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www.huttonsomerset.org.uk

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Parish Council News

Budget Planning for the Next Financial Year

The November meeting of the Parish Council was a meeting of the Finance Committee, at which, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council, Councillors met to discuss and consider various financial issues, forecast the budget for the next financial year and set the precept requirement for Financial Year 2023/24 for passing to North Somerset Council. This was a "closed" meeting and was not open to members of the public.

New Volunteer Editor of the Hutton Parish News – Commencing March 2023

After 20 years of service as a Parish Councillor <u>AND</u> 22 years as the **volunteer** Editor of the Hutton Parish News, Councillor Polly White will be retiring from both roles in March 2023.

Following an expression of interest for this **volunteer** role, the Parish Council are extremely pleased to announce that Ella Baxter has been appointed as the new **volunteer** Editor of the Hutton Parish News from March 2023. The Parish Council would like to thank and warmly welcome Ella to this extremely important and valuable community role.

The contributions and views expressed in the Hutton Parish News are not necessarily those of the Parish Council, or of the Editor and the Editor warmly welcomes and encourages contributions from all parishioners. Contact details for the Editor can be found on page 2 of the Hutton Parish News.

The Editor of the Hutton Parish News does not have to be a member of the Parish Council and will not automatically become a member of the Parish Council.

North Somerset Council – Hutton Speed Reduction Plan – Public Engagement Event Consultation

With an aim to reduce the speed limit leading to the village of Hutton from Weston-super-Mare and through the village of Hutton and after writing to all residents, on Thursday 27th October, North Somerset Council, along with Hutton Parish Council held a "walk-in" Hutton Speed Reduction Plan – Public Engagement Event Consultation in Hutton Village Hall. During this event representatives of North Somerset Council and Hutton Parish Council displayed the proposed Hutton speed reduction plans and asked for public comment and feedback. Comments were also invited to be submitted by parishioners on the North Somerset Council on-line electronic consultation (econsult) platform.

Echoing the comments the Parish Council has received from the North Somerset Council - Senior Sustainable Travel & Road Safety Officer, it was a fantastic turnout, which is to the credit of parishioners.

88 written comment sheets were handed in on the day and for the econsult, the responses look to be 166 (this is awaiting confirmation).

At the time of writing, Hutton Parish Council is currenting awaiting the North Somerset Council results of the public engagement event consultation.

Hutton Parish Council has also expressed their views to North Somerset Council on the proposed Hutton speed reduction plans.

Hutton Parish Council would like to thank the North Somerset Council -Sustainable Travel & Road Safety Team and all parishioners who took part in the public engagement event consultation.

Climate Emergency Information

A "**Climate Emergency Information**" page is now available on the Hutton Parish Council website – <u>www.huttonsomerset.org.uk/climate-emergency</u>

This Parish Council website page will provide further links to the following North Somerset Council - Climate Emergency and Climate Action websites:

- <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/priorities-strategies/climate-</u> <u>emergency</u>
- www.n-somerset.gov.uk/climateaction

The above websites provide detailed information including actions and steps we can take to **make greener choices to help to create a "healthier, happier and greener North Somerset.**"

For those parishioners without internet access and with the kind permission of North Somerset Council, the key points from the above **North Somerset Council Climate Action website –**

have been reproduced and are summarised later in this edition.

Elmhurst Play Area Refurbishment

Following the Parish Council's success in securing a partnership grant from North Somerset Council's "Improving Play Spaces Fund" for funding for Phase 2 of the Elmhurst Play Area refurbishment, a Sales Order has now been placed with the Contractor for the new play equipment. Further details will follow in this and later editions of the Hutton Parish News.

Final Thoughts

Merry Christmas!

I would like to take this opportunity to give everyone my very best wishes and hopes for the forthcoming festive season and the new year.

Please stay safe.

Peter Dutton, Chairman, Hutton Parish Council

Parish Council Financial Information on the Web Site The following information is available on the web site <u>www.huttonsomerset.org.uk/financial-information:</u>

- Audit Reports.
- What does the Parish Precept Pay For?
- Financial Regulations.
- Financial Risk Assessment.
- Expenditure and Income to date for the Financial Year.
- Precept requirement.
- Parish Council budget for the current Financial Year.

Please note, new email address for Hutton News submissions.

huttonnewseditor@gmail.com







We are looking for Community Champions



Are you passionate about health and wellbeing?



Are you involved in community groups?



Will you help us spread the word about our falls prevention campaign?

We have free resources for you to share in your groups to help prevent falls in your community.

Please get in contact to find out more **01823 345614**

fallsprevention@ageuksomerset.org.uk



Dog Mess – Bag it and Bin it!!

Hutton Parish Council has joined forces with North Somerset Council to campaign heavily against irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their pets. Many dog owners responsibly pick up their dog's mess, but there are still owners out there who are prepared to leave their dog's mess littered on our streets, in our parks and around our countryside.

Dog fouling is the most offensive type of litter on our streets and is constantly rated by the public as one of the most important issues blighting their local area. In recent years, there has been a growing problem of **dog waste bags found hanging on trees, on railings or stuffed in hedges**. It would appear that some dog owners are picking up their dog's mess but are then simply dumping the bags.

Dog mess can be placed in <u>any general litter or dog bin</u>. We therefore call on all dog owners to bag and bin their dog's mess as 'there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy' who will clean up after their dog. Irresponsible owners need to face up to the fact that not picking up after their dogs is an offence which is also putting the health of children at risk.

North Somerset take reports of dog fouling very seriously and will fine those responsible. If you see someone not picking up their dog's mess, then you can report it to North Somerset. Keep this list handy so you know what to report about the offence you've witnessed:

date, time & location

any pattern to the behaviour (same times, people or places)

description of dog & owner

car registration number, if used.

The more information provided, the more likely it is that the offender will be caught.

To report an offence to North Somerset Council, either fill in the online form at <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/parking-travel-roads/street-cleaning/</u> <u>keeping-streets-clean</u> or call 01934 888802.

Hutton Village Hall

At the Annual General Meeting held in November the current committee stood down in accordance with standing orders. Election to various posts were agreed with the following members forming the executive group of the committee. Stephen Cope – Chairman, Norman Poole – Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Marion Cuthbert – Admin Secretary and Sarah Cope – Booking Officer. The constitution is being reviewed to enable a full committee made up of representative group members. The Chairman thanked the outgoing committee and welcomed back all members who were present.

The Village Hall continues to function extremely well. However, financial pressures will be felt over the coming months, with increases to energy prices being the main pressure. This means that maintenance and upkeep of the building, ensuring that the building is safe for all to use, will cause problems going forward. The main hall floor is one of the major challenges. Despite numerous repairs and surveys of the structure of the building, the problem with the floor lifting is still present. Costs to replace the floor would be in excess of $\pounds 20,000$ which is not possible in the current financial climate. The committee are exploring all avenues possible to alleviate the problem with reactive maintenance and repairs.

The rest of the building is functioning well, with installation of energy efficient lighting and heating controls.

The Village Hall is a valuable community building that is used by many diverse groups on a regular basis. We have taken the decision to remove the alcohol licence from the premises due to lack of bookings for parties etc since early 2020 when the Covid pandemic hit us all. Maintaining a stocked bar which is manned by volunteers and rarely used, whilst paying an annual licence fee, was not considered to be financially prudent. Groups wishing to serve alcohol free of charge at events can do so without an alcohol licence. However, any group that wish to have a pay bar, can do so if they apply for a "Temporary Event Notice" which costs £21. The Clerk to the Parish Council or Booking Officer can advise people on how to apply to North Somerset Council for this.

The Village Hall Committee wish to thank all of our regular hiring groups for their continued support and would ask that anyone who wishes to hold a function considers using the Village Hall as their venue of choice. Bookings and enquiries can be made to the booking officer <u>villagehallhutton@gmail.com</u> or via the contact form on the village hall page on the Parish website <u>www.huttonsomerset.org.uk</u>



The children at Hutton CE Primary School have had a very busy and exciting start to the school year!

Year 3 Museum visit – Year 3 enjoyed a visit to the Bristol Museum, they did a workshop where they handled stone, bronze

and Iron Age axes. They also had a tour of the museum where they saw some really big ammonite fossils and met Alfred the Gorilla!



Knitted Bible Exhibition - Year Three visited the Knitted Bible exhibition at Wick St Lawrence Church, the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit looking at hand knitted scenes from the Bible. We were particularly proud to hear positive comments about the children's behaviour; Year 3 you are a credit to our school.

The Royal Navy -We welcomed members of The Royal Navy into school. The team worked with our Year Five and Six pupils on some exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities. The children were challenged to code a Sphero ball (similar to a mini robot) to follow instructions, set up an electricity circuit to power a propeller blade and use a hydraulic system to operate a pump. The children engaged in all the activities with great enthusiasm.



With help from our families at Hutton primary School we managed to pack a whopping 50 boxes to Operation Christmas child this year!



Our Year 4 class enjoyed 5 days at Mendip outdoor pursuits. They took part in Archery, rock climbing.....

The Year 6 class were lucky enough to take part in Bikeability this term with Life Cycle UK. They learnt road safety and other skills to keep them safe. In January 2023 we will welcome them back and this time year 4 will be the lucky ones taking part!

We are now very busy getting ready for Christmas, the children in Reception, Year one and Year two are busy learning their lines for their nativity 'A Miracle in town' they look forward to showing their families.

Low Noise Fireworks?

Sadly, many of us are only too aware of the negative impact modern 120 decibel fireworks can have on us. Last year, my friends horse sadly died, due to the stress caused by the loud bangs. A local farmer reported that she was with her pregnant mare, who was incredibly distressed and in danger of losing her foal. I saw countless pictures and posts online of people with their distressed cats and dogs. Someone reminding people about the poor 8 month old zebra called Hope, at Noahs Ark Zoo farm, who was so terrified by fireworks, that he bolted and was killed by the impact with the enclosure. People with children and loved ones who suffer with PTSD, Autism and other nervous illnesses, desperately asking for help and advice and cursing every single loud bang. Others with family members who

were elderly and vulnerable, some suffering with Alzheimers or Dementia, all terrified and confused by the noise surrounding them, which they could not escape.

I remember the news from Springwatch with the upsetting pictures of an entire group of dead Robins, all frightened to death. Having 2 dogs myself, I am only too aware of the impact that loud fireworks can have on our lives.

However, not everyone feels the same way about fireworks, many people love the excitement, the colour, the display, the tradition, the



celebration and cannot or will not accept the negative side of them. Each year I sign several petitions calling for them to be either banned, or display only, or calling for a better awareness campaign, and sadly nothing ever seems to change. So, what can we do differently? And how can we move this issue forward?

I would like to ask North Somerset Council to become, what I believe would be the first, "Low Noise Fireworks County" in the UK. "Low Noise" fireworks are virtually silent at ground level and approximately 70 decibels in the air (so about half of the legal limit). It's roughly equivalent to a car door being slammed shut. My proposal would not stop people enjoying fireworks and would not affect the industry. Low Noise fireworks are already widely available and used. It's not perfect but much better than the current situation.

I've recently written to every Parish and Town Council asking them to support this proposal, and the good news is that many have already written to the Chair of the Licensing Committee at North Somerset Council, who is also supportive of these proposals. I've also written to many Organisers of displays across North Somerset, and the response has been very positive, many committing to only buying and displaying "Low Noise" fireworks next year.

I recently attended a "Low Noise Fireworks Display" at Old Down Country Park and what a much kinder display it was! Lots of young children (not crying!) . Lots of people with dogs (completely relaxed) ^{**} and I even stopped to say hello to some very chilled out goats on the way out! ^{**} It had all the usual sparkle, but the whizzes and bangs were at a much lower level. Times are changing....

PLEASE HELP MAKE THE SWITCH TOO! 📥

Ask your local Town or Parish Council to support "Low Noise" Fireworks 🧐

If you are buying Fireworks, please choose "Low Noise" 🥴

Ask Local Display Organisers, Schools and PTAs to switch to "Low Noise" 🧐 Ask local businesses to stock "Low Noise" Fireworks 🤫

Let's help North Somerset become a quieter and kinder County A descriptions Sources Sources Sources Lorraine Hopkinson – (Backwell, North Somerset)



ST MARY'S CHURCH

Where faith and daily life grow together

Dear Friends,

With temperatures going down and the cost of living going up St Mary's are planning to open the church once a week on Thursdays 12noon – 4pm to get warm, have a hot drink or soup and some company. This will start on 5th January and will develop as needs arise. Do let others know and come along yourself.

Also as a church we are wanting to how how we can serve our community better. Please do take time to fill in the questionnaire and return it us as soon as possible.

Every blessing

Anne

Services for December, January and February are listed below and we hope that you can come and join us in our worship.

| 11 th December | 10am | Advent Church in the Village Hall |
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| 17 th December | 6pm | Saturday Carols by Candlelight Service |
| 18 th December | 10pm | Morning Service |
| | 4pm | Evensong |
| 24 th December | 5pm | CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – bring an orange |
| | 11.30 | HOLY COMMUNION |
| 25 [™] December | 10am | FAMILY COMMUNION |
| 1st January 2023 | 10am | United Holy Communion in Hutton |
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| 8th January | 10am | Church in the Village Hall for all the family |
| 8 th January | 10am 4pm | Church in the Village Hall for all the family Holy Communion |
| 8th January 15th January | | • |
| | 4pm | Holy Communion |
| 15 th January | 4pm 10am | Holy Communion Morning Service |
| 15 th January 22 nd January | 4pm 10am 10am | Holy Communion Morning Service Mattins |
| 15 th January 22 nd January 29 th January | 4pm 10am 10am 10am | Holy Communion Morning Service Mattins United Service in Locking Church |

| 19 th February | 10am | Morning Service |
|---------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 22 nd February | 7pm | ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion |
| 26 th February | 10am | Mattins |

All morning services are followed by refreshments and we do hope that you will enjoy this selection of worship over this Christmas season.

Keeping in touch to find out what is happening in St Mary's. Please go to the website www.stmaryshutton.org, check the noticeboards or Stay Connected, which is our Benefice news sheet, published on 1st and 3rd weekend of the month. Please contact the Benefice Office, <u>huttonandlocking@gmail.com</u> or call 822857 if you want to receive Stay Connected by email or delivery.

MESSY CHURCH next meets on 10th December, 4-6pm when we will be celebrating Christmas with the theme of "All things Magic". After that we meet in the Village Hall on 14th January, 11th February and 11th March when we have fun time enjoying music, crafts, and teatime refreshments for all.

THANK YOU to everyone who have supported fund raising events for the church: it is very much appreciated. Please remember the Fish and chip supper on 13th January: our annual event to help lift those New Year blues.

17th and 17th December - FIND THE STAR Please remember to register your star with the Benefice Office by 8th December. Trail maps available at Mustard Seed Shop on Wednesdays am or at the school or email Benefice Office.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP US?

For many years our church has been cleaned by a team of volunteers who have given us a few hours of their time to keep our church clean. This has been done very successfully on a rota basis but for various reasons the rota has become depleted and we need additional help. Could you possibly vacuum and polish for us (with a friend?) for perhaps a couple of hours in a month. Interested? Please ring Virginia on 01934708924 for an informal chat.

These times are proving to be very difficult for many of us and we hope your Christmas will be full of peace. joy and hope for the future

Good Christian men rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ye need not fear the grave; Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born the save. Calls you one and calls you all. To gain His everlasting hall:

Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save..

Questions for Hutton Community

Tell us what YOU think....

We would love you to spare us a minute to share your views, to help guide us to serve you better.

What three words describe the community where you live?

How would you describe St Mary's Church Hutton?

What is St Mary's Church Hutton a symbol of to you?

How do you experience church during the week?

What groups or places in the community is St Mary's Church Hutton connected to?

What is worrying you most at the moment?

Your age (please circle): 10-29 30-49 50-69 70+

Thank you for taking part in this survey, all responses are confidential.

Family History

Are you interested in family history, or do you require some help with your research?

If so, you are very welcome to come along to the Weston-super-Mare & District Family History Society meetings which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except August) from 2.30pm to 5pm. Various speakers give interesting talks on different subjects and the venue is Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 28 Baytree Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 8HQ.

Membership is available; the entrance fee for members attending meetings is $\pounds 1.50$ and $\pounds 2$ for visitors - with refreshments included!



Free Help Sessions are also provided at Weston Library on the 1st Saturday of each month (except August) from 2pm to 3.30pm.

In addition, the Society will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary with an Open Day to take place on Saturday, 20 May 2023 (Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall).

Hope to see you soon!



Hutton Ladies

At our meeting on 4th October we had a really informative talk by representatives from the Air Ambulance organisation.

I think we were all surprised at just how often the air ambulance is called out and the level of support they are able to offer.

The majority of incidents they get called to involve patients who have been seriously injured in road traffic collisions, have suffered life threatening medical emergencies or sustained injuries from incidents such as sporting or industrial injuries.

The air ambulance can transfer casualties to the appropriate hospital in a fraction of time it would take by road, therefore giving people the very best chance of survival and recovery.

The service is not NHS funded but provided by 18 charitable organisations across England, with the majority of their resources supported by fundraising. Certainly a charity to be supported.

On 1st November we had a quiz which was very well supported. A very enjoyable, light hearted evening with time for tea, biscuits and a chat afterwards.

If you would like to come along to our next meeting we meet on the first Tuesday of each month, in Hutton Village Hall, at 7pm. We would be happy to welcome you.



Rubbish Left in the Millenium Village Green

Please help to keep our Parish clean and tidy. Please take your rubbish home or dispose of it correctly in the bins provided.

LOCKING SKATEPARK PROJECT



WANT A BRAND NEW SKATEPARK NEAR YOU?

DO YOU THINK A SKATEPARK WOULD BENEFIT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY? Get involved now! Sign our petition at Change.org, donate via Just Giving, or get more info from our social media! @lockingskateparkproject



Win up to £25,000 from our lottery page courtesy of North Somerset Community Lottery! Scan the QR code to enter!



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Open Spaces and Recreation Areas

Winter is now in full swing, with leaves dropping as well as the temperature. Following recent spells of heavy rain, the ground conditions across our parks and open spaces have become muddy and in places slippery. Please take care when enjoying these areas. If you wish to submit any of your photographs whilst out enjoying our beautiful open spaces and recreation areas, please do submit them via e-mail to <u>bgroom@huttonsomerset.org.uk</u> for the next edition due in early 2023 and include a brief description.

Des Phippen Park

This area has been undergoing some significant maintenance, especially to the footpaths and pond areas. Our thanks goes to the village handy team, in particular John Waddington for the hard work in completing this project.



New apple trees will be purchased in the new year to replace those that have fallen and ensure that this fantastic community orchard continues to thrive. Please do feel free to collect any last crops of fallen apples if you can make use of them. The re-wilding areas have now been cut-back ready to re-grow next Spring, with the aim of encouraging further growth of wildflowers and continue attracting the vital bees and insects to this wonderful space.



Work has now been carried out to cut back the reeds, remove some overhanging tree branches, replace the wooden pallets on the island and give the surrounding area a tidy. Further work to tidy up the island will be completed once water-levels have dropped.

Councillor Groom used a corporate volunteer day to don the waders and assist our village handyman John in the works.



<u>Elmhurst Play Area</u>

Since our last edition, a meeting has now been scheduled in early December with the contractor to discuss and arrange Phase two's refurbishment getting underway in the New Year. Work will be completed before March 2023 and will include replacing the roundabout with one that is suitable for children of all abilities, together with a set of junior swings to replace the old set, relocated to where the

spring rockers are currently sited. These images are to illustrate how the park may look after phase two. The final designs of new equipment may change.









A new gate has now been installed along the drove side of the park and the majority of the old grass matting re-purposed to be re-used around the village. Additional work will be carried out by our village volunteers to remove old fence posts and improve this area in 2023.



Please note that this play area does have a Public Space Protection Order in place which means no dogs are allowed in this space.

Village Green

The initial work was completed to clear overgrowth in the former quarry and further work now completed to clear the ground space and re-claim it to once again, make it useable for our local Scouting Groups.



Public Space Protection Orders are in place and all dog walkers are kindly reminded to keep their dogs on a lead where signposted, always clear up after them and to please use the bins provided. If anyone sees anything of interest or of concern in any of our Parish Council owned open spaces or recreation areas or if you wish to loan any of the Parish Council owned wildlife study equipment, please contact the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall.

Please continue to enjoy all our open spaces and recreation areas, responsibly, safely and whilst following government social distancing requirements.

Cllr Ben Groom



St Marys Close was

pleased to receive an Outstanding award in Britain in Bloom's In Your Neighbourhood. Keeping front gardens blooming & raising over £1000 for Rainbow - a charity for families with a terminally ill child.

<u>St Mary's Close</u> clubbed together for a tree for the Queens Jubilee.

We had problems getting our Hawthorne Paul Scarlet planted. But today 14/9/22 it was planted and will now be in remembrance of Our Wonderful Queen Elizabeth.

We also had more daffodils planted for her around our new tree and the other trees.

We look forward to spring.





Hutton & Dabaso News

Fundraising.

It's Wassailing time!



Saturday 21st January 2023

6pm till late

Tickets on sale at Walnut Barn Holiday Cottages on 3rd December.

£10 adult (includes free drink)

£5 child (under 12)

Cash preferred

Info @walnutbarnholidaycottages.co.uk

Call 07903660004

Hutton / Dabaso twinning

If you'd like to get involved, come along to our next meeting -

Tuesday 17th January

Please contact: <u>hutton.dabaso@btinternet.com</u> or find us on Facebook

Wine Tasting Evening

The recent Wine Tasting Evening in the cafe at Bleadon Farm Shop was a great success! 48x guests enjoyed tasting French wines and hearing all about the grape varieties from expert Ed Hay of The Mendip Bottle. A Ploughman's supper included home-baked bread, local cheeses by Times Past and homemade profiteroles and Brownies.

The auction, kindly led by David Plaister, raised a significant sum for the Dabaso coffers. We were delighted at the generosity of guests in offering to purchase more fresh turkey and trimming hampers from Bleadon Farm Shop. Host Alistair House has been tasked to deliver the hampers to donors in a tractor and wearing a Santa outfit!









Any donations would be much appreciated : https://www.givey.com/huttontwinningassociation





Friendship Circle

We were all saddened to hear that Pete Thomas had died on 27 October. Both he and his late wife Val were active members of the Circle and served on Committee for several years. We shall miss them both.

On 12 September we were given a history of the railway which formerly ran between Weston, Clevedon and Portishead. And on 26 September we had a fascinating insight into the complexity of beekeeping from David Capon. He explained the roles of each type of Bee and the domestic arrangements within the hive. He encouraged us to plant Bee friendly flowers, shrubs and trees. On 24th October Trevor Carter, who styles himself as "the Baird of Windmill Hill" read some of his poetry and stories, covering topics such as politics, death, romance and health.

On 10 October we celebrated our 52nd anniversary with a fish and chip lunch – somewhat unconventional, but members seemed to enjoy it. Emily Burnell shared her recent involvement in the creation of a Community Tree Nursery at Maltlands in Weston. The aim is to encourage seeding and ultimately planting of broad leafed trees.

Dan Schofield laid a wreath on our behalf at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Our activities continue with a visit from the Rainbow Singers – always a delight. We are happy to welcome new members. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Stop Press

Angie Jenkins our Vice Chair reports on the recent club holiday.

With thanks to our trip organiser June Bishop, a group of us were off to Tenby for "Turkey & Tinsel" at The Clarence House Hotel.

We all met at the Old Inn in bright sunshine, excited to be going away for a few days. After a compulsary stop for our driver who started at 6am we arrived in Cardiff for a bit of retail therapy.

The sun was still shinning when we got back on the coach for the final run to Tenby.

We were greeted by the friendly hotel staff who gave us a very warm welcome. Our cases were transferred to our rooms for us to freshen up and then we were welcomed with a glass of sherry and mince pies. Dinner was served at 6.30 with a choice of menu. Following our meal entertainment was available in the bar.

Day 2 (Christmas Day) – again we awoke to brilliant sunshine following a refreshing nights sleep.

A hearty breakfast was on offer prior to our trip to Carmarthen which was taken through the country lanes with a running commentary from Hubert of the hotel staff. He pointed out places of interest with the aid of historical pictures. The valleys on route were bathed in mist which covered the fields in frost. When we arrived in Carmarthen the sun was shining again but the air was very cold. We had plenty to see the markets, shops and street entertainment.

We returned to the hotel for our Christmas Dinner and a visit from Father Christmas who had a gift for each of us. Entertainment in the Bar followed, until it was time for bed.

Day 3. Again a hearty breakfast prior before we set off to Pendine – Dylan

Thomas country – and Saundersfoot. Rain set in but we were warm and comfortable in the coach. The sun came out on our return to the hotel and we were treated to a beautiful rainbow. Back in Tenby for a look around then at 3pm afternoon cream tea with bingo for those wanting to join in. Then off to the dining room for our New Years Eve dinner. The break has come to an end and a strong southerly storm is hitting the hotel as our poor driver loads the cases and us. Off to Abergavenny for a shopping stop, and then on to our homeward journey.

A great break – thank you June.



CLIMATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

North Somerset Council has produced and published climate emergency information in the recent edition of <u>North Somerset Life - Winter 2022</u> which was delivered to Parish households. This climate emergency information includes a link to the North Somerset Council Climate Action website – <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/</u> <u>climateaction</u>

The above website includes many steps and actions to take to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve our lives – for example by improving our physical and mental wellbeing and reducing costs.

It's important to remember that it's not too late to start making some changes to reduce our carbon emissions, and help **create a healthier**, **happier**, **greener North Somerset**.

For those parishioners without internet access, with the kind permission of North Somerset Council, the key points from the **North Somerset Council Climate Action** website - <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/climateaction</u> have been reproduced and are summarised below:

<u>Transport</u>

- Commit to walking or cycling to anything within a certain radius of your home
- If you have to go further, consider car sharing or using public transport
- Keep your car in good shape and use it wisely:
- Get it serviced regularly and keep the tyres pumped up
- Use fuel efficiency measures cruise control on long trips, lower your speed on the motorway to 60mph and use the accelerator and brakes more gently
- Consider buying or leasing an electric car

For more information about bus travel, walking, cycling, car-sharing and community transport visit the North Somerset Council website - www.n-

somerset.gov.uk/my-services/parking-travel-roads/transport-travel

<u>Energy</u>

- Consider switching to a renewable energy provider
- Turn down your heating thermostat by one or two degrees
- Turn off radiators in unused rooms

- Fit radiators with reflectors
- Take a shorter shower
- Wash clothes at 30 degrees to use less energy and make them last longer
- Line dry clothes rather than use the tumble dryer
- Switch to energy efficient lightbulbs LEDs use a lot less energy and last longer
- Turn off lights when you leave the room
- Turn devices off at the plug when they're not in use, rather than leave them on standby
- Only fill the kettle with the water you need
- When cooking, try the microwave where you can it's quicker and a lot more energy efficient
- Use lids when cooking on the hob
- Consider using the eco settings on appliances like the dishwasher and washing machine
- When replacing old appliances buy more energy efficient models
- Use a smart meter to monitor energy usage and see the difference your changes are making
- Draught proof windows and doors
- Insulate your home
- Consider installing solar panels to power your home
- Find out if you qualify for a grant to improve your energy efficiency

For more information about funding and support for improving your home and home energy efficiency, visit the North Somerset Council website -

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/housing/improve-safety-or-conditionwhere-you-live/heating-home-you-live

<u>Food</u>

• If you can, consider your food choices more carefully

• Make simple changes to have a positive effect on our carbon footprint North Somerset Council has produced and published more information about eating a more sustainable diet in the spring edition of <u>North Somerset Life -</u> <u>Spring 2022</u> which was delivered to Parish households.

Waste Management

• Reuse and refill where possible

- Recycle as much as you can
- Reduce your food waste
- Compost the food waste you do make and use it in your garden
 For more information about waste management, visit the North Somerset Council website <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/bins-recycling</u>

<u>Rewild</u>

- Green your spaces grow flowers, plants, trees, herbs, fruit or vegetables
- Plant more flowers for bees and other pollinators
- Encourage wildlife with bug hotels, bird feeders and ponds
- If you have a garden, avoid excessive trimming and pruning and let grass and hedges grow
- If you don't have any outside space, grow in pots on windowsills and in sunny spots around your home

For more information about rewilding and enabling wildlife to flourish, visit the North Somerset Council website - <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/</u> <u>libraries-leisure-open-spaces/parks-countryside/rewilding-north-somerset</u>

<u>Talk</u>

• Spread the word to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions

<u>Planning and Buildings</u>

For more information about how to introduce green energy measures into building and planning, visit the North Somerset website <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-</u> <u>services/planning-building-control/planning-policy/supplementary-plans-</u> <u>guidance/climate-change</u>

Further more detailed information can be found on the North Somerset Council Climate Action website - <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/climateaction</u>



Hutton Drama Club are hoping the whole of Hutton will come and join them as they put on the annual January pantomime...... Rapunzel.

This is a superb event for all the family, or just for the adults to come on their own, where both laughing, and booing are both encouraged!

We all need a bit of fun in our lives in these times and what better way than losing yourself in the crazy world of pantomime. A great Christmas gift as well.

Rapunzel, a beautiful young woman with long golden hair, is locked up in a tower with no stairs and no door by her grandmother (really?) for her own safety (REALLY!?). Hold on, that's no grandmother, that's the evil witch Gothel. She's collecting Rapunzel's tears to keep herself young. And she is helped (and hindered) by her idiot henchfolk, Curly and Bob.

Back in the town, Trixie Bouffant (a local hairdresser) is still mourning the disappearance of her baby daughter 16 years ago. She takes her mind off it by flirting mercilessly with the Captain of the Guard.

And there's Dame Trixie's put-upon son, Frankie, everyone's friend and valet to the playboy Prince Frederick. Frankie spends much of his time holding back the paparazzi and the autograph hunters (and the Prince's hair after he's overindulged).

Over at the palace, Fairy Flora has just finished her training and has come to serve the King and Queen, who are exasperated by their son's partying. So they send him out into the world to prove himself worthy.

Can he and rescue Rapunzel from the tower? How will Gothel react? Will love triumph?

All this plus some silly salon slapstick with Dame Trixie, and some fantastic full-on idiocy from Curly and Bob, including the miraculous rope ladder scene.

Have some fun while supporting local events. We can't wait to see you in January. Tickets on sale now! www.ticketsource.co.uk/hutton-drama-club Phone: 01934 519122 Or from the Hutton Drama Group Facebook page.





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Forthcoming Events

| Dec | | | | |
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| 17th | HVH | 10.30am | Christmas Coffee morning | Friendship Circle |
| Jan | | | | |
| 1 3th | H∨H | 7.30pm | Fish and chip supper, tickets from Julie Bradley 01934 814205, £10 pp | St Marys Church |
| 16th | HVH | 2.30pm | Music by Marvin Muoneke | Friendship Circle |
| 21st | | 6.00pm | Wassailing | Hutton Dabaso Twinning |
| 26th | HVH | 7.30pm | Rapunzel | Hutton Drama Group |
| 27th | HVH | 7.30pm | Rapunzel | Hutton Drama Group |
| 28th | H∨H | 2.30pm & 7.30pm | Rapunzel | Hutton Drama Group |
| 29th | HVH | 2.30pm | Rapunzel | Hutton Drama Group |
| 28th | HVH | 10.30am | Coffee Morning | Friendship Circle |
| 30th | HVH | | AGM | Friendship Circle |
| Feb | | | | |
| 25th | HVH | 10.30pm | Coffee Morning | Friendship Circle |
| 27th | HVH | 2.30pm | Archaeology, Secrets of the Past | Friendship Circle |

Letters to the Editor

A big thank you from Angela, Douglas, Ben, Hannah and myself Val Harris to those who came to Richard's funeral on 16th August and everyone who sent cards and sympathy wishes as well. Your kindness made all the difference and was much appreciated.

Val Harris

Hutton Village Hall

Thurs 26th January 7.30pm Fri 27th January 7.30pm Saturday 28th January 2.30pm & 7.30pm Sunday 29th January 2.30pm

Hutton Drama group

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Georgie Boulton

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