



UPPER KENNET NEWS

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Notice Board

Baptisms

Clara Plant Broad Hinton 4 December
Lucy Plant Broad Hinton 4 December

Funerals

Philip Winn Avebury 21 December
John Dook Winterbourne Bassett 19 December
John Dook North Wilts Crem 6 January
Richard Blake Avebury 17 January

Service of Thanksgiving

Emma Russell West Overton 19 January

100 Club

Draw Results for January

| | | | |
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| 1st | £48.00 | 12 | Jenny Scott |
| 2nd | £36.00 | 66 | Jane Parker |
| 3rd | £24.00 | 75 | Jayne Telling |
| 4th | £12.00 | 65 | Nigel Fielder |

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"A brief respite from everyday pressures – a time of peace, calm and silent reflection."

MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from **6.30 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 8th February, Wednesday 22nd February & Wednesday 8th March.

A View from the Rectory

There are some dates that remain etched in our minds forever: the birth of a child, the death of a loved one, news about a dream job, getting married – and this is true of national and international events. I can still recall where I was the exact moment the Peace Accord was signed in 1997 offering hope to Ireland, and in 1989 when the Berlin wall came down, and the date Nelson Mandela walked free from prison. The date 24th February 2022 will always remain in our memory as a "Day of Infamy". Waking up to the news that thousands of Russian tanks were illegally entering Ukrainian territory was a horror that none of us will forget. A year on, as I write this, I awake to the news once again filled full of the unbelievable suffering of those caught in this violent conflict. However, I also begin to write an update for you on the fundraising appeal for Rev'd Sammy Horner taking medical supplies into Ukraine to the worst afflicted areas. Devastation on one hand and hope in action on the other. It feels sometimes that our drop in the ocean of help and support is useless, the violence, oppression and callousness of war and poverty and injustice outweighing prayers and care for this and other areas of the world suffering terrible things. Not so.

The end of January sees the marking of Holocaust Memorial Day and I am put in mind of the words of Stern: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire." The quotation supports the theme that one person can make a difference. If even only one person shows humanity to another, this demonstrates the continuing existence of goodness - something utterly void in the actions of those who suppress others in word, action or deed.

"Whoever saves one life saves the world entire" reads the Talmudic inscription on a ring given to Oskar Schindler by the people he saved. In Hebrew *Pikuach nefesh* means 'watching over a soul' and is the principle in Jewish law that say 'the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious rule'.

Jesus told his followers that He gave them a new commandment - to love one another, and that anyone who offered water, food, shelter, hope, clothing or life to another, or indeed to the least of creation, did as much for him.

When we give to causes, support an appeal or simply offer a few kind words to a stranger we are doing both of these things, transcending barriers imposed by the violent, the cruel and the unjust, and perhaps even saving a single life by doing so, thus saving the entire world.

Maybe when we are called on to give we might see it as 'essential life-saving', and if you are a follower of Jesus, saving Him too. Through each action I pray that our generosity may increase and with it our response to that new commandment: to love one another, stranger and friend.

Rev'd Maria

Date for your diaries COFFEE MORNING

AND

BRING AND BUY

at

WEST OVERTON CHURCH

on

SATURDAY 11 MARCH

from 10 am - 12 noon

We would also like to say how very grateful we are to everyone who helped in any way whatsoever at the Christmas Bazaar.

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 February | | | | <u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion | | | |
| 5 February 3 rd Sunday before Lent | <u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion | | | | | <u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service | <u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service |
| Wednesday 8 February | | | <u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé) | <u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion | | | |
| 12 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent | | <u>10 am</u> Morning Service | | <u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service | | | |
| Wednesday 15 February | | | | <u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion | | | |
| 19 February Sunday before Lent | | | | | <u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service | | <u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer |
| Ash Wednesday 22 February | | | <u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé) | <u>10.30 am</u> Holy Communion With Ashing | | | |
| 26 February Lent 1 | | <u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service | | | | | |
| Wednesday 1 March | | | | <u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion | | | |

Readings

5 February – Green

3rd Sunday before Lent

Psalms 112.1-9 [or Psalm 112]
1 Corinthians 2.1-12 [13-end]
Matthew 5.13-20

12 February – Green

2nd Sunday before Lent

Psalms 136 or 136.1-9, 23-end
Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 6.25-end

19 February – Green

Sunday next before Lent

Psalms 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1.16-end
Matthew 17.1-9

Wednesday 22 February –

Purple

Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21 or John
8.1-11

26 February – Purple

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

5 March – Purple

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
John 3.1-17



Warm Wednesdays at the Avebury Social Centre

1.30—4.30pm 16th Feb

- Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake & chat

**All welcome! Feel free to bring
your knitting, books, games, puzzles**
Call 01672 539253 if you would like transport

Carol Singing

A small group of parishioners sang carols from door to door in East Kennett before Christmas and raised £221 for Home Start Kennet.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed and took part.

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



MONKTON LENT LUNCH THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

The annual Winterbourne Monkton with Berwick Bassett Lent Lunch will be held on Thurs 2 March 12-2.30pm in

the **new** Winterbourne Monkton Village Hall (beside the church). There is ample parking. Do come and enjoy a bowl of soup and a good catch up with friends. Any donations raised will go towards Monkton Church and our Deanery Link with Mororbo Diocese of South Sudan (Information on the Mororbo Link and its needs is was in the January magazines)



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Social Centre Avebury



Soup Lunch

(homemade soups, bread & cheese)

(and a piece of cake!)

(and a chance to meet and chat)

+ **Monday 6th February** +

12 noon — 2.00pm [£1 or a donation]

Looking forward to seeing you and others from Avebury & villages nearby.

The Social Centre will stay open until 4.00pm for tea, coffee, biscuits & chat

If you would like transport to come to any Soup Lunch, please ring 01672 539253

Lockeridge House – open garden fund raising event for Pancreatic Cancer UK

Thank you to everyone who kindly purchased tickets for the Lockeridge House fund raising event for Pancreatic Cancer which was due to be held in July 2022.

A splendid total of more than £1,000 was raised for the charity. Regrettably the event had to be cancelled however all tickets that were purchase were entered into a raffle draw and the winners have been notified.

QUIZ FEVER

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
6:30PM FOR 7:00PM START

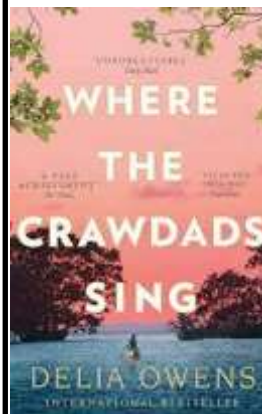
HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE FYFIELD CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT

TEAMS OF UP TO 6 !!
£20PP TO INCLUDE FOOD (VEGGIE OPTION)

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT:
LYDIA BAUER - 07919 073272
OR
ANSTICE BARING - 07786 038359

LOCATION - THE WHO'D A THOUGHT IT PUB, LOCKERIDGE

Join our Book Club @ The Larder



Starting on
23rd February 2023
2.30 – 4.00pm
@ The Gourmet Goat Farmer
Near Avebury (SN4 9NW)

Our first books will be **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens & **The Salt Path** by Raynor Winn

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Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200
Opening Hours 10am – 4pm every day

Temporary Closure – 30th and 31st January

We are very sorry, but the shop will be closed on 30th and 31st January for essential building work to take place. This is to repair the front wall which was damaged last year when a car rolled into the shop. We are having to close for safety reasons.

Meet the Team



Peter is one of our newest volunteers. He started volunteering at the end of November. Peter lives in West Overton and is a retired Geography teacher. He started volunteering when his wife suggested that he should help, having seen an appeal in the Upper Kennet News. He really enjoys working in the shop and finds everyone very friendly. Peter is enjoying getting to know people and is looking forward to the summer when he will get to meet lots of interesting people.

He likes all the local produce which we sell and the fact that we support local producers.

Volunteers Needed

If you have enjoyed reading about Peter, please consider volunteering with us. We still need more people to join the team. If you would like to consider volunteering, please contact one of our shop managers, Lyn or Martin, on 01672 539200. Full training will be given along with copious tea and coffee and home made cakes or biscuits.

Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)



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Next Lunch: Monday 6th March

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THE NEW INN

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON f 01672 539793

Welcome Back

We have spent the month of January sprucing up The New Inn and we look forward to seeing everyone again. We've also been busy planning events for the year so get in touch now for quiz night and live music dates and a few more exciting additions.

| OPENING HOURS | FEBRUARY DATES |
|---|--|
| Thursday & Friday <div style="text-align: right;">5pm - 9pm</div> | Live Music - Friday 3rd 7pm - BARNEY KENNEY |
| Saturday Breakfast <div style="text-align: right;">8am - 11am</div> | Quiz Night - Friday 10th - 7pm £2PP - All proceeds to St Mary Magdelene Church |
| Saturday Dinner <div style="text-align: right;">5pm - 9pm</div> | Traditional Roast Sunday 26th - 12pm- 3pm Reservations are recommended. |
| Sunday <div style="text-align: right;">12pm - 8pm</div> | |

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The quarterly meeting took place on Monday 23rd January 2023 which coincided with the start of "Village Halls week", which while we have not planned an event for, the committee noted that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the emergence of the Social Centre from the old school building, an event to celebrate this will hopefully take place in the coming months.

The heating issues have been temporarily resolved but may require further investment and or adjustment.

Unfortunately a rather serious problem with water ingress at the far end of the hall has been identified, and while actions have been taken (roof inspection and slate replacement and the removal of birds nest etc.), further works will be necessary. This will require considerable expense, and in the meanwhile, we do request that hirers **observe the restricted access to the area where the damp exists**.

The next meeting will be on Monday 24th April.

Judith Farthing Secretary

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NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Christmas was a bad time for some of the bell ringers who were unwell and unable to ring. They had a tower party, as usual, but John Mead, who used to live in Avebury and still rings there, contributed generously to the party, and then had to miss it. Otherwise things started well with 7 ringers for the Carol service, including three generations of the Tye family. After that there were only 3 for the crib service, 2 for the 10pm service, so Michele tolled the clock bell and 4 for the Old Year out/New Year in ring. Such a shame as it is a lovely time to be ringing.

The Calne Branch AGM was at Avebury this year on Saturday, 14th January 2023. It started with ringing in the afternoon and was followed by the service which was taken by Kathryn Miller, an Avebury ringer. David Parks played the organ. There was a bring and share tea in the Social Centre. Many thanks to Helen, Trish and Sally for their help.

There were 26 people at the meeting including the Guild President, Judith Williamson, who gave out certificates including an Honorary Life Membership for David Davidge. This had been delayed because of the pandemic.

Mary Davidge

Prospect Hospice

This year sees the return of two of the most popular fundraising events for Prospect Hospice – the Spring Run and Starlight Walk.

The Spring Run takes place on Sunday 12 March at Stanton Country Park, with three options to choose from; a 2.5km fun run, or 5km or 10km multi-terrain routes, both of which are chip timed. All runners will receive a medal, with entry costing £7 for the 2.5km run, £15 for the 5km run, and £18 for the 10km run.

The Starlight Walk also makes its return on Saturday 24 June, with 10km and 15km routes and a 'festival fever' theme. Signing up before 1 April gives you the early bird price of £12; after this, entry is £15.

For more information on both of these events and more, visit: www.prospect-hospice.net

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL

Registered Charity No 1199011

The hall was officially opened in December and is available for hire. Local groups have started to use the hall and we look forward to welcoming new users. If you have a specific function in mind, please contact us with your requirements and we will do our best to help you. The brand new hall is well appointed with kitchen facilities. It is located in a quiet development in Winterbourne Monkton near the Church and has a large car park. The spacious building is ideal for all kinds of events. Sixty people can easily be seated for formal functions and the clear space is suitable for Keep fit, Pilates, Yoga, Discussion Groups, Business Meetings and other similar group activities.



Bookings can be made by e mailing wmch-booking@hotmail.com

Hiring Rates November 2022

| General Hirers | Per Hour | WM & BB Residents | Per Hour |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Weekday/evening | £15 | Weekday/evening | £10 |
| Weekend day/ evening | £17 | Weekend day/evening | £12 |
| Repeat Groups | | Repeat Groups | |
| Weekday | £13 | Weekday | £ 9 |
| Weekend | £15 | Weekend | £10 |
| | | Church/ Village Club | £9 |

The trustees reserve the right to review the charges regularly.

The trustees reserve the right to apply a security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded only after a post booking inspection of the hall. If the hall is left in an unsatisfactory condition with additional cleaning required or if there is any damage to the fabric, fixtures, or fittings then part or all of the deposit may be retained. Any decision taken by the trustees with regard to this matter are final.



Medical Aid

Ukraine Appeal

Upper Kennet Churches

THANK YOU! So far we have raised over £1070 to send medical supplies and a generator to the hardest pressed areas in Ukraine.

Rev'd Sammy Horner writes 'Many thanks for your efforts to help our friends in Ukraine – it has been used to help cover essential medical, thermal and fuel supplies including hydrogel dressings, haemostatic dressings, tourniquets and thermal clothing.

Through our sale of our new music on Bandcamp <https://sammyhorner.bandcamp.com/> Ukrainian musicians have received essential support to continue to work especially strings. We brought in one vehicle from Poland full of supplies, and finances for fuel etc for the aid workers vehicles. We work with God's Squad International and the Red Cross and this work is connected with our own ministry work through Modern Day Missions. <https://www.modernday.org/>

May God bless you for your support and prayers.

Pax Christi

Rev'd Samuel Horner

Avebury Cricket Club 2023 Preview

The club continues to go from strength to strength, with 2022 seeing a massive improvement to our offering to members and their families resulting from the creation of the “Unhinged” coffee shop and café at the Clubhouse. This has dramatically improved our ability to offer something extra to players, families and junior cricketers using the sports field at Avebury, and has been warmly embraced by cricket club members and sports club members alike.

In addition, we have continued to focus on improvements to our grounds equipment and facilities, and on broadening our age group and ability level ranges in the junior section.

Practice Net Facility – Upgrade 2023

We will be embarking on further improvements to our practices facilities in the Winter months in order to be ready for the start of the season in April 2023. These facilities will be funded by members of the club and by public bodies, and will be open to the whole community, and available (subject to a booking system) be used outside of “formal” club training sessions in summer evenings or school holidays.

Junior Cricket

The junior offering at Avebury is bigger than ever. It starts with “*All Stars*” – a nationally-advertised programme targeting boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years old; “*Dynamos*” – for boys and girls aged 8 to 11 who still want to focus on softball cricket; Under-9 and Under-10 “*Progress to Hardball*” – for 8 to 10 year olds wanting to move from softball to hardball cricket; “*Under-11s*” – our hardball programme (for school years 5 and 6); “*Under-13s*” (for school years 7 and 8); and “*Under-15s*” (for school years 9 and 10, including some year 11 girls).

We’re also very proud this year to be starting new Girls-only groups at *Under-11* (school years 5 and 6) and *Under-13* (school years 7 and 8) age group levels, making an impressive eight age groups at junior level.

In addition, we hope to be running holiday camps in the Easter and Summer holidays, following successful programmes in 2021 and 2022.

Many of the families reading this newsletter will already be involved with the Club and we thank you for everything you do to continue to support us. At the adult level, we are also striving to

expand as much as possible and create opportunities for recreational cricket – at weekends, on weekday evenings, and also informal practice and training sessions. In co-operation with White Horse Cricket Club at Broad Hinton, we have agreed to create a THIRD “Saturday” team for 2023, which will play in Division Seven of the Wiltshire League, alongside the 2nd XI in Division 5.

We are particularly hoping that the 3rd XI will be able to support any Dads out there looking to play alongside their children, and also people returning to cricket after a long time, or new entrants to the sport wanting to play in matches.

As always, please email chairman@aveburycc.org.uk if any of the offerings above are interesting. Finally, we would like to wish everyone in our community a happy and healthy 2023. Please do continue to support our efforts as a club – it means so much to us to have the support of the community in everything we do.

January 2023



National
Trust

News from the National Trust

It’s bitterly cold as I’m writing this, but the spring flowers are starting to poke their shoots above the frost, and before we know it, there’ll be warm sunshine, daffodils, crocuses, and blossom everywhere.

We’re absolutely delighted to be able to say that our Circles Restaurant is at last open fully, and we’ve been able to expand our range of food – so visitors can enjoy a wider range of delicious snacks, cakes and lunches seven days a week.

Avebury Manor is currently closed for our annual conservation deep clean but will open its doors to the public again on Saturday 11 February. This is also the beginning of February half term, so we’ll expect to see a few more families enjoying Avebury, depending on the weather. During this time, we’ll be offering an archaeologically themed craft activity for children in the barn, alongside our normal offer.

Finally, we are currently undertaking essential structural repairs to the building that hosts the Post Office; works are expected to continue until mid-February. The area around the Post Office, including a small number of parking spaces and the exit are likely to have to be cordoned off for the duration of the works. However, the car park remains open, with cars having to enter and exit through what is usually the entrance to the car park.

Don’t forget that everyone living in Avebury has free entry to the manor and museum and we’d be delighted to see you visiting. As usual if you’d like to get in touch please contact us on 01672 539250 or email avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk and we’ll be happy to help with any enquiry.



Kennet Valley School

As many of you will already have heard, our greatly respected Head Teacher, Mrs Emma Russell, died unexpectedly on 10th December 2022. Mrs Russell worked at

Kennet Valley School for over 20 years and therefore touched the lives of many local children and their families. Her love and passion for teaching made her a truly inspiring Head Teacher who in her turn inspired the whole school community.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Russell took place at St. Michael & All Angels’ Church, West Overton in January.

An Interim Head Teacher has been appointed and will remain in post until we recruit a new Head Teacher. We are all grateful to Wiltshire Council, the Diocese of Salisbury and others for their support. We are also grateful for the many messages of condolence received from the wider community. These have been much appreciated by Mrs Russell’s family and friends.

If you would like to make a donation in Mrs Russell’s memory a Just Giving account has been set up: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/inmemoryofemm>

Lizzie Daley and Simon Jones, Co-Chairs of Governors

KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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DIGGING UP THEDENE

The Parish Council has received a statutory notice from Thames Water stating its intention to dig up Lockeridge Dene in order to provide a domestic water supply to the disused area of land next to Dene Cottage in Lockeridge. (Please note the land in question is not owned by Dene Cottage). Thames Water have a Statutory Right to lay pipelines on private land.

The Council have responded by refusing permission on the basis there is no house on the land and no planning application has been made for one.

This is not the first time an application has been received and the Council has

repeatedly pointed out to Thames Water that there is a water main in Ryles Lane close to the land and therefore there is no logical reason to dig up the Dene.

Clearly the Parish Council hopes to resolve the matter by agreement but the Council felt it was their duty to make the local residents aware of this difficult situation.

NEW WETLAND AT FYFIELD - UPDATE

The wetland project team is making progress in spite of being hampered by record flood levels. To get an idea of what they are creating you can see a plan on the field gate beside St Nicholas Church Fyfield. When the diggers have finished the planting of trees and wild flowers will begin. The idea is that run-off from the road will pass through the wetland so that cleaner water enters the river Kennet. It will also become a much more bio-diverse environment for wildlife.

THE KING'S CORONATION

The Council has so far received very little response to the suggestions put forward for the community getting together at the Kennet Valley Hall in May to celebrate this momentous occasion. Please do get in touch if you have any ideas or are able to help. We are also considering showing the Coronation on a large screen with refreshments available, we would very much welcome your thoughts on this.

SAVE THE DATES

24th April 2023

KVPC Annual Parish Meeting

11th June 2023

Defibrillator Training – delivered by SWAST

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is **Monday 6th March 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.

Avebury & District WI

January 2023

This month's meeting saw us whisked off to Kenya for a safari in the company of Sonny Hamid, who previously took us around the Brick Lane area of East London. Sonny and his wife have done a number of trips to Kenya, visiting the Masai Mara, Amboseli and the Serengeti as well as Mombasa on his travels. He shared with us his photos and stories of their adventures and it was a great antidote to a chilly and damp January afternoon to be transported to the bush to see elephants, lions, rhino, giraffe, cheetah and leopards.

We are starting our two new clubs soon – a theatre club will make its first outing to the Wharf Theatre on Friday 3rd February to see 'Ladies Day' with a second outing proposed later the same month to see 'Ode to Joyce'. Our new lunch club kicked off with lunch at Avebury's own Red Lion on Friday 20th January and we hope this will be the first of many!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th February at 2 p.m. when we will be hearing about the History of Punch and Judy which will be an open meeting so if you would like to join us please let me know –

durranhouse@hotmail.com

Maggie Lewis
President



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Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Items of discussion from Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

Councillor resignations and co-option

Following the resignation of Councillor Simon Petchey last year, a position was made available for co-option of a resident from Winterbourne Monkton. The vacant position will be filled by Winterbourne Monkton resident Philip Scott who will formally accept the role at the next Parish Council meeting in March.

Councillor George – Perutz, representing Berwick Bassett, has resigned after six years of service to the community. The vacant position is currently being advertised for a resident from Berwick Bassett to join the Parish Council. Anyone interested in finding out more about the role of councillor should contact the clerk on clerk@bbwmpc.org.

Budget & Precept for 2023/2024

At the meeting of Wednesday 11th January, the consensus from all councillors was that there should be no increase to the amount that is added to the rate to support the work of the Parish Council. Following review and discussion of the parish council finances, the budget for 2023/2024 was agreed with no increase for householders.

Road surface and vehicle speeds

Councillors Ramsay & Woodward are regularly reviewing comments and complaints received about the poor road surfaces on the A4361 and around the villages and the estimated excessive speeds (greater than 50mph) observed on the A4361. The Parish Council continue to raise concerns, about the road surface, with Wiltshire Council and are once again awaiting repairs to be undertaken. Following written contact with local transport companies about perceived excessive speeds of their vehicles on the A4361, the Parish Council received a mixed response. Vehicle movements and visually interpreted speeds (time to travel between two fixed points) will continue to be monitored.

Reduce speed on village roads in Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton

The Parish Council hopes to engage with the Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIGS) of Wiltshire Council with respect to the installation of traffic counters and classifiers on roads within the two villages. The aim is to show that average speed through the villages is suitable to establish an official speed limit of 20mph on the roads through both villages

Donations

The Parish Council agreed to make donations to several local and county organisations, one of which was Wiltshire Air Ambulance, which had been in attendance at two road traffic accidents in the previous year.

Next Meeting

More Parish Council information, including Meeting Dates can be found on the website bbwmpc.org

Cllr Mark Saunders (chair)

Dianne Mackinder Funeral Service



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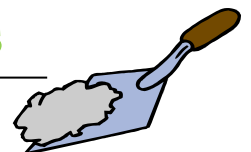
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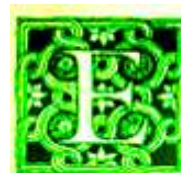
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