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Community Calendar

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Tuesday	26th	March	6.30pm	Defibrillator Training		Uffcott
Thursday	28th	March	3.30 for 4pm	Vintage Film Club		Village Hall
Wednesday	3rd	April	7.30pm	Ridgeway Ladies	10	Village Hall
Saturday	6th	April	9.30	BH Village Clean up	8	The Crown
Sunday	6th	April	9.30	WB Village Clean up	8	The Winterbourne
Tuesday	9th	April	3.15-4.00pm	Mobile Library		Village Hall
Thursday	25th	April	3.30 for 4pm	Vintage Film Club	10	Village Hall
Saturday	27th	April	9.30 - 11.30	Book Café	2	Village Hall
Saturday	27th	April	9.30 - 11.30	Church Building Trust	2	Village Hall
Sunday	19th	May	3 - 5pm	BHVB Tea Party	5	Village Hall
Saturday	8th	June	7pm- 11pm	Barn Dance	9	Village Hall
Saturday	31st	August		Beer/Gin/Fizz Festival		Village Hall
Sunday	24th	November		Christmas Market		Village Hall
Saturday	30th	November		Christmas Party		Village Hall

Happy Birthday

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

Ruby Lewis, Shane James, Jesfaith Tolentino, Martha Clarke, Isabelle Kerby, Skye Langford, Annabel Reichert, Taliesin Williams, Joseph Button, Ophelia Hallam, Max Mabbutt, Ben Baverstock



Waste and Recycling collection days for April

Monday	8th	April	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	9th	April	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	11th	April	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	12th	April	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	22nd	April	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	23rd	April	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	25th	April	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	26th	April	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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Dear All,

The daffodils and tulips are out and there is a definite and fabulous air of spring. My nest box has been investigated but no-one has yet taken the plunge and started building. It is definitely time for a Spring Clean, please join the village clean ups happening on April 6th, see page 8—bacon rolls after!

See below for the Book Café and Church Building Trust event on the same day at the hall, please make sure you bring enough notes and coins for both.

Have you got your tickets for the Barn Dance yet? See page 9.

The new community shop group are looking for more volunteers (page 8), as is Marjorie who runs the

cleaning and flower rotas for St Peters (page 14). Do stick your hand up!

For those of you who send me information directly to my personal email address, I would be grateful if you could also send it via the Local News address, just in case I am not around, so that Steve can do the News in my absence if that is required. Please use the LN address on the bottom of page 1.

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.



Book Café

Saturday 27th April
9.30am – 11.30am

Broad Hinton Village Hall

Book Exchange

Chat about books

Bring good condition fiction only please

Entrance £2.50 includes drink and cake

Broad Hinton Church Building Trust

Fund Raising Raffle on Saturday 27th April 9.30-11.30 at Village Hall

We need funds to patch the church roof – there are three significant leaks. Church roofs are always difficult to look after, and the results of mending are always uncertain. We hope that this will cost no more than £3,600.

The congregation have already raised £1,000 and the Church Building Trust will provide the rest, so please help us raise this money by making a donation – every donation will receive an entry into a raffle, for which the Trust committee are providing prizes.

Help us to keep a lid on our wonderful building.

The Parish Council meet every two months and publish the minutes on the council web site - <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk>. If you are unable to access the web site, please contact our Parish Council Clerk, Peter Barry, on 01793 731589 who can deliver a copy.

Advert rates

A4	£30	Three months for the price of two.
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Useful website addresses:

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Parish Council:	bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk
Cricket Club:	whitehorsecricketclub.co.uk
School:	broadhintonschool.org
Wiltshire Council:	wiltshire.gov.uk
Churches:	kennet8.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL

APRIL NEWS



Celebration Tea Party Sunday 19th May

The village hall is 15 years old in May. On Sunday 19th May 3pm-5pm, we'll be having a Celebration Tea Party. There'll be:

- Sandwiches and cakes
- Tea and coffee
- Fizz from a pay-bar

Tickets £10 from Sarah Kromer mrssarahkromer@gmail.com or 07885 519221. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message, she will call you back.

Conditions of Hiring BHVH

Last month we told you about changes to our hiring fees in the light of increased costs. It's also worth reminding everyone about three specific conditions of hiring BHVH.

Refundable Deposit

Since a couple of years or so ago, we have experienced issues with hirings which either caused damage to the hall and/or disturbance to the community through inconsiderate parking or noise. We therefore needed to mitigate this risk, so well over a year ago, we introduced a refundable deposit. This has been in place for some time.

We realise that the risk for hirings from people who live in the three villages in our community is far less than for those who don't. Hence the refundable deposit for external hirings is £750, for local people who live in the community, we request a much lower deposit of £250.

Given there is already a concession for local people, please don't ask us for further concessions, since we treat every booking equally. The refundable deposit is only required 28 days before the hiring date and, providing there are no problems, is refunded very soon after the hiring date.

Hire End Times

To help with nuisance to the community, we have also changed the times at which certain activity must cease and when BHVH must be vacated. These are as follows:

Day	Available from	Music/performance/ Alcohol to finish by	Premises must be vacated by
Monday – Thursday	8:00am	10:00pm	11:00pm
Friday & Saturday		11:00pm	Midnight
Sunday		9:00pm	10:00pm

Security Lock-up

Some of the problems with the hirings mentioned earlier, have been with hirers leaving BHVH later than their hiring end time. Given that, as you know, all the trustees who keep BHVH open, do so on a voluntary basis, we don't believe it is appropriate to ask trustees to take this responsibility.

So we have recently introduced the use of a security firm to ensure BHVH is vacated at the correct time, and to lock up. The firm we use is called Will Secure and they were recommended by Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club, who use them in a similar way. The current cost for the lock-up service is £42 incl. VAT. The hirer is responsible for paying this cost, and again, it is due 28 days before the hiring date.

You can read our full Terms & Conditions on the website. <https://broadhinton.org.uk/booking/how-to-book/>

Future Bookings

In April, we have the following bookings:

Saturday 6th First Birthday Party, 1pm – 5pm.

Saturday 13th Family Party, 4pm – 11pm

Saturday 27th Book Café, 9:30am – 11:30am

Sunday 28th Possible Fifth Birthday Party, yet to be confirmed

There will be hirers and guests going in and out of the hall on those dates. We will need the whole of the car park available. The car park will then be fully used by the hirers and others associated with the events.

You can also see future bookings on the BHVH website <https://broadhinton.org.uk/booking/calendar/>

Stage & Curtains

Stage Curtains These have now been returned to us and have been fitted properly.

Side Curtains These are **fixed at the stage side** of each one. They are only be meant to be **opened on the wall side**, please don't try to open them from the stage side, as they are being damaged in this way.

March 300 Club Winners

£50 23 Bridget Cooper

£25 248 Lynne Butler

£20 26 Mark Watling

£20 215 Jon Candy

£10 5 Simon Harris



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Celebration Tea Party

Sunday 19th May
3pm – 5pm



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THE NEW INN

Winterbourne Monkton

April's Kitchen Specials

Set Menu

BBQ Chicken Wings

Monkton Mac 'N' Cheese

Caramel Dumplings

£9.95 - 1 Course
£15.95 - 2 Courses
£19.95 - 3 Courses

QUIZ NIGHT

£2 per person, teams of up to 6, booking is a must - all proceeds to St Mary Magdelene Church.

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

7PM START

01672 539793

thenewinn@elderbrookhouse.com

Opening Hours

Thursday - 5.30-9pm
Kitchen Open 6-8pm

Friday - 5.30-9pm
Kitchen Open 6-8pm

Saturday - 8.30am - 9pm
Kitchen Open 8.30-10.30am, 12-3pm and 6-8pm

Sunday - 12-9pm
Kitchen Open 12-3pm and 6-8pm

Please note we are closed for a private event from 6pm on Saturday 6th April.

Starting this month...

LUNCH CLUB

LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

SMALLER PORTION LUNCHES FOR SENIORS, STAY AT HOME PARENTS, WEEKEND WORKERS AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN!

12-2PM

Soup of the Day
Whitebait

Chicken Caesar Salad
Ham, Egg & Chips
Beef Chilli
Vegetable Chilli
Hunter's Chicken
Fish & Chips

Apple Crumble
Knickerbocker Glory

1 Course - £8.95
2 Courses - £12.95
3 Courses - £16.95

Sunday 14th April

SUNDAY MENU

STARTERS

Tomato & Roasted Pepper Soup
Nut Baked Camembert
Red Onion, Pepper & Carrot Spring Rolls

TRADITIONAL ROASTS

Our traditional roasts are served with Yorkshire pudding, roasted potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables and jus.

Book a table of 4 or more to receive a complimentary bottle of wine.

Roast Beef - £15.95
Vegetarian Roast - £14.95
Roast Lamb - £15.95

PUB CLASSICS

Vegetable Chilli - £8.95
Beef Chilli - £8.95
Classic Burger - £14.95
Wiltshire Ham, Egg & Skin on Fries - £8.95
Beer Battered Haddock & Skin on Fries - £14.95

DESSERTS

White Chocolate & Raspberry Parfait
Whisky & Marmalade Bread & Butter Pudding
Knickerbocker Glory

Add a starter OR dessert for £5.25
Add a starter AND dessert for £10

This menu is available on our monthly Sunday roast day - our traditional pub menu is available on all other Sundays.

Supper Club

Virginia Inspired

Thursday 18th April

Balsamic Blueberry, Corn & Feta Salad

Red Pepper Chicken with Rice

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

£14.95 - 1 Course £19 - 2 Courses
\$24.50 - 3 Courses

Booking is a must - call, email or message us on Facebook.

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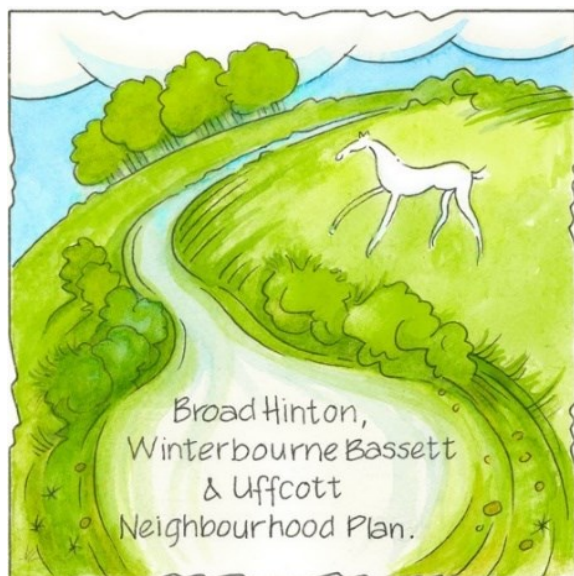
We run classes for all standards of swimmers from 4 to 12 years old at our venues in Swindon, Avebury and Bourton.

We follow the Swim England Learn to Swim and Reward Programme Stages 1-7 including Distance Awards. This progressive, structured approach means that we can build on children's progress to teach strokes and develop their all round water skills and confidence.

We have been successfully teaching 4-12 year olds for over 15 years and have a wealth of experience of supporting children with different needs and swimming backgrounds including learning and physical disabilities.

www.swimstars.org.uk

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

Thanks to the 60 people who completed the online and paper Design Code surveys, and to all those who attended a Drop-in session at the Village Hall. There were some very useful comments on housing types, layouts, styles, and materials.

The next step is for AECOM to produce a Design Code report which we will publish.

The Steering Group will then incorporate this into our draft Neighbourhood Plan document.

New footpath



The new footpath connecting Post Office Lane and Pitchens End is complete.

This helps less mobile residents avoid the dangerous blind corner at the top of Post Office Lane and High Street when accessing the centre of the village and the main bus stops by La Strada.

Thanks to the persistence of Cllr. Candace Gaisford in securing the funding from the Lottery Fund and match funding from Wiltshire Council. Thanks to Cllr. Allison Bucknell for supporting us in getting the match funding from the Wiltshire Council Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG). Thanks to Steve Windel Landscaping (Winterbourne Bassett) for completing the work.



The final step to remove one of the barriers at the Post Office Lane end of the path to allow even easier access, has also been completed.

Community Shop/Cafe



Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help set up and run a community shop and cafe in Broad Hinton. We have formed a steering group to plan, set up and run the shop with 5 members; Alex LaRoche, Anna Solinis, Claire Le Gresley, Tash Morshead, and Adam Gilmore. We also have lots of volunteers that will help run the shop once it is set up.

Our vision for the White Horse Community Shop and Café is to have a place that is open throughout the week where people can drop in for a coffee, have a friendly chat, and buy local, sustainable and essential goods.

The steering group have had a highly informative meeting with the Plunkett Foundation (<https://plunkett.co.uk/>) where we went through how to plan, fund, and set up a community shop and cafe. The Plunkett Foundation helped The Winterbourne get set up as a community owned pub.

The next steps for the steering group are to form a Community Benefit Society, set up a bank account and produce a business plan.

The steering group would still benefit from more help to produce and execute the business plan, especially if you work in construction (builders, quantity surveyors etc...) or if you have retail, hospitality or marketing experience. If you are interested, please contact Alex LaRoche on 07974 398640 or alexlaroche88@gmail.com to discuss.

BBC Countryfile had a great segment a few Sundays ago on community owned pubs and shops – see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001wks6/countryfile-snowdrops> from 20m30s.

Thanks,

White Horse Community Shop and Cafe

BROAD HINTON VILLAGE CLEAN UP



Saturday 6th April at 9.30am

Please meet at The Crown

**Join us for Coffee & Bacon Rolls afterwards
at The Crown**

Please bring gloves, all other equipment supplied

Further info:

Jim Gunter – 07910 763223

WINTERBOURNE BASSETT VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Saturday 6th April at 9.30am



Please meet at The Winterbourne

**Join us for Tea/Coffee & Bacon Rolls
afterwards at The Winterbourne**

Please bring gloves, all other equipment supplied

For further info contact

Damian Le Gresley or Lesley Catling



Barn Dance



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THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday March 6th the ladies were delighted to welcome Martin Knight to their meeting. Martin is founder and co director of Knight's Beekeeping – giving businesses and individuals the opportunity to keep their own bees.

Martin first became interested in bee keeping when it was suggested that local honey might improve his daughter's severe hay fever. Then, more than a decade later, what had started as a single hive in his back garden became a full time occupation and in 2021 Knight's Beekeeping was born. Martin 'manages' the hives for his clients – they receive the honey, are given regular updates on their hives and are invited to experience days where they can get close up to their bees.

Martin spoke about the importance of bees in the environment, the workings of the hive and the positive impact the experience days have on the individual. A wonderful, inspiring talk, thoroughly enjoyed by all, and delivered with real passion – Martin so obviously enjoys his work. After many questions from the ladies Martin concluded his talk with a sample of bread (made by his wife) and honey...delicious. I will now definitely be buying local honey.

(knightsbeekeeping.co.uk - for more information about Martin's business and the importance of bees.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 3rd at 7.30pm in the village hall when James Haddow will be giving a talk on 'The Life and Loves of a Taxi Driver Poet'. All ladies welcome.

Broad Hinton Vintage Cinema Club

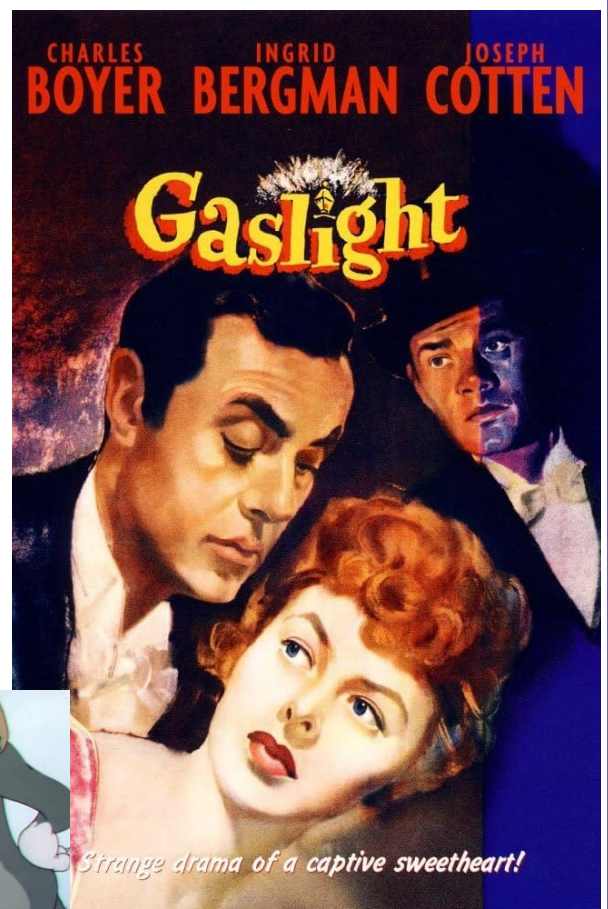
Thursday 25th April, 3.30pm

at the Village Hall

After the musical in March, the film this month is completely different—a classic melodrama that features murder and madness in Victorian London. "Gaslight" stars Ingrid Bergman as the neurotic, persecuted wife and Charles Boyer as her cruel, controlling husband. This is a highly regarded film and Ingrid Bergman received an Oscar for best actress in a leading role.

To get the afternoon started and, before all the murder and mayhem, there will be the opportunity to have a laugh with everyone's favourite, the Tom and Jerry film, "Quiet Please"

So make a note of the date, Thursday 25th April at the Village Hall. Doors open at 3.30pm and the film will begin at 4.00. Ticket price is £3.00, ice creams available and the bar will be open.





Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200
Opening Hours 10am – 4pm every day



15th Birthday celebrations

On Friday 15th March 2024 the shop celebrated its 15th Birthday.

One of our lovely volunteers, Annie, made a beautiful birthday cake which was enjoyed by customers throughout the day, along with donations of wine from Lyme Bay and beer from Ramsbury Brewery.

Some of our staff and volunteers are pictured with the cake which was a delicious chocolate cake.



Fundraising Appeal Clarification

Last month we publicised an idea put to the committee by a supporter of the shop who wanted to offer help but is unable to afford the time to volunteer. The idea was to offer a way to give some financial support in the form of a contribution to the cost of running our fridges and freezers, as we, like everyone else, are experiencing higher electricity costs. It would appear from some feedback that this has inadvertently prompted questions about whether the shop was in financial difficulties. We wanted to make it clear that the shop's finances are in good order, in the same general state as they have been for 15 years. We trade successfully to achieve breakeven, even after making the occasional donation to local initiatives. On top of this, we have reserves in the bank held to ensure that we can weather a storm that might come our way. So please be reassured that things are fine. We would still like to make available the funding offer, so that those who would like to help can do this with either with a one off contribution or a regular donation. If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact one of the shop managers in the shop (telephone number at the top of this article) or email aveburyshopchills@gmail.com

Volunteer Update

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)



u3a in Kennet forthcoming events--all free to the public with refreshments

- March 28 at 10.15 in Marlborough Town Hall. Poetry Appreciation with poet Mary Caudell
- April 10 at 14.15 in Lockeridge Village Hall, "should have taken the medicine" a talk given by a Wiltshire archivist.
- April 18 at 10.15 in Marlborough Town Hall "more lives than a cat"

Easter Services at St Peter's Broad Hinton



Good Friday 29th March Evensong at 6.00 pm

Easter Sunday 31st March our service **has been changed** to a service of Holy Communion at 11.30 am led by The Ven Dr Sue Groom, Archdeacon of Wiltshire.

This will be preceded by coffee and an Easter egg/Easter bunny hunt around the church at **11.00 am**

These services can be viewed on YouTube

Upper Kennet Churches Diocese of Salisbury www.kennet8.org.uk



Bach Concert

Friday 17th May 2024, 7pm

Venue: St. Nicholas Church, Fyfield



Followed by drinks & canapes at Fyfield House

Bach Concerti arranged and performed by
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A Cecil King recital

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Tickets are selling fast – call or email to avoid disappointment!

Please email Lydia.bauer@hotmail.co.uk or ansticebaring@mac.com

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Lay Ministry Team

During the vacancy for a Rector, the following ministry team will be taking some services as well as dealing with pastoral visits etc.

Sibella Laing

Licensed Lay Minister with permission to officiate, living next to the church in West Overton, after working overseas for many years. Authorised to take services including funerals and home communion across the Diocese.

Telephone: 01672 861 600; 07890 085 029

Claire Stiles

Lay Pastoral Assistant, Lay Worship Leader and Church Warden for Winterbourne Bassett. Authorised to lead services in all our churches and conduct Home Communion when required. She has volunteered at Prospect Hospice for many years working with the Family Support Team providing one to one support to carers and the bereaved.

Telephone: 07880583095

Graham Kitchen

Lay Pastoral Assistant, Church Warden for East Kennett Church & Treasurer of Upper Kennett Churches Office based in West Overton Church where he is in attendance most days. He is authorised to provide home communion.

Telephone: 01672 861798

Alison Andre

Lay Pastoral Assistant, Lay Worship Leader and Anna Chaplain (a chaplain with special responsibility for the elderly). Alison works closely with those in a local Care Home and is able to conduct lay led services and Home Communion.

Telephone: 07899 938531

Angharad Hughes

Lay Worship Leader specialising in working with children and families. Works closely with schools, leads Collective Worship and Family Services. Foundation Governor for Lockeridge School, and co-chair of the newly formed PCC.

Telephone: 07771615534

Magnus Thompson

Lay Worship Leader based out of Lockeridge. Commissioned to lead worship. Telephone: 07885465916

Note:

Communion services have to be taken by an ordained minister and the Church Office are doing their best to find retired clergy who can assist.

Upper Kennet Churches Office telephone for enquiries is **01672 861786**.

Update on the Marlborough Deanery Partnership with the Diocese of Morobo in South Sudan

Bishop Data writes: *"This partnership is playing a big role in the Episcopal Diocese of Morobo in praying for Christians, preaching the word of God and extending practical support for activities in the Diocese."*

The agricultural project has yielded good harvests of beans and groundnuts, and cassava will be harvested this May. The clergy are using the Bibles, prayer books and hymn books for which we donated money, and this has improved worship, preaching and teaching. They are also grateful for the provision of the 20 bicycles, enabling them to carry out their pastoral work and preaching much more effectively.

Activities planned for this year in Morobo include

- the planting of more beans, maize and groundnuts (for which the Marlborough Deanery has sent more money)
- Youth Conference in May, with 600 participants
- Clergy and Spouses Conference in June
- Confirmation in all parishes

A long-standing need is for clean water, since many wells have been destroyed by rebels. The digging of a new borehole in the church compound is estimated to cost in the region of £6,000. The Marlborough Deanery Sub-Committee is investigating, bearing in mind the limitations of our expertise and finances, how this might be achieved, and the Deanery Synod at its meeting on 20 February gave its support.

Bishop Data again: *"We deeply appreciate your prayers and donations....Please continue to keep the Diocese of Morobo in your daily prayers."*



PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We are desperately needing some willing volunteers to help with keeping our village church clean. It's not an arduous task, mainly vacuuming and dusting (plus removing bat droppings in the appropriate season!) It amounts to roughly two, two week slots each year.

Equipment and dusters/polish are provided.

Also, we would be delighted if anyone could supply and arrange flowers, again about twice a year. Honestly, you don't have to be a serious flower arranger for this. Flowers have their own beauty and just to see them in a vase, in church, would be lovely.

Please contact Marjorie on 01793 731471 or marjorie.sykes@btinternet.com if you can help. Thank you so much.



COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY at WEST OVERTON CHURCH on SATURDAY 20 APRIL from 10 am - 12 noon

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A thought for the month

Thoughts for Eastertide

First of all, I send you my warm best wishes for this Eastertide and I hope you have been enjoying some relaxation and a break with family or friends over the weekend, and will do into the coming week of school holidays. Our recent editions of this message have talked about the passing of winter into spring, and as I write this in mid-March I'm still looking forward to the daffodils and primroses in the sunshine after our rather bleak grey winter! But Easter is a time for renewal as we celebrate Jesus's resurrection, recalling the coming of the Kingdom of God heralded by this extraordinary – actually unique – event, prompting the disciples to go out and spread the Word. We can see this sense of renewal reflected in new life in our fields, farms, and gardens.

It is also a time for renewal in our Upper Kennet Parish as we start to look for a new Rector. The Churchwardens (there is a list of them at the back of the magazine) are responsible for running the parish during the vacancy, with the help of the Rural Dean, Rev'd Roger Powell. The staff of the Parish Office, in West Overton Church, administer parish business and are doing a great job of finding priests to take the Holy Communion services once a week across the parish. The Lay Ministry Team (there is a list of them with mini-profiles in this edition) take other services and offer pastoral care. If you need support of any kind, please contact your churchwarden or one of the ministry team.

Many people have been asking how long it will be before we can appoint someone, so you will be interested to hear what we learned from the PCC's meeting with Archdeacon Sue Groom, the person who guides parishes through the process of finding a new rector. The first thing is to

prepare the Parish Profile which the PCC has already largely done. This tells interested candidates all about our parish - the area, the villages, the churches, the schools and the different communities here. We are confident that our Profile will be very attractive and encourage good candidates to apply! Then Archdeacon Sue will place our advertisement in the Church Times, which because of the backlog of vacancies in our area currently, will be in August. After the closing date, the candidates are shortlisted and interviewed by a panel of five - the Bishop, Archdeacon, Rural Dean and two lay representatives from the parish. There will be two days of interviews during which time many people from all walks of life in the parish, including children, will get a chance to meet the candidates, who will also get a feel for the place and the job. It's a good idea to spread the word among your networks that we are looking for a new incumbent – the more people know we're looking, the more we hope will apply.

And finally, in the months ahead, may we pray for our Parish, its new Rector and for genuine renewal.

Sibella Laing, LLM.

Readings for April 2024

7 April - White

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1.1-2.2
John 20.19-end

21 April - White

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3.16-end
John 10.11-18

5 May - White

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-end
Psalm 98
1 John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17

14 April - White

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3.12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3.1-7
Luke 24, 36b-48

28 April - White

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-end
Psalm 22.25-end
1 John 4.7-end
John 15.1-8

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Future dates for your diary:

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For more details, the service sheet and
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Upper Kennet Churches Services – April 2024

	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 3rd April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			
7th April Easter 2	<u>8.30 am</u> Prayer Book Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service
Wednesday 10 April			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			
14 April Easter 3		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service			
Wednesday 17 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			
21 April Easter 4			<u>8 am</u> Morning Prayer		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 April			<u>6.30 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			
28 April Easter 5		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 1 May				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Prayer			

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Cecil 'Michael' Pinch

Avebury

23 February 2024

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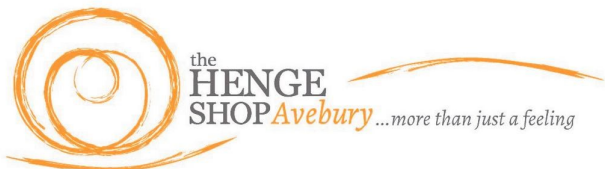
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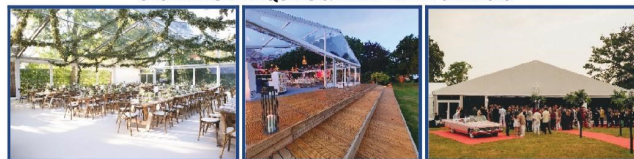
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