

# LOOKING at LOCKING



Parish Newsletter

Edition: Autumn/Winter 2021

Welcome to our Parish Newsletter





## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR . . .

Chairman's Report - Autumn Edition of 'Looking at Locking'.

I welcome you all to our new look 'Autumn Edition of Looking at Locking Newsletter'. I believe that the refreshed look is informative and hopefully is of benefit to all within the Parish. It is only right that I should thank the editorial team comprising of Ms Michele Callaghan and The Clerk for producing this newsletter which to my view is a means of providing relevant information and advice to residents in our growing community. I would also recommend that Parishioners visit our website at [www.lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.lockingparishcouncil.co.uk) for further information on meetings and activities.

It is clear to Council that Locking Parklands will continue to grow with further housing and infrastructures being developed almost daily. The new Locking Parklands Secondary School and Health Centre are clearly needed within our growing community as they benefit everyone for a number of reasons. What we as a Parish Council have to ensure is that our current assets and infrastructure is capable of supporting these new developments.

Your Parish Council is concerned about the state of the footpath in the 'Spinney' which many residents of Locking Parish will recall, with the bridge over the A371, was a major link to Royal Air Force Locking. With the removal of that bridge and with the proposed construction of the new Secondary School and Health Centre, we believe that there is a real need for a safe and proper route between Locking Parklands and existing businesses and facilities in Locking village. Residents on both sides of the A371 must have a safe well-lit route for pedestrians to travel in the parish. We as a Parish Council are seeking to engage with developers and North Somerset Council to address this important issue.

Secondly, we have also recognised that during recent difficult times that mental health issues are becoming more evident, in response to these issues, we have installed exercise equipment and will soon install a 'trim-trail' and park benches for all to use at the Old Banwell Road (OBR) Playing Fields. These works were identified as part of our long-term Plan for the

Playing Field which is being progressed and completed whenever funding allows. As a major project for the next financial year Council are looking to upgrade the 'Park and Stride Carpark' at the OBR Playing Fields to make it more user friendly. We are currently exploring options for drainage and surfacing along with other funding streams. We intend to hold an open day for consultation and an opportunity for parishioners to meet Councillors.

Council continues to engage with Stakeholders to address matters which can affect our community. I am a firm believer that working in partnership is better for all concerned in our fast-growing community.

I am also led to understand that unfortunately a number of well-known parishioners and ex Councillors have recently passed away. Our thoughts and condolences are with the families and friends of Peter Carr, Brian Carter, Tony Coles, Alex Robertson and Dave Wallace - they will be missed. I am sad to report that Ms Jo Roberts resigned from Council in July this year. Jo amongst her many contributions played a pivotal role in co-ordinating Locking Parish Council's volunteer response during and after Covid lockdown. I wish to thank Jo on behalf of Locking Parish Council and Parishioners for her valued contributions which I am sure many in our community will remember and are grateful for her help during those difficult times. The Clerk has in the interim taken over responsibility for the co-ordination of volunteers should any assistance be required in the future. Locking Parish Council has currently 5 Councillor vacancies, for further details of what the role entails please see page 11 in this newsletter or contact The Clerk on 01934 820786 for further information if you feel you are able to volunteer, help and contribute to our growing community.

***Councillor Paul Jones - Chairman***

If you have information or an article that you consider might be of interest to the residents of Locking, then please contact the Editor via e-mail: [clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS**

### **CLlr Paul Jones – (Chairman)**

I have been living in Locking Parklands for almost 9 years. I have been a Parish Councillor for nearly 4 years. I am currently Chairman of Locking Parish Council. Before becoming a Parish Councillor, I was a representative on Locking Parklands Community Interest Company for over 3 years.

I enjoy being a Parish Councillor as I am able to provide support and guidance to all in our community. I am conscious that the Parish of Locking is changing rapidly with the development of Locking Parklands. As a Councillor I am able to influence decisions for the benefit of those I serve. I take pride and a sense of achievement in seeing changes that have resulted from the decisions that Council has made especially when the community benefits.

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### **CLlr John Keate – (Vice- Chairman)** and lives in Locking Village

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### **CLlr Bill Bearsby – (Chair - Estates Committee)** and lives in Locking Village

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### **CLlr Mike Tremlett –**

I live in Weston-Super-Mare near the sea front but work at the Hive Business Centre close to the Parish boundary. I have been a Councillor now for just over a year. I enjoy being able to share my experience and knowledge with other Councillors (particularly from a Planning perspective) and having lived in Locking Village previously, I have an affinity with the Parish and want to give something back to the Community.

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### **CLlr Wendy Ashdown – (Chair – Hall, Park & Green)**

I reside on Locking Parklands and have done so for the past 7 years. I have been a Councillor for 5 years now and enjoy being a Councillor because it gives me the opportunity to give something to the Community. I have recently taken over the responsibility of the Hall, Park and Green as Chair. We have completed many improvements including a mini makeover to the Parish Hall and new solar lighting along the path across the park. Also, 4x new picnic tables and benches have been installed for the community to enjoy.

### **Clr Carl Prosser –**

I live in Locking Village and have been a Councillor for 2 years.

I attended many council meetings prior to becoming a Councillor, whilst sitting in on the meetings I felt that I may be able to offer an approach that complimented the rest of the Council. I have my own business which I started when I was 17 years old and now employ up to 50 people. I felt that the skills I have learnt during this time would assist with situations that may arise within the Council.

We as a team have carried out a number of projects since I have joined, solar lighting in the park and by the school path, exercise equipment in the park, makeover of the hall, planters within the Parish, sapling planting at the Old Banwell playing fields to name a handful that you may or may not have noticed.

We also have some larger projects that are ever evolving such as the Old Banwell Road playing field area, and the ongoing work to try to reduced flooding within the Parish as well as trying to keep an eye on what developers are trying to do within our Parish.

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### **Clr Elfan Ap Rees –**

I first joined the Parish Council in circa 1971 but moved out of the village in 1976 and resigned. I next Joined Woodspring District Council in 1977, representing part of Weston but subsequently moved back to Locking in 1984 and became a District Councillor here covering Locking, Hutton and Bleadon Parishes.

I retained that position surviving nine consecutive re-elections and eventually becoming Deputy Leader of North Somerset Council, returning to my roots you might say as an Independent.

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### **Clr Les Mason –**

I have been a serving Councillor for 15 years and I represent Oaktree Park. My main aim has always been to make sure that residents of Oaktree Park feel a part of Locking Parish, looking after their interests, making sure they have a voice at local level which I will continue to do so in my role as a Parish Councillor.

### CLlr Pete Lacey –

I've been a member of Locking Parish Council for approx. 12 years. Having brought up a family in Locking, and having the benefits of its many groups and organisations over the years, I felt that retirement presented me with an opportunity to stand for election as a Parish Councillor. There were a number of reasons back then, the main ones being to support those good things about our community, whilst seeking to improve the aspects that needed improvement.

Massive development was about to commence on the Northern and Western borders of the Parish, so there was also a need to make sure that those living here already had a 'voice' in decisions that would change our circumstances and environment. This we have done, and continue to do. As a Parish Councillor, do you have any effect? That's the question that so many ask. Yes, we do – we have changed things around the Parish for the better, and we certainly make ourselves known when chasing issues that concern parishioners.

Is it worth the effort? It certainly is ... Sometimes the processes that the law demands we use are frustrating and time consuming, and effects are rarely seen instantly. But we use due process to good effect for example on compliance issues – but to do so we have made sure that we are compliant ourselves. We consistently monitor where small physical improvements could be made around the Parish, and we are attempting to improve our longer-term capacity in project delivery by longer term financial planning. I could go on! – but not today.

Are you someone who could join us in this work?

We currently have vacancies!

Why not come along to see how we work at one of our regular meetings?

What are your interests and what could you add to the Council?

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### CLlr Anthony Hetherington –

I have been a Councillor for the Parish since September 2019. I have lived in Locking Village since 2018 but have a long association with the area as my parents were residents for many years.

I am a retired police officer and I joined the council in order to continue to assist and play an active part in the community. I serve on the main Council and the Estates Committee. I am currently on a leave of absence.

## HALL, PARK & GREEN COMMITTEE

**Parish Hall** – It's good to see the hall being busy again – we have some welcome new activities in the hall which you can find out more later in the newsletter. The hall is available for hire for all sorts of activities, you will find our list of charges on page 15 please contact the Clerk or Michele if you want to book the hall or have a look around before you book. We continue to keep the Hall and Park in tip top condition recently replacing the old dishwasher, we are also repairing the stage ceiling which was damaged by a squirrel infestation, and replacing the old rear doors at the back of the Hall – funding for these works is from our maintenance budget. The Parish Hall car park is a very dark unwelcoming facility as the winter draws in, the Committee decided to install another light at the front of the hall to help with this – we want all our hall users to feel safe while using the car park.

**The Park** – The Park equipment had its annual inspection by RoSPA in June, the report was very good and showed that our maintenance routine is paying off. We have received some lovely feedback since the picnic tables have been installed - The Co-op Garage kindly donated another picnic table making a total of 4. It's good to see them so well used throughout the day. Please remember the Park is a Dog Free Zone and we hope that anyone using the Park will respect that and leave their dogs outside the Park or at home. The Parish Orderly continues to keep the Park clear of rubbish and the occasional dog fouling which unfortunately is still occurring from time to time.



**The Green** – This is a small area of green opposite the Coronation Garden – tis surrounded by hedging with a small access gate and seating area – lovely space if you want to 'get away from it all' to sit, read or picnic.

### **PARISH HALL HIRE –**

**We now have availability for daily hire for Birthday Parties,  
Craft Fayres, Plant Sales & lots more!**

**Please contact the Clerk or Michele on 01934 820786**

## **ESTATES COMMITTEE**

### **Allotments**

We are pleased to say that all recent vacant plots have been filled – we do have a waiting list, if you would like to be added please contact the Clerk or Michele – to be eligible you must live within the Parish of Locking.

The Parish Council received a donation of £100 from Bristol Water which we have used towards replacing the old broken bench seat with a recycled plastic bench seat – the views across to Hutton are stunning from this vantage point.

Note 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.

### **Old Banwell Road Playing Field**

Football is back and all pitches are in full use – we welcome back Locking Park FC, Locking Park FC U13's and Haywood Village FC – we wish them good luck in their respective leagues.



We have recently installed outside gym equipment at the playing field, and are pleased to see it being well used, later this month will see the Trim Trail being installed along with picnic tables, we will be providing litter bins soon but, in the meantime, could you please take your litter home with you. The Parish Community Orchard will see apple, pear, plum trees being planted over the next few months, they will join the abundance of blackberry and sloe berry bushes already present – free picking for all!

The Parish Council will be turning its attention to the car park facilities and new footpath for the next financial year (subject to funding) – watch this space further details.



**Coronation Garden**, many thanks to our volunteer who looks after this lovely space – if anyone else would like to volunteer to look after any of the wooden planters sited around the Parish, please contact the Clerk.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The neighbourhood plan is being progressed to provide the Parishioners of Locking a say in how development is considered moving forwards within the Parish. The final say will sit with the residents of the Parish by way of referendum before any document is adopted. The process started in the Spring of 2021 during lockdown with an initial meeting with interested parties via zoom. The plan needs to be in line with the upcoming emerging North Somerset Local Plan so when the initial version of that document is available, the plan can then be progressed. Progress has been slow due to lockdown constraints but once the first draft of the North Somerset Local Plan is available, matters can progress further. Thank you so far to the attendees of the initial meeting as well as volunteers that have come forward.



***CLlr Mike Tremlett***

## LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL SMALL GRANT SCHEME

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

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.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires that such grants must be *"in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or of some of it"* and *"the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure."*

The law also limits the total amount of expenditure the Council may incur on such payments.

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.

#### **PROCEDURE**

1. Grant requests must be on a completed Locking Parish Council **Grant Application Form**.
2. All requests must include the necessary supporting documentation listed on the application form.
3. Completed application forms and documentation should be sent to the Parish Clerk (email or post).
4. Applications will be considered at a Full Parish Council Meeting, and will only be awarded by resolution of the Full Council.
5. Grant awards are subject to the availability of sufficient funds.

Should you require any further information please contact the Clerk.

**2021/22 The Parish Council** are pleased to announce that Small Grant awards have been made to the following:

**Oaktree Park Community Group** £500 awarded for new flooring in their community hall

**Flowerdown Tots** £400 awarded for the purchase of equipment for this newly formed toddler group



### **PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Buckingham Palace have unveiled plans to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The anniversary of The Queen's record-breaking 70-year reign is officially in February 2022 and

celebrations are planned throughout the year. A four-day bank holiday weekend will run from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022.

The National events include:

- Trooping the Colour and Beacon Lighting (Thursday 2 June);
- Service of Thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral (Friday 3 June);

- Platinum Party at the Palace (Saturday 4 June) - the BBC will stage and broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace;
- The Big Jubilee Lunch (Sunday 5 June).

The Parish Council would like to host a big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June for the whole Community and we encourage people to give some ideas and suggestions as to how we can celebrate this momentous occasion. You can email any suggestions to us ([clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)) or contact any councillor direct. You may even feel that a dedicated group should meet and decide the way forward. We are open to ANY suggestions.

**Please support us for this historic occasion!**

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## **MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR**

### **Why become a PARISH COUNCILLOR**

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 parish of Locking.

As a councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change. It helps if you're a "people person" who enjoys talking to other residents but, more importantly, you need to have the concerns and best interests of the parish as a whole at heart.

As a Parish Councillor you help make decisions as part of a democratic team on how to use the resources and powers of the council for the benefit of the local community.

Councillors are community leaders who care about the local residents they represent, to bring about the best outcomes for all parts of the community.

### **How much time will it take?**

On average, a few hours a week, but you may be able to contribute more or less than this, but all councillors are expected to do something.

You must usually be able to attend the monthly Council meeting. Council Meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month and second Thursday for Committee meeting both at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

There is also an annual meeting which all parishioners are invited to attend. All meetings are advertised on the council notice boards and on the website.

You can talk and listen to members of the parish at any time and it can help if you have shared interests and activities with some of the diverse range of people in the community.

Councillors are expected to attend training, which may be 1 to 3 times a year. In your first few months, we aim to provide training for new councillors which is provided by Avon Local Council Association. This helps you discover how a council works, what you can and can't do as a council and councillor and how best to contribute to your local area.

### **What knowledge or skills do I need?**

Parish Councils benefit from a diverse range of people and we welcome interest from all areas of the community – different ages, backgrounds, experiences and abilities.

Good communication skills, being a good listener, problem solving, analytical thinking and being a team player are all welcome attributes.

The Clerk is available to advise on procedures, policies and legal matters so you do not need this knowledge to get started.

All Councillors are required to abide by the Code of Conduct and by law you must register financial, business and other interests in the Parish.

### **How can I become a councillor?**

There are two routes – election and co-option:

Normal elections are held every 4 years, the last election for Locking Parish was held in 2019. Electors can identify potential councillors and nominate candidates for election. To continue as councillors all existing councillors stand for re-election. People are encouraged to vote and elect councillors to represent their interests.

Outside of an election, if there is a vacancy on the council and an election is not required, you can be co-opted as a new member. This involves the council members voting to co-opt you as a new member during one of the council meetings.

**Locking Parish Council currently have 5 vacancies and are actively encouraging new members to be co-opted.**

### **What are the requirements?**

Anyone can stand as a candidate provided, they meet the qualification requirements. You should be:

- aged over 18;
- a British, Commonwealth Citizen or Citizen of an EU country;
- a registered elector

and have:

- been Resident for 12 months prior to the day of election/co-option – either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary, or;
- occupied land or premises for 12 months as owner or tenant – either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary, or;
- had a principal place of work – either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary.

### **Am I excluded from standing?**

You cannot become a Councillor if:

- have been declared bankrupt within the last five years if you have not repaid your debts.
- have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than three months imprisonment (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine within the last five years.
- you have been disqualified under any legislation relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

Parish Councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public. Why don't you stand for your local parish council and see what difference you can make to your local community?

The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now.

Come along to a parish council meeting, or speak to one of our councillors and find out what they think of the job.



## **OAKTREE PARK MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Locking Parish Council this year supported the installation of a 'Garden of Remembrance' for residents at Oaktree Park by contributing a number of wooden planters and plants.

Councillor Les Mason and his wife Anne were responsible for assisting in the installation of the planters, they with other residents ensured that the blessing conducted by Reverend Anne Wilkins was memorable – it was a moving day for all.

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## **SPEEDWATCH – LOCKING VILLAGE**

Speed watch sessions have been taking place in Locking Village since April 2021. The locations used are agreed and designated by the Local Community Speed Watch Team with the full cooperation and support of Avon and Somerset Constabulary as certain criteria have to be adhered to. Community Speed watch supports the police by monitoring the speed of vehicles through communities using approved equipment and reporting those that exceed the posted limit to the police.

Community Speed watch does not enforce the law but those identified as exceeding the speed limit can expect to receive an advisory letter from the police.

Our presence has been welcomed by many Locking residents who feel that speeding through the village is something they feel very strongly about.

If you feel that you would like to take part in our Speed watch Initiative, please contact our Clerk on Tel: 01934 820786 or email: [clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk) to register your interest and obtain full details.

***Cllr Wendy Ashdown – Speed watch Coordinator***

**LOCKING PARISH HALL**  
**SCALE OF HIRE CHARGES - per hour**



<b>1</b> <u><b>MEETINGS/CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS</b></u> <u><b>ADULT</b></u> Monday - Sunday - Afternoons/Evening <u><b>YOUTH</b></u> Monday - Sunday - Mornings/Afternoons/Evenings	<u><b>PARISH</b></u>  £9.20  £4.30	<u><b>NON-PARISH</b></u>  £16.70  £6.20
<b>2</b> <u><b>PARTIES/DANCES etc.</b></u> <u><b>ADULT</b></u> Sunday - Thursday Friday & Saturday  <u><b>YOUTH (Under 14 &amp; under supervision only)</b></u> Monday - Sunday	  £10.25 £11.30  £9.10	  £17.50 £19.90  £13.40
<b>3</b> <u><b>COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS</b></u> <u><b>ADULT</b></u> Monday - Sunday - Afternoons/Evenings  <u><b>YOUTH (Under 14</b></u> Monday - Sunday - Afternoons/Evenings	  £11.30  £6.20	  £9.90  10.20
<b>4</b> <u><b>NURSE THOMAS ROOM</b></u> <u><b>ADULT</b></u>  <u><b>YOUTH (Under Supervision only)</b></u>	  £4.80  £3.50	  £7.00  £6.20
<b>5</b> <u><b>HIRE CROCKERY</b></u> Hire charge per session Refundable deposit payable in advance	£6.50 + breakages £10.00	
<u><b>NOTES:</b></u> ➤ All prices quoted are per hour - Setting up & clearing away <u><b>MUST</b></u> be taken into consideration when working out the time that you wish to hire the hall from & until. ➤ All bookings (except for regular users) require a refundable deposit of £50.00. ➤ All charges are reviewed annually.		

## **FLOWERDOWN TOTS**

We are excited to have restarted our toddler group Flowerdown Tots after the summer holidays. We did a 6-week trial before the summer – which was resoundingly successful. We are located in Locking Parish Hall on Friday mornings term time 9.30am – 11.30am and we ask £2 per adult to help cover the running costs.

Tots have had so much fun with all the various activities we have had going on such as playing in the pretend café and kitchen, painting, playing with playdoh, doing arts and crafts, sensory play, taking care of baby dolls and bouncing on the bouncy castle at the party at the end of term.

There is tea and cake (provided by the Bentley Road Bakery) and biscuits provided – however we are desperately in need of some more volunteers to help particularly with making/serving of refreshments.

If you are able to help in anyway, please contact [flowerdowntots@yahoo.com](mailto:flowerdowntots@yahoo.com) or call Emma on 07887 583156



## **SWING FEVER**

Swing Fever is a six-piece jazz band playing a mixture of jazz styles and popular music and has been around for many years. During lock down no playing was allowed, so we had two years of nothing. During that time several of the band members started writing new arrangements. Over a hundred were produced. It was great when we could get blowing again and have really enjoyed using Locking Parish Hall as a rehearsal room. We had our first gig of the year at Cadbury Heath Jazz club in Bristol and are hoping for many more.

Anyone who maybe interested in booking the band please contact Mac Kirby on 01923 253268 or Email: [macsquashkirby@aol.com](mailto:macsquashkirby@aol.com)



## BOOGIE BEAT MUSICAL MOVEMENT

Hi everyone my name is Naomi and I am the owner of Boogie Beat music and movement franchise for Weston-Super-Mare, Burnham on Sea and surrounding areas.

Boogie Beat music and movement

**DON'T MISS OUT** – Book your space today! 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!



**WEDNESDAY** – Locking Parish Hall mixed age class 09.30am – 10.15am and Baby class (Newborn- Pre-crawlers) 10.30am-11.00am. Themes include: The Beautiful Swan, Jack & the Beanstalk, Pirates and Princesses and much more!! (Birthday Parties, Nursery & School Workshops)

## LOCKING KARATE

Locking Karate was started just over 10 years ago by myself Sensei Gary Doughty; I am a fourth Dan black belt and have been teaching for around 25 years. We are part of a small association called Engan Karate Nansie which means Coastal Karate Southwest, with the other two clubs being in Uphill and on the Oldmixon. The style is based on Wado-ryu, this uses evasive movements making it suitable for all regardless of size or strength. We take students from age 5, teaching all aspects of Karate with a special emphasis on self defence, however the main purpose in my teachings is for students to enjoy what they are doing.

At the moment I have an influx of new students so anyone looking to start will definitely not feel out of their depth. Adults are especially welcome and any previous grades will be recognised. The club trains Friday nights from 6.30pm to 8.30pm with breaks at Christmas and Easter, and we train throughout the school holidays. For further details please contact me on: 07880 821914 or Email: [garydoughty@btinternet.com](mailto:garydoughty@btinternet.com)





## CARLEA THEATRE ARTS

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

All pupils from little stars upwards have the opportunity to participate 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 Autumn/Winter timetable at Locking Parish Hall is as follows: -

Monday – 10.00 -10.45am Little Starlets, from walking – pre-school.

### **From 6 years upwards**

Tuesday: 4.30 -5.00pm - Body conditioning/flexibility

5.00 -5.45pm - Acro

Wednesday: 5.00 -5.45pm Contemporary Dance. **(6 – 11 Year olds)**

### **From 2 ½ Years and upwards**

Saturday: 09.00 -09.30am Little Stars Tap  
 09.45 -10.15am Little Stars Ballet  
 10.30 -11.00am Little Stars Ballet  
 11.15 -12.00pm Primary Tap  
 12.00 -12.45pm Primary Ballet  
 12.45 -13.15pm Grade 1 Modern



Full timetables of all classes are on our website:

[www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk](http://www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk)

Email: [info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk](mailto:info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk)







## LOCKING PRE-SCHOOL



Locking Preschool is an outstanding provision located within the beautiful grounds of Locking Primary School. We are extremely fortunate to have a fantastic space for the children to learn, grow and explore in. The setting is based next to the foundation stage classroom so this will give your child a wonderful and familiar transition to Locking Primary School. We offer free flowing continuous play between the inside and outdoor areas. This wonderful space ensures the children have the very best environment to start their lifelong journey of learning as well as nurturing their independence. The opportunities and experiences we offer the children will be sure to extend their learning and development at your child's individual pace. The first five years in a child's life is a crucial learning stage, we ensure that we give all children opportunities to widen their knowledge around communities and culture celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas.

We offer an extensive curriculum which is tailored around both the EYFS and the individual interests and requirements of the children we care for. Locking Preschool is a fully inclusive setting welcoming children aged 2-5 years. Our staff are highly qualified, experienced and are fully committed to meeting the needs of every child and their family that attends our provision. Open term time 9:00am-3:30pm Monday- Friday. We are in receipt of government funding for all eligible children this includes 30 hours of free early year's education.

Spaces are now limited but to arrange a visit please call 07810242330 or email [lockingpreschool1@gmail.com](mailto:lockingpreschool1@gmail.com). Our website has more details [www.lockingpreschool.com](http://www.lockingpreschool.com).

## U3A GUITAR GROUP

U3A Guitar Group meet every Tuesday 2pm-4pm in the Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking.

If you want to learn to play the guitar we have spare guitars, so please come along and give it a try.

U3A has 800 members in Weston-Super-Mare and holds 80 different groups including: table tennis, knitting, book club and French.

**All Welcome - Especially Beginners – Contact Chris 01934 517348 or Derek 01934 823342**

## **ADVICE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM**

As the days get shorter and the darker evenings draw in its time to think about security.

### **Things for you to consider**

- Remove toys and garden furniture into a locked and secured shed or enclosure remembering to lock gates, makes sure any external lighting is working and any CCTV is powered and recording.
- If you're going out for the evening or away consider timed switches for lights or ask a neighbour to pop in and close/open your curtains
- Think vehicle security. Don't leave property in the car if this can't be avoided don't leave it on display and always make sure your car is locked and secure.

Please feel welcome to contact us if you have any issues or concerns!

We can be reached either via 101 or by our force website:

[www.avonandsomerset.polic.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.polic.uk)



## **PARKLANDS POP UP CAFÉ**

**9<sup>th</sup> October – 2021**  
**13<sup>th</sup> November – 2021**  
**11<sup>th</sup> December – 2021**

**10am-noon @ Parklands Educate Together**



All are welcome to come along for a chance to meet up with old friends, make some new ones, enjoy a drink and a yummy cake, and let the kids do a free craft. Card payments now accepted.

## **TALK CLUB NORTH SOMERSET**

Talk Clubs mission is to help all men look after their mental fitness – so join us to talk about what is going on in your world. Talk Club is a talking (and listening) group for men over 18

Meets every Thursday 6.30pm – 8pm at the For All Healthy Living Centre, 68 Lonsdale Avenue, WSM BS23 3SJ – visit [WETALKCLUB.COM/CLUBS](http://WETALKCLUB.COM/CLUBS) for further details

## LOCKING SENIOR CLUB

Finally, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Locking Seniors returned. Members were so pleased to be together again. The sounds of chatting and laughter, was just the tonic that we all needed. We meet fortnightly in St. Augustine's Church Centre, 2pm-4pm.

### **Dates for forthcoming meetings:**

October 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>



***We still have room for new members!***

**For more information, please contact Anthea on 01934 820255**

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## PARKLANDS SINGERS



We are a group of adults (men & women) who enjoy singing together, having fun and making new friends. We sing for pleasure choosing a range of familiar songs we enjoy. Our musical director, Lucy Rush, leads us and helps us to sound the best we can in a 'no pressure' style. All abilities are very welcome – you do not have to be a 'singer' or be able to read

music to join, you just have to enjoy singing.

We meet on the **first Wednesday of each month** at the **Radio Wing, 7.30pm-9.30pm**. Our first session back will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. There is a small fee (£4.50) each month to cover the cost of the hall, our musical director, music and light refreshments. There is not charge on your first visit, so do come along and see what we do.

**2021 Dates:** 6<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**For more information -**

**contact Christine Hall - 01934 827686**

**E-mail: [chris.rushall@gmail.com](mailto:chris.rushall@gmail.com)**



## THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION CONCERT BAND



The Band quickly established itself as a fine Concert Band, which is much in demand. All the musicians are volunteers, many have served in the Forces, some are ex-pro players, teachers, but most are civilian players who enjoy making music together. They contribute a significant amount of time to their hobby much to the

benefit of RAFA and other Charities.

In its short history the Band has and continues to raise funds for RAFA as well as raising monies for other Service and Civilian charities.

### **How does the Band Operate?**

The Band rehearses weekly, on Mondays from 8pm in The Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking, Weston s Mare. BS24 8AR

The Band also performs a number of paid engagements throughout the year. Income from these engagements is used to raise money and offset the running costs of the Band.



### **Who can join the Band?**

We are always ready to welcome new members into the Band. There are no particular age or fitness requirements (we don't march!) and no previous experience with bands is necessary most players find that joining the Band gives a boost to their musical development.

**What do you need?** a) Your own instrument b) Monday nights free to attend rehearsals c) reasonable commitment to attend engagement.



If you're interested then Contact:

**Musical Director** Tel: 01934 82020

**Email** [peterskellon@btinternet.com](mailto:peterskellon@btinternet.com)

**Website:** [www.rafaconcertband](http://www.rafaconcertband)

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The Royal British Legion is currently in the middle of its centenary year. As a consequence, the County of Somerset has decided to hold a photographic exhibition showcasing events and activities from the last 100 years.

Please try to find some time to visit the very interesting Photographic Exhibition, it will be held in the Sovereign Centre from 3pm on 5<sup>th</sup> November, continuing on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November.

We finally held a meeting this month after 18 months of being unable to get together. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Hutton Village Hall at 7.30pm. We also invite speakers 2 or 3 times a year. You do not have to be an ex-service person to join the Royal British Legion and you would be made very welcome at any branch.

Our Poppy Launch will be in Hutton Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10am, we are hoping to have some entertainment organised.

Please get in touch if you can spare some time to sell poppies at one of the supermarkets in the run up to Remembrance Sunday.

The November meeting will be the Annual General Meeting at which we will need to form our committee.

We are hoping to have our Christmas Dance on the evening of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, I hope to see you at one of these events.

Regards

Liz (Branch Chair)

For further information please contact Kate Hurley, Membership Support Officer–Somerset at [Khurley@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:Khurley@britishlegion.org.uk)





## **FRIENDS OF THE HELICOPTER MUSEUM**

### **An update from the world's largest collection of helicopters**

Everyone at the Helicopter Museum has been working hard to provide some welcome relief from lockdown life. This summer saw our Fairey Ultra-Light back on display. When we rescued this aircraft from Harlow farmhouse, it showed signs of serious deterioration. However, after 10 years in our restoration hangar and thousands of hours of work from our volunteers, it is back looking better than ever before.



In addition to all this excitement, visitors enjoyed September's bus rally, spotters' weekend and vintage car show. It was brilliant to see visitors enjoy these special events and we have plenty more planned for this winter too! October 24<sup>th</sup> will see our Halloween event rise from the grave.



Expect there to be open cockpit sessions, helicopter rides and loads more.

After Halloween will be our Christmas event. December 12<sup>th</sup> is sure to be full of festive family fun so we better brush up on our reindeer games!



The museum is always on the lookout for volunteers to join the team. So, if you think this all sounds like fun why not contact us by phone (01934 635227), email ([helimuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:helimuseum@btconnect.com)) or pop in to see us.

## **ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LOCKING**

Services are now back and running well with singing and refreshments served afterwards, Masks and social distancing are at each person's discretion.

### **Sunday services are all at 10am.**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Family Service

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Holy Communion

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Family Service

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Celebration Sunday in the church centre – informal. (Café style worship for all the family)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – United Service with Hutton

On 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays JAM children's group meet during the service.

### **Evening services will be held at 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month beginning on 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

Special services coming up:

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Shoebox Launch

17<sup>th</sup> October – Climate Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> October – 4pm Memorial Service to remember those we have lost  
Hutton Church

7<sup>th</sup> November – Shoeboxes back

14<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

### **Other Events: -**

16<sup>th</sup> October 4pm Messy Church in Hutton School – for all the family.

30<sup>th</sup> October 10am Locking Community Café in Church Centre – all welcome.

20<sup>th</sup> November 7pm Tear Fund Quiz in Church Centre – all welcome.

27<sup>th</sup> November 7pm Locking Community Café in church Centre – all welcome.

The church is now open for visitors from 10am to dusk on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to view the history displays and for some peace and quiet or private prayer.

Please get in touch if you would like a visit, prayer, need support – your church is always here for you.

Revd Anne Wilkins 01934 823556 or [revannewilkins1@gmail.com](mailto:revannewilkins1@gmail.com)

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## 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?	CONTACT DETAILS
Fly Tipping; Flooding; Pot holes; Street Lighting (other than the 21 PC-owned lamps) Missed recycling/NS Waste; Dog fouling on pavements; overgrown hedges that obstruct footpaths or roads	NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL	01934 888 888  <a href="http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk">www.n-somerset.gov.uk</a>
Anti-Social Behaviour Cold calling; Suspected phone scam; Parking issues; Speeding;	POLICE	101 999 [in an emergency]
For Issues at Locking Parklands Residents can also contact Mainstay	MAINSTAY	General Number 01905 364070 Emergency Out of Hours: 0844 8588360
Locking Village: 26 PC owned street lights, dog bins, litter bins, street furniture, Parish Hall, Park, Allotments, open spaces	LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL	01934 820 786

**THE PARISH CLERK - Mrs D Tremlett**

The Parish Hall Grenville Avenue Locking

BS24 8AR

01934 820 786 Email:

[clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)

*Please contact the Clerk on enquiries or concerns regarding the Parish  
-she will be happy to help you - "a font of knowledge".*

***Your COUNCILLORS***

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