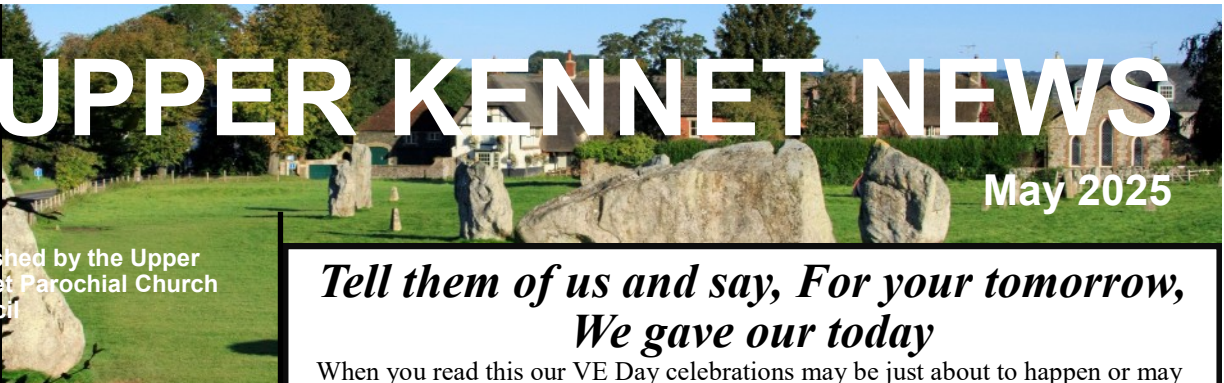




# UPPER KENNET NEWS

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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100	Number	89	Roswitha Wetton
£75	Number	52	Jason Galley
£50	Number	99	D. Williams

(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](mailto:josiesnape@aol.com)

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

## Notice Board

### Funerals

Michael John Baker	Broad Hinton	18 <sup>th</sup> March
Susanne Mary Hues	Avebury	1 <sup>st</sup> April
Janet Florence Carter	Avebury	16 <sup>th</sup> April

## 100 Club

### Draw Results for April

1st	£48.00	16	Laura Feely
2nd	£36.00	26	David Taylor
3rd	£24.00	47	Barbara Fawcett
4th	£12.00	75	Jane Telling

(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](mailto: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 7th May & Wednesday 21st May

## Avebury Social Centre

### “Teas for Tourists”

locals also very welcome!!!

Sunday 4th May

11.30am—5.00pm

(bacon rolls, sandwiches, cakes etc)

Any donations of cakes greatly appreciated.

AIM: to raise money for Social Centre maintenance funds

## Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today

When you read this our VE Day celebrations may be just about to happen or may have already happened. In one sense this doesn't really matter. For what we are commemorating is an historical event that now feels almost timeless. It's an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of hard-won freedom. A freedom won by our recent ancestors giving up their lives, their health, and their loved ones.

Some people don't like Remembrance events. They think they glorify war. But these are not military parades showing off our arsenal of weapons and hardware. Our pride in these events is very British; enjoying the order and discipline of the events and the skills of pilots flying overhead, while sharing a national sadness for the loss of those in our families and community. Those in whose wake we live freely.

Every right-thinking person wants peace. But the peace my generation has enjoyed would not have come about if Hitler's invading force with its murderous, inhuman ideology had been allowed to succeed. Stopping this took great human courage and personal sacrifice. It cannot be overstated how important it still is, that we should have a deep sense of gratitude for 80 years of peace that we were gifted in the UK by grandparents and great-grandparents.

We all know that war has not gone away and continues to ravage many countries. And the world is far from free of murderous ideologies. Some are even live and not so hidden in UK communities. We cannot guarantee that freedom will not need to be fought for once again.

Fighting for peace can seem paradoxical. But fighting for the rights of every individual to live in freedom and without violence or repression, are things which sometimes can only be obtained by fighting back an oppressor.

As we are in Eastertide another thing that can seem paradoxical is the notion of God allowing his Son to be horribly tortured and nailed to a cross to die, only for this to become a pivot in history for the redemption of humanity and creation. If you are not used to such language that might sound strange as well as paradoxical!

Often the first thing that a Christian sees when they look at the tortured Jesus on the cross, is Love. A love that stirs our heart and shames us. Only a divine love could voluntarily make such a terrible sacrifice for love of humanity and for the future of creation.

But human beings are not beyond expressing a divine love. Behind the horror of war and all the sadness stands the individual stories of bravery, of nobility, of sacrifice for love of others. Those human qualities made by those who come to the rescue of humanity's honour.

We don't need conflict to draw these qualities out of each other or to teach them to our children. But what IS evident is that in an age of TikTok and social influencers and immature leadership, we need our children to sense the importance of such human qualities more than ever.

Every blessing,  
Jonathan – the Rector

## MONKTON LENT LUNCH

The Lent Lunch held at the Monkton Community Hall in early April was a great success. Some 35 people from up and down our parish, enjoyed a selection of 5 different homemade soups and bread and cheese. Judging by the happy chatter everyone seemed to be catching up with friends and meeting new ones!

Grateful thanks for the donation from the Avebury Community shop, the skilled soup makers and the

helpers and servers. Generous donations enabled us to clear just under £230 which will be divided between Monkton church and the Morobo Diocese of S. Sudan for their priest bicycles project.



# UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	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
4 May Easter 3	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion & Feather Baptism
Wednesday 7 May			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Thursday 8 May				<u>6.45 pm</u> VE Day Commemoration Service			
11 May Easter 4		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service	<u>4 pm</u> Muddy Church	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion & Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child			
Wednesday 14 May				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
18 May Easter 5			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21 May			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
25 May Easter 6		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 28 May				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Thursday 29 May Ascension Day	7 pm Ascension Day Deanery Service Holy Cross Church, Chiseldon						
1 June Easter 7	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion

## Readings

### Sunday 4 May – White 3rd Sunday of Easter

[Zephaniah 3.14-end]  
Acts 9.1-6 [7-20] \*  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5.11-end  
John 21.1-19

### Sunday 11 May – White 4th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 7.1-5,11-18;8.6-18;9.8-13]  
Acts 9.36-end \*  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7.9-end  
John 10.22-30

### Sunday 18 May – White 5th Sunday of Easter

[Baruch 3.9-15,32-44 or Genesis 22.1-18]  
Acts 11.1-18 \*  
Psalm 148 [or 148.1-6]  
Revelation 21.1-6  
John 13.31-35

### Sunday 25 May – White 6th Sunday of Easter

[Ezekiel 37.1-14]  
Acts 16.9-15 \*  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21.10,22-22.5  
John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9

### Sunday 1 June – White 7th Sunday of Easter

[Ezekiel 36.24-28]  
Acts 16.16-34 \*  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-end  
John 17.20-end

*\*The readings from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

## 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](mailto:sibella.laing@outlook.com)

**In celebration & remembrance**

**80 VE DAY**  
80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
8 MAY 2025

**9:00 am – VE Day Proclamation** (Avebury High Street)

**6:30 pm – The Bells Ring Out**  
On 8th May 1945, bells rang out across Britain as the nation celebrated Victory in Europe Day. Eighty years on, the Avebury bell ringers will join towers across the nation in recreating this moment, paying tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

**6:45 pm – Service at St James, Avebury**  
A commemorative service with Swindon Interfaith to give thanks, culminating in the lighting of a torch from the Hiroshima Peace Flame, which arrived in Avebury 10 years ago this year.

**7:45 pm – Gathering at ‘Unhinged’**  
Tea, coffee, cake, music and a chance to share, reflect, and celebrate together.

**8:45 pm – Procession up Waden Hill**  
We will follow the torch procession to the beacon site, share interfaith prayers, and prepare to light the beacon in unison with the nation.

**9:30 pm – Lighting of the Beacon**

## Update on the Marlborough Deanery link with the Diocese of Morobo, South Sudan

I write this in the middle of Lent, when many of us have been able to use the shared prayer leaflet, praying for “the growing partnership between Marlborough Deanery and Morobo Diocese, that we might be strong partners in prayer, practical support, development, sharing God’s word and learning from each other’s ministry as we seek to make Jesus known.”

A major event in Morobo took place over three days in February: a Convention bringing together 1,875 people of all ages, including government leaders. We were able to provide some financial support for this, and in his letter of thanks, Bishop Data wrote: “*We sincerely thank God for protecting us and using the preachers mightily for his own divine purpose that has brought significant changes in the Diocese and community of Morobo.*” Prayer for peace, healing, justice and reconciliation among the people of South Sudan, particularly Morobo Diocese, was a key ingredient of the convention and remains a priority for us all. A conference for clergy and spouses is planned for May 5-11.

As you will know, the bore hole funded through the generosity of many at this end was successfully completed at the end of 2024, providing much needed clean water. As there was some money left over, we plan to provide for the purchase of water storage tanks. Previously funded projects are continuing to bear fruit; it is hoped that the bee-hives will yield a good harvest in May, and the agricultural project is ongoing successfully. As we look ahead, we hope to be able to provide money for 12 more bicycles, so that each local priest can have his own.

Thank you again to all who are continuing to support this link through prayer and/or giving.

IN AID OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT

**PONY RIDES**  
FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER

**CARRIAGE RIDES**  
**TEA AND CAKE**

Plus  
**FUN DOG SHOW**

**17 MAY 2025 SATURDAY, 2-4PM**

ANSTICE'S FIELD BY THE CHURCH LOWER FYFIELD

**17TH MAY**

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

All villagers are warmly invited to attend our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting at Kennet Valley School, Lockeridge on 15<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.pm.

This will be the first full Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the Parish of the Upper Kennet Churches. The APCM is the opportunity for members of the community to see and understand how the newly formed large Parochial Church Council now works. All of the accounts will be visible to any who wish to see them, as well as who is representing each church.

If you do wish to attend we would be grateful if you could inform the Church Office on 01672 861786 or by email [upperkennetchurches@gmail.com](mailto:upperkennetchurches@gmail.com) so we have some idea of numbers.

## Local Table Tennis Volunteer recognised

Members of The Kennet Vale Table Tennis Club, based at the Kennet Valley Village Hall in Lockeridge, near Marlborough, recently organised a big ‘thank you’ presentation to local villager Richard Ramsden who runs the club.

A member of the club had nominated Richard for a ‘Volunteer of the Year’ award in the recent “Table Tennis England” nominations. As well as presenting Richard with his Nomination Award Certificate, club members had discretely organised an additional Award to recognise all the voluntary work that Richard does for the club.

Richard has been running the club since 2019 and is responsible for its growth to approximately 100 members today. In addition, he coaches 2 sessions a week at the local secondary school, as well as two Junior club sessions on a Friday evening at the village hall, plus a dedicated Ladies session on a Tuesday afternoon. He also arranges weekly practice sessions at the hall on Wednesday mornings plus Sunday evening Social Table Tennis for All. In all, a total of 7 different regular sessions each week.

On a more ad hoc basis, he also arranges training camps available to Club members during holiday periods involving Wiltshire’s leading Coach. He also attends the Marlborough Sports Forum to promote the sport locally.

Amongst a long list of other table tennis duties he performs, Richard is on the South West Local Action Group which meets to help develop table tennis in the South West. He has recently taken over as League Secretary for the local Devizes and District Table Tennis League, and immediately set up a new website for the League. For the current season he added a 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, principally as a “Development” League for keen players but with basic abilities. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Division now has 8 teams and is about to be won by one of Richard’s Junior sides of “c14 year olds”

In all, the club has 8 teams three of which are primarily Junior based, plus one dedicated Ladies team. To ensure all new league players “know the rules and etiquette” he has developed and runs an 8-hour course designed for new players to the League

Some of the recent achievements



resulting from Richard’s inspiration include: the St John’s KS4 Secondary School team winning the Wiltshire Inter-School Games and the KS3 team coming second. There are 5 junior members of the Kennet Vale Club playing for Wiltshire in their age groups this year, and club members made up the majority of the Wiltshire Cadets Team who recently won the Division 1 Cadet British Clubs League at Waterside 2024/25.

In addition to these activities for Club members, Richard still finds the time and enthusiasm to play himself. He is truly devoted to the sport!

To thank Richard, a collection was discretely organised, and a surprise presentation evening was recently held at the club. Brian Rayment, the patriarch and one of the early members of the club, gave a speech about Richard in front of approximately 30 club members. An Apple “fitness watch” was then presented to Richard

bought from the money raised, together with a unique trophy crafted by a Junior member’s parent out of wood. Some of the club’s Ladies Team members [and friends] provided home baked cakes, helping to make the Presentation a successful social occasion.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Club, please contact Richard Ramsden on 07568 648468 or email richard.ramsden@gmail.com.

## MONKTON CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEAN

In glorious weather on Maundy Thursday some 14 folk turned up to spring clean the church and churchyard. In 2 hours both were transformed and ready for our Easter celebration. Thank you so much to all those who gave their time and energy.



**THE CLUBHOUSE**  
AT AVEBURY

**Bar Open for Summer**  
6pm Friday Members Hour  
& Sunset Saturdays.

**Unhinged Doughnut Day**  
every Saturday, preorder yours!

**3rd May Beltaine Bash**  
Fundraiser with music and more

## Avebury Tower News

It is nice to record that the last service ring (as this is being written on 19 April) for Parish Communion at Avebury on 9th March was unexpectedly well attended when the two Tye Twins (James and Samuel) both popped home from Southampton University and joined their dad Sean, Jonathan Stubbs, Kathryn Miller, Michele Lomas, and Brian Vickers (your scribe). So we used our long-standing ring of 6 (out of 8 available) bells and were able to ring our usual call change "tunes" on 6 bells of Queens, Whittingtons and Plain Hunts. Otherwise we have had an average of 9 ringers for our practices in the past month; the last one (at the time of writing) included the visiting "learners" from other towers mentioned in the preceding article.

Readers might be interested in an unusual form of one-person ringing which in Avebury's case was done by Brian Vickers. This is a version of what can be called the "Nine Tailors" and the name of which is often associated with the Dorothy Sayers novel of that name. But what is the Nine Tailors? I have tried looking it up online but at a quick search have found nothing much. You readers are invited to contribute more! All I can tell you from online so far is that it the name might be a corruption of "Nine Tellers" - or "Tollers". Otherwise when I started ringing in the 1980's, the late lamented Jane Lees told me that in our area it often consisted of slowly ringing ("tolling") the heaviest bell available at intervals of one minute to announce a death or funeral. The bell was rung at intervals of one minute, with the number of "dongs" indicating the person's age. Jane had the impression that it had wide regional variations and applications, but was usually associated with death - which is confirmed by my online searches.

We have yet to toll the old tenor bell in Avebury Church to announce a death (modern communications rendering it unnecessary) and it has only been rung in my time at least for Julia Beale's funeral. What Jane and I decided to do is to ring it during the Walk of Witness on Good Friday afternoon, starting as the procession leaves the Church at around 2:10 pm and finishing when the walkers return to the Church. In fact at the Walk last Good Friday, I continued tolling it through the meditative silence held after the walkers returned to Church, until it ended at 3 pm. Our hope was that it adds a touch of solemnity to this occasion. Adding to the solemnity, the tenor bell weighs nearly a ton; much heavier and therefore deeper toned than the other bells in the Church. This bell also strikes the hours, and is mounted fixed to its frame (known as a "dead" mount) unlike the lighter ringing bells which are swung from side to side to make a noise. So, residents and visitors to Avebury, you now know what the repeated "dongs" are about on Good Friday afternoons.

Finally we hope to get enough ringers to be able to ring for twenty minutes or so before the VE celebration service at Avebury on Thursday 8th May. This our contribution to a national Church bell ring to be held around 6:30 pm (there may be minor adjustments to this time) before Churches hold memorial services for the Victory in Europe day.

Brian Vickers

## Avebury and District WI

### March report

March is our birthday meeting (although A&DWI was actually founded at the end of February!) and we celebrate with a party and members bring food to share. We had booked a speaker but unfortunately she didn't arrive and we had no way of contacting her quickly to see if she was lost so...we had a very pleasant, if shorter, meeting as everyone enjoyed the food brought and a glass of prosecco to celebrate.

Maggie Lewis, President

### April

Our April meeting is usually our AGM but as the WI year end is now 31st March there is no way the accounts can be finalised, inspected and signed off in time for a meeting that is 10 days or so later. At the committee meeting in the morning we discussed this and decided that we should move the AGM to our September meeting. We also decided that the Resolutions meeting should be in November so we can discuss all the shortlisted options before deciding which to support.

At the meeting we had an interesting and amusing talk from Rev. Dr. Nicholas Henderson on Great Mysteries and Conspiracy Theories – why did ships and planes disappear in the Bermuda Triangle? Are ghosts real? Many of the things that seem mysterious can be explained but not all....

**Our next meeting should be on 8th May but as this clashes with local events to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day the meeting will be on FRIDAY 9th MAY at 7.30.** Our speaker will be Dorothy Cook, who we missed in March, speaking about her work as a midwife. I have seen posts on the WFWI Facebook feed and everyone speaks highly of her talks.

Maggie Lewis, President

## Wansdyke Carriage Driving Group

We are a Riding for the Disabled Group offering disabled adults the opportunity to experience and learn the skill of carriage driving. You will have seen us on the lanes and in the woods around Lockeridge and West Overton.

We are always happy to welcome volunteers but are **particularly keen to find people to help us in two areas – website design and management and fundraising.** If you have skills in either of these areas and the time to help us we'd be very grateful. Please contact our secretary, Mrs Maggie Lewis, either by email ([wcdg18@gmail.com](mailto:wcdg18@gmail.com)) or text/WhatsApp/voicemail message to 07930 341524.

Thank you

Maggie Lewis, Group Secretary

## Richard raising money for RNLI

Last year you may remember that I took up the RNLI challenge to walk a mile for every day in May. That was very successful and I raised over £750.

This year I want to go one better, still themed a mile a day in May; but this time I aim to walk a total of 62 miles between 16<sup>th</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> May and I am trying to raise over £1,000 with your help.

This all goes to the RNLI who rely totally on donations and get no funding from the government.

Donations can be private or not the choice is yours; but I would ask you to tick the Gift Aid box to make your money grow at the link below. Alternatively you can give me cash a cheque or pay me directly via the internet (R. W Nutt, 40-47-73, 61123211 ref Mayday Mile).

RNLI link - <https://fundraise.rnli.org/fundraisers/richardnutt/mayday-mile?enref=65954e10a4bf7b3d125ca4bc9c1356ed>



# Kennet Valley Parish Council

[www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk)

## REMINDER ABOUT DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING, SATURDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025, KENNET VALLEY HALL – PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

There are still places available for our annual defibrillator and CPR training session on Saturday, 24th May 2025, 10am-noon at Kennet Valley Hall. 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 their knowledge.

To book your place, please email [jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk)

## LOCAL ELECTIONS, THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2025

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

Parish elections for West Overton (including Lockeridge) and Fyfield will be uncontested. As the number of candidates was less than the number of seats available, all candidates have been duly elected without contest and will take up office from Tuesday, 6 May 2025 (the current Councillors retire at that point.) Lucy Townsend, being the Returning Officer at the above election, reports that the persons whose names appear below were duly elected Parish Councillors.

### West Overton (including Lockeridge) (9 seats)

Martin Bates  
Andy Miller  
David Woolley  
Jill Turner  
Jason Galley

### Fyfield (3 seats)

V Hemery  
Ted Tolputt

Some of our Parish Councillors decided not to seek re-election. We are very grateful to Chris Rogers, Rachel Richards, Claudius Kohrt and James Ward for their service and contribution to village life.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

As you can see from the above, there will be five vacant seats on the Parish Council and we will be looking to co-opt eligible parishioners as soon as possible after 6<sup>th</sup> May. Being a Parish Councillor can be a really rewarding role and if you would like more details or to discuss informally, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk (contact details below). Training is available to support the role and we have a number of longstanding Parish Councillors who would be happy to share their experience.

Anyone **voting** at the polling station will need to bring an accepted form of Voter ID. You can check the full list of accepted Voter ID on the back of your poll card or at [How to vote: Photo ID you'll need \(gov.uk\)](#)

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The **Annual Parish Meeting** takes place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6.30pm at Kennet Valley Hall. The purpose of the Annual Parish meeting is for Parish Councillors to report on the Parish

Council's activities over the past twelve months. It is also an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions about any issues relating to the parish.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by a full **Parish Meeting**. As always, members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Ingham  
[clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Tel: 07897 797208

## NEWS FROM THE WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL



Registered Charity No 1199011

Please visit our Website [wmch.club](http://wmch.club) or follow us on Facebook.

Hall Bookings can be made by e mail to [wmch-booking@hotmail.com](mailto:wmch-booking@hotmail.com)

**NEXT COFFEE MORNING**  
**Saturday May 31st**  
**10.30am -1.00pm**

**FILM NIGHT AT THE HALL**  
**Friday May 16th**

**Film To be Announced**  
**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**



# Avebury Parish Council

[www.aveburyparishcouncil.org](http://www.aveburyparishcouncil.org)

## Annual Parish Meeting

A reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. in the Avebury Sports and Social Club, to which all are very welcome. Hear about the Parish Council's activities over the past year and let Councillors know what you think, any issues you have and what you would like to see as a priority.

## Bins

We understand the lack of progress on the new bins for the village is frustrating, this has been caused by supplier issues which the contractor is working hard to resolve. Everyone involved is committed to getting the new bins operational as soon as possible.

## APC website

APC have agreed to engage a new supplier to build and host a new Parish Council website, to ensure the correct information is available to everyone. The hope is that this project can develop over the coming years, so the website can become a hub for the local community and visitors to the area.

## VE Day 2025

Cllr Natascha Kenyon is working hard, alongside others in the community, to put together an event on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the World War Two in Europe. Keep an eye out on social media for further details.

## The Mobile Library Visit

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (12:15pm - 12:45 pm)  
Avebury Trusloe, Bungalows  
For more information visit the website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries)

## Parish Steward

The Parish Steward does not visit in May, so the next visit is scheduled for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of Avebury Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Avebury Social Centre. Please note this is a different day of the week to normal.

Emma Watson, Clerk  
[clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org)





## News from the National Trust May

### A megalithic mixed reality experience

Mixed reality games combine digital elements with real world locations to create a new type of playful experience. The best-known mixed reality game is Pokémon Go! but there are many other examples.

One of the potential issues with mixed reality games is that anyone can create games to be played wherever they wish, regardless of the views of the people who live and work in those places. You can already hunt Pokémon Go within the Avebury henge.

It seems increasingly important that cultural heritage organisations such as the National Trust build their knowledge about how these games impact the experience of their sites and think about how this technology might be used positively to help people understand locations like Avebury.

In 2023, the European Union and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) funded LoGaCulture, a project to explore how mixed reality games could be sustainably and ethically created at cultural heritage sites. The UK partners were the Universities of Southampton and Bournemouth, and the National Trust. Working closely together we are currently in the process of developing the project in two ways.

The first is focused on an experience for Avebury, developed closely with the Trust, that will lead people out from the barn, into the henge, and then optionally out into the wider landscape. It is being designed carefully to be non-intrusive, authentic and respectful to Avebury. The second is an anthology of smaller games, developed by a network of developers and interactive authors, that can be more exploratory, and that will tell us about the process of creating the games themselves. The intention is that the experiences are launched to the public this summer. It has been a privilege to work with the National Trust at Avebury, and we are looking forward to sharing these experiences with audiences soon.

Professor David Millard  
University of Southampton



### A Midsummer Night's Dream: outdoor theatre in Avebury Manor Garden

We are delighted to announce that a live theatre performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream will be taking place in Avebury Manor Garden on Sunday 10 August. The performance, by theatre company The Three Inch Fools, will take place on the South Lawn in front of Avebury Manor. Gates will open at 6pm, with the performance running from 7pm-9pm.

Tickets, costing £20 for adults and £12 for children, are available now on the National Trust Avebury website, with an early bird discount available for tickets purchased before 6 May.

#### Free entry and getting in touch

Residents of Avebury parish get free entry to Avebury Manor Garden and the Alexander Keiller Museum by showing proof of address at the barn. Please see our website for full opening hours. If you need to contact the team for any reason, please email [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk), or visit the museum between 10am-5pm.



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