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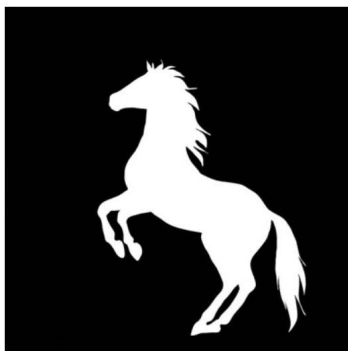
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Tuesdays			10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Tuesdays			9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Fridays			7pm to 9pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
Sunday	1st	June	10am	Parish Communion	St Peters ad Vincula
Tuesday	3rd	June	3.15-4pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
Friday	6th	June	10.30-12.30	Baby and Toddler Group	Village Hall
Saturday	7th	June	1pm	Cricket Match	Cricket Field
Friday	13th	June	10.30-12.30	Baby and Toddler Group	Village Hall
Saturday	14th	June	7pm	Summer Party	The Barn, Rabson, WB
Sunday	15th	June	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peters ad Vincula
Friday	20th	June	10.30-12.30	Baby and Toddler Group	Village Hall
Saturday	21st	June	1pm	Cricket Match	Cricket Field
Sat & Sun	21st/22nd	June		Summer Solstice events	Avebury
Friday	27th	June	10.30-12.30	Baby and Toddler Group	Village Hall
Saturday	28th	June	11-3pm	House and yard sale	Winterbourne Monkton
Saturday	28th	June	evening	Safari Supper	Various
Saturday	28th	June	11-Mar	Scarecrow Trail and Fun Day	Village Hall
Saturday	5th	July	3pm - 11pm	Hackpen Festival	Village Hall
Saturday	12th	July	2-5pm	Church Building Trust Event	St Peters ad Vincula
Monday	21st	July	7pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Sunday	17th	August	11-1pm	Farmers Market	Village Hall
Saturday	6th	September	11am-	White Horse Family Fun Day	Cricket Field
Saturday	25th	November	tbd	Wessex Male Voice Choir	St Peters ad Vincula

Waste and Recycling collection days for June

Monday	2nd	June	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	3rd	June	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	5th	June	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	6th	June	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	16th	June	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	17th	June	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	19th	June	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	20th	June	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	30th	June	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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Dear All,

The great weather has seen lots of people out and about. There were quite a few up at the Cricket club for the first couple of games of the season, with kids playing and adults nattering it is a lovely way to spend an afternoon, see the calendar for future dates.



The VE day anniversary celebrations were well received, with villagers gathering in front of The Crown to hear memories, and to have tea and cake. Pupils from the school made and presented paper peace doves to those in attendance. Well done all those involved.

The Farmers Market in the hall was a great success again, with queues for the bread, lots of interest in meat, ice cream, cakes and beer, and an excellent plant stall, see report on page 10.

Many thanks to James Hussey and a band of helpers from the Wroughton Whippets who have rejuvenated the White Horse, see picture on page 10.

The Neighbourhood plan group had quite a selection of comments from their consultation and are working their way through them, see page 9.

Tasha Morshead is starting the Baby and Toddler Group up again with the first meeting June 6th. Do join in if you have a little one, or let her know if you're interested for future meetings. Grandparents with little ones are welcome. See page 11.

A flurry of events are happening soon, the Summer party (page 12), the Safari Supper, The Scarecrow Trail (page 14), the Hackpen festival, see opposite, The Catch the Sunrise festival in Avebury (see page 15) and a new one to add to the diary—The Family Fun day in September see page 13. What a fabulously busy lot we are—I love it.

The Wiltshire Connect bus has started and a few of the village have used it—with at least one journey down to the Broad Town Brewery! This is the much wanted request service to Wootton Bassett and Marlborough, do use it, see page 16 for details.

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

Liz

**Visiting Ringers – Thursday 5th June 2025**

A band of accomplished ringers from the Gloucester area will be visiting St Peter ad Vincula Church, Broad Hinton, on the evening of Thursday 5th June to ring a 45-min Quarter Peal. Ringing will start around 7.30pm and be finished by 8.30pm.

Useful website addresses:

Broad Hinton Village Hall:	broadhinton.org.uk
Parish Council:	bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk
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VILLAGE HALL JUNE NEWS



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£25	75	Roy Oakshott
£20	219	Jo Trinder
£20	203	Chris Ladd
£10	286	Adam Gilmore

June Hirings

Saturday 21st Wedding 8am-midnight

Sunday 20th Wedding clear up 8am – 11am

Saturday 28th Broad Hinton School Scarecrow
Event 10am-4pm

Please read this, it's fresh thinking about running BHVH

Our village hall is at the heart of our community's life and has been home to so many brilliant events — from the Beer Festival to the Christmas Party, from Cricket Club quizzes to the unforgettable pantomimes that have made us laugh, cheer, and sometimes even cry (if we were five...) It's where we come together to celebrate, connect, and have fun. It's a place where memories are made, and we want that to continue for years to come.

But here's the truth: we're down to just five trustees — and we're exhausted! Between us, we plan for the future, manage finances and accounts, run events, carry out fire safety checks, clear cobwebs, tend to the garden, and take care of maintenance. We love BHVH and we're proud of what we do but we can't keep it going alone.

That's why we'd like to introduce a new, more flexible way of getting involved — one that uses the different skillsets of the talented people in our community, in different ways:

♦ **Strategic Trustees**

Guide the big picture — shaping the future of the hall, planning, governance, and manage funding.

♦ **Area Leads (Management Volunteers)**

Take the lead on one area of running BHVH— like communications, events, bookings, maintenance

or fire & safety — with support from others.

♦ **Task-Based Volunteers**

Just want to help out now and then? Great! You could support with confirming bookings, doing fire and safety checks, helping with gardening, or keeping the hall maintained.

You can give as little or as much time as you like and we want to make volunteering a positive experience. So we'd like to introduce a social element too — perhaps a quarterly get-together where volunteers and trustees can share ideas, celebrate successes, talk through challenges, and plan for the future. Read our "Mythbusters" next, for some answers to questions you might have.

Chat to one of the trustees (see their profiles on later pages)

To find out about the trustee role or see what some of the volunteer tasks are.

No pressure, just a friendly conversation about how your time and skills could help.

Or come to our Annual Meeting, on Monday 21st July at 7pm, for more detail.

We'll be providing tea, coffee, cake and wine too.

Mythbuster about the roles of Trustee, Management or Volunteer

1. "I don't have the time"

The concern: You imagine it's a big, ongoing commitment.

- As trustees, we meet once every month for a couple of hours.
- We have responsibilities which arise from that, but when we do, timescales are flexible
- With our new thinking on having different roles, the trustee one would be much less onerous and time consuming, and the other roles would be the same. The tasks would be shared out amongst the community.

2. "I'm not qualified"

The concern: You think it's for experts in law, finance, or governance.

- If you care about our community, have some common sense and a bit of time, you're qualified.

- You'd never be alone – we work together and learn as we go.
- For areas which require specific expertise, we contract expertise. If we have a legal issue to resolve, we talk to a lawyer. If we need electrical work done, we bring in a fully qualified electrician.

3. "I don't know what trustees actually do"

The concern: The role feels vague or mysterious.

How to address it:

- As well as the examples above, we have a full list of what trustees would actually do in this new world
- We also have a full list of what the key management areas are, with a breakdown of the tasks in each one.

4. "It's all cliquy or political"

The concern: You may fear being an outsider in a close-knit group.

- We absolutely want fresh perspectives and new ideas.
- We would like **anyone** to express interest, not just the usual suspects.

5. "I'm too young" or "That's for retirees"

The concern: You think it's only for older people or established community figures.

- We encourage underrepresented groups: parents, younger adults, hall users.
- You don't need to be retired – just interested.
- Being a trustee can be a valuable addition to CVs and on university applications.

6. Fear of legal responsibility

The concern: Worry about personal liability.

Personal risk is minimal and our insurance covers trustee decisions.

- We're a registered charity with simple policies in place – it's not scary.
- Whilst trustees can be held liable to their charity for any financial loss they cause or help to cause, the law generally protects trustees who have acted honestly and reasonably from personal liability to their charity.

7. "I'm away a lot, or travel for work"

The concern: Not being able to attend meetings.

- Trustees often attend meetings via Zoom or Teams.
- Trustees don't need to attend every committee meeting

8. "I don't enjoy meetings"

The concern: Feeling you couldn't contribute via

meetings.

- Managing a key task area wouldn't involve you in committee meetings, just liaising with one or more trustees before and after trustee meetings.
- Volunteers wouldn't ever have to attend meetings, just work on one or more task to contribute.

Jo Smith and Kate Marshall are joint chairs of the BHVH Trustee Committee...

Between us, we write the annual report and develop Hiring & Usage policy. We also identify, manage and mitigate risk and ensure we comply with legal and regulatory requirements relating to the building and the trust.

As members of the finance sub-group, we're involved in setting budgets, quarterly reviews and end-of-year reporting.

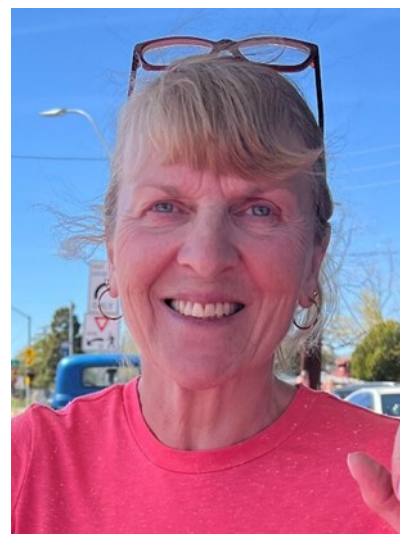
We both take a very active part in fund-raising through events. We're members of the Hackpen Festival team, helping to make sure we put on a great event for our community. We'll also work on making the Christmas party a successful event.

On a personal level, both Kate & Jo want a place for Pilates, Coffee Morning, Post Office, Beer Festivals, Book Cafés, Farmers Markets, parties and pantomimes to continue.

Jo Smith

I'm the lead for the online Lemon Bookings system and I'm responsible for keeping our hiring processes up to date and reviewed regularly, so it's easy for people when they search for a venue. I'm the lead for our insurance cover. I ensure insurance renewals meet the legal

requirements of the Charity Commission and are suitable to help mitigate risks. I'm also part of the fire & safety subgroup. We ensure fire and safety equipment continues to meet regulatory and legal requirements and is tested regularly.



Day-to-day tasks? I manage the hall booking system. This is a 'from home' task and straight forward. Once bookings have been requested, I have regular contact with hirers via email and face-to-face, to discuss their needs and help them progress their hiring in line with our T&Cs. Our goal is for all hirings to go well and the hall is in good condition before, during and after each hiring. I am also involved in trouble shooting issues with hirings which occasionally do not go to plan and where hirers sometimes require delicate handling!

Why do I do all this? I strongly believe our village hall is a valuable community asset. I offer up my time to the hall to help encourage and promote greater community interest and involvement to help ensure its survival.

Kate Marshall - 07740 928 218



In addition to the joint responsibilities I have with Jo, I'm Comms and Marketing lead, responsible for the look and feel of our "tone of voice" in communications and branding.

Day-to-day tasks? I draft all comms for print & digital and create

marketing material using Canva. I update and manage our website. I'm also responsible for drafting many of our policies and other documents, making sure they're easy to understand and I keep our shared drive up to date with new versions.

Why do I do all this? It's been the home to many special events in my family's lives. From Kids Club when my son Rich was five, through performing in most of BHADS' productions, to parties given by us and friends. It holds many of my memories and I want to keep our village hall open for you, our community to use and to hold your memories too.

Sarah Kromer - 07885 519 221



I'm the internal auditor. I prepare quarterly financial reports that track actual income and expenditure against targets. Sizeable variances are raised and measures agreed to address them. I also prepare an annual financial report that is audited externally and submitted to the Charity

Commission. With the rest of the finance sub-committee, I prepare a budget for the coming year, which is presented at our Annual Community Meeting.

I'm the BHVH Event Box office for BHVH events, currently selling tickets for our Hackpen Festival.

Why do I do it? To give something back to the community that I have lived in for over 25 years. I want to help ensure that the village hall stays open, offering a place to socialise, exercise and pursue hobbies, but it's the large annual events I love most: the Beer Festivals, Christmas Parties and BHADS pantos. What can I say, I'm a party girl!

Kate Nye - 07812 242 862



I'm the treasurer, responsible for doing the accounts, issuing invoices and paying the bills. Once a month I go through all payments into and out of our bank account and categorise them, so we can see where our money is being spent. I'll also send out the monthly invoices to regular hirers. In between I raise occasional invoices

for ad hoc hirings and pay bills if needed too.

With a full time job and small child to keep me busy

this role is a great way to do something for the local community that fits in around home life. My tasks don't need to be done at set times and don't require me to come to the Hall so I can do them whenever suits me. Since moving to Winterbourne just over a year ago we've enjoyed the Hackpen festival, Christmas party, farmers' market and pantomime so it's vital the Hall keeps running or our social life will really suffer!

Marilyn Martin - 07400 610 095



I maintain the garden with Sue and we supply plants and bulbs from our own gardens. I submit water consumption readings to Castle Water, buy cleaning materials and toilet rolls, liaise with the cleaner, Hills Waste regarding rubbish collection and Wiltshire Electoral Services when the hall is used for an election. I help with

all fund-raising events e.g. Beer Festival, Christmas party and Christmas market.

I have been a trustee for 26 years and although retiring as a trustee at the Annual Meeting, I shall still be involved as a volunteer. We have a lovely environmentally sustainable village hall that is an asset to our community and I want it to stay open for all the activities that take place. On a personal note, I am chair of Ridgeway Ladies, a successful and vibrant group of over 40 members and we hold our meetings, summer and Christmas dinners in the hall.

Geoff Martin - 07811 306 121

I'm the trustee for maintenance matters. I liaise with outside specialists eg. Plumbers, heating engineers, electricians, service engineers for the Fire Alarms and Fire extinguishers. This involves making appointments and giving access to the Hall to them. We have recently conducted a satisfactory EICR (Electrical Installation Condition report) which involved liaising with the tester and our electrician. This will not be required for another five years.

I read the water, electricity and Feed in Tariff meters and change the key safe numbers.

I manage the heating in the Winter. The heating currently requires manual adjustments but in future should be controllable from a mobile phone.

I am a member of the Health & Safety sub-Committee. I test the Fire Alarm system most weeks and maintain the door closers.

I do all this because I want to see our Hall remain in good condition and comfortable for its users. The condition that visitors find the Hall in always impresses them.



Sue Robinson - 07841 162 367



I am currently the Secretary and Licensing Officer; I also operate the hall phone. I help Jo with bookings and am part of the Fire & Safety Subgroup. Not forgetting along with Marilyn, we keep the hall garden always looking its best.

I became a Trustee of our lovely Village Hall back in 2006 when fund raising began, to rebuild the old hall into the fantastic building we have today.

The reason I became a Trustee is that I wanted to help pass on to the next generation a place where the whole community young and old can use this building in our Parish. This is a place to learn new skills, have fun and meet up with family and friends creating lasting memories.

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NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has been elected for the next 4-year term. Two councillors didn't stand for re-election, and two new councillors were elected.



The Parish Council wish to thank Alex LaRoche for her service to our community over the past 12 years, serving as a councillor and then as the Chairman for the past 7 years. She carried out her last duties chairing the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 13th May.

Good luck on your travels!!!

The Parish Council also wanted to thank Lesley Catling for her service representing Winterbourne Bassett for the past 4 years.

The Parish Council wish to welcome our two new councillors, Liz Moakes and Adrian Smith. Liz represents the Broad Hinton ward, is the editor of the Local News and has been heavily involved in the Neighbourhood Plan. Adrian represents the Winterbourne Bassett ward and returns to the council after a 4 year break. Cllr. Adrian Smith was elected chair, and Cllr. Adam Gilmore was elected vice-chair.

You can find out more about your Parish Councillors on the PC website - <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/who-we-are>.



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

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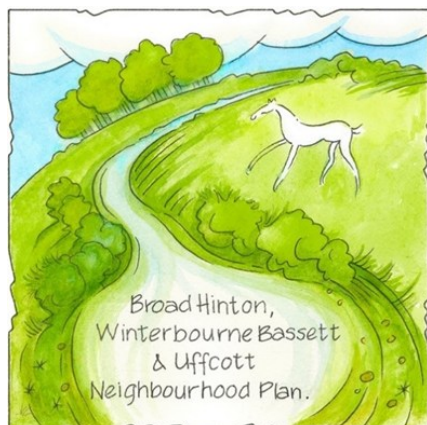
Do you want to represent the views of local people?

We have one councillor place on the Parish Council available to represent Broad Hinton and Uffcott. The council meet for around 2 hours every 2 months to make decisions, and you can give additional time to areas that interest you – helping residents, improving our environment and amenities, and getting involved in projects.

You don't need to stand in an election as the council is able to "co-opt" candidates and full training and support will be provided.

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

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



Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation

Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback for the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation.

There were 29 community responses. Most responses (26) were from individuals and 3 were from community organisations (White Horse Cricket Club, White Horse Community Shop Café, Winterbourne Bassett Community Pub Ltd).

21 of the responses were from individuals in Broad Hinton, 1 from Uffcott, and 3 from Winterbourne Bassett. We received 1 response from outside the Neighbourhood Area (Cllr. Allison Bucknell).

Responses were also received from statutory consultees including Wiltshire Council, NHS, Natural England, Environment Agency, Network Rail, National Highways, Thames Water, National Grid, Canal and River Trust, and Site B2 owner's agent, Hayfield Homes.

The Steering Group is now reviewing the feedback and deciding if the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be updated. We will then publish all of the feedback and our responses.

The final Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 15) will then be submitted to Wiltshire Council who will run another consultation exercise (Regulation 16). This is followed by an independent examination of the plan (Regulation 17), before it is put to you all to vote in a referendum.

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The sun shone and the Village Hall was packed with friendly faces, local produce, and the warm sense of community that makes these events so special.

This month we welcomed **more traders than ever before**, offering everything from **locally reared meats and fresh sourdough** to **eco refills, sweet treats, pet accessories, beer, and homemade**



preserves.

A big thank you to:

- **Dora's Dairy**, who set up outside with delicious ice cream cones and takeaway tubs,



plus their popular raw milk.

- **Broad Hinton growers** who brought trays of seedlings, tomato and strawberry plants.
- All of our **dedicated stallholders** who make this market such a rich and varied shopping experience; Bolts Deli, Brinkworth Apiaries, Broad Town Brewery, GlamoRose Cakes, Grove Farm Stitchcombe, Little Bag Of Herbs, Mutt Leigh, Pete's Micro Bakery, Refill Station RWB, Sugar Garden Boutique and The Gourmet Goat Farmer.

We'd also like to thank our **volunteers and café team** – and everyone who helped make the event run smoothly.

It's your support that keeps the market thriving and growing!!!

Save the date:

The next Broad Hinton Farmers' Market will take place on **Sunday 17th August**, 11:00am–1:00pm at Broad Hinton Village Hall.

Thanks,



James Hussey and a band of helpers from the Wroughton Whippets rejuvenating the Hackpen white horse

Broad Hinton Baby & Toddler Group

Friday 6th June
10.30am – 12.30pm
Broad Hinton Village Hall

£3 entry

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playtime and meets other pint-sized
pals!

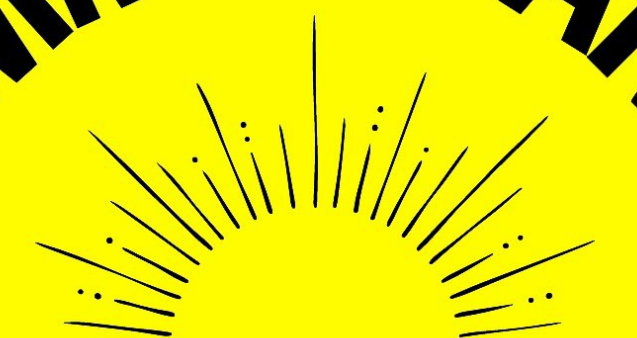


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A Summer Solstice celebration of creativity

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June 2025

Join us at St James, Avebury, for a special weekend of Summer Solstice celebrations marking light, creativity, and community. This year also marks the 10th anniversary of welcoming the Peace Flame to Avebury – a symbol of hope that continues to inspire us. Across the weekend, enjoy dance, music, story, ceremony and sacred song from local and visiting artists, with space for joy, reflection, and connection beneath the midsummer sun.

Exhibiting the breath taking photos by local photographer, **David White**

One man band and Avebury legend, **Gordon Rimes**

International Storyteller and speaker of sacred poetry, **Ashley Ramsden**

Much loved local singer songwriter and musicians, **Talis Kimberley & friends**

Local well-known poet, known for her seasonal writings, **Gail from Devizes**

A unique alternative and psychedelic rock. A musical, evocative experience as a pathway to transformation, **Alice Ancient and the Butterfly Wheel**

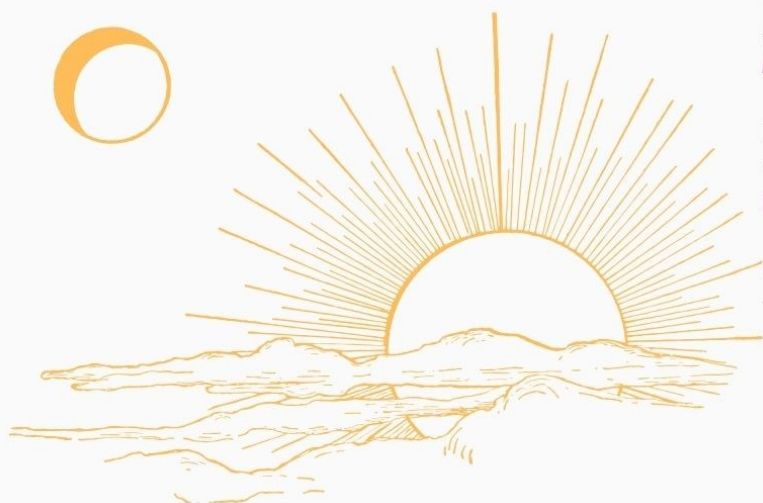
Butoh-trained dance artist whose work explores the body as storyteller through movement inspired by myth, theology, and landscape, **Kait Dron**

Nationally acclaimed on the folk scene well-known local singer and songwriter, **Andrew Rumsey**

Singer and sound healer who leads heart-centred, uplifting sessions rooted in sacred song and spiritual tradition, **Fiona Macarthur**

Holy Grail Eucharist – the Arthurian Mythos and a call to the Quest – **Rev Jonathan Vicar of Avebury**

Commemoration of receiving the Peace flame 10 years ago



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

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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

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.

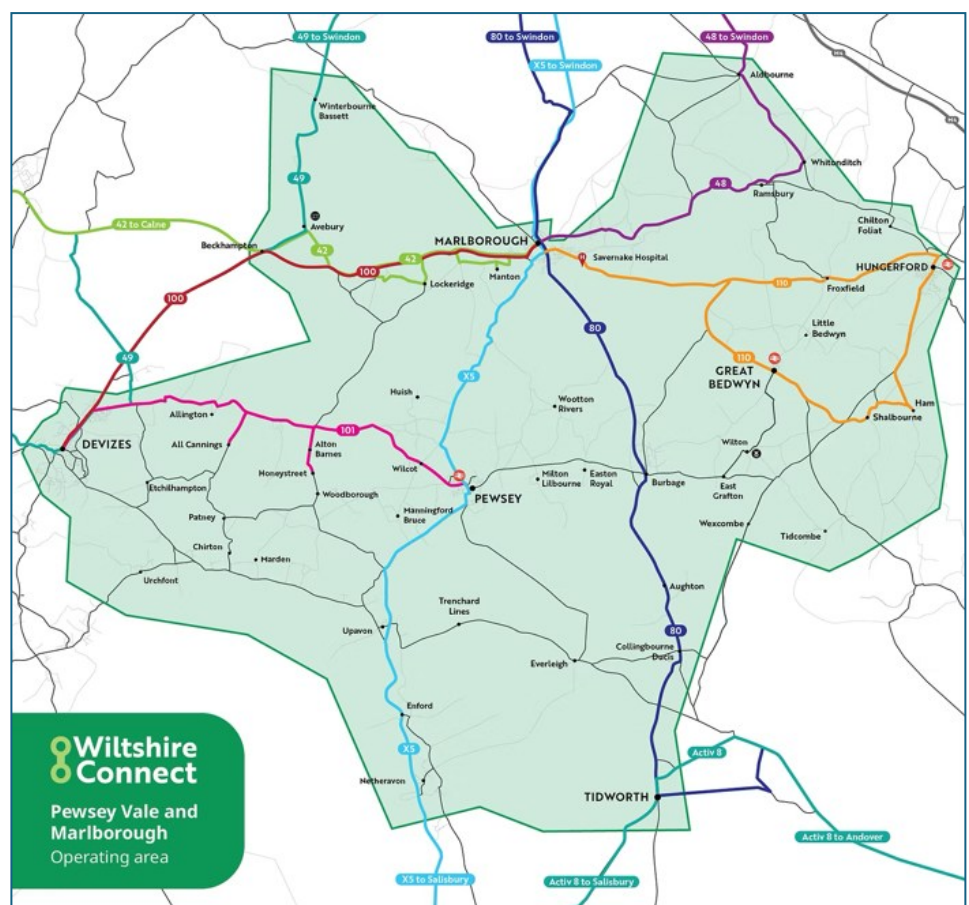
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THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday 7th May the ladies were delighted to welcome Stewart Linford to their meeting.

From a very early age Stewart had a passion for woodwork and at the age of eight he had his own (and much treasured) set of woodworking tools carefully stored in his very own toolbox. School held very little interest for Stewart – his number one passion being woodwork! On leaving school he studied furniture making and wood science at High Wycombe College and in 1976 set up his first workshop in an old farm building! Stewart's reputation for quality furniture soon spread necessitating several moves to larger premises. In 2014 Luxury in Wood was formed with premises in High Wycombe with a workforce of around fifty. One of the many accolades bestowed was the Queens's award for enterprise in 2003. Among Stewart's many clients are celebrities, noble families from around the world, the National Trust, the V & A and many more.

Stewart came to the meeting with several Windsor Chairs to illustrate his talk. The chairs were absolutely beautiful and very comfortable. We were informed about the construction of the Windsor chair and the different woods that are used.

The talk was informative, educational and amusing. A most enjoyable evening...many thanks Stewart (or was it Winston Churchill???)

On June 4th the ladies will be off to Sudeley Castle ...here's hoping for good weather.



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Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm in Avebury Social Centre. Shareholders and members of the public are welcome to attend to find out the latest news about the shop and to enjoy a drink. We hope to have a local supplier to talk to us about their produce. More information about this will be provided in the next newsletter,

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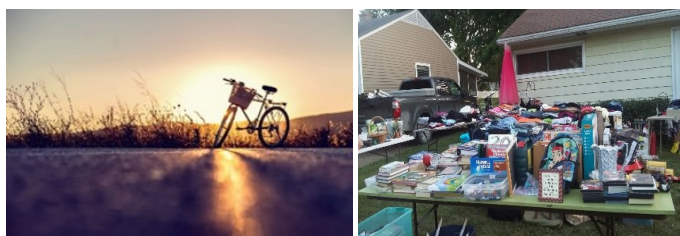
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Serenade to Summer with the Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra

Join the Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra on July 12, 7.30pm in the Sixth Form Centre of RWB Academy, SN4 7HG for an uplifting and relaxing evening capturing the essence of summer. Serenade to Summer is guaranteed to put you in the holiday mood. The concert features an orchestral showcase of music from well-known classics, film, musicals and pop. Wine and chilled soft drinks will be served in the interval. Tickets are £10 for adults, under 16's free, and are available from our website www.rwbo.org.uk

Get your feet tapping to Grease and the Latin rhythms of Conga del Fuego, sing along with the Sound of Music medley and songs from your summer playlist – Mr Blue Sky and Walking on Sunshine. Highlights include well-known classics such as Bizet's Carmen and the Intermezzo from Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana. Members of the orchestra feature as soloists in Bruch's Concerto for Clarinet, Viola and orchestra. Bruch is known for his violin concerto but this less played work is a beautiful romantic showcase for two of the most mellow and rich instruments in the orchestra. Also included in the programme is a trumpet solo in a clever arrangement of What a Wonderful World. We do hope you will join us.

RWBO is a well-established local orchestra who, under the guidance of Musical Director, Nicola Ashton, performs at least three concerts a year. Our last concert, A Tale of Two Cities, held in March in Malmesbury Abbey, and featuring Alexander Harris playing the Richard Strauss Horn Concerto, was a sell-out success. We do hope you will join us for our Summer concert. To find out more about the orchestra please visit our website or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

CHURCH BUILDING TRUST



As mentioned in last month's magazine, the Trustees of the Broad Hinton Church Building Trust look forward to welcoming you to our Church Open Day on **Saturday July 12th from 2pm – 5pm**. We would like to invite you all to come along and explore the fabric of the Church, as well as to hear about its over 1,000 years of history (some of the team have a good knowledge of the history of the church and will provide short tours with snippets of information about the history of the Church building).

We will be offering climbs up the Bell Tower for those with a head for heights, providing the opportunity to see the Church bells which you no doubt often hear across the village and beyond.

We will also have a team from Potterne who will be providing a hand bell ringing demonstration.

For the younger ones, we will also hold a treasure hunt in the Church and the grounds.

As we would like to use this opportunity to raise funds to maintain the building, we will be selling refreshments (teas, coffees, cakes, wine, and beers from the local Brewery) as well

as holding a raffle.

The cost of maintaining this wonderful building relies heavily on donations and fundraising efforts such as this and we would welcome as many of you as possible to come along, support the Church fabric, and of course to learn about this jewel in the heart of our village.

Finally (for now), the Concert by the Wessex Male Choir is now confirmed for **Saturday November 25th**, so please make a note in your diaries for that event as well. A nice way to start the countdown to Christmas!

If anyone has any queries, please reach out to me, Chris Wilson on 07745 162069 and I'd be happy to help you. Also, as I stated in the last magazine, we would welcome others to join the Trustees in helping to safeguard the future of this marvellous building so please let me know if you're interested in joining us.

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VIEW FROM THE RECTORY

*When June comes dancing o'er the
death of May, With scarlet roses tinting
her green breast, And mating thrushes
ushering in her day, And Earth on tiptoe
for her golden guest ...*

A Memory of June – William Shakespeare

As we move into June, Avebury and the surrounding areas prepare themselves for the summer solstice gathering which, this year, falls at the weekend. The glorious weather we have had hints at mid-summer, but our colder evenings remind us that we are not there yet. Like others I am torn between enjoying the sun and hoping it will last until September and yet being very aware that our farmers and our land desperately need some good downpours of rain.

There will be lots to enjoy at St James, Avebury, at the solstice weekend for both locals and visitors as we have a weekend of creativity: dance, song, ceremony, and a singing workshop. All generously gifted to us by home-grown talent and friends from further afield. From talented singer-songwriter Andrew Rumsey (our local Bishop) to the haunting psychedelic rock of Alice Ancient and The Butterfly Wheel; a singing workshop led by Fi MacArthur, and dance to challenge and expand your understanding by artist Kait Dron, trained in the avant-garde dance form Butoh that originated in Japan. Butoh emerged as a response to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Others will be there too including musicians and seasoned storytellers as well as druid and pagan friends connecting us with the ceremonies around the stones.

The weekend will culminate in a 'Holy Grail Eucharist' led by me. This will be an unadulterated Eucharist but preceded by a talk I will give on the Arthurian mythos as a call to Christian adventure.

Do come along. There will be things to give you joy and new people to meet, and things to liberate you from yourself and your thinking. For those with no grounding in spirituality or religion, this is a healthy place to start that journey.

Creativity is something that the church can often miss in its utilitarian approach to faith and the promoting of doctrine and dogma. Yet it is the poet and the prophet alike who stand at the wilderness edge between our structured society and the call of God. They hint at a promise of fulfilment beyond us, just out of our reach, though paradoxically also the closest thing to the most intimate part of our hearts.

It will be good to explore these things as the sun stands still for three days above our heads.

In a world where we are setting ourselves up to become subservient to a non-human digital Artificial Intelligence

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

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Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th June & Wednesday 18th June.

Flower & Cleaning Rotas for June and July

	Flowers	Cleaning
June 7th	Anne Poole and Joy Reynolds	Vicky Lowes and Clare Fitzpatrick
June 14 and 21	Julie Watts and Marjorie Sykes	Jenny Clarke
June 28 and July 5th	June Pillinger and Joan Palmer	Margaret Sherratt and Sheila Saile

Readings for June 2025

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

Sunday 8 June – Red

Pentecost

Acts 2.1-2 *or Genesis 11.1-

9

Psalm 104.26-36, 37b [or 104.26-end]

Romans 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21 *

John 14.8-17 [25-27]

Sunday 15 June – Gold or White

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

Sunday 22 June – Green

1st Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19.1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

Psalm 42, 43 [or 42 or 43]

Galatians 3.23-end

Luke 8.26-39

Sunday 29 June – Green

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-end or Acts 12.1-11

Psalm 125

Acts 12.1-11 or 2 Timothy

4.6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16.13-19

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

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1 June Easter 7	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 4 June			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
8 June Pentecost		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 11 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
15 June Trinity Sun- day			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>BERWICK BASSETT</u> <u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18 June			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
22 June Trinity 1		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 25 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
29 June Trinity 2						<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Service	

Noticeboard

Baptisms

Michael Shane Dennis	Broad Hinton	20th April 2025
Harry Paul Hurst-Clements	West Overton	27th April 2025
Emilia Violet Feather	Broad Hinton	4th May 2025
Esme Pearl C M Saunders	Winterbourne Monkton	18th May 2025

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