6th December and plans for our Christmas meal at the Ring o' Bells in Priston. Following the business we all enjoyed an excellent ploughman's supper followed by delicious desserts, all eaten in the most convivial atmosphere.

Midsomer Norton & Radstock Community

The Community Minibus is still running around the area, helping members of the community to get to their clubs, etc.

If you are a group of people who would like to get to Lunch clubs, Church outings, etc. and find difficulty in getting from A to B, then why not contact our Co-ordinator

and enquire if the Minibus would be suitable for your needs? Don't miss out on events around the area because you can't get to them!

If you would like to know more, would like to use the Minibus, or perhaps become a volunteer driver, contact us!

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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

Cam Valley Wildlife Group

Website: cvwg.org.uk

Events Programme for December 2019 - February 2020

Goosard reserve workdays – usually on last Saturday of each month – Please contact Roger on 01761 419778 for info.

Thursday 12 December 2019

12 noon. Christmas lunch at Swallow Community Café in Radstock

Menu choice & full payment will be needed with booking.

Wednesday 8 January 2020

Botany drinks 7-9pm at Palladium Electric in Midsomer Norton (the Wetherspoons pub in the High St). A chance for Botany Walkers to socialise over the winter months. All welcome.

Wednesday 5 February 2020

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Wednesday 19 February 2020

7.30pm Talk: Re-wilding

by Stephen Parker of Natural England

A controversial topic, which will be illustrated with examples from both Britain and Europe, such as reintroduction of beavers.

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

At SWALLOW – see directions below

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 or text Judy on 07460 278311.



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Dates for your diary

Thu 5 Dec, 7.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
Sat 7 Dec, 11 am-4 pm	Christmas Fayre, Radstock Museum - the perfect place for special Christmas gift-shopping.
Tue 10 Dec, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Thu 19 Dec, 7.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
Sun 22 Dec, 3pm	Carol Service, St Peter's Church
Tue 24 Dec, 11.30pm	Midnight Mass, St Peter's Church
Thu 2 Jan, 7.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
Fri 10 Jan, 7pm	Winter Talk "The view from the Wings", Camerton Community Hall
Tue 14 Jan, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Wed 15 Jan, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Thu 16 Jan, 7.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
Thu 6 Feb, 7.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
Tue 11 Feb, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Wed 19 Feb, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Thu 20 Feb, 7.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm

Deadline for the next issue is 7 February.

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