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Uffcott and
Winterbourne Bassett*



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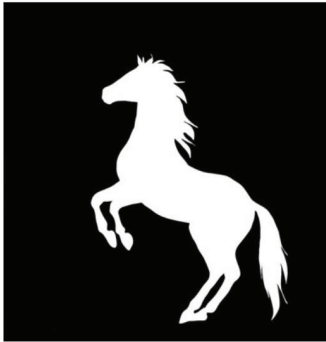
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Tuesdays	weekly	Termtime	9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Tuesdays	weekly		10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Saturday	25	April	6-9pm Book	Tapas	The Crown
Saturday	2	May	evening	Wine Tasting	Village Hall
Saturday	2	May	10-11am Book	Bottomless Breakfast	The Crown
Sunday	3	May	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter ad Vincula
Sunday	3	May	after the service	Church Building Trust - talk about the roof	St Peter ad Vincula
Tuesday	5	May	7pm-9pm	Phil's Shed (see advert)	Crown
Wednesday	6	May	7.30-9.30pm	Ridgeway Ladies	Village Hall
Wednesday	13	May	7pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Kennet Valley School
Saturday	16	May	6-8pm Book	Mexican Buffet	The Crown
Sunday	17	May	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peter ad Vincula
Tuesday	19	May	7pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Saturday	23	May	9.30-11.30am	Book Café	Village Hall
Sunday	24	May	11am-1pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Friday	29	May	7.30pm	BHVH Volunteer Social	Village Hall
Saturday	30	May	2pm-5.30pm	Doggy Day Parade	The Crown
Saturday	13	June	7-11pm	Barn Dance	Village Hall
Saturday	11	July	4pm-12 ticket	Country Festival	The Crown
Saturday	18	July	5.30--11.30	Lumo Disco	The Crown

WASTE AND RECYCLING DATES

Friday	29th	April	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	4th	May	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	5th	May	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	7th	May	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	8th	May	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	18th	May	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	19th	May	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	21st	May	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	22nd	May	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	1st	June	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

Dear All,

Early bluebells and tulips, and my blue tit nest box is full again. No eggs yet, but soon I hope.

What a great selection of things to look forward to in the villages. There is the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May, which this year will bring a lot of the organisations in the village together. What a great chance to meet people and discuss local things.

The Village Hall is having a Volunteer Social to which new residents are also invited see page 8. The Farmers' Market returns on Sunday 24th, with lots of yummy produce and plants too.

Book Cafe returns on 23rd May so dust off those unwanted paperbacks and take them along to swap. Kids books welcome too.

The beginning of the Cricket season is upon us and we would all be welcome to watch from the sidelines and support the club - see article on page 11.

On a serious note, The Church Building Trust

has launched an appeal to help to fund a replacement of the roof. A talk follows the service on 3rd of May in the Church.

The Doggy Day Parade at the Crown on 30th May promises to be a hoot. Lets pray for good weather.

Lots more for later in the year, get the diaries out.
Liz

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Mark Wightman

The Wightman family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone in the village for the kindness, support, and generosity shown following the loss of Mark.

At such a difficult time, the community came together in the most meaningful way. We are deeply grateful to those who helped prepare for the service – from mowing the lawn and putting up the marquee, to organising the sound system and ensuring everything ran smoothly on the day. Special thanks go to the church wardens, the choir and the vicar for their care, guidance, and compassion.

Your efforts and presence brought comfort and warmth, turning a sad occasion into a true celebration of Mark's life. It meant so much to see so many familiar faces and to feel the strength of the community around us.

Thank you all for your incredible support – it will never be forgotten.

We at Local News owe a deep gratitude to Mark for his support of the magazine for so many years. He held the team together with encouragement, put the hard work in to sell advertising, and touched the shoulder of locals to ask them to join the team when it was necessary. Ours was just one of the organisations which Mark affected with his enthusiasm and generosity, and this was evident at his funeral when so many people came to help the family celebrate his life. Mark's daughter Charlotte gave a wonderful address which Trish tells me is available to read, for those who missed the funeral.

Before and after pictures of the Patio clean up. Looks great, well done all.



VILLAGE HALL

MAY NEWS



Wine Tasting Saturday 2nd May 7:30pm

Ticket sales have been good for our "Tour de France" with our wine enthusiast, Nick Moakes. We have limited numbers and the last date you'll be able to buy them is Sunday 26th April, when ticket sales will close. Contact Sarah Kromer at tickets@broadhinton.org.uk or 07885 519221. Or buy online <https://broad-hinton.lemonbooking.com/page/events>

Hackpen Beer & Gin Festival – Saturday 19th September

Named after the view from our three villages, the Hackpen Beer & Gin Festival is in its third year!

Our goal is similar to last year, *"Have a great time & break even"*.

This year, we're adding another layer *"Celebrate the beers & breweries of Wiltshire"*.

Managing the event this year are three of our trustees, Mark Miller, Nick Moakes & Adam Gilmore. Beer drinkers? You know it. Skin in the game? For sure.

They're busy organising:

Food – It's The Crown this year – you know how good Ion's food is!

Music – Two bands already booked

Sponsors, marketing, merchandise & volunteers

In the meantime, our happy band of two in the beer team (Nick Snow & Tom Bance) are busy scouring Wiltshire for the breweries which will provide the delicious Wiltshire beers for you to try in September. At some point (heavy sigh) they'll have to taste them. Tough job eh guys, but someone's got to do it.

So, put that date in your diaries, it's going to be a good one!

Special Advantageous Hiring Rates

We've introduced reduced rates for groups or people trying out new activities which benefit the community and are held at least monthly:

£1 per hour for the first six sessions.

50% discount for the next six sessions.

A great example of this is Phil's Shed, a Men's Mental Health Club. They've already held two successful sessions in the village hall, benefitting from this arrangement. So if you have an idea for an activity, contact us at hallbookings@broadhinton.org.uk.

Patio - what an improvement!

Over Easter, some of those amazing volunteers have done a great job in the area near the new heat pumps. As you can see from the before & after pics opposite, it was very scruffy and now looks wonderful! See the pics. Thank you all.

Projector & Screen

The old projector and manual screen aren't easy to use. We've listened to community hirers' feedback and have decided to invest in new equipment. We're aiming for a ceiling-mounted projector and motorised screen (above the proscenium arch). It will incorporate a hearing loop, to assist those using hearing aids.

The improved equipment will benefit groups such as Ridgeway Ladies, be used at social events such as the Beer Festival to display sponsors' adverts and any event with a guest speaker. We hope it may also generate new hirers.

You know us though, always keen to get others to pay. One of our trustees, Mark Miller is on the hunt for grant funding to cover all, or part of the installation. Look out for an update next month, or on the Facebook Groups.

Volunteer Social Event Friday 29th May 7:30pm

We'll be welcoming many of our current volunteers to the Village Hall for drinks and a chat.

If you're new to the community, in any of our three villages, and would like to come along and say hello and meet a few people, do join us then, we'd love to see you.

April 300 Club Winners

£50	203	Chris Ladd
£25	300	Keith Doyle
£20	293	Helen Forster
£20	243	Chris Horan
£10	134	Keith Jones

May Hirings

Saturday 2nd 10am-11pm Wine tasting (includes set-up time)

Wednesday 6th 7:30pm-9:30pm Ridgeway Ladies

Saturday 9th 10am-2pm Resident for child's birthday party (*yet to be confirmed*)

Tuesday 19th midday – 3pm Broad Hinton Primary School Orienteering Festival (potentially 75 people)

Saturday 23rd 9:30-12:30 (includes set-up time)

Sunday 24th 10am-1:30pm Farmers' Market (includes set-up time)

Friday 29th 7:30pm-9:30pm Volunteer Social

For most of these hirings, the village hall car park will be very busy, so please make sure it's kept clear. If you're attending any of the events, where possible please either come on foot, or car-share.



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BROAD HINTON & WINTERBOURNE BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

DATE & TIME

Tuesday 19th May 2026 · 7:00pm

VENUE

Broad Hinton Village Hall

ABOUT THIS MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is your opportunity to come together as a community - meet local groups, find out what's happening in the parish, and discuss issues and ideas that matter to you.

Meet community groups

Connect with local organisations

What's happening in the parish

Plans, projects & local updates

Discuss parish issues

Your voice in your community

Broad Hinton Church Trust · Community Speed Watch · White Horse Cricket Club · Broad Hinton Farmer's Market · Local News · Phil's Shed · Winterbourne Bassett Community Pub · Broad Hinton Village Hall · Ridgeway Ladies · Tuesday Coffee Morning · Selkley Shuttles Photography Club · Broad Hinton Primary School and Friends · St Katherine's Church · St Peter Ad Vincula Church · Broad Hinton Youth Club · more to be confirmed

Refreshments will be served

All parishioners, residents and businesses are warmly welcome to attend.

FIND OUT MORE

www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/apm

Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council · Annual Parish Meeting 2026



New Bus Timetables

Buses going through the village now go to the train station. This is a great way to get to the station, and avoid having to park. The times have changed too. See below. Times of buses going past La Strada have also changed, please check on line and at bus stops.

BUS TIMETABLE

New timetable starting Sunday 12th April 2026.

Times below are for the Broad Hinton Village Hall stop.

Times at the High St stop will be a few minutes earlier/later depending on direction.

Towards Devizes (wait on this side of the road)

Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
06:38	09:50	
08:53	10:50	
09:50	11:50	
10:50	12:50	
11:50	13:50	
12:50	14:50	
13:50	15:50	
14:50	16:50	
15:50		
16:50		

Towards Swindon (wait on opposite side of the road and clearly signal driver to stop)

Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
08:12	08:15	
09:17	09:17	
10:17	10:17	
11:17	11:17	
12:17	12:17	
13:17	13:17	
14:17	14:17	
15:17	15:17	
16:17	16:17	
17:27	17:17	
	18:17	

Timetable and live bus map at <https://www.bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk/buses>



Hackpen Festival 2026 Saturday 19th September

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gin, and fun!

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date!





LIVE SPORT THIS SUMMER IN BROAD HINTON - White Horse Cricket Club

OK, so the Ashes didn't go very well but you can watch live sport this summer as YOUR local cricket club starts up again. Our first game is Saturday 25th April.

It was just over a year ago that the club embarked on our first overseas tour - to Barbados. We also went on our traditional August tour to the Isle of Wight. Almost as hot but slightly less warm seas!

This winter we have re-seeded the whole square to improve wicket performance and continue to invest in facilities on and off the field. We offer a range of cricket formats with our side playing in Division 4 of the Saturday league. Alternate Saturdays, the ground is used by Avebury's 3rd XI - a blended team of players (male and female) from both clubs in Division 9. WHCC continue to field a team in the Swindon Midweek League. Following promotion back to Division 2 we will play on Thursdays evenings, which will include a "local derby" against The AB Sports who sub-let our ground to play in the same league.

Our ground, whilst deemed by some as "rustic", continues to be a popular venue for other clubs to hire. This year we welcome Kennet Valley CC alongside our returning customers. These include Wiltshire County Juniors and also Middlesex Schools - the latter like using our venue given it's proximity to Junction 16 when playing Wales and South West Counties! The children are also excited to play cricket when surrounded by the Horton farm cows! We must be doing something right. Our facilities are a great credit to our paid groundsman Michael Rae, and the volunteers led by Jon Candy. Thanks to Adrian Rudler who as a villager has stepped forward to help maintain the ground - he gets at least one free beer from me this Summer!

If you can, please visit and support the club - a social membership is just £25 (per couple/ household) which would be a great help. The more members and visitors who support the bar, which is open on match days, boosts our revenue. It is good to know that the village cares about the field as it has been deemed, rightly, to be a community asset identified in the village Neighbourhood Plan.

We are always open to other ideas to utilise the ground - of course we have hosted the Village Fun Day for the last two years. One idea is hopefully the first softball game in the village - a chance for non-cricketers to use the facilities. It is great the facility can be used more and more by the community.

One ongoing example of this has been our support of the Lungbuster run each February. Thanks to Des Clarke and Jon Candy for facilitating the event. Here's what Lungbuster had to say...

"Firstly, thank you for your support at our Lungbuster. For the first time, the first aiders took use of the pavilion to treat some minor injuries for a few runners. We raised £2202 from the event. Over the 12 years, the event has raised a total of £20,263.34 for Breast Cancer Now. Enough for the charity to fund 14 weeks of lab-based research or a year of PhD student research funding.

Thanks for your continued support - the use of the pavilion provides an enormous contribution to presenting a quality event for our runners and volunteers. Please pass on our gratitude and thanks to your fellow Cricket Club members".

Fixture booklets will be distributed soon and we'll leave some on the bar in The Crown and The Winterbourne.

I hope to see you at the ground and we would welcome any support you can offer - be that playing, supporting the bar, sponsorship or maintaining the machinery to keep the field in good condition.

Have a good Summer.

Chris Ladd - Chairman

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Saturday 13th June

7pm - 11pm

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Our Church needs a new roof!

The Broad Hinton Church Trust was formed over 30 years ago to preserve the church fabric and to safeguard the building for future generations. I have recently been elected by the Trustees as Chair and the team are now driving plans and initiatives to ensure the

upkeep of the church building. The Church of England is not involved in the maintenance of the building, this falls to the Trust with the support of the community to own and manage this responsibility.

So, here's the challenge! It has been identified that the church roof, which is well over 150 years old, needs replacement in the coming years. We have frequent leaks which must be repaired quickly to protect the interior of the church, and you may have seen that we recently had to erect scaffolding to resolve the latest leak, at a cost of over £3,000.

To be ready to approach Grant organisations to support our fundraising initiatives, we need to show that as a community, we are behind this project and are prepared to 'do our bit'. To replace the roof, we will need to raise up to £500,000 and to show the grant organisations that we are serious, we have set ourselves a target of raising 20% of that figure ie; £100,000.

In the next weeks, the Trustees will be sharing more information about how we plan to address this massive challenge:

- Sunday 3rd May (10:00) - presentation to the Church congregation after the service
- Tuesday 19th May (19:00) - presentation to attendees of the Parish Council Annual Meeting at the Village Hall
- Details published in the June edition of the Local News Magazine
- A maildrop in every house in the communities of Broad Hinton and Uffcott with details of the fundraising initiative
- Regular updates on our soon to be published website and via the Local News Magazine
- Fund raising initiatives currently in planning

If anyone has any queries, would like to make an early donation or would like to get involved with our initiatives, please feel free to contact Chris Wilson on 07395 842056 or bhcbtinfo@gmail.com.

Selkley Shutters



This very dramatic picture from the Selkley Shutters, is of Miaara Jewish Cemetery, Marrakech and was sent to me in black and white.

Broad Hinton Farmers' Market

**The next Broad Hinton Farmers' Market is on
Sunday 24th May at the Village Hall, 11am - 1pm.**

Your favourite local produce will return including bread from Pete's MicroBakery, Grove Farm Butchery's organic meat, David & Pat Salter with pickles, preserves and other goodies, Harts Hill Honey - honey, beeswax etc, Refill Station for eco-household, toiletries, and refills, Pipp & Co, Sugar Garden Boutique and Amy Levin for your doughnuts, sweets and chocolates, and Bolts Deli with treats for the furry ones.

Our guest artisans from last time, Treebitz and Sewing Allsorts, will be joined by Cards by Crazy Cat, everything garden from Nathalie Purdue, and, after a long wait for spring, there will be more gorgeous floristry from English Garden Flowers of Avebury.

We once again look forward to bringing local to local, supporting small independent businesses, doing a bit of business as a community and reinvesting in it, all while enjoying a cuppa, a chat, and a spot of shopping...

See you at **Broad Hinton Village Hall, 11am-1pm, Sunday 24th May** for our next Farmers' Market!

FARMERS' MARKET

Sunday 24th May
Broad Hinton Village Hall
11am - 1pm

**Free
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Garden & Crafts

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Cards by Crazy Cat
Nathalie Purdue Garden
Sewing Allsorts
 Eco-friendly sewn items
Treebitz
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**Free
Café**



White Horse
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Book Café



Broad Hinton Village Hall
May 23rd
9.30 to 11.30am
£4 entry includes drink
& a cake
(cash only please)

The format is a book exchange. Bring your unwanted, good condition fiction (*no biographies, autobiographies or other non fiction please*). Take away as many books as you like.

- Coffee, tea, squash and homemade cakes
- Children's and adults' books
- Meet friends and neighbours
- Chat about books

Book Café is run by volunteers from local book clubs.



Phil's Shed

REPAIR, RESTORE & RELOAD

A men's mental health club built on connection,
conversation and community

**Lets get together for a bite
to eat, a drink and a real
conversation**

Tuesday 5th May 7pm-9pm at The Crown Inn garden,
Broad Hinton. This will be for a BBQ and the pub will not be open
or serving drinks, please let us know if you can make this one

THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday April 1st David Bailey , a wildlife photographer, came to speak to the Ridgeway Ladies.

David has always had an enthusiasm for wildlife, which he attributes to the fact that he was born and brought up in the New Forest. He became a toolmaker by trade but he spent much of his free time pursuing his passion by walking the Brecon Beacons and photographing the wildlife. It was here that he met Janet, a professor of photography, who recognised his potential and encouraged him to pursue his passion professionally. So began his new career. He has appeared in Rhys Jones Wildlife Patrol (a UK and international series to which he was the wildlife camera-man, consultant and photographer), B.B.C's Spring Watch, I.T.V.'s Coast and Country and numerous radio programmes. He has also written several books.

David shared with us his many photographs of wildlife taken by him in their 'Wild Homes'. From the tiny Little Owl seen in a stony outcrop on Portland Bill to Red Squirrels in North Wales the images were amazing . With each photograph David invited us to guess the animal from its environment..... and then told the back story of the animal.

An amusing informative talk with stunning photographs - much enjoyed by all. In the words of the late great Dr. Jane Goodall 'His lifelong love affair with the natural world has produced outstanding images and many wonderful stories'. Thank you David.

At our next meeting (Wednesday May 6th at 7.30 in the Village Hall) we are delighted to welcome Victoria Nye to talk about Cadenham Hall. All ladies welcome.....

Wiltshire Council has launched a consultation on proposed changes to parking charges



Have your say about the changes

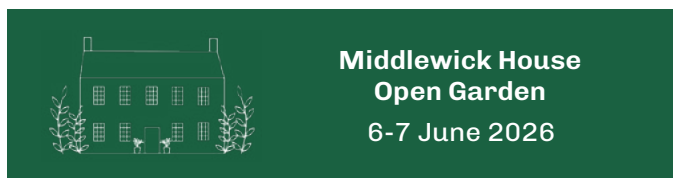
The Council has launched a statutory consultation on proposed changes to parking charges across the county. The consultation opened on Thursday 9 April and will run until Wednesday 5 May, as part of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process.

We have been asked to share details of the consultation with our residents, businesses and community groups to ensure people are aware and have the opportunity to comment.

People can respond using the online form, via email trafficorderconsultations@wiltshire.gov.uk, by writing to the Traffic Order Team or by using the online form which is available by clicking on the link below or typing in the address underneath:

[TRO Consultation on proposed - Changes to Pay and Display Parking in Wiltshire - Wiltshire Council](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/17245/TRO-Consultation-on-proposed-Changes-to-Pay-and-Display-Parking-in-Wiltshire-Council)

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PCC Parish News



Policing works best when it is rooted in the communities it serves. That is why I welcome the Chief Constable's announcement of Wiltshire Police's new priorities for the year ahead, which focus clearly on the things local people tell us matter most.

From April, Wiltshire Police will concentrate on three main areas: Safer Public Spaces, Reducing and Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls, and Improving Outcomes for Victims. These priorities will guide how officers and staff work day to day across our towns, villages and rural communities.

Keeping public spaces safe remains fundamental. This priority is about making sure people feel confident when they go about their daily lives—whether that's walking to the shops, attending local events or spending time in their neighbourhood. It includes tackling antisocial behaviour, knife crime and youth offending, and continuing to strengthen neighbourhood policing. Many residents tell me how important it is to see officers out and about locally, and that visible presence will remain a key focus.

The second priority, reducing and preventing violence against women and girls, reflects concerns raised by people across Wiltshire. Crimes such as domestic abuse, rape, stalking and harassment cause deep and lasting harm. Making this a core priority means working closely with partners to protect those at risk, support victims and take firm action against those responsible.

Improving outcomes for victims underpins everything the police do. Reporting a crime can be worrying, and people deserve to be treated with care, respect and professionalism. This focus is about improving investigations,

keeping victims informed and making sure they feel supported throughout the process.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, I set the Police and Crime Plan, which sets out what residents should expect from their police service. These new operational priorities align closely with that plan and reflect our shared commitment to protecting the vulnerable, reducing harm and improving confidence in policing.

Policing faces real challenges, but clear priorities help ensure time and resources are directed where they matter most. I am confident that this approach will help Wiltshire Police continue to build trust, strengthen community links and keep our county a safe place to live, work and visit.

GARDENER

I am a gardener looking for gardening work in the Avebury, Winterbourne Bassett, Broad Hinton and East Kennett area.

I am experienced and qualified but as I don't drive you would need to provide tools.

I'm happy to cycle or use public transport to reach you and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Churchyard Mowing



Broad Hinton Church Mowing Rota 2026

For many years now, Mark Whiteman has co-ordinated the church mowing rota along with the many other roles that he carried out in the village and beyond.

Mark, gently persuaded both ladies and gentlemen to volunteer their services to keep the church yard in pristine condition over the summer months. Whether for special services such as weddings and funerals or for regular church services as well as for those visitors who came to see the church and visit graves of relatives or friends.

The Parochial Church Council(PCC) have asked me to step into Mark's shoes to address this and I will be sending out a rota shortly to hopefully keep this going.

The point of this article is to see if there are any new 'volunteers' who would be prepared to offer their services.

The rota is based on a 2-weekly cycle with 2 people covering the fortnight, either doing it together to lighten the load or each taking the responsibility for a week within the cycle.

The church has a petrol mower stored in a cabinet near the back of the church and accessible by a code, a supply of petrol will also be stored in this cabinet.

So, no having to transport a mower to the churchyard. On average it takes about 2 to 2½ hours to mow the required area so not looking for a huge amount of time.

If you would be prepared to give it a go, that would be fantastic, please let me know.

Thanking you in anticipation, Des Clarke (731606 or 07821644697)



CAN YOU HELP?

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

We also need some occasional help with Church, perhaps two or three times a year. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger, just some flowers in a vase will be fine. It'll make you smile.

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

All villagers are warmly invited to attend our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting at Kennet Valley School, Lockeridge on 13th May starting at 7pm.

The APCM is the opportunity for members of the community to see and understand how the large Parochial Church Council now works. All of the accounts will be visible to any who wish to see them, as well as who is representing each church.

If you do wish to attend we would be grateful if you could inform the Church Office on 01672 861786 or by email upperkennetchurches@gmail.com so we have some idea of numbers.

The Rector's Letter

*My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come ...
... let me see your face, let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.
(Song of Songs Chapter 2)*



The month of May heralds its arrival with May Day Bank Holiday and village fetes and Maypole Dancing. In nature it is a time of courtship and wooing. The roots of May celebrations lie in fertility rites for both the land and for humans, though the May Day Bank Holiday later on became labour day and a day for campaigning for workers' rights. A worthy thing to campaign for but guaranteed to suck the joy out of its original intention. Some people know how to spoil a party. Let us allow ourselves a little time for frivolity, a delight in the celebration of love, and the joy of people establishing relationships, both the new seed of lifelong partnerships, and for some the beginning of family life.

The dance of courtship these days is likely to involve fervent text messaging but there is no substitute for human presence. Ditch the phones people! And spend proper time with each other. Otherwise a relationship is likely to end up as a virtual one. A pale and hollow imitation of a real relationship. Thin gruel. Most noticeable in the parody fairytale picture above is the big space between the two lovers.

In the church we are now in Easter tide. An example of God's big love. The disciples all have encounters with the risen Christ in various 'resurrection appearances'. Forty days after Easter, on the day we

call Ascension Day, Jesus ascends up to heaven – like Artemis II on take off. I guess he doesn't do it quite like that but that's how our imaginations see it on reading the Gospel text. 10 days later the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples and this year we celebrate that on 24th May with the Day of Pentecost. We're still in the realm of Love here as each of the disciples is filled with the Spirit and is gifted with fully understanding what their human purpose is.

There is something about Love which completes us. That's why we search so desperately for it. Martin Shaw the storyteller points out that there are tales like 'The Lindworm' and 'Tatterhood' which express how we seek 'The Wild Twin', that part of us that seems to be missing. The mystics like St John of the Cross speak of their relationship with God as being as intense as any human love encounter.

Whether we seek a sense of completion of ourselves through a dedicated partnership with another or a deep relationship with God (or both) this is not a sign of a weak neediness but an intrinsic part of who we are as human beings. The modern idea that we should show strength by being independent and self-sufficient leads to isolation and lack of connection. Our lives can't flourish like that, and it won't work for us, individually or in community. It's good to have a special someone. And also good to live in a community with others, creating the story of who we are together.

Don't forget to wash your face in the morning dew on May morning ...

With love at May time
Jonathan – the rector.

Upper Kennet Churches- Home Visits & Home Communion

Please contact the Church Office if you would like one of our Pastoral Team to come and visit you or if you cannot get to church and would like Home Communion.
Telephone: 01672 861786
e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily



Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

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:

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Wednesday 27th May &

Wednesday 10th June 2026

Flower and Cleaning Rotas

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May 16 & 23

May 30 & June 6

Jane O'Neill & Marjorie Sykes

June Pillinger & Joan Palmer

Julie Watts & Marjorie Sykes

Cleaning

Margaret Sherratt & Sheila Saile

Helen Forster & Pauline Heal

John & Michael Haines

Readings for May 2026

Sunday 3 May – White

5th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 8.1-19]

Acts 7.55-end*

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16 [or 31.1-5]

1 Peter 2.2-10

John 14.1-14

Sunday 10 May – White

6th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 8.20-9.17]

Acts 17.22-31*

Psalm 66.7-end

1 Peter 3.13-end

John 14.15-21

Sunday 17 May – White

7th Sunday of Easter

[Ezekiel 36.24-28]

Acts 1.6-14*

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-end [or 68.1-10]

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

John 17.1-11

Sunday 24 May – Red

Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21* or Numbers 11.24-30

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

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21*

John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39

Sunday 31 May – Gold or White

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

Matthew 28.16-end

*Acts must be used as either the first or second reading

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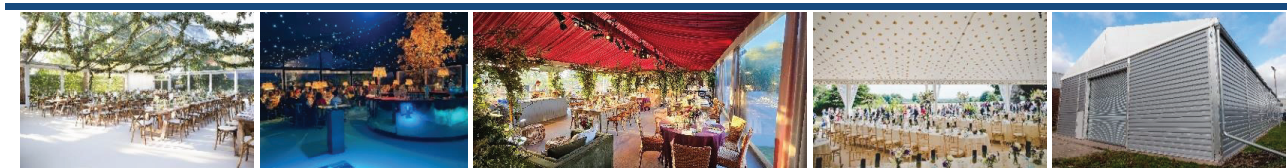
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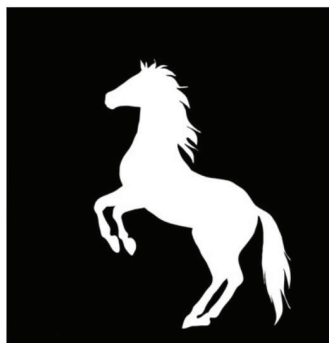
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