

Looking at Locking



Edition: Autumn/Winter 2023
Welcome to our Parish Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR . . .



Welcome to the Autumn edition of 'Looking @ Locking'.

I hope that you find

this edition to be helpful, interesting and informative and I would like to thank our 'editorial team' for their hard work in producing this edition.

Since the summer edition of 'Looking at Locking' we have continued to work with our partners to the benefit of all in our community. We have lobbied and made representations to North Somerset Council and with the assistance of our Ward Councillors have addressed various issues that impact on residents across the Parish which include the removal of the Number 126 Bus Service and the lack of a safe route for residents to access the new Doctor's surgery and the new Secondary School on Locking Parklands.

We have also continued with our initiatives to provide a Community Living Room, Book Exchange, Parish Pantry, Tea & Tech Sessions and a safe meeting place for all.

Once again thank you to all those who make these initiatives a success as they are definitely a benefit to many in our community.

On behalf of Locking Parish Council, I would like to thank the Reverend Anne Wilkins for her contributions to all in the Parish, we wish her and her family well for the future and in her move to Derby.

On Monday 4 September 2023 the bus service to Locking Village was restored; the 125 First Bus service now provides Locking Village residents with transportation to Weston-super-Mare and Wrington. Whilst the Number 7 Bus service has been extended and now connects Locking Parklands, Flowerdown Park with Hayward Village, Weston General Hospital, Weston-super-Mare and through to Worle.

At this time there are currently 11 Councillors on the Parish Council and 4 Vacancies. If you have time to give and want to be involved and make a difference in your community, please contact the Clerk for information on how to be a Locking Parish Councillor.

Cllr 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 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.

Bus Service for Locking



Bus services across the Weston-super-Mare area are set to change from 3 September 2023, North Somerset Council has reviewed the existing bus network and will be updating, changing and improving a number of services, linking to local health, education and retail facilities. From

September, new commercial routes will serve areas of high bus demand while ensuring local communities continue to stay connected.

Locking Parish Council along with District Councillors Terry Porter and Mike Solomon have worked hard to ensure Locking Village had their bus service reinstated.

So, what does this mean for LOCKING?

The following commercial routes have been confirmed by First Bus:

- The 51 service between Weston and Wrington will become the new 125 service. This route will no longer serve the Runway (Haywood Village) and Locking Parklands. It will serve Flowerdown retail park and Locking giving the village its service back that it lost last year.
- Service 7 will be extended daily from Haywood Village to Locking Parklands, giving this area a high frequency bus service seven days a week.

While Oaktree Park will not have a scheduled bus service, people living there will be able to use WESTlink, the on-demand bus service. This will continue to give people the opportunity to travel direct to their destination or connect to the wider public transport network at a time of their choice.

North Somerset Council is currently engaged in a tender process to improve Weston-super-Mare town services further using Bus Service Improvement Plan funding. More information about the new routes will be available once this process is complete.

Once the tendering process is complete and approved, both the new commercial and supported bus routes will come into effect from 3 September 2023.

The council is also working with Somerset Council to reintroduce a cross-boundary service 126 between Wells and Weston-super-Mare, via Hutton, to connect more communities. It's hoped that this will begin at the start of October. Information regarding timetables can be found at <https://travelwest.info/> or telephone 0300 300 0032 for other enquiries.

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
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



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 Book Exchange

**Locking Parish Hall
Tuesday's 10am - 2pm**

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

FLOWERDOWN PARK NEWS

Since our last update, we have welcomed the installation of some new play equipment in our 3 open spaces. The new items were chosen by local families through an online survey. Our thanks to everyone that took part in the survey and NSC for their contribution. The new additions have been popular with the children, and we continue to work to improve our open spaces. if you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please email paul-h-lmrc@outlook.com (Estate queries contact the usual helpdesk number/email).



As a resident's company that is directed by a group of volunteers, we really understand the work that goes on quietly, behind the scenes. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to all at Locking Parish Council for the continued support, our



beautiful flower displays and Queens platinum Jubilee Bench. The flower displays always brighten up the area and we really appreciate the work that goes into keeping them looking great. Several residents who have tended to some of the other planters around the estate, again these are looking good and our thanks to those who have helped with this.

Locking Moor Residents Company LTD





Locking Skatepark Project Update

During recent months, the tender process has been completed and on Thursday 7th September, Locking Council agreed to accept a tender for Maverick to work with the skatepark group to produce a final design, to apply for planning permission and to apply predominantly for National Lottery Funding to fund the build. The skatepark group have fund raised and will cover the planning fees but all other costs associated with the scheme will be covered by funding received so it literally is fingers crossed on lottery funding. Maverick demonstrated excellent knowledge and expertise in obtaining funding, planning and building skateparks and have very recently completed a scheme at Portishead. All that they require is a letter of intent that if they work with the group and obtain the planning and funding, they will be the chosen providers so there is no financial risk to the group or the Parish Council. The skatepark group will work closely with Maverick moving forwards with a view to progressing the scheme as quickly as possible and literally, as per the National Lottery logo, fingers crossed!!

For more information, please contact us at:
skateparksteeringgroup@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk, or find us on
Face Book and Instagram under 'Locking
Skatepark Project'.

Locking Community Support

Community Living Rooms

The living rooms are a free warm 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:



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.

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.

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.

Overgrown vegetation can be reported to North Somerset Council via their website: www.n-somerset.gov.uk or 01934 888 888

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

Theft of plants from Coronation Garden and flower tubs



Flower Tub

In our summer edition we thanked our volunteers who planted up 800 summer bedding plants and Council purchased some larger plants as centre pieces. They did look beautiful (see Photo). However, it is with great disappointment that we report that several of the tubs had been vandalized with four of them being completely stripped of their plants. The vandalized tubs are located at the corner of Meadow Drive, the bottom of the safety footpath on Elm Tree Road, and at the Coronation Garden.

Despite our efforts to replace the stolen plants, these too have also been stolen. As a result, we resorted to displaying photographs of plants in the tubs instead.

LOCKING VILLAGE PARK



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.

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.

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.

Coronation Garden

To commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III a plaque was placed at the Coronation Garden. Our thanks to Julie who does such a fantastic job looking after the garden.

The photo below shows the Commemoration plaque and ceremony for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation



Old Banwell Road Playing Field

The Parish Council have begun the next stage of major works to the car park, with the new drainage swale now installed, along with a new height restrictor gate.

We begin the job of getting the “levels” correct by stoning up and then resurfacing with tarmac. Local contractor N Bartlett Ltd Plant Hire has been awarded the contract for the works.

This financial year the council have enough funding to complete 1000sqm of the car park in particular the entrance into 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 the rest of the car park, installing knee rails, electric vehicle charging points and new bicycle stands. We will keep you updated as this project progresses.

The Spinney Footpath

Just a brief update on works at The Spinney footpath, North Somerset Council have advised the following:

Thorough design is being prepared and costed; surveys are being prepared Tree works have been commissioned and works lined up to begin before actual works commence.

It's likely that the path will need to be closed for the duration of the works (Exact duration TBC).

North Somerset Council will keep the Parish Council updated.



Christmas Market

NOVEMBER 26TH 2023

10:00AM TO 4:00PM

LOCKING PARISH HALL, LOCKING,
BS24 8AR

DRINKS

BBQ

CRAFT STALLS

FESTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL CHARITIES

FAMILY FUN

GAMES

LOCKING FESTIVE BAKE OFF

Festive Bake Off

Locking Parish Hall
Sunday 26th November
10-4pm



Adults Decorate a 8" Cake with a Festive Theme
Under 16s Decorate 5 cupcakes with a festive Theme

Cakes to be auctioned off in aid of
The Royal British Legion

for more information email
LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk

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 COUNCIL



PARISH HALL - SCALE OF HIRE CHARGES - per hour

1 MEETINGS/CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

	Parish	Non Parish
Adult		
Monday – Sunday - Afternoons/Evenings	£9.20	£16.70
Youth		
Monday – Sunday – Mornings/Afternoons/Evenings	£4.30	£6.20

2 PARTIES/DANCES etc

Adult		
Sunday – Thursday	£10.25	£17.50
Friday and Saturday	£11.30	£19.90
Youth (<u>Under 14</u> and under supervision only)		
Monday – Sunday	£9.10	£13.40

3 COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS

Adults		
Monday – Sunday - Afternoons/Evenings	£11.30	£19.90
Youth (<u>Under 14</u>)		
Monday – Sunday - Afternoons/Evenings	£6.20	£10.20

4 NURSE THOMAS ROOM

Adult	£4.80	£7.00
Youth (Under supervision only)	£3.50	£6.20

5 HIRE OF CROCKERY

Hire charge per session	£6.50 (plus any breakages)
Refundable deposit payable in advance	£10.00



NOTES:

- 1) All prices quoted are per hour - Setting up and clearing away **MUST** be taken into consideration when working out the time that you wish to hire the hall from and until.
- 2) All bookings (except for regular users) require a refundable deposit of £50.00.
- 3) All charges are reviewed annually.

St Augustine's Church Locking

Remembrance



Sunday



12th November

**Remembrance Service
and Parade.**

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

For more information
ring 01934 822857



Do you like to knit?

Come along to knit and natter

knit poppies for the
Royal British Legion

Tuesday mornings
10-12pm

Locking Parish Hall



All equipment provided

FLOWERDOWN TOTS

At: Locking Parish Hall every Friday term time
from 9.30-11.00

£3.00 per an adult and up to 2 children

(Extra children and adults £2 each.

Sessions are pre bookable through our booking site,
find out more on our Facebook page or call Joanna
on 07551966366

FLOWERDOWN TOTS
IS A FRIENDLY
COMMUNITY TODDLER
GROUP RUN BY MUM'S
AND MUM'S OF
MUM'S!



THINGS TO NOTE:

It's all about friendship!
Enjoy a range of fun activities
And play stations with your
little ones and enjoy a sing
song to end the session.
Tea, Coffee, squash and
biscuits are also available!

WHY PLAY?

As a parent being a part of a
community activity can help you
feel less alone as you are
amongst peers. Children will
have fun, make friends and
grow in their social skills.



ST AUGUSTINE'S COMMUNITY LOUNGE IS STAYING OPEN!

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH CENTRE COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Open every Tuesday 2pm-4pm

For further details contact: tel.: 01934 822857 or

email huttonandlocking@gmail.com



BOOGIE BEAT MUSICAL MOVEMENT

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

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

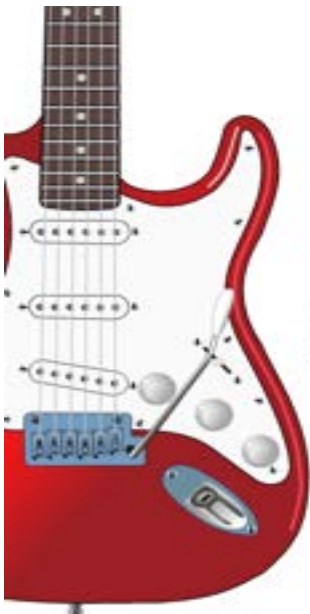
Wednesday – 9.30-10.30am - **Locking mixed age**

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



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



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 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 – pre-school.

5.15-6.00pm Grade 4 Tap

6.00-6.45pm Grade 4/5 Ballet

6.45-7.15pm Pointe work

7.15-8.00pm Grade 5/6 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

10.25 -10.55am Little Stars Ballet

11.00 -11.30am Pre Primary Tap

11.35 -12.20pm Pre Primary Ballet

12.30 -1.15pm Primary Tap

1.15 -2.00pm Primary Ballet

2.00 – 2.30pm Grade 1 Modern

Thursday at Locking Parklands Hall:

7.20-8.05pm Adult Tap

8.05-8.50pm Adult Jazz



Carlea Theatre Arts

Our next performance will be at the Playhouse Theatre on 11 February 2024

Full timetables of all classes are on our

website: www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk

Email: info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk

K A R A T E

LOCKING

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

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”**



LOCKING SENIOR CLUB

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

Dates of our meetings:

September 20th.

October 4th. 18th.

November 1st. 15th. 29th.

December 27th.

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.



CRAFT CLUB



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



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



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



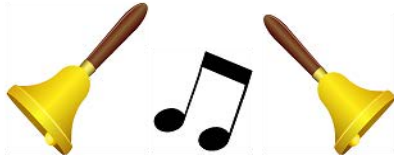
For more information please call Eileen Begent on 01934 822050 or email eileen@begent.org

Handbell Ringing

Locking Handbell Ringers are looking for new members as we practice a few tunes and carols to ring at the Christmas Carol Service.

It is great fun, all ages and no experience necessary!

Thursdays 7.30pm – 8.30pm starting 12th October
in St Augustine's Church



Let me know if you can join us. Simon Begent 01934 822050

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 The Radio Wing, McCrae Road, Locking Parklands 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 4 October, Wednesday 1 November, Wednesday 6 December, Wednesday 3 January.

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

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HUTTON, LOCKING & OLDMIXON RBL AND LOCKING & HUTTON SCOUT GROUP AFFIRMATION OF AFFILIATION

On Saturday 17th June, Broadoak Academy in Weston super Mare celebrated its centenary with a Festival of Culture which was held in the grounds.

The Academy has undergone many changes during its history and is now part of Cabot Learning Federation. The festival comprised a series of talks, stalls, displays and interactive activities to showcase the town's talent and diversity. Hutton, Oldmixon & Locking Branch RBL took the opportunity to arrange an Affiliation with the Academy which falls within our catchment area.

The certificate of Affiliation was signed by Danny McGilloway (Academy Head Teacher) and Liz Brown (Branch Chair) and presented by Sam Samuels (RBL Country Vice-Chair).

The Affiliation was also attended by the Mayor and Mayoress for Weston super Mare.



HUTTON, OLDMIXON & LOCKING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

Meetings are held in Hutton Village Hall at 19:30

Dates for the diary

- 12th September – Ploughman's supper
- 7th October – An evening of Bingo (at Locking Parish Hall)
- 14th November – AGM followed with mince pies and teas/coffees
- 26th November – Christmas Market (at Locking Parish Hall)
- 2nd December – Christmas Bazaar

For further information please contact Liz on 07508114334 Email

158lizbrown@gmail.com or Lin on 07816522460 Email

secretary.rbl.hol@outlook.com

Update from Locking Primary School

We have had a very busy summer break with some exciting developments and improvements to the school. You will be aware that we were successful in securing government funding (600K) to repair our main school building roof. We are thrilled with almost completed roof works on the main school building, LED lights installation in children's toilets, a newly resourced Year 1 provision (indoor and outdoor) and of course the creation of our temporary Treetops SEND 10 place Resource Hub unit while the building works are taking place for a new permanent, purpose built unit! We have also had the area outside Reception tarmacked and a new weather proof canopy installed and the new flooring laid in one of our classrooms. A special thanks to our neighbours in Meadow Drive and Lime Tree Close for the patience and understanding during summer holidays with the lots of comings and goings from lots of contractors!

We have a number of events planned for the autumn term which we would love for you join us for...

Locking Primary School invite you to

STAY AND PLAY

2024 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Play. Explore the outdoor learning area. Meet the team. Tour the school. Join the Locking family!

Starting school in September 2024?

Bring your child to school and experience part of a normal school day with us. We'd love to meet you.

Choose a session to suit you:

- 9.45am-11am Wednesday 4 October 2023
- 1.45pm-3pm Wednesday 11 October 2023
- 9.45am-11am Wednesday 4 November 2023

BOOK A PLACE

CONTACT US 01934 822867
www.locking.n-somerset.sch.uk



FRIENDS OF THE HELICOPTER MUSEUM

Having repelled an invasion of Daleks in June and survived an attack of Dinosaurs in July, the Staff and Volunteers of The Helicopter Museum in Locking are looking forward to a more sedate Charity Fundraising event next when they host a Classic Car Show and Live Concert in their grounds on Sunday 24th September. The event in association with The Royal British Legion will see an array of vintage vehicles on display around the original airfield control tower with live music being performed alongside. Other Charity Fundraising Events coming soon include...



Classic Car Show

Halloween Themed Family Fun - 15th October



Professional bubble-ologists will take centre stage at the Locking Charity's annual event when their live shows will see visiting children encapsulated in giant bubbles of all shapes and sizes, whilst elsewhere in the museum those brave enough will be able to enter the haunted graveyard and come face to face with some rather colourful characters.

Bubble Man

Santa Claus' Flying Visit - 10th December

Father Christmas will be making his annual helicopter flight from The North Pole to Locking on Sunday 10th December this year when he lands at The Helicopter Museum to host the Locking Charity's Christmas Family Fun Day Event.

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

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

HUTTON, OLDMIXION & LOCKING BRANCH

BINGO NIGHT

£5 ENTRY, 6 GAMES

Raffle & Refreshments

SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER

STARTS AT 6.30PM

LOCKING PARISH HALL

GRENVILLE AVENUE, BS248AR



Open Church Visit your Parish Church

St Augustine's Church in Locking is Open for Visitors
on Wednesdays & Saturdays 10am - 5pm until 29th
October for Peace, Quiet and Prayer



Includes Local History
displays of
Church History
Locking Village
RAF Locking
Locking Airfield



Santa Float 2023

Monday 4th Dec- Saturday 9th Dec

6.30pm

Monday 4th - Flower down and New Camp

Tuesday 5th - Elborough Village

Wednesday 6th - Park Land and the rest of the Camp

Thursday 7th - Hayward Village

Friday 8th - Hutton Village

Saturday 9th - Locking Village



Follow us on Facebook for up to date route information

1stlockingandhuttonscoutgroup



Volunteering:
IT'S EASIER
THAN YOU
THINK.

If you would like to join the team and enjoy the fun, friendship and adventure of Scouting, we would really welcome your support. You can work directly with young people or in a behind the scenes role as a team or individual. Prior experience or a connection with Scouting is not necessary and we welcome people from different backgrounds. Remember, you can decide how much or little time you give to Scouting.

Volunteer today and make a positive impact in your community.

contact us for more information

email- lockingandhuttonscoutgroup@yahoo.com

Facebook- 1stlockingandhuttonscoutgroup

FLOWERDOWN TOTS SENSORY BABY GROUP

At: Locking Parish Hall every Friday term time
from 12.30-2.00

£5.00 per a adult.

Extra children and adults £2 each.

Sessions are pre bookable through our booking site.
find out more on our Facebook page or call Joanna
on 07551966366



FLOWERDOWN TOTS BABY SENSORY IS A FRIENDLY
RELAXED GROUP WHERE YOU CAN COME CHILL AND HAVE
A CUPPA AND A SLICE OF CAKE, FOR BABIES 0-18 MONTHS

WHY PLAY?

As a parent being a part of a community activity can help you feel less alone as you are amongst peers. Children will have fun, make friends and grow in their social skills.



THINGS TO NOTE:

It's all about friendship!
Enjoy a range of fun activities
And play stations with your
little ones and enjoy a sing
song to end the session.
Tea, Coffee, squash and cake
are also available!



St AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LOCKING

News from your Parish Church

St Augustine's church is having a change!

After over 15 years the Rev Anne Wilkins has recently moved with her husband Chris to another parish.

The Church of England doesn't automatically replace a vicar immediately, in fact it is likely to be over a year! In the mean time our church will still be active as usual.



*Rev Geoff
Hobden*

My name is Rev Geoff Hobden and since my retirement from a church in Weston in 2011, my wife Hazel and I have worshipped at St Augustine's.

I am not however a replacement vicar, but am nevertheless active in supporting our two churchwardens who exercise the Bishop's responsibility in keeping the ministry alive and kicking. What this means in practice is that Sunday services will continue as usual, as will most of the other activities.

I am able to conduct weddings and funerals etc and pastoral situations can be responded to as before.

We have a new Church Administrator Corriene Wilson who lives in Locking and you will be able to ring her in the church office.

Contact with the church office (01934 822857) is the way ahead if you need any help or have any questions. We would love to be able to welcome you to any of our services or activities.

Church Office: 01934 822857 (Open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays 9.00am -12 noon) Email: huttonandlocking@gmail.com

St Augustine's website: <http://www.staugustineslocking.org.uk> for news, services and activities.

St Augustine's Church Locking services September to December 2023

September Services

Sunday 24th Sept - 10am Celebration Sunday in Church Centre

Sunday 24th Sept - 4pm Evening Prayer

October Services

Sunday 1st Oct - 10am Family Service

Sunday 8th Oct - 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th Oct - 10am United Mission Service in St. Mary's Hutton

Sunday 22nd Oct - 10am Celebration Sunday in Church Centre

Sunday 22nd Oct - 4pm Holy Communion

Sunday 29th Oct - 10am United service in Locking

November Services

Sunday 5th Nov - 10am Family Service

Sunday 12th Nov - 10am Remembrance Service

Sunday 19th Nov - 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th Nov - 10am Celebration Sunday in Church Centre

Sunday 26th Nov - 4pm Holy Communion

December Services

Sunday 3rd Dec - 10am Family Service

Christmas at St. Augustine's Locking



Sunday 10th December

- 10am Christmas Celebration with Nativity in Church Centre

Sunday 17th December

- 6pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

- 3pm Christingle Service

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

- 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion in St. Mary's Hutton

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

- 10am Family Christmas Communion

All children and families welcome

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

Cheryl Mountford, Bubbling Springs Tai Chi

Tel 01278 781544

Mob 07840 350334

EM bubblingsprings@hotmail.com

LOCKING COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Locking Church Centre 10am – 12.30pm

Meet - Chat - Stalls - Cakes - Teas

Saturday 23rd September - in aid of Cystic Fibrosis

Saturday 28th October - sales table by Locking Seniors

Saturday 25th November - Christmas Community Café

For details tel.: 01934 822857 or email huttonandlocking@gmail.com

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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