



UPPER KENNET NEWS

September 2023

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100	Number 74	David Lawrence
£75	Number 35	Stuart Musgrove
£50	Number 69	Jill Loveday

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

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

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

100 Club

Draw Results for August

1st	£48.00	20	Jenny Scott
2nd	£36.00	17	Margaret Gutherson
3rd	£24.00	41	Martyn Meeks
4th	£12.00	68	Ben Woodward

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Richard Nutt on 01672 539611 or email richard@184systems.com

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

Notice Board

Weddings

Shelli-Anne Mildenhall & Dean Greenaway
Avebury 5 August 2023

Donna Smurthwaite & Alexis Hammer
Broad Hinton 11 August 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 30th August, Wednesday 13th September & Wednesday 27th September.

A View from the Rectory

September has arrived early, the little faces of visitors to the Rectory mid-August smeared with blackberry juice - 'and they were THIS BIG', I was told. Elderberries changed colour overnight a month too early and I was forced to review the timing of 'putting down' the elderberry cordial cold cure and brought it forward. Simon - I have a bottled earmarked for you!) What in heaven's name was going on? I asked, and a farmer said 'Dunno, but I at this rate I feel we are in for a very cold winter'. I think he may be right.

I love September weather. Crisp, misty dawns with a hit of cold dew or heavy frost, warm rich sunshine that gilds the trees with copper and gold, deep blue skies and evenings long enough still to linger, but needing the odd fire to keep the cold at bay. It speaks to me of twilight days, where preparations for the coming dark and cold begin, and there is an abundance in the air that is a haunting prelude to winter slumbering trees. It also speaks to me of the normal cycle of life and my part within it. I ponder what it is we bring from the season of summer to lighten the darkness of the midwinter, just as we bring the best parts of our lives well-lived into the presence of the Creator of All, I having travelled the dark corridor of death and emerged in the light of a new dawn and a new day.

I found myself remembering a dear friend whose struggle with what she called 'the God stuff' was epic. Shortly before her 'Autumn' as she called death, she said everything she had chosen for her funeral contained something of her journey through life into the twilight years and for me to listen to the words of the final hymn. Her coffin was draped with autumn leaves, sheaves of wheat replaced flowers and apples, and other orchard fruits adorned every window ledge. Her readings were unusual, the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, and a raucous poem from her youth that jarred. Then the last song as she was taken out. And I knew. In the September days of her life, she had found herself drawing close to the maker of the trees, the leaves and the blackberries, and she said, in essence, I know and I trust! Her message not to be afraid of the autumn days of life or the descent to winter for it brings a promise - this:

Birds flying high, you know how I feel
 Sun in the sky, you know how I feel
 Breeze driftin' on by, you know how I feel
 It's a new dawn
 It's a new day
 It's a new life for me, ooh
 And I'm feeling good.
Nina Simone

Antiques Roadshow but without Fiona Bruce!

Have you ever wondered if you have a valuable antique lurking in the cupboard? Wonder no more!

On Saturday 23rd September Gordon Brockman, Probate Valuer and Auctioneer, will be at
The Social Centre,
 High Steet,
 Avebury
 to value objects.



Time 10 a.m. to 2 p.m

Maximum of 3 items per person, £1.50 per item

Tea and cake will be available for sale

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'NE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'NE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
3 September Trinity 13	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service
Wednesday 6 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
10 September Trinity 14	<u>3.30 pm</u> Pet Service	<u>10 am</u> Harvest Festival		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service			
Wednesday 13 September			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
17 September Trinity 15			<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
24 September Trinity 16		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service	<u>5.30 pm</u> Harvest Festival				
Wednesday 27 September			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion <u>6.30 pm</u> Commissioni ng Service*			
1 October Trinity 17	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>11.15</u> Harvest Festival	<u>10 am</u> Harvest Festival Communion Service

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



Readings

Harvest Festival Readings

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

3 September - Green

13th Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 3.1-15
Psalm 105.1-6,23-26,45b
Romans 12.9-end
Matthew 16.21-end

10 September - Green

14th Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 12.1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13.8-end
Matthew 18.15-20

17 September - Green

15th Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 14.19-end
Psalm 114
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

24 September - Green

16th Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 16.2-15
Psalm 105.1-6,37-end
Philippians 1.21-end
Matthew 20.1-16

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



Fyfield PET SERVICE



Sunday 10 Sept 2023
3.30pm

All Welcome! Please bring your pets, large and small.
If wet, small animals will be welcome in the church
and our larger four-legged friends in the porch.



Venue: Anstice's pony field next to
the church



* Refreshments afterwards *

St James' Church, Avebury
27 September, 6.30 pm
Commissioning of Alison Andre as a
Lay Pastoral Assistant
by
The Venerable Sue Groom,
Archdeacon of Wilts

Alison will continue to take services in the parish as a Lay Worship Leader and her licensing as a Lay Pastoral Assistant supports her ministry in her role as volunteer Lay Chaplain at Coombe End Care Home. We hope that in the future this will lead to Anna Chaplaincy, a ministry undertaken by volunteers in communities to provide support to older people in their own homes, sheltered housing or care homes.

Refreshments will be served after the commissioning service.

COFFEE MORNING
AND
BRING AND BUY
AT
WEST OVERTON CHURCH
ON
SATURDAY 16 SEPT.
from 10 am - 12 noon

Any donations of cakes, items for our produce and plant stalls or the bric-à-brac 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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

HARVEST MUDDY CHURCH

EAST KENNETT FARM AND CHURCH

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
4PM

ALL WELCOME AT EAST KENNETT CHURCH CAR PARK AT 4PM FOR A FUN TRAIL AND WALK AROUND THE FARM FOLLOWED BY KIDDY TEA AND REFRESHMENTS BACK AT THE CHURCH.

THERE WILL BE A HARVEST SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AT 5:30PM WHICH ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN



Harvest Festival Services



West Overton	10 September	10 am
East Kennett	24 September	5.30 pm
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

Thank you

News from the Tower

Practice nights have continued with attendances varying from 7 to 9 (on 1st August), pleasing in view of the summer season. We do not normally ring all the 8 bells on practice nights, unless attendances reach double figures, in which case it is nice to have all 8 bells available to avoid too many ringers having to wait for a turn on the bells. At this point it should be pointed out that watching bell ringing is not an exciting spectator sport. Nice to watch for a few minutes if you have never seen bell ringing - but it can get boring even to regular ringers. The 7 to 9 figure is good for ringing on 6 bells since it means that we can ring for most of the time, but there is time for a breather. Most 'sessions' last for 5 to 10 minutes if they are rung without somebody making a mistake, in which case we either try a repeat or two, or even give up until another practice.

Apart from the occasional sitting out, Avebury is known as a 'sweet' tower since we usually have a couple of breaks for a sweet and a chat - a practice blamed on Jane Lees trying out her fudge. If you hear a long silence on Tuesday evenings you can guess why!

Apart from our Tuesday practices, Michele Lomas, Andy and Kathryn Miller, Sean Tye and Brian Vickers rang on 5th August for the wedding of Dean Greenaway and Shelli-Anne Mildenhall. Despite holidays and Courses, we had 5 ringers for the Benefice service on 13th August. New ringers are always welcome at Avebury, come to see us at the 7.30pm start on Tuesday evenings.

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

Thursday 7th September 6pm

Thursday 14th September 6pm

Thursday 14th September 8pm

- MEET THE PILGRIMS - Firepit Prayers

Thursday 21st September 7.30pm

- FIREPIT & MARSHMALLOWS

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

Claire Stiles c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk



West Overton, Fyfield & East Kennett PCC
doing Teas for Tourists in style!



News from the National Trust: Sept. 2023

We have quite a few updates this month, including a couple of invitations, so grab a cuppa and read on ...

Excavations in Avebury Manor Parkland

The National Trust recently teamed up with the Universities of Southampton and Bournemouth for excavations in Avebury Manor Parkland.

Professor Josh Pollard, University of Southampton, who led the excavation, says that these excavations were quite speculative in nature. Other than adjacent Medieval earthworks, it wasn't evident at the start that any archaeological features or deposits would be found; but the proximity to the henge earthwork and the manor suggested this could be an interesting area to investigate.

While limited in scale, the excavations produced a wide range of finds, including Mesolithic worked flints, Saxon and Medieval features, and a scatter of 17th-18th -century pottery, clay pipes and animal bone, the latter relating to recreational use of this area during the time of the manor. The big surprise, given how close to the henge we were, was the near-total absence of Neolithic finds. The results of the work offer valuable insight into the long-term development of prehistoric and later Avebury.

Josh will be giving a talk about the excavation later in the year, we hope to be able to announce the date in the next newsletter.

LoGa Culture project

We are really excited to be a partner in a new three-year research project with Southampton and Bournemouth Universities.

The project, called LoGa Culture, brings together the European academic leaders in digital locative experiences, to explore how a new generation of innovative locative games might benefit people through cultural heritage sites.

Locative games are applications or websites accessed on smartphones, with content and interactions that are triggered by locations.

For instance, this could mean that if someone was exploring the henge, when they reached a certain point, they could hold up their smartphone and see, through the phone, how people were digging the henge bank in Neolithic times or raising the stones.

The experience is one of mixed reality, combining digital images and the real place. This technology can take the form of digital tours, narratives, locative literature, or interactive puzzles and can enable visitors to see places 'with new eyes', revealing hidden aspects and creating new types of interaction.

Avebury will provide two key case studies for the research project (the others being in Germany, Ireland and Portugal), one in the wider landscape and one in the monument itself. The project will use these new technologies to allow Avebury and its remarkable landscape to tell its own fascinating story in new and innovative ways, engaging a wide range of audiences, whilst communicating our conservation messages and increasing the understanding of the importance and fragility of the site.

As a first step, our research partners will be carrying out more work into understanding our visitors and other audiences, using a mix of different survey tools. So, if you see people in and around the monument with clipboards or postcards and a big smile, it might be them. Please feel free to engage with them and take part in the survey yourself.

We'll share more information about this exciting project with you as it develops. In the meantime, please contact eva.stuetzenberger@nationaltrust.org.uk with any questions.

Invitation: Sculpture exhibition preview in Avebury Manor Garden

Preview Friday 1 September, 5pm, Avebury Manor Garden Entrance

One of the highlights of Avebury's programming year is approaching with the annual sculpture exhibition in Avebury Manor Garden. With new and returning artists, the exhibition this year features beautiful stained glass, bronze figures, and intricately carved stone.

From 5pm-6pm on Friday 1 September, you are invited to have an early look at the wonderful pieces on display at the exhibition preview, before it is opened to the public.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to lauramay.bailey@nationaltrust.org.uk and come to the garden entrance from 5pm. Some light refreshments will also be served.

Invitation: Discover more about life at Avebury Manor in 1921

Preview Friday 8 September, 10am, Avebury Manor Entrance

The National Trust team at Avebury have been working with *Findmypast* to pull back the curtain on life at Avebury Manor at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Starting with the 1921 Census, the team have researched the people who were living and working here during this dramatic period in history. From owners Leopold and Nora Jenner, to live-in domestic servants Martha and Agnes, and the groundsmen Benjamin and William.

To preview the new interpretation that will tell these stories in the manor, the team are holding a talk for volunteers and the local community on Friday 8 September at 10am.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to lauramay.bailey@nationaltrust.org.uk and come to the manor entrance just before 10am. Some light refreshments will also be served.

Avebury Social Centre

The AGM of the Centre took place on Thursday 20th July 2023. The Chairman Tony Farthing reviewed the year and outlined the number of repairs and issues that had arisen. Hopefully most of these had now been addressed and while the roof leak had caused major concern the remedy had not been as costly as first feared, there was however the ceiling repairs and other possible building work to be addressed. On a more positive note the Village lunches had been very successful as was the village

Panto that would now have four performances in December due to demand! Ruddigore had been much enjoyed as had local talks on apples and garden birds. Members of the Committee were thanked – in particular Mrs Sandra Hues who was stepping down as Rainbows no longer meet Mr Jonathen Guest was voted on the Committee as a new Trustee.

Plans for the future; include upgrading the heating, future village lunches and performances/talks and the need to expand the number of users of the hall. It was agreed that the 50th celebration of the

formation of the Avebury Social Centre would take place on Wednesday 15th November 2023 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Nibbles and drinks will be served for Village residents to enjoy.

Finally, may we remind users that it is requested users notices are NOT pinned to the external doors or walls of the building (there is a notice board available) it damages the door and paint work and is something you would not do to your own front door!

Judith Farthing
Secretary

Avebury Parish Council

At our July meeting our newest member, Mrs. Sue Millward, formally joined the Council by signing the acceptance of office papers. Having advertised, as required, we are able to co-opt a new member which we will do in September. Two local residents have put their names forward

We reviewed a planning application for 1, Chapel Corner Cottages and agreed that a site visit would be in order to consider the works to be carried out. This has now taken place and the Parish Council was happy to support the application.

Traffic enforcement units have been active in the Parish, running speed checks at the Club and on the corner outside Elements. The data from our two SIDs has been sent to the Police who are using it to inform these checks. The road monitored during

the exercise is a 30 mph and the fastest vehicle was tagged and captured at 47 mph. Eight drivers were flagged as exceeding the speed limit and depending on previous convictions and history, 7 drivers will be offered a speed awareness course, 1 driver will be given £100 fine and receive 3 penalty points.

Solstice was reviewed and, although it was thought to be a calmer, quieter and enjoyable event, there were still issues around trespass, illegal parking and the parking permit scheme. APC will continue to work with the National Trust and the Police to try and resolve these issues for future Solstices.

Parish Steward Scheme

Our Parish Steward now comes once a month for a whole day – increased from a half day – to carry out maintenance and repair in the Parish. To make sure that he is usefully employed we need to know of any problems as soon as they arise.

There are 3 ways you can do this:

- Report the problem via the MyWilts app
- Report the problem using the portal on the Wiltshire Council website - <https://my.wiltshire.gov.uk/>
- Contact one of your Parish Councillors who will report it or add it to the Parish Steward job sheet if he is due in the Parish. Parish Councillors contact details are on the notice boards or the PC website.

Please do report it; the problem can't be fixed if it's not known about!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th September, 7.30 in the Social Centre, High Street. Members of the public are welcome to attend

Maggie Lewis
Co-chairman, Avebury Parish Council

Avebury & District W.I.

Our July meeting is always an outing and this year we visited the Whitchurch Silk Mill, in Whitchurch near Winchester. Most of us managed to dodge the heavy downpours on arrival and enjoyed a light lunch before a very informative tour of the buildings and hearing about the history of silk weaving on the site and viewing the machinery that used to be used when production was in full swing including the original water wheel that was refurbished and still turns though it no longer supplies the power to the building.. The site is delightful, sitting on an island in the river Test with ducks drifting on the swift current and well worth a visit.

August sees us having a social gathering as we don't have a formal meeting. We were once again hosted by Sandra Hues in her beautiful home and garden with members bringing lots of goodies for our tea. It's a great chance to chat (not that we don't at meetings!) and enjoy a delicious tea.

Our programme for this year has something for everyone (I hope):

- The History of the Windsor Chair – September
- Riding at the Paralympics – October
- Ambulance First Responder – November
- Making things from felt – January
- Youth Adventure Trust – February
- A radio station in Sudan – April

We also have a Christmas lunch, a birthday party and visits to gardens and other places of interest. If you would like to come to a meeting you would be very welcome. They are held in the Social Centre, High Street (opposite the Church), Avebury on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m except for January and February when the meetings are 2 p.m. Our next meeting is on 14th September.

Maggie Lewis
President, Avebury & District WI

Retirement of Brian Watts

Back in the 1970's I stood in the Office of S Radnedge in Marlborough and he asked if I would like to take up a carpentry or a bricklaying apprenticeship. "Which pays more?" I asked. "Well Bricklaying". Came the reply, so that was the start.

The four people I worked for over the years gave me very varied experience. Not so many houses built from scratch but interesting projects such as Manton Down for John Bloomfield. Buildings we adapted were seen recently in The Crown.

I was lucky to be in constant work and picked up lots of additional 'hacks' from other trades and from working on my own houses.

When I was made redundant in 2011 I decided that the long days of working on sites after a very early start needed to go so I would try working for myself and I have seldom worked out of the 'Valley' ever since. I have worked hard, and some jobs are tricky on your own but I can honestly say I have enjoyed it very much, and the flexibility has been useful. My proudest moment was building a wall for my Daughter's art installation at the Whitechapel gallery in London. Not sure she ever paid me for that one though!

The heavy materials that were used early in my career have taken their toll on my back and legs so it's time to 'potter' and look forward to my first grandchild due in November.

We would like to thank all customers for the continued support over the past 12 years. Your kindness and gratitude have surpassed our expectations.

Brian and Naomi Watts

Raising funds for St Nicholas Church Restoration

Wine TASTING

AN EVENING IN PROVENCE
WITH WINES TO TEST YOUR PALATE
AND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Fri 22nd September - 6:00pm

Tickets
£25

To include
1/2 bottle of wine
and a ploughman's
supper

**POSTPONED
UNTIL SUMMER 2024**

Venue: 'Pheasants' - Lower Fyfield
Kindly hosted by Mike and Susanna

Tickets available from Anstice Baring - 07786 038 359 or
Lydia Bauer - 07919 073 272 - lydia.bauer@hotmail.co.uk

CABBAGE SUNDAY

CHARITY AUCTION AND FUN DAY

RAISING FUNDS FOR
WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE &
WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

**SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
12-4PM**

RAFFLE &
TOMBOLA

BAR

CAKE STALL

LIVE MUSIC
'THE DEMOGUGS'
'URSA WAY'

FACE
PAINTING
BY POPPY WILKINS

PIZZA BY
PIZZALOLA

BOUNCY
CASTLE



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Beer Tasting with Broadtown Brewery

Thursday 7th September - 7pm

£18 including cheese board.

Join Jason for a fun & factual evening to learn
about and taste the delicious Broad town
brewery products. Spaces must be booked.

What else is happening?

Saturday 2nd - Live Music by Dan Graham - 7pm

Friday 8th - Quiz Night - 7pm - £2pp (all to charity) - teams of up to 6.

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

Cabbage Sunday - Charity Auction & Fun Day

Sunday 24th September - 12-4pm

Come along to the annual charity fundraiser which has been going for
over 60 years. Pizza by PizzaLola, tombola, raffle, cake stall, face
painting, bouncy castle and, most importantly, **the auction**. Help us
raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

OPENING HOURS

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

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE CLOSED
FOR A PRIVATE EVENT ON
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER AND
CLOSED FROM THURSDAY 28TH
SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Textiles and Stitch Around Marlborough

Textiles and Stitch Around Marlborough have just completed its exciting second year of speakers, workshops and outings since it left the Embroiderers Guild in 2021.

Our current membership, which comes from a wide area of Wiltshire, has a wonderful variety of interests and therefore we have tried to include something for everyone.

This last year we welcomed speakers who have talked about felting, free machine embroidery, hand stitching, patchwork & quilting, applique and spinning and weaving. We have had "in house" workshops and those with tutors. The highlight of the year was last October when Kirstie Macleod brought The Red Dress (www.reddressembroidery.com) to Lockeridge, an event we will never forget. We also had a private viewing of the Robert Shaw Collection of Textiles at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

Looking forward we have an exciting programme of speakers (natural dyeing, history of a silk mill, South American costumes to name but a few), workshops (natural dyeing & eco printing, stitched selfie, and several "in house" workshops) and a 3 day exhibition of members' work in June 2024 details of which you will find on our website: <https://textilesandstitch.co.uk/events/>

Membership for 2023-24 for the Textile and Stitch Around Marlborough is now open. The annual subscription will be £57.50 and this must be paid in August for year. The membership form can be found on our website: <https://textilesandstitch.co.uk/membership-form-2021/> where you will also find details for the bank transfer. If however you would like to check if it's the right group for you, come along as a visitor for £6, listen to the speaker and have a chat over a cuppa.

The next meeting of Textiles and Stitch Around Marlborough will be on Monday 4 September at the Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge, nr Marlborough, SN8 4EL. Our speaker will be Lizzie Godden and her talk will be entitled, "Eco printing and Embroidery". Doors open at 13.30 for a 14.00 start.

If you have an interest in textiles, stitch or anything related we hope you will consider joining our group.

If you would like to find out more explore our website:

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

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Dianne Mackinder Funeral Service



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WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL

Registered Charity No 1199011

The hall was officially opened in December and is available for hire. Local groups have started to use the hall and we look forward to welcoming new users. If you have a specific function in mind, please contact us with your requirements and we will do our best to help you.

The brand new hall is well appointed with kitchen facilities. It is located in a quiet development in Winterbourne Monkton near the Church and has a large car park. The spacious building is ideal for all kinds of events.

Sixty people can easily be seated for formal functions and the clear space is suitable for Keep fit, Pilates, Yoga, Discussion Groups, Business Meetings and other similar group activities.

Bookings can be made by e mailing wmch-booking@hotmail.com



Hiring Rates November 2022

General Hirers	Per Hour	WM & BB Residents	Per Hour
Weekday/evening	£15	Weekday/evening	£10
Weekend day/ evening	£17	Weekend day/evening	£12
Repeat Groups		Repeat Groups	
Weekday	£13	Weekday	£ 9
Weekend	£15	Weekend	£10
		Church/ Village Club	£9

The trustees reserve the right to review the charges regularly.

The trustees reserve the right to apply a security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded only after a post booking inspection of the hall. If the hall is left in an unsatisfactory condition with additional cleaning required or if there is any damage to the fabric, fixtures, or fittings then part or all of the deposit may be retained. Any decision taken by the trustees



Equilibrium Wellness Day

Sunday 17th September • 9:30am - 4:30pm
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