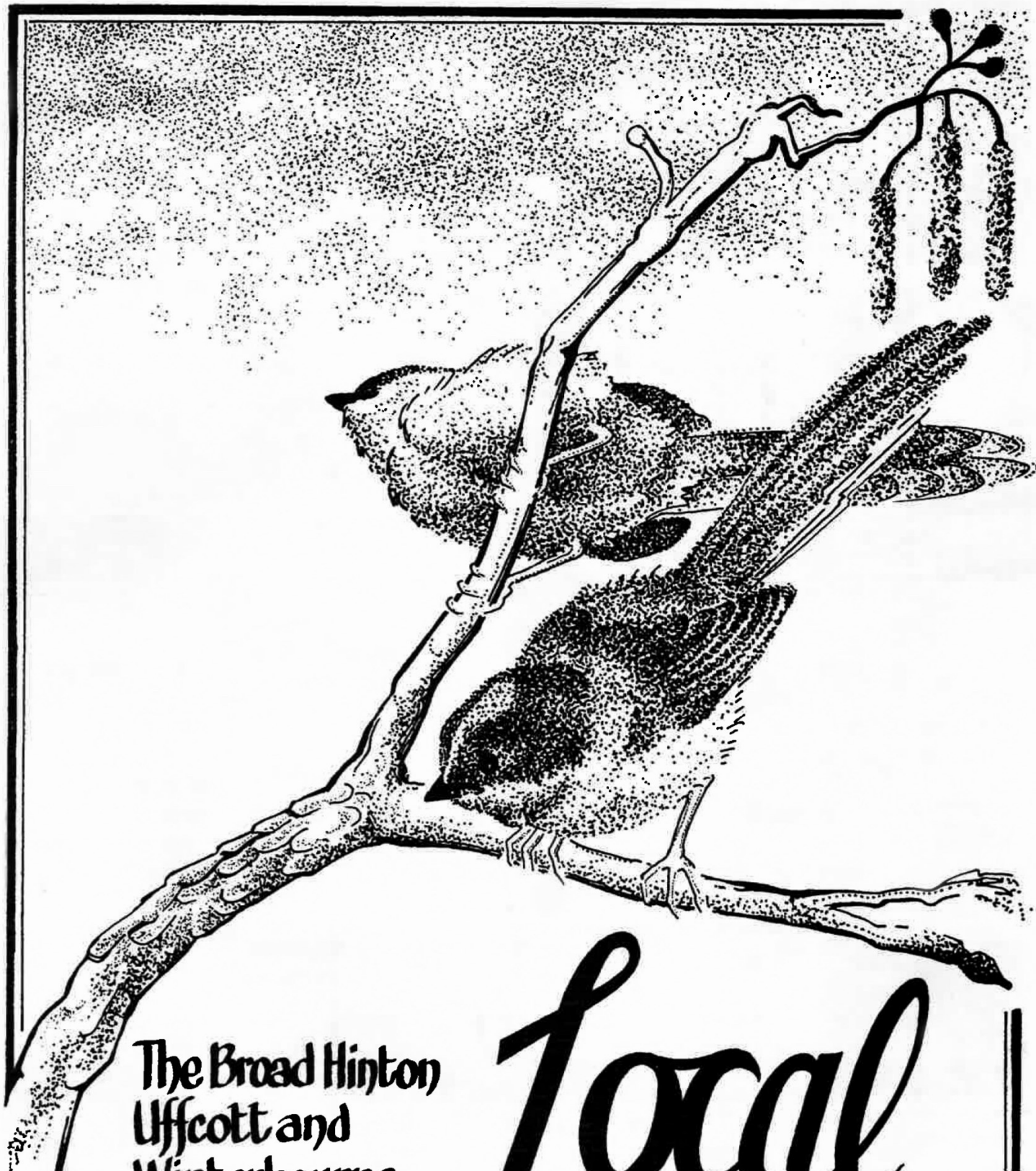




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Community Calendar

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Tuesdays			10am - 12	Coffee Morning		Village Hall
Sunday	3rd	December	11am-3pm	Christmas Market	5	Village Hall
Saturday	9th	December	7pm	Casino Night	6	Village Hall
Sunday	10th	December	4.30pm	Christingle	17	St Peters Church BH
Tuesday	12th	December	11am	Xmas Draw	9	Village Hall
Sunday	17th	December	6pm	Carol Service	17	St Peters Church BH
Tuesday	19th	December	3.15-4pm	Mobile Library		Village Hall
Sunday	24th	December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	17	St Peters Church BH
Thursday	25th	January		Vintage Cinema Club		
Friday	2nd	February	7.30pm	Pantomime SNO White	3	Village Hall
Saturday	3rd	February	2.30pm	Pantomime SNO White	3	Village Hall
7.30pm	3rd	February	7.30pm	Pantomime SNO White	3	Village Hall

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following pupils from Broad Hinton School who celebrate their Birthdays in December:

Joshua Pearce, Priya Collier, Evany Oldland, Reuben Greener, Eva Rowe, Isaac Clewley, Georgina Ladd, Inise Waqabaca, Jessie James and Eloise Guyatt



Waste and Recycling collection days for December

Monday	4th	December	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	5th	December	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	7th	December	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	8th	December	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	18th	December	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	19th	December	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	21st	December	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	22nd	December	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Wednesday	3rd	January	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Thursday	4th	January	Household Waste	Black Bin
Monday	8th	January	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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An electronic version of this newsletter is available, along with many other things of local interest on the village hall website at www.broadhinton.org.uk/the-villages/local-news

Dear All,

It's the time of year when the decorations are coming out, the Christmas meals out are beginning, and there is an air of gentle excitement about a longish break from work for some, visits from family and presents for many, singing carols and church services for others. The Christmas Market in the Village Hall is nearly upon us and many of the community have sent their Christmas wishes to one and all, see pages 6 and 7. May I add our best wishes to all for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. There are still a few places left for the Christmas Casino Night, and tickets are being sold for the Bhads Pantomime which promises to be brilliant.

I hope that you all view this as a valuable community paper. As such it would be wonderful if you would share your stories with us. Have you got something to write about? Perhaps the recent storms and floods affected you. Are you involved in a charity and want to tell us about their work. Do you walk regularly and see the wildlife as the seasons change. A short one off article, a regular slot, a letter to editor.. Lots of ways you can contribute and share information.

For those of you reading this as a paper copy in black and white, the pdf version of the Local News is in colour and is available from the Village Hall website under the 'The Villages' tab, or send me an email to sign up to have it sent to your inbox.

Avian Influenza

So far no restrictions have been announced by government but it is as well to keep a close watch on not only domestic but wild bird populations in case of infection.

The virus is very fast in showing signs of lethargy, loss of appetite and 'general misery'.

If spotted in wild birds do not touch.

In all cases report to the official government contact lines.

The Government website gives details on how to recognise bird flu, how to report it and ways of preventing the spread of infection. Click here for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

If you suspect bird flu in poultry or other captive birds, you must report it immediately by calling:

03000 200 301 if you're in England

Vintage Cinema Club

The Vintage Cinema Club will be taking a break in December when Christmas festivities take precedence. The next film will be "A Man for all Seasons" starring Paul Scofield so make a note in next year's diary to come to the Village Hall at 3.30pm on January 25th. More details next month.

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TICKETS: SARAH KROMER - mrssarahkromer@gmail.com or 07885 519221

VILLAGE HALL DECEMBER NEWS



Christmas Casino

We'll be asking for menu choices soon and sourcing the bar stocks, so if you'd like to attend but haven't yet booked contact Sarah Kromer mrssarahkromer@gmail.com or 07885 519221.

No need to book a whole table, you can buy individual/couple tickets.

No real gambling, just Monopoly Money for chips.

Christmas Market Sunday 3rd December Broad Hinton Village Hall

Come to our Christmas Market 11am - 3pm. This year we're sticking to soup and sausage rolls, maybe the odd mince pie and of course, mulled wine. Come and do some Christmas shopping and chat with friends and neighbours.

300 Club 2024

300 Club 2024 tickets now available for renewal. **There are no unallocated numbers available, we'll let you know if that changes.**

If you already have a monthly standing order, your numbers will renew automatically for another year unless you tell us you don't want to continue.

If you don't pay by standing order, Sarah Kromer will be in touch to confirm that you'd like to keep your numbers for 2024 and give you bank transfer details, or you can pay at the Christmas Market on Sunday 4th December.

Alternatively, you can contact her directly mrssarahkromer@gmail.com or 07885 519221.

Hiring the hall

For a party or wedding reception; hall and meeting room, all day & evening £150.

Large meetings or conferences; main hall, three hours during the day £54.

Smaller meetings: separate meeting room, two hours during the day £24.

Arts, crafts and fitness classes; main hall or meeting room, two hours £18.

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November 300 Club Winners

£50 237 Brian Poulton

£25 55 Caryl Roberts

£20 174 Jane O'Neill

£20 140 Tony Iles

£10 231 Lynne Butler



CHRISTMAS MARKET



**Sunday 3rd
December
11:00am - 3:00pm**

Mince pies

Soup

Sausage rolls

Mulled wine

Lots of present shopping opportunities!



Mark & Trish Wightman send Seasonal Greetings to All in our treasured community with gratitude, on this our Fiftieth Christmas

Margaret & Dave Baker would like to wish all friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Wishing our friends & neighbours a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jilly, Dave & Caroline Fynn

Barrie and Wendy Reardon Smith
would like to wish all our friends and
neighbours a very Merry Christmas and
a happy and healthy 2024.

**Miri and Mark would like to wish all
their friends a Wonderful Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

Wishing all our friends and neighbours a
peaceful and happy Christmas.

June & Ian Pillinger

Ian, Julie, Lewis &
Hope wish all their
friends and
neighbours a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy
New Year.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy
& Healthy New Year. Jo & Andy



The Flemings would like to wish very a happy,
healthy and holy Christmas and a fruitful New
Year to all of their friends in and around Broad
Hinton.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy
New Year. Lynne & Brian Butler

*Ange and Steve send good
cheer and warmest wishes to
all for a very happy Christmas
and a healthy 2024!
xxx"*

*We wish our friends, neighbours and the local community a
joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*

Brian and Juanita Poulton

John, Jane and Chris O'Neill wish
all their friends and neighbours a
happy and memorable Christmas
and a peaceful new year.

*Wishing everyone
Merry Christmas & a Very
Happy New Year
Nick & Glynis*

Wishing all our friends and
neighbours a very Merry
Christmas.
Margaret & Mark Sheratt

Lesley and Phil wish all friends and
neighbours
A joyful Christmas and
A happy, healthy and peaceful
2024.

Sally Cartwright wishes all her friends and
neighbours a very Happy Christmas, and a
jolly New Year

***Des & Jenny would like to wish all their friends and
neighbours a very happy and peaceful Christmas
and a safe and healthy year in 2024.***

John and Romey send all good wishes to
friends and neighbours for a peaceful
Christmas and a happy , healthy new year.

Gerald and Glynis
wish all those sharing this beautiful corner of Wiltshire
a very merry Christmas
and everything of the very best for 2024 and beyond



Many thanks for the donations made towards Prospect Hospice.

Broad Hinton Village Christmas Casino

Black Tie Three-course Dinner

**7pm Saturday 9th
December**



**We'll be asking for menu choices soon and sourcing bar stocks,
so if you'd like to attend but haven't yet booked, contact**

[Sarah Kromer](#) or 07885 519221

If she doesn't answer, please leave a message, she will call you back.

**Three gaming tables – no “proper” gambling
“Monopoly” money & chips**

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individual/couple or tables of 8**

THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday November 1st the Ridgeway Ladies welcomed Jo Rudland to their meeting. Jo has a small business, 'Honey Street Bakery', based in Royal Wootton Bassett producing delicious and beautifully decorated cakes.

The evening started with a practical demonstration by Jo on how to make a Christmas themed cup cake topper. Jo demonstrated six different toppers. Then it was our turn to 'have a go'! Jo had set up several tables with everything we would need so, with much enthusiasm, we started to make our toppers. Amidst much laughter and encouragement from Jo and her able assistant Dave most of us produced a topper to be proud of!

A big thank you to Jo for providing all the equipment and materials and for being so organised. A most enjoyable evening and I'm sure many of us will be putting our new skills into practice over Christmas.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th December when we will be celebrating Christmas at La Strada.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING & IT'S HAMPER TIME



THE PCC IS SELLING TICKETS FOR A COLLECTION OF PRIZES:

Luxury Hamper

A turkey

Food and Drink Hamper

Various smaller prizes of food and drink

From towards the end of November we will be selling tickets for this year's Christmas Raffle. Once again, the cost is £2/ticket and, as the prizes have been donated, all funds will go to our church.

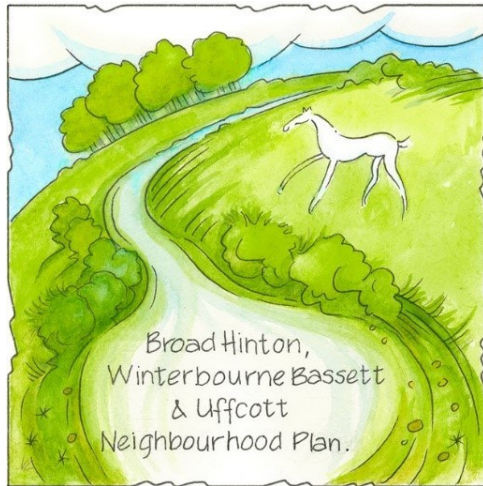
The draw will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th December at 11.00am

For tickets please contact

Gill Crabtree on 07774424125,
Robert Fitzpatrick on 01793 739156,

gill.crabtree1@gmail.com or
fitzpatrickrobert16@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Update



Development Proposal

The Steering Group have received a high-level development proposal from the land agent and appointed developer of site B2 behind the Village Hall. We have provided feedback to better align it with our objectives and policies and will be in further discussions with them before the proposal is presented to you, the community, for your input.

This is likely to be some time in the new year.

Our discussions with the land agent and appointed developer are to establish what is viable for the site and what amenities we might be able to get if the site is developed. We would then use that to inform the policies that we will write into the plan if we allocate this site. Any outline or full planning permission that may in the future be requested for this site would not go through the Steering Group and would follow normal Wiltshire Council planning processes. Since our last update there have been some conversations and meetings of the group who would like to support a shop.

We have appointed a new consultant to help us write up our plan and prepare for the formal consultation stages. We welcome Lee Searles of Andrea Pellegram Ltd.

Let's have a chat about Work Hubs

Are you 'Hub People'?

We have received a suggestion that a Work Hub would be welcome in the parish and could potentially be part of a new development, or indeed provided elsewhere. A work hub could be anything from a few seats at a café with good internet access, all the way through to a managed work space, with printers, meeting rooms for in person meetings and sound proofed spaces for on line meetings.

What do you think?

If this is something you might use, we want to hear from you to find out what would encourage you use it and what facilities are important to you?

Since you completed the questionnaire in September last year, have you all gone back to working in the office? Or are you mostly still working at home?

Tell us what you want, and what you think.

How many of you are out there? We will need a regular core group of users to make a work hub viable.

Please tell us if you are a potential hub user, and send us some ideas, by emailing bhwbuf.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com, phoning one of the NPSG, or commenting on this post on the Village Facebook Groups.

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December at The New Inn

Sunday 3rd - Christmas Craft Fair & Santa's Grotto - 2-7pm

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Sunday 10th - Festive Wreath Making Workshop - 4pm

£45 per person including a glass of mulled wine. All proceeds to Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

Friday 15th - Quiz Night - 7pm

£2pp with all proceeds to St Mary Magdelene Church - teams of up to 6 people.

Sunday 17th - Festive Traditional Roast - 12-3pm

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

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The Broad Hinton & Uffcott 2023 Silent Auction



Raising funds to support St Peter ad Vincula Church, the Harbour Project & Prospect Hospice.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Silent Auction, we had 40 Lots on offer and received over **80 bids**.

Together we raised £1,488.53!

Congratulations to those whose bids were successful (and get to enjoy the food, experience or adventure that awaits), and commiserations to those who missed out this time (and don't need to cough up the pennies!).

Thank you to Paul Huggins, Des Clarke and Mark Wightman who worked very hard to make the Silent Auction such a success



Calling all farmers and artisan food and drink producers!

After two years of development (using a hardworking, fearless team in Ukraine) WeFarmShop is almost ready to go with an App that will make it easy to buy food and drink from local farmers and artisan producers.

The launch – here in Wiltshire - will be next month, just in time for Christmas.

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Please do pass this on to anyone who might be interested.

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Happy Christmas

We wish all our customers and supporters and very happy Christmas. Order forms for seasonal produce will be available in the shop from the beginning of December.



Meet the Team

This month we feature one of our younger volunteers. Merlin is 18 and lives in Broad Town. She is really excited to be working in our shop because she loves Avebury and has always wanted to work in a small shop. Merlin was inspired to volunteer when she called into the shop and spoke to one of our volunteers who encouraged her to sign up. Merlin has had a tough time recently; she has been very seriously ill and unable to walk for a long time. She is hoping that working in the shop will be a way back to employment. Working in the shop is an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and she loves the idea of helping the community.

Her favourite products are Robyn's Farmhouse gluten free pies and quiches and Little Bag of Herbs teas.

Merlin loves anything creative including art and drama. She writes and edits the Broad Town News.

Gift Vouchers and hampers

If you are stuck for ideas for Christmas presents, how about considering giving an Avebury Shop Gift Voucher. They are available for any sum of money and are a great way of supporting your local shop and providing a useful and sustainable gift. We can also produce Christmas hampers for you, tailored to your requirements. Please ask in the shop and we will be in touch to create something unique for you.

Volunteers Needed

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

Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)



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Christmas 2023

What's on at Christmas



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View from the Rectory-Coming to Christmas

There was no Christmas 2000 years ago. The land currently devastated by the events of the past two months was a land under occupation by Roman soldiers, and the journey of a betrothed couple - expecting their first child - in response to an edict from a foreign emperor was just 'one of those things'. Within two years that child and his family would be refugees in Egypt, fleeing the murderous intentions of a despotic 'puppet' king intent on eradication of any threat to his power and position.

Innocents suffered then. Innocents suffer now. We feel deeply for all of them, caught in a prison of violence and hatred whatever their nationality, faith or heritage. Many of them will not celebrate Hanukkah or Christmas, whether the miracle of an end to war occurs or not, just as many across Ukraine and Russia will not be free to enjoy what many of us take for granted. The freedom to choose to gather with others, and be together in our ancient churches that have held the joys and fears, the unanswered questions and great triumphs of our village communities, for over 1500 years. The freedom to experience a sense of something special in the air, something of the angels bending 'wings of gold' to earth and singing songs of peace; something of the hope that lay in a child's birth, and a man's death gave the promise of more beyond this world's brief life. At a recent Ministry Team meeting we were talking about how hard we make it for people to do just this and the inherent anxieties that stop people coming into our churches; we felt we wanted to make it really clear this year when so many are excluded from their own places of worship through war, destruction, terrorism and violence that the Inn is open, the room to 'be' is ready, and no... you don't have to sleep in the cow shed!

These words from the carol 'It came upon a midnight clear' and the eternal sadness of repeated history are especially poignant this year, and it is important we take every opportunity to give thanks for so much freedom we enjoy, the choices most of us have.

*But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring; –
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!*

'And hear the angels sing' - so here it comes, a golden invitation to come together, sense the something special, and listen for the song that triumphs over war - the 'peace on earth' sung by the angels and sung again in our churches this Christmas.

YOU ARE INVITED

TO COME BECAUSE YOU CAN - AND TREASURE THE FREEDOM.

TO KNOW WE 'DO' MUDDY BOOTS, WELLIES, JEANS, MORNING SUITS, POSH FROCKS, NOISY
OCTOGENARIANS, QUIET CHILDREN, OR VICE VERSA.

TO 'BE' AS YOU ARE – SAD OR TIRED OR FRAZZLED, IN NEED OF A SPACE TO BREATHE, FULL OF FAITH OR
DOUBT, CARRYING HOPE OR BURDENS.

TO A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE YOU WHATEVER GENDER, HERITAGE, BELIEF OR UNBELIEF, WHETHER
YOU SING LIKE THOSE ANGELS, OR HAVE A VOICE LIKE A BATH DRAINING.

BECAUSE THE BETHLEHEM CHILD WHO WELCOMES YOU IS A REFLECTION OF YOU.

The Election of Churchwardens and members of the PCC of The Parish of Upper Kennet Nov 15th 2023

(formerly The parish of Avebury, the parish of Broad Hinton, the parish of Overton and Fyfield with East Kennett, the parish of Winterbourne Bassett and the parish of Winterbourne Monkton with Berwick Bassett)

Those named below were elected to serve for the remainder of the year until the APCM of this parish in April /May 2024 under church of primary responsibility. All church wardens are members of the PCC by right and may choose to share attendance duties.

Church wardens

Avebury	Mrs Sandra Hues	Mrs Helen Vickers	Mrs Maureen Dixon
Broad Hinton	Mrs Gill Crabtree	Mr Robert Fitzpatrick	
East Kennett	Mr Graham Kitchen	Mrs Jo Snape	
West Overton	Mrs Susan Rogers and a	Vacancy	
Winterbourne Monkton with Berwick	Ms Penny Gold and a	Vacancy	
Winterbourne Basset	Mrs Claire Stiles	Mr Peter Barry	

PCC members

Elizabeth Daley, John Haines, Simon Jones, Anghared Hughes, Phillip Scott,

Co-opted member for Fyfield: Vicky Evans

PCC officers

Lay Chair and Lay Vice Chair: Simon Jones and Anghared Hughes

PCC secretary: Mr Peter Barry (Pro-Tem) Assistant Secretary Post **Vacant**

Electoral roll officer: Claire Stiles

Deanary Synod: Stuart Laing and Penny Gold

Treasurer(s)

The treasurers of the former PCCs remain as ex officio members of the PCC until such time an oversight Treasurer is named and a new PCC account set up to ensure continuity of financial commitments and proper financial management at year end and beyond. Peter Cole (WB), Rod Palfrey (BH), Lizzie Daley (Ave), Phillip Scott (WM), Mark Beverley (WO et al), and Graham Kitchen (Upper Kennet Churches)

Independent Financial examiners appointed at APCMS remain as such.

Sidespersons' elected at APCMS last April remain as such.

Churchwardens named above have already been duly sworn into office at Visitations or by another approved means.

Meeting Date for New PCC 18th January 7pm Kennet Valley VA Primary School Hall

Please Speak to Rector or Lay Chair/Lay Vice Chair of PCC if interested in vacancies

Rev Maria Shepherdson Rector and Mr Peter Barry, Meeting Secretary

Christingle Service

Sunday 10th December

at 4.30 pm

Tea and cake
followed by a short
Christingle service
at 5.00 pm



Broad Hinton Church

Come and hear the story of the
Christingle and make one of your
own to take home.

There will be a collection in
aid of the Children's Society

Christmas Services



in Broad Hinton

Sunday 10th December
4.30 pm Tea and
Christingle Service

Tea and cake followed by a
Christingle Service at 5.00
In aid of the Children's Society

Sunday 17th December
6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight
A mix of traditional Christmas
readings and carols, followed
by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 24th December
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Start your Christmas
celebrations with Midnight
Mass

Over the Christmas period, Services can
also be found on different days and times
in the other villages – please see the
Village News or the noticeboards



Upper Kennet Churches Christmas Services

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 10 December

Broad Hinton	4.30 pm	Tea & Christingle Service
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CAROL SERVICES

Friday 15 December

Fyfield	6.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight
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Sunday 17 December

Berwick Bassett	3 pm	Carol Service
Avebury	4.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight
West Overton	5 pm	Carol Service
Broad Hinton	6 pm	Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 19 December

Winterbourne Bassett	7 pm	Carols by Candlelight
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Winterbourne Bassett	3 pm	Crib Service
Winterbourne Monkton	3 pm	Carols round the Crib
Avebury	4 pm	Crib Service
Avebury	10 pm	First Mass of Christmas
West Overton	5 pm	Outdoor Crib Service (weather permitting)
West Overton	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Broad Hinton	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Fyfield	8.30 am	Christmas Communion
Winterbourne Monkton	10 am	Christmas Communion
Winterbourne Bassett	10.30 am	Christmas Service



St James' Church, Avebury

Traditional Plough Sunday Service

with Holy Communion

**10.30am, Sunday 14th
January 2024**

Come to the Wassail on Saturday 1-4pm

**Then join us the next day for a traditional
Plough Sunday service**

**Bring your tools and seeds for blessing
as we sing**

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**Celebrate our farming tradition at the
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Bless the earth and promise to cherish it.



**Under the Beech Tree
A Space to Breathe**

**We will be taking a break until Spring.
It is just going to be too cold and wet!**

Wassail

(To or be Blessed)

We invite you to join us for a traditional folk blessing for our apple trees and land.

Noisy children with pots and pans to bang very, very welcome

We shall Wassail, Wassail all over the town (well village actually)

We will bless apple trees throughout the village including the Community Shop, Henge Shop, Avebury Community Orchard and the Avebury Manor Orchard where there will be traditional children's treats with the Lord of the Manor.

We will perform seasonal songs, music, a Plough Play and the Rector will bless the plough in the National Trust farm yard. After which we will all process the plough and present it to Katie and Jonathan Guest and our local farmers for the success of our local farms and the coming harvest. From there the plough will be processed to the Church ready for Sunday's traditional Plough Sunday service.

When: Wassail Saturday 13th January 2024, at 1 pm at the top of Avebury High Street in the Coach House courtyard.

Plough Sunday Church Service 10.30 am, Sunday 14th January 2024 in St James' Church, Avebury.

**Upper Kennet Churches
Autumn 2023
Questions of Life and Faith**



Come and join us for evenings of discussion, thinking and sharing of ideas on the following topics:

Venue: 29 Pitchens End, Broad Hinton, at 7.30 pm.
Groups led by the Rector and Members of the Benefice Team with guest speakers.

Monday 4th December

Angels – as we approach Christmas we examine our understanding of the existence, purpose and relevance of angels today.

ALL welcome

**Brief update on the Deanery Partnership
with Morobo Diocese**

Almost a year into this new partnership we have much for which to be thankful.

- The Morobo clergy are now in possession of Bibles.
 - The money for ten bicycles has been received, and an anonymous donor has given money for ten more, to enable the clergy to get round their parishes much more easily.
 - Arrangements are in hand to get some robes to Bishop Data to replace the ones that were stolen.
 - The first year of planting “seeds of sustenance and hope” has been a great success, and there is enough money in the kitty for the next round of planting: beans, ground nuts and maize. New wellies will make life easier for those doing the hoeing and planting.
 - Bishop Data and his clergy continue to work energetically for the Gospel.
- Look out for some ideas we are offering, to help focus our praying this Advent.

Broad Hinton Church - Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday Evenings 18:30 - 20:00



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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 22nd November, Wednesday 6th
December***

& Wednesday 3rd January.

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:



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Upper Kennet Churches Services – December 2023

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTER- BOURNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTER- BOURNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
3 December Advent 2	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service
Wednesday 6 December			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
10 December Advent 3		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service <u>2-4 pm</u> Vigil in memory of Emma Russell		<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service			<u>4.30 pm</u> Tea & Christingle Service
Wednesday 13 December				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Friday 15 December	<u>6.30 pm</u> Carol Service						
17 December Advent 4		<u>5 pm</u> Carol Service	<u>8 am</u> Prayer Book Communion	<u>4.30 pm</u> Carols by Candlelight	<u>10 am</u> Benefice Communion Service <u>BERWICK BASSETT</u> <u>3pm</u> Carol Service		<u>6 pm</u> Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 19 December						<u>7 pm</u> Carol Service	
Wednesday 20 December				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
24 December Christmas Eve		<u>5 pm</u> Crib Service <u>11.30 pm</u> Midnight Mass		<u>4 pm</u> Crib Service <u>10 pm</u> First Mass of Christmas	<u>3 pm</u> Carols round the Crib	<u>3 pm</u> Crib Service	<u>11.30 pm</u> Midnight Mass
25 December Christmas Day	<u>8.30am</u> Holy Communion		<u>11 am</u> Christmas Service		<u>10 am</u> Christmas Communion	<u>10.30 am</u> Christmas Service	
31 December 1st Sunday of Christmas	10 AM – WINTERBOURNE BASSETT - BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE						

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