Edition: Summer 2024 Welcome to our Parish Newsletter

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR ...

Welcome to the Summer edition of 'Looking @ Locking'. I hope you find this edition to be helpful, interesting and informative.

As Chairman of the Parish Council, I have throughout the year used our editions of 'Looking @ Locking' to provide you with a 'View from the Chair'. My view hopefully does provide you all with information as to what we as a Parish Council have and will continue to do for you in our growing vibrant community. I wish to thank our Parish Clerk Dawn for her hard work in editing and producing this latest edition of Looking@ Locking and also welcome Mrs Kelly Harvey, the newly appointed Clerk's Assistant with Locking Parish Council.

You may have noticed in our last edition of 'Looking @ Locking' some of the initiatives that we have put into place to help those in need during these continuing difficult times. These initiatives include the supply of food in our Parish Pantry which Parishioners can still access if they need to. Our 'Warm Space' and will open again later in the year.

Our agreed Parish Council Projects will continue this new financial year with further works to the surface of the car park at the Old Banwell Road Playing Field. Furthermore, an 'intercept' attenuation pond has been recently installed on the field near the old pond, which is situated adjacent to the A371, hopefully this new attenuation pond will slow up the discharge of water into the village during heavy storms.

As Locking Parish Council has secured a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Community Grants Programme and Noth Somerset Council, the former GP surgery at Locking Parish Hall will be transformed into a large meeting room with a small kitchen and storage space, the refurbished space will complement the existing hall.

We are holding a competition to rename the new facilities, further details in this issue of Looking @ Locking – Good Luck!

The 'Spinney' is still a major concern to this Council as it is an important 'Travel Link' to the new Doctor's Surgery, New Schools and future Commercial Businesses planned for Locking Parklands.

You will have noted in the last edition of 'Looking at Locking' that works have already been commenced by North Somerset Council with the removal and cutting back of many trees. Hopefully further works to upgrade the surface and install lighting will commence shortly.

Currently there are 11 Councillors on the Parish Council and 4 vacancies. If you have time to give and want to be involved in making a difference in this community, please contact the clerk for further information on how to become a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Paul Jones Chairman



MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Locking Parish Council have vacancies for 4 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 <u>clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk</u> 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 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 <u>www.lockingpc.co.uk</u> under Agenda & Minutes for further details.

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Date	Mouth	Year	Meeting		
20th	June	2024	Assets & Amenities Committee		
27th	June	2024	Council (AGAR Approval)		
4th	July	2024	Council		
18th	July	2024	Assets & Amenities Committee		
	August	2024	Summer Recess		
5th	Sept	2024	Council		
19th	Sept	2024	Finance & Human Resources 7pm		
19th	Sept	2024	Assets & Amenities Committee 8pm		
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	
9 th	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	



The Parish Pantry at Locking Parish Hall is open to all residents of Locking Parish, on Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm

All that we ask is that you

Take What You Need

and

Leave What You Can Food donations are always very welcome Donations will also go to Locking Primary School as top up food parcels







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

Locking Parish Council has secured a generous grant of £20,000. from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Community Grants Programme, supported by North Somerset Council.

This funding will empower the Parish Council to embark on an ambitious project to transform the old GP Rooms adjacent to the Parish Hall into a spacious and versatile community hub.

The current layout of the GP Rooms, with its separate waiting room, GP office, and receptionists' office, has become obsolete and no longer meets the evolving needs of the growing community. The refurbishment will eliminate these outdated partitions, creating a large, open, and adaptable space with a convenient kitchenette and storage area.

This innovative design will provide a much-needed affordable space for local community groups to engage in a wide range of activities, including arts and crafts workshops, celebrations, dance classes, musical performances, and intimate conferences.

The refurbished space will complement the existing main hall, offering a smaller and more versatile venue that can be utilized independently or in conjunction with the larger hall.

The grant will ensure that Locking Parish Hall remains a cornerstone of the community, fostering a sense of belonging and providing a platform for diverse activities and events. The hall's legacy as a hub for community engagement will continue to flourish, promoting the parish's identity as an open and welcoming place where residents and visitors can connect and participate in a vibrant array of activities.

Locking Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Paul Jones, commenting on the award said 'We are absolutely thrilled to have received this award.

Thanks to the generous support of the UKSPF Community Grants Programme and North Somerset Council, this transformative project will now become a reality.'

Cllr Jones emphasised the significance of the grant, highlighting its instrumental role in enabling the Parish Council to bring their vision to life. He extended his gratitude to both organizations, acknowledging their commitment to empowering local communities and fostering positive change. This award serves as a testament to the unwavering dedication and collaborative spirit that drives Locking Parish Council in its mission to enhance the lives of its residents.

Competition Time!

Renaming of new room competition

The old GP Surgery was of course Locking Surgery and the waiting/treatment room was named the Nurse Thomas room, a plaque in her honour will remain in place, serving as a testament to her legacy.

As we look towards the future, we are excited to announce a unique opportunity for our community to participate in shaping the next chapter of this space. We are seeking to rename the surgery and would like to invite you to share your creative ideas and suggestions.

The Council will carefully consider each submission and select the winning name, which will be used to officially rename the space.

The person who submits the winning name will be invited to come along and participate in the official opening ceremony when the renovation works are completed.

This is a chance for you to leave your mark on our community and contribute to the ongoing story of Locking Parish Hall.

Closing date is 31 August 2024.

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 Book Exchange at Locking Parish Hall from April is moving to Monday's 12.30pm -2.30pm 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



Matters have progressed further and at the time of writing the piece, the planning application is being submitted. Plans will be available to view on the North Somerset website and the proposed scheme will provide an enhancement to the playing field and improved outdoor facilities for those with knees that can withstand skateboarding, BMXing, Scootering and Roller-blading! We will soon be looking at applying for funding from National Lottery amongst others and will update further in the next edition.

Watch this space!

For more information please contact us at: <u>skateparksteeringgroup@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk</u> or find us on Facebook and Instagram under "Locking Skatepark Project"



ASSETS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

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 Monday 12.30pm-2.30pm We are pleased to see that Locking Book Exchange is being well used. As well as books for all ages, we have jigsaws and DVD's. 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 Parish Pantry is open at the Parish Hall **Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am-12.30pm,** this initiative is for residents of Locking Parish who are struggling with the cost of living. Please don't be offended if asked for ID. We ask that you only take what you need and for those more fortunate to donate what you can.



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.

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!!



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:- <u>www.lockingpc.co.uk</u>

Faci	lities Include:	Suita	ble for the following occasions:
*	Main Hall	*	Christenings/Blessings
*	Performance stage	*	Children's parties
*	Spot lights & disco ball		(with or without a bouncy castle)
*	Sound system (blue	*	Anniversary
	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: - <u>www.lockingpc.co.uk</u>

Locking Parish Hall



Hall Hire Charges 2024-2025

For Booking Enquiries go to our website: www.lockingpc.co.uk Don't forget to apply the discount code at check out

Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
	£18.37	Apply code: M/CONon-Parish
	£6.82	Apply code: M/CU14Mon-Parish
£10.12		Apply code: M/CO-Parish
£4.73		Apply code: M/CO(U14)Parish
	£10.12	£18.37 £6.82 £10.12

Parties/Dances etc.	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
Adult Rate	100000	£21.90	Apply code: P/D(Adult)Non-Parish
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Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: P/DParish
Youth U14 Rate	£10.12		Apply code: P/DU14
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Commercial Organisations	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply code at checkout
Adult Rate		£21.90	Apply code: COnonLP
Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: COLP

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.

Crockery Hire: Please contact the Clerk for details.

Locking Community Events Group

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 7th September 2024 Locking Parish Hall Ilam–3pm Free registration Refreshments Adult & Children Classes Open to All

Registration forms, show schedule and timetable available from clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

About the Show

This show is a chance to display your home-grown fruit, vegetables and flowers, and home-made preserves, focusing on traditional gardening cooking and craft activities.

You do not need 'show experience' to take part, people of all ages and abilities can join in. The point of the day is to have fun and celebrate our community.

Registration forms, programme and show timetable available NOW please contact the Parish Council office or email: clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

Prizes & Points

The Show is more about taking part than winning prizes.

However, certificates and 'Best in Show trophies/medals will be awarded to competitors with the most points overall in the following categories: Points will be awarded in each class.

3 points for a First, 2 points for a Second and 1 point for a Third.

SHOW SCHEDULE

SECTION 1 VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

All items are to be displayed on a plate

- 1. One Marrow
- 2. 3 eating apples any variety
- 3 red tomatoes Time"
- 4. 3 beetroot any variety
- 5. 2 courgettes
- 6. 3 onions
- 7. Presentation of 6 runner beans
- 8. 3 Leeks
- 9. Biggest Onion
- **10. Biggest Leek**
- 11. Longest runner bean
- 12. Best "wonky" vegetable or fruit

SECTION 2 FLOWERS & FLORAL ART

- 13. One Autumn Wreath
- 14. 3 sprays of Fuchsia in a vase
- 15. Afternoon Tea Floral display in a teapot 16. Flower arrangement inspired by "Harvest

SECTION 3 HOME PRODUCE

Display plates for items 17-19 in this section

- 17. Jar of Jam, no lid cellophane only
- 18. Jar of fruit curd, no lid cellophane only
- 19. Jar of chutney, any variety, no lid cellophane only

Children may enter any of the classes in this programme (with parent's permission), but the classes in Section 4 are only for children

SECTION 4 CHILDREN'S SECTION

These classes will be judged in two age groups: under 8 years and 8 - 14 years 20. An animal made from vegetables and/or fruit 21. A dinosaur's garden on a plate of not more than 10"diameter, any medium including plasticine and play-dough 22. A decorated rock with a painted flower



Locking Community Events Group Autumn Show Entry Form Saturday 7th September 2024

All entries to be staged by 9.30am on day of show

Entry forms should be submitted to Locking Parish Hall Red Letter Box or posted to Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking BS24 8AR by Friday 23 August 2024.

Photocopied Entry Forms are also accepted. Entry Forms can also be downloaded from our website: www.lockingpc.co.uk

Entries close 12pm on Friday 23rd August 2024 NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

We will assume unless told otherwise that you are happy for photographs taken by our official photographer to be used in future publications.

Name: Mr/Mrs/ Miss		
Address:		
Home Telephone:	Mobile:	
Email:		

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Locking Autumn Show Terms and Conditions

Please read the show terms and conditions before completing the Autumn Show 2024 application form.

- 1. The competition is open to all.
- 2. There are no entry fees.
- All exhibitors must pre-register their entries by completing and submitting the online form by Midday on Friday 23 August 2024.
- Please note: The show committee, and/or the council, reserves the right to refuse to accept any
 entries from any exhibitor and/or refuse admission and, in the event of any such refusal, is not
 required to give any reason or explanation.
- 5. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date or on the day of the show.
- Exhibitors may enter any/all relevant classes in each section but may only exhibit 1 entry in each class.
- 7. Each dish must contain 1 specimen only, unless otherwise specified.
- Any horticultural exhibit in competition for prizes must be the bona fide property of the competitor and must have been grown from seed by the exhibitor or have been in his/her possession or cared for by him/her for at least 2 months prior to the date of the show.
- Exhibitors should leave all bloom on fruits, i.e., do not polish apples and plums. Wash vegetables but do not scrub them or use an artificial cleaner.
- 10. Exhibits must be staged between 8.30am and 9.30am on Saturday 7 September 2024.
- Show entry cards must be fully completed on arrival with exhibit and placed under each exhibit as it is staged.
- 12. Judging will start promptly at 10am on Saturday 7 September 2024.
- Only people permitted by the show judging committee shall be allowed to remain during the judging.
- 14. Prize winners will be awarded a rosette, a certificate.
- 15. Where special awards are made, e.g., for Best in Show, this will only be given to an exhibit attaining a 1st prize and an additional one-off prize of £20 National Garden Centre voucher will apply. Please note: Vouchers are not redeemable for cash or other prizes.
- In the event of a tie, the number of 1st places awarded to each exhibitor will be taken into consideration.
- Exhibits must be removed between 3pm and 4pm on Saturday 7 September. Any exhibit not removed at the appointment time will become the property of the show committee and disposed of as deemed necessary.
- A list of winner's names will be placed in Looking @ Locking Newsletter. If you do not wish to have your name shown, then please email <u>clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk</u> by Friday 20 September 2024.
- 19. The council accepts no responsibility for entries that may be lost, damaged or delayed whether due to transmission errors, website malfunction, computer error or otherwise. Please note: the receipt of an acknowledgement is not a guarantee that the application has been received. If you wish to confirm receipt of your application, then please email <u>clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk</u> separately and request confirmation.
- By entering the competition, entrants will be deemed to be bound by the Terms and Conditions herein.
- 21. Any breach of the Terms and Conditions by an entrant will void their entry.
- 22. If a breach has occurred but is only discovered after the award of a prize, the council will require the prize to be returned.
- The council reserves the right to exclude or disqualify any entrant who has acted fraudulently in any way.

Old Banwell Road Playing Field



Community Orchard

The beautiful photo on our front cover was taken at our community orchard – as you can see the trees have taken well and we've had some apple blossom!! Hopefully we will be planting more fruit trees next February/March.

Car park: The next phase subject to costs and funding will be resurfacing more of the car park.

The Parish Council are investigating the costs of installing electric charge points and new bicycle stands.

We will keep you updated as this project progresses.

Drainage: The new drainage swale is coping well with the water run off from the car park and the field but the excess water is putting the attenuation pond under pressure therefore, Council decided that a smaller "intercept pond" near to the existing attenuation pond would help relieve that pressure.

Football Pitches: Maintenance works will be taking place during the Summer. The Grounds Team will be aerating the pitches and repairing the goal mouths ready for the new season.





Exercise Equipment

The Green



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

Planting of the garden and flower pots will be taking place soon, The bedding plants are given to Locking Parish from North Somerset Council and we thank them for this generous donation.

You may recall when we planted up the flower tubs and Coronation Garden last Spring, we had a number of thefts of bedding plants. This was very disappointing and upsetting as volunteers put their time and effort into helping Locking look beautiful.

Please keep a watch out and as we mentioned previously report any thefts and if safe to do so, please take a photograph.

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

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET



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.

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR and 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

Defibrillator & Bleed Kit

identify the nearest available defibrillator or bleed kit to you, and give you access details.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Theft of Plants from tubs/gardens and theft of Allotment Produce

It's that time of year when keen gardeners are planting up their bedding plants and already we have had reports that plants have been stolen from gardens and tubs in Locking Parklands and Locking Village along with allotment plants and produce in Locking Village.

You may recall last May when the Parish Council planted up the flower tubs and Coronation Garden, we had a number of thefts of bedding plants. This was very disappointing and upsetting as volunteers put their time and effort into helping Locking look beautiful.

All we can say is that we do think this person is an adult who lives locally. Please keep a watchful eye out and as we mentioned previously report any thefts and if safe to do so, please take a photograph.

Old Banwell Road Playing Field Storage Container

Reports of children/youths climbing on top of the container, this could result in a serious accident if someone were to fall off. The Parish Council have applied anti climb paint to the top and sides along with anti-climb paint warning notices.

The container has also been subjected to graffiti, if you recognise the tag please let us know.





Graffiti on storage container at the playing field

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.

1st Locking & Hutton Scouts Summer



Saturday 13th July 1-4pm Locking village Park

BBQ, Bar, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Refreshments, Tombola Stalls, Games and much more

For more information or to book a stall email pinkhippo @hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook 1stLockingandHuttonScoutGroup





Playgroup for children 0-5 & parents/carers Friday mornings 10 - 11.30am term time

Locking parish hall £3 to include tea, coffee, biscuits & cake



Flowerdown Tots is a playgroup for 0-5 and their parents/carers based in Locking Parish Hall Friday mornings during term time.

We have seen some changes as we have changed into the new year. One of our dedicated founders, Jo, has recently taken up a new job which unfortunately means that she can no longer continue to run the group.

However, we are lucky to have another wonderful individual, Emma, who has stepped up to continue running the group at a slightly later time of 10 – 11.30am.

Despite these changes, there continues to be plenty of fun, laughter, toys, tea, cake, and mess! Its always better when the mess isn't in your own home.

So why not come and join us and share the woes and the joys of raising children with other adults who are in the same boat.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Emma on 07887583156.

We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones to Flowerdown Tots.



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, Locking 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 5 June, Wednesday 3 July, Wednesday 7 August,

Wednesday 4th September

For more information, contact Christine Hall, 01934 827686,

chris.rushall@gmail.co.uk



Avon and Somerset Police NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING



Hello everyone, my name is Steve Hemmett and I am the PCSO for the areas surrounding Locking, Locking Parklands, Hutton, and Bleadon.

To better serve the community, I will now be holding my beat surgery on Monday afternoons between 12:30 and 14:00. The upcoming dates are 08/07/24, and 05/08/24.

During these surgeries, I will have a variety of literature available to provide crime prevention advice and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to attend and utilize these resources.

As the weather continues to improve, I will also be organizing bike marking events, where our team can mark your bikes free of charge.

Please do not hesitate to approach me with any concerns or issues you may have. Together, we can make our community a safer and better place to live.



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: 12:30PM to 14:00PM Monday Date: 18/3/24 15/4/24 13/5/24 10/6/24 08/07/24 05/08/24

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

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

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St AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LOCKING News from your Parish Church

It is my great privilege in this edition of 'Looking at Locking' to welcome Rev Larissa Trust as the new Vicar of Hutton and Locking. We look forward to getting to know Larissa (and

she us), to supporting her, to working with her, to worshipping together and to going forward in faith together. We look forward to Larissa's service of welcome and licensing at some time in October. At this point, thanks must be given to all those who gave so much of themselves and their time to the appointment process including members of Locking, Hutton and Haywood Village Churches; members of the community, Locking and Hutton primary schools and all those who supported, encouraged and prayed for all those involved. As a benefice we will continue to work together to support each other and our parishes in the coming months, looking to the future with hope, joy and in faith.



The Rev Larissa Trust has been selected as the new Vicar of Locking.

She is currently Curate at Christ Church in Weston-super-Mare, and will be licensed as Vicar of Hutton and Locking in a special service with the Bishop of Bath and Wells in October.

Our monthly church newsletter 'Stay Connected' is one of the ways in which we keep people informed of what is happening across the parish. If you would like to regularly receive a copy by email or hand delivery please contact the Church Office.

And in these ways, we are reminded of our connection to God. He has been very present throughout the vacancy: guiding, cheering, comforting, soothing and encouraging. In May we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus had promised. Jesus referred to Holy Spirit as the 'helper', who will make things clear about Jesus' messages and how to share them. We have to stay connected to that Trinity, now and always, through reading the bible, through our worship, through our prayers and through working together for the best future for all.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul wrote: 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing'. Let us do that for each other as we continue to move forward, together in faith and in love'. Jane Barry, Lay Reader



St Augustine's church

Contact Corriene in the church office for help, information and if you would like to receive our monthly 'Stay Connected' newsletter.

Church Office: 01934 822857 (Open Tues, Wed, & Fri 9.00am -12.00midday) Email: <u>huttonandlocking@gmail.com</u> St Augustine's website:www.staugustineslocking.org.uk for news, services and activities

St Augustine's Locking Church Services June - Sept 2024

June Services	July Services
Sunday 2 nd Jun - 10am Morning Service Sunday 9 th Jun - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 16 th Jun - 10am Morning Service Sunday 23 rd Jun - 10am 'Church in the Centre' Sunday 30 th Jun - 10am Joint Service with Hutton	Sunday 7th Jul - 10am Morning Service Sunday 14th Jul - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 21th Jul - 10am Morning Service Sunday 28th Jul - 10am 'Church the Centre'
August Services	September Services
Sunday 4 th Aug - 10am Morning Service Sunday 11 th Aug - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 18 th Aug - 10am Morning Service Sunday 25 th Aug - 10am 'Church in the Centre'	Sunday 1 st Sep - 10am Morning Service Sunday 8 th Sep - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 15 th Sep - 10am Morning Service Sunday 22 nd Sep - 10am 'Church the Centre' Sunday 30 th Sep - 10am Joint Service with Hutton

Men's Breakfast

10am Saturday 14th September in Locking Church Centre Social gathering for all Men with Full Cooked Breakfast! All welcome



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.

Coming up:

7 September - Autumn Show

2 November - Winter Market

We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day with setting up, providing refreshments or be on a judging panel.

Please see notice boards and Facebook for upcoming events and dates.

Contact the Clerk for further details: clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk



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

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 Naomi Hansford 07899 677770 naomi.hansford@boogiebeat.co.uk





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 were we hold social events as well as Branch meetings.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 9th July – Beetle Drive 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 <u>158lizbrown@gmail.com</u> or Lin on 07816522460 Email <u>secretary.rbl.hol@outlook.com</u>

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"

Would like to thank Locking Parish Council for the grant of £250 which has enabled us to update play mats, play tents and play doh equipment. The children totally love the new additions. We have also in addition acquired folding tables which are the correct height for toddlers to play at. Many thanks from Gail Smith and all Toddler Group attendees. Some photos of our new play equipment are below:



Play equipment



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.

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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 - <u>contactinspire@yahoo.com</u> Website - <u>www.inspiretheatre.co.uk</u>

LOCKING MUSIC GROUP

Originally the Weston U3A Guitar Group, music sessions were held at Locking Parish Hall comprising mostly male guitarists. After the loss of several members, then a change of leadership to Rod Holloway, it was decided in January 2024 to merge with the U3A Music for Fun Group.

This has led to a more diverse and varied musical group, and the combined group was renamed the Locking Music Group, LMG. Since this merge the group has been very successful and many new members have now joined.

Our singers range from soprano to bass, and although the most popular instrument played is the guitar (including 12-string) we also have two tenor ukuleles, a bodhran (Irish drum), autoharp, keyboard, and piano accordion. Songs played are mostly from the 1950's-1980's.

The group is now near maximum capacity and we come from all walks of life, including retired ex-RAF Locking members who still reside in the area. The group rehearsals are always tremendous fun with a lot of joking and banter. We all work really well together and after the music sessions we leave full of feel-good endorphins!

For further information please contact Rod: 01934 518898 or 07949 476417



Here are some LMG members enjoying the weekly music-making session at Locking Parish Hall

Locking Senior Club

At our meeting on April 17th, two lovely young men from Avon Fire and Rescue service, came to speak about 'Fire Safety in the home'. The highest percentage of fire's start in the kitchen and we were advised to check our CO2 alarms and fire alarms regularly.

On June 12th, Parkland Singers will be entertaining us with another 'Sing-along' session.

Two new members joined us in April but we still have plenty of room for more! We meet fortnightly on Wednesday afternoon 2pm-4pm in St.

Augustine's Church Centre. Dates of our meetings: June 12th. 26th. July 10th. 24th. August 7th. 21st. September 4th. 18th.



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 <u>huttonandlocking@gmail.com</u> Contact us if you would like a stall for your chosen charity

ACCESS TO YOGA

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



Chair based Yoga

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

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.

34th Weston-super-Mare (The firs) Scout Group

Our Scout Group meets in Hutton and is for young people with complex and additional needs who cannot access Scouting in a mainstream Group. The young people in the Group have been enjoying the best that Scouting has to offer since the beginning of this term. The Beavers had a visit from Flamingo Chicks who led the youngsters in activities related to robots and space through a dance session.

The Cubs have been doing experiments and walking around the village working on their local knowledge badge. The Scouts are busy working on their orienteering and Navigators badges which included a grid reference easter egg hunt!

All three Sections attended the St George's day service at Hutton Church alongside 1st Locking & Hutton Scout Group.

The Group continues to bring in new members and we always welcome adult help as well so if you are interested, please get in touch with the Group Scout Leader, Michaela Heath on 07901 686752



Scout Remembrance 2024



1st LOCKING & HUTTON SCOUT GROUP

The 1st Locking & Hutton Scout Group, a beacon of adventure and community

spirit for 85 years, continues to thrive with over 120 members, spanning the ages of 4 to 18.

This year has been a whirlwind of activity, with Cubs conquering Crocks Peak and then tackling the Mount Everest challenge in Hutton, raising funds for a thrilling day trip to the zoo.

Scouts, after a soggy start to the year, are now back in the field, embracing new skills and immersing themselves in the natural world, observing it's fascinating transformations over the coming months.

The excitement doesn't end there! The group is eagerly anticipating Locking Village fete and the annual Santa float.

If you possess a skill that could ignite young minds and enrich their lives, come and join us! The Locking Scout Group is always seeking dedicated adults to support our vibrant community.

Contact Gareth Coombes, Group Scout Leader, at 07780830966, and become part of our adventure. Yours in Scouting.



THIS SUMMER AT



July 14th The North Somerset Model Show

Our Annual event at the museum attracts the best modellers from across the County. See the amazing detail in a wide selection of models and dioramas on display. Model workshops, Charity stalls, Competitions and Trade stalls.

July 27th & 28th Dinosaur weekend

Live Dinosaur Shows, interactive 3D backdrop displays from Jurassic Park, Dinosaur Petting Zoo, Meet and Greet Dinosaurs. Climb aboard our A109 Helicopter, the same type that takes people to Isla Nublar in the Jurassic Park Movie. Dinosaur Feeding Area, Jurassic Hunt, Sit on mini-dinosaurs for youngsters.



August 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th Magic at the Museum and Open Cockpits

Special Holiday Activity Day for families at the museum with different activities every week. Watch a live magic show and marvel at the slight of hand illusions. Climb into the pilots seat of some of our helicopters, try on a pilots helmet.

September 22nd

A day of Vintage and Classic Cars and bikes at The Helicopter Museum with a selection of vehicles on display. View them all around the iconic WWII Control Tower in our grounds and climb into the pilots seat of some of our helicopters.

FLY TIPPING

This is becoming a huge problem within the Parish; we have recently had reports of a sofa and cushions being dumped at The Spinney – the offenders dumping this would have had to drive across the footpath at Leafy Way to get onto The Spinney.

Fly tipping is also 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.



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 <u>www.lockingpc.co.uk</u>

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 21 PC-owned lamps) Missed recycling/NS Waste; Dog fouling on pavements; overgrown hedges that obstruct footpaths & roads	NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL	01934 888 888 <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk</u>
Anti-Social Behaviour Cold calling; Suspected phone scam; parking issues; Speeding	POLICE	101 999 (IN AN EMERGENCY)
Locking Parklands Residents can also contact Priem Ltd for any of the following: Fly Tipping; Flooding; Potholes Dog Fouling on pavements, overgrown hedges that obstruct footpaths or roads	PRIEM Ltd	Regional Customer Support Team via email <u>helpdesk@Preim.co.uk</u> 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
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Cllr Peter Lacey		01934 822660
Cllr Carl Prosser		07799 607748
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Do I really need to write a Will?

It's all too easy to put off making a Will, however, the difficulty is that we never know when it might be needed.

It is an unfortunate fact that those who don't plan ahead to cope with death or illness suffer higher levels of stress, expense and delay compared to those families with the right legal and financial protection in place.

Making a Will can offer you peace of mind that your loved ones are taken care of and protected:

- You decide who inherits not the Government!
- Choose those you trust to act as your Executors / trustees
- If you have young children, appoint Guardians to look after them
- Take steps to avoid unnecessary inheritance Tax
- Have peace of mind and reduce the potential for family disputes

What information do I need to make a Will?

- Gather names and addresses of those you may want to include in your Will as beneficiaries, executors/trustees and guardians.
- Review your assets such as savings, property & investments as well as any liabilities such as loans.
- Consider who should benefit from your estate and whether there are any specific gifts of personal belongings you would like to make.

There are times where you might want to set some safeguards - for example, if you're leaving something to a child or someone with disabilities. Here, you may wish to consider setting up a trust, offering an element of control over when the money is received and what the money is used for.

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

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