

# THE BATCH

February 2020

The newsletter for Dunkerton, Tunley & Withyditich

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## Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	11.15am	Café & Craft, DPH
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm	Dunkerton WI - TRC
Saturday 15 Feb	7.30pm	TRC Quiz Night
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am – 12 noon	Tunley Sunday Kitchen
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting, TRC
<b>Advance Notice</b>		
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am-11am	Sunday Café - DPH
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30pm	Wellow RDA Soup Lunch - DPH
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Parish Council Planning Meeting, DPH



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**SUNDAY 15th MARCH**

Dunkerton Parish Hall at 12.30

**FREE SOUP LUNCH**

(courtesy of the PCC)



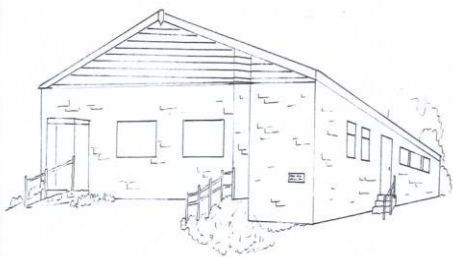
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**WELLOW RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

(voluntary donation box)

**Bring your own drinks**

Please come and support. Read more about Wellow RDA, and their need for volunteer helpers as well as cash.



## **TUNLEY RECREATION CENTRE**

Visit our website [www.tunleyrec.org.uk](http://www.tunleyrec.org.uk)

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## **TUNLEY NEWS**

Christmas celebrations in Tunley started with our first ever Christmas Craft Fair, the Tunley Sewing Group were busy selling a lovely collection of handmade gifts for Christmas. Many local artisans supported us with stalls featuring hand crafted presents. The TRC was packed with Christmas shoppers all helping to raise over £500 for TRC funds. The 8<sup>th</sup> December was the date for a joyful afternoon of carols and readings led by Flic Newport and Tony Roake and thoroughly enjoyed by all with enthusiastic participation by the children. The busy run-up to Christmas in Tunley ended with the Christmas Party at the TRC. Everyone enjoyed a hot and cold buffet lunch. The children made decorations to take home and the adults did a table quiz.

Callum Mayor won the Christmas jumper competition and went home with the years' most coveted prize, a bag of sprouts!

## **TRC QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 15th February 2020 at 7-30pm.**

A general knowledge quiz with a Valentine's Day flavour, in aid of TRC funds. Entry of £5 per person to include a ploughman's supper will be served at half-time. To assist with catering, advance booking would be appreciated by contacting **Howard Farnaby (01761 471557)** or [harnaby@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:harnaby@tiscali.co.uk) Individuals are also welcome to turn up on the night and form ad hoc teams. Tables of 4 or 6 with a Valentines team name please. A raffle and cash bar will be running throughout the evening.

## **Tunley Sunday Kitchen**

**February 16th 10am till 12noon.**

At the February Sunday Kitchen there will be an opportunity to meet the Tunley Police Community Officer, PCSO Rob Hendra. Rob will be talking about ways to stay safe and secure in your home and explaining how neighbourhood watch works and its benefits. Please come along at 10am on the 16th to chat with Rob over a breakfast roll and coffee.



The TRC Trustees and Friends support group will be holding a street style tea party at the TRC on 8<sup>th</sup> May '20 to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE DAY.

We are aiming to repeat the successful celebrations that were enjoyed by us all at last year's WW1 tea party.

### NEED A VENUE – with free Wi-Fi.

Are you looking for a venue for a children's Birthday Party, Wedding Reception, Business Meeting, 21st Birthday Party or a hall where your local club or organisation can hold regular meetings?

Whatever your needs the facilities at the Tunley Recreation Centre will meet your requirements. The community hall has a kitchen complete with cooker, hob and microwave and an extensive serving area. The premises are licensed for music & dancing and the sale of alcohol.

Seating at round tables can accommodate up to 80 guests, and for talks and

presentations we can accommodate up to 120 people. The hall is easily accessible to those with mobility problems, and has appropriate toilet facilities. Outside there is ample car parking, a children's play area, a wildflower meadow and a football pitch, all included in the modest hourly hire charge.

For all booking enquiries please contact our treasurer Judith Morris by email [bookings@tunleyrec.org.uk](mailto:bookings@tunleyrec.org.uk)

### REGULAR EVENTS AT THE TRC

**Monday Evenings – Dog Obedience Group** 7:30 – 9:30 Contact Ruth or Nick Barrett 07752 150711

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Evening – Tunley Sewing Group** 7:30 – 9:30 Contact Helen Nowak [trcsewinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:trcsewinggroup@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Evening – Women's Institute** 7:15 – 9:15 Contact Jan Binns [janbinns@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janbinns@tiscali.co.uk)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Evening – Dolls House Club** 7:30 – 9:30 Contact Debbie Scott on the night in the hall.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evening Bimonthly Parish Council** 7:30 – 9:30 Contact Kathryn Manchee [clerk.dunkerton@googlemail.com](mailto:clerk.dunkerton@googlemail.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evening Bimonthly TRC Friends and Trustees Meeting** 7:30 – 9:30 Contact Jane Bale [secretary@tunleyrec.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tunleyrec.org.uk)

**Wednesday Mornings - Tunley Toddlers** 10:00 – 12:00 Contact Mrs M. Manley 01761 415620

**Wednesday Evenings – Woof-it's Dog Training Club** 7:00 – 9:00 Contact Lorraine 07905 863791 [woof.its24@gmail.com](mailto:woof.its24@gmail.com)

**Thursday Evenings – Zumba Class** 7:00 – 9:00 Contact Karen Burns [hhamond589@btinternet.com](mailto:hhamond589@btinternet.com)

**Friday Evenings – Zumba Class** 7:00 - 9:00 Contact Lesly Gregory [lesleygregory66@gmail.com](mailto:lesleygregory66@gmail.com)



## Tunley Athletic Football Club

### Tunley Athletic Football Club

The Recreation Ground,  
Tunley, Bath BA2 0EB

### Contacts

Craig Doughty - Chairman 07595 631513  
Yvonne Dix - Secretary 07889 310041  
Pete Fear & Bryan Moore - Life Members & Tunley Residents

**Team details** - Somerset County Football League - Division Three  
Manager – Duncan Fear 07921 176839

Kick Off times in January 2pm & February 2.30pm & March 3pm

### League Fixtures

18 Jan	Home	Burnham Utd Res
25 Jan	Home	Nailsea Utd Res
01 Feb	Away	Winscombe Res
08 Feb	Home	Cutters Friday
15 Feb	Away	Chew Magna
22 Feb	Home	Banwell
29 Feb	Away	Cutters Friday
14 Mar	Away	Combe St Nicholas
21 Mar`	Away	Ashcott

### League Results

16 Nov	Home	Yatton & Cleeve Res
	Draw 2-2	
30 Nov	Home	Congresbury
	Lost 4-1	
07 Dec	Away	Burnham Utd Res
	Lost 2-1	
28 Dec	Away	Bishops Lydeard Res
	Lost 10-0	
04 Jan	Away	Stockwood Green Res
	Lost 4-0	

Unfortunately games have been cancelled & changed due to wet weather & cup fixture clashes.

Thanks must go to Kath Doughty for organising our Christmas raffle & quiz. It was good to see many people supporting us, a great evening was had by all.

For training details please contact Duncan Fear on the above mobile number. If you are interested in joining Tunley Athletic in any capacity please contact anyone of the above for more information. Please come and support your local village club.

Happy New Year to you all.



## Discounted Heating Oil via the Wellow Oil Group

The Wellow Oil Group was established in August 2008 by Wellow resident Richard Holland to serve as a community oil buying group and was one of the very first established in the UK. The purpose is to facilitate the bulk buying of heating oil at a discounted price and to limit the number oil tanker visits into our communities and thus reduce environmental pollution.

The Wellow Oil Group currently serves some 249 homes in the villages south of Bath from Timsbury around to Winsley and has delivered over 3,600,000 litres for its members to date. The likely savings to you as a member with oil heating will be anywhere between 10% and 20% compared to the price you could buy at as an individual customer.

There is **NO cost** to you to be a member and you will still deal directly with oil supplier when making payment for your oil.

Oil deliveries are generally scheduled for the first full calendar week of each month of the

year and you will have a regular e-mail reminder to request any oil needs well in advance of the delivery week.

If you would like to join the Wellow Oil Group, as many in Dunkerton, Tunley and Withyditich already do then please request and application form by e-mailing me at [richard@cromwellow.myzen.co.uk](mailto:richard@cromwellow.myzen.co.uk) or telephone 01225 833348 for further details.

Best wishes,

Richard Holland



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✓ORGANIC ✓SUSTAINABLE ✓VEGAN

Local resident Emma Mannings has opened a new business called Running on Hempty selling hemp based toiletries, bamboo products, aromatherapy oils, diffusers, jewellery, bags, candles and CBD products. You can pop into the shop 9b Fortescue Road Radstock Bath BA33PJ or go online

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



## Gadget Busters

Organised by Age UK Bath & North East Somerset

Gadget Busters is based at the Timsbury Hub Library and takes place every 2 weeks on alternate Mondays 2.30-4.30pm, £3 per Gadget Busters session.

Get help with your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or camera. Drop into our friendly and informal group to talk to one of our volunteers.

If you would like more details, please call Age UK B&NES on 01225 484510. You don't need to book, just turn up.

All sessions at 2.30-4.30 at the Timsbury Hub Library, YMCA by the Coop in North Road, Timsbury BA2 0JH

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February



## DUNKERTON PARISH HALL



### *Bookings Secretary:*

*Please make enquiries about bookings to:*

*Email: [Richardhopkins1@talktalk.net](mailto:Richardhopkins1@talktalk.net)*

*Or Contact tel no: 07775 870051*

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



The Parish Hall's Truespeed connection is now live and providing free WiFi for everyone using the Parish Hall. The password notice is above the router.

### **Dunkerton Parish Hall** **Regular Events**

*Monday 5.45 p.m. – 7.45 p.m. D.O.G.*  
(Dunkerton Obedience Group)  
Ruth/Nick Barrett 07752 150711



### **Women's Yoga**

Mondays

A weekly drop-in yoga class that aims to be nourishing and supportive for all women of any age, where we can stretch, breathe and find a place of deep rest within the body and mind.

Mondays 10.00am - 11.30am  
Dunkerton Parish Hall  
BA2 8BG £10  
Call Maria 07794 981849

### **EXERCISE CLASSES**

*Thursday mornings: 9.00-10.00am*

#### **Medau Movement Exercise Class**

Enjoy your body moving with whole body rhythmic movement that stretches, mobilises, strengthen, tones and improves coordination and wellbeing all to fun music - all ages and abilities.

*Friday mornings: - 8.30am – 9.30am*

#### **Intermediate Pilates Class**

Mat work that strengthens tones, stretches and mobilises, improves core strength and stability, benefits posture and breathing and all round well-being.

For more information, please call:

Alison Gibbs on 01761 439917

Email: - [alisongibbs1@btinternet.com](mailto:alisongibbs1@btinternet.com)

### **UNIVERSAL YOGA CLASSES**



#### **Tuesday :**

6.30pm – 8.00pm teens welcome only £3 for teens

#### **Wednesday :**

7pm - 8.30pm Pregnancy class

*For more information please call Charlotta at Universal Yoga on 01761470658 or*

*Email [info@universalyoga.co.uk](mailto:info@universalyoga.co.uk)*

*Visit the website at [www.universalyoga.co.uk](http://www.universalyoga.co.uk)*

## SUNDAY CAFE

FOR EVERYONE



DUNKERTON VILLAGE HALL

March 8th, May 10th, July 12th,  
September 13th, & November 8th

9.30 - 11.00

£2.00 for as many bacon butties (or veggie option)  
cake and drinks as you want, £1 for under tens

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## All Saints' Church



The Parish Church of  
Dunkerton & Tunley

A total of 35 people availed of free bacon and eggs at this year's New Year Breakfast and it was lovely to see so many there. Donations in the box raised a splendid £104.19 for the Genesis Trust.

We are going to follow this with another get-together, on Sunday 15th March, this time a ..... **SOUP LUNCH** in aid of **WELLOW RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**. Lunch will be FREE OF CHARGE and there will be a voluntary collection box for Wellow RDA. Sophy Bayntun-Coward, who is one of the Trustees, will be there to chat with people about its work. As she explains, volunteers are needed as well as money:

**Wellow Riding for the Disabled** offers disabled children and adults in and around Bath the chance to ride and be with horses. As well as fantastic physiotherapy and the chance for the less mobile to move autonomously, riding greatly benefits mental health, providing a chance to learn new skills and to spend time outside with our calm, friendly horses. The whole group is run entirely by volunteers but our overheads are still sizeable. Any support, financial or as a volunteer, will be gratefully received. If you are interested in volunteering please do get in touch with Ann Allen 07713 639125

Do please come and support this. It's an opportunity for people in the community to get together, enjoy some food and, if possible, give a little money to a deserving cause. Don't worry if you don't have any money (or volunteer time) to spare, come anyway - you will be very welcome!

Charlotte de Grey  
**Churchwarden**  
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07710 403483

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Feb 2	Dunkerton	11.15	Café & Craft Rev. Tony Roake
Feb 9	Dunkerton	9.30	Morning Praise Rev. Tony Roake
Feb 16	Dunkerton	11.15	Family Service Rev. Tony Roake
Feb 23	Dunkerton	9.30	Holy Communion Rev. Tony Roake
Mar 1	Dunkerton	12.30	Family Service Rev. Tony Roake

## From The Rectory

Dear Friends,

*“We're all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars”*

*Oscar Wilde*

When I was a little boy, one of my favourite possessions was a small compass set inside a toy rubber tyre. I don't think that I ever used it for the purpose for which it was designed; I simply liked having it in my pocket, and for it to be there in case I ever got lost. Lent begins this month, Ash Wednesday being on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, so I thought about using Lent as an opportunity to meditate on the need for another sort of compass in my life. Not something to carry around in my pocket, but something that's always there to guide me through the difficulties that life throws up, and the tough choices that it often demands of us.

We can look around for heroes and examples to follow, but in the end, it's really about the sort of people we are, and aspire to be. In this connection, one word comes to mind. That word is “character”. Character is who you are and what you do when nobody is watching. It's also about doing the right thing when faced with a choice, no matter what. Character's about self-restraint and self-discipline – serious words that connect us directly with the season of Lent.

We don't care much for words like “sin” and “wrong-doing” these days. But the old fashioned language of traditional morality is needed more than ever before. We need the sort of compass that these words give us, because without it we are lost in a world that has largely cut itself adrift from its moral moorings.

Jesus and the New Testament have a good deal to say about this issue. As St Paul wrote: “All of have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” In other words, we're lost and need a renewed sense of direction. But God has provided the solution, because “the Son of Man (Jesus) came to seek and save the lost.”

The New Testament calls each one of us to be “transformed by the renewing of your mind” and “to put on the new self”. This happens whenever we call upon the name of Jesus, and commit

ourselves to Him, and ask Him to be our strength and guide through life to its very end - and beyond.

I'm ending this letter with something a dear friend from the U.S.A. sent to me, which has given me much food for thought:

*' The opportunity to engage in dialogue became one of the great attractions for me in studying at the University of California in Berkeley--from 1949 to 1953. There was a great deal of antagonism toward 'Communist-thinking', made even worse by Senator McCarthy's 'witch-hunts'.*

*In fact it was the ferment of that daily debate at Sather Gate on the edge of our campus--during the lunch hour--which eventually led me to commit my life to following Christ: A responsible speaker would sign up to be the speaker-of-the-lunch-hour, speaking with a P.A. system from the back of a flat-bed truck (lorry) to a very mixed crowd, with frequent interruptions from grad-students of varying opinions. One day, a Communist speaker was interrupted so often and harshly that he closed his notebook and said, "Most of you are just show-offs full of opinions but without any serious commitments for which you will live and work. I am committed to what I believe and am working for those beliefs. I am finished trying to speak to you but my challenge to you is to find something as good as what I believe, or better, and to give your life to it. I am not going to go on wasting my time on people who are afraid to commit their lives to serious beliefs." And with that challenge he got off the truck and left.*

*I could not forget or shake off the impact of his challenge over the next months of Spring that year, my second of four years at U.C. Berkeley. That summer, a new friend helped me understand what Christ was offering and asking of me; and so I decided to start following Christ. I continue that journey and partnership with him today, 66 years later.'*

That's the serious challenge to us this Lent.  
Every blessing,

Tony

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The All Saints Parish Safeguarding representative  
is now Elaine Martin – 01761 479506  
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## **Withyditch Baptist Chapel Centre**



The Chapel maintains a regular First Sunday Service each month at 3pm

Tea/Coffee and cake refreshments after.

The Chapel has full heating facility and the Schoolroom with toilet and kitchen facilities are available for functions.

Contact: 01761 470507



## **DUNKERTON & TUNLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **. Report of the Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council Parish Council Meeting 21 November 2019**

#### **Rural Transport**

There is a publicity campaign at present to encourage more use and thereby secure the future of the 179 bus service.

#### **Highways**

##### **Speeding Traffic Withyditch**

A request for traffic calming measures has been submitted to BANES. There has not yet been a response.

##### **Overhanging Vegetation Brooklands**

The clearance of the vegetation will be completed to clear the street light.

##### **Visibility & traffic speed when exiting Crossways Park onto the A367**

The hedge has yet to be trimmed back but the grass verge has been cut. On a related matter, the parish council's request that BANES review the speed limits on the A367 between the Odd Down and the PSJ roundabouts is with Highways for consideration. The parish council had requested changes during BANES' Safety Review of the A367 but nothing had yet happened.

## **Roadworks below Crossways**

A temporary cover placed over the hole had moved. A permanent repair will be hastened via “Fix My Street”.

## **Visibility Palmers Lane/B3115 Junction**

The parish council is still waiting to hear back from highways whether the parish council is allowed to undertake work at this location to improve visibility.

## **Public Rights of Way**

### **Fosseway Bridleway BA7/17**

Regarding egress onto the A367 from the Fosseway bridleway, the grass verge on the south side of the A367 has been cut but the hedge is yet to be trimmed back.

### **Palmers Lane Footpath Steps**

The steps have been repaired

### **Parking issue at end of Church Lane**

This is being addressed by our police community support officer.

## **Finance**

The balance of funds is £12,278.93 and without Community Infrastructure reserves is £11,278.93.

### **Budget/Precept Setting for 2020 2021**

It was unanimously agreed that £300 be included in next financial year's budget for replacement of the felt roofing and barge boards of Tunley bus shelter and £500 be included as a contribution by the parish

council towards the maintenance of the grounds and play area at Tunley Recreation Centre.

It was however unanimously agreed not to include the indicative cost of contracting for maintenance of Manders Orchard (at about £800 for the first year). This decision followed a discussion on the future of the Manders Orchard when it was argued that the facility is not well used at present by the community and therefore the expense could not be justified. The chairman volunteered to discuss with local residents the opportunities for engaging the community on the future use of Manders Orchard.

## **Planning**

### **BANES Planning Decisions**

19/03467/CLEU – Westbury Farm. Use of site for car repairs with related covered parking and storage (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use). LAWFUL

19/03937/FUL - Swans Way Fosseway Dunkerton Erection of first floor extension and reinstatement of front bay window stone mullions and hipped slate roof. PERMITTED.

### **Parish Council Responses to Planning Applications Consultations**

Planning Application REF 19/04817/CLEU Staff Accommodation King William IV Inn Bath Road Tunley Use as a separate

dwelling house (Use Class C3) together with internal and external works to form an extra bedroom at first floor level. Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use or Development). The parish council response is not in a position to confirm, or otherwise, the use of the premises as stated in the agents supporting documentation, since the work was completed in 2015. However the parish council is able to confirm that since completion in 2015 the premises have been occupied by family members of the owners and by others, and have not been used as accommodation for staff of the King William public house.

Planning Application REF 19/04865/FUL Lower Tunley Farm Stoneage Lane Tunley Erection of new farm building. The parish council recognised the need for expansion at the farm and welcomed its growth and success. However it was agreed that the parish council could not support the new building in its present location because it would not be compliant with the Green Belt related planning policies GB1 and CP8 and the design policies D2, D5 and D6. However if the building was located east of the existing sileage clamps the parish council could support the application as it would be compliant with these policies.

Planning Application REF 19/04930/FUL The Old Stables Manor Farm The Hollow Dunkerton Extension and alterations to incorporate an existing redundant farm building, including a link between the two

buildings. The parish unanimously supported this application as it is not contrary to any planning policies.

### **VE/VJ Day Commemoration**

The parish council has details of what the national organisers expect parishes to undertake. As the TRC is holding a party on that date it may be the best idea to take this action at the TRC.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 25 February 7.30 pm Tunley Recreation Centre



### **RURAL TRANSPORT UPDATE**

from David Orme

It's been 6 months since the creation of the BANES Rural Transport Group, launched to help develop the future of rural transport services through this parish and other rural parishes across BANES.

Over these 6 months, most attention has been on the commercial bus services through Tunley, and rightly so. We now have the 179 service contracted until August of this year. Looking to the longer term, the Group is involved in conversations between BANES and the new West of England Combined Authority to ensure that we won't suffer unexpected and unpleasant surprises of sudden

reductions in bus services as we did in 2019. More news on that is expected soon. Now is the time to spend a while thinking about the other 2 options in the delivery of rural transport: Community Transport schemes (like Dial-a-Ride) and Volunteer Car Schemes (sometimes called car sharing.) These are 2 ways we can in the future compensate for, or cope with, any unavoidable reduction in the main commercial bus services like the 179. Here are a few words about each of them.

**Community Transport** – that’s only available to a few old people for a few specific reasons, yes? It wouldn’t take you where you want to go? Or what you want to go for? Well do have a look at BANES’ website to show you, in a few clicks, what’s already available out there now to help residents do a few of these things: have a day out, attend a medical appointment, attend a community group or luncheon club meeting, go shopping, or visit family and friends. You may be surprised to see how much is already there. Google BANES Community Transport or follow <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/community-transport>

Of course, these schemes won’t meet everyone’s needs at all times. But if more people are aware of them and use them they could offer you a valuable alternative to the main bus services if they aren’t running when you need them. And, if more people use these schemes, they can grow to offer more than they do now. Do have a look at the BANES website.

**Volunteer Car Schemes** – these aren’t “car sharing” schemes in the way people share cars to use the 2+ Lane on the Bristol Ring Road. These are more like local, volunteer, very low cost, taxi schemes that people can ring up to book a lift when and to where they need it. Think a bit like Uber, perhaps. There’s a successful scheme in operation in Freshford that you can read about here:

<http://www.freshfordvillage.com/transport-1/the-link>

What the Rural Transport Group has learned from the organiser of the Freshford scheme is that there are no special permissions required to set up and run one of these schemes, no involvement required from BANES or the Parish Council, no special additional insurance requirements for drivers, no special computer software needed, no huge set-up costs – so no barriers at all, really. All that’s required is a group of people who think the idea could work around here and are willing to give it a go. Could that include you? Anyone, or are a few of you, of a mind to meet and have an informal chat about how it could work here, and what for? If so, do crack on!



# Dunkerton WI

A busy Christmas schedule started in early December, when members of Dunkerton WI sat down to a delicious celebratory meal at the Ring O'Bells in Priston.

Some days later a Carol Service attended by WI groups from surrounding areas, was held at St. Peter's Church Camerton, when the sum of £121.50 was collected to be given to the charity which Dunkerton supports.

Armed with bags full of holly, ivy and other greenery, members arrived for the monthly meeting where instruction was given by Ruth Allaban of the Farnborough Floral Art Club for making festive table decorations. The results were rather good and there was not too much fighting over who was going to have the few red berries. We welcomed to our meeting, four visitors from Marksbury and our Rector's wife and we hope to see them join us when membership is renewed at our first meeting of 2020 on 14th January at Tunley Village Hall.

Dunkerton WI's first meeting of 2020 was held at Tunley on the evening of 14th January. With pouring rain and a strong wind, it was heartening to see that so many people had braved the elements to attend, membership being augmented by several new members plus some visitors who we hope will also decide to join. Our popularity seems to be growing which is very encouraging. Perhaps news of the homemade cakes is spreading along with the warm welcome that we hope is

extended.

With the business side of the meeting over, we were introduced to Mark Rutterford, a writer of short stories who hadn't had far to travel, his home being in nearby Camerton. He dramatically read three of his own stories, using appropriate props and acted as judge when it came to looking at members favourite books that had been brought to the meeting together with written comment as to why they had been chosen.

We meet again at Tunley on February 11th when the topic will be the Glastonbury Festival. There is also a craft group who meet once a month on the third Tuesday afternoon of the month and further details of this and all our activities can be found on our website.

[www.dunkertonwi.btk.co.uk](http://www.dunkertonwi.btk.co.uk)



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