



UPPER KENNET NEWS

September 2025

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 89 Roswitha Kortner
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(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

Notice Board

Wedding

Abigail Kelley & Benjamin Banting
Broad Hinton 19 July 2025

Service of Blessing

Edna & Richard Parmenter
Broad Hinton 16 August 2025

Funerals

John O'Malley
West Overton 22 July 2025

Gillian Ruth Swanton
West Overton 28 July 2025

Cornelius Augustus Horgan
Broad Hinton 30 July 2025

Burial of Ashes

Herbert Douglas Brown
West Overton 21 July 2025

Ewart John Holmes
Avebury 24 July 2025

Erika Sylvester
Avebury 6 August 2025

100 Club

Draw Results for August

1st	£48.00	13	Lyn Bennett-Nutt
2nd	£36.00	70	Jane Crabbe
3rd	£24.00	87	Natalie Bennett-Nutt
4th	£12.00	23	Sonia Buxton

(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 10th September, Wednesday 24th September & Wednesday 8th October.

Our Rector's Monthly Letter

Over everything that's living, just as though it hears the call
Of Old Winter, trudging slowly, with his pack of ice and snow,
In the distance over yonder, and it somehow seems as though
Every tiny little blossom wants to look its very best
When the frost shall bite its petals and it droops away to rest.

Edgar Albert Guest

With the extended summer we have had this year, it's almost difficult to imagine heading into Autumn and Winter but the wheel turns and the days gradually shorten. Students head back to school and college and we naturally move from being out and wandering, to being more introspective and studious. It's a good time to start something new to learn.

Traditionally schools and universities call this Michaelmas term as it includes the feast of St Michael on 29th September. I love this image by the artist Rebecca Merry which captures for me the Autumn Equinox and the balance between light and dark, as well as a very special balanced relationship between the mighty archangel and the dragon.



We're a bit less self-conscious about being a beginner when we start things in September. In a recent interview the artist Caroline Ross described the experience of learning something. We're meant to have the pathway of feelings where we start with something new being difficult and frustrating, and then push through that into mastering basic skill or understanding, and eventually moving into competence and searching on a deeper level.

Beginning with that sense of incompetence, and determinedly working through it, is part of the process. Overcoming our incompetence gives us a good grounding for future learning. In this age that seeks to make things easier and easier for us with less and less effort, we lose the satisfaction

of achieving something through a hard-won developed skill. Something we have earned and which we now own through our own efforts. The process itself is just as important as the new thing achieved. Being clever at pressing a button to activate AI doesn't come close.

To celebrate this season, we are having a gathering in St James, Avebury, over the September Equinox/Harvest weekend. This will not be quite so full on as the Summer Solstice but will be a day of gentle musical healing on the Saturday with a band in the evening, followed by Dances of Universal Peace on the Sunday morning and a traditional church harvest service in the afternoon. It is right to celebrate abundance at this time of year. Not just the food harvest, which is in itself a huge gift, but also the many things we are gifted with as human beings. Family, friends and community. The sharing of laughter and sorrow. Of stories, personal and universal, practical and mythical. There is so much that binds us together.

Every blessing
Jonathan – the rector.

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



UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBRNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBRNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
Wednesday 3 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
7 September Trinity 12	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 10 September			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
14 September Trinity 13		<u>10 am</u> Harvest Festival	<u>4 pm</u> Muddy church <u>5.30 pm</u> Harvest Festival	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 17 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
21 September Trinity 14			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>4 pm</u> Harvest Festival	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 September			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
28 September Trinity 15		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Patronal Festival				<u>11.30 am</u> Harvest Festival	

Readings

Sunday 7 September – Green
12th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28 September – Green
15th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 14 September – Green
13th Sunday after Trinity

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

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 21 September – Green
14th Sunday after Trinity

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

Harvest Supper

Avebury social centre
Saturday 18th October 7 pm

COFFEE MORNING at WEST OVERTON CHURCH

on
SATURDAY
27 SEPTEMBER

from 10 am - 12 noon

Any donations of cakes, produce and plants would 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.

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



West Overton	14 September	10 am
East Kennett	14 September	5.30 pm
Avebury	21 September	4 pm
Winterbourne Bassett	28 September	11.30 am
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.

Urgently Needed Food Bank Items

UHT dairy milk (not oat milk etc)
 Long life fruit juice
 Tinned tomatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
 Tinned tuna, tinned ham
 Long life sponge puddings (minimum of 4 months best before date, please)
 Tinned custard
 Chocolate bars
 Instant mashed potato
 Tinned hot meat (stewing steak, chicken in sauce, etc)
 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

Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

Opening Hours
 10am – 4pm every day

AGM Update

The shop held its annual General Meeting on 13th August which was well attended with 19 members in attendance.

Chris Gater, the shop treasurer summarised the financial situation and was pleased to report that a good 'on target' financial performance had been achieved through the terrific efforts of all the volunteers, who again kept the receipts and till figures well matched, and the managers, who continue to keep the community shop running. He thanked them all.

Sadly, this was my last AGM as chair because I have recently moved house so I have decided to stand down as chair. However, I will continue to support the shop as a volunteer and have already put my name down to help in the shop over Solstice next year.

Fortunately, all the other committee members were able to continue and we had 3 new nominations for the committee. The existing committee members Chris Gater, Lindsay Peck, Julie Fordham and Richard Nutt were all voted onto the committee along with 3 new members Maggie Lewis, Tim Pearce and Tim Rice. I was delighted to be presented with a garden bench which will help to remind me of the shop and my time in Avebury. Thanks to everyone for this and for the support and encouragement over the last 17 years.

Following the meeting, Sue and her son Eric from Rowdey Cow, the shop's local ice cream supplier, gave an interesting talk about the history of their farm and an insight into how and why they started the ice cream business. The talk was well received, with a number of questions from the members, who all agreed that a visit to the café at the farm for an ice cream tasting was definitely in order!

Home Deliveries

Just a reminder that we offer home deliveries if you are unable to get to the shops. Our delivery area includes Avebury, Avebury Trusloe, Beckhampton, East Kennet, West Kennett, Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett.

Michele Lomas

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

Accommodation in local area required

Hi I am Phil,

I work as Carpenter for a local reputable building company.

The accommodation could be an annexe, garage conversion, cabin, small flat, or even a mobile home type of arrangement.

I'm 60 years old, in excellent health, spiritual, enjoy being in nature, and quiet surroundings ideally. I'm polite, kind, considerate, and of good heart.

I would potentially be away for 3 months during winter times, but that can be discussed with accommodation owner for me to vacate, or pay a rent to hold the property for my return?

Kind regards, Phil.

Philcox53x@gmail.com
 07789742984

AUTUMN EQUINOX WEEKEND

Saturday 20th and
Sunday 21st September

An Abundance of Sound, Dance and Celebration St James' Church, Avebury

Join us for a relaxing and healing sound experience in the beautiful space of the ancient pilgrim church, St James, Avebury. Followed by a Sunday filled with sacred dance and a traditional Harvest Festival Service.

SATURDAY MORNING 10.30am

Ted Walker, a trained Gong practitioner with the College of Sound Healing, has spent years exploring the transformative power of sound. His work blends the resonant tones of traditional gongs with evolving sound textures, creating immersive and meditative soundscapes.

For this special Autumn Equinox event, Ted will have his Timberharp and will be joined by vocalist **Georgi Stupar** whose ethereal voice will merge with the Timberharp's tones to create a sanctuary of sound — a place to pause, reflect, and reconnect.

All are welcome. Come as you are, and let the sound carry you.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 12.00 noon

David Atkinson is a dowser and musician, he is known for his didgeridoo playing with 20 years' experience. David creates unique sound baths with bespoke backing tracks which he layers live instruments on top.

For our Equinox David will start with a didgeridoo experience where you can feel the powerful vibrations of the didgeridoo first hand.

Next an interactive creation will unfold as David guides the group to create a unique track with their voices. To finish off David will take you on a heart opening meditation backed by his unique music. Instagram: @the.didge.guy

SATURDAY EVENING 7.30pm (Ticketed £12 – there is a discount for locals)

The Butterfly Wheel is a transformative force in music, offering more than just songs—it's an invitation to journey into realms of deep emotion and universal truth. At the forefront is Alice Ancient's haunting voice, drawing listeners into the experience with raw intensity. This is matched by shamanic rock drums that pulse like a heartbeat, grounding the music in primal energy. Myrrh Moon's shadow-laden chords guide listeners through both light and dark, while Ryan Hewitt's psychedelic guitar riffs open pathways to introspection and transcendence. Together, they craft an immersive soundscape that transcends entertainment, connecting audiences to something greater and timeless, sparking liberation and self-discovery. Avebury St James are delighted to welcome them back!

SUNDAY MORNING 11.00am

Dances of Universal Peace

From the beginning of time, sacred movement, song and story have brought people together – at times of seasonal ceremony and celebration, as part of everyday life and life passages, in daily renewal and meditation, the Dances of Universal Peace are part of this timeless tradition.

The Dances of Universal Peace provide a joyful, multi-cultural way to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves and others.

Philip O'Donohoe is a master of spiritual dance and is a leading international exponent of the Dances of Universal Peace. As a Senior Mentor he has been involved in the training of dance leaders for many years. He has studied Sufism since 1989, is a teacher of this form of Middle Eastern Mysticism and has trained in various forms of meditation over the past 25 years.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 4.00pm

Traditional Harvest Service

Led by the Rector – **Rev'd Jonathan**

Avebury Tower News

August is the height of the holiday season, so attendances tend to be poor even for bellringers, and have not been helped by the untimely (hopefully partial!) loss of Michele Lomas. Nevertheless, we have struggled on with our regular practices, starting at 7:30 on a Tuesday evening, but tending to finish at 8:30 rather than the usual 9 pm. It highlights our need for more ringers, either by moving into the area, or for new ringers. In both cases contact can be made by appearing at Avebury Church 7:30 pm on a Tuesday practice, when we can show them round and arrange training.

The most interesting ring of the month was for VJ day on Friday 15th, when most British Churches were asked to ring their bells around 6:30 pm. Despite fears of not having the minimum number of 3 ringers for the bells, we were fortunate to have our latest new ringer, Kathy Davies, make her debut for what might be termed a

"public" rather than a practice ring. Kathy joined Kathryn Miller, Jonathan Stubbs and me in ringing 4 of our heaviest bells (which are in fact lighter than average). For the benefit of any ringing readers, we only rang rounds, but Kathy rang well. Rounds consists of ringing bells in successive order of their weights (light to heavy) which results in them ringing from higher to lower sound pitches. Ringing rounds can get monotonous after a period but sounds better with more than 3 bells, especially when we ring them up and down at the start and end of ringing with a resultant change of speed.

At Avebury we like to ring our very light bells "Up" and "Down". This is less common with heavy bells due to the difficulty of ringing them up, and they can be left in the up position. To ring bells up means that starting with them hanging with the wide end facing down, we pull the ropes

relatively hard until they end up with the wide end facing upwards; held just over top dead centre by a wooden "stay". In doing this the bells ring very quickly to start off, but progressively slow down as they are raised. In ringing down the reverse applies and the bells ring progressively faster as they are lowered. Hopefully it all adds to the interest.

Brian Vickers



Kennet Valley Parish Council

Clerk's details: Alison Ingham clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 07897 797208

Website: www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We still have two vacancies on the Parish Council – one for Fyfield and one for West Overton. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Kennet Valley Parish Councillor.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – THE ROLE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Parish Councils are statutory consultees in the planning process and must be informed of all planning applications, and any amendments to those applications, within the parish. The role of the Parish Council is to represent local views and provide local knowledge and raise any areas of concern. It has no decision-making powers in respect of applications

When a planning application is received, the Clerk asks two Councillors (one from each ward) to volunteer to assess the application and meet the applicant(s). If the visiting Councillors do not consider that the application is contentious and there do not appear to be any valid local objections, then 'Delegated Powers' are invoked. Put simply this means that the Council does not need to hold a public meeting to discuss the application and if there are no objections following the posting of a public notice to this effect, then the Clerk confirms to Wiltshire Council that the Parish Council has no objections to the application.

If, however, there appear to be valid objections and the visiting Councillors raise concerns, then a public meeting is arranged to which the applicant and the public are invited so that the application and objections can be aired in public to enable the Parish Council to decide whether to object or not.

BE WILDFIRE AWARE

The lack of rain over the summer means that the ground and foliage are very dry, leading to a greater risk of fire spreading if something happens to cause ignition. Please be careful if you are

out and about in the countryside and follow these top tips from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service to stay safe:

- avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Please note that disposable barbecues have been banned in some areas.
- extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows – take your litter home.
- if you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately to the Fire & Rescue Service. Early detection can prevent it from developing into a large wildfire incident.
- When calling the Fire & Rescue Service:
 - Get to a safe place;
 - Note the fire location (apps such as What3Words can help if you're not sure);
 - Call 999;
 - Meet the Fire & Rescue Service at the access point.
 - Don't attempt to tackle fires that can't be put out with a bucket of water.

ROAD SAFETY IN OUR PARISH

Many of our village roads are country lanes without pavements with walkers, horse riders and cyclists and all drivers are reminded of the requirements to drive safely. Wiltshire Police recently carried out a Speedwatch exercise outside 'The Who'd A Thought It' in Lockeridge and as a consequence six drivers were issued with notices of intended prosecution for excessive speeding. The speed limit in the village is 20 mph and the fastest vehicle was captured at 33 mph.

TRACK YOUR BUS IN REAL TIME

Nearly 200 bus stops in Wiltshire have electronic displays directly on a smartphone. The app works for every bus stop in Wiltshire, even those without a display.

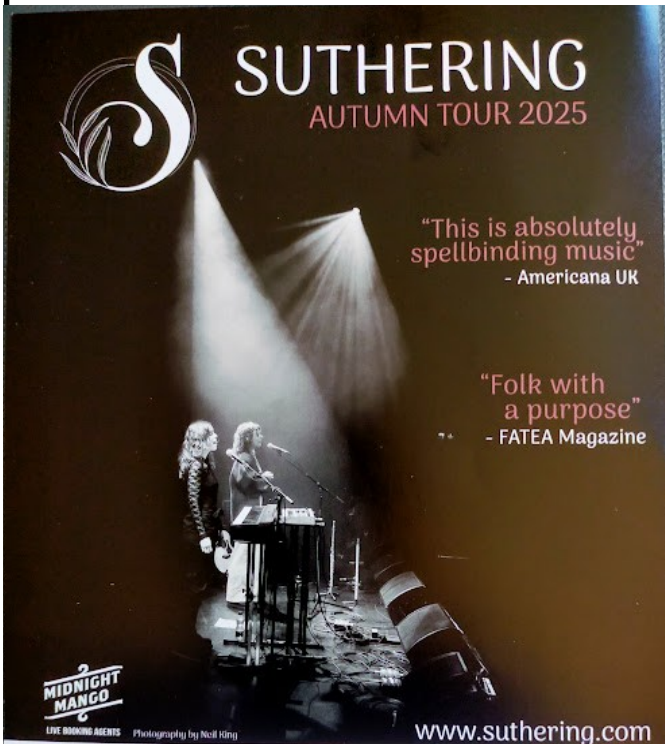
The system uses real-time data sent from the bus to calculate when it will arrive at your stop, updating each minute. You can search for any bus showing live departure times but you can also access this information s stop in Wiltshire and even save your regular stops as favourites – just log on to **Connecting Wiltshire: Bus Real Time Information system**.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EV CHARGING IN WILTSHIRE

Wiltshire Council is inviting residents to suggest locations for new public charge points across the county. This could be a local high street, village hall or a community car park. If you would like to make a suggestion, please go log on to the Wiltshire Council EV Demand Tracker. This survey features an interactive map where you can drop a pin on your suggested location. Your feedback will directly inform where future charge points are installed on public streets, in council car parks and at community buildings.

The next **Parish Meeting** takes place on Monday, 15th September, 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



Avebury Social Centre - Fri 24th Oct
Tickets: www.poundarts.org.uk (£12)
or Avebury Shop (cash/cheque) from 1st Sept

[a Pound Arts/Rural Arts Touring event]

Do You Need Help In The Garden?
Phone Gary on 07921 194294

Avebury Parish Council

www.aveburyparishcouncil.org



September 2025

Playground installation

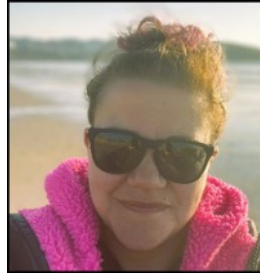
The new equipment should be arriving anytime soon, with the installation planned to start on Tuesday 14th October and last just over a week, if all goes to plan.

The old equipment will need to be removed, and the ground prepared ahead of this. Look out for opportunities to help on social media, it would be very much appreciated. The date when the current playground will no longer be available will be confirmed shortly.

Meet your Councillors

Next up, is Lynzey Paradise. Lynzey joined the Parish Council to make a difference in the community - and, by her own admission, because she's a little bit nosey too! She's proud to have married into one of Avebury's oldest families and is raising two wonderful boys in the heart of the village. A new and enthusiastic

cricket fan, Lynzey loves the strong sense of community in the parish and never tires of its breathtaking sunsets. Her sense of adventure has taken her on safari and to the top of Table Mountain - with swimming alongside Great White Sharks next on the list.



Parish Steward

The next visit is scheduled for Wednesday 17th September.

Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting of Avebury Parish Council will be Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm at the Avebury Social Centre.

Emma Watson, Clerk
clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



KVADS presents

Jack and the Beanstalk

Auditions

28th September 2pm
 At the Kennet Valley Hall
 Contact 07713 586225

Show dates 29th 30th 31st January 2026

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

Avebury Social Centre's Annual General Meeting was on Thursday the 24th July.

The Chairman reviewed the year and was pleased to report the evident progress with the installation of the new heating system and the repairs and repointing to the external stone and brick work to the building. These were major improvements which were long term investments for the future of the Hall. Looking forward the next major expenditure would be the removal of the old heaters and then immediately after, internal redecoration; as this would involve considerable costs it would be important to budget for this and hopefully secure a grant if possible. Most importantly the Chairman wanted to acknowledge the considerable time and effort contributed by those who worked behind the scenes; volunteers who planted up the flower pots and troughs, did the weeding of the garden at the rear and the removal of moss at the front, the cleaner who endeavours to ensure the hall is presentable at all times and the members of the Committee who have taken on extra roles to fund raise to keep the hall viable over a difficult time since Covid. Thanks were expressed to all. The Officers and committee remained in place.

Booking Clerk: Mrs Maggie Lewis
 contact: 07917 406905 or
 Email: aveburysocialcentre@gmail.com
 Judith Farthing
 Secretary

The New Inn & Elderbrook House

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
LIVE MUSIC BY Two Complicate

7PM
 BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED & PRE-ORDERS ARE ENCOURAGED.
news@elderbrookhouse.com
 01672 539793

CURRY NIGHT

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

Just £24 for two courses.

Booking is a must. Call 01672 539793. pop in or email thenewinn@elderbrookhouse.com to book your space now!

Thursday 25th September 7pm

We would love to welcome you, new guests and old, to The New Inn. Whether it's for an event night, a casual drink or a meal for a special occasion - we're always happy to help. Join us in the garden on a sunny afternoon or by the log burner on a cooler evening. A great place to meet new friends, have a romantic meal or bring the family - including your furry friends!

- CODY, BEN AND THE NEW INN TEAM

Our chosen charities for 2026, as chosen by our loyal locals, are Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance, Prospect Hospice and St Mary Magdelene Church.

Please do come along on Sunday 28th September for the annual celebration of Cabbage Sunday and save the date of Sunday 7th December to help us raise as much as possible for these fabulous causes.

CABBAGE SUNDAY

12-4pm
 Sunday 28th September
CHARITY AUCTION & FUN DAY
 The New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW

Family Fun, Paella by Pepperpot Catering, Raffle & Tombola, Cozy Cuppa, Live Music The Deltapugs & 'Aotea' Wall, Local Craft & Business Stalls, Bouncy Castle

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



News from the National Trust September

Sculpture Exhibition in Avebury Manor Garden

Our 2025 Sculpture Exhibition has begun, with over 100 freestanding pieces of art installed across the 11 different 'rooms' of Avebury Manor Garden. The exhibition is one of the highlights of the year for visitors and the artists involved. Residents of Avebury Parish can visit for free by showing proof of address at the barn. The exhibition is open daily between 10am and 5pm and will run until Sunday 19 October.



Avebury Manor Youth Panel

As repairs continue to progress in Avebury Manor, we're considering ways to make the future visitor offer relevant and engaging for different audiences. In one room, we're looking to curate an experience with the help of children and young people from the local community. We will work with them, and be guided by their vision, to creatively tell Avebury's story.

If you are under the age of 25, or you have a child under the age of 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 are looking to hold three workshops in the autumn and winter, but dates and times can be flexible, depending on the individuals involved.

'Avebury as home' – oral history project

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our new oral history project, which will look at what it is like to call Avebury 'home'. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 10 September, and there's still time to get involved. If you would like to find out more, contact Amelia using the email address and phone number above.

Parking permits

The car park in 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

Residents of Avebury parish get free entry to Avebury Manor Garden and 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 the team for any reason, email avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit the museum between 10am-5pm.

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES



Visit the worlds oldest fully operational beam engine from the dawn of the Industrial Revolution.

In steam Sept. 27-28
10.30 - 4.00pm.

Get up close and personal with these mighty engines.
www.croftonbeamengines.org

Crofton Beam Engines
Crofton, SN8 3DW
Wilts
Between Gt. Bedwyn
and Burbage

NEWS FROM THE WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL



Registered Charity No 1199011

Please visit our Website wmch.club or follow us on Facebook.

Hall Bookings can be made by e mail to
wmch-booking@hotmail.com

Saturday Sept 20th Food Night
We Meat Again
From 5.30 Bar Open

Saturday Sept 27th Coffee Morning
10.30 am to 1.00 pm

Friday Oct 17th Film Night- The Salt Path
From 6.30 Film 7.15

Saturday Oct 25th Coffee Morning
10.30am to 1.00pm

We are always looking for new ideas for events. Any suggestions please let us know. Speak to a Committee Member or put a suggestion in our post box





STEFANIE YOUNG

yoga & craniosacral therapy



Craniosacral Therapy

One-to-one Yoga / Meditation / Breathwork
available at the Yoga Shala
Winterbourne Bassett

contact: info@stefanie-young.com | 07516 313 502
website: stefanie-young.com

Avebury Social Centre dates for your diary

13th/14th Sept—Craft Fair
11th/12th Oct—Craft Fair

Fri 24th Oct—7.30pm

acclaimed folk duo: *Suthering*

tickets : www.poundarts.org
(or) Avebury Shop (cash/cheque) (£12)

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

8th, 9th, (not 10th) 11th, 12th, 13th Dec
'Treasure Island—the Panto'

WILTSHIRE'S CHURCHES RIDE+STRIDES for Churches

13th SEPT
2025

WILTSHIRE'S CHURCHES
OPEN DAY

Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to help keep
Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting
houses looking beautiful and open for the future.



Half of the money you raise
for Ride+Stride goes to the
church of your choice and
the other half to the
Wiltshire Historic Churches
Trust, enabling us to make
grants to local churches to
help with urgent repair and
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July should have been lunch and a visit to Dent's, the glove makers in Warminster, but a late cancellation (due to staff illness) meant we had to come up with an alternative. Luckily we found another local gem, the Talos Art Gallery just outside Calne. Here we enjoyed some wonderful works of art by local artists as well as the lovely garden setting with views of our stunning Wiltshire countryside. Tea and cake, an essential ingredient for any outing, was provided by Mrs B's pop up café. Although the exhibition is now closed we would recommend it for a future visit by anyone interested in local artists.

August is the month we have a social meeting, this year kindly hosted by Sandra Hues. Members bring a plate of food to share and news and updates are shared over tea. Thank you to Sandra for hosting a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our regular meetings start in September with our AGM, moved from April to allow for all the financials to be put in place. I will be emailing members with more information but if anyone is interested in joining us then please get in touch via email – maggielewis56@gmail.com

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