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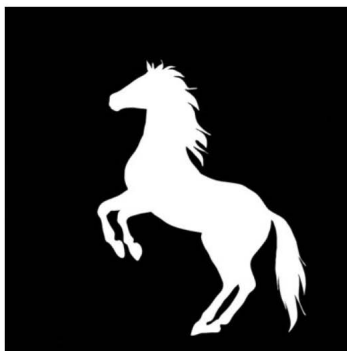
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Tuesdays			10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Tuesdays			9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Fridays			7pm to 9pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
Sunday	2nd	February	10am	Parish Communion	St Peters Broad Hinton
Wednesday	5th	February	7.30pm	Ridgeway Ladies	Village Hall
Friday	7th	February	7.30pm	Peter Pan and the battle for BH	Village Hall
Saturday	8th	February	2pm	Peter Pan and the battle for BH	Village Hall
Saturday	8th	February	7.30pm	Peter Pan and the battle for BH	Village Hall
Tuesday	11th	February	3.15 -4pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
Sunday	16th	February	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peters Broad Hinton
Sunday	16th	February	11am-2pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Saturday	1st	March	2pm-4pm	Neighbourhood Development Plan Presentation	Village Hall
Sunday	2nd	March	10am	Parish Communion	St Peters Broad Hinton
Friday	28th	March	18.30-20.30	Mother's day Flower Workshop	School
Saturday	19th	April	2-4pm	Afternoon Tea with Easter Bunny	Village Hall
Saturday	5th	July		Hackpen Festival	Village Hall

Waste and Recycling collection days for February

Monday	10	February	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	11	February	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	13	February	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	14	February	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	24	February	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	25	February	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	27	February	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	28	February	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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Dear All,

Whilst the weather is decidedly grim at the moment, the Local News is full of good news and the number of notices shows our community looking forward to all sorts of things to come. Bhads will be performing Peter Pan on 7th & 8th Feb - just a few days left to get your tickets and come for a laugh. Speaking of laughter, the Ridgeway Ladies will be laughing on 5th Feb (see page 14). The White Horse shop group are hosting another Farmers Market on Feb 16th, don't miss out, the last one was fab! The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are opening the plan up for comments on March 1st, make sure you keep up to date. The friends of the school are helping out with Mother's day flowers, and an Easter tea party. The Village Hall are already planning for the Hackpen festival and want your help, do stick your hand up— it is a great way to get to know people if you don't already.

Following on from my Artificial Intelligence (AI) written article about AI, two villagers have shown up AI by producing the sort of human, heart felt pieces that AI could never achieve, thanks Mark W for his lovely story about his mini, page 13, and Des C for his emotional rugby reminiscences on page 15.

In other news; the Village Hall are looking for a new treasurer—could it be you?

Welcome to Rev. Jonathon, now that he has moved in and started his new ministry here, see his inaugural View from the Rectory on page 17.

BROAD HINTON - BLUE LIGHTS - IN AID OF PROSPECT HOSPICE

Further to our fundraising effort with the blue lights on our cedar tree, we are pleased to report that there was an impressive response, amounting to a total raised of £1,420.83 to date, plus £318.03 Gift Aid. There was £1,332.11 from online donations plus £88.72 raised from the locked bucket at the Tuesday Coffee Mornings. Many thanks indeed to all who so kindly supported the Hospice. Apparently, our fundraising was in the top 10% of amounts raised on Just Giving during December.

Prospect Hospice have sent a message of thanks as follows:

"Shelley from our Comms team has done a lovely write up about your tree if you follow this link [A Tree-mendous piece of fundraising! - Prospect Hospice](#) it will take you to the article, it also has the radio interview you did which is brilliant, once again thank you for supporting the Prospect your support really does mean the world to us."

On a personal note, we especially appreciated receiving so many kind messages of support about the project and the cause. Heartfelt thanks to everyone. Alex and Chris Whomes

Useful website addresses:

Broad Hinton Village Hall:	broadhinton.org.uk
Parish Council:	bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk
Cricket Club:	whitehorsecricketclub.co.uk
School:	broadhintonschool.org
Wiltshire Council:	wiltshire.gov.uk
Churches:	kennet8.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL FEBRUARY NEWS



Treasurer Role

Steve Hannan, who has been BHVH treasurer for 16 years, is no longer able to continue, due to professional and home/family commitments.

We are very grateful for Steve's hard work over the years, maintaining the bank accounts, raising hiring invoices and paying bills.

Sarah Kromer will continue with her role as Internal Auditor. Sarah carries out much of the detailed analysis work required to produce BHVH's Quarterly and Annual Reviews and our Budget.

We do however need to find a replacement for Steve, as the Treasurer role is a statutory requirement for charities.

We have a Role Specification, if you're interested in contributing to our community in this way, please contact:

Jo Smith 07768 206 423

Kate Marshall 07740 928 218

villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk

Hackpen Festival Saturday 5th July

Two things we'd like you to do:

Put this date in your diaries and make sure you're not away! The event was a great fun last year and we wouldn't want you to miss out.

If you'd like help make the second Hackpen Festival an even BIGGER success than last year, please contact a member of the festival team.

We've just begun planning and a few of the BHVH committee will form the festival team, in addition to Sarah Kromer & Adam Gilmore managing finances. It's a big, complex event and we need others from our community to help. We need people who are willing to "do", not tell us what they think WE should do.

Elements to put in place include:	The Festival Team
Sourcing sponsors	Jo Smith 07768 206 423
Sourcing & printing glasses	Kate Marshall 07740 928 218
Advertising material and programmes	Geoff Martin 07811 306 121
Food	Sue Robinson 07841 162 367
Music	
Staffing	Finances
Placing roadside banner advertising	Sarah Kromer
Setting up on the weekend of the festival	Adam Gilmore



BHVV Heating

You'll probably already know, either by using the hall, or by word-of-mouth, that the heating is broken. The hall is heated by an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) and it needs a new printed circuit board. With the call-out cost to assess what's wrong, the quotes to repair so far, are for £1518 incl. VAT.

We've been considering replacing the heating system for some time, because the ASHP is 16 years old and "old tech". This means it's costly to run and we're constantly struggling with the balance between keeping BHVV warm and keeping our electricity bills manageable.

We have sought advice and it seems the ASHP is not the best heating solution for the design of the space. Our options are either new ASHPs (it would need two to power the heating sufficiently), oil fired boilers (again two would be required), a combination of ASHP & oil boiler or some other solution.

Since the breakdown of the existing ASHP, we have been trying to decide the best course of action. Do we repair the ASHP and limp on with it indefinitely, with the possibility of other parts failing and further bills, or do we totally replace it and only pay the call-out charge?

We have decided it's unreasonable to expect the hall to be used with only free-standing electric heaters, and these are causing worrying increases in our electricity consumption. In addition, it wouldn't be possible to fully replace in a short space of time.

We therefore propose to complete the full repair to enable the existing ASHP to function for now. This will give us time to fully research the best alternative, with a view to a complete replacement during the summer months.

If you have any questions or thoughts on this, please contact:

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February Bookings

We have the following bookings in January. Please note, the purpose of this article each month is so that everyone knows when the car park is required and when residents can expect people going in and out of BHVV. These times include set up time, not the necessarily the time of the event.

Sunday 2nd

8am-2pm Lungbusters Running Club

2:30pm-5:30pm panto rehearsal

Friday 7th 11am-11pm panto performance (audience 7pm to 9:30pm)

Saturday 8th 11am-midnight panto performance (audience 1:30pm to 4pm & 7pm to 9:30pm)

Wednesday 13th

7:30pm–9:30pm John Hutchings room Ridgeway Ladies

5pm–7:30pm Main Hall Broad Hinton School disco

Saturday 15th 8am-midnight First Birthday Party

Sunday 16th 10am-2:30pm Farmers Market (open to public 11am-2pm)

Friday 21st 5pm-Sunday midday Wedding Reception (provisional booking)

We will need the whole of the car park available during the hiring times, for hirers, guests and others associated with the events. The car park will be particularly busy for pantomime performances and on the evening of Wednesday 13th

You can also see future bookings on the BHVH website

<https://broadhinton.org.uk/booking/lemon-booking/>

Hiring the hall

For a party or wedding reception; hall and meeting room, all day & evening £200.

Business meetings or conferences; main hall, three hours during the day £66.

Smaller business meetings; separate meeting room, two hours during the day £32.

Local arts, crafts and fitness classes; main hall, two hours £28.

Marilyn Martin hallbookings@broadhinton.org.uk or 731521.

300 Club Winners

	December		January	
£5	114	Caryl Roberts	289	Adam Gilmore
£2	283	Helen Forster	72	Caryl Roberts
£2	133	Sarah Kromer	50	Chris Horan
£2	164	Romey Baker	186	James Gates
£1	297	Kirsty Prior	274	Sue Robinson



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White Horse Community Shop Steering Group

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Sunday 16th February
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11am - 2pm

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White Horse Community Shop

A vibrant, colorful illustration for a farmers' market poster. It features a variety of food items including a jar of jam with a heart on the label, a fried egg, a slice of pie, a wedge of Swiss cheese, a bunch of purple grapes, and a tomato. A bee is flying in the upper left, and a steaming cup of coffee with a heart-shaped tag is in the upper right. The background is a mix of green, yellow, and red.

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Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Regulation 14 launch meeting.

**Come to our meeting in
Broad Hinton Village Hall
Saturday 1st March
2pm-4pm**

At the meeting, we'll show you:

- The NDP policies
- The consultation process
- How and where you can see the NDP
- How you can submit comments on it

**The 6 weeks' consultation period is
your last chance to influence the NDP
before it goes to Wiltshire Council**

Hackpen Festival

Saturday 5th July



**Diary the date
You'd hate to miss it**

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- Music
- Staffing
- Placing roadside banner advertising
- Setting up on the weekend of the festival



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Afternoon tea with The Easter Bunny



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EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

ART EXHIBIT BY - JOHN O'HARA & SON RIDGEWAY FORGE

- **THURSDAY 6TH - COCKTAIL NIGHT - ALL NIGHT**
Introducing our new cocktail menu – all with a local twist!
- **FRIDAY 14TH - QUIZ NIGHT - 7PM**
Team of up to 6, £2 pp, booking is highly recommended and let us know if you fancy dining.
- **SUNDAY 23RD - TRADITIONAL ROAST - 12-3PM**
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- **THURSDAY 27TH - GUEST BAR NIGHT - FROM 6.30PM**
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COFFEE MORNING

at

WEST OVERTON CHURCH

on

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

from 10 am - 12 noon

Any donations of cakes would be very welcome. We already have a good selection of bric-à-brac left over from our Christmas Bazaar, but would be grateful for produce and plants.

Please contact Anne Robinson (861169)
for further details.

The proceeds will go towards keeping West Overton, East Kennett and Fyfield churches open.

MY MINI'S BIRTHDAY!

On January 20th 2025 my Morris Mini Cooper became fifty five years old, from when first taxed and insured.



Minis represented a big change in the design and appearance of small cars at that time, initiated in part by Sir Alec Issigonis. The first standard Mini was initially badged as both Mini Morris and Mini Austin but soon became just "Mini" simply by public use, so the company officially changed too. It was launched by the British Motor Company in April 1959 adopting the well tried 848cc engine.

Despite of standard Mini appearance, mine is a comparatively rare Cooper 998cc model under the bonnet, having twin carburettors and a few superficial goodies, and was a transition model towards the much more powerful 1275cc famous rally winning Mini Cooper S's Rally Cars of Paddy Hopkirk and Co.

The engine has proved reliable and free of the need for major work, famous last words! A number of foreign trips have taken place over the years, mainly to France for the Le Mans Classic and visits to Cherbourg, Caen and the Normandy beaches areas.

The list price of mine when new was £725 but I managed to negotiate a deal at £700 through our local garage in Purton, Ben Thompson's Pavenhill Garage where my family lived and I grew up. We were good customers!

In the early years I used the car daily for work but it later became Trish's and used for the family, with three children safety belt harnesses across the back seat!

The Mini somehow survived and I became increasing "attached" to it. I wanted to keep it! This was not ideal financially, wanting to keep the Cooper, rather than selling it to help pay for an appropriate family/work car. A lock up garage at a local farm, owned by relatives, solved the storage for several years, but not the issue of condensation, the enemy of old cars of this era.

At that stage I purchased the first of three Austin Maxis which were by comparison huge in the rear seating area and boot, and ideal for three growing children!

I had always continued with Pavenhill Garage for servicing and bodywork of our cars. By the early 1990's son Bob Thompson was running it and much more interested in restoring classic cars.

I believe I earned some interest and sympathy reminding him that it when new the Cooper had been supplied by his father and that the body needed quite major restoration and that I needed, not least emotionally, to do something!

To help with the costs, I was encouraged to leave the car there as a "hospital" job to be dealt with between the garage's other more pressing jobs. It was there over two years. I used to visit it like a sick patient. Quite scary when one sees your car's fully stripped patched body shell hanging on a pulley!

It would have been simpler and cheaper to buy a new shell but I was advised that repairing the original would better maintain authenticity and thus the car's value. The original body is of much thicker steel than any later replacement.

Our three children and eight grand children all had their first drives in the Mini Cooper on nearby farm tracks. I am pleased and relieved that they all survived that importantly so did Dad and the Cooper! It enjoys heritage status in the family.

Mark Wightman
January 20th 2025

THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday January 8th the ladies met in the village hall for a members meeting and quiz. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, there were only ten ladies present!!!!

Marilyn (chairperson) opened the meeting and gave a brief resume of 2024. The year had been very successful with several excellent speakers....the Taxi Driver Poet being one. Also a most enjoyable outing to Chavenage ... organised by our dear friend Janine (greatly missed). At the end of 2024 we had a membership of forty. Lynne presented a summary of our income and expenditure and the present committee was unanimously re elected. With all the formalities over it was time for coffee and quiz.

The quiz was done amidst much laughter and chatter (in fact one team spent more time chatting than quizzing and as a result only scored two points!!!!). The quiz was won by Lynne, Sally & Carole.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 5th at 7.30pm in the village hall. The speaker is Bruni Walker who will be talking on "The Benefits of Laughter" - promising to be an uplifting evening! . All ladies very welcome....come and join us.

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Supplier Profile – Brinkworth Dairy Cheese



thought that it might be interesting for our readers to hear about one of our suppliers this month.

Some of our cheeses are supplied by Brinkworth Dairy which is a family farm established in 1910 when William Collingborn established a pedigree friesian herd.

The cows graze on the traditional lush pastures of the Dauntsey Vale in North Wiltshire for 240 days of the year. The herd is relatively small which means the cows are not stressed. Ceri is the fifth generation of the family cheese on the farm. Starting in 2005 she revived the Wiltshire Loaf which

to have made

went on to win Best Territorial Cheese at the British Cheese Awards. The Wiltshire Loaf was recorded by Jane Austen in her book Emma. At Avebury Community Shop we currently have in stock:-

Royal Bassett Blue - Blue rind and a creamy centre. Named after Royal Wootton Bassett in the jubilee year.

Wiltshire Loaf - The traditional North Wiltshire cheese that Ceri's Great Grandfather used to make. Unique, hard, creamy, crumbly, medium strength, sweet and sharp. Matured for 2 -5 months.

Gallipot Eyes - This cheese is based on a Gouda recipe and is matured for 6 months to 18 months. The name comes from writings by John Aubrey on North Wiltshiremen in 1656.

Ramps Hill – An alpine style cheese, It is named after Brinkworth's equivalent of Mount Blanc Ramps Hill! It is sweet and nutty.

Avebury – A soft white cheese with a buttery texture. Oozy, soft at the edges with a smooth centre and soft springy body.

Volunteer Update

We help our annual New Year party for our volunteers on 5th January which was well attended and an enjoyable way for volunteers to meet each other and socialise.

We still need more people to join the team. Anyone, young or more mature would be welcome to join the team of volunteers. Full training will be provided and you will be supported by managers and other 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.

Orders

Thank you to everyone who supported the shop with Christmas orders. Lyn, one of our shop managers, has asked me to let you know that orders can be made at any time and we can put together a weekly order or one for a special occasion. We can order Sumblers fresh meat for customers such as roasting joints, poultry or any other products that they supply. Just give us at least 3 days notice and we will be happy to help. We can also supply fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy produce, cheese, beers, wines and spirits.

Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

Artificial Intelligence V Memories (Slightly Embellished??) - Des Clark

Last month, the editor included an article in the Local News that had been created using Artificial Intelligence (AI). Having read it, I felt that it had no emotion which in reality I would suggest AI does not have, as it is based on facts and is not open to feelings. Perhaps I should have said nothing as I was then challenged to write an article.

So here we go.

Many years ago, a teammate of mine was selected to play for England at Rugby and his debut match was to be against Wales and in Cardiff (Argh!!) Unlike the modern era where players are professionals, Ian was a schoolmaster in Oxford, this meant time off from work and a plea to the headmaster to be released from his duties on the Friday, the day before the match. This was the time the English gathered their team together in the hotel in Porthcawl on the Thursday evening and players were introduced to each other as they may not have met before. Sounds ridiculous when comparing with the modern era!!! A gentle training session on the sands the following afternoon and a team gathering for dinner and tactics in the evening was the preparation for the gargantuan task the following day.

On the other side of the border of course, things were totally different. The players were famously known, not just in the valleys but across the world, Gareth Edwards, Barry John, Gerald Davies, JPR, the Pontypool front row, Windsor, Price and Faulkner amongst them. They either came from the steelworks or the coalmines but all were worshipped by the nation and were their idols and their Heros. The Management came to the players, not the other way round. The players were given the week off to prepare for this 'battle', failure was not considered and would certainly not be hindered by work.

On the day of the match, both sides gathered at the National Stadium in Cardiff, The Arms Park, the fortress, the hallowed turf as known by the Welsh fans. The crowd swarming to the ground, 84,000 of them, probably only 200 English supporters, the Welsh were certainly never generous in giving tickets to the opposition and certainly not to the enemy, everyone in Wales wanted to be there to see the demolition of those upstarts from Twickenham.

The players appeared on the pitch to line up for the national anthems, England welcomed by polite and inaudible applause from their brave supporters whilst the Welsh received a rapturous and voluminous reception from their adoring fans. I can see the cartoonists now with their Tom and Jerry animation as England in their lilywhite shirts lined up, all quivering with fear. They were the little mice to be slaughtered by the giants of Wales, characterised in their inflated red shirts, all standing head and shoulders above any Englishman, rather like a barrel-chested Tom. God Save the Queen (in those days) was hardly heard but the Welsh National Anthem (Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau) was roared by the crowd who no doubt were all members of their infamous local Men's Choir from every corner of the nation. What a day, what a game!!

I experienced something similar when at the tender age of 16, I appeared in the final of the Oxford School's 7-a-side competition, the largest sevens competition in the UK with over 150 schools from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland battling for the honours. Our opposition in the final was the infamous Llanelli Grammar School and yes, they were in red shirts and yes, they were all head and shoulders above us and yes, they were all school boy internationals and yes, they all had barrel chests and probably beards and moustaches!! The difference here was that we were playing in England and more important was the fact that Llanelli had beaten Millfield in their semi-final after a horrible bit of foul play left Millfield with only 6 players (before the days of replacements). This meant that the crowd of over 5,000 spectators, less of course the Welsh schoolteachers were all cheering for us, what a sensation, what a feeling, what a buzz, the emotional excitement and thrill will never be forgotten especially when we took the lead. Oh, if only the referee had blown the final whistle after 3 minutes!!!!

What were the results? Well, does that really matter although it probably would in an AI article but not here, where hopefully we bring to the fore the emotions, fear, excitement and feelings albeit with a slight licence to bend the truth.

To capture the moment, the phrase from a famous Welsh singer and comedian is very apt, '**I was there**'

Alright, we (as an Englishman) lost both games but so what, life is a great leveller, look at Wales's results over the last couple of years, every dog has its day and perhaps the red shirts are now being worn by the mice!

Summary of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council Meeting

7 January 2025

Date & Location: Held on 7 January 2025 at Broad Hinton Village Hall, starting at 7:30 PM.

Attendees:

- Councillors Present: Cllr Alex LaRoche (Chairman), Cllr Adam Gilmore (Vice Chairman), Cllr Louise Skillen, Cllr Damian Le Gresley, Cllr Tony Iles
- Wiltshire Council Representative: Cllr Allison Bucknell
- In Attendance: Clerk Peter Barry, Mr. Chris Ladd
- Apologies: Cllrs Jim Gunter, Candace Gaisford, and Lesley Catling

Key Discussions and Decisions:

1. Finance:
Reviewed November–December 2024 accounts; highlighted reserves for maintenance, footpaths, traffic management, and major projects.
Precept for 2025/26 agreed at £15,977.21, reflecting a 3.4% increase (approx. £1.35 per Band D household).
Storage Containers - £250 allocated from Donation Reserve to support the replacement of Cricket Club storage containers, conditional on shared community use.
2. Planning Applications - Reviewed applications for Yew Trees (garden room extension), The Manor (modifications and solar installation), and Corusant House (variation to approved plans). All received “no objection” status from the council.
3. Highways & Footpaths:
Updates on reducing speed limits on the A4361 and improvements to Yew Tree Lane Community Speed Watch scheme, including funding SIDs.
Actions to address overgrown hedges encroaching onto footpaths.
4. Emergency Planning - Yew Tree Lane flooding and tree overhang issues discussed, with plans to liaise with landowners and Wiltshire Council.
5. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) - Progress includes near completion of documents, statutory assessments, and upcoming consultations. Regulation 14 consultation to begin in March 2025, with a public meeting scheduled for 1 March.
6. Local Elections - Preparation for 1 May elections, with calls for new council members. Notice to be publicized via local channels.

Other Business - Agreed 2025 meeting dates: 4 March, 13 May, 1 July, 2 September, and 4 November.

The meeting concluded at 9:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 March 2025.

Full minutes at <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/what-we-do>

View from the Rectory

New Beginnings

I moved into the rectory in Avebury on 6th January which is the church feast day of Epiphany. On this day the church celebrates the coming of the magi, wise men who read the heavens and followed a star which took them to the new born Christ child. They came bearing meaningful gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh which were specific gifts for this child. Gold for a king, frankincense for a god and myrrh for death and rites of passage.

When I moved into the house, many people knocked on the door and gave me meaningful gifts too, including a hamper full of local produce and other goodies to make me feel welcome and valued. Things to link me with the local land and what happens in the community. It was a beautiful offering of welcome and of warmth and of acceptance. I was and am very grateful for this. Mary must have felt that too with the gifts from the shepherds and the magi, people visiting with gifts that showed they understood in a heartfelt way.

The local produce I received was particularly welcome. There is something special about where one lives. When moving into a community it is important that one is welcomed by those who live there in order to start to settle in. When we live somewhere a long time we shape the landscape and we are also shaped by it. If we live in one place for most of our lives our physical bodies become part of the physicality of that place. And our ancestors call to us through the landscape that they helped to shape though their lives of long ago. There is a romanticism to this but there is also a poetic Romanticism which evokes a spiritual reality.

‘To see a World in a Grain of Sand,
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower;
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand,
And Eternity in an hour.’

Heaven is near. But it is not monochrome. It is expressed through the uniqueness of each place. Like each of us every place and every moment has its distinct beauty. And I feel very privileged to be sharing the beauty of this place with you and look forward to sharing with you the challenges and joys to come that rise to meet us over the horizon.

Every blessing,

Jonathan – the Rector

<u>Notice Board</u>		
<u>Funerals</u>		
Keith John Baldwin	Broad Hinton	19 th December 2024
Eileen Margaret Hamilton	West Overton	8 th January 2025

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2 February Presentation of Christ; Candlemas	<u>8.30 am</u> Morning Prayer					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service
Wednesday 5 February			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
9 February 4 th Sunday before Lent		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service			
Wednesday 12 February				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
16 February 3rd Sunday before Lent			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19 February			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
23 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 26 February				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
2 March Sunday next before Lent	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service

Readings for February 2025**Sunday 2 February – 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

Sunday 9 February – Green
4th Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-end]
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11

Sunday 16 February – Green
3rd Sunday before Lent

Jeremiah 17.5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26

Sunday 23 February – Green
2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end
Psalm 65
Revelation 4
Luke 8.22-25

Sunday 2 March – Green
Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-end
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2
Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

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