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### Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

#### November draw winners

£100 Number 68 Suzanne Snape  
£75 Number 92 Phil Davies  
£50 Number 72 Susan Turner

#### December draw winners

£100 Number 6 Vicky Evans  
£75 Number 31 Wayne Gardiner  
£50 Number 1 Leslie Jenkinson  
£50 Number 98 Anna Alston

(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 December

1st	£48.00	41	Martyn Meeks
2nd	£36.00	33	Nigel Fielder
3rd	£24.00	17	Margaret Gutherson
4th	£12.00	69	Sandra Elliott

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

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

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## A View from the Rectory

I wonder how you are feeling post-Christmas as we enter 2022. I hope you have managed to connect with the family and friends you have missed, safely and with joy. I pray you have negotiated the latest restrictions and still managed to spend time with those you care about, or were able to do something that made a difference at what might have been, for some, the loneliest time of the year. I hope somewhere in the run up you received an unexpected blessing of a visit, an email, a card or a phone call from someone you had lost contact with over the years.

I have been thinking about friendship and the nature of friendships that last and endure, survive and thrive even on absence, and those which are rekindled unexpectedly after a long time. We all have friends we seem to have lost touch with, outgrown, grown apart from or perhaps have fallen away after a rift. Sometimes we are moved to reach out, or accept a reaching out across miles and the years. New Year and Christmas seem to be an important time to do this.

What is it that makes a solid true and lasting friendship? Constancy, trust, love and understanding perhaps? The deep 'knowing' that no matter how long it has been or what has happened in your life or in theirs, you are connected to each other at a profound level that is rooted in love and constancy. These are the moments best described as 'picking up exactly where we left off' and a sense that the other person is alert for the reaching out, urgent in response, and never gets 'the huff' if there has been a long gap or indeed, their reaching out has been ignored for a while.

For many people of faith this is the reciprocal friendship and unconditional constancy offered by God. Somehow this eternal friend waits patiently until we recognise we have lost touch, fallen out of contact without knowing why, or even want to 'have it out' over something that has happened. As I came to the conclusion long ago that it is never too late to reach out and renew a friendship, including one with the Divine. I have found the courage to do this and for the most part it has been worth the effort.

These last years of forced absence from friends and family have made us even more aware of the preciousness of being able to simply 'be' together, and the value of friendship, constancy and love. I wonder what would happen if we lived a whole year of reaching out, sending the unexpected email or making a phone call, including reconnecting with God in prayer.

Meister Eckhart, German theologian, philosopher and mystic, writes: "If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough." It's a good place to start - let's count our blessings, reach out to friends and pray 'Thank you' to the source of Love and Constancy.

Maria

### Notice Board

#### Burial of Ashes

Eric Matthews 25 November  
Winterbourne Monkton  
Peter Dennis Blake 15 December  
Avebury

"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 5<sup>th</sup> January,  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
& Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### 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](mailto:revmariashepherdson@outlook.com)

### Wishing everyone a very happy and safe New Year.

The Upper Kennet News has been delivered free to all the households in the valley for over 40 years. A number of people have very generously asked if they could make a donation to help cover our running costs. If you would also like to make a donation you may do so at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yckmsz67>

Thank you for your support.

# UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'RNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'RNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
2 January 2022 Epiphany		<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion					
Wednesday 5 January			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
9 January Baptism of Christ Epiphany 1				<u>10.30 am</u> Plough Sunday Benefice Service			<u>9.45 am</u> Prayer Book Matins
Wednesday 12 January				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
16 January Epiphany 2		<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Prayer			<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion	<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 19 January			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
23 January Epiphany 3			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion			<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion	
Wednesday 26 January				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
30 January Epiphany 4							<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion

## Time Out Together in West Overton

Thursday 20 January 2022,  
12.30 – 2.30 pm  
at The Old Manor

Our next Time out Together meeting will continue the course on "Living in Love and Faith", which was the focus of our last meeting, and will be on the theme of Relationships - a subject in which we are all involved one way or another! It is an excellently produced course and definitely an enjoyable and worthwhile couple of hours... So come and join us for a simple sandwich lunch, a video presentation and discussion. Many of you will know of this important initiative of the Church of England, in which all parishes are encouraged to participate.

All are welcome at: The Old Manor (on the west side of the church), West Overton, SN8 4ER. Please contact one of us if you would like more details, and/or directions to the house.

Sibella Laing – 01672 861600  
[sl519@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sl519@cam.ac.uk)  
Claire Stiles  
Angharad Hughes

## Readings

Sunday 2 January 2022 –  
Gold or White  
Epiphany  
Ephesians 3.1-12  
Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 9 January 2022 –  
Gold or White  
Baptism of Christ  
Epiphany 1  
Acts 8.14-17  
Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Sunday 16 January 2022 –  
White  
Epiphany 2  
1 Corinthians 12.1-11  
John 2.1-11

Sunday 23 January 2022 –  
White  
Epiphany 3  
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a  
Luke 4.14-21

Sunday 30 January 2022 –  
White  
Presentation of Christ in the  
Temple  
Candlemas  
Hebrews 2.14-end  
Luke 2.22-40

# Wassail

(To or be  
Blessed)



We invite you to join us for a traditional folk blessing for our apple trees and land.  
Noisy children with pots and pans to bang very, very welcome

We shall Wassail, Wassail all over the town (well village actually)



We will bless apple trees throughout the village including the Community Shop, Henge Shop, Avebury Community Orchard and the Avebury Manor Orchard where there will be traditional children's treats with the Lord of the Manor.

We will perform seasonal songs, music, a Plough Play and the Rector will bless the plough in the National Trust farm yard. After which we will all process the plough and present it to Katie and Jonathan Guest and our local farmers for the success of our local farms and the coming harvest. From there the plough will be processed to the Church ready for Sunday's traditional Plough Sunday service.



When: Wassail Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022,  
at 1 pm at the top of Avebury High Street in the Coach House courtyard

Plough Sunday Church Service on  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
at 10.30 am in St James' Church, Avebury



**St James'  
Church Avebury  
PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE  
with Holy Communion  
ALL WELCOME  
10.30 am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
2022**

*Come to the Wassail on Saturday 1-4pm  
Then join us the next day for a traditional Plough Sunday  
service*

*Bring your tools and seeds for blessing  
Celebrate our farming tradition at the start of the new  
agricultural year*

## TRUSSELL TRUST FOOD BANK

Donations of tinned, packet food and other daily essentials are urgently required by the Trussell Trust.  
A box for donations will be put out at all services at St James' Church, Avebury, for whatever you are able to give.

With our thanks,  
Avebury Parochial Church Council.



FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY DATES 21<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY

# Little Angels

10AM - 11:30AM  
KENNET VALLEY SCHOOL, LOCKERIDGE

Fortnightly group for bumps to pre-schoolers.  
All welcome!



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

West Overton, Fyfield & East Kennett PCC moved their annual Bazaar, Christmas tree and calendar event to the Kennet Valley Hall, which enabled us to increase the number of stands and make use of this excellent facility.

The move has proved successful and raised the impressive sum of just over £5800 our best year ever.

We are most grateful to everybody who helped and supported us.

It was an excellent community and social occasion, much needed after the various, and ongoing, Covid disruptions.

Christmas Tree sales were again encouraging. Thank you to all who ordered trees this year, and to the 'tree teams' for handling, sorting and delivering the heavy trees on a bitterly cold week-end.

We will be at the hall again next year, diary date December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you would like to join the team or are interested in running your own stall, please contact us.

Have a Merry Christmas and New Year.

Graham Kitchen & David Snape



## West Overton Church Clock

A group of parishioners have privately funded the repair of the Clock in the church tower at West Overton so that it is now telling the time accurately and we can now all hear the dulcet tones of it striking the hour again.

The Parochial Church Council are most appreciative of this initiative and extend their grateful thanks to all those who have contributed.

West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett PCC

Cumbria clocks staff take a break from work in the tower at West Overton.



## **Marlborough and District LINK Scheme is in urgent need of a new coordinator.**

LINK organises volunteer drivers to take people to medical and other appointments where public transport is not an option. The job can be done from anywhere with an internet connection. Coordinators take appointment requests during working hours and link them with volunteer drivers. We need someone willing to commit either (a) to one day a week, or (b) to job-share with another coordinator, normally one day every other week, alternatively half a day per week. We are very efficient and flexible about covering for each other when it comes to family and holiday needs. Please contact

Louise Campion (01672 514123;

[loucampion@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:loucampion@hotmail.co.uk)) or

Hugh de Saram (01672 516830; [hugh@desaram.co.uk](mailto:hugh@desaram.co.uk))

## **Wiltshire Horse Rider Volunteer Scheme Launched By Wiltshire Police**

A new initiative to help fight crime in rural areas has been launched with 50 horse-riding members of the public volunteering to get involved.

Sarah Holden, Citizens in Policing Supervisor explains that "The concept is simple. In a large rural county there are many people who own horses and hack across the bridleways and countryside in places that may not easily be accessible by a vehicle. We have asked them to volunteer as a Neighbourhood Watch on horseback and report back on any unusual activity they see. Typically, riders will be looking out for any signs of wildlife crime such as poaching or raptor persecution, general theft of livestock, feed or fertiliser and particularly heritage crimes."

Volunteers need to have their own horse and be insured. In return the volunteers are being trained on what to look for, how to report any unusual or criminal activities and in conflict management and they will be provided with hi viz tabards.

Horse owners wishing to volunteer to be part of the new initiative should contact the Citizens in Policing or Rural Crime Teams.

[CitizensInPolicing@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:CitizensInPolicing@wiltshire.police.uk)

[RCTC@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:RCTC@wiltshire.police.uk)

Or by completing this short form [iltshire Horse Rider Volunteer \(WHRV\) \(office.com\)](#)

## **New ventilation system at Kennet Valley Hall now up and running**

Visitors to the village hall can now relax in the knowledge that air quality levels will now be maintained automatically.

A new Building Control System is now operating whereby 30 minutes before any booking, the system is automatically switched on ensuring that on arrival, the hall will be warm and the air quality at its best. Sensors will then identify when CO2 levels become too high, extract the contaminated air and replace it with fresh clean and pre-warmed air. The system incorporates an Air Source Heat Pump which, coupled with a Heat Exchanger, ensuring that any heat loss is automatically replaced at minimal cost.

A major benefit of the Building Control System is that heat levels in the main hall will now be created automatically making the existing Quartz Infra Red heaters only being necessary as a top-up facility.

The new installation is a major achievement for the community, both in terms of maintaining hygiene levels for Hall users while increasing users comfort, but also by substantially reducing the Hall's energy costs.

The Hall Committee would like to thank David Throup for both conceiving the original idea, and then applying his own engineering skills to make this project a unique achievement in its field.

Brian Rayment  
Chairman

**Thank you for  
all your support  
in 2021!**

FROM EVERYONE AT  
THE NEW INN, WINTERBOURNE MONKTON

We will be closed from Sunday 2nd - Sunday 23rd  
January - re-opening on Thursday 27th.

We are excited to be using the time to redecorate,  
upgrade our Bed and Breakfast rooms and make  
improvements to some of our outside space.

**Burn's Night Supper  
Thursday 27th January**



Join us for a fantastic evening including  
a welcome drink with live bag-piping  
and a 3 course meal. Call or email now  
for more details and to book your place.

THE NEW INN, WINTERBOURNE MONKTON  
01672 539793 [thenewinn@elderbrookhouse.com](mailto:thenewinn@elderbrookhouse.com)



## AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

Hopefully some of you will have noticed that there has been a vast improvement in the Social Centre rear garden, hedging along the drive to the Nursery and general tidy up in the well behind the kitchen and on the frontage and sidewall adjoining Teacher's Cottage as well as the planters being rejuvenated for the winter season. These sterling endeavours were undertaken by Andrew Williamson, Helen and Brian Vickers, Sandra Hues and Tony and I and between us we achieved the total overhaul of the external area in one morning; many grateful thanks to all those named.

There are now ten small wooden tables in the hall to be used as and when required by hirer's which will remain stacked in the two boxes, they came in for the time being. Many thanks to Mike Polack for donating one of the tables prior to the purchase of the other nine.

The Pantomime is a major contributor to our village community in the run up to Christmas which takes over the Centre for almost a fortnight and the event this year was as entertaining as ever! A great deal of hard work goes in to producing it not to mention the dedication of the cast in attending rehearsals as well as the actual performances and of course the work of set builders and costume designers and make up artists and those who help with refreshments. In addition the generosity of those who donated items for the raffle and the Community shop who donated towards the refreshments all helped to make this a great success with much laughter and general delight! It was nice to see the lighting and new sound system being used so effectively.

Unfortunately at some point during December the little window of the inner door of the porch entrance was damaged and while this is of strengthened glass and has been taped up for extra security as a temporary measure it is hoped to repair it over the Christmas period.

We have many bookings already made for the coming year so I do recommend that locals put in their bookings as soon as possible! Contact the booking clerk [aveburysocialcentre@gmail.com](mailto:aveburysocialcentre@gmail.com)

Village Halls Week takes place 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January and we will be holding our next quarterly Trustees meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Centre.

Judith Farthing Secretary

## NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Some time ago, the Calne and Devizes Branch ringers decided to take turns at hosting the Carol Service, the hosts supply the sandwiches and savouries for the 'ringers tea' and the 'visiting' ringers bring cakes, mince pies, etc. Readers for the service are from both Branches and it is always very successful occasion. This year our Branch will be the hosts and it will be at Calne St Mary's Church. Unfortunately some of us are still shielding but, fingers crossed, Covid restrictions won't spoil the occasion as it did last year.

An old friend of Avebury ringers, (especially the late Jane and Heather), Anthony Peake sadly died recently. So keen was he that when he could no longer stand for long periods he rang sitting in a chair, which must have been difficult. He loved ringing the Avebury bells and always brought a band of ringers on New Years' Day to ring a peal, which at Avebury generally takes around 2 hours. The peal always sounded lovely especially if it was a frosty morning. It was a great way to welcome the New Year in.

Let's hope that 2022 will see the end of the pandemic and the restrictions, deaths and heartache caused by it.

Mary Davidge, tel: 01672 513819,  
Belfry Correspondent.

## KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### 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 and face coverings will be required.

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

Prebooking is not essential and we hope there should be ample places available on the day but to avoid possible disappointment should demand be high and to allow for safe distancing you may wish to do so. Please contact: Sophie Roberts; [parishclerk.fyfield@googlemail.com](mailto:parishclerk.fyfield@googlemail.com)





## 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 December 2021

We have had a lovely end to 2021 with lots of Christmas celebrations and activities going on. As you will all expect, we have had to adapt some of our usual events, but we hope that the children have had a great time.

#### The Jungle Book

On the 10th of Dec, the whole school went to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury to watch their production of the Jungle Book. This is a trip that we do annually, and the children always love going to this little theatre as the actors often move around the audience. As a school we feel that this is an essential part of our calendar, as for many of our children this will be their only experience of live theatre. As well as the staff team that goes along, we are often lucky that Governors and parents come to help as well, and this was the case again this year. One Governor said "The experience was wonderful. The children were impeccably behaved, and the staff were amazing with all the effort they went to, to ensure the children had a good time."

#### Christmas Visitors

The children and staff had a wonderful surprise on Thursday 9th December – when they arrived in school, they found that someone special had visited the school and left everyone an individual present. It was so delightful, and the children were so excited. We then discovered that we had been left video evidence of the two visitors – Santa and his very naughty Elf. The video clip made us all howl with laughter, and we were able to share it with our school and the wider community via Facebook. Parents comments included "That was amazing! Thank you – the kids loved it", "You are all so wonderful! The children are so lucky" and "Fabulous! My child was delighted."

I am hoping that this message will reach Santa and his elves as it is vital that they know how grateful we all are that they found time to come to see our lovely school and leave us our gorgeous gifts.

#### School Nativities

This year I made an early decision to change our usual nativities to recorded rather than live performances. This was because of the rising numbers of Covid-19 in Wiltshire. It was not an easy decision, but I believe it was the right one for our school and the wider community. The school split so that we produced two nativities for parents to watch.

Wrens and Kingfisher class worked incredibly hard on their production of "Honkey Tonky Donkey." This was a charming nativity about Honkey Tonky – the world only one-man band donkey, who travels to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph. It was so wonderful to see our two younger classes working together to perform this creative play.

Harriers and Kites classes, who have our older children in, performed their play "It's Chri-i-i-amas" – this added some glitter to the Traditional Christmas story as they counted down the hits to see who was top of the festive chart. The children told the important nativity

story while singing songs by Gabriel's Soul Patrol, Don-Kee and The Animals and The Wise Guys! We hope that all of the school community enjoy watching it in the comfort of their own homes.

#### Our Friends Association

Our Friends Association have been very busy this term, helping to ensure that the children had a great time. They started by helping with the cost of the coach to the theatre, for which I am very grateful.

They went on to have two fund raising activities – The Secrets Room and Bag a Spud Day!

The Secrets Room was an opportunity for the children to choose a present for a parent or carer, wrap it and take it home to put under their own Christmas tree. The children loved doing this – one of our children said "It was a really special thing to do. I loved being able to get a present for my mum and dad."

Bag a Spud was an event which allowed our parents to buy their Christmas potatoes, fresh from a farm. It was extremely popular with lots of parents, and staff, preordering their spuds.

When I asked the committee why they work so hard on these, and other fantastic events, they said "It's all about the kids. We work hard to give them the best times, while raising much needed funds for the school." I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to the Friends Association, and all those that help them, for the continuous hard work. You are all awesome!

#### Love Marlborough Kids Meals

For the last 4 years we have collected food and other gifts for food banks and charities. This year we were supporting Love Marlborough Kids Meals. This is a Marlborough based charity who helps and supports families in Marlborough and the surrounding area, by providing hot meals every week. These can be delivered to people's homes when needed and anyone can use the service. We have supported them before and hope to do so in the future. Our families provided basic foods such as pasta and rice, puddings and cake, chocolates, and small gifts so that the charity could make help food parcels for over the festive period. We were delighted and overwhelmed by the huge amount of donations that we received from families in the school and from people in the local area. THANK YOU so much.

#### Netball Festival

At the end of November our Year 6 and 5 children took part in a netball festival, with other schools in our area. It was a great experience for them to have and they formed two amazing team to play against the other schools. Mrs. McQue, our Sports Subject Leader, was very impressed by the attitude of all of our players. She said "It was marvellous to see our oldest children working together and encouraging each other. They should feel very proud of themselves – I certainly do!" The final results were 2nd in one of the tournaments and 3rd in the other. Well done Year 6 and Year 5 – you were amazing!

#### Little Angels and The Kennet Valley Toddler groups

We are really pleased that the two toddler groups, who use our school hall, have been able to continue coming in this term. It is always lovely to see them arriving and I know that Mrs. Hues, who teaches Kingfisher class, loves going down to join them and to lead some art activities with them. Both of these groups will be continuing in

2022 – look out for their posters. I know that they are always keen to welcome new members.

In December, Little Angels held two fundraising events – A Christmas party and had a stall at the Church Bazaar. These two events raised £340.00 for the local churches. Well done to all Little Angels!

#### Songs in the Playground

We ended the term by asking parents to join us in the playground to hear us singing a range of Christmas songs. Children performed traditional carols and songs from their nativity. It was a lovely way to end our term.

#### Term 3 – January and February 2022

Next term the school will be starting two new topic blocks – science and geography. Our Value of the Term will be Trust, and our books for guided reading and/or English writing will be linked to this, as well as the collective worships each week. I will write more about these things in January.

#### 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)

#### THANK YOU!

Finally, I would like to end this article with the most ENORMOUS thank you to all that are involved in our school. I truly believe that our school is a good place to be on a daily basis and that it is down to the hard work, passion and commitment of all that are linked to the school – staff, governors, volunteers, parents and children. You all make it a really special place to be, and I am exceptionally proud to continue to be the Headteacher of our lovely little school.

Wishing you all the happiest of Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you in January 2022.

Many thanks -

Mrs. Emma Russell, Headteacher

Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School  
#SmallButMighty

## Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number:

01672 539200

Opening Hours

10am-4pm every day

### Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our customers volunteers and staff a very happy New Year.

### Volunteer Profile – Tim and Sheila

This month we are featuring 2 of our longstanding volunteers. They were both working on a Monday lunch time when I came into the shop. Tim normally does 2 shifts a week, but also comes in to help when we have emergencies (for example today when a lot of wine arrived which needed to be put away). Tim likes working in the shop because he likes to get to know people and be a useful member of the community. His favourite product is Ginger Wine.

Sheila helps on a Monday and a Friday for an hour and really enjoys the company and companionship of working in the shop. Sheila loves baking and her favourite products are eggs and the lovely Berkeley Farm milk.

We value all our volunteers and even if you can only spare an hour you would be invaluable. If you feel you would like to help, please call the shop on the phone number at the top of this article.



### 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.

### 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)

## KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### JANUARY 2022 WINTER WEATHER AND ROAD SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS

Please remember to wear hi viz or light coloured clothes when walking in the dark winter weather to ensure that motorists can see you especially as many of our country lanes do not have pavements.

### WINTER WEATHER AND TREES

Following the stormy weather and high winds before Christmas the Parish Council reminds residents to cut back hedging and trees which may be overhanging pavements/roads and to remove fallen branches where necessary and safe to do so.

### SCOTTISH AND SOUTHERN ELECTRICITY NETWORK

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) provide help for communities to become more resilient in the event of a prolonged power cut.

Parish residents who may need extra support during a power cut can sign up to the Priority Services Register. Those eligible to join the Priority services are:

- Those dependent on electricity for medical home care e.g. Kidney dialysis machine/ventilator
- Those who have a chronic illness or short-term medical condition e.g. recovering from a major operation
- Those who are disabled
- Those who have special communication needs e.g. blind, partially sighted, deaf or hard of hearing
- Those who have children under five years old
- Those who are over 60 years old

To register with the priority service, you can call FREE on 0800 294 3259 from a landline or mobile or 0800 316 5457 from a textphone.

**To report all power cuts and emergencies call 105**

### THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: 2<sup>ND</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022.

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Please contact Sophie Roberts; Parish Clerk on [parishclerk.fyfield@googlemail.com](mailto:parishclerk.fyfield@googlemail.com) with your proposals.

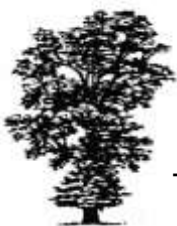
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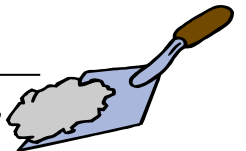
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