



UPPER KENNET NEWS

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 65 Anne Robinson
£75 Number 33 Paul Stroud
£50 Number 20 Anne Rose

(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 February

1st	£48.00	22	Peter Jackson
2nd	£36.00	23	Bill Buxton
3rd	£24.00	12	Jenny Scott
4th	£12.00	9	Mark Saunders

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

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"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 3rd, March. Wednesday 17th, March.
Wednesday 31st March.

View from the Rectory

Hearts of Hope: Live Love - Live LENT

Last year we spent Lent and Easter in lockdown, and although we shall have some sort of roadmap out of Lockdown #3 by the time you read this, it is likely that we shall be in a similar situation this year too. No wonder we are all feeling somewhat less spring like than we might! Let's face it folks, we could do with a different sort of Lent to the one we mistake for a wallow in sack cloth and ashes and the wrath of God. We need 'Love' and LENT is all about love. Lent is the time when followers of Jesus pause, take stock, and review how they live their lives as we prepare once again to remember that with Jesus, 'Death does not have the final word'.

At the end of Lent comes Good Friday, when we remember the love of God for ALL the world on the cross where Jesus died. Then comes Easter Day, when we celebrate that love brings life and joy to the world. So our challenge this year is to 'Live Love - Live Lent' and a full list of everything on offer in the Benefice to help us think about what this means is included in the magazine. Basically, however, it is all about generosity, love and living in a way that brings hope to others and this is something you can do whatever your faith or spirituality.

Imagine being out on a walk and spotting love hearts in every house window, on notice boards, in shop windows, at the pub - love hearts saying thank you, asking for prayers, saying you miss someone. Love hearts remembering a life, love hearts with rainbows saying God loves all people equally, love hearts with a favourite bible or spiritual quote, love hearts with a candle inside...

A whole window full of them, draped with fairy lights, a big wooden heart at the gate offering help to a neighbour - 'I'm going to the tip - can I take a bag of stuff for you?'... Whatever you can think of that would bring a smile to someone's face on their daily walk.

Think of someone you haven't seen in a while - make and send them a card - email works too! Tell them how much you value them, hope for them, and care for them.

Is there someone you have taken for granted - tell them you appreciate them and mean it.

Is there someone you have hurt or who has hurt you? Might this be the time to offer or accept forgiveness and let go of anger or resentment and heal?

Are there words you wish you had said to someone who has left this world? Perhaps now is the time to write them on a heart and hand them over to God, to say these words anyway and trust they will be received and peace will come.

And what is it you wish to love in yourself? Perhaps write a heart-message to yourself as you are now, expressing hopes for how you would like Love, the Love that is God, to change you, strengthen you, forgive or bring peace to you?

Live Love - Live Lent. For God is Love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

Under The Beech Tree

A Space to Breathe
This will resume
after Easter,
Covid
restrictions
permitting.



Talking Tuesdays
@ The Rectory
Avebury

Talk, Eat, Pray
Lively debate, great refreshments!

Please join the Lent groups instead!

23rd February 9th, 16th and 30th March

Via Zoom link at 4pm and repeated at 7pm

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTER- BOURNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTER- BOURNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 3 March			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
7 March Lent 3	8.30 AM – PRAYER BOOK COMMUNION – FYFIELD 9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – WEST OVERTON 11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer						
Wednesday 10 March				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
14 March Mothering Sunday Lent 4	MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.45 AM - BENEFICE SERVICE - COMMUNION – WINTERBOURNE MONKTON 11 am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer						
Wednesday 17 March			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
21 March Lent 5	8 AM – HOLY COMMUNION – EAST KENNETT 9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – AVEBURY 11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer						
Wednesday 24 March				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
28 March Palm Sun- day	9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – PALM SUNDAY - COMMUNION – BROAD HINTON 11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer						
Wednesday 31 March			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			

Readings

7 March – Purple
3rd Sunday of Lent
 1 Corinthians 1.18-25
 John 2.13-22

14 March – Purple
Mothering Sunday
4th Sunday of Lent
 Ephesians 2.1-10
 John 3.14-21

21 March – Purple
5th Sunday of Lent
 Jeremiah 31.31-34
 John 12.20-33

28 March – Red
Palm Sunday
 Isaiah 50.4-9a
 Mark 14.1-end of 15

Thursday 1 April - White
Maundy Thursday
 John 13.1-17,31b-35

Friday 2 April – Red
Good Friday
 Isaiah 52.13-end of 53
 John 18.1-end of 19

Sunday 4 April - Gold or White
Easter Day
 Acts 10.34-43
 John 20.1-18

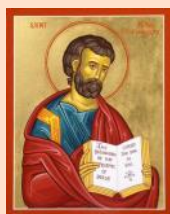
Hearts of Hope Lent in the Upper Kennet Churches



Read, Reflect and Pray - together and apart.
Daily Reflections for Lent in booklet form which you can pick up from one of our churches or download from
[#LiveLent 2021 church resources: God's Story, Our Story | The Church of England](#)



Hearts of Hope - if you would like to display a heart in your window to symbolise Love and Hope please contact the Benefice Office on 01672 861786 or e-mail upperkennetchurches@gmail.com



The Gospel of Mark - The Lion Roars
Interactive study sessions using video discussion and music as we dig deeper into the history and the life of Jesus as told by St Mark.
Via Zoom link at 4pm and repeated at 7pm on Tuesdays 23rd February, and 9th, 16th and 30th March.



Music in West Overton Church
Sit peacefully, relax or meditate whilst listening to a selection of sacred recorded music at West Overton church.
Drop in at any time between 5 pm and 6 pm on Wednesday 24th February, Wednesday 10th March or Wednesday 24th March.

For more information or help contact the Benefice Office on 01672 861786 or e-mail upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's online meeting on 2 February 2021

Road safety: Wiltshire Council has agreed to start statutory consultation on two proposals: (1) to reduce the speed limit on the A4361 from 60mph to 50mph between Beckhampton and Avebury and northwards from Avebury and (2) to fill the gaps in the primrose double lines on the verges of the B4003 (presumably repairing the severely degraded sections first). We decided to make an application to the Marlborough Area Board for funding to support the purchase of two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Temporary installations at the start of the 30mph restriction, they will prompt drivers to reduce speed. The SIDs will also be available to other parishes for occasional use.

West Kennett: Wiltshire Council has upheld our request to keep the emergency call payphone at the layby. BT has agreed to put the phone box back on the list for repainting and refurbishment. Thanks to all parishioners who actively supported our campaign to protect this vital service.

Beckhampton: A replacement mirror will soon be installed to help drivers negotiating the sharp bend at the west end of the village. We continue to try to identify the owner of the steps leading into the village from the layby opposite the Waggon and Horses with a view to deciding how to provide the handrail requested. The parish council recorded its thanks to its former colleague Dave Brotheridge, who had painted the bus shelter by the pub.

Wanted: Any information about the ownership of the steps from the Waggon and Horses lay-by into Beckhampton!

Planning applications: We supported an application from Rob Hues to lay an access route for occasional tractors and private vehicles over a field behind buildings at Galtee More Farm for which planning permission was recently granted for conversion into holiday lets. We were reassured to hear that HGVs will continue to use the existing access route off the A4 close to the car park at Silbury Hill and that the proposed access is of a design not likely to damage any buried archaeology.

National Trust update: Subject to further guidance, the Trust hopes to reopen before Easter with a booking system for the Manor Gardens, limited on-the-day walk-up tickets to the Stables Gallery of the Alexander Keiller Museum, and a take-away service from Circles Restaurant. The NT shop and Cobblestones will reopen in due course. The main car park remains closed for as long as social distancing rules make it impossible for pedestrians to pass safely on the footpaths to the village.

Rights of Way: The parish council wrote on 20 January to Richard Clewer (Deputy Leader, Wiltshire Council) drawing his attention to the abject condition of AVE14, which runs from the new barns at the turn to Yatesbury and South Street. At certain places this is more or less impassable for pedestrians. He has also been asked to consider how to prevent vehicles accessing the Ridgeway at Overton Hill during October to April.

Date of next meeting: 2 March at 19h30. Residents wishing to participate in this meeting are most welcome to do so.

Draft minutes of this meeting may be found on the Avebury Parish Council website.



St Mark's Gospel Lent course 2021

The Lion of God ROARS

'Aslan is a Lion but he is not a tame Lion'
Exploring the challenge of the Good News,
Jesus, then and now

An opportunity to understand the context and history of the Gospel of Mark and its radical message of Good News. If Jesus 'pounced' into our current secular and religious institutions what good news would he bring and who would hear and welcome it?

Explore the gospel and understand how it relates to our world today
enjoy some short video extracts from the work of retired theologian
The Rt. Rev'd Dr Bill Musk, and delve into the writings of C.S. Lewis
if you have a copy of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' dig it out and have a read!

Bishop Bill lived in the Middle East for many years, gaining a deep understanding of Middle Eastern culture and heritage and of Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt and Tunisia. An Oxford graduate, he holds a doctorate in the Science of Religion from the University of South Africa and is a well-known theologian and author. He is retired and lives in Chichester, ministering in Newhaven.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE and receive your zoom invitation ASAP by emailing
revmariashepherdson@outlook.com

Tuesday 23rd February, 4pm, repeated at 7pm

Lent 1: Introduction to the Gospel 'The Lion Roars' - context, audience, culture and identity.

Tuesday 9th March, 4pm, repeated at 7 pm

Lent 2: Direct Action - Jesus in and around Capernaum - his social justice campaign and its implications.

Tuesday 16th March, 4pm, repeated at 7 pm

Lent 3: A New Way of Being - What does Jesus say yes to and why? What does Jesus reject and why? The challenge of change.

Tuesday 30th March, 4pm, repeated at 7 pm

Lent 4: Consequences - The Way to the Cross. The Lion become Lamb ... or does He?

Do join a group and commit to study, prayer and fellowship, 'Together and Apart', as we journey towards Easter and a deepened following of Jesus.

A Massive Thank You

I would like to say thank you to all the kind people in the village that helped me after my father, Cliff Pearce, passed away in February. He will be sadly missed not only by me but by everyone. I would like to thank everyone for the kind cards and messages of condolence that I have received.

From JP

News from the Tower

At the beginning of each year, I have to write an Annual Report with all the events that have taken place in the tower, Guild and the Calne Branch in the previous year. These records have been kept, at Avebury, since the re-establishment of the 6 bells. It has to be hand written in a large ledger which was presented to the Bell ringers by Mrs. Betty Blake in memory of her husband Vernon. The first quarter peal on the new bells was rung half muffled for Vernon. Some of the items that are recorded are visiting bands, peals, quarter peals, weddings, special rings, State occasions, royal births, weddings, birthdays etc., Branch meetings including those at Avebury, Guild and Branch AGMs, recruitment, Branch Carol services, outings and registered ringers.

Due to the pandemic the 2020 report is extremely short; the Branch AGM in January, a quarter peal on the 4th March and the Branch meeting at Avebury on 14th March, everything else was cancelled. The final very sad entry is the loss, in October, 2020, of our very good friend and faithful ringer for many years, Heather Peak-Garland.

The Diocese of Salisbury suggested that ringers might toll a single bell 100 times in all the churches on Sunday, 31st January, 2021 at 12 noon, to mark the 100,000 covid deaths. The sad tolling of a tenor bell can be very moving and it made the loss of so many lives feel very real.

Mary Davidge
Belfry Correspondent. Tel: 01672 513819



Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number:
01672 539200

Revised Opening Hours
10am–4pm every day

Coronavirus Precautions

Thank you so much to everyone for continuing to co-operate with our safety precautions. We are asking everyone who comes into the shop to wear a mask. If you are unable to wear a mask, we are happy to offer a call and collect service – see below for details.

We are continuing to open 10am – 4pm every day. We have had to reduce our hours as a number of our volunteers are unable to help during the pandemic.

Call and Collect Service

We provide a call and collect service 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.

Local Produce

One of the aims of the shop is to sell as much local produce as possible. Here are the details of some of our local producers.

Brinkworth Dairy supply us with cheese including Wiltshire Loaf, Royal Bassett Blue and Silbury Hill smoked cheese. They are also supply creamy yogurts. Berkeley Farm Dairy from Wroughton produce delicious organic milk, cream and butter. Customers love the taste of these – so different from standard supermarket produce.

Sumbler's butchers from Marlborough supply a range of bacon, sausages, black pudding, charcuterie, chops and mince. We can also take orders for your Sunday roast joint.

Little Bag of Herbs supply jams and chutneys using as much home grown produce as possible.

Vicarage Lane cakes make a range of loaf cakes and flapjacks which are very popular.

Ramsbury brewery supply us with a range of beers, gin, vodka and Black Gold rape seed oil.

Our eggs come from Paxcroft Farm which is between Devizes and Trowbridge.

Extension of 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)

BLESSING OF THE BELL ST MARY MAGDALENE, WINTERBOURNE MONKTON

After only a month away the Tenor Bell (cast in 1663) was returned on 15 February to be re-hung in the church tower and connected to the electronic chimer.



Those who had donated to the appeal for funds were invited to come along to see the bell and to take part in its blessing. A warm, dry morning saw some 14 out of around 30

donators assemble in the churchyard, (socially distanced and masked) to admire the bell.

Rev Maria thanked those who had been so generous in their donations (we have raised well over half the £6,000 required).

She blessed the bell with holy water asking that it should ring out for many years to call people cheerfully to prayer and to toll sadly for those who have died.



The bell hangers finished their work in the late afternoon and several of us were given a lesson on how to use the electronic chimer. Bill Buxton, who was so instrumental in initiating the project, was the first villager to set the bell chiming!

We look forward to hearing the bell chiming for Sunday services. If you would like to donate to the Bell it is not too late! If wished, donations can be made in memory of a loved one and we will display a list of those remembered in this way. Please contact Richard Nutt (Treasurer) richard@184systems.com or Penny Gold 01672 539158 goldpennygold@aol.com.

Avebury Community Sports & Social Club

February 2021 Update

As this third lockdown drags on, and with the end still not yet quite in sight, it is frustrating for us not to be able to open our doors to any of our 270 members, or indeed any public groups or bookings.

However, we are continuing to (try to) see the positive effects of this enforced closure, not only in terms of our own ability to deliver on changes to the building (about which many of you have been vocal), but also in terms of the support we've had from the wider community as we continue to raise funds for these improvements.

Progress is now well underway on the physical side of the project. In January we cleared the area at the back of the building to accommodate the new extension, with archaeological oversight led by Professor Josh Pollard of Southampton University. We now look forward to progressing out of the ground and completing the shell of the extension, which will house the kitchen and new disabled W.C.s.

Inside the main building, the old bar (which spanned 8 metres across both of the function rooms) has now been completely removed prior to remodelling.

The seating area next to the old bar is being converted into a bar store and a furniture store. The furniture store will allow us to de-clutter the main function room to increase its range of uses. The bar store will improve our ability to manage the bar area and in particular stock control.

The old "member's bar" or "Pool Room" area will evolve into a new, informal seating area with a café/bar feel, which will extend to the rear of the building, with views on to the sports field.

In making all this progress, inevitably we've uncovered some issues. Having removed all the ceilings to the existing flat-roofed extension, we have discovered some long-term damage caused by water coming in from the main roof, and are currently working on the assumption that the main roof will need to be replaced. Whilst this is an unwelcome surprise, we are grateful for the enormous support shown to the project by many of you who have stepped up in the last couple of weeks to help us reduce our project deficit. We remain around £25,000 short of our total, but are confident that we can find a way through to completion.

We continue to be interested in hearing from any additional donors, however big or small, to allow us to complete the programme of works and be open again for business in the early Summer. You can donate at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/avebury-club, or email aveburyaop@gmail.com, call the Chairman Dominic Fry on 01672 539 081 or the Secretary Alan Blake on 07860 112 455 to discuss any cash or cheque donations.

A huge thank you to everybody who has supported the project so far, and we look forward to welcoming you all back soon into what we hope will be an improved community asset.

The Committee

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The committee held a constructive zoom committee meeting, covering a number of topics; including renewed insurance, maintenance and future bookings. The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed a cut out wooden section on the side of the south porch – this is to allow a builder to discover the cost of replacement boarding when the porch is refurbished – something it is hoped will be done in the near future. The hall was inspected in February by the council representative to check if it was COVID-19 compliant for the upcoming elections in May and I am pleased to say that it passed with flying colours, with all the right provisions and signage. This being the case we look forward to reopening as soon as we are allowed and in the meanwhile the booking clerk is taking many advanced bookings for the rest of the year! We are keen to host many local events as well as those from outside the village.

Judith Farthing Secretary

Booking: the bookingclerk@aveburysocialcentre.com

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council News.

On 6 May 2021, there are Parish Council elections along with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Wiltshire Council elections

Some of our Parish Councillors have decided not to continue beyond the election so there will be room for new members! The current council has achieved some notable successes and without them campaigning on your behalf many more services would be removed and progress not made.

The biggest achievements which should come to fruition later this year are the speed limit reduction on the A4361 and the new Community Centre but some of the smaller achievements can be just as satisfying. If you would like to know more about the rewarding and interesting role of parish councillor please talk to any of the current councillors or contact myself. We look forward to hearing from you

As the current lockdown period progresses new testing and vaccination facilities come into use, including the new lateral flow testing centre in Devizes. For recent updates please look at the parish council website www.bbwmpe.org or www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus

Janice Pattison

bbwmpe@gmail.com

AVEBURY & DISTRICT WI February meeting

Avebury and District WI continue to meet virtually and our latest meeting saw 12 members join to hear our speaker, Cath Knight, talk about '100 years – what has the WI done for us?'

She spoke about when A&DWI was formed (1939) and some of our longest serving members (Joan Greenway has that honour) as well as talking about when the WI in the UK was formed (on Anglesey in Llanfair...gogogoch!) and the centenary nearly 6 years ago which was celebrated with events around the country. There are now 6,300 WIs in the country with 220,000 members and more being formed.

Cath also asked us to think about what the WI had done for us as individual members and the main theme was friendship as well as enjoyment of the meetings and learning about different topics from speakers at them. She finished the session with some 'laughing yoga' (yes, there is such a thing!) which was enjoyed and, you guessed, made us all laugh!

Our March meeting is our birthday one but, unless Boris changes tack dramatically, it will be another virtual one. I would urge those members who haven't yet tried it to join us via Zoom, it's not that hard to do and allows some contact, even if it's not the same as being together. I'm not sure if we will have a speaker but will update members by email.

Let's hope that by the summer things will have improved greatly and we can once again meet face to face.

Maggie Lewis
President



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Ofsted 'Good school'

FEBRUARY 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our pupils very soon and I expect arrangements will be confirmed by the time this edition of Upper Kennet Valley News is published. However during the time we've been apart, we have remained a well-connected school community, though on site teaching, use of on-line technology and home visiting.

Supporting families

We know that a healthy mindset is paramount to effective learning and so during lockdown this has very much been a focus for me and my teaching team. Technology has been a life-line for many during this pandemic and an essential tool to support learning at home but we have also tried to create opportunities for our pupils and their families to have time together without technology, which is equally if not more important.

During this month, we have had some fun, visiting our families at home, as part of our "Wear a Christmas jumper day in February Fun Friday!" I was accompanied by a surprise visitor, Father Christmas, with gifts, to say well done to the children for all working so hard at home. We thought it was a good opportunity to get our Christmas jumpers out again before they become too small by the time December reaches us this year!

In recognition of the great efforts of our parents and the challenges and tough times many have faced during the pandemic, we distributed "Happy Valley-time!" care gift bags to every home for Valentine's Day for our school parents. This included a few treats as well as well-being activities for the children. The gift bags included a kit for the children to make a worry doll to help express their feelings, a proud pocket to keep a record of things they are proud of in lockdown and a selection of labels to write their future hopes for the post lockdown period. I hope these will be lasting 'aide-memoires' for families once life returns to normal.

Learning at home

All classes have live daily morning check-ins with their class teacher and pupils and we continue to use variety of pre-recorded teaching videos by our teachers and other well-evaluated national teaching resources to enable curriculum learning. This means these can be accessed at any time of the day which many families find helpful especially in balancing the requirements of parents needing to work at home too. We completely recognise that this can be really difficult to achieve and just ask that everyone does the best they can and we are able to provide more individual support if needed. However, we have been really impressed by the work being submitted across all year groups showing creativity and progress and the pupils have all embraced the technology needed to support their home learning.

We continue to follow our curriculum plan and our focus subjects last term were science and geography. In geography this ranged from learning about our local landscape in reception and year one, to seas and oceans, climates around the world, mountains and physical features of these landscapes in the upper years. In science the subjects have included looking at materials, forces and magnets and electricity using real life objects to bring learning alive. We seek to learn about these specialist subjects though art work and literacy too, so other subjects come together to support subject learning.

Our PE providers PH Sports have kindly provided us with

some home PE activities called 'Lockdown Olympics' which families can dip in and out of. Children attending school have time every day for yoga, Jo Wicks exercise sessions or BBC Supermovers –combining maths times-tables and exercise! I understand that usually most of our families are able to go out and enjoy some fresh air or a walk most days (even in the rain!) which remains an important part of staying fit, both mentally and physically.

Supporting 'Love Marlborough Kids Meals'

We have been overwhelmed by the response of our school families and villagers to this campaign where we organised collection points in the villages for food items requested by the Love Marlborough team – in total we were proud to donate over 300 items. These will contribute to providing tasty hot meals for local families in need on a twice weekly basis.

Finally, we remain focused on the educational needs of our children and as a staff group have strategies in place to ensure that any children that have fallen behind will be supported with their learning. As spring begins to appear, we look forward to better times together.

Mrs Emma Russell, Headteacher

01672 861202

The New Inn

- Offering takeaway Friday through to Tuesday, 5-9pm – enquire about free delivery to your area.
- Curry banquet – 2 curries with basmati rice, poppadoms and naan, a side of sag aloo and onion bhajis – just £16.
- Spanish Supper Club – Thursday 25th March – £15 for two courses.
- Traditional Roast – Sunday 14th March – Beef, Lamb or Veg Wellington – £9.95 for one course.

The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton

01672 539793



Marlborough & District Embroiderers' Guild

For our February meeting local textile artist, Andrea Cryer gave a talk to 37 members on Zoom. She showed us an image of her final degree project, two stitched portraits inspired by photos of her grandmother aged 18 and 88.

In 2010 Andrea entered a charity arts event entitled the Lions of Bath and she made a cloak for her painted lion. Andrea then went on to show us a wonderful selection of stitched projects of various locations in Bath. Toppings, Gay Street, Abbey Green and Mr B's Emporium in John Street.

This last year Andrea joined Tom Croft's NHS Portraits for Heroes project and she showed us images of several doctors and nurses whose portraits she had created in stitch.

Finally Andrea talked about her involvement with the 2020 Sky Arts Portrait of the Year programme. It was obviously a challenging and demanding event with numerous interruptions for interviews and camera shots but Andrea was pleased she had taken part.

The March meeting of the Marlborough & District Embroiderers' Guild (for members only) will take place via Zoom on Monday 1 March. The speaker will be Jessica Grady and her talk will be entitled "Journey into the Unconventional". The meeting will start at 13.45 for 14.00. At present we are also holding regular Stitch & Chat mornings on Zoom and if you require further information please email: frenchknots2014@yahoo.co.uk

THE ARTS SOCIETY KENNET AND SWINDON (TASKS)

Two interesting lectures are being hosted by TASKS in the near future

March 15th SCULPTURE IN STEEL given by ADAM BUSIAKIEWITZ. This is a lecture about arms and armour and how displaying your armour became a very significant work of art, and surviving armour and weapons reflect fantastic levels of skill and initiative

April 19th A BRIEF STORY OF WINE given by DAVID WRIGHT Wine has been made for at least 7000 years and has been such an important part of society that it has inspired works of art from ancient Greece, through Classical times and Medieval Europe to our own times.

All our lectures are being zoomed until further notice. Lectures begin at 10.45 for 11.00. Guests are always very welcome (we charge £5 per household). For further details and the zoom link please contact **Christopher Rogers** on either **01672 861374** or cjrogers43@gmail.com



Counselling for carers

Carer Support Wiltshire

ARE YOU LOOKING AFTER SOMEONE? DO YOU LIVE IN THE MARLBOROUGH AREA?

Being a carer often means you might not be able to take time for yourself. This can result in you feeling overwhelmed or anxious. Counselling can help you to cope with these feelings.

Thanks to funding from the Marlborough Area Board we are now able to offer carers in the Marlborough area free counselling through Wiltshire Mind.

If you are interested in counselling, call us on **0800 181 4118** or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk.

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