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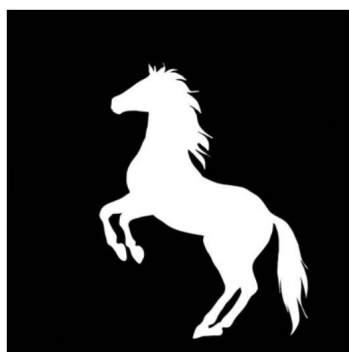
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Tuesdays			10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Tuesdays			9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Saturday	30th	August	1pm	Cricket Match v Corsham	Cricket Field
Wednesday	3rd	September	7pm	Ridgeway Ladies	Village Hall
Saturday	6th	September	11am-	White Horse Family Fun Day	Cricket Field
Sunday	7th	September	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter ad Vincula
Sunday	21st	September	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peter ad Vincula
Tuesday	23rd	September	3.15 - 4pm	Mobile Library	Near Village hall
Sunday	28th	September	2-4pm	Bhads Auditions for Pantomime	Village Hall
Sunday	5th	October	11am-	Harvest Festival and Lunch	St Peters ad Vincula
Tuesday	7th	October	7pm	WB Harvest Supper	The Winterbourne
Sunday	16th	November	11-Jan	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Saturday	29th	November	Evening	Christmas Party	Village Hall

Waste and Recycling collection days for September

Monday	8th	September	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	9th	September	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	11th	September	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	12th	September	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	22nd	September	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	23rd	September	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	25th	September	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	26th	September	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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Dear All,

What was that old headline from 1976? **‘PHEW WHAT A SCORCHER!’**? Our long hot summer has been wonderful but looks like it is ceding into an early autumn with the leaves from the horse chestnut in the garden already falling, and the harvest long finished. Ladybirds are everywhere and much needed rain is forecast to the relief of many. Fun fact, a group of ladybirds are called a ‘loveliness’.



As advertised in the Local News for several issues, the **Cricket Club’s Family Fun Day** is almost upon us. Please do get your tickets (and please help them to plan by buying tickets in advance, supporting our club). A huge amount of effort goes into arranging this so please do support it. **SEE PAGE 6**

Also coming soon are the **BHADS auditions**. Bhads are putting on a pantomime again in January, so if you feel like taking a step upon the boards turn out on Sunday 28th September. **SEE PAGE 7.**

The farmers’ market was a great success again, see page 9 for the report, and put the date in the diary for the next one on **Sunday 16th November**.

A great many of you turned out to welcome our new tenants in **The Crown**, and enjoy their opening weekend parties. I heard great things about the canapes and the band and the general vibe . They have written a note about the new food service etc **SEE PAGE 5**

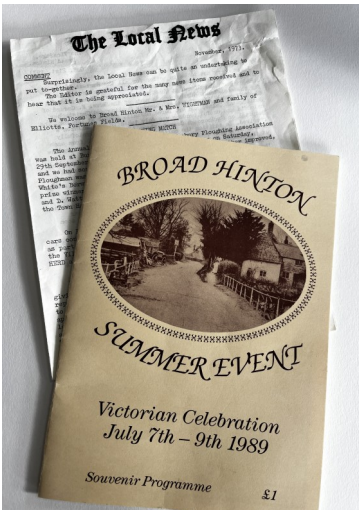
Those of you who drive past the village will have noticed the new Speed Indicator Devices put up on Yew Tree Lane. See page 10 for more.

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Cricket Club:	whitehorsecricketclub.co.uk
School:	broadhintonschool.org
Wiltshire Council:	wiltshire.gov.uk
Churches:	kennet8.org.uk

The Parish Council (web address below) is now putting up planning applications onto the PC website. For those of you who like to keep abreast of these things keep an eye out. Alternatively if you sign up at <https://planning.org.uk>, you can get a free alert for planning applications within a quarter mile of your postcode, or a wider area for a fee.

Looking further into the future, **Harvest Services** are on in local churches see page 14, and the village hall is planning a **Christmas Party** on 29th November see page 4 , get your tickets early for a discount.

Local News archives



Stalwart supporter of Local News Mark Wightman has ferreted out an old copy, from July 1988, and another from November 1973(!), along with a programme from the Victorian Celebration, which was Broad Hinton’s Summer Event of 1989. I’ll see

if I can get scanned copies of this up on the Village Hall website for you all to see. A teaser is on page 15. Lots of familiar names are mentioned. Have any of you got a stash of old Local News copies hanging about? It might be time to digitise them.

Did you get to any of the events last month?

Did you go to a successful event? Do you have praise for the organisers? Send me a few words about it. Is there something going on that I haven’t heard about, send me some info and I’ll let everyone know. Got something to say on any local subject, send it to me, your articles are always welcome.

Liz

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VILLAGE HALL

SEPTEMBER NEWS



Christmas Party Saturday 29th November

A reminder of the date and format. A fully catered dinner; canapes to start, two more sit-down courses to follow, with an excellent DJ afterwards. We've used this DJ before (*it's not last year's we hasten to add!*)

There are two tables for ten people available and nine for eight people. You can book a table with friends or buy individual tickets. We'll be offering wine pre-orders to reduce pressure on the bar.

Early Bird tickets £55 paid in full by end of September. £60 paid in full by end of October. Pay on booking November onwards. Book with Sarah Kromer finance@broadhinton.org.uk or 07885 519221.

New Trustees

We warmly welcome two new trustees.

Adam Gilmore as the Parish Council representative, and Mark Miller. Both live in Broad Hinton, they bring excellent business acumen and a wealth of local knowledge. Most important of all, they are energetic and highly motivated to contribute to our community in this way.

With Adam and Mark on board, we number seven trustees in total. The others are:

Jo Smith (joint chair and Winterbourne Bassett contact)

Kate Marshall (joint chair and Broad Hinton contact)

Kate Nye (Treasurer)

Sue Robinson (Secretary)

Sarah Kromer (Internal Auditor)

Volunteers

We've had some volunteers for a few of the tasks we outlined last month and we're grateful to them for stepping up. We'll be holding a social event for them, probably sometime in October, so watch this space.

September Hirings

The purpose of this article each month is so everyone knows when the car park is required and when residents can expect people going in and out of BHVH. These times include set up time, not necessarily the time of the event.

Saturday 6th Party 11am – 11pm

Sunday 14th Birthday Party 8am – 10pm

Sunday 21st Classical Music Workshop 9am – 5pm

Saturday 27th Bridal shower party 9:30am – 4pm

Sunday 28th Resident Birthday Party 10am – 4pm

Hiring the hall

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July

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£20 Roy Oakshott
£10 Brian Poulton

August

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The Crown reopens with new tenants new hours and a new menu

This message has come from our new neighbours running the Crown. A sample of their dinner menu is shown but there is also a lunch menu, dessert menu and a kids menu. Go to <https://crownatbroadhinton.co.uk> to find out more

Hello All!

Chef and I have put our first menu together for the Crown Inn. We are huge fans of home cooked food with a spark. This is the food chef Ion loves to cook and the food I love to eat! We hope that there is something for everyone, but we must be realistic, consistent and true to who we are as people and what we do best.

We will be taking the beloved pub and the lovely people that go with us on a slow, yet determined journey to get this pub to the best version of itself. The majority of the young staff will be from the village, therefore this business will grow once we all, as a team, grow in confidence and skill. Our aim is to smash out food and service like no other!

The menu will officially begin on **Wednesday the 27th of August.**

Kitchen Opening Times:

Wednesday to Saturday Lunch 12pm - 2.30pm
Sunday 12pm - 5pm

Wednesday - Saturday Dinner 6pm - 9pm

Children's special between 3pm - 5pm on Fridays ONLY.

The pubs opening times from **Wednesday the 27th** onwards will be:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Closed
Wednesday 12pm - 10.30pm
Thursday 12pm - 10.30pm
Friday 12pm - 11pm
Saturday 12pm - 11pm
Sunday 12pm - 8pm.

Please note: The normal menu will only be available on Sunday the 31st of August as our first plated Sunday Lunch will commence on Sunday the 7th of September.

We do **LOVE** a good booking, but for those spontaneous eaters, we will accommodate as best we can.

To book your first meal with your new tenants, please email:
crowninnbroadhinton@hotmail.com

Otherwise, your curiosity will kill the cat!
Thank you all for the support thus far!

Many thanks,
Erin & Chef Ion



DINNER MENU

Served from 6pm - 9pm
Wednesday to Saturday

STARTERS

Soup of the Day (V, GFO) £7.00

Chef's seasonal creation, served with warm house-made bread.

Mussels Marinières (GFO) £9.00

Plump mussels steamed in a white wine broth, shallots, garlic, parsley, a touch of cream and baguette.

Lamb Croquettes £7.50

Spiced lamb croquettes, smoked aubergine purée and a drizzle of pomegranate molasses.

Fig and Goat Cheese (V)(VGO)(GF) £8.50

Creamy goat cheese, fresh figs, bitter leaves, candied walnuts and pickled raisins.

ALLERGENS

GF = Gluten Free | GFO = Gluten Free Option
V = Vegetarian | VG = Vegan
VO = Vegetarian Option | VGO = Vegan Option

Food Allergy Disclaimer

Please note that our home-made food items and items bought in from suppliers are NOT made in an allergy free kitchen. We cannot guarantee that these products are free from ingredients that may affect those with food allergies. We recognise the seriousness of food allergies, but cannot assume any liability for adverse reactions to our products. Our kitchen contains milk and other dairy products, eggs, nuts, wheat and gluten along with other recognised allergens.



MAINS

Fish and Chips £16.00

Beer-battered fresh fish with triple-cooked chips, house tartare sauce and mushy peas.

Pie of the Day (VO) £18.00

Chef's house made pie filled with seasonal ingredients, served with creamy mash, rich gravy, and buttered greens.

Bouillabaisse (GFO) £22.00

Seafood selection in a saffron-tomato broth. Served with garlic aioli and crusty baguette.

Pan-Seared Duck Breast (GF) £23.00

Succulent Gressingham duck, crisp-skinned, spiced red cabbage, silky celeriac purée and a rich orange-berry sauce.

Pumpkin and Sage Risotto (V)(VGO)(GF) £15.50

*Creamy Arborio rice with roasted pumpkin, fried sage, toasted **nuts** and a balsamic glaze.*

Cauliflower Steak (V)(VGO)(GF) £15.00

Thick-cut roasted cauliflower with chimichurri sauce, new potatoes with butter and herbs and seasonal vegetables.

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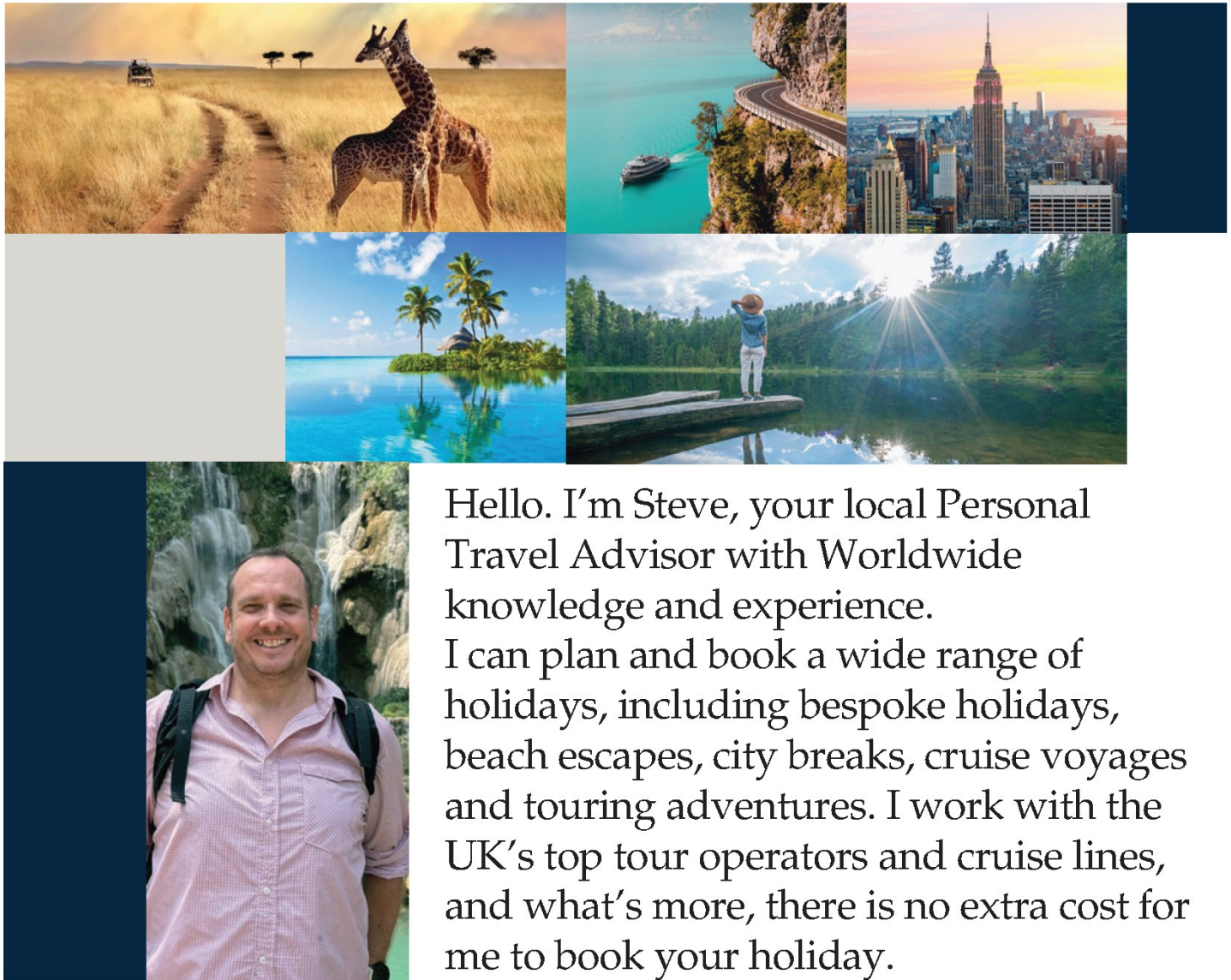
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Farmers' Market – Thanks & Well Done!

Thank you everybody who came to the village hall to shop at our August Farmers' Market and for the lovely comments we received during and afterwards. We hope you've enjoyed all the local goodies you bought. Once again it was an enjoyable event for those of us "manning the stall" even when you were all with us at once as you love to be! It's a social event as much as a retail one, and being busy is just one of those nice problems to have!

Our traders love the event, the venue, and the vibe, and are all very keen to return again; one said that they felt the market is a community that they feel part of. We think that says everything about our community beyond the markets really, but hearing it certainly helps make organising them even more rewarding.

Hopefully you did not miss Nick Moakes in his element trading on the wonderful community fruit and veg stall. Thank you very much everyone who donated or transported produce, picked and packaged fruit and herbs, and put together a great display. Sales totalled an amazing £153 all of which has been donated to Broad Hinton Village Hall. Well done all!

Community Apple Juice

Thank you also to those who donated surplus apples over the last few weeks, it was great to meet you, and in some cases your gardens and fruit trees. All the fruit has been pressed and the juice tastes lovely; sweet and appley. If you can't wait until the next market to buy some or want to make certain of your purchase in advance you can order it here:

<https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/shop>



Next Farmers' Market

Speaking of the **Next Farmers' Market**: it's on **Sunday 16th November** 11am - 1pm at Broad Hinton Village Hall, see you there!

Claire, Adam, Paul, Nick, Tash - White Horse Community Shop & Café Steering Group

Community Speed Watch Off to a Strong Start



Our new Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme, led by David Followell, officially began on 17th June 2025, and is already making a noticeable impact on driver behaviour along Yew Tree Lane. The team of local volunteers has

completed **four duties in the past four weeks**, though one session was unfortunately cut short due to a technical issue with the speed detection camera - now fully resolved. The initial focus has been on times of high pedestrian activity: school drop-off and pick-up, when children and parents are walking to Broad Hinton Primary, and when older pupils are catching buses to secondary schools. So far, **seven vehicles** have been recorded travelling at speeds high enough to trigger official police letters. For each of these, vehicle details, direction, and time were sent to Wiltshire Police for follow-up. It's important to note that the **primary aim of the scheme is not enforcement, but education** - to encourage drivers to be more aware of their speed and improve road safety for all. There is already clear evidence that CSW is working: traffic noticeably slows down when our team is on duty, and word is spreading. Navigation apps like Waze and Google Maps even flag our presence to other road users - an unexpected but welcome deterrent effect. We currently have **five trained volunteers** and would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward so far. More volunteers are always welcome - if you have a little time to spare and care about road safety in our village, please consider joining the team. Full training and equipment are provided. Looking ahead, the team will soon benefit from a Speed Indicator Device (SID), provided by the Parish Council. This device will capture real-time speed data, helping us better understand patterns and target future duties more

effectively.

Together, we're helping to make Yew Tree Lane, and Broad Hinton as a whole, a safer place for everyone.



New Speed Indication Device Installed on Yew Tree Lane

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the installation of a new Speed Indication Device (SID) on Yew Tree Lane. The SID will operate at two locations:

- Facing towards the school outside the Village Hall

Facing out of the village from the end of Fortunes Field

The sign is **fully movable**, meaning it could be placed at other locations in the parish in the future to address emerging concerns about speeding. The device not only alerts drivers to their speed but also records data on all passing vehicles. This information will be used by the Community Speed Watch scheme to identify problem times and focus monitoring efforts where they are most needed. Our thanks go to **David Followell, Chris Wilson, and Cllr. Adam Gilmore** for their time and effort in getting the SID installed and operational. With this new tool, we aim to improve road safety for all residents and visitors to Broad Hinton.



You are invited to the

Harvest Festival & lunch

in our beautifully decorated church at
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Sunday 5th October, at **11.00** am.

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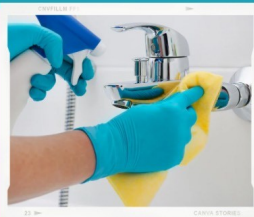
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Those of us who don't have dogs, really don't want to stand in or look at your dog's mess whether in a bag or not.

Those of us who always pick up after our dogs feel the same, and are tired of being blamed for the actions of others.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY.

If you entrust the walking of your dog to a youngster, please have a chat with them about these responsibilities.

For those times when you aren't going straight home there is a dog waste bin in the church carpark.



BROAD HINTON & WINTERBOURNE BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting Minutes Summary – Tuesday 1 July 2025, 7.30pm, Broad Hinton Village Hall**

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

Present:

Cllr Adrian Smith (Chair) (AS), Cllr Adam Gilmore (Vice Chair) (AG), Cllr Jim Gunter (JG), Cllr Candace Gaisford (CG), Cllr Liz Moakes (LM), Cllr Damian Le Gresley (DL), Cllr Tony Iles (TI), Peter Barry (Clerk) (PB).

In Attendance:

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Wiltshire Council) (AB), Kate Marshall (BH Village Hall) (KM),

Geoff Martin (BH Village Hall) (GM), Mark Miller (NPSG Chair) (MM), Ade Rudler (AR).

Apologies:

Cllr Louise Skillen (LS)

1. Introductions & Declarations

AS welcomed attendees, including LM (first meeting), KM & GM (Village Hall presentation), MM (Neighbourhood Plan), and AR (prospective councillor).

Meeting quorate; no declarations of interest.

2–4. Previous Minutes, Matters Arising & Issues Log

Minutes of 13 May 2025 and 27 May 2025 approved.

No matters arising.

Clerk to update Issues Log (Action: PB).

5. Broad Hinton Village Hall

Staffing pressures: 7 trustees reducing to 5; urgent volunteer need.

Financial position manageable but needs sustainable income.

AG volunteered as Council Trustee – agreed.

Working Party to be set up to support VH.

6. Finance

Balances: Current £50.98; Deposit £17,990.38 (various earmarked reserves).

NDP funding shortfall due to loss of £3k Locality grant; £2,791 needed.

Approved reallocations from reserves to meet funding. (Action: PB).

7. Planning

Multiple applications reviewed; all either approved with conditions, no objection, or pending decision. Roles & Responsibilities paper adopted; AG to draft as formal policy (Action: AG).

8–9. Highways, Maintenance & Footpaths

Gadbourne Banks speed limit reduction to 50mph approved; Parish contribution £875.

Community Speedwatch launched successfully, SID post height issue with Wiltshire Council ongoing.

Footpath visibility at WB to be improved; some grass banks left for wildlife benefit.

10. Emergency Planning

LM leading, supported by JG; potential to use Tockenham plan as model.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

200+ Reg 14 consultation comments under review; 30 to be discussed with Wiltshire Council.

Stakeholder meetings planned before moving to Reg 16–17.

12. Working Group Leads

Planning: TI | Travel: JG | PROW: CG | Emergency Plan: LM | Financial Planning: DL

Amenities/Infrastructure: AG | Farm Liaison: AS | Comms: AG, AS, LM | Strategic Planning: All.

13. Co-option

AR co-opted to the Council; interest in environmental projects.

14. AOB

None. Next meeting: 2 September 2025. Meeting closed: 9:00pm.



Upper Kennet Churches Harvest Festival Services



West Overton	14 September	10 am
East Kennett	14 September	5.30 pm
Avebury	21 September	4 pm
Winterbourne Bassett	28 September	11.30 am
Broad Hinton	5 October	11 am

Holy Communion, followed by a Harvest Lunch in the church

Winterbourne Monkton	5 October	4 pm
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followed by Tea

Harvest Festivals 2025

Urgently Needed Food Bank Items

UHT dairy milk (not oat milk etc)
 Long life fruit juice
 Tinned tomatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
 Tinned tuna, tinned ham
 Long life sponge puddings (minimum of 4 months best before date, please)
 Tinned custard
 Chocolate bars
 Instant mashed potato
 Tinned hot meat (stewing steak, chicken in sauce, etc)
 Shower gel, shampoo, conditioner
 Jam/honey/peanut butter
 Dried rice (500 gms)
 Mug Shot/Instant pasta
 Toilet rolls
 Deodorant (ladies' and men's)
 Adult toothbrushes

The foodbank has plenty of

Tinned pulses (lentils, beans, chick peas etc)
 Baby and toddler food

The Local News

November, 1973.

COMMENT

Surprisingly, the Local News can be quite an undertaking to put together.
The Editor is grateful for the many news items received and to hear that it is being appreciated.

We welcome to Broad Hinton Mr. & Mrs. WIGHTMAN and family of Elliotts, Fortunes Fields.

PLOUGHING MATCH

The Annual Ploughing Match of the Avebury Ploughing Association was held at Burderop and Overton Farms, Wroughton on Saturday, 29th September, 1973. After a very wet start, the weather improved, and we had some very closely contested classes. The Champion Ploughman was our old friend Mr. C.R. Garnett of Messrs. D.F.T. White's Berwick Bassett Farm - many congratulations. Amongst the prize winners from our villages were E.J. Cook, R. Lowe, H. Rogers and D. Watts. The Ploughman's Dinner was held in the evening at the Town Hall, Marlborough, - a very 'Merry Affair!'

CATTLE SOCIETY VISIT TO BROAD HINTON

On Friday, 5th October Broad Hinton was invaded by a fleet of cars containing members of the British-Canadian Holstein Society, as part of their 1973 Summer visit to Wiltshire. After lunch at the Village Hall, they were taken on a tour of the HINTON HOLSTEIN HERD at the Cockroost and Manor Dairies.

COMMUNITY ADVISERS COURSE

A letter has been received from the Marlborough & Ramsbury RDC giving details of a course which is being arranged, and asking for a representative from each Parish. They stress that this is a matter to be taken seriously as under Local Government re-organisation it appears that a greater share of responsibility will fall on lower levels of government. Would anyone who feels they might be able to attend this course please contact Mrs. M.L. Sykes, 142 Broad Hinton. Tel: 471 who would be pleased to give further particulars.

The Vicarage,
Broad Hinton.
Oct. 21st. 1973.

My dear Friends,

I was sorry not to be in action for all the Harvest Thanks-giving Services, but thankful to be able to take my part in some at each church and at the School service. I was grateful for the assistance during my absences of the Revs. F. Coward of Glyffe Pypard, Alan Charters, Derrick Cooling and Christopher Rutledge of Calne, and Mr. Derek McFaul, Reader at Lyneham. The splendid and useful produce was duly taken to the Children's Hospital on Marlborough Common, where it was most gratefully received. In addition the collections of roughly £20 from each church have been sent to good causes, while the sale of produce at the school yielded £11 for its Outgoings Fund.

Broad Hinton seems to have been dogged recently by a spate of 'hospitalisation' amongst its inhabitants, the latest victim being Mrs. Joy Hussey, in P.M.H. after a serious motor car accident. It is wonderful to be able to record that she is making rapid progress towards full recovery. We offer our sympathy and congratulations to her and to her family, especially to Sally, who escaped injury; and also another member of our congregation, Mr. Yates of Berwick Bassett, who was driving the other car involved. We are also glad to hear that Mrs. Davies will soon be home from P.M.H.

I am glad to have the opportunity of thanking Mrs. (Janet) Brewer and her helpers for holding the Jumble Sale which yielded the handsome sum of £35 towards the amount required to re-wire and improve the lighting of Broad Hinton Church. We very much hope for your usual support for this year's Christmas Market & Fayre, to be held in Broad Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Friday November 23rd. All willing to help are also invited to meet on Friday Nov. 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall.

I must not close my notes without a special word of thanks to those who decorated the churches so tastefully for the Harvest and to the team from Wroughton who rang the bells which with the lovely anthem sung by the choir made it a very special occasion for Broad Hinton.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR WIGGINS, (Vicar & Rector).

CHRISTMAS MARKET & FAYRE 23rd NOVEMBER, 7p.m. in BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL

Outline plans for this years 'Market' were made at a recent meeting of P.C.C. members and others. Although only ten people attended a list of stalls and games was drawn up and it was hoped that the following people with helpers would be responsible.

Jumble	Mrs. J. Brewer
Gift Stall	Mrs. F. Brewer
Childrens Toy Stall	Mrs. Cunninghame
Produce	Mr. W. Lethbridge
Refreshments	Mrs. Codwin
Bottle Stall	Mrs. Hussey
ClickPool	Mr. S. J. Horton
Bean Bags	Admiral Twiss
Speciality Bowling	Mr. R. D. Horton
Bridge Bowling	Mrs. D. H. Jones
Clown	Mr. A. Addis
Childrens Hoopla	Mrs. O'Neill
Peg Board	Mr. Ward
Wheel of Fortune	Mr. G. King
Draw	Mrs. Tyler
Sweets in Jar	Miss E. Shayler and Miss J. Ward

Gifts of saleable items will be welcome and should be given in good time to the respective stall holders and prizes for the games and competitions should be handed to Mr. F. Brewer. A valuable carpet 4yds x 3 yds has been offered by Mr. Ward as 1st prize in the draw and tickets at 5p each are already on sale. Mrs. Tyler would be pleased to supply books of tickets to anyone willing to sell. Although it is anticipated that everything will be alright on the night, much anxiety will be spared the organisers if offers of help are made well in advance.

This lovely old copy of a three page Local News was given to me recently by Mark Wightman...what a difference 52 years makes. No doubt this was kept because it mentioned Mark, Trish and family moving in, right at the beginning of the building of Fortunes Field.

I see the editor thought it was hard work and was grateful for any content even then! I'm sure some of the longer standing members of the village will be able to pick out a few familiar names.

Liz



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AGM Update

The shop held its annual General Meeting on 13th August which was well attended with 19 members in attendance.

Chris Gater, the shop treasurer summarised the financial situation and was pleased to report that a good 'on target' financial performance had been achieved through the terrific efforts of all the volunteers, who again kept the receipts and till figures well matched, and the managers, who continue to keep the community shop running. He thanked them all.

Sadly, this was my last AGM as chair because I have recently moved house so I have decided to stand down as chair. However, I will continue to support the shop as a volunteer and have already put my name down to help in the shop over Solstice next year.

Fortunately, all the other committee members were able to continue and we had 3 new nominations for the committee. The existing committee members Chris Gater, Lindsay Peck, Julie Fordham and Richard Nutt were all voted onto the committee along with 3 new members Maggie Lewis, Tim Pearce and Tim Rice. I was delighted to be presented with a garden bench which will help to remind me of the shop and my time in Avebury. Thanks to everyone for this and for the support and encouragement over the last 17 years.

Following the meeting, Sue and her son Eric from Rowdey Cow, the shop's local ice cream supplier, gave an interesting talk about the history of their farm and an insight into how and why they started the ice cream business. The talk was well received, with a number of questions from the members, who all agreed that a visit to the café at the farm for an ice cream tasting was definitely in order!

Home Deliveries

Just a reminder that we offer home deliveries if you are unable to get to the shops. Our delivery area includes Avebury, Avebury Trusloe, Beckhampton, East Kennet, West Kennet, Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett.

Michele Lomas

St. Katherine & St Peter,

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 28 September, 11.30

All welcome to come and celebrate the bringing in of the harvest goods,

we give thanks for the land and all who produce our food.

There will be a collection of goods or donation for the Devizes Trussel Trust

HARVEST SUPPER

Tuesday 7 October, 7.00pm

Join us for a traditional two course meal at

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It can be very confusing with lots of different churches, different styles of prayer and worship and lots of different opinions! You may want to know more but don't know where to start.

If you'd like to join a small group to meet one evening a fortnight to explore who Jesus was and focus on what the Gospel is telling us, please email me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm wishes

Rev Jonathan – Rector of the Upper Kennet churches

Email: jont.post@gmail.com



An Afternoon Concert

Sunday 12th October, 3 pm

at West Overton Church

Rebekah Reeve - violin

Sam Reeve - cello

Ruth Lamdin - piano

The Village Choir

Followed by tea and cake

Free admission - donations welcome

CALLING ALL KEYBOARD PLAYERS!

As you'll all know, we have seven churches in our Parish, and organs used for worship in five of them – Avebury, Broad Hinton, West Overton, Fyfield and Winterbourne Monkton, plus an electric keyboard often used in East Kennett. We have a group of three who play for services. For many Sundays this is enough, since generally there only two simultaneous services with hymns on any given Sunday. But in practice we are often stretched to cover the needs of the churches, due to commitments elsewhere, holiday absences, etc.

So we should love to have more players to join the panel. You do not need to be a trained organist to play! Any keyboard player capable of playing hymn tunes on the piano or electric keyboard can do the same on the organ. It is not necessary to use the pedal board, and any of us existing players can teach you which stops to use on the organ in 10 or 20 minutes. You will soon come to love the organ – a glorious instrument! – and one with a great repertoire if you want to explore further.

If you'd like to play, and can help us enhance our Sunday worship in the Parish, please get in touch with one of us, listed below.

Stuart Laing (stuart-laing@outlook.com)

Ruth Lamdin (ruth.lamdin@gmail.com)

Philip Scott (philipscott2@me.com)

SAVE THE DATE!

**Thursday, 11 December, at
7.00 pm**

**in St James's Church,
Avebury**

**A concert, given by Ian Crabbe, organist, playing the new church organ,
and the Rt Rev'd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury, reading and reciting his work, and possibly giving us a song or two!**

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AUTUMN EQUINOX WEEKEND

**Saturday 20th and Sunday
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St James' Church, Avebury

Join us for a relaxing and healing sound experience in the beautiful space of the ancient pilgrim church, St James, Avebury. Followed by a Sunday filled with sacred dance and a traditional Harvest Festival Service.

SATURDAY MORNING 10.30am

Ted Walker, a trained Gong practitioner with the College of Sound Healing, has spent years exploring the transformative power of sound. His work blends the resonant tones of traditional gongs with evolving sound textures, creating immersive and meditative soundscapes.

For this special Autumn Equinox event, Ted will have his Timberharp and will be joined by vocalist **Georgi Stupar** whose ethereal voice will merge with the Timberharp's tones to create a sanctuary of sound — a place to pause, reflect, and reconnect.

All are welcome. Come as you are, and let the sound carry you.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 12.00 noon

David Atkinson is a dowser and musician, he is known for his didgeridoo playing with 20 years' experience. David creates unique sound baths with bespoke backing tracks which he layers live instruments on top.

For our Equinox David will start with a didgeridoo experience where you can feel the powerful vibrations of the didgeridoo first hand.

Next an interactive creation will unfold as David guides the group to create a unique track with their voices. To finish off David will take you on a heart opening meditation backed by his unique music. Instagram: @the.didge.guy

there is a discount for locals)

The Butterfly Wheel is a transformative force in music, offering more than just songs—it's an invitation to journey into realms of deep emotion and universal truth. At the forefront is Alice Ancient's haunting voice, drawing listeners into the experience with raw intensity. This is matched by shamanic rock drums that pulse like a heartbeat, grounding the music in primal energy. Myrrh Moon's shadow-laden chords guide listeners through both light and dark, while Ryan Hewitt's psychedelic guitar riffs open pathways to introspection and transcendence. Together, they craft an immersive soundscape that transcends entertainment, connecting audiences to something greater and timeless, sparking liberation and self-discovery. Avebury St James are delighted to welcome them back!

SUNDAY MORNING 11.00am

Dances of Universal Peace

From the beginning of time, sacred movement, song and story have brought people together – at times of seasonal ceremony and celebration, as part of everyday life and life passages, in daily renewal and meditation, the Dances of Universal Peace are part of this timeless tradition.

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Philip O'Donohoe is a master of spiritual dance and is a leading international exponent of the Dances of Universal Peace. As a Senior Mentor he has been involved in the training of dance leaders for many years. He has studied Sufism since 1989, is a teacher of this form of Middle Eastern Mysticism and has trained in various forms of meditation over the past 25 years.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 4.00pm

Traditional Harvest Service

Led by the Rector – **Rev'd Jonathan**

SATURDAY EVENING 7.30pm (Ticketed £12 –

VIEW FROM THE RECTORY

**It's September, and a calmness and a sweetness seem to fall
Over everything that's living, just as though it hears the call
Of Old Winter, trudging slowly, with his pack of ice and snow,
In the distance over yonder, and it somehow seems as though
Every tiny little blossom wants to look its very best
When the frost shall bite its petals and it droops away to rest.**

Edgar Albert Guest

With the extended summer we have had this year, it's almost difficult to imagine heading into Autumn and Winter but the wheel turns and the days gradually shorten. Students head back to school and college and we naturally move from being out and wandering, to being more introspective and studious. It's a good time to start something new to learn.

Traditionally schools and universities call this Michaelmas term as it includes the feast of St Michael on 29th September. I love this image by the artist Rebecca Merry which captures for me the Autumn Equinox and the balance between light and dark, as well as a very special balanced relationship between the mighty archangel and the dragon.



We're a bit less self-conscious about being a beginner when we start things in September. In a recent interview the artist Caroline Ross described the experience of learning something. We're meant to have the pathway of feelings where we start with

something new being difficult and frustrating, and then push through that into mastering basic skill or understanding, and eventually moving into competence and searching on a deeper level.

Beginning with that sense of incompetence, and determinedly working through it, is part of the process. Overcoming our incompetence gives us a good grounding for future learning. In this age that seeks to make things easier and easier for us with less and less effort, we lose the satisfaction of achieving something through a hard-won developed skill. Something we have earned and which we now own through our own efforts. The process itself is just as important as the new thing achieved. Being clever at pressing a button to activate AI doesn't come close.

To celebrate this season, we are having a gathering in St James, Avebury, over the September Equinox/Harvest weekend. This will not be quite so full on as the Summer Solstice but will be a day of gentle musical healing on the Saturday with a band in the evening, followed by Dances of Universal Peace on the Sunday morning and a traditional church harvest service in the afternoon. It is right to celebrate abundance at this time of year. Not just the food harvest, which is in itself a huge gift, but also the many things we are gifted with as human beings. Family, friends and community. The sharing of laughter and sorrow. Of stories, personal and universal, practical and mythical. There is so much that binds us together.

Every blessing,

Jonathan – the Rector

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8.30-9am daily



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For more details, the service sheet and the zoom link, contact:

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Can you give yourself 25 minutes a fortnight?

Just to relax, turn off, and forget the trials and stresses of life, and everyday pressures, and to enjoy a time of peace, calm and silent reflection.

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm we hold a Taize meditation service: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing - often accompanied by guitar playing, plus a few words of wisdom and brief prayers – but mainly peace and calm.

No complicated service to follow, just peace and relaxation.

Put these dates in your diary and drop in to join us when you feel like it:

SEPTEMBER: Wednesday 10th; and 24th.

OCTOBER: Wednesday 8th; and 22nd.

We look forward to seeing you.

Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White

Flower & Cleaning Rotas for September

	Flowers	Cleaning
September 6th & 13th	Romy Baker and Gill Crabtree	Jane O'Neill and Marjorie Sykes
September 20th & 27th	Anne Poole and Joy Reynolds	Gill Crabtree and Marjorie Sykes

Readings for September 2025

Sunday 7 September – Green Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28
12th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 14
 Jeremiah 18.1-11
 Psalm 139.1-5,12-18
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14.25-33

Sunday 14 September – Green

13th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 21 September – Green

14th Sunday after Trinity
 Jeremiah 8.18-9.1
 Psalm 79.1-9

1 Timothy 2.1-7
 Luke 16.1-13

Sunday 28 September – Green

15th Sunday after Trinity
 Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15
 Psalm 91.1-6,14-end
 1 Timothy 6.6-19
 Luke 16.19-end

Sunday 5th October - Green

16th Sunday after Trinity
 Lamentations 1.1-6
 Psalm 137 (or 137.1-6)
 2 Timothy 1.1-14
 Luke 17.5-10

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Wednesday 3 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
7 September Trinity 12	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 10 September			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
14 September Trinity 13		<u>10 am</u> Harvest Festival	<u>4 pm</u> Muddy church <u>5.30 pm</u> Harvest Festival	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 17 September				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
21 September Trinity 14			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion	<u>4 pm</u> Harvest Festival	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 September			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
28 September Trinity 15		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion Patronal Festival				<u>11.30 am</u> Harvest Festival	

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Broad Hinton

19 July 2025

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Broad Hinton

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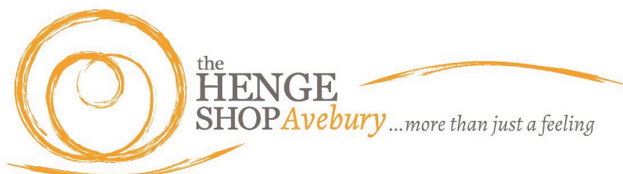
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