

Looking at
Locking Summer 2023



JOIN US FOR LOCKING

Summer
Fair

& the Coronation
Picnic Lunch

SATURDAY 15TH JULY

12PM TO 4PM

Old Banwell Road Playing Field Locking



VIEW FROM THE CHAIR . . .

Hello and welcome to this Summer Edition of Looking @ Locking, my name is Paul Jones, and I am a recently elected member and Chairman of Locking Parish Council. I must firstly thank our Clerk for producing this Summer Edition of Looking @ Locking, I am confident that you will find it to be helpful and informative.

You may have noticed local elections took place for North Somerset Council along with Town & Parish Councils on 4 May 2023. Locking Parish Council had an uncontested election and 9 members were returned as Parish Councillors. At our Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 25 May we co-opted 2 new Councillors bringing our number now up to 11 Councillors. Further information on Council members is included within this edition of Looking @ Locking.

We are also in the process of co-opting for the remaining vacant places, if you are interested, please contact the Clerk on 01934 820760.

On behalf of Locking Parish Council, I would also like to record Council's thanks to two long serving members of Locking Parish Council, Mr John Keate and Mr Les Mason who have served our community for many years. Their contributions to our community will be sorely missed as they were both so knowledgeable and supportive in our growing community.

The Parish Council will continue to invest in the community and will continue to assist Parishioners through our partnership and meetings with local businesses, St Augustine's Church, Locking Parklands Developers, North Somerset Council, Local Policing Team, the New Doctor's Medical Centre, and the Primary and Secondary Educational Centres to ensure that all our voices are heard.

With the support of our partners, we will continue with the initiatives that were introduced and available to the whole of our community at Locking Parish Hall including:

- Parish Pantry
- Book Exchange
- Community Living Room
- A safe meeting place for all
- Tea & Tech Sessions

Our agreed Parish Council Projects continue to be developed with an application submitted to North Somerset Council Planning Department for the upgrade to the car park at the Old Banwell Road Playing Field being approved. Phase 1 - Work to improve the drainage of the car park has begun with the large swale being installed which will be left to 'rewild'. Phase 2 will be agreed in the coming weeks, we will keep you updated as progress continues.

The Spinney is still a major concern to Council. This important 'Travel Link' to the new Doctor's Surgery, New Schools and Commercial Businesses on Locking Parklands was identified as being not fit for purpose and in urgent need of upgrading – We have recently received some very good news in that North Somerset Council (NSC) has following our representations and with the assistance of our District Councillors agreed to undertake works to the Spinney to make it a safe and fit place for all users. As a Parish Council we will continue to engage with NSC and our partners to ensure that this essential work is completed to our satisfaction and that it meets the needs of everyone.

Furthermore, Council has continually sought to engage with North Somerset Council over the withdrawal of the 126 Bus service and the introduction of the 'Demand Responsive Transport' initiative. We will continue to work with NSC to ensure that Parishioners are able to fully understand and obtain details on how this new system operates, along with our continued push to have a regular bus service through our community.

We are working on our Neighbourhood Plan for Locking and our application for the 'Designation of a Neighbourhood Area' to North Somerset Council was approved on 10 May 2023. We would like to thank Cllr Tremlett, who has taken the lead for the Plan and the volunteers who have taken on this huge task. If you would like to be involved, in this important work please contact the Clerk for further details.

One of the social highlights for this Summer is the Locking Parish Fair which is to be held on 15 July 2023 at the Old Banwell Road Playing Fields, we are working with our partners to arrange this event and hope to include Locking's got Talent and The Great Locking Bake Off. As always to hold a successful event volunteers are required so, if you can spare 1 or 2 hrs, please contact the Clerk.

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 almost 6 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.

Cllr Pete Lacey –

I've been a member of Locking Parish Council for approx. 14 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.

Cllr Wendy Ashdown – (Chair – Hall, Park & Green)

I reside on Locking Parklands and have done so for the past 9 years. I have been a Councillor for 7 years now and enjoy being a Councillor because it gives me the opportunity to give something to the Community. We have completed many improvements over the past years including a mini makeover to the Parish Hall and new solar lighting along the path across the park. Also, picnic tables and benches, activity trail along with additional outdoor gym equipment has been installed at the playing field for the community to enjoy.

Cllr Mike Tremlett –

I applied to stand again as a Parish Councillor as I have been heavily involved in 3 large projects for the Parish in the last couple of years, namely the car park at Old Banwell Road, the Skate Park and the Neighbourhood Plan. All of these projects have gathered pace and I want to see them through to completion and hope to drive these projects through where I can, as well of course all of the other matters that the Parish Council have to deal with. I see it as doing something worthwhile and hopefully this Parish Council can leave a legacy for the whole Parish to be proud of.

Cllr Carl Prosser –

I live in Locking Village and will have been a Councillor for almost 5 years. 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 over the past 4 years have carried out a number of projects, 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.

Cllr Elfan Ap Rees –

I have been involved in the parish and district councils for the best part of the last 50 years, having married a local girl in the early 1960s. Initially a member of the parish council in the early 1970s, I was elected to the district council in 1977 and later rose to the dizzy heights of deputy leader under the then Conservative Administration with executive responsibility for Planning, Highways, Transport, Economic Development and Housing for eight

years before being brought down to earth in 2019; when Theresa May ruined local Tory chances of re-election.

Recent efforts to represent Hutton and Locking as an Independent having failed, I have now returned to my parish council roots, using my knowledge and experience to help the local community as much as possible

[Cllr Bill Bearsby](#) – lives in Locking Village

[Cllr Justine Carter](#) – Lives in Locking Village

[Cllr Lisa Clark](#) – Lives in Locking Village

[Cllr Ian Hilder](#)

I moved into the village following my retirement in 2021. Prior to that I lived in North Somerset (Milton, then Clevedon) for all bar five of the last forty-five years.

After a lifetime of working in education, then latterly in the voluntary sector, I hope to be able to make a positive contribution to the life of the community. I am married with six grown-up children and seventeen grandchildren so I am well aware of the needs of families.

I am very concerned at the loss of bus services from communities like ours, and am keen that the village should keep its shops and amenities when many others have lost theirs.

I am interested in bird watching, and an enthusiastic mountain and hill walker. Most Saturday mornings at 9:00 will see me taking part in a local Parkrun, usually Marine Parade, WsM or Sharpham Road, Cheddar.

[Cllr Paul Schofield](#) –

I was born in Weston super Mare in 1958. I started an apprenticeship at Westland Helicopters Weston Division where I worked until a huge redundancy in 1986. I continued most of my working career in aircraft engineering with spells at British Aerospace and Rolls Royce in Filton. In 2002 I was offered a job at Bristol Airport on Ground handling where I continued working as a Team Leader until 2020 when Covid put a halt to the travel industry. I have now retired. I was prompted to become a local Parish councillor by my partner. I would like to help with making things better within the Parish as there seems so much to do for example, lack of bus services wildlife conservation to name just two. I have a passion for wildlife. As we build more houses, we are destroying the natural habitat for our wildlife. We should be keeping areas for our foxes, bats and bird species to continue to thrive.



MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Locking Parish Council have vacancies for Councillor

Are you looking for a new challenge?

If you're passionate about where you live and want to make a difference then Join the Parish Council.

For more information email clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

Locking Parish Council delivers and facilitates projects and services that make a positive difference to the community. The Parish Council aims are to support and improve the quality of life for the whole Parish of Locking.

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

Locking Parish Council Small Grant Scheme

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further details and application form available from the Clerk.

NEWS FROM LOCKING GROVE



Tree Replacement Programme

The Directors of Locking Grove's Residents' Company are very pleased to report, that since the last Stakeholders' meeting, they have been able to plant twenty-two new trees! This is in addition to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree, so kindly donated by Locking Parish Council.

This project has been in the pipeline for some time.

Most of the trees have been planted to replace ones which have been removed over the years under advice from the Tree Surgeon responsible for conducting Locking Grove's annual tree survey, or ones which have fallen naturally. A few trees were also planted to satisfy the terms of the council's 'planning permission' when the Mendip Road entrance was widened.

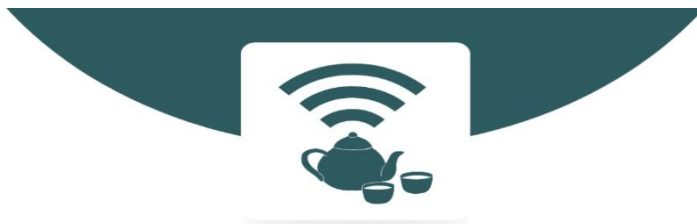
The twenty-two trees are a mixture of lime, cheery, acacia, red maple and ornamental pear. The planting also includes a new 'copse' of nine trees which are a mixture of liquid amber and columnar English oak. The copse trees were suggested by James McCarthy, one of the Tree Protection Officers at NSC.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemoration

The Directors have plans in place to install the Queen's Jubilee Bench in a position by the Water Tower and the Locking Parish Council Notice board.

The commemorative tree has already been planted there.

The hope is to establish a community focal-point by adding a decorative flowerbed which will also incorporate an RAF Locking commemorative plaque.



TEA AND TECH

Get free and friendly advice about technology over a nice cuppa!

Please come along to our session or let someone you know who might be interested

Tuesday 10am-11.30am

Locking Parish Hall

Free digital advice primarily for people over 50. Learn new skills that will help you to order shopping and keep in touch with family and friends. Bring your own mobile, tablet or laptop.

LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2023/24

Unless otherwise stated the Full Council meet the 1st Thursday of the Month and Committee's meet 3rd Thursday of the Month, most meeting start at 7.30pm. Meetings are normally held at Locking Parish Hall but occasionally they have been held at The Radio Wing and Oaktree Park Community Hall – location details will be on the Meeting Agenda.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend, please check our notice boards and website www.lockingpc.co.uk under Agenda & Minutes for further details.

Date	Meeting
15 th June 2023	Assets & Amenities Committee
15 th June 2023	Finance & Human Resources Committee
6th July 2023	Full Council
20 th July 2023	Assets & Amenities Committee
August 2023 – Summer Recess	
7th September 2023	Full Council
21 st September 2023	Assets & Amenities Committee
5th October 2023	Full Council
19 th October 2023	Finance & Human Resources Committee
2nd November 2023	Full Council
16 th November 2023	Assets & Amenities Committee
7th December 2023	Full Council
21 st December 2023	Finance & Human Resources Committee
4th January 2024	Full Council
18 th January 2024	Assets & Amenities Committee
1st February 2024	Full Council
15 th February 2024	Finance & Human Resources Committee
7th March 2024	Full Council
21 st March 2024	Assets & Amenities Committee
4th April 2024	Full Council
18 th April 2024	Assets & Amenities Committee
25th April 2024	Annual Parish Assembly

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 or Louise for details.

We have our **Community Living Room, Tea & Tech Sessions along with the Book Exchange on Tuesday mornings between 9.30-12.30pm** come along and get free, friendly advice about technology as well as enjoying a chat over a cuppa.



Community Living Room, Tea & Tech Session and the Book Exchange at the Parish Hall

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.

Locking Parish Pantry is open at the Parish Hall Mon-Fri between 9.30am-3pm, this initiative is for residents of Locking Parish only, please don't be offended if asked for ID. We ask that you only take what you need and if you are able donate what you can.

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.

The Park

We have received reports that people are bringing their dogs in to the Park. Dogs are not allowed anywhere within the Park. There is a Public Protection Order on the Park that prohibits dogs. 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.

Our Parish Orderly has been busy replacing the grass mats under the play equipment and we hope to have new stepping logs installed within the next few weeks.

Along our own regular equipment inspections, RoSPA will be conducting their annual inspection of all play equipment in June.

Just a couple of reminders:

No dogs allowed in the park

No ride-on lawn mowers or any unauthorised vehicles in the park

Please use the litter bins provided



Jubilee Bench & Tree

Allotments

There are no plot vacancies at the moment and we do have a waiting list, if you would like to be added to the list, please contact the Clerk or Louise.

A reminder 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.

The Green



The Green

This is a small area of green opposite the Coronation Garden – It's surrounded by hedging with a small access gate – lovely space if you want to 'Get away from all' to sit, read or picnic.



The Green



Jackson, Amelia & Evie planting up the flowerbed at the Park

Coronation Garden and flower tubs

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

Speaking of flower tubs, many thanks to Mike our Parish Orderly and volunteers who planted up 800 free summer bedding plants from North Somerset Council.

Old Banwell Road Playing Field

The playing field will be hosting the Locking Summer Fete on 15 July 2023. It's wonderful to see the playing field being used for such an event and we thank Countrywide our Grounds Contractor and our Parish Orderly for the hard work in getting the field looking in top condition for the event.

It's good to see our community using the activity trail and gym equipment along with the picnic tables – although the use of disposal BBQs do scorch the grass and we would ask that you use these with extreme care. We remind you not to dispose of these in our plastic bins please.

The Parish Council have begun the first stage of major works to the car park, with the new drainage system being installed which should solve the flooding issues in the car park. Please bear with us as we go through these major works. The next phase subject to costs and funding will be the resurfacing of the car park, installing knee rails and parking bays. We will keep you updated as this project progresses.



Work commences on the Drainage Swale

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET



It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community.

In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder!

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.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed, also dogs are not allowed anywhere within Locking Village Park.

Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a bag with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it in one of the dog waste bins provided.

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 within our community.

You may have noticed that some of our community have been saving their doggie bags from their gardens and are disposing of them in our dog waste bins, the bins are not provided for this purpose, you are permitted to use your own general waste bin for this purpose.

When the dog waste bins are used in this way, it makes emptying the bins a Hazard for our Parish Orderly as often the inner sack is too heavy to lift out or it bursts and as you can imagine its extremely unpleasant to pick up.

Thank you for your co-operation.

OVER-HANGING HEDGES, TREES and SHRUBS

Warmer temperatures and rain showers bring about a growth in shrubs, trees and hedges that can overhang the footpaths and roads causing potential hazards to vehicles, obscuring of road signage and causing difficulties for all pedestrians and drivers.

We ask that householders manage garden growth within their boundaries with regular cutbacks for the benefit of public safety.

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.

Facilities Include:	Suitable for the following occasions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Main Hall★ Performance stage★ Spot lights & disco ball★ Sound system (blue tooth enabled)★ Microphone★ Induction loop★ Access to adjacent play park★ Kitchen (fully equipped)★ Disabled Toilet★ Baby changing facilities★ Wheelchair Access★ WIFI★ Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Christenings/Blessings❖ Children’s parties (with or without a bouncy castle)❖ Anniversary❖ Pantomimes❖ Christmas Parties❖ Musical Concerts❖ Band Practice❖ Choir Practice❖ Reunion❖ Wedding❖ Wakes❖ Training❖ 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 on Tuesdays between 10am-2pm, Please contact the Clerk to make an appointment. The Parish Hall is adjacent to a large Play Park with Picnic tables and outdoor gym equipment for the whole family to enjoy whatever age you are!

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

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

LOCKING PARISH HALL

SCALE OF HIRE CHARGES – per hour

1	<u>MEETINGS/CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS</u> <u>ADULT</u> Monday - Sunday - Afternoons/Evening <u>YOUTH</u> Monday - Sunday Mornings/Afternoons/Evenings	<u>PARISH</u> £9.20 £4.30	<u>NON-PARISH</u> £16.70 £6.20
2	<u>PARTIES/DANCES etc.</u> <u>ADULT</u> Sunday - Thursday Friday & Saturday <u>YOUTH</u> (Under 14 & under supervision only) Monday - Sunday	 £10.25 £11.30 £9.10	 £17.50 £19.90 £13.40
3	<u>COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS</u> <u>ADULT</u> Monday - Sunday - Afternoons/Evenings <u>YOUTH</u> (Under 14 Monday - Sunday - Afternoons/Evenings	 £11.30 £6.20	 £19.90 £10.20
4	<u>NURSE THOMAS ROOM</u> <u>ADULT</u> <u>YOUTH</u> (Under Supervision only)	 £4.80 £3.50	 £7.00 £6.20
5	<u>HIRE CROCKERY</u> Hire charge per session Refundable deposit payable in advance	£6.50 + breakages £10.00	
<u>NOTES:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ All prices quoted are per hour - Setting up & clearing away <u>MUST</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.			



Locking Summer Fair



Join us at Locking Summer Fair & Coronation Picnic on July 15th, from 12pm-4pm at Old Banwell Road Playing Field. Free Entry.

The fair offers a wide range of activities, including Locking's Got Talent, showcasing the area's top singers, bands, dancers, magicians, comedians, and other performers.

The Great Locking Bake Off will also be hosted by the Royal British Legion at the Summer Fair. Participants can enter their Coronation-themed cakes for auction to support the Royal British Legion's fundraising efforts.

If you're a foodie, satisfy your cravings with BBQ, while those seeking drinks can head over to the Coach House Bar.

Children can have a blast with inflatables, live music, disco, magician, face painting, games, and much more.

Free Bus Service covering the whole of Locking Parish with pick up/drop off points being:

11.15am Oaktree Park Community Hall

11.30am The Radio Wing Parklands

11.35am Anson Road/Larkhill Road junction Flowerdown

11.40am Cranwell Road next to the park

11.45am Farnborough Road

11.50am drop off at the playing field

12..00pm Meadow Drive/Fairacre Close

12.05pm Plumley Crescent

12.10pm Elm Tree Road at the bus stop next to Notice Board

12.15pm Elm Tree Road and junction Beechwood Drive

12.20pm drop off at the playing field

Then every hour - last drop off at Oaktree Park 4.45pm

Onsite parking will be limited, please consider walking or cycling if possible.

Volunteers are essential to ensure a successful Summer Fair. If you can help out for 1-2 hours, please contact Dawn at clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk.

For up-to-date information, follow Locking Parish Council on Facebook or contact Dawn at clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk.

Don't forget to register for Locking's Got Talent and the Bake Off at the same email address.

Get ready to have some fun!

HUTTON, LOCKING & Oldmixon RBL AND Locking & Hutton Scout Group Affirmation of Affiliation

On Sunday 14th May 2023 Hutton, Locking & Oldmixon RBL were invited to a BBQ with the 1st Locking and Hutton Scout Group. Afterwards County Chairman Robert McDonald presented certificates to the Scouts (Gareth Coombes, Group Scout Leader) and the Branch (Liz Brown, Branch Chair) at the Affirmation of Affiliation Ceremony.

The original Affiliation took place in 2016 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of a young scout and sailor who died at the age of 16 during World War 1.

John Travers Cornwell, known as Jack, was a scout in St Mary's Mission Group in London. He entered the Royal Navy in 1915 at the age of 15 and was trained briefly, before being sent to serve. On 31st May 1916, while serving aboard on HMS Chester, Jack was struck by shrapnel and severely wounded. When they reached land he was taken to hospital, but died three days later. Jack was awarded the Victoria Cross and the Bronze Cross (Scouting award for gallantry). The Cornwell Scout Badge was created in memory of Jack Cornwell and is one of the most prestigious badges in scouting. It is awarded in recognition of devotion to duty, courage and endurance.



FLOWERDOWN TOTS

Flowerdown tots is a friendly local community group run by local family's here to support our community and its little ones.

We have an indoor and outdoor space providing fun, sensory, messy, creative and educational stimulating play for ages 0-5 years all ending with a sing song.

We are based in Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue every Friday from 9.30am – 11.15am term time only. Cost is £2 per adult which includes tea and coffee. Due to space limitations, we have a maximum number of 25 adults.

Please join us on Facebook and sign up to events or call myself Joanna on:

07751 966366.



Flowerdown Tots

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!

Naomi Hansford 07899 677770

naomi.hansford@boogiebeat.co.uk



BIRTHDAY PARTIES – NURSERY & SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Monday – 11.00 -11.45am – Worle community centre mixed age

Tuesday – 9.30-10.15am - East Huntspill mixed age

Wednesday – 9.30-10.30am - Locking mixed age

Thursday – 9.30-10.15am - East Brent mixed age

10.30-11.15am - East Brent Baby class

Friday – 12.45-1.30pm - Uphill baby class

2.00-2.45pm - Uphill mixed age class

Locking Community Support

Community Living Rooms

The living rooms are a free warm relaxed relaxed space for folk to sit, get together, chat or work and best of all share a free cuppa.

Our Community Living rooms are at:

Locking Parish Hall on Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm.

St Augustine's Church Centre Tuesdays 2pm-4pm,



Parish Pantry



The Parish Pantries are open to all residents of Locking Parish, all that we ask is that you bring a utility bill as proof of address

The Pantries are available at Locking Parish Hall and St Augustine's Church Centre.

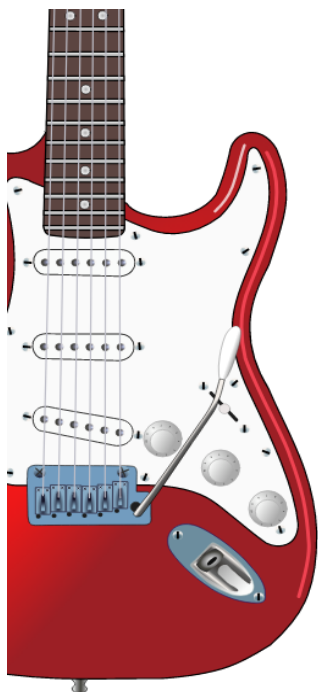
All that we ask is that you

Take what you need and donate what you can

Food Donations are gratefully received.

We are very grateful for the support and funding received from the following:





U3A GUITAR GROUP

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

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 :

Derek 01934 823342 or

Email: steve.wanstall@gmail.com



LOCKING PARK FC

Locking Park FC currently play in Division 1 (first team) and Division 3 (reserve team) of the Weston-Super-Mare and District Football League.

We are running training sessions on the Playing Field, Old Banwell Road throughout the summer on **Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm**. These sessions will be for senior players (16 years and over) of any skill level and any players nearing 16 years looking to get into senior football. Locking Park FC Juniors have a range of age levels from minis to under 16's.

For more information, please message us at our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/lockingpark> or via email: mail@lockingparkfc.co.uk

TAI CHI

SPRING INTO SUMMER



COMING TO LOCKING PARISH HALL!

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

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

Often referred to as “Meditation in Movement”, it is the calming meditative aspect of Tai Chi that makes it particularly effective at reducing stress and anxiety, and associated illness.

Tai Chi players enjoy improved flexibility, balance and co-ordination, together with relaxation and the companionship of other like-minded people.

Our weekly classes are taught in a friendly and informal setting.

Wednesday 1.30 – 2.30pm

Starts 31 May 2023

£6.50 pp

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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 timetable at Locking Parish Hall is as follows: -



Carlea Theatre Arts

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

5.15-6.00pm Grade 4 Ballet

6.00-6.30pm Pointe work

6.30-7.15pm Grade 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

11 years upwards – 5.15-6.00pm

contemporary dance.

Saturday From 2 ½ Years and upwards

09.15 -09.45am Little Stars Ballet

09.50 -10.20am Little Stars Tap

10.30 -11.00am Little Stars Ballet

11.10 -11.55am Primary Ballet

12.00 -12.45pm Primary Tap

12.45-1.30pm Primary Ballet

1.30-2.00pm Grade 1 Modern



Carlea Theatre Arts

Full timetables of all classes are on our website: www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk

Email: info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk

LOCKING SENIOR CLUB

On May 3rd, we held an Afternoon Tea in celebration of the forth coming Coronation of King Charles.



Locking Senior Club

Dan, from Parkside Café provided us with a wonderful selection of sandwiches and cakes and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Forthcoming Dates:

June 14th, 28th.

July 12th, 26th

August 9th, 23rd

September 6th, 20th

Meetings are held in St. Augustine's Church Centre, 2pm-4pm.

We have plenty of room for more members

So why not pop in and try us out on one of the dates above.

For more information, please contact Anthea on 01934 820255

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 each month** at the **Radio Wing, McCrae Road, Locking Parklands** from **7.30pm-9.15pm**. There is a small charge (£4.50) to cover costs including refreshments. Your first visit will be free, to give you a chance to come and see what we do with no obligation.

Do come along we'd love to see you!

For more information - contact Christine Hall - 01934 827686 E-mail: chris.rushall@gmail.com

CHAIR-BASED YOGA EXERCISE CLASSES

We started our chair-based yoga exercise classes last November with just 3 members for the first few weeks. Thanks to this magazine and the lovely people of Locking recommending our classes, numbers have grown. I feel privileged to lead these classes which have been helpful to people for a number of reasons. Below are a few positive quotes from a recent questionnaire sent to the members:

- ★ "I did not expect to enjoy exercise".
- ★ "I feel relaxed physically and mentally for the rest of the day
- ★ "A good way to keep the body toned when mobility is difficult
- ★ "It has social benefits for people like me who live alone".
- ★ "Every movement increases mobility, which in turn decreases pain, although you are not necessarily aware of this until later".

We love to celebrate birthdays at our chair-based yoga classes in Locking Parish Hall. Chris Ward enjoyed receiving flowers and cake recently for her 80th birthday before embarking on a lovely trip to see the bulb fields in Holland. To check availability please contact: Haze 07980 697145 or email haze@accesstoyoga.co.uk



Access to Yoga

It would be lovely if we could have a few men to join our group or, would men like a chair-based exercise group of their own? Please let me know.

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**Parish Hall on Friday
evenings from 6.30pm to
8.30pm**



**Locking Karate meets Friday evenings
between 6.30pm-8.30pm
Students are aged between six and sixty
so all ages and abilities are welcome
Anyone with previous experience is
welcome and any previous grades will
be respected**

**For any further information please
contact me
Sensei Gary Doughty 5th Dan etc.,
Tel: 07880 821914 or email
garydoughty@btinternet.com**



LOCKING PRE-SCHOOL

Locking Pre-school is an outstanding provision located within the beautiful grounds of Locking Primary School.

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. This academic year we have enjoyed celebrating Diwali, firework night, Christmas, Eid, King Charles III Coronation, and our farm educational trip to Court Farm.

Locking Pre-school 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.

We are now full for the academic year 2023-2024. Please register for September 2024. to arrange a visit please call 07810242330 or email

lockingpreschool1@gmail.com

Our website has more details www.lockingpreschool.com



LITTLE ARK TODDLERS

We are a very friendly group of parents, grandparents and carers who meet every Wednesday at 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Augustine's Church Centre during term time. All children are welcome from birth to school age.

We have a large variety of toys including a slide, happy land, play dough, play kitchen, and much, much more. Every week we have a different craft activity. We charge £2 per family which includes tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. (Cost covers adult and 2 children, each additional child charged at £1 extra)

So why not give us a try and join in the fun!!!! **For further information please contact Gail – 07818 677635 or see our Facebook Page “Little Ark Toddlers”**





Parklands
Educate Together

PARKLANDS EDUCATE TOGETHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

This academic year has been very successful for Parklands. We have seen a dramatic increase in numbers, with now around 260 children in the school and our oldest children going into Year 6 from September 2023. We employ over 50 staff, with the majority from the Weston area.

We had our first Ofsted inspection in January this year, which has graded us as Good in all categories. It was a very positive experience, and the school community were pleased to have all their hard work acknowledged.

Our children recently participated in a Dance Festival at The Playhouse, which was a wonderful celebration with several other schools from the area. Our parent volunteer group organised an Easter Egg Hunt around the Parklands area in the school holidays, with participants from not only our own school but around the local community.

We are currently campaigning for safer routes to school for our children, as there are no safe crossings, parking restrictions or traffic measures in the vicinity of the school.

Flowerdown Tots Sensory Baby Group



<https://bookwhen.com/flowerdowntotsensory>

Flowerdown Tots Sensory Baby Group is a local parent and baby group based in Locking Parish Hall.

Every Friday term time only 12:30-2:00pm

We're a baby sensory, messy and heuristic play group where you can come with your little ones, have a cuppa in a relaxed calm environment, make friends and enrich your babies development.

This is a group just for babies who are not yet confident walkers. This group is not suitable for children who are walking or older siblings.

Please contact Joanna on 07551966366 for more details or find us on Facebook.

FRIENDS OF THE HELICOPTER MUSEUM

The dreaded Daleks are set to invade Locking

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Dr Who, there will be a special one off Dalek Invasion Day taking place at the Helicopter Museum in Locking on Sunday 25th June 2023.

Not only will there be life size animatronic Daleks stalking the display hangars of the aviation attraction looking for visitors to “exterminate!” but also a live interactive ‘Audience with The Daleks’ Show complete with the Tardis and photoshoot background displays. Also expect to see lots of costumed characters from the Dr Who archives including some past doctors themselves.

Dr Who themed dressing up is welcome and encouraged. The best children’s costume on the day (which will be judged by a dalek panel of experts) will win a helicopter flight with a parent or guardian the following month.



Dalek Invasion

The Dinosaurs are coming back to Locking

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July, The Helicopter Museum in Locking is going to go all prehistoric when ‘Dino Weekend’ takes over the Museum.

With an animatronic T-rex and Velociraptor on the prowl there will be lots to see and do including:

A dinosaur petting zoo.

A dinosaur exhibition and fun trail.

Backdrops and interactive scenes from the Jurassic Park movie.

Monster Movie themed Open Cockpits.

Full details of both events can be found on the museum’s website at www.helicoptermuseum.co.uk.



Dino Weekend

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Helicopter Museum is currently on the look-out for Volunteers for its shop and café. If you have a morning or afternoon free each week then your local charity would love to hear from you.

Please call Tom on 01934 635227

The Helicopter Museum, Locking Moor Road Registered Charity No: 28120

ST AUGUSTINE'S LOCKING

St Augustine's Locking – To be at the heart of the community.

To know Jesus and to make Him known.

Summer is taking a long time coming this year. A lot has been happening recently with Easter services and also celebrations for the Coronation.

We have decided to continue to open the community lounge in the church centre for one session a week, which is Tuesdays 2 – 4pm.

The pantry will also be open then and is also open for the Little Ark baby and toddler group on Wednesday mornings.

A Coronation Tea was held for the regulars and volunteers who come to the community lounge. It has been wonderful to welcome people from the community to our lounge – why not pop along for a coffee and chat? You would be very welcome. The community café is very successful and each month we see a full hall with people chatting and enjoying coffee and cake. We now have an activities table for children.

Sunday services – everyone is welcome to join us. Please check the noticeboard or website – see below for special services

1st Sunday 10am – Family Service – for all ages – children's activities

2nd Sunday 10am – Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 10am – Family Service

4th Sunday 10am Celebration Sunday in the church centre – informal, café style worship for all the family – join us for this popular service – everyone welcome.

4pm Evening Service

5th Sunday – United Service with Hutton

Other events: -

24th June Locking Community Cafe

8th & 9th July Roger Jones weekend – Muscial Man with concert on
8th at St Mary's Hutton

16th July 10am Open Air service in Locking park

29th July Locking Community Cafe

Recent news Just want to share this news, which was given out to both on Sunday 14th May.

Chris and I are both very sad and excited to announce that we are on the move at the end of the summer. I will be licensed as Priest - in - Charge to the Parish of All Saints with St Mary's Sawley in the Diocese of Derby. Please pray for us as there is a huge amount to sort in order to move and also to put in place to get the Benefice ready for an interregnum. Please pray for us as we will pray for you. I know that the Lord will be with all of us, as we journey into the future.

Please get in touch if you would like a visit, prayer, need support or want to book a wedding, baptism, baby blessing or a funeral – your church is always here for you. Revd Anne Wilkins 823556 or revannewilkins1@gmail.com

Please help support your local church – we want to be here for you today and for the years to come. Please use this QR code to take you to our giving page. Thank you.

If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter by email or delivered, please contact the Benefice Office on 822857 or email huttonandlocking@gmail.com Or visit our website <http://www.staugustineslocking.org.uk/>



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.

<u>WHAT IS THE ISSUE</u>	<u>WHO DEALS WITH IT?</u>	<u>WHO DEALS WITH IT?</u>
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 www.n-somerset.gov.uk
Anti-Social Behaviour Cold calling; Suspected phone scam; parking issues; Speeding	POLICE	101 999 (IN AN EMERGENCY)
Locking Parklands Residents can also contact Mainstay 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 using helpdesk@Preim.co.uk 24/7 Helpline 01778 382210
Locking Village: 26 PC owned street lights, dog bins, litter bins, street furniture, Parish Hall, Park, Allotments, open spaces	LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL	01934 820786

THE PARISH CLERK - Mrs D Tremlett
The Parish Hall Grenville Avenue Locking
BS24 8AR
01934 820 786

Email: clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

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

Your COUNCILLORS

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www.lockingpc.co.uk



*and the Coronation
Picnic Lunch*
SATURDAY 15TH JULY
12PM TO 4PM

Locking's Got
Talent
Competition - Singers,
dancers, magician's,
comedians - its open to
all! See below to
register your details

The Great
Locking Bake Off
with a Coronation Twist -
Enter your Coronation
themed Cakes to the Bake
Off - see below to register
your details

Join us for lots of fun including bouncy castle • bbq •
coach house bar • giant slide • face painting •
entertainment • food stalls
and much much more!



**OLD BANWELL PLAYING FIELD
LOCKING**

Contact clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk to register for
Locking's Got Talent and The Great Locking Bake
Off along with details of the free shuttle bus