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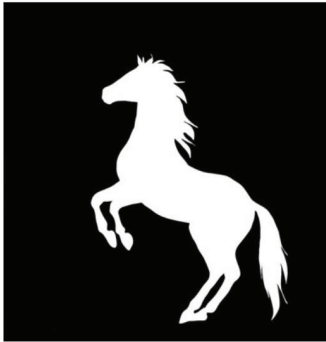
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Tuesdays	weekly	Termtime	9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Tuesdays	weekly		10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Friday	29	May	7.30pm	BHVVH Volunteer Social	Village Hall
Saturday	30	May	2pm-5.30pm	Doggy Day Parade	The Crown
Thursday	4	June	6pm	Cricket match v Knight W	Cricket Field
Sunday	7	June	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter ad Vincula
Thursday	11	June	6pm	Cricket match v Motorola	Cricket Field
Saturday	13	June	1pm	Cricket match v Allington	Cricket Field
Thursday	18	June	6pm	Cricket match v AB sports	Cricket Field
Saturday	20	June	1pm	Cricket match v Sherston	Cricket Field
Sat/Sun	20/21	June	pages 18 & 20	Various Solstice Events	Avebury
Sunday	21	June	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peter ad Vincula
Thursday	25	June	6pm	Cricket match v Stratton	Cricket Field
Saturday	11	July	4pm-12 tickets	Country Festival	The Crown
Saturday	18	July	5.30-11.30	Lumo Disco	The Crown
Sunday	23	August	11am-1pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Saturday	19	Sept	save the date	Hackpen Beer & Gin festival	Village Hall
Saturday	14	Nov	save the date	Wine Tasting	Village Hall
Sunday	22	Nov	11am-1pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Saturday	5	Dec	save the date	Christmas Party	Village Hall

WASTE AND RECYCLING DATES

Friday	29th	May	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	1st	June	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	2nd	June	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	4th	June	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	12th	June	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	15th	June	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	16th	June	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	18th	June	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	26th	June	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	29th	June	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	30th	June	Household Waste	Black Bin

Dear All,

A month on and my plucky little blue tit is raising 4 babies all by herself, it won't be long until they fledge.

What a fabulous bank holiday weekend, the weather and the holiday falling on the same weekend is rare enough to be special.

The Annual Parish Meeting was a great success and it was wonderful to hear from the representatives of so many different community groups. See the Parish Council Newsletter on page 14 for more information.

The Barn Dance advertised last month has been cancelled, which brings me to a serious point. It is often said to me when an event is cancelled, 'I would have gone to that!'

Quite simply you need to buy a ticket then! Organisers of many events in the village need to book outside people to come and run some elements of their event. This is an expensive leap of faith if their customers (us villagers), don't give them an indication of their interest in advance.

Can I urge you all to be proactive and book

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tickets for things that you want to go to well in advance, so that food can be ordered, musicians can be paid, and events can go ahead.

Attached to this e-copy of the Local News, or inside the printed copy is a leaflet from The Church Building Trust about their appeal. Please keep scrolling after the end of the Local News for their leaflet, or if it is too big a file, I might send it separately. Please do give it some thought, this is to maintain our beautiful Church Bui

Philip Banting

It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Philip Banting.

Phil passed away suddenly on Wednesday 6th May.

Funeral to be held on Wednesday 10th June 1:30pm at North Wiltshire Crematorium.

Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee and light refreshments in the village hall after the service.

Family flowers only please but donations to Wiltshire Air Ambulance would be greatly appreciated in memory of Phil.

The Banting Family

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Broad Hinton Church Building Trust Appeal



The **Broad Hinton Church Building Trust** officially launched its **NEW ROOF** Appeal with a presentation to the Church congregation on 2nd May and also at the Parish Council Meeting on 19th May. Inserted into this month's printed magazine and attached to the electronic version, you will find a flyer which explains the appeal; it's importance to safeguard the future of the church building, the difference between the Trust and Church pastoral activities plus how donations can be made, specifically for the roof appeal.

We are aiming to raise **£100,000** initially with a total target including contributions from grant bodies of **£500,000**. We need to raise a substantial initial sum so that when we ask grant bodies for support, we can show that the community are firmly behind the project.

Since starting the appeal, we have raised over **£11,000** which is a fantastic start. There are many ways to pay and these are outlined in the flyer. The QR code below can also be used to enable a payment to be made direct to the Trust account. Also, if you wish to enhance donations with Gift Aid (we can claim an additional 25% for donations made by UK taxpayers), please send an email to bhcbtinfo@gmail.com to request a form.



The Trust will provide regular progress updates and details about other fundraising initiatives and in the meantime, we send very grateful thanks to those who have already contributed.

If anyone has any queries or would like to discuss the appeal in more detail, please contact me on 07395 842056 or email bhcbtinfo@gmail.com.

Chris

Parish Council News

Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting - A Great Turnout!

Around 50 residents came along to Broad Hinton Village Hall on Tuesday 19th May for this year's Annual Parish Meeting - a brilliant showing that made for a lively and enjoyable evening.

After a welcome and introductions, Cllr. Adrian Smith (chair) and Peter Barry (clerk) presented the Parish Council's annual report before handing over to Cllr. Allison Bucknell who gave an update from a Wiltshire Council perspective. Adrian then introduced the community groups. And what a range there was. Fourteen groups had tables set up around the hall, and many took a few minutes to share what they've been up to over the past year.

Updates came from Broad Hinton Church Building Trust, Community Speed Watch, the Farmers' Market, the Primary School, Village Hall, Youth Club, Local News, Phil's Shed, Ridgeway Ladies, Coffee Morning, St Katherine's and St Peter Ad Vincula, and White Horse Cricket Club. All the groups had tables where people could meet and chat, with the Selkley Shutters Photography Club showing their work, and a great info board from the Winterbourne Bassett Community Pub.

After the updates, the floor was opened up for anyone to raise ideas or ask questions,



Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall

and people were still chatting long after the formal part of the evening wrapped up.

It was a really positive night - a reminder of just how much is happening in our villages and how many people give their time to make it a great place to live. If any of the groups caught your eye and you'd like to find out more, do get in touch - they're always happy to welcome new faces.



at the Annual Parish Meeting

Headline News

- Excellent Annual Parish Meeting with great attendance, and lots of engagement.
- The Council have agreed to donate £1000 to the Village Hall to help fund a new projector and screen.
- New 50 mile per hour signs going up on the A4361 between Gadbourne bends and the Weir.
- NDP regulation 17 is progressing.
- Work on the new roof going on the Bus shelter by main road, is scheduled for July.

Hackpen Festival 2026

Saturday 19th September



Beer, music,
gin, and fun!

Save the
date!

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**Sunday 24th May
Sunday 23rd August
Sunday 22nd November**

11am - 1pm at Broad Hinton Village Hall

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VILLAGE HALL JUNE NEWS



Wine Tasting Review & Date for your Diaries

This was a very successful event. We learned a lot and tasted some really interesting wines, thanks Nick! Our attendees' feedback was that they would like us to run other similar events.

So our plan is to run a ***Champagne & Sparkling Wine Tasting event on Saturday 14th November***, just in time for your Christmas purchases to be well-informed! ***Tickets will be strictly limited to 50 for this event***, so book as soon as tickets go on sale.

Hackpen Festival of Wiltshire Beer & Gin - Saturday 19th September

Save the date – this one promises to be the biggest and best ever!

We have lots of exciting plans – greater variety of beer, fabulous live music, delicious food and we'll be sharing more details with you soon. Watch this space.



New Cycle Stands

Great news for people who'd like to cycle to the village hall. There's now somewhere to secure your bike safely.



Air Source Heat Pump Cages

The final stage of the Air Source Heat Pump installation is complete. Cages have been installed to keep the equipment outside secure.

Parking

As we all know only too well, parking is in short supply near the school and the village hall. We have a reciprocal arrangement with our lovely school – parents and carers can use the village hall car park at drop-off and collection times. In return, weekend or evening hirers sometimes use the small school car park for overspill parking.

However, the village hall car park is primarily for our hirers to use. Recently, attendees at 9:30 Pilates classes have struggled to park. At drop-off time, people are arriving for Pilates quite soon after 9am so we'd be grateful if the car park is clear by then. There are 9:30 classes running on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays. The Post Office is open from 9am on Tuesdays and the car park is used by their customers too.

Thanks everyone, for your understanding and cooperation.

300 Club Winners

£50	270	Wendy Reardon Smith
£25	217	Chris Horan
£20	84	Geoff Martin
£20	204	Chris Ladd
£10	266	Keith Saile

June Hirings

Sunday 7th 11am-4:30pm Baby Shower

Wednesday 10th 8am-11pm Family Wake - Resident

Saturday 13th 1pm-6pm Baby Shower



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

Tuesday 2nd June 7pm-9pm at the
White Horse Cricket Club, Broad Hinton



In May the gents from Phil's Shed got together to do a walk in support of Prospect Hospice, raised a fantastic £3,809, and they had a great time doing it.

A fantastic sum in support of a very good cause. Well done guys.

Do join the chaps for their next meeting at the Cricket Club.

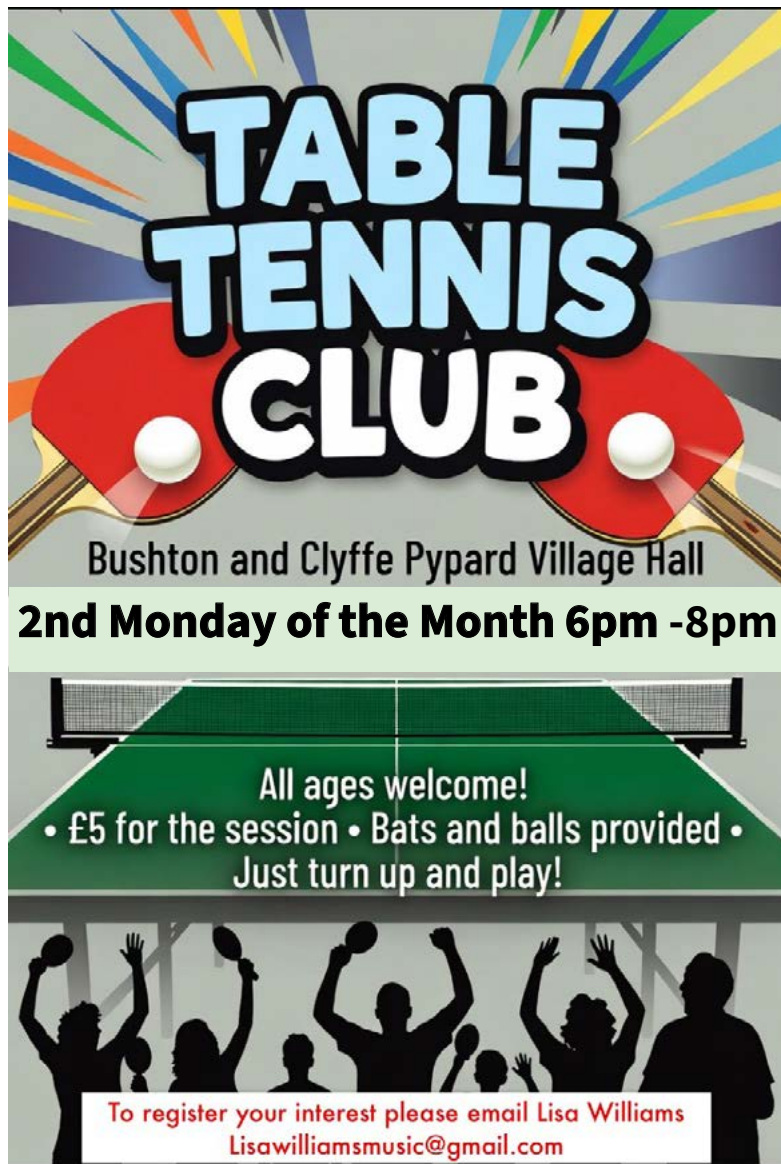


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Bushton and Clyffe Pypard Village Hall

2nd Monday of the Month 6pm -8pm

All ages welcome!
• £5 for the session • Bats and balls provided •
Just turn up and play!

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Lisawilliamsmusic@gmail.com

For those of you looking for a table tennis session on a different night of the week.

An Update from School

May has been another busy month for the children and adults of Broad Hinton CofE Primary School. Highlights include: attending and - for one of our two teams - winning an inter-school rugby tournament; all of our Key Stage 1 pupils taking part in an orienteering festival; Year 6 SATs but - more importantly Year 6 SATs breakfast; most of the Year 6s passing their Bikeability levels 1 and 2; a few chosen children representing the school in a Fundamentals Festival; and an exciting trip to Windsor Castle for our youngest pupils.

Still to come before half term, we have our annual Eco-Schools Day (to help us maintain our Distinction grade for the Green Flag award) and a dress-down day to raise much-needed funds for the school.

It will be a well-deserved week off for everyone to recover from all that hard work before the final term of the school year begins.

Dear Dog Walkers...

I regret this is our annual whinge about finding Dog Poo on our front gardens. The problem particularly seems to impact Fortunes Field residents. Please understand that the grass areas between footpath and road are owned by the respective residents along Fortunes Field and thus are effectively part of our front gardens. We usually find the problem when mowing... quite unpleasant cleaning mower wheels or shoes.

I'm sure many dog owners/walkers are quite diligent in bagging the deposits from their animals - but regret the problem still persists. Ideally please prevent your animal from straying onto our front gardens either side of the footpath - but if you're caught by surprise - please ensure you bag things appropriately and dispose of the bags in a responsible manner.

Many Thanks in advance
Steve Cutler
Fortunes Field





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The Friends of Broad Hinton School is a dedicated group of parents, carers, staff and local community members who fundraise to provide extra opportunities, resources and experiences for all our children.



OUR GOALS

We aim to:



Enhance learning and enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom.



Provide resources and equipment to support our children's education and wellbeing.



Bring our school community together through fun events and shared experiences.



Raise vital funds to make a real difference to every child.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Thanks to the amazing support of our school community, we have been able to:



Fund workshops, school trips and curriculum enrichment days.



Provide IT equipment and classroom resources to enhance learning.



Contribute to outdoor play equipment and school improvements.



Organise well-loved events including discos, fairs and seasonal celebrations.



Support trips, activities and experiences that create lasting memories.

Every penny raised goes directly to our school and our children.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

There are many ways you can get involved:



Volunteer
– help at events or join our committee.



Attend our events
– enjoy great community fun while raising funds.



Donate – every donation, big or small, makes a huge impact.



Spread the word
– tell friends, family and local businesses about us.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Friends Meeting
22nd May
8.45am – School Hall



Dress down day
TBC
(summer fayre donations)



Friends Meeting
12th June
3.15pm – School Hall



End of Year Disco & Leavers Celebration
14th July



Sports Day
17th July



Summer Fayre
TBC



Break the Rules Day
20th July



Colour Run
TBC



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£29 PER ADULT / £12.50 PER CHILD

BUDDY, THE SHETLAND PONY - 4PM - 7PM

LIVE MUSIC BY JUNKYARD DOGS - 7PM - 10PM

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Food vouchers now on sale for the Crown Inn Broad Hinton July Country Festival!

£29 for Adults and £15 for children.

Food vouchers to be purchased at the pub before the event to indulge in the delicious traditional American BBQ Buffet

Please help the pub to cater for this event, by getting your food vouchers early. We need to support our pubs as much as possible in these tricky times. Liz

THE CROWN INN BROAD HINTON
PRESENTS....
VIBE 38 ON THE DECKS

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ULTIMATE DECADE
HITS LUMO
DRESS UP GARDEN
PARTY

SATURDAY
18TH JULY
5.30PM - 11.30PM



FREE ENTRY

The Ridgeway Ladies

On Wednesday 6th May the ladies were pleased to welcome Victoria Nye to their meeting. Victoria is the owner of Cadenham Manor and Gardens, near Chippenham.

Cadenham Manor with its four acres of garden was purchased by Elizabeth Blackwell (known as Mrs B.) in 1945. She was a war widow with two young children. By all accounts Mrs B. was a formidable lady and was very much involved in the development of the house and gardens. She was ably assisted by experts including Leslie Eden (a draughtsman), Paul Hills-Spedding (a plantsman) and numerous craftsmen. When Elizabeth died in 2000 her granddaughter, Victoria Nye, with Martin Nye (her husband) and their three children made Cadenham their family home. Their challenge has been to conserve Mrs B.'s creation while developing it to meet their needs.

The garden has a fine collection of roses (a passion of Mrs B.'s), peonies, a spectacular magnolia, ferns, grasses and much more.....

Victoria gave us a resume of the development of the gardens, recalled many amusing anecdotes about her grandmother and life at Cadenham Manor. An enjoyable talk which has whetted the appetite for us to visit the gardens.....the Nyes open the gardens for the National Garden Scheme which this year is June 4th - visit www.cadenham.com for details. Thank you Victoria.

On Wednesday June 3rd the ladies are visiting the Royal Mint.

Coffee Morning



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The first Coffee Morning was in the summer of 2009 and to date £51,942 has been raised and shared between the Church and the Village Hall. The mobile Post Office is also open from 9 to 12 on Tuesdays in the Meeting Room.

Andy & Jo McCombe
Geoff & Marilyn Martin

Selkley Shutters

This photograph was taken in Dolceacqua a medieval village in the Ligurian region of Italy. The photo theme for April was Door Handles.



FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS – VOLUNTEER NEEDED

There is a Food Bank Contribution point in the church porch, donations are left there and delivered to the Trussell Trust when enough items are donated.

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SATURDAY 20th JUNE



10.00am – Gong Soundscape
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11.00am – A Song Celebration
Kerry and Tom are old friends and firm favourites
at St James. Tom and Kerry will be performing
their usual happy 60s tunes for you to sing
and dance along to. If you have a drum
please play along.



**(12.00 – 2.00) – Events around
the Stones organised by the
local pagan community**



**2.00pm – Medieval and Renaissance
music meets 21st century**
Katherine Christie Evans – singer and composer,
this is not to be missed!
Exquisite medieval music with a modern and
unique creative twist by an up and
coming musician and artist.



3.30pm – Songs from the Heart
Local singer songwriter Gareth Lovall.
All original material sung in Gareth's
unique style that touches the heart
and draws us in.



4.30pm – Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf
Jonny Story (the vicar's alter ego) will transport
your imagination into this ancient Russian folk tale
– a journey of transformation. Prepare to climb
on the back of the Great Grey Wolf.



7.00pm – AWEN The Bardic Band
Musical storytelling and elements of folklore and myth,
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the spirit of Solstice.

SUNDAY 21st JUNE



**DAWN – Join everyone
up on the ridge to
welcome the sun**



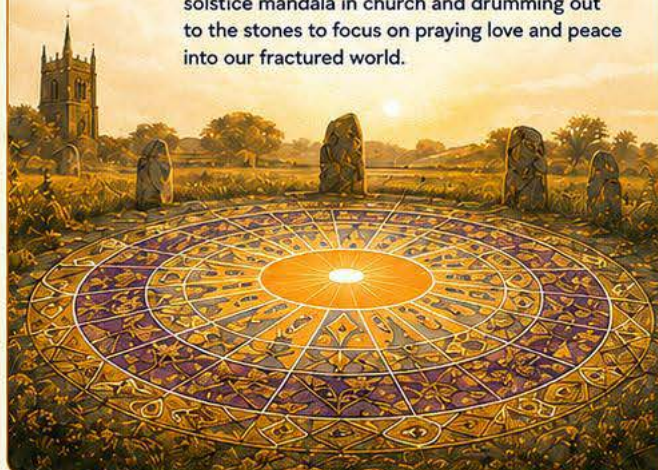
10.00am – Soundshine Gongbath

Gong Masters Richard Farrington and Jo Carter
who visited us recently will be the perfect
practitioners to take us into solstice morning
after our dawn celebrations. Prepare to sit in
the healing sound of their creations.



**12.00 – A Ceremony for
World Peace and Harmony**

Rev Jonathan and the pagan community will share
an interfaith ceremony beginning around the
solstice mandala in church and drumming out
to the stones to focus on praying love and peace
into our fractured world.



THE WEEKEND WILL ALSO INCLUDE:



The incredible
pictures of local
photographic artist
David White
for sale



An exhibit of a study
of the ancient font
by David Wolfy
Wilkins



A specially made
summer Solstice
mandala made by
local artists

ALL ARE WELCOME – PAUSE, REFLECT & RECONNECT

ST JAMES CHURCH, AVEBURY, WILTSHIRE SN8 1RF



The Rector's Letter



Then Prince Ivan saw it. A Firebird landed on the apple tree and started to peck at the golden apples. Jumping up he reached for the bird but the Firebird flew up faster than he thought possible and away, away beyond the garden wall. All that was left in his hand was a single, brilliant feather from her tail.

With the start of June brings preparations for Summer Solstice celebrations and St James church in Avebury will have a weekend of musical experiences, storytelling and ceremony, as we did last year (see advert in this magazine). Our Saturday evening band may change due to circumstances but apart from that all should go ahead as planned. If you are coming to anything please be aware that you won't be able to park! So best to get a lift in or use the A49 bus that runs every half hour.

As part of the goodies on offer I will be telling the Russian folktale of Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf. This is a wonderful tale packed with much symbolism and insight but experienced as a marvellous adventure story. It all begins with the arrival of the Firebird, a magnificent creature that also heralds the beginning of a quest and adventure. The Firebird kick starts us on a hero's journey. Prince Ivan plucking a feather from its tail is his passport to change whether he likes it or not. We have all had a visit from the Firebird at some point in our lives. It usually arrives when we are most settled and least expect it. Sometimes through tragedy or perhaps meeting someone new. It tends to bring with it opportunity and teaching, the rewards of which need to be earned. But one thing is certain, the

thing it triggers will be an experience we won't forget in a hurry!

In Avebury as the cycle of the year is marked and celebrated, the summer solstice is seen as a high point that we share in the year as the sun is at its highest point for 3 days (i.e. it is seen as static – sol=sun stice=stasis). Let's hope for hot, sunny celebrations!

On the Sunday of that weekend, around the mandala that will be created in church, we intend to hold another peace ceremony/service with our Hiroshima peace flame, culminating in a procession out to the stones and praying peace out into the world. This is a 'multifaith and none' event so all will be able to share peace in a way that feels right to them. Do come and join us.

Meanwhile nature continues to give of its beauty. The May and other blossoms were gorgeous as ever this year and the expanding wildlife in my garden know they have free rein and take advantage of me. I counted nine rabbits on my lawn the other day. Some munching and stopping still as statues in between bites, others embedded in the grass catching the warm evening sun on their bodies, while tiny ones race across the lawn from end to end, their little white tails like a pulsing flashlight catching the corner of my eye ... they are very lucky I'm a vegetarian ...

Every blessing
Jonathan – the rector.

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Ivan and the Grey Wolf

An initiatory and transformative
Russian folk tale awoken in your
imagination by Jonny Story

(the Vicar of
Avebury's
alter ego)



Summer Solstice
4.30pm Sat 20th June
St James Church, Avebury

Churchyard Mowing



Broad Hinton Church Mowing Rota 2026

For many years now, Mark Wightman 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**

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.

If you are interested please contact me:

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martinandre@gmail.com
01672 539641
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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

Sibella Laing:

01672 861600 or

sibella.laing@outlook.com

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 27th May &
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 24th June 2026**

Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White

Flower and Cleaning Rotas

Flowers

May 30 & June 6
June 13 & 20
June 27 & July 4

Julie Watts & Marjorie Sykes
Trish Wightman & June Pillinger
Pauline Heal & Alison Robinson

Cleaning

John & Michael Haines
Jane Walker & Gill Crabtree
Liz Palfrey & Joy Reynolds

Readings for June 2026

Sunday 7 June – Green Trinity 1

Genesis 12.1-9
Psalm 33.1-12
Romans 4.13-end
Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Sunday 14 June – Green Trinity 2

Genesis 18.1-15 [21.1-7]
Psalm 116.1, 10-17 [or
116.9-17]
Romans 5.1-8

Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]

Sunday 21 June – Green Trinity 3

Genesis 21.8-21
Psalm 86.1-10. 16-end [or 86.1-10]
Romans 6.1b-11-8
Matthew 10.24-39

Sunday 28 June – Green Trinity 4

Genesis 22.1-14
Psalm 13

Romans 6.12-end
Matthew 10.40-end

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Upper Kennet Church Services - June 2026

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Wednesday 3 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
7 June Trinity 1	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 10 June			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
14 June Trinity 2		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 17 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
21 June Trinity 3			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 June			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
28 June Trinity 4		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion					
Wednesday 1 July				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			

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Baptism

Archie Hudson

Broad Hinton

26th April 2026

Funeral

Lt-General Sir Peter John Beale

Avebury

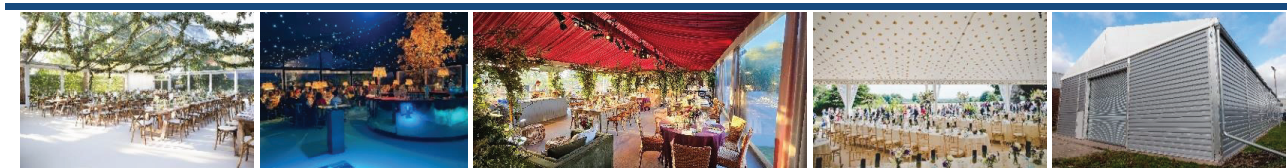
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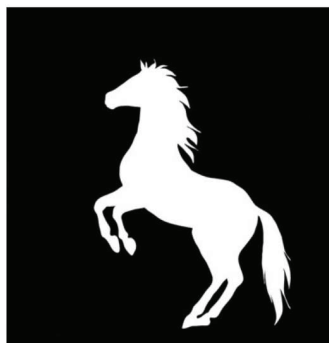
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THE CHALLENGE

OUR CHURCH NEEDS A NEW ROOF — AND YOUR HELP

The Church of St Peter ad Vincula has stood at the heart of Broad Hinton and Uffcott since the 16th Century — with evidence of a place of worship here dating back before 1066. It has been the setting for weddings, funerals, baptisms and Sunday worship for generations of families.

For many years, significant sums have been spent reacting to leaks and roof issues as they arise. This is costly, unsustainable, and — crucially — it does not safeguard the building's long-term future.

The time for patching is over. Our Church needs a new roof.



STONE SLATES DELAMINATING AFTER MORE THAN 150 YEARS OF ENGLISH WEATHER

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ROOF HAS
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1,000

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ON THIS SITE

WHY HAS THE ROOF DECAYED?

It is believed the current roof has been in place since the mid-19th Century — over 150 years of frost, rain and English seasons have taken their toll.

The stone slates are a natural material that have gradually delaminated under frosty and wet conditions. They are held in place by oak pegs which have slowly rotted away. To the naked eye the roof looks solid — but much of it is insecure and liable to shift, allowing water ingress throughout the building.



GAP IN THE ROOF - DAYLIGHT VISIBLE THROUGH FAILED SLATES



ROTTEN BATTEN CAUSING TILES TO SLIP - THE HIDDEN FAILURE BENEATH THE SURFACE

The Trust has received a quote of approximately £250,000 for the roof replacement, but this assumes the timber framework is sound and all tiles can be reused. In reality, we need to be prepared for a total spend of £500,000.

THE PROBLEM IS REAL

SEE FOR YOURSELF



Come and see the challenges for yourself — tours of the Church can be arranged, including a climb up the Tower.

Contact Chris Wilson to book your visit.



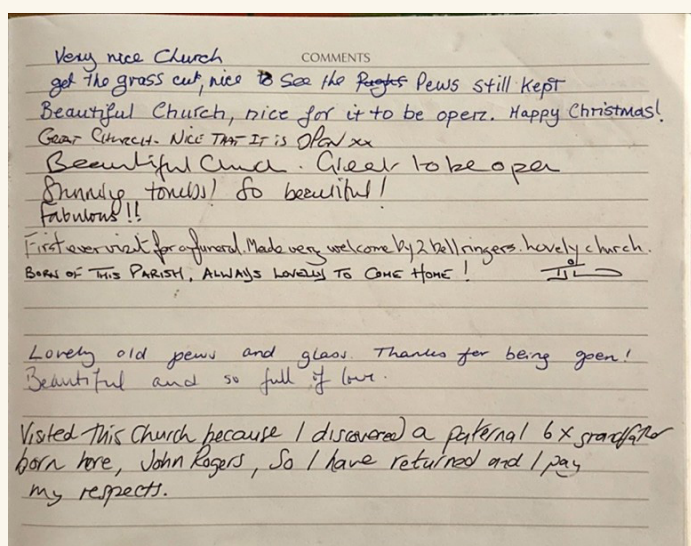
'I am blessed to be the Rector of the church here in Broad Hinton — a magnificent building and living place of worship. It is not only a place that holds its community in prayer but also an expression of the historical roots of the village.'

"People often think the Church of England funds its churches, but it actually works the other way around. Our congregations and generous donors pay for its upkeep. This is why we are asking you to consider helping to keep your village church standing and functioning."

— REV. JONATHAN POSTON, RECTOR

WHAT VISITORS SAY

THE VISITORS' BOOK SAYS IT ALL



Beautiful Church, nice for it to be open. Happy Christmas!

Stunning tombs! So beautiful!

Fabulous!

Born of this Parish. Always lovely to come home!

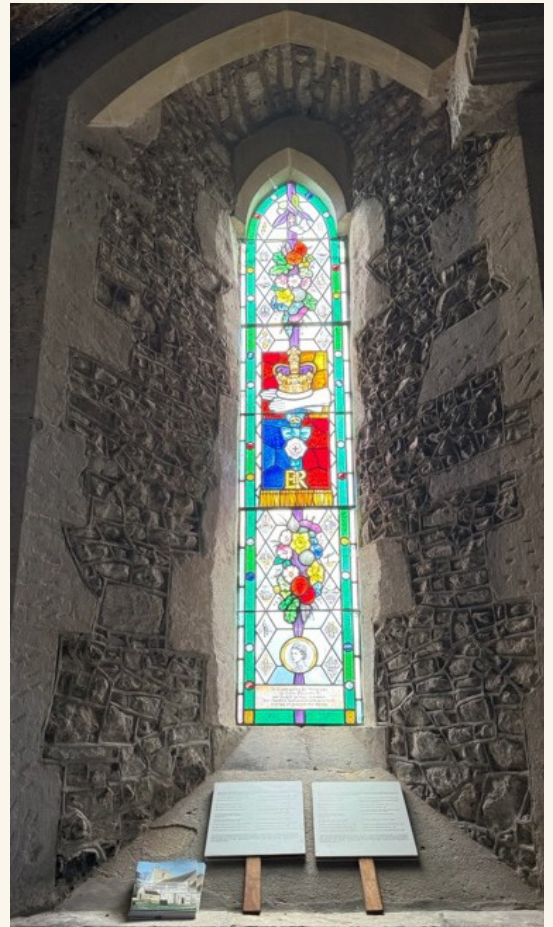
Lovely old pews and glass. Thanks for being open!

Beautiful and full of love.

OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH



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OUR NEW WINDOW COMMEMORATING THE
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THE HISTORY OF THIS REMARKABLE PLACE



The Church in its current form, has stood proudly on this site since the 16th Century; however Saxon remains suggest a place of worship on this site long before the Norman Conquest in 1066.

There is so much history to see and hear in this wonderful building; the bells have rung out in the village and across the fields since the 17th Century, the oldest bell, dating back to 1664, is still in use today.

The stained glass, the carved pews, the ancient stonework — all tell the story of this corner of Wiltshire across the centuries.

It is vital that we maintain and preserve this wonderful building for current and future generations.



THE LYCH GATE

The Church continues to hold regular services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, plus Easter and Christmas celebrations. Please be assured that we continue to use the Church without hindrance from leaks and issues with the building structure. Everyone is welcome.-

More details: kennet8.org.uk/st-peter-ad-vincula-broad-hinton

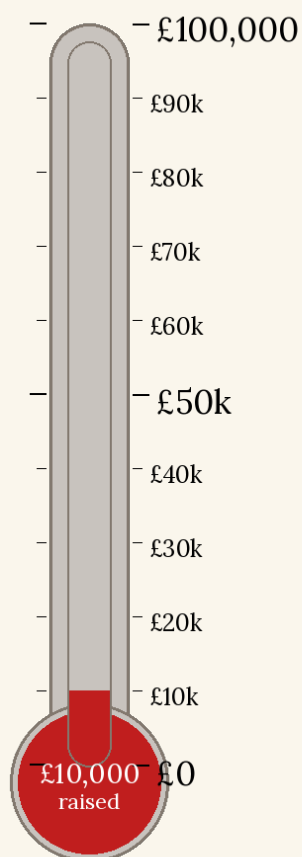
BROAD HINTON CHURCH BUILDING TRUST

The Trust was set up around 30 years ago by local community members to raise funds specifically for the maintenance of the Church building's infrastructure. It operates independently of the Parochial Church Council and the Diocese of Salisbury, though in close collaboration with both. There are 7 Trustees today — people from this community committed to protecting the legacy of our Church.

Crucially, all donations made specifically to the Trust will only ever be used to maintain the Broad Hinton Church building. Funds are not passed to the PCC or Diocese for any other purpose.

"We will be applying to grant bodies including the Heritage Fund. The more we raise ourselves, the more match-funding we can attract. Our target is to raise £100,000 — 20% of the total — from the community. Before approaching grant bodies, it is important to show that the community is behind the initiative."

- CHRIS WILSON , CHAIR, BROAD HINTON CHURCH BUILDING TRUST



We have already raised £10,000 towards our goal, and are now appealing to you, to help us raise some more.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every contribution — however large or small — brings us closer to our goal. There are several ways to donate:

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