



# UPPER KENNET NEWS

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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 8 Amanda Oram  
£75 Number 59 Tim Verity  
£50 Number 30 Tim Verity

(Some winners prefer that their names are not published, in which case we just state the winning number)

If you would like to join the lottery, please pick up an application form from any church, or ring Jo Snape on 01672 861267 or email [josiesnape@aol.com](mailto:josiesnape@aol.com)

Another way to support our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett

## Notice Board

### Funerals

Michael John Baker North Wiltshire Crematorium  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2025  
Stephen Norman Tarry Broad Hinton  
24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Burial of Ashes

Michael Tavener Winterbourne Bassett  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## 100 Club

### Draw Results for March

1st	£48.00	93	Jane Crabbe
2nd	£36.00	59	Jill Petchey
3rd	£24.00	33	Nigel Fielder
4th	£12.00	24	Sonia Buxton

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Philip Scott on 01672 539104 or email [philipscott2@me.com](mailto:philipscott2@me.com)

Your way to help support the churches of Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett

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"A brief respite from everyday pressures – a time of peace, calm and silent reflection."  
**MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service**

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing and some words of wisdom.

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 9th April & Wednesday 23rd April

## Spring has sprung

Every winter the plants seem dormant – dead even – for a very long time. If we had no memory, we would think that the world had died and wasn't coming back. And then... resurrection! The dead looking bark of trees starts to show soft, green, watery buds. Spots of colour appear as the reds and blues and yellows of blossoms, and all shades in between, remind us of the names and characters of the trees and shrubs that we had forgotten. They catch our attention, and we start once more to have conversations with our plants and gardens and landscape. And when the sun shines brightly we sense them in celebratory mood, as trees flex their branches with open-armed joy towards the beckoning sun. From the carcasses of winter, the new life of trees springs forth.

As a priest I don't need to make crass or naïve parallels between our season of spring and resurrection and Easter because it is there for all to see. We don't need a lame analogy. It is there staring us in the face and warming our hearts.

I took a funeral last year of a young woman who had died in a tragic accident. She had had a deep interest in biodynamic farming and was about to buy a smallholding. After spending many years working for others she was about to fulfil a dream of tending and shaping her own corner of creation. Sadly, it was not to be. But I had a moment of profound revelation when I took a handful of dirt to throw into her grave and said the words of the committal service: "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes and dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life." It struck me that she would have understood more than most what was going on here. I had in my hand a fistful of dirt. But it is this very earth and dirt from which springs forth new life. Take a dried-up seed from a previous season and bury it in the 'dead' earth. Add water and the rhythms of day and night, and this sealed, hard cave will break open and new life will proclaim its presence.

At some point our winter or the winter of our loved ones will come, and it will seem as though there is no life in us. The 'us' will have gone. Yet we awaken again on another shore. Guided by the Light of Christ and resurrected in His Body rather than the frail bodies we borrow for a season. Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed and our earth in Spring is a joyful sign of the New Life to come.

Every blessing,  
**Jonathan – the Rector**



## On Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 teams battled it out to become the next St Nicholas Church Quiz Champions!

There was an exciting conclusion with 5 teams going head to head in a tie-breaker. But it was the 'Smarty Pints' who were triumphant.

As always a huge thank you to the team at The Who'd A for helping the night to run smoothly and serving up a tasty Chilli con Carne.

The generosity and enthusiasm shown on the night was heart-warming. The famous tin of Quality Street went for a record £230 in the auction. Thanks to the quiz, the fantastic auction lots, plus some additional donations, an incredible £1,361 profit was raised to go towards the refurbishment. The red on our fundraising thermometer is

creeping ever closer to the top!!

Our next quiz will be in November so look out for tickets going on sale! Thanks everyone.

# UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBOURNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBOURNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 2 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
6 April Lent 5	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service
Wednesday 9 April			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
13 April Palm Sunday	<u>9.45 AM</u> WEST OVERTON – PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION FROM BUS SHELTER (NEXT TO THE TELEPHONE BOX) TO CHURCH <u>10 AM</u> WEST OVERTON – PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE						
Wednesday 16 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
Thursday 17 April Maundy Thursday	7.30PM – AVEBURY - HOLY COMMUNION & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR SERVICE						
Friday 18 April Good Friday	12 NOON: WEST OVERTON – ‘AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS’ – Readings, Music, Meditation. 2 PM - 3.00 PM: AVEBURY - WALK OF WITNESS 6 PM: BROAD HINTON - EVENING SERVICE 6 PM: EAST KENNETT – COMPLINE						
20 April Easter Day	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>10 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>11 am</u> Morning Service	<u>6.30 am</u> Dawn Service Meet outside the Red Lion	<u>10 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Holy Communion
Wednesday 23 April			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)				
27 April Easter 2		<u>2.30 pm</u> Clements Baptism		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 30 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			

## Readings

**Sunday 30 March – Purple**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
 Exodus 2.1-10  
 Psalm 34.11-20  
 Colossians 3.12-17  
 John 19.25b-27

**Sunday 6 April – Purple**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
 Isaiah 43.16-21  
 Psalm 126  
 Philippians 3.4b-14  
 John 12.1-8

**Sunday 13 April – Red**  
**Palm Sunday**  
 Luke 19.28-40  
 Luke 23:1-49

**Maundy Thursday**  
 Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
 1 Corinthians 11.23-26  
 John 13.1-17, 31b-35

**Good Friday**  
 Isaiah 52.13-end of 53  
 Psalm 22 [or 22.1-11 or 22.1-21]  
 Hebrews 10.16-25  
 or Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9  
 John 18.1-end of 19

**Sunday 20 April – Gold or White**  
**Easter Day**  
 Acts 10.34-43\*  
 or Isaiah 65.17-end  
 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 [or

118.14-24]  
 1 Corinthians 15, 19-26  
 or Acts 10.34-43\*  
 John 20.1-18  
 or Luke 24.1-12  
*\*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

**Sunday 27 April – White**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 [Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20,21]  
 Acts 5.27-32 \*  
 Psalm 118.14-end or Psalm 150  
 Revelation 1.4-8  
 John 20.19-end  
*\*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

**Sunday 4 May – White**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 [Zephaniah 3.14-end]  
 Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]\*  
 Psalm 30  
 Revelation 5.11-end  
 John 21.1-19

*\*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

# Upper Kennet Churches Lent 2025

## Leadership for Lent – Salisbury Diocese Lent Course

This Lent, taking the theme of Leadership, we are encouraged to dig deeper. To dwell on scripture and reflect upon it using the studies prepared for each session. We are introduced to six biblical characters, with the opportunity to get to know them better and allow their lives and story to shape our own.

**Saturday 29th March 10-12 noon** at The Old Manor, West Overton

**Thursday 3rd April 12.30 pm** at The Old Manor, West Overton

**Thursday 10th April 12.30 pm** at Clairemont, Richardson, Winterbourne Bassett, SN4 9QF

**For information contact:**  
[upperkennetchurches@gmail.com](mailto:upperkennetchurches@gmail.com)



## MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE

### 30TH MARCH 4PM

### ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS WEST OVERTON

*Join us for a family service  
followed by tea and cake*

## MONKTON LENT LUNCH WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 12 - 2.30pm



Do join us for a bowl of soup, bread and cheese

**Winterbourne Monkton  
Community Hall**

**(next to the church)**

**Plenty of parking available**

Donations in aid of projects for Morobo Diocese, S Sudan (Partnered with Marlborough Deanery) and Monkton Church



## Upper Kennet Churches

**Holy Week  
and  
Easter Services 2025**



### 13 April - Palm Sunday

9.45 am Palm Sunday Procession from West Overton bus shelter (next to the telephone box) to West Overton Church  
10 am West Overton - Palm Sunday Communion Service

### 17 April - Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Avebury - Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar Service

### 18 April - Good Friday

12 noon West Overton - 'At the Foot of the Cross' Readings, Music, Meditation  
2 pm-3 pm Avebury - Walk of Witness  
6 pm Broad Hinton - Evening Service  
6 pm East Kennett - Sung Compline

### 20 April - Easter Day

6.30 am Avebury - Dawn Service - meet outside the Red Lion  
8.30 am Fyfield - Easter Day Holy Communion  
10 am Broad Hinton - Easter Day Holy Communion  
10 am West Overton - Easter Day Holy Communion  
10 am Winterbourne Monkton - Easter Day Holy Communion  
10.30 am Winterbourne Bassett - Easter Day Morning Service  
11 am East Kennett - Easter Day Morning Service

## Avebury Sports & Social Club Darts

Are there any budding Luke Littler's out there, any Van Gerwin's, anyone wishing to recreate their days of playing like Eric Bristow, or those who just enjoy a pleasant game of darts?

At Avebury we have a very good dart set-up with two main boards and the possible use of two others.

Historically we have had representative teams in the local leagues, and would welcome this returning.

If this appeals to you, please let us know – we can arrange a friendly night when all can gather, and if suitable look at joining the Rasbury Brewery Summer Darts League, which is centred around Marlborough.

Pop into the club to discuss or send an email to:  
[events@aveburyclub.co.uk](mailto:events@aveburyclub.co.uk)

## AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

At the last Trustee meeting it was agreed that to raise funds a "Teas for Tourist" day should be undertaken. We are very fortunate to have the Social Centre in the centre of the village for a range of uses; Parish Council, WI and public meetings, Soup lunches and music evenings, yoga, art & Craft exhibitions, and of course the Pantomime. However, there are costs involved, particularly the maintenance of an old building, which unfortunately are not covered by fees charged, to that end there is:

**TEAS FOR TOURIST DAY SUNDAY  
4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**11.30 – 5pm,**

Any donations of cakes and financial support would be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you!  
Judy Farthing contact 539276

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

All villagers are warmly invited to attend our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting at Kennet Valley School, Lockeridge on 15<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7pm.

This will be the first full Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the Parish of the Upper Kennet Churches. The APCM is the opportunity for members of the community to see and understand how the newly formed large Parochial Church Council now works. All of the accounts will be visible to any who wish to see them, as well as who is representing each church.

If you do wish to attend we would be grateful if you could inform the Church Office on 01672 861786 or by email [upperkennetchurches@gmail.com](mailto:upperkennetchurches@gmail.com) so we have some idea of numbers.

## AVEBURY SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 26th APRIL 2025 AT 10.30am**

It is also the time to elect (or re-elect!) our Officers, with a new committee also needing to be appointed.

If this interests you, we will welcome new and additional people with ideas and drive to maintain, improve and make the most of the facilities for as many people as possible.

## Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily

Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

For more details, the service sheet and the zoom link, contact:  
Sibella Laing: 01672 861600 or [sibella.laing@outlook.com](mailto:sibella.laing@outlook.com)



## Avebury Social Centre

### Soup Lunch

**Monday 7th April**

**soup & bread, cheese, cake**

**12 noon—2.00pm**

**£1 - or donation of your choice**

***Last lunch for this winter - Back in October***

**All welcome from Avebury & surrounding villages**



*any profit goes to  
the Social Centre  
funds*



## The Vale Choir

Presents an evening of choral chamber music

### 'A Little Of What You Fancy'

7.00pm, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025

Avebury Chapel, SN8 1RE

Join us for an evening of choral music spanning centuries and styles, from the rich harmonies of romantic part songs to the intricate beauty of renaissance and the heartfelt simplicity of folk melodies.

Featuring songs by Elgar, Mozart, Viadana, Finzi, and many more, the programme celebrates the depth and diversity of choral tradition, weaving together sacred and secular masterpieces for a truly uplifting experience.

**Tickets £12.00 from  
Eventbrite or on the door**

**Under 21s free**

**Musical Director: Rachel McCorry**

**07958 352500**

**[thevalechoir@outlook.com](mailto:thevalechoir@outlook.com)**

## Avebury Tower News

Happily bellringing in general has good powers of accommodation. By this I mean that our practice on Tuesday 11th March had only 6 ringers present, but it was a very pleasant little hour and a half which enabled us to give more practice time than if we were more numerate to our latest new ringer - Kathy Davies from Swindon (note bellringers are not necessarily bound by where they live). Knowing that we try to get 6 bell ringers for weddings and Sunday services, you might think that the other 5 ringers would be limited in what methods they could ring - but in fact there are published methods for only 4 bells. Further, with few ringers there is less waiting for a rope to become available, so the whole practice can be spent ringing - if required. In fact a couple of breaks are essential for us!

Conversely for our next practice on 18th, ten ringers turned up. If they had all been experts we could have brought our two light bells into use, meaning that we could have rung 8 bells for a session and only two ringers would have had to sit out for a given ring. In fact we had the pleasure of welcoming two ringers from other towers. From All Cannings John Mead brought Louisa Davidson, a recent ringer who had learned the basics of ringing but wanted to practice the first method which new ringers learn - Plain Hunt. She had rung it on 4 bells but wanted to practice on 6 bells without having the additional problem of difficult bells. The only problem with Avebury bells is that whilst easy to learn to ring on, they are unusually light in weight, which means that they ring unusually quickly. The other ringer was Meg Brunskill, brought by Jane Ridgwell from Calne. Meg is still at the stage of learning the basics of ringing a bell, and (very experienced) Jane thought it would help the learning for her to try our different and easy-to-ring bells, as well as to meet other ringers. Experienced ringers will not be surprised to know that we mainly rang rounds for the two visitors and our Kathy, with simple call changes.

Touching on learning to ring Church bells, it is generally accepted that youngsters learn quicker than older people - probably because youngsters do not feel the weight of expectation which older learners have (I speak from experience, I learned in my forties). The three ladies said they enjoyed sharing their experiences.

As ever, local ringers are welcome; indeed needed, at Avebury Church.

All you need do to start is to ring Brian Vickers on (01672) 539 482.

Brian Vickers

## Time to wind up at Avebury

Unfortunately time and health pass for all of us, and in my case leg problems are beginning to make my job of winding the Church clock more difficult. Also I am aware that scratched into the wall in the clock case are my initials and the year in which I started to wind it -1985. Whilst I did not show the month, I can reasonably say that I have wound it for nigh on 40 years; not bad for what is known in the trade as a turret clock. Talking of time, anybody winding the clock will have the pleasure of winding something old which is still in service; rather like driving an old steam engine if not as noisy! The cast iron frame on which the clock is mounted shows a date of 1883, and whilst it is possible that the frame might not have been installed immediately, you will be winding something which has been running for 140 odd years with just a few stoppages for maintenance. For example a new bearing was fabricated and fitted recently after a lot of play developed in its predecessor. The clock mechanism (the same Graham Gravity Escapement as fitted to Big Ben in London) has a number of surfaces subject to wear. Talking of time, to add a further case of living history, the clock is accessed up a medieval (built in the 1400's?) spiral staircase, and it strikes on a bell cast in 1719 and weighing nearly a ton.

The rewards of winding the clock come from the villagers - usually when the clock has occasionally been stopped for repair and they realise what they have been missing (perhaps subconsciously). Several people have reported missing its comforting chimes, particularly in the middle of the night. Chimes variously described as friendly and comforting. So all you need to do to get the Adoration of the Aveburians is to phone Brian Vickers on 01 672 539 482 and I will arrange to meet you and show you the works.



## Beltane Festivities

Avoca invites you to vocalise with nature & soundscapes for deep connection with the Avebury Stones & landscape. Meditative gentle breath work. No singing experience necessary. 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Avebury Social Centre 11AM-1PM For pre-booking contact [avocaholistic@gmail.com](mailto:avocaholistic@gmail.com) £16.50 at door



# Kennet Valley Parish Council

[www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk)

## REMINDER ABOUT LOCAL ELECTIONS, THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2025

On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025, elections will take place for 98 Unitary Wiltshire Councillors and across the Parish and Town Councils in Wiltshire. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 4pm, Wed, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Our Parish has two Ward, ie Fyfield Ward and West Overton (including Lockeridge) Ward. Being a Parish Councillor can be a really rewarding role. If you are interested in standing, our Clerk can direct you to various sources of information, including Wiltshire Council's website.

## REMINDER ABOUT DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING, SATURDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025, KENNET VALLEY HALL – PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

Our annual defibrillator and CPR training session will be held at Kennet Valley Hall from 10am – midday on Saturday, 24th May 2025.

We have four defibrillators in the Kennet Valley Parish:  
St Nicholas Church porch, Lower Fyfield, SN8 1PP

The Who'd A Thought It public house porch, Lockeridge, SN8 4EL  
Kennet Valley Hall porch, SN8 4EL  
The disused phone box near the bus stop in West Overton, SN8 4ER

Knowing how to use the defibrillators could save a life. Parishioners are invited to attend including those who have been to a previous session and want to refresh your knowledge. To book your place please email [jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk)

## DO I NEED PLANNING PERMISSION?

Certain types of development, changes of use, and minor works can be carried out without the need to apply for planning permission. These types of work or development are known as 'Permitted Development' and allow householders to improve and extend their homes without the need to apply for planning permission.

Whether you need to apply for planning permission will depend on a number of factors. These include:

- what you want to do
  - where you want to do it
  - the constraints on, and around, the site or property
- planning history at the site or property

Further information on what works are considered permitted development can be

found on the GOV.UK website or Wiltshire Council's website. You can also ask a Wiltshire Council officer for an informal opinion.

If works have already been undertaken without planning permission, you may submit a retrospective planning application. However, this does not mean that you will automatically be granted permission for the works. Your application will be treated as any other new planning application.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The **Annual Parish Meeting** takes place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6.30pm in the Kennet Valley Hall. The purpose of the Annual Parish meeting is for Parish Councillors to report on the Parish Council's activities over the past twelve months. It is also an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions about any issues relating to the parish.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by a full **Parish Meeting**. As always, members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Ingham  
[clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Tel: 07897 797208

# Avebury Parish Council

[www.aveburyparishcouncil.org](http://www.aveburyparishcouncil.org)  
April

## Annual Parish Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. in the Avebury Sports and Social Club, to which all are very welcome.

## Playground

The project to renovate the playground continues with initial research suggesting the cost is likely to be over £30,000. APC will now initiate a formal tender process to ensure the best possible value for money in line with government procurement regulations.

## Community Exhibition Space in the Chapel

The National Trust told us recently that it will not renew APC's lease when the current one expires at the end of September. The Trust hopes to have a plan for future use of the chapel by that time. Further events are planned by APC over the summer; details to follow.

## The Mobile Library Visit

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.)  
Avebury Trusloe, Bungalows  
For more information visit the website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries)

## Bank Account

APC has recently switched bank accounts from HSBC to Unity Trust. Please contact the Clerk if you need the new details for donations or payments.

## New Bins

The installation of two bins in Avebury village is ongoing and it remains a priority for these to be operational as soon as possible. We are working with potential suppliers to finalise arrangements.

## Parish Steward

Scheduled to visit on Wednesday 19th April 2025.

## Countryside Awareness

Whilst the parish is home to abundant wildlife, it can be put at risk by some activities. Everyone can help to protect and support this environment by staying vigilant and respectful while enjoying the countryside.

Hare Coursing is an illegal activity that can cause serious damage to crops and distress to wildlife, the telltale signs to look out for include:

Groups of vehicles parked near to open fields and farmland late at night, travelling in convoy and driving over crops or off-road illegally,

Flashing lights from torches or lamps in open fields, used to dazzle the hares and frighten them into the open, as well as groups of people using binoculars,

Sighthounds, such as greyhounds, lurchers or saluki dogs on slip leads in open fields, also listen out for the barking of large groups of dogs late at night.

If you believe you are witnessing hare coursing in progress, call 999 immediately, do not attempt to confront groups directly. At other times suspicious activity can be reported via 101, the Wiltshire Police website, or anonymously via Crimestoppers.

With bird nesting and lambing season upon us, please remember to keep dogs on leads near livestock, to stick to designated footpaths and keep dogs under control to avoid disturbing nesting birds. Follow the Countryside Code to help protect our landscape [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en\\_GB/countrysidecode](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/countrysidecode)

## Next Meeting

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at the Avebury Social Centre. All are very welcome.

Emma Watson, Clerk  
[clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org)





## News from the National Trust April

### Easter at Avebury

Join us for an Easter adventure in Avebury Manor Garden. This year's Easter trail features 10 creative challenges and games for the whole family, with a chocolate or vegan and Free From egg waiting as a reward. The trail is open until 21 April and costs £3.50. Residents of Avebury parish can get free entry to the garden and museum by showing proof of address at the barn.

### Celebrating a century of discovery at Windmill Hill

2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of excavations at Windmill Hill. Thousands of artefacts were unearthed between 1925 and 1929, contributing to significant enhancements of the understanding of British prehistory. To celebrate the anniversary, a new Windmill Hill display has been created in the museum, including excavated finds and archive photos. You can also pick up a new Windmill Hill walking route map commemorating

the start of excavations.

### Avebury Landscape Artists Walk – Tuesday 13 May

Sarah Hobley is this year's artist in residence at National Trust Avebury. She is hosting a guided walk for artists and others on using the textures, colours, and flow of the Avebury landscape as a source for works of art in any media. The walk, which is a free event, will take place between 10:30am-12:00pm on 13 May and places can be booked through our website.

### Summer hours and getting in touch

We have now moved to our summer opening hours (10am-5pm), which includes the reopening of the High Street toilets. Please see our website for full opening hours. If you need to contact the team for any reason, please email [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk), or visit the museum between 10am-5pm.

## Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

### Opening Hours

10am – 4pm every day

### Supplier Profile – Sumbler Bros. Butchers



Sumblers Butchers have been providing meat to the shop since we first opened. They are a traditional butchers who support local farmers. The Sumbler family lived in Avebury and, as

well as their current shop in Marlborough, they had a shop in Church Walk in Avebury. They supply the community shop with a wide variety of products including bacon, sausages, pies and pasties. If you would like to place an order for any other meat products such as a Sunday roast, please ask and we would be happy to do this for you. Save yourself a trip into town and let the community shop organise this for you.

### New Till and Computer System

We have been fortunate to obtain a grant from Wiltshire Council towards the cost of upgrading our till (EPOS system) and back office computer system. Our old till had been in the shop since 2011, and was running very slowly and risked breaking down at any time. The installation went smoothly - thanks to Martin and the team for getting the new system installed with only half a day of closure.

Michele Lomas  
(Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

## Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

The Council is very pleased to announce that our search for a new Parish Clerk has been successful, and we welcomed Abby at the January council meeting. We were also joined by a new councillor, Laura, who provides a fresh perspective on our activities and we all look forward to working with her. Over the last few weeks the council has provided St Mary Magdalene Church and the Community Hall with three new benches. One to replace the old bench in the churchyard and the other two outside the Community Hall ready for the Summer. Despite the current weather we are confident they will be put to good use in due course! The Council has also paid for the area from the bourne footbridge to the kissing gate to be cleared around the footpath. This is a great improvement, and we are grateful to the landowner for permission to do this, and to one of our residents who has done all the hard work.

A grant has been made to the Community Hall to help towards significant improvements to the kitchen facilities. This reflects the enthusiasm in the Parish for both public and private events and the popularity of its catering, provided by a skilled team from the villages.

Following successful lobbying by our Wiltshire Councillor Jane Davies the Council is delighted to report that the Wiltshire Connect bus service will be extended to Winterbourne Monkton, Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Bassett. Availability of the service will be coordinated with local school hours. Details will be circulated shortly.

Unfortunately there have been further local instances of hare coursing, which is not only cruel and illegal but causes considerable damage directly to farmland, and risk to walkers on the local tracks. The police have advised us to immediately call 999 if we observe hare coursing taking place.

**EK STORAGE**  
**LOCAL INDOOR SELF STORAGE**



**EK STORAGE**

- 20ft x 8ft containers
- Drive up access
- Electric shutter
- CCTV monitored
- Access 24/7
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