



UPPER KENNET NEWS

April 2026

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

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

£100 Number 56 Lindie White
£75 Number 61 Colin Watts
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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

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

Notice Board

Funeral

Brian Trevor White Avebury
27th February 2026

100 Club

Draw Results February

1st	£50.00	9	Mark Saunders
2nd	£37.00	23	Sonia Buxton
3rd	£25.00	73	Les Jenkinson
4th	£13.00	95	Barry Jago

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If you would like to join the lottery email: marksaunders888@gmail.com

Your way to help support the churches of Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett
Lottery is licensed by Wiltshire Council

Can you give yourself 25 minutes a fortnight?

Just to relax, turn off, and forget the trials and stresses of life, and everyday pressures, and to enjoy a time of peace, calm and silent reflection.

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm we hold a Taize meditation service: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing - often accompanied by guitar playing, plus a few words of wisdom and brief prayers - but mainly peace and calm.

No complicated service to follow, just peace and relaxation.
Put these dates in your diary and drop in to join us when you feel like it:

Wednesday 1st April 2026,
Wednesday 15th April &
Wednesday 29th April 2026

We look forward to seeing you.
Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White

Rector's Letter

There is a reality outside the world, outside time and space, outside our mental universe. Corresponding to this reality at the centre of the human heart is a longing for an absolute Good. This reality is the sole source of all Beauty, all Truth, all Justice, all Legitimacy and all Order. It is beyond the reach of any human faculty. But we have the power to turn our love and our attention towards it. It is through minds so turned that good comes into the world.

Simone Weil

At the beginning of this month the church has its focus fully on the Mystery of Easter. The transformation of death into life with the resurrection of Christ. With a kind of cosmic tai chi the hand of God shifts all that drags us down and destroys and fragments us, into a path of renewal. This is achieved in the human and divine drama of Jesus Christ living in the middle east 2,000 years ago, and whose story holds all of this together. It is not a story of a vague hope or a contrived human idea. It is a cosmic reality expressed through a human drama.

But if this is to be something other than the celebration of a wonderful historical event, if this is to be a story that lives also in the present moment, it must also be relevant to everything we experience today. Have we so lost sight of that good that Simone Weil talks about, that all we have is an inadequate false imitation of good that currently makes all our politics so shabby?

Have we really just left ourselves a choice between, on the one hand, a politics of the left that is confused and meaningless, that is held through an unholy alliance between those who proclaim rights for all while teaming up with those who would push for the misogyny and extreme interpretations of sharia law?

And on the other the politics of the right, which is a hairsbreadth away from an inhuman nationalism that could easily move from stopping boats to taking away the citizenship of those not seen as fitting within our society?

We seem to be lacking mature leaders who have the minds to tune to that greater good that Simon Weil describes. And we are learning very quickly that it is only through minds so tuned that good comes into the world. Endless political commentary and a social digital space full of everyone's uninformed, angry opinions is no substitute.

God's story of the young man who claimed to be his Son, whose life is a pattern of unconditional divine love and goodness, and who lived and died so that we could experience together what 'good' really means, holds the key, and gives us a focus for attaining something of what it can mean to live that goodness out in community.

Maybe this is something worth thinking about as you enjoy the daffodils dancing in the sunlight and the breeze. They, for a few moments, opened Wordsworth's heart and consciousness to ineffable Beauty as he allowed himself to wander lonely as a cloud. Watching them just now through my window. I can understand why.

Every blessing,
Jonathan - the Rector.

Upper Kennet Churches Home Visits & Home Communion

Please contact the Church Office if you would like one of our Pastoral Team to come and visit you or if you cannot get to church and would like Home Communion.

Telephone: 01672 861786

e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'NE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'NE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 1 April			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
Thursday 2 April Maundy Thursday	7.30PM – AVEBURY - HOLY COMMUNION & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR SERVICE						
Friday 3 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 – EVENSONG 6 PM: EAST KENNETT – SUNG COMPLINE						
5 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 at 6.15 am	<u>10 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Holy Communion
Wednesday 8 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
12 April Easter 2		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 15 April			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
19 April Easter 3			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
26 April Easter 4		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion					
Wednesday 29 April			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
3 May Easter 5	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion

Readings

Thursday 2 April – White Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116.1, 10-end *or* 116.9-end
1 Corinthians 11.23-26
John 13.1-17,31b-35

Friday 3 April – Red 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 5 April – Gold or White Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43*
Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 [*or* 118.14-24]
Colossians 3.1-4 *or*
Acts 10.34-43*
John 20.1-18 *or*

Matthew 28.1-10

Sunday 12 April – White 2nd Sunday of Easter

[Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20,21]
Acts 2.14a, 22-32*
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-end

Sunday 19 April – White 3rd Sunday of Easter

[Zephaniah 3.14-end]
Acts 2.14a,36-41*
Psalm 116.1-3,10-end
[*or* 116.1-7]
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35

Sunday 26 April – White 4th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 7]
Acts 2.42-end*
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2.19-end
John 10.1-10

**Acts must be used as either the first or second reading*

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





Upper Kennet Churches
Holy Week
and Easter Services 2026



29 March - Palm Sunday

9.45 am Palm Sunday Procession – gather at the Winterbourne Pub
10 am Winterbourne Bassett - Palm Sunday Communion Service

2 April - Maundy Thursday

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

3 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

5 April - Easter Day

6.30 am Avebury - Dawn Service - meet outside the Red Lion at 6.15
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 Morning Service
10.30 am Winterbourne Bassett - Easter Day Morning Service
11 am East Kennett - Easter Day Morning Service

New Church Website

There is a lot going on in your churches all the time but often it is difficult keeping up to date with all the events, services and community gatherings. The church PCC made the decision recently to build a brand new website that is professionally structured and beautiful to look at, shows all events clearly accessible to find, and promotes our wonderful area. It will also become an invaluable resource for local people wanting to get instant information. For this we have employed Resolution Design Ltd in Devizes and are very excited at all the possibilities.

These things do not come cheap, however, and such a website will cost a four figure sum. If you value what we do and would like to make a contribution, all donations will be gratefully received. For Bank Details please contact the office upperkennetchurches@gmail.com Or if you want to make an anonymous donation in confidence, contact the Rector jont.post@gmail.com (The first letter of this address is a lower case 'j').

With grateful thanks
Rev Jonathan – the rector

**A Date for your Diary
Coffee Morning
West Overton Church
Saturday 18th April
10am - 12 noon**

This Coffee Morning at West Overton church will be in aid of the restoration of the bells. There will also be the opportunity to go up to the ringing room in the tower.

Donations of cakes would be welcome.

Please contact Debbie Marsh for more details – debbiem1965@icloud.com

Avebury Social Centre

Many thanks to all those who have come to our

Soup Lunches

since October.

As the first Mondays of April and May are both Bank Holidays with fundraising lunches on offer in Avebury, we will pause now for the summer and resume in October.

+ With special thanks to our amazing team of soup-makers and cake-makers.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

All villagers are warmly invited to attend our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting at Kennet Valley School, Lockeridge on 13th May starting at 7pm. The APCM is the opportunity for members of the community to see and understand how the 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 so we have some idea of numbers.

**Views from the Kennet Valley Calendar
2027 (to be published in October)**

Don't forget to keep taking the photos – don't leave it until the year end!
Please send me any you would like to be considered for the calendar as the year progresses.
Happy snapping!

Graham Kitchen (graham@grahamkitchen.com), or drop them into the church office.

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The Social Centre continues to plan for the redecoration and has applied for further grants for several separate but interlinked projects.

We have taken over two planned talks from the previous W. I. programme, the first being :

A talk on Winston Churchill on April 9th, and the second on Bletchley Park on May 14th, which are open to all and we do hope everyone will support them. Tickets will be available at the shop.

In addition, we will be holding a “Teas for tourists” on **Sunday 12th April from 11.30 am – 4.30pm. and would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, and offers of help that anyone can manage – please contact me or Helen Vickers.**

Finances remain a challenge and all assistance is much appreciated.

Judith Farthing
Secretary

Avebury and District WI

Updates first:

January: Sara Bottomley came and delighted us with her collection of personal quilts in a talk entitled ‘My Quilting Journey’ which was about her taking up quilting as an army wife on postings from Cyprus to the USA and Africa. Starting in 1991 with a quilt made for her parents, Sara met inspiring quilters who taught her further skills and she moved on to teach quilting both in Kuwait and Kenya sourcing local fabrics, before being posted to the Falkland Islands. Sara showed us a large number of quilts both varied and beautiful, which were greatly admired both for their design and the skill displayed in making them as many were hand sewn.

February: our own crafty queen, Annie Fellows, bravely took on the task of trying to teach those of us who didn’t have the knack how to crochet. Some fared better than others (I’m not sure I’ll ever make anything in crochet!) but everyone had a go and we all enjoyed a social afternoon with the addition of a delicious tea to restore us after our efforts

March

March has traditionally been our birthday meeting and so it was this year. Members were invited to have a go at belly dancing with Waafa Powell, a lovely Lebanese lady who had visited us previously, before enjoying a good spread courtesy of The Club caterers as well as a glass of fizz.

After the fun of the party came the serious bit – sadly, as there was no candidate to take over from me as President, Avebury & District WI has been suspended. Our very helpful and supportive adviser, Patricia Evans, came to the meeting (and even had a go at the dancing!) and conducted the secret ballot.

Suspension means that any funds remaining are held for any future WI that may be set up in Avebury. No new group can be started for a year but after that I hope someone will want to give it a go.

I would like to thank all the Committee who have supported me in the 9 years I did as President, to Sally Paradise who has organised the teas every month and to all the members, past and present, for their support.

Maggie Lewis,
Outgoing President
Avebury & District WI

Avebury St James

As you may have seen the clock is now working again and we are very grateful for the swift turn around.

Thank you to all those who have generously donated towards the cost of the repairs. This is much appreciated by us all. We held a very successful and enjoyable lunch at the Social Centre in March which raised around £800. Thank you to all those who attended and helped on the day or by making soup and cakes. We are also very grateful to the Community Shop for a generous voucher which we used towards our expenses. The Royal Basset Blue cheese was particularly popular.

We are raising money for the church in our usual fundraising events on Monday April 6th and Sunday May 3rd. These will take place in church and all are welcome to enjoy sandwiches, home-made scones and cakes.

MONKTON'S MARVELLOUS MADNESS

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2026
DOORS OPEN 7PM – SHOW BEGINS AT 7.30PM

**Join us for a fabulous evening of
variety performances, all from
local talent, for just £10 each!**

**RAISING FUNDS FOR
YOUTH ACTION WILTSHIRE
RAFFLE BAR**

**SPONSORED BY JGK BUTCHERS,
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THE NEW INN & ELDERBROOK HOUSE**



TICKETS ON SALE FROM 1ST APRIL AT AVEBURY SHOP & THE NEW INN



GARDENER

I am a gardener looking for gardening work in the Avebury, Winterbourne Bassett, Broad Hinton and East Kennett area.

I am experienced and qualified but as I don't drive you would need to provide tools.

I'm happy to cycle or use public transport to reach you and I look forward to hearing from you.

If you are interested please contact me:

Martin Andre martinjandre@gmail.com
01672 539641 or 07887 717626

THE NEW INN PRESENTS

SPRING TRAIL & EASTER HUNT

Help us raise funds for Wiltshire Mind, Julia's House Children's Hospice and St Mary Magdalene Church

£4 PER SHEET



**Sunday 5th April
12pm Onwards**

**Grab your sign up sheet at
The New Inn, Winterbourne
Monkton, SN4 9NW**

There are 15 clues hidden around Winterbourne Monkton with 3 levels of difficulty so it is great for children and adults alike! Find the clues and bring your answer sheet back to The New Inn for a prize.

Kennet Valley School



We have taken part in many different activities this term and these were our highlights.

Each class took part in a special outdoor learning activity. As part of our outdoor learning we all visited White Barrow Farm, in our separate classes. While there, we fed and learnt about a range of animals including pigs, chickens, alpacas and horses.

We also helped out in the orchard by weeding around the trees and spreading manure to support healthy growth of the trees. We were able to ask lots of questions as we went around the farm and it was a great experience. Thank you to Mrs Jago for giving the pupils this fantastic opportunity.

Our Year 5/Year 6 pupils took part in a hockey festival at Marlborough College and came second in their league. They showed great teamwork and positivity while supporting each other in all their matches.

One of the main school-wide events this term was the celebrations for World Book Day. The Reading Champions organised a full day of exciting activities which brought books to life. We all came to school in pyjamas and firstly enjoyed a Readers café with parents and carers who could share a love of books and reading with their children while enjoying flapjacks, cakes and cups of tea.

Then we undertook several different activities which included designing creative book covers, performing wonderful drama pieces and sharing beautiful poetry. We all enjoyed a day which celebrated our love of reading and ended the school day by getting together for a whole school bedtime story which was very enjoyable. We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day so memorable!

A toddler group takes place in school every Friday morning in term-time: 8.45-10.00.

If you are interested in the next dates for Stay and Play or Community tea please contact the school on 01672 861643

Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

**Opening Hours
10am – 4pm every day**

Local heroes

Come into the Avebury Community Shop and one of the first things you see is a display of locally sourced produce (pictured). The fruits of for the creative local economy, they are high-quality items – and even good for your health.

As the hay fever season draws nearer, many believe that using locally produced honey may help allergic reactions. And lots of us use honey for coughs and colds that still seems to be lingering. The delicious honey the shop stocks is from just up the road in Yatesbury.

Then there are the Little Bag of Herb products – from a few miles away near Wroughton – with our shelves recently restocked with their jams. They also do an imaginative range of dressings and chutneys. Next to them

are the Waitey's items – from Calne – including Tandoori/India Paste, Chilli Jam and Thai-Chi stir fry sauce.

The Farm at Avebury recently delivered supplies of its rapeseed oil, ideal for roast potatoes, I've learnt, because of its high temperature smoke point. Another of the local products that also make lovely gifts.



Easter treat

Unlike the supermarkets, the shop doesn't go mad with huge piles of Easter eggs, but you can buy good hot-cross buns and the year-round supply of Creme Eggs are useful for a last-minute shop.

Order now

A reminder that the shop can order in a whole range of items that you might fancy. A succulent leg of lamb or a spatchcocked chicken, say, can be delivered to the shop by Sumbler's if they have two or three days' notice.

And if you're after a particular fruit or veg but it's not on the shelves, it can also be ordered in with a bit of notice. No need to flog down to the supermarket. Avebury High Street's the place to go.

Lead item

As someone who recently lost two dogs for 48 hours (discovered near Yatesbury eventually) I was reminded by manager Lyn that the shop keeps a spare dog lead under the counter for any visitor with a dog emergency who may need a lead in a hurry!

Home deliveries

Remember we offer home deliveries if you're unwell or disabled. Our delivery area includes Avebury, Avebury Trusloe, Beckhampton, East and West Kennett, Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett.

Tim Rice

RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING with Tim Rice

I am now starting face-to-face meetings in Avebury.



I can help with:

- Problems in marriages or relationships generally
- Decisions on breaking up, managing divorce and post-divorce issues
- Dealing with stress, anxiety, loneliness, low self-esteem, feeling overwhelmed or adverse childhood experiences

Do get in touch by phone, through email, or via my website if you would like to chat to see if I can help.

Tel: 07808 581457

Email: timricecounselling@gmail.com

Website: www.timricecounselling.com

Avebury Tower News

The past month has seen us, as before and frequently detailed here, with less ringers than we would like. Any of you wanting to learn need only phone me, Brian Vickers, on 01 672 539 482 and we can discuss training. At this point I need to point out that whilst you can chime a bell by simply pulling its rope and jerking it to stop as it reaches its high point - this itself needs to be done with some care in order not to damage the bell. Further you are highly unlikely to be able to strike the bell in time with any other(s). So the first thing to learn is how to ring a bell, mounted for what we call change ringing, in conjunction with other ringers. I also have to say that whilst we are hopeful that a new ringer will replace our sad loss of Michele Lomas (both valuable since they live in Avebury and can ring for services), trying to teach in winter has its problems, especially for teachers who have to drive to Avebury. Happily spring is now upon us and sessions will start after Easter.

Looking at our records this past month, we usually ring 6 out of our 8 bells, and have had 6 or so ringers for our usual Tuesday practice night. The one exception was on 3rd March when only three of us turned up.

Ringers will tell you that you cannot do much more than chime three bells - but it is possible to make 6 changes of order with three bells. For the mathematicians the number of changes is the factorial number of bells. So the factorial here is $3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$. Researchers can find a debate dating back to the 1600's as to who developed the factorial system - an English ringer or an Italian mathematician. For the record a common number of 6 bells, with heaviest ringing behind the others, has factorial 5 changes: $5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$ changes. Ringing this is called a "touch" unlike ringing a "peal" which is defined to have at least 5000 changes, and involves changing the pattern of touches by a "conductor" calling the changes. Incidentally the bells should be called a "ring of bells" (the hardware) and not a "peal of bells" - which can be considered the software.

Sadly an unusual combination of circumstances will mean that we cannot ring for the next three practice Tuesday evenings. The roadworks at Avebury are proving too much of a problem for our ringers coming in cars; the next Tuesday is in the Holy Week before Easter and we do not usually ring then, and too many of our ringers are away on holiday on the third Tuesday.

Brian Vickers

THE SOCIAL CENTRE, AVEBURY

presents

Stewart Linford



The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill: his vices, tastes and virtues

Thursday 9th April, 7.30 p.m
(doors and bar open at 7.00 p.m.)

Tickets from the Community Shop or on the door
£8



Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra

Musical Director: Nicola Ashton Leader: Joanne Barrett

LONDON CALLING

Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 1
Soloist: Dominic Irving

Walton: Crown Imperial
Jeremiah Clarke Suite
Beethoven: Symphony No. 7: Allegretto
Tate: London Fields Suite (extracts)
Smyth: March of the Women
German: 3 Dances from Henry VIII

Saturday 25th
April 2026
7:30pm
Malmesbury Abbey

TICKETS:
£12 (under 16s free)
www.rwbo.org.uk



THE NEW INN
WINTERBOURNE MONKTON

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Apr 5th

Traditional Roast and Charity Easter Trail

Relax this Easter Sunday with a traditional roast without any of the hassle of cooking! Why not also help us raise funds for 3 fabulous causes by joining our Easter trail - fun for adults & children!

Apr 9th

Book Club

We'd love for you to join us - just ask Cody for all the details!

Apr 10th

April Quiz

Brush off those thinking caps, grab your friends and neighbours and help us raise funds for our lovely church whilst having a fab evening!

Apr 16th

Spring Beetle Drive

A traditional game with a 'New Inn' twist - come along for a fun competition and social evening!

Booking is highly recommended for all events.

Message us, pop in, call 01672 539793 or email thenewinn@elderbrookhouse.com.



We open at 5.30pm on Thursday & Friday and 12pm on Saturday & Sunday. If there is no-one in, we'll shut the doors for the night at 9pm. Please note we are opening at 4pm on Saturday 11th April.



National Trust Avebury

April

Guided garden tours return this month

Our popular guided tours of Avebury Manor Garden return on Thursday 16 April. Head Gardener Garry Mumford will be hosting a monthly tour between April and September to share the garden's fascinating history, seasonal planting highlights and tips, and more details on new projects like the orchard nut walk. The tours run from 10am-11:30am and include time for you to ask questions. Tickets are £10 and can be booked on our website.

Take on the Easter trail

This year's Easter trail through the farmyard and Avebury Manor Garden runs until Sunday 12 April. It features 10 fun and creative activities for younger visitors, as well as a chocolate egg and bunny ears to take home. Trails cost £3.50 each plus normal garden admission. Residents of

Avebury Parish get free entry to the garden and Alexander Keiler Museum by showing proof of address at the barn.

Outdoor theatre: King Arthur and the Holy Grail

The Three Inch Fools return to Avebury Manor Garden this summer on 21 August and 22 August for two nights of medieval mayhem, as they bring their playful take on Arthurian legend to life. Gates will open at 5:30pm, with the performance beginning at 6:30pm. The show will last around 100 minutes plus a 20 minute interval. Tickets are available now via our website.

Summer hours and getting in touch

We are now operating our summer hours of 10am-5pm. If you need to contact the team for any reason, please visit the Estate Office (Monday to Friday) or email us at avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Parking permits

The car park on Avebury High Street is owned and managed by the National Trust. Residents of Avebury Parish can apply for a parking permit by emailing avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk with proof of address and their vehicle registration number.



Broad Hinton Youth Group

Come and join our youth club!

We meet every Friday from 7:00pm until 9:00pm

during term-time in Broad Hinton Village Hall. The club is for 10-14 year olds and the cost is £3 per session (plus tuck shop money!)

Rising 10's (ie if you will be 10 years old before September 1st 2026) are welcome to start after the Easter break

New members are always very welcome. We have table tennis, table football, a snooker table, an indoor net for badminton or volley ball, a PS4, a Wii and an Xbox, as well as a tuck shop.

We sometimes have other activities such as art and craft or different sports. During the summer months we have use of the school field behind the village hall for outdoor activities.

Our next session will be on Friday 17th April 2026.

Please visit our webpage on the Broad Hinton Village Hall website:

<https://broadhinton.org.uk/clubs/youth-club/>

and for more information please email bhyouthclub23@gmail.com



WHITE HORSE OPERA
COSI FAN TUTTE
 BY W A MOZART



St Matthew's Church Rowde
 Saturday 4th May 7.30pm
 Tickets £15 from St Matthew's,
rev.n.fergusson@btinternet.com
 Nicola Brown 01380 722406 &
www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera
 CHARITY NO. 1194308



FRANK WHITTLE

THE JET PIONEER

The story of aviation's greatest engineer

KENNET VALLEY HALL

Lockeridge SN8 4EL
 Wednesday 22nd April
 Doors open 7.00pm talk begins 7.30pm
 Refreshments available

Sir Frank Whittle's invention of the jet engine makes him the most influential Briton of the 20th century since Churchill.

Aviation film producer Nicholas Jones combines a mix of history and personal anecdotes interspersed with short extracts from WHITTLE - THE JET PIONEER. It's a rich mix which covers the narrative of Sir Frank's life in a compelling, interactive format.

Tickets: £12 + 94p booking fee. Pre-booking essential
 Book: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kvhall>
 Box office: 0333 666 3366
 Proceeds shared between Crofton Beam Engines and Wiltshire Air Ambulance




Avebury Parish Council

www.aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Avebury Parish Council - February 2026
www.aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Councillor Update

Avebury Parish Council still has a vacant seat and we would warmly welcome new volunteers. It would be particularly helpful to have someone from Beckhampton, as we do not currently have a councillor from that part of the parish. Having representatives from across the parish helps ensure all areas are heard and properly represented. If you are interested, please get in touch with our Clerk, who can guide you through the next steps.

Meet your Councillors

Michael Chappell



After a teaching career that spanned continents from Tanzania to Kuala Lumpur, Sri Lanka to Spain, Michael feels incredibly privileged to now call Avebury home. His first encounter with the Swindon Stone many years ago sparked a deep

fascination with the village, leading to countless courses and books about its rich history. When the opportunity came to retire here with his wife Klaudia, they couldn't believe their luck.

A lifelong believer in giving back to the communities he's lived in, including a term on Swindon Borough Council, Michael was quick to step forward when a Parish Council vacancy came up. He's proud to serve the place he has long admired, whether it's walking around Trusloe at weekends or keeping the village shop in business as one of its top honey buyers. Now retired from teaching, he brings a global perspective, a love of local life, and a heartfelt commitment to Avebury.

Speed Indicator Devise

We are sure you have noticed that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) by the Unhinged Café is currently not in place. It has been taken down and sent away for repairs. We know it's a useful reminder for drivers, and we'll have it reinstalled as soon as it's returned and we're able to put it back up safely.

Bus Stops

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet has agreed the next steps for a county-wide programme to upgrade bus shelters and related infrastructure. A new five-year contract is planned for February 2026 to February 2031, covering around 800 shelters across Wiltshire, with improvements to existing shelters and additions. APC has sent feedback highlighting the poor condition of our local shelters; we have no confirmed timescales or priorities, but will update as

more information becomes available.

Road Safety Update

Avebury Parish Council continues to work with Wiltshire Council and neighbouring parishes on several highways and road safety projects. Here is the latest position on three current items.

A4 speed reduction review

A speed reduction review has been completed by Atkins, at a total cost of £4,250 (this covers the speed review only). The report should be shared with Avebury, Kennet Valley and Preshute Parish Councils in the next few weeks.

The next step is for all three parish councils to agree the recommendations before the plan can move forward.

Trusloe and Longfields – proposed change to 30mph

The speed review for Trusloe and Longfields is complete, with a cost of £3,250 payable by Avebury Parish Council (again, for the speed review only). Atkins' recommendations are expected shortly and will be discussed by APC at its 26 March meeting.

If the Parish Council supports the recommendations, Wiltshire Council can then begin the formal process to advertise the change. Advertising costs are expected to be £3,000 in total, with APC contributing at least 25%.

Reflective bollards on the A4361 footpath (Manor gates to the bus stop)

A proposal for reflective bollards along the footpath between the Manor gates and the bus stop on the A4361 has been moved forward. We would like to thank Jane Davies for her support in helping to make the case. This project is still at an early stage, with Wiltshire Council looking into what can be

done and reporting back. Costs are still to be confirmed, but APC should expect to pay 25% of the total if the project proceeds.

If you have views on any of these projects, please contact Avebury Parish Council or come along to a meeting. The Parish Council has formally voted to set up a separate Transport Committee. At the next meeting we will be agreeing the committee's terms of reference and membership arrangements, and we will update residents as soon as we can on when the first meeting will take place and how to get involved.

2026 Meetings

7.30pm at Avebury Social Centre

Tuesday 7th April

Tuesday 5th May

Tuesday 2nd June

Tuesday 7th July

Tuesday 1st September

7pm at The Clubhouse (Unhinged)

Tuesday 19th May Annual Parish Meeting

Contact your Parish Council

Details for individuals can be found on our website.

Alternatively contact our Clerk: *Emma Watson,*

clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Emma Watson, Clerk



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Saturday May 23rd Coffee Morning
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Friday May 29th Film Night
The Choral
Film starts 7.30



We are always looking for new ideas for events. Any suggestions please let us know. Speak to a Committee Member or put a suggestion in our post box.



Kennet Valley Parish Council

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – GUEST SPEAKER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Monday, 11th May 2026 at 6.30pm at 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.

We are very pleased that, following recent thefts in the Parish, PS Deborah Laycock, Wiltshire Police has accepted our invitation to be our Guest Speaker and will give a presentation on crime prevention.

Ahead of the Parish Meeting, the general public will have an opportunity to engage with Parish Councillors. More details to follow in May's UKN.

AND MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting will be followed by a Parish Council Meeting. As ever, members of the public are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION SAT, 16TH MAY – PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

Knowing how to use a defibrillator and the basics of CPR could save a life. The annual Parish defibrillator and CPR training session will be held on Saturday, 16th May 2026 from 10.00 to 12 noon at Kennet Valley Hall. Parishioners are invited to attend including anyone who has attended previously. Please contact jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk to reserve a place.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

There are litter and dog poo bins across our parish and public waste bin will do for bagged dog poo. When there are no bins to hand, please use your bin at home. Deodorised bags and containers can make bags of dog poo easier to carry.

Keeping our environment free from dog fouling is not just about the inconvenience of people stepping in dog waste. Dog waste and bags can kill sheep, cows and wildlife and dog waste can reduce wildflower and insect numbers. Horse and livestock dung does not cause the same problems for wildlife due to a meat-free diet. It is also worth remembering that dogs should be wormed regularly for their own health, and to reduce the spread of diseases to people, cattle and other animals

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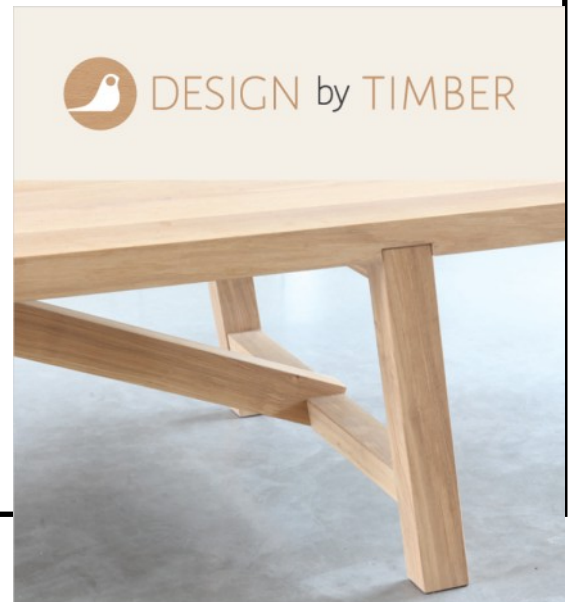
COUNCIL UPDATES ON COUNTYWIDE EFFORT TO TACKLE RISING POTHOLE NUMBERS

As a result of the unrelenting rain in recent months, Wilts Council is working with contractors around the clock to repair potholes across the road network. Alongside the regular highway maintenance crews, all 18 Parish Stewards are concentrating exclusively on repairing potholes that meet the defect criteria over the next few weeks, helping to tackle the growing number of issues.

LOWER COMPTON HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES (HRC) TO STAY OPEN

Local residents will hopefully be pleased to learn that the Lower Compton HRC site which was due to close in August is to continue operating for the time being after Calne Town Council reconsidered its decision.

Alison, Clerk to Kennet Valley Parish Council



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