

Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

the Upper Kennet Benefice

£100 Number 35 Elizabeth Musgrove

Number 69 Jill Loveday

Number 44 Fay Ross-Magenty (Some winners prefer that their names were not published, in which case we just state the

winning numbers

If you would like to join the lottery, ring David Snape on 01672 861267 or email: davidwsnape@aol.com Another way to support our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett

100 Club

Draw Results for April

1st	£48.00	81	Philip Shepherdson
2nd	£36.00	62	Steven Gilbert
3rd	£24.00	24	Sonia Buxton
4th	£12.00	47	Barbara Fawcett

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Richard Nutt on 01672539611 or email richard@184systems.com

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

Notice Board

Baptism

Theo Edwards Broad Hinton 26 June Jude Mabbutt Broad Hinton 17 July

Burial of Ashes

Carol Dodds Broad Hinton 21 July

*** Please note - change of time *** "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 6.30 to 6.55pm: 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 3rd August, Wednesday 17th August, & Wednesday 31st August.

Cake stall and raffle

There will be a Cake stall and raffle outside

The Henge Shop Bank holiday Monday 29th August from 10.30 onwards

All proceeds to: The Avebury Community and Battersea Dogs and Cats Home.

A View from the Rectory

I wonder if a happy marriage may not be about how much you love someone but how truly and deeply you like them? I think that is the conclusion I have come to after 25 years of married life. As a priest I have the privilege of walking with couples towards their marriage day, and often beyond, through birth of children, deaths and illnesses and a range of things in between. I am always more confident of the longevity of the relationships when partners speak in terms of how much they liked each other when they met, enjoyed each other's company, felt a deep affinity that deepened into commitment irrespective of less endearing qualities.

In my experience, when change comes, the depth of love is tested and revealed in the depth and strength of 'Like'. Long after the heady flush of first meeting is gone, truly liking someone remains as a bedrock of the relationship. 'Love' sometimes isn't enough to sustain the ups and downs of life – I am sure many loving families entered lockdowns confident of the strength of their love only to find themselves driven round the proverbial bend and thinking of murder after three weeks. Liking goes beyond the obvious trappings of love in the sense we often mean it, it implies a curiosity, a balance, a willingness to explore and a meeting on common ground. When like deepens into the type of love that embraces more than the superficial world view of 'happy ever after' longevity of relationship is possible, and challenges overcome.

It isn't often a wife may pay tribute to a husband in writing, so forgive me claiming this opportunity to pay tribute to Phil after 25 years of married life where our 'liking' each other has been the bedrock in times good and bad. I believe we love each other today because we liked each other first when we met playing darts of all things - in a country under embargo fun was limited, so absolutely anything that broke the monotony and drew people together was a plus! It is a great gift to be genuinely liked, for it means accepted, appreciated and encouraged. By the time we married, like had become loved, not just superficially, but for all we are, and not who we might be if all the flaws were removed. No 'Aisle, Altar, Hymn' (or her) on our wedding day. My husband is a very likeable human being indeed, one that is a joy to know and love and for all that this has entailed so far, I give God grateful thanks.

To everyone out there thinking of marriage, be it in church of elsewhere, may God bless you with true deep 'Like' to be the bedrock of the love you experience, and when everything else fades may this depth of liking sustain you in acceptance of who you truly are.

Avebury U13's (Wessex Warriors) crowned Wiltshire Cricket Champions

Congratulations to Avebury U13's (Wessex Warriors) who won the Wiltshire Cup in a thrilling game against Swindon. The game went down to the last over with local boy Matthew Garbett (Winterbourne Monkton) hitting the winning four in the last over of the game after some excellent batting by Tom King, Sam Weston (West Overton) and George Bayley. The team have continued their extraordinary success and have now reached the quarter finals of the National Competition.

This is an excellent reward for the growing Avebury youth section who run cricket for boys & girls from U10's-U15's. Plus soft ball cricket for U7's-U9's.



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 3 August			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	No Celtic Communion			
7 August Trinity 8	10 AM – BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE – BROAD HINTON 12 noon – Bower Baptism – West Overton						
Wednesday 10 August				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
14 August Trinity 9	10 AM - BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE - WEST OVERTON 4 PM - SONGS OF PRAISE – AVEBURY						
Wednesday 17 August			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			
21 August Trinity 10	10 AM - BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE - AVEBURY						
Wednesday 24 August				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
28 August Trinity 11	10 AM - BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE - WINTERBOURNE MONKTON						
Wednesday 31 August			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			

A Space to Breathe

A Space to Breathe
Under the Beech Tree
Do you connect best with God in
creation?

Are you in need of a breathing space simply to rest in the Divine Presence and be still within creation?

Then THIS might be just what you are looking for!

Come and join us @ the Rectory Garden Meditation Space, Avebury on the following dates/times for Quiet Mindfulness, Guided Meditation, Sounds of Creation.

<u>ALL welcome</u>, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. WITH REFRESHMENTS and the

opportunity to chat.

Dates:

Monday 8th August 5pm Tuesday 16th August 6pm Monday 22nd August 5pm



Readings

Sunday 7 August – Gold 8th Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 1 1 10-20

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 Psalm 50.1-8, 23-end Hebrews 11.1-3 Luke 12.32-40

Sunday 14 August – Gold 9th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 5.1-7 Psalm 80.1-2, 9-end Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56

Sunday 21 August – Gold 10th Sunday after Trinity Jeremiah 1.4-10 Psalm 71.1-6 Hebrews 12.18-end

Luke 13.10-17

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Sunday 28 August – Gold 11th Sunday after Trinity Jeremiah 2.4-13 Psalm 81.1,10-end Hebrews 13.1-8

Sunday 4 September – Gold 12th Sunday after Trinity Jeremiah 18.1-11 Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33

Luke 14.1, 7-14

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: Rev'd Maria Shepherdson:

01672 539643 or revmariashepherdson@outlook.com



Talking
Tuesdays/Talking
Thursdays
© The Rectory
Avebury
7.30 pm

The Theme for the summer is 'Telling Stories of Faith and Love'. Come and hear some surprising people speak about their faith journeys. Bring a favourite story of a faith journey that has inspired you.

Remaining sessions: Tuesday 23rd August

The ONE time you stop at a garage sale when you're on your bike... you find the perfect couch. Cheap.

Rector's Rummage Sale GARAGE CLEAROUT 2022

The Rectory, High Street, Avebury

Bag a Bargain But NOT the Sofa! Saturday 13th & 20th August 10am - 4pm

AVEBURY ST. JAMES CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

Saturday 17th September 2022 9.30am - 12.00pm

All welcome to help us with gardening and tidying up the churchyard.

Please come for as long or as short a time as you wish. Please bring tools that may be useful.

Refreshments provided

<u>Date for your diary</u> Tea or coffee and cakes at

West Overton church SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

from 2 - 4 PM

We thought we would try an afternoon event for a change instead of a morning.

Please contact Anne Robinson (861169) for further details

The proceeds will go towards keeping West Overton, East Kennett and Fyfield churches open. St Katherine & St Peter - Winterbourne Bassett

FROST FAYRE

24 November 2022, 10.00 till 4.00

Would you or a friend be interested in having a stand at the Frost Fayre to be held in the candle light church and surrounding grounds?

We are looking for quality crafts and affordable gifts

Interested? Contact for further details.

Claire Stiles c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk

Join us for a Kubb Tournament

Enjoy a family day out with a bbq, licenced bar and the attractions of Avebury.

As an ancient Scandinavian game, Kubb is thought to have originated over 1000 years ago. Legend has it the Vikings used to while away hours on end playing the game during the long light evenings of the northern summers.

its a team game with 2-3 players per team of any ages. The purpose of the game is to knock over the King. This can be attempted only when you have knocked down all of your opponent's Kubbs using the six throwing Batons per turn. But beware, knock over the King before all of the Kubbs and you have lost the game!

The competition is light hearted and players will be coming from all over the Country since the organisers of the national competition have been involved in the organising.

There are some excellent videos online about how to play and the rules so but a set online and get

practising!



Rules: ukkubb.org.uk/how-to-play

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The Avebury Social Centre held their AGM on Monday 18th July 2022. The chairman gave his report of the year; with the removal of restrictions and the increase in bookings things were returning to normal. It was good to see the success of the Village lunches and the use of the Hall over the Jubilee weekend. The Committee were thanked for their support and assistance, in particular the Booking Clerk, Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer reported on a healthy bank balance due in no small part to the generosity of the Government, but that with increasing costs in the pipeline the Committee would need to consider future plans for reducing our energy bills and/or increasing hire charges. The Trustees all agreed to remain in situ and the officers to stay in their positions.

The Ordinary meeting then took place and it was noted that the top Porch was now repaired and painted to match the main entrance. The garden storage shed had been repaired and coated to give it a new lease of life. Ben Budd was now in charge of the garden. An energy Audit has been undertaken and it was agreed that a consultant should assist the Committee in advising the relevance of some of the suggestions made. A new notice board needs to be purchased and the current one painted, and dimmer lights for the rear of the Hall are to be installed. The next meeting will take place on Thursday October 27th 2022.

Judith Farthing Secretary

AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's meeting on 5 July 2022
A4361: We agreed to move the SID, which

has spent two months outside the Sports and Social Club, to its other location at the entrance to Rawlins Park.

B4003: We heard that a Teams meeting had been organised on 14 July by Councillor Jane Davies to inject momentum into the work Wiltshire Highways will undertake on the agreed plan to extend the primrose lining and diminish the layby to three car lengths.

Community Exhibition Space: We noted that a risk assessment has been completed and that CPRE has installed three posters on hedgerows. Invitations to residents to help open the chapel at weekends have been posted on noticeboards and in the UKN and will go onto the community WhatsApp. APC expects to sign a lease with the National Trust soon.

National Trust: Speaking to the Trust's monthly update, Jan Tomlin said that a project had been started to improve connectivity across its estate which, if successful, should also benefit parts of the village. She added that the Trust had decided to use the milk machine on the High Street as their sole source of milk to support the local farmer and as a green initiative. Noting that the new gate on South Drive had been installed, she explained that the main gate would remain closed to deter delivery drivers from using the area as a turning point. Jan Tomlin said that she hoped to be able to share data on visitor demographics and expectations post-pandemic after the research had been carried out.

Parish Steward: Although our steward works very hard for his allocated four hours per month, he simply does not have the time to strim all the footpaths in the parish. We decided **Date and place of next meeting:** 6 September to ask Wiltshire Council to consider increasing his hours.

Planning applications: We agreed to hold a planning committee meeting onsite to consider and advise on applications from Vine Cottage and 25 Trusloe, and about a tree at North

Solstice: Guided by comments from several members of the public, both in attendance and in writing, we reviewed the community's experience of the management of solstice events by the police, the National Trust, and Wiltshire Council. We concluded that there was little interruption to the daily routines of the village. Jan Tomlin told us that the Trust thought that solstice 2022 had been the most friendly and joyous event for a decade. 2,000-3,000 attendees are estimated to have been present. We agreed formally to thank the authorities concerned for injecting more management resource than last year.

at 19h30 in the Social Centre. As always, residents wishing to participate in these meetings are most welcome to do so.



Carer Support Wiltshire

If you look after, or help to look after, someone who could not otherwise live independently without your support, then you are an unpaid carer. You might be caring for a partner, parent, child, friend or neighbour who is elderly, has a disability or an illness - including a mental health illness or an addiction to alcohol or drugs.

If you look after someone you love or care about you might not consider yourself a carer. Caring is something we do often without question, or the need for a label. But it can be useful to acknowledge your role so that you can ensure you're receiving all the support available to you and taking care of your own needs.

Carer Support Wiltshire offers advice and support to those who are caring for someone. This often starts with an assessment to determine what impact a carer's role is having on their own health and wellbeing. They run a number of groups and carer cafes where carers can meet up and offer support to one another. These groups can help with feelings of loneliness and isolation that many carers experience. There is always a member of CSW staff or a trained volunteer on hand to answer any questions you may have and often there are guest speakers too. To find out more call 0800 181 4118 or visit carersupportwiltshire.co.uk.

Events near you

Devizes support group, 10.30am-midday, The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, 19 Jul, 16 Aug, 20 Sep

Devizes parent carer group, 10.30am-midday, The Bear Hotel, 2-3 Market Place, 20 Jul, 17 Aug, 21 Sep

Marlborough carer café, 10.30am-midday, The Jubilee Centre, 28 High St, 26 Jul, 23 Aug, 27 Sep

Devizes bereavement help point, 10.30am-12.30pm, Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, 2 Aug, 6 Sep

Run in partnership with Dorothy House Hospice, this is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome.

Devizes carer café, 10.30am-midday, The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, 7 Sep

WI OPEN DAY, DEVIZES



Celebrating 107 year of women



Friday 16th September 10.00am - 4.00pm

Monthly WI meetings give members the chance to meet up in person, try new activities, listen to inspiring speakers and campaign on issues that matter to them.

For over 100 years the WI has campaigned for issues of concern to its members which includes issues such as Ending Violence against women, Stopping Modern Slavery, raising awareness of Ovarian Cancer Symptoms and Ending plastic soup. This year the aim of our resolution is for better diagnosis of ADHD and Autism amonast women.



The WI is everything you want it to be. Come and find out more:



WI House, 17 Couch Lane **Devizes SN10 1EB**

Charity No: 1197142

Parish Magazine July column -PCC Philip Wilkinson

You will already be aware the police force watchdog HMICFRS has placed Wiltshire Police into 'special measures' as a result of its performance.

The Inspectorate's report is a sobering read and is highly disappointing, as I know it will to our county's residents. It's especially disheartening because I know Wiltshire Police has many dedicated officers, staff and volunteers, working hard to deliver a quality, efficient, frontline service.

But this report makes it clear - there are areas of concern Wiltshire Police need to address: victims of crime, vulnerable people and our communities deserve better.

You had told me this in volume when I was on your doorstep and the results of my countywide survey and consultation only confirmed this, as well as from local councillors and MPs, on the policing service they were getting.

It was fortunate those areas highlighted by the Inspectorate's report had already been picked up as part of my own strategic assessments of the Force and it meant this shaped my Police and Crime Plan and influenced the robust and challenging scrutiny sessions I hold with the Chief Constable from the outset.

We now have a police and crime plan which ensures Wiltshire Police will meet and deliver those priorities influenced by you, focused on delivering a service the public want and prioritising those crimes that matter most to communities.

My role as PCC is to scrutinise the policing service provided, to challenge where I see performance issues and then support the Chief Constable and Force to implement change and improve in times like these.

The necessary remedial measures needed to make the improvements highlighted in the report are already in progress and my immediate priority is to ensure that Wiltshire's Chief Constable, and his senior leadership team, move with focus and speed, particularly in the Force's response to the public and to vulnerable people and victims, in dramatically improving performance and the quality and effectiveness of investigations.

My aim, alongside the Chief Constable, is for Wiltshire Police to prioritise those crimes which matter most to communities so we can satisfy the Inspectorate but, more importantly, we can satisfy you as residents

Working together, the Chief Constable and I have already agreed on a back-to-basics reset for the Force so I can assure you the process of change is already progressing.

I expect to see a tangible change in service delivery and the Chief Constable has reassured me the necessary changes are in place. I will be receiving regular progress reports from him, and his senior leadership team, to ensure those remedial actions are completed as soon as possible.

Thankfully many residents do not need to use our policing service frequently but when they do, the service they receive should be a quality, frontline, response. I will continue to ask for those assurances on behalf of Wiltshire's residents and ensure Wiltshire Police is delivering on behalf of all of the communities it



Ukrainian festival



Kennet Valley Hall hosted a Ukrainian festival in honour of all the British hosts in the Marlborough area. We had around 300 people attend over a 3 hour period on 17th July with Ukrainian music, food, kids activities, singing and an auction/raffle of Ukrainian items.

The day was wonderful, but a photo wall with pictures of Ukraine's new reality really brought home why many people in the area have welcomed Ukrainian

families into their homes. Some amazing memories were made and friendships forged.





NEWS FROM THE TOWER

On 9th July the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers met at Broad Hinton. It was a beautiful day to be in the lovely church there. 18 members were present, which was good considering that a number of people were involved in ringing for weddings that day and some people were prevented from attending by illness.

The service was led by Licensed Lay Minister, Sibella Laing, who was new to our members, but we hope that we will see her again when we visit Broad Hinton or Avebury in the future. Sibella had researched the history of ringing bells in churches and related it to the story of the good Samaritan.

After the service refreshments were served; tea and biscuits were organised by Brian and Juanita Poulton and members brought cake to share. Ringing continued to 4.30. The Broad Hinton ringers are looking for new members. If you love the sound of the bells this may be something that interests you, so get in touch with Brian Poulton to arrange to find out more.

With thanks to Jane Ridgwell for this article.

Mary Davidge. Correspondent.

KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

NEW WEBSITE

www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Finally, the new website is up and running. Please bear with us whilst we continue to update the content. We particularly like the interactive planning map which links you straight to the details of local planning applications.

For reporting streetlights, potholes, fly tipping etc. we have added a link at the bottom of the home page to take you straight to MyWiltshire reporting. Wiltshire Council also has a MyWiltshire app you can download onto your computer, mobile phone or smart device.

A quick reminder - the Parish Council now has a dedicated mobile which should be used for all Council related calls, if your enquiry is not urgent, please endeavor to use the email address:

clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Tel: 07897 797208

BOOKS IN THE BUS SHELTER -GRAFFITI

The books in the bus shelter continues to be a valuable and well used resource for the local community. Sadly, once again we have encountered graffiti on the walls and shelves. Please be mindful that it costs the Council money to remove the graffiti which ultimately comes out of your Council Tax. We would prefer not to go down the route of CCTV which is both costly and can be perceived as intrusive, but we may be forced to consider this as an option if the problem persists.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Kennet Valley Parish Council currently has one vacancy for the West Overton & Lockeridge Ward and two for the Fyfield Ward.

♦ Do you have the desire to help and become involved in your community?

- ♦ Do you have time to give?
- ◆ Do you like a different challenge every day? ...If so, it might be time for you to apply to become a local councillor.

A parish councillor is immersed in the local community, and it can be a really rewarding role. Find information and videos from parish councillors about their experiences with the National Association of Local Councils Elections — #MakeAChange (nalc.gov.uk), or get in touch with your local Parish Council clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Getting Started - to be eligible to apply to be a local councillor you must be:

- a UK or Commonwealth citizen (which includes a British subject) or be a citizen of the European Union.
- at least 18 years old.
- an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

For an application form and further details please contact Sophie Roberts:

clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

REMINDER - POLITE REQUEST ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR LOCKERIDGE DENE

Parents; do you know where your teenagers/young adults are at night?

Regrettably the Parish Council has received more complaints from local residents about young people gathering in the evenings and late at night around the swings at Lockeridge Dene and causing a disturbance.

Please ask your teenagers to be considerate to neighbours if they are meeting friends late at night.

Please respect the tranquillity of the village and ensure that this anti-social behaviour does **not** continue.

FIRST AIDERS in the KENNET VALLEY PARISH

Are you a first aider? Are you willing to be added to our database of volunteers who are available to be contacted in the event of an emergency?

The database is held securely in accordance with GDPR requirements.

Please contact <u>Clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk</u> with your name, address and contact details.

Thank you.

LOCKERIDGE YOUTH CLUB

We are mindful that the Youth Club has remained dormant for some time and would love to be able to bring this popular and well attended club back in the Autumn. In order for this to happen the Council desperately needs volunteers to attend at the end of each session (this will be once a month) in order to check that everything has been put away and bins emptied.

We also require an enthusiastic helper behind the scenes to assist in organising bi-monthly activities and assist with organising some fundraising. Please contact Sophie Roberts clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk if you are able to help.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS – KEEP SAFE IN THE COUNTRY

Please take care when out and about in the countryside this summer. Remember to close gates, avoid livestock and keep to designated paths.

Parents – please ensure that your children keep safe. Farms are working environments with potential risks from equipment and livestock.

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is Monday 12th September at 6.30pm in the Kennet Valley Hall. As always members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

Update from the National Trust

Our update this month starts with news of a celebratory film to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site. The film, called 'Beyond the Stones' was made by Wessex Archaeology with support from the National Trust, and features Dr Nick Snashall and Dr Ros Cleal from our Wiltshire Landscape team. If you didn't make the screening in the Avebury Barn, then you can watch it via YouTube here 'Beyond the Stones': 35th Anniversary of the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site - YouTube or if you are reading the paper copy type in https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=YqTvFw-ggnk

School holidays are now on us, and as usual we have a range of interactive activities for families to enjoy, from self-led walks, quiet play areas, sensory trails and family explorer packs to borrow. Each weekday has a different theme, from Wellness Mondays, Wild Walk Tuesdays, Playday Wednesdays, Mini-dig Thursdays and 50 things Fridays.

We'll also be inviting people to bring their own picnics to the Avebury Manor Garden, borrow some traditional garden games or some paints and be inspired by the beauty around them.

For our full offer and opening times please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury

'Lost' tours have now started as part of our visitor offer, daily at 12noon and 2pm (subject to volunteer availability on the day). These are tours to some of the Avebury Manor attic rooms, which are usually not open to the public; the tours are looking at some interesting items that were found in the rooms when carrying out some floor repairs and 'excavations' in 2017/18.

The next big date for your diaries is the Sculpture Exhibition in Avebury Manor Garden. You are invited to join us for a

preview event on 2 September from 5-6pm. Please RSVP to <u>avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk</u> if you are able to join us with a celebratory glass of bubbly with some of the artists to kick start the exhibition.

And finally, we will shortly be starting a visitor survey across the site, to get a better understanding of how visitor demographics have changed through the pandemic, what people expect from a visit to Avebury and what we could improve on, going forward. If anybody locally is happy to share their thoughts and be interviewed in this context, please email avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk.

We'd love to hear from you, so if you'd like to get in touch with us please contact us on 01672 539250 or email

avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk



CURIOSITY COMPASSION COURAGE

Church of England, **Voluntary Aided School** www.kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk Ofsted 'Good school' - March 2020

News from July 2022

I write this newsletter on almost the last day of the summer term, and in the middle of the hottest day of the year (if not century!). We have had a great July here, with many activities going on, as well as the usual learning.

Year 6 adventures

Today I was excited to send our wonderful Year 6 children off on their residential trip. They are going to Kilve Court which is on the South West coast and while they are there they will be taking part in a wide range of activities including raft building, mountain biking, archery and learning circus skills. This year Mrs McQue, Miss Hogan and Miss Harvey who are fast becoming the 'dream team' for residential trips, accompany them.

Having been on a residential trip to Kilve Court, I know that the year 6 children will have a great time away.

Real Life Skills

As the year 6 children are about to leave the school, we have given them the opportunity to add to their knowledge of real life skills. In the past few weeks, they have had extra PSHCE lessons, which include important RSE themes (Relationship and Sex Education), have had a lesson on banking and money and had a first aid afternoon so that they have a better understanding of how to help others when needed.

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Olsen, who is a parent at the school and works in the financial sector, to the class to talk about 'Money Matters'. This gave the children a chance to learn about banking, including how to save, what interest rates are and how these can affect what you save or borrow. The children really enjoyed the session and asked many questions. A big thank you to Mrs Olsen

for helping us with these lessons.

On Thursday 14th July, we were delighted to be joined by Georgie Morse from Little Soldiers First Aid. She has worked with children at the school in previous years and so it was great to carry on with this new tradition. She worked with the year six children to teach them about how to deal with minor burns and cuts, how to get help when needed and how to perform CPR. Georgie and I are currently trying to put together a parents evening for September so that she can teach them these skills as well.

Stay and Read Session / Stay for Maths **Sessions**

In July, we invited parents to join two different morning sessions - Stay and Read, and Stay for Maths. Both of the sessions were well attended and all seemed to really enjoy coming into school. It is always lovely to see parents coming in to be with us and we hope to continue to run these sessions in the coming school year.

Pirates vs. Mermaids!

On Wednesday 13th July, our courageous Year 6 children performed their leavers play "Pirates vs. Mermaids", and I have to say it was absolutely amazing. I am so proud of all of the children - they really pushed themselves to make sure the play was the very best that it could be. I was particularly impressed by all their acting and the singing was beautiful. I was also delighted to see a very chatty parrot on stage and a very hungry crocodile too. Well done and thank you Year 6 - what a great performance.

Spirituality Day at KVS

As a church school, we know that the moral and spiritual development of all of our children is very important. This, of course, does not mean that children have to have a faith of any kind, but having time to think about when they are feeling spiritual is critical and having a good moral compass is vital for their future life too.

To help to develop their understanding of spirituality, we held a whole day on this. The children worked in mixed groups so that each group had children from every year group and they completed five activities throughout the day. These including making a thank you bracelet and a sorry stone. They completed a guided meditation session and thought about the trinity. The usual staff team were joined by Rev. Maria Shepherdson and by one of our governors Angharad Hughes, who both led a session too.

The day was finished with a lovely collective worship in our playground, which was led by Rev. Maria too. I really hope that the children enjoyed the day. We will be planning three further sessions in the coming school year to I am always grateful for the community that I build on from this first one.

Science Enrichment

At the start of the month, two of our classes set off for a school visit to the Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium. The group was made up of our Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 children and they all had a fantastic time there. The Winchester Science Museum is full of interactive experiments that children of all ages can explore and play with. It has several zones that include a space area, a zone to find out more about the human body and an area for workshops. Our children took part in a workshop and then played in the museum before ending their trip with a trip inside the dark and mysterious Planetarium.

Mrs Hues, class teacher, said, "All of our children loved going to explore this museum. It is an exceptionally good place for children to discover and to learn more about different areas of science. A wonderful day out, with a great ending exploring the outer reaches of space".

We are very lucky that one of our parents has a countryside stewardship for their farm, which means that her farm is run in a more environmentally aware way. This term 2 of our classes have been lucky enough to go along to her farm and find out more about all of the animals there and the local countryside in which they live. As a school we try to use the local environment as much as we can, and so being able to join Mrs Jago, and to learn so much from her, is fantastic. I know I speak for all the children when I say THANK YOU to her - we hope that we can keep coming along

to work and learn from you.

New Staff

We are very pleased to announce that we have two new members of staff joining our team in September. Mrs Stevens, who has children in our school, is joining as a Mid-Day Supervisor and Mrs Willet is joining as a part time Teaching Assistant.

I hope that they will love working in the school and feel very welcome into our staff

School Places

We are delighted to be able to offer tours of the school again for parents looking for a school place, either for the coming school year or for a place in Reception in coming years. If you would like to come for a tour and a chat about Kennet Valley, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can arrange a time to show you around our lovely little school. You can do this by calling 01672861202 or by emailing Ruthie (our Admin Officer) on admin@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk

<u>Thank you!</u>

As a school, we are incredibly lucky that we are supported so well, both by our parents and carers, and by the local community. I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who helps in the school, such as parent and reader volunteers. The whole team is incredibly grateful for all that you do.

Summer Holiday

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community, and wider community too, a lovely summer.

work in – as I have written in previous newsletters, I truly believe that being at Kennet Valley is a good thing and that we support our children to grow and develop to be the very best that they can be. Every parent should be exceptionally proud of their Kennet Valley child – they have come out of the other side of Covid lockdowns and have all worked incredibly hard this year.

I would also like to say an ENORMOUS THANK YOU to all of my staff and governors. They form the very heart of the school and make it a wonderful place for the children who attend. I am blessed with an amazing team of staff, who continuously give their time and energy to make our school the 'Small but Mighty' place that it is.

Many thanks -



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Wellness Mondays

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Wild walks Tuesdays

You can take a selfled nature walk around Avebury using one of the explorer packs or bingo sheets. What can you discover?



Wednesday playdays

With a range of free activities during the holidays children can build dens, tryan obstacle course or have fun playing with puppets.



Thursday mini-digs

Children can find their inner archaeologist by digging to find things hidden in their trench—what lies beneath the sand?



50 Things Fridays

Why not make friends with a bug, build a home for wildlife or make a mud creation? There's lots of fun to be had on Fridays.



Every day

Why not borrow one of the family backpacks in the garden and become a nature explorer? Or pick up a family trail from Visitor Reception. There's one to cover the whole site as well as discovery booklets for the stone circles.

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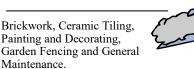
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