

# UPPER KENNET NEWS

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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 69 Jill Loveday  
£75 Number 36 Simon Jones  
£50 Number 72 Susan Turner

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

If you would like to join the lottery, ring David Snape on 01672 861267

or email: [davidwsnape@aol.com](mailto:davidwsnape@aol.com)

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

## 100 Club

### Draw Results for April

1st	£48.00	26	David Taylor
2nd	£36.00	33	Nigel Fielder
3rd	£24.00	19	Penny Gold
4th	£12.00	87	Natalie Bennett-Nutt

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Richard Nutt on 01672539611 or email [richard@184systems.com](mailto:richard@184systems.com)

Your way to help support the churches of Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett  
Lottery is licensed by Wiltshire Council

## Notice Board

### Baptism

Grayson Bower West Overton 7 August

### Funeral

Renee Hill Avebury 15 August

"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 31<sup>st</sup> August,  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September,  
& Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

## Sung Compline

East Kennett Church  
6 pm, Friday 9 September

You can take part in the singing or just sit and listen. This is an ancient traditional service of quietness and reflection at the end of the day, lasting about 35 minutes.

## A View from the Rectory

### 'Feed my Sheep'

The instruction given to Peter by the shore of Galilee, just after the post-resurrection Big Breakfast, resonates deeply after a summer of wildfires, droughts, and heatwaves – and not just literally feed in the physical sense. I have found myself questioning the media and news feeds, the governmental 'spin', the perspectives of news reporting, the Facebook debates around global warming and climate change and the reporting from conferences and events such as the Lambeth Conference. It seems to me that we are being fed cynicism and fear, instead of the bread of community cohesion and unity we saw develop across the pandemic. Fear and cynicism breeds paralysis, crushes hope and increases 'self-first' and ultimately destroys our common shared humanity. In the pandemic we rallied around the vulnerable, recognising our own vulnerability, and we truly rejoiced in the smallest of things that brought us a glimmer of light in the darkness. I wonder if we have lost a bit of perspective on how much we can do to change things even when they seem hopeless. I wonder if we need to rediscover how much we are able to do together instead of swallowing the poor offerings that sap our resilience and corrode our courage. I have been doubly challenged this week and as we enter an autumn and winter to rival the previous 'winters of discontent' reflect deeply on the visit of Bishops from Sudan to our benefice. In the end, fewer than three bishops ended up in St James Avebury and each told a similar story.

Imagine living somewhere repeatedly destroyed every time you rebuild, imagine living apart from spouse and children, rising daily in a war-torn drought ridden land to tend your garden to provide the food to feed them in a refugee camp in neighbouring Uganda. Can you contemplate an existence where what your people most need are tools and seeds, clean water and access to communication via solar powered computers, medical care and education for children who have lived lives barely free from the violence of civil war? Even very basic needs are not being met and yet the resilience, hope and community spirit of the Bishops and their flocks is extraordinary and I feel we have much to learn from the way in which they continue to defy the reality of a situation which could truly overwhelm them with despair. They choose Hope and reach out to ask for Hope and to offer Hope.

The economic and climate crisis, and the continuing impact of war in Ukraine on us all is not to be underestimated, however, we need to be freed from fear if we are to pull together through the coming winter. How? By challenging how we are responding to what it is we are hearing, asking ourselves what is it we CAN do, and how we might work better together – and as Peter did, go out and go on to make a difference where we can.

Keep an eye out for leaflets, posters, messages on social media giving information on support available, opportunities to come together as a community and other initiatives for the coming winter and if you are able to offer more in the way of feeding than being fed, give what you can to support the most in need, wherever they are. 'Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread'. So true, on all kinds of levels.

## Gill MacKichan

It is with sadness that we report that Gill MacKichan died peacefully at her home on Saturday 20th August surrounded by her family.

## YOGA classes in Avebury with Stefanie



Gentle Hatha Yoga classes (75 minutes)

@The Henge Shop: Tuesdays 6.30pm & Thursdays 6.15pm

(Thursdays are followed by Meditation guided by Ivan)

**\*\*NEW\*\* Friday morning class @Avebury Social Centre**  
Starting 30th Sept, every Friday, 10am - 11am  
£12 per class (drop-in) / bundles available online

Contact [info@stefanie-young.com](mailto:info@stefanie-young.com) / 07516 313 502 for more information and book online at [stefanie-young.com/yoga](http://stefanie-young.com/yoga)

# UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBOURNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBOURNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
4 September Trinity 12	<u>8.30am</u> Prayer Book Communion	<u>5 pm</u> Songs of Praise				<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service
Wednesday 7 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Friday 9 September			<u>6 pm</u> Sung Compline				
11 September Trinity 13		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service			
Wednesday 14 September			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
18 September Trinity 14			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service
Wednesday 21 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
25 September Trinity 15		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service				<u>11.30 am</u> Harvest Festival	<u>2.30 pm</u> Kendrick Baptism
Wednesday 28 September			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			

## A Space to Breathe

A Space to Breathe  
Under the Beech Tree

Do you connect best with God 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 Garden  
Meditation Space, Avebury on the following  
dates/times for Quiet Mindfulness, Guided  
Meditation, Sounds of Creation.

ALL welcome, wherever you are on your spiritual journey.

**WITH REFRESHMENTS** and the  
opportunity to chat.

Dates :

Wednesday	7th September	5pm
Monday	12th September	5pm
Friday	30th September	5pm

## Readings

Sunday 4 September – Green

12th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 18.1-11  
Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14.25-33

Sunday 11 September – Green

13th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1.12-17  
Luke 15.1-10

Sunday 18 September – Green

14th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1  
Psalm 79.1-9  
1 Timothy 2.1-7  
Luke 16.1-13

Sunday 15 September – Green

15th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91.1-6, 14-end  
[or 91.11-end]  
1 Timothy 6.6-19  
Luke 16.19-end

Sunday 2 October - Green

16th Sunday after Trinity

Lamentations 1.1-6  
Psalm 137.1-6  
2 Timothy 1.1-14  
Luke 17.5-10

Harvest Festival Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1-11  
Psalm 100  
Philippians 4.4-9 or Revelation  
14.14-18  
John 6.25-35

## 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)



## Views from the Kennet Valley Calendar

We hope to publish the 2023 calendar later in the year.  
Meanwhile, do keep taking photographs depicting life  
and views in our valley so that we have a good cross  
section to choose from when we come to make our final  
selection.

Send them to [graham@grahamkitchen.com](mailto:graham@grahamkitchen.com)  
or ring 01672 861798.

## MONKTON'S POP-UP CAFE IN AVEBURY

On a very hot mid-August Sunday, Winterbourne Monkton volunteers served lunch and teas to those visiting Avebury to raise money for the church. We expected the numbers of visitors to be down because of the fierce heat, but, despite that, business was amazingly brisk for the first few hours before numbers dwindled as people headed for home early. The end result was an excellent £650 raised.

Grateful thanks to those who served on the day, the kind cake makers and produce donators. Special thanks to the 2 'volunteers' who came to help for the whole day after 2 members of the team went down with Covid the day before.

As ever, our thanks go to the hungry and generous visitors - both local and from further afield - who ate lots and were fun and interesting customers.

Our next day running Teas from the excellent Avebury Social Centre will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 29 August, 12-5pm for light lunches and delicious home made cakes - we hope to see you there!



### Upper Kennet Churches

## Harvest Festival Services

Winterbourne Bassett	25 September	11.30 am
Broad Hinton	2 October	10.00 am
Holy Communion		
Winterbourne Monkton	9 October	4.00 pm
Harvest Service and Tea		
Avebury	16 October	5.00 pm
West Overton	16 October	5.00 pm
Songs of Praise		
East Kennett	23 October	6.00 pm

All welcome!

Food donations 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.

Should you wish to make donations of food the most needed items are:

Tinned carrots, peas or sweetcorn  
Tinned potatoes, instant mashed potato  
Tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding  
Tinned cold meat, tinned hot meat e.g. stewing steak  
Tinned tuna, Long life sponge puddings,  
long life juice, long life milk.

## AVEBURY ST. JAMES CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
9.30am - 12.00pm

All welcome to help us with gardening and tidying up the churchyard.

Please come for as long or as short a time as you wish.

Please bring tools that may be useful.

Refreshments provided

## FROST FAYRE

Winterbourne Bassett, SN4 9QF

Saturday 26 November 2022,

10.00 till 3.00

Would you, or a friend, be interested in having a stand at the Frost Fayre to be held in the candle lit parish church and surrounding grounds?

We are looking for quality crafts and affordable gifts

Crafters and independent retailers welcome

Only £15 per table

Interested? Contact for further details.

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

## TEA/COFFEE & CAKES

at

## WEST OVERTON CHURCH

on

SATURDAY 17  
SEPTEMBER

from 2-4 pm

Any donations of cakes and/or items for a produce stall will be very welcome.

Please contact Anne Robinson (861169) for further details.

The proceeds will go towards keeping West Overton, East Kennett and Fyfield churches open.

## Upper Kennet Churches Winter Crisis Appeal Fund

This fund continues to operate to help those in really desperate need.

Obviously, we don't restrict help just to the winter time and we are, not surprisingly, now experiencing requests for help at this time of the year.

It would be helpful if we could top up

our funds.

If you are able to help, please send a donation to Upper Kennet Churches, The Garden Room, 62 Lockeridge, Marlborough, SN8 4EL or by BACS transfer using sort code 30-92-63; account 01498496.

For any further information contact Revd. Maria Shepherdson (01672 539643) or Graham Kitchen (01672 861798).

Thank you.





## Carer Support Wiltshire

If you look after, or help to look after, someone who could not otherwise live independently without your support, then you are an unpaid carer. You might be caring for a partner, parent, child, friend or neighbour who is elderly, has a disability or an illness – including a mental health illness or an addiction to alcohol or drugs.

If you look after someone you love or care about you might not consider yourself a carer. Caring is something we do often without question, or the need for a label. But it can be useful to acknowledge your role so that you can ensure you're receiving all the support available to you and taking care of your own needs.

Carer Support Wiltshire offers advice and support to those who are caring for someone. This often starts with an assessment to determine what impact a carer's role is having on their own health and wellbeing. They run a number of groups and carer cafes where carers can meet up and offer support to one another. These groups can help with feelings of loneliness and isolation that many carers experience. There is always a member of CSW staff or a trained volunteer on hand to answer any questions you may have and often there are guest speakers too. To find out more call 0800 181 4118 or visit [carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](http://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk).

### Events near you

Devizes bereavement help point, 10.30am-12.30pm,  
Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, 6 Sept

Devizes support group, 10.30am-midday,  
The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, 20 Sept

Devizes parent carer group, 10.30am-midday,  
The Bear Hotel, 2-3 Market Place, 21 Sept

Marlborough carer café, 10.30am-midday,  
The Jubilee Centre, 28 High St, 27 Sept

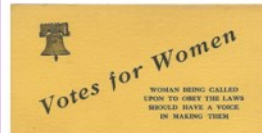
Run in partnership with Dorothy House Hospice, this is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome.

Devizes carer café, 10.30am-midday,  
The Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, 7 Sept

## WI OPEN DAY, DEVIZES

Celebrating 107 year of women

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN



Friday 16th September

10.00am – 4.00pm

Monthly WI meetings give members the chance to meet up in person, try new activities, listen to inspiring speakers and campaign on issues that matter to them.

For over 100 years the WI has campaigned for issues of concern to its members which includes issues such as Ending Violence against women, Stopping Modern Slavery, raising awareness of Ovarian Cancer Symptoms and Ending plastic soup. This year the aim of our resolution is for better diagnosis of ADHD and Autism amongst women.



The WI is everything you want it to be.  
Come and find out more:



WI House, 17 Couch Lane  
Devizes SN10 1EB

Charity No: 1197142

## The Yoga Circle – Day Retreat with Joanna Brant & Stefanie Young

Saturday 22nd October at Kennet Valley Hall  
(9.30am to 4.45pm - exact timings tbc)

A day of Yoga including Elemental Mandala, gentle heart-opening Hatha, and beautifully restorative Yin, interwoven with Mantra. This will include a delicious vegetarian lunch and afternoon sweet treats.

We hope to hold these retreats every quarter, so this will be the first of our Yoga Circles, as an Autumn offering, focusing on much-needed **Self-care** as we come to the midway point in the Autumn season.

£80 (including food and herbal teas)



## Social Centre Avebury



### Soup Lunches

(homemade soups, bread & cheese)

(and a piece of cake!)

(and a chance to meet and chat)

will start again on

++ Monday 3rd October ++

12 noon—2.00pm

Looking forward to seeing you and others from Avebury & villages nearby.

£1 on the door

Any additional donations welcome  
(first Monday of the month)

SEPTEMBER  FRIDAY  
date: 23rd

Little Angels

10AM - 11:30AM

KENNET VALLEY SCHOOL, LOCKERIDGE

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

## Reflection from the Lambeth Conference 2022



To all licensed clergy, LLMs and those holding PtO

Not many gatherings of global impact come round once in a decade. Even World Cups and Olympics appear more regularly. This Lambeth Conference came fourteen years after the last one due to the pandemic, and so coming together was always going to be both more joyful and more complex. The world in which we now live and the uncertainty we are all sharing in is a challenging backdrop for conversation and fellowship.

Issues of poverty, war and the climate crisis took centre stage, within the theme of 'God's Church for God's World', and a clear call from Archbishops Justin and Stephen to place discipleship at the heart of the church's mission. Above all, being able to come together in worship, prayer, and conversation across some 165 different countries was both an extraordinary privilege and a spur to action. Small groups enabled a deeper sharing, where trust was grown, and stories (often of courage, resilience, and hardship) were shared as an appreciation of one another's context grew.

The Anglican Communion is not one church but a family of churches who belong to one another in mutual love and a shared heritage. It is not a command-and-control structure: more a family with all those familiar joys and complexities of family life. We believe the Anglican Communion has been strengthened by this Lambeth Conference, as has our cherished link with Sudan and South Sudan and are delighted that some of our brothers and sisters are able to join us in the diocese this week.

You will have seen much comment and counter-comment about the deliberations. We have found it striking how much external reporting did not represent the mood or the content from within the conference. The conversations, mostly in our small groups, over meals and refreshment breaks, were respectful, robust, and set always within the context of meeting under God and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was named as Lord of us all. We spent much time reflecting on 1 Peter and his call to place our trust in Jesus, to offer hospitality and to live in a spirit of generosity.

Regarding issues around sexuality and inclusion, these conversations were set in the broader context of Human Dignity and the important matters of slavery, human trafficking, abuse and violence against women and girls. While strong differences were evident, there was a continuing commitment to listening, learning, and loving those marginalised.

As your bishops, we are committed to the Living in Love and Faith process in which the Church of England is currently engaged and believe that process to have integrity and hope for all as a way forward. We wish to affirm the gift of LGBTI+ people in and for the church: God's love welcomes and embraces all.

One of the most remarkable and memorable moments was when we prayed the Lord's Prayer together - each in their own language. These familiar words became a joyful cacophony of difference and yet all ending together with one voice in a great Amen. It seemed like a vision of heaven.

We have come away from Canterbury feeling hopeful for the future as together the members and churches of the Anglican Communion rejoice in our similarities and our differences, gathered around the Lord and Saviour of us all, Jesus Christ.

+ Stephen Inman + Kara Shubane

Andrew Rumburg

## AVEBURY & DISTRICT WI

### JULY 2022

On a lovely summer's day a small group of members visited the Milestones Museum on the outskirts of Basingstoke. Milestones is a museum of living history and has gathered examples of streets, shops and buildings to show how we lived in years gone by. There are shops, a factory, the school room and even a pier with one of the machines I loved to play on and which now is the basis for an afternoon game show - you can buy pennies (the old type!) to play and we all had a go. My only disappointment was that there were no fruit machines, what my Dad used to call 'one-armed bandits'!! If you've never been it's well worth a visit and the entry ticket gets you in for a whole year. We all enjoyed a trip down memory lane and tea in the café afterwards.

### AUGUST 2022

As we don't have a formal meeting this month we try and have a social gathering. Huge thanks to Sandra Hues, who very kindly offered to host us again in her beautiful garden. Members attending brought plates of sandwiches and cake to share and it's always a good opportunity to catch up with everyone.

### NEXT MEETING

As our cycle of meetings starts again we will welcome in September Paralympian Anne Dunham OBE. Anne has competed at four Paralympics from 1996 to 2008 and has won 6 gold, 3 silver and one bronze medal at them.

I look forward to seeing you all at 7.30 p.m in the Social Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Potential new members are always welcome



## THE NEW INN

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON 01672 539793

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 5-9PM SATURDAY: 8.30AM - 9PM SUNDAY: 12-9PM

Quiz Nights & Sunday Roasts

Dog Friendly

Local Cider & Cask Ales

### Dates for the Diary

**2nd September**  
Live Music - 7pm  
Navajo Dogs

We recommend booking and pre-ordering to help minimise wait times.

**9th September**  
Quiz Night - 7pm

Speak to a member of the team to book your table - £1 per person to enter and all money raised goes to St Mary Magdalene Church.

**11th September**  
Sunday Roast - 12-3pm

We recommend booking a table and encourage pre-orders to help minimise wait times.

### Cabbage Sunday

**Sunday 25th September**  
12-4PM

We are looking for volunteers to donate their time to help run the tombola, raffles and other stalls on the day. We would also be very grateful for any bottles for the bottle tombola, cakes/sweet things for the cake stall and raffle prizes.

Thank you for helping us support  
BRIGHTER FUTURES GWH  
and  
ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Please note that we are closed for a private event on Saturday 24th September.

Homemade Pub Classics & Weekly Specials



## Textiles & Stitch Around Marlborough

Membership is now open for our textile group "Textiles & Stitch Around Marlborough". We meet once a month at Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. We love all things textile including stitch/printing/embroidery/felting/collage. There are plenty of opportunities to be inspired by our speakers, workshops and social days. Take a look on our website for



membership details, more information about our past events and 2022/23 programme: <https://textilesandstitch.co.uk/> We would love to see you so get in touch via our website or email frenchknots2014@yahoo.co.uk

## NEWS FROM THE TOWER

I always find it annoying when bells are featured on the television because we only see a few seconds of ringing. Some time ago a television crew came to Avebury to make plans for filming a Sunday service. They asked if they could also film the bell ringers and everything was set up for a practice night. The word got around and we even had ringers from other towers turning up! The filming was done and they came the following week and did the same. They also filmed a Sunday service and everyone waited for the result but nothing happened and we eventually heard that we had ended up on the cutting room floor! The old saying 'don't count your chickens before they hatch' comes to mind.

Mary Davidge. Correspondent.

## WHITE HORSE OPERA

### RUDDIGORE



*The Witch's  
Curse  
by  
Gilbert &  
Sullivan*

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WEST LAVINGTON

**FRI 16<sup>th</sup> SEPT AT 7.30pm**

Tickets £10 from Costcutter,  
M.Lav Post Office, Devizes Books and  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1194308

## September Serenade

AN ENCHANTING  
EVENING OF MUSIC  
AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH FYFIELD

IN AID OF  
THE RESTORATION PROJECT

**TICKETS: £20**

FOLLOWED BY DRINKS  
AND CANAPES AT FYFIELD HOUSE

**6:30PM**

**SAT**

**24**

**SEPT**

**2022**

FOR TICKETS  
PLEASE CONTACT  
ANSTICE BARING  
07786 038359  
OR  
LYDIA BAUER  
07919 073 272



# **CABBAGE SUNDAY**

**Sunday 25th September**

**12-4pm**

## **Charity Auction & Family Fun Day**

**raising funds for**

**Brighter Futures  
GWH & St Mary  
Magdelene Church**

**Auction**

**Live Music**

**BBQ**

**Raffle &  
Tombolas**

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Castle**

**The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW  
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## KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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[clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk)

Tel: 07897 797208

### FIRST AID TRAINING SESSION

Following a recent medical emergency the Kennet Valley Parish Council has organised first aid training for parishioners at Kennet Valley Hall on Sunday **9th October 2022**.

The training will provide an introduction to basic first aid principles and skills. No previous experience is required and there are no written exams or certificates, just practical exercises to help you to practice and remember the skills.

Two training sessions will be held:

- 10.30am – 12.30am (session 1)
- 1.30pm – 3.30pm (session 2)

The training will be provided free of charge by the British Red Cross with an invitation to attendees to make donations to the charity.

Places will be limited and booking is required.

Please reply to

[jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk)

Please indicate which session you want to attend:

I want to attend session 1

**OR**

I want to attend session 2

I confirm that I am a resident in the Kennet Valley Parish.

### WATER RESTRICTIONS

Following the announcement in August of a hosepipe ban please help to save water. The Thames Water website has the latest information <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/>

### POLITE REMINDER – PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Complaints have been received of dog fouling on the pavement through Lockeridge, please pick up after your dog. Always take bags with you when out walking and do not leave them to pick up later, they do not look pretty decorating trees, can cause fatalities if ingested by cattle and a very nasty infection called toxocariasis in humans.

### BONFIRES & BBQs

Warnings have been issued by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service following the exceptionally dry weather to exercise extreme caution with the use of BBQs at home and not to have them on heathland, woodland and open spaces. They are advising strongly against bonfires. Although we appreciate at this time of year there is a lot of garden waste, please consider making use of your green bin, composting, or taking it to the household recycling centre and not having a bonfire. For further information about staying safe outdoors please visit [www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-outdoors](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-outdoors)

### COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Kennet Valley Parish Council currently has one vacancy for the West Overton & Lockeridge Ward and two for the Fyfield Ward.

- Do you have the desire to help and become involved in your community?
- Do you have time to give?
- Do you like a different challenge every day?

...If so, it might be time for you to apply to become a local councillor.

A parish councillor is immersed in the local community, and it can be a really rewarding role. Find information and videos from parish councillors about their experiences with the National Association of Local Councils [Elections — #MakeAChange \(nalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.nalc.gov.uk), or get in touch with your local Parish Council [clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Getting Started** - to be eligible to apply to be a local councillor you must be:

- a UK or Commonwealth citizen (which includes a British subject) or be a citizen of the European Union.
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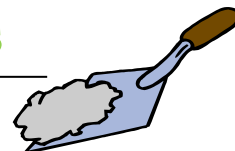
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