

View from the Rectory

Arriving in a new place is always exciting and often a bit daunting. However, it has to be said that, for both of us, there is an incredible sense of homecoming to the beautiful Upper Kennett Benefice. The welcome and support we have received during our move, in particular from Anne and Ray our Benefice Co-ordinators, churchwardens, PCC members and our neighbours, has been wonderful. For my husband, Philip, a New Zealander who moved 18 times as a child, another move is 'old hat'. Some of you will have seen him briefly by the time this article 'goes to press' but others will not meet him until Christmas, when he returns again from his secondment to Bahrain. So I would have you meet him now. Tall, dark, handsome, quiet, reflective, wicked sense of humour, my rock, and loved more today than yesterday. Chartered accountant, and no, definitely NOT boring, a Rotarian, Phil has a wide and varied range of interests which I am sure can be coaxed out of him by you in due course. He is a churchwarden at Bahrain Cathedral. We are married 14 years in July and have set ourselves the goal of 60th wedding anniversary, celebrated either this side of the pearly gates or t'other.

And me? A friend once described me as a questioning Christian, with an Anglican tendency towards singing in Church and a Jewish right to a complaints department with God. I love hearing people's stories and histories, languages, music and travel, silent retreats, and will have a go at anything legal and decent. I took my fingers out of my ears and started responding to God a long time ago, and was overwhelmed by the experience of Ordination and the enormity of the responsibility entrusted to me in His name. A responsibility for all people, and not just those already members of the Body of Christ. Phil and I look forward to getting to know the people who live within the seven communities, playing and praying alongside you, rejoicing with you and sorrowing with you as Christ commanded us to do. I wonder what God has for us to do together? Watch and pray!

Maria Shepherdson

CLIC auction fantastic result

The final total raised for the 2011 sale is...

£3,596.00!!!

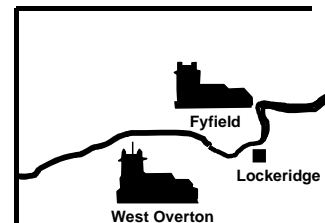
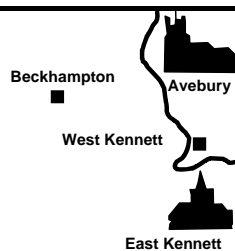
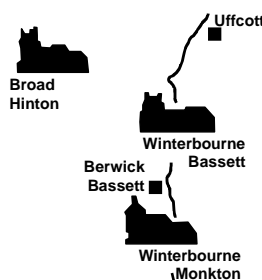
Thanks again everyone, for donating, sorting, delivering, selling and buying jumble, raising an amazing amount of money for a very worthy cause.

For your diary:

The 2012 Clic Sale and Auction will be
on **SATURDAY APRIL 28th 2012**
2.00pm at the Kennet Valley Hall.

July 2011

Upper Kennet News



BERWICK BASSETT to FYFIELD
Edition



Upper Kennet Churches Notice Board

Weddings

Claire Hulse & John White	11 June	Avebury
Katie Powell & Christopher Wright	11 June	Winterbourne Monkton
Amy-Louise Jones & Robert Douglas	25 June	Broad Hinton

This month the following couple will be getting married and we remember them in our prayers:

Elizabeth Watters & Luke Quilliam	23 July	Avebury
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Baptisms

Nina Farley	12 June	Fyfield
Lucus Gale	26 June	West Overton

Calling all Knitters!

Please knit some little hats for Age UK Wiltshire's Big Knit. For every hat knitted, the innocent drinks company donate 25p to Age UK to help make winter warmer for older people across the UK

For more information and to obtain a pattern please ring Emily on 01380 710411 or refer to www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Happy Knitting!



UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTER- BOURNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTER- BOURNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
TIME	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	10.30 AM	11.00 AM	10.00 AM
3 July Trinity 2 Env week 27	Prayer Book Communion			Informal Service		<u>5pm</u> Songs of Praise Old Rectory	Holy Commun- ion
10 July Trinity 3 Env week 28			Prayer Book Communion	Holy Communion	Informal Holy Communion		Prayer Book Matins
17 July Trinity 4 Env week 29	10.30 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – BERWICK BASSETT 12 NOON HITCHENS BAPTISM						
Thursday 21 July							2pm End of Term Service in the Church
24 July Trinity 5 Env week 30		Holy Communion	Evensong (6 pm)	Evensong (6 pm)	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
31 July Trinity 6 Env week 31							<u>10.30am</u> Benefice- Communion

Wednesday Communion Services

will take place at 10.00 am at 9, The Beeches, Winterbourne Monkton. Clergy will attend on the first and third

Readings for our Services

3rd July – Trinity 2

Proper 9

Green

Genesis 24. 34-38, 42-49, 58-
end

Psalms 45. 10-17

Zechariah 9. 9-12

Romans 7. 15-25a

10th July – Trinity 3

Proper 10

Green

Genesis 25. 19-end

Psalms 119. 105-112

Isaiah 55. 10-13

Romans 8. 1-end

17th July – Trinity 4

Proper 11

Green

Genesis 28. 10-19a

Psalms 139. 1-11

Isaiah 44. 6-8

Romans 8. 12-25

24th July – Trinity 5

Proper 12

Green

Genesis 29. 15-28

Psalms 105. 1-11

1 Kings 3. 5-12

Romans 8. 26-end

31st July – Trinity 6

Proper 13

Green

Genesis 32. 22-31

Psalms 17. 1-7

Isaiah 55. 1-5

Romans 9. 1-5

West Overton Church
There will be a work morning at
West Overton church on
Saturday 2 July
9.30 am – 12 noon
Refreshments will be served
at 10.30 am
Please bring suitable tools

What has been happening at Kennet Valley School this June?

School Ball, organised by the Friends of Kennet Valley School



On a rather drizzly evening on June 11th 284 people arrived at a marquee pitched in a field in West Kennet. Not a very promising start to the evening, you might think. But what followed was a fantastic Ball in a wonderful Marquee, donated by Jeremy Sumbler of Covered Occasions, with fabulous food, a tree of temptation, a silent auction, a live auction

and best of all a great live band. All the prizes were donated by local people and businesses to make money for the long list of new equipment needed for the new school in Lockeridge.

The Band started to play after dinner and the dance floor was full from then on. Everyone danced the night away including parents, grandparents, teachers, governors, villagers and friends.

The music stopped at 1a.m. otherwise I'm sure we would have all danced until dawn. This was a truly memorable evening organised by an energetic group of young mothers. We would like to thank Tracey Mercer, Helen Baker, Tracey Smith, Jen France and most of all Sarah Hues (whose family also provided the field on which the Marquee was pitched) for all their time and hard work.

Class Visits

Mrs Roughan's class visited the Swindon Steam Museum and found out all about Steam Trains and Swindon's involvement. Mrs Russell's Class visited the Living Rainforest in Newbury which tied in well with their latest topic. Mrs William's class will have visited Bristol by the time you read this.

All School Activities

It has been a very busy month with
The annual visit from the Fire Brigade talking to our pupils about safety
A wonderful music concert
A visit from Swindon Town Football Club to train all our year groups
A family cake decorating day
The Annual School BBQ, tinged with sadness because it was the last at East Kennett
The Sports Day
Parents evening

After School Clubs

Parents have volunteered to run these clubs and we would like to thank Mrs Robinson for the Music Club she ran for the reception pupils and Mrs Till-Vattier for her Year 2 French Club.

Governor of the Month

This is a new scheme so that our pupils and parents get to know all the members of the school's governing body. Jane Davies, Chair of the Governors, was the first to volunteer, and spent much of June talking to the children and getting involved. Judith Woodget will take over in July, and subsequent months will see other governors following suit.

WILTSHIRE COUNTY HONEY SHOW 2011

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Redecoration of Avebury Rectory just completed!

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AVEBURY COMMUNITY SHOP NEWS

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

New Till System

Having obtained funding towards the cost of a new till (Electronic Point of Sale System) from Marlborough Area Board, we have now had the new equipment installed. It should make things easier for our volunteers, and fruit and vegetable sales will be much easier as the scales are now linked in with the till. Also, the credit card machine will be linked to the till which will make credit card sales easier and quicker to process. Details of all our stock and suppliers are currently being loaded onto the system and this is a massive task. Thanks very much to Carol for doing this. After the system has been set up our volunteers will be trained to use the new system.

Volunteers

Welcome to our new shop volunteers Martin and Carie. Welcome also to Vic who has offered to help with carpentry jobs in the shop.

We always welcome more volunteers. We are very flexible, you do not need to sign up to the same shift every week, and even if you are only available once or twice a month you would be welcome. The shifts are about 3 hours long. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like any more information about what is involved, please contact Jenny on 539044 for more information.

Thanks very much to David, our volunteer handyman, who has installed shelving and a new worktop, as well as several other tasks.

AGM

Thanks to all those who took the time to attend our AGM. The meeting was followed by drinks and nibbles and a chance to chat to committee members, staff and volunteers.

Michele Lomas Chair of Avebury Community Shop

News From The Tower

Ringling Times: 3rd and 10th July, 9.30 - 10.00 am.

24th July, 5.30 pm - 6pm.

23rd July, 1pm Wedding.

Practice Night: Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

On the 30th May, 2011, a group of ringers from Buckinghamshire enjoyed ringing the Avebury bells. Some of them also enjoyed a cream tea in the church, thanks to Helen Vickers and Sandra Hues. One of the ringers remembered ringing in Birmingham Cathedral, over 50 years ago, with our late Tower Captain and ringing teacher, Shirley Rymer. He is still a keen and active ringer, a good example of the health benefits of ringing!

We rang for the wedding of David (Chalky) White and Claire Hulse on the 11th June and wish them a very happy life together. Michele Lomas not only sang a solo during the service but also rang afterwards.

It is hard to believe that it was 7 years ago in June, that Jane Lees died. Jane is still very fondly remembered and missed in the tower and by her Branch friends.

Mary Davidge. Tel: 01672 513819
Tower Correspondent..

The Avebury Pantomime!!!

**Initial meeting held: Tuesday 14th June
when we agreed enthusiastically to proceed with
the whole crazy idea.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 12th July /Avebury
Social Centre /8.00pm**

**The pantomime is being specially written;
more will be revealed on Tuesday 12th July.**

**If you think you might like to be involved, act,
sing, dance, play music,
make costumes, make scenery, make sound
effects, make merry...**

**or if you would just like to find out more, please
come along.**

**All ages welcome. No experience of anything
necessary.**

**If you do have a special skill or talent, then
please come along too.**

Likely pantomime dates: 1st, 2nd, 3rd December.

**If you can't come, contact: Mike Polack
(539253) or michaelpolack@btinternet.com**

Prospect Hospice's Big Bike Ride

Two friends are hoping to raise hundreds of pounds this summer when they get take on a cycling challenge for Prospect Hospice.

Gareth Ockenden and John O'Reilly are just two of the cyclists taking part in Prospect Hospice's Big Bike Ride on Sunday 17 July which sees



cyclists taking on two routes – a 15km ride for families, and a 50km route for the more experienced rider, all to raise funds for the Wroughton-based charity.

The friends will be taking on the 50km route in memory of Gareth's mother Ann Ockendon, who was cared for by Prospect Hospice last June. The Big Bike takes place around the first anniversary of her death, and the boys thought it would be a fitting tribute to try to raise money for the charity that looked after her so well at the end of her life.

Events such as Prospect's Big Bike are a vital part of the hospice's fundraising. Each year Prospect needs £5m to deliver its care and services within the community, seventy percent of which it needs to raise itself. If you're interested in taking part in Prospect Hospice's Big Bike Ride, contact Becky Gammon in the fundraising team on 01793 816161 or email fundraising&events@prospect-hospice.net



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Avebury and District WI

Our June meeting saw us visiting East Farm in Avebury for what turned out to be an extremely interesting tour of the dairy farm and its facilities. We were first shown some young calves which are being hand reared at present before we went on to watch some of the cows from the farm's prize winning herd of Holsteins being milked. Every aspect of breeding, looking after and milking the cows was explained to us as were details of how the milk is stored and sold. Quite a fascinating process!

We were then taken on a short walk around the farm by a representative from the RSPB who told us about how under a conservation scheme the farm is working with the RSPB to improve habitats not only for birds but also wild life in general. Members clearly appreciated the time and effort that went in to giving us all a thoroughly enjoyable tour of both the farm's land and its animals and we had plenty to talk about when we then went on to our President's house to end the meeting with a delicious buffet.

Our next meeting will be a tour of the Marlborough Tiles factory in Marlborough on July 12th.

Visitors and new members always welcome.

Julie Davies

Avebury Cricket Club

Summer is almost upon us and the sound of leather on willow beckons.

Our family friendly club is looking for new players. Fixtures include a range of Sunday friendlies & more competitive Saturday Wiltshire League division one matches.

If you are interested in playing - occasionally or regularly - just give our captain Greg Dix a call on 01672 511376.

Everything you need to know can be found @ www.aveburycc.org.uk

We look forward to you joining us.

Avebury Sportsfield Association

Dates of fundraising in 2011

Dates of Car Boot Sales:

3rd July 7th Aug

29th Aug 11th Sept

Avebury & District Club Events

Darts Tournament on Sat 11th June.

Our Open Darts Competition was a success with a good turnout and some great darts being played. Dave Gould won the £100 first prize beating Spike White in the final. *This event was kindly sponsored by Kennet Fencing with over £200 being paid in prize money.*

Live Music with Onyx

Another very local band is back to play at the Club on Saturday 2nd July, You saw them play as Hocus Pokus in November which was a fantastic night – so please give them and the Club your support and come along and join us for a night of good and very enjoyable music.

Surprise Prize Bingo

Was another success with great prizes, after quite a few requests for another one - we hope to have one in August.

Yes – it's Another Beetle Drive! PLEASE NOTE - 7.30pm prompt start

This time is at the end of July – we have some good beetlers, and it's getting competitive! This time it's being held on Saturday 30th July, and we have the Meat Draw and Name the Bear draw.

Friday Nights @ The Club

We are holding a Halve it Darts Night on Friday 8th July, a Social Evening of Snooker, Darts, Cards, Pool and relaxation on the 15th July, and a Skittles and Snooker Night on Friday 29th – so something for everyone – hope to see you there.

Race Night

It's been a long time since we had one of these enjoyable nights, but we have decided it's that time again. No fancy dresses or hats required, just a sense of humour. See you on Saturday 16th July.

Beer & BBQ

It's summer again . . . or so we are told! So what could be nicer than a burger and beer at the Club – it's on Saturday 23rd July. Just hope the weather holds out!

We have a bear who needs a name . . .

We have at the club a very sweet bear without a name; you can name him for 20p and a chance of winning him with the draw taking place on Saturday 30th July after our next Beetle Drive.

Skittles

Congratulations must go to our very successful skittles team who have now been presented with their trophies for winning the Calne & District League (Division 2) and the Carling Cup. They are now playing in the summer league on a Friday night.

More details of events and photos are available on the Club's website www.Avebury-Club.co.uk

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

AGM

Thursday 28 July 2011

in the Social Centre

All welcome

What goes on at Kennet Valley Hall?

The Kennet Valley Hall serves the villages of West Overton, Lockeridge, Fyfield, and East Kennett. It is financially independent of the Parish Council but the two bodies work closely to make the hall a major community asset. It is a very popular venue and the following organisations represent its regular users.

The Over 60s Club meet on the first Thursday each month
Contact Sylvia 01672 861164

Film Evenings take place once a month on Sunday Evenings other than Summer months.
See local advertising for films and dates
Contact Carolyn 01672 861373

Table Tennis Juniors meet on Tuesday evenings Sept – Apr. An adult team plays in the Devizes TT League
Contact Colin 01672 861672

Toddlers for Mums and children 1-4 meet Friday mornings
Contact El 07870 218472

Kennet Valley Cricket Club welcome all standards and ages for their programme of friendly matches during the Summer
Contact Huw Roberts 01672 861475

Marlborough Embroiderers Guild meet several times each month for tutored Workshops, Speakers, Stitch days, Web-based workshops and are currently considering setting up a group working towards City and Guilds qualifications. We also have a thriving Young Embroiderers' group.
Contact Shirley 01793 525517

Kennet Valley National Trust Assn meets every 3rd Monday in each month at 7.30 pm Visitors Welcome. We have Guest Speakers, Coach Outings, two Social Evenings a year and we support the local National Trust properties, through donations for special projects.
Contacts Catherine 01380 723215 or Mike Ratcliff 01672 861124

University of the Third Age [U3A] is an organisation for the retired and semi retired. There are 40 different interest groups meeting locally and we have a bi-monthly general meeting at KV Hall
Contact Sarah Foxall 01264 850316

Yoga with Jeanine meet most Wednesday mornings
Contact Jeanine 01672 861497

Alzheimers Support meet most Thursday mornings for music therapy - all carers and their wards are most welcome
Contact Stephany 01225 776481

Kennet Valley Singers If you enjoy singing and would like to join our friendly group who mainly sing for charity
Contact Janet 01672 513585

Junior Football for most age groups meet on Saturday mornings during the season

Dates for 2011 Harvest Supper 29th Oct,
Xmas Bingo Dec 16th.

Hall Contacts:

Booking Sec Kay 01672 861285,

Other Enquiries Brian 01672 861513

THANKYOU THANKYOU

From the Friends of Kennett Valley School and the teachers and pupils for all those who joined us for the Cheese and Wine Evening in April and raised £500!

This is a great result from a fun evening out and special thanks too to Paul and Nina Boyer for their wine tasting sessions and expertise! Tom Adams and his band entertained us with a mixture of great music and really helped to create a lively atmosphere for the evening, where the tasters also enjoyed looking at the fabulous colourful art work from the school that was recently displayed in the Town Hall in Marlborough as part of the local schools art festival. A really impressive display!

The money you helped to raise matches exactly the amount required to buy new seating for the corridor and library area in the "new" school and so this can now be purchased.

A big thankyou to everyone who joined us for the evening.... a really good mix of parents, friends and local villagers. We look forward to seeing you all again at future school and community events!

Sarah Till-Vattier and Carolyn Gittins

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~~~~~Saturday 9th July~~~~~

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- 20 mile Sponsored Walk from Avebury (+ live music on the way)
- 6.5 mile Sponsored Walk from Barbury Castle to Avebury (+ live music at start and finish)
Evening Concert on the Avebury Sportsfield (6.30pm-9.30pm)

Information and Registration Forms for Walks:- www.lovehopestrength.co.uk ... and follow links to

Avebury Rocks ... or: 07814 404877 or email katrina@lovehopestrengthfoundation.co.uk
(Walk registration includes entry to concert.)

Concert Tickets:- (£20 - adults, £10 - children): Avebury Community Shop (cash or cheque),
or The Sound of Music, Marlborough

~25% off for Avebury Residents (Trusloe/Bray St/High St/Green St/Rawlins Park) from: Avebury Community Shop or Mike Polack 539253/mikepolack@btinternet.com (£15/£7.50) max: 2 adults per household (+2 children)

Refreshments by Avebury Sportsfield Association and Rotary Clubs: Barbecue Food, Hot & Cold Drinks, Licensed Bar

Musicians: including Mike Peters of The Alarm, Nick Harper, Victoria Park,

members of The Fixx, Chris Summerhaill and Newton Faulkner

Marlborough Embroiderers Guild

The June meeting of the Marlborough and District branch of the Embroiderers Guild took place at the Kennet Valley Hall in Lockeridge on Monday 6th June.

Jennifer Hughes gave a fascinating talk about Japanese Textiles, a subject which she has spent many years researching and collecting examples whilst she lived in Thailand and made regular visits to Japan. Clothing was an important indicator of social status in Japan, with laws governing the fabric, style, and colour of garments worn by various classes of people.

Jennifer's talk included mention of clothing worn by 12th century Samurai, firefighters (who were much needed due to the frequency of house fires), middle-class women, geishas, wealthy people and children. She illustrated her talk with many beautiful examples from her collection, and explained the intricate and skilful techniques used to create them. We enjoyed a rich insight into an attitude to clothing which is a complete contrast to the modern mass-produced and throwaway approach.

The next meeting will be at 2pm on Monday July 4th when Liz and Robyn Owen will talk about the "Thames Heritage Tapestry". Further information from Shirley Watson tel 01793 525517. New members are always welcome.



Kennet Valley School Opens Single Site in Lockeridge



It has been a very busy year for the staff and governors at Kennet Valley School, but all the hard work has finally paid off.

On Friday 17th June, the builders will hand over the fantastic, brand new school to us. On July 1st we will have a closing ceremony at the East Kennett Site.

For the next week the school will be closed whilst the moving lorries take up residence and move Kennet Valley School, lock stock barrel and interactive white boards to Lockeridge.

On 11th July we will have an opening ceremony at the new School in Lockeridge, and then on Wednesday 13th June we will have an open evening for parents, villagers and anyone else interested to come and have a guided tour around our wonderful new school

KENNET VALLEY NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Our first outing this year to the

Olympic Site

After a very successful start from Lockeridge, we rendezvoused with our guide at the Natural History Museum almost exactly on time at 10.30am.

The next hour was spent crossing central London to reach the main site at Stratford. The route took us past most of the landmark buildings in central London and the City and the guide gave us a most interesting commentary during this time.

The journey took us past the Victoria and Albert Museum, Harrods, 1 Hyde Park (a new development of apartments, which is supposed to be the most expensive property in the world), the Royal Mews, Westminster Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Palace of Westminster, the London Eye, The Embankment to the Tower of London and finally through the East End to Stratford. We then encircled the main site before alighting

at the Green Way footpath, to walk alongside the main Athletics Stadium.

From this vantage point, we could also see the roof of the Velodrome – christened the 'The Pringle'. Beside this was the sheer white Basketball arena with its distinctive rectilinear shape. Closer to us was the Aquatic Venue with its striking 'wings'.

The guide explained that the Basketball building is recyclable to another site (possibly the Chelsea Flower Show). The 'wings' for the Aquatic Centre will also be demolished, leaving a state of the art facility for future swimmers and divers. Our next stop was Canary Wharf where there were ample choices for a lunch break.

After lunch amongst the city slickers, we boarded the coach again to visit the Excel, which is to be the setting for more indoor events including Fencing. En route, we passed the only Jacobean Mansion in London.

The guide then suggested that we took a chance on the Woolwich Ferry (a unique experience for most of us). After a very short wait, we were duly loaded and had a grandstand view Woolwich barracks; the shooting events are to be held here. Once off the ferry we headed for Greenwich via Blackheath (the starting point for the

London Marathon the next weekend). We had never seen so many Porterloos! Then to Greenwich Park, the location of all the Equestrian Events in 2012. Our final stop was at Greenwich Village where we had time for a welcome cup of tea and a short potter around. The Visitor Centre there is excellent, but sadly, we did not have sufficient time to explore more of Greenwich.

Our driver brought us safely back to Lockeridge, and we all agreed that, although tired, we had had an excellent day.

Jim Underwood

Kennet Valley National Trust Association meets every 3rd Monday in each Month mostly at the Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge 7.30 pm Visitors Welcome. Our next meeting is on the Monday 18th July at the KENNET VALLEY HALL

Talk entitled Changes to the Theatre Royal Bath By Jane Tapley

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Bluebell Nursery

A very exciting time down at Bluebell Nursery, whilst I write this news the builders are preparing to move off site and we will begin preparing to share our school with school children rather than builders! The children at nursery invited all the builders into our classroom and they entertained the gentlemen with their favourite songs and a special song called Thank You Very Much For Building Our Nursery...this went down very well with everyone and the children enjoyed a hearty applause from all! We are busy practising for sports day (July 1st) and also finishing off cards for Fathers Day...as well as working with our topic and enjoying our lovely new space...we feel very fortunate and I am sure we are the envy of other nurseries and play schools in our area. Term 6 ends on July 20th - when we will have our end of term, graduation, Summer party - this will see us having great fun watching a puppet show, playing party games and singing and entertaining our parents before our graduation ceremonies...

A busy few weeks ahead for us all - have a lovely Summer and let the sun SHINE!

Ruthie

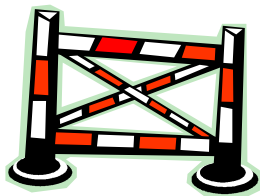
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Parish Clerk Sophie Roberts 861262

The Gates of Lockeridge

The Gates are back. They have been repositioned with the help of Wiltshire Highways and we hope they are in less danger from drivers going at an inappropriate speed through our village. We intend to stain them too, because popular opinion is that this might make them easier to see. The addition of reflective tape will also help them to be more visible in bad weather and at night.



The Parish Newsletter

The annual update of the Parish Newsletter is taking place and, in August, it will be posted through every door in the Parish. If by any chance you do not receive one get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Sophie.

The Planning Portal

This is the Government's national planning and building regulations resource for England and Wales. It is also a valuable tool for access to advice and guidance on all things related to planning. www.planningportal.gov.uk

Get Involved in our Community

The Parish Council needs some new blood. Do you want to become more involved in local matters? If you live in Fyfield or West Overton, give Sophie, the Parish Clerk a call and find out more. We would love to have you join us.

Decrease in the Speed Limit on the A4

Wiltshire Council has agreed to lower the limit on the A4 from 60mph to 50 mph on the stretch of road from the petrol station to beyond the turning to Lockeridge and Alton Barnes. The Traffic Committee put forward a well thought through proposal to Wiltshire which they could not refute. We do not know when it will come into force, but it should make the junctions concerned much safer to use.

**Next Parish Council Meeting -
Kennet Valley Hall on
Monday 25th July.**

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JUDITH WOODGET
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Wild about the Valley - June 18th

Once again the River Kennett is beginning to dry up, still some water at E. Kennett but its very shallow, the rain has come too late to make any difference to the water levels.

The bird life in the valley has been really poor with not many reports of unusual activity, one Cuckoo heard at W. Overton and that's the only one heard or seen throughout the valley. No Spotted Flycatchers, a few Swifts at odd

times, two at E.K. May 20th, five June 3rd, and three June 16th, also at E.K. a Merlin beginning of June, Bullfinches at W. Overton and Lockeridge, Yellow Hammers and Linnets at Wyman's Hill and the road from E.K. to Boreham junction, over the old gun road from W. Kennett, to the Wandsdyke you can see Corn Bunting, Meadow Pipit, Wheatear and White throat.

At Fyfield a Blackbird nesting by the side of a pond, its been observed daily and now has young, the young birds usually leave the nest before they can fly properly, don't panic about this

because the parents will find them and continue to feed them.

June 4th a pair of Sedge Warblers by the bridge at E. Kennett.

David Hartshorn 861238

Kennet Valley 60+ Group

The June meeting of the 60+ club was held on the 16th in the beautiful Coach House of Veronica Hanover. The weather unfortunately was not very kind to us but this was compensated by the wonderful tea, sandwiches and cakes which were provided by the club members. It was indeed a very happy afternoon and a vote of thanks was given to our hostess.

Sylvia opened the meeting with several announcements. The Heritage day went very well with the club making £74 for the tea and cakes provided for the opening of the exhibition. The outing to Swanage will take place on the 7 July. There will also be a mystery tour on the 13 September at a cost of £10. Would you also please note that we have been invited to Kennet Valley School leavers concert to be held on the 30 June at 2pm in the village hall. It is an excellent afternoon's entertainment and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend. Please keep in mind that the AGM will be held on 15 September and nominations for the different posts would be welcome.

The next meeting of the club is on the 21 July with a very interesting talk on "The Ridgeway".

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22 July	9:00—11:30	Lockeridge
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23 September	9:00—11:30	West Overton

The village locations are as follows:

Fyfield - Car park at Priest Acre
Lockeridge - Car park of the 'Who'da Thought It'
West Overton - grain dryer on the road to Wyman's Hill

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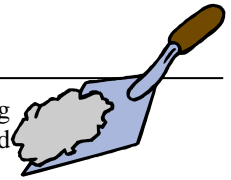
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