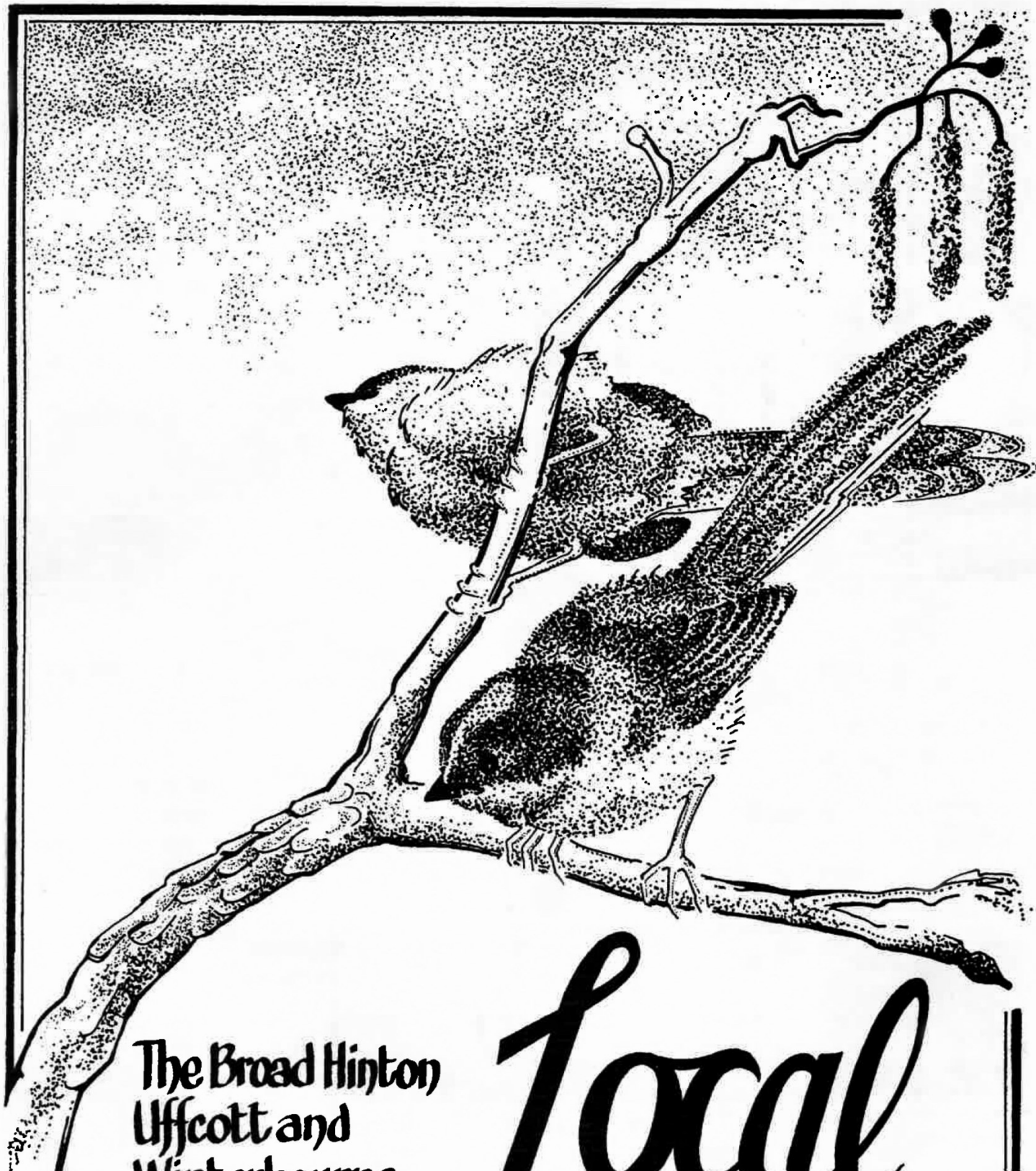




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Thursday	25th	January	3.30 for 4pm	Vintage Cinema Club	9	Village Hall
Friday	2nd	February	7.30pm	Pantomime SNO White	3	Village Hall
Saturday	3rd	February	2.30pm	Pantomime SNO White	3	Village Hall
Saturday	3rd	February	7.30pm	Pantomime SNO White	3	Village Hall
Saturday	24th	February	7pm	Pudding Evening	5	Claremont, WB

Happy Birthday

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

Miles Ferrão, Poppie Horwood, Poppy Webb, Elsie McLaren, Ruby Magee, Isaac Cummins, Wildin Reuben, and Amelie Norman.



Waste and Recycling collection days for January

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
Monday	15th	January	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	16th	January	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	18th	January	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	19th	January	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	29th	January	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	30th	January	Household Waste	Black Bin

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Dear All,

The carols have been sung, the turkey is eaten, and the recycling bins are full to bursting, we've run out of batteries, and there's just the dodgy chocolates left over. It is time to look forward into the next year and see what turning over a new leaf will bring, see Gareth's piece on page 15. For those of you for whom a large blast of silliness is required, please do get your tickets for the Panto, see opposite. If you have been really good, then there is a treat for you in February—a pudding evening, see page 5. There is very little on the horizon for January, so perhaps now is the time to start to plan those events. You know you've sometimes thought 'they' should do this or that... it might be time for 'you' to follow through and make it happen! We have several venues in the village, and lots of people who will support and encourage any new venture.

As ever at this time of year, my thanks must go to the team of people who make this Local News happen. Considerable time and effort goes in to ensure that adverts are sold for the cover, and money collected, that the 'insides' are collected from the printer once a month, and stapled into the covers then divided up and given to the those who walk around and make sure that everyone gets a copy through their door. These jobs are all done by people who give their time for free. I know that not all of you find the local news an essential read, but it is quite important for some for whom the digital world is not a natural space. Thanks again to all our helpers. Please support our advertisers, there are several new ones this year.

And finally, it is with enormous regret that I read in December that Maria was to move on from our Parishes. We will have to relinquish her to her new calling in Nova Scotia in Canada in February.

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.

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VILLAGE HALL DECEMBER NEWS



Christmas Party

This proved to be a success, albeit without the Casino format, but a DJ instead. We sold about half the number of tickets we usually do and we're keen to understand why. If you have any feedback on this, please email us on villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk

Future Bookings

So you know what BHVH is being used for, especially those residents surrounding the hall, we're going to be publishing the bookings each month. We won't be including regular hirings, such as BHADS rehearsals, coffee mornings and Table Tennis Club. . You can also see future bookings on the BHVH website <https://broadhinton.org.uk/booking/calendar/>

Please be aware there will be hirers and guests going in and out of the hall. We will need the whole of the car park available for all these events. The car park will then be fully used by the hirer and others associated with the event.

In January, we have the following bookings:

27th 40th Birthday Party. Event runs 4pm-midnight. Hall is booked until 1am on the 28th for clearing up.

Hiring the hall

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

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December 2023

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Meet the Team

This month we feature one of our newest volunteer Yixuan, who moved to Avebury Trusloe 3 months ago from Cambridgeshire. Originally, from China, she is well travelled and has moved around the world a lot in the last few years, including living in the Maldives, Fiji and Tonga. She enjoys living in the UK and now wants to settle here. She is a freelance writer and wanted to volunteer as a way to get to know people

and to give something back to the community. Yixuan is enjoying working in the shop and finding the people in Avebury very friendly.

Yixuan's favourite products are the local produce, especially the milk and dairy products.

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)



Thank You

Cody, Ben and the team would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support. Since we opened in 2019, it has not been without its obstacles but with the support of you, our loyal customers, we are still ticking along! We look forward to seeing what 2024 brings.

Sunday 29th - Traditional Roast - 12-3pm

Booking and pre-ordering is recommended.

Help NeedDed

The plans for the charity events for 2024 are already underway however we need your help! If there is a local charity/cause that you feel would benefit from being a 'Charity of the Year', please send your nominations by January 26th. There will be a vote throughout February to decide the final two.

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PCC seeks residents' views on investment required to improve policing services in Wiltshire



Residents are being urged to use their voice and tell the Police and Crime Commissioner how they feel about policing in their communities, what Wiltshire Police should be prioritising and how the policing budget should be spent next year.

The Policing, Priorities and £s survey, launched today, seeks the views of residents and stakeholders as PCC Philip Wilkinson develops the budget for policing and commissioned services for the next financial year (2024/25).

As part of the survey respondents will be asked whether their household would be prepared to invest more in policing through the police precept part of their council tax.

Mr Wilkinson said: "As your Police and Crime Commissioner, it is my job to ensure Wiltshire Police have the necessary resources to fight and prevent crime, improve visibility and improve the service you receive – answering 101 and 999 when you call, responding when you need help, protecting vulnerable people and Making Wiltshire

"We are seeing improvements being made by Wiltshire Police in its delivery of the policing service that residents rightly expect - and deserve – but there is ever more work to do in order that you see, and feel, those improvements too.

"The Chief Constable has already identified reviewing how frontline policing services are delivered alongside a greater emphasis on strategic planning at senior level and investing in that capability, will continue to deliver long-term, sustainable, improvements for the Force. She has also been very clear with me that further investment is required in these areas.

"It is also apparent from residents' feedback – heard by both myself and the Chief Constable throughout our varying public engagements this year – you are still not seeing improvements in police service delivery as quickly as you would like and this feedback, alongside the clear picture from the Force, forms the backdrop to my budget planning this year.

"As PCC, it is vital that I look at the totality of policing and the police budget – and ensure the Force has an efficient, effective, police service but also that we are not cutting services at a time when we need to invest more to improve service delivery."

Wiltshire Police's budget is set by the PCC, based upon the operational policing advice from the Chief Constable, and informed by consultation with residents and stakeholders.

The budget is made up of centralised government funding from the Home Office and locally from the police precept part of your council tax. Wiltshire Police is constantly challenged by the fact it is one of the lowest-funded Forces nationally, per head of population, and the PCC continues to push for change and for review of the national funding formula.

However, it is the responsibility of the PCC to ensure Wiltshire Police has the necessary resources to fight, and prevent, crime and enable the Force with the right resources, equipment and estate to make it future fit and further protect Wiltshire's residents.

Mr Wilkinson added: "The Cost of Living crisis is squeezing all financial elements for families, businesses and the public sector, alike, so any increase to the precept I know will be felt keenly but we have a clear opportunity to transform Wiltshire Police for the better and I am asking for the public to use their voice and have their say.

"I have already committed to a new southern policing hub for the county and that pledge to deliver this continues and there are further plans to invest in our policing estate which we will announce shortly. Both the Chief Constable and I are committed to delivering a policing service which is able to meet an ever-changing crime picture and is fit for the future too."

The survey runs from Tuesday 5 December 2023 until Monday 29 January 2024 and can be accessed on the PCC's website or by this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQQVMQ3>, or by using the QR code above

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN 2024



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Alternative Angels have a couple of cooks on board in the parish who have experience of what's involved. Let me know if you want to hear more and I'll put you in touch. Liz M

The Alternative Angels story.

Alternative Angels are a Swindon based charity which was founded by three friends in 2016. They understood the effects of housing instability and homelessness and wanted to support some of the community's most vulnerable members. They started by providing meals to 15 people once a week in Swindon's Wyvern car park, even during the pandemic, and their impact has steadily increased, particularly now with the cost of living crisis.

In 2022, the team relocated to the Pilgrim Centre, where they now welcome approximately 100 people every Monday and Tuesday.

Not only do they provide hot meals and snacks, they foster a sense of belonging, offer a compassionate ear and assist individuals in accessing essential items and services.

The charity is always looking for more home cooks who can join their cooking rota.

What's Involved:

- Cook 25 meals/portions at home, and serve in foil containers. They also ask for someone to provide fresh sandwiches.
- No dietary restrictions; cook what you love!
- Popular choices include Cottage/Shepherd's Pie, Spaghetti Bolognese, Sausage & Mash, Casseroles,

Curry, Chilli, Pasta, or Chips with a side.

Helpful Information:

- The foil containers need to have lids and be approx. 20.5x11x5.5cm or size 6a. They're widely available on-line or in discount shops.
- We don't have the facilities to reheat, so if you can keep your meals hot by placing the foil containers in the oven on low until you're ready to leave, that would help enormously.
- Our team quickly transfers the trays into our hot boxes to keep them warm, though we typically serve around 80 meals in the first 20 minutes!!

Drop-off Details:

- **We run a rota system for cooks, so please contact us if you would like to get involved.**
- Then on the day please deliver your hot meals to the [Pilgrim Centre](#), Swindon between 18:10-18:25.

THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday December 6th the ladies met at 'La Strada' for their Christmas meal. An evening of good food (mushroom risotto...delicious), good conversation and good company. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. on Wednesday January 3rd at 7.30pm in the village hall and will be followed by a quiz. All ladies most welcome.



Vintage Cinema Club Thursday January 25th 3.30 for 4pm



"A Man for All Seasons" starring Paul Schofield, Robert Shaw and Orson Welles is the film to start the 2024 season of the Vintage Cinema Club.

The highly regarded film features the last seven years of Sir Thomas More's life as he battles with King Henry VIII to stop the King breaking with Rome so that he can divorce his current wife and marry again. The drama contains excellent performance by an all star cast and won academy awards for writing and acting.

There is also a short supporting film "The Heart of England", a vintage portrait of Britain in 1954. Altogether a thoroughly entertaining bill for a miserable, cold January afternoon.

Thursday, January 25th is the date for your diary. Village Hall doors will be open at 3.30pm and the film will begin at 4.00. Ticket price £3.00, ice creams available and the bar will be open.

Letter from the Rector of The Parish of Upper Kennet

Advent Sunday 3rd December 2024

Dear Friends,

This morning I write to share the news that this will be my last Christmas with you all as God calls me on to serve him elsewhere after over 12 years as your Rector. After a great deal of prayer, underpinned by discussion with + Bishop Andrew, Archdeacon Sue and other wise souls, I accepted an invitation received last week to serve God as Rector of the Parishes of Woodstock and Richmond Corner, New Brunswick, Canada and have tendered my resignation to + Stephen. My husband, Phil, has also accepted a post serving in the Diocese of Frederickton in a key role in the finance Team . Both posts are initially for a period of 5 years. To say it all feels a bit surreal is an understatement and we never expected a calling to Canada to be part of God's plan. We are taking a huge leap of faith as we travel without Visas, which we will receive God willing at the point of landing. But such is the strength of calling that we are willing to take that risk. We ask for your prayers for the parishes in Canada, pioneering a shared ministry for the first time and for us as we prepare for such a significant move of location.

Leaving all of you after almost 13 years will be difficult and spending time with those who need it will be a priority. I want to reassure you that my focus is **absolute** on the here and now. I am dedicated to ensuring that there is a smooth and enabling handover. I have every confidence in our Churchwardens and Ministry Team and PCC that with God's blessing, united as one PCC, you will grow in strength, faith and commitment to one another and to God. God is already at work calling the right person to help guide you, and while that person will come trusting in God's call, it is for you to co

ntinue to exercise the ministry of the royal priesthood God calls us to be- that the love of God for all might be shown in the authentic way we live our lives.

Archdeacon Sue will arrange to meet Church Wardens and the PCC to look at next steps regarding a new appointment. During the vacancy the **Churchwardens** are legally in charge of the parish (the 'sequestrators') acting on behalf of the Bishop. Further details will emerge in due course and in the meantime everything will continue as normal, and meetings will happen to ensure we have a plan for worship and other activities to continue. Just as they did during my extended Ministry leave some years ago.

My last Sunday will be **Sunday 4th of February 2024** , 8.30 Fyfield, **10am Broad Hinton** and 4pm Children and Family Christingle at WO. I will take holiday due me immediately after that to facilitate the move so to have as little impact on the parish as possible. Packing for a move here is one thing Packing for a move to another continent somewhat trickier!

Last services elsewhere

December 17th Berwick Basset carols 3pm

January 14th Avebury Plough Sunday 1030am (last Celtic Communion January Wednesday 31st)

January 21st East Kennet 8am and Winterbourne Monkton 10am

January 28th West Overton 10am Winterbourne Bassett 1130am

Last collective worship BH – Monday 29th January Last collective worship KV – Wednesday 31st January

Rev. Maria Richardson

Bag a Bargain

Garage Sale @ The Rectory,

Avebury

Saturday 20th January 10-4pm

In the case of a move to Canada we LITERALLY can't take certain items with us! A full list available on request from Rev'd Maria and some items will be available from 15th.

Electrical Items - TV, DVD, sound bars, lamps, undercounter freezer, Laptop, projector and sound system, Nespresso coffee machines, kettle, iron, toaster, bread machine, food processor, heater, hairdryers, security CCTV cameras system etc, Christmas outdoor and indoor lights including projectors, Brother sewing machine, Janone needle felting and embellishing machine.

Furniture - pine half-wardrobes, TV stand, teak coffee table, pine double bed, bellows organ (antique) and smaller decorative items made of wood, quality picture frames (wooden), patio furniture set, floor rugs.

Garden tools, unopened paint, miscellaneous computer parts (keyboards etc), tools and DIY items (screws etc,) DVDs, books, sundry decorative items.

Crafters de-stash, wool/paints, crafters tables etc.

NB- Bosch washing machine, fridge freezer and dishwasher available

Saturday 3rd February

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MARIA SHEPHERDSON
2nd February 5.30 to 7.30 Avebury Church

You are all invited to a Farewell celebration for Phil and Maria at Avebury Church on 2nd February between 5.30 and 7.30 pm, (hopefully this will fit in with the Panto performances!)

As I am sure you will agree, Maria has been a quite remarkable priest to us all. She has brought a huge and wide range of skills, emotional intelligence and love for us all. Though we are very sorry to see Maria and Phil leave our community we should also be very excited for them as they follow God's calling. We wish them Godspeed and may God remain with them and bless their work. They would not be leaving if they did not feel called.

In their move to Canada, they will be able to take little with them as their removal allowances are very small. Our hope is that we can raise a useful sum to buy new furniture and cooking equipment once they arrive in their new home. We are not allowed to give individual gifts to Maria and Phil so we are organising a village collection.

If you would like to make a donation, please do so by mid-January, Gill Crabtree is collecting any cash donations, or if anyone wishes to use BACS please use the PCC account and mark the funds "Maria".

Account Name: Broad Hinton Parochial Church Council
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Thank you.

Gill Crabtree and Robert Fitzpatrick
Church Wardens

Maria's copy of the Local news will not have this page, obviously.



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.

So, this is a call out for

Wiltshire farmers

(occasional listings are fine when you have something delicious to sell – sausages/ eggs/ turkeys/ beef boxes etc)

Wiltshire artisan producers

We'll have departments covering every sector of food:

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Fish - Fruit & Veg - Meat & game

Pantry (sweet and savoury) - Soft Drinks

Wines, beers, and spirits

No business is too large or too small. We're even doing commission discounts for the very smallest ones. The only requirement is that you want to sell more of your delicious produce!

Email me at Tim@wefarmshop.com, or call me on 07802 755 139

For more information, have a look at <https://www.wefarmshop.com/farmers-and-producers>

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

From the Rector and Broad Hinton Church Wardens

Dear Everyone in Broad Hinton and Uffcott

Many of you will be aware that the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) of the Upper Kennet Benefice (between Broad Hinton and Avebury and across the A4 to Fyfield) are all merging to form the single Parochial Church Council of The Upper Kennet. This is mainly an administrative change and should have little impact on the weekly church activities in Broad Hinton. This simply a church matter and has no impact on the civil parish organisation.

In Broad Hinton we will continue to have two church wardens (Gill Crabtree and Robert FitzPatrick) to represent us at the new PCC. The day to day running of each village church will devolve to the new Local Church Committee (LCC) which for the moment will have the same people as the old PCC.

The Broad Hinton LCC will still be responsible for raising funds. In the large part these funds go towards paying for our Rector, the annual church running costs such insurance and electricity, and church maintenance. We will continue to have the same church bank account; for regular donors there is no need to change any standing order details.

So what is the change about?

- The bureaucracy of the church will be streamlined with fewer meetings being duplicated across our parishes.
- Unlike the PCC, members of the LCC do not need to be baptised into the Church of England – or indeed into any Christian Church. This should mean that anyone can take on any role in the LCC: fundraising, maintenance, treasurer etc.
- Also unlike members of the PCC, members of the LCC will not be required to be trustees of the church building and property. This means they will have no financial responsibility.
- Already more people help with the church (flower arrangers, bell ringers, mowers, cleaners and others) than come to the services. As part of this change we hope that everyone will feel welcome to sit in the church as a place of tranquillity and peace, to help maintain the church as a building that is our shared village heritage and finally to keep it as a shared space for future generations.

If you have any concerns, please get in touch with any of us

Best wishes

Maria Shepherdson revmariashepherdson@outlook.com	Robert FitzPatrick fitzpatrickrobert16@gmail.com	Gill Crabtree gill.crabtree1@gmail.com
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A View from a Mental Health Chaplain

So, here we are, at the beginning of another New Year! It feels only right to share a message of hope and renewal. For many, these winter months can be a challenging time. The cold, dark and gloomy days with the stark stripping back of nature can make us feel exposed and adrift in the stillness of it all. We may long for the lighter and warmer days of Spring. It is in such times that we can find solace and wisdom in nature. Winter teaches us the about the beauty of rest, shedding old layers, and embracing renewal. So, as the Earth rests during winter, cannot we?

As this New Year begins, I gently encourage you to grant yourself the gift of stillness. The Psalms remind us, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). 'Busyness' has undoubtedly become the new normal, and we can struggle to make room for stillness, reflection and contemplation in our lives. Can we be kind with ourselves and inquire, 'who do I arrive as this year?', 'how am I feeling?', 'am I still carrying the burdens of last year?' What would it mean for you to 'let go'? I strongly believe that the more weight we are willing to release during these winter months, the more vibrant and creative our lives can become. Why? When we let go, we let come. We create room for new growth within ourselves. I am reminded of when Jesus said, "no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins" (Mark 2:22).

I wish you a peaceful and rejuvenating start to 2024, and many fruitful opportunities in the year ahead.

Gareth

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**10.30am, Sunday 14th
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(To or be Blessed)

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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.

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Future dates for your diary:

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For more details, the service sheet and the zoom link,
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	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
Wednesday 3 January			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)				
7 January Baptism of Christ Epiphany	8.30 am Prayer Book Communion						10 am Parish Communion Service
Wednesday 10 January				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
14 January Epiphany 2		10 am Morning Service		10.30 am Plough Sunday Service			
Wednesday 17 January			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			
21 January Epiphany 3			8 am Prayer Book Communion		10 am Parish Communion Service		10 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 January				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
28 January Candlemas Epiphany 4		10 am Parish Communion Service				11.30 am Morning Service	
Wednesday 31 January			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			

Readings for January 2024

7 January – Gold or White**Epiphany**

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm 72.[1-9] 10-15

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

21 January – White**Epiphany 3**

Genesis 14.17-20

Psalm 128

Revelation 19.6-10

John 2.1-11

4 February – Green**2nd Sunday before Lent**

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Psalm 104.26-end

Colossians 1.15-20

John 1.1-14

14 January – White**Epiphany 2**

1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]

Except Avebury

Psalm 139.1-5,12-18

Revelation 5.1-10

John 1.43-end

28 January – Gold or White**Presentation of Christ in the Temple****Candlemas**

Malachi 3.1-5

Psalm 24 [1-6] 7-end

Hebrews 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40

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