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www.huttonsomerset.org.uk

The website shows the Village Diary of Events and much more.

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Parish Council News

New Parish Councillors

Following expressions of interest and applications for the five Parish Councillor vacancies, the Parish Council are extremely pleased to announce that at the June Parish Council Meeting, the following new Parish Councillors have been **co-opted onto the Parish Council**.

- **Cllr Sue Felts**
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- **Cllr Lou Eddins**
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- **Cllr Barrie Swan**
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- **Cllr Andrew Sills**
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The Parish Council **would like to warmly welcome and express thanks to the above Cllrs, for volunteering their services and time to the local community and the Parish of Hutton.**

The Parish Council is now taking steps to fill the **one remaining Parish Councillor vacancy.**

If any persons are interested in serving their community and the Parish of Hutton, further information can be obtained from the Locum Clerk to the Council - Mr Bruce Poole.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday 27th June in the Village Hall. This meeting is organised by the Parish Council to enable the parishioners and electors of the Parish of Hutton to get together to receive reports from various Parish organisations and stakeholders and as an open forum for questions, comments, news and views.

I would like to say **thank you to all the meeting attendees and participating organisations for their contributions and reports and for what they have all achieved in supporting the Parish of Hutton during the last 12 months.** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting will be produced and will be available in due course on the Parish Council web site.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday 22nd May in the Village Hall. It is during this annual meeting that the appointment of the Parish Council Chair, Vice Chair, Officers and Representatives takes place and Working Groups may be formed. **This meeting resulted in Cllr Peter Dutton being nominated and accepting the position of Chair and Cllr Ben Groom being nominated and accepting the position of Vice Chair.** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be produced and will be available in due course, on the Parish Council web site.

Elmhurst Play Area Refurbishment

Two new activity boards have been installed in the Elmhurst Play Area, as part of the refurbishment programme. Further detailed information can be found in this edition.

Hutton Parish Festival Week 2023 – Wednesday 30th August to Sunday 3rd September

Planning is now underway for the Hutton Parish Festival Week 2023. However, all the planned events **cannot take place, without the help and support of the various planning committees and volunteers** who not only organise and manage the events but help with all the various activities required to make it a safe and successful week.

We Need your Help - Volunteers Required

If you would like to put your name forward to volunteer to help and support **Hutton Parish Festival Week 2023** or are interested and would like to know more, please contact myself on 01934 815470 or via email - pdutton@huttonsomerset.org.

Help is always required with a variety of activities, which include, but is not restricted to the following:

Delivering festival week flyers to households.

Preparing the St Mary's Field site, removing items from storage and setting up for the festival week (**Tuesday 29th August**).

Arranging furniture and equipment in the large Marquee for events (**Tuesday 29th August – Sunday 3rd September**).

Setting up and taking down the smaller Marquee (**Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 30th August**).

Tidying up and rearranging furniture and equipment between events (**Wednesday 30th August – Sunday 3rd September**).

Taste of Somerset car park and event stewarding (**Wednesday 30th August**).

Tidying up the St Mary's site, removing and re-storing items after the festival week (**Monday 4th September**).

Ensuring the Scout Hut is clean and tidy for events (**Tuesday 29th Aug – Monday 4th September**).

Further details of the planned Hutton Parish Festival Week events can be found in this edition.

Please Note – to reduce plastic waste and move away from single use plastic, free single use beer and wine cups will no longer be used at the bar during the events.

It has been decided that re-usable, customized, Hutton Parish Festival Week branded pint and half pint cups will be on sale during the week's events.

Hutton Parish News Distribution

During the Annual Parish Meeting, it was suggested that the distribution of the Hutton Parish News reverts to the pre-covid method of dedicated volunteers for individual areas of the Parish. As such Lyn Dutton has kindly agreed to be the new volunteer coordinator of the Hutton Parish News once it has been received back from the printers. Further information and a call for volunteer distributors can be found in this edition.

Final Thoughts

Please enjoy the summer, take care, stay safe and I hope you can attend and support Hutton Parish Festival Week 2023.

Peter Dutton, Chair, Hutton Parish Council

Parish Council Financial Information on the Web Site

The following information is available on the web site www.huttonsomerset.org.uk/financial-information:

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



ST MARY'S CHURCH

Where faith and daily life grow together

Dear Friends,

Services for July, August, and September are listed below and we hope that you can come and join us in our worship.

9th July 10.00am Holy Communion with Guest Preacher, Roger Jones

6.00pm Taize Worship

16th July 10.00am Morning Service

23rd July 10.00am Mattins

30th July 10.00am United Service in Locking Church

6th August 10.00am Holy Communion

13th August 10.00am Worship in the Village Hall

6.00pm Celtic Communion

20th August 10.00am Morning Service

27th August 10.00am Mattins

3rd September 10.00am **Revd Anne's last service** - United Worship in the Marque

10th September 10.00am Morning Worship in the Village Hall

6.00am Evensong

17th September 10.00am Morning Service

24th September 10.00am Mattins

All morning services are followed by refreshments and we do hope that you will enjoy this selection of worship and stay and enjoy the fellowship.

Please contact the Benefice Office, huttonandlocking@gmail.com or call 822857 if you want to receive Stay Connected by email or delivery.

Dates for your diary -

Saturday 12th August Afternoon Tea in the Scout Hut, St Mary's Close, BS24 9QE.

St Mary's and St Augustine's churches invite you to refreshments and company from 3-5pm. Everyone most welcome, the more the merrier!

Hutton Parish Festival Week

Wednesday 30th August - For your delight: The most delicious bacon baps, burgers and hot dogs, cooked to perfection by St Mary's cooks; just what is needed to complete an enjoyable day

Thursday 31st August - Quiz in the Marque, 7.30pm in St Mary's field in aid of Hutton Village Hall and St Mary's church. Tickets on sale from 1st August. Please see posters for details.

MESSY CHURCH for lots of fun, craft, songs, story and food.

After a very successful year, June 17th was our last meeting before we broke for our summer break

We resume in September when, as families, we look can look forward to fun times again.

Mary's Church Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to join with others, we are a lively group led by our brilliant choirmaster, Eric Holdaway. We practice a range of music, including SATB hymns for services, Anthems, requests for weddings, concerts etc. As we go to print we will be taking part in singing workshops at the church led by composer Roger Jones. We are thrilled to have him leading our music and worship for the week-end 8th and 9th July – do come and join us. Rehearsals for music Saturday 8th, 4.00pm onwards; (please remember to bring some tea) Performance 7.00pm We have a good range of vocal ranges, and you would be most welcome to join our weekly practices on a Thursday evening at 6.00pm.

Want to help Hutton church - you can give at no cost to you?

Easyfundraising enables you to give when you buy online. When you buy anything a donation will be given Scan the QR code using a QR scanner on your smartphone or tablet/ipad and you will be directed to the churches' landing page. If you can't scan the QR Code, then visit the website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryschurchhutton/>

On the landing page you just need to click the pink button "Support this Cause" and enter your details. Once you are signed up it is recommend that you download the Donation Reminder tool so it sits within your browser and then whenever you shop online it will tell you that a donation is available and you just activate it. That simple!



On the move:-

A few Sundays ago I announced to both churches that Chris and I were leaving the Benefice of Hutton and Locking in order for me to take up the post of Priest in Charge of the parish of Sawley in Derby Diocese. For those of you who like to look things up Sawley is south of Long Eaton and is in Nottinghamshire. It is a suburban parish of 14,000 with two churches – a 13th century one and a tin tabernacle/chapel of ease. Our last Sunday here will be on 13th September which is the united service in the marque. Locking Vicarage will be let out during the interregnum. Interregnums are longer at the moment due to the troubling financial situation in the Diocese. They can be up to 2 years and maybe longer. The parish share still has to be fully paid during a vacancy. During that time services will be covered by those who currently lead and preach, along with clergy and Readers from the Deanery. I am currently working with all four churchwardens to get everything covered and in place for when we leave.

It has been an adventure, a privilege and a joy to serve in both parishes. Through all the ups and downs God has been faithful to me and Jesus has always been there for me. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your love and support. I will also take this opportunity to encourage you to come along and be part of the wonderful church family that is St Mary's. Many of you have faith and God invites you to be part of His family – for your sake and the benefit of generations to come so the church can be here for them. Every blessing Anne.

All our hope on God is founded;
All our trust he shall renew;
He, our guide through changing order,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls our hearts to be His own.

There are challenging times ahead but as we send Anne and Chris to their new home, we wish them well and thank them for their ministry among us. Do be a part of it; enjoy the comfort and peace that it offers you and be inspired by beautiful music and fellowship. The church is here for all of us – be inspired, take pleasure in what we have and pray, really pray, for growth and revival for the future community in Hutton!

Enjoy your summer holidays



**Charity Quiz Night in the Show Marquee
St Mary's Field, Hutton.
Thursday 31st August 2023 @ 7.30 p.m.**



In aid of Hutton Village Hall and St. Mary's Church Hutton
Question Master Tony Lay
£3 per person – teams of 6 max.

Tickets available from August 1st from Kay Cole 811424,
Benefice Office 822857 (until August 17th), Jane Barry 813802
or Julie Bradley 814205



Bring your own food and change for the raffle
Bar available.



Due to licensing restrictions only drinks purchased from the premises can be consumed on site. Please respect our licensing rules.

Coffee morning/ Garden party...

Saturday 15th July

10.30-12.30

Tea & cakes

books

plants.



All welcome!

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Open Spaces and Recreation Areas

The recent dry spell has provided ideal opportunity for our parishioners to enjoy all of our parks and open spaces. The most recent showers have however been welcomed and perhaps overdue. Please remember to 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 huttonnewseditor@gmail.com or bgroom@huttonsomerset.org.uk for the next edition and include a brief description.

Elmhurst Play Area

The spring rocker has now been fixed and we are extremely pleased to announce that our second application for National Lottery funding was successful. The third and hopefully final phase of the play park refurbishment project will be completed in late 2023 or early 2024. Details of the plans to replace the last two old items of play equipment will be shared later in the year.

The two activity panels have now finally been installed and thanks to the recent warm, dry weather they have seen plenty of use already. Once again, our thanks go to the last year's Year One pupils, staff, friends and family from Hutton Primary School who raised funds from a reading challenge, to help towards the costs. The two panels selected are a sliding-tile frog puzzle and a flip-over noughts and crosses' game.



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.

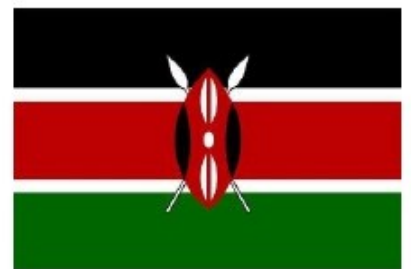


Please continue to enjoy all our open spaces and recreation areas, responsibly, safely and whilst following government social distancing requirements.

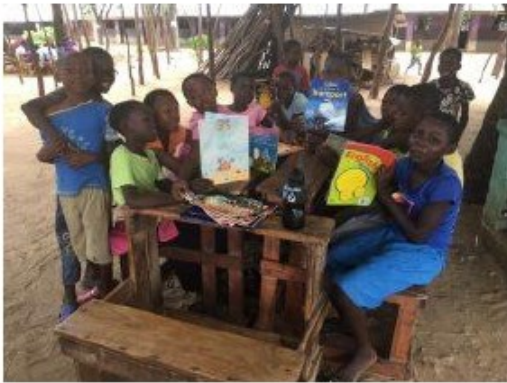
Clr Ben Groom

Hutton/Dabaso Twinning

- a round up !



Following a chance meeting with a local resident whilst holidaying in Kenya, Mark Orchard and four other builders fulfilled Mark's promise to return and build a classroom for the school, in the village of Dabaso, back in February 1999. Through this, links were established and a formal twinning between Hutton and Dabaso was formed in November 1999.



The first visit saw Hutton doctors treat hundreds of patients, horticultural society members help cultivate and sow areas for future use and supplies taken to use in the school. A water supply to the village was created and a further classroom was completed, all made possible from kind donations .

Over the years, a number of visits have been made, and the twinning has gone from strength to strength with links built with the church, Hutton primary school and the village councils.

Our twinning enables the funding of nursing staff to run the health centre, providing essential care to the villagers. Bursaries are provided for 4 children from money raised through fundraising activities in Hutton. This means children who would not otherwise be in a position to attend secondary school are able to continue their education. As one child graduates , another child is selected.



Next year marks the 25th anniversary of Hutton's friendship and collaboration with Dabaso, Kenya . Plans will begin soon in advance of a return visit .

Those who choose to visit Dabaso fund the trip themselves , meaning all money raised goes to help the people where it's needed.

If you'd like to get involved , come along to the next meeting-Tuesday 4th July (contact us on hutton.dabaso@btinternet.com or find us on Facebook

Friendship Circle

On the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday, many members joined the Cream Tea organised at the Hutton Village Hall in aid of Help Our Hall (HOH) It was well attended.

The talk on Lace Making was well attended with many questions afterwards even from the gentlemen who showed much interest in the displayed lace.

Saturday 27 th May coffee morning gave members a chance to catch up and have a good natter with coffee, biscuits and there was cake too this time, thanks to Angie Jenkins.

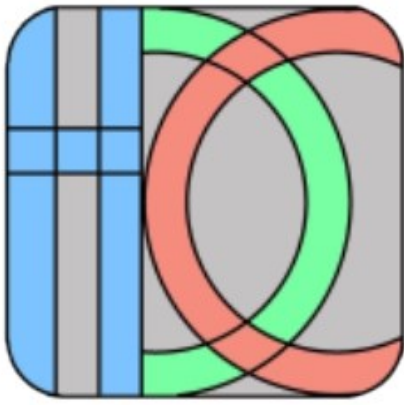
Monday 12 th June's speaker for the meeting had to pull out at short notice due to a twisted ankle preventing her from driving, however a very interesting quiz was produced along the lines of BLOCKBUSTER. This was enjoyed and caused much laughter in the room. It was a successful alternative.

Coffee morning held on the 24th June gave chance for social catch up once again. Wendy Wilson announced receipt of a letter of thanks from Dan Schofield, for the gift from Friendship Circle, he had received due to his continuous support over the years in particular putting the chairs out for the Monday meetings.

Despite the road diversion in place on 26 th June, our speaker with the subject of 'Tutankhamun' was on time to entertain with her great knowledge of this iconic figure from ancient history. Many questions arose afterwards, which she answered as best she could. "There have been many TV programs which may have been misleading in the past."



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Hutton Drama Club



The curtain may have closed on our summer play, but the rehearsals are due to start for the famous Hutton Pantomime - dates for the diary 26th to 28th January.

Thanks to everyone who came to see the show!



We always welcome new members. If you are interested in being on stage, in the chorus or helping either front of house or backstage please do get in touch.



Huttondramaclub.co.uk

We meet 7:30 pm every Monday in the small hall (Harold Coward Memorial Hall) at Hutton Village Hall. Come along!

Taste of Somerset

Wednesday 30th August

The Show Marquee, St Mary's, Field, Hutton

Free Entry

11.00am to 5.00pm

Large number of stalls

Food - Meats - Local Cheeses

Wine - Real Ale - Local Cider - Baker

Tombola - Arts & CraŌs

Classic Car and Bike Show

Tea ,Coffee, ice Cream, Refreshments

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Field Hutton
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2023, Gate
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(UNDER 12) £5

Parking
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Hutton & Oldmixon Horticultural Society

Annual Proms Concert

Sunday 3rd September 2023

7.30 pm

The Marquee, St Mary's Field, Hutton. BS24 9QR

Bring your own Picnic

Tickets on sale 9am to 1pm on 24th & 25th of July

and 1st & 2nd August in Hutton Village Hall

or contact Terry Porter Tel 07989 855339

Tickets £8.00 per person. Tables of Six



Music by Weston Brass

The Marquee opens at 7.00pm, please be seated by 7.30pm.

Licencing restrictions require that all alcoholic drinks must be purchased and consumed at the event.

Hutton Horticultural Society

ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 2nd September 2023

St Mary's Field, Moor Lane, Hutton. BS24 9QR

Opening 2.00 p.m. Prizegiving 4.00 p.m.

FREE ENTRY



Auction of Produce 4.45 p.m.

Children's Sports Produce Stalls Food Bar

Entry forms and show schedule available from

Terry Porter
15a Moorcroft Road
Hutton, Weston super Mare
BS24 9RW
Tel 07989 855339

Staging from 6.0pm on Friday evening and must be staged by
9.50 am on Saturday. Judging Starts 10.00am

**Entry forms to above address by 9pm on Wednesday 30th August.
They can be handed in at the Craft Fayre on Wednesday 30th August**



Afternoon Tea: all welcome

St Mary's Hutton and St Augustine's Locking
would like to invite you to an afternoon tea
at Hutton Scout Hut, St Mary's Close Hutton BS24 9QU
on Saturday August 12th 3pm to 5.30 pm

A chance to meet with others, chat and have a cup of tea or coffee, cake and other refreshments.

Please contact Rev Anne Wilkins for further details: 823556



Hutton Primary School

The children at Hutton CE Primary School have had a very busy term. We celebrated the King's coronation with a street style party, all dressed in red, white and blue and enjoyed a theme day lunch. We then celebrated our 150th year anniversary at this site.

Everyone dressed as Victorians and all the children had a Victorian themed lesson where they learnt about what it was like to be a Victorian child for the day.

We then finished the term with sports day, we had

lovely sunny weather for it. The parents enjoyed cream teas whilst watching the children, this year our Masai tribe won the trophy, well done Masai and to all the children taking part! As we go in to the last term of the year we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children starting off with some settling in sessions, we look forward to welcoming them into our Hutton family in September. We will be hosting our annual 'Hutton's got talent' followed by our 'Summer Fair' we look forward to a busy end of year. As we welcome a new class we say good bye to our Y6 children, what a great class they have been, we are so proud of how well behaved you were on your recent trip to Hooke Court and we look forward to watching your leaver's play and wish you all the luck for the future.





11th William Packer, command
 my duties as master of the
 Hutton National School on
 Monday September 22nd 1873
 Account for the week 49
 23rd Most of the elder boys absent this
 week according to harvest the apples
 and potatoes
 24th A better attendance of elder
 children this week - Rev G. H. Gibbs
 1st preached on Monday.
 13th I observe, or imagine I observe,
 an improvement in discipline this
 week - I have given a good deal of
 attention to the subject since I have
 been here
 28th Average only 46.8 this week - The children
 are still engaged with the harvesting of
 apples & potatoes
 29th
 40th Communes fires in the school and
 classrooms this week it being for
 the time of year very cold.

"The children and staff at Hutton CE Primary School all dressed up as Victorians last Tuesday to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of its new site back in 1873. The Victorian building still stands and is today our breakfast and after school club room. The children all experienced a 'Victorian lesson' and then spent the day learning about aspects of Victorian life – learning about how Weston grew, Birnbeck Pier, life in the classroom and the jobs they would have been expected to do. We have a copy of the school log book from the opening day which explains that some children were absent because they were harvesting apples and potatoes!"



🥰💚 A BIG thank you to Sasha O'Connell who had the children's designs enlarged and made into this beautiful display, we love it! Also well done to the children for their lovely drawings. A wonderful keepsake for us for the King's Coronation! 🥰💚

Hutton Bloomers

The opening of Huttons new seed shed was at Bloomers Coffee & bacon rolls morning. Thank you to all those that supported us.

The seed shed is for villages to swap any seeds & a few plants for sale at times. A donation box will be inside. Our thanks to Matt & Giorgia for idea & the lovely shed they have made. Do come & use it. Veg and plants also occasionally there.



Hutton Ladies

Having had to cancel the Hutton Ladies event on the 4th April due to the work that took place in the village hall car park, we all reconvened on Tuesday 2nd May. Our speaker for the evening was Denise Budd who gave a talk on 'The History of the Teddy Bear'.



Denise, who has over 100 teddy bears herself, which she has collected over many years since 2003, brought along a selection of her prized bears to our event, including many of her famous Steiff bears.

The name 'teddy bear' actually came about when back in November 1902 former US President Theodore Roosevelt, (who was commonly known as "Teddy") was on a hunting trip. When the president

had no luck himself catching a bear, one of his aids caught and tied a black bear to a tree, so that the president could shoot and have his kill. As the president declined to do this, it quickly became the topic of a political cartoon in The Washington Post which was subsequently spotted by a businessman who saw the drawing and came up with a "Teddy" bear to go along with the story and the cartoon. And thus the teddy bear was born.

After our talk and by way of pre-coronation celebration, all the ladies each brought along a plateful of food so that we could round off the evening with an informal buffet.

Our next event was on Tuesday 6th June when our guest speaker, Jill Cowles, talked

on the subject of 'All About Colour'. Jill helps people bring the amazing power of colour into people's lives so they can enjoy a different approach to happiness and wellbeing. She helps people tap into the coloured wavelengths of light to support and enhance physical and mental health.

Did you know that the colour yellow stimulates the memory. So if you having a problem remembering things, write them down on yellow paper as its been proven that it can help the memory. (That's why Post-It notes were originally yellow!).



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Through her company – Jellybean Solutions – Jill offers workshops, gives talks and is the author of 2 books on these subjects.

Why not join our next Hutton Ladies Evening – always the first Tuesday in the month in the Village Hall – starting at 7.00 p.m.

Distribution of The Hutton Parish News

Your Parish Needs You!

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th June, the distribution of the Hutton Parish News was discussed. It was suggested that we revert back to the pre-covid system of having dedicated volunteers responsible for individual areas.

With this in mind I have volunteered to become the coordinator for the distribution of the Hutton Parish News. I am in the process of updating the list of original delivery areas, to include new builds in the Parish. The whole distribution area which covers Hutton Village, Elborough Village, Woodside and Hamwood close, will be broken down into manageable sections to ensure each delivery area isn't too arduous.

If you could spare some time and would like to become a volunteer distributor of the Hutton Parish News, approximately five times a year, please contact me by email at the address below.

A huge thank you to all those of you who have collected the booklets from the Village Hall and delivered them throughout the parish following lockdown to the present time. If you would like to continue and become a distributor to a dedicated area, please get in touch.

Many thanks,
Lyn Dutton

lyn.dutton@icloud.com

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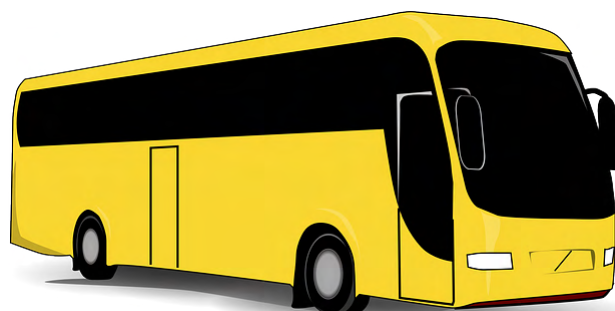
- through a free app - download the app through the Apple App Store or Google Play by searching WESTlink.
 - by phoning the call centre - 01174578561
 - on the web app, at westlink.app.ridewithvia.com

You may want to be picked up or dropped off in an area that doesn't have a physical bus stop. This could be a doctor's surgery, pharmacy, or a local shop. If there's a need for an additional bus stop, we can add new virtual stops into the service. To request a virtual bus stop, please contact us via email:

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App - Getting set up

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3. Set up your account by putting in your name, email address, and password.
4. Add a payment card to your account to make buying tickets quicker and easier – or choose to use a concessionary pass / cash.

Booking a journey

Once an account has been set up, it will recognise your current location and ask you to set a place you want to travel to. You can input an address or drag the pin. Confirm your destination. This can be any destination in your zone. You will be asked if you want to add any additional passengers travelling with you. You can either book to travel as soon as possible, or pre-book your journey for a time in the future.

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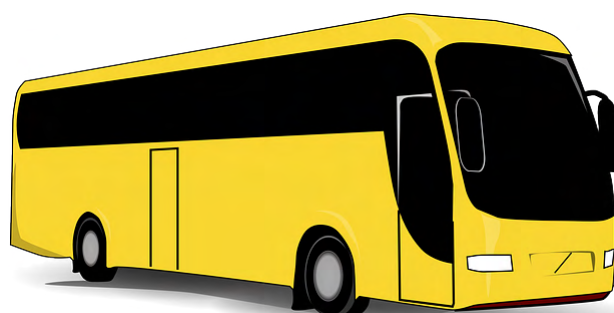
To travel now, follow the prompts on the app to enter your pick up spot and your destination. You will receive a trip proposal for when your WESTlink minibus will be with you. This will normally be between 5 and 45 minutes depending on demand and location.

If WESTlink is not able to provide a bus, you can schedule the bus for a time in the near future.

Pre-booking

You can also choose to pre-book a trip for later - up to the end of the following day. In order to pre-book a trip, begin to book your journey as if you were to book it to 'travel now'. Then, once you are offered a journey, choose the 'schedule' button in the bottom right corner of the app, in order to book a ride for the future. You can also choose whether you want to depart by, or arrive by a particular time. The arrive by function is useful for making sure you are at your destination by the time you need to be.

For pre-booked trips, you will receive an offer of a 20-minute pick up window. 30 minutes before that window you will then receive a text message with the pick-up time.



Track your vehicle

Whatever time you book, the app will show you:

- Where the bus is
 - When it is coming near you
 - Details of the vehicle picking you up.
- Your journey along with any other pickups and drop offs on your route
 - An estimated time of arrival
- Details of any fixed route and normal bus services in the area, in case these work better for your travel

Payment

If you pay by credit or debit card, the app will take payment when your trip starts. Just get on board when the bus arrives.

If you pay by cash or concessionary fare, you will need to pay on board with exact change or show proof of your discounted rate.

Booking via phone

You can ring the call centre to book a journey.

When you get through to an operator you'll be asked:

- name and address
 - where you'd like to travel
- what time you need to arrive at your destination

Be as specific as possible with the place you would like to travel to. It helps our operators if you can provide them with an address. You will then wait for a confirmation phone call confirming what time you need to be at your chosen bus stop.





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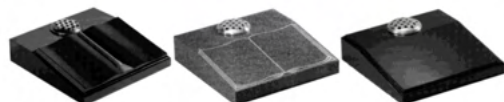
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Forthcoming Events

Jul

22nd	HVH	7:30pm	Race Night	Help Our Hall
30th	HVH	10am	Table Top Sale	

Aug

5th	HVH	7:30pm	Quiz Night	Help Our Hall
12th	Scout Hut	3pm	Afternoon Tea	St Marys Church
14th	HVH	2pm	Jacko, Singer and Comedian	Friendship Circle
26th	HVH	10:30am	Coffee Morning	Friendship Circle
30th	St Marys Field	11am	Taste Of Somerset	Parish Council
31st	St Marys Field	7:30	Quiz	St Marys Church & Help Our Hall

Sep

4th	HVH	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council
9th	HVH	7:30	Open "Mike" Night	Help Our Hall
11th	HVH	2pm	Weston Ukulele	Friendship Circle
16th	HVH	2:30	Bingo Afternoon	Help Our Hall
23rd	HVH	10:30am	Coffee Morning	Friendship Circle
25th	HVH	2pm	Childrens Air Ambulance	Friendship Circle
30th	HVH	7:30pm	Quiz night	Help Our Hall

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