



UPPER KENNET NEWS

June 2026

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

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

£100 Number 59 Tim Verity
£75 Number 91 Jeremy & Pam Hallet
£50 Number 23 John Evans

If you would like to join the lottery, please pick up an application form from any church, or ring Jo Snape on 01672 861267 or email josiesnape@aol.com

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

Notice Board

Baptism

Archie Hudson Broad Hinton 26th April

Funeral

Lt-General Sir Peter John Beale
Avebury 28th April

100 Club

Draw Results April

1st	£56.00	41	Martyn Meeks
2nd	£42.00	59	Jill Petchey
3rd	£28.00	38	Hilary Ind
4th	£14.00	16	Laura Feeley

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery email: marksanders888@gmail.com

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

Can you give yourself 25 minutes a fortnight?

Just to relax, turn off, and forget the trials and stresses of life, and everyday pressures, and to enjoy a time of peace, calm and silent reflection.

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at **East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm** we hold a Taize meditation service: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing - often accompanied by guitar playing, plus a few words of wisdom and brief prayers - but mainly peace and calm.

No complicated service to follow, just peace and relaxation.

Put these dates in your diary and drop in to join us when you feel like it:

Wednesday 27th May, Wednesday 10th June & Wednesday 24th June

We look forward to seeing you.

Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White

Rector's Letter



Then Prince Ivan saw it. A Firebird landed on the apple tree and started to peck at the golden apples. Jumping up he reached for the bird but the Firebird flew up faster than he thought possible and away, away beyond the garden wall. All that was left in his hand was a single, brilliant feather from her tail.

With the start of June brings preparations for Summer Solstice celebrations and St James church in Avebury will have a weekend of musical experiences, storytelling and ceremony, as we did last year (see advert in this magazine). Our Saturday evening band may change due to circumstances but apart from that

all should go ahead as planned. If you are coming to anything please be aware that you won't be able to park! So best to get a lift in or use the A49 bus that runs every half hour.

As part of the goodies on offer I will be telling the Russian folktale of Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf. This is a wonderful tale packed with much symbolism and insight but experienced as a marvellous adventure story. It all begins with the arrival of the Firebird, a magnificent creature that also heralds the beginning of a quest and adventure. The Firebird kick starts us on a hero's journey. Prince Ivan plucking a feather from its tail is his passport to change whether he likes it or not. We have all had a visit from the Firebird at some point in our lives. It usually arrives when we are most settled and least expect it. Sometimes through tragedy or perhaps meeting someone new. It tends to bring with it opportunity and teaching, the rewards of which need to be earned. But one thing is certain, the thing it triggers will be an experience we won't forget in a hurry!

In Avebury as the cycle of the year is marked and celebrated, the summer solstice is seen as a high point that we share in the year as the sun is at its highest point for 3 days (i.e. it is seen as static - sol=sun stice=stasis). Let's hope for hot, sunny celebrations!

On the Sunday of that weekend, around the mandala that will be created in church, we intend to hold another peace ceremony/service with our Hiroshima peace flame, culminating in a procession out to the stones and praying peace out into the world. This is a 'multifaith and none' event so all will be able to share peace in a way that feels right to them. Do come and join us.

Meanwhile nature continues to give of its beauty. The May and other blossoms were gorgeous as ever this year and the expanding wildlife in my garden know they have free rein and take advantage of me. I counted nine rabbits on my lawn the other day. Some munching and stopping still as statues in between bites, others embedded in the grass catching the warm evening sun on their bodies, while tiny ones race across the lawn from end to end, their little white tails like a pulsing flashlight catching the corner of my eye ... they are very lucky I'm a vegetarian ...

Every blessing,
Jonathan - the Rector.

Lt Gen Sir Peter Beale

Mary Beale, Anna and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and letters of sympathy and included such wonderful memories of Sir Peter. He will be greatly missed and we hope still singing but with the angels.

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'NE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'NE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 3 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
7 June Trinity 1	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 10 June			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
14 June Trinity 2		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 17 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
21 June Trinity 3			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 June			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
28 June Trinity 4		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion					
Wednesday 1 July				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			

Upper Kennet Churches

Home Visits & Home Communion

Please contact the Church Office if you would like one of our Pastoral Team to come and visit you or if you cannot get to church and would like Home Communion.

Telephone: 01672 861786

e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

Readings

Sunday 7 June – Green Trinity 1

Genesis 12.1-9

Psalms 33.1-12

Romans 4.13-end

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Sunday 21 June – Green Trinity 3

Genesis 21.8-21

Psalms 86.1-10, 16-end

[or 86.1-10]

Romans 6.1b-11-8

Matthew 10.24-39

Sunday 14 June – Green Trinity 2

Genesis 18.1-15 [21.1-7]

Psalms 116.1, 10-17 [or 116.9-17]

Romans 5.1-8

Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]

Sunday 28 June – Green Trinity 4

Genesis 22.1-14

Psalms 13

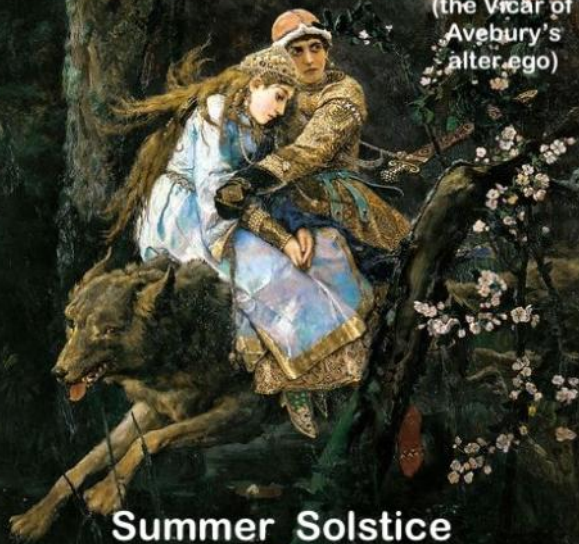
Romans 6.12-end

Matthew 10.40-end

Ivan and the Grey Wolf

An initiatory and transformative
Russian folk tale awoken in your
imagination by Jonny Story

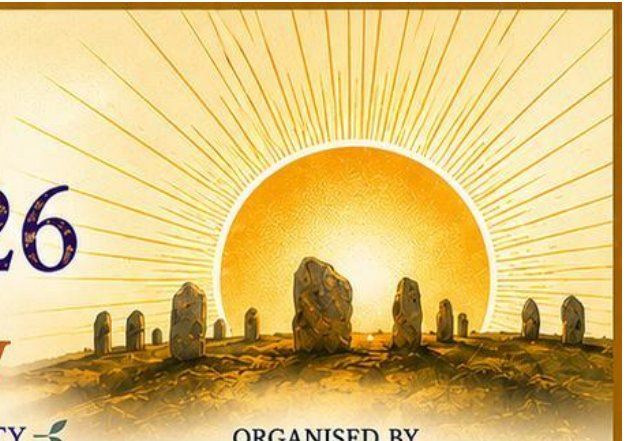
(the Vicar of
Avebury's
alter.ego)



Summer Solstice
4.30pm Sat 20th June
St James Church, Avebury

SUMMER SOLSTICE 2026

at
St James Avebury



CELEBRATING LIGHT • COMMUNITY • CREATIVITY

SATURDAY 20th JUNE & SUNDAY 21st JUNE

A weekend of sound, song, ceremony and connection
in Avebury and at St James Church.

ORGANISED BY
St James's Church, Avebury

ALL ARE WELCOME

SATURDAY 20th JUNE



10.00am – Gong Soundscape
with Ted Walker & vocalist Georgi Stupar
An immersive, meditative journey
with gongs, Timberharp & voice.



11.00am – A Song Celebration
Kerry and Tom are old friends and firm favourites
at St James. Tom and Kerry will be performing
their usual happy 60s tunes for you to sing
and dance along to. If you have a drum
please play along.



**(12.00 – 2.00) – Events around
the Stones organised by the
local pagan community**



**2.00pm – Medieval and Renaissance
music meets 21st century**
Katherine Christie Evans – singer and composer,
this is not to be missed!
Exquisite medieval music with a modern and
unique creative twist by an up and
coming musician and artist.



3.30pm – Songs from the Heart
Local singer songwriter Gareth Lovall.
All original material sung in Gareth's
unique style that touches the heart
and draws us in.



4.30pm – Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf
Jonny Story (the vicar's alter ego) will transport
your imagination into this ancient Russian folk tale
– a journey of transformation. Prepare to climb
on the back of the Great Grey Wolf.



7.00pm – AWEN The Bardic Band
Musical storytelling and elements of folklore and myth,
AWEN The Bardic Band create live Bardic shows
that are exciting, joyous and will capture for us
the spirit of Solstice.

SUNDAY 21st JUNE



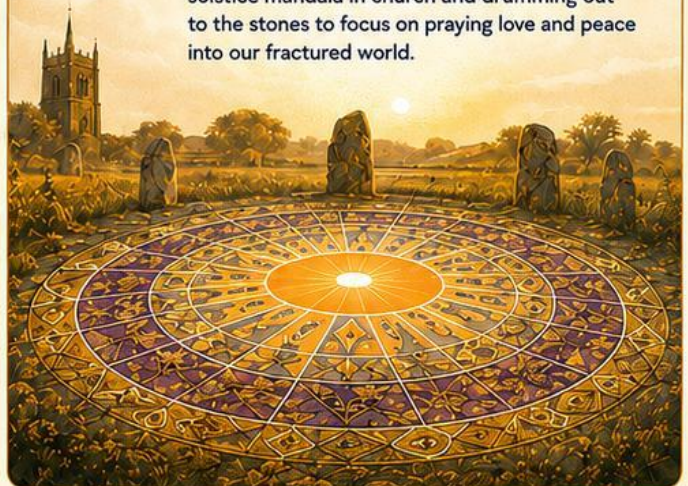
**DAWN – Join everyone
up on the ridge to
welcome the sun**



10.00am – Soundshine Gongbath
Gong Masters Richard Farrington and Jo Carter
who visited us recently will be the perfect
practitioners to take us into solstice morning
after our dawn celebrations. Prepare to sit in
the healing sound of their creations.



**12.00 – A Ceremony for
World Peace and Harmony**
Rev Jonathan and the pagan community will share
an interfaith ceremony beginning around the
solstice mandala in church and drumming out
to the stones to focus on praying love and peace
into our fractured world.



THE WEEKEND WILL ALSO INCLUDE:



The incredible
pictures of local
photographic artist
David White
for sale



An exhibit of a study
of the ancient font
by David Wolfy
Wilkins



A specially made
summer Solstice
mandala made by
local artists

ALL ARE WELCOME – PAUSE, REFLECT & RECONNECT

ST JAMES CHURCH, AVEBURY, WILTSHIRE SN8 1RF



VERA WATTS

Sadly, Vera passed away on May 2nd shortly after her 83rd birthday. Vera was a major supporter of the village hall over many years, especially her involvement with Christmas and Easter Bingo. Many locals will remember her biggest achievement, which was the creation and management of the CLIC Sale which she ran at the Kennet Valley Hall for 25 years.

She started the Sale in the late 1980s when her 5 year old nephew Lewis was diagnosed with Leukaemia MLL. Although sadly Lewis died 3 years later Vera continued the SALE for a total of 25 years raising a total of £51000 for the CLIC Sargent charity. An outstanding legacy.

Fyfield Churchyard Clear-up morning, Sat 25th April



A beautiful spring morning saw the Fyfield villagers turn out in force to tidy the churchyard and graveyard after the ravages of winter. To comply with the restoration work, the gulleys were cleared and the bush leaning against the east wall trimmed and cut right back. To complete the day, the border weeds were banished, the grass cut and the Lychgate painstakingly cleared. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and worked tirelessly to make the grounds look cared for and tidy.

Thanks also to Mike Morrissy for the refreshments – very welcome!

GARDENER

I am a gardener looking for gardening work in the Avebury, Winterbourne Bassett, Broad Hinton and East Kennett area. I am experienced and qualified but as I don't drive you would need to provide tools. I'm happy to cycle or use public transport to reach you and I look forward to hearing from you.

If you are interested please contact me:

Martin Andre

martinandre@gmail.com 01672 539641 or 07887 717626

GARAGE/HOUSE CONTENTS SALE



Final – Gold, 2 houses into one!
Sat 27 June – 10am - 1pm

**Meadow Cottage,
Winterbourne Monkton**

(next to the New Inn Pub SN4 9NW)

Garden furniture, kitchen equipment, garden tools, bicycle and much, much more.

Tea/Coffee + home-made cakes!

Donations of proceeds to be made to Monkton Church and CRESS (Christian Relief Education Skills & Sustainability (for the South Sudanese Refugees in rural N Uganda))

Disabled parking in the drive, other parking in New Inn Car park.

**Bring your empty car
and fill it up!**



Broad Hinton Village Hall
Saturday 13th June
7pm - 11pm

BARN DANCE

RAISING FUNDS FOR
BROAD HINTON CHURCH
PROSPECT HOSPICE &
THE HARBOUR PROJECT

**PLOUGHMAN'S
PLATTER &
WELCOME DRINK
INCLUDED**

**CALLER,
JOHN
CARVER - NO
EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY**

TICKETS
ADULTS £20
CHILDREN UNDER 15 £7.50

Joy Reynolds joyereynolds49@gmail.com
Gill Crabtree gillcrabtree1@gmail.com

Decorative elements including musical notes and a microphone icon.

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: Sibella Laing: 01672 861600 or sibella.laing@outlook.com



Kennet Valley School



Since Easter we have been taking part in many different activities at school.

We are very lucky that Kennet Valley School is in such a stunning setting enabling the younger pupils in their weekly walk to see the Bluebells in full bloom in West Woods. They produced some lovely detailed observational drawings and had free time to play and explore.

All classes took part this term in engaging Walk Safe sessions, where pupils learned all about the Highway Code and how to stay safe when walking and cycling. The sessions were interesting, informative, and full of great discussions —our pupils really got involved and asked some brilliant questions!

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning important life skills which they will use every day.

We also held a special prayer space at Fyfield church. The children began their day with a peaceful walk through the fields

in the beautiful sunshine.

At the church, pupils took part in a range of creative activities in their house groups, thoughtfully led by our fantastic Year 6 leaders. Each activity was inspired by some of our school values — honesty, perseverance, sustainability, community, positivity, and identity. From decorating pebbles and crafting butterflies, to creating hearts, fingerprint art, and shaping plasticine, the children expressed their ideas in wonderfully imaginative ways. We all enjoyed a lovely morning of reflection, creativity and team-work.

Over the last two years the children have been wearing an active wear uniform rather than a traditional uniform. This enables the children to move, learn and play comfortably throughout the day and ensures that they are ready to participate easily in a wide range of activities— from gardening, outdoor learning and playtime to group tasks in class, PE and after-school clubs.

We have seen many positives from the change. An active uniform supports our aim to educate the whole child as well as being more inclusive, less expensive, and simpler to remember what to wear.

Although the children have had lots of fun this term they have also been working

hard. The year 6 children had a week of SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) and demonstrated a positive attitude and determination throughout. Each morning they arrived for breakfast with smiles on their faces, ready to try their very hardest — and they certainly did that!

Afterwards we celebrated the end of SATs in style with a party! The children designed their own decorations, decorated the table, blew up balloons, suggested songs for the music playlist, and were then surprised with pizza for lunch!

You have all worked so hard and should be incredibly proud of yourselves. Well done, Year 6 — we are very proud of you all!

Don't forget that there is a toddler group in School every Friday morning in term-time 9.00-10.00 a.m

If you would like the dates for Stay and Play or the Community teas which are held in School please contact the School on 01672 861643.

SUNDAY
JULY 26TH
4 til 6 pm



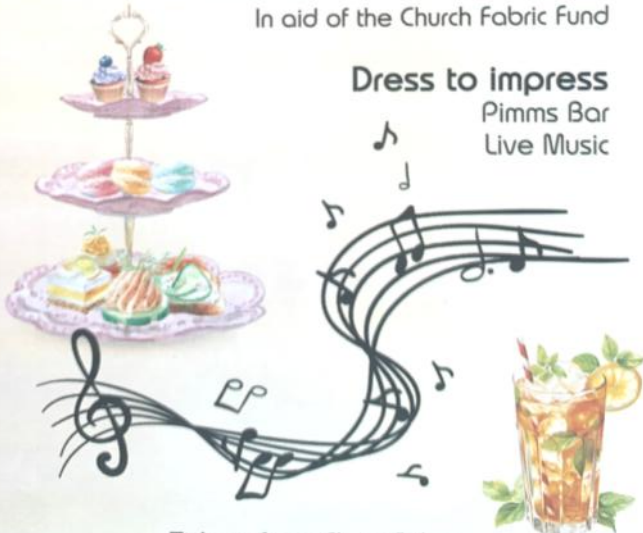
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The Old Rectory
Winterbourne Bassett
SN4 9PU

Ritzy Tea

In aid of the Church Fabric Fund

Dress to impress
Pimms Bar
Live Music



Tickets from Clare Stiles
c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk 07880 583095



JOIN US FOR
CIDER SATURDAYS
at White Barrow Farm
Lockeridge

TIME:
16.30-20.30

FREE ENTRY

White Barrow Farm



Craft Cider

EVERYONE WELCOME

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS!

Meet our pig, alpacas,
horses and ducks.
Beautiful views.
Space to play.
Buy yummy food from,
Chopping Block By George.
Buy Craft Cider made onsite.

DATES:
13.06.26
25.07.26
22.08.26
26.09.26

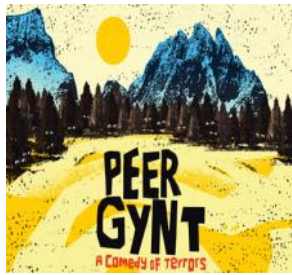


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WHITE BARROW FARM,
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MIRACLE THEATRE PRESENT

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In the garden at Maizey Lodge,
Ogbourne Maizey, Marlborough
SN8 1RY

Wednesday 24 June 2026

**Performance starts 7.30pm
(whatever the weather!)**

One interval of 15 mins.

Gates open from 6.00pm for picnics. Bring your own chairs.

Bar/coffee/ice creams/W.C./parking

**Tickets: Adults £17.00 Children (under 16) £9.00
Family £45.00 (2A 2C)**

**Tickets in advance only 01672 - 512125 /
maizey50@gmail.com**

Performance in aid of "Read for Good"

www.readforgood.org

Avebury Tower News

Oh dear! First I must apologise for missing the deadline for our contribution to the May edition.

Second, after our Rector's message in this magazine about the joys of spring, they look like being more autumnal for the ringers at Avebury. Readers will be aware that whilst it is rare for our practice to be cancelled on a Tuesday evening due to an insufficient number of ringers, we do have a problem getting enough ringers for the (monthly) Parish Communion services. This is because most of our ringers come from distant places like Heddington and All Cannings, and we cannot reasonably expect them to drive to Avebury on a Sunday morning, the more so if there is a service in their "home" Church. The problem is that not only have the "local" ringers at Avebury lost Michele Lomas, but Sean Tye from Winterbourne Monkton has had an operation on his hands which will prevent him grasping a bell rope for ? weeks. To add to our misery, your correspondent has had the first of two eye cataract operations which will also sideline him for ? weeks.

Happily there is a chance of better things by Autumn, when Sean and myself should then be available for Sunday rings. Also hopefully someone from Avebury and its catchment area will be ready to be taught to ring. All you need do is to phone me on (01 672) 539 482 and I can arrange teaching with our two qualified instructors.

Finally I can report that three of us managed to ring for Sir Peter Beale's funeral. Jonathan Stubbs, myself and Michele Lomas - who might be available for special occasions such as this ring and weddings. We went one better for the Parish Communion on Sunday 10th May when Jonathan and myself were joined by Kathy Davies from Bishops Cannings and Kathy Miller from Calne.

COFFEE MORNING

at

WEST OVERTON CHURCH

on

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

from 10 am - 12 noon

Any donations of cakes, produce and plants would 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.

THE NEW INN

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON, SN4 9NW
01672 539793 THENEWINN@ELDERBROOKHOUSE.COM



**LOU IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
THIS TIME SHE'S BRINGING THE SUN (HOPEFULLY)!**
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A CHOICE OF 2 OR 3 COURSES FROM JUST £19.95.

Friday 5th June 7pm
Booking is a must - call or email now!

FANCY A HOMEMADE SUNDAY ROAST?
Sunday 7th June Served all day.
Starting at just £14.95

Treat yourself to a hearty Sunday roast made with fresh local ingredients and delicious meats from Sumbler's Butcher.
All the goodness of Sunday lunch without lifting a finger.
Booking and preordering is recommended so call or message now so you don't miss out!

? quiz time ?
£2 PER PERSON. TEAMS OF UP TO 6 MAX.
BOOKING IS A MUST - ALL PROCEEDS TO
ST MARY MAGDELENE CHURCH.
FRIDAY 12th JUNE
7PM START

A traditional family and dog friendly country pub with homemade food, local ales and high quality bed & breakfast rooms.
Booking is essential for most of our events. Call, email, message or pop in to secure your spot.

1950's Night

CELEBRATE MARILYN MONROE'S 100th BIRTHDAY WITH US IN STYLE!
Thursday 25th June 7pm
Enjoy a night of nostalgia with 1950s music, a themed two course menu and fabulous company!
£22.95 per person
Booking is a must - call, email or message. Code directly to secure your spot now!

Charity Fun Day

SUNDAY 5TH JULY
12 - 5PM
BBQ LIVE MUSIC
FREE ENTRANCE
BOUNCY CASTLE FAMILY GAMES



National Trust Avebury

Preparations are well underway for this year's summer solstice, and we have been working closely with Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council, Avebury Parish Council, TrustOn Security, St John Ambulance, and other local groups to ensure a safe and peaceful solstice for everyone.

We expect the largest gatherings at Avebury to take place on the evening of Saturday 20 June and the morning of Sunday 21 June.

National Trust staff will be on duty over the whole solstice period and will begin a 24-hour shift system at 8am on Saturday 20 June, continuing until midnight on Sunday 21 June.

National Trust staff and volunteers will be based in the Chapel on Green Street. The St John Ambulance treatment unit will also be based outside the Chapel.

High Street facilities and resident parking

There will be additional toilets, waste and recycling bins located in the National Trust High Street car park. This will mean fencing off a section to create a compound and ensure safe pedestrian access.

Parking restrictions will begin on Thursday 18 June to enable us to reserve bays and install fencing. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order will be in place, meaning you will need

an access permit to enter the High Street. Those permits will be issued by Avebury Parish Council.

Visitor parking and public transport

We are encouraging visitors to use bus services from Swindon, Marlborough, Devizes and Calne if they are planning to visit over the summer solstice. Links to the relevant bus timetables are available on the National Trust Avebury website.

Our main visitor car park will open at 9am on Saturday 20 June for as long as capacity allows. The car park will also be open for sunrise on 21 June if there are spaces available.

As in previous years, there will be a number of spaces available for camper vans, but we expect these to fill quickly and sleeping in vehicles in the car park is not permitted.

Additional parking will be made available, weather permitting, in the Avebury Manor Parkland from 7pm on Saturday 20 June. Parking will cost £5 and will be cash only. National Trust and English Heritage members park for free. This area will be exit only from 10pm and all vehicles must leave the parkland by 10am on Sunday 21 June.

Camping

There will be no camping available at Avebury for summer solstice. The landscape at Avebury is historically

significant and contains legally protected ancient monuments as well as a diverse range of wildlife.

Camping is not allowed on land the National Trust cares for at Avebury at any time of the year, and we will work closely with our partners to address any instances that occur.

National Trust opening hours and contact details

National Trust food and drink provisions will be available from our Circles Café over the whole solstice period. The café will be open from 10am on Saturday 20 June and will open earlier at 8am on Sunday 21 June.

The Coach House Café will also be open from 6pm on Saturday 20 June until 8am on Sunday 21 June.

Free drinking water will be available outside Circles Café at all times.

Avebury Manor will be closed on Saturday 20 June and Sunday 21 June, but other elements of our visitor experience will remain open as usual. Our main telephone number for urgent issues during solstice is 01672 539126; enquiries will be directed to the relevant member of staff.

You can also contact us by visiting the Alexander Keiller Museum between 10am-5pm, or by emailing avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk.

NEWS FROM THE WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL

Registered Charity No 1199011

Please visit our Website wmch.club or follow us on Facebook.



Hall Bookings can be made by e mail to

wmch-booking@hotmail.com

Events List

Friday May 29th

Film Night
The Choral
Film starts 7.30

Saturday June 20th

Coffee Morning
10.30am – 1.00pm

Friday June 26th

Food Night
From 4.30pm

Thursday July 16th

Pizzalola
From 4.30pm

Saturday July 25th

Coffee Morning
10.30am-1.00pm

Friday August 14th

Food Night
From 4.30pm

Saturday August 29th

Coffee Morning
10.30am-1.00pm

Thursday Sept 17th

Pizzalola
From 4.30

Saturday Sept 26th

Coffee Morning
10.30am-1.00pm



We are always looking for new ideas for events. Any suggestions please let us know. Speak to a Committee Member or put a suggestion in our post box.



Kennet Valley Parish Council

Clerk's details: Alison Ingham clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 07897 797208 Or 07734 761912
Website: www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Thank you to everyone who came our community drop-in event on 11th May to tell us about what you like about living here and challenges for you and your neighbours. We counted around 40 people all told and it was great to hear from so many, show what we do, and share a cuppa and chat. We will take a little time to collate what you told us and explore how it can inform our work. We will keep you updated here and on our website.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thank you to those that stayed on after the Community Engagement Event for the Annual Parish Meeting. Following Parish Council Chair, Andy Miller's review of the past year, PS Deborah Laycock, Wiltshire Police, assisted by her colleague, PCSO M Baron, gave an interesting and reassuring presentation, confirming that we are a low crime area, and providing practical tips for strengthening security if you wish around the home and in beauty spots.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO DAVID WOOLLEY

David Woolley has recently decided to stand down from the Parish Council after more than a decade of service and dedication to

the role. His wise counsel and expert knowledge on planning and related matters will be greatly missed.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MORE COUNCILLORS

David's departure means there are now two vacancies on our Parish Council, both for the West Overton and Lockeridge ward. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council as one of our volunteer councillors, please contact one of the Councillors or the clerk at clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk to find out more about the role and the co-option process. We would also be keen to hear from people who would like to help as a volunteer occasionally.



ANNUAL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION SAT, 16TH MAY

Once again, our annual training session, provided by South Western Ambulance Service, was well-attended. If you missed it, do let us know if you would like to be put on the list for next year. We have four defibrillators in the Kennet Valley Parish:

St Nicholas Church porch, Lower Fyfield, SN8 1PP

The Who'd A 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

DIARY DATE

NEXT PARISH MEETING

The next **Parish Meeting** takes place on Monday, 15th June 2026, 6.30pm at Kennet Valley Hall. As always, all residents are very welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.



CROFTON BEAM ENGINES

Visit the worlds oldest fully operational beam engine from the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. In steam May Bank Holidays 10.30 - 4.00pm. Get up close and personal with these mighty engines.

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Crofton, SN8 3DW
Wilts
Between Gt. Bedwyn and



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Councillor Update

Avebury Parish Council still has a vacant seat and we would warmly welcome new volunteers. It would be particularly helpful to have someone from Beckhampton, as we do not currently have a councillor from that part of the parish. Having representatives from across the parish helps ensure all areas are heard and properly represented. If you are interested, please get in touch with our Clerk, who can guide you through the next steps.

Speed Indicator Device

SID is back in his rightful place by the Sports and Social Club having now been repaired. We are hoping to use information gathered here to inform plans that our new Road Safety Committee will be working on. Agendas for these meetings will be posted in the same way as our Ordinary meetings and as normal everyone is welcome to come along so please do keep an eye out for our meeting dates.

Summer Solstice 2026 Arrangements

With Summer Solstice fast approaching, we are busy making the final arrangements for this year. There is a lot of information we need to communicate. Please read this update carefully to ensure you're prepared and have the right permits in place.

Traffic Restrictions (TTRO)

As in previous years, a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) will be in place across the parish during the solstice period. The TTRO will be in place as per previous years:

Ridgway/Green St access only/closure
High street access only/closure
Surrounding area, no parking/no waiting restriction

Permit Types

As a reminder there are 3 different types of permits. Here's an explanation and details for each:

Parish Council Access Permits (round disc)

These give residents access through road closures (High Street, Green Street etc.) and permission to park on the roadside within the TTRO area only. These do not grant access to the High Street car park.

- Valid for 3 years – if you already have one, it is still valid.
- Please ensure your number plate is clearly visible on the disc. Rewrite it with a sharpie if needed.
- Must be displayed in top passenger side windscreen

Guest (A5) Paper Permits

These allow friends or family visiting you to park within the TTRO area. These must be collected by the resident hosting them.

High Street car park – National Trust permits

The High Street Car Park is owned and managed by the National Trust, and a separate National Trust permit is required to park there at any time of year. If you hold a valid disabled badge, you are allowed to park in this car park.

During Summer Solstice, both disabled badge holders and those with a National Trust parking permit will also need to display a Parish Council Access Permit (round disc) in order to pass through the road closures and access the High Street area.

National Trust parking permits are available to Avebury and Avebury Trusloe residents and people working in local Avebury

businesses. To apply for one, please contact: avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk

Please note:

Parish Council access permits do not allow parking in the High Street car park, but do provide vehicle access through road closures during the Summer Solstice.

Questions or Help?

Please don't hesitate to contact us - we're here to help. If you need a permit, please make sure you obtain them in good time. If you were unable to attend any of the sessions where we issued new permits then please message Natascha Kenyon (07779304367) or email natascha.kenyon@aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you all for your continued cooperation – we work hard to support a respectful and enjoyable Summer Solstice for our residents and visitors alike.

2026 Meetings

7:30pm at Avebury Social Centre
Tuesday 2nd June
Tuesday 7th July
Tuesday 1st September
Tuesday 6th October
Tuesday 3rd November
Tuesday 1st December

Contact your Parish Council

Details for individuals can be found on our website.

Alternatively contact our Clerk:

Emma Watson,

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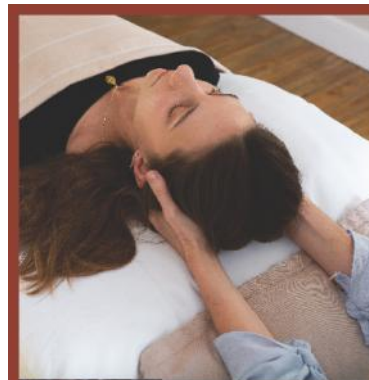


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