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£100 Number 26 Ray Manley £75 Number 5 Laura Feeley £50 Number 96 Jane Drew

(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 January

1st	£48.00	24	Sonia Buxton
2nd	£36.00	48	Joan Meeks
3rd	£24.00	39	Mark Wightman
4th	£12.00	13	Lyn Bennett-Nutt

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

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

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

Notice Board

Baptism

James Wathen East Kennett 29 January

Edith (Edie) Sherman Avebury 2 February

."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 2nd March, Wednesday 16th March & Wednesday 30th March.



A View from the Rectory

In the heart of the Berwyn Mountains in Wales stands a small church surrounded by ancient yews; it is a magical place, a thin place where you feel heaven and earth touch and the Saints stand around you. It is dedicated to the Celtic holy woman, St Melangell, who is named in ancient tales as the Saviour of the Hare. The hare is an ancient Jewish and Christian and Pagan mystical sign of the Trinity and the Holy Spirit, images of the three hares being found in German Synagogues and Christian churches, including one in Devon and the Middle East.

We are told that in the 7th century a prince named Brochwel was out hunting in the forest when his hounds chased a hare. The terrified creature ran as fast as the wind and sought refuge under the cloak of a young woman deep in prayer in the midst of a thicket of brambles. She said she was Melangell, the





Image from a Devon Church

daughter of an Irish king who required her to marry and not to dedicate her life to prayer and to God. So she fled to Wales to live alone in the wilderness. The prince was so moved by her

story that he gave her part of his lands to be a sanctuary. Hares were given special protection and it was forbidden to hunt them. From that time forth they accompanied her everywhere she went, and became known as 'Melangell's lambs.

Melangell's reputation for holiness grew, and pilgrims from all over Wales made the dangerous journey over boggy moorland and through treacherous mountain passes, seeking healing and refuge, as the hare had once done, beneath her cloak of compassion. Many miracles took place at her woodland sanctuary and sacred spring on the hillside above. Around 1160 C.E. a stone church was built with a shrine and today the Shrine Church of Saint Melangell continues to be a Pilgrims' Church, and visitors of all faiths and spiritual paths come from all over Britain and around the world to the place where a young woman saved a creature from certain death.

As we enter spring and take advantage of the stretch in the daylight hours you may well spot a hare or even three together in the bright early dawn light or at the end of the day as the last rays cast golden hues over the still empty fields. Perhaps it is not our lot to shelter a hare beneath our coat flaps, but we are all asked to do more than simply admire the beauty of creation from afar, or treat its creatures and the earth itself with the arrogance that comes from feeling humans are called to dominate creation. As we enter Lent, the Christian time of fasting and prayer and contemplation, seeking to change our lives and grow spiritually, perhaps we might think of increasing our awareness of our dependence on the earth and all that dwells therein. Perhaps we might fast from something that we know does harm, decrease our carbon footprint and in doing so not commit for a mere 40 days but for the days that come after.

When the question comes 'what are you giving up for Lent?' what will our answer

The Road, The Cross and The Challenge

An opportunity in Lent to explore: where Rev'd Maria encountered God at work during her research leave last Autumn

what relevance these findings might have for us as we journey again with Jesus to the cross and beyond

Four 'stand alone' sessions

Thursday 10 March 7.30pm, St James, Avebury

*Tuesday 29 March 2pm, The Rectory, Avebury Wednesday 30 March 7.30pm, West Overton Church

*Saturday 9 April 2pm, The Rectory, Avebury

*Places Limited to 10 Max;

please book direct with Rev'd Maria 01672 539643 or by email: revmariaspherdson@outlook.com

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

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	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBRNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBRNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Ash Wednesday 2 March			7 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion With Ashing			7.30 pm Holy Communion with Ashing
6 March Lent 1	8.30 am Prayer Book Communion		<u>6 pm</u> Evening Prayer			10.30 am Morning Prayer	9.45 am Benefice Service Communion
Wednesday 9 March				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
13 March Lent 2					10.30 am Benefice Service Communion		
Wednesday 16 March			7 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			
20 March Lent 3		9.45 am Benefice Service Communion	2.30 pm Beverley Baptism				9.45 am Morning Service
Wednesday 23 March				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
27 March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday		10.30 am Mothering Sunday Service	8 am Prayer Book Communion	9.45 am Benefice Service Communion		10.30 am Mothering Sunday Service	
Wednesday 30 March			7 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			



West Overton Church

Music and Meditation

Sit peacefully, relax or meditate while listening to a selection of recorded music for Lent at West Overton church

Wednesday 9th March between 5pm and 6pm

Wednesday 23rd March between 6pm and 7pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact the Benefice Office on 01672 861786 or e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

MUSTARD SEED, MARLBOROUGH

Mustard Seed is looking for a couple of volunteers. The shifts are 9.30-12.30 and 12.30-3 Monday-Friday. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to be part of a very friendly team do please get in touch with Rachel – telephone 01672 511611 or e-mail

mustardseedmarlborough@yahoo.co.uk.

Readings

Sunday 6 March – Purple First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 91.1,2,9-end [or 91.1-Romans 10.8b-13

<u> Sunday 13 March – Purple</u> Second Sunday of Lent

Luke 4.1-13

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3.17-4.1 Luke 13.31-end

Sunday 20 March – Purple Third Sunday of Lent Isaiah 55.1-9

Psalm 63.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9

Sunday 27 March – Purple **Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.33-35

Sunday 3 April – Purple Fifth Sunday of Lent Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.4b-14

John 12.1-8

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

BISHOP ANDREW'S BENEFICE WALK SUNDAY 3RD APRIL, 9.00AM - 12.30PM

Bishop Andrew, who is the Bishop of Ramsbury (but lives in Marlborough), has kindly agreed to come and support this walk for fundraising for our group of seven churches known as the Upper Kennet Benefice. The walk will be between the churches north of the A4, from Broad Hinton to Avebury, which is approximately five miles along footpaths, and will take in the churches of Winterbourne Bassett, Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton and will finish at Avebury Church where refreshments will be available from 11 am. Walkers are welcome to join (or leave!) at any of the churches along the way. Bishop Andrew has also agreed to do a similar walk between the churches south of the A4 at a later date — ie East Kennett, West Overton and Fyfield.

Preferably by prior arrangement, lifts will be available from Avebury to return walkers to their cars left at the start at Broad Hinton or en route.

Programme

We will assemble for a prompt start at 9:00 am at Broad Hinton Church, and walk via Wettles path to Winterbourne Bassett Church and then to the normally closed Berwick Bassett Church - which will be open on the day. Then onwards to Winterbourne Monkton and finally to Avebury Church for refreshments.

Should you wish to make a donation towards the work of all the churches in our Benefice we would be most grateful. Donations may be made to Mark Wightman on the day or by BACS to the Upper Kennet Churches Council,

Sort Code 30 92 63 Account Number 01498496 Reference Walk Donation

For any queries about the walk please contact Mark Wightman, wightman 1944@btinternet.com tel 07801 666130.

As long as there are no restrictions due to Covid we will be holding a

COFFEE MORNING

BRING AND BUY

WEST OVERTON
CHURCH

SATURDAY 19 MARCH

from 10 am - 12 noon

Any donations of cakes and/or items for our Bring and Buy stall, including books, <u>bric-à-brac</u>, produce, plants, etc 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.

We also hope to hold another Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th May.

LENT LUNCH WINTERBOURNE MONKTON WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH



Please drop in for a chat and bowl of homemade soup, bread and cheese

At Old School House (by courtesy of Alex and Simon Mellor)
Winterbourne Monkton,

on Wednesday 16th March anytime from 12 noon until 2.30pm.

Any donations raised will be divided between Cancer Research and Monkton Church.



Disabled parking available outside, other

parking in layby or New Inn pub carpark. Lifts available, ask if required!

More information from Penny 01672 539158 goldpennygold@aol.com

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The Committee met on the 24th January for the quarterly review. A variety of maintenance issues were covered by the Chairman including, compliance re regular PAT testing and Fire Extinguisher services, and the committee acknowledged the donation of a sandwich maker and kettle from a regular user. The Treasurer gave his in depth report which showed a healthy balance due to Government grants which had helped substantially over the Covid closures, but this could not be relied upon in the future! The Booking Clerk reported that Bookings were going reasonably well considering the issues of Covid, some discussion on the use of the Social Centre over the Jubilee celebrations, but much would depend on plans being made in the next few weeks/months. A display of two collages from the most recent Pantomimes was agreed.

The committee fully supported the monthly lunches for locals – Avebury, and surrounding villages – to maintain the goodwill and camaraderie generated during the recent Covid period! "Bookings" should be made in order to know the response and the required supplies needed, hopefully people will contact Mike as per the advertisement.

The next meeting would be on Thursday April 21st.

Judith Farthing Secretary

Time Out Together in West Overton

Thursday 17 March 2022, 12.30 – 2.30 pm at The Old Manor

Our next Time out Together meeting will continue the Course on "Living in Love and Faith", which was the focus of our last meeting in January. We will cover Session 4 of the course booklet, which covers intimidate relationships- please let me know if you would like a copy of this- there is no need to have attended previous meetings. The Rector will be leading some aspects of the discussion. Then watch this space for the last session, in Holy Week.

It is an excellently produced course and definitely an enjoyable and worthwhile couple of hours... So come and join us for a simple sandwich lunch, a video presentation and discussion. Many of you will know of this important initiative of the Church of England, in which all parishes are encouraged to participate. All are welcome at: The Old Manor (on the west side of the church), West Overton, SN8 4ER. Please contact one of us if you would like more details, and/or directions to the house.

Sibella Laing – 01672 861600 <u>Sibella.laing@outlook.com</u> Claire Stiles Angharad Hughes





The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton

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Saturdays | 8am - 10:30am | Booking is recommended www.elderbrookhouse.com/breakfast

Broad Hinton Garage/Car Boot/Tabl e-Top Sal e

Saturday 14th May from 10am - 2pm

The above event is being organised to raise funds for the local church of St Peter ad Vincula. If you would like to take part in this event a 'stall' will only cost you £10 (all monies go to the Church funds) and your venue will be included in the programme and village map being published for the day. The event is being advertised on local radio and in local newspapers as well as signage around the local area.

PI ease contact either:-**DES CLARKE (01793 731606) OR JOHN O'NEILL**(01793 731365)

Refreshments will be available throughout the event

If you do not live in the village and would like to have a 'stall' please contact us as we have various locations in the village where this can be accommodated.

Further details will be published in future editions of the News, but please make a note of the date in your diaries !!!!!!!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Cabbage Sunday Sunday 25th September

Traditional fun day and auction at The New Inn raising funds for local charities for over 60 years!

This year's chosen charities are Brighter Futures (GWH) and St Mary Magdalene Church.

The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW





The Social Centre, Avebury Soup, Bread, Cheese & a Chance to Chat

Monday 4th April / Noon-2.00

Join us (the Social Centre Cttee) & other locals from Avebury and surrounding villages for the first of our monthly soup sessions (1st Monday of the Month).

After 2 years of lockdowns, isolations & quarantines:

a chance to meet up with friends.

(We will of course keep the Hall well ventilated and take other precautions to keep us all safe.) Soup, Roll, Cheese and Tea/Coffee: £3

As this is the first of what, we hope, will be monthly soup & chat sessions, we would be grateful if you could ring 01672 539253 or email michael-polack@btinternet.com

to let us know you are thinking of coming along.

******Looking forward to seeing you!******

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Wiltshire https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's meeting on 1 February 2022

A4: Following a presentation given to him in November by the chairs of Preshute, Kennet Valley, and Avebury parish councils, Danny Kruger MP has written to ministers in the Departments for Transport and for Culture, Media and Sport urging them to act to improve road safety on the A4 between Overton Hill and Beckhampton by implementing the Avebury Transport Strategy, which was agreed by all stakeholders in 2015.

B4003: Wiltshire Council has decided to implement the multi-stakeholder agreement reached in January 2019 to reshape the layby. Work will be undertaken in three stages: completing the yellow lines and starting occasional enforcement; reducing the layby to three car lengths and resurfacing and edging it; and keeping reconstruction of the adjacent verges under review, taking action if vehicles park on them.

Community Exhibition Space in the Chapel: We heard that six organisations had committed to exhibit with three others showing strong interest. A meeting to review progress is planned for March.

Defibrillator: A training session on how to use a defibrillator is planned for 3 March. Please contact Maggie Lewis on T. 01672 539607 if you would like to go on it.

National Trust: In a detailed update, we were told that part of the High Street car park would be closed to allow scheduled tree works to be carried out and that pathway improvement works to Windmill Hill had been completed, which we warmly welcomed.

Platinum Jubilee: We started a discussion about ways in which the village might celebrate this milestone in the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Do you have a suggestion? Please send it to

clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org or speak to one of your Councillors.

Rights of Way: In discussion, it was noted that AVE14 was in urgent need of repair. We agreed to send a report, with photographic evidence, to Wiltshire Council. There are other rights of way that have been severely damaged.

Waiting for SID: We heard that Ringway, Wiltshire Council's contractor, had dug two small holes for the foundations of poles to support our Speed Indicator Device, which will be installed at one of two locations at the entrance to the village on the A4361. We await Ringway's return to enlarge the holes and fill them with concrete, allowing us to get our SID into action.

Date and place of next meeting: 1 March at 19h30 in the Social Centre. As always, residents wishing to participate in these meetings are most welcome to do so.

Do you have an issue to bring to the parish council?

Please come to our meeting and raise it there. Let us know if you cannot attend in person and we will try to find a way for you to join virtually instead. And if that is not possible for you, please report your concern to one of us. Our contact details are on the noticeboards. We can address your issue only if we know about it!

NEWS FROM THE TOWER

On the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 6th February, 2022, the Avebury bells were rung, along with bells all over the Country, to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne.

Those who took part were Michele and Adam Lomas, Kathryn Miller, Brian Vickers as well as three generations of the Tye family, Bruce, Sean,



James and Samuel. Bruce remembers ringing for the accession when he was a young boy, his father was also a ringer making James and Samuel fourth generation ringers, which, I think, is quite unusual. Further national ringing will take place during the June celebrations.

The Ringing World magazine is collecting the names of all those who took part and they will be sent to the Queen.

Mary Davidge, tel: 01672 513819

Parish Councillor Vacancy in Avebury



Yes! Represent your local community. This is a rewarding and responsible task that can fit around the rest of your life. You'll have a good team around you so you're not alone. Do you want to make a difference? Then do it.

We're intending to co-opt a new councillor on Tuesday 1 March 2022 at the Social Centre in the High Street. Simply send a brief summary about yourself to: Liz Moore (Parish Clerk) by email to:

elerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org or by post: 6 Rhyls Cottages, Lockeridge, Marlborough SN8 4EE. Then turn up to the meeting, it starts at 7:30pm.

Qualifications to be a Councillor as follows:

A person is qualified to be elected and to be a councillor if they are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the relevant day (that is, the day of nomination or election) they are 18 or

In addition, the person **must meet at least one of the following criteria**:

- On the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish, or
- During the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, or
- During the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, or
- During the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres (three miles) of it.

Free high-vis garments
Kier, in conjunction with Thames Water, kindly donated a number of high-vis garments to the villagers of Lower Fyfield. A quick photo/ presentation was made on Saturday the 22nd of January. The high-vis items were for local residents as well as their dogs and ponies! Kier/ Thames Water are conscious of the increased traffic and disruption to the village during the improvements at the water works. They wanted to donate the items as a way to improve the safety for everyone who uses the lane, especially during the shorter winter days.

KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

CONTACT DETAILS

The telephone number and email address for the Parish Council has now changed. The Council now has a dedicated mobile which should be used for all Council related calls, if your enquiry is not urgent, please endeavor to use the email address:

clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Tel: 07897 797208

LOCKERIDGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Following concerns from parishioners about traffic safety in the local area the Lockeridge Community Speedwatch Team began its patrols in October 2021 at different times of the day and from several locations in the village. Details of vehicles that exceed the 20mph limit are sent to Wiltshire Police for further action. In general, approximately 10% of drivers were speeding and by the end of December 2021 132 drivers had been contacted by the Police. Please drive carefully through our villages and lanes and observe the speed limits.

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.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA All three of our villages lie within an

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty,

Lockeridge is in a Conservation Area. Local planning authorities are under a duty to preserve or enhance the character I or appearance of conservation areas as a whole. A key part of that character and appearance may be the trees. Anyone proposing to carry out works to a tree in a conservation area must give at least six weeks notice to the local planning authority. There are exceptions to this requirement, including when the tree is dead, dying or has become dangerous. This notice period gives the local planning authority the opportunity to decide if it is necessary to impose a tree preservation order on the tree in order to discharge its duty to have special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area. If the authority decides the tree is not a part of the special character or appearance of the area it may give consent. Otherwise, it should refuse consent and consider imposing a tree preservation order. It is a criminal offence to carry out works to a tree where consent has been refused or where notice was required and not served on

the local planning authority.

Where a tree in a conservation area has been removed illegally or because it is dead, dying or dangerous or causing a nuisance, a replacement tree must be planted by law. The tree must be of an appropriate size and species. The local planning authority can enforce this requirement and ultimately come onto the land itself to carry out the planting and then recover the cost from the owner.

Please note – there is no fee for applying for permission to carry out works to trees in a Wiltshire Conservation Area and most local tree surgeons will be more than happy to complete and submit the application on your behalf.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

On the morning of Sunday 23rd January a cheery group of villagers met in the Kennet Valley Hall for defibrillator training delivered by Julia Doel from the South West Ambulance Service. I am sure all those who attended will agree it was a most enjoyable and worthwhile training event which rapidly dispelled any fears of 'doing more harm than good'. The Parish Council would like to thank Julia and her assistant for giving up their Sunday morning to carry out the training and the Kennet Valley Hall for kindly providing the venue free of charge.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 25th April at 6.45pm in the Kennet Valley Hall. Further details will follow in the April edition.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL is on Monday 7th March at 6.30pm in the Kennet Valley Hall.

Concept to creation by Jo Gallant

For our February meeting, textile artist Jo Gallant spoke to us on Zoom from her studio in Scotland. Starting out by using found fabrics from jumble sales to make appliqued cushions and other items, Jo moved to Balnakeil Craft Village in the far north of Scotland and set up her workshop there. She got her inspiration from dry stone walls, open hill side, flying crows looking like black plastic bags in the wind and even her cats were all used in hangings made from dyed natural fabrics.

Jo found she had collected a number of coloured zips over the years and they became important in the creation of cushions with zips as features – beaks, twigs and horizons. She has a wonderful variety for sale on her website.

Jo also showed us a selection of commissioned hangings of a bicycle ride, a letter box, individual awards for the

Arts & Business organisation, a church window in Norfolk and a hospital stairway.

If you would like to find out more about Jo, look on her website where she has lots more photos of her work and the opportunity of buying one of those wonderful cushions! http://www.jogallant.co.uk/

The next meeting of Textile & Stitch around Marlborough will be held in the Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge on Monday 7 March when the speaker will be Wendy Lloyd and her talk will be entitled "My Inspiration". Doors will open at 13.30 for a 14.00 start. If you would like to know more about our group please either look on our website https://textilesandstitch.co.uk/ or email Lindsay at frenchknots2014@yahoo.co.uk

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THE NEW INN

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON 01672 539793
THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 4-9PM SATURDAY: 9AM - 9PM SUNDAY: 12-9PM

Supper Clubs & Sunday Roasts

Dog Friendly Local Cider & Cask Ales

Dates for the Diary

11th March Quiz Night - 7pm Tables must be booked.

20th March Sunday Roast - 12-3pm We recommend booking and pre-ordering.

24th March Supper Club - 7pm Spaces/table must be booked in advance.

Art Exhibition

We are hosting a rolling art exhibition throughout the year to help celebrate local artists and their talents

The pieces will be available to view and buy every month.

March's exhibit is by Bee Operanto and is a display of 10 pieces about animals that influenced her childhood.

NEW! Saturday Breakfast

Fancy a delicious breakfast without any of the hassle?

Join us at The New Inn for a delicious breakfast ranging from Dippy Eggs & Soldiers to the Full Works Prices starting at just £4.50.

Served every Saturday from 8am from 5th March.

Avebury & District WI

February 2022

After our January meeting was postponed by you know what, members gathered to hear Jo Gay reminisce about her time nursing in the 1950s and 60s and how things have changed since then. When Jo started nurses wore folded linen caps (with a frill denoting you had qualified), belts with silver buckles and starched aprons. Things have moved on rapidly with nurses often wearing 'scrubs' on the wards these days. Equipment too has changed with modern equivalents of the older tools being disposable whereas 60 years ago things were washed and then sterilized for reuse. Her talk provoked a lively discussion amongst members, several of whom have a nursing or other caring professions background (your President included), and most felt that, although treatments were much better now, something of the caring side of nursing had been lost in the rush towards a more professional and better qualified staff. Having listened to my own mother's stories of working 'on the District' in the 1940s I can appreciate the huge changes that have happened in nursing.

Our meeting next month is our birthday – we (as a WI) will be 73 this year – and we usually have a 'bring and share' birthday meeting. This month we will also have Karin Meek coming to teach us how to make sugar paste flowers so bring an apron and come prepared to be 'crafty'! Also bring a plate of food to share.

Our flower competition is 'An arrangement of spring flowers' and the craft is 'My handmade craft', please note that this is different to your printed programme.

Maggie Lewis, President.

Homemade Pub Classics & Weekly Specials

Carer charity is looking for volunteer befrienders

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking to expand their team of Here to Talk volunteers following a surge in demand from unpaid carers who are experiencing feelings of isolation and need someone to talk to. Here to Talk volunteers provide regular phone conversations to unpaid carers who feel they would benefit from having someone to chat with. Anyone who is interested in this flexible volunteering role and can commit to the minimum of half an hour every two weeks is encouraged to get in touch, says Volunteer Recruitment Manager Amanda Rothwell. "Our telephone befriending service has helped to ease feelings of isolation for hundreds of unpaid carers. It's been more in demand since the pandemic began, but unpaid carers are often isolated even when there aren't any restrictions. When you are caring for someone who is ill, or has a condition or disability, it can be difficult to leave the house. If you're the only person in your friendship group who is a carer, it can feel isolating.' Those who would like to volunteer and who meet the criteria will be provided by Carer Support Wiltshire with full training on subjects such as listening skills, confidentiality, safeguarding, mental health awareness and communication.

Successful applicants will have a friendly approach with good listening skills, be non-judgemental with respect for different lifestyles and empathetic to the needs and concerns of unpaid carers.

If you are interested in becoming a Here to Talk volunteer and being a friend to a carer who is experiencing feelings of loneliness, you can contact Carer Support Wiltshire at wolunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk or by calling 01380 908158.

Bushton Manor Plant Fair and **Open Garden**

Bank Holiday Monday May 2nd 2022 11am - 3pm SN4 7PX

After almost 3 years of not being able to have the Plant Fair we are happy to say that planning is going ahead for 2022. We sincerely hope that as in 2018 and 2019 we will have the 1000 or so visitors back again! Within the lovely grounds of this 18th century Manor House there will be some 30 stalls scattered around the garden with plants, crafts, food and other related products as well as the ever popular bacon butty BBQ and home made refreshments. A plant crèche enables people to stroll around without having to carry purchases.

For the younger people there will be outside games to keep them occupied.

Entrance £3. Children and car parking free. Dogs on leads are allowed

Money raised will go towards the St Peter's Church Roof Fund, a Grade 1 listed building in Clyffe Pypard Further details www.clyffepypard-bushton.com

The Kennett Brewery

Many of you have probably wondered what the story is behind the derelict buildings on either side of the A4 at West Kennett; well here is part of that story, which is an extract from "The History of

Winterbourne Monkton" by The History Boys.

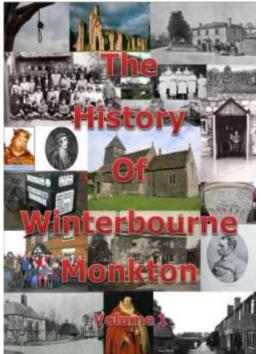
The brewery was owned by the Butler family and is mentioned in George Butler's will of 29th August 1868. The Butler's continue to own land and farm in the area.

The Kennett Brewery was put up for auction on 30th January 1882, for £10,000.

Consisting of The Brewhouse, Residence & Garden, 2 paddocks and a cottage plus 9 Public and BeerHouses

Lot 1 consisted of The Brewery and its Premises

- ♦ The Cross Keys, Front Marsh (The Parade), Marlborough
- ♦ The Cricketers, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough
- The Cross Keys, Wootton Bassett
- ♦ The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton
- ♦ The Clock Beerhouse, Stert
- ♦ The Bell Inn, Overton
- ♦ The Rising Sun, Devizes
- ♦ A Public House 2 miles from West Kennett
- ♦ A Public House 4 miles from West Kennett



Lot 2 consisted of a freehold property on London Road, Marlborough (near the bridge over the RiverKennet)

An offer was made by a Mr. Jarvis for £9,000; it is unlikely this was accepted as the breweryremained in the Butler's hands.

On 28th October 1920 The Kennett Brewery was sold to The Stroud Brewery of Stroud, Gloucestershire by William Stephen Butler.

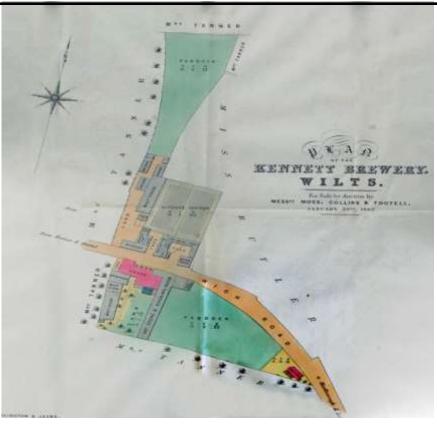
It consisted of at that time (the colour indicates that they no longer exist as ale houses)

- ♦ The Brewery (now derelict, although some outbuildings still exist; see map)
- ♦ The Queens Head, 23 St Martins, Marlborough (until 2021, then a private dwelling)
- ♦ The Cross Keys, The Parade, Marlborough (until 1923, when site was redeveloped into Cross Keys House, since 2014 occupied by Withy King)
- ♦ The Cricketers Arms, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough (until 1996 following which it becameColes Restaurant, later in 2016 private dwellings)
- ♦ The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton (Sarah Spackman)
- The Clock Inn, Stert, Urchfont (until 2002, then a private dwelling)
- ♦ The Wellington Arms, 46 High Street, Marlborough
- ♦ The Red Lion, Avebury
- ♦ 18 Marlborough Street, Swindon Wescott Place Working Men's Club
- ♦ The Bell, West Overton
- The Vulcan, West Overton (Beerhouse until 1978, Shop & Post Office latterly run by Dick & Gilda Stannard who then moved to Avebury, now a private dwelling)

The Axe & Compass, Ogbourne St Andrew (sold by Stroud Brewery in 1924, became a sweet shop and private dwelling, later demolished, now the car park of the Silks on the Downs also now closed)

- ♦ 184 Winterbourne Monkton (Victor Spackman) (Beerhouse until 1948, then a privatedwelling)
- ♦ The Royal Oak, Wootton Rivers
- ♦ Beerhouse at Berwick Bassett (Herbert James Rickards baker, grocer, shopkeeper;actual house uncertain, adjacent to Berwick Home Farm)

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The Brewery was on either side of the A4 (Bath to Marlborough) Road at West Kennett about 50-100meters to the east of The Avenue.

There is little evidence of it left, but the stables may have been converted into a row of cottages onthe present lay-by.

Speaking with Tony Farthing of Avebury; who used to tenant farm the area to the north of the A4; there remain some buildings on the site, but they are in a sharp state of decay and are no longer being maintained by the current landowners.

Information from records at Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre ref 1225/41 & B16/250/x

The two volume History of Winterbourne Monkton (428 pages in full colour) is available from Richard Nutt (01672 539611; richard@184systems.com) for the price of £25.00.

We are pleased to invite you to an evening lecture on

The Living with Monuments Project

Further excavations at the West Kennet palisade enclosures, 2021

6.30-7.30pm, Tuesday 15 March 2021 in Avebury Manor tea-room

Over the last few years, the Living with Monuments Project has been investigating the connections that existed between the building and using of the Avebury region's prehistoric monuments and settlement and environment during the Neolithic and Early Bronze Age (c.4000-1600 BC).

Professor Josh Pollard (University of Southampton) will be talking about the second year of excavations at the Late Neolithic (c,2500-2300 BC) timber enclosures complex and discussing how this site is likely to offer critical insight into events and relations between different groups of people during the very final stages of the British Neolithic.



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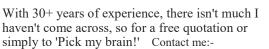


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