



UPPER KENNET NEWS

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 42 Claire Wells
£75 Number 16 Linda Davies
£50 Number 59 Tim Verity

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

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

Funerals

Janet Chivers West Overton 14th Feb
Michael Nicholas McTague Avebury 18th Feb

100 Club

Draw Results for February

1st	£48.00	5	Kevin Bowring
2nd	£36.00	41	Martyn Meeks
3rd	£24.00	97	Steve and Thelma Fulford
4th	£12.00	10	Greg Hallam

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Philip Scott on 01672 539104 or email philipscott2@me.com

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 6.00 to 6.25pm: 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 5th March & Wednesday 19th March

Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra (RWBO)

are returning to Malmesbury Abbey for their Spring Concert - *A Tale of Two cities: Music from Vienna and Berlin* on March 15th at 7.30pm

Tickets, £12 adults, children free, are available through our website www.rwbo.org.uk

The Cost of Relationships

When I moved into the rectory, I deliberately decided not to have any more pets. I wanted a phase without the responsibility of having another being to look after as my time would be taken up being rector to 8 communities and 2 schools.

However, I seem to have inadvertently become responsible for feeding literally scores of blue tits and goldfinches who empty the feeder daily and fly impatiently around it in the mornings until I fill it again. I also have numerous curious rooks who would be happy to strike up a relationship with me should I decide to turn my attention their way. The connection of such relationships calls to me, and yet I fear the responsibility that comes with them. I know I shall inevitably succumb.

It struck me that we have a similar relationship with those people around us who are needy. In the story of the Good Samaritan a man has been robbed and is lying stripped of his clothes by the road. The priest in the story passes by on the other side as he hurries off to his work. We'd like to think we'd stop but I'm sure most of us have had a moment where someone sat in a doorway is asking for spare change and we have hurried by. Too busy, as the clock of our daily schedule gives us an excuse to stick to our train track and head to Waitrose.

There is a cost to engagement but there is also a cost to not engaging. When we visit a city where there are lots of beggars, the scale of the problem seems insurmountable, so it is easy to think this, and then do nothing.

Yet the important thing is those decisions we make from moment to moment. Acts of kindness. Acts of forgiveness. Acts of understanding.

This situation is mirrored in our churches. Hospitality must be part of who we are as church. I have no time for churches that are not welcoming. And that means not only welcoming those who look and talk like us, but also the stranger. Those whose appearance and behaviour make us feel wary or uncomfortable because some baggage comes with it. Such encounters can tell us a lot about ourselves and are opportunities for self-reflection. If we are brave enough to step out of our comfort zone and connect, ultimately everyone benefits, including ourselves.

Forgive me, there is much more we could say and share together on this subject but for now I can see the blue tits are getting impatient and I must go and fill the feeder.

Every blessing,
Jonathan – the Rector

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

Litter Picking

On one of the coldest days of the year, a motley crew of East Kennett residents did some litter picking. A trawl from East Kennett Church to the A4 produced 10 fully loaded household waste bags of cans, bottles and packaging, plus 1 credit card (no longer valid), 1 handbag (stolen some years ago and discarded), 1 camera, 1 mobile phone, 1 large fuel carrier, 2 motor hubcaps and a roller blind! Possibly reflecting a cross section of society today?



UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'RNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'RNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
2 March Sunday next before Lent	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Service of Holy Communion with Ashing			
9 March Lent 1		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 12 March				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
16 March Lent 2			<u>8 am</u> Morning Prayer		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19 March			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
23 March Lent 3		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 26 March				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
30 March Mothering Sunday		<u>4 pm</u> Mothering Sunday Family Service				<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service	

Readings

Sunday 2 March – Green
Sunday next before Lent
 Exodus 34.29-end
 Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2
 Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

Wednesday 5 March – Purple
Ash Wednesday
 Isaiah 58.1-12
 Psalm 51.1-18
 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
 John 8.1-11

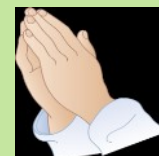
Sunday 9 March – Purple
1st Sunday of Lent
 Deuteronomy 26.1-11
 Psalm 91.1,2,9-end [or 91.1-11]
 Romans 10.8b-13
 Luke 4.1-13

Sunday 16 March – Purple
2nd Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 15.1-12,17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3.17-4.1
 Luke 13.31-end

Sunday 23 March – Purple
3rd Sunday of Lent
 Isaiah 55.1-9
 Psalm 63.1-9
 1 Corinthians 10.1-13
 Luke 13.1-9

Sunday 30 March – Purple
Mothering Sunday
 Exodus 2.1-10
 Psalm 34.11-20
 Colossians 3.12-17
 John 19.25b-27

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

Avebury Social Centre Soup Lunch Monday 3rd March

soup & bread, cheese, cake
12 noon—2.00pm

£1 - or donation of your choice

—IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT, PLEASE CALL 01672 539253 BEFORE THE DAY—



**All welcome
 from Avebury
 & surrounding
 villages**



any profit goes to the Social Centre funds

Upper Kennet Churches Lent 2025



Movie Night

We begin our Lent this year with a classic movie, *Chocolat*, where the secular world meets the church. What can it tell us about how we welcome, how we are church and how we prepare for Lent?

A chance to enjoy the movie and share guided discussion of some of its themes. Led by the rector.

7.30 pm, Thursday 13th March

Venue: Winterbourne Monkton Community Hall, Church Lane, Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW

For information contact: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com



Leadership for Lent – Salisbury Diocese Lent Course

This Lent, taking the theme of Leadership, we are encouraged to dig deeper. To dwell on scripture and reflect upon it using the studies prepared for each session. We are introduced to six biblical characters, with the opportunity to get to know them better and allow their lives and story to shape our own.

Thursday 20th March 12.30pm at The Old Manor, West Overton, SN8 4ER (next to the Church)

Saturday 29th March 10-12 noon at The Old Manor, West Overton

Thursday 3rd April 12.30pm at The Old Manor, West Overton

Tuesday 10th April 12.30pm at Clairemont, Richardson, Winterbourne Bassett, SN4 9QF

For information contact: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

MONKTON LENT LUNCH WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 12 - 2.30pm



Do join us for a bowl of soup, bread and cheese

**Winterbourne Monkton
Community Hall**

(next to the church)

Plenty of parking available

Donations in aid of projects for Morobo Diocese, S Sudan (Partnered with Marlborough Deanery) and Monkton Church



**MOTHERING SUNDAY
FAMILY SERVICE**

30TH MARCH 4PM

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
WEST OVERTON**

*Join us for a family service
followed by tea and cake*

Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

Opening Hours
10am – 4pm every day

Supplier Profile – Vicarage Lane Cakes



If you like homemade bakes, you are sure to enjoy Vicarage Lane cakes. The business was started in 2009 and is run by Jo. The cakes are homemade in Jo's kitchen in Wiltshire. Every aspect of the business is run by Jo; she bakes the cakes, decorates them and delivers them to us.

Vicarage Lane Cakes currently supply us with loaf cakes such as coffee and walnut, ginger cake, chocolate cake, lemon cake, fruit cake and cherry almond cake. We also stock her homemade flapjacks which are very popular. Why don't you pop into the shop and try one of her delicious bakes.

We are happy to take enquiries for special items such as Birthday cakes, please ask one of our managers.

Stock Take – Early closing Friday 28th February

The shop will be closing early on Friday 28th February for our annual stock take. Our volunteers and managers will count every item in the shop and stockroom, a mammoth task. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Orders

Thank you to everyone who supported the shop with Christmas orders. Lyn, one of our shop managers, has asked me to let you know that orders can be made at any time and we can put together a weekly order or one for a special occasion. We can order Sumblers fresh meat for customers such as roasting joints, poultry or any other products that they supply. Just give us at least 3 days notice and we will be happy to help. We can also supply fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy produce, cheese, beers, wines and spirits.

Michele Lomas
(Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

WASTE

Waste of Muscle, waste of Brain,
Waste of Patience, waste of Pain,
Waste of Manhood, waste of Health,
Waste of Beauty, waste of Wealth,

Waste of Blood, and waste of Tears,
Waste of Youth's most precious years.
Waste of ways the Saints have trod,
Waste of Glory, waste of God, - -
War!

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The Trustees of the Social Centre held their quarterly meeting on the 30th January 2025. Several general issues were addressed; including heating, signage, and cleaning. Maintenance, in particular external masonry work was discussed and the excellent results are now evident, though not yet complete. The Treasurer confirmed the new heating system was now fully paid for and that the new booking system was now in place. Several events had taken place and all had been well received, and welcome profits donated to the hall. It is hoped to do a fund-raising event in the near future, as extra finances are needed.

In the interests of Health and Safety a laminated photo will be fixed to each trolley that illustrates how the tables should be stacked on them. It is essential that the tables are stacked correctly, i.e. across the trolley and **NOT front to back**. Please will all users ensure the tables are correctly stacked at the end of their session. The next meeting will take place on April 24th.

Judith Farthing Secretary.

Marlborough & District Link Scheme

Marlborough & District Link Scheme (registered charity 1069752) wish to recruit volunteers with a cheerful telephone manner and outgoing personality to join a friendly team of co-ordinators. The role involves taking calls from Link clients and assigning volunteer drivers to fulfil a variety of journeys. Full training given on their user-friendly database. Volunteer drivers also sought to help with this valuable, local community work (<http://www.marlboroughlink.org.uk/>). Please call 01672 288007 for details.

Changemakers Conference 2025

Saturday 8th March 10.30 – 1.30.

The Conference takes place in London but will be streamed so we can join in from our own areas.

You can watch the Conference at home or join with others at a Regional Watch Party. (You can of course also attend the London venue).

From previous experience, joining with others enables the sharing of ideas.

We have set up venues as follows, but you could still make your own local arrangements to watch with friends or church family members. Please register and encourage others to do so, as well.

- Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church, GL52 8NT.
- Trinity URC, Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4BT.
- ChristChurch, Nailsworth, GL6 0DQ.
- Purton Methodist Church, Nr Swindon, SN5 4DR

Please register via caid.org.uk/conference

West Overton Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who attended or helped at the coffee morning on 8th February and to those who baked for it and those who provided plants.

We raised just under £300 which will go towards keeping West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Churches open.

Avebury Tower News

Bellringing for our happy band has continued with the usual Tuesday evening practices through February, despite the absence of local boy Jonathan Stubbs due to illness. Happily he expects to be fit to resume ringing in March. However it underlines our old problem of having enough ringers for our bells. We have a number of good friends from Calne and beyond who at present provide enough ringers for practice nights. However as mentioned before, we cannot expect them to leave their own Churches for Sunday Service ringing, and we are in urgent need of locals to join our band (the term for a group of bell ringers) for services. As ever, if you would like to learn to ring the bells and join us, please phone Brian Vickers on 01 672 539 482, or meet us at the Church at 7:30 pm on a Tuesday evening.

As it is we usually ring six of our bells, although we have two light bells for experienced bands (as a bell ringing group are called) to ring if required. The bells are numbered from 1 (the lightest, usually called the treble) to 6 (the heaviest, called the tenor). Yes, number 6 bell becomes number 8 if we ring that many, but to keep it simple, we mostly ring 6 bells. Whatever the number rung, we always start with the lightest as number 1, and they are then numbered in ascending order of weights. Furthermore bell ropes are arranged in at least a rough circle so that the ringers can see the ropes and each other, and in nearly all cases are numbered in a clockwise sequence. By a long established convention, if not all the ropes are being used, then the lightest is always called number 1. Thus it was for our Sunday Service ring on 9th Feb when, due to the aforementioned shortage, we only had 4 ringers. So we rang the 4 heaviest bells, starting by calling what would be called number 3 (if we were ringing 6 bells) but was number 1 for our ring of only 4 bells, On the same basis number 6 was called number 4. Sounds difficult? Not if you stand in a circle, ignore what the bell you are ringing is usually numbered, and instead look to count what it's number will be starting from 1. Finally to return to people rather than numbers, the ringers on 9th were Michele Lomas, Kathryn Miller, Sean Tye and Brian Vickers.

A final point is that the bell installation should be called a "ring of bells", not a peal. A peal is what the bells ring - if you like, the tune. In modern computer terms the ring is the hardware; a peal is the software.

Brian Vickers

West Overton Tower News

The bells of St Michael's and All Angels are now being rung regularly for Sunday services which included welcoming our new Rector, The Rev'd Jonathan Poston at his first service here at the beginning of February.

It has also been arranged that there will be a regular practice evening at West Overton which will be held on the first Monday of every month starting on the 3rd March from 8-9pm, ringers from our group of churches in Upper Kennet will be welcome to join us.

Liz Roberts



with
Famous
Pudding
Auction

Thai Curry Night

ON BEHALF OF KENNET VALLEY SCHOOL &
WILTS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Join us for an evening of delicious authentic Thai food followed by the Famous Pudding Auction - delicious homemade puddings fought for in a bidding war.

This event is to help raise funds for your local primary school and the Wiltshire Community Foundation.

Everyone in the community is invited!

Saturday 29th March

@ Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge
7:30PM - 10:30 PM

food by Thai Tuesday
Thai Starters
Green Curry or Vegan
Yellow Curry, rice &
sides

£25

Book via Ticket Tailor (scan QR code)
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/frlendsofkennetvalleyschool/1582788>

Any queries call 07736073067 / 07766 516883



Avebury and District WI

February 2025

Avebury & District WI met on Thursday 13th February and enjoyed a very lively and entertaining talk by Amanda Butler of the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation about David's life and work. She outlined his early life and how his dream of becoming a game warden which was thwarted, led to him earning a living painting birds. This led to him being mentored by Robin Goodwin who helped him become an artist. He got a commission to paint pictures of aircraft for the RAF and then wildlife; you may not be aware that the picture called 'Wise Old Elephant', glimpsed on the wall in the background of the Trotter's flat in 'Only Fools and Horses' is a print of David's famous picture.

But it was the experience of coming across a poisoned waterhole with 255 dead zebra around it that sparked his conservationist passion and led to him starting the David Shepherd Foundation, whose work is carried on today by his daughters and granddaughter/ They aim to work with local communities to help them understand the benefits of wildlife to their areas, not see them as a problem.

Our next meeting, on 13th March, is our birthday meeting! If you are coming, please bring a plate of food, sweet or savoury, to share. Our speaker is Dorothy Cook who will be telling us about her life as a midwife. The competition is 'A childhood memory' and the flower is 'An arrangement in an interesting container'

I hope to see you then

Maggie Lewis, President

Kennet Valley Parish Council

www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

LOCAL ELECTIONS, THURSDAY, 1ST MAY 2025

On Thursday, 1st May 2025, elections will take place for 98 Unitary Wiltshire Councillors and across the Parish and Town Councils in Wiltshire.

As we highlighted in December's Upper Kennet News, Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and play a vital part in representing the interests of their community. Kennet Valley Parish Council serves the villages of Fyfield, West Overton and Lockeridge. Among other things, its Parish Councillors are responsible for managing the provision of various services such as defibrillators, grass cutting, maintenance of bus shelters, play areas and books in the bus shelter; advising Wiltshire Council on local planning issues; and listening to residents and working to improve local facilities.

Being a Parish Councillor can be a really rewarding role. For more information, including eligibility criteria, click on the following National Association of Local Councils' link [Elections — #MakeAChange \(nalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.nalc.gov.uk), or get in touch with us at clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk **Wiltshire Council has a wealth of information, including key dates on its website at [Local elections - Wiltshire Council](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**

REMINDER ABOUT DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING, SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2025, KENNET VALLEY HALL – PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

Our annual defibrillator and CPR training session will be held at Kennet Valley Hall from 10am – midday on Saturday 24th May 2025.

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

Knowing how to use the defibrillators could save a life. Parishioners are invited to attend including those who have been to a previous session and want to refresh your knowledge. To book your place please email jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

TRANSITION TO 'DIGITAL VOICE' TECHNOLOGY FOR LANDLINE TELEPHONES

BT are in the process of notifying customers of the planned move to the 'Digital Voice' system and the cessation of the former land line telephones.

The transfer is not due for completion until the end of December 2026 and in areas such as ours in which there is poor or no mobile signal and for customers who do not have a mobile phone it is suggested that customers request a delay in the arrangements by contacting BT on 0330 1234 150 or via their contact page: <https://www.bt.com/help/contact-bt>.

THINKING ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

Wiltshire Community Foundation is offering University Bursary grants to support young people in Wiltshire and Swindon with the costs of studying for an undergraduate degree. Each bursary provides £1,600 per year of your course, helping with essential expenses like travel, books, or general living costs.

As long as your circumstances remain the same, you'll continue to receive the grant for each academic year of your degree.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible, you must:

1. Have parents/guardians (or yourself) claiming at least 2 Means-Tested Benefits or 2 elements of Universal Credit OR be a Looked After Child (in the care of Wiltshire Council or Swindon Borough Council)
2. Be aged between 17–24 years when you apply
3. Have lived in Wiltshire or Swindon for at least 2 years (or have your family home there if you're already at university)
4. Be eligible for funding through Student Finance England. Be planning to study (or already studying) for your first undergraduate degree at a UK university, college, or institution

Don't Miss Out! Applications close on 11 April 2025 – apply today by visiting www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-and-support/individuals/university-bursary-one-degree-more

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is **Monday 10th March 2025 at 6.30pm** in the **Kennet Valley Hall**. As always members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Ingham
clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 07897 797208

Avebury Parish Council

www.aveburyparishcouncil.org

February 2025

Playground

Thank you to everyone who participated at the February meeting on the play area refurbishment and to those who provided feedback, your input is invaluable. We will keep you updated as the project progresses.

Bus shelters

We are aware that the Avebury Trusloe and Beckhampton bus shelters need repair, these have now been logged with Wiltshire Council via MyWilts.

Anyone can report an issue via the App or online. The types of issues that can be reported include roads, signage, lighting, drainage, buses, and parking. Find a full list on the website.

New bins

After consulting key stakeholders, we have agreed the locations for two additional bins in the village; on Church Walk and at the A4361/Green Street Corner (alongside the wall of The Red Lion). We will be working closely with Wiltshire Council over the coming months to monitor how frequently bins are emptied and, if needed, these can be increased to keep our village looking its best.

Speed reduction

Our requests to Wiltshire Council to reduce the speed limit through Trusloe to 30mph and West Kennett to 40mph have started to make progress. The next step is for Wiltshire's contractor Atkins Réalis to undertake speed surveys at both locations.

High Street noticeboard

Our brilliant handyperson will be renovating the High Street noticeboard this month, to ensure it lasts for years to come. We apologise for any temporary inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience while the work is completed.

Green Street parking concerns

We have received concerns from residents regarding illegal parking on Green Street and its impact on the area. We will be looking into viable solutions over the coming months and will keep residents updated. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, we welcome your input.

Road closure

A section of the A4361 near Rutlands Farm will be closed to all traffic on 23rd March between 8am and 6pm. Whilst access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, delays are likely, and a diversion will be in place.

Defibrillator locations

Following on from the defibrillator training held at the start of the month, a reminder of the

locations of the four devices within the Parish:
Avebury Social Centre, High Street, Avebury
w3w:///mining.reach.electrode
Avebury Trusloe, Telephone Kiosk outside no1
Trusloe Cottages
w3w:///friction.entry.ooze
Galteemore Farm, Beckhampton
w3w:///recitols.drain.misty
Avebury Sports and Social Club.

Parish Steward

Scheduled to visit on Wednesday 19th March

Next meeting

7:30pm on Tuesday 4th March at the Avebury Social Centre. All are welcome.

Emma Watson, Clerk
clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org





News from the National Trust March

New developments in Avebury Manor Garden

Our work in Avebury Manor Garden is, at least partly, paying homage to the past. There have been many owners in the last 500 years, but the exceptional work undertaken by Leopold and Nora Jenner around 100 years ago, shapes the garden today. They introduced Yew and Box hedging and topiary, creating a sophisticated garden divided into 11 spaces, reflecting both formal Edwardian with gradual softening of herbaceous planting in the Arts and Crafts style.

Over time things have changed, partly due to stylistic preferences of later occupants, but today climate change and the decline of Box has influenced us. However, as a garden team we are working hard to emulate and celebrate the Jenner family's defining work.

One of the most significant changes happening at Avebury is the development of a previously dense and uninviting woodland section in the South Lawn. This area certainly existed during Jenner's time, but nearly all the planting has changed. There were several Yew trees planted in the mid-20th Century, but they gradually overpowered most plants, reducing the whole area to a limited range of shrubs adapted to growing beneath the Yews.

This area is now being transformed into a sensory woodland walk (see design sketch below), with a new

meandering path made from yew and lime chippings that connects the beds. We are conserving the noteworthy shrubs and small trees (including some Box bushes we are sure were planted by the Jenners), and gradually introducing new small trees and shrubs as part of a new scheme designed to be sensitive to the garden's historical context.

This is just one of several projects we are working on, so visiting this spring is highly recommended. For a more informative experience, you can join one of our garden tours, with the first one taking place on Thursday 27 March. If you would like to attend, please book your space through our website.

Garry Mumford
Head Gardener, Avebury Manor Garden

Community Event: Thursday 27 March, 6-8pm at Avebury Social Centre

The National Trust at Avebury has been working with Southampton and Bournemouth universities on a joint project titled LoGaCulture. The project looks at creating digital experiences for historical sites and explores how interactive activities can improve visitor experience while being non-intrusive and authentic to the place.

In this event, David Millard from Southampton University will share what his team have learnt about how visitors see and experience Avebury, before presenting their design for a new digital experience that will be available to the public this summer. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to emma.talbot@nationaltrust.org.uk. We would love to see you there.



Our main visitor offer:



Avebury Manor Garden

The garden at Avebury Manor is arranged as a series of 'rooms', each with an individual style. Sit and relax in the quiet spaces. Completely accessible by wheelchair or mobility scooter.



Henge and stone circles

Why not take a guided tour around the largest prehistoric circle of standing stones in the world? An experienced guide will help bring the history of this ancient site to life.



Alexander Keiller Museum

One of the most important prehistoric archaeological collections in Britain is housed in the museum. Discover finds from the Avebury landscape spanning thousands of years, including a human skeleton from 5,300 years ago.

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**WINTERBOURNE
 MONKTON
 COMMUNITY HALL**



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

Hall Bookings can be made by e mail to wmch-booking@hotmail.com

NEXT COFFEE MORNING Saturday March 22nd
10.30am -1.00pm

FILM NIGHT AT THE HALL

Friday March 28th

PADDINGTON IN PERU

DOORS OPEN 6.30pm

FILM STARTS 7.15pm

Admission Adults £5 Children

under 16 £3

Bar Open Hot Dogs for sale

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



THE NEW INN
Winterbourne Monkton
01672 539793

*MARCH ART EXHIBIT BY
 REBECCA MILLERCHIP-BROWN*

Thursday 6th - Pie Night

Choose your pie, add mash/chips & veggies plus a drink - all for just £19.95.

Friday 14th - Quiz Night

Teams of up to 6 MAX, £2PP, booking is a must, all funds to village church.

Thursday 27th

Paint & Sip with Beki Wills

2 hour workshop, complimentary bubbles on arrival, £35PP - booking is a must.

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