



UPPER KENNET NEWS

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

Notice Board

Wedding

Emma Horton & Rob Colquhoun
Broad Hinton 20 September 2025

Funerals

Richard Harding
Broad Hinton 05 September 2025
Audrey Edith Peck
West Overton 28 September 2025

100 Club

Draw Results for September

1st	£48.00	10	Greg Hallam
2nd	£36.00	36	Rose Pearce
3rd	£24.00	82	Terri & Paul Chivers
4th	£12.00	90	Archie Galbraith

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

MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing and some words of wisdom.

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th October, Wednesday 22nd October & Wednesday 5th November

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Please contact the Upper Kennet Churches Office on 01672 861786 or e-mail upperkennetchurches@gmail.com if you are interested.

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Our Rector's Monthly Letter

The Stranger by Rudyard Kipling

The Stranger within my gate,
He may be true or kind,
But he does not talk my talk--
I cannot feel his mind.
I see the face and the eyes and the mouth,
But not the soul behind.

The men of my own stock,
They may do ill or well,
But they tell the lies I am wanted to,
They are used to the lies I tell;
And we do not need interpreters
When we go to buy or sell.

In the middle of last month I was rather up to my eyes with things to do when I had a phone call from someone asking if he could stay in the porch of one of our churches. We often get rough sleepers who are people passing through, but it is unusual for them to ask, and they usually stay one or two nights. He wanted to stay a bit longer.

He was no trouble, and I knew when he would be moving on but people in the parish got jumpy and concerned. I totally understand this. We didn't know anything about him except what he chose to tell us. All I can say for certain was that he was polite to everyone who spoke to him, had a gentle demeanour and broken shoes – so we bought him some new ones and he has now moved on.

Are we right to fear the stranger? We are certainly right to be wary, and it is a natural instinct to be so. 'Are they a physical threat to myself or others?' is our first natural instinct.

And then there is the broader issue of our day, the wider threat with the strangers who come in on a daily basis on inflatable boats.

We have the same dilemma. We don't know their story. We don't know if they are a threat. The instinct is to get them to move on. To get rid of them as communities feel threatened.

I don't believe the "Unite the Kingdom" march in September was full of right-wing bigots. I am sure that faction was there, but there were also ordinary folk worried about the affect on their communities, just like some in our parish were. Those who felt the conversation was not being allowed to be had and that inclusion seems to involve everyone else apart from them. Are they correct? Maybe we should have a conversation about it rather than demonising each other.

for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

(Matthew 25:35-40)

How do we reconcile the Gospel message of unconditional love (and its consequences) with social pragmatism? I fear that, as ever, stubborn politics on both sides of the fence gets in the way of the desire to seek a common solution. The stranger would learn very quickly of us, and our culture, if we were to sit at a table to discuss it once we've put the kettle on for a brew. I don't know about politicians but that's how ordinary folk still do it.

Every blessing
Jonathan – the rector.

Avebury Social Centre

Soup Lunches

start again on

Monday 20th October

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBO'NE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBO'NE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 1 October				<u>10 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
5 October Trinity 16	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion				<u>4 pm</u> Harvest Festival & Tea	<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>11 am</u> Harvest Festival Holy Communion followed by Harvest
Wednesday 8 October			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
12 October Trinity 17		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 15 October				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Service			
19 October Trinity 18			<u>8 am</u> Morning Prayer		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22 October			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Service			
26 October Last Sunday after Trinity		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion					
Wednesday 29 October				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Service			

An Afternoon Concert

Sunday 12th October 3 pm
at
West Overton Church

Rebekah Reeve - violin
Sam Reeve - cello
Ruth Lamdin - piano

The Village Choir

Followed by tea and cake
Free admission - donations welcome

Readings

Sunday 5th October -
Green

16th Sunday after Trinity
Lamentations 1.1-6
Psalm 137 (or 137.1-6)
2 Timothy 1.1-14
Luke 17.5-10

Sunday 26th October -
Green

Last Sunday after Trinity
Joel 2.23-end
Psalm 65 [or 65.1-7]
2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18
Luke 18.9-14

Sunday 12th October -
Green

17th Sunday after Trinity
Jeremiah 29.1,4-7
Psalm 66.1-11
2 Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19

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 19th October -
Green

18th Sunday after Trinity
Jeremiah 31.27-34
Psalm 119.97-104
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5
Luke 18.1-8

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

Upper Kennet Churches Harvest Festival Services



Broad Hinton 5 October 11 am
Holy Communion, followed by a Harvest Lunch in the church

Winterbourne Monkton 5 October 4 pm
followed by Tea

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, tea bags, jars of pasta sauce, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, carrots and sweetcorn, tinned soup, cup-a-soup, long life sponge puddings, tinned rice pudding, jam, honey, peanut butter, UHT dairy milk and long life fruit juice.
Men's deodorant, ladies' deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner and toilet rolls

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, 11 December, at 7.00 pm
St James's Church, Avebury

A concert, given by Ian Crabbe, organist, playing the new church organ,

and

the Rt Rev Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury, reading and reciting his work, and possibly giving us a song or two!

A collection will be made for the fund to pay for the new organ.

More information from Stuart Laing, tel 07528 637446 or email stuart-laing@outlook.com

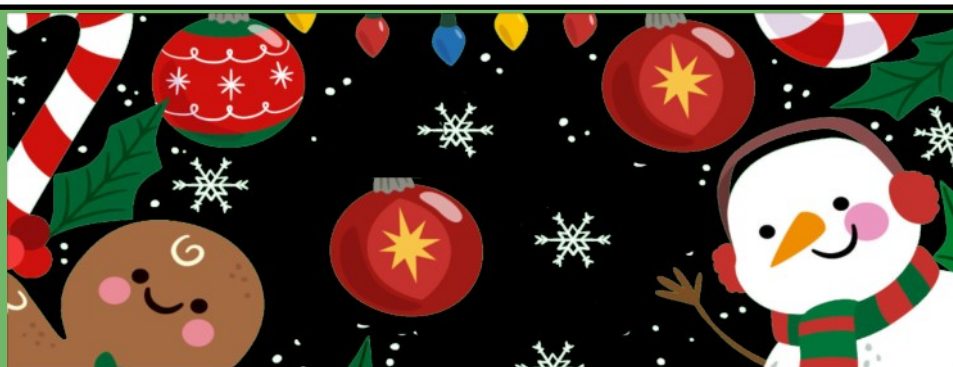
CALLING ALL KEYBOARD PLAYERS!

As you'll all know, we have seven churches in our Parish, and organs used for worship in five of them – Avebury, Broad Hinton, West Overton, Fyfield and Winterbourne Monkton, plus an electric keyboard often used in East Kennett. We have a group of three who play for services. For many Sundays this is enough, since generally there only two simultaneous services with hymns on any given Sunday. But in practice we are often stretched to cover the needs of the churches, due to commitments elsewhere, holiday absences, etc.

So we should love to have more players to join the panel. You do not need to be a trained organist to play! Any keyboard player capable of playing hymn tunes on the piano or electric keyboard can do the same on the organ. It is not necessary to use the pedal board, and any of us existing players can teach you which stops to use on the organ in 10 or 20 minutes. You will soon come to love the organ – a glorious instrument! – and one with a great repertoire if you want to explore further.

If you'd like to play, and can help us enhance our Sunday worship in the Parish, please get in touch with one of us, listed below.

Stuart Laing (stuart-laing@outlook.com)
Ruth Lamdin (ruth.lamdin@gmail.com)
Philip Scott (philipscott2@me.com)



Grand Christmas Bazaar & Christmas Tree Sale

SAVE THE DATE!

Sat, 29th Nov, 10am-3pm

Kennet Valley Hall

Please save up bottles and bric-a-brac for our always popular tombola, bric-a-brac and re-purposed gift stalls. If you would like to have a table to sell craft goods etc, please contact Alison Ingham 07734 761912, Jo Snape 07368 645887 or Sibella Laing 07890 085029 as soon as possible as space limited – cost per table £15. Please also contact Alison, Jo or Sibella if you would like to help with the Bazaar in advance or on the day.

More details about the Bazaar, including ordering your Xmas Tree in next month's Upper Kennet News.

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON CHURCH FUND RAISING



August and September are busy months for our fund raising. We started off with 2 days in August serving refreshments in Avebury Social Centre to a myriad of visitors. The amazing array of savoury items and delicious cakes proved to be a treat for the visitors and many compliments were received (one couple returned from last year as they

had enjoyed it so much!) A superb £2500 was raised over the 2 days – none of this would have been possible without the bakers, servers, setters up and all those from Monkton and Berwick who gave of their time and skills. Huge thanks all round.

Early September saw our intrepid team of cyclists turn out for the Wiltshire Historic Trust Ride and Stride Event. As in previous years they attracted some generous sponsorship and after some serious training completed the ride around the Deanery parishes. Many thanks to all those who took part and those who sponsored them. 50% of the money they raised will return to St Mary Magdalene church.

Our final thanks goes to Cody and Ben of the New Inn pub who have again nominated our church as one of their 3 charities for the year as well (as regular donations from the monthly Quiz night). The well renown Cabbage Sunday will have taken place by the time you read this and the church will benefit from the proceeds. Thanks Cody and Ben and the New Inn Team.



Avebury Vocal Ensemble

The Avebury Vocal Ensemble – also known as AVE – will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with a concert back on ‘home turf’ at St. James’ Church in Avebury on Saturday 11th October at 7.00pm. The programme is an eclectic mixture with works repeated from the very first programme, some generally celebratory pieces and a few favourites chosen by members of the choir – especially by some founder members.

Amongst the collection are compositions by Palestrina, born 500 years ago in 1525, choral favourites by Parry and Handel as well as a modern TV theme favourite by Howard Goodall and a setting of Ave Maria composed by an AVE choir member.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.co.uk and on the door with further details at www.aveburyvocal.org

Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

Opening Hours
10am – 4pm every day

New members of the Shop Committee

To start with, I thought you might like a little information about the new people voted in:

Tim Pearce

Tim, the new chairman, is a familiar face in the shop – in fact he started volunteering there in 2015. A former transport research scientist, he moved to the area on retirement with his wife Rose. They live in Winterbourne Monkton with their dog Remy and have two daughters, both living locally, and one granddaughter.

Maggie Lewis

Maggie has taken on the key role of liaising with all our lovely volunteers. She herself is very familiar with the work, having done a volunteering shift on the second day of the shop’s opening! Married with three adult children and two grandchildren, she used to be a physiotherapist but has had a number of mainly voluntary roles since stopping practising.

Tim Rice

Tim, the new vice-chairman, moved to Avebury in February with his wife Helen and three dogs (two cocker spaniels and a wire-haired dachshund cross). They live at North Barn at the Avebury end of Bray Street. Tim was a teacher and journalist before becoming a relationship counsellor, which he now does part time. He sings in two local choirs.

Bread of heaven

Many of you who use the shop may not realise that you can buy delicious fresh loaves. These are part-baked and kept in the freezer upstairs. All you do is finish baking them in your oven and they come out beautifully fresh tasting. Look out for sourdough loaves, organic brown bloomers, onion bloomers (great for cheese on toast, I’m told), mini baguettes and more.

Meat and greet

And did you know you can buy a succulent joint for Sunday lunch from the shop? If you give two or three days’ notice we will place an order with the excellent local butchers Sumbler Bros for almost anything you’d like. So just because there isn’t a full range of meat on display doesn’t mean you can’t get hold of almost anything you want.

Home deliveries

Just a reminder that 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.

STOP PRESS: By popular demand Murphy’s Stout is now in stock. After a number of requests managers Lyn and Martin have listened to their customers and ordered it in. Cheers!

Tim Rice

News from Morobo

Plenty of good things have been happening in Morobo since the last update, despite continuing problems of security which have complicated life for the Church and community there. Two ambulances at the hospital were destroyed by thugs frustrated by being unable to get hold of drugs, and recently the solar panels at the cathedral were wrecked during a thunderstorm, cutting off their source of power.



The mission of the church progresses, though:

- Bishop Data was sponsored by a friend to attend a conference in the Philippines on Transforming Communities, and he returned with ideas that can be applied to Morobo.
- At the end of August there was a successful week of training for all church leaders in the Diocese.

Projects that we as a Deanery are supporting:

- Harvesting of crops continues successfully, including honey from most of the hives we purchased. Sales from these provide a small income for the clergy.
- Twelve more bicycles for clergy are now safely delivered.
- The money left over from the bore hole appeal has been used to purchase and install a new rainwater butt at the cathedral.

- Some spare money in the Deanery account has enabled us to pay for a labour-saving grain grinder. At the time of writing, we are waiting for the security situation to improve before it can be delivered to Morobo.

- The time saved from grinding by hand could enable the women to do other productive work, and when funds become available, we would like to send money for sewing machines for the Mothers' Union.



A big thank-you to all who continue to support this partnership by prayer and giving.

Avebury Tower News

If this article were to have a title, it would be "Saved by Kathy". I knew ringers were thin on the ground for the monthly Parish Communion Service on Sunday 14 September, and when Jonathan Stubbs appeared we started debating what to do since ringing 2 bells can be monotonous. Happily our newest ringer, Kathy Davies, then appeared (after her debut for service ringing mentioned in last month's News) and provided the third ringer which I feel is the minimum for any reasonable change ring. So instead of a monotonous just 1 and 2 bells, having 1 2 and 3 meant that we rang not only the three in sequence (what ringers call rounds), but were able to change the order to 2,1 and 3. Changing the sequence removes the boredom of the same sound repeated endlessly in most listeners opinions. Yes, with only 3 bells we had to change the sound of two different sequences several times, but nobody complained. More expert readers will realise that if we had involved the tenor (bell 3) in the changes, we could have had 6 different combinations, but we didn't want to complicate things too much for Kathy at this early stage.

Also keeping the tenor bell at the end of each sequence gave Kathy plenty of practice in what is called "leading". In my first draft I tried to explain this, but it looked too complicated. Put simply, unless you know the difference between hand and backstrokes in bellringing (future article), all you need to know that it is the next thing a learner learns to do after mastering following the bell ahead of it.

Another skill needed in change ringing is that to change the order, the bell that was initially ahead needs to be rung more slowly, whilst the following bell needs to be speeded up to ring ahead of the other. This can be done (with practice) by a combination of pulling the ropes more or less hard and letting the ropes move a little higher or lower as the case may be. It all provided more practice for Kathy - and in bellringing as with so many skills, practice makes perfect!

Looking to the past, attendances obviously lacked Michele Lomas, worsened by your correspondent missing 2 weeks due to having an ingrowing toenail dealt with, but we managed to keep practising. For the future (at the time of writing) it is with regret that due to one of those combinations of circumstances, we cannot get enough ringers to ring for the Harvest Festival Service on 21st Sept. On this occasion Helen and I booked a weekend away with relations before knowing that it was the Harvest date. Too complicated to change now. Sorry !!

Of course, readers can boost attendances by learning to ring; all you need do is phone me on (01 672) 539 482 to arrange teaching by one of our trained teachers. Otherwise you can go to Avebury Church at 07:30 pm for one of our Tuesday evening practices, when you can see what ringing involves and probably meet one of our teachers.

Brian Vickers

Avebury and District WI

September was our AGM meeting, attended by 11 members, where we reviewed our year, elected the committee and renewed our bye law. A fish and chip supper from the New Inn was enjoyed by those attending .

Our October meeting is on 9th and we will have a talk, 'Going to Blazes', by retired fire fighter John. The competition is anything fire related and the flower is 'a stem of berries'

Maggie Lewis, President.



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Tickets from rondotheatre.co.uk



The Town Hall, Corsham - Sun 19 Oct 65 High Street, Corsham, SN13 0EZ

Marden House Centre, Calne - Thurs 23 Oct New Rd, Calne SN11 0JJ
Tickets also available from Calne Visitor & Information Centre (cash only)

The Cause, Chippenham - Fri 24 Oct 42 The Causeway, Chippenham, SN15 3DD

The Merlin Theatre, Frome - Sat 25 Oct Bath Road, Frome, BA11 2HG
Tickets from merlintheatre.co.uk / 01373 465949



The Wharf Theatre, Devizes - Sun 26 Oct The Wharf, Devizes SN10 1EB
Tickets from wharftheatre.co.uk



www.shakespearelive.com

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Avebury Vocal

ENSEMBLE

Conductor: Peter Tims
Organist: Simon Dinsdale

Saturday
11th October 2025
7.00 pm

Silver Celebration

From Palestrina to Rutter

A selection of music celebrating

25 years of the choir

St James's Church
Avebury
SN8 1RG

www.aveburyvocal.org
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Tickets £12
on the door
& online
under 18s free

Harvest Festivals 2025 Urgently Needed Food Bank Items

Tinned tomatoes
UHT dairy milk (not oat milk etc)
Long life fruit juice
Tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn
Tinned tuna
Long life sponge puddings (minimum of 4 months best before date, please)
Tinned custard
Chocolate bars
Instant mashed potato
Tinned ham
Tinned hot meat (stewing steak, chicken in sauce, etc)
Tinned potatoes
Shower gel
Shampoo
Conditioner
Jam/honey/peanut butter
Dried rice (500 gms)
Mug Shot/Instant pasta
Toilet rolls
Deodorant (ladies' and men's)
Adult toothbrushes

The foodbank has plenty of

Tinned pulses (lentils, beans, chick peas etc)
Baby and toddler food

Devizes Arts Festival presents an Autumn Comedy Night featuring Simon Evans - Staring at the Sun.

Corn Exchange Devizes, Devizes, SN10 1HS
Fri 14th November 2025 8:00PM



Simon Evans is one of the UK's most respected and best-loved comedians, known for his sharp wit, intelligent material and polished delivery. "An evening with Simon Evans is like a glass of the finest single malt — smooth, complex and very funny." ★★★★★ – The Scotsman
"Super-sharp wit... a masterclass in intelligent comedy." – Chortle

Simon will be supported by Dan Evans, who has been making people laugh for over 20 years and has written for many other performers including Mickey Flanagan, Milton Jones, Zoe Lyons and Frankie Boyle.

Tickets available now via the Devizes Arts Festival Website
<https://www.devizesartsfestival.org.uk/autumn-comedy-night/>



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- Americana UK

“Folk with a purpose”
- FATEA Magazine

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www.sutherland.com

Avebury Social Centre - Fri 24th Oct

Tickets: £12 (adults), £10 (concs), £8 (u-18s) from

[a Pound Arts/Rural Arts Touring event]

Avebury Social Centre
..Dates for your Diary..

14th Oct: Goldies Sing & Smile <https://www.golden-oldies.org.uk/> - come & sing your favourite golden oldies
7-9pm chanting/meditation
Info & booking: ananda.uk.org

19th Oct—Craft Fair

Mon 20th Oct
Soup Lunches
+ Mon 3rd Nov/Mon 1st Dec
12 noon to 2.00pm

Fri 24th Oct—7.30pm
Sutherland acclaimed folk duo
tickets from: www.poundarts.org
(or) Avebury Shop (cash/cheque)
adults £12 / concs £10 / u-18s £8

Sat 25th/Sun 26th Oct 10am-4pm
Local Artists Exhibition

December: 8th, 9th, (not 10th) 11th, 12th, 13th
‘Treasure Island — the Panto’
Tickets on sale from 1st November

Avebury Social Centre
Soup Lunches
start again on
Monday 20th
October
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






News from the National Trust October

Christmas at Avebury Manor preview

We're delighted to confirm that we're on track to reopen Avebury Manor to visitors in time for Christmas. As part of the celebrations, we're inviting residents of Avebury Parish to a preview of this year's Christmas displays on Friday 28 November. The preview will take place between 5:30pm and 7pm. If you would like to drop in and take a look, please RSVP to emma.talbot@nationaltrust.org.uk. We'll be sharing more details about Avebury Manor in next month's Upper Kennet News.

Join our Avebury Manor Youth Panel

While the manor has been closed, we've been exploring ways to make the future visitor experience more engaging for different audiences. In one room, we're looking to co-curate an experience with the help of children and young people from the local community. We'll work with them, and be guided by their vision, to creatively share what it's like to live at Avebury.

If you are under the age of 25, or have a child under 16 who would like to be involved, please reach out to amelia.bryan@nationaltrust.org.uk, or call 01672 538043 to find out more. We're planning to hold three workshops in the autumn and winter, but dates and times can be flexible.

Sculpture Exhibition in Avebury Manor Garden

Our annual sculpture exhibition has been another big hit with visitors, with over 100 pieces of art installed in the different garden 'rooms'. The exhibition closes on Sunday 19 October and residents of Avebury Parish can enjoy free entry by showing proof of address at the barn. Dogs are also welcome in Avebury Manor Garden so bring your four-legged friend along.

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 your registration number to avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Free entry and getting in touch

As well as the manor garden, residents of Avebury Parish also receive free entry to the Alexander Keiller Museum by showing proof of address at the barn. Please see our website for full opening hours. If you need to contact us for any reason, you can email avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit the museum between 10am-5pm.

WHITE HORSE OPERA
"Having A Ball"
a cocktail of operatic party songs

DEVIZES TOWN HALL
SAT 18th OCTOBER 7.30pm
Tickets £15
DEVIZES BOOKS &
www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera
CHARITY NO: 1194308

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PARISH COUNCILLOR ROLE

Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Kennet Valley Parish Councillor.

WET WEATHER AND THE RISK OF FLOODING

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 with the online reporting link MyWilts.

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.

Remember you can use MyWilts to report issues in Wiltshire, for example: concerning potholes, drainage, gullies and manholes, fly-tipping, public rights of way, grass, hedges and shrubs, pavements and kerbs.

DOG WASTE BINS

The issues regarding the emptying of dog waste bins over the last few months have now been resolved by our contractor and we very much hope normal service has been resumed. Many thanks to residents who have kindly helped at times with overflowing bins – a very unpleasant job and we are all very grateful.

STONEHENGE AND AVEBURY WORLD HERITAGE SITE (WHS)

The WHS is advertising for the Chair of its 'Expert and Stakeholder Group' which provides specialist advice to the Executive Board. The details about the voluntary role available on the WHS website with. The closing date for applications is 30th September 2025.

WILTSHIRE CONNECT - ON-DEMAND BUS SERVICE

Wiltshire Connect is an on-demand bus service operating between Marlborough, Pewsey and Royal Wootton Bassett. Unlike a typical bus service, Wiltshire Connect vehicles operate on a pre-bookable, on-demand basis, allowing you to travel between any designated pick-up and drop-off point within each zone.

Trips can be booked using the app or by phone; 01225 712900, and smart technology will match up your journey with any other passengers travelling in the same direction.

Download the Wiltshire Connect app from the Wiltshire Connect website.

NEED HELP WITH COURSE COSTS?

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation is now accepting applications for its Vocational Grants. The grants of up to £1,000 are aimed at helping young people with the extra costs of starting a vocational course or apprenticeship - things like books, tools, equipment, IT, travel, and study trips. Starting a new course is exciting, but these extra expenses can be a real challenge for some households.

Grants are open to young people in Swindon and Wiltshire studying vocational subjects like Business, Engineering, IT, Health & Social Care, Childcare, Cookery, Plumbing, Construction, Hairdressing, Beauty.....and more!

Please visit the Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation website for more details and to access the application form.

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

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Friday Oct 17 th	Film Night-	The Salt Path From 6.30 Film 7.15
Saturday Oct 25 th	Coffee Morning	10.30am to 1.00pm
Saturday Nov 15 th	Food Night	Indriya Kitchen Indian Street Food Doors open at 5.00
Saturday Nov 22 nd	Coffee Morning	10.30am – 1.00pm
Saturday Dec 13 th	Coffee Morning	10.30am- 1.00pm
Sunday Dec 21 st	Mulled Wine and Mince Pies	4.30 -6.30



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OCTOBER

- 4th - Guest Bar Night
- 10th - Quiz Night
- 16th - Fish & Chip Night
- 26th - Traditional Roast
- 30th - Beetle Drive



NOVEMBER

- 6th - Alice in Wonderland Supper Club
- 28th - Quiz Night
- 30th - Traditional Roast



DECEMBER

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

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New Chair Appointed for Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Partnership

Sarah Nichols has been appointed as Chair of the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Executive Board.

Sarah has lived in the Kennet valley for 25 years and joins the WHS partnership with a wealth of local knowledge having previously participated in the partnership as a Parish Council Chair. Sarah also has a wide breadth of business skills, with significant experience in strategic planning and relationship building through her 35-year professional career in the defence and aerospace industry. She was responsible for Business Development as a Director and an Executive Board member for 15 years.

Sarah has recently completed her tenure as Independent Chair of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape's (NWDNL) governing body, the Council of Partners, where she introduced new strategic objectives and a revised governance structure. The NWDNL has now been selected as the pioneer organisation in the UK to be considered for accreditation under the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Green List standard for protected areas, seen as the gold standard for managing protected landscapes worldwide.

Sarah reflects on her appointment "I am hugely excited to be supporting this internationally recognised World Heritage Site as it moves forward with a new governance arrangement. I hope that my experience, knowledge and skills can add value as we move forward together in this transition period, and I look forward to working with the WHS's local and national partners over the coming years."

This Executive Board appointment marks the start of a new governance structure for the WHS partnership, developed as part of a project supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Executive Board is the partnership decision-making body for the implementation of the WHS Management Plan. The Board is informed and advised by an Expert & Stakeholder Group of local and national organisations and representatives. Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS was inscribed by UNESCO in 1986 for its unique and dense concentration of outstanding prehistoric monuments and sites which together form a landscape without parallel. The WHS partnership works to protect, conserve and share the WHS through individual and collective action as described in the WHS Management Plan.

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