



UPPER KENNET NEWS

July 2023

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 73 Maria Morrissey
£75 Number 95 B & A Chilvers
£50 Number 81 Linda Davies

(Some winners prefer that their names are not published, in which case we just state the winning number)

If you would like to join the lottery, please pick up an application form from any church, or ring Graham Kitchen on 01672 861798 or email graham@grahamkitchen.com
Another way to support our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett

100 Club

Draw Results for June

1st	£48.00	100	Roger Holdsworth
2nd	£36.00	25	Kevin Bowring
3rd	£24.00	41	Martyn Meeks
4th	£12.00	31	Cody Woodward

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Richard Nutt on 01672 539611 or email richard@184systems.com

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

Notice Board

Wedding

Rhyana Butler & Iain Dunkeld
West Overton 11 June 2023

Burial of Ashes

Ann Veronica May
Avebury 31 May 2023

DRIVER WANTED

to take disabled person living in Lockeridge on short shopping trips and to local medical appointments etc. Must be over 25.

Please phone 01672 861206 for further information.

"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 5th July, Wednesday 19th July
& Wednesday 2nd August.

A View from the Rectory

Have you ever been stuck for words? This week when a little reminder about deadlines for the *View from the Rectory* dropped into my 'in' box from the Benefice Office I found myself staring at the screen. I got up and went walk-about - that usually helps. Wandered down the back garden to the area we use for 'Space to Breathe' and sorted the seats (bird poo!) and the firepit ready for tonight's prayer and ... silence. Nothing. Not a spark. Even the birds were still and quiet under the weight of the hot sun, and the breeze that stirred occasionally merely moved the humid air around and brought no relief.

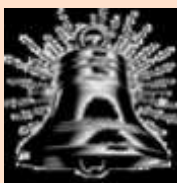
I left it a while and people came with their sorrows and troubles, questions without answers, the business of a busy parish, hopes and dreams for the future. And while the words came in an ebb and flow between us, I struggled afterwards to find a theme, a strand to pick up and run with for you, the readers of the Rector's ramblings, month in, month out.

Then the phone rang and I found I had no words to offer I sat and listened to the sobs and the hurt unable to offer anything except 'I am here', 'I am listening' and I think I even said 'I have no word; there are no words; it is simply dreadful and my heart is broken for you'.

So I have no words in this *View from*, except to say there are times we have no words and that is fine. Maybe the words we speak (or write) don't matter in the grand scheme of things. Maybe it is the gift of feeling the sorrow, sitting with the sorrowful, and saying everything in the sitting and nothing with the tongue. This is, I believe, the way of God (the divine, the presence, - whatever word you use to describe that inexpressible something that is just THERE). In the song without words of a God sitting alongside us all I feel we may find more than words can express. In the listening of a friend, the touch of a hand, the hug that holds the collapse of another, God touches us too, and there is no need for words.

An old hymn I sang when I was in my teens puts it this way:

'Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of God's love.
At the turn of each tide God is there at my side,
With a touch that is gentle as silence.'



Bell tower Open Day
St Michael & All Angels,
Church Hill, West Overton,
SN8 4ER

10 am to 12 noon on Saturday 8th July 2023

Come visit the bell-ringing room and ring the bells!
Opportunity to be a bell-ringer at West Overton!
Tea and Cake at the Manor House!

Please arrive at the Old Manor, Church Drive, West Overton,
SN8 4ER, directly adjoining Belltower, to the West

Access via gate, Church Drive, West Overton.

Free Parking in field opposite.



UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBOU RNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBOU RNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
2 July Trinity 4	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion	<u>4 pm</u> Pet Service				<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service
Wednesday 5 July			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion		<u>3 pm</u> Pet Service	
9 July Trinity 5		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service			
Wednesday 12 July				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
16 July Trinity 6			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19 July			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
23 July Trinity 7		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Morning Service					
Wednesday 26 July				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
30 July Trinity 8			<u>4 pm</u> Songs of Praise			<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service	

Readings

2 July – Green

4th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 22.1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6.12-end
Matthew 10.40-end

9 July – Green

5th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24.34-38,42-49
Psalm 45.10-end
Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19,25-end

16 July – Green

6th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 25.19-end
Psalm 119.105-112
Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

23 July – Green

7th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28.10-19a
Psalm 139.1-11,23-24
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

30 July – Green

8th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 29.15-28
Psalm 105.1-11
Romans 8.26-end
Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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



COME ALONG TO
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS'

PET SERVICE

Sunday 2nd July
at 4pm

All welcome at
West Overton Church and
churchyard

Please bring along all
creatures great and small for
an extra special service with a
difference!

Muddy Church

We had a wonderful afternoon on Sunday looking for lost sheep around East Kennett farm. There were 20 dotted about and the children were given a checklist to make sure they'd found them all. Thank you to the Jones's and Hues's for providing the picturesque scenery to accompany our stroll!

The children had a fabulous time and we headed back to the churchyard for a picnic tea, cake, and a cheeky glass of Prosecco. We had a story, prayer and some songs accompanied by the wonderful Stuart on the accordion. East Kennett church was the perfect setting with its newly equipped kitchen and toilet facilities and it was lovely to hear the churchyard full of song and children playing. Thank you to all involved! Details of upcoming family

Services will be advertised in the UKN



West Overton Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who attended or helped at the coffee morning on 3rd June and to those who baked for it, provided home produce, or produced an amazing selection of tomato and cucumber plants and pot plants - not least the mother-in-law's tongues, which sold like hot cakes!

We raised nearly £335 which will go towards keeping West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Churches open.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 16th September.

Under The Beech Tree A Space to Breathe

Do you connect spiritually 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, Avebury, on the following dates/times.

Quiet Mindfulness, Guided Meditation,
Sounds of Creation, Live Music
Firepit if chilly ! Cold Drinks if hot!

ALL welcome wherever you are on your spiritual journey

Dates: **WITH REFRESHMENTS** and opportunity to chat

Thursday July 6th 7.30pm

Wednesday July 12th 5pm

Wednesday July 19th 5pm

Thursday 27th July 7.30pm

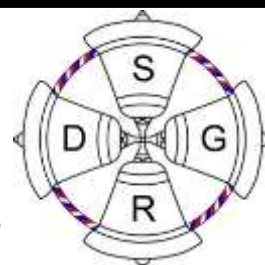
Belletower Open Day

10am to noon Saturday 8th July

At St Michaels & All Angels,

Church Hill, West Overton, SN8 4ER

Access via Old Manor, Church Drive



Have you ever wished to be a bell-ringer? Or wanted a go at ringing a Church bell ? Or wondered what's up the Belletower?

Our Church bells are ringing again after a 16-year hiatus. All residents of **West Overton, Lockeridge, Fyfield and East Kennet**, as well as all villages in the Benefice, are welcome to attend. All, who are interested in taking up bell-ringing, or just want a go at it, will be able to do so, with guidance from a qualified Tower Captain.

Opportunity to visit Bell-ringing Room and to **ring the Bells!**

We have also invited **bell-ringers from Avebury, Broad Hinton, Preshute and Bishops Cannings** to visit, familiarise and ring our bells, so there'll be much to hear and admire. All these bell-ringers are **Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bellringers**. You can discuss bell ringing with them and probe years of commitment, experience and history.

Those interested and enthused will be able to volunteer to form a new **West Overton Tower Team of Bellringers**.

Tea, refreshments and cake will be served at the **Old Manor, Church Drive, West Overton, SN8 4ER**, directly adjoining the Belletower to the West.

Access is via Church Drive, South-West.

Parking is free in the field opposite, South of Old Manor.

For any further information, please contact **Max Dissanayake, Church Warden, St Michael and All Angels:**

maxdissanayake1@gmail.com



News from the Tower

Practices have continued as usual on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm until 9pm. They have generally been well supported, but newcomers are always welcome. Don't forget that a 'tester' session is to be held at West Overton on 8th July to offer a chance to see what change ringing is all about on the bells there. In the past years Avebury ringers have rung for weddings at Broad Hinton, Calne, Compton Bassett, Lyneham and others as well as West Overton; and they, of course, helped us when we were short of ringers.

On Saturday, 3rd June, Michele and Adam Lomas, Kathryn Miller, Sean Tye and Brian Vickers rang to mark the start of the commemoration party held in the Social Centre to mark the memory of the late Heather Peak – Garland. The event was much delayed by the Covid problem, but thanks to Heather's nephew Tim it eventually happened. Heather and her sister Jane were instrumental in getting a new ring of bells installed in the Avebury tower in 1980 after many years of silence following World War Two. The old wooden frame was declared unsafe. Parts of it dating from the 1630s can still be seen in the ground floor of the tower. Heather and Jane then rang regularly for many years. Both of the sisters are still very much missed.

Brian Vickers. Mary Davidge.

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

It is good to be able to report that the roof of the Social Centre has now been properly repaired with new lead and it is now water tight. Our thanks to the Keith and Sally Paradise for donating spare slates to help with the repair. The repairs to the internal ceiling and possible other building and electric repairs have yet to be finalised. It has been noted that repairs/ refurbishments are being undertaken at Teachers Cottage, which can only have a beneficial effect on the concerns of damp from the attached building.

Donations have been very gratefully received in memory of Mrs Gretchen Rawlins who did such a lot for the village; a decision on how to utilise these funds has yet to be agreed. The AGM is due to be held on Thursday 20th July at 7.30pm in the Social Centre – all our welcome to attend.

Mrs Judith Farthing.
Secretary



Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

Opening Hours 10am – 4pm every day

Solstice Preparations

As I am writing this, we are just beginning our very busy period over solstice. The money that we make during the solstice helps us to keep going in the leaner months of the year. Our managers have been getting out their crystal balls to try and estimate how much stock we will need during this busy time. It is very difficult to get the balance right and not be left with too much unsold stock; and on the other hand we don't want to run out of essential items.

We are very grateful to our volunteers for all the extra work they put in during this very busy time. We open the shop early and stay open until 10pm on Solstice eve in order to serve the crowds of visitors.

Holiday Time



When we were on holiday in Ghent last month, our community shop bag came with us. It got me thinking about the many interesting places where community shop bags might appear. I thought that I would challenge our readers to send photographs of their community shop bags in interesting locations, for instance up a mountain, in the dessert or at the beach. If anyone would like to take up the challenge, please send photos to aveburysshopchair@gmail.com. We will print the best photos later on in the year.

Here is a picture of my husband "modelling" our bag outside the castle in Ghent to get the challenge started.

Note for your diary – AGM

The shop AGM will be at Avebury Social Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th July 2023.

All locals and shareholders are welcome to get an update on the shop.

Volunteers Needed

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 homemade cakes or biscuits.

Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)



Summer Supper Club

with guest chef, Lou Smith.

Thursday 20th July

7pm for 7.30pm

Our guest chef, Lou Smith, is back by popular demand!

Join us next month for a delicious summer supper club.

Spaces must be booked in advance - let us know when you book if you'd like your own table or if you fancy joining a bigger table.



What else is happening?

Friday 7th - Live Music by The Belladonna Treatment - 7pm

Friday 14th - Quiz Night - 7pm - £2pp (all to charity) - teams of up to 6.

Sunday 23rd - Traditional Roast - 12-3pm

Booking and pre-ordering is recommended for all of our events.

OPENING HOURS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY - 5-9PM
SATURDAY - 8-11AM AND 5-9PM
SUNDAY - 12-9PM

PLEASE NOTE THE KITCHEN WILL
BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 15TH
AND WE WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY 6TH, SATURDAY 29TH
AND SUNDAY 30TH.



Update from the National Trust: July 2023

A Summer of Stukeley

At this time of year, we're getting ready for the summer holidays and looking for ways to keep visitors with families engaged with Avebury and its history.

To celebrate 300 years since antiquarian William Stukeley created some of his incredible drawings at Avebury, the theme this summer will be 'Summer of Stukeley' and we will be weaving different aspects of this into our family offer.

From the end of June there is an exhibition of drawings by Stukeley

on display in the barn, some of them accompanied by images of the same scenes taken today – do pop along and have a look.

From 26 July a Stukeley display and a children's trail will keep families busy in the Alexander Keiller Museum, accompanied by a family trail booklet around the whole site

In addition, we'll have volunteer-led Stukeley art days, where families can engage in creative play by borrowing an easel and sketch pad to follow in Stukeley's footsteps and sketch some of the wonderful views around Avebury.

Don't forget, residents of Avebury have free entry to the museum and manor, and if there is anything you wish to discuss with us, please do get in touch on avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk

Save the date:

The Avebury Papers

The local community are invited to join Dr Fran Allfrey, Dr Mark Gillings and Dr Ben Chan in Avebury Chapel for an update on the 'Avebury Papers' project on Wednesday 12 July at 6.30pm for 7pm – keep an eye on the 'Avebury Papers' website for more details www.aveburypapers.org.



CHAPEL TALKS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT AVEBURY'S HISTORY?

Come to the chapel on **Saturday 8 July at 14h00** to hear Stuart Raymond preview his book, *Avebury without the stones*, which is due to be published later this year.

Stuart will talk about why he began a project to write a history of Avebury, the sources he consulted, and the lord of the manor, vicars, schoolmasters, 'stone breakers' and other characters living in or close to the village.

Avebury Parish Council warmly invites you to the chapel for Stuart's talk.
No booking required; free entrance; doors open from 13h30 when refreshments will also be available.

NEXT TALK:

Wednesday 12 July at 19h00

Fran Allfrey: *Making Avebury - the past, present, future – and you?*

Fran will bring us up-to-date on the Avebury Papers, a four-year project to develop, explore, and digitise the immense Alexander Keiller archive housed in the museum.

Further information:
clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org

PONY and CARRIAGE RIDES with tea and cakes (lots!) at Fyfield on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May



A HUGE **thank you** to everyone who came along to support our recent Fyfield Church fundraising event. We hope you enjoyed the ponies, carriage rides, games and cake! The children's faces on the ponies were magical! We raised just over £1,000 which is fantastic.

A special thank you must also go to our wonderful cake-bakers, as well as Anstice Baring for the kind use of her beautiful paddocks (and who also walked tirelessly with the ponies!). And to Alan Elks, our stalwart 'traffic control' in his high-viz jacket!

Thank you all for your kind generosity.



KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Tel: 07897 797208

The Parish Council is continuing to focus on a range of issues across the Parish reflecting parishioners' concerns.

Traffic

Following the fatal road accident on the A4 on 29th May 2023 the Parish Council is renewing its efforts to improve road safety in our area.

We are working in partnership with our neighbouring Parish Councils: the 'West of Marlborough Traffic Group' to consider a range of road safety issues including speed, road design and signage

Lockeridge Community Speedwatch Team

The Lockeridge Community Speedwatch Team has continued its patrols and have been supported recently by the Wiltshire Police Speed Enforcement Officers. More volunteers would enable the Team to patrol more frequently. If you can spare some time please contact

Clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk. Thank you – less speeding makes our roads safer.

Report from the latest Police speed enforcement session in Lockeridge.

Nine vehicles were issued with notices of intended prosecution for excessive speeding.

The fastest vehicle was captured at **32 MPH**. 12 miles faster than the village speed limit!

Depending on previous convictions and history,

- 8 drivers will be offered a speed awareness course,
1 driver will be given £100 fine and receive 3 penalty points.

Vehicles will also be checked for MOT & Insurance, plus the captured footage will be analysed for other offences like seat belts and mobile phone use.

Police will continue to carry out speed checks in the village in addition to our regular volunteer Speedwatch sessions.

If a car travelling at **35 mph** hits a pedestrian there is a **50%** chance they will be killed.

At **30mph** it is **20%** chance they will be killed.

At **20 mph** there is a **2.5%** chance they will be killed.

Our village roads are shared with Pedestrians including children walking to School, horse riders, horse drawn carriages and cyclists.

Please do not exceed the speed limit and remind any guests/tradesmen who may drive through our village to reach your

property to obey the limit as well.

Defibrillator training

Our annual defibrillator and first aid training session was held at Kennet Valley Hall on Sunday 11th June 2023. Local residents were informed about basic first aid techniques and how to use the defibrillators.

We have four defibrillators in our Parish:

St Nicholas Church porch, Lower
Fyfield, SN8 1PP

The 'Whoda thought it' public house
porch, Lockeridge, SN8 4EL

Kennet Valley Hall porch, SN8 4EL

The disused phone box near the bus
stop in West Overton, SN8 4ER

New Councillors

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council: one for the Fyfield Ward and one for either West Overton or Lockeridge.

This is a great opportunity to support your local community. The Council meets bi-monthly on a Monday evening in the Kennet Valley Hall.

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

clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

The Village Choir

invites you to a
short concert at
East Kennett
Church

on
Sunday 2 July
at 3 pm

followed by tea and cakes

Free entry

There will be a retiring collection

For further information

contact

Ruth Lamdin - 01672

861550



AVEBURY & DISTRICT WI

Our June meeting is always a visit to a local garden, a lovely thing to do at this time of year as everything is, quite literally, blooming.

This year we visited Salthrop House which you may know is on the road down to junction 16 of the M4. I've driven past the gates countless times but never knew about the house. It is the home of the designer Sophie Conran and has a small but beautiful garden in a series of 'rooms'. The main approach to the house has floral borders with roses, cardoons (like artichokes), and many other blooms surrounding a central lawn. Here there were some stalls selling clematis, salvias and other plants as well as some of Sophie's china on sale – needless to say, some shopping went on! We were allowed to walk through the

ground floor of the house to access the lovely terrace with its rose garden and the other areas of the garden. The house has stunning views and is very peaceful. We enjoyed tea and cake on the terrace before wandering to the vegetable garden with its well laid out beds and greenhouse full of geraniums. The weather was perfect and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Our July outing is to Whitchurch Silk Mill and I will be emailing members about this soon, please let me know if you're planning to come so I can make arrangements.

In August, we don't have a meeting but one of our members hosts us for a garden tea. More information to follow about this

St Michael and All Angels Church West Overton FLOWERS

We believe that there are people out there who would enjoy making the Church beautiful with flowers.
We believe there is someone who could take on the setting up of a rota such as we used to have.
Thank you to those who have already been in touch!

Ideally we need a willing soul or two to take on each month, apart from Advent before Christmas and Lent, usually February to Easter, when no flowers are required. Each month has two services, the second and fourth Sundays. We like to have a minimum of two arrangements one behind the Memorial Book and the other looks best on a pedestal in front of the Office door, facing the entrance.

The responsibility would be to acquire suitable flowers (from garden or shop if necessary, money spent can be reimbursed) create the arrangements and then keep an eye on them, removing or adding flowers/foliage as needed and providing water as it is used up. Equipment is provided.

For Christmas and Easter obviously everyone would be needed to help as far as possible.

PLEASE HELP; contact me, Sue, or Sibella
Sue Rogers, Churchwarden sjrogers44@gmail.com or 01672 861374
Sibella Laing, Lay Minister, sibella.laing@outlook.com or 01672 861600

News from the Marlborough Deanery link with the Diocese of Morobo

The partnership between the Marlborough Deanery and the Diocese of Morobo in South Sudan is progressing well. The planting of seeds to provide sustenance for the clergy was hampered initially by lack of rain and then by termites devouring the crops, but the rains came and we were able to send money for pesticides, which have dealt with the termites, so planting continues.

Our second project was to equip the clergy with Bibles. The Lent Appeal across our Deanery proved to be very successful, with £4,248 raised. This will provide Bibles both in English and in local languages, enabling the clergy to teach and preach the word of God with confidence. In addition there will be enough money to purchase covers for the Bibles and some liturgy books and hymn books. We were only hoping to raise £2000, so thank you to everybody who donated so generously.

Leaflets, with photographs, giving more details about the partnership and suggesting topics for prayer should be available in churches. While South Sudan is showing signs of greater stability, the events in the North will inevitably have an impact. Already over 1000 refugees from the North have reached Morobo, to add to the number of returnees from refugee camps in Uganda.

Thank you to everybody who donated money to provide the clergy of Morobo Diocese in South Sudan with their own Bible, either in English or their local language. We were looking for our Deanery to raise about £2000, but in the end raised £4248, so have been able to provide money for Bible covers, liturgical books and hymn books as well. Thank you for your generosity.

AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy

Following a resignation we are once again in need of a new Parish Councillor. Further information about being a councillor can be found on the NALC website <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections>

For an application form and further details please contact clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org

Solstice

Solstice will probably be over by the time you read this! This year there were two types of permit for parking and accessing roads in the Parish and these were mandated by Wiltshire Council. Hopefully everyone who needed one was able to obtain one.

B4003 layby works

Dismay was expressed by members of the public at the Parish meeting that the works have been delayed – having contacted Wiltshire Council it would seem that part of the problem is down to missing

paperwork and a new contractor not receiving all the relevant information from their predecessors. The work will take place later this summer.

Event noise

Concerns were raised about noise from events beginning or ending in Avebury. Please do raise these with your Parish Council so that we can make contact with the organisers to raise concerns. The concerns over imminent Race to the Stones are in hand and the organisers have been contacted.

Parish Steward

We have been able to get our Parish Steward to come for a full day every month to do maintenance, verge cutting, drain clearance etc. so **we need to know if there are any issues that need addressing.** Please either speak to a Parish Councillor or contact the Clerk with what the issue is and where it is.

Playground

To move the playground project forward we're looking for residents to join a community group to apply for local (and possibly national) funding to buy equipment. If you would like to be involved and can help, please contact the Parish Clerk, clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org

AVEBURY PLAYERS

The Avebury Players are planning their next pantomime which will take place in December 2023.

If anyone would like to be involved, either in acting or behind the scenes, please come along to our meeting at Avebury Social Centre on Sunday 9th July at 3pm.

At this meeting we will be hearing more about the show and reading through some scenes.

If you are not available for the meeting and want to be involved, please contact Michèle Lomas or Alison Andre.

TABLE TENNIS IS A WINNER AT KENNET VALLEY HALL



Kennet Vale Table Tennis Club is going from strength to strength with its junior players leading the way. At a recent Wiltshire Ranking event, held at Dauntsey School, the club had seven juniors participating, up from just three KVTTC entrants in 2022, demonstrating the remarkable growth of the club in the past year. Wearing their new club shirts, the Kennet Vale juniors played excellently. Some were at their first-ever tournament and were there primarily to gain experience. Others were trying to improve their ranking from last year. All our players represented themselves and the club very well and there were some really encouraging results.



Kennet Vale's Arthur Ramsden was ranked 4th in Wiltshire in the Cadet category and was called up to play for the county at a March tournament in Cardiff. Sporting his very green Wiltshire shirt, he played strongly and it was a great introduction to more competitive table tennis for him.

We've just completed our end of season competition at Kennet Vale Table Tennis for the Juniors with Edward Thomas winning the trophy this year.

Our D team also won the Devizes and District Hunt Cup - a competition amongst all members of the league

Kennet Vale TT Club runs Junior and Adult sessions on Friday evenings and Wednesday mornings and League games on Tuesdays at Kennet Valley Hall in Lockeridge.

New players young and old are always welcome, please get in touch with club leader Richard Ramsden on 07568 468648 before coming along.



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

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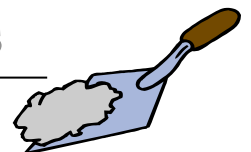
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