

*The Broad Hinton
Uffcott and
Winterbourne Bassett*

LOCAL NEWS

NDP 6 week consultation
begins 1st March
See inside for ways to find out
more and make your
comments

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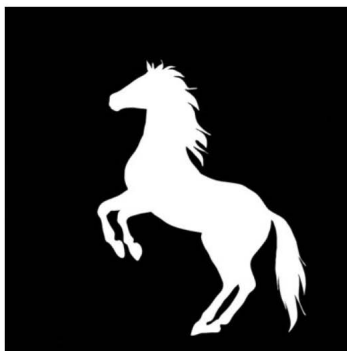
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Tuesdays			9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Fridays			7pm to 9pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
Saturday	1st	March	2pm-4pm	Neighbourhood Development Plan Presentation	Village Hall
Saturday	1st	March		New Bus Service Starts	
Sunday	2nd	March	10am	Parish Communion	St Peters Broad Hinton
Wednesday	5th	March	7.30pm	Ridgeway Ladies	Village Hall
Saturday	8th	March	9.30am	Church Clean Up	St Katherine's WB
Tuesday	11th	March	3.15-4pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
Sunday	16th	March	10am	Morning Prayers	St Peters Broad Hinton
Friday	28th	March	18.30-20.30	Mother's day Flower Workshop	School
Sunday	30th	March	10am	Parish Communion	St Katherine's WB
Saturday	12th	April		Closing Date for NDP comments	
Saturday	19th	April	2-4pm	Afternoon Tea with Easter Bunny	Village Hall
Thursday	1st	May		Parish Council Elections	Village Hall
Saturday	14th	June	7pm	Summer Party	The Barn, Rabson, WB
Saturday	28th	June		Safari Supper	
Saturday	5th	July		Hackpen Festival	Village Hall

Waste and Recycling collection days for March

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

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Dear All,

With no let up in the grim outdoor conditions, the village looked indoors for its fun last month with a great pantomime full of laughter(p16), a school disco, a farmers market, and a talk on the benefits of laughter, well done to all for keeping the mood positive.

Fancy getting out and about this spring - great news - the new bus service going through the village is starting on March 1st, timetable and more information inside(p12). You could also get the Boomerang Bus to the Broadtown Brewery, see their advert inside too (p15).

Being part of such a vibrant community is wonderful, but it does need volunteers to keep it so. **It is stick your hand up time!** Volunteering is a great way to meet people in your community, to get out and about instead of being a couch potato, to combat loneliness, to learn new skills, (great for a young person's CV), to increase confidence, and it gives a very lovely feeling of inner joy. Try it for yourself:

- The Parish Council are after new councillors. A wonderful way to influence the shape of your community for the future. Page 6
- The Church are after flower arrangers, cleaners and grass cutters. A low level commitment which brings beauty and pride to our wonderful church. Page 20
- WB Church need a clean up crew on 8th March—a single day commitment with a bacon butty reward!
- The Village Hall are looking for people to help with the **Hackpen Festival** (beer, gin, music and food) what better way to get involved in your community with jobs from manning a stand for an hour or two, to testing beers, to arranging advertising. This festival will need commitment in advance to keep running. If you enjoyed it last time, stick your hand up to help out—an hour or two will do. Page 10
- The Safari Supper organisers are after people to host—another fabulous way of meeting local people over dinner and drinks. Page 13

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will be presented to the community on March 1st at the Village Hall. It will also be available from this date on the Parish Council website. This is the beginning of a six week consultation period. **Do make a point of reading it** and making any comments you have. **This is your plan for your community** and this is your final chance to make comments before it is sent to Wiltshire Council for the next stage. Pages 7 and 8

Many thanks to two new sponsors of the Local News, see back cover – there's always room for more.

Apologies for a slight reduction in the quality of the electronic version this month. Due to the number and lovely graphic quality of our submissions this month I have had to compress the file a touch to allow it to be mailed out. Nice problem to have!

Liz

Useful website addresses:

Broad Hinton Village Hall:	broadhinton.org.uk
Parish Council:	bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk
Cricket Club:	whitehorsecricketclub.co.uk
School:	broadhintonschool.org
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VILLAGE HALL MARCH NEWS



Hackpen Festival Saturday 5th July

We've had a couple of valiant volunteers join our Hackpen Festival Team. Tom Bance from Winterbourne Bassett and Adam Gilmore will be working on sponsorship together. Tom will also join the beer group to source, select and maybe taste beers for you to enjoy. Adam will join Sarah Kromer in looking after the event finances. We're very grateful to both of them.

We need more volunteers to help us make the event a success though:

- Sourcing & printing glasses
- Advertising material and programmes
- Placing roadside banner advertising
- Setting up on the weekend of the festival

Contact the festival team:

Jo Smith 07768 206 423

Kate Marshall 07740 928 218

Geoff Martin 07811 306 121

Sue Robinson 07841 162 367

WE ALSO NEED PEOPLE TO WORK SHIFTS DURING THE EVENT OR IT WON'T HAPPEN!

The more volunteers we have, the shorter the shifts!

We need people on entry & tokens, the beers, bar and food

Contact Sue Robinson 07841 162 367 if you're willing to help in any of these areas

BHVH Heating

The full repair has been completed to enable the existing Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) to function for now. This will give us time to commission a complete replacement during the summer months.

As you now know, the ASHP is costly to run and we're constantly struggling with the balance between keeping BHVH warm and keeping our electricity bills manageable. The ASHP option may not be the best solution for the design of the space. We'll be fully researching the best one.

In tandem with this, Marilyn Martin & Lou Mahanty are working to identifying potential sources of grants which could help us.

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

Jo Smith 07768 206 423
Kate Marshall 07740 928 218
villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk

New Treasurer

We are delighted to welcome Kate Nye to our team, in the role of treasurer. Kate lives in Winterbourne Bassett with her family, partner Tom and four-year old daughter Jenny. Kate lowers our average age by half, an added bonus!

Hiring the hall

For a party or wedding reception; hall and meeting room, all day & evening £300.

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.

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February 300 Club Winners

£50 199 Vicky Ladd

£25 130 Keith Jones

£20 93 Jane O'Neill

£20 154 Marilyn Martin

£10 155 Steve Cutler

Fabulous Community Events

We've recently hosted some great community events in BHVH:

Panto

Three performances, almost sold out. Judging by the feedback (elsewhere in the Local News) it was a great success!



Farmers' Market



Once again this proved very popular, with queues forming for the bread! A great community use of BHVH.

Vincenzo Lancia Film Show

Ade Rudler held this event for Lancia enthusiasts. Again it was very well supported and Ade generously donated his profits to BHVH.

School Disco

Hopefully all the children had great fun at this event. Everyone worked hard to make it happen.

John Baker

Romey, Lisa and Michael would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and support during John's illness over the last year. There will be a Thanksgiving service to celebrate his life on Tuesday 18th March in the Church of St Peter ad Vincula at 12 noon . All are welcome to join us afterwards at Bassett Down Golf Club. (numbers and dietary requirements would be helpful for catering purposes)

SAVE THE DATE

Please make a note and save the date for the

RETURN OF THE SUMMER PARTY

14 June, 2025, 7.00

The Barn, Rabson, Winterbourne Bassett.

Poster and more details next month about this great event.

feels like tracing the lines of a poem—elegant, weathered, and achingly alive.

History here is not a distant echo but a living breath. Gdańsk, once a Hanseatic powerhouse, has cradled merchants, shipbuilders, and dreamers along the Motława River. In December, the ghosts of its past seem to linger closer—perhaps in the shadow of the Neptune Fountain, where the sea god stands frozen in bronze, or in the creak of the medieval crane that once hoisted treasures from distant shores. The city's soul carries the weight of struggle and triumph, from its role in sparking Solidarity to its quiet defiance against time's erosion. To walk its streets is to feel the heartbeat of a place that has loved fiercely and endured.

AI v Human writing

In the battle of the AI versus human written articles, this is a new contender written by Artificial Intelligence, but with the request that it featured emotion. Thanks to Adam Gilmore who used Grok 3 for this one. This was the prompt.

“Write a short article on a winter trip to Gdansk. Describe the architecture, history and Christmas Market. Use an emotional and poetic style.”

A Winter's Embrace in Gdańsk: December's Poetic Dance

In the tender chill of December, when the world seems to hush beneath a quilt of frost, I found myself wandering the cobblestone veins of Gdańsk, Poland's amber-hearted jewel by the Baltic Sea. The air was crisp, laced with the scent of mulled wine and cinnamon, as winter wrapped the city in a silvery glow. It was a journey to a place where history whispers through every gabled rooftop, where the past and present waltz beneath a sky heavy with snowfall.

The architecture of Gdańsk is a love letter written in brick and stone, a testament to resilience and beauty reborn from ashes. The old town, painstakingly restored after the scars of war, unfurls like a medieval tapestry. Golden gables of the Long Market catch the pale winter sun, their ornate facades blushing with hues of terracotta and saffron. The towering silhouette of St. Mary's Basilica looms like a guardian, its Gothic spires piercing the heavens, while inside, the silence hums with centuries of prayers. Each step along Długi Targ

And then, there is the Christmas Market—a constellation of light and warmth spilling across the Targ Węglowy. Wooden stalls glow like lanterns, their roofs dusted with snow, offering treasures of the season: hand-painted baubles, amber trinkets, and pierogi steaming in the cold. The air dances with the melody of carols, the laughter of children, and the clink of mugs brimming with grzane wine, spiced and soul-warming. I stood there, mittened hands cradling a cup, as the market unfolded around me like a dream—vibrant, tender, a fleeting ember against winter's vastness. The scent of roasted chestnuts mingled with the salt-kissed breeze from the nearby sea, and for a moment, time softened.

Gdańsk in December is more than a destination; it's a feeling—a quiet ache of wonder, a brush of eternity against the skin. The architecture cradles you, the history humbles you, and the Christmas Market lifts you into the gentle arms of joy. As I left, the snow fell thicker, blanketing the city in silence, and I carried its magic with me, a glowing shard of winter's heart to hold forever.

Pretty good you'd have to admit, but I know you can do better—send me an article about what interests you...Liz



Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council

www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk

Do you want to help make your community a better place to live and work?

Do you have experience that could benefit your community?

Do you want to represent the views of local people?

Parish Council elections are taking place on the 1st May 2025.

If you would like to make a difference in your community, get involved by standing to become a Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council is made up of two electoral wards – Broad Hinton (including Uffcott) and Winterbourne Bassett. Broad Hinton ward has 7 seats and Winterbourne Bassett has 2.

Some of the existing councillors won't be standing for re-election so we need some new councillors to stand.

Further information about the local election process is available on Wiltshire Council's website at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections>. Nominations open on 12th March and close on 2nd April. Candidates need to take their nomination papers in person to Wiltshire Council offices, or our clerk can take them for you.

If you want to find out more contact the clerk, Peter Barry, by email at clerk@bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk or phone 07860 407585.

Small print

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, and a British citizen, or an eligible Commonwealth or EU citizen. Applicants must also meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

1. be registered on the electoral roll within one of the two electoral wards.
2. have occupied, as owner or tenant, land, or other premises in the ward during the whole of the past 12 months.
3. the main or only place of work during the past 12 months has been in the ward.
4. have lived in the ward or within three miles of it during the whole of the past 12 months.

Have Your Say

**Saturday March 1st
2pm to 4pm
at the Village Hall**

The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan six week consultation period begins on 1st March and ends on 12th April.

Come to the meeting to find out about the policies, ask questions and see how to submit your written comments.

This is your last chance to help shape the draft plan before it goes to Wiltshire Council.

If you cannot attend the presentation please go to <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/regulation-14> from 1st March to view the plan, the supporting documents and the comments form.

You can get paper copies of the documents and the form from
Peter Barry, Parish Council Clerk, The Old Coffee Tavern,
Broad Hinton, SN4 9PQ
clerk@bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk
07860 407585

The closing date for comments is 12th April 2025

Comments must be submitted in writing.

Why do we need a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

- **Greater control** – communities decide where and how development happens
- **Legal weight** – the NDP must be considered in planning decisions
- **Protects heritage and environments** – safeguards green spaces and historic assets
- **Supports sustainable growth** – ensures infrastructure meets development needs
- **Stronger community voice** – residents directly influence local planning
- **Financial benefits** – increases Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds
- **Boosts local economy** – encourages small businesses and balanced growth
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Thursday 27th

Paint & Sip with Beki Wills

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Saturday 5th July



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We need “doers”, not people to tell us
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We need help with:

- Sourcing sponsors
- Sourcing & printing glasses
- Advertising material and programmes
- Food
- Music
- Staffing
- Placing roadside banner advertising
- Setting up on the weekend of the festival



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Broad Hinton bus update

Good news this month as we finally have a date for the new service that runs through Broad Hinton via Summers Lane, High Street and Yew Tree Lane - service starts on Monday 3rd March.

There will be two bus stops in Broad Hinton

- Village Hall – the stop is opposite the hall.
- Pitchens End / High St – there will be an additional stop at the junction of Pitchens End and High St.

Both bus stop signs are on the side towards Devizes. If you are travelling towards Swindon please wait on the other side of the road and signal the driver to stop.

You'll see the bus stop signs going up over the next few days – they are temporary to get the service running as the permanent ones will take a few months.

Monday-Friday timetable

Broad Hinton Village Hall (towards Devizes)

07:52 09:02 10:02 11:02 12:02 13:02 14:02 15:02 16:07 17:22 18:17 19:07

Broad Hinton The Bell / La Strada (towards Devizes and Trowbridge)

05:20 06:16 07:16 08:21 09:30 10:30 11:30 12:30 13:30 14:30 15:32 16:42 17:53 19:55
20:55 21:55

Broad Hinton Village Hall (towards Swindon)

06:51 08:21 09:28 10:23 11:23 12:23 13:23 14:23 15:32 16:32 17:43

Broad Hinton The Bell / La Strada (towards Swindon)

06:25 07:23 07:54 08:54 09:56 10:56 11:56 12:56 13:56 14:56 16:00 17:17 18:16 19:14
20:17 21:07 22:07 23:07

For Saturday and Sunday timetables, please see <https://www.stagecoachbus.com> or <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/buses>.

There will no doubt be some teething issues as drivers get used to the route, Stagecoach management are aware of this and will be stressing the new route to the 49 drivers. If you have any difficulties, please let me know and I'll collate and pass on to the Wiltshire Council bus network manager.

More details of the timetable and a live bus map at <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/buses> - works quite well on a mobile phone too.

Cllr. Adam Gilmore adam.gilmore@bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk - 07969 290124

SAFARI SUPPER



Saturday 28 June 2025

Join us for a fun evening safari trekking across the villages to share food, wine and good company.

Tickets available now!

The format of the evening is a safari starter and safari main around the village, and a selection of scrumptious puddings at another guest's house. Whether you've just moved here or been here for years, the event is a brilliant way to meet new people and mingle with fellow villagers. Last held in 2023 and it was a lot of fun!!

Hosts: Please get in touch if you are willing to help by acting as either a starter or main course host. We really appreciate everyone who does!

If you host a starter for fellow Safarians you will be entitled to one free ticket, and if you host a main two free tickets.

Please contact us for tickets and queries

Jenny Clarke - 01793 731606 djnsclarke@hotmail.com

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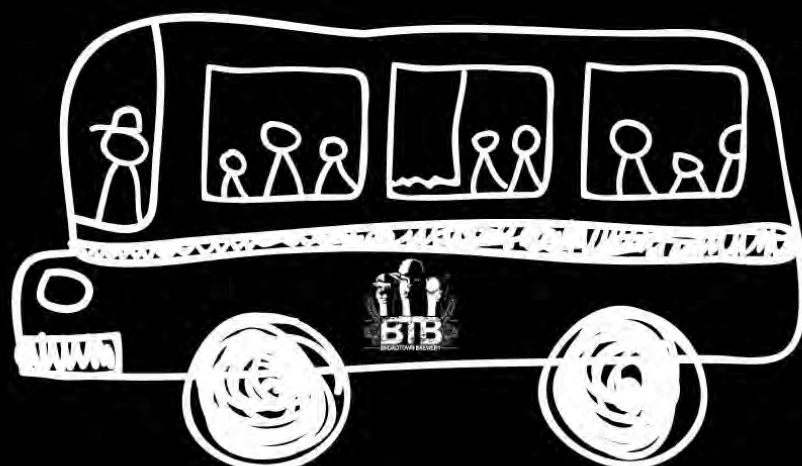
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Upcoming Events

Friday 21st Feb	17:30pm Smokingly Good BBQ
Saturday 22nd Feb	17:30pm Fries with Attitude
Thursday 27th Feb	8pm QUIZ Night
Friday 28th Feb	17:30pm Smoke Tin Kitchen
Saturday 1st Mar	17:30pm Get Battered
Sunday 2nd Mar	1:30pm Cheese Club
Thurs 6th Mar	7pm Sip & Paint Workshop
Friday 7th Mar	17:30pm Fries with Attitude
Saturday 8th Mar	Smokingly Good BBQ
Thurs 13th Mar	8pm QUIZ Night
Friday 14th Mar	17:30pm Gourmet 58
Saturday 15th Mar	17:30pm Gourmet 58
Thurs 27th Mar	8pm QUIZ Night



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Another great Pantomime by BHADS



We've had a few reviews of Peter Pan and the Battle for Broad Hinton. Everyone seems to have had a really good time. Well done Bhads. The picture above is of cast and crew after the final performance.

"Absolutely top notch, couldn't fault it."

"We REALLY ENJOYED the Panto. It was written brilliantly by Sam and Tash did a fantastic job directing it. We laughed lots and had a great time. Thank you to everyone who was involved in such a fab performance."

"The panto has become one of the staples of our annual calendar, something we look forward to every year. This year, everyone did a great job but the sinister Captain Hook deserves a particular mention: so sinister he gave me nightmares! George deserves more lines, although I understand he 'hates learning lines' ;) Claire has managed to get her eyelash batting off to pat. As always a triumph of fun and Benny Hillesque innuendo."

"Saturday matinee - I went with my two grandchildren, aged 6 and 8. The children loved it! They were engaged all the time."

They joined in with the boo-ing and shouting, and very much enjoyed the Haribos! It was a huge pleasure for me to take them to a traditional village Panto, just like I used to take their Dad to. Much, much more accessible and enjoyable for us all than a professional theatre panto. Thank you so much for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment! Looking forward to the next one!"

"We thought it was really good fun and a lot of work had clearly gone into it. Well done to all who took part. A great night out with lots of laughing. Oh yes there was!"

"An evening, full of fun and laughter which was cleverly scripted. Thanks to everyone involved."

THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday 5th February Bruni Walker came to speak to the Ridgeway Ladies. She started by giving a brief resume of her training, qualifications and life then went on to speak about the 'Benefits of Laughter'. She is a great believer in the positive power of laughter and experts confirm that laughter "boosts the immune system, enhances memory and learning abilities, relieves tension, slows your pulse rate and blood pressure, releases endorphins that reduce pain, decreases anxiety and stress, puts people at ease and brings unity".....all that from laughing!! Interestingly the body does not differentiate between fake and real laughter.

Bruni then went on to conduct a laughter workshop. All most enjoyable and interesting. It had all the ladies laughing...some more than others!

Laughter is an effective medicine. It is mentioned in the bible "Laughter is like taking a good medicine" Proverbs 17:22. In 1995 Dr Madan Kateria, a medical doctor from Mumbai, founded the Laughter Yoga Clubs seeing laughter as a positive contribution to the physical and mental wellbeing of us all – something that Bruni totally agrees with.

Many thanks to Bruni for opening our eyes about the effectiveness of laughter and smiling.

On Wednesday 5th March at 7.30 the ladies will be welcoming James Haddow – The Taxi Driver Poet- back by popular demand. All ladies most welcome....come and join us.

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Stock Take – Early closing Friday 28th February

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Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

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(This year we are doing a mix of Calla and other lilies)

Details of the Easter Services to follow

Upper Kennet Churches

Lent 2025



Movie Night

We begin our Lent this year with a classic movie, *Chocolat*, where the secular world meets the church. What can it tell us about how we welcome, how we are church and how we prepare for Lent?

A chance to enjoy the movie and share guided discussion of some of its themes. Led by the rector.

7.30 pm, Thursday 13th March

Venue: Winterbourne Monkton Community Hall, Church Lane, Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW

For information contact:

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Leadership for Lent – Salisbury Diocese Lent Course

This Lent, taking the theme of Leadership, we are encouraged to dig deeper. To dwell on scripture and reflect upon it using the studies prepared for each session.

We are introduced to six biblical characters, with the opportunity to get to know them better and allow their lives and story to shape our own.

Thursday 20th March 12.30pm at The Old Manor, West Overton, SN8 4ER (next to the Church)

Saturday 29th March 10-12 noon at The Old Manor, West Overton

Thursday 3rd April 12.30pm at The Old Manor, West Overton

Tuesday 10th April 12.30pm at Clairemont, Richardson, Winterbourne Bassett, SN4 9QF

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Christian Aid Changemakers Conference 2025 Saturday 8th March 10.30 – 1.30.

The Conference takes place in London but will be streamed so we can join in from our own areas.

You can watch the Conference at home or join with others at a Regional Watch Party. (You can of course also attend the London venue).

From previous experience, joining with others enables the sharing of ideas.

We have set up venues as follows, but you could still make your own local arrangements to watch with friends or church family members. Please register and encourage others to do so, as well.

- Purton Methodist Church, Nr Swindon, SN5 4DR

Please register via caid.org.uk/conference

[regionalvenues.pdf](#)

As this is our 80th year, I would like to engage with as many local Churches as possible – please do let me know if it is possible to meet with a member of your Leadership team or Church congregation.

CHURCH CLEAN UP

St. Katherine & St. Peters,
Winterbourne Bassett

Saturday 8 March, from 9.30

Please join us for the annual clean and tidy up of the church and churchyard. Plenty of jobs for all to do, from polishing to laying gravel!!

Your support in keeping this lovely area in good repair is always appreciated and remember that this space is open to all for peace, reflection and enjoyment of the wonders of life in the countryside.

Many hands make light work!!
 Please bring any tools/equipment that may be of use on the day.

There will of course be the reward of a bacon butty and hot drink.

Claire Stiles and the LCC

Notice Board**Funerals**

Janet Chivers
 West Overton
 14th February 2025

Michael Nicholas McTague
 Avebury
 18th February 2025

CAN YOU HELP?

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perhaps two or three times a year. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger, just some flowers in a vase will be fine. It'll make you smile.

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If you can offer help, please contact Marjorie Sykes on 07762 109430/ 731471, or Gill Crabtree – 07774 424125/ 731627

CHURCHYARD MOWING

For many years some thirty villagers have volunteered to be part of a rota to mow the



churchyard. This involves just one turn each year and takes about two hours with the domestic church motor mower.

Inevitably from time to time people move away or wish to

retire.

As a result there are a number of vacancies that need filling.

On the basis of "one volunteer is worth ten pressed men" !
 if you are able to join the rota, or have any queries, please contact:

Mark Wightman
 07801666130

View from the Rectory

The Cost of Relationships

When I moved into the rectory, I deliberately decided not to have any more pets. I wanted a phase without the responsibility of having another being to look after as my time would be taken up being rector to 8 communities and 2 schools. However, I seem to have inadvertently become responsible for feeding literally scores of blue tits and goldfinches who empty the feeder daily and fly impatiently around it in the mornings until I fill it again. I also have numerous curious rooks who would be happy to strike up a relationship with me should I decide to turn my attention their way. The connection of such relationships calls to me, and yet I fear the responsibility that comes with them. I know I shall inevitably succumb.

It struck me that we have a similar relationship with those people around us who are needy. In the story of the Good Samaritan a man has been robbed and is lying stripped of his clothes by the road. The priest in the story passes by on the other side as he hurries off to his work. We'd like to think we'd stop but I'm sure most of us have had a moment where someone sat in a doorway is asking for spare change and we have hurried by. Too busy, as the clock of our daily schedule gives us an excuse to stick to our train track and head to Waitrose.

There is a cost to engagement but there is also a cost to not engaging. When we visit a city where there are lots of beggars, the scale of the problem seems insurmountable, so it is easy to think this, and then do nothing.

Yet the important thing is those decisions we make from moment to moment. Acts of kindness. Acts of forgiveness. Acts of understanding.

This situation is mirrored in our churches. Hospitality must be part of who we are as church. I have no time for churches that are not welcoming. And that means not only welcoming those who look and talk like us, but also the stranger. Those whose appearance and behaviour make us feel wary or uncomfortable because some baggage comes with it. Such encounters can tell us a lot about ourselves and are opportunities for self-reflection. If we are brave enough to step out of our comfort zone and connect, ultimately everyone benefits, including ourselves.

Forgive me, there is much more we could say and share together on this subject but for now I can see the blue tits are getting impatient and I must go and fill the feeder.

Every blessing

Jonathan – the Rector.

Upper Kennet Churches - Home Visits & Home Communion

Please contact the Church Office if you would like one of our Pastoral Team to come and visit you or if you cannot get to church and would like Home Communion. Telephone: 01672 861786 e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

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.

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Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th March & Wednesday 19th March.

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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
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Service of Holy Communion with Ashing			
9 March Lent 1		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 12 March				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
16 March Lent 2			<u>8 am</u> Morning Prayer		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19 March			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
23 March Lent 3		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 26 March				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
30 March Mothering Sunday		<u>4 pm</u> Mothering Sunday Family Service				<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service	

Readings for March 2025

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]

Wednesday 5 March – Purple
 Ash Wednesday
 Isaiah 58.1-12
 Psalm 51.1-18

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
 John 8.1-11

Sunday 9 March – Purple
 1st Sunday of Lent
 Deuteronomy 26.1-11
 Psalm 91.1,2,9-end [or 91.1-11]
 Romans 10.8b-13
 Luke 4.1-13

Sunday 16 March – Purple
 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 15.1-12,17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3.17-4.1
 Luke 13.31-end
Sunday 23 March – Purple
 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Isaiah 55.1-9
 Psalm 63.1-9
 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9

Sunday 30 March – Purple
 Mothering Sunday
 Exodus 2.1-10
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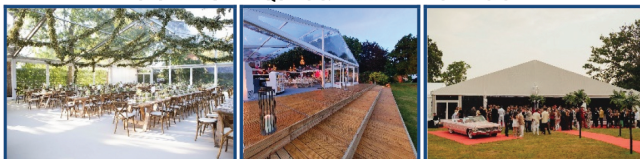
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