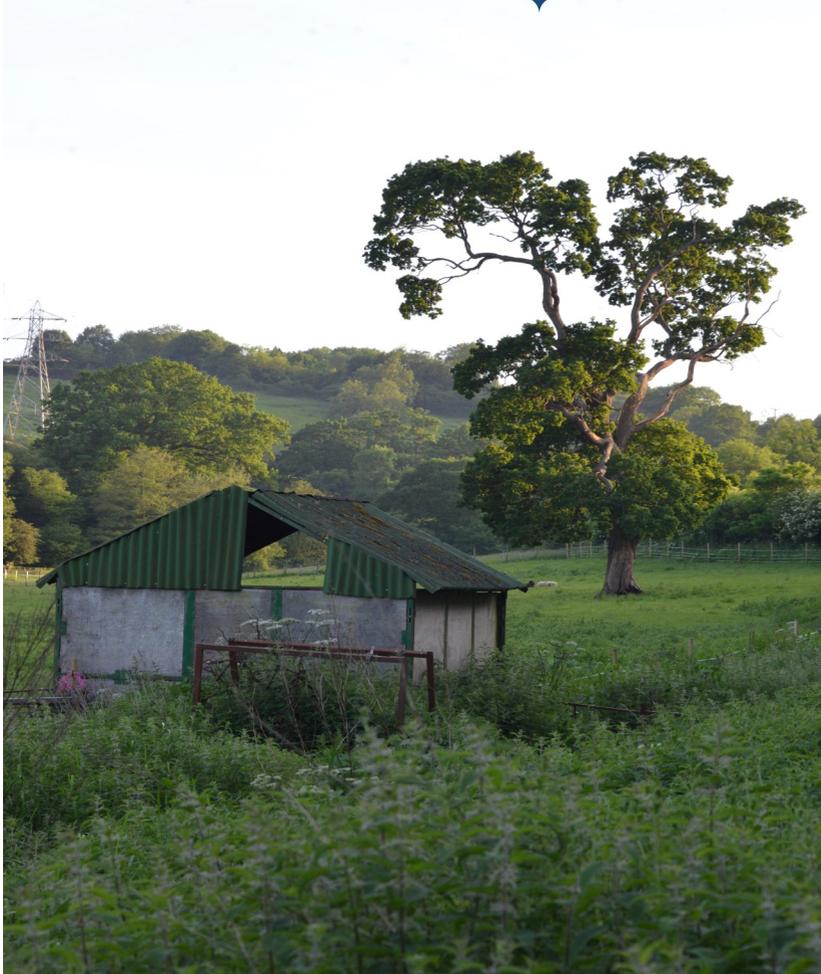


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Editor's letter

ARWEN ROSS

Summer's gone, in a whirlwind of strawberries and sunshine, sudden thunderstorms and indolent afternoons, friends and family. The days are getting shorter now, and for some of us the routines of school and work are reasserting themselves, while for others now is the time for that long-awaited holiday!

Autumn is as always a time of changes, and it seems there may be some major ones on the horizon in

several key areas of parish life - read on for more news of these.

Summer's gone, but in compensation the apples and blackberries are looking good, the leaves will soon be turning, and Camerton still has plenty going on! So let's wave summer goodbye and turn our faces forward to everything our beautiful region has to offer in this new season.



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Parish Council News

CHRIS TAYLOR

Dear All

Hope you all had a good summer. At the beginning of the summer we heard the great news that the Placemaking Plan has finally been adopted. This alongside the core strategy forms the local plan containing all the planning policies against which planning applications are assessed by BANES. Camerton is featured in the section on rural areas. I cannot believe it's nearly four years since a wonderful team of volunteers helped with this major piece of work. As a result of all this hard work

combined with our collaborative work with BANES there are no proposed housing site allocations within the parish due to landscape, highways and conservation issues that cannot be satisfactorily mitigated. Additionally some of our valued green spaces now have additional protection from development as they have been designated Local Green Spaces. These local green spaces are the Camerton Batch, Coke Oven Copse, Camerton recreation ground at the Hall, the Daglands Play Area and New Pit Batch.



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Now that this local plan is complete BANES are already starting to work on a review. This will involve us again working with BANES on possible housing site assessments but the process should be much less onerous than last time especially as the previous work provides BANES with a lot of useful local information on Camerton parish. When we know more on this work we will let you know.

We are also working with the police on various traffic issues in the parish especially speeding and HGVs ignoring the width restriction through the parish.

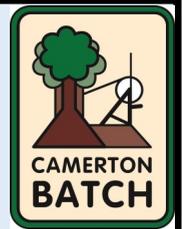
The parish council is also helping with the hall by making a financial contribution towards essential maintenance. This contribution would not have been feasible if it wasn't for all the wonderful work being undertaken by the new committee thereby providing the parish council with the confidence to make these funds available to help secure the future of this wonderful community asset.

Also many congratulations to Councillor Carl Sangan and his wife Caroline on the birth of their son Maxwell.

Now to sad news unfortunately. Earlier in the summer Norman Swain, a former long serving parish councillor, died. Our condolences go to Valerie and the rest of his family.

The other sad news concerns the school. Following the drop in pupil numbers to seven the school is no longer viable. Therefore the existing pupils will be attending school at Shoscombe with BANES holding a public consultation on the future of the school commencing about the time you receive this newsletter. If the consultation ends with a decision to shut the school it will close at the end of the summer term in July 2018.

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.

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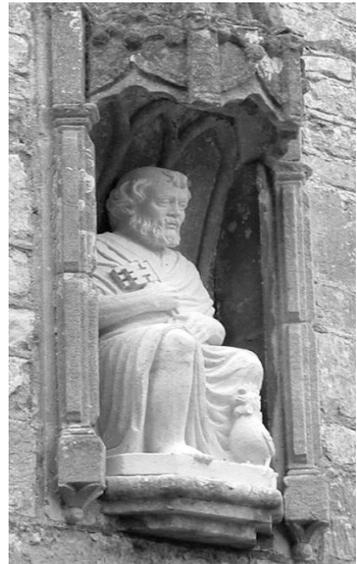
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St Peter's Church

Revd GORDON RIPLEY

“Some of you will know that my next birthday has a zero in it – I shall be 70. When I was interviewed for the post here in Camerton in 2010 one of the questions I was asked was ‘If you are appointed here, how long do you propose to stay?’ My reply was that I would stay, at least, until I was 70 so long as our health remained good.

As some of you are aware both Sylvia and I have had periods of serious illness in recent years. This has left us both with ongoing reduced energy



levels. After much time spent in prayer we have informed the Bishop of Bath and Wells of our intention to retire at the end of October. My last service will be at St Peter's at 9.30am on Sunday 29th October.

When I applied for the post here, we didn't even know where Camerton and Dunkerton were, but were, none the less, convinced of God's call to be here, to serve the churches and the people of these parishes. When we found out how to get here we were wonderfully surprised!

Although there have been some challenging times, we've been very happy here and have much for which to thank God as we look back on our time living in Camerton and serving in this Benefice.

I'm especially grateful for the friendship and stimulus of working with some wonderful people, and for

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their love, prayers, support and encouragement – not least in our times of illness.

It has been a great privilege to live and work among you in such beautiful surroundings. We have received so much from every one of you and thank the good Lord for that privilege of being here. May God bless you all.”

Sylvia and I will be moving to live in Gloucester on our retirement.

Wishing you all God’s blessing,

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Gordon

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Community Engagement

CLLR CLIVE TURNER

Thank you to the couple who continue to walk and check the 20 miles of parish Public Rights of Way (PROW), a very necessary and useful contribution to the parish.

Also a thank you to all those who, on seeing any litter, just pick it up and take it home. It may not seem much, but these community spirited actions make all the difference for the benefit of the rest of us.

Please remember that if there are any issues / ideas which you want to share

with the parish council please do not hesitate to contact us on www.camertonparishcouncil.co.uk

Much of the focus on Community Engagement for the past 3 months has been spent on getting the Community Hall refurbished/refitted and planning the Summer Fete. This was a first for me, and I now have the greatest respect to all those who put on village fetes around the country; the amount of planning, logistics, manpower and hope (not least for decent weather) that goes into such events is phenomenal.

We all learned a lot, and as such, now we have all regained our breath, the enthusiasm to do it all again next year is definitely there, albeit with some changes and new ideas. So if anyone would like to get involved in any way with helping out with any of the upcoming events, or just generally in helping to maintain the upkeep of the hall, please do not hesitate to sign up on the website as a Friend of the hall www.camertoncommunityhall.co.uk or contact me direct on crt284244@gmail.com

Look out for the upcoming programme of Hall Events which will be coming out in the autumn, but in the meantime if you have any particular events you would like to see held in YOUR Community Hall please do not hesitate to contact us as shown above.

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Camerton Village Fete 2017

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It was a great success for the committee as they achieved what they set out to do, which was to provide an event that would bring the community together and showcase the Hall, which had been in danger of closing earlier in the year.

There was great local support from Camerton, the neighbouring villages and afar; the cars kept coming in all the afternoon.

The afternoon got off to a rousing start with music performed by the excellent Midsomer Norton and Radstock Silver Band. This was followed by a display by young members of the Midsomer Norton Judo team, which was very entertaining for the large crowd. The Avon Dance Academy rounded off the displays; their performances were fault free and all credit must go to them and their teacher, Janine Veale.

Another big attraction was the parrots, with everyone wanting to have them on their shoulders for photos. The birds had been rescued by the UK Parrot Rescue Society and they all looked in fine fettle.

There was horse riding (thanks to Lyn), a coconut shy, skittles, ice cream, hot dogs, hog roast, tea and cakes and lots more.

The committee would like to thank the many local companies and people who provided raffle prizes and donations which ensured the event was very successful. We would also like to thank Pippa, who organised the Dog Show, the Gould brothers, who supplied the vintage cars, and everyone else who helped or contributed in whatever way.

The Fete was a great success and even the weather was kind. Thanks to all the hard work and the support of those who came and took part, just over £1,000 was raised towards the upgrading of the Hall.

Environmental Enhancement

HEATHER EDWARDS

Hello everybody, do you know we now have upwards of 50 purple pansy planters throughout the Parish? The majority of these being planted and maintained by residents living close by. It is not a difficult or time-consuming task, but many thanks go to those parishioners. The planters hugely enhance our surroundings and make Camerton a more attractive place in which to live.

During the past 5 years, between June and September Brian and I have watered planters at Meadgate, the 'D', the Daglands and Tunley Hill. Unfortunately for various reasons - mostly relating to age - we are finding this difficult now.

Although I am content to continue planting, weeding and feeding these displays I am hoping that some residents will agree to help with occasional watering of a display near to them between June and September, or maybe sharing this task with a neighbour.

If you enjoy seeing the floral displays throughout the Parish, would like this to continue, and feel you could help by taking on the care of one display, please contact me. I would also appreciate some feedback on our displays and/or your suggestions.

As always a huge thank you to those who already help by watering and planting – some of the begonias planted this summer are looking really lovely.

Finally, for those who will be planting boxes for the autumn, colours are yellow, purple and white.

Thank You All

Heather Edwards 470175

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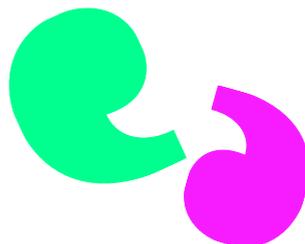
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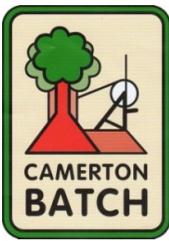
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Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve

TONY FRY

There has been little activity on the Batch over the summer period other than to maintain a watching brief to ensure that the infrastructure of the nature reserve is being maintained and all is well with both the woodland and animal population. All is fine, other than the eastern steps, which we have had to close to public use due to the damage caused during the felling operations. Notices to this effect have been posted at both the Red Hill and Bridge Place Road entrances and at the top and bottom of the steps location.

With respect to the eastern steps replacement we have obtained a rough estimate for the repair work which is in excess of £2000. We do not have sufficient funds in our financial reserves to cover this cost and are now looking at ways to obtain them. This includes making applications to various appropriate bodies. To date we have been awarded a grant of £350, so there is still a long way to go. We are still trying to find a buyer for the felled timber, the sale of which will help considerably to fund the steps construction.

Work has commenced on the Red Hill entrance and information centre. This involves cutting back the surrounding hedgerow, restoring the noticeboards and information centre, cleaning off the pit head, repainting the Miner statue and cutting the grassed areas when the wild flowers have finished flowering. Work is also planned on cutting back the edges of the footpaths where they are overgrown, this is especially evident in the bottom area from the large beech tree to the Bridge Place Road exit.

It is with regret that we have to say goodbye to committee members David and Liz Fearn, who have moved away from the Parish. We thank them for their considerable contribution involving all aspects of the Batch management and the work involved, especially the hands-on planting, coppicing, strimming and general maintenance of the footpaths and steps. We wish them good fortune in their new home.

With David and Liz gone, this has created a two-person hole in the management committee, so if there is anybody out there who would like to help manage

serve Supporters Group



the Batch, which is designated a Local Nature Reserve and one of Camerton Parish's most valuable assets, then please contact me on 01761 471280, or

e-mail anthony.fry3@btinternet.com or any committee member.

Tony Fry



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 2017 edition's photograph was the corner of an old building at the end of the Heritage to New Pit track. The first correct entry received was from Nick and Julieann Biggs.



Neighbourhood Watch

Brian Edwards

Gosh as I'm writing this item for the Autumn Newsletter we are well into August and summer is disappearing fast, or has it disappeared already? Let's hope we get a warm and dry autumn. Talking about disappearing, how about this from one of the latest Police reports: –

Theft of vehicle number plates - Unknown offenders stole front and rear number plates from a vehicle. The owner was not aware of the missing plates until a vehicle bearing these plates was involved in a burglary at a Petrol Station in Yate and Police were knocking on his door. Police have advised to ensure your vehicle plates are visible and as secure as possible.

Telephone Fraud – Numerous attempts to defraud elderly and vulnerable people have taken place recently in the Bath area. A man claiming to be a police officer has telephoned from a withheld number using a variety of different stories, all with the intent to steal money. A common story is that police are investigating a bank employee and ask people to withdraw cash, so that it can be checked; a courier appears later to collect the cash. Another story used is that someone has been arrested and is discovered to have the resident's bank and credit card details; this then requires people to reveal their card and bank

details. The fraudster claims to be Detective Constable Tom Grant and is very convincing. Although these offences have occurred in Bath, because the contact is made by telephone the offender can easily move on to target other areas.

This statement has been repeated many times – DO NOT GIVE ANY FINANCIAL OR PERSONAL DETAILS TO ANYONE ON THE PHONE. Contact the police if you receive such a call.

Timsbury - Theft from vehicle – Unknown persons gained access to a van parked in Newmans Lane, tools were stolen.

If you are concerned or see anything suspicious please call a neighbour, your local Neighbourhood Watch contact or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111, or the police on 101. If it's serious, dial 999.

Stay safe and enjoy your Autumn.

Brian Edwards 470175

CAMERTON RAILWAY EVENT

Camerton Local History Group is hosting their very own 'Camerton Railway Event' at the Camerton Community Hall, Friday 6 October, 7.00 pm.



The members of the local history group are busy preparing an exhibition of old photographs and useful information,

also gathering some wonderful artefacts from Camerton's old railway station line.

We have a very special guest speaker, Mr Colin Maggs, who will be giving a talk on the old Camerton Railway branch and will be available to answer any questions after his talk.

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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

Meeting Reports

JUNE 2017

Our speaker was author Linda Dowsett. Since sadly losing her husband Linda has devoted her time to raising money for her late husband's favourite charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. She has been so successful in raising money through her talks and auctions that she has

been instrumental in providing guide dogs Gordon (named after her late husband), Jim and Rosie. She has met the recipients of the dogs and receives regular updates on their progress. So this explains how she came to give us the most amusing and entertaining account of her holiday cruising the Nile. She related many anecdotes including the bags of sweets given out to street children and the amorous attention she received from the locals, hence the name of the talk, Love on the Nile. After the talk several future activities were discussed including a Walk and Lunch, meeting at Connie's in Timsbury and a Croquet Taster Day at Peasedown Cricket and Croquet Club (to include a cream tea). Viv took a Craft Stall to Dunkerton Fair which was a splendid success. It was reported that at the AGM in Liverpool the Resolutions regarding the Campaign to end Loneliness and Plastic Soup were both carried.

JULY 2017

Dunkerton WI met at North Hill Farm, home of one of its members. Numbers were depleted as members were either on holiday or had other commitments. For those

who braved the inclement weather, a supper of hot-dogs and homemade cake combined with convivial company was their reward. Due to the elements Marilyn had to forego the garden and opened one of her barns for the occasion. A Bring and Buy sale was well supported. Business was kept to a minimum. Hopefully two teams will

be attending the Federation Quiz at Tunley on 13th October, two members are going to see the War Horse Puppeteers and hopefully three ladies will be attending the AGM in Filton on 28th September.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 12th September.





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Officers seized them from a van in July after it was stopped on the A4 at Twerton Turnpike, Bath.

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Do you recognise this property?





The stolen items include: a Hilti DD100D, DeWalt and Hitachi circular saws, Makita battery charger, cordless circular saw, drills and jigsaw and a Rothenberger RP50S pressure testing pump.

Police say there has been a recent increase in thefts of tools from vans and urge tradespeople to permanently mark their property to make it identifiable and empty their vans overnight if possible.

They also recommend:

- registering power tools with the national property database www.immobilise.com
- installing an anchored, secure storage cage or box inside the vehicle
- setting the alarm as well as locking the van
- parking it with the back doors against a wall or another vehicle to make access more difficult



Anyone who can prove ownership of the items, or who has any other information which could identify the owners, is asked to get in touch online or by calling 101, quoting reference 5217152862.

News from your Neighbourhood Beat Team

Thankfully the parish of Camerton has been quiet in the last 3 months. I am sure that many of you were aware of the issues around the 5 calls that the police received from residents of Camerton. We want all our communities to be safe and feel safe and thankfully all of the calls had positive outcomes.

Whilst that number is low and commendable we must also not become complacent. There are criminals out there looking to commit crime in our neighbourhood. Be vigilant, be aware and above all look out for each other. There may be a vulnerable neighbour who needs your help. Too often we read about the victims of elaborate scams that occur in many different forms. Visit the Avon and Somerset police website for more advice about how not to become a victim.

Make sure you get your property marked and recorded on Immobilise.com (a data storage website that is an excellent resource for police and residents). It is full of

crime prevention advice and security gadgets that you can buy. The best part of Immobilise is that it's FREE and it only takes a few minutes to set up a free account.

We are also working with the Parish Council and BANES highways regarding the issues of speeding in the area (particularly on Skinners Hill) and the width restriction near to the School.



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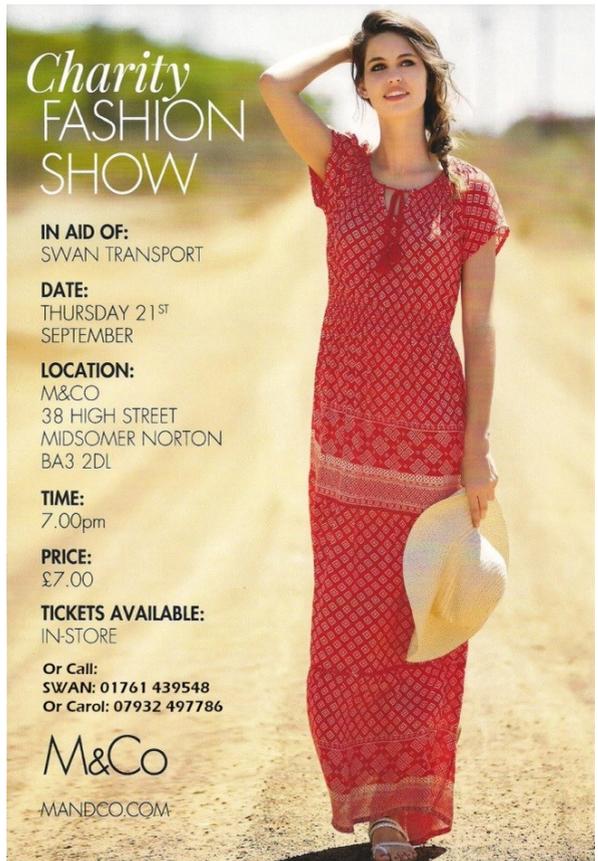
Come along for an enjoyable evening at our upcoming Fashion Show in aid of Swan Transport. The M&Co store in Midsomer Norton has kindly offered to be our host and the event will take place on Thursday 21st September at 7.00pm.

The models will be of various ages and sizes and will showcase M&Co's range of clothing which will include men's, ladies and children's wear.

Refreshments are included in the cost of the evening and clothes will be available at a 10% discount which will last for a week. You can even order online with the discount during this period!

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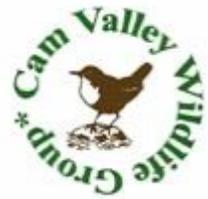
Cam Valley Wildlife Group Event

Wednesday 18 October 2017 - 7.30pm

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7.30pm refreshments. Talk at 8pm.

Venue: 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 300yards 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!

CAMERTON COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERSHIP

FREE to all Parishioners 18 years and over

Benefits:

10% discount on Hall Bookings

Special Discount on Hall Organised Events

Regular event updates

FRIENDS OF THE HALL

Want to help out occasionally, but don't want the commitment? Then why not become a Friend of the Hall and help when it suits you?....No commitment.

Contact: Heather on 01761 470175

Children's Hospice SW News

This year is the 10th anniversary of the opening of Charlton Farm, Wraxall, which cares for the whole family of children with a life limiting condition.

“This is not a place that concentrates on death but rather on making the most of life, however short.”

Eddie Farwell and his late wife founded the charity in 1991, inspired by the care two of their children received at Helen House Hospice in Oxford. It was around 4 hours from their home in Devon and, at the time, the only hospice for children in the world. They wanted to bring the service they had received to their own region. 1995 saw the opening of Little Bridge House in North Devon, Charlton Farm followed in 2007 and Little Harbour in Cornwall in 2012.

The hospices do all they can to help make the most of every moment a very sick child and their family has. That includes providing one-to-one specialist care, having fun times through play, music, outings and crafts. They never close and are there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for whenever families need them. The Hospice provides short breaks, end of life care, whole family care, bereavement support for as long as it is needed, sibling support and emergency care.

To help raise funds for CHSW a **Craft Fair** will take place at **Camerton Community Hall** on **Saturday 11 November 10 am –1 pm**; a good opportunity to get something different as Christmas gifts.



- A. Lewis -
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Radstock Museum Events and Talks

15th September: FREE talk by local historian Dennis Chedgy in connection with the Somer Valley Walking Festival: An illustrated talk on the heritage of the Somerset Coalfield and its social life. 7:30-8:30pm VENUE: RADSTOCK MUSEUM limited places: to book call Miranda on 01761 437722.

3rd October: Bygone Days Talk by local railway expert Andrew Linham: COAL AND TRANSPORT (roads, rail and canal) 7:30pm VENUE: SOMER CENTRE, Midsomer Norton (small charge).

21st October: Killen's 'Trash or Treasure' Day. 9am-5pm VENUE: SOMER CENTRE, Midsomer Norton. Professional Valuers will be on hand to give you a valuation on your items (for £1 per item for a valuation). They will then advise if your item can be sold in Killen's auctions should you wish to sell. Visit www.radstockmuseum.co.uk for details nearer the time.

7th November: Bygone Days Talk by local artist Robert Jones, famous for the lovely cards on sale in shops around the area: How to go about painting local historical scenes 7:30pm VENUE: SOMER CENTRE, Midsomer Norton (small charge).

SCIENCE IN RADSTOCK TALKS:

Autumn Programme in brief

19th September: 'Current research into light emitting diodes'. Duncan Allsop, Reader in Electronic Engineering, University of Bath. VENUE: RADSTOCK WORKING MEN'S CLUB. 7:30pm (small charge).

17th October: 'Exploring Giant Waves in the Atmosphere over the Mountains of the Andes, Antarctica and the Islands of the Southern Ocean'. Prof Nick Mitchell, University of Bath. VENUE: RADSTOCK WORKING MEN'S CLUB. 7:30pm (small charge).

21st November: 'The world through children's senses: Why kids experience the world differently, and why this matters'. Karin Petrini, University of Bath. VENUE: RADSTOCK WORKING MEN'S CLUB. 7:30pm (small charge).

23rd October: FREE Annual Family Fossil Hunt. Meet at Radstock Miners' Wheel. Time to be confirmed. For more details go to www.radstockmuseum.co.uk nearer the event.

October Half Term At Radstock Museum: FREE Children's activity day. Day, time and topic to be confirmed. Details on www.radstockmuseum.co.uk nearer the time.

24th November: Quiz Night raising funds for Radstock Museum. VENUE: RADSTOCK WORKING MEN'S CLUB. 7pm for 7:30pm start. Details on www.radstockmuseum.co.uk nearer the time.

2nd December: Christmas Fair at Radstock Museum. Lots of stalls and festive music, 10am-4pm.

Our Autumn Exhibition is "The Way We Lived Then": The History of Westfield 1860-2017. This will be the next in the Village Histories series of exhibitions about our local communities past and present. Opening on 18th September, runs until 29th November.



The fifth in the museum's series on Communities and Villages; the Westfield councillors and volunteers have pulled together the many threads in its long history, which stretch from the Romans' building of the Fosse Way through the quiet years of agriculture to the explosion of coal mining which supported varied minor industries, to today's flourishing small businesses and entrepreneurship.

All these endeavours have been supported by the active Church and Chapels in the area and latterly by the development of outstanding educational institutions. Not forgetting the personal stories of Westfield folk who made this a community of which they can be proud.

The exhibition will tell the stories and illustrate these endeavours. Memories will be stirred by the interesting pictures and artefacts the group have amassed. An exhibition not to be missed.

All our tickets are annual and include a voucher for 20% off a meal for a group of up to 6 people at the Radstock Hotel valid for a year. Annual tickets cost £6 adult £5 concession £2.50 children £13 family (2 adults and up to 3 children).

Your rubbish collection is changing from 6 November



Look out for your new wheeled bin or re-usable rubbish bag delivered to your home between 25 September and early November.

Preparations are moving forward for the new service.

What is changing and why?

From 6 November B&NES council will be collecting rubbish every other week in wheeled bins or re-usable bags for the majority of residents. Recycling, including food waste will continue to be collected weekly. The chargeable garden waste collections will remain every other week. The changes will help to keep the streets cleaner, increase recycling and make the services more affordable.

Find out your container allocation

In March B&NES Council sent a letter out with the Council Tax bill to let you know what container you had been allocated. To check your allocation, enter your address at www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycle or contact Council Connect.

If you have a query with your allocation please contact Council Connect. Where households have 2 or more children in nappies, 6 or more people in their household or a clear medical need they

may be able to apply for a larger bin.

If you need to change your allocation, please contact Council Connect on 01225 394000. They will talk through your needs, and then if appropriate pass on your request for change of container. B&NES Council will contact you to let you know the outcome of your request. In the meantime, your original allocated container will be delivered to you before the start of the new collection as it will be too late to prevent this happening. If we have agreed to issue an alternative container, we will arrange to replace your original with your changed container.

What happens next?

- Week beginning 28 August – Royal Mail will deliver a leaflet to you giving you more information about the new service
- From 25 September to early November– we will deliver the wheeled bins/re-usable rubbish bags to 78,000 households. The bins will be delivered to the front edge of your property or your re-usable rubbish bag will be delivered to your door.

Please

- **do not put out your new bin/bag for collection until 6 November**
- continue to put out your rubbish as you normally do until the new collection starts
- put out your rubbish for collection in your new bin/bag on your correct collection day from 6 November

Your bin/bag will be delivered with a **welcome pack** which will include further information about the new collection service including:

- How to use your new bin/bag collection
- Right day, right week collection calendar for 2017-18 – please check carefully as your collection day may have changed, so it's even more important to make sure your recycling and rubbish is out by **7am**. You can sign up now for text message reminders of when your new collection is due. Text your postcode to 07520 631700
- Details of Christmas and New Year changes
- How to make the most of your recycling collections
- 2 stickers to put on your recycling boxes to help you separate your recycling

Getting ready for the new service

- Please make sure you recycle all you can, including your food waste. You can order extra free recycling

containers at www.bathnes.gov.uk/orderacontainer

If you prefer, **from 7 August** you can collect recycling containers at one of the three Recycling Centres, rather than wait for one to be delivered.

- Check our website for the latest updates. Check to see if your query is answered in over 30 FAQs we have on our website www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycle
- Visit one of our roadshows to see the new containers and find out more. Go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/roadshows for details and check on our website to find out where our display wheeled bins are.
- We are promoting re-usable nappies to help reduce waste. We are selling packs of Bambino Mio re-usable nappies for £150 (£100 less than the retail price).
- Resident's packs – we are developing website materials you can download for free to help share messages with neighbours to advise them how to set out their waste etc. The website will explain this further and include a leaflet and tick-card to post to neighbours explaining how to use the service properly.
- Like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/recycleforbathnes to receive updates and tips.

Dates for your diary

Wed 20 Sept, 7.15 pm	Camerton Local History Group, Court Barn. Please contact Julieann on Tel: 01761 479319 in advance of the meeting to confirm your wishes to attend.
Wed 27 Sept, 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Fri 6 Oct, 7.00 pm	Camerton Local History Group 'Camerton Railway Event' at Camerton Community Hall
Wed 1 Nov, 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Sat 11 Nov, 10am–1pm	Craft Fair, Camerton community hall, in aid of CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SW
Wed 15 Nov, 7.15 pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets
Wed 20 Dec, 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Purbeck Holiday Lets

Deadline for the next issue is 10 November.

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