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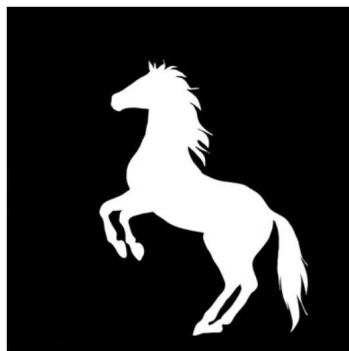
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Tuesdays			9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Fridays			7pm to 9pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
Wednesday	2nd	April	7.30pm	Talan Skeels-Piggins Talk	Village Hall
Tuesday	8th	April	3.15- 4pm		Village Hall
Friday	18th	April	6pm	Evensong Good Friday	St Peters Ad Vincula
Sunday	20th	April	10am	Easter Sunday Service	St Peters Ad Vincula
Saturday	28th	April		Closing Date for NDP comments	
Thursday	1st	May		Parish Council Elections	Village Hall
Sunday	25th	May	11am-1pm	Farmers Market	Village Hall
Thursday	15th	May	7pm	Annual Parochial Church Council	Kennet Valley School
Saturday	14th	June	7pm	Summer Party	The Barn, Rabson, WB
Saturday	28th	June		Safari Supper	
Saturday	28th	June		Scarecrow Trail and Fun Day	Village Hall
Saturday	5th	July		Hackpen Festival	Village Hall

Waste and Recycling collection days for April

Monday	7th	April	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	8th	April	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	10th	April	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	11th	April	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	21st	April	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	22nd	April	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	24th	April	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	25th	April	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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Dear All,

The daffodils are out around the villages, and the birds are busy nesting in my garden, rather later than usual. It feels like Spring has almost sprung to the relief of many after what feels like a very long winter.



Easter is almost upon us with various services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, see page 21.

Preparations are being made for a busy summer, with tickets already available for the Hackpen Beer and Gin Festival, see page 8, and the Summer Party, see page 12. The Friends of Broad Hinton School are looking for stall holders for their Scarecrow Trail Fun day, see page 15. The Youth Club are inviting you to join them if you are nearly 10, see page 11. The Safari Supper is selling tickets and looking for a few more volunteer cooks. This is a very valuable way to get to know the community if you are new here, see page 14.

The Cricket Club tells us about their up coming trip to Barbados, and adds a history of the island. We look forward to hearing how it went. See page 10.

Did you stick your hand up to help out with things in our community? Well done if you did... and there is still time and lots of help needed if you didn't. Check out the last issue of the LN for more information.

The bus service through the village has started, it seems like there have been one or two hiccups but that it is generally working well. Do use it, then we can keep it.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan was presented to the community on March 1st at the Village Hall. There were several interesting questions, and visitors on the day were able to take away a printed copy of the plan. It is an impressive document with much work having been done to put it together for you. Copies are available from the Parish Clerk and it is available on the Parish Council website. The consultation period continues until 28th APRIL. **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.

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School:	broadhintonschool.org	Three months for the price of two.	
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VILLAGE HALL

APRIL NEWS



300 Club 2025

There are nine unallocated 300 Club 2025 numbers available. Contact Sarah Kromer mrssarahkromer@gmail.com or 07885 519221.

The way it works:

There is a draw every month until December. Each number costs £10 per year, or you can set up a standing order and pay monthly:

3 numbers £2.50 per month total cost £30 for the year

6 numbers £5.00 per month total cost £60 for the year

(All these will be pro-rated if you buy now)

There are five prizes each month, £50, £25, 2 x £20 & £10.

We notify winners each month via the Facebook Groups, the printed Local News and the Broad Hinton web site each month. Half the money raised goes to the Village Hall the other half is used as prize money.

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March 300 Club Winners

£50	104	David Tulissio
£25	262	Nick Moakes
£20	101	Clare Malcolm
£20	79	Rich Marshall
£10	168	James Gates



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New Car Parking Sign

You'll soon notice an additional small cars parking area. It's a good opportunity to remind everyone (School parents/carers and BHVH users) that these spaces are only to be used for small cars which will not encroach onto the main road. In addition, please don't park larger cars at 90°, parallel to BHVH, in these spaces.

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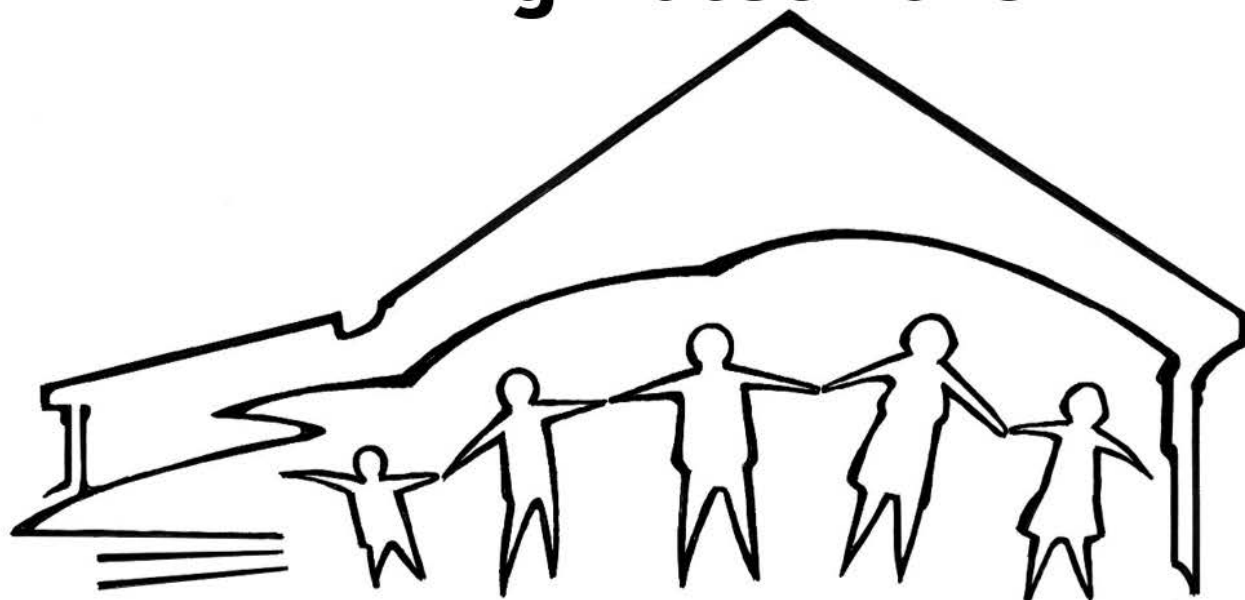
Over the past year, our utility expenses have continued to rise, as have ongoing maintenance costs. In addition, we are now facing significant costs to replace the heating. We've reviewed our hiring rates and have made some small increases, both for regular hirers, and for single events. These can be seen on the next page and will come into effect for hirings from 1st April.



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Hiring Rates 2025



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£160 all day	£240 all day
Meeting Room	
£13 per hour	£18 per hour
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Meeting Room & Main Hall	
£22 per hour	£36 per hour
£220 all day	£360 all day
Special Wedding Rate £660 Friday 5pm, all Saturday, Sunday until 12 noon	



Philip Wilkinson, Wiltshire Police and Commissioner

The transformation of Wiltshire

Police's service will continue

after my budget was approved by the police and crime panel early in February.

This support will mean the police precept will rise by £14 a year, for a Band D property. It isn't a position I wanted but I was faced with £11m of savings if I didn't.

Even with the rise, £6.8m of savings need to be delivered by transformation of police service delivery. I can reassure you Wiltshire Police will always have protecting the public, increasing public access and visibility and Making Wiltshire Safer at fore of every decision.

It is a fact I am asking the Chief Constable to do ever more with less funding. I am asking her to improve the policing service, for more visible and effective policing

but with less funding than the majority of Chief Constables.

Wiltshire Police is delivering – we have the most police officers in a decade, increased outcome rates, crime decreasing in some crime types year-on-year, and communities seeing more visible policing with improving 999 and 101 response times. This comes at a cost and is why I had to ask for the maximum increase.

Of course, the financial challenges mean there will be tough decisions but not at the cost of frontline policing or the service received. The Chief Constable and I have committed to protect police officer numbers and police stations with public access.

The Chief and I know there is more to do to make people feel safe and we will not stop ensuring Wiltshire Police is on that improvement journey and will lead the way as one of the most effective and efficient forces.

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



Supplier Profile – Sumbler Bros. Butchers



Sumblers Butchers have been providing meat to the shop since we first opened. They are a traditional butchers who support local farmers. The Sumbler family lived in Avebury and, as well as their current shop in Marlborough, they had a shop in Church Walk in Avebury.

They supply the community shop with a wide

variety of products including bacon, sausages, pies and pasties. If you would like to place an order for any other meat products such as a Sunday roast, please ask and we would be happy to do this for you. Save yourself a trip into town and let the community shop organise this for you.

New Till and Computer System

We have been fortunate to obtain a grant from Wiltshire Council towards the cost of upgrading our till (EPOS system) and back officer computer system. Our old till had been in the shop since 2011, and was running very slowly and risked breaking down at any time. The installation went smoothly - thanks to Martin and the team for getting the new system installed with only half a day of closure.

Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)



Farmers' Markets & Community Café/ Shop Update from White Horse Community Shop Group

Firstly, thank you to everyone who shopped at our February Farmers' Market a few weeks ago. It seemed to be at least as popular as the first event - we apologise that again the fabulous bread sold out so quickly and some of you still missed out despite extra being baked. We are liaising with the baker on what further can be done to avoid this next time, and the butcher, greengrocer, and herbs/preserves stalls will also be back with us all being well.

We are planning three more markets before the end of the year in spring, summer and autumn starting at the end of May.

Next Farmers' Market:

Sunday 25th May, 11am - 1pm, Broad Hinton Village Hall (Note the shorter opening period, this is when the vast majority come along.)

So far as our progress towards a community-owned café & shop is concerned, we very much welcome the inclusion of space for such a business in the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. We contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan group's work on the concept of a "multi-use hub building" in which the café and shop could operate.

Note the policy requirement to provide additional community facilities alongside any housing development. A community shop and café are priorities along with parking, multi-sport changing, storage, and a play area, all intended to be co-located and close to the existing village hall, school, and cricket pitch.

See p38-40 & p54-61 of the main document at: <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/regulation-14>

We are very pleased that eventually we may be able to operate in a purpose-built, energy efficient premises, with good parking and access. If the community votes to adopt the Neighbourhood Development Plan, we will be ready to pursue this very interesting opportunity. Our business planning has been done with this future possibility in mind.

Meanwhile we continue to look at all other potential ways of achieving our shop & café aims and, in parallel, build relationships with the local producers and businesses you will meet at the market events. We look forward to seeing you at the next Farmers' Market at Broad Hinton Village Hall, Sunday 25th May, from 11am until 1pm.

White Horse Community Shop Steering Group – Alex, Adam, Claire, Tash, Nick & Paul

whitehorse.communityshop@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP?

We love to see the beauty of flowers in our village church but need some occasional help, 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.

We also need some extra help, again about two or three times a year, to sweep, dust or polish and tidy the church.

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

Have Your Say before 28th April

The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation period has been extended to allow for Easter holidays and now ends on April 28th.

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

Please go to
<https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/regulation-> 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 28th April 2025

Comments must be submitted in writing.

Hackpen Festival

Saturday 5th July



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<https://broad-hinton.lemonbooking.com/page/events>

Or contact Sarah Kromer,
mrssarahkromer@gmail.com
or 07885 519221.

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



Expect lots of fun
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Church Inspection of Broad Hinton

Primary School

This is the report of our Church Inspection at Broad Hinton Primary School, conducted on 13th February 2025. Church Inspections are conducted every 5 years and we are very proud of the outcomes and written comments you read below.

Vision: A love of learning for a lifetime of opportunities.

Values: LOVE, CARE AND RESPECT

Broad Hinton Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish. It has the following notable strengths.

Strengths

- The Christian vision, and values of love, care and respect are deeply embedded within the school. They are at the heart of decision making. This ensures pupils and adults flourish together.
- The curriculum inspires and motivates pupils. It successfully promotes the school's vision of developing a love of learning for a lifetime of opportunities.
- Collective worship is cherished by pupils and adults. Effective and evolving partnerships with the local church enrich the school's worship life.
- Driven by the vision, this is a highly inclusive and happy school community with a deep focus on adults' and pupils' wellbeing. Pupils behave very well, and relationships across the school are harmonious.
- Highly effective leadership of religious education (RE) ensures that pupils experience a well-crafted curriculum. Pupils consequently have a good knowledge of Christianity, world religions and worldviews

Other comments include:

- Leaders clearly articulate how the vision informs strategic development. Staff and pupils talk with enthusiasm about how the vision and values are lived out. This provides a solid foundation through which pupils and adults flourish. Governors know the school well.
- Strong partnerships with the diocese and local church enable this loving community to thrive.
- Leaders diligently ensure that the curriculum is shaped by the local context.
- Leaders' curriculum decisions ensure pupils' horizons

are extended, effectively living out the vision of opportunities. The proactive ecocouncil helps to ensure the beautiful grounds are used to enhance lessons and activities. Governors and leaders routinely evaluate the curriculum's impact. This ensures it continues to improve.

- Inclusivity is a golden thread through this work
- Worship is a cherished part of each day. Pupils love coming together with staff and their peers. This instils a strong sense of community. Staff appreciate the spiritual space and time to reflect.
- Pupils across the school value the opportunity to plan, lead and evaluate worship. Prayer, stillness and moments of personal reflection are important to them. Spontaneous prayers are frequently shared with impressive maturity. Furthermore, pupils learn to sign prayers, ensuring worship is inclusive. Inspirational hymns and songs, bring joy to those present.

With apologies to the WHCC and Chris Ladd for not including this in last month's magazine, sadly the article languished in my junk folder. We hope you are having a wonderful time. Liz

White Horse Cricket Club enters the international sporting arena

“Woh, I'm going to Barbados
Woh, back to the palm trees
Woh, I'm going to see my girlfriend
Woh, in the sunny Caribbean sea”...

So sang the band Typically Tropical with their “one hit wonder” No.1 single back in 1975.

Well, with great excitement, our local cricket club based in Broad Hinton, White Horse CC, is also going to Barbados with our first ever international cricket tour.

For many years now we have toured “overseas” - if you count the short ferry ride to the Isle of Wight in August each year? We've had a star Barbadian cricketer Seth Naitram playing for us and he suggested a tour to his home island some years ago. Covid rather scuppered initial plans but we finally take the leap as a party of around 18 players, partners and supporters will leave in late March for 10 days of cricketing and holidaying. Excitement is building among the tour party, with cricketers aged from 15 to 78 procuring plenty of protective equipment to fend off the rapid bowling of the West Indian quicks.

If anyone has a late urge for some Spring sunshine overseas, you would be very welcome to cheer us on - or indeed strengthen our playing squad! We are basing ourselves near Dover Beach in the St. Lawrence Gap area with our first game scheduled for Sunday 30th March.

A review of the trip, with a full run-down of injuries picked up on the field and in the rum bars, will be shared in a future edition of your Local News!

In the meantime, here's a brief history of the island (powered by Microsoft Copilot AI)...

A Brief History of Barbados

Barbados was first inhabited by the Saladoid-Barrancoid people around 350 AD, followed by the



Arawaks and then the Caribs. The island was claimed for Spain by the Portuguese explorer Pedro a Campos in 1536 but remained uninhabited until the British arrived. In 1625, Captain John Powell claimed Barbados for England, and in 1627, the first English settlers established a permanent settlement in Holetown on the west coast of the island.

Barbados became a prosperous colony due to its sugar cane cultivation albeit driven by the shameful exploitation of African slaves. By the 18th century, it was one of the wealthiest British colonies. The Slavery Abolition Act in 1833 led to the emancipation of all enslaved people.

Post-emancipation, Barbados faced economic challenges but began diversifying in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Labour Rebellion in 1937 spurred political reform, leading to internal self-government in 1961 and full independence on November 30, 1966, with Errol Barrow as the first Prime Minister.

In 2021, Barbados became a republic, removing Queen Elizabeth II as head of state and inaugurating Dame Sandra Mason as its first President, marking a new chapter in its history.

Chris Ladd – Chairman, WHCC



Broad Hinton Youth Group



Come and join our youth club!

We meet every Friday from 7:00pm until 9:00pm during term-time in Broad Hinton Village Hall. The club is for 10-14 year olds and the cost is £3 per session (plus tuck shop money!)

Rising 10's (ie if you will be 10 years old before September 1st 2025) are welcome to start after the Easter break

New members are always very welcome. We have table tennis, table football, a snooker table, an indoor net for badminton or volley ball, a PS4, a Wii and an Xbox, as well as a tuck shop.

We sometimes have other activities such as art and craft or different sports. During the summer months we have use of the school field behind the village hall for outdoor activities.

Please visit our webpage on the Broad Hinton Village Hall website:

<https://broadhinton.org.uk/clubs/youth-club/>

and for more information please email bhyouthclub23@gmail.com

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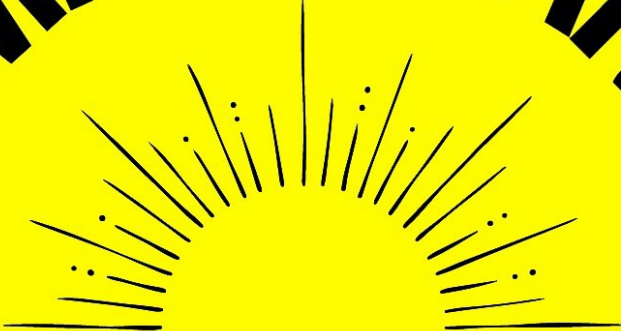
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SAFARI SUPPER



Safari 2023 was our first, we really enjoyed meeting new people in the village! (Wettles area)

The safari supper was a great village event. Everyone was so welcoming and it was a lovely way to get to know people. I'd recommend it to anyone – younger or older, new or long term resident! (PO Lane bottom end)

I enjoyed hosting a main course, lovely to get to know people I didn't know before (Pitchens End)

Fabulous way to meet newcomers to the village, hosting was no problem and great fun (Fortunes Field)

The dessert course is the culmination of the evening, all together in one house and very good fun! (Pitchens End)



Sat 28 June 2025



Please contact us to book in and for queries, **£25 per head for 3 courses**

Jenny Clarke 01793 731606, Tamsyn Rowe 07919 387621,

Joy Reynolds 07973 875750

Hosts: Thank you to everyone who has offered, we really appreciate it! Please get in touch if you are willing to host a main or starter. Starter hosts are entitled to one free ticket, and main hosts two free tickets.

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



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Saturday 28th June

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VILLAGE HALL**

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- -Books
- -Local charities
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to book your space by Monday 2nd June!



The Hop Chapel & Hop Gardens

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Join us for quiz nights, cheese clubs, bingo and much more. With incredible street food vendors – there's something for everyone!

Upcoming Events

Thursday 27 Mar	8pm QUIZ Night
Friday 28 Mar	5:30pm Gourmet 58
Saturday 29 Mar	5:30pm Gourmet 58
Friday 4 Apr	5:30pm John the Greek
Saturday 5 Apr	5:30pm Get Battered
Sunday 6 Apr	1:30pm Cheese Club
Thursday 10 Apr	8pm QUIZ Night
Friday 11 Apr	5:30pm Fries with Attitude
Thursday 17 Apr	6pm Sip & Paint Workshop
Friday 18 Apr	5:30pm Gourmet 58
Saturday 19 Apr	5:30pm Gourmet 58
Thursday 24 Apr	8pm Quiz Night
Friday 25 Apr	5:30pm John the Greek
Saturday Apr	5:30pm Get Battered



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THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday March 5th the ladies welcomed James Haddow to their meeting. James is better known as The Taxi Driver Poet and for more than 16 years he was writing and reciting his poetry to his passengers as he drove them around Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Unfortunately in 2013 he had a seizure which forced him to retire from driving. He then resettled on the South Coast.

James now spends his time writing and performing his poetry to women's groups, U3A, the Rotary club, dinner parties etc. He has written and published several books of his poetry.

We were entertained by James as he relived his life journey and encounters. A light hearted, casual and comical reflection on his life. A most enjoyable evening...

On Wednesday 2nd April Talan Skeels Piggins will be the visiting speaker. Talan is an author, Paralympian and much more. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

On **WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND 7.30**

In Broad Hinton Village Hall

TALAN SKEELS-PIGGINS

Will be giving an inspirational talk entitled 'Beyond Ordinary'

Talan Skeels-Piggins is a children's author, a double Motorcycle World champion (Paralysed category) and Winter Paralympian. A former Royal Navy fighter controller and P.E. teacher.

EVERYONE WELCOME

(£5.00 INCLUDING TEA OR COFFEE)

View from the Rectory

Spring has sprung

Every winter the plants seem dormant – dead even – for a very long time. If we had no memory, we would think that the world had died and wasn't coming back. And then... resurrection! The dead looking bark of trees starts to show soft, green, watery buds. Spots of colour appear as the reds and blues and yellows of blossoms, and all shades in between, remind us of the names and characters of the trees and shrubs that we had forgotten. They catch our attention, and we start once more to have conversations with our plants and gardens and landscape. And when the sun shines brightly we sense them in celebratory mood, as trees flex their branches with open-armed joy towards the beckoning sun. From the carcasses of winter, the new life of trees springs forth.

As a priest I don't need to make crass or naïve parallels between our season of spring and resurrection and Easter because it is there for all to see. We don't need a lame analogy. It is there staring us in the face and warming our hearts.

I took a funeral last year of a young woman who had died in a tragic accident. She had had a deep interest in biodynamic farming and was about to buy a smallholding. After spending many years working for others she was about to fulfil a dream of tending and shaping

her own corner of creation. Sadly, it was not to be. But I had a moment of profound revelation when I took a handful of dirt to throw into her grave and said the words of the committal service: "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes and dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life." It struck me that she would have understood more than most what was going on here. I had in my hand a fistful of dirt. But it is this very earth and dirt from which springs forth new life. Take a dried-up seed from a previous season and bury it in the 'dead' earth. Add water and the rhythms of day and night, and this sealed, hard cave will break open and new life will proclaim its presence.

At some point our winter or the winter of our loved ones will come, and it will seem as though there is no life in us. The 'us' will have gone. Yet we awaken again on another shore. Guided by the Light of Christ and resurrected in His Body rather than the frail bodies we borrow for a season. Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed and our earth in Spring is a joyful sign of the New Life to come.

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

Memorials in St Peter's Churchyard

The Church Wardens and the Local Parish Council are so very grateful to all the wonderful volunteers who help keep our churchyard neat and tidy, so it can be enjoyed by all.

We rely almost completely on people who give up their time to mow and strim around the graves and ashes plots, and we need to make this task as safe and as easy as possible.

We know that everyone grieves in their own way, but a churchyard such as ours is governed by regulations, the relevant section is:

The Churchyard General Guidance (updated in 2017) states:

The Regulations limit the colour and type of stone which may be used. Local stone is often the most appropriate material in a rural setting as this will blend with the stone of the church building, churchyard walls and existing gravestones. The Regulations also limit the shapes which may be permitted without a faculty. Kerbs, chippings, photographs, candles and other objects are not permitted and must be removed by the minister or churchwardens, who may, at their discretion, allow such articles to remain on new graves for a period of up to 13 months..... The PCC may remove flowers or wreaths from graves when they start to wither or become dishevelled or discoloured.

The full regulations are in the church porch or online at (Salisbury-Churchyard-Regulations-May-2016.pdf)

So, if you are a family member who attends a family memorial, be it a grave or an ashes plot, if it is at all possible (as we do not want to cause upset), please can you take home your personal items that do not conform to the above.

Also, you may wish to know that usually anyone with a significant connection to the Parish can be buried in the churchyard, with the consent of

the Rector.

Gill Crabtree 07774 424125 and Robert Fitzpatrick 07778 175699

Church Wardens and the Local Church Council

Annual Parochial

Church Meeting 2025

All villagers are warmly invited to attend our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting at Kennet Valley School, Lockeridge on **15th May starting at 7.pm.**

This will be the first full Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the Parish of the Upper Kennet Churches. The APCM is the opportunity for members of the community to see and understand how the newly formed large Parochial Church Council now works. All of the accounts will be visible to any who wish to see them, as well as who is representing each church.

If you do wish to attend we would be grateful if you could inform the Church Office on 01672 861786 or by

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
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Thank you.



Upper Kennet Churches

Holy Week and Easter Services 2025

13 April - Palm Sunday

9.45 am	Palm Sunday Procession from West Overton bus shelter (next to the telephone box) to West Overton Church
10 am	West Overton - Palm Sunday Communion Service

17 April - Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Avebury - Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar Service

18 April - Good Friday

12 noon	West Overton - ‘At the Foot of the Cross’ Readings, Music, Meditation
2 pm-3 pm	Avebury - Walk of Witness
6 pm	Broad Hinton - Evening Service
6 pm	East Kennett - Sung Compline

20 April - Easter Day

6.30 am	Avebury - Dawn Service - meet outside the Red Lion
8.30 am	Fyfield - Easter Day Holy Communion
10 am	Broad Hinton - Easter Day Holy Communion
10 am	West Overton - Easter Day Holy Communion
10 am	Winterbourne Monkton - Easter Day Holy Communion
10.30 am	Winterbourne Bassett - Easter Day Morning Service
11 am	East Kennett - Easter Day Morning Service

St Peter's Ad Vincula



Good Friday 18th April

Evensong at 6.00 pm

Easter Sunday 20th April

Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Followed by coffee and an Easter egg hunt around the church

These services can be viewed on YouTube

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

Readings for April 2025

Sunday 30 March – Purple

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10
Psalm 34.11-20
Colossians 3.12-17
John 19.25b-27

Sunday 6 April – Purple

5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8

Sunday 13 April – Red

Palm Sunday

Luke 19.28-40

Luke 23:1-49

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10] 11-14
1 Corinthians 11.23-26
John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13-end of 53
Psalm 22 [or 22.1-11 or 22.1-21]
Hebrews 10.16-25
or Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9
John 18.1-end of 19

Sunday 20 April – Gold or White

Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43*
or Isaiah 65.17-end
Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 [or 118.14-24]
1 Corinthians 15, 19-26
or Acts 10.34-43*
John 20.1-18
or Luke 24.1-12
*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Sunday 27 April – White

2nd Sunday of Easter
[Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20,21]
Acts 5.27-32 *
Psalm 118.14-end or Psalm

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Revelation 1.4-8
John 20.19-end
*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Sunday 4 May – White

3rd Sunday of Easter
[Zephaniah 3.14-end]
Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]*
Psalm 30
Revelation 5.11-end
John 21.1-19
*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

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 9th April & Wednesday 23rd April.

Broad Hinton Church - Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday Evenings 18:30 - 20:00



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Wednesday 2 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
6 April Lent 5	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service
Wednesday 9 April			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
13 April Palm Sunday	<u>9.45 AM</u> WEST OVERTON – PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION FROM BUS SHELTER (NEXT TO THE TELEPHONE BOX) TO CHURCH <u>10 AM</u> WEST OVERTON – PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE						
Wednesday 16 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
Thursday 17 April Maundy Thursday	7.30PM – AVEBURY - HOLY COMMUNION & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR SERVICE						
Friday 18 April Good Friday	12 NOON: WEST OVERTON – ‘AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS’ – Readings, Music, Meditation. 2 PM - 3.00 PM: AVEBURY - WALK OF WITNESS 6 PM: BROAD HINTON - EVENING SERVICE 6 PM: EAST KENNETT – COMPLINE						
20 April Easter Day	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>10 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>11 am</u> Morning Service	<u>6.30 am</u> Dawn Service Meet outside the Red Lion	<u>10 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Holy Communion
Wednesday 23 April			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)				
27 April Easter 2		<u>2.30 pm</u> Clements Baptism		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 30 April				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			

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Funerals

Michael John Baker
North Wiltshire Crematorium
21st February 2025

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Broad Hinton
24th February 2025

Burial of Ashes

Michael Tavener
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15th March 2025

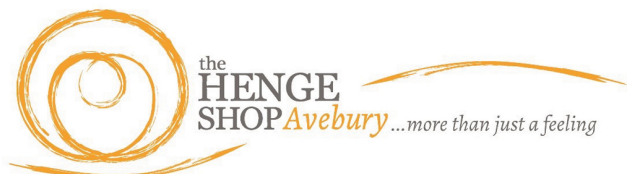
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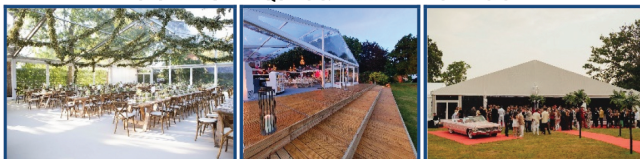
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