

# HUTTON PARISH NEWS

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## Hutton Parish Council

Incorporating Elborough Village, Woodside and Foxglove Meadows.



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The Council is made up of ten elected members\*, the choice of whom is made by registered electors from the parish on a four-year cycle coinciding with elections to the North Somerset District Council. Hutton Parish Councillors work as a team, members of which disregard influence from or allegiance to political parties, which we believe have no part to play in parish affairs.

\*Currently with three vacancies.

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## Letter from the Editor

Whether this is your first ever edition, or you have been an avid reader of Hutton Parish News for many years (or Hutton News as it was previously called before the name change reflected the wider coverage), I welcome you to this, my first edition as the new editor.

It is an honour for me to take on this volunteer position and to be given the opportunity by the parish council to look after this valuable tradition.



I really want you to look forward to it dropping through your letterbox. I want it to be the main point of reference of everything that has happened or going to happen in the Parish. If it then encourages people to be involved in the activities to help keep a lively and vibrant community then I will feel I have achieved my part in supporting this great village.

The Hutton Parish News will always be a useful opportunity for the council to pass on information on the functions and decisions from their meetings. Plus, I will share how to get in touch with your councillors if you have ideas to improve our area or any concerns you may have.

However, to make this a successful community newsletter I do need your support. Please do share your photos of events you attend, of activities coming up, or to celebrate the best of the Parish of Hutton. You may be a poet or an artist who would love to share your work. Maybe a writer who would enjoy sharing some history of the parish. I would love local businesses to update me what they are up to and maybe to advertise in the newsletter to allow us to support business while supporting the financial viability of the publication.

Email any articles you would like published to:

**HPNEditor@huttonsomerset.org.uk**

I look forward, with your support and for the benefit of all of us, the honour of taking the Hutton Parish News on the next phase of its journey.

Regards,

Tony

**Tony Pass**  
**Hutton Parish News Editor**  
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# Meet your Parish Councillors



Lou Eddins



Pete Dutton  
Chair



Andrew Sills



Ken McCulloch



Bruce Poole  
Parish Clerk



Georgina Barry



Marie Dunkley—Vice Chair

Your photo  
here?  
There are three  
vacancies on the  
Parish Council



Terry Porter

# Parish Council News

## **Hutton Hill Road Closure Update**

At the time of writing, the Parish Council has requested and received two updates regarding the Hutton Hill road closure – one from the property owner of 1 Barrow Road and one from North Somerset Council. Both are summarized below:

**Update from the property owner of 1 Barrow Road** - a Contractor has been appointed and it is hoped that North Somerset Council will approve the plans for the rebuilding of the collapsed wall early in February. **Phase 1** will be the securing of the bank of earth. **Phase 2** will be the building of the new wall in the drier spring months.

**Update from North Somerset Council (Highways)** via our District Councillors (Cllrs Terry Porter and Mike Solomon) - North Somerset Council Building Control have been working with the residents. A structural engineer has been appointed by the insurance company and they are preparing retaining wall reconstruction designs and structural calculations which need to be approved by the council structures team. North Somerset Council have also been advised that a planning application regarding the retaining wall reconstruction will be submitted week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. A builder has been appointed to carry out **phase one** of the remedial works which consist of removing unstable sections of the remaining retaining wall and to provide temporary support. North Somerset Council Building Control have advised that **phase one** could be achieved in about 4 weeks. Once **phase one** is completed North Somerset Council will reassess the situation but assume the road will need to remain closed to allow the retaining wall permanent reconstruction and minimise vibrations in the area until it is completely safe.

Hutton Parish Council would like to thank both the property owner of 1 Barrow Road and North Somerset Council for their updates, copies of which will also be published and be made available on the Parish Council Web Site and Facebook page.

## **Three Parish Council Vacancies**

The Parish Council now has three vacancies and can take steps to fill the vacancies by the co-option of suitable persons.

If you would like to contribute to the local community and would like to help to make a difference, become part of the solution and local decision-making process that supports the Parish, then please consider stepping forward to become a Parish Councillor.

Any eligible interested persons are invited to apply for co-option to the Parish Council as a Councillor.

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Written applications should be forwarded to Chair of Hutton Parish Council, Hutton Village Hall, 60 Church Lane, Hutton BS24 9SN. Expressions of interest can be sent by letter or email to [clerk@huttonsomerset.org.uk](mailto:clerk@huttonsomerset.org.uk) on condition that a follow up letter or email is sent. If no letter or email is received following an expression of interest, it will be assumed that the applicant has withdrawn their interest in the position.

If any persons are interested in serving and contributing to your community as a Parish Councillor, further information can also be obtained from the Clerk to the Council - Mr Bruce Poole, the Parish Council web site - [www.huttonsomerset.org.uk](http://www.huttonsomerset.org.uk) and Facebook Page.

A Co-Option Notice detailing more information on becoming a Parish Councillor, can be found later in this edition. If you would like to have an informal chat about the role of the Parish Council and Parish Councillor, then please contact the Parish Clerk (Bruce Poole) or myself directly, my email address and telephone number, along with the Parish Clerk's is on page 2 of this edition.

## Parish Council Office Closure

As a cost saving and efficiency measure, it was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting in December to permanently close the Hutton Parish Council Office in Hutton Village Hall by no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Therefore, the last working day of the Parish Clerk (Mr Bruce Poole) in the Parish Council Office in Hutton Village Hall is planned to be **Tuesday 25th March 25**. After this, the Parish Clerk will be **working from home - Monday – Thursday and will be contactable during working hours on Tel No 07887 802922 or email [clerk@huttonsomerset.org.uk](mailto:clerk@huttonsomerset.org.uk)**.

## Future Parish Clerk Surgery in Hutton Village Hall - Wednesday - "Mustard Seed" Fair Trade Coffee Shop

Following the closure of the Parish Council Office in Hutton Village Hall at the end of March, it has been agreed that commencing in April, the Parish Clerk will attend the Wednesday - "Mustard Seed" Fair Trade Coffee Shop in Hutton Village Hall on the **first and third Wednesday in the month** and will be available as a Parish Clerk Surgery.

Therefore, the dates of the Parish Clerk Surgery for **April will be the 2nd and 16th**.

Further dates of future Parish Clerk Surgeries will be detailed in future editions of the Hutton Parish News, Parish Council Website, Facebook and Notice Board (when available).

# Parish Council News

## Parish Council Notice Board Removed

The metal lockable Parish Council Notice Board (located in Church Lane near Hutton Primary School opposite the Village Hall Car Park), which is used to display Parish Council Agenda and Minutes has been removed as it was beyond economical repair and will be replaced in a new location in due course.

## Hutton Christmas Tree 2024

A big thank you to Hutton Garden Centre for their donation of a Christmas Tree last year and to the Hutton in Bloom "Bloomers" for its installation (and reinstatement after it was blown over in the storm!) and decoration outside of the Village Hall over the Christmas and New Year period to make the Parish look very festive.



## Hutton Wassailing 2025

On a chilly evening in January, it was wassailing time again, with the Hutton & Dabaso Twinning Association Committee holding its annual Dabaso fundraising event. A big thank you must go to all at the Hutton & Dabaso Twinning Association Committee, 15A Moorcroft Road, Walnut Barn Estate and all the Wassailing and Village Hall event volunteers for this extremely well organised and enjoyable traditional Hutton community fundraising event.

## Hutton Parish News – Next Edition - Delivery and Distribution

The next edition of the Hutton Parish News copy (deadline) date for all contributions to be received by the Editor is:

**31<sup>st</sup> March 25**

Future 2025 Hutton Parish News copy (deadline) dates are as follows:

30<sup>th</sup> June 25

30<sup>th</sup> September 25 (changed from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 25)

All contributors to the Hutton Parish News are to be aware that the actual delivery and distribution date of the Hutton Parish News to all Parish households and regular distribution points may be up **to two weeks after the actual copy (deadline) date**. All contributors are to please take this into account and bear this in mind when organising events and placing the event date and advert in the relevant Hutton Parish News edition.

# Parish Council News

## **New Sponsored Seating Bench and a Remaining Sponsorship Opportunity in Elmhurst Play Area**

One of the recently refurbished seating benches in Elmhurst Play Area has now been sponsored, with a plaque recently added to it. Hutton Parish Council would like to thank Mr Ben Whitwell and family for their kind sponsorship and contribution to the support of the community and Parish of Hutton. An article on this sponsorship and the story behind it can be found later in this edition.

If you are interested in the sponsorship of the remaining seating bench, please can you contact the Parish Clerk (Bruce Poole) or myself directly, my email address and telephone number, along with the Parish Clerk's is on page 2 of this edition.



## **War Memorial Refurbishment**

Completed in time for the Remembrance Parade last November, the War Memorial in Hutton has undergone a refurbishment, arranged and funded by the Parish Council. The Parish Council's grateful thanks go our local specialist Memorials Contractor and Parish Council Handyperson for a wonderful and sensitive job and Hutton Primary School for their assistance.



# Parish Council News

## Retirement from Hutton in Bloom Team

The Parish Council has been informed that two of the longest serving members of the Hutton in Bloom Team – Jim and Jenny Spence - have stepped down and retired from the team.

The Parish Council's very grateful thanks go to Jim and Jenny for their 20 years of volunteering with the award-winning Hutton in Bloom Team, hard work and dedication, which included truck driving, watering, planting, upkeep/repair of the wonderful flower display areas and the maintenance, storage and purchasing of plants and equipment, to name just a few of the activities of the Hutton in Bloom Team. This all goes to make the Parish an extremely attractive and colourful place to live and visit.



## Final Thoughts

The days are getting longer and the daffodils are showing in the Des Phippen Park, spring is on the way!

**Please stay safe.**

**Peter Dutton, Chair, Hutton Parish Council**

## **Parish Council Financial Information on the Web Site**

The following information is available on the Hutton Parish Council web site – go to [huttonsomerset.org.uk](http://huttonsomerset.org.uk), select 'The Parish Council', then '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.**

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To all Parishioners

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

## CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Hutton Parish Council still has **three vacancies** and the Council is proposing again to take steps to fill the vacancies by the co-option of suitable persons. Hence any eligible interested persons are invited to apply for co-option to the Parish Council as a Councillor.

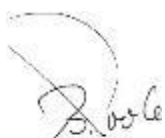
**Eligibility** To be able to stand as a Parish Councillor, an applicant must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of nomination
- be a British citizen, or an eligible Commonwealth citizen
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
  1. He/she is an elector for the parish; or
  2. has resided in the parish for the past twelve months or rented/tenanted land in the parish; or
  3. had his/her principal place of work in the parish; or
  4. has lived within three miles (straight line) of the parish.

There are certain disqualifications for election, shown below. (See section 5.80 of the Local Government Act 1972 for a full list of disqualification criteria)

- holding a paid office of the Parish Council
- bankruptcy.
- having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months, without the option of a fine during the five years preceding the election; and
- being disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

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Bruce Poole (BA) Hons FSLCC MMC  
Clerk to Hutton Parish Council

# Wassail 2025

A good time was had by all at our annual Wassail. Crowds turned out to join our very own , (now Radio 2 famous !!) Green Man as he led the merriment through the village, banging the pots and pans, from the 15a Moorcroft, to Walnut Barn Estate and into the Village Hall. There was Morris dancing , sea shanties, singing and dancing a plenty, and maybe the odd sip or two of cider, courtesy of our hosts!!



Thanks to our Wassail Maiden, and all the behind the scene volunteers who help to make it such a success.



*What a Happy-Hutton Christmas it was!*



*Hutton Ladies*



*Village Hall decorations  
knitted by Tina Frapwell*



*Badminton Club*



*Bloomers*



*St. Mary's Church*



*Hutton CE Primary School (and Eric!)*



*Open Mic Night at Christmas*



*And Santa found time to pop in  
to the school fayre!*

# HUTTON-DABASO TWINNING ASSOCIATION



## The 25th Anniversary visit to Dabaso was a great success!

After months of fundraising and planning, volunteers from the Twinning Association made the two week self-funded trip to Dabaso.



Here are the works we were able to undertake whilst in Dabaso:

## The Clinic

- Clinic painted inside and out
- £500 medication purchased
- Clinic toilet and water supply mended
- Meetings with and visit from Kalifi Health Authority in the hope of receiving govt funding. They may set up a dispensary and part time maternity service nearby.
- Two doctors from the Twinning committee lead clinics.
- Donations of clothes, flip flops, soap and a human body teaching model.



## SPORT

The Twinning Association were delighted to be able to deliver football kits, donated by Hutton Football Club, on the visit.





## The School

We loved being able to share letters written by the Children of Hutton CE Primary school and on returning have delivered letters written by the children of Dabaso. It is so valuable to learning and understanding to have links between young people of both villages.



Here are the works we were able to undertake in the school

- Electric cables and double sockets to three new classrooms.
- Windows and doors security for three new classrooms.
- Staff and student toilets improved with water supply and cisterns.
- Head teacher supplied with laptop.
- Floor improved and space created next to library for overspill reading activities.
- Damaged roof section mended.
- Teacher meetings.
- Letter writing, reading and parachute games activities.



**All this made possible from the kind donations, fundraising and ongoing support at events in Hutton throughout the year. The people of Dabaso are very grateful.**

## Hutton Ladies

Our meeting on the 5th of November was very apt, we had a talk by Baz Hamelin, called 'Remember Remember' the story of the gunpowder plot. Baz gave us an informative talk on the history of the gunpowder plot, the events that led up to the attempt to blow up the King and parliament, also the events following the failed attempt and the fate of the plotters. With the sounds of fireworks outside it was a very dramatic evening.

Our last meeting of the year in December was our Christmas Party. We were entertained by the Parklands Singers, we joined in with musical instruments and a festive sing-song. With a delicious buffet and wine, it was a lovely evening. The village hall looked very festive with lovely decorations and lights, which all added to the atmosphere.



At our AGM in January, we enjoyed a glass of wine and some snacks. Mike Emsley, well known to those of us who enjoy the monthly music night in the Village Hall, courageously volunteered to come along to entertain us. He brought along his guitar and sang some songs we all knew and joined in with, we all had a great evening.

**We have a busy programme of events lined up for 2025, so if you would like to come and join us, we meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Hutton Village Hall (small hall) at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming you.**





# Hutton CE Primary School

**Mendip Activity Day** – Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to enjoy their Mendip Activity Day this term. Year 3 took part in Tobogganing, Frisbee golf and Bushcraft and Year 4 took part in Mission Impossible and Low ropes. It was a chance for the children to face their fears and step out of their comfort zone. They all did so well and the staff commented on how well behaved and polite they all were. Well done Hutton!



**Year 4 Bike ability** – Well done Year 4 for completing your Level 1 Bike ability last week. You all worked really hard!



**Nurture Dog** - Ms Barwell, has a dog that is undergoing training to be allowed into schools. Over the next few weeks, Nancy will be spending time in Ms Barwell's offices getting to know her surroundings. She will not be having direct contact with the children until her training is complete. Once she is qualified, certain children might be invited to spend time with her if they need to settle into school or if they need to de-escalate. The research around school dogs is so positive that I am sure the children will benefit enormously. Hutton already has Archie and so most of Nancy's work will be at Becket. To reassure you:

- No children will be allowed contact until fully trained
- All contact will be with parental permissions
- No toileting will be school grounds
- Nancy will wear a lead at all times.



Last term was a busy one raising money for many different charities.

Poppy Appeal - £235.92

Children In Need - £110

Save the Children (Jumper Day) - £80

Dabaso bursary- £ 350 raised from the Christmas Nativities, Carol Concert and Choir Tour.

For School we raised:

Christmas Fayre £1650

Film Night £470

Thank you for all your kind donations.

Also, a huge thankyou to all the parents and staff who helped at these events. Without your support, raising money for these charities and the school would not be possible.

The money raised for school will be spent on some new sound and lighting equipment that we can use for school performances and events.

Thank you!



# Hutton-Dabaso Events

**Hutton residents.....**

**SAVE THE DATE.....**

**Saturday 30th August**

Building on the success of the last two years of the Big Bash, work is going on behind the scenes to bring another great event to the village. Watch this space .



**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Hutton Village Hall**

**£7 per person**  
**Up to 6 per team**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7.30pm**

Scan the QR code to book your place

**BYO drinks & nibbles**

Proceeds to Hutton-Dabaso twinning association

The Hutton - Dabaso twinning committee run events throughout the year to benefit both our villages . They have raised enough money through raffles at these events to fund the installation of another defibrillator for the village. That's got to be good news! This is situated at the entrance to Walnut Barn on Church Road with running costs covered by Walnut Barn Estates.



# Hutton Horticultural Society

**AGM, Slide Show  
& Refreshments**

**Tuesday 18th  
March 2025**



The AGM is in Hutton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 18th March**

The AGM will be followed by a slide show, including pictures to remind you of Hutton in 2024 and includes **Taste of Somerset, Flower Show, Proms night**.

**The slide show will be followed by Cheese, Wine and some local Cider.**

There is no charge for coming to the AGM and slide show, **every one is always welcome** and all village residents are deemed to be Society members.

## Hutton Horticultural Society

# PLANT SALE

**Hutton Village Hall**

**Saturday 3rd May**

**10.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m.**



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

## Supporting the village



Ben Whitewell and daughter Amy.

Ben has sponsored the refurbishment of a bench in Elmhurst play area.

"I grew up in Hutton, living in Hillside West 1980-2002, and have fantastic memories of playing in the park after primary school with my Mum, then later with friends from Hutton. We moved back to Hutton in 2016 after my wife and I had two young daughters, and we wanted them to create similar happy memories in the village.

The team responsible for the new equipment in the park have done such a great job, I wanted to add a small contribution by sponsoring a bench in the park so Mums, Dads and kids can enjoy the park for many years to come. I've added a plaque dedicated to all the old Hutton gang, some still in village – and lots of the parents here too".



## THE HAIR HUT

Jo Hamlin  
Creative Director/owner

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By appointment only

Remember a loved one with a  
floral display at  
St Mary's Church

Every week flowers are displayed on the Altar in St Mary's church and many are donated in memory of loved ones. We are starting a new year and dates are available for flower dedications in the coming months .



For a donation of £10 we will buy and display the flowers on or near a date of your choice. Or you can supply the flowers for a member of the flower team to display or supply and arrange the flowers yourself. If you would like make a flower dedication donation or if you would like to join our flower team and help with displays. Please contact Jackie Llewellyn 07855 789133.

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## Eclectic Voices Vocal Group Present

### *Music to put a Spring in your step !*

Put a Musical Spring in your step and join us for an evening of varied musical genres from this talented local choir.



St Mary's Church Hutton

Saturday 29th March

7.30 PM

Tickets £10

All proceeds to St Mary's Church

Tickets £10 available from

Jackie Llewellyn

07855 789133

# St Marys Close

St Marys Close Hutton has been raising money for RAINBOW TRUST for some years . RAINBOW helps families with a terminally ill or very ill child . We have raised over £1000 so far.

This year we organised a Quiz on Hutton you could do at home. As promised we would announce amount made & winners in Hutton News.

## QUIZ WINNER

Ta da. 📣

📅 David & Louise  
Beamish

2nd prize

\* Tony Lay

3rd prize

\* Valarie Goodie

4th prize

• Jenny Thorn

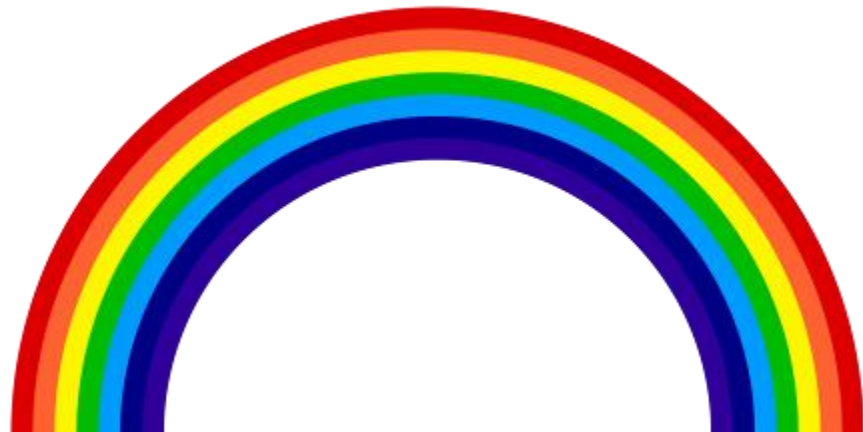
Best of all, those that did the quiz enjoyed & helped St Mary's make

\* £231 \* for Rainbow to help children with a terminal illness. Thank you to those that helped & those that joined in the quiz.

Special thanks to Chris for being our Quiz Queen Master. Barb & Penny for sorting hamper & other prizes. Thanks to Hutton Bloomers for their donation.

St Mary's will continue to raise money for RAINBOW & if any group in Hutton can help please, by letting us do a raffle at an event or if you have an idea to help. Please contact me

Elizabeth 07769 653046



## SOS for Bloomers

**HUTTON, ELBOROUGH & WOODSIDE  
BLOOMERS NEED HELP! TO KEEP HUTTON BLOOMING**

**HANDS ON PHYSICAL WORK**

**ALSO LOOKING TO RAISE MONEY—ANY SPONSORS, RESIDENTS, GROUPS, BUSINESSES  
IN THE AREA WILLING TO HELP OR RAISE MONEY?**

**elizabethcayford@aol.com      07769 653046**



# Hutton Drama Club



The Village Hall was bouncing with laughter as the drama club once again staged their annual pantomime, this time Puss in Boots. The fantastic and full house of audiences were in loud voice, laughing, booing the villains and of course shouts of the obligatory...  
"it's behind you!"

Thank you to everyone in the club for putting on such an amazing show and to everyone from the village who came to support it. Thanks to Eric, Jamie and Mike for the excellent music.

**Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so expect something even greater! In the meantime, there is a summer show to plan for the end of June. However, that's a bit of a mystery for now?!**

## Hutton Friendship Circle – News January 2025



**Hutton Friendship Circle meet at the Village Hall between 2pm and 4pm generally every other Monday and usually the last Saturday of each month between 10am and 12mid-day for a coffee morning.**

On a Monday meeting we usually have a guest speaker or musical entertainment, tea and biscuits are available at a small cost and you can buy raffle tickets for a raffle drawn at the end of the meeting (raffle prizes are donated by members) and there are always lots of prizes to choose from. On the Saturday Coffee Morning we have a sales table where you can buy a variety of items including books, puzzles and cards at very reasonable prices. Funds raised either go back to the Friendship Circle account or donated to a charity.

We have day trips arranged, short breaks away, and all pick up and drop off in the Village. Membership will be increased this year to £14 for the 12 month period due to rising costs. New Membership will start in February so now's your chance to come and join us to benefit a full 12 month Membership. We are a very friendly group, at the heart of the community, so come along and join us and bring your friends even if they live outside of the Village, the more the merrier. Get to know other villagers and make new friends. It's only a few hours each month so come and join us. Here are the dates of our meetings up until May 2025. Day trips etc will be announced over the next few months at meetings and also check the Village Hall notice board.



**We look forward to seeing you!**





## Hutton Friendship Circle – Events coming up

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 – Africa Travels (Part 2)

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025 – Coffee Morning

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025 – Buildings of Delight  
(Follies)

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025 – Music from Simon

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025 – Coffee Morning

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025 – Women's Voluntary  
Services WW2

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025 – Coffee Morning

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025 – The Great Train Rob-  
bery

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Bugs in Folklore

HELP US SUPPORT  
**HUTTON VILLAGE HALL**  
90 CHURCH LANE, H524 8SR

# MUSIC NIGHT

1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
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1<sup>ST</sup> FEB 2025  
1<sup>ST</sup> MAR 2025  
5<sup>TH</sup> APR 2025

## Hutton Ladies Badminton Group

The Hutton Ladies badminton group are a group of ladies that play recreational doubles badminton in the Hutton Village Hall every Friday morning between 1000 – 1300 for a nominal weekly sub.

Some of our members have played together for some 30 years and some only a couple of years. We enjoy coffee and biscuits in between games (as we have only the one court) and share a warm exchange of friendship as well as having fun and laughter on court.

If you think you might be interested in joining us, please come along and see what we are about.





# ST MARY'S CHURCH

In Friendship, In Fellowship,

In Christ

**A message from our Rector, Larissa.**

Today I saw the first daffodils of the season! (I'm writing this article at the end of January.) By the time you read this they'll probably be everywhere.

The spring flowers seem to put us in the mood to clean and declutter our homes! As nature renews itself, we also get our houses in order and give ourselves a fresh start.

In Isaiah 43 God speaks through his prophet, "Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth ..." He goes on to describe the transformation that his presence and power will bring; "a road to the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

At this time of new life, God also offers us a spiritual springtime! Is there some spiritual decluttering or spiritual cleaning that would make a difference in your life?

Are there relationships that could do with a fresh start or a fresh attitude?

Are there grumpy habits that should be given up?

Are there some positive things that would be good for us to take up?

Could we treat those who frustrate us with more tolerance and friendliness?

Could we speak positively rather than critically?

Could we show more empathy and compassion to those around us, particularly those we find difficult?

As we say goodbye to Winter, God is calling us to move forward with open eyes and hearts to live out His love in our families and friendship groups, workplaces and social spaces. What positive changes could you adopt to make your little corner of the world a better place?

May God bless you this spring and strengthen you to mould your life in a way that blesses you and those around you.

Every blessing, Larissa

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

2 <sup>nd</sup> March 10am	Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm	Ash Wednesday Service
9 <sup>th</sup> March 10am	Morning Worship in Locking
16 <sup>th</sup> March 4pm	Evensong
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 10am	Morning Service
30 <sup>th</sup> March 10am	Mothering Sunday
6 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Palm Sunday Worship
4pm	Evensong
18 <sup>th</sup> April TBC	Good Friday Service
20 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion

For queries, please contact the Benefice Office, call 822857 or contact the Churchwardens, Dave Bradley 01934 814205 or Phil Etchells on 01934 814461.

**Many thanks** to all who have supported various events over the last few months: it really means such a lot to us. To keep 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 notice boards or Stay Connected, which is our benefice news sheet. For queries please contact the Benefice Office, [huttonandlocking@gmail.com](mailto:huttonandlocking@gmail.com) or call 822857 if you would like to receive Stay Connected by email or delivery.

Each Thursday the church is open from 10.am to dusk for quiet, rest and prayer. Everyone most welcome.

## St Mary's Open Day

**Saturday, 29th March 2025, 10am to 12noon**

Space for prayer, reflection and chat, children's activities

Please come along with friends and neighbours; plenty of tea, coffee and cakes await you.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



### ST MARY'S CHURCH

In Friendship, In Fellowship,

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### **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 - Coffee Morning with Pancakes, 10am to noon**

St Mary's host Hutton Village Hall to a lovely morning of fellowship! Bring along your friends or come and make some friends; we would love the pleasure of your company.

### **Lent Lunches**

Once again we have the opportunity to come together for our lent lunches. A chance to enjoy a simple meal together when we can think of those less fortunate than ourselves and make a contribution to the charity Christian Aid.

Hosts

13 <sup>th</sup> March	12noon to 13.30	43 Bleadon Hill, BS249JN	Ginny and Nigel Hollis-Bassett
20 <sup>th</sup> March	"	In the church	John and Margaret Bailey
27 <sup>th</sup> March	"	29 Church Lane	Mary Potter and Phillip Etchells
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	"	In the Church	Val Goode and Ann Sandford
10 <sup>th</sup> April	"	Locking Church Centre	Jane Barry and Sue Williams

### **Messy Church**

Please come and join us at Messy Church for a family fun filled afternoon. Enjoy crafts, singing, hearing the stories of Jesus and afternoon tea. We meet in the Church on a Saturday afternoon from 3.45 to 6pm.

Future dates up until July 2025 are 15<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Further details Mary.j.Potter 01934 812788 , maryjpotter1@gmail.com

**St Mary's 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.

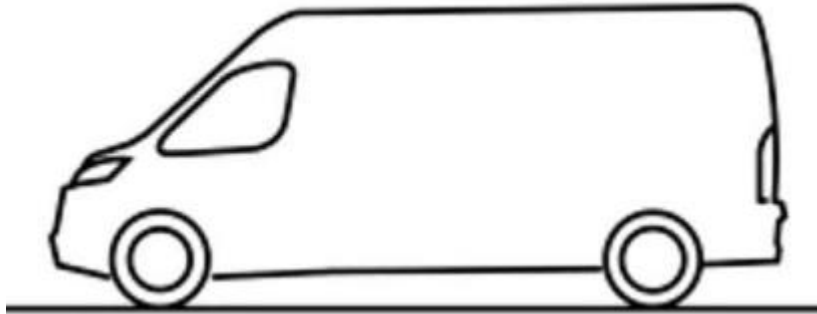
We have a good range of vocal ranges, and you would be most welcome to join our weekly practices on a Thursday evening at 6.00pm.

### **Winter months**

Hutton is a very caring community and although we haven't had a taste of very cold weather we want to make sure everyone is aware of the help that is available at any time. The Church as well as Friendship Circle, Fairtrade Coffee Shop and many other groups are there for you whether it's help with some domestic issue or just someone to visit and be a listening ear and have a chat. Please ring Virginia Hollis-Bassett 01934708924 if we can help. If we can't, we probably know someone who can!!

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 and the Church in Hutton!

# Any Hutton resident with a van or trailer & vehicle able to help HUTTON BLOOMERS?



As we no longer have a van to use we wondered if anyone is able to help as part time Bloomers . Spring time we will need bags of compost picked up at the allotment poly tunnel & then dropped at barrels & other areas around village . We may also later on need summer bedding picked up & dropped as before.

Hutton in Bloom benefits everyone but we do need more help.

If any Hutton residents feel they could help keep Hutton in flower please contact our Bloomers coordinator Louise on the number shown or email to [louisebeamish162@gmail.com](mailto:louisebeamish162@gmail.com)

**We would love to have some young members joining us as well. Please get in touch!**

If you can help please contact

Louise on 07862216671

or

Elizabeth on 07769653046



# Hutton Allotments News



As the health dangers of 'processed food' continue to dominate headlines, now is the perfect time to avoid shop-bought fruit and veg and grow your own!

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Not sure an allotment is for you? Not convinced about the benefits?

Having your own allotment plot at Springwood can offer you...

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Come and join our friendly community, with smaller starter plots or larger plots available for more experienced growers.

Please contact Danielle Lee at [d.lee2017@sky.com](mailto:d.lee2017@sky.com) for more information.



## Locking Villagers and Friends

arrange coach trips for local people, including villagers in and around Hutton, especially seniors, to the theatre, gardens, stately homes and other places of interest in the UK

Join us for our next day out on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to the City of Wells and Shepton Mallet Prison

£45.00

For details of other trips currently arranged see Facebook -  
Locking Villagers and Friends.

Contact:- Brian Ashton 01934 824138

Ally Ife 01934 623068

## New Event

# HUTTON VILLAGE HALL

60 CHURCH LANE, BS24 9SR

## Hutton Men's Club

As I'm sure we are aware men's mental health is very much a subject that is being talked about more openly now days which can only be a good thing. What's often found is men don't talk about things that bother them and equally important there are little opportunities to talk if they wish too.

Before Christmas there was a proposal to start men's club in Hutton to provide the space for men to share like-minded interests and peer support as required.

The inaugural meeting was held in December which was very well attended. As a group we discussed what people wanted and how to meet those needs. The proposal wasn't to establish a men's shed facility which are already available locally instead a regular location where men can meet.

Funding was discussed at length to cover cost and since that meeting, I'm please to advise that Weston-super-Mare Lions Club have kindly provided start-up funds to cover the first 3 months hall hire cost to help the group establish itself.

From that meeting it was decided by the group that we hold by-monthly meetings in Hutton Village Hall with each visitor contributing £3 per visit towards the cost of tea, coffee, biscuits and hall hire. All ages of men 18+ are welcome to attend and first-time visitors pay nothing.

On 9<sup>th</sup> January we held the first full session that like before was very well supported where everyone enjoyed playing either cards, dominos, shove halfpenny, read the papers supplied or just talked while tea and coffees flowed. The feedback received after the afternoon has been very positive and I would like to thank Hutton Village Hall for their support and help in this endeavour.

Future dates have been booked as listed below. Should you wish to join us we look forward to meeting you. All sessions are held on Thursdays from 14:00 – 17:00.

Future dates booked are:-

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025

13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025

27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025

For More Info:

Alan: 07725 173707

Marion: 07932 645225

Could you be a

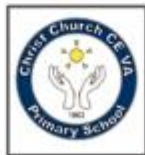


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## Where am I needed?

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# Raising money for great causes!



## SPONSORED KNIT-IN 2025

**Calling all knitters..... from beginner to expert!**

Would you be able to take part in our sponsored Knit In? Wool is provided and knitters just bring their favourite No. 8 needles. There is much nattering and laughing as you knit for two 45 minute sessions with a break for tea/coffee and cakes in between. There is a prize for the longest piece of knitting and, of course, a raffle. The evening is a lot of fun and is one of our biggest fund raising events of the year. All monies raised go towards supporting any clinical trials which are being carried out by Cancer Research UK at hospitals in Weston or Bristol, or to fund vital research in Bristol. This financial year our very small fundraising group - based in Hutton - has sent nearly £20,000 to Cancer Research UK.

**Do you have friends who could make up a team and join in the fun!**

**For further details and sponsor forms please contact :-**

**Pat Watkins on 01934 813668 or watkinspatann@icloud.com**

### **Want to know more about this knitting group and the amazing things they do?**

The knitting group was started in the late 1950s/early 60s with an entirely different (and large) team of people based at Weston General Hospital. In 2005 we held a dinner at Batch Farm where it was announced that the group had raised more than £1 million pounds over the years and the Knit In has been a big fundraiser for at least the last 45 years - but we always need more knitters. You certainly don't have to be an expert.

Unfortunately, the group has become smaller (and older!!!) and now our fundraising is down to the Knit In, bucket collections at the local supermarkets and collecting goblets in shops etc. (which last year brought in over £4,000). We also hold raffles at the Taste of Somerset and Weston General Hospital amongst others and we are very grateful for the annual donation of £1,000 from the Rotary Golf Day and the last two years of two large and generous donations from the Wessex Masonic Lodge.

Our group now only numbers five and we really need some fresh blood! We hold an informal get together (or committee meeting!!) every two months and this year have raised nearly £20,000. As we have a "MyProject" account within the CRUK accounts, we are able to direct the funding as locally as possible. We support any clinical trials being held at Weston General or research at Bristol.

# Meet your local traders!

Leading the chants at Wassail, or treading the village hall stage for the village pantomime, Tom Spindler is well recognised in the village, but how many know about his landscaping and construction business, Limberlost Landscapes and Construction?

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07796 190989



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I will be working from home and sew for a living, I had a thriving business in Devon which I started 8 years ago. I do alterations and repairs, curtains and roman blinds, make bespoke items, and really enjoy giving sewing lessons. I am qualified to teach and used to teach in the evenings at Sidmouth College. You are more than welcome to take a look at my facebook page to see my work 'Neat Stitches by Anita Cox'. I look forward to meeting you all.



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# Your opinion is needed!

**We are asking for your opinion on whether a small community shop may be viable in Hutton Village Hall.**

Be honest! - If the answer to the first questions is no, we still need to hear it.

You can fill in the form and post it in the Village Hall letterbox, you can send a photo of this form to: [villagehallhutton@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallhutton@gmail.com), or scan the QR code to answer the questions online.

- In principle, would you regularly expect to buy from a small village shop?

Yes/No

- A Community Shop could not realistically compete with Tesco or Lidl. Would you be prepared to pay RRP prices? Yes/No

- At these prices, what 5 things may you want to buy from the shop once a week? .....

.....

- What times of the day or evening are you most likely to use the shop?

- We may have the option to sell hot drinks inside the Village Hall. Which of the following are your preferences?

- A small shop with a widest range of goods possible? Yes/No
- A small shop that also sells coffee etc to drink in or takeaway? Yes/No
- A coffee shop that sells a smaller amount of goods? Yes/No

- Would you be interested in volunteering to help run the shop? Yes/No

- Do you have any experience you could offer in Grants, Legal, Retail, Accountancy etc? (Please give your name and contact details to contact you just about this).



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## EVENT NEWS

Renewable Energy Exhibition

Hutton Village Hall

10AM – 12PM

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Refreshments will be provided 😊

Come and learn how **solar panels**, **battery storage** and **heat pumps** work and how they could make a difference for your home.

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I do attend events in Hutton, sometimes with my young son, so please say hello when you see me.

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# Hutton Drama Club



- **Want to get more involved in village life?**
- **Want to join a fun and friendly group?**
- **Free Monday evenings?**
- **Would like to be on a stage as a main character or in the chorus? Or can give technical help, make costumes or support front of house?**
- **If this ticks your boxes then Hutton Drama Club is for you!**



Come along on

**Any Monday in February at 7:30pm**

if you would like to be part of this year's June show. We will be reading through some scripts and allocating parts.

Everyone is welcome.

The summer show is performed by adults only, but you can also register your interest now for children to take part in the January pantomime.



Hutton Drama Club meets Monday nights at 7.30pm in the small hall (Harold Coward Memorial Hall) at Hutton Village Hall, Hutton, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9SR.

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



Call 07838 573229  
if you have any questions

# Forthcoming Events

## February

13th	HVH	2pm	Open event	Men's Club
18th	HVH	7:30pm	New members invite	Drama Club
19th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning	Mustard Seed
22nd	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning	Friendship Circle
25th	HVH	7:30pm	New members invite	Drama Club
26th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning and Fairtrade	Mustard Seed
27th	HVH	2pm	Open event	Men's Club
28th			Shop questionnaire deadline	Village Hall

## March

1st	HVH	10am	Coffe Morning with pancakes	St Marys Church
1st	HVH	7:30pm	Music Night	Mike Emsley
3rd	HVH	7pm	Council Meeting	Parish Council
4th	HVH	7pm	Events	Hutton Ladies
5th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning	Mustard Seed
8th	HVH	10am	Renewable Energy exhibition	Go Renewable Energy
10th	HVH	2pm	Buildings of Delight	Friendship Circle
12th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning and Fairtrade	Mustard Seed
13th	HVH	2pm	Open event	Men's Club
19th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning and Fairtrade	Mustard Seed
24th	HVH	2pm	Music from Simon	Friendship Circle
26th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning and Fairtrade	Mustard Seed
27th	HVH	2pm	Open event	Men's Club
29th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning	Friendship Circle
18th	HVH	7:30pm	AGM & slideshow	Horticultural Society
28th	HVH	7:30pm	Quiz	Twinning
29th	St Marys	10am	St Marys Open Day	St Marys Church
29th	St Marys	7:30pm	Eclectic Voices	St Marys Church
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## April

1st	HVH	7pm	Events	Hutton Ladies
2nd	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning and Fairtrade	Mustard Seed
2nd	HVH	10am	Parish Clerk Surgery	Parish Clerk
5th	HVH	7:30pm	Music Night	Mike Emsley
7th	HVH	7pm	Council Meeting	Parish Council
9th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning and Fairtrade	Mustard Seed
10th	HVH	7pm	Annual Parish Meeting	
14th	HVH	2pm	WW2 Womens VS	
16th	HVH	10am	Parish Clerk Surgery	Parish Clerk
16th	HVH	10am	Coffee Morning and Fairtrade	Mustard Seed



*“The days are getting longer and the daffodils are showing in the Des Phippen Park. Spring is on the way!”*

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