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Draw Results for September

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Weddings

Stephanie Moakes & Samuel Hanson 4 September Broad Hinton

Jennifer Adams & Matthew Cannon 18 September West Overton

Funeral

David Scattergood 25 August Avebury

“A brief respite from everyday pressures – a time of peace, calm and silent reflection.”
MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 7.00 to 7.25pm: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing and some words of wisdom.

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th October, Wednesday 27th October & Wednesday 10th November.

A View from the Pew

Harvest confusion

The sound of heavy machinery running through the night, huge monsters with lights creeping across the fields in pitch darkness, and the roar of mighty tractors with trailers driving through our small country lanes scattering straw like confetti signal that it's harvest time. The flattened fields will soon turn brown when ploughed, and another season will have passed.

I am reminded of the 1950s when a friend and I used to go down to a farm in Devon to help during harvest. (I use the term 'help' loosely.) It was supposed to be a holiday but it was very hard work in the fields gathering in the small bales. On one occasion in the early evening as we stacked a final load, we persuaded the reluctant farmer to let us drive the tractor and its heavy load across the fields to the road. His reluctance was justified. We started with an almighty jolt resulting in the whole load toppling to the ground – and another two hours of work to reload!

The previous day we had helped drive a large flock of sheep along the A361 to another field. My shouting at them not only brought them to an almost permanent halt but did likewise to several hundred cars!

As we decorate our churches for harvest festival, I remain conscious of the stocks of produce in our supermarkets - beans from Kenya and Peru, broccoli spears from Spain, onions and peppers from Holland - and the effect on global warming for such transportation.

So, as I offer a prayer of thanks to God for 'our' harvest should I also pray about saving the world in other respects?

A glass of water on the altar perhaps to remind us of our dwindling water resources; a piece of coal to thank God for heating - no, not coal, perhaps a can of oil - no, perhaps a model of a wind turbine or nuclear reactor; no? then perhaps a battery for an electric car with its relatively scarce metals mined from a third world country, or from China.

No, maybe we should just have a sheaf of locally grown corn in the entrance to the church at East Kennett as we used to many moons ago!

Perhaps I might get some answers when I go to Marlborough College for the *U3a in Kennet* special interest day lectures on Climate Change and Sustainable Futures.

I will of course be offering prayers to thank God for our sustenance and our world generally but I clearly also need to pray and humbly ask for guidance.

Food for thought.

Graham Kitchen, Lay Pastoral Assistant

Fyfield Churchyard clear-up morning, 11th September

Once again the Fyfield Stalwarts, including several children (Annie, Rupert, Eve and Nicolai), gathered to attack the mini-jungle surrounding St Nicholas church. Everyone worked incredibly hard and by lunchtime the churchyard was transformed. Huge thanks to everyone - your time, hard work and support was much appreciated.

It was lovely to see Dennis and Linda Seeley again and we are grateful for their continuing support even though they have moved away. Thanks also to Sue Elks who doesn't live in the village but kindly supports St Nicholas in many ways.



UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'RN MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'RN BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
3 October Trinity 18	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer book Communion	<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>6 pm</u> Harvest Festival			<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Prayer	<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Harvest Festival Communion
Wednesday 6 October				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
10 October Trinity 19		<u>4pm</u> Little Angels & Children & Families Service			<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion <u>4pm</u> Harvest Festival & Tea		
Wednesday 13 October			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Saturday 16 October			<u>11 am</u> Wilson Baptism				
17 October Trinity 20		<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion					
Wednesday 20 October				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
24 October Last Sunday after Trinity				<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion			
Wednesday 27 October			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Saturday 30 October All Souls' Day		<u>3 pm</u> All Souls' Day Service		<u>4.30 pm</u> All Souls' Day Service			
31 October All Saints' Day			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion			<u>9.45 am</u> Benefice Service Communion	

Time Out Together in West Overton

**Thursday 30 September 2021,
12.30 – 2.00 pm
at The Old Manor**

We are re-starting our Time Out Together meetings by holding the next session on the theme of "Living in Love and Faith". Come and join us for a simple lunch, a video presentation, and discussion. Many of you will already know of this important initiative of the Church of England, in which all parishes are encouraged to participate.

All are welcome at: The Old Manor (on the west side of the church), West Overton, SN8 4ER. Please contact one of us if you would like more details, and/or directions to the house.

Sibella Laing – 01672 861600
sl519@cam.ac.uk
Claire Stiles
Angharad Hughes

Readings

**Sunday 3 October – Green
Trinity 18**
Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12
Mark 10.2-16

**Sunday 10 October – Green
Trinity 19**
Hebrews 4.12-end
Mark 10.17-31

**Sunday 17 October – Green
Trinity 20**
Hebrews 5.1-10
Mark 10.35-45

**Sunday 24 October – Green
Last Sunday after Trinity**
Hebrews 7.23-end
Mark 10.46-end

**Sunday 31 October – Gold or
White
All Saints' Day**
Revelation 21.1-6a
John 11.32-44

**Sunday 7 November – Red or
Green
3rd Sunday before Advent**
Hebrews 9.24-end
Mark 1.14-20

All Souls' Day Services Saturday 30th October



St Michael All Angels,
West Overton 3 pm

St James' Church,
Avebury 4.30 pm

These services are an opportunity for remembering those we love who have died, and everyone is welcome. If you are unable to be with us but would like someone to be remembered in our prayers at either of these services, please contact the Benefice Office.

Upper Kennet Benefice Office, The Garden Room,
62 Lockeridge, Marlborough, SN8 4EL
Telephone: 01672 861786
e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

Charity Cake Sale

in aid of: The Avebury Senior Citizens and
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home.
Sunday 29th August, 2021.

Many thanks to all the people who donated and purchased a cake in aid of the above charities. Andy (the Avebury postman), Mick (the retired Avebury postman), twelve year old twins, Lauren and Aimee, who worked non-stop all day collected £960, £480 to each charity. We would also like to thank Phillipe and Dominique from the Henge Shop for use of front of shop and supplying the tables.

We were over whelmed by the generous support.

Andy, Mick, Lauren and Aimee



St Michael & All Angels' Children & Family Service

Sunday 10th October, 4pm.
West Overton Church

A short family themed service with kiddy
tea and refreshments provided.

All welcome!

OCTOBER
date:



WE ARE BACK!

FRIDAY
8th

Little Angels

10AM - 11:30AM

KENNET VALLEY SCHOOL, LOCKERIDGE

Fortnightly group for bumps to pre-schoolers.
All welcome!

West Overton, Wyfield & East Kennett Churches

SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you everyone who helped in any way and to all who came to our coffee morning and bring & buy. We raised over £477 - an all time record, which is amazing and we are very grateful.

Thanks too for the 'anonymous' cakes and produce and for the donations from those who weren't able to be there.

Our next event will be the Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree sale which will be held in the Kennet Valley Hall this year, on Saturday 4th December.

MONKTON AUGUST/SEPTEMBER FUND RAISING

After a very successful first Teas in Avebury Social Centre we held our second one on Bank Holiday Monday. With the National Trust Tea room closed we were able to provide an excellent venue for customers with a wide choice of savouries – soup, sausage rolls, quiche etc and a vast array of superb cakes generously donated by village members from Monkton and Berwick Bassett. It was a busy day at the hatch with customers flowing in throughout the day. We managed to raise, after expenses, nearly £1300 for Monkton Church – a new record. Thanks, as ever, to all those involved in the success of the day – hard work and good humour in equal amounts!

We again fielded a large team of cyclists for the Ride and Stride on 11 September – some 10 people of all ages, under the leadership of Mark and Rob. They completed a ride around the Deanery, over 50 miles, which features a number of long hills. The weather was kind, not too hot, not wet and not windy! Thanks to all those who took part. We hope they will have raised several hundred pounds for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and Monkton church.



Avebury Parish Council

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's
meeting on 7 September 2021

A member of the public asked why the footpath to Rawlins Park was so poorly maintained. We replied that the parish steward had been asked to trim it. The National Trust has also been invited to address any overgrowth on the land it manages that is close to the footpath.

An application to fell two sycamores at Ashcroft was approved. The applicant told us that replacement trees were planned.

We accepted a tender from Ringway, Wiltshire Council's contractor. Ringway will set the foundations for two sockets. The sockets will be used to install a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on a pole and will allow the pole and the SID to be moved from one location (the Rawlins Park bus shelter for southbound traffic) to the other (the main car park entrance for vehicles driving eastward). The SID will remind drivers of the speed limit. It will also provide data to inform future discussion about vehicle speeds. We await a date for these works.

Wiltshire Council's consultation period on the proposed speed limit reduction from 60mph to 50mph on the A4361 has ended. We heard that objections had been received (mainly, we understand, from those wanting a lower speed limit). The issue needs now to be considered and decided by Wiltshire councillors.

We heard that at least six organisations had expressed some interest in exhibiting in the proposed community exhibition space in the chapel and that there would be a meeting for them in October.

BT has been asked to clean the recently repainted telephone box (emergency calls only) at West Kennett and to replace a missing acrylic pane.

On the initiative of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett PC, we agreed to discuss at our next meeting how to work with other stakeholders with the aim of improving flood management.

Dates of next meetings: an ordinary meeting on 5 October at 19h30 in the Social Centre. As always, residents wishing to participate in these meetings are most welcome to do so.

Vacancy: We have a vacancy on the Council. Please consider applying for it! Liz Moore (clerk@btinternet.com) or any of the Councillors will be glad to answer your questions.

Draft minutes of this meeting may be found on the Avebury Parish Council website.

Avebury & District WI

Summer 2021

Our summer meetings are traditionally a visit to a garden in June and an educational visit in July.

This year we managed a visit to the lovely grounds of Lacock Abbey for a select few. Six members gathered and strolled through the grounds and gardens on a warm afternoon. Tea and cake was taken in the small NT café adjacent to the Red Lion pub opposite and an enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks to the NT staff who were able to provide Bryony with a mobility scooter which enabled her to roam where she willed.

Our educational visit saw 11 members take a private guided tour of Avebury Manor. Although many of us had visited before it was lovely to have the house to ourselves and our own personal guides. The staff further treated us to tea, coffee or a glass of prosecco as we sat on the lush grass at the front of the Manor enjoying another fine summer's afternoon. Our thanks to all the team who made our visit so enjoyable.

As we don't have a meeting in August, Sandra Hues very kindly agreed to host afternoon tea in her lovely garden in Beckhampton. Members brought sandwiches and cakes to share and all were delighted to be able to see and chat to old friends. Thank you Sandra.

September 2021

For our first 'face to face' meeting in a year a small group of members and guests gathered in the Social Centre on 9th September for a talk by Gordon Brockman on silver marks. He covered the main identifying marks, how to recognize them and how to establish when your piece was made. He also told us about the rarer marks from Assay Offices that are no longer working. Members brought items for him to examine and value and these were used to good effect to illustrate his talk, establishing the year and maker as well. He also educated us about caring for our silver items – never use liquid silver polish but instead wash each item in hot soapy water then buff with a silver cloth. Gordon is a great raconteur and regaled us with stories of finds, including his 'find of a lifetime' – a pair of rare Georgian candlesticks which you may remember hearing about in the news earlier this year. We're hoping to invite Gordon back to do an 'Antiques Roadshow' valuation session at some point in the future so watch this space.

Our next meeting will be on 14th October and is 'Handbags – a historical journey'; members are invited to bring an old handbag for the competition and/or an autumn hedgerow arrangement for the floral competition. Programme cards will be available at the meeting for those who have not received them.

I hope to see you all there.

Maggie Lewis,
President, Avebury & District WI

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For more details :
01672 861622



GRAND 'GARAGE' SALE

Saturday 2 October, 10am to 3pm
at 2 Witts End,
West Overton SN8 4ER
(behind South Farm House)

Payment by cash or cheque please, no cards.
50% of profits on the day donated to the Church

Queries to Bob Skeet, 07884 136872

Items will include

- Kitchen ware and oven-to-table ware
- Garden tools including Husqvarna chainsaw &
- Bosch electric hedge cutter
- Workshop tools
- Ladders and steps
- Sofa, chairs and furniture
- Display cabinet
- Garden furniture
- Books
- And many other items

2021 Christmas Tree sale at the Church Christmas Bazaar Saturday 4th December at the Kennet Valley Village Hall

Come and enjoy our annual social event, shake off those Covid blues, meet your neighbours and friends in a friendly, relaxing and safe atmosphere.

In addition to our usual stalls we are going to have a local produce section, if you would like a stall contact Graham Kitchen on 01672 861798. For more information on **Christmas trees** and an order form contact David Snape at davidwsnape@aol.com. As usual we are offering free local delivery and online BACS payments.

Christmas Bazaar:

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held at Kennet Valley Hall this year instead of West Overton Church.

It will take place on Saturday 4th December and will have a much broader range of offerings, ideal for Christmas presents and winter comforts.

Views from the Kennet Valley 2022 Calendar:

An order form for this popular calendar will appear in next months magazine.

Christmas Tree sale:

This will also be held at Kennet Valley Hall on Saturday 4th December.

Any queries, contact Graham Kitchen on 01672 861798 regarding the Bazaar or Calendar, and David Snape on 01672 861267 regarding Christmas Trees.

News from the Tower

At long last the first ringing practice since March, 2020, took place on Tuesday, 24th August, 2021. Nine ringers were there, Avebury ringers, Brian, Michele, Jonathan and Kathryn; Jane and Andy from Calne, Emma from Heddington and John and Rosie from All Cannings, (they all attend our practices). They were able to ring all eight bells as well as several methods on six bells. Masks were worn by everyone throughout, hands were sanitised and the ringing room was ventilated by the open window and door. Photographs were taken and when the ringing was over they had a celebration party outside when Jonathan's dog, Hero, joined the party. Many thanks to Michele for the photographs and to Kathryn for the information above.

A Calne Branch Meeting was held at Bromham on 11th September, with a picnic tea and limited ringing.

Mary Davidge, tel: 01672 513819,

Belfry Correspondent.





Farmer Mark's Pumpkin Patch



**At Tan Hill Farm, West Kennett, SN8 1QF
(Just off the A4)**

**Come and pick
your own
pumpkin from
our pumpkin
field.**

Opening times

Oct 2nd/3rd,

9th/10th,

16th/17th,

21st-31st.

10am-4pm

(last entry 3.30pm)



**Sorry, but due to our rural
location, our card machine has
very poor connection!**

CASH payment would
be preferred.

**-Free admission & free
parking.**

**-Wellies/outdoor shoes
advised.**

**-Sorry no dogs allowed, except
Guide Dogs.**

**-Follow us for updates of
opening times/weather
conditions on Facebook or
Instagram
@farmermarkspumpkinpatch.**

**Take part in our pumpkin
trail or art activities in
the pumpkin barn
(small charge).**

David Scattergood

President, Avebury Cricket Club 2002-2021

Many of you will already have learned of the sad passing of Dave Scattergood, who died at home on 25 August 2021.

Dave will always be remembered across this community as someone who really made things happen – naturally fun-loving, always with time for others, and invariably excited by any opportunity to be involved in projects to bring our community closer together and have fun.

He was an instrumental part of the team that developed the Avebury Community Shop, which celebrated its 12th anniversary this year. I'm told the process to set up the shop was complex to say the least – and it is testament to his unswerving enthusiasm, as well as his often unconventional fund-raising techniques (the shop can boast shareholders up and down the country!) that it was ultimately able to launch and to grow into the success that it is today.

He was a compulsive fund-raiser, and will be well known for almost single-handedly running a series of auctions of promises at the Avebury Club in the 1990s and 2000s, which not only generated funds for a number of deserving local causes, but generated a lot of laughs as well.

But it's as the founding father of the current iteration of Avebury Cricket Club that we will remember him most. As long ago as 1989, a chance discussion with a few other village residents, led enthusiastically by Dave, resulted in the reformation of Avebury C.C., re-kindling a club that had played on the sports field at Avebury since just after the First World War, having its origins in the workforce of Alexander Keiller.

What Dave re-started in those days, as a small group of locals playing on the field on Sunday afternoons, has become an open-access community club with players as young as 5 and as old as 85; and with nearly 200 registered junior members in 2021. Whilst this growth is admirable, it would be worthless if we didn't try to stay true to the principles on which Dave founded the club: open to everyone, serving the community, raising money where we can, having fun on the field and having more fun off the field if we can possibly get away with it. And of course, setting a standard in the excellence of its cricket teas to which others aspire!

On Saturday 28th August 2021, we played our final 1st XI league match of the season in the West of England Premier League. Both teams stood in lines on the square, in glorious sunshine, and observed a minute's silence at the beginning of the game in Dave's memory. We had a wonderful match against a powerful Swindon C.C. 1st XI, and against the odds came away with a famous victory.

I'd like to think he had something to do with that.

Well played, Dave – a jolly fine innings. You live on in everything you helped to create.

Dominic Fry, Chairman

Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number:

01672 539200

Opening Hours

10am–4pm every day

The volunteers, committee, staff and customers of Avebury Community Shop were saddened to hear of the death of Dave Scattergood. He was prominent in setting up the shop and led the steering group which organised the opening in March 2009. He worked tirelessly in the preparations for the shop opening, which were complex to say the least. He organised builders, assembled shelving, made agreements with suppliers, fetched stock from the Cash and Carry in Swindon and carried out 1001 other tasks. He used all his contacts to ensure that the shop opening was a success, and was great at persuading people to help in getting the job done. He even managed to get the Sunday Times to report on our opening (the picture is from the Sunday Times article and shows him outside the shop on opening day).

He continued to offer valuable advice and suggestions throughout the last 13 years - until very recently. Dave will be sorely missed, not just by the shop but by the wider community to which he contributed so much.

Coronavirus precautions

Because the shop is so small and ventilation is limited, we will be continuing to ask customers to observe the current precautions. We will be continuing to limit numbers in the shop to 2 people or small family groups, and also asking customers to continue to wear face masks in the shop.

Call and Collect Service

We provide a call and collect service for people who don't want to go into the shop or are unable to go into the shop. Please call us on 01672 539200 to place your order, we will then contact you for payment and have your shopping ready to collect from the door, or we can load it into your car.

Extension of Free Delivery Service

Avebury Community shop will be providing a FREE delivery service of food and other essentials to anyone in our community who is in self isolation due to the Coronavirus. This is an extension of the service we already provide to the elderly and others in our community who are unable to get to the shop. Please call 01672 539200 to arrange a delivery. We would prefer payment by card, but can accept cash on delivery if necessary.

Michele Lomas
(Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

The New Inn

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON, SN4 9NW

Local Ales
& Cider

Dog
Friendly

Covered
Outside Seating

Large
Garden

Live Music

Quiz Night

1st Oct - Ukey Dukes - 7pm

8th Oct - 7pm
£1 per person - all funds to
St Mary Magdalene Church



HALLOWEEN SUPPER CLUB

Join us at 7pm on Thursday 28th October
for a night of spooky fun and food.

Fancy dress encouraged!

£16 per person - 2 Courses

Spaces/tables must be pre-booked.

The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW

01672 539793



thenewinneelderbrookhouse.com



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Ofsted 'Good school' – March 2020

News from September 2021

Welcome Back!

Hello again from Kennet Valley school. We have returned to school this month after our summer break, and I am pleased to report that school feels more 'normal' than it has over the last 18 months. We no longer have to have bubbles in the school, so all of our children have been having playtimes and lunchtime together again. It has been delightful to see our older children getting to know our new reception and caring for them so well.

Reception

This year we were delighted to welcome 9 new reception children to Wrens class. Mrs. McQue and Mrs. Alexander were very excited to meet them again on the first day. These children have joined the Reception /Year 1 class and will complete most of their learning through 'Continous Provision', as well as having daily phonic lessons. This allows them to learn through planned and self-chosen play tasks. They also have weekly challenges to complete in the different areas of the classroom.

Buddies

As with previous years our new reception children have all got a buddy in year 6. These buddies will make sure that they are ok in the playground, will read with them during the week and help them during the school day. Being a buddy at Kennet Valley is a very important role and I know that the Year 6 children will work hard to be fantastic role models to the younger children.

New Children

As well as our 9 new reception children, we have also welcomed 9 children into years 1 – 5. I know that I speak for all of the staff team when I say that we hope that they are enjoying school and feel happy and safe with us.

Curriculum

As you will know, from reading past articles, we plan and teach in blocks at Kennet Valley. This allows children to immerse themselves in one subject over several weeks and to build their knowledge. We have started the year by having a science block throughout the school. Classes have been looking at States of Matter and changes in materials. We have found out about non-Newtonian liquids, found out the best materials for different activities, looked at reversible and irreversible changes,

and looked at how particles move within solids, liquids, and gases. From Monday 20th September the school moved on to a history block. During this block the classes will be learning and researching more about a range of history topics – all which are linked to our Value of the term, which is Courage.

With the school year comes new enrichments opportunities for our children. Over the coming weeks all the children will take part in visiting a Science Dome. Wrens class will be going on a school trip to science centre, while our Year 6 children go on a day trip adventure. The Year 5 and 6 children have the opportunity to hear a published author talk as part of the Marlborough Literature Festival. Finally, later in the autumn our Year 4 children will be setting off for their residential trip. I will, of course, keep you all updated about how these activities and trip go – I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as the children enjoy doing them.

Little Angels and Kennet Valley Toddlers

We are really pleased to announce that the two parent and toddlers' groups, that use our school hall, have restarted this month. These groups (Little Angels and Kennet Valley Toddlers) take turns to use the space on Fridays. It was wonderful to see so many young families in the school over the last few weeks and I hope that they all continue to come for a play.

School Council

At the start of the year, we always vote for the new members of the School Council. This group work with Mrs. Hues and Mrs. Bushnell to plan and organise a range of activities throughout the year. In the past this has included fund raising events for the school, stalls at the Christmas or Summer fayres and raising money for a range of charities. I know that Mrs. Hues and Mrs. Bushnell are looking forward to working with this year's School Council members.

Friends' Association, Coffee with the Governors and a School Social!

On Thursday 16th September, we had a school social. This was planned in co-ordination with the Governing Body and with our Friends Association. We wanted to give our parents an opportunity to meet with us in a more social setting than at a school meeting or parents evening. We were blessed with good weather, and I was very pleased to see so many people. Governors will be following this meeting with a Coffee Morning for parents on Monday 18th October – all parents are invited to come and have a cup of tea or coffee and a breakfast pastry with Governors from 8.50am.

Our Friends Association have continued

to support the school. Early in the term they held a camping and BBQ night and raised over £1800.00 for the school. I am so grateful to all that helped and supported this event.

They will be holding their AGB on Thursday 14th October and I know that they are keen to get to know new members to the group, as well as welcoming back parents who have supported the committee before.

Stay and Play

As we move into the new school year, we are very pleased to be able to re-start our Stay and Play sessions. These are sessions that allow parents and children (aged 2,3,4 years old) to come into the school and find out more about us. The children are invited to play in Wrens class with the current reception and year 1 children, while their parents and carers can have a drink and cake with some members of our parent body. This allows families to get to know us well before coming to the school. If you would like any more details about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Places

We are delighted to be able to offer tours of the school again for parents looking for a school place, either for the coming school year or for a place in reception in coming years. If you would like to come for a tour and a chat about Kennet Valley, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can arrange a time to show you around our lovely little school. You can do this by calling 01672861202 or by emailing Ruthie (our Admin Officer) on admin@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk

Many thanks -

Mrs. Emma Russell, Headteacher
Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School

A call to all stitch and textile enthusiasts

A new textile group has just been formed for stitching enthusiasts in Marlborough and surrounding area called 'Textiles and Stitch Around Marlborough'. It is an independent group for textile artists, enthusiasts and learners alike. It came about as a result of the Embroiderers' Guild dissolving its branches earlier this year. The group is keen to invite new members to come and join and take advantage of the inspiring workshops and talks it delivers every month.

During the pandemic members were able to continue online with video meetings, speakers, workshops and sewing challenges. There is a programme of speakers and inspirational workshops lined up from September for existing and new members starting with the Story of Quilt making, fabric printing, spinning and weaving and much more. The group comes together on the first Monday of each month at Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge, near Marlborough, with the proud aim of being inspiring, inclusive and supportive.

The first meeting of Textiles and Stitch Around Marlborough was held on Monday 6 September when 36 members heard M A Katritzky talk on The Needlework Collaboration of Mary, Queen of Scots and Bess of Hardwick. The following day 10 members enjoyed a lino cutting workshop with Louise Nichols.

The next meeting of Textiles and Stitch Around Marlborough will be on Monday 4 October at the Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. Our speaker will be Sue Hobson and her talk will be entitled "What is a Quilt" Doors open at 13.30 for a 14.00 start.

If you would like to find out more or come along to a meeting explore our website:

<https://textilesandstitch.co.uk/> or email Lindsay Sherwood at frenchknots2014@yahoo.co.uk



Kennet Valley Toddlers

10.00am - 11.30am on

17th September, 1st and 15th October

Located at

Kennet Valley Primary School, Lockeridge.

Please come and join us at our new location for fun, art and time to talk to other parents and carers.

£2 per family incl. Tea/Coffee for adults, drinks and snacks for toddlers.

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National Lottery awards Kennet Valley Hall £10,000 for new ventilation system

Kennet Valley Village Hall has been awarded a grant of £10,000 by the National Lottery Community Fund to install an innovative ventilation system.

The installation is designed to reassure residents who may be worried about returning to crowded events after the Covid pandemic. The system will be installed during the October Half Term to reduce the inconvenience to regular hall users.

The state of the art system will carefully monitor air quality in the hall and maintain good ventilation without losing heat. The Heat Exchanger 'at heart of the system' uses sensors to control the rate of air change. The sensor detects CO2 in the outgoing air and then increases the incoming air flow in response. The system will also incorporate an Air Source Heat Pump which will provide a supplementary heat source should the need arise

A Parish Council spokesman said: "Given the anxiety about transmission that is going to linger for a very long while to come, there will be serious issues about ventilation, especially with the hirers, so the plan ticks many boxes."

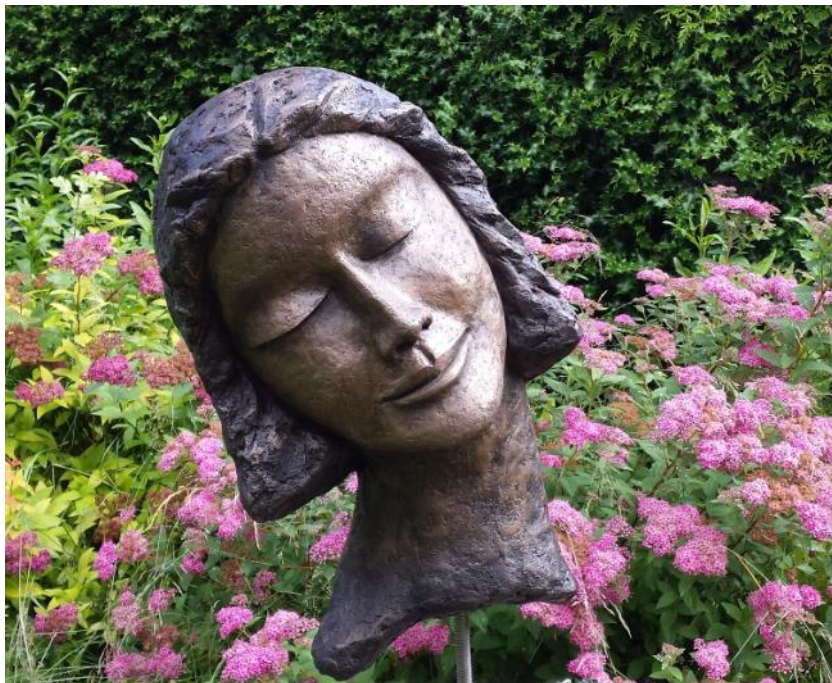
The total cost of the system will be circa £20K. The Hall Trustees will pay half from the Hall's own Reserves and are most grateful to the National Lottery Community Fund for their Award, without which the project would not have been possible.



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Sculpture exhibition, Avebury Manor

Avebury Manor Garden, Friday 10 September until Sunday 10 October. Free with entry to the manor and/or garden. Garden only ticket available from visitor reception (£5 adult, £2.50 child).



Once again Avebury Manor Garden becomes an art gallery, with a variety of different artists displaying their work in the many different garden rooms. The exhibition includes striking statement pieces, subtle garden enhancements and modern abstract pieces - there is something for everyone's taste.

The exhibition runs for a month and is free to anyone visiting the manor and/or garden, there is no need to book. Most of the sculptures are available to purchase.

Contact

abby.george@nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury or 07917 515439 for more information.



Update from the National Trust – Autumn 2021

National Trust

Avebury Manor operated with a free-flow model over the late summer and early autumn. The Manor is closed briefly but re-opens on Thursday 7 October. We'll shortly introduce a new guided tour of the attic rooms, which have been inaccessible for some time. We're really pleased to be able to open the doors to these rarely seen spaces. The Manor gardens and the Alexander Keiller Museum are open as usual, and our daily volunteer-led guided tours of the Stone Circles have resumed successfully.

Christmas is coming and preparations have now begun for decorating Avebury Manor. The theme this year is 'Christmas in colours' and we'll share more details in the next issue of Upper Kennet News. In the meantime, save the date: the preview event for residents is on Thursday 18 November.

Activities over the autumn period include:

Sculpture Exhibition, Manor Garden, Fri 10 Sep to Sun 10 Oct

Seasonal storytelling – Sat 23 Oct

Trust10 run – Sun 24 Oct

Apple celebrations – Sat 16 and Sun 17 Oct

Half term family activities – Mon 25 Oct to Fr 29 Oct

Dark Skies Walk – Sat 30 Oct

Harvest Displays in the Dovecote and Barn throughout October

For full details please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury

Living with Monuments Project

The Living with Monuments Project summer excavation took place from the end of July through to mid-August 2021 in the Avebury half of the WHS. The site - the West Kennet palisade enclosures - is full of interesting and complex archaeology, and the main trench contained many features such as post holes, pits and ditches. Some of these features were constructed later than others and so had cut into the earlier features. Several antlers were found which will hopefully help to date some of these features, and there was also some worked flint and a small amount of pottery. The post-excavation analysis will reveal more as the data is processed and this will aid interpretation of the site. We will let you know when the report is released, and hope to be able to organise some talks about the project in due course. For details of previous excavations, please visit

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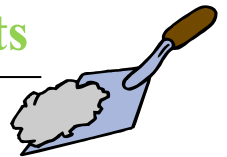
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