



# UPPER KENNET NEWS

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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 99 D. Williams  
£75 Number 37 Jenny Haines  
£50 Number 6 Vicky Evans

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

If you would like to join the lottery, please pick up an application form from any church, or ring Jo Snape on 01672 861267 or email [josiesnape@aol.com](mailto:josiesnape@aol.com)

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

## 100 Club

### Draw Results for September

1st	£48.00	10	Greg Hallam
2nd	£36.00	75	Jayne Telling
3rd	£24.00	60	Penny Gold
4th	£12.00	6	Lyn Saunders

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Philip Scott on 01672 539104 or email [philipscott2@me.com](mailto:philipscott2@me.com)

Your way to help support the churches of Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett

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## Notice Board

### Wedding

Celia McLuskie & Alexander Ian Yi-Heng Koo  
Winterbourne Bassett 9 September 2023

### Funeral

David Twine North Wiltshire Crematorium  
6 September 2023

### Burial of Ashes

David Twine West Overton 11 September 2023

"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 27<sup>th</sup> September,

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

& Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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 9th October

#### Culture and context of Jesus' mission – Making Jesus known

The role/influence of the Romans, Sadducees, Pharisees, Gentiles and Jews. The struggle for power, and why so many were reluctant to think that Jesus was the Messiah

### Monday 23rd October

Making connections between the Old and New Testament

### 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
1 October Trinity 17	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>11.15 am</u> Harvest Festival	<u>10 am</u> Harvest Festival Communion Service
Wednesday 4 October t				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
8 October Trinity 18		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service <u>4 pm</u> Harvest Festival	<u>4 pm</u> Harvest Festival		
Wednesday 11 October			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
15 October Trinity 19			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18 October				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
22 October Trinity 20		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service					
Wednesday 25 October			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			
29 October Last Sunday after Trinity						<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service	
Wednesday 1 November				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			

## 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 [revmariashepherdson@outlook.com](mailto:revmariashepherdson@outlook.com)



## Readings

### Harvest Festival Readings

Deuteronomy 8.7-18  
Psalm 65  
2 Corinthians 9.6-end  
Luke 12.16-30; or 17.11-19

### 1 October - Green

17th Sunday after Trinity  
Exodus 17.1-7  
Psalm 78.1-4,12-16  
Philippians 2.1-13  
Matthew 21.23-32

### 8 October - Green

18th Sunday after Trinity  
Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3.4b-14  
Matthew 21.33-end

### 15 October - Green

19th Sunday after Trinity  
Exodus 32.1-14  
Psalm 106.1-6,19-23  
Philippians 4.1-9  
Matthew 22.1-14

### 22 October - Green

20th Sunday after Trinity  
Exodus 33.12-end  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10  
Matthew 22.15-22

### 29 October - Green

Last Sunday after Trinity  
Deuteronomy 34.1-12  
Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8  
Matthew 22.34-end

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following  
evening events at  
**EAST KENNETT CHURCH**

### **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 6.30**

An illustrated talk by James Cameron about the Pewsey Downs Farmers Group generally, and more specifically about farming in our local area.

### **FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at 7.00**

A recital by the brilliant local pianist Kim Emery.

## Update on the Marlborough Deanery partnership with the Diocese of Morobo

A highlight for the Diocese of Morobo was the **distribution of Bibles** to members of the clergy on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Now for the first time they have their own copy of the Bible, plus some hymn books and prayer books. They are most grateful for the money raised in our Deanery to enable this to happen.



Meanwhile, some hard work has been done on the **agricultural project**, with maize, beans, cassava and coffee all doing well, and more groundnuts to be planted soon. There is a need for wellington boots for those working in the fields, and we will be able to purchase 20 pairs from our general fund.



**Transport for clergy** is an ever-pressing concern. Bishop Data (having lost his car in the ambush in June) now has a motor-bike, but most of the clergy have to share just a couple of bicycles. We have enough funds in the bank to provide 10 more bicycles, and we are looking to raise money for another 10. Keep an eye out for an appeal this autumn.

**Bishop Data's** vestments were stolen by his assailants in June, and he feels he needs replacements in order to carry out his formal duties effectively. Some spare robes have been donated in the Salisbury Diocese, and we are hoping that they can be sent out to him soon. He is in good heart, and he asks that we continue to pray for God's work in Morobo.

St James' Church, Avebury

## Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 8th October at  
4pm



All your favourite Harvest hymns and readings  
Support the Trussell Trust Food Bank

Enjoy tea and cake afterwards  
And, for the first time, we welcome the

**Devizes Jubilee Morris**  
**Side, musicians and**  
**dancers**

ALL WELCOME



## Harvest Festival Services



Broad Hinton  
(Holy Communion)

1 October

10 am

Winterbourne Bassett

1 October

11.15 am

Winterbourne Monkton  
Harvest Service and Tea

8 October

4 pm

Avebury

8 October

4 pm

**All welcome!**

Donations of food and toiletries are urgently needed for the Trussell Trust and you are welcome to bring items to the Harvest services. Alternatively, the Trust are accepting online donations.

The most needed items are:

Instant mashed potato, dried rice 500g, tinned hot meat, tinned ham, long life sponge puddings, instant whip (Angel Delight etc).

Men's deodorant, ladies' deodorant, men's shower gel, ladies' shower gel, toothbrushes, shampoo.

## Views from the Kennet Valley Calendar - 2024

We will be publishing a 2024 calendar later this year. Please send any suitable photos of flora, fauna, activities and landscapes for consideration to:

**Graham Kitchen** c/o The Church Office  
St Michael & All Angels  
Church Hill  
West Overton  
SN8 4ER  
or e-mail to: [graham@grahamkitchen.com](mailto:graham@grahamkitchen.com)

Thank you



## News from the Tower

At Avebury things have been relatively quiet over the past month with sundry ringers being on holiday. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August only 6 ringers turned up for the Tuesday evening practice. Our main problem, however, is getting enough ringers for the monthly Benefice service at Avebury because some ringers, who live further away, will be ringing at their own churches. At one point (with the Tye family away on holiday) it looked as if we would only have 2 ringers for the service at Avebury on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. Happily the Tye's returned with the twins James and Samuel and their dad Sean making 5 then Stephen Andre arrived to make a 6<sup>th</sup> ringer, and all ended happily.

After years of fund raising Calne has completed their plan to have 10 bells. Finally the original 8 bells were taken to a bell foundry in order to enable them to be tuned with the 2 new bells. They can now ring the front 6, the back 8 or all ten. The new treble was donated by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers in memory of all SDGR ringers who died during the wars. The second was donated by the Keltek Trust in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II platinum jubilee. On Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, the Bishop of Ramsbury rededicated the bells. The church was packed and included senior members of the Guild. Calne is the only church to have 10 bells in the branch.

Brian Vickers. Mary Davidge.

## 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**

Friday 6th October	5pm	Firepit and Hot Drinks
Friday 13th October	5pm	Firepit and Hot Drinks
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

## Time Out Together in West Overton this Autumn

**Thursday 5 October,  
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](mailto:sibella.laing@outlook.com)

Claire Stiles [c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk)

**QUIZ FEVER**

**FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**  
6:30PM FOR 7:00PM START

**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE FYFIELD CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT**

**TEAMS OF UP TO 6 //**  
**£20PP TO INCLUDE SUPPER (VEGGIE OPTION)**

**FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
**LYDIA BAUER - 07919 073272**  
**OR**  
**ANSTICE BARING - 07786 038359**

📍 **LOCATION - THE WHO'D A THOUGHT IT PUB, LOCKERIDGE**

St James' Church, Avebury

**Saturday 21st October, 7pm**

**Choir Concert**



**The Münster Choir from Braunschweig, Germany**  
**Conductor: Lukas Lattau**  
**with music from**  
**Mozart, Mendelssohn, Gounod, Jones,**  
**Reger, Halmos and others**

**Donations on the evening for entry and  
for refreshments will be gratefully  
received.**

## The New Inn

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

**Celebrate National  
Curry Week with us!**

**Thursday  
5th  
October**  
**Curry Night**

Enjoy a family style  
selection of homemade  
curries with all the  
trimmings followed by a  
delicious dessert selection.

£24 for two courses.

**Vampire Ball  
Murder Mystery**

**THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER  
7PM**

**£30 PER PERSON  
INCLUDING 3 COURSE DINNER**

Join us for a frightfully good  
time for Halloween – take on  
a fang-tastic role and solve  
the murder!

£30 for three courses.

### What else is happening?

Friday 13th - Quiz Night - 7pm - £2pp (all to charity) - teams of up to 6.

Sunday 22nd - Traditional Roast - 12-3pm

Booking and pre-ordering is recommended for all of our events.

Spaces must be booked for Curry Night and Murder Mystery.

#### OPENING HOURS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY - 5.30-9PM  
SATURDAY - 8-11AM AND 5-9PM  
SUNDAY - 12-9PM

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE CLOSED  
FOR A PRIVATE EVENT ON  
SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER.

## MONKTON CHURCH AUGUST/SEPTEMBER FUND RAISING

After a very successful first Teas in Avebury Social Centre we held our second one on August Bank Holiday Monday. Based in the excellent Avebury Social Centre we were able to provide a comfortable 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 with customers flowing in throughout the day. We were grateful for the support from our local friends as well as the tourists. Ziggie the Owl played a great role in engaging with the public, raising money for being stroked and directing customers to our venue! We managed to raise, after expenses, over £1,420 for Monkton Church – a new record – which, added to our takings on the first event, has cleared over £2,200. Thanks, as ever, to all those involved in the success of the days – hard work and good humour in equal amounts!



We again fielded a large team of cyclists for the Ride and Stride on 9 September – some 13 people of all ages, under the leadership of Mark. They completed a ride around the Deanery, over 50 miles, which features a number of long hills. The weather was hot, oh so hot! Tom did a great job of being there with the backup vehicle with ice, cold towels etc. Thanks to all those who took part. They will have raised several hundred pounds for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and Monkton church (final amount yet to be counted!).



## Avebury Parish Council

A number of issues were raised by members of the public at our September meeting:

**High kerbstones in Avebury Trusloe:** it was stated that the Parish Council did a 'walk and talk' 10 years ago when this was raised and no action had been taken. The Chairman apologized and undertook to look into it; an offer of a meeting with the parishioner was not taken up due to his work commitments. However, on investigation it would seem that the area where the high kerbstones are belongs to the Aster Group and residents should raise the issue with them. A plan showing the extent of Wiltshire Council's responsibility is available on request but it is only as far as the first corner, by number 24

**Parish Council accounts:** the accounts are available on the website ([aveburyparishcouncil.org](http://aveburyparishcouncil.org)) under the Governance tab and on request from the Parish Clerk, ([clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org)). There is a statutory period of 6 weeks for any person to request to see the accounts.

**Tree belt at Rawlins Park:** Cllrs. Bedford and Lewis will continue to raise this at their regular meetings with the National Trust.

**Our new PCSO, Emily Johnson,** attended the meeting and residents wishing to contact her can either attend the quarterly drop in sessions at the Social Centre or via email on [emily.johnson@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:emily.johnson@wiltshire.police.uk)). There is also the non-emergency number of 111, or in the case of an emergency, people should always call 999. **The next drop-in session will be 18th December in the evening**

Other items discussed were:

**Planning applications for tree works** - one was supported at the meeting and the other after a site visit by Cllr. Lewis

It was decided to use the Scribe accounting system for Parish Councils – this will make our financial information more transparent and easier for parishioners to view as well as easier for the Clerk to manage the budget

**Solstice arrangements for the Ridgeway** – it was felt that this was such a large issue it needed more time to consider than is available in Parish Council meetings and that we should have a separate meeting to discuss the matter as well as possibly polling local residents.

Maggie Lewis

Co-chairman, Avebury Parish Council

## Avebury & District W.I.



At our September meeting we had a very important visitor! Sitting in the chair made for him is Winnie – aka Simon Linford, who came to speak to us about the iconic Windsor chair. He took us through the history, features and versions of the chair as well as how he came to make them. He brought a number of samples of the beautifully crafted chairs for us to inspect. We were all impressed by the level of craftsmanship and beauty of the chairs. Simon is an excellent speaker and his talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. As he does other talks, we will certainly invite him back again.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th October when Anne Dunham will be telling us about her experiences as a Paralympic competitor, 7.30 in the Social Centre

Maggie Lewis

President, Avebury & District WI



## Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

**Opening Hours 10am – 4pm every day**

We have had a busy summer with lots of visitors despite the unsettled weather. This will help us to keep going in the quieter winter months.

### Meet the Team



Giles has been volunteering in the shop for about 2 years, but recently had a break due to work commitments. He has now started back again and we are very glad to welcome him back. He has lived in Avebury for about 5 years. Until recently he was working for a wine retailer, but has recently left this to start up his own business making

cheesecakes (sounds yummy!).

Giles' hobbies are walking dogs and enjoying the beautiful countryside around here. He has a number of pets as well as the dogs, including cats and chickens. His favourite products in the shop are Wessex Mill flour and Sumbler's products (especially as this saves him a trip into Marlborough!).

### Local Produce

At Avebury Community Shop we like to support local suppliers as much as possible. They produce really good quality food which customers come from far and wide to purchase. Some of our local suppliers are (we have more!) :-

Berkeley Farm Dairy, Wroughton – delicious milk, cream, butter and other dairy produce (the butter is hand shaped and a beautiful colour – not like anything you get in supermarkets).

Sumbler Brother's Butchers, Marlborough – a great range of chilled meats, pasties and other products. Rowdey Cow, Rowde near Devizes – ice cream tubs. Vicarage Lane Cakes – Very popular home made cakes and flapjacks.

Brinkworth Dairy – delicious local cheeses including Wiltshire loaf and Avebury cheese.

Little Bag of Herbs, Bassett Down – Jams, preserves and specialist teas.

### Volunteers Needed

We still need more people to join the team. Anyone, young or old would be welcome to join the team of volunteers. If you would like to consider volunteering, please contact one of our shop managers, Lyn or Martin, on 01672 539200. Full training will be given along with copious tea and coffee and homemade cakes or biscuits.

### Volunteer Party

We had a lovely volunteer party in Avebury Social Centre in September which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Jayne Telling for organising this.

Michele Lomas

(Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

## Bake Sale success

Bake Sale held at The Henge Shop, on 27th August, 2023 on behalf of Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and Avebury Community.

Andy, Mick, Angela, Amice and Lauren, from the sale, collected over £1,000. Battersea £530.00 and for Avebury Community £507.00.

The £507.00 we are giving to the Avebury Social Centre as they need money for repairs and it is used by the community.

The previous two years money, half for Battersea and half given to the parish council (£1,000) is to purchase a defibrillator located at Rawlins Park.

We thank everyone for the donations and a special thanks for Phillipe and Dominique (Henge Shop) and Avebury Community Shop for the three hampers given for the raffle.

## Berwick & Bassett 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 begin from 23rd October 2023 and anticipated to be complete by 4th November 2023.

## Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust Home Security and Stay Safe Online Schemes

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust provides a **free** home security and Stay Safe Online service for people O'60 and those aged 18+ with a registered disability living in Wiltshire.

The schemes are for those who have become or are at risk of becoming a victim of house crime, cybercrime, or domestic abuse.

If you are eligible and don't feel that you have adequate home security or would like advice about staying safe whilst using your electronic devices/computer, please contact us to arrange a visit.

**Home Security Call: 01225 256867 or**  
**Email: [bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk)**

**Stay Safe Online Call: 01225 256867 or**  
**Email: [bobbyvanonlinesafety@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:bobbyvanonlinesafety@wiltshire.police.uk)**

## DO YOU FEEL SAFE ONLINE?

ANYONE OVER 60 OR WITH A REGISTERED  
DISABILITY (18+) IS ELIGIBLE FOR ONLINE  
SAFETY ADVICE



TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT  
CALL 101 or EMAIL [BobbyVanOnlineSafety@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:BobbyVanOnlineSafety@wiltshire.police.uk)



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## KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Tel: 07897 797208

### HEDGES & TREES

Now the evenings are getting darker earlier, and the leaves will soon start to fall please can you remember to cut back hedges & tree branches. This is vitally important on land bordering roads and pavements as the leaves become very slippery when wet and the overhanging hedges force pedestrians into the road where they may not easily be seen by oncoming vehicles. Please do not be surprised if you receive a letter from the Parish Council making this request but we hope by giving you a gentle reminder now this can be avoided.

### HI-VIZ

Dog walkers and cyclists please remember that you are much safer wearing Hi-Viz on dark autumn evenings.

### SOLSTICE

#### Permits

Kennet Valley Parish Council have been advised that it will be required to issue

permits for any of its parishioners from West Overton, Lockeridge or Fyfield who may have a need to use the shops or other services at Avebury during the Solstice period. This is due to a change in procedures introduced by Wiltshire Council.

Please note this is **NOT** a permit for attending the Solstice celebrations. Reasons for requiring a permit may be for visiting residents in the High Street, the Community Shop, Post Office, Henge Shop, National Trust, Church, Social Centre etc. The permits usually cover a day or so either side of the actual Solstice, depending on the traffic restrictions imposed.

Please could you advise the Parish Clerk [clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk) ASAP if you will be requiring a permit.

### PREPARING FOR THE AUTUMN AND WINTER WEATHER

As we approach the autumn our weather can change suddenly and surface water flooding can happen very quickly.

Keep in touch with the weather updates by signing up for flood and groundwater warnings <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> and the national flooding guidance <https://www.gov.uk/help-during-flood>

Other useful contact details include:

Wiltshire Council's emergency number - 0300 456 01000

Thames Water emergency number - 0800 316 9800

Please check your utility company for emergency contact details

Floodline telephone: 0345 988 1188 (24-hour service)

Wiltshire Council encourages residents to clear leaves from surface drains in times of heavy rainfall where safe to do so to prevent flooding and to report blocked drains to the Council with the online reporting link: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-download>

### NEXT MEETING

The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Carers Right Expo

**21 November, 10.00am – 6.30pm,  
Civic Centre, Trowbridge**

Unpaid carers are facing profound challenges – a struggling social care system and NHS, increasing financial pressures because of the cost-of-living crisis and an increasing number of hours caring.

For Carers Rights Day this year Carer Support Wiltshire are bringing together experts from across local government and the voluntary sector to share their expertise and guidance with carers. Through workshops and an information hub, the expo aims to empower carers with the knowledge to help them live their lives well and help them to feel supported in their caring role.

Sessions will explore what support is available to carers including:

- When you're new to caring
- How to navigate the benefits system
- How to manage their own wellbeing
- Carers legal rights
- How to prepare for an emergency
- How to build their support plan
- Preparing for the end of their caring role
- Getting back into work

This one-day event will attract unpaid carers from across Wiltshire, local government, the NHS, private and voluntary, community and social

enterprise organisations.

To register your interest, email [admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) or call 0800 181 4118.

### Carer cafes

Our cafes are a great way to make new friends and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings. Come when you can and stay for as long, or as little as you like.

**Marlborough** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (except December)

**Venue:** The Jubilee Centre, 28 High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1LW

**Time:** 10:30am – 12:00pm

**Dates:** 24 October, 28 November, 19 December, 23 January, 27 February, 26 March

**Pewsey** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

**Venue:** Pewsey Methodist Church, Royal Oak, 35 North Street, Pewsey, SN9 5ES

**Time:** 10.30am – 12.00pm

**Dates:** 3 October, 7 November, 5 December, 2 January, 6 February, 5 March

### Bereavement help points

This is a community-based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting.

### Marlborough

**Venue:** Castle & Ball Pub, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1LZ

**Time:** 2.00pm – 3.30pm

**Dates:** Last Thursday of every month  
Run in partnership with Prospect Hospice

### Carer café facilitator volunteers wanted

For further information about this role, visit <https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/get-involved/volunteer/> or email [volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) / call 0800 181 4118.





## News from the National Trust

### Sculpture exhibition

If you haven't seen it yet, the sculpture exhibition in Avebury Manor Garden will be on display until 15 October, 10am – 4pm, so there's still time to pop along and enjoy a stroll around the garden with some unique pieces of art. On Thursdays, one of the artists will be working in the garden from 11am – 3pm demonstrating how they produce their work.

### Talk on this summer's archaeological excavations

**Prof Josh Pollard and Dr Anna Collar**

These will take place at Avebury Chapel, Green Street, SN8 1RE, on Wednesday 1 November 2023, between 6.30pm – 7.30pm. If you'd like to attend please RSVP to [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk).

### Delving into Avebury Manor's past

You might have seen in this month's Wiltshire Life Magazine that we've been working with *Findmypast* to pull back the curtain on life at Avebury Manor at the beginning of the twentieth century. This has brought some fascinating stories to life at the time of the 1921 Census.

There are six people shown as living at Avebury Manor in 1921.

Described as head of the household is Lieutenant Colonel Leopold Jenner (aged 51). Living with Leopold are his wife, Nora Jenner (aged 52), two domestic servants – Agnes Eliza Chivers (aged 35) and Martha Annie Swatton (aged 20) – and Agnes' two children, Kathleen Olive and Cyril Chivers, aged 6 and 3. (Leopold and Nora Jenner are pictured below).

If anyone has any memories or connections with these people, we'd love to hear from you – you can contact us through [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk)

We've developed three information leaflets about the people who lived here, so if you get a few minutes, do call in and have a look.

As always, please remember that residents of Avebury have free entry to the museum and manor, and if there is anything you wish to discuss with us, please do get in touch on [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk)



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