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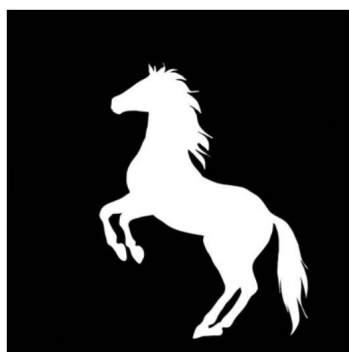
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Fridays			7pm to 9pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
Saturday	28th	April	1pm	Cricket Match	Cricket Club
Saturday	28th	April		Closing Date for NDP comments	
Thursday	1st	May		Parish Council Elections	Village Hall
Saturday	3rd	May		Cricket Match	Cricket Club
Sunday	4th	May	10am	Parish Communion	St Peters ad Vincula
Wednesday	7th	May	7.30pm	Ridgeway Ladies	Village Hall
Wednesday	7th	May	7.00pm	Annual Local Church Meeting	St Peters ad Vincula
Thursday	8th	May	various	VE Day anniversary celebrations	Avebury
Saturday	10th	May	2.30-4.30pm	VE Day Plant Sale	Broad Town
Tuesday	13th	May	7pm	AGM of Parish Council	Village Hall
Sunday	18th	May	11am-1pm	Farmers Market	Village Hall
Sunday	18th	May	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peters ad Vincula
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
Saturday	12th	July	2-5pm	Church Building Trust Event	St Peters ad Vincula
Saturday	25th	November	tbd	Wessex Male Voice Choir	St Peters ad Vincula

Waste and Recycling collection days for May

Monday	5th	May	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	6th	May	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	8th	May	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	9th	May	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	19th	May	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	20th	May	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	22nd	May	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	23rd	May	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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If you would like an email of the pdf version of the local news please send us an email to be added to the mail out list.

Dear All,

A busy Easter with family and a few patches of sunshine have put a smile on my face. My bird box has a new blue tit tenant, the tadpoles are fattening up nicely in the pond, and veg seeds are sprouting—spring is such a special time.

Well what a bumper community calendar, such a joy to see.

Cricket matches will be starting again at the Cricket Club, and the chairman invites all to attend to watch or play, and in particular any ladies wanting to use the ground for sporting activities. Any ideas anyone? See page 15.

Tickets still available for the Safari Supper the Summer Party and the Hackpen Festival.

The Farmers market is coming around again, Hooray! It will be on for a shorter window of 11am to 1pm on 18th May. Get your bread order in early. See page 8/9.

Three cheers for our new bus service! This one is a bookable Wiltshire Connect service going to places like Marlborough and Devizes. This is a new service, see page 13. Well done Adam.

St Katherine’s are looking for more bellringers, and tell us a bit about their bells see pages 10 &11.

The Village Hall are still in dire need of new volunteers... this is a really valuable way to give back to your community. Go on give it a try! See page 4/5.

Got something to say, send it to me, your articles are always welcome.

Liz

Volunteering – Why do it?

We often ask within these pages for volunteers to step forward and fill the roles left vacant by those no longer able to make the commitment. A community like ours thrives because people give up their time to provide services that are not provided by government, for the benefit of all. Volunteers also gain a great deal from doing so, like:

- Making new friends
- Giving something back
- Improving confidence
- Getting a sense of connection with others in the community
- Gaining new skills and work experience
- Making things work better
- Better physical and mental health and wellbeing

Do you feel up to volunteering?

Have a look through the following pages for inspiration.

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

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Hackpen Festival

Saturday 5th July

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Beer or Gin glass
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Or contact Sarah Kromer,
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If she doesn't answer,
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she will call you back.



Expect lots of fun
Music, Beer, Gin, & Fizz!

VILLAGE HALL MAY NEWS



BHVH Trustee Departures

Marilyn & Geoff Martin will resign as BHVH trustees at the next Annual Meeting, after 25 and 21 years respectively. They wanted to give us as much notice as possible though. This is of course, extraordinarily sad news for our committee and the wider community. We'll be devastated to lose Marilyn and Geoff who have been such a pleasure to work with. We're sure everyone in our community knows just how much hard work they've put in over the years and how grateful we are.

Marilyn

As you all know, when Marilyn resigned as Bookings Officer recently, she had carried out that role for 23 years. We finally replaced our warm-hearted Marilyn with a cold bit of software! She did of course continue to serve as a trustee and has recently been investigating potential grants to help us with the heating system replacement. As any of you who know Marilyn will be well aware, gardening is her passion, and she has offered to continue to tend the BHVH gardens.

Geoff

What can I say about Geoff, except that he's a marvel at maintenance, brilliant with beer, but not so delighted by digital! He's also good at bringing our committee meetings to a standstill whilst we all fall about laughing! I won't say why we laugh, but we laugh... Geoff, what will we do without you to sort out the heat pump, and of course, many, many other things? Whilst Marilyn and Geoff's decision is tinged with sadness (BHVH has been a BIG presence in their lives), their resignations will give them more time. They plan to spend this with family, particularly their grandchildren and going away to see more of the world.

What This Means

With their blessing, we are publicising this via Local News & Facebook now, so that as a community we can begin planning for the future.

One or two trustees have other commitments at the moment, reducing our numbers to five.

This inevitably puts additional pressure on those remaining, when we already give a considerable amount of time in three key ways:

1. Day to day management and running of BHVH
2. Longer-term planning and financial management
3. Two large-scale fundraising events, which just about enable BHVH to remain solvent

A few of those remaining only plan to continue contributing in this way for one or two more years. Inevitably, others will retire.

We're asking the whole community of Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott, to think very carefully about what happens to BHVH in the medium-term future. Here are several options:

- Refresh the committee with new, younger trustees. Can you give time to ensure BHVH remains the successful community asset it is now?
- Discuss with the Parish Council a co-management approach
- Close BHVH if neither of those options are viable

There may be others, please let us know if you have any bright ideas.

We have a full briefing pack on the role of BHVH trustee for anyone interested

If you'd be willing to consider becoming a trustee, please contact us
villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk

Or to have a chat about what's involved,

please phone one of the joint-chairs

**Jo Smith 07768 206 423 &
Kate Marshall 07740 928 218**

Hackpen Beer & Gin Festival

Plans for our Beer & Gin Festival are well underway. Early-bird tickets are now available. £12: adults, including a commemorative beer or gin glass and two drinks tokens
£6: Child Aged 6-17
Free: Child Aged 5 and under Go to <https://broad-hinton.lemonbooking.com/page/events> to buy tickets If you'd rather not buy online, contact Sarah Kromer, mrssarahkromer@gmail.com or 07885 519221.

Music

We have some great music lined up for you to enjoy.

Chris O'Leary, a solo singer and guitarist with a wide selection of songs and audience request ability. He'll be playing 4pm-6pm.

24/Seven will be playing from 8pm-11pm. They are "100% Live, 100% Energy, 100% Fun!" Non-stop music & tailored lights. Our community has welcomed them for events before and loved them!

Silent Auction

Generous sponsors have donated some exciting items for a Silent Auction. We'll let you know how you can bid before the Festival, or on the day.

Food

We're planning some delicious food. Supplied by our local butcher, we'll have homemade burgers and sausages. Served throughout the day, so come hungry!

Help

We'll need willing helpers to work shifts during the event:

- Checking tickets & selling tokens
- Serving beer
- Staffing the gin & other drinks bar
- Serving food

The festival will happen if we have enough people to staff the event. Please get in touch

with one of the Festival Team if you'd be willing to help in this way:

Jo Smith 07768 206 423
Kate Marshall 07740 928 218
Geoff Martin 07811 306 121
Sue Robinson 07841 162 367

300 Club Winners

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£25 293 Helen Forster
£20 207 Des Clarke
£20 72 Caryl Roberts
£10 176 Alexis Hammer

May Hirings

Saturday 3rd 1pm-6pm Holy Communion Celebration

Sunday 18th May 10am-1:30pm Farmers Market (open to the public between 11am-1pm)

Weekend of 23rd – 25th Wedding 60 people

- Friday 23rd 11am-10pm set up
- Saturday 24th 8am-midnight the main event. There will be an outside catering truck, parked in BHVH car park serving food from about 2pm until early evening. The hirers are aware of the need to keep door movement & noise to a minimum but inevitably there will be some as guests come outside for food
- Sunday 25th 8am-midday clear up

Hiring the hall

- For a party or wedding reception; hall and meeting room, all day & evening £360.
- Business meetings or conferences; main hall, three hours during the day £72.
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BROAD HINTON AND WINTERBOURNE BASSETT

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Residents of the Parish are invited
to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 7:00 pm
In Broad Hinton Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to ask questions and find out what the Council has been doing. If you would like to attend the meeting as a member of the public then please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council at clerk@bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk by Saturday 10 May 2025

AGENDA

Councillors: Alex LaRoche (AL) (Chairman)
 Adam Gilmore (AG) (Vice Chairman)

Clerk: Peter Barry (PB)

Item No.	Subject	Action	Paperwork provided	Presented by
1	Introduction	Noting		AL
2	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May 2024.	Approval & Signing	Yes	AL
3	Chair's Report 2024-2025	Noting	Yes	AL
4	Annual Financial Report 2024-2025	Approval & Signing	Yes	PB/AL
5	Annual Planning Report 2024-2025	Noting	Yes	TI/AL
6	Residents Time			
7	Date of Next Annual Parish Meeting			

FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHURCH FABRIC



As a Trustee of the Broad Hinton Church Building Trust (BHCBT), I, along with a small group of Trustees from the village, am responsible for raising, managing, and using funds to support the upkeep (or fabric) of our village church, St Peter ad Vincula. The church which sits in the heart of our community, dates back to the 12th Century with records showing a presence in the village before 1066. The building has a wealth of history, much of which has been captured in a splendid document (available in the Church for a small donation), and much of which may be unknown to many of our community.

The Trustees have decided it would be great to share more about the Church's history with the community in the hope we can educate young and old about our historic building. Of course, we would also like to take this opportunity to raise much needed funds. We will therefore be holding an open day on **Saturday July 12th from 2pm to 5 pm** (date confirmed but exact times to be agreed). We will provide visitors with in-depth historical details of the church. In addition, we will invite you to visit the Bell Tower and for the more able-bodied, a chance to climb to the top of the Tower to experience wonderful views of our local countryside. For the children, we will hold a treasure hunt which will enable them to learn more about the church. We also hope to have hand bell ringing demonstrations in which you will be able to take part. Refreshments will also be available, with

tea, cakes, and maybe some local beers available.

So please mark **July 12th** in your diaries and come and join the Church Trustees, whose role is helping to ensure that the Church stands for another 1,000 years. More details about the day will be shared in this magazine and village social media between now and July 12th.

Also, as part of our ongoing fundraising initiatives, we will be holding a concert by the Wessex Male Choir in the Church. More details will be shared in this magazine as planning progresses, but please put a date in your diary for **Saturday November 25th** (exact time to be agreed).

Finally, if anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee, please reach out to me or Robert Fitzpatrick. You don't have to be involved with the Church per se, this is about helping to manage the building and grounds and to protect the heritage within our community.



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**Sunday 18th May
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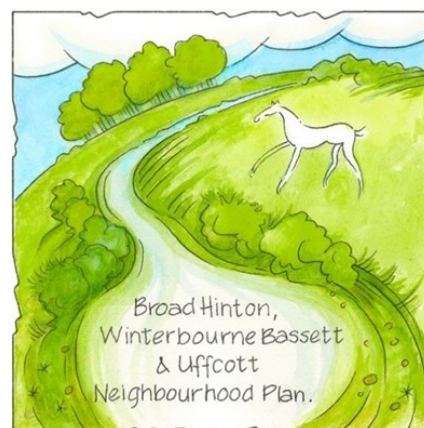
Spring greetings from the shop & cafe steering group. Our next Farmers Market is rapidly approaching - it will in fact be here sooner than previously advertised, on Sunday 18th May, so you have one less week to wait for all the lovely goodies to be at Broad Hinton Village Hall again. Apologies for our error in last month's Local News...

Pete's MicroBakery pre-orders

As some people prefer to arrive a bit later than others we've set up a WhatsApp group with Pete for optional pre-ordering of bakery goods. We don't want anyone to leave the market disappointed if we can help it. Contact Adam Gilmore to be added to the group (07969 290124 or email adam.gilmore@outlook.com). Adam can take your order too if you don't use WhatsApp. You can see the produce at <https://www.petesmicrobakery.co.uk>.

We have around a dozen stalls booked this time, including, all being well, more meat and dairy produce. Eco-friendly refills will be available again so bring along your empties!

We look forward to seeing you at **Broad Hinton Village Hall** from **11am until 1pm** (note the earlier closing time) on **Sunday 18th May** (NOT the 25th!)



Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 14 Comments and Feedback

Thank you to everyone who has submitted comments on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). They've been submitted both on paper and online. The comments have given the Steering Group food for thought and we'll respond at the end of the Regulation 14 consultation period.

***Remember, the deadline
for comments
has been extended to
Monday 28th April.***

If you haven't yet been able to have a look at the NDP, it's available in two ways. In print, you can obtain a copy from Peter Barry at The Old Coffee House, there are also several print copies which have been shared and are still doing the rounds, so contact one of us to get access to those. Online, you can find the NDP documents and forms here <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/regulation-14>

Ringling the changes in Winterbourne Bassett

Have you experienced unexpected ringing in your ears recently? Hold off on the GP appointment for now – you might just have heard the bells of St Katherine and St Peter's church, which have become fully ringable again thanks to Broad Hinton native John Haines.

Bellringing in brief

Church bells can either be chimed or rung full circle. Chiming is used across the world; the bell hangs with its mouth pointing down and is swung from side to side to make the clapper strike. The speed of the bell cannot be controlled by the ringer so if more than one bell is chimed you hear the jangling, clashing sound so common on the Continent.

Full circle ringing was invented in England in the 17th Century. Bells were attached to large wheels which allows them to swing 360° (or a full circle). The bell rests with its mouth pointing upwards to the sky. One pull on the rope and it swings around 360° on its wheel as the clapper strikes once; pull the rope once more and it swings back another full circle to sound again. Rung this way the ringers can control the speed of the bells and ring them in order, giving the delightful pealing sound heard for Sunday services and weddings.

Full circle ringing is a curiously English phenomenon. There are 6775 full circle rings of three or more bells in England, with a mere 313 in the rest of the British Isles. Across the rest of the world there are only 168 full circle rings, mostly in places with a connection to Britain (e.g. Australia and the USA).

Ringling the changes

For several years the bells of Winterbourne

Bassett have only chimed, but thanks to John Haines they can now once more be rung full circle. John has repaired various faults on the wheels and frame and given everything a full service, with some assistance from David Miles of Marlborough.

In March we rang the bells up full circle once more, and rang the changes for the first time in 30 years. Going forwards we would like to chime one or more bells before the monthly services and ring them full circle for special occasions, starting with VE Day on 8th May.



John in the bell frame

The bells of St Katherine and St Peter's

There have been bells in Winterbourne Bassett church since at least 1553, and one of the three hanging here today was cast in 1583, when Elizabeth I was on the throne. The other two bells were recast in 1857 and 1883, when the frame was also replaced.

We think at this time the ropes were also lengthened to bring the ringers down from the original ringing room halfway up the tower to their current location on the ground floor around the font. This was a common move in Victorian times as bellringers of old were often an irreverent bunch of reprobates who got up to all sorts of tricks when they were out of sight. Nowadays you won't find kegs of beer in the ringing chamber, but ringing remains a very sociable activity. People of all ages and skill

levels ring together, with many practices ending in the pub.

Do you have what it takes?

Chiming a bell is easy; as you can see from the photo, even 4 year olds can do it! We are planning to hold an open morning in the summer so that anyone can have a go, so keep your eyes peeled for more information on that. Alternatively if you hear the bells feel free to come and watch and we'll be happy to chat (assuming the service hasn't started!).



Jenny and Penelope chiming the bells

If you fancy trying full circle ringing then Broad Hinton are always keen to hear from potential recruits to ring their charming six bells. Contact Brian Poulton on 01793 731158 or email brian.poulton@btopenworld.com. People of all faiths and none become bellringers, and you don't need to be a member of a congregation to ring.



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Wiltshire Connect bus starting 7th April 2025



been getting fixed quite quickly.

Top tips – book journeys a few days in advance, book your return journey, and avoid school drop-off/pickup times as they are used a lot [at](#) these times. I took a trip to Marlborough today which I booked last week and the bus turned up on time and the journey took 15 mins.

If you can't use the app or have mobility issues, please give Wiltshire Connect a call on 01225 712900 to get you set up.

You may have heard of the Wiltshire Connect on-demand, accessible, bus service that has been successfully operating around the Marlborough-Hungerford-Pewsey area.

To book a pickup either call [01225 712900](tel:01225712900) or use the Wiltshire Connect App.

<http://www.wiltshireconnect.co.uk/>

The service is now being expanded up to Uffcott, Winterbourne Bassett and Broad Hinton starting 7th April 2025.

Cllr. Adam Gilmore

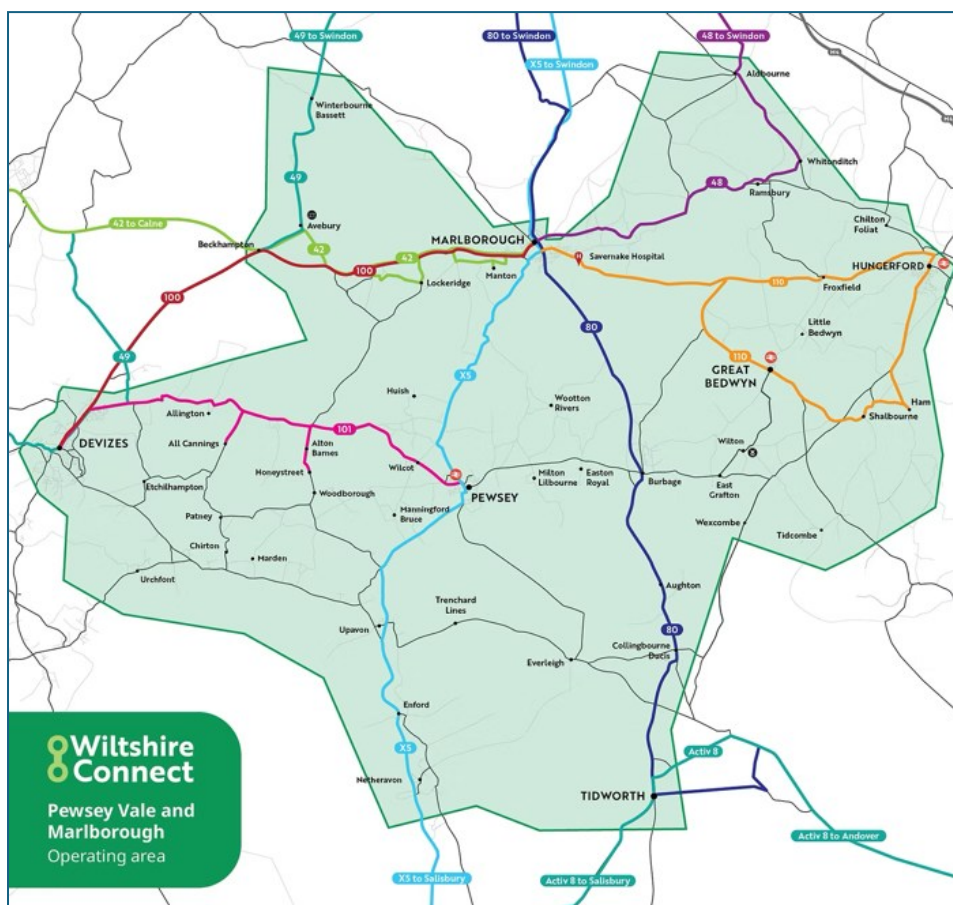
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It is an on-demand service where you can request a pickup between 30 mins and 7 days in advance. The service can take you up to 10 miles from your pickup which means you'll be able to take it to and from Marlborough. The service operates from 06:00-20:00 Mon-Fri and 08:00-19:30 Sat.

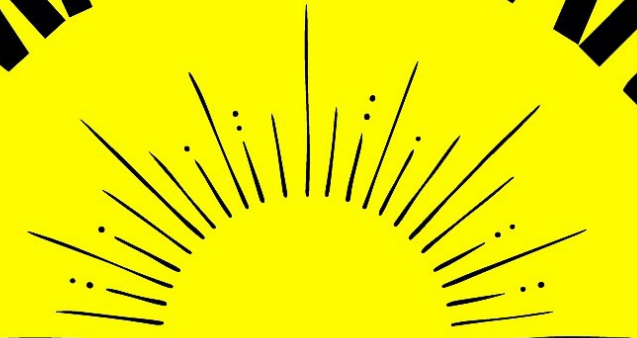
The service operates in the area shown in the map. Note the map doesn't show coverage of Broad Hinton but I've checked with Wiltshire [Connect](#) and it's covered.

Bear in mind that the service and app are evolving- teething problems in the app have



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THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday April 2nd the Ridgeway Ladies were joined by several visitors to welcome Talan Skeels-Piggins to their meeting.

Talan was living 'his best life' and had his future all mapped out but in March 2003 he was riding his motorcycle when he was hit by a car. He suffered horrific injuries (a shattered spine, a broken neck, multiple fractures and internal injuries). He was given a 30% chance of survival. Miraculously he did survive but was faced with a life confined to a wheelchair....something he felt he was unable to come to terms with. However a visit from another wheelchair user who had returned to the hospital for his annual check up changed his outlook.

Talan had always led an active life and enjoyed many sports – the visitor mentioned skiing and how it was possible for disabled persons to be able to participate in the sport. Always being a competitive person Talan decided this was the sport for him but not just on a 'fun' basis – he decided that he was going to be the best and made a conscious decision that he would ski for his country in 2010 Paralympics. This he achieved. Unfortunately he did not receive a medal but (not one to give up) went on to take up Boarder-Cross and in 2013 became the first sitting skier to win international medals in both IPC Alpine and Border-Cross.

Motor cycle racing is another of Talan's passions and in 2012 he became a National Rider and motorcycle racing instructor. Other interests include sailing and recently archery and clay pigeon shooting.

Having challenges has inspired Talan to progress with his life and he has shown that with determination and hard work goals can be achieved. A thoroughly enjoyable talk... inspirational and amusing.....enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30 when Stewart Lingford will be giving a talk entitled 'The Windsor Chair'. All ladies welcome...why not come and join us?



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FOR OUR ANNUAL SCARECROW TRAIL AND FUN DAY!

Saturday 28th June

BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL

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White Horse Cricket Club – 2025 Season is upon us

Cricket returns - Our season starts on Saturday 26th April with a friendly vs Avebury starting at 1pm. We then commence our Saturday League fixtures in Division 3 on Saturday 3rd May at home, with the bar open after the game to celebrate a club member's 50th Birthday. All are welcome.

After that WHCC play either home and away on Saturday afternoons. We also have games either home and away on Tuesday evenings from mid-May to mid-August starting at 6pm. The full fixture booklet is going to the printers this week so will be distributed around the villages soon afterwards.

More than a cricket club – it is worth reminding you all that the cricket field is used by more than just members of WHCC. We are working more closely with Avebury CC who again will use our ground on alternate Saturdays for their 3rd XI who will play in Division 8 of the Saturday League – so there is cricket every Saturday afternoon from May - September. I play with my 15 year old son in that team often so it is the perfect platform for younger players with some experience of hardball cricket. Or for adults who want to return to the game!

On Thursday evenings, we again welcome The AB Sports, a South Asian team from Swindon who had struggled to find a ground due to the limited sporting facilities in the town. This is our 3rd year partnering with them and their energy and enthusiasm for the game is infectious.

And we offer our ground to junior cricketers too. Wiltshire County girls teams will play at our Manor Farm ground this Summer and we will extend our links with Middlesex Schools who rented the ground last Summer to play a fixture vs Wales – given we are equidistant between the two! The city-based children were so excited to play cricket with cows watching them!

We also plan to host events again for the School and

the Youth Club this summer given the ground is a large playing space so close to the centre of Broad Hinton.

Community asset – as you can see from the above, we have been successful since I became Chairman in expanding what the field is used for. In 2024, we hosted the amazing Village Fun Day where close to 300 people attended and various clubs and businesses hosted stalls. With kind support from our Parish Council, and the Royal Wootton Bassett Area Board, we have an additional storage container on site now which will allow us to store village assets (chairs, gazebos etc) and our club machinery. My thanks to Alex LaRoche and the Parish Councillors and County Councillor Alison Bucknall for their support in granting us money to part fund this container.

How can I help? If you would like to support the club, we are always keen to hear from potential players so please get in touch if you'd like to play some hardball cricket. We welcome enthusiastic players whatever their standard. Or you may wish to support in other areas – scoring, umpiring, working behind the bar on match days, or keeping the ground and machinery in good order. I'm still keen to update our club website, so if anyone has the technical skills and a bit of spare time, please let me know. And wouldn't it be great to see women using the ground more – softball cricket, rounders, social football? Please let me know if you want to start something!

Social Membership - many of you kindly join each year as Social Members to support us and utilise our bar facilities. If you could do this again, please either transfer monies to the club account, or pass on cash or a cheque to me. Membership is £15 per person or £25 per couple or pair. Let me know if you would like our bank details.

Hopefully this shows the ambition of the club to become even more of a community focal point. My thanks to the Hortons of Manor Farm for their continued support in allowing us to expand what the playing field is used for.

News of our successful tour to Barbados earlier in April will follow next month!

Best wishes

Chris Ladd – Chairman



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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**

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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.

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WILTSHIRE POLICE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett

Crimes and incidents

Wiltshire Police record crimes and incidents in accordance with the National Crime and incident recording standards. Not all incidents that one would consider a crime are necessarily classified as a crime for recording purposes.

NB- The below statistics do not account for incidents that police respond to but do not need any follow up (Road traffic incidents, minor incidents of Anti-social behaviour)

From 1st January 2025 – 31st March 2025:

- **3 crimes and 4 incidences have been recorded in the Parish area.**
- **There have been 1 Report of dwelling burglaries.**
- **There have been 0 reports in relation to theft of or theft from Motor vehicles.**

Having reviewed the crime data for the area – There are no apparent trends that are presented or a series of crimes that are linked.

Speed enforcement

Speed checks have not been carried out in the area; details for Avebury:
Speed checks have been carried out in the area; 75 drivers have been caught speeding. 54 must attend a speed awareness course, 20 have been fined +/- or given points & 1 will be attending court.

Community consultations

In the next three months we will be in the following locations:

Tuesday 29 th April 1000-1200	Broad Hinton Coffee Morning Drop In.
Monday 19 th May 1000-1200	Who'd A Thought It Pub - Mobile Police Van Park Up.
Monday 16 th June 1000-1100	The Circle, Avebury – Coffee Shop Drop in.

Please email us to make us aware of any festivals, fetes or events going on in the area for the next 3 months, our team will try to attend these if we can. [?](#)



In celebration & remembrance



VE DAY
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8 MAY 2025

9:00 am – VE Day Proclamation (Avebury High Street)

6:30 pm – The Bells Ring Out

On 8th May 1945, bells rang out across Britain as the nation celebrated Victory in Europe Day. Eighty years on, the Avebury bell ringers will join towers across the nation in recreating this moment, paying tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

6:45 pm – Service at St James, Avebury

A commemorative service with Swindon Interfaith to give thanks, culminating in the lighting of a torch from the Hiroshima Peace Flame, which arrived in Avebury 10 years ago this year.

7:45 pm – Gathering at ‘Unhinged’

Tea, coffee, cake, music and a chance to share, reflect, and celebrate together.

8:45 pm – Procession up Waden Hill

We will follow the torch procession to the beacon site, share interfaith prayers, and prepare to light the beacon in unison with the nation.

9:30 pm – Lighting of the Beacon

View from the Rectory

Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today

When you read this our VE Day celebrations may be just about to happen or may have already happened. In one sense this doesn't really matter. For what we are commemorating is an historical event that now feels almost timeless. It's an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of hard-won freedom. A freedom won by our recent ancestors giving up their lives, their health, and their loved ones.

Some people don't like Remembrance events. They think they glorify war. But these are not military parades showing off our arsenal of weapons and hardware. Our pride in these events is very British; enjoying the order and discipline of the events and the skills of pilots flying overhead, while sharing a national sadness for the loss of those in our families and community. Those in whose wake we live freely.

Every right-thinking person wants peace. But the peace my generation has enjoyed would not have come about if Hitler's invading force with its murderous, inhuman ideology had been allowed to succeed. Stopping this took great human courage and personal sacrifice. It cannot be overstated how important it still is, that we should have a deep sense of gratitude for 80 years of peace that we were gifted in the UK by grandparents and great-grandparents.

We all know that war has not gone away and continues to ravage many countries. And the world is far from free of murderous ideologies. Some are even live and not so hidden in UK communities. We cannot guarantee that freedom will not need to be fought for once again.

Fighting for peace can seem paradoxical. But fighting for the rights of every individual to live in freedom and without violence or repression, are things which sometimes can only be obtained by

fighting back an oppressor.

As we are in Eastertide another thing that can seem paradoxical is the notion of God allowing his Son to be horribly tortured and nailed to a cross to die, only for this to become a pivot in history for the redemption of humanity and creation. If you are not used to such language that might sound strange as well as paradoxical!

Often the first thing that a Christian sees when they look at the tortured Jesus on the cross, is Love. A love that stirs our heart and shames us. Only a divine love could voluntarily make such a terrible sacrifice for love of humanity and for the future of creation.

But human beings are not beyond expressing a divine love. Behind the horror of war and all the sadness stands the individual stories of bravery, of nobility, of sacrifice for love of others. Those human qualities made by those who come to the rescue of humanity's honour.

We don't need conflict to draw these qualities out of each other or to teach them to our children. But what IS evident is that in an age of TikTok and social influencers and immature leadership, we need our children to sense the importance of such human qualities more than ever.

Every blessing

Jonathan – the rector.

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ST PETER AD VINCULA BROAD HINTON ANNUAL LOCAL CHURCH MEETING

**Wednesday, 7th May 7:00 in St Peter
Ad Vincula**

All parishioners and residents are warmly invited to attend the Annual Local Church Meeting, which is the church's equivalent of an organisations AGM.

Please do attend the meeting to hear about the work and activities of the church in the village and wider community over the past year, and those planned for the future.

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 email upperkennetchurches@gmail.com so we have some idea of numbers.

Update on the Marlborough Deanery link with the Diocese of Morobo, South Sudan

I write this in the middle of Lent, when many of us have been able to use the shared prayer leaflet, praying for “the growing partnership between Marlborough Deanery and Morobo Diocese, that we might be strong partners in prayer, practical support, development, sharing God’s word and learning from each other’s ministry as we seek to make Jesus known.”

A major event in Morobo took place over three days in February: a Convention bringing together 1,875 people of all ages, including government leaders. We were able to provide some financial support for this, and in his letter of thanks, Bishop Data wrote: “*We sincerely thank God for protecting us and using the preachers mightily for his own divine purpose that has brought significant changes in the Diocese and community of Morobo.*” Prayer for peace, healing, justice and reconciliation among the people of South Sudan, particularly Morobo Diocese, was a key ingredient of the convention and remains a priority for us all. A conference for clergy and spouses is planned for May 5-11.

As you will know, the bore hole funded through the generosity of many at this end was successfully completed at the end of 2024, providing much needed clean water. As there was some money left over, we plan to provide for the purchase of water storage tanks. Previously funded projects are continuing to bear fruit; it is hoped that the bee-hives will yield a good harvest in May, and the agricultural project is ongoing successfully. As we look ahead, we hope to be able to provide money for 12 more bicycles, so that each local priest can have his own.

Thank you again to all who are continuing to support this link through prayer and/or giving.

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 7th May & Wednesday 21st May.

Readings for May 2025

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

Sunday 11 May – White

4th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13]

Acts 9.36-end *

Psalm 23

Revelation 7.9-end

John 10.22-30

Sunday 18 May – White

5th Sunday of Easter

[Baruch 3.9-15, 32-44 or

Genesis 22.1-18]

Acts 11.1-18 *

Psalm 148 [or 148.1-6]

Revelation 21.1-6

John 13.31-35

Sunday 25 May – White

6th Sunday of Easter

[Ezekiel 37.1-14]

Acts 16.9-15 *

Psalm 67

Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5

John 14.23-29 or John 5.1

-9

Sunday 1 June – White

7th Sunday of Easter

[Ezekiel 36.24-28]

Acts 16.16-34 *

Psalm 97

Revelation 22.12-14, 16-

17, 20-end

John 17.20-end

****The readings from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.***

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Wednesday 7 May			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Thursday 8 May				<u>6.45 pm</u> VE Day Commemoration Service			
11 May Easter 4		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service	<u>4 pm</u> Muddy Church	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion & Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child			
Wednesday 14 May				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
18 May Easter 5			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21 May			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
25 May Easter 6		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 28 May				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
Thursday 29 May Ascension Day	7 pm Ascension Day Deanery Service Holy Cross Church, Chiseldon						
1 June Easter 7	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion

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Broad Hinton 18th March 2025
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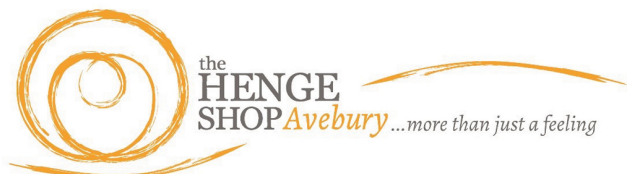
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