Looking at Locking

Edition: Autumn/Winter 2024

Welcome to our Parish Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR . . .

Welcome to the Autumn edition of 'Looking at Locking'.
I hope you find this edition helpful, interesting and informative.
My thanks to the Parish Clerk Dawn, Kelly and all those who have contributed
to the making of this Autumn edition of 'Looking at Locking'.

I am pleased to say that our book exchange continues to be held at the Parish
Hall on Tuesdays between 10am and 12.00pm and our 'Warm Space' opened
for the Autumn/Winter seasons on 10 September in our newly refurbished meeting room which really complements the existing hall.
Details of opening times will be promulgated via our website
www.lockingpc.co.uk
and Facebook.

During the summer we were able to almost complete the project works to the surface of the Old Banwell Road Playing Field car park. Lining of the newly laid tarmac in the car park has also been completed.

The Spinney which links Locking Village to the A371 remains a major concern to us. As an update we been advised that tenders are being sought by North Somerset Council for the upgrade of the surface and to install drainage and lighting. Hopefully works will commence soon – fingers crossed!

I wish to welcome Cllr Paul Huish and Cllr Tess Poynton to the Parish Council. Currently there are now 13 Councillors on the Parish Council and 2 vacancies. If you have time to give and want to be involved in making a difference in our community, please contact the Clerk for further information on how to be a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Paul Jones
Chairman

Welcome Parish Councillors

We are very pleased to welcome two new Parish Councillors:

Cllr Paul Huish

Hello everyone,
My name is Paul Huish and I am 58 years old, just.
I retired from BT, a few years ago, where I worked for 32 years in many different Senior Management roles such as Operations Project Management, Business Improvement Consultancy and Resourcing. I have been married to my wife Sue for 26 years and we live in Locking Parklands.
My hobbies are mainly sport, football rugby and cricket, which I am now a spectator rather than participant. I also love travelling.
My intent is to use all my knowledge and experience to give something back and support the Parish Council and you, our Parishioners.
Look forward to meeting you and working with you all to make Locking Parish a great place to live.

Cllr Tess Poynton

Hello fellow Locking Parishioners,
My name is Tess Poynton. I have lived on the Locking Parklands development for the past 11 years, with my husband, our three children and a rather enthusiastic cockapoo dog called Augustus.
I have worked as a Registered Nurse within the NHS, for the past 15 years, a role which has afforded me the honour of caring for many people over the years.
I have recently been fortunate enough to be co-opted as one of your Locking Parish Councillors, an opportunity I see as a great privilege. As part of my application, I was asked to consider why I wanted to be a Parish Councillor.
I think the simple answer is, I love to help people. Nowadays, a lot of us lead demanding and hectic lives, I understand this an active working mother.
One thing I have learnt, raising a young family, is a sense of community is key.
'It takes a village' is the old saying, and I feel this is true.
So, this is me, being part of that 'village'.
I hope to bring to the role an understanding of what matters to families, as well as experience in supporting those most vulnerable in our community.
I bring enthusiasm, a determination to advocate for you as an individual, and support for Locking Parish as a whole.
I am here to listen, and to act.
I look forward to meeting many of you in due course.

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Locking Parish Council have vacancies for 2 Councillors

Are you looking for a new challenge?

If your passionate about where you live and want to make a difference then Join the Parish Council. For more information email clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

Locking Parish Council delivers and facilitates projects and services that make a positive difference to the community. The Parish Council aims are to support and improve the quality of life for the whole Parish of Locking. Councillors are community leaders who care about the local residents they represent, to bring about the best outcomes for all parts of the community.

Locking Parish Council Small Grant Scheme

Locking Parish Council's annual budget includes a sum of money for grant awards.

The **Grant Awards Policy** has been drawn up to demonstrate a fair and transparent process and sets out the procedure the Council will follow when making its decision.

A grant is any payment made by the Council to an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish; and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Council.

Any organisation wishing to apply for grant funding must fill in a **grant application form** and submit it to the Clerk.

The Council awards grants, at its discretion, to organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by:

- Providing a service
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving recreation and/or sports
- Improving the environment
- Promoting the Locking Parish in a positive way

Locking Parish Council will not normally make grants to organisations outside of the Parish unless there are direct benefits to the Parish, or its residents. Applications should be made for 'one-off grants' that will not result in any recurring expenditure for the Parish Council.

Further details and application form available from the Clerk.

LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2024/25

Unless otherwise stated the Full Council meet the 1st Thursday of the Month and Committees meet on the 3rd Thursday of the Month, most meetings start at 7.30pm. Meetings are normally held at Locking Parish Hall but occasionally they have been held at The Radio Wing and Oaktree Park Community Hall – location details will be on the meeting Agenda. Members of the public are very welcome to attend. Please check our notice boards and website www.lockingpc.co.uk under Agenda & Minutes for further details.

Date	Mouth	Year	Meeting
3rd	**Oct**	**2024**	**Council**
17th	Oct	2024	Assets & Amenities Committee
7th	**Nov**	**2024**	**Council**
21st	Nov	2024	Finance & Human Resources
5th	**Dec**	**2024**	**Council**
19th	**Dec**	**2024**	**Finance & Human Resources 7pm**
19th	**Dec**	**2024**	**Assets & Amenities Committee 8pm**
9th	**Jan**	**2025**	**Council**
16th	Jan	2025	Assets & Amenities Committee
6th	**Feb**	**2025**	**Council**
20th	Feb	2024	Assets & Amenities Committee
6th	**March**	**2025**	**Council**
20th	March	2025	Finance & Human Resources
20th	March	2025	Assets & Amenities Committee
3rd	**April**	**2025**	**Council**
17th	April	2025	Assets & Amenities Committee
24th	**April**	**2025**	**Annual Parish Assembly**

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North Somerset Council

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Community Grants Programme Grant Award for Locking Parish Hall

Locking Parish Council using a generous grant of £20,000. from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Community Grants Programme, supported by North Somerset Council has completed the renovations/refurbishment to the old GP rooms adjacent to Locking Parish Hall.

The current layout of the GP Rooms, with its separate waiting room, GP office, and receptionists' office, had become obsolete and did not meet the needs of the growing community. The refurbishment eliminated these outdated partitions and has created a self-contained facility with a large, open, and adaptable space with a convenient kitchenette and storage area that can be utilized independently or in conjunction with the larger hall.

We would like to thank our Contactor Beachland Developments Ltd and his team for the fantastic job with the refurbishment.

The works will ensure that Locking Parish Hall remains a cornerstone of the community, offering an open and welcoming place where residents and visitors can connect and participate in a vibrant array of activities.

The new facility will be known as the Nurse Thomas Suite and is available to hire at the hourly rate of £8.50 per hour.

Renaming of Locking Parish Hall's new room competition - Results!

The Parish Council received five entries for the renaming competition and at the Full Council Meeting on 5 September each name was considered and voting was as follows:

- The Mendip Room: 1 vote
- The Orchard Room: 3 votes
- Trevor: 0 votes
- Nurse Thomas Room: 2 votes
- Nurse Thomas Suite: 5 votes

Therefore, it was **AGREED** that the new meeting room would be formally named **The Nurse Thomas Suite**

Well done to **Locking Senior Club** for putting forward the winning entry, we look forward to inviting you to the official opening of the room once the renovation works have been completed.

Why the Nurse Thomas Suite?

Nurse Margaret Thomas arrived in Banwell around 1927, bringing with her the dedication and skills of a newly qualified nurse from Anglesey. Originally stepping into a temporary role due to the ill health of the existing nurse, she soon found herself in a position that extended for over three decades.

Throughout her remarkable tenure, Nurse Thomas provided care not only in Banwell but also in the surrounding areas of Locking, Christon, and St George's. It was in these villages that she delivered hundreds of babies, becoming a cherished figure in the memories of many families.
As she tended to the needs of the communities, she bore witness to the remarkable growth of Banwell and Locking, which tripled in size during her time there.

Her commitment to patient care was characterised by her travels on a bicycle for her daily visits, however, as her responsibilities expanded, Nurse Thomas upgraded her mode of transport to a Morris Minor car, reflecting the increasing demands of her role as the area grew.
Nurse Margaret Thomas passed away in 1966. The love and respect the villagers had for her prompted a meeting to discuss a fitting tribute, leading to the establishment of the Nurse Thomas Fund, which successfully raised £685 and ten shillings. The funds were subsequently utilised to set up clinic rooms in both Banwell and Locking.

Information Source:
Maggie McCarthy,
60th Anniversary Edition,
Search 26 2017-2018 Journal of the Banwell Society of Archaeology

LOCKING COMMUNITY EVENTS WORKING GROUP

The aim of the Community Events Working Group is to bring people together, to build relationships and create a sense of belonging within the community. By organising events, we can provide a platform for residents to meet and get to know each other, fostering a strong sense of community spirit.
These events can range from small social gatherings to larger scale events such as fairs, festivals, and fundraisers.

The Community Events Working Group is a great opportunity for individuals and organisations to get involved and make a positive impact in their community.
By working together, we can create a diverse range of events that cater to the interests and needs of our residents.

So, whether you have a passion for event planning, or simply want to get involved and make a difference, we encourage you to join the Community Events Working Group and help us make our Parish a vibrant and thriving community for all to enjoy. Let's come together, have fun, and build a stronger, more connected community!

Locking Parish Council hope to build stronger community ties by supporting the Community Living Room, Locking Book Exchange and the Tea & Tech sessions. We are looking for other community led initiatives that can bring our community together – we are always interested in any ideas you may have, please contact the Clerk if you have an idea you would like to share.

Winter Market 10am -2pm 2 November - at Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking – Free entry.
Stall Holders: If you would like a stall then please let the Clerk know and we will add you to the list. Stalls are charged at £5 which will go towards supporting the Community Living Room in Locking Parish Hall, (free if you are raising money for a charity)
The market will run from 10-2pm. There will be access for stall holders from 9am.
Contact the Clerk at: clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

Locking Maker's Market

FREE ENTRY

2 NOVEMBER 2024

10AM - 2PM

At Locking Parish Hall
Grenville Avenue, Locking, BS24 8AR

To book a stall or for further information email:
LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

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LOCKING PARISH HALL
"THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY"

Grenville Avenue, Locking BS24 8AR

Locking Parish Hall can accommodate a wide variety of events whether you want to take part in a class/club or maybe celebrate your birthday or anniversary.

For enquiries, booking forms and further information please go to our website:- www.lockingpc.co.uk

Facilities Include:	Suitable for the following occasions:
★ Main Hall	❖ Christenings/Blessings
★ Performance stage	❖ Children's parties (with or without a bouncy castle)
★ Spot lights & disco ball	❖ Anniversary
★ Sound system (blue tooth enabled)	❖ Pantomimes
★ Microphone	❖ Christmas Parties
★ Induction loop	❖ Musical Concerts
★ Access to adjacent play park	❖ Band Practice
★ Kitchen (fully equipped)	❖ Choir Practice
★ Disabled Toilet	❖ Reunion
★ Baby changing facilities	❖ Wedding
★ Wheelchair Access	❖ Wakes
★ WIFI	❖ Training
★ Parking	❖ School Events
	❖ Societies/Clubs
	❖ Corporate Events
	❖ Fitness Groups/Yoga/Karate
	❖ Dance Classes
	❖ Baby Groups

You are very welcome to come and look around the Hall please contact the Clerk to make an appointment. The Parish Hall is adjacent to a large Play Park with Picnic tables and outdoor gym equipment for the whole family to enjoy whatever age you are!

The cost of the hall is extremely competitive and we also have a special rate for Locking Parishioners.

A scale of charges is available on the following page of this newsletter and can also be found on our website: - www.lockingpc.co.uk

Locking Parish Council

01934 820786
clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk
The Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking, North Somerset BS24 8AR

Locking Parish Hall – Scale of Hire Charges
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Meetings/Charitable Organisations	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
Adult Rate		£18.37	Apply code: M/CONon-Parish
Youth U14 Rate		£6.82	Apply code: M/CU14Mon-Parish
Adult Rate	£10.12		Apply code: M/CO-Parish
Youth U14 Rate	£4.73		Apply code: M/CO(U14)Parish

Parties/Dances etc.	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
Adult Rate		£21.90	Apply code: P/D(Adult)Non-Parish
Youth U14 Rate		£14.74	Apply code: P/DU14Non-Parish
Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: P/DParish
Youth U14 Rate	£10.12		Apply code: P/DU14

Commercial Organisations	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply code at checkout
Adult Rate		£21.90	Apply code: COnonLP
Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: COLP

Nurse Thomas Suite Meeting Room, kitchen, toilet	**£8.50 per hour**

All prices quoted are per hour – setting up and clearing away MUST be taken into consideration when working out the time you wish to hire the hall from and until.

Please contact the Clerk should you wish to book the Main Hall and Nurse Thomas Suite together for your event.

Crockery Hire: Please contact the Clerk for details.

ASSETS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Parish Hall

Inside Locking Parish Hall

The Parish Hall continues to be a hive of activity but we still have availability for parties/celebrations/meetings etc., please contact the Clerk for details.

Hall Booking enquiries can now be made via our website: www.lockingpc.co.uk you can also find booking forms/terms & conditions along with FAQ or email LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

Locking Book Exchange is changing to a Tuesday 10am-12pm and moving to the Nurse Thomas Suite

We are pleased to see that **Locking Book Exchange** is being well used.
This is a free service, open to everyone, there is no registration or fee. Just bring a book and exchange for one or two you want to read. An easy, fun way to swap books you no longer need.
Please note: we can no longer take hardback books or jigsaws – we are running out of space!!

Locking Community Living Room has reopened and will take place on Tuesdays between 10am-12pm in the Nurse Thomas Suite we aim to provide free hot drink, biscuit/cake and a chat.

Locking Community Living Room at Locking Parish Hall

Now open Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

Come and join us at the Living Room

A free relaxed space for folk to sit, get together, chat and share a cuppa. Come along and meet new people in your community, charge your phone, laptop, tablet. Everyone is welcome

For further details contact: Tel 01934 820786 or clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

As much as we love our furry friends there are no dogs allowed in Locking Village Park. There is a Public Space Protection Order on the Park and it carries a £75 Fixed Penalty Fine.
Notices are at each of the entrances to inform that dogs are not allowed.
We ask that dog owners respect this as you will be asked to remove your dog and a fine could be issued.

In June we had our independent play equipment safety inspection carried out by RoSPA and we are pleased to say it was all in order.
Our Parish Orderly Mike has been busy during the summer maintaining and painting the play equipment in the Park.
We also fitted an inclusive swing seat, which can be used by all ages and abilities, its been lovely to see so many children use it over the Summer.

Parish Orderly painting the shelter

Inclusive Swing Seat

Allotments

There are no plot vacancies at the moment but we do have a waiting list, if you would like to be added to the list, please contact the Clerk.
Polite Reminder:

- When walking through the allotments please stay on the path and do not cut through the plots;
- For dog owners walking through the Allotments, please keep your dog on a lead at all times and also please keep them out of the water troughs;
- and please do not help yourself to the produce, if you don't rent a plot, you don't own the produce – it's **THEFT!!**

The Green

We have installed a picnic bench at The Green. This is a small area of green opposite the Coronation Garden and is surrounded by hedging with a small access gate – lovely space if you want to 'Get away from it all' to sit, read or enjoy a picnic.

The Green

Coronation Garden and Flower Pots

A special thanks to Julie who does such a fantastic job looking after the Coronation Garden.
Want to help Locking look Beautiful by volunteering to adopt and look after a flower tub? – please contact the Clerk

Coronation Garden at The Green

Old Banwell Road Playing Field

Community Orchard

The Community Orchard is continuing to thrive, we had some beautiful apple blossom and some trees did bear fruit.
We are once again in the process of applying for funding from the Tree Council's Branching Out Fund to hopefully obtain funding to plant more fruit trees (Pear, Cherry, Plum, Mulberry and Chestnut) next February/March.

Tiny Forest: Speaking of planting tree's the Parish Council, working with North Somerset Council have submitted an application for funding to plant a Tiny Forest on land at the playing field. If the bid is successful, we will be looking for volunteers to help us and Earthwatch plant approx. 600 assorted trees in a 200sq.m space. Contact the Clerk if you would like to volunteer.
What is a Tiny Forest?
Tiny Forests are planted using the Miyawaki method with a view to create a well-established woodland area (200sq.m) that enhances biodiversity and provides good tree canopy cover quickly.
They also serve as a great way of involving the local community and schools in caring for and learning about nature. For further information go to https://edu.earthwatch.org.uk/tinyforest

Old Banwell Road Car park:
Resurfacing and lining of the car park took place during August and September. We thank our contractor N Bartlett Ltd for a good job well done.

We are currently in negotiations with a company to install EV charge points. I'm sure you will agree the car park is now an asset to the Playing Field providing free parking during school term time and we would like to thank Locking Primary School for arranging the gates to be open and closed during these times.

We understand that residents would like the gates to be open all year round but unfortunately, we do not have any volunteers who would be willing to open and close the gates 7 day per week or the funds to employ another member of staff.

The Parish Council are investigating the costs of installing electric gates and will consider this a project for the next financial year.
The installation of electric gates would allow the car park to be used throughout the year as well as offering security from illegal encampments.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

We had reports of an increase in dog poo at the allotments and playing field - It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet.

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets.
One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through faecal matter.
Take along a bag with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it in one of the dog waste bins provided.

Speaking of dog waste, this can be disposed of in your general waste bin please don't dispose of carrier bags full of dog waste in the parish dog bins, this is extremely heavy to lift out and as you can imagine very unpleasant for our Parish Orderly who empties these bins.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Theft of Plants from tubs/gardens, St Augustine's Church and theft of Allotment produce.

Over the summer we again had a spate of plant thefts across our community from the wooden planters in Locking Village just days after volunteers dedicated countless hours to beautifying the village with colourful bedding plants, the majority disappeared in a brazen act of theft.

The ongoing thefts at St Augustine's Churchyard have further compounded this disappointment, particularly affecting families who visit the graves of their loved ones. The loss of flowers and plants in this sacred space is not just a material loss but also an emotional blow for those seeking solace in nature's beauty. The local police have acknowledged the seriousness of these thefts and are making it a priority to address the situation.

It's believed that the perpetrator is likely an adult residing in the vicinity, which adds a layer of disappointment to the situation.

As a community, it's essential to stay alert and proactive, reporting any suspicious activities and capturing evidence when safe to do so.

It is disheartening to think that the perpetrator of these thefts may be an adult living locally, someone who is well aware of the effort and dedication that volunteers invest in making Locking a picturesque place.

Locking Village: Arson.

Reports indicate that instances of intentional fires have affected various areas within the community, including hedging, trees, and a fence belonging to a private property.

The Local Fire Service was quick to respond to these acts of vandalism, highlighting the alarming nature of the events and the potential risks posed to both property and public safety.

The Police were notified immediately and have since conducted inquiries into the matter. We believe that they have engaged in discussions with an adult in connection to the incidents

The Parish Council express their gratitude towards the community members who played a pivotal role in reporting these incidents. Their actions not only facilitated a quicker response but also reinforced a sense of collective responsibility.

Remember, by working together we can make our community a safer and happier place to live. All information can be reported to the Police on 101 or email the Clerk at clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk. Please ensure you have detailed descriptions or photographs, if safe to do so.

ENJOY CRAFTING

come and join the

crafty mares

Mondays 6pm - 8pm

The Nurse Thomas Suite,
Locking Parish Hall BS24 8AR

Please bring your own craft to start with.
The cost is £2 per session
to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Locking Book Exchange at

Locking Parish Hall
Tuesday's 10am-12pm

LOVE BOOKS?
This is a free service open to everyone, there is no registration or fee, just bring a book and exchange for one or two you want to read. An easy, fun way to swap books you no longer need

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR and BLEED KIT

Defibrillator & Bleed Kit

The defibrillator (also known as an Automated External Defibrillator or AED) and Bleed Kit to stop blood loss are located in secure boxes by the entrance to Locking Parish Hall BS24 8AR
What3Words: retrieves. Packets. host.

The AED and Bleed Kit is available for use 24/7 to anyone in the vicinity who requires it,
meaning that more people benefit from the presence of this device and lives could be saved.
When you dial 999 the Ambulance Call Handler will ask a series of questions and should your patient require it, they will identify the nearest available defibrillator or bleed kit to you, and give you access details.

St AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LOCKING
News from your Parish Church

St Augustine's church

Dear Friends
My name is Larissa and I'm delighted that I will be joining you in October as Vicar of St Augustine's and also St Mary's, Hutton.
I am joining you from Christ Church and Emmanuel, Weston-super-Mare where I've had a wonderful three years training as a Vicar. I love living in North Somerset and I am sure I will be very happy in Locking!

I'm looking forward to moving to the Vicarage and getting to know everyone and finding out what God is doing in Locking and Hutton.
You'll probably see me around the village or maybe walking from Locking to Hutton and back again. Do stop me and say hello! I apologise in advance if I've forgotten your name!
The most rewarding things about my job are talking about Jesus and supporting people on the best and worst days of their lives. I pray that I will be faithful to all three of these during my time with you. I have three kids with special needs, so I send particular love, prayers and best wishes to stressed parents, carers and grandparents doing family life today.
Before the next edition, we have our Memorial, Remembrance and Christmas services. We would love to see you at our services any Sunday, but you might find one of these services particularly helpful.
I send my grateful thanks to the churchwardens, ministry team and all the servant hearted people who've worked so hard to keep things in such good order during the vacancy.
I look forward to meeting you soon!
Larissa

Church Office: 01934 822857 (Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9.00am - 12.00 noon)
Email: huttonandlocking@gmail.com
Contact Corriene in the church office if you would like to receive our monthly 'Stay Connected' newsletter.
St Augustine's website: http://www.staugustineslocking.org

Church Services October to December 2024

Sundays	St Mary's, Hutton	St Augustine's, Locking
6 October 2024	10am Joint Holy Communion	
13 October 2024		10am Joint Morning Service
20 October 2024	10am Morning Service	10am Holy Communion
27 October 2024	10am Mattins	10am Church in Centre 4pm Memorial Service (Remembering those we have loved and lost.)
3 November 2024	10am Joint Holy Communion	
10 November 2024	10am Remembrance Service	10am Remembrance Service
17 November 2024		10am Joint Holy Communion
24 November 2024	10am Mattins	10am Church in the Centre
1 December 2024	10am Joint Holy Communion	
8 December 2024		10am Joint Morning Service
15 December 2024	10am Morning Service	10am Holy Communion
22 December 2024	10am Mattins	10am Church in the Centre 6pm Carol Service
24 December 2024	11.30pm Joint Midnight Communion	3pm Christingle
25 December 2024		10am Joint Christmas Morning Communion
29 December 2024	10am Joint Morning Service	

info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk

Carlea Theatre Arts provides a wide range of classes that welcome all abilities, from walking through to adults.

All pupils from little stars upwards can perform in our regular shows we produce at the playhouse theatre. Pupils also have the opportunity to take graded examinations with the ISTD as well as medal exams with the UKA. All teachers are highly qualified, DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained.

Our current timetable at Locking Parish Hall is as follows:

Monday: 10.00-10.45am Little starlets, from walking-preschool.
5.15-6.00pm Grade 4 Tap
6.00-6.45pm Grade 4 Ballet
6.45-7.15pm Pointe work
7.15-8.00pm Grade 5 Modern

Tuesday: from 6 years upwards
4.30-5.00pm Body conditioning/flexibility
5.00-5.45pm Acro

Wednesday: 6-11 year olds. 4.30-5.15pm Contemporary dance.
11 years upwards 5.15-6.00pm contemporary dance.

Saturday: 2.5 years and upwards.
9.15-9.45am Little stars ballet
9.50-10.20am Little stars Tap
10.25-10.55am Little stars Ballet
11.00-11.45am Pre Primary ballet
11.50-12.20pm Pre Primary Tap
12.30-1.15pm Primary Tap
1.15-2.00pm Primary Ballet
2.00-2.30pm Primary Modern

At Locking Parklands Hall: Thursdays
5.00-5.45pm Grade 3 Ballet
5.45-6.30pm Grade 4 Modern
6.30-7.15pm Grade 3 Tap
7.20-8.05pm Adult Tap
8.05-8.50pm Adult Jazz

Saturdays
9.30-10.15am Grade 1 Ballet
10.15-11.00am Grade 1 Tap
11.00-11.45am Grade 2 Modern
11.50-12.35pm Grade 2 Ballet
12.35-1.20pm Grade 2 Tap
1.20-2.05pm Grade 3 Modern

Full timetable of classes is on our website: www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk

PARKLANDS SINGERS

We are a group of adults who enjoy singing together, having fun and making new friends. We sing for pleasure, choosing a range of familiar songs we enjoy. You do not need to be able to read music and we welcome all singing abilities. Our musical director, Lucy Rush, leads us and helps us to sound the best we can in a 'no pressure' style. Occasionally, we also enjoy leading 'singalong sessions' for groups of people who want to join in and sing with us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, BS24 8AR from 7.30 – 9.15 pm. There is a small charge (£4.50) to cover costs, including light refreshments. Your first visit will be free, to give you a chance to come and see what we do with no obligation.

We laugh a lot, talk together and make new friends. Do come along, we'd love to see you.

Here are the dates of our next few sessions:

Wednesday 2 October, Wednesday 6 November, Wednesday 4 December.

For more information, contact: Christine Hall, 01934 827686, chris.rushall@gmail.com

BOOGIE BEAT MUSICAL MOVEMENT

Boogie Beat music and movement classes are great fun for little ones, based on traditional nursery rhymes and classical fairy tales combined with a lively and active dance twist! Themes include: The Beautiful Swan, Jack & the Beanstalk, Pirates and Princesses and much more!

Available for BIRTHDAY PARTIES – NURSERY & SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Monday – 11.00 -11.45am – Mead Vale community centre mixed age

Tuesday – 9.30-10.15am - East Huntspill mixed age **Wednesday – 9.10-9.55am and 10.10am-10.55am- Locking mixed age**

Thursday – 9.30-10.15am - East Brent mixed age

10.45am-11.30am - East Brent Baby class

Friday – 11.15am-12.00pm - Uphill mixed age

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Update from Locking Primary School

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year! We have started this year with our new Treetops MLD Resource Hub settled in their beautiful new building, a new outdoor canopy for our Year 1 provision where we continuing to develop our play based curriculum and a new nurture room for all our children to use throughout the day but especially during lunch time as part of our 'calm corner' provision.

Looking ahead to the autumn months we have a number of events planned to which you are all warmly invited to join us! In particular, we are offering a range of 'Stay and Plays' and 'School tours' for those children (and their families) who are looking to start Reception in September 2025. Please can you share this far and wide in our community…we are passionate about growing our school family!

Why Not Join our Locking Family

We are looking for a community governor to join our local Locking governing body! Please get in touch with Mrs Simpson (Headteacher) if you are interested in joining our school family – the support of our community is vital and we need you! Contact office@locking.extendlearning.org to arrange a visit!

Looking for a school for September 2025?

LOCKING PRIMARY SCHOOL
STAY & PLAY OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 1.30-2.30pm
Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 9.30-10.30am

Come to the far end of Meadow Drive, Locking BS24 8BB.
Telephone: 01934 822867. Stay and play in our lovely learning environments and experience life at Locking.
www.locking.n-somerset.sch.uk

Let's talk WELLBEING

FIND YOUR TRIBE & LEARN NEW TOOLS TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN - support group for women with menopause/perimenopause

HUG THE CACTI - support group for parents of teenagers

DARE2CARE - support group for working unpaid carers

BE WELL - support group for those who would like to improve their wellbeing; open to all

Each group offers a holistic approach to health and wellbeing; as well as a safe space to offload, reflect, learn something new, make new friends, laugh and more.

Where:

Locking Parish Hall

When (we start on 2nd October 2024):

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:15 - 8:45 pm

HUG THE CACTI 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:15 - 8:45 pm

DARE2CARE 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:15 - 8:45 pm

BE WELL 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:15 - 8:45 pm

Cost:

One off - £10. Dare2care - free of charge

Monthly subscription - £30 (access to all groups + 50% off "Intense" coaching package (three 1:1 sessions + free access to workshops/guest speakers - I'm planning quarterly workshops based on your needs and/or guest speakers)

Your monthly subscription will help me offer the support group for carers free of charge.

There are limited spaces to each group, bookings required. For details contact Karolina at karolina.wellbeing@gmail.com

Karolina.wellbeing@gmail.com Wellbeing Coaching Karolina Ross wellbeing-coaching.weebly.com

Tai Chi
Spring into Summer
Wednesday 1.30 – 2.30pm
Locking Parish Hall £6.50pp

Brush off those winter blues and join us in the practice of the ancient Chinese Arts of Tai chi Chuan (Taijiquan) and Qigong (Chi-Kung).

Regular practice of Tia Chi and Oigong have been proven to benefit may health conditions. Ailments such as arthritis, heart disease, COPD, chronic pain, diabetes and joint problems can all benefit from this gentle form of exercise.

Often referred to as "Meditation in Movement", it has the calming meditative aspect of Tai chi that makes it particularly effective at reducing stress and anxiety, and associated illness.

Tia Chi players enjoy improved flexibility, balance and co-ordination, together with relaxation and the companionship of other like-minded people.
Our weekly classes are taught in a friendly and informal setting.

Cheryl Mountford, Bubbling Springs Tia Chi
Tel: 01278 781544 Mob: 07840 350334
Em: bubblingsprings@hotmail.com

You are warmly invited to come and meet others in

THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Church Centre, Lychgate Park, Locking
Every Tuesday afternoon 2pm-4pm

Cuppa - Chat - Books - Puzzles - Games

Make new friends, have a friendly chat, be yourself and relax. Ideal for carers to bring your loved ones too.

GARDENCARE

Lawns/Hedges Cut/Clearances/Patios/All Garden Work

Professional Qualifications/Insured

30+ Years' Experience

TEL: Mark 07542 767118 or 01934 204756

Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Talk to us

Join your Neighbourhood Policing Team at

Drop in and speak to PCSO Steve Hemmett, whether you want advice on how to protect your belongings, arrange for free bike security marking, more information about the work we are doing in your area, or you want to raise a concern about an issue in your community.

Time: 10:00 to 12:00PM Tuesdays

Date: 8/10/24 05/11/24 3/12/24 21/01/25 18/2/25 18/3/25

Location: Locking Village Hall, Grenville Ave, Locking, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 8AR.

For more information please visit:
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area

Follow us on

ACCESS TO YOGA

Members enjoying a cream tea

Members of the Thursday Chair-based yoga group enjoyed a cream tea kindly prepared by Anthea Raines and Pam Wallace. Haze, from Access to Yoga, is really pleased to lead this friendly group of people through their exercises each week – "There is such a lovely sense of community in this beautiful hall," she commented.'

Many seniors in Locking regularly come along to Chair-based Yoga Exercise sessions at Locking Parish Hall on Thursday mornings. They say that it is an enjoyable way to exercise and learn to relax. As it is very popular, Haze is currently running a reserve list. Please get in touch if you wish to have your name added.

However, if you prefer not to wait or if you find it difficult to get to the venue, Haze also runs a live online class via Zoom every Wednesday at 11.15am.

All you need is access to a laptop, iPad or tablet to take part in the comfort of your own home. Haze is happy to chat to you in advance to help get you set up if you've never used Zoom before. Live Zoom classes mean that you can see and hear Haze and she is able to see you and talk to you to let you know how you are doing. Want to give it a try? Your first class is FREE.

Contact Haze haze@accesstoyoga.co.uk Tel: 07980 697145

access to yoga

CRAFT CLUB

We are a friendly group of ladies who enjoy a natter while crafting. We meet on Monday mornings during term-time from 10.00am – 12 noon in St Augustine's Church Centre.

We do various crafts including card making, pergamano, knitting, embroidery, and also have regular craft demonstrations which could introduce you to new crafts.

We welcome new members. Please bring your own craft to start with. The cost is £2 per session to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information please call Eileen Begent on 01934 822050 or email eileen@begent.org

Inspire

Parent and Me Theatre Class
Wednesday 11.15-11.45am at Locking Parish Hall for ages 2-4.
This class is designed for those little ones who love dancing and movement.
This class helps with posture, focus, rhythm, balance, coordination and is great for social skills.

They also get the opportunity to perform in a Christmas Showcase and our annual Show at The Playhouse Theatre.

Facebook - inspirewsm
Instagram - Inspire.Theatre
Email - contactinspire@yahoo.com
Website - www.inspiretheatre.co.uk

Locking Senior Club

We held an afternoon tea on July 10th. Dan from Parkside Café, supplied refreshments of sausage rolls, sandwiches, crisps and of course, his lovely cakes. It really was a feast, enjoyed by all of us!

We meet fortnightly on Wednesday afternoon, 2pm-4pm in St. Augustine's Church Centre.

Dates of our meetings:

October 2nd, 16th, 30th.

November 18th, 27th.

December 11th we are at the Beachlands Hotel for our Christmas Lunch.

January 8th, 22nd 2025.

If you would like to come along and try us out, you will be made most welcome. For more information, please contact Anthea Raines on 01934 820255.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Locking Church Centre, 10am – 12.30pm
Saturday 27th July
Saturday 28th Sept

Meet - Chat - Charity Stalls - Cakes - Teas with Children's activities

For details tel.: 01934 822857 or email huttonandlocking@gmail.com
Contact us if you would like a stall for your chosen charity

St Augustine's Church Locking

Remembrance Sunday

10th November

Remembrance Service and Parade.

Everyone is welcome to join us in church at 10am, for this Uniformed Organisations Parade and Remembrance Service which will include an act of remembrance.

For more information ring 01934 822857

Christmas at St. Augustine's Locking

Sunday 22nd December

- 10am Church in the Centre with Nativity

- 6pm Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December

- 3pm Christingle Service

Bring an orange to the Church Centre from 2.30pm to make your Christingle

- 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion in Hutton

Wednesday 25th December

- 10am Family Christmas Day Communion

All children and families welcome

The Helicopter Museum

The Helicopter Museum celebrates its 35th Anniversary this November and on Sunday 3rd there will be a day of special themed tours and talks for visitors including:

A Founders Tour - Founder and Life President of The Museum, Capt Elfan Ap Rees will tell the story of the Museums conception and regale visitors with some of the stories about how he acquired the aircraft in the now world famous collection.

Restoring A Flying Banana - A close up look and talk about the Museums latest conservation project, restoring a H-21 Flying Banana.

The Helicopter Museum At The Movies - A chance to climb aboard the Museum's 'Marvel' Helicopter and hear about the role it played in a recent blockbuster movie, plus a look at the other aircraft in the collection that have appeared in TV and Film.

Please keep an eye on the Museum website for details - www.helimuseum.com

Other dates for the diary....

September 22nd - Vintage Wheels Car Rally

October 27th - Halloween Family Fun Day and Giant Bubble Shows

December 8th - Christmas Themed Family Fun Day and Visit by Santa

HUTTON, OLDMIXON & LOCKING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Branch is always looking to welcome new members (ex-service and non-service people). We meet at Hutton Village Hall where we hold social events as well as Branch meetings.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 10th September – Ploughman Supper
Tuesday 12th November - AGM
Meetings are held in Hutton Village Hall at 19:30

For further information please contact Liz on 07508114334 Email 158lizbrown@gmail.com or Lin on 07816522460 Email secretary.rbl.hol@outlook.com

LITTLE ARK TODDLERS

We are a very friendly group of parents, grandparents and carers who meet every Wednesday at 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Augustine's Church Centre during term time. All children are welcome from birth to school age.
We have a large variety of toys including a slide, happy land, play dough, play kitchen, and much, much more.
Every week we have a different craft activity.
We charge £2 per family which includes tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.
(Cost covers adult and 2 children, each additional child charged at £1 extra)
So why not give us a try and join in the fun!!!!! **For further information please contact Gail – 07818 677635 or see our Facebook Page "Little Ark Toddlers"**

Marmalade Christmas Cheer

The Marmalade Trust is now open to new referrals for the Marmalade Christmas Cheer 2024 project.
They will be offering Christmas Day lunch time events in local pubs and restaurants for those who are able to self-mobilise and are keen to socialise with others on Christmas Day.
They will also be offering a festive doorstep social visit for those whose physical or mental health mean they are unable to attend an event but would still like to share some conversation with a friendly volunteer on Christmas Day.

Christmas Cheer 2024 – eligbility: They can accept people who:

- Would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day (no family, friends or neighbours to see on Christmas Day) and feel lonely most or all of the time.
- Live in Bristol, South Gloucestershire or North Somerset.
- Live on their own, in their own home, rented or owned, (i.e. not nursing home or sheltered housing where meals are provided in the company of others).
- For meal events – able to self-mobilise (this can be wheelchair users who can self-transfer), get in & out of transport and be happy seated at a table with other members and volunteers and look after their own personnal care.
- For doorstep visits – able to come to their door, receive a gift and have a chat. (N.B. Our volunteers are not able to enter properties).
- Be comfortable making and remembering the arrangements with the volunteers.
- Are not experiencing a mental health crisis or drug/alchohol abuse.

They are unable to take forward referras which do not include the referrers' contact details. This information is vital in situations where we cannot get hold of someone or if they are unable to take them forward for the option selected.
Alternatively people can self refer by calling the Marmalade Trust on 07566 244788.
For further information go to **www.marmaladetrust.org/christmas**

If anyone is interested in helping out by volunteering on the day, for example as a driver, please do get in touch! They need 150 volunteers to make it all happen!

Why Make a Lasting Power of Attorney?

Should you have an accident or illness, many believe that your spouse or relatives will automatically be able to make decisions for you, yet this is not the case.

Registering a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) allows you to choose people you trust to act for you if you become unable to do so yourself in the future. There are two types of LPA and it is advisable to have both.

Property and Financial Affairs
This LPA covers the paying of bills, mortgage, treatment or care. As well as access to bank accounts, pensions & investments and the buying, selling, maintaining of property and allow your attorneys to communicate with banks and professionals such as financial advisers and accountants.

Health and Welfare
This LPA covers where you live, day-to-day care, medical treatment and therapies as well as expressing your personal wishes concerning end of life decisions. An LPA for health and welfare allows your attorneys to speak with medical and social care professionals on your behalf which can determine the care and treatment you receive.

What happens if I don't make a Lasting Power of Attorney?
If you don't have an LPA in place, and you can no longer make decisions yourself, your family will need to obtain permission to act for you from the Court of Protection. This process can be very stressful, expensive and can take months. In the meantime, your family is effectively stuck, unable to assist you.

Many believe that if they are married or have joint accounts that they don't need an LPA. Bank accounts can be frozen and being married does not give you the power to decide for your spouse/civil partner if he/she is incapacitated.

Making LPAs gives you peace of mind that those you trust have practical powers to assist you without the stress of applying to the Court of Protection.

If you would like a discussion about LPAs, or making or updating your Will, please call **01934 442030** to arrange.

Futura Planning

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Lasting Power of Attorney

Just as important as making a Will

What are the benefits of making a Lasting Power of Attorney?

- Peace of mind for you and all your family
- Practical powers allowing those you trust to assist you at a time you need it most
- Avoid the stress & *ongoing expense* of applying to the Court of Protection

Find out how we can help:
01934 442030

Or visit our website:
www.futuraplanning.co.uk

Popular solar panel buying scheme returns

Are you thinking about getting solar panels?
The popular scheme **Solar Together** has returned to help North Somerset residents and small businesses generate their own clean, local, renewable energy.
North Somerset Council is once again working with partners the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and independent group-buying collective iChoosr Ltd on the third round of Solar Together.
This innovative scheme uses the collective bargaining power of many local people to buy high-quality solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, batteries and EV home charge points – and their installation – at a very competitive price.
Last year nearly 2,600 solar panels were installed at properties across North Somerset, thanks to Solar Together. Feedback from previous Solar Together customers found the top reasons for joining the scheme include:

- hassle-free process
- trustworthy pre-approved contractor
- high-quality panels and installation
- more affordable price compared to buying directly from an installer.

Small businesses, community groups and residents can all apply.
Registration is free, with no obligation to buy. Find out more at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/solartogether or call 0800 014 8851.

Discounted home energy surveys in North Somerset

A home energy survey is a great first step to make your home more sustainable, helping you to save energy and money in the long term.

If you live in North Somerset, you can get an exclusive £250 discount on a home survey. With a survey, you can better understand the upgrades you could make to improve the energy efficiency of your home, sometimes called 'retrofit.'
To be eligible for £250 off a home survey, you must:

- Live in North Somerset.
- Own your home.
- Be able to book and complete your survey by 31 December 2024.

Explore your survey options and follow the instructions to book.

FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping is still occurring at the entrance to The Scouts field on Old Banwell Road and the pond at the playing field. If you happen to come across this and it's safe to do so, please make a note of the date and time and if you can please take a photo with vehicle registration and send it to the Clerk who will report these incidents.

Fly Tipping

Let's tackle it together!

Fly tipping – the illegal dumping of waste – can pollute the environment and cost significant amounts of council taxpayers money to clear away.

All householders and businesses have a duty of care for any waste that they produce.

This means that you must dispose of it legally and only use licenced waste carriers. Fly tipping can carry a maximum fine of £50,000 or even more if the case goes to Crown Court a prison sentence of up to five years.

Any waste that you **pay** to have removed from your home is classed as commercial waste and needs to be disposed of accordingly.

When having waste collected from your home or business remember the **S.C.R.A.P rule.**

- **Suspect** – If it doesn't feel right then it probably isn't.
- **Check** – All waste carriers need to be registered with the Environment Agency. If they collect waste for payment, then they need to be registered as a **high tier waste carrier.** Check that they are registered at https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers
- **Refuse** – unsolicited offers to take your waste.
- **Ask** – questions as to where they will take your waste.
- **Paperwork** – **ALWAYS** get a receipt from the person collecting your waste including their business details.

If your waste is found fly tipped and you can't provide documentation showing who collected it, you could end up with a fine

Safer Stronger North Somerset

Business Adverts in Parish Newsletter

Locking Parish Council
Looking @ Locking Newsletter – Advertising

The Parish Council has decided to include advertisements in the Looking @ Locking Newsletter to help offset the printing costs. Only advertisements from Weston-super-Mare businesses and organisations will be accepted.
The newsletter is published 4 times a year and is delivered by hand to all of the houses in Locking Parish. The newsletter is also published online at www.lockingpc.co.uk

If you would like to enquire about advertising please contact the Clerk via:
clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

Locking Newsletter is an A5 publication delivered quartley to over 1700 households in Locking Parish.
It is also available online at www.lockingpc.co.uk

Advertising Rates We offer you the opportunity to advertise with us in **FULL COLOUR** (print and online) at no additional cost.
The below rates are per issue.

Advert size	Size	Cost
A5 full page Portrait	A5	£125.00
Half page (landscape only)	9.7cm high x 13.1cm wide	£49.00
Quarter page (portrait and landscape)	9.7cm high x 6.3cm wide (portrait) 4.7cm high x 13.1cm wide (landscape)	£28.00

REPORTING ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

Resident Parishioners are encouraged to report issues themselves to various organisations. The Clerk & Parish Council do try to deal with reported concerns within the resources available. Please use the chart below to find the right contact to report a concern.
Thank you.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?	WHO DEALS WITH IT?	WHO DEALS WITH IT?
Fly Tipping; Flooding; Pot holes; Street Lighting (other than the 26 PC-owned lamps) Missed recycling/No Service Waste; Dog fouling on pavements; overgrown hedges that obstruct footpaths & roads	**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**	**01934 888 888 www.n-somerset.gov.uk**
Anti-Social Behaviour Cold calling; Suspected phone scam; parking issues; Speeding	**POLICE**	**101 999 (IN AN EMERGENCY)**
Locking Parklands Residents can also contact Preim Ltd for any of the following: Fly Tipping; Flooding; Potholes Dog Fouling on pavements, overgrown hedges that obstruct footpaths or roads	**PREIM Ltd**	**Regional Customer Support Team via email helpdesk@Preim.co.uk 24/7 Helpline 01778 382210**
Locking Village: 26 PC owned street lights, dog bins, litter bins, street furniture, Parish Hall, Park, Allotments, open spaces	**LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL**	**01934 820786**

THE PARISH CLERK - Mrs D Tremlett
The Parish Hall Grenville Avenue Locking
BS24 8AR
01934 820 786
Email: clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

Please contact the Clerk on enquiries or concerns regarding the Parish -she will be happy to help you.

Your COUNCILLORS		
Cllr Paul Jones	**Chairman**	**0792 8680464**
Cllr Elfan Ap Rees		**01934 822524**
Cllr Peter Lacey		**01934 822660**
Cllr Carl Prosser		**07799 607748**
Cllr Wendy Ashdown		**07983 573766**
Cllr Bill Bearsby		**01934 823144**
Cllr Mike Tremlett	**Vice-Chairman**	**07435 969050**
Cllr Lisa Clark		**07872 498398**
Cllr Justine Carter		**07891 499983**
Cllr Ian Hilder		**07724 996269**
Cllr Paul Schofield		**07517 500567**
Cllr Paul Huish		**07484 172575**
Cllr Tess Poynton		**07748 612107**

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