

Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

Kennet Benefice

£100 Number 37 Jenny Haines £75 Number 78 Carol Waite £50 Number 91 Jeremy Hallet (Some winners prefer that their names were not published, in which case we just state the winning numbers

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

## **100 Club**

**Draw Results for April** 

1st	£48.00	68	Ben Woodward
2nd	£36.00	3	Lynda Saunders
3rd	£24.00	13	Lyn Bennett-Nutt
4th	£12.00	22	Peter Jackson

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

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#### **Notice Board**

**Baptism** Lyra Gibbons Winterbourne Bassett 29 May **Funerals** Frederick William Greenaway Avebury 8 June 9 June Lillian Simpson West Overton

**Burial of Ashes** Gertrude Tippetts Winterbourne Monkton 13 June

."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 6<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

## Request for a bike

Does anyone have a bike they don't want? We are trying to find one for a petite Ukrainian lady – 22 or 24inch wheels max.

Please email <u>flowerkassyk@gmail.com</u> or ring 01672 861798.

## A View from the Rectory

'Days were plentiful and cheap when I was young. Like penny candy, I always had a pocketful - and spent them casually. Now my supply is diminished, and their value has soared, each one becomes worth its weight in the gold of dawn. Suddenly I live in unaccustomed thrift, cherishing hours the way lovers prize moments. Even at that, when the week is ended, it seems I've gone through another fortune. A day doesn't go as far as it used to'.

I came across this quote from an elderly gentleman in an old copy of Reader's Digest and it made me pause for thought as we reach and pass the zenith of midsummer and begin the slow turn of the year towards autumn and winter and another year passes.

Where has the year gone?' I was asked recently by someone who expressed regret at not being in church more often. 'Oh, I want to, and I do need to, but there are so many other things that need doing - how can I stretch time?' Another individual attending a funeral listened to the litany of achievements in the eulogy and remarked that he felt inadequate, that he was left with the profound feeling he hadn't used his years to the best of his ability. More time.

I began to think about the shortness of the span of years allocated to Jesus once his ministry began in earnest – if it weren't for that scant three years I wouldn't be where I am and who I am now.

If Jesus had been born into the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> century he could well have been earmarked as a prodigy very early at nursery (perhaps even been of scientific interest if he had manifest powers of healing at an early age!) and would have begun his education early, resulting in him preaching aged 12 when he made such an incredible impression on the scholars in the temple. By the time he was 20 he might have generated a huge international following on social media accounts - healings, raising of Lazarus, Instagram and Snapchat, when he challenges the authorities. With a good 'spin doctor' he might have been able to tone down his comments about the ruling classes in religious and secular life, and the religious leaders would not have plotted to kill him. What might he have accomplished if he had lived a long life?... mere speculation ... and while it might make a good novel, it is very far removed from God's reality when it comes to lives well lived and time well spent.

Jesus, living by God's time, didn't begin his ministry until he was about 30 and after three short years John records him saying in chapter 17 of the Gospel that he glories God in death 'having accomplished the work which You have given me to do' - work that took 3 years to seed and 2000 years later it is still growing and

Perhaps we need to reimagine time, and understand at a deeper level that what the world regards as less is often more. That a life, no matter how short, where love is shown, and where this love has led to action that makes a difference in real terms to those in need, and leaves goodness in its wake, is a life well spent. If we follow Jesus, then this life will not be measured by how much wealth, status or advancement in a worldly sense, but in the legacy - the fruit of a life lived in faithfulness, trust and compassionate love. Jesus mastered the fine art of 'being in the moment': attentive, engaged, fully present - something to aspire to if we want to make time stand still.

## **Fyfield Churchyard Clear-up Morning** A big thank you

to the intrepid Fyfielders who turned up to mow, dig, strim & weed St. Nicholas's church

& graveyard. Despite the multiple events on Saturday - 2 weddings & a big birthday bash - the villagers

sacrificed their Saturday morning to put the church grounds back into pristine condition.





Talking Tuesdays/Talking **Thursdays** The Rectory Avebury 7.30 pm

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

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

### 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
3 July Trinity 3	8.30 am Prayer Book Communion					11 am Morning Service	9.45 am Morning Service
Wednesday 6 July			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			
10 July Trinity 4		10 am Benefice Communion Service					
Wednesday 13 July				10.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer			
17 July Trinity 5			8 am Prayer Book Communion	10 am Benefice Communion Service			9.45 am Matins 2.15 pm Mabbutt Baptism
Wednesday 20 July			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			•
24 July Trinity 6		10.30 am Morning Service			10 am Benefice Communion Service	4pm Pet Service	
Wednesday 27 July				No Celtic Communion			
31 July Trinity 7			10 am Benefice Communion Service				

## A Space to Breathe

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

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

Then THIS might be just what you are looking for!

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

ALL welcome, wherever you are on your spiritual journey.
WITH REFRESHMENTS and the

opportunity to chat.

Dates:

Wednesday 6th July 5pm Sunday 17th July 4pm Monday 2nd Aug 5pm



## Readings

Sunday 3 July – Red 3nd Sunday after Trinity Thomas the Apostle Habakkuk 2.1-4

Psalm 31.1-6 Ephesians 2.19-end

John 20.24-29

Sunday 10 July – Gold 4th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7.7-end Psalm 82 Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37

Sunday 17 July – Gold 5th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 8.1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-end Sunday 24 July – Gold 6th Sunday after Trinity Hosea 1.2-10

Psalm 85 [or 85.1] Colossians 2.6-15 Luke 11.1-13

Sunday 31 July - Gold

7th Sunday after Trinity Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14 Psalm 49.1-12 [or 49.1-9] Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21

Sunday 7 August – Gold 8th Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 Psalm 50.1-8, 23-end Hebrews 11.1-3 Luke 12.32-40

# 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 JUBILEE **FLOWER FESTIVAL SUCCESS**

We were blessed with lovely weather as we started the Monkton Jubilee week-end with the Flower Festival in St Mary Magdalene Church. Some 10 ladies had transformed the church into a showcase of Royal anniversaries depicting HM The Queen's milestones through her reign. Imagination, flair and beauty were all present in the main arrangements and the supporting decorations. A huge thanks to those ladies (supported in many cases by their husband's model making skills) for their time, effort and enthusiasm.

Over 130 generous people from across the Benefice and from the surrounding area visited the church over the weekend (even an HM The Queen look-a-like and her body guard attended). Refreshments, tombola and bric a brac stalls set up in the churchyard encouraged people to linger longer. Thanks to the

stall holders, cake bakers, tent putter uppers and all those who played a part in making the day so successful.

After expenses, just under £600 was raised for church funds – a wonderful amount. Thank you all so much.







## PET SERVICE

St. Katherine & St Peter, Winterbourne Bassett. Sunday 24 July, 4.00 pm

Calling all pets, bring your owners along to this informal service in the church. Whether you are the garden snail, the faithful dog, the chatty chicken or any other of Gods wonderful creation, you are welcome to join us.

> Light refreshments available for all. We look forward to seeing you.

## Avebury St James

You will have noticed that the Churchyard is not as well kept as usual. The people who have kept it mown/strimmed for around 10 years were suddenly forced to retire due to ill health at Easter. We have had some very kind volunteers helping while we search for a long -term alternative and if anyone would be interested in the position (paid – own equipment required) or could spare an hour or two to help with strimming etc please let Maureen Dixon 01672 539690 or Lizzie Daley on 01672 539277 know. We will be organising a churchyard clearance day shortly.

We are very grateful to anyone who looks after a grave and if anyone else felt able to help with their family's grave we would welcome that.

We hope to be able to sort this out as soon as possible and thank you for your patience.



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

Teddy Bear Trail
The children of Fyfield thoroughly enjoyed bumping in to Her Majesty and friends on their annual Teddy Bear Trail. The trail was part of the Fyfield Community Jubilee celebrations. The village came together for a wonderful afternoon of traditional games, pony & trap rides, tea, coffee, delicious cake and a chat!



#### **AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's meeting on 7 June 2022

Annual Village Meeting: The meeting was held on 24 May in the Sports and Social Club. It was attended by 21 members of the community and most members of the council. APC's annual report was reviewed and priorities for the year ahead were discussed.

A4361: The speed indicator device or SID, now at its site by the entrance to the Sports and Social Club, recorded 91,041 vehicles passing eastbound during May (2,936 per day). Vehicle speeds were generally lower compared to southbound traffic near Rawlins Park during March and April.

**B4003:** We heard that Wiltshire Council has made very modest progress in implementing the plan, agreed in January 2019, to extend the primrose lining and diminish the layby.

**Beckhampton:** We agreed to lease a fourth defibrillator from SWAST and to install as soon as possible.

**Byways:** The parish steward would be asked to strim byways to, from, and within Trusloe and along the A4361 toward Rawlins Park.

Community Exhibition Space: APC has been in the chapel since 1 May and hopes to sign a lease with the National trust soon. Exhibits from Wiltshire Museum, North Wessex Downs AONB, and Friends of the Ridgeway have been received. Volunteers keen to help open the chapel from 10h to 16h at weekends will be very welcome.

**Planning application:** We supported plans for work to a listed building to install rooftop solar panels at The Bothy and an outbuilding at Trusloe Farmhouse, Frog Lane subject to the applicant adhering to the mitigations listed in the application.

Solstice: We heard that the police and Wiltshire Council would deploy more resources this year in an effort to avoid the saturation of the Ridgeway and the surrounding area. Permits to allow residents and those with business in Avebury to park on roads otherwise restricted for that purpose had begun to be issued.

**Transport Group:** We agreed to resurrect the group and to put on its agenda: A4361 crossing points, motor cycle noise, and speed reduction in and around Trusloe.

**Date and place of next meeting:** 5 July at 19h30 in the Social Centre. As always, residents wishing to participate in these meetings are most welcome to do so.

#### AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

June was a busy time at the Social Centre, in particular the hall played a central roll in the Jubilee celebrations hosting the 'shared buffet" after the church service and prior to the lighting of the Beacon and then again on the Sunday when due to the uncertintity of the weather it was decided to hold the High St & Green St picnic in the hall. It was lovely to see everyone mixing, the Thursday events being very much a joint effort between the NT and the WI and residents of the village. Thanks to all involved for their contributions be it bunting, food or prosecco! The Sunday Picnic was also a great success with the musical rendition from Robin Nelson adding to the festive atmosphere. Along with an excellent cream tea, followed by the BBQ at the Sports Club on the Saturday I believe the Village surpassed itself in creating a fun Bank Holiday for such a special event. The village lunches are due to recommence on October.

The repairs to the top porch are now complete and the Hall frontage is much improved, and the shed at the rear has been repaired and recoated in preservative.

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Judith Farthing Secretary

## **Avebury Community Shop**

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



#### **Annual General Meeting**

Thank you to all our members and volunteers who attended our AGM. It was lovely to be able to have a face to face meeting after 2 years of not being able to meet due to COVID. The meeting was very well attended.

Financial reports were given and a summary was given of what had happened over the year. Volulnteers and staff were thanked for all their hard work. The National Trust was thanked for providing us with the building.

We have been able to give small donations of goods or raffle prizes to the following local organisations:-

Winterbourne Monkton church, Cabbage Sunday fundraiser, West Overton church Bazaar and the Avebury Players.

#### **Summer Solstice**

As I write this update, we are preparing for Summer Solstice which is usually a very busy time for the shop. It is very important that we do well over solstice because this helps us to keep ticking over for the rest of the year. This year we don't really know what to expect after 2 years of very quiet trade over solstice.

#### 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)



## THE NEW INN

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON 01672 5

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 5-9PM SATURDAY: 8.30AM - 9PM SUNDAY: 12-9

Quiz Nights & Sunday Roasts

Dog Friendly Local Cider & Cask Ales

#### Dates for the Diary

#### 1st July - Live Music - 7pm Ukey Dukes

We will be offering a summery BBQ inspired menu for the evening including burgers, hot dogs and pulled pork – we recommend booking and pre-ordering to help minimise wait times.

#### 8th July Quiz Night - 7pm

Speak to a member of the team to book your table - £1 per person to enter and all money raised goes to St Mary Magdalene Church.

#### 17th July Sunday Roast - 12-3pm

We recommend booking a table and encourage pre-orders to help minimise wait times.

#### Cabbage Sunday

Cabbage Sunday has now been confirmed for Sunday 25th September and will be raising funds for St Mary Magdalene Church and Brighter Futures GWH.

If you are in a position to donate a lot for the auction or to volunteer some time on the day, please do get in touch with Cody.

The generous donations have already started arriving including a voucher for a Bungee Jump and an Afternoon Tea experience.

Please note that we will be offering a limited menu on Saturday 23rd and Saturday 30th July.

Homemade Pub Classics & Weekly Specials

## AVEBURY'S COMMUNITY EXHIBITION SPACE: HOW YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Your parish council plans to open a wide-ranging exhibition, A Living Landscape, in the chapel in Green Street. Entry will be free.

The idea is to put Avebury in its context. We want to show the natural environment and why it is so precious, the archaeology and why it is so special, and something of the lives of the women and men making up our community over the last hundred years or so.

We have displays from the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes ('Wiltshire in 100 objects'), the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and the Friends of the Ridgeway. Soon CPRE the countryside charity and the National Trust will join in, too.

Later we expect to welcome two important contributions from archaeologists: one local (on recent excavations at West Kennett) and the other international (about stone circles in Japan). In the autumn the Avebury Community Orchard and the Avebury Society hope to be present as well.

Our aim is to open the chapel from 10 to 4 o'clock at weekends. To do this needs your help. So here is a call for volunteers to step forward and offer any time they have to spare to be present in the chapel when it is open. We envisage two shifts per day (10h-13h and 13h-16h) but any length of time is welcome. We expect to have Wi-Fi installed. And since we will be looking after the Quiet Garden, too, any keen gardeners are also very welcome.

Will you help us?

Please contact one of us and we will be in touch. Thank you!

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Avebury Parish Council clerk@btinternet.com



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## Avebury & District WI

The beginning of June saw the celebrations for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and our WI secretary, Judy Farthing, had the honour of lighting the beacon on Waden Hill on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

The beacon lighting was preceded by a church service and refreshments in the Social Centre – thank you to those who helped serve the teas and coffees!

June is also our garden visit month and the plan was to have the postponed visit (from 2020) to Broadleas Gardens in Devizes. Unfortunately, due to low take up of the offer, we had to ditch that visit – minimum numbers for a group visit at Broadleas is 15 and we had 7! So, what to do?

Luckily the beautiful gardens at

Cadenham Manor, Foxham were open on the day assigned for our outing and what a treat it was! The house dates from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the extensive gardens are laid out over four acres in different 'rooms' so that round every hedge or corner was a different delight with many different plants and flowers as well as well stocked vegetable gardens. The house had a moat and sits near part of an old canal. Teas were being served on the lawn at the back of the house in aid of Dorothy House Hospice and we all enjoyed the delicious cakes that accompanied a welcome cup of tea.

I'm not sure why it's such a struggle to get numbers for garden visits and outings in the summer but I'd be interested to know what members feel about this

Our July outing is to the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. Milestones is a living history museum with many reconstructions of familiar (to some of us) shops and entertainments from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. If any members would still like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible.

Maggie Lewis, President. Avebury & District WI.

## NEWS FROM THE TOWER

These lucky people were able to ring for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022. They are (1 to r): Michele Lomas, Nicola Greenwood, Kathryn Miller, Andy Miller, Jonathan Stubbs, Jane Ridgwell, Sean, Samuel and James Tye. Nicola has only been learning to ring for a short time. On June 15th, 2022, Avebury had the first group of visiting ringers since the start of the pandemic. They were from the Newbury Branch. The organiser said that he and his wife happened to be visiting Avebury on the day the new ring of six bells were being dedicated and they were delighted to be invited to have a ring. Since then, of course, we have added two more bells.

Mary Davidge. Correspondent.





## Fyfield, West Overton and Lockeridge Platinum Jubilee Village Photo

Thank you to Neil Goodwin for this lovely photo memory of a fantastic weekend.

A large format version of this photo is available at the links below for you to download, enjoy and print.

www.upperkennetnews.co.uk/Media/KVParishPic.jpg www.upperkennetnews.co.uk/Media/KVParishPic.tif

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## Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School School Vacancies



From September 2022, we are able to extend our staff team further and have 3 staff vacancies. We are looking for energetic, committed and interesting people to fill these roles.

#### Teaching Assistant

14 to 19.75 hours a week - over 3 or 4 days. You will be working in our classrooms supporting our fantastic children to continue to make great progress each day.

#### **Mid-Day Supervisor Assistant**

10 hours per week - Monday to Friday You will be setting up for lunch, serving and tidying up afterwards.

#### After-School Club Assistant

This role is for 10 hours per week, spread over four days, in our very popular After School Club.

If you would like to apply for any of these roles - or all of them - please do not hesitate to call the school or email our office. I look forward to hearing from you!

01672 861202/861643 admin@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk





### **CURIOSITY** COMPASSION COURAGE

Church of England, Voluntary Aided School www.kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk

#### News from June 2022

Before telling you more about school news from June, I would love to talk to you about our Jubilee celebrations, which took place on the last day of term 5.

For everyone in our community this was a special celebration, with staff and children alike looking forward to an exciting day. Parents were invited along to join the day too and we were delighted that so many of them were able to join us.

We started off by walking to the Kennet Valley Hall together to take part in some outside games which were run by the lovely year 6 children. We then had a whole school community picnic, which was lovely in the warm sunshine. This was followed by some jubilee themed traditional games, such as 'Pin the Tail on the Corgi' and apple bobbing. The day end with our sports day – although all the races had a jubilee theme too. Children completed to make a scone while racing along, dress up as a royal king or queen and race while making up an afternoon tea tray! It was amazing fun and was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

We were very lucky that the whole day was supported by our wonderful Friends Association, who spent the day making tea and coffees for everyone, selling raffle tickets, and selling some beautiful school jubilee teatowels, which lots of people bought as a reminder of this once in a life-time event.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who supported the event by coming along, the whole of the Friends Association for all of their hard work and to my amazing staff team, who worked incredibly hard to make sure that the whole community had a great day together.

#### ARK visited Year 2 and 3

We were delighted to welcome ARK (Action for River Kennet) to the school in the first week of term 6. They came in to work with our Kingfisher class, which the year 2 and 3 children belong too. Because it was a lovely sunny day, all the activities could take pace outside. Mrs Morgan, the class teacher, said "Thank you to ARK for coming in to work with us. The children loved being with you for the morning, and we can't wait to see you again at Stonebridge".

This class are being joined by Wrens class (Reception and Year1) to go to Stonebridge Nature Reserve later in the term, to find out more the importance of water, how to save water and to complete some pond dipping. I know that they are all looking forward to it a great deal.

#### **Reading Reward Party**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, the school all celebrated a year of reading by having a Reading Rewards Party. This was linked to our reading reward system - each year we have a new

reading rewards scheme that congratulates the children for all of the reading that they do at COMING SOON!

As a school we love reading and we want children to develop a real love of reading, not just be able to read well. To help with this we have a new rewards system each year, and this year that children 'saved up' their reads towards a party at the end of the year. The more reading that they did at home, they more of the party was free!

Staff were very pleased that all of the children came along and join in the fun. They were all given a party bag with items such as festival headdresses, necklaces and 'Pop it' bracelets! They played party games, had snacks and icecream and then the party ended with a ENORMOUS whole school water battle. This was delightful as it was the hottest day of the year, so everyone needed a cool down. Staff and children ended the party completely refreshed but completely soaked!

Next year we will have a new theme and new scheme to excite and engage our children to keep reading more!

#### **Sports Events**

This month some of our children have had the opportunity to take part in several sports festivals. Year 6 have been to cricket, Year 5 and 6 have been to Quad Kids (athletics) and the Year 4 children all joined in with a Orienteering morning. Thank you to Mrs McQue, Miss Harvey and Mrs Bushnell, who were the staff members that went along with the children to different festival.

#### Cricket

10 of our Year 6 children joined the county cricket festival in June and we are so proud of their hard work and fantastic attitude while playing. Miss Harvey, who accompanied these children said "The children had a great time at the festival. I was very proud of the way the team conducted themselves. Well done Kennet Vallev'

#### **Ouad Kids**

Later in the same week, all of the year 6 children were joined by the Year 5 to go to the local Quad Kids festival, which was held at Marlborough College. In this athletics festival the children take part in 4 events, and we were delighted by how hard the team worked and what they achieved. In one long distance run 4 of our girls took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th - just amazing.

Well done to all of the children who took part.

#### Orienteering

The day after Quad Kids, our year 4 children set off to take part in their own sports festival - this time it was Orienteering! Again, the staff who went along were very proud of the team and how well they worked together. Great work Year 4!

While writing about these festivals, I must say a BIG thank you to all the parents who have helped with transport. As these are local festivals, we have been asking our parents and carers to help to get their children to each event. I know that this is a big ask, as everyone is very busy, but coach costs are now at a premium and as a small school this can mean that without parent support we just couldn't go along.

#### Stay and Read Session / Stay for Maths <u>Sessions</u>

This year we have been delighted to be able to welcome our parents back into school after two years of covid. To help with this we have been running 'Stay and Read' and 'Stay for Maths' sessions, where parents and carers can come in to read or play maths games (or complete maths challenges) with their children and their friends.

In June/July we have two events for parents – Stay and Read on the Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 9.05 to 10.00am

Stay for Maths on Thursday 14th July from 9.05 to 10.00am

#### Pirates vs. Mermaids!

Every year our Year 6 children put on a performance of a musical to end their time with us. This year they will be performing 'Pirates vs. Mermaids' and I know that I speak for the whole of our community when I say that I can't wait to see it. I know that they will be working incredibly hard on it. Good luck Year 6 – I know you'll be amazing.

#### Spirituality Day at KVS

In July we will be holding a Spirituality Day at kennet Valley, full of different activities to make the staff and children think more about opportunities that they have to be spiritual. As a church this is very important to us and we know that children need time to be spiritual and mindful as much as possible, but it is important to say that you do not need to have a Christian faith to be spiritual.

I will tell you more about the day in my July update.

#### **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

Many thanks -

Mrs. Emma Russell, Headteacher Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School #SmallButMighty #SmallSchoolBigHeart

## New Shelter and Outside Gym for Kennet Valley Hall

After months of planning and preparation, the Hall Committee are pleased and proud to announce the completion of their latest project. A project designed to benefit all the residents of our local Community, whether young or old.



The New Shelter replaces the old one which was rapidly disintegrating. It is designed to provide covered seating for all those who:- simply enjoy sitting and enjoying the view, or watching the cricket, a meeting point for Mums for a gossip, or, as a focal meeting point for youngsters using the recreation field for their regular Football Kick-About. Note: The Shelter seating will be installed early July.

A New Outside Gym One positive thing that came out of the ravages of Covid was a new realisation of the importance of Personal Health and Fitness. The Hall Committee recognised that the old Trim Trail was also disintegrating fast, and so carried out research to identify a better solution to support local residents keen to improve their fitness and wellbeing. Based on the increasing popularity nationwide of the Outside Gym concept, the decision was made to create our own gym. Five pieces of apparatus were selected based on professional advice and they are now installed ready for all residents to use.

We would again like to thank the Players of the Post Code Lottery, and the Marlborough Area Board, for their financial support which was essential in making this exciting project possible.





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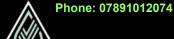


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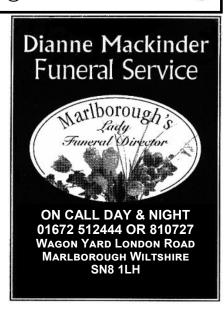
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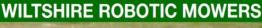
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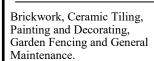


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