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Editor's letter

ARWEN ROSS

There are two main themes running through this issue. The first is “stay safe” – whether that is by making sure we lock up our car or home properly, driving safely and at a sensible speed, or using the various services available to help us keep warm, dry and safe at home through the winter.

The second theme is “get involved”! Sometimes it can be difficult to find enough people to keep our community assets running. We all have commitments to work, family, friends, and self-care; all vital, but often leaving little time for anything more. And of course, some of us need to receive help before we can even think about helping others.

But if we possibly can, it's also important to support our local services, groups and facilities; otherwise, they can end up disappearing. Also, putting in some time as a volunteer (or even in a paid role – see page 8) can be very rewarding, in terms of both professional experience and personal contacts and friendships.

And if we can't volunteer, we can still get involved by simply turning up and supporting some of our great local groups and events.

Until next time, wishing all our readers peaceful and happy holidays and a happy and healthy New Year!



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Parish Council News

CLLR LLOYD RANDALL

Dear Residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we head into the winter months.

Road Safety

I want to address the recent concerns regarding speeding within our parish. We understand the frustration and worry this issue causes. The Parish Council has been actively working with the local police and Bath & North East Somerset Council to address these concerns.

It's important to note that while the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Camerton Hill has been repaired and reinstalled, it seems that many vehicles are still triggering the device as they pass through the village. This issue highlights the need for a more comprehensive approach to road safety.

The Parish Council cannot address this issue alone. If you are concerned about speeding in our community, we encourage you to contact the following:

Avon and Somerset Police on

[https://
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/
forms/rsr](https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/rsr)

Bath & North East Somerset Council on

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/suggest-long-term-changes-highway>

Your voice matters, and by contacting these organisations directly, you can help to bring about real change.

We'd also like to take a moment to thank our local Community Speedwatch coordinator, Anita Cockwell, who will soon be stepping down. Her dedication and hard work have been invaluable in raising awareness about speeding and advocating for safer roads in our community. We are incredibly grateful for her contributions and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Unfortunately, her departure leaves a significant gap in our community's efforts to address speeding. If you are interested in volunteering for the Community Speedwatch group, please email Anita on

Camertoncommunityspeedwatch@gmail.com

Public Transport

We've also received inquiries about public transport options within the parish. The Parish Council is continuing to work with local B&NES councillors to explore potential solutions; however, sadly there doesn't seem to be any news on the horizon that will bring a regular bus service back through Camerton. While there are currently no immediate plans for a new bus service, we remain committed to advocating for improved public transport options for our residents, and will continue to raise your frustrations and concerns.

Parish Clerk

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Parish Clerk, Kathryn Manchee, for her many years of dedicated service to the Parish Council. She will be stepping down in March 2025, and we are incredibly grateful for her hard work and commitment. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

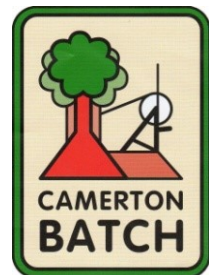
The Parish Council has just started the process of recruiting a new Parish Clerk. For more information please see Page 8.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter season from the Camerton Parish Council.

Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve

The parish council recently met with the Avon Wildlife Trust to discuss how The Batch could contribute to their Pollinator Pathways project. This exciting initiative aims to create a network of wildflower-rich habitats across the region, supporting declining pollinator species such as bees and butterflies. The parish council is excited to explore ways to enhance the Batch's biodiversity and contribute to this important project. We will share more details as they become available.

The parish council has also discussed the repair of the damaged fence near the Red Hill entrance, and plan to start the work here soon. This will not only enhance the site's appearance but also improve its safety along the adjacent footpath at the bottom of Red Hill.



Ward Councillors Report

MATT MCCABE AND FIONA GOURLEY



Camerton Community SpeedWatch News from Ward Cllrs Fiona Gourley and Matt McCabe

After nearly 5 years in the role, Anita Cockwell is stepping down as our Community SpeedWatch Coordinator.

Matt and Fiona met with Anita to hear about the role she has played in keeping the village safe since 2020 and to thank her for her service. Anita regularly volunteers with other residents to measure drivers' speed at weekly sessions.

Alongside other road safety measures, the volunteers are a visible reminder in various locations to drive safely, strengthened by the frequent presence of the Police Road Safety Enforcement Officer. Shockingly, 12.6% of drivers do speed through the village, with top speeds between 30 and 50mph.

Over the past year, the Community SpeedWatch team has monitored over 4650 cars, with 585 over the speed limit. The data is passed back to the Police, who visit and charge excessive speeders and repeat offenders.

Anita is also Administrator and Joint Network Lead of the regional Community SpeedWatch Association, where she liaises with the Chief Inspector, the Police and Crime Commissioner, B&NES Council, and local Community Speed Watch volunteers.

Fiona and Matt said: "After 5 years of service, Anita will be stepping down from the Camerton SpeedWatch Team which will be a great loss to the community. We'd like to thank Anita for all she and the team have done to make Camerton just a little bit safer.

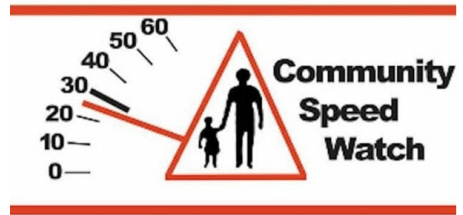
We are now calling on other residents to help out. If you feel you could get involved in this important work, please email Anita at Camertoncommunityspeedwatch@gmail.com. The team are looking for 3-5 more volunteers to help reduce speeding through Camerton. It is only an hour a week, when the weather's nice, with full training and instructions given by the Police. You do get to wear high-vis jackets and wield a speed gun!"

Camerton Community SpeedWatch Group

It is with regret that I have to advise that the **Camerton Community SpeedWatch (CSW) Scheme** will cease to operate as of 1st January 2025.

Our small group of three volunteers has operated weekly roadside CSW sessions for several years but as one is now leaving the village it is no longer viable to operate the scheme with just two. Avon and Somerset Police policies state that roadside sessions can only operate with a minimum of two volunteers; however, this puts enormous pressure on the remaining two to operate the equipment and to record safely and accurately. In addition, this does not provide flexibility for holidays or sickness, so weeks can go by without us being visible out on the roadside. Despite advertising for additional volunteers, I have received no response, so I have no other option now than to cease operations.

Whilst the existing team stand down, the Camerton CSW Scheme can be resurrected at any time provided the Police receive enough successful applications from volunteers.



Should anyone feel that they have time in the future to take up this very worthwhile cause then please contact Avon and Somerset Police on the below link.

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/community-speedwatch/

From myself and my volunteers we would like to express our thanks for the support we have received from pedestrians and passing motorists who understand why and what we are doing in trying to ensure our roads are safe for everyone.

Thank you

Anita

Camerton Community SpeedWatch
Co Ordinator &

Joint B&NES Network Lead.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

As mentioned in the Chair's report, our current clerk Kathryn Manchee will be leaving the role in March 2025, leaving a job opportunity open. Being a clerk is a varied and interesting role which is part time and, apart from some evening meetings, can be undertaken from home.

What does the Clerk to the Council do? They:

- Ensure that the Council conducts its business lawfully;
- Administer all the Council's paperwork;
- Ensure that meeting papers are properly prepared and the public is aware of meeting times;
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- Communicate the Council's decisions;
- Communicate and market the Council's services and facilities;
- Keep property register and other legal documents;
- Keep up to date by training/qualification/experience-based learning.

If you are interested and would like to know more at this early stage in the recruitment process, please contact the current clerk on camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk or 01761 411305, or the Parish Council Chair, Lloyd Randall, on camertonparishchair@gmail.com or 07880 748765.



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BRYN HAWKINS

We are continually reviewing and updating the largest asset in our parish – Camerton Community Hall – to keep it well maintained and presented to a high standard. The latest improvement has been a new advanced audio system with hearing loop to support those wearing hearing aids, as well as improved stage lighting, a new projector and large screen with Bluetooth connection.

The bingo sessions on the first and third Thursday in the month offer very good cash winnings and are drawing a large number of participants who enjoy the evening. By the time you read this, a craft and gift sale and a big band night will have taken place and we hope that all who attended enjoyed the events.

Clive Turner continues to maintain and improve the Colliers' Copse with many new trees planted. We thank him for his continued support.

We are quickly approaching the festive season and once again the hall is holding a Christmas Lunch, 1pm on Sunday 15th December. This year the

cost is £20. Places can be booked by contacting cchallsecretary@gmail.com, or by text or call after 4pm to 07866 112689. Parishioner Dave Mott, our local chef, is kindly preparing another, always superb and plentiful, Christmas lunch and we must thank him for his support and for an event people very much look forward to each year. The Christmas decorations will go up on 8th December at 4pm and we welcome any help.

Our two websites, Camerton Community Hall and Meadgate Weddings, are working well and helping to keep up the numbers of people hiring the hall.

Because all the trustees are volunteers, the hall hire charges have been kept as low as possible to maintain the high levels of hiring experienced over the years.

There is a lot of interest from clubs who want to bring youth and adult football back to the field; we are in the process of looking at the logistics of this.

Finally, and I know you have heard this before; I'm going to say it again because it's becoming a pressing concern. Some of us are getting too old to keep up with the ongoing workload involved in running the hall; we need new people on the

committee. Please, please consider putting yourself forward to keep this wonderful village asset open on into the future.

Bryn Hawkins, Chairman



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Events

Please contact Judy on 07460 278311 or Diana 07581 451805 with any general queries or suggestions for future talks or outings.

Venue for our talks: Radstock

Working Men's Club, which has a large hall, with a large screen. A bar is available in the main part of the club, serving hot and cold drinks. **Please park in the town car park next door** (behind the library). There is a side entrance to the club from the car park. Price £2 for Members & £3 for non-members.

Wednesday 4 December 2023 – AGM

AGM agenda to be confirmed.

Followed by Diana's yearly Wildlife Slideshow

7.30pm for 7.45pm start at the Radstock Working Men's Club; there is a bar for hot and cold drinks.

Saturday 7 December – Goosard Reserve work morning, 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Please contact Jim Crouch on 01761 410731 or by email: jim.crouch@macegroup.com to let him know who is coming so he can plan activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 1 January 2025 – New Years Walk

Details to follow.

Saturday 4 January 2025 – Goosard Reserve work morning, 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Please contact Jim Crouch on 01761 410731 or by email:

jim.crouch@macegroup.com to let him know who is coming so he can plan activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday 26 January 2025 – Trip to WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Meet at 9.30am at Paulton car park for car share or 11.00am at Slimbridge Wetland Centre.

Further information from Diana, 07581 451805.

Saturday 1 February 2025 – Goosard Reserve work morning, 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Please contact Jim Crouch on 01761 410731 or by email:

jim.crouch@macegroup.com to let him know who is coming so he can plan activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 5 February 2025 – Talk by Simon Carder

Simon is a wildlife photographer; he will be showing us his pictures of British wildlife.
7.30pm for 8.00pm start at the Radstock Working Men's Club, there is a bar for hot and cold drinks.

Saturday 8 February – Trip to Ham Wall

Meet in RSPB car park at 3.00pm to go and watch the starling murmuration; wear warm clothes and sturdy footwear. Date may change depending on weather conditions.
Further information from Diana, 07581 451805.

Saturday 1 March 2025 – Goosard Reserve work morning, 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Please contact Jim Crouch on 01761 410731 or by email: jim.crouch@macegroup.com to let him know who is coming so he can plan activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 5 March 2025 – Talk on the Somerset Eel Recovery Project

A member of their team will be coming to talk about their project work.
7.30pm for 8.00pm start at the Radstock Working Men's Club, there is a bar for hot and cold drinks.



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Environmental Enhancement

HEATHER EDWARDS

As I write this item for the Winter Newsletter it's Remembrance Sunday; I've included two photos of flower arrangements in St Peter's Church Camerton which are designed to pay tribute to this occasion.



When I joined the Church Flower Arranging Group several years ago, there were 8 or 9 of us. Unfortunately, due to some members moving away, and others retiring, our numbers are now sadly depleted. If there is anyone in the community who enjoys



flower arranging or would like to give it a try – please contact me. Guidance and advice would be available if required.

You will probably have guessed by now that I am a flower lover; hence my efforts in encouraging/persuading residents to adopt/maintain a purple flower box near them.

Despite the adverse weather conditions during most of this year, we have managed to achieve a very good show with the purple boxes. My thanks as always to all those residents involved.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Heather Edwards 01761 470175

Village Agent

MARIA EDWARDS

Hello from your WERN Village Agent

WERN offers a free and confidential service, providing information about transport, local activities, benefits and more.

Have you heard about Attendance Allowance?

This is a non means-tested, tax-free weekly allowance of up to £108.55 a week for people having difficulty with any of the following:

Getting in and out of the bath/shower, walking up and down the stairs, moving around the house, getting in and out of bed, getting dressed, taking medication.

If any of these apply to you, please request an application pack by phoning 0800 731 0122. Then, contact me and I can help you with the application.

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Maria Edwards

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Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

Seasonal round-up of news from Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club.

As many readers will know, Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club play all versions of the game of croquet on their four splendid, full-size lawns, which overlook the Cam Valley.

In 2024 the Club held introductory 'taster' sessions in the spring and throughout the summer. Anyone can play a game of croquet, even after one session; all you need is a pair of flat shoes, as all the other equipment is included if you attend a beginners session.

In April the Club ran a light-hearted 'One-Ball' competition which raised £175 for the British Heart Foundation. This event is co-ordinated by Croquet England and favours a different charity each year.

Both experienced and relatively new Club members were included in the 7 teams that were entered into the South West Federation

Leagues. This season saw success for the Short croquet team, who won Division 4 of the Federation's Autumn Short croquet tournament, and for the CPCC 'A' handicap team, who won their division for the first time.

A mix of Club singles and doubles tournaments, played at level play and to handicap, were organised through the summer. Finals day on October 14th was a wonderful celebration of the game and 7 trophies were awarded to the winners.

Individual success also came to CPCC players. The pairing of Andy Loakes and Colin Britt placed equal 3rd in the 2024 National Doubles Championship in July. The pair also represented Somerset when they won the Division 1 Inter-County Championship at Southwick in August. Later in August Colin was accepted into the prestigious Croquet England 'Eights' competition, where he won the plate.



On the social side the Club has enjoyed a summer barbeque with 'crazy croquet' challenges, regular Club lunches and Club Quiz Evenings.

Going into winter things change a bit. The lawns are re-configured to allow areas of hard wear to recover; but play goes on with regular Club roll-up sessions and internal tournaments. A FREE taster afternoon will be offered to all-comers on the first Sunday of each month; Jan 5th, Feb 2nd and March 2nd.

Croquet is a very accessible game. It can be played socially or competitively; it gets you out in the fresh air and mixing with other people; it's good for your health and wellbeing. The game uses a combination of skill and tactics (as well as a degree of luck!) and age is no barrier; women and men play on equal terms. Come along and see what all the fun is about; you will be made most welcome.

Please see the Club website (www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk) for more information.

Police News

Following a national trend, BANES has seen an increase in knife crime involving young people. Due to the lasting trauma suffered by those involved in or witnessing such events, the Early Interventions Team (part of the Neighbourhood Policing Team), has been looking at how it can provide support, safeguarding, signposting and relevant referrals at the earliest opportunity.

Following a lot of research and preparation, the Teachable Moments Engagement Car (TMEC) was introduced.

The TMEC pilot started on 26th July, and allows Police Officers to work in partnership with dedicated Outreach Workers from Youth Connect South West (YCSW). Officers work in plain clothes and individuals are not forced to engage.

Sergeant Heather Anderton completed a TMEC shift on Friday 16th August alongside a Senior Outreach Worker, Rob.

First stop, Midsomer Norton Skate Park. Sergeant Anderton and Rob stayed chatting for around half an hour and it was enlightening. Not all of the group were happy to speak to Police, so they went off to another part of the park and that was fine. The few who stayed spoke freely about their experiences with the Police, how safe they do or don't feel in the area, their views on the lack of provision, but also just general chat and shared a few jokes. They were given some advice, and information on upcoming provision. It was a really good, positive engagement.

They then made their way to Keynsham, where they had a walk around the High Street and Memorial Park. On the High Street, they recognised a couple of individuals who are open to the Police due to concerns around the risk of serious violence and exploitation. While initially they were not keen to speak to them, curiosity got the better of them and a full conversation followed.

Sergeant Anderton and Rob then continued with their engagement patrols around Southgate shopping centre in Bath, which was unusually quiet. There were small pockets of children and young people, some of whom were willing to chat to them. They headed off to some other locations around Bath before heading back for the end of their shift.

They were lucky on this shift. There were no serious violence incidents. The primary purpose of the TMEC is to attend in the aftermath of a serious violence incident, when the Police response is scaling down, to provide a 'teachable moment' where Police Officers and Outreach Workers can engage with young individuals who may benefit from additional support when they are likely to be most responsive to it. This in turn can address the gap in service provision around early identification and intervention for vulnerable young people who have not yet been identified by other agencies or services: a 'reachable moment'.

What did Sergeant Anderton get from this shift? She got the benefit of years of experience from Rob, whose primary role is talking to children and young people. Engaging with them on their level. Humanising Police Officers. Building trust and relationships. Offering advice and support. Maybe, just maybe, going some way towards preventing them from following the wrong path.

Will there be success from just one shift? No! However, this pilot scheme is running until March 25th 2025, every Friday between 1400 and 2200. Various locations and crime hotspots across BANES will be visited week on week and Officers from the Early Interventions Team, as well as Neighbourhood Beat Officers, will be working.

We will become familiar faces to those and other children. We will build relationships and improve their trust. We will offer them support, safeguarding, signposting and relevant referrals. We will identify risks at the earliest opportunity.

Neighbourhood Watch

Brian Edwards

Gosh, another year coming to an end! Throughout the last 12 months, I'm glad to report that nothing too serious has occurred, crime-wise, on our patch. That doesn't mean that we can relax our guard: apart from casual opportunist criminals, the day of social media has enabled an increase in fraudulent methods of obtaining personal data and money. The contact by fraudsters is usually made via email or telephone text; a typical example is as described under the heading of SCAMS. We must all keep our wits about us.

Vehicle Crime

Someone stole sunglasses and cash from a car parked on Packhorse Lane in South Stoke. The owner of the car had forgotten to lock the vehicle, allowing easy access to an opportunist thief.

Burglaries

A home on Green Lane in Hinton Charterhouse was burgled while the occupants were away. The offender(s) forced the rear patio doors to enter the property; a large amount of antique jewellery was taken.

CCTV witnessed two males break into a garage at Dunkerton. The offenders cut the bolts from the door to gain entry; tools and a skateboard were taken.

Thieves entered through the back gate to gain access to the rear garden of a home at Ashgrove in Peasedown St John. The offenders broke the padlock on the garden shed and stole a number of hand tools.

Again at Ashgrove in Peasedown St John, a garden shed in a rear garden was broken into and a bright yellow Majo Mountain bike was stolen.

There was an attempt to break into a property on High Street in High Littleton. The offenders used a wheelie bin to reach the first floor bathroom window, which was smashed; no entry to the property was made.

A male and female were caught on CCTV as they tried force entry to a home on The Street in Chew Stoke. The offenders used a crowbar in an attempt to force the front door, causing damage in the process.

Scams

Parking Penalty Charge – Avon and Somerset Police are warning that SCAMS in the form of a text are circulating. The text encourages recipients to click on a link to pay a fictitious parking fine. The link leads to a convincing looking fraudulent website which looks like the official government website. You will be asked to enter your email address, vehicle registration number and card details to make a payment, usually £20. If you receive a text message like this, don't click on the link as fraudsters can steal your personal and financial data to commit identity fraud and take your money away.

Finally – Exceeding the speed limit is also a criminal offence, especially if someone gets injured. The junction with Weekesley Lane at Meadgate, within the 20mph speed limit, is becoming quite notorious of late. There have been 3 vehicle collisions: 3pm on Sunday 3rd November, 7pm on Tuesday 12th November and 10am on Wednesday 13th November. Fortunately nobody was injured on these occasions, but one day ... perish the thought.

As always, if you are in any doubt or see anyone or anything suspicious, call a neighbour or local NHW contact. You could also call the police by dialling 101 (or 999 if it's serious) or you could even contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Stay safe, keep well and look after each other.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Brian Edwards 01761 470175

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Dunkerton WI

Dunkerton WI has raised an impressive £1400 for their 2024 sponsored charity RUHX, the official charity for the Royal United Hospitals. A cheque was presented to Ruby Guymer-Parker, who received it on behalf of RUHX at Dunkerton WI's November Meeting. Funds will go to breast cancer support, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and staff mental health projects. Thanks were extended to all members who baked, preserved, knitted, sewed, planted and grew plants and produce to raise this fantastic sum.

On the same evening, in good time for Christmas, members put their expertise and experience to work on a festive mince-pie blind tasting challenge. Ten supermarket varieties were scrutinised, with the WI experts rating Aldi's Specially Selected All Butter Mince Pies top for overall quality and taste, closely followed by Waitrose's All Butter Mince Pies. Happy Christmas!

Why not come and join us? In addition to fundraising we enjoy talks from invited speakers, walks, trips, crafting and games clubs. Visit our website for more information:

www.dunkertonwi.wordpress.com

Seeking local photographic talent!

Many thanks to the local people who have agreed to let us use their fantastic photos for the newsletter so far! If you have a new photo or something in your archives that you would like to share which showcases our beautiful parish in any season, please contact the Parish Clerk (camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk).

The deadline for the next issue is 7 February.

Somer Valley Ramblers

The Somer Valley Ramblers Autumn/Winter programme is now well under way and as the daylight hours become shorter our forthcoming walks programme reflects that. We are also very pleased that we have now recruited some new walk leaders from our recently joined members, which is encouraging.

The Somer Valley Walking Festival, which was held in early September, was a great success and all of the walks were well supported. This event now has the backing of the “Somer Valley Rediscovered” project and is fully funded by the Local Authority.

Our walks programme was disrupted to a small extent by the wet weather in September and October, although the vast majority of our planned walks went ahead as normal. We also found time to arrange a walk slightly further afield and a group of walkers visited

Goodrich in the Wye Valley for an autumnal walk. Part of the walk went through the Courtfield Estate, which was home to Henry V for the early years of his life, and the walk also ascended Coppett Hill, which is well known as a prominent landmark in the Lower Wye Valley as well as being an excellent viewpoint.

Our Christmas Lunch has been arranged for Wednesday December 18th at the Strode Arms at Cranmore, preceded by a short four and a quarter mile walk. If any reader wishes to join us on that occasion or on any of our walks, full details of all of our activities can be found on our website, somervalleyramblers.org.uk.

Should you wish to join us on any of our walks you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

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Have you served in the military?

Can we help?

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The Timsbury Branch provides support for people in the parish of Timsbury and surrounding areas. If you are looking for advice and support in welfare matters or just for the company of likeminded people, please contact the Branch using the details shown below. We would be very pleased to hear from you and you will be made very welcome.

For membership of the Branch and general information on the work of the RBL, contact Barry Sewell, Branch Chair, on 01761 471685.

For welfare enquiries contact Chris Fiddes, Branch Welfare Officer, on 07923 436950.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Camerton Community Hall

Sunday 15th December 2024

1pm

Traditional Roast Turkey

Roasted turkey breast, chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing,
roasted potatoes, roasted parsnips, buttered carrots, minted peas,
Brussel sprouts, gravy, and cranberry sauce

or

Mushroom and Asparagus Pie (vegetarian)

Roasted potatoes and parsnips, buttered carrots, minted peas,
Brussel sprouts, sage and onion stuffing,
vegetarian gravy, cranberry sauce.

Apple and Mincemeat Pie with Double Cream

Dates for your diary

1st & 3rd Thursdays in the month, from 6.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Doors and Bar open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm.
Tue 10 Dec, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Sun 15 Dec, 1pm	Christmas lunch at Camerton Community Hall. Bookings: cchallsecretary@gmail.com
Wed 18 Dec, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall Meeting Room
Sun 5 Jan, 2 to 4pm	FREE croquet drop-in session for beginners. Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club (CPCC) Club lawns; Whitebrook Lane, Peasedown St John, BA2 8LD. Just turn up with flat shoes.
Tue 14 Jan, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Wed 29 Jan, 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall Meeting Room
Sun 2 Feb, 2 to 4pm	FREE croquet drop-in session for beginners. Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club (CPCC) Club lawns; Whitebrook Lane, Peasedown St John, BA2 8LD. Just turn up with flat shoes.
Tue 11 Feb, 7.15pm	WI Meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre



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