

Camerton Parish News



Spring
2026

A large, muscular man in a grey suit and miner's helmet, pointing forward. He is standing in a wooded area with green foliage. The man is wearing a grey suit with a wide belt and a miner's helmet with a headlamp. He is pointing his right hand forward.

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NEEDS YOU!**

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Editorial

ARWEN ROSS

As spring comes around again, it may feel like a good time to get out of the house and (re)-engage with the world around us. And there are plenty of things happening “out there” which would benefit greatly from our involvement!

As just one example of this, later this year there will be an urgent need for new parish councillors to represent the interests of our community and ensure our voices are being heard. For a rundown of what this involves and who to contact to find out more, see pages 4 and 5.

In other news, we have a beautiful new parish logo! Congratulations to Ray Campbell on his fantastic winning design. See page 6 for a very interesting insight into how the new logo was conceived, and the front cover of this issue to see the full colour version.

And last but not least ... the sun has actually made an appearance once or twice in the last few weeks, so in a spirit of optimism, I recommend that you check out the rest of the newsletter for information on outdoor (as well as indoor) activities taking place over the next few months.



YOUR
PARISH
NEEDS
YOU!

From the Parish Council

LLOYD RANDALL

Hello everyone,

It finally feels like spring is just around the corner, and is a time for fresh starts and new growth, which is exactly the spirit we want to bring to our community communications.

Your Newsletter, Your Voice

We want this newsletter to be something you look forward to reading, a genuine reflection of our community rather than just a list of council updates. To do that, we need your help to reshape it.

What would you like to see in these pages? We are inviting you to send in your ideas, whether that is:

- Articles & Stories: Local history, nature notes, or community news.
- Interactive Sections: Photography competitions, "Spot the Landmark" puzzles, gardening swaps, or recipes.
- Letters to the Editor: A space for your views and suggestions.

If you have a talent for writing, a keen eye for a photo, or just a great idea for a new section, please do get in touch.

A Vital Call for New Councillors

Turning to the future of our council, I have some important news to share. Later this year, we will be losing two of our long-standing councillors. Their departures will leave a significant gap in our team, and finding new people to step forward is now paramount.

Being a councillor is a unique opportunity to directly influence the decisions that affect our village, from planning and environment to local amenities. We need a diverse range of voices to ensure we are representing everyone effectively.

If you care about our parish and want to ensure it remains a wonderful place to live, we need you. You don't need to be an expert in local government to start; you just need a bit of time and a desire to make a difference.

There is an article on page 5 that details what the role entails. I urge you to read it and consider whether you could help us shape the future of our community.

Best regards,

Lloyd

Chairman, Camerton Parish Council

Could you be a Parish Councillor? There are vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Camerton Parish Council. We are encouraging applicants to apply **NOW!** and join the team.

The Council would like to fill these vacancies by co-option, which is a process where the council considers applications from interested people who can then join the Council.

What do parish councillors do? Parish councillors invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Councillors listen to local needs, make decisions on local services and help progress local projects for the community. Parish councillors spend about 0.5 to 1 hour per week on council work, including attending 6-8 meetings per year.

A Councillor, Who, Me? Getting involved – candidate information. Prospective applicants can see democracy in action by attending a council meeting – held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Camerton Community Hall at 6:30 pm.

People from all backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to put themselves forward for this role. You do not need any specific experience or qualifications; just bring your life experiences, everyday skills and commitment to people and the local community.

How do I get involved? Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a British Citizen, or an eligible Commonwealth or EU Citizen. Applicants must also meet at least one of the following three qualifications:

1. Be registered on the electoral roll; or
2. Have lived in the parish or within three miles of its boundary during in past 12 months; or
3. Have had their main place of work in the parish during the past 12 months.

Application forms submitted will be considered at the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council. Candidates will have the opportunity to give a short introduction about themselves at the relevant meeting, if they wish to.

Applications should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk, by email to: camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

The application form and more information is available online at [Camerton Parish Council | Parish Council Information](#)

Apply NOW – Your Parish NEEDS YOU !

Camerton Parish Council Announces New Parish Logo Winner

Camerton Parish Council is delighted to announce the winner of our parish logo design competition. After reviewing a strong field of entries, the Council unanimously selected the design created by **Ray Campbell**, whose concept beautifully captures Camerton's landscape, heritage and future.

Ray's logo presents a modern yet timeless identity for the parish:

- The 'C' format represents Camerton as apposed to a meaningless circle
- Trees and hills represent the rural aspect of our parish. The landscape outweighing housing
- The River Cam is represented as a blue waveform
- The red kite represents re-wilding and conservational thinking
- The foreground hill represents the batch, returning to the original natural landscape. The focus now being the return to the peaceful and natural landscape enjoyed for centuries before industrialization.



About the Designer

Ray Campbell brings decades of creative experience to the project. His career began in 1973 in central London beneath the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, where he worked alongside illustrators James Marsh and John Farman in a studio known for pioneering plasticine model illustration — famously featured in BOAC's "Earthshrinkers" posters. He later produced model work for *The Sunday Times*, London Transport and major advertising agencies.

Ray's illustration career includes work for publications such as *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Economist*.

He later moved into advertising, designing lettering and visual identities for clients including Bass Charrington, Schweppes, Lyonsmaid, Pan Books and Dulux. He also created the title lettering for the BBC series *EastEnders* and designed album and book covers, working with artists including David Bowie. He has been involved locally designing Logo's for St Martin's Garden Primary School and High Littleton CoE Primary School.

After relocating from London to Essex, Ray expanded into graphic and conceptual design, undertaking commissions for Essex County Council

and lecturing for eight years at the Colchester Institute School of Art. He was responsible for setting up and teaching in the graphics department at the Design Center in Mauritius.

Camerton Parish Council thanks Ray for his outstanding contribution and congratulates him on a design that will represent the parish for years to come.

We also thank all residents who participated in the competition. The Council is proud to adopt a logo that reflects the identity, history and future of Camerton.

Seeking local photographic talent!

Many thanks to the local people who have agreed to let us use their fantastic photos for the newsletter so far! If you have a new photo or something in your archives that you would like to share which showcases our beautiful parish in any season, please contact the Parish Clerk (camertonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk).

The deadline for the next issue is 7 May.

Beaver advice

Avon Wildlife Trust's Beaver Advice and Support Team provides free guidance to farmers, landowners and communities who are living alongside wild beavers in the Bristol Avon and Somerset Frome area, as well as monitoring their growing population.

Records show that beavers are now living along the Bristol Avon and its tributaries, including the Midford and Wellow Brooks. Beavers can provide a range of benefits, through their damming and tree felling activities. They can reduce the impact of downstream flooding, help mitigate droughts, improve water quality and increase



biodiversity. However, their activities can also create significant challenges for landowners, including localised flooding of farmland, loss of crops and damage to trees, property or machinery. Because the arrival of beavers in the area was unofficial, farmers and landowners have had to manage these issues and learn to live alongside beavers, all with minimal planning and support.



The Beaver Advice and Support Team can help farmers and landowners by providing information about beaver behaviour and legal protections and giving advice for managing beavers on their land. We can also provide information about grants to protect trees and crops and for expert dam management. If you are a landowner and you need free advice and support with managing the impact of beavers, please contact alex.preston@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk.



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Avon Wildlife Trust also needs help to monitor the beaver population. As the plant-life around rivers dies back over the winter, it becomes easier to spot tell-tale signs of beavers, like gnawed wood and woodchips. If you see any of these signs while out on your winter walks, please help by filling out the form on Avon Wildlife Trust's website: www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/beavers. There's also a handy spotter's guide with more tips on what to look out for.

GOOD NEWS!



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Somer Valley Ramblers

Stepping into Spring

After a wet and dull winter it's always refreshing to welcome spring and keep our fingers crossed for fair weather. With better weather lots of us turn our thoughts to taking a walk and breathing in the clear country air.

Camerton is so well placed for interesting varied walks; with most of the village being in a valley, it's easy to take a walk along level ground, but if you fancy a challenge the hills are all around! Our industrial heritage gives us a plethora of public footpaths to keep us on the correct (and often narrow) paths.

The Limestone Link, marked with a distinctive roundel having a large ammonite in the centre, is a 38-mile recognized recreational path linking the southern tip of the Cotswold Way to the West Mendip Way. As its name indicates, it links the beds of limestone beneath The Cotswolds and the Mendip Hills. The route passes along the valley of Camerton and has an information board with a QR code in the sheltered entrance to The Batch. Created by Cyril Trenfield, a member of The Ramblers, it's recognized as a gentle walk with only

two significant ascents (one on each end of the route).

Locally, members of The Ramblers and local volunteers act as caretakers to walk the route and attempt to keep the stiles, gates and narrow sections clear of brambles, nettles and other overactive vegetation. We also report to the Rights of Way departments any serious obstructions and repairs to furniture needed.

The Somer Valley Ramblers website gives the definitive route running east to west and provides background information of places along the way. It's completely free to access and use!

There are lots of other interesting articles on the website, including information on our up-and-coming group walks.

[https://
www.somervalleyramblers.org.uk/
limestone-link/limestone-link-
intro.html](https://www.somervalleyramblers.org.uk/limestone-link/limestone-link-intro.html)

Enjoy!

Tessa Wyatt (Somer Valley Ramblers Secretary)

Introducing BWCE Home Energy!

Bath & West Community Energy has just launched its new Home Energy service – a local hub of independent, expert advice and support for warm, efficient, low-carbon homes in our community.

They now offer home energy assessments, providing tailored, impartial advice to help you find the best energy-efficient solutions for your home.

Plus, you'll have access to a range of inspiring events – open homes, expert talks, spotlights sessions, training and videos – everything you need to make your home more energy efficient.

Bookings for home energy surveys are now live, and you can take advantage of generous, time-limited discounts from Retrofit West.

Find out more and book your assessment at:
www.bwce.homeenergy.coop

Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club

Members of Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club are eagerly waiting for some warm dry weather and the start of the 2026 summer season.

The summer season of 2025 saw several successes for the club's League teams in Association Croquet and in Golf Croquet. The Club hosted the usual mix of their own internal tournaments, regional tournaments and the All-England National Final for handicapped Golf Croquet. There was also success for individual members when they entered tournaments at other Clubs in the South West.

A similar schedule of competitions is planned for 2026 and this will run alongside the Club's weekly sessions of Club play where members roll up for a pleasant afternoon of friendship and relaxed croquet.

Beginners are welcomed at Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club; but you may wonder... "How do you get started?"

Every spring the Club runs a beginner's course consisting of afternoons of skills and tactics training from the Club's fully qualified coaches.

In the Beginners Course the new players are taught the basic shots of croquet and even on their first afternoon they will have mastered these skills sufficiently well to play a game of Golf Croquet. On subsequent afternoons they improve their basic shot making skills, honing their ability to send their ball accurately on a line and to a precise length. They also learn more advanced strokes, including stop shots and clearances, and are introduced to some more advanced tactics. Golf croquet is often likened to 'playing chess on grass'; it is a game of technical skills but also uses mental planning strategies. The new members joining the Club from the April Beginner's Course are quickly introduced to regular Club afternoons and if the new player decides to join the Club the nominal fee for the Beginner's course is deducted from the annual membership fee.

Camerton and Peasedown CC also invite potential players to come for a 'Drop-In' session on a Sunday afternoon. These are scheduled for the first Sunday afternoon in every month; usually starting on the first Sunday in May. Just come along at 2.00pm wearing flat soled shoes; the Club will provide all the other equipment that you need to get started and within one afternoon you will be playing a game. These drop-In taster afternoons are Free. The Club is situated in Whitebrook Lane in Peasedown, BA2 8LD; the entrance to the lawns is through the Peasedown Cricket Club grounds.

Membership to the Club gives access to the Club's four full-sized croquet lawns and to their new Club House for 12 months of both summer and winter play. Roll-up Club sessions are for Golf Croquet, both singles and doubles, on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays and for Association Croquet on Wednesday mornings. League matches are played against other local Clubs in the South West

Federation of Croquet Clubs. In the Handicapped Leagues novice players receive advantages in the form of 'free' hoops when playing against more experienced players.

Members of CPCC also enjoy regular social events; quiz evenings, barbeques and the like throughout the year; a chance to meet and make new friends with similar interests.

More details of Club membership and a full calendar of Events can be found on the club's website:

www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk.



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You will enjoy a wholesome two-course lunch with tea or coffee for just £7.50 per head.

We meet every other month throughout the year in the Myra Hayward Room at the Congre Hall. Why not put the dates on your 2026 calendar now? There's nothing like planning ahead!

All on the last Thursday of the month:

**26th March 28th May 30th July
24th September 26th November**

Please ring Helen Pease on 01761 470077 to book your place (booking essential for catering purposes). You will be very warmly welcomed, and we look forward to meeting you.



Have you served in the military?

Can we help?

The Royal British Legion (RBL) was established in 1921 to provide financial, social and emotional support to members and ex-members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force and the volunteer reserves, such as the RNR, TAVR and RAFVR, and their families and dependents. To make administration easier, local Branches were set up across the country and many of these still exist today with the same aims.

The Timsbury Branch provides support for people in the parish of Timsbury and surrounding areas. If you are looking for advice and support in welfare matters or just for the company of likeminded people, please contact the Branch using the details shown below. We would be very pleased to hear from you and you will be made very welcome.

For membership of the Branch and general information on the work of the RBL, contact Barry Sewell, Branch Chair, on 01761 471685.

For welfare enquiries contact Chris Fiddes, Branch Welfare Officer, on 07923 436950.



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Cam Valley Arts Trail News



Members of the Cam Valley Arts Trail Group would like to thank everyone that attended our Spring Sale and Exhibition on 11th April at Conygre Hall.

It was lovely to meet new people who are lovers of all things creative, and also catch up with old friends. It is very heartwarming and encouraging for our artists to have people returning year after year continually supporting and showing interest in our work. We had seventeen exhibitors this year, every one of them different and extremely talented. The various demonstrations were well received and well attended.

We are having continued success with our Community Sketch Book, with many people adding to our growing collection of drawings and paintings. Many thanks to Anna who organises this and encourages people to make their mark no matter what their ability. It is something everyone can enjoy.

Congratulations to our new members who exhibited this year. It is so interesting to see how many varied and creative people there are out there. Could this be you? Please come and join us, we always welcome new members - details can be found at

camvalleyartstrail.co.uk

We held our AGM on 6th May. Thank you to everyone who attended - it was great to see so many members, including some new faces.

It was with great regret that we said goodbye to our retiring Chair, Karen George, who after years of dedication and hard work has stepped down to further develop her own artistic endeavours. We don't think there is one member of our group who has not benefited from Karen's support, advice and friendship since 2013 when the group was formed. Fortunately she is remaining as a member so we will still see her, and we wish her all the best in her new ventures.



Our past and present chairs

We were very pleased to be able to welcome our new chair, Gina Horler, and we look forward to continuing developing the group with Gina.

We also said goodbye and thank you to our treasurer, Sophie Piddock, who too has given thirteen years of hard work to support the group, and welcomed our new treasurer, Emma Lavery. And we gave our secretary, Lucy Empson, a long service award for all her hard work and support! Thank you to all of you for what you have done for the group since we formed - it would not have been possible without you.

The next date to keep in mind is our Winter Trail and Exhibition, to be held on 7th and 8th November. This will once again take the form of a trail with artists exhibiting from their own studios and two communal venues, Camerton Community Hall and Paulton Wesley Hall. Save the date! We look forward to seeing you all in November.

CAM VALLEY
ARTS TRAIL



Avon and Somerset Police Beware of Rogue Traders

There have been some recent incidents in Bath of phoney cold callers.

Be wary of **all** cold-callers offering to do work on your home, as they can offer over-priced or unnecessary services. They may also put additional pressure on residents to agree to the work by suggesting it is urgent or that the price may go up after their visit to the area [or they are wanting to gain access to your home to steal].

Police always recommend using a door chain and asking to see the identification of unexpected callers.

- if you are suspicious of a caller, ring 999 straight away
- keep your cash in the bank, not at home
- keep windows and doors secured if you're not in the room
- set up a No Cold Calling Zone – contact your neighbourhood policing team
- join Neighbourhood Watch

Remember, genuine callers:

- expect you to check their identification before opening the door
- would never try to rush you by claiming there's an emergency
- will happily make an appointment to come back when you can have a relative or friend with you

Dates for your diary

Every first and third Thursday, 6.30pm:

Bingo, Camerton Community Hall, bar opens 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm

Sat 30 May, 9.30am—12 noon: Timsbury Market, Conygre Hall, Timsbury



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