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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

(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 November

1st	£48.00	59	Jill Petchey
2nd	£36.00	14	Jim & Jill Durnford
3rd	£24.00	47	Barbara Fawcett
4th	£12.00	65	Nigel Fielder

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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

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## Notice Board

### Funerals

Ray Knapp 4 November Avebury  
John William Alfred Bower 11 November W. Overton

“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 7.00 to 7.25pm: 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 8<sup>th</sup> December,  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
& Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## A View from the Pew

During our lives we go through 'seasons', nature has spring, summer, autumn and winter; humankind has childhood, adolescence, adult and old age, they are all stages which need to be experienced and the church is no different, Advent, Lent, .....

We are now entering Advent, a time of recalling messengers from God telling of the birth of Jesus, we hear of the journey of Joseph and Mary travelling from their homeland culminating in the actual birth of Jesus.

Why did we start with the birth of a baby?

When did you last see a newborn or small baby? Perhaps held it in your arms, looked at it in wonder and felt a quiet uplifting joy in your heart. There are very few people who can walk past a baby without smiling to themselves and possibly sharing a word with the parents. We are designed to feel protective towards the young, but more than this we look at them and see HOPE, LOVE, JOY, THE PROMISE OF GREAT THINGS TO COME. We need babies not just for the act of procreation but as a sign that of life can be good; we all endure ups and down in our lives but there is always the need to look to the future and children are the future.

As with many churches, our congregations may be low but at this time of the year they fill and swell with families, babies, children, teenagers along with parents, grandparents and friends. What is it that brings them in? I believe that it is the gathering around a crib, the focus being upon a baby named Jesus, a baby that draws us into His life and encompasses the future that we need for ourselves.

At Christmas time His story is told through carols and some readings, we gather to smile at the thought of a young family with a precious baby, to celebrate all that we have, and share the LOVE, HOPE, JOY, LIGHT AND A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE that can be attained within the Christian family and to all that care to walk alongside us.

Not sure what I mean??? then join us at a Christmas service and find out – you might even come out of church smiling - and this is only the start of the journey.

May the joy of Christmas be with you all.

Claire Stiles, Pastoral and Worship Leader.

## 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 [sl519@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sl519@cam.ac.uk).

## Editors note!

Please can I have articles and advertising for the January edition by December 13th to allow for production and distribution over the Christmas and New Year period.

Thank you all for your efforts over 2021, have a happy and peaceful Christmas.

David

# UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBO URNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBO URNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 1 December				<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Prayer			
5 December Advent 2	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer book Communion	<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service		<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion			
Wednesday 8 December			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
12 December Advent 3						<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion	
	<u>3 pm</u> Berwick Bassett Carol Service						
Tuesday 14 December					<u>5 pm</u> Crib Service & Carols by Candlelight		
Wednesday 15 December				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Thursday 16 December						<u>7.30 pm</u> Carols by Candlelight Outside, weather permitting	
19 December Advent 4		<u>5 pm</u> Outdoor Carol Service	<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion	<u>4 pm</u> Carols by Candlelight			<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion <u>6 pm</u> Carol Service
Tuesday 21 December	<u>6.30 pm</u> Carols by Candlelight						
Wednesday 22 December			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
24 December Christmas Eve		<u>3pm</u> Outdoor Crib Service  <u>11.30 pm</u> Midnight Mass		<u>4 pm</u> Crib Service <u>10 pm</u> First Mass of Christmas	<u>4 pm</u> Carols round the Crib	<u>3pm</u> Crib Service	<u>4pm</u> Do it yourself Nativity play, Father Christmas & tea <u>11.30 pm</u> Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	<u>8.30 am</u> Christmas Communion		<u>11 am</u> Family Service		<u>10 am</u> Christmas Communion	<u>10.30 am</u> Christmas Service	
26 December Christmas 1				<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion			
Wed 29 Dec				No service			
		<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion					

## Readings

### Sunday 5 December – Purple

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Philippians 1.3-11  
Luke 3.1-6

### Sunday 12 December – Purple

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3.7-18

### Sunday 19 December – Purple

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

Hebrews 10.5-10  
Luke 1.39-45[46-55]

### Friday 24 December – Gold or White

#### Christmas Eve

Acts 13.16-26  
Luke 1.67-79

### 25 December – Gold or White

#### Christmas Day

Isaiah 9.2-7  
Luke 2.1-14

### Sunday 26 December – White

#### 1st Sunday of Christmas

Colossians 3.12-17  
Matthew 2.41-end

### Sunday 2 January 2022 – White

#### Epiphany

Ephesians 3.1-12  
Matthew 2.1-12

## MONKTON CHURCH NEWS



We are awaiting a cheque from Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust for the 50% of money we raised at the September Ride and Stride – it looks like we raised a magnificent £900+ in total. Huge

thanks to those who took part and sponsored.

Our Harvest Service went off very well and was followed by a Harvest Buffet put on to thank all those who contribute to the upkeep of the church and churchyard and fund raising. The Avebury Community Shop kindly donated £50 worth of goods and with money raised at the raffle and donations of food we were all square. It was lovely to see so many people there and a great time for a catch up after a quiet 18 months. As ever the church looked magnificent in its harvest decorations.

A new acquisition to the church is a music machine from the Methodist Church in Wroughton. It contains a huge selection of hymns and tunes and is a great improvement on our 30 year old machine. Although not as good as having a real organist at the service it does a very good job. Thanks to Nigel for sourcing and operating it for us.

Christmas is coming and we have produced some Christmas cards of local Monkton scenes. All proceeds go to Monkton church and at £4 for a pack of 5 cards they are good value. If you would like some please contact Penny 01672539158 or goldpennygold@aol.com.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Saturday 4th December

10am to 4pm

Kennet Valley Hall

- ❖ Home-made cakes, jams etc. and produce
- ❖ Marlborough Artists stand
- ❖ White elephant stands
- ❖ Bottle stall
- ❖ Christmas cards, decorations, calendars
- ❖ 'Little Angels' children's stands, craft, gifts, face and nail painting and more!
- ❖ Exceptional raffle
- ❖ Woolley sheep felt emporium
- ❖ Homemade gifts
- ❖ Honey stall

INDOOR REFRESHMENTS  
OUTDOOR HOT DOG STAND

plus

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

Any queries call 01672 861786 or 861798

In aid of our Churches at West Overton,  
East Kennett & Fyfield



## Thank you from the Trussell Trust

Thankyou to all the people in our Churches who have given so generously to the Trussell Trust this year ...The Devizes Foodbank has noticed an increase in people needing help so our collection will be most welcome.

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WANTED!

PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



To raise money for West Overton Christmas Bazaar, we are looking for any unwanted and pre-loved Christmas jumpers.

PLEASE DROP OFF TO KENNET VALLEY SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER



# "VIEWS FROM THE KENNET VALLEY"

## 2022 CALENDAR

For the sixth year and to help our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett we are again producing a calendar compiled from photos of our surrounding countryside submitted by local residents. The spiral bound, wall hanging A4 calendar will be available at the end of October at £7.00 each, including envelope.

### ORDER FORM

Quantity required \_\_\_\_\_ at £7.00 each Total £\_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

**Cheques payable to:**

West Overton Fyfield East Kennett Church

**Or by BACS :** Sort code: 30-92-63 A/C 01399919

**Total amount £** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paid by cheque** ☐

**Paid by BACS** ☐

**Please return this form to:**

**The Church Office, The Garden Room, 62 Lockeridge, Marlborough, SN8 4EL (with a cheque if applicable)**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Tel no. or email:** .....

Telephone 01672 861798 with any queries or for more information

**With grateful thanks for your support**



## Upper Kennet Churches Winter Crisis Appeal

### Are you able to help?

Six years ago, the Upper Kennet Churches launched a **Winter Crisis Appeal Fund** to help those who were experiencing short term financial problems.

Over that period, we have had many donations and we have been able to help a large number of families who were in desperate need.

This year, again, we would ask if you would make a donation if you are able to – perhaps you don't really need your winter fuel allowance, for example.

Please give your donation to a church warden, or send a cheque to Upper Kennet Churches, The Garden Room, 62 Lockeridge, SN8 4EL or by BACS transfer using sort code 30-92-63 – account number 01498496. Thank you.

### Do you need help?

If you:

- live in one of the Upper Kennet Parishes
- are worried about where the next meal is coming from
- have to choose between heating and eating
- are facing a sudden financial emergency

we might be able to assist with a week's food supply, or fuel support, or just general advice.

Contact Rev'd Maria Shepherdson on 01672 539643, or a Lay Pastoral Assistant on 01672 861786. Your call will be treated in total confidence.

This is not a substitute for Social Benefits or the Food Bank. It is a gesture from people who understand what you are experiencing.

## Winterbourne Monkton & Berwick Bassett PCC



# 100 Club



### We are looking for New Members to Join from December

*For just £5 per number per month fabulous riches could be yours*

Half of the proceeds go to supporting our churches and the other half is returned as cash prizes each and every month

**Currently our prizes are £48.00, £36.00, £24.00 & £12.00**

Entry is open to anyone in the Upper Kennet Benefice  
Either call Richard Nutt on 01672 539611 or e-mail [richard@184systems.com](mailto:richard@184systems.com) if you wish to join  
Lottery is licensed by Wiltshire Council

## AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The Trustees of the Centre met on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2021. General maintenance was discussed, in particular a working party to address the clearing of the garden and the ivy around the Social Centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Two loose tiles on the roof had been fixed. It was agreed that ten new small tables be purchased for use at a possible music evening or for other social gatherings. An alcohol licence was discussed but it was agreed that this remain being purchased for individual events. Michael Daley as Treasurer gave a very comprehensive report including the acceptance of a grant for an Energy Audit to be undertaken, once this was done it would help the Committee decide on how best to improve the heating/insulation of the Centre, and apply for a grant. A suggestion was made that it might be nice to hold a soup and cheese event on a monthly basis for locals to meet up for an informal lunchtime chat, details were yet to be decided but the Trustees were keen to support the idea, and to monitor the support for such an event.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be in January 2022.



## Upper Kennet Churches Christmas Services

### CAROL SERVICES

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Berwick Bassett 3 pm Carol Service

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Winterbourne Monkton 5 pm Crib Service & Carols by Candlelight

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Winterbourne Bassett 7.30 pm Outdoor Christmas Service at the Winterbourne Pub, weather permitting. In church if it's raining

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Avebury 4 pm Carols by Candlelight  
West Overton 5 pm Outdoor Carol Service  
Broad Hinton 6 pm Carol Service

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Fyfield 6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight in Anstice Baring's field

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

#### Christmas Eve

West Overton 3 pm Outdoor Crib Service  
West Overton 11.30 pm Midnight Mass  
Winterbourne Bassett 3 pm Crib Service  
Winterbourne Monkton 4 pm Carols round the Crib  
Avebury 4 pm Crib Service  
Avebury 10 pm First Mass of Christmas  
Broad Hinton 4 pm Do it yourself Nativity Play, Father Christmas, & Tea  
Broad Hinton 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

Fyfield 8.30 am Christmas Communion  
Winterbourne Monkton 10 am Christmas Communion  
East Kennett 11 am Christmas Morning Family Service  
Winterbourne Bassett 10.30 am Christmas Service

#### Boxing Day

Avebury 9.45 am Communion Service

## Thank you

Carol Scattergood and family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and all the help they received after the death of David. We would also like to thank you for your generosity for the donations received to the Air Ambulance and the Avebury Sports and Social Club. David was a much loved member of the community and this was shown by the support we received, it was very much appreciated.

Carol Scattergood

## Avebury Parish Council

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's meeting on 2 November 2021

**Local issues:** We considered a draft budget for next year and confirmed that the **play area** project would be the most important item for us. We decided to hold a **village meeting** in the second half of January to discuss plans for the play area with the wider community. The budget is due for approval at our December meeting. We heard about concerns relating to **traffic and car parking in Trusloe** and, subject to the views of residents living there, agreed to consider applying for a speed limit restriction of at least 30mph in place of the current national limit (60mph) in connection with the revamping of the play area. We agreed in principle to lease a **defibrillator** for Beckhampton, encouraged by significant fundraising in the village. The proposed **Community Exhibition Space** in the Chapel has attracted expressions of support from a wide range of organisations. We heard that there had been a **serious crash** at the junction of the B4003 and the A4361 and agreed to support the Highways Improvement Request made to Wiltshire Council by the resident involved in the incident. The request asked for a WHS-wide speed limit of 40mph except where already lower. We have been told that Wiltshire Council has added repainting of the white lines at this junction to their work schedule for 2022. Wiltshire Council hopes to repair the severely delaminated surface of the A4361 above the Beckhampton roundabout next year ahead of resurfacing due in 2025. We received an update from the **National Trust** detailing Christmas and New Year opening plans.

**Planning applications:** We reviewed an application for work to many trees on the National Trust estate and decided to ask for further details.

**Dates of next meetings:** The next meeting is on 7 December at 19h30 in the Social Centre. As always, residents wishing to participate are most welcome to do so.

**Vacancy:** We have a vacancy on the Council. Please consider applying for it! Liz Moore (clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org) or any of the Councillors will be glad to answer your questions.

*Draft minutes of this meeting may be found on the Avebury Parish Council website.*





# KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2021

## WINTER EMERGENCY PLANNING AND FLOODING ISSUES

### Advice from Thames Water

Following the burst water main problem on 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> November residents are being reminded to ensure that any vulnerable neighbours are registered with the Thames Water priority service: <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/extra-care>.

Please report incidents of sewage flooding and any unpleasant odours from the treatment works to Thames Water: <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/report-a-problem>

Please do **not** dispose of wet wipes and fats into the sewage system  
**Routine road maintenance, flooding and winter preparations.**

Wiltshire Council encourages residents to clear leaves from surface drains in times of heavy rainfall where safe to do so to prevent flooding and to report blocked drains to the Council with the following online reporting link;  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting>

Residents are requested to report surface water flooding events on the Wiltshire Council app; <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

The Environment Agency and DEFRA have established a new 'check for flooding' service to replace the Flood Information Service. See weblink: <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk>

### FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service offer a free home visit and advice service for local to help keep our communities safe in their homes. The Safe & Well discussion covers topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support you may need if necessary

**To request a free Safe & Well telephone appointment, please call 0800 038 2323 (please note that this is an answerphone service, monitored during office hours) or request a referral here.** A selection of

free leaflets containing useful information on safety in and around the home are **available here**.

Please see the website: <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits/what-is-safe-and-well/>

### Defibrillators

Following the installation of the defibrillators in our villages the Parish Council has arranged for a public training session for local residents to be provided by the South West Ambulance NHS Trust on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 from 10 – 11.30 am at Kennet Valley Hall. Up to 40 places will be available to allow for social distancing as required by the NHS.

Please do join us and learn how to use the defibrillators – you could save a life in an emergency.

### Lockeridge Speed Limit...

When we ask around it's surprising to discover how many people who regularly drive through Lockeridge still don't know that the speed limit is 20mph. This is particularly important when the winter sun is so low.

### ..and Hi-Viz

Dog walkers and cyclists please be aware that you are much safer wearing Hi-Viz on dark winter afternoons. As Thames Water upgrades the Fyfield Sewage Treatment

Work over the next six months driving up and down Church Lane, they want to encourage walkers and their dogs to keep safe by wearing Hi-Viz.

### Dog Waste bin

The Parish Council has provided a new dog waste bin in West Overton at the top of Forge Lane at the entrance to bridleway WOVE40. This area has been problematic for some time where owners have been allowing their dogs to foul the bridleway. We would like to remind you that it is an offence not to pick up after your dog and, if caught, you can be fined. It is also extremely dangerous for livestock and can be fatal. Please either take it home or put it in one of the bins provided.

### HEDGES

Now the evenings are getting darker much earlier, and the leaves are falling please can

you remember to cut back hedges. This is vitally important on land bordering roads and pavements as the leaves become very slippery when wet and the overhanging hedges force pedestrians into the road where they may not easily be seen by oncoming vehicles. Please do not be surprised if you receive a letter from the Parish Council making this request but we hope by giving you a gentle reminder now this can be avoided.

### QUEENS JUBILEE

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is due to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. At the last Jubilee members of the villages rallied round and organised a spectacular event which was very well attended and was an occasion which brought the whole community together. The Council would be interested to hear from anyone who would be willing to organise the event and also anyone willing to be part of a team of helpers. This event can only take place if there is enough support and willing volunteers. Please contact the clerk [parishclerk.fyfield@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.fyfield@gmail.com) if this is something you would be willing to help with.

*The next Parish Council meeting will be on 10 January 2022 at 7pm in the Kennet Valley Hall*

**THE NEW INN**  
WINTERBOURNE MONKTON, SN4 9NW

COVERED  
OUTSIDE SEATING

LOCAL ALES  
& CIDERS

DOG FRIENDLY

MONTHLY  
QUIZ NIGHTS

MONTHLY  
SUPPER CLUBS

LIVE MUSIC

**FESTIVE ROASTS**  
Get into the Christmas spirit with a festive roast on 5th or 19th December - book before 1st Dec to receive complimentary coffee and mince pies.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE & SANTA'S GROTTO**  
Sunday 12th December 2-6pm  
Raising funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance

01672 539793    [thenewwinneelderbrookhouse.com](http://thenewwinneelderbrookhouse.com)

## Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number:

01672 539200

Opening Hours

10am-4pm every day

### Season's Greetings

We would like to wish all our customers and villagers a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.



### Pantomime Tickets – Mother Goose

The Avebury Player's are putting on Mother Goose on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in the Avebury Social Centre. Tickets are on sale in the shop. At the time of writing, they are selling fast and there are no tickets left for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Tickets must be booked in advance.



### Christmas Orders

Order forms for Christmas are available in the shop. Please order as soon as possible. With current supply issues, we need to order very early to ensure that we get everything that you would like.

### Coronavirus precautions

Because the shop is so small and ventilation is limited, we will be continuing to ask customers to observe the current precautions. We will be continuing to limit numbers in the shop to 2 people or small family groups, and also asking customers to continue to wear face masks in the shop.

### Call and Collect Service

We provide a call and collect service for people who don't want to go into the shop or are unable to go into the shop. Please call us on 01672 539200 to place your order, we will then contact you for payment and have your shopping ready to collect from the door, or we can load it into your car.

### Extension of Free Delivery Service

Avebury Community shop will be providing a FREE delivery service of food and other essentials to anyone in our community who is in self isolation due to the Coronavirus. This is an extension of the service we already provide to the elderly and others in our community who are unable to get to the shop. Please call 01672 539200 to arrange a delivery. We would prefer payment by card, but can accept cash on delivery if necessary.

Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

## NEWS FROM THE TOWER

**Brian Vickers wrote the following.**

Remembrance Sunday bell ringing took place under the new Union Jack flag (kindly given by an unknown donor). The following rang Rounds, Call Changes and a Plain Hunt. Sean, James and Samuel Tye, Michele and Adam Lomas, Jonathan Stubbs and Brian Vickers.

Ringling was not allowed during Lockdowns, but as it was lifted this year we resumed with everybody wearing a mask and ventilated by opening the window of the ringing chamber and leaving the downstairs entrance door open to the Church interior. The upstairs door was left open when not ringing (talking and two rounds of sweet eating) but had to be shut due to excessive noise during actual ringing. Following the first frosts we started using our two electric heaters, which are quite effective in warming the chamber when it is shut up before ringing – and can still be felt when it is opened for up for ringing. Warm winter clothes are also worn! The ropes get stiff to use in cold damp weather, so we have resumed use of our simple rope heater - where the lower 6 foot or so of rope is put in something like an 8 inch diameter tube warmed at the bottom by a 60 watt bulb (no high tech LED's for us). This is surprisingly effective in softening the ropes; indeed if it is left on for much more than 3 hours the ropes start to become rather slippery to handle easily.

Finally we have been practising on Tuesday evenings for the last few months. New ringers welcome as always!

Mary Davidge, tel: 01672 513819,  
Belfry Correspondent.

## Marlborough Stitch

The November meeting of Textiles & Stitch Around Marlborough was held on Zoom when the Textile Artist, Bobby Britnell spoke to the group about "My Creative Journey". After leaving school Bobby's first job was making glamorous theatre costumes and after a few years in industry she trained and went on to teach at a secondary school. In 1986 she moved to South Shropshire, taught City & Guilds Design courses and got involved with school and community projects. Bobby then went on to talk about the Moor Hall Studio where she offers a great variety of textile and art related courses.

During a visit to Uganda Bobby set up project for the local community which included basketry, making brooms, mats and making bark cloth. This experience has inspired a lot of Bobby's work.

The Christmas meeting of Textiles & Stitch Around Marlborough will be on Monday 6 December, 2021 at Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge when we will have a surprise speaker.

If you would like to find out more or come along to a meeting explore our website:

<https://textilesandstitch.co.uk/> or email Lindsay Sherwood at [frenchknots2014@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frenchknots2014@yahoo.co.uk)

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## CURIOSITY COMPASSION COURAGE

Church of England,  
Voluntary Aided School

[www.kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk)

Ofsted 'Good school' – March 2020  
News from November 2021

October and November have been busy months at the school, and it is wonderful to feel the busy buzz in all of the classrooms.

### Harvest Festival

In early October we held our Harvest Festival, to think about and show how thankful we are for the lives we have. This year we collected food for Love Marlborough Kids Meals, which is a fantastic local charity that we supported during the last lockdown. All the children took part in the festival service, which was filmed so that parents and carers could watch at home. I know that the class teachers and TA were very proud of the children in their classes. Thank you to all the parents who sent the donations in to school.

### School Educational Trips

Our youngest year groups, in Wrens class, have been very curious as they have been on a Science trip The Lookout Science Discovery Centre, where they developed their curiosity by looking at various aspects of science. The Lookout Centre was designed for younger children, so they had a superb day there together. They also took part in a workshop there to find out more about living things. This class has also been invited to Marlborough College Science department to take part in some science investigations together – I will tell you more next month!

The oldest children spend a day at Go Ape in Bracknell. This day was designed to help them to continue to build their resilience and to take part in a range of team building activities. Mrs. Byford, their class teacher, said *"It was amazing and fascinating to watch the children work together to overcome their nerves to complete the tree climbing activities. They all achieved so much, and I am proud of them all."*

Year 4 set off together for their 3-day residential. They went to Charterhouse, which is near Cheddar. While they were there, they took part in rock-climbing activities, caving, gorge walking and rocket building. All the staff that went with them were incredibly impressed by the children. Mrs. Alexander said *"We were enormously proud of the children this week. They were well behaved, looked after each other and were a joy to spend time with."* Miss Hogan added *"The children were amazing – they all attempted every activity and when they needed to, they really dug deep and kept*

*on going. Well, done Year 4 – you were AMAZING."*

As a school we try to use the local area as much as we can. This year Wrens class (Reception and Year 1) are going for a weekly walk in the village. They often go to West Woods or to The Dene and use these walks to extend the learning from the classroom. In addition to these walks, Wrens and Kingfishers classes have both been for trips to Avebury. These trips linked with their history work and the children (and staff) all really enjoyed the mornings there.

### After-school clubs

At Kennet Valley we have excellent wrap-around care in the form of our Dragon Breakfast Club and our Dragon After School club. These are run by Mrs. Helen Bushnell and Mrs. Ruthie Marsh, who both work in the school in other positions as well. This means that they know the children who come to the clubs well and they are both focused on our children having a fun time at both clubs. This year we have also been able to run more after-school and lunchtime clubs than we have done in the past 18 months. In term 1 and 2 we have run a Science Club, several sports clubs, and a Christmas cookery/craft club. We also have a philosophy club called 'Little Big Thinkers' which is run by one of our Governors.

### Volunteer Readers

Reading is especially important to us as a primary school. The staff team work together to make sure they choose high quality texts for the children to read in Guided Reading sessions and as class novels.

We are incredibly grateful that we have several volunteer readers, who come in every week to listen to our young people read. These volunteers are a mix of current or past parents and people from the local community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all these volunteers for their help and support. If you would like to help in the school with reading, please contact the school.

### Book Sponsorship

This year we are running a book sponsorship scheme. This means that people linked to the school, such as parents, governors or local residents can sponsor books or story sacks for the school. If you would like to help the school by sponsoring a book, books or a story sack please see the information poster in this magazine.

### Miss Hogan

This year the staff team welcomed a new member – Miss Joanna Hogan. Miss Hogan has recently qualified as a teacher, and we are pleased that she now works with us at Kennet Valley. I know that the Year 4 and 5 children are loving her being their teacher as she is so kind and caring.

On asked about joining the school Joanna said *"I am really delighted to have joined Kennet Valley C of E VA*

*School in September, and I enjoy teaching the Year 4 and 5 class. I was particularly pleased to be able to start my teaching career in a village school where I value the supportive team. The Christian ethos at the school is important to me, with a caring Christian community here.*

*From a young age, I knew that I wanted to work with children. Before taking up teaching, I was a Norland nanny for 10 years and was lucky enough to work in many countries. From experiencing a variety of working placements through Norland College, I discovered that my long-term aim was to be a teacher. Last year, I completed my PGCE with Bath Spa University and am excited for this new adventure.*

*I particularly enjoy outside activities and exploring countryside walks with my dog, Molly."*

I speak for the whole staff team and all of our children when I say a huge thank you to Joanna, for the hard work and commitment that she is already showing to our lovely village school.

### Christmas at KVS

At this time, like many of you, we are all looking forward to the Christmas festivities. At the school we are having to continue to do things differently than we did prior to Covid-19 but are still looking forward to many activities like our Nativity Plays, Singing Carols and Songs to the parents, and making Christmas crafts to take home. We will also be going to the Watermill Theatre to watch their production of The Jungle Book.

### 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](mailto:admin@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk)

Many thanks -

Mrs. Emma Russell, Headteacher

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**National  
Trust**

## Update from the National Trust Christmas 2021

**It's Christmas!**

We're very excited to have Avebury Manor open to the public again for our Christmas offer, which this year is themed as 'Christmas in colours'. Across the wider site you will notice lots of silver and whites, as we begin with almost an absence of colours. Once in the Manor the full spectrum of colours is reflected, focusing on a different colour in each room.

The Christmas volunteers have done themselves proud again this year, having spent hundreds if not thousands of hours on the decorations. Do come along and visit if you haven't seen it yet, entry is free to residents of Avebury. The manor is open Thursday to Sunday and will be decorated until 2 January.

Once again, we'll be holding the 'Music, lights and merriment' evening in the Farmyard on Saturday 4 December (4pm-6pm) with music from the Devizes Town Band, a market in the barn and late opening of the restaurant and shop. The market will continue on the Sunday (5 December).

There will also be a 'Percy the Park Keeper winter trail' in the Old Farmyard to engage children with nature. This will run from 4 December until 3 January.

Avebury Manor Garden remains open to the public on the days when the manor is closed and will stay open throughout the winter. The manor will close on 3 January for our annual conservation cleaning and will reopen on Saturday 19 February.

### Other news:

We have started the refurbishment of the Potting Shed in Avebury Manor Garden, for which we raised funds through our property Raffle a few years ago. It will be wonderful to see this currently derelict building, right next to the visitor exit of the Manor, being brought back into use.

The Great Barn in the Old Farmyard has been cleared of its former museum infrastructure. It continues to house our visitor reception, with the rest of the building now an open space for visitors, that showcases the beautiful structure and interesting history of the building, whilst we consider and consult on the longer-term use of the space.

*To get in touch please contact us on 01672 539250 or email [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk); we always love to hear from you.*

## Kennet Valley over 60s Club

It is with great regret that the committee has come to the conclusion that the over 60s club is no longer viable. Accordingly they have made a unanimous decision to donate the balance of club funds to charity.

This has now been done and thank you letters have been received from the two charities concerned; Cancer UK and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The letters of thanks are with Derek and he would be happy to show them to anyone who is interested.

Peter East.



# stay & play

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Children aged 2, 3 or 4 years old are welcomed to join our current Reception / Year 1 class to stay and play!

**9.30 - 10.45am**

**Monday 6th December**  
**Tuesday 11th January**  
**Thursday 10th February**  
**Wednesday 9th March**  
**Monday 4th April**

While your children are playing, please join other parents to have tea and cake.

For More Information please call Mrs Russell or Mrs McGuire on 01672561202 or email [office@kennetvalley.wiltshire.nhs.uk](mailto:office@kennetvalley.wiltshire.nhs.uk)




## Kennet Valley C of E Primary School Book Sponsorship

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If you would like to support the school in this way please drop a cheque or cash into Ruthie or Suzanne in the office or pay directly into the School Fund account  
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When you sponsor a book, story sack or set of books we will ensure that there is a book plate in each copy, with your child's or family name on to thank you for your help and support.



# What's On At Avebury National Trust

## Christmas 2021

### Avebury Manor 'Christmas in colours'

*Saturday 20th November - Sunday 2nd January (Thursdays-Sundays only during this period, excluding Thursday 25th and Friday 26th December, subject to volunteer availability)*



Each of the ten rooms in Avebury Manor will be decorated in a different colour. Enjoy the russet reds and oranges of the Tudor Parlour, see the beautiful blue and purple handmade peacock that sits at the head of the table in the Georgian Dining Room, the evergreen shades in the Billiard Room and many more discoveries as you journey through the ages. There's a family area in the Withdrawing Room with children's toys and stories under a rainbow tree. There will also be a 'tree of hope' where visitors can add their wish for the new year.

**We advise that you ring 01672 539250 before travelling. The National Trust at Avebury is closed at Christmas from Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th December.**

### Wreath-making workshops

*Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th November and Wednesday 1st December 10-2.30pm £65 including lunch and parking, booking essential*



Take pride in having your own hand-made Christmas wreath on your front door this year. These small, friendly workshops are held in the Edwardian kitchen in Avebury Manor and are very popular. Using natural materials let your imagination run free and create something personal and individual.

**Call 0344 249 1895 for details [nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)**

### Winter warmer walk with Dr Nick Snashall, National Trust Archaeologist for the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site

*Friday 3rd and Thursday 9th December, 10.30am - 12.30pm, booking essential*



Why not leave the crowds behind and join expert archaeologist, Dr Nick, for a winter ramble around the stone circles to learn all about the prehistory of the site and recent research into this enigmatic place? The walk will be followed by Christmas liqueur and mince pies served in the National Trust shop, where you'll have a 10% discount on all items purchased.

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### Family fun with a Winter trail: Percy the Park Keeper

*Saturday 4 December - Monday 3 January, 11am-4pm £3*



The trail will take place in the Old Farmyard at Avebury. Children can become Percy's helper for the day – there will be winter tasks, activities, games, clues and a note from Percy to help you on your way. Children can collect a prize at the end.

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### Music, lights and merriment

*Saturday 4th December, 4-6pm*



Join us for a festive late opening event in the Old Farmyard at Avebury. Once again there will be Christmas music getting everyone in the festive mood, and there will be gift stalls in the Barn. The market will continue throughout the day on Sunday 5 December.

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### **Christmas market**

*5 December, the Barn in the Old Farmyard*

Join us for a Christmas market in the Barn in the Old Farmyard at Avebury. Selling a wide range of hand crafted gifts and festive items, you'll find this the perfect place for a spot of Christmas shopping.

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### **Reindeer hobby horse making**

*Monday 20th – Wednesday 23rd December, 11am- 3pm £3*

This is a great way to add an extra fun dimension to the run up to Christmas, so why not bring your little ones along to make their very own festive reindeer hobby horse?

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### **New Year crown making**

*Monday 27th December- Thursday 30th December, the Old Farmyard 11am - 3pm £3*

Join in with this family activity where children can make their own New Year crown to bring in the coming year.

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### **Join the Wiltshire Landscape Walking Challenge**

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### **Join the Stonehenge and Avebury Walking Challenge**

*Jan - Dec £10, booking essential.*

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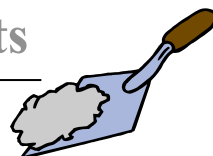
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**Food and Art through the Ages: from**

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