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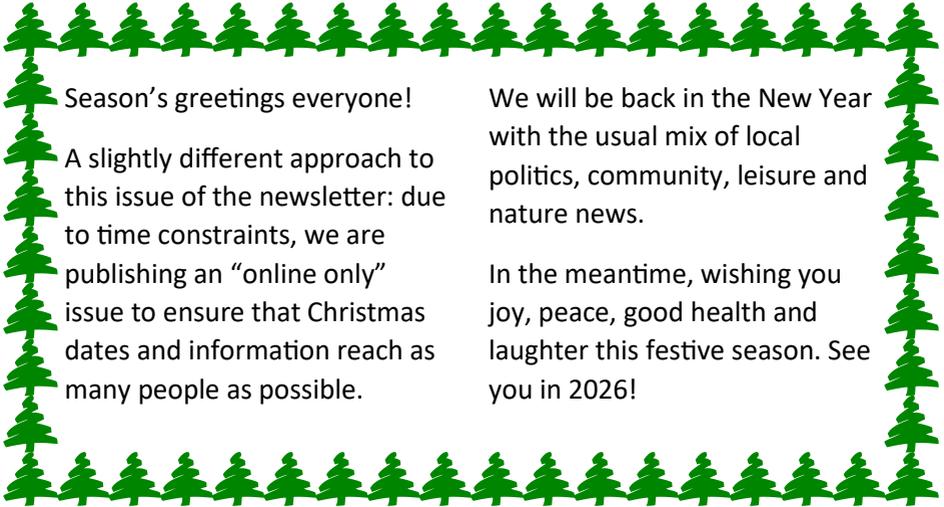
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# Editor's letter

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ARWEN ROSS

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Season's greetings everyone!

A slightly different approach to this issue of the newsletter: due to time constraints, we are publishing an "online only" issue to ensure that Christmas dates and information reach as many people as possible.

We will be back in the New Year with the usual mix of local politics, community, leisure and nature news.

In the meantime, wishing you joy, peace, good health and laughter this festive season. See you in 2026!



The café on site will be open for public selling human and dog ice cream

Coffees, hot chocolate, herbal teas, popcorn, fresh cake, fresh eggs from our own chickens lots more products coming soon

No facilities can be used whilst visiting the café

We will also be offering a delivery service once a week dates tbc and ordering information

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# St. Peter's Church

## Rector's Ramblings

Hand on heart: I didn't want to write my 'column' this month. I was faced with a dilemma. Do I write some cheery seasonal words as we approach the Christmas season, or do I try and write something- realising how inadequate any words are - in response to the tragedies that have scarred our world in recent months. In the continuing war in Ukraine (as I write this), Sudan, the hurricane in Jamaica, Nigeria, Gaza and reflected in the vast tide of human misery seeking life and hope in new lands?

Perhaps it is possible to do both, because I do *not* believe that the heart of what we celebrate at Christmas is an escapist fantasy. The world that Jesus was born into was *this* world, not a Christmas Card confection. There was hunger in the world, then as now. There was prejudice and intolerance in Judea in 4BC. Migration was an issue- for Jesus' own family. Injustice was an issue. Corrupt government was an issue; and in the brutality of King Herod there was terror. It is a story as contemporary as today's news. It was a hard place.

And yet, and yet...the Christian belief is that God was not outside this scenario but chose to come inside. I cannot put it better than in these words of the writer Henri Nouwen in an Advent prayer:

*'O Lord, how hard it is to accept your way. You come to us as a small, powerless child born away from home. You live for us as a stranger in your own land. You die for us as a criminal outside the walls of the city, rejected by your own people, misunderstood by your friends and feeling abandoned by your God. I am trying to overcome the feelings of alienation and separation which continue to assail me. But I wonder now if my deep sense of homelessness does not bring me closer to you than my occasional feeling of belonging...*

*Come Lord Jesus and be with us where we feel poorest. We trust that this is the place where you will find your manger and bring your light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.'*

Whether we are in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Camerton and Dunkerton or 1<sup>st</sup> Century Palestine, at the centre of the Christmas story, I believe, is the rugged truth that God is with us, where we are.

**May I wish all readers a very happy Christmas and peace in 2026 and welcome you to join us at St Peter's Carol Service at 3.00 pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December or at the All Saints Carol service, same day at 5.00 pm. You are welcome to join us for a Christmas morning service at All Saints', Dunkerton at 10.30 am on Christmas Day.**

Revd. Martin

Rector, Timsbury  
Benefice

(Camerton,  
Dunkerton, Timsbury, Priston and  
Englishcombe)



*Dear Friends of Camerton Church,*

*We would like to warmly invite you to St Peter's Carol Service at the church on Sunday 21st December at 3.00 pm.*

*This will be a traditional carol service (with one or two new items!) and there will be mulled wine and mince pies to follow.*

*All welcome. Please contact the Rector for further details.*

*Very best wishes for a Happy Christmas!*

*Revd Martin*

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# Carol service at St Peter's

Planning for our Carol service at St Peter's this year is well under way as I write. At **3pm on Sunday December 21st** the church will be looking beautiful - lit up and with a Christmas tree! Invitations to this special service where we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus will be dropping onto the doormats of residents of Camerton and Carlingcott over the next couple of weeks.

Think twinkly fairy lights, the alluring aroma of mulled wine and delicious home-made mince pies, the sound of the 'merrie organ', the joy of familiar Christmas carols, the wonderful story of the coming to earth of the Son of God as a tiny baby, the nativity scene ... and you'll be beginning to catch the flavour of this year's St Peter's Carol Service. Children are invited to come as characters from the Christmas story (be as imaginative as you wish!). There will be prizes for all the children who come dressed for the occasion, and a special one for the child with the best home-made costume.

No promises at this stage, but there may even be a 'special guest' appearance. Come along to find out who!

We're looking forward to welcoming you and your friends and neighbours to this very special service. Why not put the date in your diary now?

God bless, and hope to see you soon

Lindsay

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to

**ST PETER'S CHURCH,**  
**CAMERTON**

for our

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

**followed by mulled wine and mince pies**

**SUNDAY, December 21st, 3 pm**

Children - come dressed as a character from the Christmas story  
(There's a prize for the best home made costume!)

# Local Police Team

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MATT BENDALL

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"Working Together to Keep Our  
Communities Safe"

## Christmas Safety Reminder

As we approach the festive season, the local policing team would like to remind all residents to take a few simple precautions to help keep our community safe.

Christmas is a busy time for everyone, and unfortunately it can also present opportunities for thieves.

Please ensure that any Christmas presents, parcels, or valuable items are kept out of sight, particularly if they are placed near windows or doors.

Visible gifts can be an easy temptation for opportunistic criminals, even when unloading these items from your car boot to your home.

We also encourage all residents to remain vigilant about home security. Whether you are out for an evening gathering, doing last-minute shopping, or simply visiting

family, make sure all doors and windows are properly locked before leaving your property. Even in our quiet area, a moment of caution can make a significant difference.

If you notice any suspicious activity, please report it to the police immediately using the non-emergency number, or 999 in an emergency. Your awareness helps keep our community safe.

On behalf of the Radstock Neighbourhood Policing Team, we wish everyone a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable Christmas.

Yours

PC 3685 Matt BENDALL

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# Dunkerton WI

Your local Women's Institute continues to thrive. We meet at 7.15pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Tunley Recreation Centre.

We are delighted to announce that our 2025 fundraising efforts resulted in the presentation of a cheque for £1547.55 to Dorothy House Hospice Care at our November meeting. In 2026 we will be supporting the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Service as our chosen charity.



The last few months have seen us enjoying getting together as usual for our monthly meetings - with interesting speakers; regular walks, craft group and games group afternoons; cake decorating and wire working workshops. Amongst the many activities planned for the New Year is a day trip to enjoy the musical Oliver at the Gielgud Theatre in London.

2026 is going to be a great year for us as we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of our WI - which begun in the Village Hall in Dunkerton in July 1936 (hence the name of our group). We continue to extend a warm welcome to women from many of the local villages including Camerton, Tunley, Peasedown, Shoscombe, Timsbury, Marksbury and beyond.

To find out more visit our website:  
[www.dunkertonwi.wordpress.com](http://www.dunkertonwi.wordpress.com).

## **Introducing BWCE Home Energy!**

Bath & West Community Energy has just launched its new Home Energy service – a local hub of independent, expert advice and support for warm, efficient, low-carbon homes in our community.

They now offer home energy assessments, providing tailored, impartial advice to help you find the best energy-efficient solutions for your home.

Plus, you'll have access to a range of inspiring events – open homes, expert talks, spotlights sessions, training and videos – everything you need to make your home more energy efficient.

Bookings for home energy surveys are now live, and you can take advantage of generous, time-limited discounts from Retrofit West.

Find out more and book your assessment at:  
[www.bwce.homeenergy.coop](http://www.bwce.homeenergy.coop)

# Cam Valley Wildlife Group events

## January 2026 to April 2026

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

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 – New Year's Day Walk**

This year, we will join Helena again for an urban walk in Midsomer Norton, taking part in the New Year **Plant Hunt** organised each year by the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland. This will be a circular walk exploring the High Street, Town Park, Greenway and Wellow Brook Walk, aiming to find as many plant species as possible in flower, in a maximum of three hours.

Stout shoes/boots and waterproofs are advisable.

**Meet at 1pm by the entrance to South Road car park, Midsomer Norton (ST665541)**

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 – Goosard Batch Nature Reserve work morning First Saturday of each month**

Please contact Jim Crouch (01761 410731 or 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Our annual trip to Slimbridge**

Meet at 9.30am at Paulton car park for car share or 11am at Slimbridge.

**Further information from Diana (07581 451805).**

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **February – Talk - The Secret Lives of Garden Bees by Jeanie Vernon**

A gentle introduction

to our garden bumblebees and solitary bees.



If you want to learn more about the wild bees in your garden, then this talk is just for you. Come and join us for a presentation/talk with award-winning writer and author Jean Vernon (aka Jeanie Bee). Jean is on a mission to unravel, demystify and explain the intricate balance of nature and to introduce everyone to the familiar and unfamiliar bees that live and breed in our gardens. During the illustrated talk Jean will offer a glimpse into the secret world of our wild bees and introduce you to some of the charming bumblebees and fascinating solitary bees that bring our gardens alive and pollinate our plants. Learn about their nesting needs and the power plants that make a difference and a few stories about incredible bees that will simply amaze you.

With a little understanding of the needs of your garden bees you can make powerful plant and gardening choices to transform your plot into a true bee-friendly, pollinator paradise.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – GOOSARD work morning**

Please phone Jim Crouch on 01761 410731 to book as numbers are limited. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Trip to Ham Wall**

Meet in RSPB car park at 3pm to go and watch the starling murmurations. Wear warm clothes. Date may change depending on weather conditions. Contact Diana for further information or car share (07581 451805).

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Talk – the Swans on The Bishop’s Palace Moat**  
**Moira Anderson** will be giving a light-hearted look at the history of the Swans on the moat.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – GOOSARD work morning**

Please phone Jim Crouch on 01761 410731 to book as numbers are limited. Anyone is welcome to attend

**Thursday 2nd April at 10.30am - Woodland Birds & Herons at RSPB Swell Wood**

Parking is limited so please car share if possible, meet on Grovewood Road, Haydon, BA3 3QZ at 9.30am for car share.

RSPB reserve on A378 near Langport, TA3 6PX. Afterwards we may stop off at Grey Lake for a short visit on our way home depending on the weather.

Please contact Diana for more information or car share (07581 451805).

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – GOOSARD work morning**

Please phone Jim Crouch on 01761 410731 to book as numbers are limited. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Venue for our talks: Radstock Working Mens Club, 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 into the club from the car park. Entrance fee is £3 for members and £5 for non members.

**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**

If your village would like to have the CVWG stall at your village fete this summer, then please contact **Diana** at: [dianawalker4@gmail.com](mailto:dianawalker4@gmail.com).



### **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.

## **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.

# Dates for your diary

Sun 21 Dec, 3.00pm	Carol service, St Peter's Church, Camerton
1st & 3rd Thursdays in the month, from 6.30pm	Bingo, Camerton Community Hall. Doors and Bar open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm.
Wed 7 Jan, 6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall
Tue 13 Jan, 7.15pm	WI meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Tue 10 Feb, 7.15pm	WI meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Wed 11 Feb, 6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Camerton Community Hall
Tue 10 Mar, 7.15pm	WI meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre
Tue 14 Apr, 7.15pm	WI meeting, Tunley Recreation Centre



Deadline for the next issue is 6 February.

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