



UPPER KENNET NEWS

November 2025

Views from Kennet Valley 2026 Calendar



Sold in aid of our churches at
West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennet
Telephone enquiries 01672 861798

Cover photo by David Throup



Grand Christmas Bazaar & Christmas Tree Sale

Sat, 29th Nov
10am-3pm

Kennet Valley Hall

Stalls including Christmas cards, calendars, Riverdale Leather Work and Crafts, Honey & Honey goods, candles, jewellery, repurposed gifts, bric-a-brac, books, toys and jigsaws; delicious homemade cakes and produce; bottle tombola, exceptional raffle, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Guess the Name of the Teddy and Guess how many Sweets in the Jar.

Refreshments

CHRISTMAS TREES for sale plus HOT DOG stand. Donations of bric-a-brac etc and items for the repurposed gift stall can be left at West Overton Church. For further information or any queries, please contact Alison Ingham 07734 761912, Jo Snape 07368 645887 or Sibella Laing 07890 085029. Please contact Alison, Jo or Sibella if you would like to help on the day.

Fundraising in aid of our churches in East Kennet,
Fyfield and West Overton
ALL WELCOME

VIEWS FROM THE KENNET VALLEY

2026 CALENDAR

For the tenth year and to help our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennet we are again producing a calendar compiled from photos submitted by local residents. The spiral bound, wall hanging A4 calendar will be available at the end of October at £9.00 each, including envelope.

ORDER FORM

Quantity required _____ at £9.00 each Total £ _____

PAYMENT

Cheques payable to:
West Overton Fyfield East Kennet Churches

Or by BACS : Sort code: 30-92-63 A/C 01399919

Total amount £ _____ Paid by cheque
Paid by BACS

Please return this form (with a cheque if applicable) to:
The Church Office, St Michael & All Angels Church
Church Hill, West Overton SN8 4ER
or
email your order to treasurerwestoverton@outlook.com
if you have paid by BACS.

The calendar is also stocked in Avebury Community Shop

Name:

Address:

Tel no. or email:

Telephone 01672 861798 with any queries
or for more information

With grateful thanks for your support



GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
10AM TO 3PM

KENNET VALLEY HALL, LOCKERIDGE

Support your community this festive season by purchasing one of our **premium Nordmann Fir Christmas trees!** These high quality, locally grown trees come in a variety of sizes to suit your home. All proceeds go towards maintaining our historic churches, helping us continue our work in the community.

Please use the QR code to submit and pay for an order online, alternatively, send your completed order form with appropriate payment to the church or email address below:

Address: The Church Office, St Michael & All Angels' Church, West Overton, SN8 4ER

Email: kennetvalleytrees@gmail.com

BACS Payment: Sort code 30-92-63 Account 01399919

Cheque: payable to West Overton Fyfield East Kennet Churches

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



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Address: _____

Postcode: _____

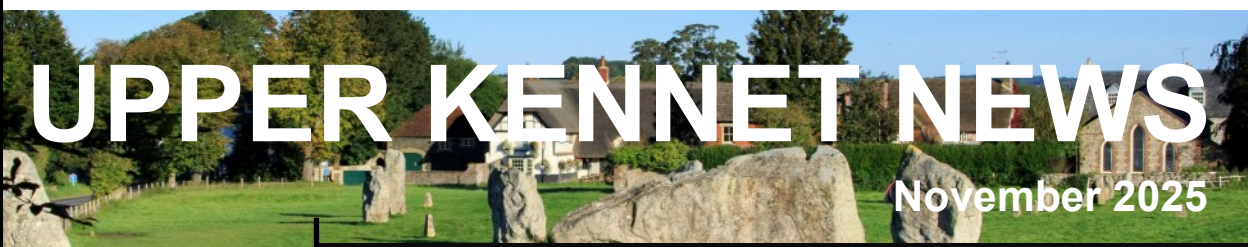
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Published by the Upper Kennet Parochial Church Council



Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 69 Jill Loveday
£75 Number 32 Lorraine Perry
£50 Number 97 Stuart Musgrove

(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

100 Club

Draw Results for October

1st	£48.00	65	Nigel Fielder
2nd	£36.00	37	David Taylor
3rd	£24.00	97	Steve & Thelma Fulford
4th	£12.00	73	Les Jenkinson

(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

“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 November,
Wednesday 19th November &
Wednesday 3rd December

Remembrance Services in the Upper Kennet Churches

Sunday 9th November



The Sound of Silence

My favourite bit on the radio is the silence. Not just any old silence but that sacred moment of radio silence on Radio 3 when the piece of music has ended and we enjoy its imprint held in the stillness it has just been birthed into. If the BBC licence fee ever became voluntary it would be the only thing left that would stop me cancelling my direct debit.

Why is the Rector noisily banging on about silence you may ask? - if you've bothered to read this far. Well, as you read this I am currently away on a silent retreat. It is 30 days engaging in Ignatian Spiritual Exercises but it is all done within a framework of silence.

Silence is not just one thing and the writer L. Kane gives us some good examples:

The dumb silence of apathy, the sober silence of solemnity, the fertile silence of awareness ... The muzzled silence of outrage, the expectant silence of waiting ... the eloquent silence of awe, the unnerving silence of menace, the peaceful silence of communion, and the irrevocable silence of death illustrate, by their unspoken response to speech, that experiences exist for which we lack the word.

(Kane, L. The Language of Silence: On the Unspoken and Unspeaking in Modern Drama)

When silence is part of a spiritual practice the beauty of the silence doesn't come from a magnificent piece of heavenly music, as on Radio 3, but from a connection with heaven itself. Different spiritual traditions label it in different ways but the essence is the same. I remember entering the silence of the blue mosque in Istanbul just after prayers and the quality of that silence felt exactly the same as the silence during a high Catholic Mass. A space full of prayer.

In this noisy world of distractions silence is actively discouraged. This means we don't get to savour its possibilities as a doorway to deeper experience. Believe it or not silence can be exciting and life changing. So close that laptop now, flip those ear buds into the gutter and



Shhhhhh Shhhhhh

‘Thoughts will lead you in circles,
Silence will bring you back to your centre.’
Rasheed Ogunlaru

Every blessing
Jonathan – the rector.

To all our wonderful contributors

In order to meet production and print deadlines for January 2026 please note that all copy must be in by **Monday 8th December**

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 November All Saints' Day	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 5 November			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Service			
9 November Remembrance Sunday	<u>9.45 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.50 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.50 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.50 am</u> Parish Communion & Remembrance Service	<u>10.30 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.50 am</u> Remembrance Service	<u>10.30 am</u> Remembrance Service
Wednesday 12 November				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
16 November 2nd Sunday before Advent			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19 November			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
23 November Christ the King		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion	<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion Patronal Festival				
Wednesday 26 November				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
30 November Advent Sunday						<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion	

WEST OVERTON CHURCHYARD WORK MORNING

Many, many thanks to the helpers on this very successful occasion on 13 September. Lots of mowing, strimming and cutting back. The churchyard was transformed, particularly on the northern side.

WEST OVERTON COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to all who attended or helped at the Coffee Morning on 27 September and to those who baked for it and those who donated produce and plants. We raised just under £300 which will go towards keeping West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Churches open.

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



Readings

Sunday 2nd November –
Gold or White
All Saints' Day
Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1.11-end
Luke 6.20-31

Sunday 9th November –
Red or Green
Remembrance Sunday
Job 19.23-27a
Psalm 17.1-9 [or 17.1-8]
2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end
Luke 20.27-38

Sunday 16th November –
Red or Green
2nd Sunday before Advent
Malachi 4.1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-19

Sunday 23rd November -
Red or White
Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent
Jeremiah 23.1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43

Sunday 30th November -
Purple
1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2.1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13.11-end
Matthew 24.36-44



TO INAUGURATE AND BLESS THE NEW ORGAN,
PLEASE JOIN US FOR

AVEBURY'S ORGAN CONCERT

ST JAMES'S CHURCH, AVEBURY
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 7PM

For your enjoyment:

A selection of songs and readings from Bishop Andrew drawing on
his love of the Wiltshire landscape
Organ music from Ian Crabbe for Advent and Christmas by
German and French composers
Pieces by Bossi, Ireland and Vierne

Back by popular demand...
On Sat 17th January 2026

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND CEILIDH

at the Kennet Valley Hall,
Lockeridge
7pm - 11:30pm
Live Pipe Music
Delicious Hot Food and Ceilidh dancing
with popular local caller John Carver
All left feet welcome!

Ticket price: £30
Email: stuart-laing@outlook.com Bring cash on the night for
to secure tickets raffle. Pay bar cash or card
Full payment required at time of booking



Avebury Social Centre Soup Lunches Monday 3rd November 12 noon — 2.00pm



£1 - or donation of
your choice
any profit goes to the Social
Centre funds

All welcome from
Avebury
& local villages

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



BOTTLE

DONATIONS

PLEASE!

We're collecting bottles for
the Parish Bazaar on
Sat 29th November

**ANY BOTTLE WELCOME..
FROM SHAMPOO TO CHAMPAGNE!**

Sibella Laing 01672 861600
or deliver direct to West Overton
Church or either of our houses

Remembrance Services in the Upper Kennet Churches

Sunday 9th November

- 9.45 am Fyfield
- 10.50 am West Overton
- 10.50 am East Kennett
- 10.50 am Avebury
- 10.30 am Winterbourne Monkton
- 10.50 am Winterbourne Bassett
- 10.30 am Broad Hinton



Avebury Tower News

Readers might remember that the preceding month's article started with a "Saved by Kathy" because she added a third ringer which enabled us to ring for September's Parish Communion at Avebury. For the October ring she rang again, and we were able to add another to make 4 ringers. They were in surname order Kathy Davies, Kathryn Miller, Sean Tye and Brian Vickers. Bellringers have a number of necessary conventions to avoid chaos, one being that the bells in any ring are given a number in increasing order of their weight (and decreasing order of their notes from high to low). So with 4 bells on this occasion, they were numbered 1 (the lightest and highest note; also usually called the "Treble"), 2, 3 and 4 (the heaviest - called the "Tenor"). Kathy rang both the 3rd and Tenor.

One problem in our tower is that we usually ring 6 bells (assuming we have enough ringers) and they are numbered from 1 to 6, and we get familiar with where the rope is located for a given bell. However if the number of bells is changed as above, then the bell rope usually recognised as number 4 becomes number 2 in the sequence. Whilst it is simplest to number the bell ropes in sequence, it is not unknown as in the above example for the ringer to think their bell is number 4 rather than number 2 in the sequence. So let us say that bell 2 is ringing ahead of bell 3. If a call is made for bell 2 to follow bell 3, there is a danger that the ringer of bell 2 will think they are ringing bell 4 and not make the change. Keep awake!! However generations of experience has shown that numbering bells by their weights is the easiest way, since by simple counting it allows for differing numbers of bells to be rung, the more so in ringing at different towers with different numbers of bells.

As ever we need more local ringers; phone Brian Vickers on 01 672 539 482 for information on how to join.

Brian Vickers

SANTA'S GROTTO

SUNDAY
7TH
DECEMBER

VISIT SANTA,
DECORATE A COOKIE
WITH THE ELVES &
RECEIVE A GIFT
CHOSEN JUST FOR YOU!

£12.50
£8 PER
ADDITIONAL
CHILD WITHIN
THE SAME
TIME SLOT

RAISING FUNDS FOR WILTSHIRE & BATH
AIR AMBULANCE, PROSPECT HOSPICE
AND ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH



PLACES MUST BE BOOKED - PLEASE CALL 01672 539793
OR EMAIL THENEWINN@ELDERBROOKHOUSE.COM
THE NEW INN, WINTERBOURNE MONKTON, SN4 9NW

Proudly supporting

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together making every day count

Registered charity number: 280093

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+BATH AIR
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Avebury Parish Council

www.aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Councillors Update

Thank you to everyone who applied for our recent Parish Council vacancies.

We're delighted to welcome Giles Shaxted and Michael Chappell as our newest councillors.

We also want to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you to Ben Butler for his many years of dedicated service to the Parish Council. His time, commitment, and support have been greatly appreciated by us all.

Chalklander Exhibition

The Parish Council would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to David Wilkins and Lynette Thomas, co-creators of the wonderfully successful **Chalklander** exhibition held in the Chapel this August. Not only did the exhibition beautifully celebrate our local landscape, creativity, and sense of place, it also brought the community together in a truly special way. We are incredibly grateful to David and Lynette for their kind donation to the PC from the proceeds of the event. Your generosity and community spirit are very, much appreciated.

Green Street Project Completion!

We're pleased to share that the Green Street verge protection project has now been completed.

The project was designed to restore and protect the grass verge and the edge of the road from further damage caused by

illegal parking within the World Heritage Site.

New planters and stones have been carefully installed to prevent vehicles from parking on the verge while enhancing the area's appearance. The planters have been filled with seasonal plants and spring bulbs, adding a touch of colour to this well-used stretch of Green Street.

A big thank you to everyone who helped bring this project to life – including residents who volunteered their time to move stones and help with planting. Together, we're helping to keep Avebury beautiful, protected, and welcoming for all.

Meet your Councillors

Natascha Kenyon

Natascha has called Avebury home for over 23 years and joined the Parish Council to give back to the extraordinary community she feels lucky to be part of. She's passionate about the power of community and treasures the diversity that draws people from all over the world to the parish. A nature lover and keen photographer, Natascha can often be found exploring our amazing islands in a campervan with her husband and their dog, Max. She once ticked off a parachute jump from her bucket list and hopes one day to visit Iceland to experience the dramatic meeting point of fire and ice and wild swim where the continental plates divide.

Benches Update

We're pleased to let you know that two new benches have now been ordered and will soon be installed along the footpath by the Big Arch. These will provide a

welcome spot to rest and enjoy the surroundings. One of the existing benches will also be temporarily removed for some refurbishment work—but don't worry, it will be back soon looking as good as new!

Bulbs

The Parish Council and the Avebury Orchard Group have been busy over the past few weeks planting a variety of native bulbs around the village. These include traditional favourites chosen to brighten up our green spaces and support local wildlife. We're really looking forward to seeing them bloom in the spring - and hope they'll bring a lovely splash of colour for everyone to enjoy.

Parish Steward

Our dedicated Parish Steward has once again been out to tidy and sort – and we want to take a moment to say a massive thank you to him for all his hard work! If you see something you think he can help with then please email our clerk and we can add it to the jobs list for the next visit! Otherwise don't forget you can report things through the **MiWilts** app. His next visit will be 19th November - any requests received by 12th November please will be added to this job sheet otherwise they will go on the list ready for his next visit in December.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of Avebury Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th November 2025 at the Avebury Social Centre.

Emma Watson, Clerk

clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

Opening Hours
10am – 4pm every day

Christmas boxes

With December 25th fast approaching, visitors to the shop may need a reminder that they can order Christmas boxes in advance – and avoid the hassle of supermarket crowds and parking charges.

This is what you need to do: visit the shop and pick up an order form. Once you've decided what you'd like in your festive box, drop the form back to the shop with a £5 cash deposit. This needs to be done by December 10th.

The box will be put together for you and you'll receive a call on Monday December 22nd with a time for you to collect it that day. You'll be able to park outside at the given time, though managers Lyn and Martin remember enterprising people arriving with their wheelbarrows! Just come into the shop and pay. You may well get help moving the box to the car.

You can order meat from Sumbler Bros, fruit and veg, bread (including half-baked frozen loaves, very popular recently), cheese, milk, eggs... and of course your Christmas drink supply. There is no additional charge for putting the boxes together, just the price of the items themselves.

Fancy a hamper?

Don't forget too that for special occasions (like Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries) you can have a hamper made up by the shop. Ideal for people who are difficult to buy for! The shop will arrange your items in a box (or in a wicker basket for an additional charge) and wrap it with cellophane and ribbon. Drop by for further information, including another Christmas present idea: an Avebury Community Shop Voucher.

Souper-duper

With the changing of the seasons we are now stocking delicious Tideford fresh soups to go along with our famous cook-it-yourself bread. We have two flavours in stock: lentil and spinach dhal, and Thai green vegetable.

Home deliveries

Remember we offer home deliveries if you're unwell or disabled. Our delivery area includes Avebury, Avebury Trusloe, Beckhampton, East and West Kennett, Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett.



Tim Rice

FARMERS' MARKET

Sunday 16th November
Broad Hinton Village Hall
11am - 1pm

Free
Entry

Local Produce!

Meat Cheese Eggs Honey
Bread Pastries Pies
Cakes Jam Pickles
Sweets & Chocolates
Eco-Home & Refill
Ales & Craft Beer
Village Apple Juice
Dog Treats

Pete's MicroBakery
Pre-order Option
Contact Adam Gilmore
07969 290124
adam.gilmore@outlook.com

Free
Café



Towards a new
community-owned
café & shop
in Broad Hinton

bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/shop

The Avebury Players present

Treasure Island

by Alex Jackson

DECEMBER
Monday 8th
Tuesday 9th
Thursday 11th
Friday 12th
Saturday 13th

At Avebury Social Centre
Curtains up at 7:30pm
Script kindly presented in agreement with
www.alexjacksonpantomimes.com

Adults £8
Children £4
Tickets available at the Avebury Community
Shop from 1st November (cash/cheque only)

Pumpkin Decorating Competition

ENTRY FEE: £2

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

BRING YOUR PUMPKIN TO THE NEW INN BY 7PM ON THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
(PLEASE LABEL YOUR PUMPKIN ON THE BOTTOM SO WE KNOW WHO IT BELONGS TO &
LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE DROPPING OFF OUTSIDE OPENING HOURS)

VOTE FROM 7PM ON 30TH OCTOBER UNTIL 4PM ON 2ND NOVEMBER

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 6PM ON SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER.
PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS!

PUMPKINS CAN BE CARVED AND/OR DECORATED IN ANY WAY.



News from the National Trust November

Christmas returns to Avebury Manor

For the first time since January 2024, visitors will be able to return to Avebury Manor later this month.

The 16th-century house has been closed for repairs and restoration work since suffering from significant flooding. It will reopen as the centrepiece of this year's Christmas celebrations at National Trust Avebury on Saturday 29 November.

The house will be dressed for Christmas, with displays featuring decorations crafted by our wonderful volunteers, trees, lights, and Christmas carols. As ever, we are inviting residents of Avebury Parish to get a first look with a preview event on Friday 28 November between 5:30pm -7pm.

We are expecting spaces to fill up, so please RSVP to emma.talbot@nationaltrust.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Away from the manor, visitors can now book spaces for our Story Time with St Nicholas sessions. These will be held in the decorated dovecote on three weekends in December. Spaces can be booked on our website. We will also be hosting a Christmas craft market with live music in the barn on Saturday 6 December and Sunday 7 December.

Winter hours and getting in touch

We are now on winter opening hours, with most facilities opening from 10am-4pm. If you need to contact us for any reason, you can email avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit the museum during opening hours.

Parking permits

The car park on Avebury High Street is owned and managed by the National Trust. Avebury Parish residents can apply for a parking permit by sending proof of address and their registration number to avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Free entry for parish residents

We hope to see you at our Christmas preview event but if you can't make it, residents of Avebury Parish can get free entry to the manor, garden and the Alexander Keiller Museum by showing proof of address at the barn.

NEWS FROM THE WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL



Registered Charity No 1199011

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

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

Events List

Saturday Nov 15th	Food Night Indriya Kitchen Indian Street Food Doors open at 5.00
Saturday Nov 22nd	Coffee Morning 10.30am – 1.00pm
Saturday Dec 13th	Coffee Morning 10.30am- 1.00pm
Sunday Dec 21st	Mulled Wine and Mince Pies 4.30 - 6.30



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

White Horse Opera

Tickets are now on sale for a gorgeous Christmas Concert on Friday 12th December at St Andrew's Church, Devizes (Nice and warm!) Includes Allegri's Miserere, Vivaldi's Gloria, pieces from Handel's Messiah and many more beautiful works. Refreshments will be served. Tickets £15 from Devizes Books and <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera>



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hello@whitehorsecycleworks.co.uk



Kennet Valley Parish Council

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

NEW LOGO

As you can see from the above, we have adopted a new logo to help our communications look professional and to provide a visual brand for the Parish Council. We hope its design conveys the essence of our beautiful chalk downs. Let us know what you think.

KENNET VALLEY PARISH EMERGENCY GROUP - MORE HELP REQUIRED

Your Parish Council has an Emergency Group with several Councillors and members from each of our three villages. The Group members are all volunteers who give of their time to help in emergency situations such as flooding or power cuts.

The Group needs more members to be available in emergency situations. For further information please contact:

Clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

We have plans for coping with floods, snow, power cuts etc which are based on the guidance provided by Wiltshire Council. Surface water flooding is an increasing issue both locally and nationally and the Group has a stock of gel sacks (similar to sandbags) which are made available to those residents who are at most risk of flooding. We have several 'flood' signs which we use as necessary to warn drivers of flooded roads.

Please help the Group when possible by reporting blocked drains etc to Wiltshire Council: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltsonline-reporting>

AUTUMN LEAVES AND FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES

Wiltshire Council encourages residents to clear leaves from surface drains in times of heavy rainfall where safe to do so to prevent flooding. Please report blocked drains to the Council via the MyWilts online reporting link.

Drains can become blocked with gravel which is washed off private driveways in times of heavy rain or by vehicle movements. Please would residents with gravel drives consider how best to prevent this from occurring and causing a risk of flooding in our Parish. Thank you.

STONEHENGE AND AVEBURY WORLD HERITAGE SITE (WHS) APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Cllr Jill Turner who has been appointed as the Avebury WHS representative on the WHS's Executive Board.

NEW WOODEN POLES SPOTTED

You might have spotted new wooden poles going up in our villages. These are needed to deliver Full Fibre network in the area under the Gigabit Government founded project.

HAVE A SAFE FIREWORKS NIGHT...AND LOOK AFTER YOUR PETS!

If you are planning your own celebration using fireworks, make sure it is safe and doesn't break the law – there's lots of good advice on the Wilts Council website including tips for looking after pets.

Pets hate bangs and flashes and can get very frightened on fireworks night. Try to keep all pets indoors and close any curtains to make things calmer. Partly cover outside cages and pens with blankets to soundproof and create a little refuge while leaving an area for animals to look out. Please also be considerate of local livestock that cannot be kept indoors and can find fireworks distressing

Firework's Night falls on a Wednesday this year so consider keeping pets indoors at the weekends before and after 5th November.

NEXT PARISH MEETING

The next **Parish Meeting** takes place on Monday, 10th November, 6.30pm at Kennet Valley Hall. As always, members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

With best wishes, Alison Ingham
Clerk to Kennet Valley Parish Council



THE ART OF LIVING IN WILTSHIRE

*In challenging times, it becomes essential to cultivate true inner peace. Join us to learn the **Sudarshan Kriya, effective breathing techniques and simple meditations** in the original **Part 1 Course**.*

Friday 14th Nov: 6pm - 9pm AND
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th Nov 9am - 12pm

Course location: Winterbourne Monkton Community Village Hall, Church Lane, Winterbourne Monkton, Swindon, Wiltshire SN4 9NW

Link <https://bit.ly/AOLWILT>

Teachers:
Amit Sawlani
amit@uk.artofliving.org | 07448 675488
Shefali Godha, Ivan Brownrigg & Stefanie Young
07516 313 502




SCAN ME

Appropriate for all levels



DRINKS PROVIDED BUT BRING YOUR OWN MUG!

EVERYONE IN THE PARISH WELCOME!

Christmas Drinks on the Dene Lockeridge

Sunday 14th December at

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE NEW INN



NOVEMBER

Art Exhibit by Nicola Elliott

- 30th Oct - 2nd Nov - Pumpkin Decorating Competition
- 6th - Alice in Wonderland Supper Club
- 28th - Quiz Night
- 30th - Traditional Roast



DECEMBER

Art Exhibit by Rae Bailey

- 7th - Santa's Grotto & Fundraiser
- 12th - Quiz Night
- 18th - Christmas Themed Beetle Drive
- 21st - Festive Roast & Acoustic Live Music by Dan Graham



FESTIVE HOURS

- 24th - Festival carols with mulled wine & mince pies from 5pm.
- 25th - Join the village Christmas tradition - drinks, mince pies & good company from 11am - 2pm.
- 26th - 10am - A winter walk followed by breakfast rolls & a warm cuppa (or mulled wine!).
- 27th & 28th - 12pm - 9pm
- 31st - Celebrate New Year's from 7pm - drinks flowing, nibbles on us & midnight bubbles.
- 1st - Start the New Year in style with a Bucks Fizz Breakfast from 9am - 1pm

Cody, Ben & Matilda are going on a well deserved break in November. Angela, Harry & Emilia will be running The New Inn with limited hours for the weeks beginning 10th & 17th.

Thursday 13th & 20th - CLOSED

Friday 14th & 21st - 6-9pm

Saturday 15th & 22nd - 6-10pm

Sunday 16th & 23rd - 4-9pm

Friday 14th - Chilli Night

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