



# UPPER KENNET NEWS

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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 3 Phil Davies  
£75 Number 81 Linda Davies  
£50 Number 99 D. Williams

(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	65	Nigel Fielder
2nd	£36.00	22	Peter Jackson
3rd	£24.00	39	Mark Wightman
4th	£12.00	17	Margaret Gutherson

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Richard Nutt on 01672539611 or email richard@184systems.com

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

### Baptism

Else Norey Winterbr'ne Monkton 15 May  
Max Sherman West Overton 22 May

### Funerals

Joyce Dorothy Strange West Overton 21 April  
**Burial of Ashes**  
Francis John Skull Broad Hinton 27 May

“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 25<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June,  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

## A View from the Rectory

*“We are all different, but each of us has his own best to offer. The responsibility for the way we live life with all its challenges, sadness and joy, is ours alone. If we do this well, it will also be good for our neighbours... we may feel powerless alone, but the joint efforts of individuals can defeat the evils of our time. Together they can create a stable, free and considerate society.” Said the Queen in 1975.*

Marking the Jubilee is not, as someone told me, some kind of ‘jingoistic expression of adoration of the monarchy,’ but rather an opportunity to reflect upon the example of someone who plays a significant spiritual role in leadership and who offers a glimpse of what it means to be a Servant Leader in the manner of Jesus.

The reading most of the nation will hear over the Jubilee weekend states that “whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant”, and that’s exactly what the Queen has done in her long life. Since 1952 the Queen has worked tirelessly for the country and Commonwealth she vowed to serve ‘her whole life whether it be long or short’. Her workload has increased year on year at a rate of 25% and on top of all that serving her God and country entails at the age of 96, the Queen is a proud grandmother, great-grandmother, and has 30 godchildren. She is neither too busy nor too old to serve others and takes a deep interest in those she meets, showing a genuine interest in the lives lived by people from all walks of life.

Jesus’ concept of servant leadership challenges today’s cult of celebrity, quick fame and obsession with power and control and reveals a pattern of leadership that embraces deep humility, disregards personal agendas, and puts others first. This, I think, is what we’ve witnessed in Her Majesty’s reign and is what makes her leadership so distinctive. She rose to the challenge presented to her, embraced her role with grace and humility, served diligently and demonstrated her humanity, never losing sight of who she serves first, God.

During the Queen’s reign many customs and traditions have changed, values have altered, and rights for us as individuals seem at times to replace our duty and responsibilities to others and to the communities in which we live. Yet despite all of this change, Her Majesty remains a constant; a reminder of servant leadership, integrity, dedication, and example. The root of this is the Queen’s profound faith, personal yet public, and she is acutely aware that “whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.” In the manner of Jesus she has done so, her faith an inclusive, human, hopeful quiet beacon for us all.

I shall remember her dignity in personal and family crises; her grace when she paid the first state visit to Ireland and her words of hope, healing and peace, her actions that spoke of forgiveness, and the humility that underpinned her sensitivity. I believe she challenges all of us to reflect on how we serve one another in our homes, work and family life.

JUNE date:  FRIDAY 10th

**Little Angels**

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

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

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

**WELCOME BACK!**

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

Four 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 WINTERBO URNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBO URNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 1 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
5 June Pentecost	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion	<u>11 am</u> Queen's Jubilee Morning Service	<u>11 am</u> Queen's Jubilee Morning Service	<u>9.45 am</u> Jubilee Benefice Communion	<u>11 am</u> Queen's Jubilee Morning Service	<u>11 am</u> Queen's Jubilee Morning Service	<u>11 am</u> Queen's Jubilee Morning Service
Wednesday 8 June			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
12 June Trinity Sunday		<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion	<u>6 pm</u> Evening Prayer				<u>9.45 am</u> Prayer Book Matins
Tuesday 14 June							<u>7 pm</u> Confirmation
Wednesday 15 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
19 June Trinity 1		<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Prayer			<u>10.30 am</u> Benefice Service Communion		
Wednesday 22 June			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
26 June Trinity 2			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion			<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion	<u>5 pm</u> Edwards Baptism
Wednesday 29 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
3 July Trinity 3	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion						<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion

## A Space to Breathe

Open Air Meditation Sessions  
starting again in June

Please bring tools if possible!

### Dates

Saturday 11th June, 5pm

NEW \*\*Sunday 26th June, 4pm,

Space to Breathe on a Sunday

Wednesday 6th July 5pm

NEW \*\*Sunday 17th July, 4pm

Monday 2nd August, 5pm



## 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 [revmariashpherdson@outlook.com](mailto:revmariashpherdson@outlook.com)



## Readings

### Sunday 29 May – White

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.16-34

Psalms 97

John 17.20-end

### Sunday 5 June – Red

Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

Psalms 104.26-36,37

John 14.8-17

### Sunday 12 June – White or Gold

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4

Psalms 8

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

### Sunday 19 June – Gold

1st Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 65.1-9

Psalms 22.19

Galatians 3.23-end

Luke 8.26-39

### Sunday 26 June – Gold

2nd Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 2.1-2,6-14

Psalms 77.1-2,11-end

Galatians 5.1,13-25

Luke 9.51-end

### Sunday 3 July – Red

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Thomas the Apostle

Habakkuk 2.1-4

Psalms 31.1-6

Ephesians 2.19-end

John 20.24-29



## An evening with The Sweet Sorrows

**Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>  
St James Church Avebury**

**Tickets on Sale from 13<sup>th</sup> May  
 £10 ( conc. £6) ( Book in advance )  
 Doors 7.15pm Music 7.30pm  
 Tickets include refreshments  
 From: Rev Maria 01672 539643**



An evening with The Sweet Sorrows always promises to be highly entertaining, provocative and moving. Their intimacy, transparency and strength of passion on stage has won them many fans.

Sammy Horner, born in Belfast, founding member of Celtic Rock combo The Electrics. He made seven albums with the band and toured extensively in Europe and the USA. As well as touring The Electrics, Sammy has had a successful solo career as a producer, writer and performer. He has played bass for Buddy & Julie Miller, Phil Madeira, Mitch McVicker and Glen Kaiser. He has shared stages with **Motorhead, Cliff Richard, The Alarm, Bob Geldof, Bruce Cockburn & Martin Joseph**, and had songs covered by numerous artists including Buddy & Julie Miller.

Kylie Horner A South Australian native, Kylie has a background in dance, modelling and radio/tv/voice over work and ultimately as a vocalist in bands from the Middle East to the USA. Her silky vocal harmonies complement her husband's Irish tones.

**“You’ve heard of Robert Plant & Allison Krauss, Mark Knopfler & Emmylou Harris, Glen Hansard Marketa Irglova, now listen to The Sweet Sorrows. The rugged Celtic edge of Sammy Horner joins the dreamy sounds of Kylie Horner to produce something new indeed. Something...Different.”**

**— Clive Price, UK Music Journalist and Author**





# HELP US CELEBRATE

## SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022

*The Sports and Social Club Committee request the pleasure of your company for a Community afternoon to celebrate their Grand Opening & the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!*

Cafe Open all afternoon - cream teas available to order  
 Bar open from 2pm - 11pm  
 Evening BBQ from 6pm

CASH or CARD accepted for both BBQ & BAR/CAFE

Avebury Sports and Social Club | SN8 1RD



## The Social Centre Avebury Soup Lunches

Thank you to the excellent team of soup-makers and to all who came to the first two Soup Lunches

(on the first Mondays of April & May):  
 good soup, bread, cheese & cakes  
 and a great chance to meet up and chat.

We will pause over the summer and start again on :

++ Monday 3rd October ++

Looking forward to seeing you and many others - from Avebury & villages nearby,  
 - for soup, cheese & a chance to chat .

## West Overton Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who attended or helped at the coffee morning on 14<sup>th</sup> May and to those who baked for it and those who provided plants.

We raised £287 which will go towards keeping West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Churches open.



## St James' Church, Avebury Solstice 2022

Crafts, Prayers, Refreshments, Music

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June: 2 pm Church open

5pm: Prayers for Peace

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>: Morning Prayers 1030 am

Teas, Crafts etc until 4.30 pm

5 pm: Prayers for Ukraine

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>: 10 am Church open

Celtic Prayer Drum Circle 10.30

Teas, Crafts etc

Church Open until 2pm

ALL WELCOME

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Upper Kennet Churches Jubilee Services



8.30 am: Fyfield, Prayer Book Communion

9.45 am: Avebury, Jubilee Benefice Communion

11.00 am: Broad Hinton, Jubilee Morning Service

11.00 am: East Kennett, Jubilee Morning Service

11.00 am: West Overton, Jubilee Morning Service

11.00 am: Winterbourne Bassett, Jubilee Morning Service

11.00 am: Winterbourne Monkton, Jubilee Morning Service



## THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II WINDOW BROAD HINTON CHURCH

Bishop Andrew of Ramsbury will  
dedicate the window

**Thursday 16th June 2022 at 6:30pm**

The Vice Lord Lieutenant, William Wyldbore-Smith, representing the Queen, Deborah Lowe, the designer of the window, Danny Kruger MP and Cllr. Allison Bucknell will also be present.

This is a celebration for all in our community.

The time has been deliberately chosen, with an anticipated duration of approximately half an hour, to be as helpful as possible to whole families.

AN INDICATION OF YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED to assist with procurement requirements for the reception afterwards.

Please contact Mark Wightman on 07801 666130 or by email to [wightman1944@btinternet.com](mailto:wightman1944@btinternet.com) with any queries and attendance details.

## AVEBURY PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



### Timetable for 2<sup>nd</sup> June beacon lighting

- 2.00 p.m.** Proclamation of the Beacon lighting on Avebury High St.,
- 6.30 p.m.** Church service, St. James's Church, High Street
- 7.30 p.m.** Refreshments in Social Centre – please bring a plate of food to share, tea and coffee will be provided. There will be a glass of fizz to raise a toast to Her Majesty (please bring any other drinks)
- 8.30 p.m.** Start to walk up to Waden Hill where the beacon is waiting
- 9.40 p.m.** 'Majesty' – written for the Jubilee will be played by Michele Lomas
- 9.45 p.m.** Beacon will be lit – timed to co-incide with beacons across the country



## Avebury Vocal ENSEMBLE

Conductor: Peter Tims  
Organist: Simon Dinsdale

**Fauré's Requiem**  
**Handel: Zadok the Priest**  
**Parry: Jerusalem**  
*and coronation favourites*

**Sunday 26 June 2022**

**7.00 pm**

**St James Church, Avebury**

Entry by donation on the door  
All profits to the  
**DEC Ukraine Appeal**



[www.aveburyvocal.org](http://www.aveburyvocal.org)

**You are invited to the  
Parish Council  
Village Party**

**Sunday 5th June 1-5pm**

**Live Music and Bouncy Castle**  
**Drinks Reception** 🍷  
**Bring your own picnic and drinks.**

**The New Inn Garden**  
Please note the pub toilets will be available to use but the bar will not be open until 3pm.

**Organised for the residents of Berwick Bassett and  
Winterbourne Monkton by the Parish Council.**

**Huge thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and  
help to organise this event.**

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## AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's meeting on  
3 May 2022

**Annual Village Meeting:** The meeting, which will review APC's annual report and hear your preferred priorities for the year ahead, will be held in the Sports and Social Club on 24 May at 19h00. Refreshments will be offered from 18h30. All are very welcome.

**A4361:** The speed indicator device (SID) was moved from the site on the Swindon Road to the one on the Beckhampton Road on 1 May. Data downloaded from the Swindon Road location indicated that there were over 100,000 southbound vehicles per month. 85% of the vehicles approaching the SID did so at an average speed of 38.6mph. As the SID location is well inside the 30mph restriction, most vehicles are exceeding the speed limit. The dataset will go to the Police and Crime Commissioner at his request.

**Beckhampton:** We asked Wiltshire Council to mow a 3-metre strip at the base of the roundabout to ensure visibility for drivers whilst leaving the centre for rewinding.

**Motor cycle noise:** Following complaints, we decided to ask Wiltshire Council to select Beckhampton as one of the locations for an acoustic camera trial.

**Platinum Jubilee:** Responses to a questionnaire seeking opinions on the best way to mark the Platinum Jubilee had suggested that street parties were the most favoured option. The National Trust will be leading a beacon-lighting event on Waden Hill on 2 June preceded by a service in St James's church followed by refreshments in the Social Centre. The Sports and Social Club plans to host a BBQ on 4 June. The event will also mark the formal re-opening of the Club.

**Solstice:** Wiltshire Highways has decided that the High Street should be closed from 06h00 on Monday 20 June until the end of the day on Wednesday 22 June 2022. Parking restrictions there and elsewhere would be in place from 06h00 Sunday 19 June until 12 noon Wednesday 22 June 2022. Temporary closure of AVE5 was also being considered. We await formal notification of these arrangements. As advised in UKN last month, we will set up a residents' car permit scheme to allow access to roads closed by Wiltshire Council and where there are parking restrictions on roadsides often used by residents for parking. Permits will be available from Elements in Green Street on 7 June (17h30-19h), 8 June (19h-21h), and 13 June (18h-20h). Please bring proof of address.

**Date and place of next meeting:** 7 June at 19h30 in the Social Centre. As always, residents wishing to participate in these meetings are most welcome to do so.

## Avebury Community Shop

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

### Avebury Shop Volunteers Keep Calm and Carry On

Unfortunately we had an incident where a car accidentally rolled back from the car park opposite the shop into the wall of the shop.

Martin, the manager on duty

arrived at 9am and noticed the damage to the brickwork and the internal wall. There was also a lot of mess in the shop because some bottles had been knocked over and broken. Immediately volunteers Jane, Sheila, Chris and Diane came to the rescue to help clean and tidy the shop. On hearing of the incident, Jane, who was on Salisbury Plain rushed back to the shop to help. Amazingly, we managed to open on time while the clear up continued and several deliveries arrived to add to the mayhem.



### Jubilee celebrations



Don't forget that we have lots of lovely items in stock for your jubilee celebrations. Hand-made cakes, local cheeses and meats, pies (vegan, vegetarian and meat) and of course wines, beers and soft drinks.

### 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 if they can.

### 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)

## AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The Committee met in April for their quarterly meeting. Matters discussed included the issue of car charging from the Social Centre and the problems this may cause in the future. It was felt that this may be an increasing issue in the future and possibly it is a matter that might need to be addressed by the NT or PC, given the number of visitors that come by car. It was agreed that the shed should be repaired and painted with preservative. Mike Polack reported on a successful first Village Soup Lunch and that another be held in May but not June due to the Queen's Jubilee. It was noted that the hall had been kept deliberately free over the four days for the use of the village – it will be used on the Thursday and is reserved to use on the Sunday if wet and/or no other options are available for the High Street and other village members not doing Street parties, but no firm plans have been made to date.

The Treasurer though not in attendance had circulated detailed accounts which were healthy due to his diligence in gaining grants which has allowed the committee to address items of maintenance despite a difficult two years with lettings. The top porch is currently undergoing repairs and repainting in the near future to match the entrance porch.

The matter of changing the current Trustee Constitution to a C.I.O has been discussed over the past few months, but having carefully considered ACRE advice, costs involved and given the insurance we have and the level of activity within the hall it was decided to keep our current position, but it was agreed that this would be reviewed in a couple of years as a matter of good practice.

A request for dimmer lights at the east end of the hall was agreed in principle, and the Chairman will contact the electrician for costings.

The next meeting will be our AGM on Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Social Centre when all our welcome.

Judith Farthing Secretary



### JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL, WINTERBOURE MONKTON CHURCH THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2022

We will be holding a flower Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church on Thursday 2 June 2022 to celebrate HM The Queen's Jubilee. The theme for the festival will be the jubilees of HM The Queen throughout her reign. The church will be open from 11-4pm, entrance £3 per adult, children under 12 free. Refreshments will be served in the Community Hall/or alongside the church. There will also be a tombola stall and bric a brac stall. Something for all the family! Do put a note in your diary and come and start the Jubilee week -end off on a high!

### Re the late Thomas McKeown

Sheila, would like to thank those who kindly supported her during the weeks leading up to Tom's passing. Also to everyone for their kind messages of support, cards of condolence, flowers and for attending his funeral service. Donations raised £667 for the Prospect Hospice.

## Update from the National Trust Summer Solstice 2022

The Summer Solstice will soon be here again, and this will be the first 'normal' Solstice since 2019. As usual we have been working closely with the Police, Wiltshire Council, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, St John Ambulance, Avebury Parish Council and local Pagan groups to ensure a safe and peaceful Solstice for everyone.

We'll have **staff on duty** over the weekend before Solstice (18/19 June) and then we'll start the usual 24-hour shift system at 8am on Monday 20 June, which will continue until 6.30pm on Wednesday 22 June.

The small National Trust **campsite** will be open from 10am on Monday 20 June until 2pm on Wednesday 22 June.

The **main car park** will be open as usual with extended hours on 20 June to accommodate evening visitors. However, the Planning Condition preventing us from allowing vehicles built or adapted for sleeping to stay overnight (including coaches and high-sided vehicles), will still be in force, so we will not be admitting these vehicles from Monday 13 June to Thursday 23 June, with a 2.1m height barrier in place on the entrance to the car park.

Due to an increased chance of people arriving early and wanting to stay for the duration, security staff will be clearing and closing the car park at the normal time of 6.30pm on 17, 18, 19 and 22 June.

We will also be providing **additional car parking** in our manor parkland on the evening of Monday 20 June through to the morning of Tuesday 21 June.

The location of **additional toilets, waste and recycle bins in the National Trust High Street car park** worked well in previous years, so we'll be doing the same again. This means fencing off a section to create a compound and ensure safe pedestrian access. There will be some parking restrictions in place from Friday 17 June to enable the Rangers to install the fencing. As usual, parking will be limited during this period, so if you have alternative means of travel please do consider using it. Valid residents permits or Blue Badges will be required to park in the High Street car park.

Wiltshire Police will have a base in the village and will be out patrolling the site with National Trust staff, volunteers and St John Ambulance. National Trust staff and volunteers, along with St John Ambulance and security staff, will be based in the Chapel on Green Street.

There will be a **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order** in place over Solstice. Avebury Parish Council and Wiltshire Council are finalising the details of the permit system this year, and more information will be available via the Parish Council soon.

Food and drinks over the Solstice period will be available as follows:

Date	Circles Restaurant	Coach House Café
Mon 20 June	10.30am-4.30pm	6.00pm-midnight
Tue 21 June	9.00am-4.30pm	Midnight until 9.00am
Wed 22 June	Closed	Closed
Thu 23 June	Closed	Closed
Fr 24 June	10.30am-4.30pm	Closed

The overnight offer in the Coach House will be simple, with filter coffee, other hot and cold drinks and a range of pasties, sandwiches, bakes, crisps and confectionary.

Avebury Manor and Garden will be closed from Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 June inclusive.

**Main contact telephone numbers during Solstice** for any urgent issues or queries is 01672 539126; enquiries will be directed to the relevant shift leader.

## Avebury & District WI

### Mav meeting

May is our Resolutions meeting – each year the National Federation of WIs calls for members to submit suggestions for a resolution to campaign on and this year the resolution to discuss is 'Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported'. Having presented the resolution we then had a discussion about the problems these conditions cause for girls and women, helped by the experience of one of our members who worked in the field. In females the condition is often not diagnosed early as girls present differently to boys, masking their symptoms. We decided that we must support this resolution and our vote will be taken to the National Meeting in Liverpool later this year by our representative from a sister WI. After our discussions members enjoyed excellent fish and chips from the Red Lion and a glass of wine.

As summer approaches our meetings take on a summery feel and the next two are:

June 9<sup>th</sup> – A visit to Broadleas Gardens, Devizes.

July 14<sup>th</sup> – A trip to the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke

**If members wish to come on either trip, can they please let me know as we need to have numbers for refreshments at Broadleas. A £10 refundable deposit would be appreciated for the Broadleas trip.** If you are intending to come to Milestones, please let me know as we are car-sharing for this visit

Maggie Lewis, President.  
Avebury & District WI.

## Congratulations

Alan & Margaret Bussell of Lockeridge, and formerly Lower Fyfield, will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on 15th June. With huge congratulations from their daughters, Elaine, Maria & Becky - plus son-in-laws, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren!

## Two New Grants For Kennet Valley Hall's New Project

The Hall Committee are delighted to announce the receipt of new funding to enable the implementation of their new project.

This new project has been planned for some time, partly because of the need to remove both the existing Field Shelter and Trim Trail, originally installed in 2004, but now starting to disintegrate. The project plan is to replace the existing and popular shelter with a similar structure, and to replace the Trim Trail with an Outside Gym, incorporating a variety of different forms of fitness apparatus. The whole project is planned to be completed by early June.

This project would not have been possible without the support of the Post Code Lottery and their Players, who have provided a grant of £10000. Plus our local Marlborough Area Board who have supported the Hall over the years, this time with a grant of circa £4000. We thank both organisations for their most generous support. The balance of the project cost, circa £10000, will come from KVH's own funds.

Further information about the project and the equipment will be announced in the August edition of UKN

## NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Over the years we have rung for many royal occasions, weddings, births, anniversaries and deaths, I clearly remember ringing for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's reign. The flag flew high above the tower but within a few days it was at half mast on the death of Princess Margaret and the bells were rung half muffled. In the Golden Jubilee Year the bells were rung each morning to compliment the Flower Festival in the church. I'm sure that the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in June will be just as memorable.

The Annual General Meeting of the Salisbury Guild was held in Salisbury on 14<sup>th</sup> May, the service was in St. Martin's church with the meeting and tea in the hall. The eight bell Striking Competition, held in the morning at Broadchalke, was won, as always, by Wimborne Minster but the Calne Branch came a very respectable second.

Mary Davidge, tel: 01672 513819



## THE NEW INN

### PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**Bucks Fizz Brunch**  
Thursday 2nd  
9.30am - 11.30am

*What better way to kick off the Jubilee celebrations than with brunch and bubbles?!*

**Afternoon Tea & String Quartet**  
Friday 3rd  
2-5pm

*Enjoy an afternoon of traditional afternoon tea and string music - £18 per person (enjoy a complimentary bottle of prosecco if you book for 4 people or more).*

We recommend booking for Bucks Fizz Brunch and Afternoon Tea - call us on 01672 53793.

### Garden Party & BBQ

Saturday 4th  
2-8pm

**FREE ENTRY**

**BAR**

**BBO**

**LIVE MUSIC BY  
COYOTE COUNTRY  
SONIC ALERT**

**FACE PAINTING BY POPPY WILKINS**

#### Dates for the Diary

**10th June**

**Quiz Night - 7pm**

Tables must be booked.

**19th June**

**Sunday Roast - 12-3pm**

We recommend booking and pre-ordering.

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON 01672 53793

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 4-9PM SATURDAY: 8.30AM - 9PM SUNDAY: 12-9PM



## SUNDAY

**5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

**WEST OVERTON**

**CELEBRATES**

**HER MAJESTY THE**

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**11:00 - 11:45 FAMILY SERVICE WEST OVERTON CHURCH**

**12:00 FAMILY FUN RUN / WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE - DRESSED IN RED, WHITE & BLUE - ROUTE: START - CHURCHYARD - FINISH WITH PICNIC IN THE Paddock.**

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### News from May 2022

Term 5 is traditionally the shortest term in the school year, and this year is no exception. We have been glad of the better weather so that the children can be outdoors for playtimes and PE sessions.

#### Natural History Museum

This week the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had a lovely day out at the Natural History Museum in London. We set off early so that the children could have a full day there to explore. Each of the children watched an interactive show about Volcanoes and Earthquakes, with 1 pupil being invited up to help with an experiment.

After this show the children had plenty of time to discover the museum exhibitions while learning more about the natural history of the world around them. The dinosaurs, mammals, and Earth's Treasury (Gemstones) exhibitions were the most popular with the children and it was really delightful to see all of the children taking in so much and enjoying this way of learning.

I am incredibly grateful to all of the staff and our parent helpers who came on this trip and made it the successful day that it was.

#### SATS celebration

As with all children around the country our Year 6 and Year 2 children sat their SATS test this month. These are statutory government assessments.

As a school we work hard to ensure that our children are as calm about sitting these tests as they can be, and that they have a good understanding that these tests only measure a set of things and that they cannot measure everything that makes each child unique and special.

The Year 6 children, who sat these tests under exam conditions, were tremendous and approached each of the four days with a positive and mature attitude. The whole team are exceptionally proud of them. To celebrate the end of the SATS week, we organized a 'chill out' day for them all, which included them having a movie igloo set up in our hall for the day. This was hired from Flamingo Garden Igloos, who worked with us to create this special surprise. A big thank you to them for helping our school.

We are all determined that our children should never be seen only as data, a level or a number. As a small school we are able to really know every one of our pupils and ensure that they are well cared for and feel part of our wonderful little community. We treasure every individual who walked through our door and I hope that this shines through in everything that we do.

#### The wonderful Mrs Bushnell!

As the leader of our small but mighty school, I am passionate about our open-door policy and know that all of my staff share this view.

Because we have this ethos, it is essential that all of our community really know our staff, so that they know we are approachable, kind, friendly and helpful. To help with this I have, over the last year, started to tell you more about us.

At Kennet Valley our Teaching Assistants are a very strong and important part of the staff team. They all work unbelievably hard and take on different roles within the school.

Mrs. Helen Bushnell has worked at the school since September 2016, when she joined to support one of the children at the school. Since then, she has worked closely with several children supporting them on a daily basis. Helen is an absolute marvel, and she radiates care for all the children in the school, becoming a wonderful advocate for them when needed.

When talking about being at Kennet Valley School, Helen said *"I started my journey on the grounds of Kennet Valley School, working in the Bluebell Nursery. I became a volunteer in school, as both of my daughters attend KVS. I officially became a member of the staffing team in my daughters last year as a 1/1 support worker. I now start my day by running the breakfast club (my toast is legendary!), then I support Harriers class as a Teaching Assistant. I have been given some amazing opportunities in school, like running a Busy Bee group to help build children's confidence, some exciting residential trips and now I have started my ELSA training. I love supporting the children in maths and I have a passion for Art – Christmas and its glitter are my favourite time! I must be one of the luckiest people around, working in such a wonderful little school, alongside some amazing staff and our children. Our school is SMALL but MIGHTY"*.

#### Quiz and Chili Night

Earlier in the month, our fantastic Friends Association Committee ran a Quiz night. This event was designed to test even the biggest of brain power in the community so parents, friends, staff and governors rolled up their sleeves to answer the wide range of the tough questions that were set. Alongside the quiz a delicious chili was served and there was a busy bar too.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who went along and enjoyed the evening, raising money for our school, and an enormous thank you to the Friends Committee who worked so hard to make this such a successful event.

#### Year 3 Cricket Festival

At KVS we are always keen to be outdoors and love PE. Our children go to the Kennet Valley Hall for PE every Wednesday afternoon, and this has really helped them to develop their skills and understanding of a wider range of sports.

This term we were really proud of our year 3 children when they went to take part in a local Cricket Festival as St Katherine's Primary School. The team played really well and supported each other in every game they played.

Miss Harvey, who went with them said "Congratulations to our amazing Year 3 children, who were such good fun and worked so well as a team. As always, our #smallbutmighty school did us proud". She also was quick to mention the two year 5 children, Toby and Victoria, who went to help at the festival as Sports Leaders – "A huge

well done to our two sports leaders. I was so impressed with how professional they were".

#### Stay and Read Session

As I have mentioned the whole staff team are proud of our open door policy and welcome parents into the school as much as we can. Over the past 2 years, with the pandemic, this was put on a backburner which was very disappointing for all involved.

Thankfully we are now able to ask more of our parents back into the school. This term we were delighted to invite parents to our second Stay and Read session – a morning when parents can come in to share a book with their child and friends. We are planning more of these mornings in the coming terms.

#### Jubilee Pebbles

As you walk around the local villages in the coming days and weeks, keep a look out for our jubilee pebbles. These are large flat stones which have been painted by our children. They have been spread out around the community in hope that people will find them and keep them as a memory of the super special Jubilee Weekend. We really hope you like them all.

#### Coming Soon

At the end of the term 5, we are having a Jubilee Day which includes our traditional sports day as well. Parents are invited to join the school for a picnic lunch and then our races will be Jubilee themed. I will tell you more about this in my June Article.

#### School Places

If you would like to come for a tour and a chat about Kennet Valley, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can arrange a time to show you around our lovely little school. You can do this by calling 01672861202 or by emailing Ruthie (our Admin Officer) on [admin@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk)

Many thanks -

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## Forthcoming activities in Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, there is a Ceiladh (Barn Dance) with a professional caller at the Village Hall in Broad Hinton, 7.00pm through until 11.00.

Children welcome. Ploughman's Platter included, licensed bar, tickets available from Gill Crabtree (07774424125) or Joy Reynolds (07973875750)

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, Winterbourne Bassett are holding their Platinum Jubilee Celebrations which will include live music from The Kings of Knowing, a big Jubilee Lunch and a commemorative tree planting service.

Also on that Sunday, Broad Hinton & Uffcott will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with a picnic lunch and games at the White Horse Cricket Club.

Refreshments will be available but please feel free to bring your own. Gathering from 12.00ish

There will also be a marquee available should the weather be too hot (ha ha) but as in the past many have bought their own easy ups/gazebos.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, as part of the Jubilee celebrations, Bishop Andrew will be attending Broad Hinton Church to perform a dedication service (18.30) on the wonderful Commemorative Window that was installed in St Peter ad Vincula in 2020 to salute the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee reign.

Due to Covid restrictions, this dedication has been unable to take place until now, so fitting that it coincides with her Platinum Jubilee.

With easier movement now, the PCC in Broad Hinton have reinstated the Safari Supper event which has been running for over 25 years now.

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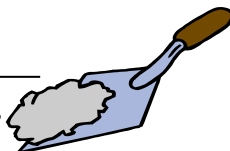
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