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# A Note on Our Newsletter

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LLOYD RANDALL

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Hi everyone,

I hope you're all enjoying the change of seasons.

You may have noticed that we didn't send out a printed version of our last newsletter. We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused. We experienced some unexpected staff changes and also, unfortunately, lost two of our councillors. These changes made it difficult for us to produce and distribute a physical copy, so we published it on our website instead.

This brings us to a question we'd love your help with: **Do you enjoy the newsletter, and do you actually read it?** We're trying to gauge whether you'd prefer to keep receiving a printed edition or if an online version works better for you.

Your feedback is really important to us as we plan for future editions.

Please let us know your thoughts by using any of the following methods:

- **Email:** You can send your feedback directly to us at [Camertonparishclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:Camertonparishclerk@hotmail.com).
- **Phone/Text/WhatsApp or letter:** Feel free to contact the clerk or chairman; the details are on page 2.

We look forward to hearing from you!

# Competition Time!

## Design Camerton Parish Council's New Logo — Win £100!

Camerton Parish Council is inviting residents of **all ages** to help create a fresh new logo that reflects our village today while nodding to our proud heritage. Our current emblem focuses on mining; for the next chapter, we're looking for something simple, modern and versatile for newsletters, the website, social media and signage.

**Prize: £100.** The prize will go to either the best finished logo **or** the best design idea that inspires the final logo. Shortlisted entries will be celebrated publicly.

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### How to Enter

- **Who can enter:** Open to everyone who lives, studies, works or volunteers in Camerton parish. Single or Group entries (e.g., families, school classes, clubs etc) are welcome.
- **What to submit:**
  - A finished logo **or** a clear concept/idea (sketch, mood board, annotated drawing, or digital mock-up).
  - Please include a short note (up to 100 words) explaining your idea and what it represents.
  - **Format:** PDF, PNG or JPG (max 10MB). Hand-drawn entries are also

welcome — please deliver good-quality scans or originals.

- **Where to send:** Please Email [CamertonParishClerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:CamertonParishClerk@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Deadline:** 31 October 2025

### Competition T&Cs - please

visit [https://  
camertonparishcouncil.co.uk/  
camerton-logo-competition/](https://camertonparishcouncil.co.uk/camerton-logo-competition/)

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### What We're Looking For

- **Simple and memorable** — something that works in both small (social icons) and large formats (banners/signs).
- **Versatile** — clear in colour and black-and-white; avoid tiny detail.
- **Locally rooted** — the logo could reference Camerton's landscape, countryside, community, history, heritage, etc.
- **Original** — your own work; no stock or copied elements.
- **Practical** — ideally include the words *Camerton Parish Council* or an initial-based mark that sits well beside the name. See example to get the creative juices flowing.



### Judging & Next Steps

A panel of councillors and local representatives will shortlist entries. The winning design may be **refined by a designer** (using the winner's input) to

create the final logo. The **£100 prize** will be awarded either to the best completed logo or to the idea that most strongly shapes the final design.

#### Entry / Declaration form

#### Camerton Parish Council Logo

#### Competition Entry Form

- Name of Entrant/Group:

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- Age (if under 18):

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- Contact Address:

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- Phone:

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- Email:

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- School/Organisation (if applicable):

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#### Short Description of your idea (max 100 words):

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#### Please sign this declaration:

I confirm this entry is my/our own work and grant Camerton Parish Council the right to use/adapt it for Council purposes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(For under-18s) Parent/Guardian Consent:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Questions? Contact

camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk

*Let's create a logo that the whole parish can be proud of — we can't wait to see your ideas!*

# Good News About Buses

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CLLR FIONA GOURLEY

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## **1. Bath Park and Rides Opening Hours Extended to 11.30pm and beyond 31 August**

This trial at the three Park & Rides in Odd Down, Newbridge and Lansdown was originally finishing on 31 August but will now be extended. This will help people who want to visit Bath for a night out or work in the evening. For more information visit <https://travelwest.info/park-ride/>.

## **2. New bus to reconnect North East Somerset and Bath**

A new bus service is set to serve towns and villages in North East Somerset from 1 September, thanks to funding from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority for the current financial year.

The 768 will connect Writhlington, Radstock, Clandown, Camerton, Timsbury, Tunley, Priston, Nailwell, Englishcombe, Bear Flat, and Bath City Centre. The villages of Clandown, Camerton, Priston, Nailwell, and Englishcombe do not currently have a bus service.

The new timetabled bus service will use a 16-seat WESTlink-branded bus on weekdays and Saturdays. Alongside this, bookable minibuses will also continue to be available for journeys as part of the wider WESTlink trial.

### **Helen Godwin, the Mayor of the West of England, said:**

*"I know how important bus services are for local people, particularly in more rural areas of our region. Residents of these towns and villages in North East Somerset should see and feel a difference – especially in the five villages which do not currently have a bus service.*

*"I'm looking forward to seeing local people using these buses over the coming months, taking up the new timetabled bus service between Writhlington and Bath.*

*"We want to build the kind of bus service that local people deserve, working with local councils and operators to tackle longstanding challenges, and plan to publish a bus plan for the region towards the end of the year."*

**Councillor Fiona Gourley, Councillor for Bathavon South and Cabinet Project Lead for Sustainable Transport Rural, said:**

*“Residents in the Cam Valley have long been calling for reliable public transport, and I’m delighted that this fixed-route, timetabled WESTlink bus trial will help reconnect our villages with each other and Bath and Radstock. We’ve worked closely with WECA to highlight the needs of our rural communities, and this marks a welcome shift in approach. We hope the success of this trial will pave the way for more frequent and dependable services, enabling rural residents to access education, work, healthcare, leisure, and shopping*

*without relying on cars or neighbours.”*

These buses will be funded using some of the £13.5 million of Bus Grant funding secured from the Department for Transport by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, as part of the WESTlink trial for the current financial year.

The region’s Bus Grant from UK Government also funds the Kids Go Free summer travel offer, which has seen almost 400,000 journeys taken by under 16s across the West (including North Somerset) since 19 July.

For the timetable and route map, see pages 6 and 7 overleaf.



# 768 Bath - Priston - Timsbury - Camerton - Radstock - Writhlington



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**768****Writhlington - Radstock - Camerton - Timsbury - Priston - Bath City Centre**

E-Zec Medical Transport Services

Timetable valid from 31/08/2025 until further notice.

Direction of stops: where shown (eg: W-bound) this is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops

**Mondays to Fridays****Saturdays**

Writhlington, Manor Park (SE-bound)	0930	1145	1450	0930	1145	1450
Radstock, Victoria Hall (Stop A)	0936	1151	1456	0936	1151	1456
Clandown, Eastdown Road (NW-bound)	0940	1155	1500	0940	1155	1500
Camerton, The Daglands (N-bound)	0945	1200	1505	0945	1200	1505
Timsbury, Greenvale Drive (N-bound)	0953	1208	1513	0953	1208	1513
Tunley, Tunley Village (NE-bound)	1003	1218	—	1003	1218	—
Priston, Priston School (N-bound)	1010	1225	—	1010	1225	—
Nailwell, Nailwell Village (NE-bound)	1014	1229	—	1014	1229	—
Englishcombe, Englishcombe Village (NE-bound)	1019	1234	—	1019	1234	—
Bear Flat, Bear Flat (A)	1028rs	1243rs	—	1028rs	1243rs	—
Bath City Centre, Ambury (Wq)	1033	1248	—	1033	1248	—

**Sundays****Bank Holidays**

no service

no service

Notes: r - Only visits this place by request to driver  
s - no boarding**768****Bath City Centre - Priston - Timsbury - Camerton - Radstock - Writhlington**

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**Mondays to Fridays****Saturdays**

Bath City Centre, Ambury (Wq)	—	1035	1345	—	1035	1345
Bear Flat, Bear Flat (B)	—	1040p	1350p	—	1040p	1350p
Englishcombe, Englishcombe Village (SW-bound)	—	1050	1400	—	1050	1400
Nailwell, Nailwell Village (SW-bound)	—	1055	1405	—	1055	1405
Priston, Priston School (N-bound)	—	1059	1409	—	1059	1409
Tunley, Tunley Village (SW-bound)	—	1106	1416	—	1106	1416
Timsbury, Greenvale Drive (N-bound)	0906	1113	1423	0906	1113	1423
Camerton, The Daglands (S-bound)	0913	1121	1431	0913	1121	1431
Clandown, Eastdown Road (SE-bound)	0917	1126	1436	0917	1126	1436
Radstock, Victoria Hall (Stop B)	0922	1130	1440	0922	1130	1440
Writhlington, Manor Park (SE-bound)	0928	1136	1446	0928	1136	1446

**Sundays****Bank Holidays**

no service

no service

Notes: p - picks up only



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Tel 07960186510

# Camerton Community Hall



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BRYN HAWKINS

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We are now in the middle of the wedding season. How hirers decorate the hall to such wonderful standards is hard to believe.

Your hall is well used for weddings, evening parties, children's parties and wakes, etc., and remember all Camerton residents get a discount on hiring.

The Jolly Collier Bar is open on a Friday evening from 5pm for people to get together and catch up with all the local news. It would be great to see more parishioners there, after all we don't have a pub in the village.

There are weekly classes held at the Hall for Art, Keep Fit, 'one to one' Ballroom Dancing, Children's Ballet and Zumba. See the hall's website for contact details.

The Colliers Copse, with our own metal miner, is looking great thanks to Clive Turner, who tends it to a very high standard.

Bingo evenings continue to attract a good attendance every 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month with between £400-500 regularly paid out in prize money. A big thank you to Marian and her daughter Jane for selling the books and sorting out the prize money.

Over the year the sound system has been updated and a new projector

installed, also the Jolly Collier Bar is currently having a makeover with new bench seating recently put in – it's looking good.

Come along and take a look at the village's only real asset. It's really important the Hall is kept open and upgraded for the future. There are plans to achieve this but we cannot do it without your help. Please come along and support events and hire the hall for your parties.

As this is the end of the hall's financial year and it's the AGM shortly, as chairman I would like to thank the trustees and committee members. They are all volunteers who do a tremendous job helping to keep the Camerton COMMUNITY Hall open as without them it would have closed years ago.

Bryn Hawkins, Chairman.



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# Cam Valley Wildlife Group



## Events Programme

### September to December 2025

Please contact Judy on 07460 278311 with any general queries, or Diana on 07581 451805.

#### **Venue for our talks: Radstock Working Mens Club**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month during the Winter at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

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: £3 for Members & £5 for non-members.

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Goosard Batch Nature Reserve** work morning

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

#### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Moth & Bat Night, Paulton & Timsbury Basin**

We will set up the moth trap at 7.15pm at the basin and will have bat detectors with us. We expect several species of bat to be present from dusk onward. If it is a good moth night we may keep the trap running until morning, going back

early on Sunday to see which moths we have caught.

Please contact Deborah at [camvalleywildlife@gmail.com](mailto:camvalleywildlife@gmail.com) or by phoning 01761 435563 (leave a clear message if you get no answer) if you wish to attend or want to know about parking. Please car share if possible.

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Fungi Walk around Haydon Batch & Grove Wood**

Meet at 2pm in the carpark behind the Que Club (BA3 3QR) to see what Fungi we might find. Stout footwear is also needed as the wood can be muddy. Please contact Diana if you plan attend on 07581 451805.

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October –**

**Talk: "Butterflies and Moths – key indicators of insect population changes"** by Maurice Avent, Chair of the Wiltshire branch of Butterfly Conservation, and owner of a meadow in Bath.

At the Radstock Working Men's Club, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

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: £3 for Members & £5 for non-members.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Goosard Batch Nature Reserve** work morning  
Please contact Jim Crouch 01761 410731 or by email: [jim.crouch@macegroup.com](mailto:jim.crouch@macegroup.com) to let him know who is coming so he can plan activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Saturday 11th October – Bat Walk**  
This walk is on a farm where four species of bat are known to roost. We will walk about the farm first and down by the Wellow Brook. Further details to follow.

Contact: Deborah  
at [camvalleywildlife@gmail.com](mailto:camvalleywildlife@gmail.com) or on 01761 435563 for further details.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Goosard Batch Nature Reserve** work morning  
Please contact Jim Crouch 01761 410731 or by email: [jim.crouch@macegroup.com](mailto:jim.crouch@macegroup.com) to let him know who is coming so he can plan activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – An Interactive Talk: Birds of Prey**  
by Alan Wells from Pitcombe Rock Falconry, near Bruton. He will be bringing some of his birds to the talk. 7.30pm for 8pm start at the Radstock Working Men's Club, details above.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – AGM & Diana's Photographic Year**  
7.30pm for 8.00pm start at the Radstock Working Men's Club, details above. No charge.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Goosard Batch Nature Reserve** work morning  
Please contact Jim Crouch 01761 410731 or by email: [jim.crouch@macegroup.com](mailto:jim.crouch@macegroup.com) to let him know who is coming so he can plan activities. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Insect/invertebrate events**  
If you would like to attend insect/invertebrate events and/or surveys or if you wish to be notified of upcoming insect/invertebrate walks or surveys please send your details to Deborah via our website contact page or to [camvalleywildlife@gmail.com](mailto:camvalleywildlife@gmail.com).

**Wildlife Photography**  
Please contact Diana on 07581 451805 or [dianawalker4@gmail.com](mailto:dianawalker4@gmail.com) if you would like to accompany her on any of her days out photographing local wildlife.

### **CVWG Stalls**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Stratton Village Day 12–4pm**  
If you are able to help set up at 10am or to take the Stall down please contact Diana on [dianawalker4@gmail.com](mailto:dianawalker4@gmail.com) or Gary on [gary.kingman1@googlemail.com](mailto:gary.kingman1@googlemail.com)

# Connecting Families



Bath & North East  
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

**The Connecting Families Team** is a service within Bath and North East Somerset Council, that works with families with complex needs to help them make positive changes in their lives. Families must live in the B&NES area have a child at home under 18 years old to qualify for support. They aim to help families in the following ways to:

- Support families affected by anti-social behaviour and crime and to reduce their risks.
- Get them into work, education or training including NEET young people.
- Improve school attendance by breaking down barriers such as bullying, mental health, and improving self-esteem and confidence.
- Receive specialist advice such as drug and alcohol issues, homelessness and domestic violence and abuse.
- Keep all family members especially young people, free from harm, safe, and be successful members of their community.

The Connecting Families team work with families in partnership and involve them in any decisions made about them and the services they receive. They carry out comprehensive assessments to ascertain the needs of the family, write an action plan with them, and work in partnership with all family members in the household to achieve outcomes set. Following these interventions they ask all family members to complete an evaluation survey to help them improve their service.

The team provides positive activities using an informal education process, to engage young people in the whole family interventions that gives them opportunity to build relationships with staff and other young people, to ensure their voices are heard and acted upon within the Connecting Families team's whole family work.

For more information please contact [Connecting\\_Families@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Connecting_Families@bathnes.gov.uk) and copies of our recent newsletters can be found [here](https://thehub.bathnes.gov.uk/Page/26122). (<https://thehub.bathnes.gov.uk/Page/26122>).



**Have you served in the military?**

**Can we help?**

The Royal British Legion (RBL) was established in 1921 to provide financial, social and emotional support to members and ex-members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force and the volunteer reserves, such as the RNR, TAVR and RAFVR, and their families and dependents. To make administration easier, local Branches were set up across the country and many of these still exist today with the same aims.

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.

## 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](mailto:camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk)).

The deadline for the next issue is 7 November.

# Somer Valley Ramblers

Our summer walking programme is now underway and at the same time a number of our members are waymarking the Radstock Ring walk. This walk was devised by a former member of our Group and is available to view on our website, [somervalleyramblers.org.uk](http://somervalleyramblers.org.uk).

The walk seems to be proving to be a popular attraction locally as we have already received a number of favourable comments on the route. The 'hit counter' on our website also shows that the walk is being viewed online by many people and is seen by many local ramblers as a valuable addition to local walking routes.

In September the Somer Valley Walking Festival takes place over 3 days, September 12th to 14th. On Sunday September 14th, as our contribution to the Festival we are hosting a day of walks based at the

Conygre Hall in Timsbury. There will be five walks in total and these will vary in length. Four of them will start at 10am (Strollers, 3.5 miles, Short, 6 miles, Medium, 7.5 miles and Long, 10.5 miles). The strollers walk of 3.5 miles will be repeated at 1.30pm for those walkers who prefer an afternoon walk. All of these walks will be led by members of our Group. Coffee and cake will be available at the Hall and information boards will be on display showing the environmental activity programmes which are underway in the Somer and Cam valleys.

At the time of going to press full details of the routes to be walked had not been finalised but the full details of the Walking Festival programme will be available nearer the time on our website, [somervalleyramblers.org.uk](http://somervalleyramblers.org.uk).

# GOOD NEWS!



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# Local Police Team

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MATT BENDALL

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"Working Together to Keep Our  
Communities Safe"

## **End-of-Summer Security Reminder from Your Local Police Team**

### **Keep Your Home and Garden Safe This Autumn**

As the summer sun fades and the cooler months approach, your neighbourhood local police team is reminding residents to take a few simple steps to protect their homes and property.

#### **Secure Your Garden Tools**

After a long season of mowing lawns, trimming hedges, and planting flowers, it's time to tidy up the garden—but don't forget about security. Tools and equipment left outside or in unsecured sheds can be easy targets for opportunistic thieves.

Store all gardening tools and equipment in a locked shed, garage, or secure storage area.

Mark your tools with a UV pen or engraving tool with your postcode or house number. This makes stolen items easier to identify and return.

Install motion-activated lights near sheds and garages to deter criminal activity.

Use strong padlocks on outbuildings and ensure hinges and doors are in good condition.

#### **Lock Those Windows**

With the hot summer weather, many of us have been leaving windows open to keep cool. But as the temperatures drop, it's important to check that all windows are securely closed and locked, especially those on the ground floor or near flat roofs.

Double-check all accessible windows are locked after use.

Consider installing window locks or restrictors for added peace of mind.

Don't leave valuables in plain sight—close blinds or curtains in the evening.

Criminals often look for easy access points and visible items worth stealing. These small precautions can make a big difference in keeping your home safe.

## Stay Safe, Stay Vigilant

We urge all residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity in your neighbourhood. Your eyes and ears can help prevent crime in our community.

For more crime prevention advice, visit

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact/](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact/) or contact your local neighbourhood policing team.

— PC 3685 Matt BENDALL, PCSO  
7157 Louise JONES and PCSO 6826  
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# Radstock Museum

**Radstock Museum's Bygone Days Talks  
this Autumn at the Somer Centre,  
Midsomer Norton.**

7:30pm- 8:30pm. Doors open at 7pm, £5,  
no booking required, raising funds for  
Radstock Museum charity no: 1151573

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The Music of the Somerset Coalfield. by  
Dave Byrne.

Dave and his band will give a  
presentation on the history of the songs  
and music of the local people including  
songs sung by coal miners and those who  
worked on the land during the Somerset

coal mining era. And his band will  
perform some of this traditional music.  
Linked to the Museum's Autumn  
Exhibition on the same theme.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Follow the Plough. by Les Davies MBE.

Les has worked on the Mendips in  
orchards and on the land for his whole  
life. His illustrated presentation will look  
back at his life and times living and  
working on the Mendips. He is a fabulous  
raconteur and famous for his monthly  
article in the Mendip Times: West  
Countryman's Diary.

# St Peter's Church

## *Rector's Letter*

By way of a Rector's Letter this month, I would like to give the opportunity to our new curate Revd. Lindsay Glazebrook to introduce herself. I know that the good folks of Camerton will extend to her the warm welcome that you offer to all newcomers!

Best wishes,

*Martin*

Hello! I wonder if I might introduce myself? My name is Lindsay Glazebrook and I am delighted to say that I will be joining Revd. Martin and the team as Curate in the Timsbury benefice of churches, (Priston, Timsbury, Camerton, Dunkerton and Englishcombe) following my ordination as Deacon in Wells Cathedral in June.

I was born in Bath and grew up attending Widcombe Baptist Church, where my understanding of faith developed, but became a member of the St Luke's, Bath family in the early 1990s and served two periods, each of several years, as Church Administrator. I have been a regular member of the music group and occasional pianist/ organist there for



the best part of that time. In 2012 I was licensed as a Reader and have loved preaching and leading services; I have also especially valued journeying with those who are grieving in the funeral ministry I have undertaken. Having been a Reader for 10 years at the time, hearing a call to Self-Supporting Locally Deployed Ministry was a big surprise but the discernment process ensued, and the training began in August '23.

## **Timsbury Lunch Club**

If you live alone but like good company and a delicious meal, a warm welcome awaits you at the Timsbury Lunch Club.

You will enjoy a wholesome two-course lunch with tea or coffee for just £7.50 per head.

We meet every other month throughout the year in the Myra Hayward Room at the Conygre Hall. Why not put the dates on your 2025 calendar now? There's nothing like planning ahead!

**All on Thursdays:**

**31<sup>st</sup> July, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Please ring Helen Pease on 01761 470077 to book your place (booking essential for catering purposes). You will be very warmly welcomed, and we look forward to meeting you.

My course is part time but still involves a great deal of study, and assignment deadlines are never far away.

Serving within the St Luke's church family has been a rich and wonderful experience, and I fully expected to

return to serve my curacy there. It seems, however, that God had a different idea, which is what brings me here! Ordinands undertake placements outside of their home context as part of the training and as we had by then moved to Radstock, I explored suitable training *(continued)*

opportunities close to home. Rev. Adam Pitt of Paulton Benefice had kindly undertaken to be my Training Supervisor, and my first placement was with him in Paulton, High Littleton and Farrington Gurney. Having had no experience of rural ministry at all up to this point, I found to my great surprise that I loved it, and served a second short placement at St John's, Midsomer Norton, which confirmed that my 'home' was now within the Deanery. A sense of a changed 'centre of gravity' and a new heart for rural ministry led me to explore what 'Locally Deployed' might really mean for me. I found myself being drawn away from my comfort zone at St Luke's towards something quite different, which I hoped might

appeal to local neighbours and friends. Having discussed this possible change of focus with the relevant people at the Diocese it was agreed that this was the right way forward for us.

Since beginning to worship amongst you in the Timsbury Benefice over the past few weeks (when St Luke's duties have allowed), my husband Steve and I have been overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome and are very much looking forward to getting to know you and to 'doing life' with you over the next several years. Please do introduce yourselves when you see us in your church, and we will try to remember your names!

Every blessing

*Lindsay*

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# 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.
Wed 17 Sep, 6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall. Meetings are typically monthly on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The agenda is published on the Camerton Web site and the parish notice boards. Public participation is always welcome.
Wed 12 Nov, 6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall
Wed 7 Jan, 6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall
Wed 11 Feb, 6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall



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