

A View from the Rectory

Happy New Year?

'Real January weather, inn't?' one commuter remarked to another as they settled their ample rear-ends into none too accommodating seats on the No 49 Bus. Peering at one another over the mountain of Christmas shopping balanced on knees a few thighs short of a lap they continued:

'I hate January'

'Too long, if you ask me. Nothing to look forward to, that's the trouble with New Year'

'Only another Christmas at the end of it, is all'

'Ah give over, will yah. This 'uns not started yet!'

Once the raucous laughter subsided the two ladies proceeded to denounce life after Christmas as flat, boring, debt ridden, cold and virtually everlasting in bleakness.

As they got off the bus one said to the other 'Better make the most of it- nothin' worth living for after New Year's'.

I wonder how many of us would admit to having entertained a similar thought. Perhaps deep down we've forgotten *how* to 'keep Christmas' all year. Maybe we've even forgotten *why* we might do so!

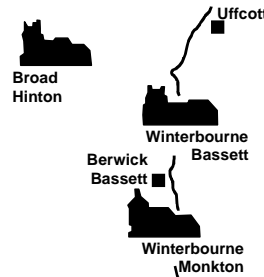
When I was a child some small item of Christmas frivolity would inevitably be forgotten and left to grace wall, cornice or window for the remainder of the year. A 'forgettie' we called it- something that poked us into remembering Christmas when we least expected it. Phil and I have a small set of Peruvian crib figures and an olive wood Holy Family which we leave out. To happen across it on a dull January afternoon encourages us to remember the reason for the season – Jesus - and brings joy flooding into the grey bleakness. To find the manger on a bookshelf during the fasting season of Lent recalls both the reality of His birth and the sacrifice He made to bring us joy – life in ALL its fullness. And to see it at Easter completes the story born in the darkest days and reminds us of the Hope that is ours if we but have the courage to keep Christmas alive and well in our hearts. And God's sense of humour invariably causes me to look at the forgettie just as Terry Wogan reminds us to put the sprouts on..... in June!

So - what about it? A challenge! Leave out a forgettie - and let me know next Christmas if it helped you keep alive the Joy - even in the darkest days.

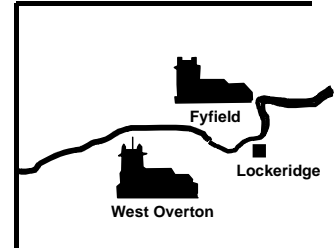
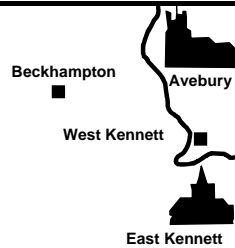
Happy New Year!

Maria Shepherdson

January 2012



Upper Kennet News



BERWICK BASSETT to FYFIELD
Edition



Upper Kennet Churches Notice Board

Baptisms

Beatrice Kemp	27 November	West Overton
Adam Kemp	27 November	West Overton

Weddings

Anastasia White & Mark Beverley	3 December	Winterbourne Bassett
Toby Eyre & Emma Laris	10 December	Fyfield

Funerals

Matthew Chapman	28 November	West Overton
Janet Daw	30 November	Avebury
Simon Taylor	2 December	St Mary's Marlborough & West Overton
Hazel Hillier	6 December	Broad Hinton
Percy Blake	7 December	Avebury
Peter Byron	20 December	Winterbourne Monkton

Thank you

To all the contributors to the UKN over the last 12 month and all our advertisers and donors that help to make this free issue magazine possible. We, the 27 volunteers that make and distribute this magazine, all wish you the very best for 2012 and look forward to continuing to provide local news throughout the year.

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTER-BOURNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTER-BOURNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
TIME	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	10.30 AM	11.00 AM	10.00 AM
1 January Christmas 2 Env week 1	10.30 AM—BENEFICE SERVICE—COMMUNION—WINTERBOURNE BASSETT						
8 January Epiphany Env week 2			Prayer Book Communion	Holy Communion	Informal Holy Communion		Prayer Book Matins
15 January Epiphany 2 Env week 3	10.30 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – AVEBURY						
22 January Epiphany 3 Env week 4		Holy Communion	Evensong (6 pm)	Evensong (6 pm)	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
29 January Epiphany 4 Env week 5		10.30 am Benefice Communion					4pm Benefice Christingle
5 February 3rd before Lent Env week 6	Prayer Book Communion			Informal Service		Holy Communion	Holy Communion

Wednesday Communion Services

will take place at 10.00 am at 9, The Beeches, Winterbourne Monkton. Clergy will attend on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Readings for our Services

1st January - Christmas 2

White

Isaiah 61. 10 – 62. 3
Psalm 148 (or 148. 7-end)
Galatians 4. 4 – 7
Luke 2. 15 – 21

22nd January – Epiphany 3

White

Genesis 14. 17 –20
Psalm 128
Revelation 19. 6 – 10
John 2. 1 – 11

8th January – Epiphany

Gold or White

Isaiah 60. 1 - 6
Psalm 72. (1 - 9) 10 – 15
Ephesians 3. 1 – 12
Matthew 2. 1 – 12

29th January – Epiphany 4

Gold or White

Malachi 3. 1 – 5
Psalm 24. (1 – 6) 7 – end
Hebrews 2. 14 – end
Luke 2. 22 – 40

15th January – Epiphany 2

White

1 Samuel 3. 1 – 10 (11 – 20)
Psalm 139. 1 -1 5, 12 – 18 (or 139. 1 – 9)
Revelation 5. 1 – 10
John 1. 43 – end

5 February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

Green

Isaiah 40. 21 – end
Psalm 147. 1 – 12, 21c (147. 1 – 12)
1 Corinthians 9. 16 – 23
Mark 1 29 - 39

Holocaust Memorial Day Vigil

Monday 30 January 2012

7-30pm

Broad Hinton Church

Come and explore hope in the darkness for the persecuted people of the world.

This event will finish with a short act of worship

For further details please contact
Upper Kennet Benefice Office

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e-mail:- office@upkennet.eclipse.co.uk

Surviving Winter



The Community Foundation
for Wiltshire & Swindon

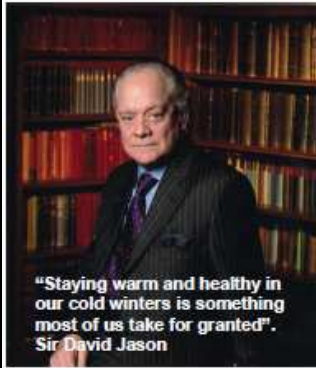
Are you an older person living in fuel poverty and need additional support to heat your home and eat properly in the cold weather?

A Surviving Winter grant may help. You must live in Wiltshire or Swindon Borough to apply.

A grant of £125 could assist you with:

- Paying your fuel bill
- Purchasing oil
- Purchasing an oil heater
- Purchase of coal
- Topping up your electricity
- Purchasing a pair of warm slippers and a blanket

Depending on your circumstances you may be able to apply for additional support and we may also consider applications from other individuals in need who are disabled or suffering extreme hardship.



If you would like to make an application please contact:

- ✦ CAB Wiltshire 01225 717907
- ✦ CAB Swindon 01793 618781
- ✦ Age UK Wiltshire 01380 735527
- ✦ Age UK Salisbury & District 01722 335425
- ✦ Wiltshire Good Neighbours 01380 722475
- ✦ Parks Volunteer Centre 01793 529938
- ✦ Shine in the Community 01722 504049
- ✦ Wiltshire Credit Unions 01380 722475
- ✦ Swindon Credit Unions 01793 529938
- ✦ CLIP 01793 723687
- ✦ Parks Advice Point 01793 487934

The Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon
working in partnership with all of the above Partners.

Registered charity number: 1123126

"Staying warm and healthy in our cold winters is something most of us take for granted".
Sir David Jason

National Trust looking for volunteers

The National Trust is looking to tidy up a bank behind the cottages at Lockeridge Dene which is overgrown with brambles and fallen trees. This bank is a haven for rabbits which are causing damage around the property. The ranger, Keith is keen to invite residents from the local villages to help out with this work to improve a place that is popular with local walkers. If you would like to help with a work party on Wednesday 8 February 2012 with some cutting and burning contact Keith on 01672 539167 or email keith.steggall@nationaltrust.org.uk

Pastoral Care in The Upper Kennet

The Benefice is blessed with very many people who care for their friends and neighbours in line with Christ's teaching 'love thy neighbour as thyself'. Much of this is practical in nature, including emotional support in times of crises but inevitably there will be some parishioners who are not being visited or supported.

With our two Licensed Parochial Assistants (LPA's), Claire Stiles and Graham Kitchen, we have been discussing the various ways in which the spiritual dimension of pastoral care can be enhanced and grown alongside the existing pattern of support - but not in any way replacing it.

Under the auspices of our priest in charge, it is proposed that Claire and Graham will act as *Pastoral Care Co-ordinators* and will, among other things:

Establish who is visiting whom and how often

Monitor that anyone who is ill, infirm, housebound, vulnerable or distressed is covered and that nobody falls through the net.

Ensure that intercessions across all the services in our Benefice include people who have asked for public prayer.

One of the key issues of knowing how and when to offer pastoral care is prompt communication about people in difficulty – initial communication should be made by telephoning the office (01672 861786), or an LPA or a churchwarden (the contact numbers are shown elsewhere in this magazine).

Home communion

As part of this pastoral care plan, it is our intention to re-establish the offering of Home Communion; from talking to many people in the villages it is clear that there are several who cannot get to church and would welcome the opportunity of a home communion visit. Please contact the office if you would like a visit, or you know of anyone who you would like us to contact.

Prayer Circle

It has also been made known to us that there are parishioners who are ill or housebound who would be interested in being involved in an organised prayer circle. They would undertake to pray at a set time each day for different aspects of the church community and the world, using a simple prayer cycle card. If you are interested please ring Claire Stiles on 01793 731620.

Revd. Maria Shepherdson. Claire Stiles. Graham Kitchen.

Broad Hinton School

School Council

The School Council would like to thank all pupils who helped to raise money for Children In Need. Collectively we have been able to donate £165.00 to Children in Need as well as having fun and frolics. They have also raised £67.29 towards the local hydro-therapy pool. Thank you to everyone who contributed and took part. This was an amazing amount to raise.

Well done these pupils for achievements outside school

All our children have continued to enjoy Mathematics for their home learning and class work. It is brilliant to see the children enthusiastic to learn maths in this interactive way and many children have already gained certificates. Well done to these people: Rose Parrish, Lawrence Iles, Heidi Hafner, Benjamin Philpott, Sarah Hafner, Kelly Harbottle, Nathan Hughes, Laura Davies, Charlie Ann Banting, Charlotte Davies, Ariella White, Ben Cowie, Madeleine Roche.

Well done to Georgina Pound for gaining so many rosettes in pony club, Eddie Knight for achieving his Level 8 in Gymnastics and Katie Lewis for getting her Stage 1 in swimming.

Well done to our dancing girls, Hope and Tegan Ashford, Ariana Tulissio and Mariko Shiel for achieving the highest score, a distinction, for ballet and tap exams recently.

Congratulations to our netballers.

The children in Year 5 and 6 who play netball have represented the school in several tournaments and as part of the Devizes Netball League. All the children should be very proud of the results, and the way in which they played together as a team; listening to each other, using all players and encouraging everyone in a positive way. We are very proud of you!

The Friends Christmas Bazaar

It was brill! Santa and his elves in the grotto, people eating mince pies and cup cakes and drinking tea and mulled wine, children decorating biscuits and doing art activities and, of course, lots of things to buy!

Well done to all the mums, dads and others who helped and congratulations for raising £600. Your commitment and dedication to the school provide many extra opportunities for our children.

Thank you to everyone: families, children and local residents who came and supported the event. We could not do it without you!

Avebury & District W.I.

Our Christmas lunch at The Bell in West Overton was a great success with 26 of our 32 current members enjoying a meal of super quality. The Bell staff worked hard to make us feel welcome - their service to so many chattering women was exemplary.

As a reminder, our next meeting is on Thursday the 12th of January when we **start at 2pm**. The speaker will be Rita Mcvittie.

Her subject will be **The ups and downs of life in racing stables**.

Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

Should you be thinking of joining our WI., make it a New Year resolution - join not just because you're worth it but because it's fun!

Mary Beale

News From The Tower

Ringling Times: 8th January, 9.30 to 10.00 am
22nd January, 5.30 to 6.00 pm
Practice Night: Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Avebury ringers have been a bit thin on the ground during December, with Pantomime rehearsals and other commitments taking priority.

The December Branch meeting was held at Bromham. The afternoon ringing was followed by a Carol Service which was taken by Rev'd John Rees. Ringer, Lin Drummond-Harris planned the lovely service and another ringer/organist had adapted a piece of music to fit the carol 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks', it was very refreshing. We were fortunate enough to have a number of good singers in the congregation, which included villagers and ringers and the rousing singing was much appreciated, it was an enjoyable start to the Christmas services.

Matthew Higby, the bell hanger who installed 'Jane's Bells' in January, 2010 and did the remedial work on the old 6, rang in the successful Peal of Rutland Surprise Major here on 15th December.

It looks as though 2012 will be a busy year for ringers. We have been asked by the Central Council of Bell Ringers to ring on 6th February for the accession of the Queen, the 23rd April for St. George's Day, during the week-end of 2nd to 5th June for the Jubilee celebrations and on Friday 27th July for the opening day of the Olympic Games.

Mary Davidge. Tel: 01672 513819
Belfry Correspondent..

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Christingle Service

Sunday 29 January at 4 pm
Broad Hinton Church

During this service the children will be making their Christingles - please bring an orange for each child!

For more information contact the Benefice
Office 01672 861 786

Successful Charity Auction of Promises

Avebury & District Club committee would like to records thanks to all for making the recent charity auction such a big success. More than £3200 being split between NSPCC, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Avebury Cricket Club and Avebury & District Club.

UKN Advice tips no 2

Are you struggling with your energy bills this winter?

It's Big Energy Week from Jan 16th-21st when there will be a coordinated effort to let consumers who are struggling with rising energy bills know about all the help that is available and the steps they can take to save money on their energy bills. (For details see www.bigenergyweek.org.uk).

Some tips are:

Move to an online tariff if you can and pay by direct debit-its usually cheaper;

Ask your supplier if you can move to a cheaper tariff;

Use a price comparison site to find a cheaper tariff from another supplier BUT be wary about savings promised by switching as there may be costs involved and the savings don't always materialize;

Make sure your bills are based on actual meter readings;

- Always tell your supplier if you are going to need help to avoid arrears building up; they have a duty to do what they can and they may have trust fund which can help with arrears;

Check out what help there is to make your home more energy efficient (eg by calling the Energy Savings Trust (0800 512012) or the Council's Home Energy Efficiency Officer who can give advice on energy efficiency and grants (0300 456 0100).

Information supplied by an adviser with the Wiltshire Citizens Advice Bureau

For free advice or information on this or other matters contact the CAB on: 0844 375 2775 (from a landline) or 0300 456 8375 (from a mobile) or go to www.adviceguide.org.uk

Was it a success?

Oh yes it was!! Originally intended as two performances, demand was so great that an extra performance was added for Saturday afternoon. A hundred and eighty people attended over the three performances. Maureen and I attended on the Friday evening. JILLtedJACK was written by Paul Birkeland-Green and directed by Mike Polack. The story was based around Avebury. It included The Community Shop, the 49 bus, The Red Lion and a manor house! The audience was very lively, participated wholeheartedly and thoroughly enjoyed it judging by the laughter. Congratulations are due to the brilliant cast, writer, director, production team and all other volunteers. We look forward to the next one.

Paul Dixon

Avebury Rainbows

The Rainbows finished this term by reading the nativity story and placing the figures in the crib. Mae made her promise and we said goodbye to Sophie, Ellie Kate and Erin who are now 7.

If your daughter is 5 or 6 and would like to be a Rainbow, please phone Sandra Hues 01672539444 for information. We meet on Tuesdays in the term time from 3.30 - 4.30 pm in Avebury Social Centre. The fees are £15 per term and there is no uniform to buy as the girls wear a red tabard owned by the unit.

We start again on Tuesday 10th January.

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Wild about the Valley

A good response about Barn Owls, one the end of November near North Farm and Two at Shaw. I also saw one on a post the evening of Dec 3rd on the back road from Boreham to Lockeridge.

A Red Kite over the car park at the Who'da on Dec 10th, it circled around for a good 5 minutes before heading towards West Overton where another was seen on Dec 12th near the Bell Inn then later at E. Kennett.

A dragonfly at Lockeridge on Nov 28th, a wasp at E. Kennett on Dec 8th was probably a Queen looking for somewhere to hibernate as only the Queens survive the winter.

A large flock of Starlings numbering between 8-10,000 at E. Kennett feeding on a stubble field giving a fantastic display when they took flight. Good numbers of Fieldfare and Redwing are beginning to strip the berries on the Hawthorn and Rowan.

As the weather gets bleaker the birds are beginning to come back to the gardens, on frosty days make sure they have access to fresh water. Robins especially like porridge oats but wagtails and Finches like it too.

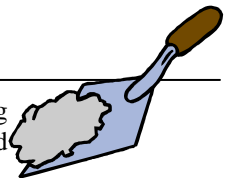
A very late report of a Redstart in a garden at Lockeridge, a common bird in places but quite rare for this area as I have only seen two in 41 years.

I hope you have had a merry Christmas and wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Derek Hartshorn 861238

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Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

As I write this the children are setting off for their last day at school this year and the snow is falling fast. There is definitely a festive atmosphere. Members of the Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very Happy Christmas and peaceful 2012.

If the winter weather causes difficulties remember to check Radio Wiltshire 103.5 FM for road and school closures, ring Clarence on 0800 23 23 23 to report road damage or ungritted roads and check the floodline number 08459 88 11 88 should you be concerned about flooding. For further information about riparian rights and responsibilities check <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31626.aspx>

The grit bins, including the new one at the main junction of the Winterbourne Monkton Road with the A4361, are now full. Offers have been made by local owners of vehicles with snow ploughs to clear the local roads if required. Residents can help themselves by clearing snow from their own and neighbours paths where necessary.

We are still, unfortunately, a councillor short of our full complement. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and would like to find out more please contact the clerk as below or one of the councillors.

Looking forward to summer sun, arrangements for the jubilee event in June next year are in full swing. If anyone has suggestions for fair type attractions please talk to a councillor or the clerk. Thank you.

Janice Pattison, clerk

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bbwmpc@wmwillow.clara.co.uk

Avebury & District Club News

Saturday 26th November – Grand Auction of Promises 2011

Thank you for your support, bids and great Promises – we raised over £3,200 which is divided equally for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance who need £1,917 per day to keep flying, the NSPCC, Avebury Cricket Club and Avebury Club.

First Saturday in January @ The Club

We are holding a social and chill out evening – you can come along and play darts, skittles, snooker, pool or play cards, crib, dominoes or just come along and chat and have a drink. We hope to see you all there and bring some New Year cheer with you.

Skittles

Starting this year – sadly no British Olympic team as far as I am aware but we are starting our Skittles for Cash on Saturday 21st January.

Truman's Cup – Darts

This is a members only event held each January – this year it's being held on Saturday 14th and will have cash prizes.

Race Horse Night @ End January

Our own herd of horses have returned from grazing elsewhere and we are now getting them in training and fit, they are raring to go for our end of month race night on Saturday 28th January.

Live Music with Petroleum Jellyfish was a very good night with great music and laughter, we will be having them back in the Club in 2012.

If you have an idea for an event which we do not hold at present, and that you would like to see at the Club – please contact us. You can also sponsor an event if you would like to.

The Club has a very good and large selection of both Beers and Ciders

– So come on down to the Club, have fun and drink our beverages!!

More details of events are available on the Club's website www.Avebury-Club.co.uk

Prospect Hospice Walk of Memories

If you have plans to get active in the new year, then Prospect Hospice's first fundraising event for 2012 might be the just the ticket.

Prospect Hospice's Walk of Memories takes place around the scenic Cotswold Lakes on Sunday 26th February next year. This five-mile sponsored walk is an opportunity to remember a friend or loved one, or simply to enjoy a peaceful and reflective walk with your family in support of your local Hospice.

The circular walk, from the Four Pillars Hotel, will take around 2 hours to complete, following the footpaths and bridleways that run around several of the lakes in the area, including the

picturesque Thames and Severn Canal, before ending back at the Centre, where there will be a hot drink waiting.

Sheryl Crouch, head of fundraising, says "The Walk of Memories is one of our more peaceful fundraising events – a simple five mile walk through some lovely winter scenery to raise money for the Hospice. 150 people joined us last year, and we had some great feedback from those who took part, both from those who were walking in memory of a loved one and those who just wanted to take part in a walk with the family.

"We're really hoping that people will join us for our first event of the year to get 2012's fundraising off to a flying start."

Please be aware the walk is on varied terrain and not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Dogs are welcome, but

must be kept on a lead.

Registration costs £8 per adult and £2 per child. To register, please go to www.prospect-hospice.net/walkofmemories

Fundraising initiatives like the Walk of Memories are a vital part of the Hospice's fundraising. Delivering Prospect's care and services within the community costs £5M every year, seventy percent of which it needs to raise itself. For further information on any of Prospect's fundraising activities please call 01793 816161 or email fundraising&events@prospect-hospice.net



Two pages of puzzles for the dark evenings and snowy days

Answers page 15

Books of the Old Testament

X E K K M H U L L Z V S I Z
S K Z O A A E L E E E D S E
N D U N C I L C E T O K A P
W A O K K H H A S U I J I H
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NAHUM
SOLOMON
ZEPHANIAH

DANIEL
HABAKKUK
ISAIAH
JONAH
MALACHI
OBADIAH
SONG

What word?

1. Two bangs _____
2. 2 + 2, plaster healer _____
3. Viewed equine _____
4. Ash Colored, 22nd letter _____
5. Square opposite, stumble _____
6. Not Hot, holiday meat _____
7. Wagon, Tyre _____
8. Church seat, leg joint _____
9. Bake the novel _____
10. Ringer, young man _____

Math Challenge 1

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.

Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.

Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

	+		-		1
-		+		+	
	X		-		29
-		X		-	
	X		-		-1
-10		9		1	

Math Challenge 2

	X		/		12
X		-		+	
	+		X		51
+		-		X	
	+		X		12
61		-9		5	

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Marlborough Embroiderers Guild December Meeting

The December meeting of the Marlborough Embroiderers Guild was held on Monday 5th December at the Kennet Valley Hall in Lockeridge.

After a well attended Christmas lunch the Guild was delighted to welcome our guest speaker Maureen Rose who gave a fascinating account of her career in dressmaking.

Maureen's working life commenced making lingerie in Bond Street for a clientele that included Queen Mary, Mary Martin and Ava Gardner. Nighties averaged 48 guineas, and clients brought their items back to be laundered.

As times changed and the shop closed Maureen began working for her own clients, her talents being recognised when she was given an introduction to Norman Hartnell, following which she worked for him as a freelance dressmaker for the next nine years, fitting many of his customers including Barbara Cartland.

At this time she also worked for Ian Thomas, a protege of Norman Hartnell, who were both designers to the Queen. This working relationship developed and she was soon being introduced as dressmaker to the Queen, a position she held until 2003.

During the course of her work with the Queen, Maureen had cause to visit Balmoral, Sandringham, Windsor and Buckingham Palace, some of the recollections that she was able to share from this period were extremely interesting.

Maureen's enthusiasm and dedication to needlework came across beautifully in her talk which was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be held on the 9th January 2012 at Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge where are guest speakers will be Ann Smith and Amanda Hutchings on 'Our Textile Studies'

Sue Fereday

SIMON TAYLOR

Jacqui and Jamie thank everyone for the cards, letters and kind messages that followed Simon's death.

It was wonderful to see so many friends and neighbours at Simon's funeral on 2 December 2011.

The support that we have received from West Overton and neighbouring villages has been amazing. At a time like this you could wish for no better place to live than the Kennet Valley.

Simon will be sadly missed but we know that he will not be forgotten.

Kennet Valley Hall Christmas Bingo

A huge thank you to all the residents of Fyfield, Lockeridge, West Overton and East Kennett as well as the local and not so local businesses who donated goods and services for the Christmas Hampers assembled by Colin and Vera Watts as prizes on the night.

Further thanks go to all those who helped with the house to house collection, organize the event and provide the refreshments.

The money raised, a fantastic £580-00, goes directly into the Hall funds to cover some of the costs in maintaining the quality of this valuable community facility.

Well done!

KENNET VALLEY NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Kennet Valley National Trust Association meets every 3rd Monday in each Month mostly at the Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge 7.30 pm, Visitors Welcome. Our next meeting is on Monday the 16th January at the KENNET VALLEY HALL LOCKERIDGE

Talk entitled
Wilts & Berks Canal
By
Chris Coyle

If you would like to join the KVNTA, a friendly association of all ages, please contact Mrs Catherine Woodruff, Membership Secretary, on 01380 723215

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Thankyou so much for your support at the Christmas Fayre this yearto those who donated items for the stalls, and those who came on the evening we send you a

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West Woods Archaeology Project

West Woods is an ancient, semi-natural oak and beech woodland that once formed part of the medieval royal forest of Savernake, and represents an important component of the natural and historic landscape of the region. West Woods sits on the chalk overlooking the Kennet Valley, a landscape characterised by a diverse settlement pattern of villages, hamlets and farmsteads. The area is well known for its early history, a history that has influenced the organisation of the landscape we see today. Archaeological earthworks abound in the region, including deserted medieval settlements, prehistoric field systems, burial sites and the enigmatic Wansdyke, not to mention the great prehistoric monuments of the Avebury World Heritage Site. Recent work by the Wiltshire Archaeology and Natural History Society (WANHS) has revealed the existence of previously unknown archaeological sites within West Woods, sites that reflect how the woodland was utilised through the ages.

A project is being developed which intends to examine the archaeology of West Woods and its hinterland in greater detail. This project will seek to involve local people in archaeological research, investigating the history of the woodland and settlements in this part of the Kennet Valley, focused on the parishes of Fyfield, West Overton and Preshute.

The project intends to expand on the work already carried out by WANHS using a range of techniques, including aerial photographic transcription, earthwork survey, architectural investigation, archival research and archaeological excavation. There will be an opportunity for local people to be involved in every stage of the project, from deciding what to investigate through to participating in the survey and excavation work. This is a project that hopes not only to enhance academic knowledge, but also to help people write the history of their local area whilst learning new and valuable skills.

A talk is planned in the New Year which will outline the aims and objectives of the project in more detail. Anyone who might be interested in attending or would like more information on the proposed project please email: westwoodsproject@hotmail.co.uk

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1. Parachutes
 2. Forecast
 3. Sawhorse
 4. Gravy
 5. Roundtrip
 6. Cold-turkey
 7. Cartwheel
 8. Puny
 9. Cookbook
 10. Bellboy

Math Challenge 1 Answers

3	+	2	-	4	1
-		+		+	
5	x	7	-	6	29
-		x		-	
8	x	1	-	9	-1
-10		9		1	

Math Challenge 2 Answers

6	x	4	/	2	12
x		-		+	
9	+	8	x	3	51
+		-		x	
7	+	5	x	1	12
61		-9		5	

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Kennet Valley Film Nights at Kennet Valley Hall, 2012 Winter Season

22 January

MAO'S LAST DANCER

Moviola audiences everywhere have literally cheered this fantastic film based on the autobiography by Li Cunxin, a brilliant Chinese dancer who defected to the USA at the height of the Cold War. Plucked from a poor Chinese village at the age of 11, Li studied ballet in Beijing until during a cultural exchange to Texas in 1979, he fell in love with an American woman. Two years later, he managed to defect and went on to perform as principal dancer for the Houston Ballet the Australian Ballet.

Comments from the first Moviola showing: "the best film you have ever shown"; "better than *The King's Speech*"; "the first time I have watched a film that I would love to see for a second time"

12th February

TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY

The new adaptation of John le Carré's novel is a brilliant study of the 1970s spy game. Gary Oldman excels as the melancholy agent George Smiley brought out of retirement to root out a Soviet mole in the upper reaches of the secret service. Also starring Colin Firth, John Hurst, Ciaran Hinds and Toby, this is more gripping and involving than any crash-bang action picture. Le Carre is definitely the master of this sort of spy drama, where nothing seems to be happening but every scene drips with tension.

11th March

THE HELP

Based on the hit novel by Kathryn Stockett, this wonderful film is set in the 1960s in Mississippi. A southern society girl decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent local white families and thus turns the lives of her friends and the whole town upside down. Aibileen, her best friend's housekeeper, is the first to open up, to the dismay of her friends in the tight-knit black community, but soon more women come forward to tell their stories. Unlikely friendships are forged and a new sisterhood emerges, but not before everyone in town becomes unwittingly and unwillingly caught up in the changing times. A movie to inspire, to make you cry, laugh, feel sad, angry, and hopeful, all at the same time. A definitely "must see" movie.

15th April

MY WEEK WITH MARILYN

The story of the extraordinary encounter between Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe in London in 1956 for the making of *The Prince and the Showgirl*. Astonishing cast: Kenneth Branagh as Olivier, Michelle Williams as Monroe, Judi Dench as Dame Sybil Thorndike, with Zoe Wanamaker, Derek Jacobi and, Dominic Cooper. Michelle Williams is extraordinary, turning Ms Monroe into a layered, complex character, a woman desperately wanting to be loved, accepted, and good at her job. The vulnerability, the mannerisms, the voice are pitch perfect. The movie is similar in tone to *The King's Speech*, helped by a beautiful score and wonderful costumes. The wardrobe department deserves a nomination, as do the writers.

Doors open at 7.00 and there is a licensed bar and soft drinks. The films start at 7.30.

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