

# Ashton Keynes & Leigh Newsletter

March 2026



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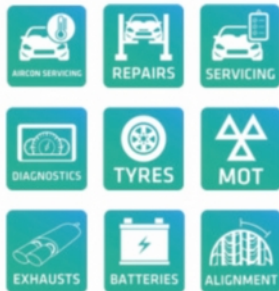
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# Dear Friends,



As I'm writing this the winter Olympics are in full flow and three gold medals have been won, with Matt Weston breaking course records in the process. Rugby fans are enjoying watching Six Nations Championship matches, so it feels as if there's rather a sport fiesta going on.

I wonder which sport you think has most in common with the Christian faith? Maybe team games (netball, hockey, rugby or football), because you are meeting up with others and because the game can go forwards and backwards, just like faith at times. Perhaps you'd think faith is like long distance running because it takes perseverance and involves people offering refreshment on the way. Maybe faith is like wrestling, because we can find we're having a tussle over those big questions of life and faith.

St Paul, nearly 2000 years ago, compared our Christian life to a race and wrote "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith". I think it's a good description because faith isn't a sprint, rather more a marathon, needing steady commitment and the willingness to keep going when the path feels uphill.

And just as runners keep their eyes on the finish line, so we try to keep Jesus in sight and we will find he is the prize too. Jesus invites all of us into his 'race for life in all its fullness' and as a bonus we'll find Jesus is always running with us, in whatever we go through.

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# Editorial



There's something about the first real stretch of daylight in the evening, the daffodils pushing through, and that slightly softer air that makes everything feel possible again. After the darker, quieter months, the villages begin to stir — gardens are tidied, walking boots reappear, and conversations linger a little longer at the gate.

For those new to the village, we hope you are beginning to feel at home. Community is built in small moments: a wave across the road, a chat at the shop, a helping hand when needed. We encourage everyone to take that small step - attend the Linkline AGM meeting, join a group - the tennis or photography clubs - or simply introduce yourself. You might be surprised how quickly

those small steps turn into lasting connections.

As always, if you have items for next month's edition - announcements, celebrations, milestones, or news - please send them in by the sixteenth of the month. Or maybe you have an idea you'd like to share - a workshop, a social event, a new club, please do get in touch. This newsletter is here to connect people and ideas, and new suggestions are always welcome. This is your newsletter, and it thrives on your contributions.

Here's to longer days, lighter evenings, and another month of village life shared together.

**Sharon**

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- Tickets available at Ashton Keynes Village Shop
- **\*\*Sessions:\*\***
  - Saturday, 28th February - Basic Life Support
  - Saturday, 14th March - Other First Aid
- **\*\*Time options:\*\*** 9:00 to 11:00 or 11:30 to 13:30 **\*\***

### **What's included:**

***28th February*** - what to do in an emergency, primary survey, recovery position, CPR, safe use of a public automated defibrillator, choking

***14th March*** - bleeding, shock, heart attack, stroke, anaphylaxis, hypothermia

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# Ashton Keynes Village Hall

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Wouldn't it be great if we could eventually produce our very own village cider! (A few years to go.)

This area is for the village residents. All are welcome to come and bird watch, or to appreciate the trees, wild flowers and wildlife. Dog walkers are always welcome, but please pick up poo and either take it home or put in the bin by the Bradstone/Rixon Gate exit as you leave. Children play in the Millennium Green and we need to keep it clean.

Over the years the trustees have enhanced the Green by planting a wildflower meadow where the cowslips put on a magnificent

show every spring. A copse has been established with over 200 additional trees planted since 2015. Within the woodland areas snowdrops and blue bells have been planted although more are required for a truly memorable display.

Does anyone have any snowdrop or blue bells bulbs to donate to the Millennium Green? If so, then please contact **Hazel Blackburn 01285 869016** and she will come round and collect them.

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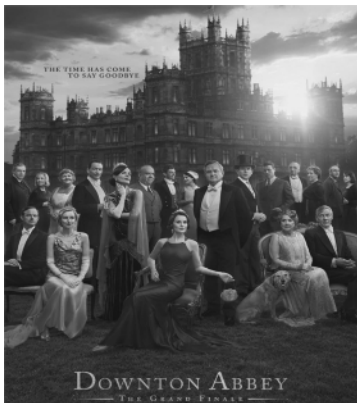


Owing to an issue with our projector and the challenge of getting an engineer out promptly, we’ve had to postpone the next film until March.

## Wednesday 4 March 2026 – Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG)

**“The time has come to say goodbye”**

*Starring Elizabeth McGovern, Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, Brendon Coyle, Dominic West, Penelope Winton and many others*



When Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future. *IMDB*

Life at Downton is as eventful as ever, with Lord G brooding on whether to accept Lady Mary’s succession as the mistress of the house, and graciously retreat with his wife to the “Dower House” occupied by his late mother. A rather gruesome Hammer horror portrait of the late Maggie Smith now dominates the building. Lady Grantham’s sheepish American brother Harold (Paul Giamatti) comes to stay with his smoothie financial adviser Gus Sambrook

(Alessandro Nivola); the latter gives Lady Mary the eye. And below stairs, housekeeper Elsie Hughes (Phyllis Logan) calms the premarital nerves of Mrs Patmore (Lesley Nicol), assuring her that conjugal responsibilities are in fact “terrific fun!”. *The Guardian*

With Lady Mary’s now-public, very scandalous divorce, the respective heads of upstairs and downstairs handing over the reins of the house to the younger generations, and even Isobel Grey (Penelope Wilton) adding two servants to the Yorkshire Show organising committee, *The Grand Finale* covers the huge changes buffeting the Crawley family and wider society in the the early 1930s. *Cautionspoilers.com*

## Wednesday 1 April 2026 – The Penguin Lessons (12)

*Starring Steve Coogan, Jonathan Pryce, Bruno Blas and many others*



In 1976, as Argentina descends into violence and chaos, a world-weary English teacher regains his compassion for others thanks to an unlikely friendship with a penguin in this moving comedy drama.

The Penguin Lessons is a heartwarming memoir by Tom Michell about rescuing an oil-covered penguin named Juan Salvador from a Uruguayan beach in the 1970s. While teaching in Argentina, Michell adopts the bird, which becomes a beloved mascot at his boarding school, transforming the lives of students and staff amidst political unrest. *(Google search)*

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach. *(IMDB)*

# Ashton Keynes Primary

As we come to the close of another brilliant term, it is a pleasure to reflect on some of the new projects and learning taking place in our school.

## **School Pond Development – Forest School area**



We have been very lucky this winter as we have recently had our Forest School area refurbished. The decking has been replaced and the pond completely dug out and relined. We look forward to planting new pond plants and developing the area further in Forest School sessions.

## **Safer Internet Day**

This month saw the whole school take part in Safer Internet Day. The children enjoyed learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Across the school, we explored the impact of AI on all of our lives, how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

## **Children's Mental Health Week**

Our well-being ambassadors have been busy arranging activities for Children's Mental Health Week. The team, from Years 5 and 6,

led an assembly about the 'Five ways to well being' and planned some fun events during lunchtimes linked to these. A particular favourite was a scavenger hunt outside encouraging the children to take notice of our fabulous natural environment. Our Year 5 and 6 buddies gave their time to read stories with our youngest children and the children were all encouraged to stay active.

## **Wiltshire Cricket Session**



We were also very lucky to have a Wiltshire cricket taster session, even though it was very wet and wild, the children persevered well and really enjoyed learning different skills.

Alongside these exciting initiatives all classes have been shining brightly through their learning.

Our youngest children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring traditional tales. They had great fun retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man and then creating their own stories with a unique twist, some of our new titles were 'The Waffle Girl', 'The Pie Person' and the 'Potato Boy!' The Enormous Turnip was equally as popular and the children loved working as a team to pull up their very own enormous turnip during forest school!

# School



**Class 1** have shown both determination and resilience within their learning and the weather! In RE, they have been finding out how the Jewish festival of Hannukah is celebrated. Dreidel is a game often played at



Hannukah, and they enjoyed learning the rules and having a go. The best bit was spinning the dreidel!

**Class 2** have been virtually exploring the hottest and coldest parts of our planet and investigating what it means for something to be a 'desert'. In both Science and Geography, they have explored what these places are like, what makes them trickier habitats and how both flora and fauna have developed to survive there. They then took a closer look into both the human and physical features of Greenland and Singapore and made some comparisons, considering what it might be like to live in one of those places. This was also supported by a fantastic forest school session where the children investigated the flora and fauna of their local area and even had a go at creating some of their own microhabitats for these.

**Class 3** delighted us all with their recorder performance during their class assembly. This term they have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age. They've looked at evidence that has been found in caves – including cave art and then explored the school grounds for things they could use to survive if they were back in the Stone Age.

**Class 4** have been learning all about sound. Using decibel meters, they attempted a fair test to discover who the loudest child in the class was – and it wasn't who they were expecting it to be! They have also been finding out all about the countries of Europe and are officially experts at locating countries and their capital cities using an atlas and can identify many of the major European flags.

During DT, **Class 5** learnt about building bridges. They were fascinated by the Clifton Suspension bridge and its architect Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They looked at strong shapes within bridges experimenting with different types of trusses as well as heights of arches. They then used that knowledge to build their own truss bridges out of paper straws, some were extremely successful.

This term **Class 6** enjoyed a visit from two magistrates who work at Cheltenham Magistrates Court. The children learnt about the differences between a crown court and a magistrates court and enjoyed having the opportunity to ask lots (and lots!) of questions. The children particularly enjoyed working in pairs as detectives to spot 20 crimes that were taking place in a street photo! The children were fascinated to meet real magistrates and the interactive session gave the children a fantastic insight into how our legal system works.

As the children and staff enjoy a well earned half term break, we are looking forward to term 4 and all the new learning opportunities it brings, with hopefully a sprinkling of spring sunshine!

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## A thank you and tribute to our amazing school governor David Tarr

David has shone brightly as one of our governors for about 35 years and was involved before that. That's amazing!

David started his involvement with AK Primary School as a manager around 1973 when his daughter Jo was at school and Mrs Lewis was the head. David took on this role on behalf of AK Parish Council.

In those days, county organised everything including finance. The school was small but growing and the few classrooms were supplemented by mobile

classrooms (which sometimes moved when you stepped in to them). Incidentally, Mrs Lewis was the last head who lived in the school house, which is now the office and workroom area!



After working in Liverpool for 10 years or so, David retired back to AK and became a school governor. He'd already been involved as a manager and his son Richard was still at the school so he became Chair, a role he held for about 16 years. When stepping back from that (aged about 82) David stayed on as Foundation Governor (they are appointed by our Bristol Diocese and support and uphold the Christian ethos of the school) until stepping back just this last November after an AMAZING 35 years as a governor at AK school! And no, David isn't stopping completely and is now one of our associate governors, continuing to serve on the committee dealing with resources, premises and finance.

Highlights have included David's dreams for the school have been realised in the expansion and new builds that have taken place. His focus has always been with the committee that deals with premises and worked with the architect for phase 1 of changes, which resulted in our current hall and some of the classrooms being put in place. The second, more recent, phase included further classrooms as well as the Hub, and now David's vision of everyone being all together and able to walk around school in the dry has happened.

**Governors and staff and so many others say a HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU, DAVID, for all that you have done over so many years. We are SO grateful.**

*Rev'd Shirley from a conversation with David*



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# The Telephone Gallery



February's exhibition is Disco Balls by Class One at Ashton Keynes C of E Primary School.

The children have been exploring the idea of celebrating themselves through art, and what makes each of us unique. Through activities inspired by stories such as *Odd Dog Out* and *Halibut Jackson*, the children have talked about individuality, self-confidence and the importance of being proud of who we are.



Inspired by these stories, the class created their own disco balls, experimenting with a range of different colour palettes and colour mixing. The finished artwork reflects the children's creativity and individuality – just like them, every disco ball is unique and shines in its own way.

The disco balls hang in the centre of the Telephone gallery and look fantastic with the shimmering gold tinsel backdrop and illuminated by fairy lights at night.

Ashton Keynes Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are putting together an exhibition from 10 March. I'm sure that will be very colourful too.

In May, I plan to create a display for *A Million Acts of Hope*, a UK-wide event celebrating community, kindness, and connection. Despite what the news or social media suggest, the UK is not divided as millions in the UK regularly support each other through everyday acts like helping neighbours, picking up litter, or coaching a football team. This event showcases the positive impact people have on one another, and the display will reflect the ways in which individuals help each other in the community. More details to follow.

Please do get in touch if you'd like to have an exhibition in the Telephone Gallery or to use it as a space to promote a forthcoming event in a creative way.

**Kathryn Gray**

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# Church matters

## Services for March 2026

Date	Church	Time	Service
<b>Sunday 1 March</b>  Lent 2	St Sampson's, Cricklade	<b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	Holy Communion Morning Worship at <i>St Sampson's school</i> with music group & children's activities Evensong
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	<b>10am</b>	Holy Communion, <i>followed by APCM</i>
	St John the Baptist, Latton	<b>10am</b>	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>  Lent 3	St Sampson's School, Cricklade	<b>10am</b>	Upper Thames Together Communion
<b>Sunday 15 March</b>  Lent 4	St Sampson's, Cricklade	<b>8am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Holy Communion, <i>followed by breakfast</i> Evensong
	St Sampson's School, Cricklade	<b>10am</b>	Morning Worship
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	<b>10am</b>	'Around the table' informal worship
	St John the Baptist, Latton	<b>10am</b>	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 22 March</b>  Lent 5	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	<b>8.30am</b>	Holy Communion BCP
	Ashton Keynes School	<b>3.30pm</b>	Messy Church
	St Sampson's School, Cricklade	<b>10am</b>	Holy Communion, <i>followed by APCM</i>
	St John the Baptist, Latton	<b>10am</b>	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 29 March</b>  Palm Sunday	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	<b>10am</b>	Worship Together Holy Communion

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### Weekday Worship

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

Zoom Monday morning prayers – contact David Tarr

Contact Jane our Parishes' Administrator for further details –

**admin@upperthames.org.uk**

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



## Spring Cleaning Morning

Could you lend a hand and help us spruce up the church and the churchyard, so both are looking good in the spring and for Easter?



**Saturday 14 March 9.30am–11.30am**, Holy Cross church, AK.  
Come along in your marigolds with dustpans & brushes, long feather dusters and cloths - whatever you have. Please do bring gardening gloves and secateurs, so we can tidy up the churchyard too.



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## Churches Together in Cricklade and Latton

You are warmly invited to Cricklade United Church  
on **Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 7pm**

**Jamie Eyre, CEO of Embrace the Middle East**

will be speaking on

### ***'Acts of Hope: Stories of Resilience and Faith in the Middle East'***

This will be followed by a Question & Answer session.

Tea and coffee will be served after the event

There will be a retiring collection for Embrace the Middle East.

Embrace the Middle East  
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years, tackling poverty and  
injustice in the region

Jamie Eyre has been working for  
Embrace the Middle East since  
2013. After leading on  
programmes and partnerships he  
became CEO in July 2024. He has  
travelled to the Middle East during  
the last year and therefore will be  
talking about situations he has  
seen for himself.

# Church matters cont'd

## From the registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches January 2025

### FUNERALS

Name	Date & Church
Joan Elizabeth Ashcroft	3 January, Holy Cross service & interment
John Frederick Bishop	16 January, St Sampson's
Nigel Baldwin	28 January, Holy Cross service & interment

### WEDDINGS

Name	Date & Church
None	

### BAPTISMS

Name	Date & Church
None	

**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

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**1 March - Annual Church Meeting** will take place following the 10 am communion service in Holy Cross church. Do come and hear all that we have been doing in the last year. It's also the occasion when we elect church officers (church wardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer.). Both Peter and Linda Tuck are stepping back from their roles as Treasurer and Secretary and we do say a BIG thank you for all they have done in carrying out those roles, and they've done lots more too. **Thank you Pete and Linda.**

**29 March is Palm Sunday** when Christians celebrate Jesus coming to Jerusalem riding on a donkey and the people greeting him with enthusiasm, shouting "Hosanna!" Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (only to change hearts and minds a few days later and shout "Crucify him" instead.) We will be welcoming people to our 10 am worship together communion, who come from all our Upper Thames Churches (Cricklade, Latton and Leigh) and if you haven't come to church for a while, we'd love you to join us.

**Lent Talk 2026** - Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 7pm; speaker Jamie Eyre, CEO of the charity Embrace the Middle East.

Churches Together are planning one Lent talk this year and we have been fortunate that Jamie Eyre, the Chief Executive of Embrace the Middle East has accepted our invitation to be the speaker. Embrace is a long established charity which has supported Christians and communities in the Middle East, tackling poverty and injustice.

Jamie Eyre has been working for Embrace the Middle East since 2013. After leading on programmes and partnerships he became CEO in July 2024. He has travelled to the Middle East during the last year and therefore will be talking about situations he knows and has seen for himself.

The title of his talk is: 'Acts of Hope: Stories of Resilience and Faith in the Middle East'. It will be followed by a Question and Answer session and tea and coffee will be served after the event.

There will be a retiring collection for Embrace the Middle East.

## **Church opening times for private prayer**

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

**Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes:** Wednesday through to Sunday incl. 10am - 4pm  
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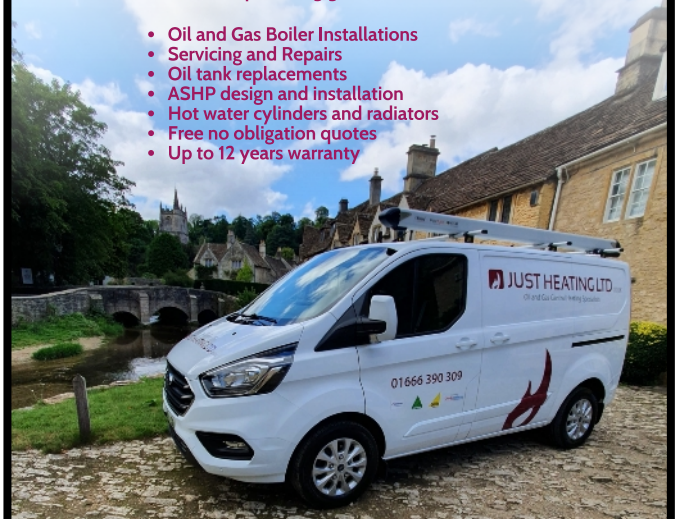
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# **Ashton Keynes Spring Litter Pick and Scrub Bash**

**Saturday 11 April 2026 11 am**

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What3words [///hockey.strong.safari](https://www.what3words.com/lookup/hockey.strong.safari)

Equipment provided including high vis tabards, disposable gloves, litter pickers, bin bags, loppers, shears, rakes and small hand saws.

Please wear sturdy clothes, footwear and gardening gloves if you want to participate in scrub clearance.

If you would like to participate (either from layby or other AK locations) or have any questions, please contact Karen Shaw on 07989 857435.

# Pop-Up Recycling

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**Eyewear** (inc sunglasses)

**Hearing aids** (Added this time, they go to Lions Club international charity)

**Mobile Phones and chargers** (wipe info and remove SIMs) **Sat Navs, MP3 players, Watches, Cameras, iPods, iPads and other tablets, Jewellery** (of any kind) **Stamps, Bank Notes, Coins**, (any currency) **single use plastic pens/biros** - all sorts inc marker type

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

**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, Printer Cartridges, Water filters, Household disposable gloves** (thin ones, not washing up type)

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

**No Plastic flower pots**

**No Medicinal Blister packs** can now go to Boots in Cirencester or Cricklade town office.

**No Batteries.** Put them in a clear plastic bag on top of your blue recycling bin

Ashton Green Project is a friendly group of villagers striving to make AK as sustainable as possible.

**Contact Alison Beadle [alisonbeadle95@gmail.com](mailto:alisonbeadle95@gmail.com)**

# MP South Cotswolds

## Finding Balance as the Light Returns

March often feels like a fresh start. For me, this year began by shadowing a crew at Cirencester Ambulance Station, watching the calm, careful work our frontline teams carry out every day. It wasn't dramatic – just steady professionalism, moving from call to call and helping people when they needed it most. It reminded me how good outcomes rely not on rushing, but on clarity and composure.

Outside, the light is returning. After winter's darker months, mornings brighten and evenings stretch out. When we "spring forward", the longer days can bring a sense of urgency – encouraging fresh plans, renewed energy and a feeling that life must move forward quickly.

But March also brings a quieter reminder. The spring equinox marks the moment when day and night are almost perfectly balanced. That symbolism feels especially meaningful this year.

Across the South Cotswolds, many people tell me the world feels uncertain and fast-moving. Families are facing higher bills, farmers are adapting to changing rules and tight margins, and local health services and councils are under real pressure. We all want progress, and we want it quickly.

I share that ambition. Whether improving river health, strengthening local healthcare, or helping communities prepare for flooding and extreme weather, action is essential. But the equinox reminds us that progress should never mean acting recklessly. Real growth comes when ambition is balanced with reflection.

That lesson was clear during my time with the ambulance crew. Even under pressure, they remained focused and methodical. Speed alone is never enough; steadiness saves lives.

I see the same careful dedication in local charities, volunteers and community groups working quietly to support neighbours and strengthen our communities.

As the days lengthen, spring invites us to move forward with purpose – balancing energy with calm, and hope with thoughtful action.



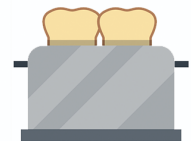
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# Caring for our world

## **Sikkim: India's first 100% organic state**

An estimated 52 percent of agricultural land across the globe is moderately to severely degraded due to monoculture, chemical pesticide, fertiliser use and groundwater extraction — This will only accelerate unless these practices change. In 2019, a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report found that commercial food production over the last 50 years has driven more biodiversity loss globally than any other activity. Organic farmers all over the world are a beacon of hope in the face of these shocking statistics.



In 2003 the northeastern Indian state of Sikkim began the process of becoming wholly organic. The aim was quite simple - to preserve the local environment, protect a fragile ecosystem and ensure a healthier lifestyle for its people.

With the full support and backing of the Indian government, Sikkim started with a gradual reduction in the use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides by incrementally increasing taxes on those products, ending eventually with a full ban. Today the 760km<sup>2</sup> of farmland in Sikkim is certified 100% organic. The land is fertilised with vermiculture (earthworm manure) and pests are controlled with careful crop rotation. Rain-fed agriculture has helped reduce the need for irrigation and conserves water, a scarce commodity in the Himalayas.

The cloud-wreathed Himalayan state is starting to see the dividends. Overall health has improved, leaders say, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has embraced Sikkim and backs organic farming throughout India, pouring \$119 million into supporting organic farmers nationwide. India is hoping that Sikkim can be the model for other jurisdictions around the world that want to go all-organic.

Some reports suggest that since 2014, bee populations have been rebounding, with yields of pollinator-dependent cardamom increasing by more than 23 percent. The organic tag is also promoting an increase in the wellness travel industry and tourist arrivals have increased by 25 percent since 2016.

20 years on from its inception, Sikkim is still working well as a fully organic state. Not only is it benefiting financially, it is also much healthier and happier as a result.

Personally, here in UK supermarkets, I would like to turn food labelling on its head. Instead of marking organic products, I'd like to them to be the majority and the norm and non-organic foods truthfully labelled as 'chemical carrots' 'USA hormone beef' or 'franken chickens' but I guess that's the aspect of intensive food production that supermarkets would like to keep quiet about.

**Gilly Riddington**  
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Sources: Irish farmers journal. [www.reasonstobecheerful.world](http://www.reasonstobecheerful.world)

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There are currently nine Ashton Keynes CPR trained Volunteers on this emergency number, which is a best endeavour system, meaning if someone is available to help, they will do so. Please make a note of the number **01793 250211**.

If no one from VETS is available please be assured the Ambulance Service will be on the way. The guidelines below may help in an emergency when someone has collapsed.

## **Guidelines**

- For a person who has collapsed
  - Who looks a funny colour
  - Who is unresponsive and not breathing
1. Approach with caution, checking for any danger that could affect you - you are important to be able to help.
  2. Always speak and ask "can I help you?" in a loud voice in each ear in case the patient is deaf.
  3. Shout for help to get assistance.
  4. Open the airway. This is done by one hand on the forehead and two fingers under the chin and do a head tilt and chin lift.
  5. Check for breathing for at least 10 seconds . Do this by leaning down close to the face, so that you can feel any breath and look down the body for movement of the chest and abdomen.
  6. No response. TELEPHONE 999 first then START CPR or JUST CHEST COMPRESSIONS IMMEDIATELY
  7. If Ambulance Control think the use of a defibrillator is required they will give you the box combination number \*. (The yellow box holds the defibrillator and an emergency kit).
  8. Switching on the defibrillator starts the verbal instructions on its use.
  9. Pads are applied directly to the bare chest. Cut through clothing and remove any perspiration with paper towel provided.
  10. Patient's chest should be kept as dry as possible. Medication patches and jewellery must be removed from the area between the pads.
  11. Pads should not be placed on any obvious medical device like a pacemaker implanted below the skin. Pad must be placed at least 2" or 5cm below it.
  12. If the defibrillator needs to shock the patient, it will give a warning 'to stand clear'. Please make sure no one is touching the patient.
  13. If told to continue with CPR do this until told to stop by a Paramedic, GP or until you are physically unable to continue.

# Health matters

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#### Easter Raffle

We will be holding our extremely popular Easter Raffle (with tickets available at both surgeries) to raise well needed funds for the provision of equipment for all patients. Each ticket costs just 50p and will be available starting 27 February. The prize draw will take place on Friday 27 March. Thank you for your continuing support.

#### 200 Club

Our lucky winners for the February draw made by our Practice Manager, Kai Howard were:

- £100 won by ticket 120 Janet Newman
- £15 won by ticket 178 Raymond Smith

New members to the 200 Club are always very welcome. It costs just £15 a year, paid by standing order. Every month, we award two prizes—one of £100 and another of £15.

All proceeds go toward buying equipment for the surgeries that the NHS does not supply. Please enquire at reception if you wish to join.

#### Tabletop / Book donations

Please hand in any good quality books and items for sale at the surgeries. Again, funds raised through these donations provide all the 'extras' needed; thank you for your donations to both.

#### Health / Information: Talk about Kidneys – how to look after yours!

We are delighted to invite you to our next 'Health/Information talk' at Purton Surgery on Thursday 16 April at 7.30pm. Melanie Philips and her team will be returning to lead the evening. Melanie is the Sepsis, Acute Kidney Injury Lead at the Great Western

Hospital and provided a very well received and informative talk about Sepsis in October.

There will be 40 free tickets available from 16 March. If you would like to join the evening, please pick a ticket up at the reception desks at either surgery and add your name to the list when you collect one. Please bring your ticket with you on the night.

#### We need you!

Following the retirement of several of our committee members, and our thanks go to them for their sterling contributions over the years, the opportunity has arisen for new members to join the Purton Patient Group (PPG). More information about the work of the PPG will be given at the next Health Talk in April and will also be available as a leaflet from reception at the surgeries.

Anyone who is a registered patient at the surgery in Purton or Cricklade Greengable and who would like to make a positive difference to the surgery is eligible to join, so please do give it some thought. We really would love to hear from you....

Thank you!



**PURTON SURGERY**  
Patient Participation Group

# Ashton Keynes Branch Surgery

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## **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.

## **Repeat Prescriptions**

If you need a repeat prescription, you may either request your medication by signing up for online access and ordering through this system. You can also post, or deliver your repeat prescription request to the surgery at least five working days before you intend to collect your medication.

Please note our online ordering system links directly with our clinical system, making it simpler for you and easier for us. If you don't have your log in details to access the new system, please ask at reception. Please ensure you have some form of identification with you when you collect your details.

All dispensing patients can use the automated system where patients can pick up their prescription and re-order medication for the following month at the same time, which reduces the number of visits to the surgery and ensures medication is ready for collection at the appropriate time.

Repeat prescriptions where possible should not be ordered over the telephone.

If you would like to order your prescriptions via email, please use the following address - [bswicb.cricklade@nhs.net](mailto:bswicb.cricklade@nhs.net)

If you would like to speak to a member of the Dispensary, please call 01793 750645 and select Option 1.

## **Online Registrations**

Our surgery can now offer online registration for new patients wishing to register. They can either visit our website and click on new patients' tab or use the address below to start the registration process.

<https://gp-registration.nhs.uk/J83609>

## **Carers and Young Carers**

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. Do you know anyone, or are you, under the age of 18 caring for any of the above? We support Young Carers. Please contact Reception to register as a Young Carer.

## **Cancellation of Appointments**

Over the last few months, there has been a considerable increase in cancelled appointments at short notice. *In December 2025 the figure was 25.* Please make every effort to attend all appointments as we are unable to offer those to other patients. If you do need to cancel an appointment, please give 24 hours' notice.

## **Patient Participation Group**

As a surgery we appreciate any feedback, and we ask for this in so many ways. One way is in form of a group! If you were to be a part of this, you would receive this newsletter along with a small questionnaire a couple of times a year. We would like to hear from our patients in and around Cricklade! Please call Reception to sign up today! We would like to hear from our patients in and around Cricklade.



**Cricklade Surgery**

Tel: 01793 750645



## Ashton Keynes Women's Institute

*Everyone Can Sing!*, February's meeting was very enjoyable. Although some of us were a bit unsure about whether it was true that everyone actually can sing, Gilly Riddington's encouragement helped even the most hesitant members join in, and by the end, everyone was singing confidently and thoroughly enjoying the experience.



We sang several different songs, some as rounds.

Who knew that 'When the Saints Go Marching in' and 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' sounded so good when sung together? Thank you for a great evening, Gilly!

**Join Us** We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7:30pm in the Ashton Keynes Village Hall. After the planned activities, there's time to enjoy refreshments and then catch up on WI news. Women 18 and over can come along for two free introductory sessions. With almost 50 members and over a century of history, Ashton Keynes WI keeps growing and staying active in the community.

### Upcoming Events:

**11 Mar: *What's Your Colour Palette?*** An interactive talk by Jackie Mitchell on choosing flattering colours

**8 April: *My Life as an Auctioneer and How to Spot a Fake*** with Gordon Brockman, head auctioneer at RWB Auctions

**May/June:** trip to Bristol and the SS Great Britain

**Contact [ashtonkeynessec@wiltshire.org.uk](mailto:ashtonkeynessec@wiltshire.org.uk) for more information.**  
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**Instagram: [@ashtonkeyneswi1920](https://www.instagram.com/ashtonkeyneswi1920)**

## 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 Link Helpline**, if you'd like a lift.

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

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**Many thanks, Val Threlfall**



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**GSL@1AK.uk or phone on 01285 861425**

If you are **6 to 8 years old** our **Beaver** colony meets on Tuesdays at 5.30pm

If you are **8 to 10½ years old** our **Cub** Pack meets on Thursdays at 6pm

If you are **10½ to 14 years old** our **Scout** Troop meets on Fridays at 6.45pm

## Group Update

The group is now planning for our month in the Telephone Box to show what we are doing and the way forward. Our theme will always be Adventure 2026 and celebrating 100 years of Cubs.

We are planning how we will meet our Risk Assessment requirements, as set out in the Swindon North District new policy.

The Leadership teams are working well and have been planning for the new year of action-filled programmes.

All sections have restarted and are open for new members, with places available in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

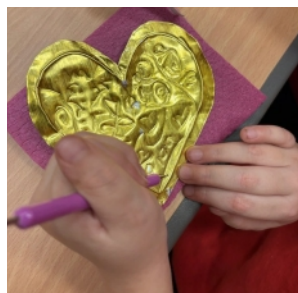
We have vacancies in our Group Administration as Trustees or Volunteers who look after or help in the Sections, this may be just the opportunity you are looking for to help young People.

For details of how to join contact David on **GSL@1AK.uk or phone on 01285 861425**

Our **Beaver Colony** have had a great month learning and developing their skills on a range of activities.

We've had an awesome evening learning about the Scottish poet Robert Burns, tasting Scottish food and reciting poetry as part of our Burns Night celebrations.

Kathryn Gray, local artist and all-round awesome human, came to host an arts and crafts evening where our Beavers had great fun being creative, whilst learning how to emboss metal hearts - these will form part of our display in the Telephone Box art gallery soon.



We then celebrated pancake day (albeit, a little early!). We played lots of fun games, learnt about Shrove Tuesday and created our own super-tasty pancake toppings!



**Cubs** - In February our Cubs began to notice that our meetings began when it was not completely dark, and as the evenings get lighter we can make good use of outdoors. We have been working on some traditional scouting skills - knots and the things you can do with an appropriate knots - building, securing, storing things - all useful skills for scouting and life.

We are waiting with bated-breath to see if our submissions for the District Badge design competition (signifying 110 years since the founding of the Cubs) have had any luck.

**Scouts** - 1st Ashton Keynes Scouts have been edging toward completion of one of the most challenging badges - The Survival Skills Badge. We have been working on constructing survival kits full of useful items that could aid survival in desperate situations, though our Scouts are sensible enough to be able to avoid getting into desperate situations!

We have also been working on the Media Relations and Marketing Badge, which covers a range of formats - video, text, spoken word, for instance.

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# Club news cont'd

## Team tennis for Ashton Keynes Tennis Club

The Ashton Keynes Tennis Club has four tennis teams playing in the 2026 Swindon summer league. We have two men's teams (play Mondays), one ladies (play Tuesdays) and one mixed team (play Thursdays).

Is there anyone interested in playing team tennis this summer? The season starts after Easter. Home matches start at 6.15pm and away matches sometimes leave the village as early as 5.30pm.

We will have team practice nights sometime in mid/late March. tbc.

If you can play tennis and would like to play for the village then we would love to hear from you. You will not need to play every match!

**Ladies - [pblackburn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pblackburn@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Mens - [dominic.ventham@gmail.com](mailto:dominic.ventham@gmail.com)**

**Mixed - [jayne@jhconsultants.org](mailto:jayne@jhconsultants.org) or [pjprior@btinternet.com](mailto:pjprior@btinternet.com)**

Come and join us. **Hazel Blackburn**

## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Hi there, this is Cathy Carroll again. I am writing to tell you about our 18 March demonstration from Arnaud Mataire called 'From Ekhaya to you. We had Arnaud last year and we loved his demonstration so I expect this too will be very good.

We are at the Village Hall Crudwell and there is plenty of parking space. There is free tea/coffee and cake afterwards and of course your first visit is free.

We meet at 7pm for 7.30pm start.

**[www.facebook.com/northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub](https://www.facebook.com/northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub)**

**Cathy Carroll - 07703 299277**

## Cricklade Camera Club

Are you interested in photography, or do you just want to take better photographs? If so, why not come along to Cricklade Camera Club. Visitors and new members will receive a warm welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. **Come and try us out, your first evening is FREE.** We meet in person on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe and there is a range of talks, workshops and Zoom presentations throughout the year. To see all our activities take a look at the programme page of our website <https://crickladecameraclub.org/program/>

On Tuesday **3 March, 7:30pm in Cricklade Town Hall Annexe**, is our annual battle with Royal Wootton Bassett Camera Club. Each club selects a range of images taken by members and an independent visiting judge scores them out of ten. You'll see some really inspiring images, and listening to the judge's comments is a great way to understand what makes a great photograph.

On Tuesday **17 March at 7:30pm in the Cricklade Town Hall Committee Room** there will be a workshop on macro photography, with plenty of hints and tips.

For more information contact: **[clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org](mailto:clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org)**

# 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](http://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.

## Village Emergency Telephone System 01793 250211

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**AK Link Helpline** 07512 233200

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geoffchick00@aol.com

**Ashton Keynes Charities** Richard Smith 861461

**Ashton Keynes Cricket Club**

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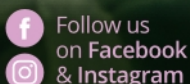


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