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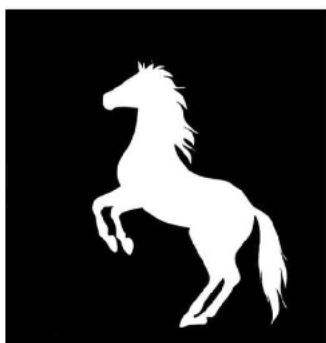
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Sunday	24th	December	4pm	Crib Service	St Peter Ad Vincula
Monday	25th	December	10am	Christmas Communion	St Peter Ad Vincula
Tuesday	26th	December	12-4pm	Afternoon Tea	Crown Inn
Tuesday	26th	December	6pm	Karoke BH has talent	Crown Inn
Sunday	4th	January	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter Ad Vincula
Wednesday	7th	January	7.30pm	Ridgeway Ladies	Village Hall
Sunday	11th	January	10am	Plough Sunday	St James, Avebury
Tuesday	13th	January	3.15-4.00pm	Mobile Library	Near Village Hall
Friday	30th	January	2pm	BHADS Robbin' Hoody	Village Hall
Saturday	31st	January	7pm	BHADS Robbin' Hoody	Village Hall
Saturday	31st	January	7pm	BHADS Robbin' Hoody	Village Hall
Sunday	1st	February	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter Ad Vincula
Tuesday	10th	February	3.15-4pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
Sunday	11th	February	11am-1pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Saturday	14th	February	7pm	Pudding Evening	Winterbourne Bassett

WASTE AND RECYCLING DATES

Friday	2nd	January	Household Waste	Black Bin
Tuesday	6th	January	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	13th	January	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Wednesday	14th	January	Household Waste	Black Bin
Friday	16th	January	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Saturday	17th	January	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	26th	January	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	27th	January	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	29th	January	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	30th	January	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

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Dear All,

I'm writing this just pre-Christmas with all the usual revelries yet to come, there have been one or two frosts, but in general it has been very mild for the time of year. I think my grass is still growing, all -be-it slowly.

The various clubs groups and societies are making use of our local hostilities to celebrate their Christmas meals; the Crown last Wednesday was absolutely heaving with people enjoying the fare.

I'm told that the Village Hall party was a big success and there are further parties and events to come, see the calendar and last month's issue for times and dates.

January looks like it will as usual be fairly slow on the entertainment calendar, so do take advantage of the things that come your way. There will be a **Plough Sunday service in Avebury**, preceded on the Saturday by a traditional Wassail.

Looking forward to the end of the month, please make an attempt to go and see our local **pantomime Robbin' Hoody put on by BHADS**. I'm sure it will be fabulous as ever, and is the perfect introduction to a stage performance for little ones, to pantomime as genre for those who haven't been before, and a great way to catch up and meet up with lots of locals and of course it is a lot of laughs. 'He's behind you'!. Tickets being sold now, don't miss out.

The Neighbourhood plan will begin its official 6 week period of consultation on 5th January. See page 13.

This is just a note to remind you that The Crown will be closing for several weeks in January whilst Erin and Ion visit family.

The waste and recycling dates are a bit askew whilst the crews cover everyone after their Christmas break. Do look carefully at the calendar.

It is that time of year where we ask for your sponsorship of the Local News. These funds go towards the production and printing of the copies which go through your door.

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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

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Liz

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VILLAGE HALL JANUARY NEWS



2025 Review

We've seen some successful events throughout 2025:

- Beginning with the Broad Hinton Amateur Dramatics Society's panto **Peter Pan** in February, which was a virtual sell-out, loved by audiences, cast and crew alike.



- This was followed by the **Hackpen Beer & Gin Festival** on 5th July. Really good beers, excellent selection of gin, delicious food and two great bands meant festival goers had a great time.



- Everyone had fun at the first of our two Christmas events, the **Christmas Party**. Feedback was, the food was delicious, the canapés a great idea to help everyone socialise, the decorations were wonderful and the DJ was a resounding success.
- Finally, the **Christmas Market** the following weekend was again popular with attendees enjoying the food and drink and everything the stallholders had to offer.

Many thanks to our volunteers who have helped over the year, in so many ways, such as the events mentioned above, and the maintenance of BHVH. A particular shout-out to Damian Le Gresley, who has taken over management of maintenance and the volunteer team and worked so hard to optimise the current heating system and design the new one which will replace it. Grateful thanks also, to John Austin, who helped us so much earlier in the year, when the need to replace the heating system became obvious.

Finally, thanks to you, our community for attending & supporting the events, which contribute to raising funds. Without you they wouldn't happen.

Happy New Year to everyone from the BHVH Trustee team. More from us in the coming months.

Financial Review

We've recently carried out a thorough review of BHVH's finances. We're delighted to tell you; they're in good shape. As a result, in the New Year, we'll be working on some changes which will benefit our community:

- Making booking easier, more welcoming, and better tailored to local needs.
- Maintaining a sustainable financial model with surpluses reinvested into the hall and community.

Heating Update

The BHVH heating has been working well since we enabled weather compensation for the heat pump. This means the system now ticks along quietly in the background at low temperatures, automatically working a bit harder when the weather turns colder. The result is that the main hall and meeting room feel comfortable and welcoming, usually around 18–20°C, whatever the weather outside.

We know in certain conditions, the meeting room especially can sometimes get a bit too warm. The upgraded system will include controls to help prevent this, and we're also looking at ways to improve the glazing in there to cut down on heat from strong sunshine.

We've also installed an energy monitoring system so we can keep an eye on both solar generation and electricity use. The early signs are really encouraging. Even though our current heat pump is an older (and slightly noisy!) model, using the right weather compensation settings means it's using less electricity than we expected.

Both energy use and noise levels will reduce further with the new heat pumps, reflecting significant technological improvements since 2009. The new heat pumps will be supplied by Grant, a company based in Swindon, and we're looking forward to the benefits this upgrade will

bring.

300 Club 2026

The 300 Club profits go towards supporting your village hall and you might win one of the monthly draws!

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December 300 Club Winners

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The Ridgeway Ladies

On Wednesday 3rd December the ladies met up in the village hall for their Christmas meal. Marilyn (with a couple of willing volunteers) had done a wonderful job of setting up and decorating the tables everyone was in good spirits and looking forward to a delicious meal. And what an excellent meal it was.

There were three hampers – all full of delicious seasonal goodies- and a bottle of Baileys to be won. The lucky winners of the hampers were Joy, Trish and Pauline. The Baileys was won by Chris.

A most enjoyable evening. Good food (thanks to Square Root Events), good company, good conversation and lots of laughter....what more could one ask for?

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We now have 5 active members in the Broad Hinton Community Speed Watch (CSW) team, and we've all been involved in undertaking our duties in the village. The team have continued to target the times when children and parents are going to and from the village school and when the older students are using the buses for secondary schools further afield.

We have also undertaken duties at other times during the day, as directed by the data analysis we can do from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) by the entrance to Fortunes Field. This has proved a very valuable contribution to our team.

As you may have noticed we've been trying different settings on the SID to both continue to warn speeding vehicles but try and preserve the battery life. This is ongoing, as we cannot use a solar panel to keep the batteries charged due to the tree cover in the current location. The alternative location, by the village hall, has unfortunately a line-of-sight issue as it is obscured by a tree when looking down Yew Tree Lane towards the A4361.

Our primary focus is to deter vehicle drivers from exceeding the speed limit rather than "catch" them. That said, typically at least 5% of the vehicles passing the team exceed the 30mph limit by above the prescribed amount, triggering a letter from the police to the vehicles registered keeper. Persistent offenders, not just in our parish, are then dealt with by the police directly.

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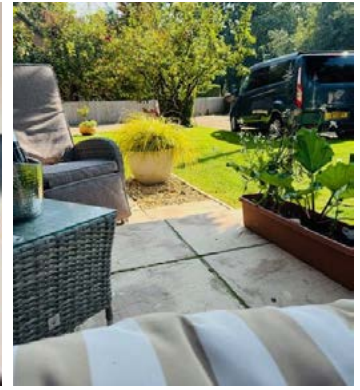
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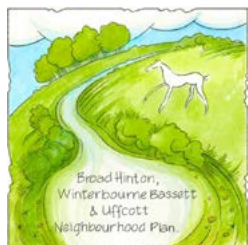
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Neighbourhood Plan Update

Wiltshire Council have sent the following notice about the consultation period.

Draft Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (2025-2038) Regulation 16 Consultation

Wiltshire Council is currently consulting on the proposed the draft Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott Neighbourhood Development Plan, which has been formally submitted by Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council.

The consultation starts on Monday 5th January 2026 and **responses must be received no later than 5pm on Monday 16th February 2026.**

Please be aware that all representations will be publicly available and may also appear on the Wiltshire Council website.

Further information including the submitted draft neighbourhood development plan and how to comment can be found online via <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-consultations>

Where possible, please provide any comments using the Consultation Portal. Alternatively, an editable representation form can be downloaded from the Supporting Files section on the consultation portal, and completed forms can either be emailed to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk or sent by post to:

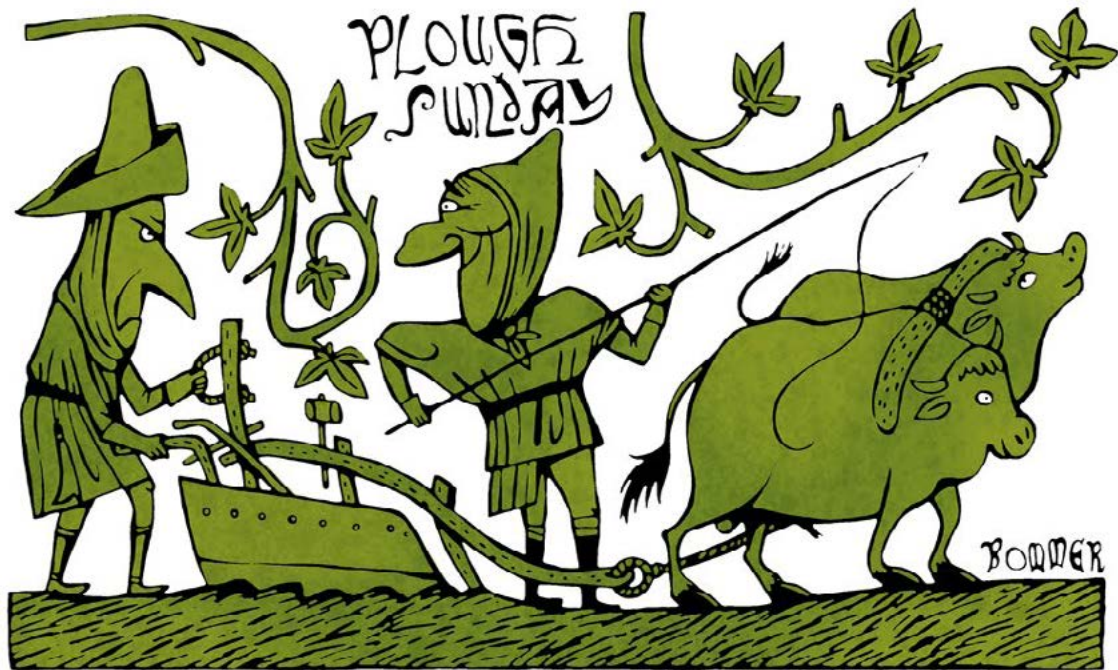
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- Village Hall, Yew Tree Lane, Broad Hinton, Wiltshire, SN4 9RH

Following this consultation, the comments received will be passed to an independent examiner, to be appointed by the council, who will consider the representations and recommend whether the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan should be put to a community referendum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Neighbourhood Planning on Tel: 01225 713591 or by email to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk



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"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

I was talking recently in church of how we do Christmas back to front. Pre-Christmas we have lots of 'Christmas' parties and celebrations and Christmas Day itself is a day when we stop and rest (apart from the mums and all those who do the cooking of course!). This means that post-Christmas is a bit of an anti-climax and many people stumble into January on a bit of low.

The original pattern was that Advent – the four weeks before Christmas – was a time of reflection, a bit like Lent before Easter. Then Christmas Day was the Big Party celebration and everyone partied for the 12 days of Christmas which was over 12 Holy Nights 25th Dec - 5th Jan. Doesn't that sound like more fun and a much more positive way to enter the New Year!

I may be one of the few people who actually like January. The beginning of a New Year and the possibility of a new start always fills me with a sense of excitement and hope. A chance to let go of those things from the previous year that are no longer affirming or enriching and to sense that the life within the earth, as it prepares itself for what it will reveal in spring, is bringing a new tide with it. A possibility of new challenges and gifts that will be the beginning of new stories and adventures for each one of us. As the days lengthen and the earth awakens, the secret of what the new year holds for us is slowly revealed bit by bit.

In the church, after the 12 day celebration of Christmas, we celebrate Epiphany on 6th Jan. This is a day when we remember the wise men (traditionally numbered as three) who took gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to the Christ child. Epiphany is both the manifesting of the Christ child to the Gentile Wise Men, and also speaks of a moment of sudden revelation.

I invite you to recognise that this new year holds within it, for you, a great revelation. It will reveal to you secrets about yourself as you live through it. And it will also reveal to you something of the nature of God as you negotiate its bittersweet symphony. Take time to find the extraordinary in the ordinary. The Son of God in a manger in a stable is everywhere to found. This wondrous story speaks to us of how the extraordinary lurks within ordinary events - something of the divine in the often messy muddle of everyday life.

Know that within the stark skeletons of January trees and beneath the hard, frosty ground, life is waiting to come into being to reveal its secrets. Astonishingly this miracle calls to us at this time of year every year. My prayer is that you don't miss the epiphany this moment brings you, and that you may be open to divine moments of revelation as they brush your cheek.

A miraculous, transformative and splendid New Year to you all!

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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:

Wednesday 7th January 2026,

Wednesday 21st January &

Wednesday 4th February 2026.

We look forward to seeing you.

Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White

Flower and Cleaning Rotas for January

Flowers

January 10 & 17
January 24 & 31

June Pillinger & Joan Palmer
Vicky Lowes & Clare Fitzpatrick

Cleaning

Jane Walker & Marjorie Sykes
Liz Palfrey & Joy Reynolds

Readings for January 2026

4 January – Gold or White

Epiphany
Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 72. [1-9] 10-15
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

11 January – Gold or White

Baptism of Christ
Isaiah 42.1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10.34-43
Matthew 3.13-end

18 January – White

Epiphany 2
Isaiah 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-12
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

25 January – Gold or White

Epiphany 3
Isaiah 9.1-4
Psalm 27.1, 4-12 [or 27.1-11]
1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Matthew 4.12-23

1 February – Gold or White

Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas
Malachi 3.1-5
Psalm 24.[1-6] 7-end
Hebrews 2 14-end
Luke 2.22-40

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4 January Epiphany						<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 7 January			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
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18 January Epiphany 2			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
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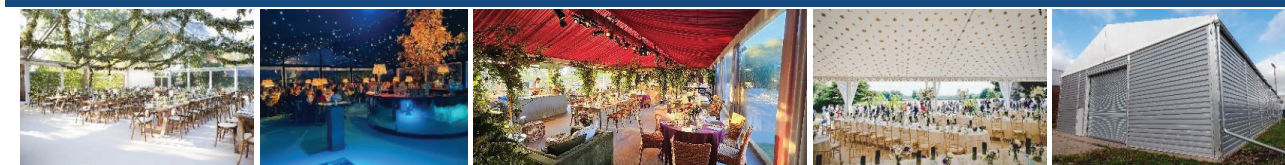
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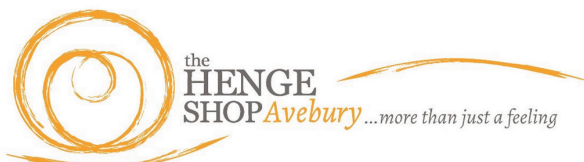
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