

Ashton Keynes & Leigh Newsletter

November 2023



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November is a month for remembering. 1 November is All Souls Day when all around the world people in varying ways think about their loved ones who have died. Many nationalities use All Souls' Day as an opportunity to visit the graves of their loved ones, and the graveyards in Eastern Europe are covered with the tiny twinkling lights of hundreds of candles.

In India, people take wreaths of bright flowers and the graveyards become places of beauty and colour, as they remember and celebrate with joy the lives of those buried there. And in the countries around the Baltic Sea, families actually take picnics to the graves, so that the deceased can be included in a family party as their relatives remember their place and their legacy within that family.

In our churches we also hold services on the nearest Sunday to this. This year we have already done this. On 29 October we came together to think about those we love but see no longer, and

lit a candle in their memory as people do quite often when they want to remember loved ones at any time of the year.

Then on 11 November we have Remembrance Day, and on a Sunday close to that we hold our Remembrance Services in our churches and at war memorials. This is a time for remembering the sacrifice of many throughout the ages, in many different conflicts, who have given their lives so that we might live in peace. Those known to us by name and those whose names we will never know.

I am thankful God has made us with the capacity to remember. When we think of good times, funny times, experiences and even bad times we celebrate the lives of those we love. And in our churches, each time we celebrate Holy Communion, we remember that God gave his Son, Jesus, to die in love for each one of us and offer us forgiveness and eternal life. What better way to remember God's love for us.

Suzi Tipper, Licenced Lay Minister with Upper Thames Benefice.

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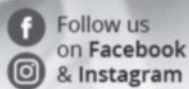
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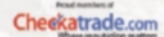


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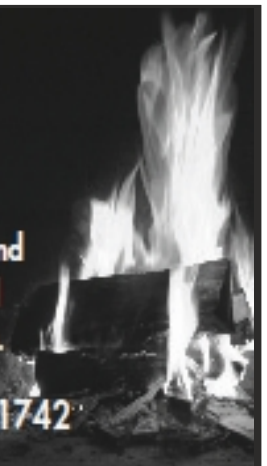
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Editorial



We're so sorry that the newsletter is late this month. We had no idea that the printers were going to stop trading and hadn't printed our mag. Thanks to Busy Fingers in Cirencester who came to our rescue. They've printed in a new format which we might keep for next month, increasing font size where we can. Let us know if you would like us to keep this format or go back to the old.

What's going on in the village:

- House collections for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal have started. Don't miss their coffee morning at the White Hart on Wednesday 8 November (see page 25).
- Our wonderful Rural Cinema is showing two fabulous films (page 15) in November and December.

- For the quizzers and disco queens, there are two consecutive weeks of fun on 10 and 18 November - see pages 18 & 31 for details.
- Enjoy Candlelight and Cocktails at the AK Village Choir concert 25 November (page 39).
- On-line auction for Pre-School (page 21) - some great gifts to bid for!
- The Christmas Tree Festival is going to be spectacular 1 - 3 December (page 8).
- Don't miss the Magnificent AK's 15th Birthday celebrations on 9 December.

And finally, as Christmas is now just around the corner, please see page 30 on how to submit your Season's greetings and donations to your chosen charity.

Thanks for your understanding, Claire

Craft Club



Over the summer I floated the idea of setting up a daytime monthly craft club in the village hall, and I was delighted that there was enough interest to hold the first Craft Club in late October.

It was very sociable indeed. We all met new people, got on with projects and, of course, there was a fair amount of chatting too.

It's not going to be held on the same day every month, but we have dates arranged for the next three Craft Clubs. If you'd be interested in coming along to the next Craft Club, email me (kathryngray28@yahoo.co.uk) or pop a note through our door (16 Gosditch) and I'll get back in touch.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Kathryn Gray

Cotswold Sinfonietta (based in Cirencester)

Friday 3 November, 7.30pm, Ashcroft Methodist Church, Ashcroft Rd, Cirencester

The orchestra is conducted by Ian Higginson and led by Theresa Finzi

The orchestra will be performing Symphony no.103 - Haydn (The Drumroll), plus the beautiful 'Petite Suite' by Dubusy and the exhilarating 'Corinium overture' by Ian Higginson

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There will be refreshments served at the end of the concert, plus a silent Raffle

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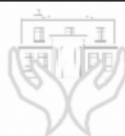
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Sat 18 Nov Music Quiz Night & Disco

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Doors&Bar from 7.30pm

Quiz Starts at 8pm

New Years Eve at the Village Hall

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Tickets £15

"What you were wearing
when the Ship went down!"

2024 Curious Little Big Band

Owing to dates clashing
we have taken the decision
to move this key event to
early 2024. Date TBC
between Mar and May.

All tickets can be bought in advance from AK Village Shop, and if available, on the door. Tickets for the music quiz also available from philmoran@yahoo.com

Please help support our final fundraising push

for the Green Energy Project (solar panel system and electric car charging points).



With grants and your support, we are now only **£5k away from our £20k target**. Supporting our events listed above helps contribute towards our fundraising goal but if these events are not your thing, we have several mechanisms that you can use to contribute:

1. **Donate Online:** We now have **JustGiving** site where you can donate so if supporting events or fundraising are not your thing then please copy the link, search for AshtonKeynesVillageSolar on www.justgiving.com or try scanning the QR code:
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3. **Donate in lieu sending of Christmas Cards.** The Green Energy project is one of the charities you can support through this annual initiative. See page 30 in this newsletter for more info.
4. **Prize donation.** Drop us a line on dave@akvh.org.uk if you have any donations for our Raffle at the Music night – unwanted gifts, local or homemade produce, a business service or voucher. All are very welcome!

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Sun 10am Holy Communion

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Christmas is definitely round the corner now so keep an eye out for many Christmas lines throughout the shop.

The Christmas order form will also be available soon. You can pre order your turkey, sausages, bacon, bread, milk vegetables - in fact everything you need for your delicious Christmas lunch. Come in and talk to Steve.

Shop Local

Shop local and save time and petrol costs. The shop has lots of essentials at competitive prices and if you can't find a product you want please talk to Steve or a member of the team and they will endeavour to source it for you.

New Notice Board

We have a new notice board outside the shop.

If you want to advertise your event pop a poster to the shop, get the key from Steve, and Bobs your uncle!

Cotswold Puddings are back in stock.

These seriously delicious puddings are made locally in Poulton. There are 4 amazing flavours - sticky chocolate, sticky ginger, sticky lemon and sticky toffee & toasted pecan.

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Ashton Keynes

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Following the recent resignation of Mike Smith, the Parish Council is looking to co-opt a number of new Councillors. We would like to thank Mike for all he has done over the years, and for the knowledge and expertise

that he brought to the Council.

If you care about where you live and are passionate about your community, join us and make a local change.

What do Local Councils do?

Your local parish council work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

Becoming a Local Councillor

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change.

Local councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and borough councils to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

Contact the Clerk or find out more by visiting:
www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange

Parish Steward

On his latest visit the Steward has carried out the following:

- Checked Spine Road for fallen branches following the storm.

- Painted High Road sign and Ashton Keynes sign.
- Weed spraying of Fridays Ham Lane footpath.
- Filled the hole in the dip in the footpath to the churchyard.

Please do continue to report any works for the Parish Steward to the Clerk.

Tree Warden Wanted for Ashton Keynes. Wiltshire & Swindon Tree Warden Scheme

Wiltshire Council's Woodland Grant Application and Planting Support (GAPS) Team, wish to relaunch a Tree Warden Scheme in association with The Tree Council and are looking for a Tree Warden for every Parish.

What will Tree Wardens do?

The Tree Wardens will be able to assist the GAPS Teams with as many of these roles as they feel able:

- Act as a contact and support for tree related matters in their local area
- Identify areas in the community for local tree and woodland planting.
- Protect trees by reporting early signs of pests, disease and vandalism.
- Gather, survey and record information about trees important for wildlife or heritage.
- Get involved in campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of trees.
- With support from GAPS Officers apply for planting grant funding for community projects.
- Co-ordinate local volunteers to manage community tree and woodland planting.
- Set up tree nurseries using seeds collected locally.
- Work with local groups and schools support The Tree Council's school orchard programme and Young Tree Champions.
- Lead guided tree walks and give talks to local groups.
- Spearhead Tree Council initiatives and campaigns throughout the year.
- Work with local landowners to identify areas for tree, woodland or hedgerow planting or assist with laying hedges or tagging hedge trees for protection.

Parish Council

While the Tree Wardens will be working under the auspices of the local Town or Parish Council the GAPS Team will support with training, co-ordination, and advice.

Tree Wardens will not adjudicate in local disputes regarding trees, undertake major tree works use machinery or chemicals, work from height, or make any judgements about tree safety. This remains the remit of professional tree experts. The GAPS Tree Warden Scheme is primarily about the proactive facilitating of tree and woodland planting at the community level to meet Council biodiversity and climate targets. It does not replace any of the existing Council structures for dealing with existing tree issues and these enquiries should still be referred to either the Highways or Estates teams through the appropriate channels.

If you are interested in becoming Tree Warden for Ashton Keynes please email the clerk: clerk@akpc.org.uk

Planning:

New applications considered, for which there were 'No Objections'

Derryfield Cottage, Derryfields: T1-7 Poplar – pollard to previous points. T8 Ash – remove dead limbs and lower branches to lift crown, T9 Sycamore (self seeded) – fell, T10 Lime – reduce to previous pollard points.

Chestnuts, Back Street: Erection of a front porch.

Chestnuts, Back Street: Proposed Outbuilding.

Dairy Farm Quarry, Ashton Road: Variation of condition 1 of 19/07127/WCM to retain the concrete batching plant for a further two years to 31 December 2026.

Dairy Farm Quarry, Ashton Road: Variation of condition 1 of 19/06818/WCM to retain the aggregate recycling operation for a further two year period to December 2026.

Dairy Farm Quarry, Ashton Road: Variation of condition 1 of 19/06811/WCM to extend mineral and inert cessation dates and restoration requirements by two years.

10 Dairy Farm, Gosditch: Two Leylandii trees – 25% crown reduction.

Land at Four Acre Close: T1 Beech, T2 Field Maple – reduce both trees by approximately half to one third.

Bourne Cottage, 4 Rixon Gate: Works to 1no Fir tree located in corner of rear garden – reduce height by one third and remove overhanging branch. Works to 3no Ash trees located behind garage and workshop – remove Ivy, dead and overhanging branches.

Ash Tree House, Rixon Gate: T1 Sycamore – 3m overall crown reduction. Remove lower epicormic growth.

16 Fore Street: T1 Willow – 50% crown reduction (reprune). T2 Crimson Maple – 30% crown reduction (reprune). T3 Crimson Maple – 30% crown reduction (reprune). T4 Acacia – 30% crown reduction (reprune). T5 Acacia – 30% crown reduction (reprune). T6 Birch – remove (dead).

Raglans, North End: Ash tree – fell.

Applications determined by Wiltshire Council, 'No objections'

Holy Cross Church, North End: Fell large leaf lime.

Mill House, 7 Church Walk: Ash tree near rear of house, on riverbank. Tree is showing signs of ash die-back – propels is to reduce it in height by one third to a half to remove affected areas. If during height reduction it becomes apparent that tree is unsalvageable, to remove tree entirely.

6 Park Place: Silver Birch tree – prune back branches to clear overhead cables.

27 Park Place: T1 Plum tree - Reduce overall crown size by 30%. T2 Cherry tree - Reduce overall crown size by 30%. T3 Cherry Plum tree - Fell to ground level. T4 Cherry tree - Reduce the overall crown size by 40%. T5 Cotoneaster tree - Reduce overall crown size by 20%.

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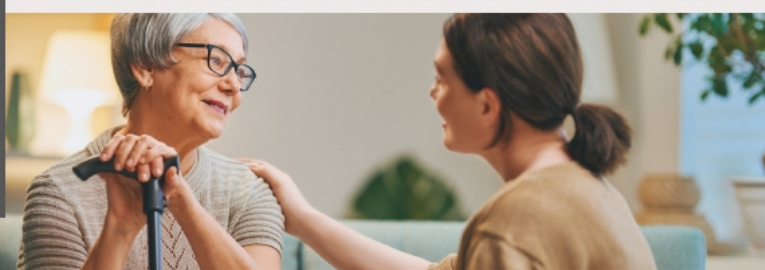
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Bulbs Galore

As reported in previous editions of the Newsletter, the Millennium Green Trustees have embarked on a project to create a bluebell wood on the Millennium Green. 4,000 bulbs were planted last Autumn in a patch of the larger copse and produced a good show in April/ May this year. On the back of this success the Trustees embarked on extensive fund-raising which resulted in a further 22,500 bulbs being bought and delivered to Ashton Keynes on 4 October. Our thanks go to the Parish Council, Ashton Keynes Charity, FoAKS, Conservation Volunteers, The National Garden Scheme, and Vivienne and David Moss for their support.

With help from 12 village volunteers, 20,000 bulbs were planted by the Trustees on 8 October. The bluebells were planted in 'patches' where an additional 5 patches were created in the larger copse, and a patch in the smaller copse planted in memory of Vivienne Moss, a Trustee of the Green since its inception and a driving force in its development, who died earlier this year.

Each 'patch' contains some 3,500 bulbs in an area of 16 sq m. This is the recommended planting density to achieve a bluebell 'blue carpet' effect. Furthermore, as bluebell bulbs only commence flowering at 5 years of age, 4 year old bulbs were purchased of the native English bluebell *Hyacinthoides Non-scripta*. So while we hope this should guarantee a good display next Spring, it should be even better for the Green's Silver Anniversary in 2025. And, as the bluebells naturalise and spread, there should be a magnificent display in 2050 as you waltz around the Ashton Keynes Bluebell Wood with your (great?) grandchildren. As this is a 'heritage' project, it is good news that the School has agreed to become involved where Year 6 will plant a further 2,500 bulbs in a patch in the smaller copse next month.

Trustees will continue to seek funding on an opportunistic basis over the coming year. Any villagers wishing to contribute to the purchase of further bulbs, or even sponsor their own 'family legacy' patch at a cost of £350, should contact the Millennium Green Treasurer, Steve Page at steve.jspage@gmail.com

Doug Yarrow, on behalf of MG Trustees



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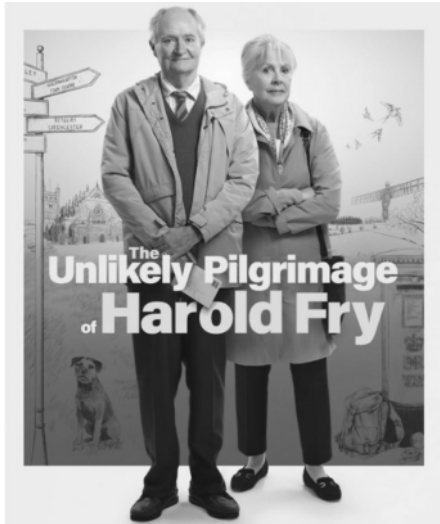
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Rural Cinema

In the Village Hall

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Wednesday 1 November 2023 – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A)

Starring Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton, Earl Cave, Linda Bassett and many others

"If we don't go mad once in a while, there's no hope" – Rachel Joyce (the author of the book)

Based on her best-selling book, Rachel Joyce also adapted it for the screen. This film is the most popular of all Rural Cinema screening in the South between now and the end of 2023.

The compelling story of Harold Fry's 500 mile walk from Devon to the English border with Scotland is well translated to the big screen. When retired Brewery manager Harold (Jim Broadbent) receives a letter from an old work colleague that she is dying in a hospice at the other end of the country (Berwick-upon-Tweed),

he writes a letter. However, feeling it is not enough, he cannot bring himself to post it and decides to walk to see her, leaving his wife Maureen (Penelope Wilton) sick with worry and frantic about being on her own. As Harold makes his way up north his 'Pilgrimage' starts to become public knowledge and becomes headline news. During this journey, we start to learn that his life and relationship with Maureen is not as boring as it seems, for beneath the surface he is masking a terrible tragedy and a fractured relationship. *(Extracted from Trevorwomble)*

A poignant film, which Broadbent shines as much as he ever has. From the people he meets along the way to the affect his decisions have on those he leaves behind. *(Extracted from getthinadin)*



Wednesday 6 December 2023 – I Wanna Dance With Somebody (12)

Starring Naomi Ackie, Ashton Sanders, Nafessa Williams and others

The Magic, The Joy, this December celebrate the untold story of an icon.

From the writers of Bohemian Rhapsody, I Wanna Dance with Somebody charts the life of global superstar Whitney Houston in an epic narrative of talent and struggle. The film lays bare the complexities of her rise and life in the spotlight, including toxic relationships with her parents, substance use and her husband Bobby Brown.

It also depicts Houston's intimate friendship – and romance – with her early girlfriend, assistant and creative director, Robyn Crawford.

AK Primary School



We have had a very busy first term back with our wonderful classes and have loved getting to know them all.

Class 6

Class 6 have been learning about climate change in Geography. They have been thinking carefully about how they can play our part to combat the climate crisis. Working in pairs, they designed new initiatives that we could use in the world today to help.

Year 5

Year 5 has been looking at life in Britain on the Home Front during World War 2. They have looked at evacuation, rationing and how people kept themselves safe during the Blitz. They have been thinking about what makes a source of historical information a primary or secondary source. They then looked at the type of questions a historian might ask of the object, and what that object lets us infer about everyday life.

Class 4

Class 4 have already been writing for a range of purposes, inspired by Arthur and the Golden Rope – including making their very own comic books!

Year 3

Year 3 have travelled back to Ancient Egypt and also linked this with their DT, getting creative and making Egyptian Collars.

Year 2

Year 2 have visited all four corners of the United Kingdom, exploring buildings, people, foods and traditions from each country including making their very own Banksy artwork!

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy making smoothies in their DT lessons, and enjoyed drinking their healthy drinks.

Reception

Our reception class has settled into school life fantastically. They have made lots of new friends, played in their role play areas, explored sand, water and construction large and small. They have painted, drawn, created and started to learn to read and write.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Every year we arrange for the Wiltshire Air ambulance to come into school to teach all classes about preservation of life. Children learn progressively how to dial 999, call for help and how to give CPR. This is vital as it could preserve life and is a skill we want our children to learn. School funds this for every child to take part in. We don't often ask for donations, which is why we need support in other areas from our fundraisers (such as the fireworks) to help us continue to provide these sessions free of charge.



Life Space Visit

We had our annual Life Space visitors come and do PSHE workshops with all classes covering age appropriate topics. The children were totally immersed and engaged in all classes. This is funded by the school, and is such an important set of workshops as part of our carefully planned personal, social, health education curriculum. The children loved a visit from Harold the Giraffe!



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Church matters

Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 5 Nov All Saints Day or 4 before Advent	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am 10am 6.30pm	BCP Communion Morning Worship Evensong
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	10am	Holy Communion
	St John the Baptist, Latton	10am	Morning Worship
Sunday 12 Nov Remembrance Service	St Sampson's, Cricklade	11.15am	Remembrance Service
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	10.55am	Remembrance Service
	All Saints, Leigh	10.55am	Remembrance Service
Sunday 19 Nov 2 nd before Advent	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am 10am 6.30pm	BCP Communion Morning Worship Home Grown Evensong
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	10am 4pm	Morning Worship Home Grown Evensong
	St John the Baptist, Latton	10am	Communion
Sunday 26 Nov Sunday before Advent/Christ the King	St Sampson's, Cricklade	10am	BCP Communion
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	8.30am	BCP Communion
	St John the Baptist, Latton	10am	Morning Worship

Weekday worship

Monday morning prayers 9am on Zoom and Thursday Morning Prayers 8.30am for 8.45am start at St Sampson's. Contact Jane our Parishes' Administrator for details – admin@upperthames.org.uk

Church opening times for private prayer

St Sampson's, Cricklade: every day, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes: Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, 10am - 4pm



Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
St. Sampson's, Cricklade
St. John's, Latton
All Saints', Leigh



Just a reminder of what's going on:

All Souls' Bereavement Service, at the end of October we remembered those we love but see no longer. We remembered with thanks the lives of those who we've loved and who have loved us, we sought comfort and hope in Jesus Christ who died and rose again for us. We lit candles during the service as we remembered loved ones and as a sign of the light and life Jesus offers both now and to come.

Act of Remembrance on 11 November and Remembrance Sunday 12 November

Remembrance Sunday services to which everyone in the community is very welcome, will be held at both **Holy Cross church Ashton Keynes** and at **Leigh All Saints church** on **Sunday 12 November** starting at **10.55 am**. At both services we'll remember with thanks the sacrifice made by people from our villages and beyond and we will pray for peace, prayers much needed today in our very troubled world.

On **Saturday 11 November at 10.55 am** we will hold a short **Act of Remembrance** around the war memorial in Holy Cross churchyard to which everyone is welcome.

For one week only, from Saturday 11 November, we'll be **displaying pictures and stories of villagers who fought and died in both world wars**. This is a remarkable slice of village history carefully curated by Viv Moss, who sadly died earlier this year. Her legacy will live on. Thank you Viv.

BIG THANK YOUS!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in cleaning and decorating our lovely Holy Cross and Leigh All Saints churches for our harvest celebrations held on 1 October. Thank you to those who provided 'bread with more' for lunch at Holy Cross and to those who made tea and cake at the Leigh.

Thank you for the donations for our local Malmesbury and North Wiltshire Foodbank. It's right that at Harvest time we give thanks to

God for all that He generously gives us and right too, that generosity extends to those who don't have enough food. Foodbanks are sadly needed more and more and always welcome support at all times of the year.



Thank you to class R and class 2 from AK Primary school who together made our fabulous harvest wheatsheaf loaf for Holy Cross harvest. It looked stunning and the children loved making it.

We were so pleased to welcome children and staff from both Ashton Keynes Pre-school and Ashton Keynes primary school to Holy Cross church for their harvest celebrations on 5 October. And we say a big thank you to both the children and their parents and carers for the many donations for our local Foodbank which have been collected and will be much appreciated by families who need help from Foodbank.

Morning Worship at Holy Cross

Have you ever wondered what coming to church might be about? Have you thought about coming back to church but busyness of life or some other thing has just got in the way?

Team Holy Cross invites you to join us on Sunday 19 November at 10am in Holy Cross church AK for our Iona 'Time Together & with God'. Informal in style, with tea/coffee and cake, songs, as well as time out to reflect or pray together, we would love to share God's grace with you and welcome you.

From the registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

September 2023

FUNERALS

Name	Date & Church/Crematorium
Jean Whiteman	1 September, Holy Cross church
Janet Arscott	8 September, Holy Cross funeral 13 September, North Wilts Crematorium 15 September, interment of ashes Holy Cross churchyard

WEDDINGS

Name	Date & Church
Emma Passmore & Charles Aylott	23 September, St Sampson's, Cricklade

BAPTISMS

Name	Date & Church
Jude Rupert Francis Tress Hunt	3 September, St Sampson's, Cricklade
William Philip Downe	17 September, St John the Baptist, Latton

Contact details for the **Upper Thames Benefice** (Cricklade St Sampson's, Latton St John the Baptist, Ashton Keynes Holy Cross and the Leigh All Saints)

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes (email to vicar@upperthames.org.uk
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Church matters

Save Leigh Church 200 Club

September draw

1st Keith Carter, Leigh

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Please go to: <http://leigh-village.co.uk> for more information, draw dates or to download an application form. This can then be emailed to

leighchurch200club@gmail.com or posted/dropped into: **Cathy Skelton,**
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I have been organising our local Poppy Appeal for a number of years and feel it is now time to hand over the reins to someone younger. If you feel you can help and would like to discuss this with me, please contact me on jkwilde@btinternet.com or tel: 01285 861225.

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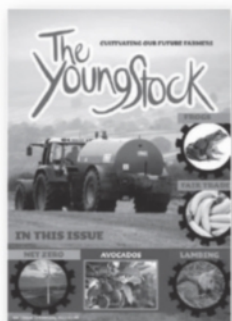
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Batteries, (except car batteries) *DID YOU KNOW! Household batteries are now collected by Wilts Council if left in a sealed, clear plastic bag - ie sandwich bag - placed on the lid of your blue bin)*

Cosmetics (NOT nail polish) **Personal Care** *EMPTY* tubes of lotions and creams

Medication blister packs. Contact lenses and their blister packaging

Bras (will go to 'Against Breast Cancer' raising money to fund research and refreshed and sent on to developing countries)

Oral hygiene products (toothbrushes, packaging, toothpaste tubes, electric toothbrush heads, floss packaging)

Energy saving light bulbs, Household disposable gloves (thin ones, not washing up type)

Plastic flowerpots, usable garden tools, anything gardening *but not electrical thanks* (to go to Scrubditch care farm)

Printer Cartridges, Water filters, Contact Lenses (including blister packaging)

Household disposable gloves (thin ones, not washing up type)

Ashton Green Project is a friendly group of villagers striving to make AK as sustainable as possible. Contact Alison Beadle alisonbeadle@aol.com

world

Enjoying a more ethical chocolate bar

During autumn and winter, we typically eat more chocolate. I've been reading a bit about the history of this confection and discovered that Europe eats more chocolate than anywhere else, actually between 45%–55% of the world's supply, followed by the US at 18%. Europe therefore eats most of the profit too, despite the fact we can't even grow cocoa here.

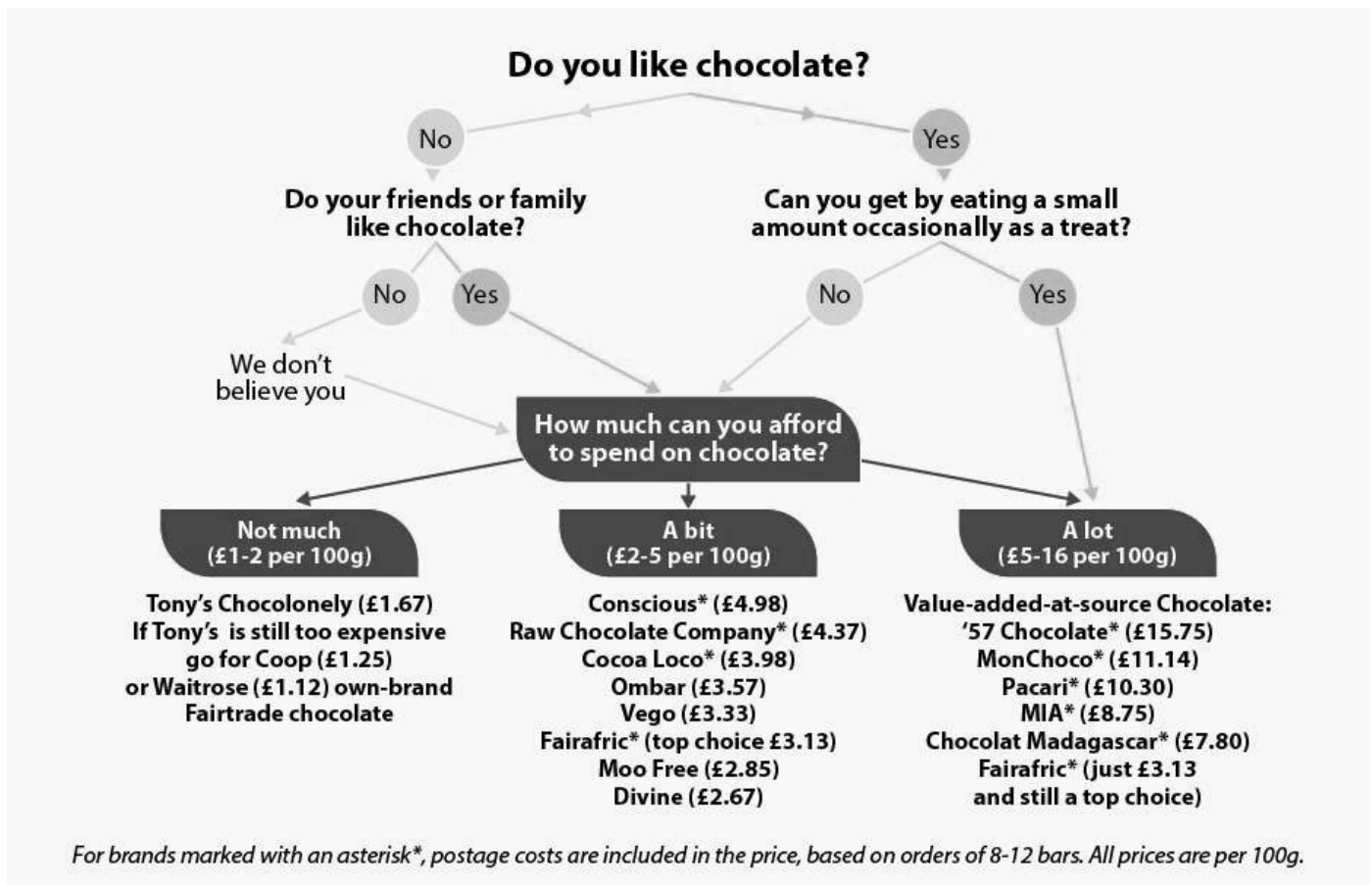
The majority of the world's cocoa is grown by small farmers in West Africa, where it's the source of livelihood for millions of people. But cocoa farmers receive barely any of the chocolate industry's \$100 billion revenue: estimates range between 6% and 11%.

EthicalConsumer.org has carried out extensive research into the chocolate industry and ranked 45 brands. I have included their summary flowchart and named a few brands to avoid. The brands are rated on areas such as carbon emissions, use of palm oil, human rights, animal rights and tax conduct.

If you want to eat chocolate, but don't want to support unfair and unsustainable practices, this flowchart helps you find ethical brands which suit your wallet and your chocolate demands. The flowchart features recommended brands on price and ethics. Using example, 100g bars from company websites. Brands to avoid are Mondelez (who own Cadbury), Nestle and Mars.

Gilly Riddington

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For many years villagers have donated money to charity in lieu of sending Christmas cards within the village. Your Christmas greeting will be published in the December newsletter.

If you wish to be included, please email me at dafbat@aol.com with the names you wish to be published in the Christmas greeting (sorry but no messages please).

The deadline is **MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER**

I would be grateful if you could let me know which charity you would like to support and the amount (in confidence) so that I can publish the total amount of donations made in the February 2023 newsletter (there isn't a Jan newsletter).

A reminder to Gift Aid your donation

If you are a UK tax payer please remember to tick the Gift Aid box - it makes a huge difference! If you want to pay by cheque you can collect a Gift Aid form from the village shop.

If possible, please make your donation to your chosen charity online

The organisations to choose for your donations this year are:

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Ashton Keynes Village Hall

This year we're supporting a local fundraiser. The Village Hall (VH) is raising money to make Ashton Keynes a greener village by installing solar panels and EV charging points in the car park. It will reduce CO2 emissions while keeping the VH running costs down. **You can donate via www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/AshtonKeynesVillageHallSolar. Or make a cheque payable to Ashton Keynes Village Hall.**

Dementia UK

Every three minutes someone in the UK develops dementia - it's one of the biggest health challenges of our time. **You can donate online via their website or make a cheque payable to Dementia UK.**

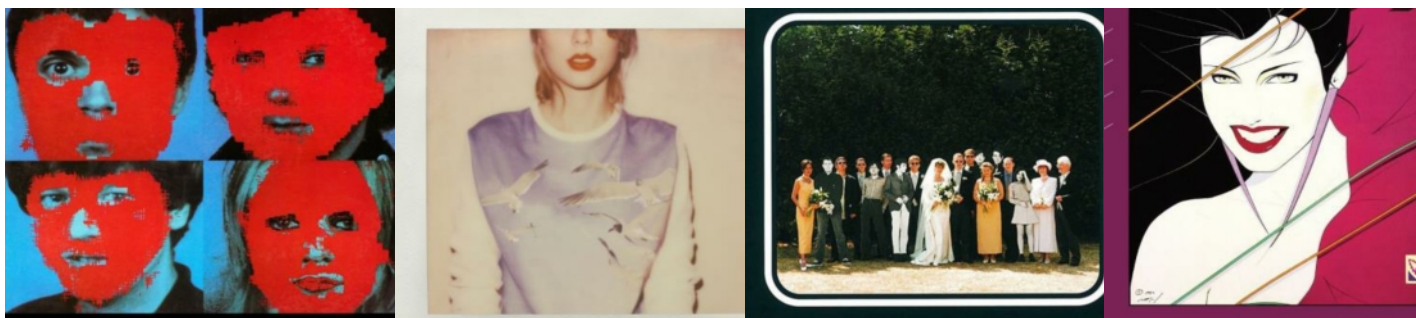
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Wherever you see a major emergency in the news, the Red Cross will be there helping those affected. There have been many recent crises and the situation is desperate in both **Israel and Gaza** as well as **Libya** and other places. The best and quickest way to support people in need is via a donation. **To donate please visit the Red Cross website or make a cheque payable to the British Red Cross.**

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Many thanks
Daphne Neale



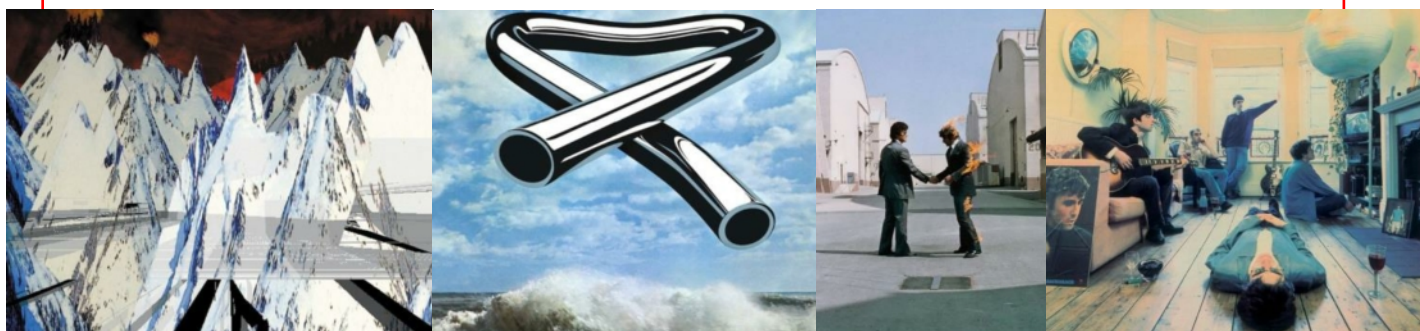
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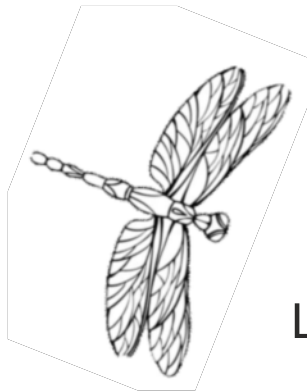
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The Telephone Gallery

A Bird's Eye View by Robert Bewley opened at the beginning of October. It was a fascinating exhibition that showed the altered perspective provided from being airborne, revealing archaeological and historical sites in different lighting conditions as well as the local, Upper Thames valley landscape, as you have never seen it. The photographs and accompanying information illustrated the versatility of drone photography from bringing people together for an historic Platinum Jubilee photograph to giving us an insight into the past. The photograph below shows the layout of an Iron Age 'banjo' enclosure (farmstead) off



the Spine Road West which showed up as a crop mark in June 2023. It is called a 'banjo' enclosure as there is a long entrance track leading inward to a small round area, giving it the appearance of a banjo.

Many thanks to Bob for such an interesting exhibition and also for the aerial shot where you can see the Telephone Gallery!

If anyone is decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival over the first weekend of December and needs some tissue paper, I have plenty of offcuts I can give you, so please get in touch if you'd like some. A donation to the festival fundraising appeal would be much appreciated.

Thanks!

I'm delighted to say that the Telephone Gallery is now fully booked until the middle of July 2024.

Here's what's coming up - Forthcoming Exhibitions:

22 November – Christmas Tree Festival, a special display celebrating the inaugural festival to be held over the first weekend in December at Holy Cross Church. Expect to see some art and phone box themed decorations on the gallery tree.

6 December – Crafted for Christmas – an exhibition featuring lots of lovely mosaic and ceramics gift ideas by Jane Alexander, Sara Miller and Kathryn Gray. We'll be having a stall on Tuesday 5 December in the Village Hall when the Post Office and Coffee Morning are on so do pop in and see us. Shop local and support local people!

16 December – Nativity – By popular demand, the gorgeous knitted nativity scene will be in the Telephone Gallery again.

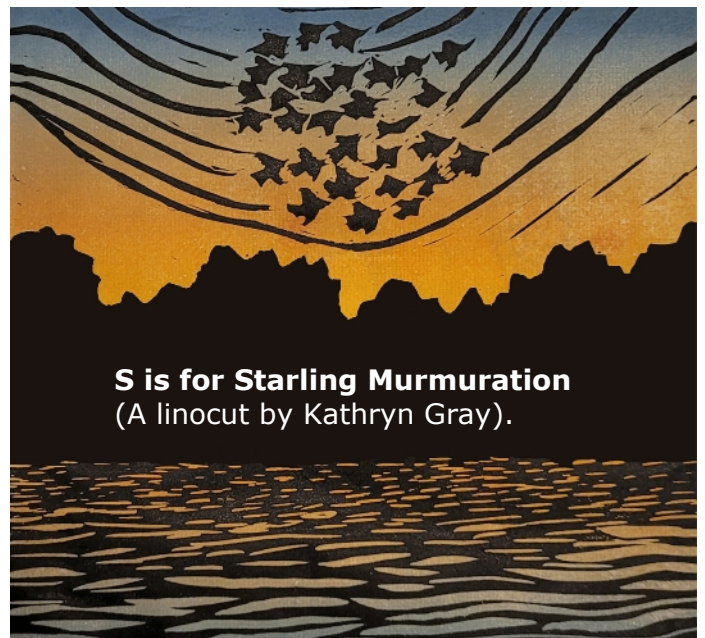
6 January – Watercolours by Nicole McNulty

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S is for Starling Murmuration
(A linocut by Kathryn Gray).

Health matters

Purton and Green Gable Surgery



PURTON SURGERY
Patient Participation Group

Flu Vaccinations

Over 1800 patients received their flu vaccinations in Purton Surgery on Saturday 30 September. Thanks to the medical team for their efficiency and to patients for their cooperation.

Prescriptions from Boots in Cricklade

Boots in Cricklade have now fallen into line with national guidance and no longer order medication on your behalf. Prescriptions should now be ordered through the surgery, either online or on a repeat prescription. Pop in and speak to a receptionist for information. You can still collect your medication from Boots in the normal way.

St Mary's Church, Purton Christmas Tree Festival

Together with many other organisations in Purton we will be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church during December.

Talk on Parkinson's 26 March 2024, 7.30-9pm

We are pleased to be restarting our regular health talks. The first of these will be on Parkinson's when we have Rachel Gardner, Lead Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist at GWH and Vincent Mobey from Cricklade Parkinson's Café to talk. We hold the talks in Purton Surgery where the capacity is limited, hence we ask patients to ask for a ticket (free) from reception. Tickets will not be available until the New Year.

Harvest Raffle

The draw will be held on Wednesday 1 November when the winner will be contacted. Ask the Receptionists for tickets, if you get this newsletter in time.

Covid Vaccinations

Covid vaccinations this year will be restricted to those over the age of 65 and those under 65 who are at risk. The NHS will contact eligible patients when their Covid vaccination is due, please do not expect to hear from the Surgery.

200 Club

All profits from the 200 Club go to help purchase items for the surgery which are not provided by the NHS.

New members are welcome!! The 200 Club year started on 1 October, however you may still join part way through the year, bearing in mind that you will have missed some of the draws for that year. The cost is just £15 a year and there are two prizes of £100 and £15 each month. Setting up a Standing Order for your £15 to be taken annually on 1 September is much simpler for administration purposes. Forms are available at both Purton and Green Gable surgeries.



The October draw was done by Jo Griffin, Practice/Diabetes Nurse and the £100 winner was Nigel Massey. All members of the 200 Club are allocated a number to be used in the draw, if you wish to know your number then please

email our Treasurer: treasurer.psppg@gmail.com to request it.

Table Top and Books in Purton Surgery

If you wish to make a purchase from the Tabletop or bookcase (books 50p each) in Purton Surgery please hand your donation to the reception team. We welcome good quality donations (but no shoes) for the Table – please hand in to Reception. We currently have plenty of books so aren't accepting any more for now.

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you want to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please contact me via secretary.psppg@gmail.com.

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary

Ashton Keynes Branch Surgery

01793 750645

www.crickladesurgery.nhs.uk



Cricklade Surgery

Tel: 01793 750645

We are open on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 1pm at the Village Hall.

You can collect your medication anytime between 10.30am and 1pm any Wednesday and also request medication and make appointments. When ordering repeat medication, it will be ready to collect from Ashton Keynes the following Wednesday if it is due to be issued. More urgent requests can be processed and collected from Cricklade Surgery.

FLU Vaccinations

Flu season is underway. All eligible patients will be contacted in due course. The groups below will be eligible for a flu vaccine in 2023:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals

Cancellation of Appointments

As I am sure you all can appreciate, there is a large demand on appointments at the practice. Please help us utilise our appointments as best as possible by cancelling any future appointment that you do not need. Ideally any cancellation should be at least 24 hours in advance of the appointment. If you wish to cancel the appointment you can do so by phoning 01793 750645 or by cancelling online at <https://systmonline.tpp-uk.com>.

The practice has a policy on patients not attending appointments, which in extreme cases can result in the patient being removed from our

practice list. We had 47 'did not attend' occurrences in Sept and that is 47 appointments that we could have used for other patients.

Online Registration and Text Reminders

Did you know you can manage your prescriptions and book appointments online? Please bring some photo identification and complete a form at Reception. You can also register your mobile number with the surgery and we can send you appointment reminders.

NHS Services

On our website homepage, you can find NHS Services near you! You can find contact details of a wide range of NHS services by just typing in your postcode and select what services you need.

Care you a Carer?

Do you look after someone who is ill, frail, disabled or mentally ill? If so, you are a carer. We are interested in identifying carers, especially those people who may be caring without help or support. We believe carers should receive appropriate support by way of flexible appointments and access to accurate information on a range of topics such as entitlement to benefits and respite care and not least, a listening ear when things get too much. Please visit Reception to fill out a form. We would love to hear your feedback.

Friends and Family Feedback

We continue to be delighted with our Friends & Family Feedback and are extremely grateful to the patients who take the time to express their satisfaction and suggestions. You can view this information on our website www.crickladesurgery.nhs.uk or in our patient waiting areas to see our latest feedback.

Patient Participation Group

Here at Cricklade Surgery we have a virtual Patient Participation Group. You will simply receive our newsletter and a questionnaire every quarter so we can receive honest feedback. Please speak to the Reception Team to join our

Club news

Cricklade and District Probus Club



We are looking forward to our coming group meetings when the following talks will take place:

- 2 November - The life and works of Henry Purcell
- 16 November - A little known scandal in the Government of John Major
- 30 November - Iconoclasm: a study in constructive destruction

The meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday 10am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club for retired gentlemen, please contact the **Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063.**

Ashton Keynes WI



Once again our anticipated speaker was not able to join us but no one should have been concerned as two recently joined committee members stepped in and took the meeting and a great evening with lots of jollity and 'getting to know you' was had.

After the usual business which included a report of the Wiltshire Federation AGM and a resume of the speakers talks by the Chief Police Constable of Wiltshire and Floella Benjamin both of whom were

very inspiring - we were challenged by quick-fire ball throwing to tell all - our name, where we lived and a bit about ourselves and our past - a fun way to get to know each other.

We were then challenged to make out of a piece of A4 paper by folding and cutting something that we could 'walk through' our grey matter was severely challenged but it IS possible! After a break for tea/coffee we sat down and discussed ways of communicating with each other, suggested ideas of what we would like to see or do at future meetings; all very constructive.

At our November meeting we will be joined by Eva Cale who will give us 'Top tips for Greener Gift Wrapping', so if you have some awkward gifts bring them along and perhaps she can help.

We meet the second Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall. Do join us ...

Ashton Keynes WI.
ashtonkeynessec@wiltshirewi.org.uk

‘That was a great 10k,’ say runners in Cotswold Lakes Trust water park event



They came in all ages and fitness levels: athletes chasing a Personal Best, club runners enjoying the challenge, and newbies tackling a 10k race for the first time.

But all who took part agreed that Cotswold Lakes Trust's charity event was first class.

"It's a lovely location, well marshalled, well organised - and the scenery! It's great to watch swans and ducks as you're running along," said Elaine Marshall from Cirencester.

Much of the course was along lakeside paths in Cleveland Lakes Nature Reserve at Ashton Keynes which aren't usually open to the public. Dozens of family members and supporters turned out to enjoy a bacon butty and clap the runners on.

The event supports Cotswold Lakes Trust which is dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of the Cotswold Water Park. It was sponsored by Hoburne Cotswold, a family-run holiday park in South Cerney.

It was open to all abilities so there was no pressure to finish in a certain time, although it was chip timed by DB Max for runners chasing a Personal Best.

The overall winner was Kyle McConnell, completing in an impressive 37:51 minutes.

First woman was Ellie Pudifoot in 40:41 mins. All results can be found on <https://dbmaxresults.co.uk/Results.aspx?Cid=16421&Rid=30269>

Prizes, donated by Hoburne Cotswold, were presented by the Trust's Executive Chairman Paul Hazel who thanked all the runners and supporters. "The proceeds of your efforts will go towards the Trust's vital charitable work in the Cotswold Water Park. We look forward to seeing you all again next year."

Cotswold Lakes Trust plays a major role in the environmental welfare of the Cotswold Water Park – a network of 180 lakes stretching across 42 square miles from South Cerney in the north and Somerford Keynes in the west, to Cricklade in the south and Lechlade in the east.

Based in Down Ampney, it is run by just nine staff, assisted by volunteers. It receives no core funding from central or local government and relies heavily on donations.

The Cotswold Water Park is nationally recognised as a unique wetland area which is home to tens of thousands of water birds, 20,000 residents and 1 million visitors per year.

For more information, www.cotswoldlakestrust.org

Come along and enjoy tea/coffee and cake

On Tuesdays 10am - 12noon, AK Village Hall

Cakes are lovingly made and served by members of the WI

Raising funds for the Scrubditch Care Farm & Village Hall solar panels



Club news

Ashton Keynes Village Choir

Ashton Keynes Village Choir is delighted to welcome their new Musical Director Nicky Akeroyd.

Nicky with her wealth of expertise and talent will be leading the Village Choirs next performance of a festive extravaganza themed 'Candlelight and Cocktails' on Saturday 25 November 7pm in the Village Hall. The Village Choir will be joined by their special guests for this sparkling evening by The Siren Sisters and The Accidentals.

Nicky has a long distinguished career as a Professional Musician, Conductor and Musical Director and fortunately for the Village Choir has just moved into the village.

So come along on Saturday 25 November and enjoy a memorable evening.



**Ashton Keynes Link Helpline -
07512 233200**

Ashton Keynes Link Helpline is your local 'Good Neighbour' scheme.

We're here to help anyone in the area who needs assistance that they're not able to get from friends, relatives and neighbours.

Prescription collections, taking to hospital appointments or just having a chat - we are here to help you.

Volunteers Wanted to help edit this newsletter

If interested please call any one of the
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or from a choir member*

*Donation to Village
Hall Appeal*

Club news



Does Your child want adventure and Fun?

Then now is the time to join, to be sure not to miss out!

If you are 6 to 8 years old: Join in with our Beaver colony on Tuesdays at 5.30pm. This is popular and you may have to join a waiting list.

If You are 8 to 10 Years old: Join Our Cub Pack on Thursdays at 6pm. Spaces are available.

And if you are 11 to 14 years old: Come to Scouts on Friday at 6.45pm. Spaces are available.

Boys or Girls just come and join us in the School Hall

Beaver Colony

The Beavers have had a busy month. We visited Lower Moor Nature Reserve, which was great fun and we enjoyed working with a member of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Some of the highlights were some beautiful pieces of artwork made from nature and some fantastic discoveries when pond dipping.

At the end of September the Beavers spent a weekend together at Macaroni Woods. We were all so proud of the Beavers who showed an adventurous spirit and proved themselves to be a wonderful team. Fire lighting and a spooky night walk were particular highlights. It was a real pleasure to take the group away. We are now preparing for remembrance and Christmas. We are sure to have another busy month ahead.

Cub Pack

The Cubs started the term with a project to complete the Communicator Activity Badge. This involved looking at various ways humans communicate, from the face-to-face conversation to secret code, to electronic communications, including communicating with humans without hearing or sight. We also finished October with some spooky-themed games to honour Halloween.

Scout Troop

Our Scouts Troop opted to work on some survival skills this term so we have been building bivouacs, lighting fires without matches and imagining how we would get out of bad situations. Although our approach to all activities is to prepare to avoid getting into bad situations - we

are taking the Scout Motto of 'Be Prepared' to cover all eventualities. We'll be continuing this theme into November.

Places are available in the Cub Pack and Scout Troop for any child who'd like to learn some skills for life in a fun way.

Group

We held our second AGM combined with an open evening, showing all our sections busy starting their meeting and various activities. A very successful night.

We were pleased to welcome our District Commissioner as well as ADC Cubs and Beavers. This meeting is the best way to tell the parents what we have done during the year, how our group is run as well as our financial health. We were able to elect a group Treasurer, Secretary and two Trustees but are still short of parent representation. Come and help run our group.

Become a Volunteer, We need more helpers at sectional meetings, in support roles and on the Trustees Board. This includes Committee members, a Chairman and Group Administrator.

We need your support and help so that we can go on running the existing sections/group and open new sections like 4 to 6 year olds Squirrels. Age is no barrier and any training will be given. Just call me and offer to help.

Please contact David Tarr on 01285 861425
david.tarr@davidwtarr.plus.com

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

DATE FOR THE DIARY:

15 November 2023

Open Meeting with Elizabeth Graham demonstrating at **Malmesbury Town Hall**. Not to be missed! The flower arrangements are included in the raffle and there is a special Christmas hamper raffle as well, bring your purse! Demonstration tickets available from the web site.

Please check the Club's website northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub for further information. If you have any queries you can contact us nwvflowerclub@gmail.com.

We are a thriving, enthusiastic group with plenty of fun and friendship thrown in. Our members and visitors come throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire with varying expertise some just wanting to relax and watch. There is a full 2024 programme already organised.

We normally meet every 3rd Wednesday at Crudwell Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start unless it is an outside trip. There is plenty of car park space available post code SN16 9HB.

Tina 07484 705308



The Outreach Post Office

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Ashton Keynes Village Hall

Tuesday morning: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm - 4.30pm



Telephone **07512 233200**, the **AK Helpline**, if you'd like a lift.

Teas, coffees and cakes served on Tuesdays by the WI: 10am - 12noon

Local numbers

Here are some of the **local groups, organisations and clubs** available to us.
Please also see the village website www.ashtonkeynes.org.uk where you will find further information.
Please let us know if you would like your group to be listed or you find an error.

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AK Website Steering Group via village website

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www.pitchero.com/clubs/ashtonkeynescricketclub

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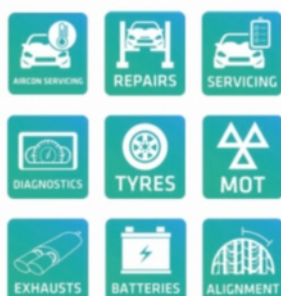


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