

UPPER KENNET NEWS

June 2023

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£100 Number 6 Vicky Evans
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(Some winners prefer that their names are not published, in which case we just state the winning number)

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Another way to support our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett

Notice Board

Burial of Ashes

Eric Russ Broad Hinton 28 April 2023
John Dodds Broad Hinton 13 May 2023

Funerals

Jeanette Audrey Radford Fyfield 02 May 2023
Lesley Morgan Winterbourne Bassett 13 May 2023

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

MEDITATION (TAIZE) 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 7th June, Wednesday 21st June & Wednesday 5th July.

A View from the Rectory

Books leave the Rectory shelves on a frequent basis, sent forth like carrier pigeons, and occasionally some return home to roost. One Sunday in May two of the books flew home. Apparently they had been 'a real gift' to the reader in her attempt to answer the big questions about God and Life in general. Sometimes books take you from where it feels comfortable to the edge of understanding, where you are invited to let go of what you think you know, and walk on untested 'holy ground'. John Phillip Newell, Richard Rohr and Barbara Brown Taylor are three authors who invite the reader to go from the centre to the edge of faith – finding common ground with others who are also exploring the edges of *their* faith.

Early in the Christian history of our islands Celtic monks practiced something called 'Peregrination'. The root of that word is Latin, from an old term meaning pilgrim or someone who becomes a foreigner in a new land. Think peregrine falcon: a falcon's journey can take it from the Arctic Circle to South America and back again in a single year. Think St Brendan the Navigator, who spent seven long years on the sea in a coracle seeking the Island of Hy-Brazil, abandoning his old, preconceived ideas and boundaries of trust and faith to seek and find new life beyond the safe quayside in the wide and open sea.

I have found that every time I have taken the risk to move out of my comfort zone spiritually, mentally, emotionally or creatively, I have caught something of the peregrination of God's Spirit. There has always been a sense of 'oh, you are there AS WELL' and real joy finding our boundaries are self-imposed, and can be challenged. But going beyond possibilities to the edge does not mean abandoning the centre - on the contrary. It is a bit like having the job of a doorkeeper, who must know fully what is within, and continue to see and seek and engage with what lies beyond the door.

I was asked recently why I 'find it easy to talk to strange people with strange ideas and beliefs' - I wish I could have replied 'peregrination' but the individual asking already thought I was a few wags short of a dog's tail so I merely smiled and said 'because a stranger is friend you haven't met yet'. If I am rooted and grounded in the core of faith, a loving God, then it becomes possible to be a peregrine, a pilgrim, in each encounter with another. Pilgrims go with the expectation of being changed and to encounter God somewhere on the path. Perhaps these words from a hymn sum it up best for me literally and metaphorically:

'This my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar from mine:
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.'

Summer is upon us and perhaps we shall travel and others travelling might encounter us. I wonder if we all could do with trying a bit of 'peregrination'?

Coronation Bells herald the New King

The bells of St Michael and All Angels, West Overton, joyfully pealed in the morning of Sunday, 7th May to hail the King's Coronation. This was followed by a Coronation Service at the Church and a delightful picnic in the Churchyard.

The Parish of Fyfield, West Overton and East Kennet wish to thank the gracious bellringers who give our bells a voice, once again.

Thank you Richard Metters, David Moore and Nicki Head of St George's, Preshute, Martin Strange of St John's, Devizes and Andrew and Jane Woolley of St Mary's, Calne. Please see inside, Page 3, for announcement of Belltower Open Day at West Overton, Saturday 8th July 2023.

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

maxdissanayake1@gmail.com

100 Club

Draw Results for May

1st	£48.00	60	Penny Gold
2nd	£36.00	66	Jane Parker
3rd	£24.00	17	Margaret Gutherson
4th	£12.00	97	Steve & Thelma Fulford

(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
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UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'RN E MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'RNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
4 June Trinity Sunday	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service
Wednesday 7 June			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
11 June Trinity 1		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service			
Wednesday 14 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
18 June Trinity2			<u>8.00 am</u> Prayer Book Communion		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21 June			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
25 June Trinity 3		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service					
Wednesday 28 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Sunday 2 July	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service

Readings

4 June – Gold or White
Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13.11-end
Matthew 28.16-end

11 June – Green
1st Sunday after Trinity
St Barnabas
Job 29.11-16
Psalm 112
Acts 11.19-end
John 15.12-17

18 June – Green
2nd Sunday after Trinity
Genesis 18.1-15
Psalm 116.1,10-17
Romans 5.1-8
Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]

25 June – Green
3rd Sunday after Trinity
Genesis 21.8-21
Psalm 86.1-10,16-end
Romans 6.1b-11
Matthew 10.24-39

2 July – Green
4th Sunday after Trinity
Genesis 22.1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6.12-end
Matthew 10.40-end

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



St Michael and All Angels Church West Overton

FLOWERS

After many years and the disruption of Covid, Susanne, our organiser and ace flower arranger, has stepped down.

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.

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/foilage 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.
I can set up a rota if I have the people!

Sue Rogers, Churchwarden

sjrogers44@gmail.com or 01672 861374

Sibella Laing, Lay Minister,

sibella.laing@outlook.com or 01672 861600

Fyfield Churchyard Clear-up 22 April



A big **thank you** to our intrepid Fyfield villagers who turned out to clear the grounds of St. Nicholas's church and graveyard. There were plenty of nettles and ivy to be cut back, gully to be cleared plus strimming around the walls and gravestones. After a hard morning's work, the grounds were restored to pristine condition. From now on the grass cutting team will take over and maintain the grounds until next winter. Thanks again to all involved.

Thanks also to Mike Morrissy for the refreshments – much appreciated!



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 June 15th	7.30pm
Friday June 23rd	7.30pm
Thursday June 29th	7.30pm
Thursday July 6th	7.30pm
Wednesday July 12th	5pm
Wednesday July 19th	5pm
Thursday 27th July	7.30pm

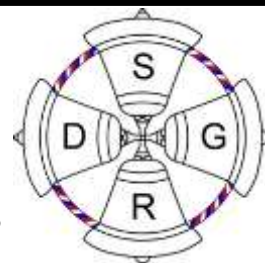
Belltower Open Day

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 Belltower?

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 Belltower 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



A date for your diary...

COFFEE MORNING

AND

BRING AND BUY

AT

WEST OVERTON CHURCH

ON

SATURDAY 3 JUNE

from 10 am - 12 noon

Any donations of cakes and/or items for our produce and plant stalls will be very welcome.

**Please contact Anne Robinson
(861169)
for further details**

The proceeds will go towards keeping West Overton, East Kennett and Fyfield churches open.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT AVEBURY'S CHAPEL?

Come on Wednesday 7 June at 19h00 to hear James Holden's talk
Avebury Chapel and the development of nonconformist architecture
James writes books for the Wiltshire Buildings Record. For his book on Wiltshire, he surveyed over 500 buildings covering a 300-year period from the late 17th century. He will weave the story of our chapel into the wider narrative of chapel development in the county.

Avebury Parish Council warmly invites you to the community exhibition space in the Chapel. No booking required; free entrance; doors open from 18h30 when refreshments will also be available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 8 July at 14h00

Stuart Raymond: *Avebury without the stones*

A preview of Stuart's history of Avebury, which will be published later this year.

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

Avebury Church Teas

Light lunches and teas will be served
In Avebury Church

Monday 29th May
11 am – 4 pm



Please come and support us.
Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated



PERFECT FLORAL TRIBUTE TO KING CHARLES III



A huge thank you to all those who decorated Monkton church so beautifully with flowers for the Coronation week-end. Photos cannot do it justice! Also, grateful thanks, to all those who came along to admire the flowers and donated so generously. The church looked superb and it was lovely to enjoy it for our church service on the Sunday too.



Meanwhile, in our new, fabulous Community Hall we served a wonderful array of cakes and ran a tempting bric-a-brac stall. Both proved popular as we welcomed people from across the Benefice and surrounding villages. Over 50 people supported us and over £500 was raised, exceeding expectations. Once expenses have been paid the remainder will go towards the new amplification system in the church. The servers and bakers, as ever, did a fantastic job – many thanks.

The New Inn

Family Run Freehouse

Large Garden Dog Friendly

Local Ales & Cider

Thursday Theme Nights

Winterbourne Monkton

01672 539793



thenewinn@elderbrookhouse.com

Opening Hours

Thursday & Friday

5pm – 9pm

Saturday Breakfast

8am – 11am

Saturday Dinner

5pm – 9pm

Sunday

12pm – 9pm

Please note we will be closed on
Sunday 25th June.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1st
National Doughnut Day

Friday 2nd - Live Music
7pm - Echo

Friday 9th - Quiz Night

Thursday 15th
Beer Tasting with Jason
from Broad Town Brewery

Sunday 18th - 12pm - 3pm
Father's Day Roast
Reservations are recommended.
Every Dad receives a dessert on us.

Call or email now to book us for your
upcoming celebration.



Update from the National Trust Summer Solstice 2023

It's almost that time of year again; the Summer Solstice will soon be here with expected gatherings at Avebury on the evening of Tuesday 20 June and morning of Wednesday 21 June.

As usual, the National Trust has been working closely with Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, St John Ambulance, Avebury Parish Council, and local groups to ensure a safe and peaceful Solstice for everyone.

We'll have **staff on duty** over the weekend prior to Solstice, and then we'll begin a 24-hour shift system beginning at 8am on Tuesday 20 June, and continuing until 6.30pm on Thursday 22 June.

The small National Trust **campsite** in the overflow car park will be open from 10am on Tuesday 20 June, until 2pm on Thursday 22 June. The planning condition in force here prevents us from allowing overnighting in vehicles; therefore, all campers are required to be in the designated camping area, in tents.

The **main car park** will be open as

usual with extended hours on Tuesday 20 June to accommodate evening visitors. To help us manage this car park safely and effectively, for the enjoyment and ease of all, security staff will be helping us to clear and close the car park at the normal time of 6pm on 17, 18, 19, and 22 June.

Subject to ground conditions, **additional parking** will also be provided in the Manor Parkland on the evening of Tuesday 20 June through to the morning of Wednesday 21 June. Due to the protected and sensitive nature of the ground, no large vehicles can be admitted here and a 2.1m height barrier will be in place.

The **location of additional toilets and waste and recycling 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 16 June to enable the Ranger Team to install this fencing. As usual, parking here will be limited during this period, so if you have alternative means of travel, please consider using it. You will need a valid access permit or Blue Badge to park in the High Street car park. Resident access permits will be issued by the Parish Council; more information will be

available soon. The details of the permit system are currently being finalised by the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council as part of a **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order** that will be in place over Solstice.

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

National Trust food and drink provisions will be available in the Circles Restaurant as usual over the whole Solstice period. This will be supplemented by a simple over-night provision from the Coach House Café from Tuesday 20 June 6pm to Wednesday 21 June 8am, seamlessly followed by an early breakfast offer from 8am in the Circles Restaurant.

Avebury Manor will be closed from Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 June inclusive, all other elements of our visitor offer will be open as usual.

Main National Trust contact telephone number during Solstice for any urgent issues or queries is 01672 539126; enquiries will be directed to the relevant staff member.

AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

NEW MEMBER

Two local residents had put their names forward and we were happy to co-opt Mrs. Sue Millward to the council.

MEET YOUR PCSO

PCSO Melissa Camilleri will be starting what is hoped will be a regular session for residents to come and raise issues of concern. The first of these will be on **Friday 26th May** in the Social Centre High Street, between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will be run quarterly.

Village meeting

Residents and Parish Councillors met on Thursday 18th May at the Club in Avebury for the annual village meeting. Issues raised were parking, the state of the local roads, verge cutting, Solstice arrangements and the Parish Council accounts. All these issues are being followed up on and there will be updates on the website and on our social media feeds.

Other issues

Planning – we supported two recent planning applications in Bray Street and Swindon Road

SOLSTICE PLANNING

With just over a month to go, plans are taking shape for this year's Summer Solstice. Please keep an eye out for notices about arrangements.

PARKING:

Parking over the Solstice is always an issue and there is a change this year – you will need permits for **parking** and **access**. These will again be available for residents to allow access to the High Street and other roads as well as on-street parking while preventing parking where it is not allowed. Please watch out for information on the local Social Media and Whatsapp groups and local notice boards. Please help neighbours who might not know about the permits by telling them about the scheme and how they can get a permit

Permits will be issued and residents should make sure that they have a permit **before** the Solstice

A4361 – we agreed to take up the state of the A4361 between the Beckhampton roundabout and Winterbourne Monkton as the state of the surface is now causing great concern about road safety.

Policies – all APC policies are under review at present and will be available on the Parish website (www.aveburyparishcouncil.org) in due course.

Parking - illegal parking throughout the Parish is becoming more of a problem and we agreed to contact our local Councillor for support in getting the Parking Enforcement Team to visit more regularly. This has now been

done and the Parking team will visit more often, particularly at busy times.

Road safety – we received a report recently of a child riding a Mini Moto locally. Most mini motos, quad bikes and other off-road vehicles cannot legally be ridden on the road, nor can they be used on pavements, footpaths, cycle paths, on parkland, common land or wasteland. They can only be ridden legally on dedicated sites or private land (with the permission of the landowner).

Maggie Lewis, Co-Chairman

News from the Tower

The Big Event for the ringers last month was, of course, the Coronation. Some of the older ringers remember the pride with which a previous generation rang for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Shirley, our late ringing teacher was one of them. There were some worries that the Central Council of Bellringers wanted all the bells to be rung at the same time (as they requested for the Queen's funeral) but they did not fix a time. At Avebury, they rang before the service, simple changes and sequences called Kings and Queens. Because they had 9 ringers they were able to ring all the bells. The ringers were Front row: Brian Vickers and Adam Lomas. Second row: Andy and Kathryn Miller. Back row: Michele Lomas, Jonathan Stubbs and the Tye family, Sean, James and Samuel. Not content with ringing for the Coronation, Adam and Michele Lomas, Jonathan Stubbs and Brian Vickers rang the bells for some 15 minutes at 12.30pm the following day (Sunday) to announce the start of the 'Avebury Coronation Picnic'. This was a bring and share event held in Avebury Manor Gardens, by kind permission of the National Trust (who additionally provided chairs and tables and other help). Ringers Jonathan and Michele played key roles in organising this well attended event.

B.Vickers.



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



Home-Start North Wiltshire

Home-Start North Wiltshire is celebrating 35 years supporting local families. Home-Start UK is celebrating 50 years! Last year your local Home-Start supported 107 families across North Wiltshire. We are committed to promoting the welfare of families who have at least one child under the age of five.

We are an independent charity affiliated to Home-Start UK, the country's leading family support charity. Our volunteers are parents or grandparents with an interest in and experience of young children and family life. They are trained, supported and supervised to Home-Start UK standards.

Our aim is to provide early support to families who are facing the challenges and stresses of family life, including a wide range of difficulties such as isolation, low self-esteem, physical and mental health issues.

We work alongside parents in their homes to help raise their self-confidence and their ability to cope in an increasingly pressured society. Our emphasis is on parents helping parents.. We are desperately in need of volunteers to work with families in the Tidworth and Swindon areas although we do cover much of North Wiltshire. We also provide support via our Toddler Brunch Cafes for mums with toddlers or babies. Could you help a few hours a week? Volunteering is a great way back into work and looks good on your CV. We also have other opportunities supporting our fundraising and community events.

Please call or text 07864652349 or
hello@homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk

Trussell Trust Food Bank

If you contribute to the Food Bank these are the items most needed at present as stocks are running low and they will be gratefully received.

Instant mashed potato
Tinned custard
Tinned potatoes 300g
Tinned tuna
UHT dairy milk
Long life fruit juice
Shampoo

Come for a walk during the
North Wessex Downs
Walking Festival
2-11 June 2023



This year's North Wessex Downs Walking Festival has 27 walks on offer across the AONB with opportunities to seek out wildlife, history or culture, visit a farm, follow a nature trail, picnic with the family, create an art journal, or simply soak up the views from the top of the downs. Many walks are free but booking is essential.

The festival is a great celebration of the top-class walking country, stunning views, heritage and culture of this protected landscape. Walk leaders are all knowledgeable and welcoming and looking forward to bringing alive some of their favourite places for you.

There are family-friendly events, energetic hikes as well as gentle ambles. Go to northwessexdowns.org for more information and to book. Be quick as some events are booking up fast!

KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Tel: 07897 797208

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING – PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

The Parish Council has arranged for a free training session on basic first aid and the use of defibrillators for residents to be provided by the South West Ambulance NHS Trust to be held from:

10 – 11.30 am

Sunday 11th June 2023

at Kennet Valley Hall

Up to 40 places are available and residents from Fyfield, Lockeridge and West Overton are invited primarily to attend but interested residents of neighbouring villages may now apply for a place. These places will be allocated on a first come first allocated basis subject to availability. Please contact

jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

to book your place.

TREE PLANTING

At 12 noon on Sunday 7th May a group of residents gathered on the Dene for the Blessing and Dedication for the tree planted in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As Reverend Maria Shepherdson began it became apparent not all was going to go quite as planned due to several groups of motorcycles purring through the village in short succession causing everyone to smile.

The Parish Council would like to thank

Reverend Maria for the Blessing & Dedication, the Lockeridge resident for kindly donating the tree and the motorcyclists for providing some entertainment and seemingly adhering to the 20mph speed limit.

CORONATION

Picnics for the Big Lunch took place in all three villages and thankfully the weather was kind.

Members of the Parish Council judged the competition for the best dressed property in each of the villages and the winners have been awarded a Coronation cup.

KEEP SAFE IN THE COUNTRY

Please take care when out and about in the countryside. Remember to close gates, avoid livestock and keep to designated paths.

Parents – please ensure that your children keep safe. Farms are working environments with potential risks from equipment and livestock.

POLITE REMINDER – PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Complaints have been received of dog fouling in Lockeridge, please pick up after your dog. Always take bags with you when out walking and do not leave them to pick up later, they are not there for decorating trees and hedges, can cause fatalities if ingested by cattle and a very nasty infection called toxocariasis in humans.

TREE AND HEDGE CUTTING ADVICE

The RSPB recommend not cutting hedges and trees between March and August as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds, although some birds may nest outside this period. It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the

nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs. It is an intentional act, for example, if you or your neighbour know there is an active nest in the hedge and still cut the hedge, damaging or destroying the nest or contents in the process. If someone is cutting a hedge during this period, speak to them and politely mention the risk to birds' nests, and the laws protecting nests. If they proceed, and **you know** there is an **active nest at risk**, contact the police on 101, and ask for a reference number.

BOOKS IN THE BUS SHELTER – WEST OVERTON

The books in the bus shelter continue to be a valuable and well used resource for the local community but recently it seems to have become a dumping ground for DVD's. Please can we request only books be placed in there and then only if there is sufficient space on the shelves to accommodate them.

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

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is **Monday 26th June at 6.30pm** in the **Kennet Valley Hall**. As always members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

AVEBURY & DISTRICT WI

May 2023

May is our Resolutions meeting – every year the National Federation of WIs asks members to put forward suggestions for a resolution to campaign on. In the past the WI has campaigned on Equal Rights, Votes for Women, sustainable development, environmental issues to name a few. Some years there are several resolutions to choose to support but this year there is one – Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife. For us it was a 'no-brainer' as we are all aware that water quality in our rivers and streams has been an issue and that something needs to be done. The support for the motion was unanimous.

Following the serious business we had a quiz and, as it was only a few days since the Coronation of

King Charles III and Queen Camilla, it had a royal theme. Our thanks to Richard Nutt, our treasurer's husband, for putting it together and acting as our 'quiz inquisitor'. We also had a delicious fish and chip supper from the Red Lion (thank you Huw, Kyran, George and the team), and an even more delicious chocolate fudge cake made by member Annie Fellows, with a royal theme too.

Our next two meetings are our traditional summer outings – June's is Salthrop House gardens on **Friday 9th June (not Thursday 8th, our usual day)**. July's outing is to Whitchurch Silk Mill, please let me know if you will be going as I have to book for the tour.

Maggie Lewis, President



Avebury Community Shop

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

Congratulations to Martin and Julie

Congratulations to Martin, one of our managers, and Julie on the occasion of their handfasting on May 20th. Everyone in the shop sends their best wishes.

Update on Building Work

By the time you read this, the repairs to the front of the shop should have been completed and the orange barrier removed from outside the window. Thank you to the National Trust, our landlords, for organising this.

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)

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL

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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.

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Avebury and Stonehenge Archaeological and Historical Research Group

The first 'on-site' meeting of the Avebury and Stonehenge Archaeological and Historical Research Group (ASAHRG) since the pandemic took place at Avebury Club at the end of April. We have a widespread and an international membership so the hybrid facility was essential and run by David Dawson, Director of Wiltshire Museum.

The Group is an independent body of archaeologists and historians who research not only the upstanding but the buried archaeology, the records of others who have done so in the past, the history of the area, the changing landscape, ancient soils and land use and changes in - for instance - river flow patterns.

One of the reports received was in relation to the digitisation of the big paperwork archive held by the Alexander Keiller Museum, a collaborative project involving several bodies and many volunteers.

There is more fieldwork research taking place later in the year - meanwhile here is Professor Josh Pollard - who started his student fieldwork experience in the Valley - (bottom right hand corner) discussing his recent and forthcoming programme:



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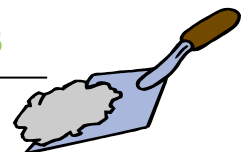
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