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UPPER KENNET NEWS

November 2023



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Saturday 2nd December

10am to 3.30pm

Kennet Valley Hall

- ❖ Home-made cakes, jams etc. and produce
- ❖ White elephant stands
- ❖ Bottle stall
- ❖ Christmas cards, decorations, calendars
- ❖ Children's stands
- ❖ Jigsaws
- ❖ Exceptional raffle
- ❖ Woolly sheep felt emporium
- ❖ Homemade gifts
- ❖ Honey stall

INDOOR REFRESHMENTS
OUTDOOR HOT DOG STAND

plus

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



Any queries call 01672 861786 or 861798

*In aid of our Churches at West Overton,
East Kennett & Fyfield*





Church Christmas Tree Sale
2nd December
Kennet Valley Hall
10 am – 4 pm



We have been able to hold the price of our 2023 Christmas Trees the same as last year in order to remain very competitive. All our trees are locally grown and are premium Nordmann Fir. All our profits are spent on maintaining our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett.

Minimum Height	Price	Quantity	Free delivery at the weekend	Choose on the day and free delivery	Choose and collect on the day
4ft	£30	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5ft	£40	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6ft	£50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
7ft	£60	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8ft	£80	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Bigger trees are available for pre-order. Please ask for a quote.

Payment Methods

☐ BACS Payment. Sort code: 30-92-63 Account 01498496

☐ Cheques payable to **Upper Kennet Churches Council**

Please send orders (with a cheque if applicable) to:

- Address: The Church Office, St Michael & All Angels' Church, Church Hill, West Overton, SN8 4ER. Telephone: 01672 861798.
- Email: treasurerwestoverton@outlook.com

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 60 Philip Loveday
£75 Number 34 Janet Rayment
£50 Number 68 Suzanne Snape

(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

100 Club

Draw Results for October

1st	£48.00	95	Barry Jago
2nd	£36.00	64	Charlotte Powell
3rd	£24.00	49	Sheila McKeown
4th	£12.00	25	Kevin Bowring

(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

Lottery is licensed by Wiltshire Council

Notice Board

Funerals

Elizabeth Ward Fyfield 6 October
Anthony Robert Hughes North Wiltshire Crematorium 11 October

Burial of Ashes

John MacDonald Lawson Dook Winterbourne Bassett 14 October

"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 6.30 to 6.55pm: 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 25th October, Wednesday 8th November & Wednesday 22nd November.

A View from the Rectory

I don't usually start with words of scripture; however, after the events of the last months, the escalating violence between the beloved communities of the Holy Land, the relentless war in Ukraine, the violence of flood, earthquake and unsettled October weather in the season of Remembrance, I do so now. St Paul in a letter to a disturbed community in Ancient Greece writes of a radically different approach to conflict and change:

Ephesians 6:13-15. Put on the armour of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand firm, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, and the breastplate of righteousness in place, and your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

It's interesting that in this letter to the Ephesians, St Paul puts peace in the context of war, and also that he places this bit of armour on our feet. Surely we think of peace as the opposite of war, belonging not on our feet so much as in our hearts, and being made of stillness, prayer and gentleness, rather than action. But Paul gives us a different 'take': peace is feet on the ground, which steadies us and, paradoxically, gives our feet wings. The thing about this sort of peace, deep peace, faith-based peace, is that it prepares us for action. For Jesus, peace - shalom in Hebrew - was not so much the absence of struggle but the **presence of love**. For Gandhi Jesus' sacrifice was viewed thus: "A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

In today's battles, as we remember those who gave and still give their lives to preserve the peace and lives of others, perhaps we who sit watching with horror the unfolding violence and bloodshed might be drawn to think of Christ's armour. He opened his arms with love upon the cross to put an end to violence and war - yet we never learn, and greed and power and injustice all lead to the need for men and women to die on battlefields.

What was it that kept Jesus walking on the journey to the cross? Love - the shoes he wore that made him ready were shoes of love. What if we this Remembrance-tide unilaterally disarm from whatever conflict we are caught in, and put on an armour that makes us ready for action that runs counter to the impulse to lash out? What if we just stop our petty bickering and toddler-tantrums - 'I want my own way'? Just stop and take off the 'bovver boots' and put on the Shoes of Peace? Small drops become a flood - and the world needs flooding with peace.

Maria

Autumn 2023

Questions of Life and Faith

Come and join us for evenings of discussion, thinking and sharing of ideas on the following topics:

Venue: 29 Pitches End, Broad Hinton, at 7.30 pm.

Groups led by the Rector and Members of the Benefice Team with guest speakers.

Monday 6th November

'Peace' - what is it? how to find it? What does Jesus' 'peace that passes all understanding' look like?

Monday 20th November

What happens when we die? An opportunity to look at a universal experience practically and spiritually.

Monday 4th December

Angels - as we approach Christmas we examine our understanding of the existence, purpose and relevance of angels today.

ALL welcome



UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'E MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'NE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 1 November				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			
5 November All Saints' Day 4th Sunday before Advent	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service
Wednesday 8 November			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
12 November Remembrance Sunday 3rd Sunday before Advent	<u>9.45 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.50 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance	<u>10.50 am</u> Benefice Communion & Remembrance Service	<u>10.30 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.50 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.50 am</u> Remembrance Service
Wednesday 15 November				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
19 November 2nd Sunday before Advent			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22 November			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
26 November Christ the King`		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service					
Wednesday 29 November				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 2nd December

10am to 3.30pm,
Kennet Valley Hall

We would be very grateful for donations of good quality bric-à-brac for our Christmas Bazaar. Donations can be left in West Overton Church or please telephone 01672 861786 if you would like us to collect.

Readings

5 November – Gold or White

All Saints' Day
Revelation 7.9-end
Psalm 34.1-10
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

12 November – Red or White

Remembrance Sunday
3rd Sunday before Advent
Amos 5.18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
Matthew 25.1-13

19 November – Red or Green

2nd Sunday before Advent
Zephaniah 1.7,12-end
Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11], 12 [or 90.1-8]
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

26 November – Red or Green

Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-end
Matthew 25.31-end

3 December – Purple
1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64.1-9
Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20 [or 80.1-8]
1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-end

Upper Kennet Churches United PCC

On the 1st of November the 5 parishes of the Upper Kennet will unite in law to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Upper Kennet". As you will know, this has been a very long process, begun before I became Rector over 12 years ago. As we begin a new chapter in the history of the Benefice I would like to pay tribute to the diligence of the Working Group for giving 6 years of their lives to discerning whether this is the right way to go for our churches and communities: Penny Gold, Anghared Hughes, Simon Jones, Lizzie Daley, Robert Fitzpatrick and Peter Barry (current) and Martin Knight who preceded Peter Barry. When consultations took place only two formal objections against the proposal were made to the Church Commissioners, and there were no appeals to the Commissioners' decision to support the proposals. I would also like to pay tribute to all those who served on the Benefice Council, especially our outgoing Lay Chair, Mark Wightman, and PCCs over the past decades – the Lord knows all you have done and I pray you are Blessed as you deserve, by our Loving God.

What does this mean for you? Actually, very little will change on the ground. There will still be a Rector and Ministry Team and Churchwardens for each church. A single PCC, with oversight for the running of the new Parish, will replace the (5) individual PCCs and Benefice Council. St Nicholas Fyfield remains a Chapel of Ease. The current individual PCCs will become Local Church Committees, and everyone on our current PCCs has indicated their willingness to remain in post. Church services and all that we do remains unchanged, the wonderful admin team at the Office continue as normal. If you give money in support of your local village church this continues too - over seen by our team of treasurers (bank accounts will remain unchanged for the immediate future). Safeguarding officers and the requirements of all in official roles to undergo training is unchanged. All our current churchwardens have indicated their willingness to continue in post for consistency and continuity and therefore will be standing for re-election. PCC members remain Trustees and must be baptised communicant regular attenders at church, however Local Church Committees will have an opportunity to invite those with skills and time to join the committee and help us keep the churches serving the community. Each active church of the former parish will have a Local Church Committee. If this interests you please speak to Rev Maria or your Church Wardens.

Please note criteria for standing as churchwarden/ PCC members <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/parish-support/parish-governance/>

The process will begin with:

A Parish Meeting on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm at St James' Church, Avebury

The purpose of the meeting will be:

1. To elect the churchwardens.
 2. To establish the new PCC (this is similar to an Annual Parochial Church Meeting or APCM) by electing Lay Representatives and Deanery Synod Members.
 3. As the Inaugural meeting of the New PCC, to elect officers and set a date for the first formal meeting.
- Churchwardens are elected by 1) Anyone on the church electoral rolls 2) anyone on the UK Government electoral role by nominations*
PCC members are elected only by those on the church electoral rolls

Rev Maria Shepherdson, Rector

Fyfield churchyard clear-up morning

As summer quickly changed to autumn, the time to tidy Fyfield church and graveyard was upon us. As usual, the turn out by our villagers was impressive and they tackled a variety of outstanding tasks which included clearing the drainage gully around the church foundations, removal of excessive growth of ivy from surrounding walls, strimming, mowing, tree tidying, and nettle removal.



Our thanks to everybody who donated their Saturday morning and also enjoyed a social cup of tea or coffee.

Upper Kennet Churches Winter Crisis Appeal

Are you able to help?

Eight years ago, the Upper Kennet Churches launched a **Winter Crisis Appeal Fund** to help those who were experiencing short term financial problems.

Over that period, we have had many donations and we have been able to help a large number of families who were in desperate need.

This year, again, we would ask if you would make a donation if you are able to – perhaps you don't really need your winter fuel allowance, for example.

Please give your donation to a church warden, or send a cheque to Upper Kennet Churches Office, St. Michael & All Angels Church, Church Hill, West Overton, SN8 4ER; or BACS transfer using sort code 30-92-63 (Lloyds Bank) account 01498496 (ref: WCA).

Thank you.

Do you need help?

If you:

- live in one of the Upper Kennet Parishes
- are worried about where the next meal is coming from
- have to choose between heating and eating
- are facing a sudden financial emergency

we might be able to assist with a week's food supply, or fuel support, or just general advice.

Contact Rev'd Maria Shepherdson on 01672 539643, or a Lay Pastoral Assistant on 01672 861786. Your call will be treated in total confidence. This is not a substitute for Social Benefits or the Food Bank. It is a gesture from people who understand what you are experiencing.

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 revmariashpherdson@outlook.com



News from the Tower

Attendances on the Tuesday evening practices have not been bad considering the recent holiday season. Sunday 8th was unusual insofar as Avebury had two services on one day and getting ringers for the morning Benefice Service proved impossible. Not for the first time in these articles it has been pointed out that bells mounted for change ringing really need a minimum of three ringers to sound "all right". Two ringers offered to ring and if I had been available I could have made a third. Alas, I was confined to home after catching Covid. However, things improved for the afternoon Harvest Festival Service when Jonathan Stubbs, Michele and Adam Lomas and Andy and Kathryn Miller rang five bells. Incidentally Andy was sponsored by a number of our ringers when he completed the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust annual bike ride to raise funds for that charity. This involved visiting Churches on a 65 mile ride.

We are chronically short of ringers from the Benefice for service ringing. We now have three ringing Churches in the Benefice, and West Overton have had much publicity after their recruitment campaign so presumably residents in the south of the Benefice will already be learning to ring if interested. Anybody (not just singles but couples and families) wanting to learn to ring and living in the centre of the Benefice will be welcome to come to the evening practice at Avebury Church starting at 7.30pm, to see ringing and tuition by qualified teachers can be arranged.

Brian Vickers.

MONKTON HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AND MEAL

The beautifully decorated church resounded to some joyous singing of the traditional harvest hymns at our service, taken so well by Alison Andre.

Generous donations were made to the Trussell Trust food bank – several full bags of tins and packets, and the collection for Water Aid raised over £140. Thank you to all those who supported, decorated and donated.

The afternoon was rounded off by a Harvest Meal in the Winterbourne Monkton Community Hall which proved an excellent venue (having previously squashed into the back of the church). Those who had contributed in time, skill or financially to the running of the church throughout the year were invited and over 30 attended. A generous grant from the Avebury Community Shop and a raffle went some way to covering the costs. An enjoyable meal was provided, specially Shelia's apple pies, and if the buzz of conversation was anything to go by it was a fun time. Thank you to all who support the church and special thanks to the PCC and helpers who organized and cleared up after the meal.



PS Stop Press Ride and Stride – it looks like our Ride and Striders have raised over £1400 for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (50% will come back to Monkton Church). A new record for us – thank you all!

Under The Beech Tree

A Space to Breathe

Do you connect spiritually in creation?
Are you in need of a breathing space simply to rest in the Divine



Presence and be still within creation?

Then THIS might be just what you are looking for!

Come and join us @ the Rectory, Avebury,
Come and join us @ the Rectory, Avebury, on the following dates/times

Quiet Mindfulness, Guided Meditation, Sounds of Creation,
Live Music

Firepit if chilly! Cold drinks if hot!

ALL welcome wherever you are on your spiritual journey

Dates: **WITH REFRESHMENTS and opportunity to chat**

Tuesday 7th Nov.	6 pm	Firepit and Hot Drinks
Tuesday 14th No.	6 pm	Firepit and Hot Drinks
Tuesday 21st Nov.	6 pm	Firepit and Hot Drinks

As we move into Winter, if it is raining heavily the sessions will NOT take place

Time Out Together in West Overton this Autumn

**Thursday 2 November,
and Thursday 30 November.
All at 12.30 – 2.00 pm
at The Old Manor**

We are re-starting our Time Out Together meetings this autumn. We'll be holding three lunch-time sessions on the above dates, at 4-weekly intervals.

Come and join us for a simple lunch, study, discussion and prayer. We'll let you know the themes in due course.

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. Meanwhile, hold the dates in your diaries!

Sibella Laing – 01672 861600 sibella.laing@outlook.com
Claire Stiles c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk



Remembrance Services in the Upper Kennet Churches



Sunday 12th November

8.00 am East Kennett

9.45 am Fyfield

10.30 am Winterbourne Monkton

10.50 am Winterbourne Bassett

10.50 am Avebury

10.50 am Broad Hinton

10.50 am West Overton



**West Overton Church
Sunday 26th November**

4pm

Kiddy tea and refreshments provided.



*Family Advent
Service*

St Michael's West Overton Bell Ringers

The training of new bell ringers for the tower at West Overton has started following the open day in July with a small group of keen learners being tutored at St George's Church, Preschute by Tower Captain Richard Metters.

Good progress is being made and Richard will soon be looking for more volunteers wishing to join the West Overton tower.

Back by popular demand...
On Sat 20th January 2024

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND CEILIDH

at the Kennet Valley Hall,
Lockeridge
7pm - 11pm
Live Pipe Music
Delicious Hot Food
Ceilidh dancing
with popular local caller John Carver
All left feet welcome!

Ticket price: £25
Bring cash on the night
for bar and raffle

Email:
info@angharadhughes.com
to secure tickets

Avebury Parish Council

As both the Chairmen were unavailable to take the meeting it was decided to postpone. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November, 2023 in the Social Centre, High Street, Avebury at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Maggie Lewis
Co-chairman, Avebury Parish Council

AVEBURY & DISTRICT WI

Our speaker this month was Anne Dunham, OBE, and Paralympic Equestrian. I was sorry not to be there but know Anne through my connection with RDA Carriage Driving.

Anne has represented Great Britain in five Olympic Games, from 1996 in Atlanta to 2016 in Rio and has won 6 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze medals. She has also won medals at the Hartpury World Dressage Championships, World Championships, European Championships, World Equestrian Games and Senior European Championships, winning a further seven team gold, five individual gold, seven individual silver and one individual bronze medals. Anne retired from competition in 2017 and now carriage drives with the Wansdyke Carriage Driving Group RDA, you may have seen her out on the lanes around Lockeridge!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Social Centre, speaker to be confirmed. As always, visitors are welcome – we don't bite!

Maggie Lewis
President, Avebury & District WI

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

An update of the areas that we are focusing on has been distributed throughout the Parish. We have included a summary of the points below. The original, with more information, and village surveys are available to pick up at The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton.

Seeking Volunteers

We are organising a working party to assist with a village tidy. If you are interested in helping on the day (or supplying cups of tea), please get in touch.

Council Vacancies

We have two vacancies on the Parish Council. We would be delighted to welcome some parishioners onto the council. We currently meet once a month for about 90 minutes.

Village Survey

Everyone in Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton will have received an update and survey from the Parish Council. We are keen to have as many responses as possible as it will influence how money is spent and decisions taken.

Road Resurfacing

We are delighted that there is planned maintenance, to include resurfacing and repairs to the A4361. Work will have begun from 23rd October 2023 and anticipated to be complete by 4th November 2023.



Aladdin
Quest in Avebury

Venue: Social Centre High Street Avebury

Adults £6 Children £3

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

The Community Shop Avebury

- Tuesday 5th December 7:30pm
- Thursday 7th December 7:30pm
- Friday 8th December 7:30pm
- Saturday 9th December 7:30pm



The New Inn
Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW
thenewinn@elderbrookhouse.com
01672 539793

Fish and Chip Night
Thursday 16th November
Back by popular demand - join us for delicious freshly battered haddock and chips!



St Andrew's Day Supper Club
Thursday 30th November - 7pm
£24 for two courses, menu to be released mid November.
Ask about our themed cocktails on the night.



What else is happening?
Friday 10th - Quiz Night - 7pm
Tables of up to 6 people, £2pp, all proceeds to St Mary Magdalene Church.
Sunday 26th - Traditional Roast - 12-3pm
Booking and pre-ordering is recommended for all of our events.

OPENING HOURS
THURSDAY & FRIDAY - 5.30-9PM
SATURDAY - 8-11AM AND 5.30-9PM
SUNDAY - 12-9PM

KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk
clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 07897 797208

Preparing for the winter

Parish Council grant from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)

The Parish Council is pleased to report that it has been successful in securing a grant from SSEN to help with our winter emergency preparations. The grant will enable the Parish Council's Emergency Team to buy a stock of space blankets and other equipment to be used in the event of an emergency.

Surface water flooding

Surface water flooding can happen very quickly and local residents are encouraged to report instances of standing water on high speed roads (60mph) or gullies that if blocked would cause internal property flooding by using the Wiltshire App. <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-download>

It is also possible to sign up for flood and groundwater warnings <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>. Other useful contact details include the Floodline telephone: 0345 988 1188 (24-hour service).

Emergency numbers - Reminder

Wiltshire Council's emergency number is 0300 456 01000
Thames Water – the emergency number is 0800 316 9800
Please check your utility company for emergency contact details

Traffic speed and noise on the A4.

Following several complaints from local residents about traffic speeds and noise from cars and motorcycles the Parish Council has collaborated again with neighbouring Parishes to request additional police surveillance on the A4. Road safety remains a major concern especially following the sad news of the fatal accident near West Kennett on 29th May 2023 and other accidents on the A4.

Lockeridge Community Speedwatch Team

The Lockeridge Community Speedwatch Team of volunteers began its work in July 2021 and is supported by the Wiltshire Police Speed Enforcement Officers who have patrolled in the area too.

However recent Police statistics show that at least 11% of drivers continue to exceed the 20mph speed limit through the village. Consequently, a fund raising campaign for a speed indicator device has begun and initial grants have been secured from the Parish Council and the Marlborough Area Board. Further details will follow.

Please remember that less speeding makes our roads safer and if a car travelling at **35 mph** hits a pedestrian there is a **50%** chance they will be killed,

at **30mph** there is **20%** chance they will be killed.

at **20 mph** there is a **2.5%** chance they will be killed.

Loud Fireworks Frighten Animals!

For many people fireworks are lots of fun, but to animals they are terrifying, loud and can cause great distress. Every year thousands of animals are sedated after being frightened by fireworks. Others are so distraught they bolt and get lost or injured.

Attend a public firework display instead of holding your own party. These events are organised by skilled people for the community. They are well publicised and give warning to residents and local farmers to take steps to safeguard their animals during a specific time period.

Keep cats and dogs indoors at night.

Organise any walks for your dog during daylight hours. Ensure they are wearing an identification tag and have been microchipped, so that your animal is returned to you if it escapes and becomes lost or is injured. Once fireworks start close all windows, curtains, switch on music or television and let them take refuge in the corner of a room or under the sofa if they wish to hide.

Try not to comfort your pets if they get frightened, this will only reassure them that there is something to be worried about. Try to remain calm and relaxed, your pets will pick up on this.

Small creatures such as rabbits or guinea pigs. If they live outside should be brought into an outhouse or garden shed for extra protection during times of fireworks. Give them extra bedding so they can burrow in and feel safe.

Horses, ponies and donkeys.

Know in advance - check to see if there are going to be any firework displays in your area.

Talk to the organisers - where possible, explain there are horses nearby and ask them to set off their fireworks in the opposite direction.

Get advice [Fireworks | The British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](http://www.fireworks.org.uk) - for top tips on keeping your horse safe and secure during the firework season.

Don't forget wild animals. Bonfires should be built as late as possible to reduce the risk of hedgehogs or other small creatures crawling in to sleep. Disturbing a bonfire's foundations before lighting ensures any wildlife has a chance to escape.

Clearing up. Make sure that all litter from a fireworks party is picked up and disposed of safely as this is hazardous to both domestic and wild animals.

Finally ... Remember, remember- never let off fireworks near animals.

Protect your pet when fireworks are around by following the RSPCA's Animal Friendly Code www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/general/fireworks

Next meeting

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is **Monday 6th November 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.

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Committee of the Social Centre warmly invite Avebury Parish and Winterbourne Monkton Members to an

**“Open Evening” of Wine and Nibbles
ON**

Wednesday 15th November 6.30 – 8.30pm

Do pop in to meet the Trustees and view our early records from 1973 and air your views for the future.

Judith Farthing Secretary



News from the National Trust

Christmas at Avebury

With the nights drawing in and our opening times back to the shorter winter hours, it's clear that Christmas at Avebury is just around the corner. Our volunteer Christmas Elves have worked all year to craft the most beautiful decorations and we can't wait for visitors from near and far to come and enjoy them. This year's theme is *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. The manor will be adorned with festive splendour, as we bring this popular rhyme to life with delicately hand-made ornaments.

To make all of this come to fruition, the manor will be closed to be decorated from Monday 13 - Friday 17 November. The Christmas offer will be in place from Saturday 18 November – Monday 1 January. Whilst the manor is the star of the show, there will be beautiful decorations and festive activities across the site, including our popular Christmas market in the Great Barn on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December. For our full programme of events visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury

Invitation to preview of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* at Avebury Manor

17 November 2023, 4pm – 6pm

We would love to invite you, our local community, to be the first to see the manor displayed for Christmas. Please join us for a festive preview of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* at Avebury Manor. There'll be mince pies and festive drinks to enjoy.

Please RSVP to LauraMay.Bailey@nationaltrust.org.uk if you'd like to come along.



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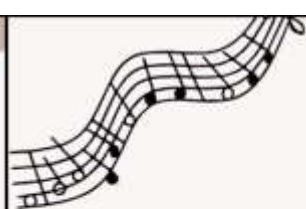
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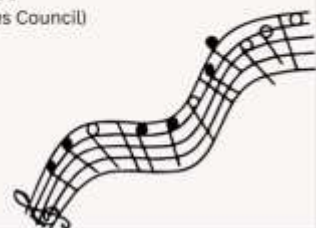


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