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In the Bible Jesus is given many titles. A whole list comes from the prophet Isaiah – 'He shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God the Everlasting Father the Prince of Peace'. These are words we often hear read at Christmas time. But I wonder if you, like me, have a serious question mark in your mind about how God in Jesus can be the Prince of Peace when what we see around us is destruction, violence and war. There are so many places in our world with problems which seem intractable, and for which people seek a violent resolution. How does Jesus fit into that?

I think the answer comes (and not without some wrestling) in another title Jesus is given – Emmanuel, God with us. Where is Jesus? In the midst of the suffering. Where is the Prince of Peace? Working in the hearts and lives of all peacemakers across the world regardless of race or creed. So let me bring this closer yet – where is the Prince of Peace in us and for us?

Are we peacemakers? Are we living in peace with others? How do we see people who are

different from us? Where have we allowed self-interest to cloud a bigger picture of a united humanity.

I heard an interview with a Rabbi on the radio, and he was speaking about his response to the war in Israel/Gaza; he was a peacemaker. His response was – wherever we are, we are to be a blessing, this is how blessing spreads. So, he went on, wherever we are we are, to make peace, live peace, spread peace.

Maybe this Christmas and New Year we can resolve to live in peace and kindness, careful about how we respond to people, careful how we speak of people and to people, bringing the Prince of Peace into our hearts and homes, so that we can live in the peace of Emmanuel, God with us, and share that peace with others.

Peace be with you.

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Embracing the Spirit of Christmas in our villages.

Christmas is more than just a date on the calendar; it's a feeling that permeates through our community. It's about coming together, creating memories, and sharing the spirit of generosity that defines our villages.

Let me take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making our villages wonderful places to call home. Your unwavering support, your enthusiasm, and your dedication to building a vibrant community do not go unnoticed.

This Christmas, let's continue this tradition of spreading love and joy. Whether it's checking in on a neighbour, supporting local businesses, or simply sharing a warm greeting, each gesture strengthens the fabric of our villages.

Together, let's make this Christmas a celebration to remember—a testament to the spirit of our two villages.

Along with the many church services to attend, there is a craft fayre, the rural cinema, look out for the Nativity display in the Telephone Gallery, the Boxing Day Duck Race and the Under the Sea New Year's Eve party at the Village Hall.

We extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. May it be filled with love, peace, and an abundance of cherished moments.

From all your newsletter editors, proof readers, contributors and distribution team



Newsletter Delivery Team News

A huge "thank you" to Val Selby who has just retired from the team after many years of delivering over 40 newsletters every month, including to some of our most awkward locations. Welcome to Sara Miller who has joined the team and taken over the Ashfield part of Val's list.

Of course, a big "thank you" to all the other 20+ members of our brilliant teams, who continue to deliver each month in Ashton Keynes and Leigh.

Richard Vernon

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Christmas Day	CLOSED
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Thursday 28 Dec	7.30am - 2pm
Friday 29 Dec	7.30am - 7pm
Saturday 30 Dec	7.30am - 7pm
New Years Eve	9am - 3pm
New Years Day	CLOSED
Tuesday 2 January	Back to normal: 7.30am - 7pm

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12 Days of Christmas - Look out for the 12 Days of Christmas starting on December 1st. Each day will feature a different item and for every purchase the shop will donate the equivalent to the Foodbank.



Did you know? The shop has a great selection of Christmas cards and wrapping paper. If you're short of paper for those last minute presents the pop to the shop, it's cheaper than driving to the supermarket.



Ashton Keynes

New Parish Councillors and Vacancies

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Tim Romback and Mike Low as new Councillors, having been co-opted at the November meeting. Beverley Low was also welcomed back to the Council. There are still two vacancies for new Councillors so please get in touch if you are interested or have any questions.

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



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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 councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood.

Local councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Can I apply for Co-option?

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Parish Steward

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

- Clearance of fallen trees/branches from roads following bad weather.
- Clearance of drains on the High Road.

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



Parish Council

Planning:

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

7 Ashfield: Malus tree – pollard. Acer tree – pollard.

Melton Lodge, Back Street: Lime tree – fell.

Sycamore tree – reduce by 30% and remove 2 branches. Maple tree – remove one branch.

West Barn, North End: Replacement of oil-fired central heating system with air source heat pump.

New applications considered, for which there was 'Comment'

Lavendar House, Rixon Gate: New Oak framed double garage.

Applications determined by Wiltshire Council, 'No objections'

Land at Four Acre Close: T1 Beech T2 Field Maple - Reduce both trees by between half to one third.

27 Eastfield: Maple (T1)- 30% crown reduction. Magnolia (T2)- 30% crown reduction.

Raglans, North End: Ash tree – fell.

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

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.

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

Derryfield Cottage, Derryfields: T1-7 - Poplar - Pollard to previous points, T8 - Ash - Remove dead limbs + lower branches to lift crown, T9 - Sycamore (self-Seeded) - Fell, T10 - Lime - Reduce to previous pollard points.

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).

Applications determined by Wiltshire Council, 'Approved with Conditions'

Chestnuts, Back Street: Erection of front porch.

More news at www.akpc.org.uk

Next Parish Council meetings:

Wednesday 13 December 2023, 7.15pm, in AK Primary School and

Wednesday 17 January 2024, 7.15pm in AK Village Hall

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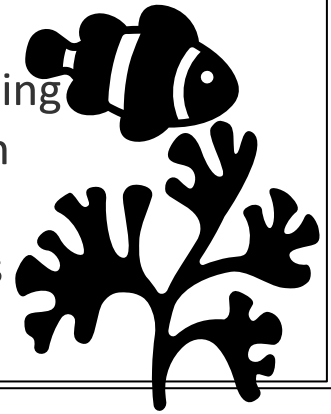
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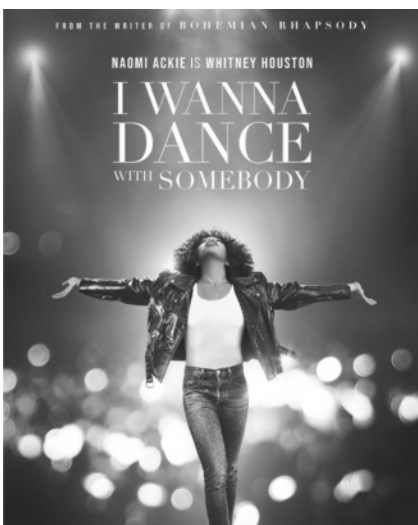
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Wednesday 6 December 2023 – I Wanna Dance With Somebody (12)

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.

Wednesday 7 February 2024 – ALLELUJAH (12)

Starring Jennifer Saunders, Judi Dench, Sally Gill, David Bradley, Russell Tovey and Derek Jacobi



Based on Alan Bennett's play, *Allelujah* is a warm and deeply moving story about old age. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could go wrong? *Allelujah* celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand.

Allelujah is a film where you don't realise there's going to be a twist at all, never mind one so vicious. Set in a small, crumbling hospital earmarked for closure, and which mostly deals with geriatric patients, *Allelujah* starts out as a classic Little Guy vs Government Machine story, but...

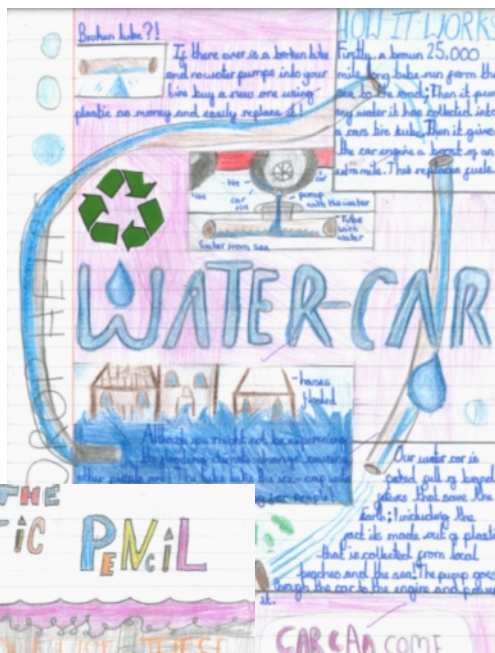
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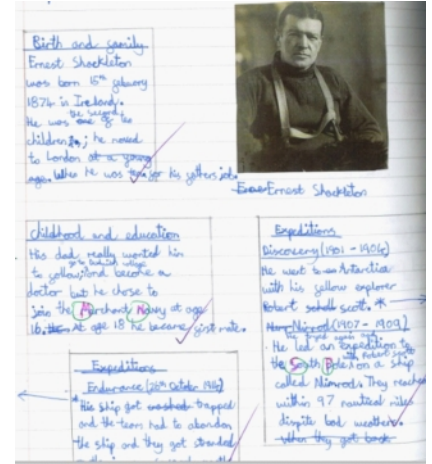
Year 6 has braved the elements and helped our local community plant a whopping 2,500 bluebell bulbs in Bradstone as part of their conservation project. It is wonderful for our pupils to be part of legacy projects and to

understand why trying to increase the bluebell population in the UK is important.

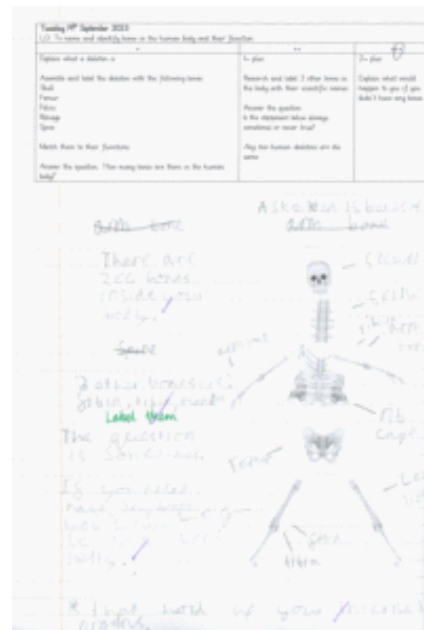
Class 6 have also been learning about climate change in Geography. We have been thinking carefully about how we can play our part to combat the climate crisis. Working in pairs, we designed new initiatives that we could use in the world today to help.



Year 5 has been learning about the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton and his amazing story of adventure and survival told in the book Shackleton's Journey. We have researched the life of Ernest Shackleton so that we can create biographies about him.



In Year 4, in Science, we have started the year by learning about skeletons. We have learned the names and functions of some of the key bones in our bodies and those of animals and drawn some comparisons between different skeletons as well as learning about exoskeletons.



We then took an in depth study in to one of our focus scientists, Wilhelm Rontgen, the man who discovered X-Rays! We found out all about him (including the fact he was expelled from school!) and wrote our own fact files.



Umbrella Project Display on the Hall Ceiling

We are so excited have purchased the neurodiversity umbrella display and now have it installed in our school hall.



As a school we are proud to promote diversity and celebrate how we are all individual and uniquely made but part of an important family. We should embrace and celebrate our uniqueness and individuality and this includes the way our amazing brains work, so that we can be kind, supportive and inclusive. Here is the context around the umbrellas and what they represent. I saw them in Cardiff last year and then one of my parents brought the idea to me and her son presented to the whole school on autism to raise awareness.

The Neurodiversity Umbrella Project is an uplifting visual representation of all the different minds we have here in the UK. Every Umbrella Project installation helps to

raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity. Thousands of colourful umbrellas are strung together over public spaces, in schools, and in company buildings around the nation. Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity.

We are changing the perception of neurodiverse/neurodivergent people and celebrating all the many strengths that come from thinking differently.

I hope you enjoy the display and all it signifies for our wonderful school by supporting our vision that every child deserves 'life in all its fullness' and embracing and celebrating diversity in all areas of life is a very important part of how we go about achieving this vision.

Firework Thank You

What a wonderful event our AK fireworks was. A huge thank you to all who volunteered, gave of their resources and time and all who were able to attend. This is our biggest annual fundraiser and very important for our school. It also serves the community with what was a happy, professional well-organised firework event.

Massive thanks and gratitude to all who helped make this event possible.



AK Pre- School



LETTERS TO SANTA

Make Christmas extra special this year with a personalised letter from Santa and a bag of reindeer food.

Complete a Santa's letter questionnaire (available at the village shop or the preschool) or email fundraising@ashtonkeynespreschool.co.uk. We will arrange for a personalised letter and reindeer food to be available for COLLECTION from the village shop from the 16th December 2023. Last date to submit is 15th December 2023.

Letters are £4.00 each, please pay at the village shop (or preschool) when completing the questionnaire. Available for all ages, so siblings and friends will not miss out.





**Ashton
Keynes
Pre-School**

The poster has a dark blue background decorated with various colorful illustrations of children's toys and Christmas items. At the top left is a xylophone with red, yellow, and green bars. At the top right is a yellow toy train with red wheels and a red and green engine. On the left side, there are two candy canes with red, yellow, and green stripes. At the bottom left are red and yellow building blocks. At the bottom right is another xylophone. In the center, there is a green-bordered box containing the text 'CRAFT FAYRE & CHILDRENS CRAFTS'. Below this box, the date and time are listed: 'Saturday 9th December 1pm - 4pm'. Further down, the location is given: 'Ashton Keynes Village Hall'. Below the location, there is a line of text: 'Come and support some incredible local crafters'. At the very bottom, another line of text reads: 'Children's Christmas Trail, cookie decorating, craft activities and lots more'. The Ashton Keynes Pre-School logo is also present in the top left corner of the poster area.

**Ashton
Keynes
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Christmas

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Church matters



Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes

St. Sampson's, Cricklade

St. John's, Latton

All Saints', Leigh

Just a reminder of what's going on in our churches over the festive period:

Christmas at our Churches - Holy Cross Ashton Keynes and Leigh All Saints (Swan Lane). Everyone is welcome as we celebrate Jesus coming as 'God with us' to show us and tell us about God's love here and now.

Ashton Keynes Holy Cross Tree Festival celebrations Canon Debbie (vicar) will be celebrating on **3 December** at our 10am Tree Festival Communion and at 4.30pm for our closing ceremony with prizes, lots of carols to join in with and a thought for the day.

Leigh Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm on **3 December** with carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

Christingle Celebration, 10 December with our school; remembering Jesus came as light in a dark world. Each child will receive a Christingle and we invite any donations for the work of the Children's Society – supporting vulnerable children in UK.

Come and enjoy singing at Holy Cross AK Carols by Candlelight with AK village choir **Sunday 17 December** at 3.30pm with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Weekday worship

Monday morning prayers at 9am on Zoom; contact Jane for joining details.

Thursday morning prayers in St Sampson's: 8.30am for coffee & catch up, prayers from 8.45 and finish by 9.30am.

Contact Jane our Parishes' Administrator for details – admin@upperthames.org.uk

7pm Leigh Christmas Eve Carol Service - come early to get a seat and enjoy our traditional readings and carols with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Christmas Eve Crib Service 4pm in Holy Cross welcomes children and those young at heart. PLEASE do come dressed as one of the people in the nativity story, so we enjoy together celebrating the story of the first Christmas.

Christmas Eve at Holy Cross has 8.30am BCP Communion.

Midnight Communion starts at 11pm and is a very special occasion in a quiet candlelit church and we greet the newborn Jesus and each other in the first moment of Christmas Day at 12midnight.

Celebrate Christmas Day at Holy Cross 10am informal celebration with carols and communion afterwards for those who would like it.

Candlemass was when people brought their candles to church to be blessed and we invite you to celebrate Candlemass once again on **Sunday 3 February** at 10am for our communion service, anytime in church 11.30 – 12.30pm and 2pm onward.

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

Church matters

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 3 December	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am 10am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
<i>Advent 2</i>	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	10am 4.30pm	Holy Communion for the Tree Festival Christmas Tree Festival & Carols
	St John the Baptist, Latton	10am 4pm	Morning Worship Christmas Tree Lighting
	All Saints, Leigh	6pm	Christmas Tree Lighting
Sunday 10 December	St Sampson's, Cricklade	10am	Upper Thames Worship Together Communion
<i>Advent 3</i>	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	4pm	Christingle Service with AK school
Sunday 17 December	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am 10am 5pm	Holy Communion and breakfast Morning Worship Carols by Candlelight
<i>Advent 4</i>	St John the Baptist, Latton	3.30pm	Carols & Crib Service
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	3.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 24 December	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	8.30am 4pm 11pm	BCP Communion Crib Service Midnight Communion
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	St Sampson's, Cricklade	10am 4pm 11pm	Upper Thames Communion Crib Service Midnight Communion
	All Saints, Leigh	7pm	Carol Service
Monday 25 December	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am 10am	Holy Communion Christmas Day Family Communion
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	10am	Christmas Day celebration for all ages, with Communion afterwards
	St John the Baptist, Latton	11.15am	Christmas Day Family Communion
Sunday 31 December	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am	Upper Thames Worship Together Communion
<i>Christmas 1 & New Year's Eve</i>			



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



Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 7 January <i>Epiphany 1</i>	St Sampson's, Cricklade Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes St John the Baptist, Latton	10am 6.30pm 10am 10am	Morning Worship Evensong Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 14 January <i>Epiphany 2</i>	St Sampson's, Cricklade	10am	Upper Thames Worship Together Communion
Sunday 21 January <i>Epiphany 3</i>	St Sampson's, Cricklade Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes St John the Baptist, Latton	8am 10am 6.30pm 10am 4pm 10am	Holy Communion – <i>followed by breakfast</i> Morning Worship Evensong Iona Morning Worship Evensong Holy Communion
Sunday 28 January <i>Epiphany 4</i>	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes St Sampson's, Cricklade St John the Baptist, Latton	8.30am 10am 10am	BCP Communion Communion Morning Worship



From the registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

October 2023

FUNERALS

Name	Date & Church/Crematorium
Tony (Anthony) Wolfe Jepps	18 October, St Sampson's church & Kingsdown crematorium
John Robert Dare Arscott	23 October, Holy Cross church 25 October, North Wilts Crematorium
Marjorie Sheppard	27 October, St Sampson's church & Kingsdown crematorium

WEDDINGS

Name	Date & Church
None	

BAPTISMS

Name	Date & Church
Lily Jaine Margaret Turnbull-Scot	15 October, Holy Cross church
George Anthony Cox	29 October, Holy Cross church

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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Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby (email to shirleydanby21@gmail.com Tel 07980 548844)

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles (email admin@upperthames.org.uk)
Website **<https://www.upperthames.org.uk>/Tel: 01793 979304**)

For weddings and baptisms please check out our website
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Church matters

Save Leigh Church 200 Club

October draw

1st Mandy Thomas, Leigh
2nd Peter Tuck, Ashton Keynes

The 200 Club has a monthly draw, so, each month, at current membership levels, you have a chance of winning more than £20 for first prize and about £10 for 2nd prize. Each ticket is £12 for a year and can be paid by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order.

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

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Leigh Parish Council Speed indicator Device and Highways Issues

We have in the last few week of October and beginning of November had some technical issues and recording of offences and offenders have been hampered.

We are looking into the issues. I do know that the police have been making visits to the area in recent weeks.

The Parish Council are looking at the possibility of purchasing another speed indicator device.

Highways issues

October saw extremes in weather with the area being hit by a large amount of rainfall over several days. There were properties in the village that were flooded and as a Parish Council we are sorry to hear this.

We will be raising the issues with the County Council but we would like to remind landowners that watercourses are designed to aid the flow of water, and it is their responsibility to keep them clear and flowing.

It is also the time of year to get road side hedges cut to improve visibility for road users.

Members of the parish are reminded to report any issues including potholes and missing/damaged signage to either the Parish Council or directly with Wiltshire council through the mywiltshire app.

Leigh Parish Council



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Moos on the Thames

Most of the cows are now housed for winter. The milking cows are in full time. They get fed silage twice a day; this is to copy the rumen cycles of when they are out grazing getting two fresh areas of grass a day. Even with the wet weather carrying on into the autumn, we managed to keep grazing into November so we are in a good place with silage stocks. We have had thirty acres flooded for a month now. And with the rain continuing to fall I don't see the floods going down anytime soon. We will have to see in the spring how much damage has been done to those fields. But I am expecting to have to reseed some of it, even if it's just broadcasting on some seed and letting the cows trample it in to get some productivity out of those fields.



The spring born calves that have been out grazing all summer have now returned home and are in a shed. These are getting grass silage and some fodder beets (a big root crop a bit like a swede) to give them some extra energy to help them grow. The in-calf heifers that will calve in March are still out bale grazing. They get a daily allocation of grass and silage bales that I put in place in the summer. They will be housed in the new year so they can get used to the cubicles.

I will start to dry off (stop milking) some of the milking cows in December. This is where they have a two month break from milking. Most of the cows will be dried off in December and January. But don't worry there will still be plenty of milk in the vending machine over the winter. This is why I created a small summer calving group that I can milk through the winter. The economics of producing milk greatly increases over winter with the added feeding, bedding and machinery costs. Nothing compares to the quality of grazed grass through the growing season.

In vending machine news, we now have organic herd chocolate bars in the machine alongside the organic herd drinking chocolate flakes and mature and extra mature cheddars. We have also had a software update on the milk vending machine which has stream lined the process. We will be having more updates within the next few weeks.

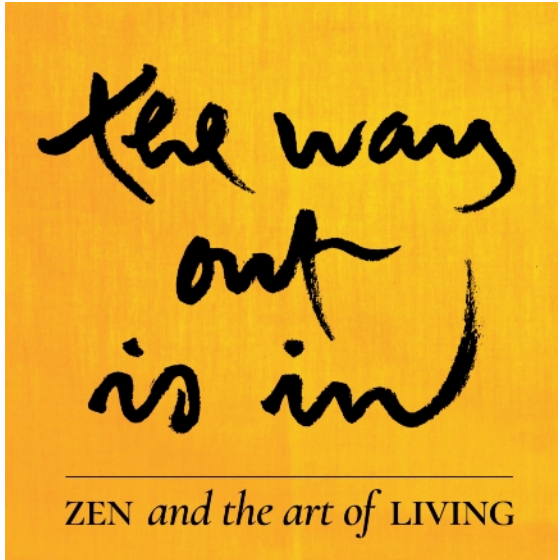


If you have any questions about the farm or vending machine, please email moosonthames@gmail.com

Chris Freeth

Caring for our world

Walking in the fresh air and listening to podcasts



One of my favourite pastimes is walking, and usually if I'm on my own, I listen to podcasts. Some philosophical, some informative, some spiritual. I know I'm not alone in my concern about the future of our planet, and I find that listening to podcasts that focus on progress and positivity in tackling climate change, addresses the feeling of helplessness that can easily overwhelm.

The podcast **Outrage and Optimism**, is hosted by the most excellent Christiana Figueres (the architect of the 2015 Paris Climate agreement) ably assisted by Tom Rivett-Carnac (a political strategist) and Paul Dickinson (founder of the Carbon Disclosure Project). They analyse and

distil, for a lay individual like me, some very complex geopolitical developments in the climate arena. As the title suggests, there is outrage, usually at governmental and regulatory in-action, but equally there is always cause for optimism. Each episode usually features a conversation with a leading voice in the field, followed by an engaging discussion. It is a brilliant podcast (globaloptimism.com).

Another one that always uplifts me is **The Way Out Is In**. A beautiful listen from Plum Village, a buddhist monastery in the south of France. It was established by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, when he was exiled from his home during the Vietnam war for daring to promote peace. Plum Village is all about engaged buddhism and the podcast gets it's teeth into thorny world issues, like climate, and tackles them head on with compassion, deep listening and understanding. It's a wonderful antidote to shouty sound bite politics! The Way Out Is In is hosted by the monastery's abbot, and sometimes fabulously giggly, Brother Phap Huu and Jo Confino a spiritual mentor and journalist. Listen to an episode or two, you won't be disappointed (plumvillage.org).

Finally, I really like the podcast **Upstream**, an American bi-monthly 'In Conversation' series that explores a wide variety of economic themes from an anti-capitalist perspective. Through a mixture of heartfelt stories, expert interviews, and rich sound design, it invites you to unlearn everything you thought you knew about economics and imagine what a better world could look like! (upstreampodcast.org)

All of them food for thought and a real treat for your ears.

Gilly Riddington,

We are nature

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The Telephone Gallery

The Big Draw Festival event in Ashton Keynes on Saturday 21 October was a great success with both workshops fully booked. There was even a family who came over from near Reading for it. Everyone designed stencils and made layered coloured prints using Gelli Plates, a gel printing plate that is used for making monoprints. Some prints were taken home, others were displayed in the Telephone Gallery.



When I was putting it up, someone crossed over the road to see what I was doing and exclaimed, "Wow! They look amazing!". And she was absolutely right! They were displayed on imitation greaseproof paper with fairy lights behind so that they looked great during the daytime and even more magical at night with the lights shining through. Well done to everyone who came and made such lovely artwork!

The current exhibition is a special display celebrating the Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Cross Church. The Christmas Tree Festival promises to be a lovely weekend with different events on over the first weekend of December. On Friday it's the 'Sparkling Soirée' - see the 30 beautifully decorated

trees, listen to the Siren Sisters and also the Blue Notes, sip a complimentary glass of fizz, place your bids on the silent auction, and try your luck on the raffle. Tickets are £10 from the village shop.

On Saturday and Sunday afternoon, there'll be festive stalls and refreshments, followed by a special Families Festive Fun event from 4 till 6 on Saturday afternoon. Father Christmas will be there, there'll be snow, a quiz trail, festive biscuit decorating, stalls, and mulled wine for adults and hot chocolate for children. On Sunday at 4.30pm, the best trees will be announced and there'll be carols led by clergy.

Kathryn Gray



Forthcoming exhibitions

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 Outreach 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

Health matters

Purton and Green Gable Surgery

Harvest Raffle

The Harvest Raffle raised a total of £140.50, thank you to all who took part. The six lucky winners were: Hampers - Ray Butt, Linda Young, Julie Stepp and Gillian Motley; Scarecrows - Elizabeth White and Val Walker.

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 November draw was done by Healthcare Assistant Maria Collins and the winners were £100 Graham Crockford, £15 Nicola Lawrence. 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.



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 the regular Health Talks which we were organising for patients before Covid. The first of these will be on the subject of 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. You may remember that 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 be available in the New Year.

Table Top and Books in Purton Surgery

We need good quality items suitable for Christmas for the Tabletop in Purton Surgery Waiting Room, if you have any that you can donate please hand them in to reception. If you wish to make a purchase from the Tabletop then please hand your donation to the reception team. We are unable to receive any shoes for the table. There are also books in the bookcase for purchase (50p each). We currently have plenty of books so are unable to accept any more for the time being.

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact 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 for medication can be processed and collected from Cricklade Surgery.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu season is underway. All eligible patients will be contacted in due course.

These groups are 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.

Boots Patients – Repeat Prescription Ordering

Boots will no longer be able to order medication on your behalf from 20 November. You will need to order this yourself, please only choose the medication you need and request it from the surgery around 7 days before your medication is due. You can do this by ordering online, if you are not already registered pop in and speak to a receptionist who can set this up for you, bringing your repeat slip into the surgery or by telephone on 01793 750645 and selecting option 2.

Cancellation of Appointments

Over the last few months, there has been a considerable increase in cancelled appointments at short notice. In September we had 47

patients that did not turn up to their appointment and 25 in October.

Please make every effort to attend all appointments as we are unable to offer those to other patients. Please give 24 hours' notice for a cancellation.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times (CRICKLADE)

Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December 2023 - CLOSED

Wednesday 27 December 2023, 8.30am - 6.30pm

Thursday 28 December 2023, 8.30am - 6.30pm

Friday 29 December 2023, 8.30am - 6.30pm

Monday 1 January 2024 - CLOSED

Tuesday 2 January 2024, 8.30am - 6.30pm

Wednesday 3 January 2024, 8.30am - 6.30pm

Thursday 4 January 2024, 8.30am - 6.30pm

Friday 5 January 2024, 8.30am - 6.30pm

Online Registration and Text Reminders

For managing your prescriptions and book appointments online please bring some photo identification and complete a form at Reception. If you register your mobile number with the surgery we can send you appointment reminders.

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NHS Services

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Club news

Cricklade and District Probus Club



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

- 14 December One Day Seated at the Organ
- 21 December Members Christmas Lunch

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

At our November meeting we were made aware that Christmas is just around the corner by Eva Cale who gave us a talk and demonstration titled 'Greener Gift Wrapping'.

Eva likes to spread a bit of happiness and started her business selling cards and gift wrapping online 12 years ago during her maternity leave. She has continued to do this and brought with her, her 'Pop up Shop' with lovely FSC sustainable cards and paper.



Eva started by showing us how to wrap a bottle using tissue paper and she also made a flower, also from tissue paper to add to it. Using tissue paper and finely pleating it made it seem quite easy and was very effective; she fixed all in place using plant-based Sellotape and informed us that we should try to remove the old type from wrappings and dispose of responsibly, as it is plastic. She then went on to show us how to make a bag for gifts using her own paper, which was quite substantial and matt, so withstood the folding.

At our December meeting we will be shown how to make a Christmas wreath by member Jenny. This and will be followed by a Christmas celebration, so will members please bring a plate of food, cutlery etc. and a Secret Santa to value of £5.

In Our January meeting, we will be joined by Gerald Owenson, who will show us how to celebrate Robert Burns - there may be a haggis, neeps and tatties too!

Ashton Keynes WI
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Club news

Craft Club

Over the summer I floated the idea of setting up a daytime monthly craft club in the village hall and in November we had our second Craft Club.

Like the first one, it was very sociable indeed, we all met new people and got on with projects and, of course, there was a fair amount of chatting too. Whilst I am not running it as a teaching workshop, I do plan to bring along something for people who are between projects or want to have a go at something new. Last time I did some block printing to make into notebooks to sell at the Christmas Tree Festival.



It's not going to be held on the same day every month, but we have dates arranged for the next few 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



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Club news



Does your child want adventure and fun?

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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 continue to be full of energy and enthusiasm. We have enjoyed a lovely session at Ashton Keynes church where we created some decorations for the Remembrance service. We also took the time to explore the different war memorials and were keen to locate the two war graves. A special shout-out goes to Maisie and Iris, who represented the colony at the Remembrance service; they looked extremely smart in their uniforms.

We are also supporting the church with the Christmas tree festival and will be making decorations to hang on our sponsored tree. We look forward to attending the event.

Cubs

Our Cub pack have been doing experimental photography and building real life models of Minecraft characters, amongst other crafty projects suitable for cold dark nights. We have also been warming ourselves up with the exhilaration and sheer joy of physical games, not just from the large library of games for young people the Scouting movement collectively holds, but also of games designed by the Cubs themselves!

Scouts

Whilst the Scout Motto 'Be Prepared' is close to our hearts, we also hope to we can 'Be Prepared' for unforeseen circumstances. The Scouts have been continuing with the Survival Skill Activity Badge: building bivouacs, sleeping in bivvy bags, making rope out of grass and plastic bottles and lighting fires by rubbing sticks together - Be Prepared for anything. Our most exciting innovation has been the fire inside a hollow log which also acts as a stove - known as a Swedish Torch.

The scouts and cubs will be supporting the Christmas Tree Festival manning one of the stalls.

If you are looking for a great Christmas read and present for your child, may I recommend 'How to be a Scout' by Bear Grylls (our Chief Scout) available through any Scout Shop.



North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Dates for the Diary:

20 December 2023	Demonstration at Pam Lewes studio, Devizes
18 January 2024	Ornamental Orbs with Coral Gardiner
20 November 2024	Open Meeting with Angela Turner

We had our Open Meeting in November which I'm sure would have been a fantastic evening with demonstrator, raffles, nibbles etc. For those of us who have a new 2024 diary please mark the date 20 November 2024 for a similar event with Angela Turner.

Our next event in December is an outside event at Pam Lewes Studio, Devizes for a demonstration, lunch, which includes raffle. Our first meeting in the New Year 2024 is Wednesday 18 January with Coral Gardiner demonstrating Ornamental Orbs.

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

Scout news continued...

Group News

Become a Volunteer - Thanks to the small team of volunteers who have come forward to help at Beaver camp, held at the end of September. We are really in need of many more helpers at sectional meetings and also in support roles, it may only need occasional help, if we can get a rota going, probably a couple of hours every month.

The greatest need is to have an effective and active Board of Trustees. We have a couple of members, but need more representation, this includes Committee members and most essential a Chairman, and Administrator and Secretary for the Group. This Board is essential if our Group is to continue and flourish. We meet only three or four times per year, and help to guide and administer the group and give help to our section Leaders.

This is our village group and we need your support to thrive and grow to meet our children's needs. We need your help now so that we can go on running the existing sections and give consideration to new sections, like the 4 to 6yr old Squirrels. You could be a parent, or a person who is enthusiastic and has the well-being of young people at heart; age is no barrier and training will be given. Just call me and offer to help.

On behalf of myself and all our Section Leaders and all Helpers, we thank you for your support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

David Tarr

GSL 1st Ashton Keynes Scout Group

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Local numbers

Here are some of the **local groups, organisations and clubs** available to us.
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