

THE BATCH

August-Sept 2015

The newsletter for Dunkerton, Tunley & Withyditich

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event
Sat 5 Sep	3pm	Dunkerton Show
Thurs 24 Sept	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (DPH)
Advance Notice		
Sat 10 Oct	6.30pm	Dunkerton Quiz
Thurs 15 Oct	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (TRC)
Thurs 26 Nov	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (DPH)

Don't forget the regular events at Dunkerton,
Withyditich and Tunley halls

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DUNKERTON ANNUAL SHOW, DUNKERTON PARISH HALL

Saturday 5 September 2015

Everyone who receives a copy of **The Batch** is encouraged to enter, as well as residents of Carlingcott, members of Dunkerton W I, Dunkerton Cricket Club, our own Bellringers group, members of Dunkerton Obedience Group, those attending the Yoga classes and members of other local clubs and groups.

A Show Schedule accompanies this edition of **The Batch**. If you would like more entry forms please call Max Crofts 07831 370353 or e-mail mdegrey@btinternet.com

It is a village show with something for everyone, so do not be shy. Children, especially, do please enter (children's entries are free). All entries will be on display during the afternoon and the Hall will open at 3pm for viewing. The auction of cakes, pies, vegetables, fruit, flowers and other produce will be

at 4.15pm and is well worth staying for some great bargains!

NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED!

The Batch Management Committee are looking for a creative and responsible person to take on the Editorial role. This will involve sifting and sorting the varied monthly copy material and content that is submitted to our news@weblink, then putting this array of info together and compiling the monthly edition ready for our outsourced printing.

The BMC is a not for profit motivated group, and is looking for a like-minded individual happy to help and promote the local community on a voluntary basis. Someone with good PC skills would be advisable.

Please contact our sub-editor D. Orme on 01761 438721 if you can help.

DUNKERTON PARISH HALL



For booking enquiries please call Karen Killpartrick 01761 434541 or karenkillpartrick@gmail.com

Also tables and chairs for hire – very useful if you are planning a barbeque or other event.

Dunkerton Parish Hall – Regular Events
(Karen Killpartrick 01761 434541)

Tuesday 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. D.O.G.
(Dog Obedience Group)
Ruth/Nick Barrett 01761 432246

Yoga Classes

Monday: 7.30pm - 9.0pm
Wednesday: 10.00am - 11.30am
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday: 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 11.00am

For more information please call Charlotta at Universal Yoga on 01761470658 or email info@universalyoga.co.uk or visit the website at www.universalyoga.co.uk

DUNKERTON CRICKET CLUB

This season Dunkerton Cricket Club is playing its home matches on Sunday afternoons. The remaining fixtures are:

2 Aug v Keynsham
23 Aug v Portway

Spectators are most welcome and if you are a potential player or would be interested to support the Club in any other way please contact Eric Slingo, 01225 873545 or ericslingo@fsmail.net



All Saints' Church

**The Parish Church of
Dunkerton & Tunley**

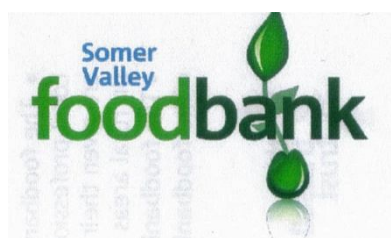
Rector: Revd Gordon Ripley 01761 470249 gordon.ripley364@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Matthew Frayne 01761 437754 matthew.frayne@gmail.com

Charlotte de Grey 01761 436618
cdegrey@btinternet.com

CHURCH SERVICES

02 Aug	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Camerton
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Dunkerton
09 Aug	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Dunkerton
	11.15 a.m.	Family Service	Camerton
16 Aug	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Camerton
	11.15 a.m.	Family Service	Dunkerton
23 Aug	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Camerton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dunkerton
	6.00pm	Evensong	Camerton
30 Aug	9.30am	Ten Lamps Communion Service	Camerton
06 Sept	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Camerton
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Dunkerton
13 Sept	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Dunkerton
	11.15am.	Family Service	Camerton
20 Sept	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Camerton
	11.15am	Café & Craft @ Village Hall	Dunkerton
27 Sept	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Camerton
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Dunkerton
	5pm	Harvest Festival	Camerton
04 Oct	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Camerton
	3.00pm	Harvest Lunch	Dunkerton
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival Service	Dunkerton
	5.00pm	Harvest Festival Auction	Dunkerton



**Don't forget
your
donation**

Foodbank collections continue at All Saints Church for our poorer and financially distressed neighbours. Please leave food donations in the church, or church porch. Tinned food, (not packets as the church mice are rather too fond of those), gentlemen's shaving materials, soap and shampoo are needed. Alternatively, you can leave donations with me, the Churchwarden, at Old Canal Cottage, Dunkerton on the A367. Thank you. Matthew Frayne

From the Rectory

By the time you read this many people will be on holiday and, like many things in our Post-Christian society, holidays have their roots in the Christian pattern of life from hundreds of years ago. Even the name is derived from the phrase 'Holy Day'.

In the middle Ages people went on pilgrimages for religious reasons. However, pilgrimages weren't really holidays – or, at least, they weren't meant to be!

In the 14th century Geoffrey Chaucer wrote the Canterbury Tales about a group of pilgrims on their way to Canterbury which was just about the most popular place of pilgrimage in England as men and women prayed that the relics of Thomas A 'Becket would bring healing to all kinds of ailments.

People went on pilgrimages to shrines in all sorts of places where relics of the Saints were held. It was the major travel industry of the age and of vital financial importance to any pilgrim destination.

Pilgrimages of this kind came to an end in England at the Reformation when shrines like those of St Thomas A 'Becket were destroyed.

In the middle Ages there were no holidays in the modern sense. People mainly travelled for work, for war or for religious reasons.

However, even Medieval peasants were allowed to rest on Holy Days – and there were many of them throughout the year!

Have you ever thought as to why we have long University and school holidays? Their roots lie not in our religious but in our agricultural heritage, when families required their young men from University and children at school to be available to pick fruit and farm the land – to gather in the Harvest.

Until the late 19th century going away on holiday was only for the wealthy. Then in 1871 the Bank Holiday Act gave workers a few paid holidays each year. However even at the end of the 19th century most people had no paid holidays except bank holidays.

In the early 19th century nearly everyone had Sunday off – the Christian Sabbath, of course – and in the 1870s some skilled workers began to

have Saturday afternoon off. This enabled young men to play sports like Football, Cricket and Rugby.

From the 1840s the spread of railways made travel much faster and cheaper and they made days out possible for ordinary people for the first time.

In the 1840s Thomas Cook began arranging excursions by train in Britain. When the Great Exhibition opened in London in 1851 Cook arranged tours to the exhibition from cities all over the country. The tours proved to be very popular and so from the 1860s Cook began to arrange package tours abroad.

If you are going on holiday this month, wherever you go, your holiday tradition springs, like all good things, from Christian roots and may you return relaxed and refreshed.

Your friend, in Christ,

Gordon

Hearing God through Peace

In this hectic modern world we are often too busy running around to stop and reflect on our lives and God's purpose in it.

The Family Services at All Saints aren't usually known for their peaceful and reflective nature! However, from August to November, each of these services will include a brief talk from Matthew Dixon on the science of enhancing peace in our lives and include some practical tips for experiencing a greater peace. Come along and find out how peace allows God to be more present in our lives - I'm sure you will find it helpful!

Gordon



**Withyditch
Chapel
Centre**

Need a venue for a function? Why not try the Withyditch Centre?

More details can be seen on the Parish web site (www.dunkertonparish.org.uk). This shows pictures of the Centre and the location.

For further information, contact anyone on the web site or listed on the notice board at the Chapel door.

The Schoolroom is OPEN Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2015.....

**Jams, cakes, crafts, brick-a-brack, soft toys etc.
Usual Refreshments, starting at 2pm**

Tony Hearn 01761- 470507

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Report on the Dunkerton Parish Council June 18 meeting

PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES.

As briefly reported in the June edition of the Batch, Councillors welcomed Adrian Ashley as an additional new member and the return of Martin Robinson to the council as the chairman following a brief absence whilst councillors dealt with a complaint issue.

FINANCE

The balance of funds is £10,295.19.

PLANNING

Planning Application 15/02043/FUL Primrose Cottage Withydithe Dunkerton: Erection of a rear and side 1.5 storey extension and double garage

following demolition of existing conservatory and workshop. The Parish Council unanimously supported this application as it complies with policies CP8, GB.1, HG.15, D.2 and D.4 of the core strategy subject to the roof tiles of the main building being made of slate.

Allocation of Responsibility of planning to a DPC councillor. Cllr Robinson agreed to take on this portfolio.

HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND ALLIED MATTERS

Tunley Fork Hedge

As part of the Tunley Fork project Highways were advised that drivers' sight lines would be obstructed by the hedge and therefore it was arranged to have the hedge grubbed out for a further distance to beyond the "Dunkerton Boundary Sign". It is now the responsibility of the land owner to keep the hedge cut to an acceptable height, if however we consider that it is significantly obstructing drivers sight lines then there are two options. Firstly approach the land owner and request that the hedge is cut or secondly contact our local Highways Inspector, Steve Simmons, it was therefore decided that Steve Simmons be contacted.

Tunley Overdale Footpath

District Cllr David Veale is now formalising the agreement with highways made earlier this year to progress this scheme.

Public Rights of Way

Cllr Prescott had a meeting with the Public Rights of Way officer regarding the quagmire at the rear of the Tunley Equestrian Centre. She agrees that improvements need to be made and will get one of her contractors to see if the water can be diverted and a gravel surface put in. This will go into her Capital projects file for next year. She also agreed that the footpath inside the kissing gate opposite Withyditich Chapel is very steep and has made an order for some steps to be cut into the slope (similar to the ones on the left down in Palmers Lane).

Waste and recycling

Cllr Prescott has contacted the Waste Services officer about a general purpose litter bin for Dunkerton; the officer has advised Cllr Prescott that B&NES will not fund a bin at this location. Councillors therefore decided that the parish council should purchase a general purpose litter bin and requested Cllr Prescott to research prices. The parish council is awaiting a response from the Manders Orchard group on the proposal to locate the bin adjacent to the notice board and letter box on Dunkerton Green. Cllr Prescott has had a site meeting with the dog warden to discuss the dog mess situation and to investigate the possibility of more signs. They didn't

find any problems but put new signs up on the two noticeboards in Dunkerton village.

Memorial Seat

The memorial seat has been completed and is ready for installation.

Allocation of Responsibility for Highways to a DPC Councillor It was agreed that Cllr Patch would take on the highways portfolio.

Parish Website

The website has been handed over to the Batch Management Committee with the suggested changes being incorporated. It is now nearly ready to go live.

Report on the Design History of the Traffic Calming in Tunley

At the original public consultation meetings held in the TRC and attended by B&NES Highways Engineers several local residents requested that "Table Humps" should be installed but these were firmly rejected by a considerably greater number of residents on the grounds of noise. The traffic engineers also rejected them on the same noise grounds and because the B3115 is considered to be a through route for emergency vehicles and therefore table humps would be objected to by the emergency services. In light of this report the parish council decided not to pursue the installation of speed tables in Tunley.

Process for Changing the Parish Council Name

A resident at the meeting proposed that the name change suggested and agreed by all present at the APM and the APCM be amended to Dunkerton with Tunley and Withyditich Parish Council. It was proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Prescott that the parish council name be changed from Dunkerton Parish Council to the amended title. Clerk to submit an application for the name change to the Monitoring Officer at B&NES

Rural Broadband.

At a public meeting a working party including Max Crofts and three other local Dunkerton residents was set up. Their initial challenge is to find a way forward to finance the cost of bringing fibre to the community.

Its Next meeting:

Thursday 24th September 7.30 pm
Dunkerton Parish Hall.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2015/16

All parish council meetings will be held on
Thursdays commencing 7.30 pm.

The dates and venues are as follows:

Thursday	24 September 2015	DPH
Thursday	15 October 2015	TRC
Thursday	26 November 2015	DPH
Thursday	28 January 2016	TRC

Vacancies for Parish Councillors

Your parish council has two vacancies and would welcome expressions of interest from residents living within the catchment area of The Batch. If you are reading this article in a copy of The Batch that came through your letter box then you live within the catchment area for membership of Dunkerton Parish Council.

- Are you interested in preserving the green belt?
- Do you want to see local housing and starter homes for young local families?
- Do you want to see your parish get its fair share of the B&NES budget?
- Do you want to see the rural areas treated by B&NES Council on an equal footing with the Bath urban area?

B&NES Council is facing financial cuts and has to find £38 million cost savings. That's a huge amount of money. What impact will that have on the rural areas? Will they protect us? Sadly, there is no "they". We cannot rely on BANES Council knowing what we need. We have to argue our own case. We need councillors who will put our community first and will help us to secure the services our rural area needs. Dunkerton Parish Council is non-political, it is here to serve the local residents, if you would like to help us then please contact either the Clerk or Chairman for further information, and we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this article.
Martin Robinson - Chairman Dunkerton Parish
Council.....tel. . 01761 471134.



W.I. Report

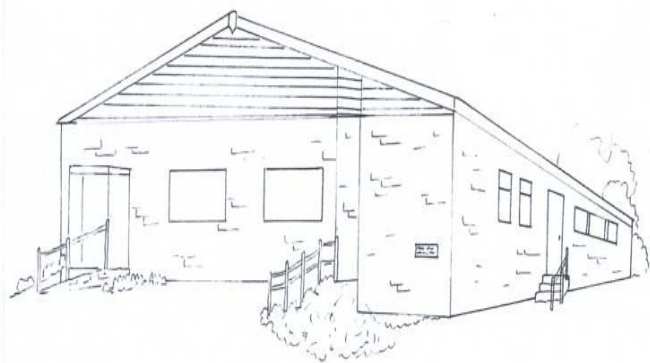
Dunkerton W.I. Garden meeting was kindly hosted at the home of Mrs Marilyn Gardiner. The weather was damp so the meeting began inside, where business was kept to a minimum. Members were happy at the suggestion we should celebrate 16th September, the actual date of the centenary, with a meal at the King William. The Bring and Buy sale, manned by Valerie raised an admirable amount for charity.

Hot dogs and home-made cakes, strawberry or raspberry and cream, were then served and members drifted into the conservatory or in the sheltered garden. Conversations ranged from the plight of the milk farmer, the making of robes made for ordained clergy and halcyon days, particularly at school. Judy had recently attended a school reunion and met a chum she hadn't seen for 55 years! Mollie and Di had amusing anecdotes of their time at a girl's school in Bath, and Sue Wagstaff's husband has just published a book on family life. An enjoyable evening was had by all, not least we hope by visitor Tina. A big thank you to Marilyn and husband Robert for their hospitality.

Next meeting is September 8th.

Judy Chidlaw (Secretary)





TUNLEY VILLAGE RECREATION CENTRE

CONTACT US: You can contact our Secretary with any questions or general enquiries

secretary@tunleyrec.org.uk.

All booking enquiries to enquiries@tunleyrec.org.uk or Phone 01761 479165.

Anyone wishing to help in any way with the running of our centre's facilities please contact the Secretary at the above email address.

Tunley Recreation Centre Regular Events

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings are Vacant at present - For details, please contact enquiries@tunleyrec.org.uk or 01761 479165.

DOG CLASSES - Dog Club – Dunkerton Obedience Group meet on Mondays 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Contact: Secretary Mr Nicholas Barrett, email barling08@yahoo.com, phone 01761 432246

DOLLS' HOUSE CLUB - 3rd Tuesday evening - Info – Mrs S Snook 01225 833637

TODDLER GROUP - Wednesday morning - Info – Mrs M Manley 01761 415620

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – meeting on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7.15pm - contact Sue Snook 01225 833637 for further information.

WOOF-ITS – Dog Training Club – Saturday morning classes – Positive reinforcement methods used – Contact Lorraine on 07905863791 or email woof.its24@gmail.com

NEED A VENUE?

TUNLEY RECREATION CENTRE has a modern facility which is ideal for your Wedding Reception, Parties, Meetings, Classes and Business Meeting requirements.

The accommodation consists of Bar, Kitchen with serving area, Seating at round tables for up to 80 persons.

For Talks and Meetings we can accommodate up to a 120 persons. The facility has disabled persons access and toilet. There is ample on site Car Parking and an outside children's play area.

For all booking enquiries, including hall availability email us enquiries@tunleyrec.org.uk or telephone 01761 479165.

TUNLEY FUN DAY & DOG SHOW 2015

The 2015 Tunley Fun Day and Dog Show was blessed with good weather. We had all the traditional stalls, dogs of all shapes and sizes for the dog show, children's races, tractors and our community policeman and van. This year we were fortunate to have a display of Classic cars from NRCVC. Many thanks to John Wilcox, who many of you will know, for arranging this fantastic show.

We raised £2,080.83 towards the continuing refurbishment of the TRC.

A huge thank you to every-one who helped in the run-up and on the day and to the clearing up team and also those who donated items for the raffle and all the stalls. As always there are too many people to single out for thanks, however we would like to mention Mel Newbiggin for providing the marquees, Naturesvets for providing the judge for the dog show and Tom and Jess for once again moving the King William onto the recreation field for the day!

And of course all of you who came along to enjoy the event.

Please have a look at all the photographs on Facebook (facebook.com/tunleyfunday).



THANKS

The TRC Management Committee would like to offer their sincere thanks to Fran Pease and Martha Walker for the sterling work they have done over the past six months in arranging and managing the 2015 Fun Day and Dog Show and of course our thanks also to **ALL** the volunteers who helped to make the event the great event that it was.

Paul Wadsworth - Treasurer and Acting Chair.



Tunley Athletic Football Club

The Recreation
Ground, Tunley,
BA2 0EB



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Pete Fear & Bryan Moore - Life Members & Tunley Residents

First Team

Somerset County Football League - Division Two (East)
Manager – Duncan Fear 07921 176839

Reserve Team

Mid-Somerset Football League - Second Division
Manager – Martin Cox 07704 137857

Friendlies have been arranged so you might see some football games at the Recreation ground before the start of the season which is First teams games start on 22nd August, Reserves teams start on 5th September. Fixtures can be found on the leagues websites.

The Freda Hookings Memorial Match this year is on Saturday 8th August 2015 against Frome Town Sports with the kick off at 3pm. Do come along and watch this annual event.

We are now looking forward to the 2015-16 season. There usually is a game at the Recreation Ground most Saturdays, do come and support your local village club.

Should anyone be interested in joining the club in any capacity please contact anyone of the above for more information.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MESSAGE

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 101 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111.

For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk> website.



Cam Valley Wildlife Group

www.cvwg.org.uk

Email:

camvalley.events@gmail.com



Botany Walks Botany Walks take place on Wednesday evenings, meeting at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Helena Crouch for more information on any of the walks. Tel: 01761 410731 or mobile: 07773037001.

Conservation Work Mornings at Goosard Reserve Work mornings at Goosard take place on the last Saturday of the month, starting at 10.00 am. For details, please contact: Roger Oliver on 01761 419778.

NatureChild A weekly nature club for under 5 year olds and their parents/carers. Thursday mornings in term time from 10.00-11.45 am, meeting at the start of the track to Greyfield Woods in High Littleton. There is a charge of £4 for 2-5 year olds, £2 for under 2s and babies under 6 months are free. Hot chocolate or other drinks and a healthy snack are provided. Activities include fire making, animal tracking, natural art/craft, mini-beast hunts, stream games and much more. There is a £1 discount for CVWG members. Please contact Emily for details on 07812 155 659.

Insect Events and Chapel Court Wildlife Garden If you wish to be notified of ad hoc insect events or to help with conservation work towards the wildlife garden, please contact Deborah at jporter.wildlifeandenv@gmail.com or on 01761 435563.

Activities of Other Local Groups:

The Bath Natural History Society has a good programme of field meetings; check their website at www.bathnats.org.uk for more information.

Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve Supporters Group (CBLNRSG) runs events and carries out conservation work. Contact Louise Fry at louise_fry@btinternet.com or on 01761 471280. Conservation Work Party activities are coordinated by David Fearn on 01761 472986.

Yatton & Congresbury Wildlife Action Group (www.yacwag.org.uk) events are posted on the calendar on their website.

North Somerset and Bristol Group Hawk & Owl Trust talks are on the third Monday of each month.

Somerset Invertebrate Group runs a programme of events for members, but non-members are welcome to come along as guests. Please contact Deborah (details above) if you would like further details.

Field of Dreams

Saturday 9th August at Baracroft Hall, North Street, South Petherton, Somerset TA13 5DA A mixture of 57 different flower species from around the world. Annual plants were chosen under the guidance and supply of Clive Farrell, one of the country's leading lepidopterists and wild flower experts who runs the Ryewater Estate in Dorset together with many Butterfly World parks. The summer of 2011 saw the 'Field of Dreams' come true attracting over four thousand visitors. Everybody loved it and marvelled at the millions of wild flowers, which created an excellent environment for the butterflies and bees. Open from 10am to 6pm from 4th July to 31st August 2014. Entrance donations for local charities. Contact Judy Hampshire on 01761 414761/07460 278311 or judy@swallowcharity.org to coordinate car sharing.

Botany Walk

Wednesday 13th August - A SQUARE WITH NO NAME (OR RECORDS!) [6152] Park and meet in the lay-by beside the A37 at Strapestone (ST624521) for a walk to the West to record in a (possibly boring) 1km square with no previous records.

Botany Walk Wednesday 20th August - MIDSOMER ENTERPRISE PARK [6754] Park and meet in main service road of industrial estate, just past Welton Recycling Centre (ST674548) for some urban botanising.

Butterfly Walk

Saturday 23rd August - Shipton Bellinger

A walk with Phil Hall - who gave us a talk about Garden Butterflies earlier this year - to visit Shipton Bellinger in East Wiltshire. This is an excellent site for Brown Hairstreaks and nearby is Broughton Down, a top site for Silver Spotted Skippers, another late emerging rarity. We will probably also see Adonis Blues and hopefully many other common species. Meet at the car park on Waterloo Road, Radstock at 9am for car share. Contact Phil for details nearer the time on 01761 437539; email: philipmhall@hotmail.co.uk.



BOOT SALE ADVERT for The Batch

Baby Grand Piano for sale

or possible exchange for an upright piano.

1930's, dark oak. Last tuned 2 years ago.

Reasonable offers considered

Please ring 07989083846

Sarah Maslen



FOOTPATH QUERY from Ed Collacott, Dunkerton

We are very lucky to live in such a lovely valley - also fortunate to have a network of footpaths to enable those who wish to enjoy good walking and wonderful views.

However I was disappointed to notice a NO FOOTPATH sign on the gate by the bridge along the old railway line just down the road from Withyditich near the junction of the road from Tunley (aka Engine Bridge).

The footpath to the kissing gate by Withyditich Chapel runs uphill for its last hundred yards or so through what is now a rapeseed field. Try walking along this path

and you get absolutely soaked and I suspect in Autumn and Winter (once the field is ploughed) absolutely muddy!!! It would be so much better if the path could instead go west to avoid the crop continue along the level route of the railway line to the gate by Engine Bridge over what has been for years a meadow.

Perhaps the Parish Council could approach the landowner to suggest a permissive path and offer the cost of a walkers' gate - great use of local funds.

It would be interesting to hear of other views or suggestions and of course from the farmer and Parish Council.



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NEW DUNKERTON PARISH WEBSITE IS LAUNCHED



<https://dunkertonparish.wordpress.com/>

The new parish website is now "live" and can be viewed at the link above. It is still in its formative stages and we are keen to involve everyone in shaping the look, style and content to make it as informative and user-friendly as possible. There is plenty of opportunity for individual comment, and individuals can also sign up to be 'Followers', and thereby receive each new post by email.

Any organisation operating within the parish and not currently listed can be added. Each organisation with a page on the website needs to nominate one person to act as its own "Editor in Chief". It will be their responsibility to collect, sort and post any editorial content submitted to them that is relevant to their organisation and worthy of posting.

If you are the Editor-in-Chief for your organisation, want your organisation added to the website or have information, ideas or expertise to offer, please get in touch by using the Contact Us menu on the website or emailing the website administrator on dunkerton.website@gmail.com.

The Dunkerton Parish Website is managed by the Batch Management Committee (BMC).

Turn over for details of PHOTO COMPETITION !!!

PHOTO COMPETITION

We are running a competition for a new banner photo for the website (i.e. the long photo at the top of the image overleaf). We would like readers of The Batch to submit a suitable photograph that reflects the parish, parish life or the immediate area – the possibilities are endless!

Entries must be submitted electronically in the form of jpegs (minimum 1260 x 240 pixels) by 1st September and will be judged by the BMC. The winner will be announced in the October edition of the Batch and any suitable additional photos may be featured in a photo gallery on the website.

Photos must be submitted by email to dunkerton.website@gmail.com.

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