

# HUTTON PARISH News

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# Parish Council News

## Steve Cope

It is with deep sadness that Hutton Parish Council must report that our Clerk to the Council – Steve Cope passed away suddenly on Friday 3rd March 2023.

Steve served the Parish for a great many years as a Parish Councillor and as Clerk to the Parish Council. Alongside his service to the Parish Council, Steve volunteered his services and gave his time freely, night and day and at weekends to support the Scout Hut, Village Hall, Horticultural Society and numerous other organisations and Parish events, far too many to mention individually.

A consistent smiling and enthusiastic presence in the Village Hall, Parish Council Office and behind the bar with Sarah at the Hutton Festival events such as the Taste of Somerset, Quiz Night, Hutton Show, Rock and Roll Night, Horse Racing Night and Proms Night, Steve will be fondly remembered and greatly missed as a family person, friend, colleague and as a support to a great many organisations and events throughout the Parish over the past two decades.

Quite simply, without Steve's dedication, support, enthusiasm and hard work over the years, the Parish would not have the wonderful assets it has today, for use by all generations of parishioners for many years to come and a great many of the very successful events that have taken place in our Parish over the last few decades, would not have happened without Steve.

Hutton Parish Council would like to send our condolences and sympathy to Sarah, family and friends, our thoughts are with them at this incredibly sad time.

## Locum Clerk to the Parish Council

The Parish Council has now appointed Mr Bruce Poole as a Locum Clerk to the Parish Council. **Due to a reduction in the Locum Clerk's hours available, the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall will now only be open at the times shown below:**

## Parish Council Office Opening Times

**10AM – 4PM**

**Tuesday's only**

## **North Somerset Local Government Elections - May 2023**

This year will see the North Somerset Local Government Elections – **to be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – for the Parish of Hutton, **this included both the District Councillors and Parish Councillors.**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May, a **Notice of Uncontested Parish Elections** was published on the North Somerset Council website - [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/localections](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/localections). It stated that for the Parish of Hutton, because North Somerset Council **received fewer nominations than there were vacancies**, the following nominated persons were duly elected **Parish Councillors for Hutton Parish Council:**

- **Cllr Marion Cuthbert**
- **Cllr Marie Dunkley**
- **Cllr Peter Dutton**
- **Cllr Ben Groom**
- **Cllr Terry Porter**

### **Standing Down from the Parish Council – May 2023**

Following the North Somerset Local Government Elections - May 2023 – the following Parish Councillors will be standing down as Councillors from Hutton Parish Council on the **4<sup>th</sup> May 23:**

- **Cllr John Cole**
- **Cllr Amy Harris**
- **Cllr Ralph Howard**
- **Cllr Polly White**

The Parish Council would like to express their **grateful thanks to John, Amy, Ralph and Polly** for their years (and in two cases, decades) of voluntary service to the Parish of Hutton as Parish Councillors and for Polly, also over **two decades voluntary service as the Editor of the Hutton Parish News. Thank you!**

### **Parish Council Vacancies**

Following the standing down of the above Cllrs, the Parish Council will take steps in the near future to fill the five Parish Council vacancies.



## **New North Somerset Council Bus Service Improvement Plan – New Demand Responsive Transport Service**

As detailed in the latest edition of the North Somerset Life Magazine – Spring 2023 Edition (Page 10) – [www.northsomersetlife.co.uk/issues-north-somerset-life-magazine](http://www.northsomersetlife.co.uk/issues-north-somerset-life-magazine) - North Somerset Council are this month launching an innovative new **“Demand Responsive Transport” (DRT) service** – which will run as **WESTlink services**.

Buses will go where they are needed and run without a set timetable.

Smaller vehicles will be used.

There will be no fixed route and they will operate from the nearest bus stop, virtual bus stops and other designated points.

Buses can link to existing bus services and rail routes.

Buses can replace car travel and provide a service where buses are not available.

The new WESTlink service has been aligned to cover failing sections of current routes that have struggled to sustain timetabled services due to low passenger demand.

It will be an **on-demand service only and will be only available by booking journeys through a free App, web site or via a telephone call centre.**

**The WESTlink service will only run when booked.**

The areas covered by the new **WESTlink on-demand service** will be adjusted over time to cater for demand, but the initial areas are planned to include **Hutton**.

**At the time of writing - Hutton Parish Council has requested and is awaiting promotional materials from North Somerset Council for the Parish Council Website, Facebook page and for our Notice Boards and for future editions of the Hutton Parish News.** Please watch out for these when they become available and please also look out for any the WESTlink promotional material appearing on any of our current bus stops.

**Further information regarding the new WESTlink on-demand service can be found on the North Somerset Council website – [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/parking-travel-roads/transport-travel/bus-travel/westlink](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/parking-travel-roads/transport-travel/bus-travel/westlink) this includes:**

How it operates.

Available times.

Cost.

Virtual Bus Stops.

Using the App.

Booking by phone.

Booking by Website.

Call Centre opening times.

Further information can also be found on the WESTlink website – [www.travel.info/westlink](http://www.travel.info/westlink)

Please also watch out for further information in future editions of North Somerset Life Magazine.

**North Somerset Council are looking for volunteer community champions to spread the word about the new WESTlink service.** Training will be offered by North Somerset Council with access to a support toolkit. The volunteer community champions do not have to be Parish Councillors, they can be any member of the local community who are enthusiastic about improving the community bus service and can help promote these changes, advocate bus travel, help support others on how to use the services going forward and provide feedback. **If you are interested in volunteering to help and serve the community, then please let me know.**

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

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

**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 let me know.**

### **Annual Parish Meeting – 2023**

Due to recent events, the Annual Parish Meeting, which is an opportunity for Parish organisations and our North Somerset District and Hutton Parish Councillors to present their annual reports to parishioners and was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> April 23, **will now not take place on that date.**

A new Annual Parish Meeting date will be arranged and confirmed on the Parish Council's web site, Facebook page, notice boards and the Hutton Parish News in due course.

### **Final Thoughts**

**Steve Cope** - thank you for your service and all that you have done for the Parish of Hutton, you will be missed and may you rest in peace.

**Peter Dutton, Chairman, 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](http://www.huttonsomerset.org.uk/financial-information):

- 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.

# St Mary's Church Hutton



invites you to a

## Coronation Community Tea

Sunday 7th May 2023 4 - 6pm  
at the Scout Hut  
St Mary's Field



Bring your own food - tea and coffee will be served.

# Everyone is welcome!

# Hutton Bloomers Coffee Morning



June 10th—10am - 12pm

Bacon rolls & Vegan Bacon



Cakes to eat or Takeaway



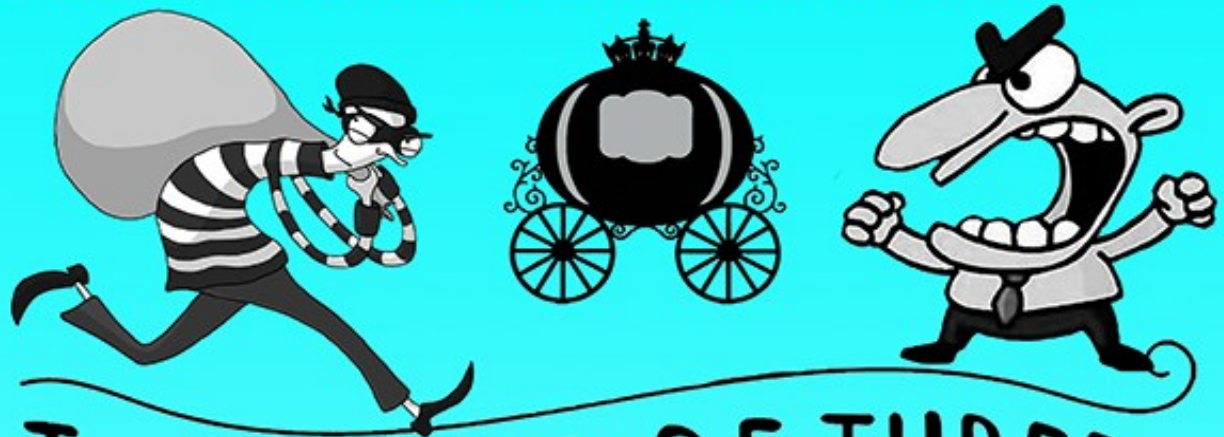
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Please come and support our team and meet those who make Hutton Bloom





*Hutton Drama Club Presents*



# THE POWER OF THREE

*Coming Soon*

*3 One Act Plays*  
*including cheeseboard supper*

**Keep the date Friday 23rd June  
Saturday 24th June**

**See our Facebook page  
or Website for more details**

**Bar and refreshments available**

*We advise age 12+ due to mild swearing*

# Hutton Drama Club



Presents...

## The Power of Three

Are you ready for a night of amazing theatre? Then you won't want to miss The Power of Three, a unique performance that showcases three different plays in one show! Each play is directed by a different director, giving you a taste of their distinct styles and visions. You'll be amazed by the variety and quality of the stories, the actors, and the production.

The Power of Three will run for two nights only on Friday the 23rd of June and Saturday the 24th of June. A cheeseboard supper break is Included in the ticket price. That's right, you'll get to enjoy some delicious cheese and crackers while you chat with your friends and fellow theatre lovers about the first plays and anticipate the next. This is a rare opportunity to see three plays in one night, so don't miss it! Tickets, when released, can be purchased online from the website or on the door.

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[www.huttondramaclub.co.uk](http://www.huttondramaclub.co.uk)

Please support local events in the village hall. This helps pay for the running costs to help our hall survive.





## ST MARY'S CHURCH

Where faith and daily life grow together

As we experience lighter evenings, April showers and a glorious display of primroses in the church yard, we say good bye to winter and look forward to our summertime.

Dear Friends, Services for May, June and July are listed below and we hope that you can come and join us in our worship

16 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Morning Service
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10am	Mattins
30 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	United Service in Hutton
7 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Coronation Celebration Service
14 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Church in the Village Hall for all the family
	6pm	Healing Communion
21 <sup>st</sup> May	10am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Mattins
4 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Holy Communion
11 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Church in the Village Hall for all the family
	6pm	Evensong
18 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Morning Service
25 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mattins

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

**Coronation Tea** Please come along to Coronation tea on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **St 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 – and, currently in rehearsal, music in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles 111. In July'23 we will be taking part in singing workshops at the church led by composer Roger Jones. We have a good range of vocal ranges, so if you'd like to give us a try, come along to St Mary's Church to one of our regular hour long choir practices on a Thursday evening at 6pm.

You will be made very welcome!

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

**MESSY CHURCH**

Come and join us for afternoons of lots of craft, singing, Bible Story, videos and always finishing with tea together. The next dates are 13th May and 17<sup>th</sup> June. See the banner outside the parish hall for venue. Everyone welcome.

**CLEANING** 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?) Please ring Virginia on 708924 .

**THANK YOU.....**

**To all those who supported the Saturday morning coffee morning in the village hall on 18<sup>th</sup> February. .** Good food and wonderful company - What a lovely way to start a weekend.

**23<sup>rd</sup> March Gregory Steward Concert held in church.** Well attended and thoroughly enjoyed, the event raised £206.60. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

**Lent lunches** have been very well supported and all money raised has been donated to Christian Aid

**Watch this space.**

An exciting weekend is being planned with Roger Jones, as he is coming on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon to rehearse and to hold an evening of music and testimony. Roger will also join us on 9<sup>th</sup> July when he will share and preach. Save the date!

**Giving for your local church**

We are currently undergoing important maintenance work in the church. It costs a lot to run a Grade 11 building and, on top of that, paying our bills and wanting to serve our community.

If you feel you could help our church, so that we could be here for future generations, please use the QR code. Thank you so much for your support.

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**Hutton Horticultural Society**

# **PLANT SALE**

**Hutton Village Hall**

**Sunday 7th May**

**10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m.**



**Quality Bedding Plants,  
Basket Plants, Hanging Baskets,  
Herbaceous Plants & Vegetables.  
Excellent value plants available.**





HUTTON VILLAGE HALL  
ARE HOSTING  
A CREAM TEA  
TO CELEBRATE

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

EVERYONE IS WELCOME ON  
MONDAY 8th MAY FROM 2PM - 4PM  
£5 A HEAD, TICKETS FROM  
TONY LAY (01934 813530)

GET YOURS NOW  
(LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE)

THIS EVENT IS PART OF THE  
"HELP OUR HALL" CAMPAIGN

## Hutton Ladies

Fraud is an ever-evolving crime and fraudsters are constantly finding new ways to target victims, especially the most vulnerable in our community. Did you know that £190 billion is lost to fraud each year and that fraud accounts for 41% of all reported crime, although roughly 20% of all fraud is never actually reported.

With that in mind, Hutton Ladies were therefore delighted to welcome Megan Haldane and Jordan Coates from Avon & Somerset Police to Hutton Ladies on the evening of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Megan, Cyber Protection Officer (left) and Jordan, Fraud Protect (right) gave us a very informative and honest conversation about fraud and cyber-crime with the aim of breaking down the stigma associated with it. We have all no doubt experienced some sort of scam attempt at some point in our lives, so it was interesting to have some clarification on some of the cyber-crime myths.



If you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime you should report this directly to Action Fraud who are the UK's national reporting centre. Call 0300 123 2040 or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) . And if you would like more information on how to get more secure online visit [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)

Our Hutton Ladies event on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March was a presentation by Jenny Towe – chair of the Weston-super-Mare & District Family History Society. Jenny's topic was Genetic Genealogy and how it can enhance your family history. Did you know that by using a DNA testing company of your choice, and by simply supplying them with a cheek swab or phial of saliva, you will be provided with information that will help you to discover more about your ethnicity and ancestry – and even find out what percentage Scottish, Swedish or English etc you might be! It is a very interesting way of finding other people who have similar DNA to yourself, who could then be added to your family tree and also, in some cases, possibly be a way of finding people who are potentially 'lost' family members.





And finally, a small group of Hutton Ladies had a day out on the 22nd March to Oakham Treasures, just off the M5 at Portbury. For those of you have not ever visited Oakham, it offers an award winning collection of unique memorabilia from the last century and earlier. It was

a true trip down memory lane for us all! If you fancy a day out, check out their website for further details:-[www.oakhamtrasures.co.uk](http://www.oakhamtrasures.co.uk)

Hutton Ladies meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Any new members are welcome to come along and join us.

**CLEANING WITH CARE**

I currently have private care hours available, if you or a loved one needs support please contact myself on the information below and we can discuss your situation/needs.

I have...

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- Client References
- CRB Checked
- Fully Insured
- NVQ 3

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DID YOU KNOW THAT 2 VILLAGE HALLS AND  
COMMUNITY CENTRES ARE CLOSING,  
**EVERY WEEK**, IN SOMERSET?

MOSTLY, IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT - IT'S THE  
FINANCIAL CLIMATE WE'RE ALL EXPERIENCING

HUTTON VILLAGE HALL IS ALSO HAVING TO  
'BITE THE BULLET' BUT WE'RE HOPING TO  
KEEP THE HALL OPEN . . . FOR ALL OF US!

GETTING THROUGH THE COMING MONTHS  
WON'T BE EASY AND, IF WE DON'T GET THE  
SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE, THERE'S EVERY  
CHANCE **WE MAY HAVE TO CLOSE**

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP THIS  
VALUABLE COMMUNITY HUB'S DOORS OPEN  
COULD BE THE THING THAT TIPS  
THE BALANCE IN OUR FAVOUR -  
KEEPING OUR HALL OPEN

THE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ARE ALREADY PUTTING IN PLACE  
A DIARY OF FUND-RAISING EVENTS AT HUTTON VILLAGE HALL

**PLEASE KEEP A EYE OUT FOR THE LIST OF EVENTS - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OF EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND,  
PLEASE LET US KNOW (TEL : **01934 813530**, LEAVING A MESSAGE, IF OUT)

WE KNOW EVERYONE IS MAKING SACRIFICES AT THIS AUSTERE TIME

ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU CONSIDER HELPING, IN ANY WAY YOU CAN,  
TO KEEP THIS HALL OPEN - FOR EVERYONE

**"IF YOU DON'T USE IT, WE'LL LOSE IT!"**



# Hutton Village Hall

## Help (Y)our Hall

Over the last year or so, our monthly utility costs have gone from roughly £600 to £2500. The hall turned off the gas heating and now runs on electric heaters, which is currently seeing a saving of around £700 monthly.

You may have heard that there is a serious water leak under the hall carpark. We are getting some help from some great local guys to replace our water supply pipes - following a costly leak from the elderly steel pipes - saving us many, many thousands of pounds. Without such help we may well have become bankrupt.

Hutton Village Hall has been serving this community since 1976. We all, at some point will want or need to use the hall.

Meeting this level of costs with our current income is not sustainable. Our income comes from groups using the halls regularly, and at weekends, and from events/parties

We do not have the income to pay for a caretaker, bookings officer, cleaner or facilitator. Some amazing work is being undertaken by volunteers but more help is needed to bring the hall up to a better 'more rentable' standard. We must become more commercial to be sustainable and as a result hire charges are currently being increased.

Can you help by making a donation to help with minor repairs or decorating costs? If you have handyman skills or a trade, perhaps you could donate some time? We need all sorts of skill sets - Events organisers, Administrators. But most of all we need you, our Community, to support the hall.

If you think you can help in any way at all, please email [marion\\_cuthbert@hotmail.com](mailto:marion_cuthbert@hotmail.com) or ring Marion on 07932 645225





## **Open Spaces and Recreation Areas**

The unsettled weather over the past few months has led to a slow-down in work across our open spaces and recreation areas. Ground conditions across our parks and open spaces remained muddy and slippery in places. 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](mailto:huttonnewseditor@gmail.com) or [bgroom@huttonsomerset.org.uk](mailto:bgroom@huttonsomerset.org.uk) for the next edition and include a brief description.

### **Des Phippen Park**

A working party took place on 11<sup>th</sup> February with work undertaken to prune the trees across the orchard and replant several trees. This will help preserve the life of existing trees and encourage future crops of apples. Our thanks go to the parishioners and councillors who kindly gave up their time to assist.



Unfortunately, we were not successful this year for the Thatchers Community Orchard campaign, having already been gifted ten trees in 2022. The Parish Council will replace any trees as and when required throughout the year from its existing budget. If any one does have any unwanted apple trees, we would always welcome these and find them a new home within the parish.

With the weather now slowly starting to improve following the extended wet and cold period, the re-wilding areas that were cut-back last year will now begin to grow, with further wildflower seeds sown to encourage and continue attracting the vital bees and insects to this wonderful space.

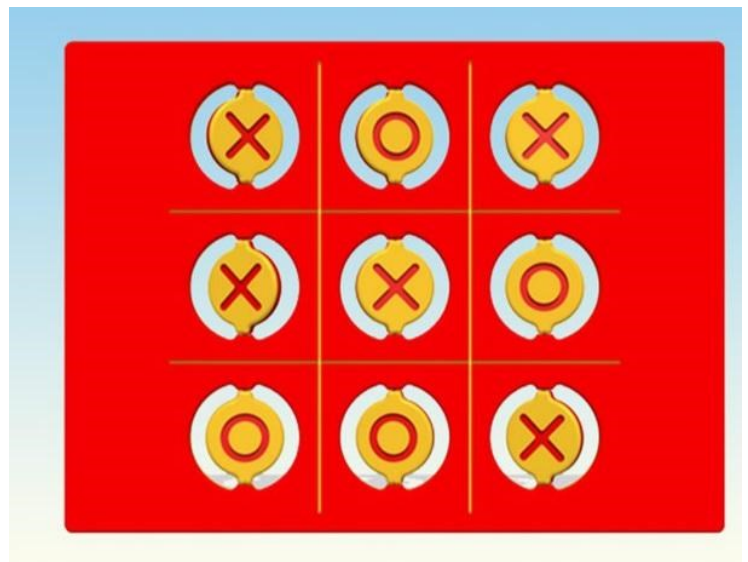
## Elmhurst Play Area



Following the successful completion of phase two of the play area's refurbishment project, we now await completion of some minor maintenance to one of the spring rockers. A decision on our National Lottery Community Fund application is expected at the end of April and we hope to deliver more good news in our next addition. This will be used to complete the third and final phase to replace the last two old items of play equipment.

The two activity panels have been delivered and will be installed shortly within the park. Due to a

number of challenges faced this month, we aim to complete this by late April or early May now. 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.



Following close dialogue with North Somerset Council, work has also been completed by its contractor to lay tarmac along sections of the footpath between Main Road and Elmhurst Road.





**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**



# Friendship Circle



Hutton FC 2023 season of Monday speakers continues, first of those was from Cat Lodge, ( North Somerset Principal Archaeologist) and her story was about the work she is involved with and it is not just about digging up and recording the sites of historical importance and artifacts to be found, but about how any developments

proposed could affect any of those sites recorded.

The next date for us was a presentation in the form of a quiz about being Scammed. We learned how to listen for the clues in phone calls of a possible fishing for details. How to deal with unsolicited mail and callers at the door. Not wishing to upset us any more, but being aware of emails and spotting cloned websites.

Saturdays coffee mornings continue and the last one before submission date for this publication was the gathering and judging of Easter bonnets with prizes for the three winners. See picture attached.

Last of our Monday meetings in March was with a speaker from Weston Museum. One of their curators, Jane Hill (Heritage & Community Officer) with a new presentation entitled Woman of Weston. We learned of six women of note with connections to Weston and the area.

The development of education and abolition of slavery, literature, the arts, suffragette movement, sport and Hollywood. All of these have benefited due to one of these Women of Weston.





Hutton Friendship Circle had its AGM at the end of January. A new committee was formed, made up of new and existing members. A new chairman (Peter Lander) was proposed and the selection of members to serve as committee members, was accepted by the Membership. The 2023 events of 3 meetings per month, was brought in by the return of a local popular musical entertainer Marvin Muoneké. Further events for the calendar, will be hearing of a trip to Lundy, stories from a judge at Crufts, The music of Al Jolson, a Trip to Scarpa Flow, transported to the tomb of Tutankhamun, be told of Agatha Christy. A varied programme to entertain the curious mind inter dispersed with tea, coffee, biscuits and the occasional cake.

To join us a membership fee has been retained once again at a one-off payment of £12.00. To find out more please call our secretary on a Hutton number, 707749.





## FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

MUSTARD SEED FAIRTRADE COFFEE SHOP – WEDNESDAYS 10 – 12



### The Fairtrade Foundation

encourages community groups, churches and other organisations to mount a “Big Brew” during Fair Trade Fortnight, the purpose being to highlight the need for the growers and producers, mainly in poor countries, to receive a fair price for their produce eg:- coffee, tea, cocoa, bananas, dried fruit, cotton, soap etc.

The Fairtrade Foundation negotiates fair market prices to benefit those growers, mainly small family cooperatives, to provide enough income for families to eat, send their children to school (reducing child labour and abuse), and access medical facilities. These cooperatives also receive a premium, which enables them to choose how the money is spent to the benefit of all. Fairtrade products can easily be identified in the shops and supermarkets by the Fairtrade label - shown here!

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we hosted our “Big Brew” in the Village Hall, on our regular morning, courtesy of our support team, Jenny, Suzanne, Ginny, Lyn, Sue, Pete, Nigel and John.





This year, we were delighted to welcome Little Owls Play School, Reception and Year 6 from Hutton CE Primary School, to sing and highlight the Fairtrade message. Little Owls and Reception sang two songs, 'The Banana Boat Song' and 'Pick a Bale of Cotton'. Year 6 gave a great performance of "Sing From Your Heart", a song they had learnt and performed at a 'Young Voices' singing event in Birmingham. Many thanks to the teachers and leaders who brought them across.

Everyone was delighted with the spirited singing of all these children, which added a great family atmosphere - with the support of parents and regulars who came to listen and partake of fairtrade tea and coffee with homemade cakes. Thanks to Mike, Jamie and Eric, who accompanied. Thank you to all who came and supported our "Big Brew" event. As a result, we were able to send £60 to the Transform Trade charity to further this cause. The "Mustard Seed" is a thriving, friendly hub in Hutton, every Wednesday from 10am - 12 noon, with Fair Trade products to buy at prices to astound!! Come and check them out - we are a not-for-profit-concern and our sole aim is to be fair to everyone.

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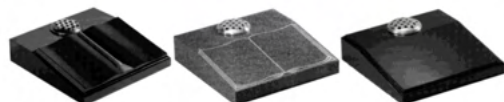
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# Forthcoming Events

## May

4th	HVH		Local Council Elections	Parish Council
7th	HVH	10am	Plant Sale	Horticultural Society

## Jun

5th	HVH	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council
10th	HVH	10am	Bloomers Coffee Morning	Hutton Bloomers
12th	HVH	2pm	Crowns and Tiaras	Friendship Circle
23rd- 24th	HVH		The Power of Three	Hutton Drama Club
24th	HVH	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Friendship Circle
26th	HVH	2pm	Tutankhamun	Friendship Circle

## Jul

3rd	HVH	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council
10th	HVH	2pm	Canals of Somerset	Friendship Circle
24th	HVH	2pm	Galapagos	Friendship Circle
29th	HVH	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Friendship Circle



# Village Views



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