News from Marlborough Deanery

During June two new priests will be licensed in Marlborough Deanery, thereby filling the vacancies that exist in the Upper Kennet and Whitton Benefices as well as the Deanery Mission post. You can read about Candice and Maria below to get a flavour of their different background and interests as well as a sense of the different skills which they each bring with them.

Their appointments mean that the Deanery now has its full complement of six ordained ministers. Of these six, three are posts which include a Deanery role – the Education and Training Officer, Ian Cooper; the Deanery Development & Mission Officer, Candice Marcus; and my own role as Rural Dean. Furthermore, other clergy are not restricted solely to their own 'patch'.

This is indicative of the way the Deanery is beginning to work and plan as a unit and the way in which the Deanery can complement existing work at parish level. The Deanery Alpha course, the Deanery training for Lay Pastoral Assistants as well as the continuing education programme are all examples of such co-operation, whilst the Healing service and last year's Ascension Day service are reminders of how our worship can be enhanced when we come together.

Looking ahead, I believe that there is additional scope for co-operation in the work we do with schools across the Deanery, the support we might offer the ecumenical Devotion Youth Project based at Christchurch, Marlborough and of course further opportunity for the sharing of good practice.

Looking further afield, we will continue to work closely with our neighbours in Pewsey Deanery, sharing Synods and other activities with them when it is beneficial to do so. Indeed it has been proposed that a Debate about the ethics of intervention in the affairs of other nations be hosted by the two Deaneries in September. Details will follow in due course

In the meantime, please pray for Candice and Maria as they prepare to take up their new posts later in June.

Andrew Studdert-Kennedy,

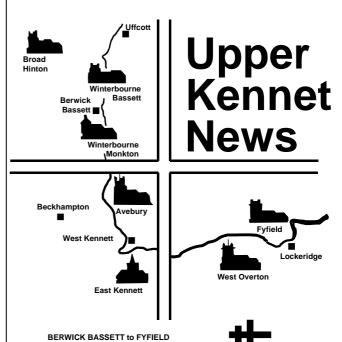
Rural Dean Marlborough Deanery

Maria Shepherdson, Priest in Charge, Upper Kennet Benefice

Maria was born in Dublin in 1965 was raised a Roman Catholic and came to be an Anglican a number of years later. She is married to Phil, a New Zealander, whom she met while working in North Africa. They celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary in July, sadly apart, as Phil currently works on secondment in the Middle East.

He currently serves as Churchwarden at Bahrain Cathedral. While not blessed with children of their own they often joke that their children are aged between 3 months and 96 years of age and are far to many to mention! Their family encompasses people of varied races and faiths something that brings both great joy and challenge.

June 2011



Maria's first vocation was in teaching – all ages from 5-18, including Special Educational Needs. Her work has taken her to Africa, Russia, Canada USA and more recently Gaza, where she is involved in Teacher Training for The Hope Christian Trust. Social justice issues move them to action.

Edition

Maria and Phil enjoy the rich diversity of worship offered by God's people traditional and contemporary. It will come as no surprise that Maria has a deep and abiding interest in all things Celtic and although a classically trained musician has been known to play a 'mean' fiddle.

Maria believes God loves us 'just as we are' but cares too much for us to leave us unchanged.

Maria will be licensed at St. Peter ad Vincula, Broad Hinton on Wednesday 22 July at 7.00pm. She has been serving as Assistant Curate at Warmley in the Diocese of Bristol since 2007.

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Will Huzzey

Will was churchwarden of West Overton for some 30 years. Who can forget seeing him cycling majestically along the A4 from Marlborough with his dog in his basket, in order to spend the day at West Overton, keeping the churchyard tidy and doing little jobs in the church itself – which included balancing a plank across the pews in order to balance a ladder on the plank to get up to the lights to change the bulbs. He would sit on the bench outside the church and eat his lunch of bread and cheese, which he shared with his dog. He had a fund of stories and reminiscences and people who strolled through the churchyard would soon find themselves engaged in conversation. Church meetings were often enlivened by an amusing anecdote, sermons by a loud whispered aside. He will be much missed.

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBOURN E MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBOUR NE 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
5 June Easter 7 Env week 23	Prayer Book Communion			Informal Service		Holy Communion	Holy Communion
12 June Pentecost Env week 24	12 noon Farley Baptism		Prayer Book Communion	Holy Communion	Informal Holy Communion		Prayer Book Matins
19 June Trinity Sunday Env week 25		9.30 AM – CHILDREN & PARENTS' SERVICE –BERWICK BASSETT 10.30 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – BERWICK BASSETT					
26 June Trinity 1 Env week 26		Holy Communion 11.30 am Gale Baptism	Evensong (6 pm)	Evensong (6 pm)	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
3 July Trinity 2 Env week 27	Prayer Book Communion			Informal Service		5pm Songs of Praise Old Rectory	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

Readings for our Services

5 June – Easter 7 26 June – Trinity 1 White Green

Acts 1. 6 – 14 Continuous: Genesis 22.1-14:

Psalm 68. 1 – 10 (32 – 35) Psalm 13

1 Peter 4. 12 -14; 5. 6 - 11 Jeremiah 28.5-9; John 17. 1 - 11 Psalm 89. 1-4, 15 - 18

Romans 6. 12 - end; 12 June – Pentecost Matthew 10. 40 – end

Red

Acts 2, 1 – 21 3 July – Trinity 2

Psalm104, 26-36, 37b (or 26- Green

end)

1 Corinthians 12. 3b - 13 Continuous: Genesis 24. 34 –

John 20. 19 - 23 *or* John 7. 37 - 38, 42 - 49

58 – end, Psalm

45 10 – 17 une – Trinity Sunday Zechariah 9.9 – 12

19 June – Trinity Sunday Zechariah 9.9 – 12 White or Gold Psalm 145. 8 – 15

Romans 7. 15 – 25a

Matthew 11. 16 - 19, 25 - end

Isaiah 40. 12 - 17, 27 - end

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end Matthew 28. 16 – 20 West Overton Church

Trinity 1

West Overton Church

Please join us on
Sunday 26 June at 10.00 am
at West Overton
for Rev'd Maria's first service in
the Benefice

West Overton Church

There will be a work morning at West Overton church on Saturday 2 July

9.30 am - 12 noon

Refreshments will be served at 10.30 am
Please bring suitable tools

THE UPPER KENNET BENEFICE

The Licensing of the Reverend Maria Shepherdson as Priest in Charge of the Benefice by the Archdeacon of Wilts will take place on Wednesday 22 June 2011 at 7pm at St Peter ad Vincula, Broad Hinton

Refreshments will be served afterwards at Broad Hinton Village Hall

All welcome

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<u>Candice Marcus</u> <u>Team Vicar, Whitton Team and</u> <u>Deanery Development & Mission Officer</u>

It is with much excitement that I am taking up the post of Team Vicar for the Whitton Team Ministry and Marlborough Deanery's Development & Mission Officer. Before being called to the priesthood I was a lawyer in London specialising in Personal Injury Litigation and then when we moved to Somerset in 1991 I became actively involved in the Church, the Deanery and the Diocese. I trained at Trinity College Bristol but was suddenly widowed just before I was ordained in 2007 and so I began my ministry in unexpected circumstances.

I have a son, Simon (27) who manages a band called Auction, and works between London and Somerset. His company is called SACKEM Management – something to do with his initials! I also have a daughter, Rosie (25) who got married last year and lives in London with Mark (23), her husband, who is training to be a solicitor. She recently started working for Holy Trinity Brompton (known for the Alpha Course) as their Volunteer Co-ordinator.

I arrive in The Vicarage in Aldbourne with my 3 lovely dogs, Tilly, Jessie and Poppy who keep me very active. This year I have fitted in directing an operetta, Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore, for Milborne Port Opera, with whom I have been a member for the last 19 years.

My passions after God and my family, are the theatre, both being actively engaged in it and watching it, singing, reading thriller novels, swimming and meeting people. I also love good food and have a very eclectic taste in music!

Candice will be licensed in St. Michael's, Aldbourne on Thursday 16th June 7.30pm. She has been serving as Assistant Curate at Timsbury in the Diocese of Bath & Wells since 2007.

Superfast broadband in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council is spearheading a drive to bring superfast broadband to communities across the county.

The council is investing £16 million so more residents and businesses can have access to super fast broadband. The council is also bidding for a government grant and additional funding from the telecoms industry with the hope of generating more than £30M towards getting Wiltshire ahead in the digital revolution

The council has set a target of giving 85% of premises access to super fast broadband by 2015 and that target could possibly rise to 95%.

Supporting superfast broadband access is only one part of the council's wider plans to get the county online. Being online is becoming increasingly important and the council will invest in educating people and small businesses to help them get the most out of the internet. The council will also help encourage more elderly people to use online services which will help give them greater independence. It will increase the number of its services that can be accessed online and look to develop its website so more people can pay bills and make enquiries online increasing access and saving taxpayers? money.

To make sure the council targets its investment to the areas which need it most, people across the county are being asked to fill in a survey. All the information gathered will help the council as it works with the telecoms industry to improve access to broadband across Wiltshire.

Separate surveys aimed at businesses and residents are available online at:

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/digitalinclusion/digitalinclusionbroadbandsurvey.htm

The survey can also be obtained by calling 0300 456 0100. The survey will run from April 26 to June 3. Your help in completing the survey or publicising it to local residents and businesses would be very much appreciated.

News From The Tower

Ringing Times:

5th and 12th June, 9.30 - 10.00 am.

26th June, 5.30pm - 6pm.

Practice Night: Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

After a break from ringing for Holy Week, we rang before the Easter Sunday service, during which, 'Pie Jesu' was beautifully sung by Michele Lomas, she was accompanied on the organ by another ringer, David Parks.

The 29th April, 2011 was a day of celebration in the tower, for the wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton. In the morning, a Peal of four Spliced Surprise Major methods was successfully rung by Guild ringers, in 2 hours 49 minutes. The band included David Hacker who rang in the first peal on the 6 bells in 1982. Later in the day the Avebury ringers rang for the occasion amid Union Jacks, balloons and bunting and with Heather dressed in red, white and blue and Michele wearing her wedding veil it was a very colourful sight. Photographs were taken, a cake was cut and each of us received a certificate to commemorate a very happy day.

Mary Davidge. Tel: 01672 513819 Tower Correspondent.

The Avebury Pantomime!!?

A pantomime is being specially written but with lots of opportunities for your ideas, your songs, your favourite jokes

(well...maybe not your favourite jokes). If you think you might like to

be involved, act, sing, dance, play music, make costumes, make scenery, make sound effects, make merry...

or <u>if you would just like to find out more, please</u> <u>come along to the</u>

Social Centre on Tuesday 14th June at 7.30pm.

Likely pantomime date:

in the first 2 weeks of December.

All ages welcome. No experience of anything necessary. (It's the first year!)

If you do have a special skill or talent, then please come along too.

If you can't come, contact: Mike Polack (539253) or michaelpolack@btinternet.com

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that two new councillors have been co-opted to serve on the Parish Council. These are Simon Mellor to represent Winterbourne Monkton and Nick Burnett to represent Berwick Bassett. Unfortunately, Cllr Sandra Pope has decided not to continue as a Parish Councillor. She has been a councillor for 4 years and the council would like to express thanks to Mrs Pope for her work for the council in that time. It is hoped to co-opt a new member for Winterbourne Monkton to replace Mrs Pope at the next Parish Council meeting on June 21st.

Response to requests for grass cutting of verges on the A4361 by Wiltshire Council has been swift. If you are experiencing problems with visibility due to overgrowth you can contact Clarence direct on 0800 23 23 23. Also use this number to report pot-holes, missing lights or other road maintenance related issue.

The Annual Parish Meeting was again well attended. One area of discussion was the transport methods as an alternative to use of private cars and large car parking fees. As a reminder, the contact number for the Connect2 (Wigglebus) 08456 525255 and the website is http:// www.bookaride.net/. This bus provides a regular service during the day to Kennet Valley, Marlborough or Calne. It will pick up within the villages on request. Timetables are at the bus stop, on noticeboards or on their website. If you have difficulty booking please contact the clerk below. For those who are perhaps unable to use public transport, Marlborough Link Scheme provide a ride in a private car to take you to hospital appointments for example. They ask for a donation please but all drivers are voluntary. If you would like more information about booking a car or volunteering to drive for the link scheme perhaps one day a week (all vehicle and fuel expenses paid) please ring (01672) 288007.

There have again been a number of accidents on the A4361. The police are not always informed of accidents unless an ambulance has been needed. If you are aware that an accident has taken place, in future, please could you inform Cllr Rachael Spratt rspratt6670@googlemail.com so that the council has a record of accidents in the ongoing campaign to reduce the speed of traffic on the A4361. Alternatively contact the clerk below.

Marlborough Area Board are conducting surveys to enable them to produce an Area Plan for the Marlborough Area. To express your views please complete the surveys via http://www.marlborougharea.org/ or collect a survey from Marlborough Library. Please ensure that your views are taken into account.

The recent Parish Council Meeting was the first meeting to be held in the new meeting area being created at the back of the church. This area is available for other village meetings or gatherings. Contact Penny Gold for further information on 01672 539158

Janice Pattison Clerk

01672 539556 bbwmpc@wmwillow.clara.co.uk

Avebury and District WI

The May meeting was held at the Social Centre in Avebury. Our members enjoyed a delicious fish supper delivered from The Red Lion before going on to discuss and debate the two resolutions being put forward at the AGM of the National Federation of Women's Institutes later in the year.

Our next meeting is on June 9th when we will be meeting at The Old Bakery at 3pm. Members have been asked to drop off a plate of food for the refreshments later, before going on to visit East Farm in Avebury where we will be given a tour of the farm, learn about milk production and see cows being milked. A member of the RSPB will then take us on a short walk on the Downs. We will then head back to The Old Bakery where, weather permitting, we will be able to enjoy the refreshments in the garden!

Visitors and new members always welcome.

Julie Davies

Avebury Rainbows

This term the Rainbows are working for a Royal Wedding badge with five challenges to be completed. So far they have visited the church to see the beautiful Easter flowers and made tiaras. The second half of term will be spent visiting Avebury Manor, doing a treasure hunt and having a mini sports day. If your daughter is 5 or 6 years old and would like to become a Rainbow, please phone Sandra Hues 01672539444 for further information.

Avebury Cricket Club

Summer is almost upon us and the sound of leather on willow beckons.

Our family friendly club is looking for new players. Fixtures include a range of Sunday friendlies & more competitive Saturday Wiltshire League division one matches.

If you are interested in playing - occasionally or regularly - just give our captain Greg Dix a call on 01672 511376.

Everything you need to know can be found @ www.aveburycc.org.uk

We look forward to you joining us.

Avebury Sportsfield Association

Dates of fundraising in 2011

Dates of Car Boot Sales: 3rd July 7th Aug 29th Aug 11th Sept

Avebury & District Club Events

<u>Darts Tournament on Sat 11th June with £100 prize money</u>
We are holding an open Darts Tournament on Saturday 11th June with a first prize of £100; £50 for the runner up and £25 each to the two losing semi finalists. £5 per entry. 7.30pm for registration for an 8.00pm start. This event is kindly sponsored by Kennet Fencing.

In House Darts Championship

Was held on Saturday 30th April, which was another enjoyable, fun and competitive evening. The Men's final was won by Martin Nobbs beating Pete Stevens and The Ladies Final was won by Elaine Brett beating Ann Seymour. Trophies were presented to all finalists.

Beetle Drive

We held our second Beetle Drive on Saturday 14th May. It was a friendly family evening - all ages played and won and laughed and lost. We plan another Beetle Drive evening in July starting time as usual for 7.30pm. Our thanks to David Oakey for running this event.

Novelty Skittles for Cash & Monthly Meat Draw

We have an unusual and fun skittles evening planned for Saturday 25th June, plus our monthly meat draw, with meat from John Sumblers Butchers in Marlborough. Meat Draw Tickets 25p each.

Friday Nights @ The Club

I am sure that you are all used to the Club being a "Skittles Only Night" on a Friday, well it's not always the case . . . We are holding two Open Social Evenings of Snooker, Darts, Cards, Pool and Chill Out, whatever you want the evening to be, on the 3rd and 10th of June. On 24th we are holding a Quiz Night . . . so swot up of your general knowledge and you could win a prize!

Live Music with-Petroleum Jellyfish on Saturday 18th June

The name might seem a tad fishy, the music is anything but. They are an acoustic rock band from Calne, and they can be found on Facebook, for all those with access to the web.

Surprise Prize Bingo – Saturday 4th June

As it says surprise prize bingo night, All proceeds go to Avebury Club. What will you win ???

Avebury Skittles Team News

The Avebury Skittles team ended their season in glorious fashion winning the Carling Cup for nomination skittles at the Bremhill View Sports Club. This together with winning the Calne and District Division Two Skittles League concluded a successful and gratifying season. The Summer league has now commenced on Friday nights.

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

Thursday 28 July 2011

in the Social Centre All welcome

Wiltshire Council **Parish Newsletter**

Full of useful information for residents of this area. It is too large to fit in the UKN so there is a pdf available for you on www.upperkennetnews.co.uk Well worth a visit

Avebury Parish Council

meeting held on the 17 May 2011

Parish Clerk: Liz Moore on 861424 or clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org

Antoinette Dyson following the recent on the grounds that the trees create a Trust has reinstated stumps to prevent election on 26 April. A second election pleasant introduction to the main off-road parking near Rawlins Park and will be held on 23 June for two more monument, that most of the branches of has cleared up wood chippings places on the Parish Council and we five trees do not need crown raising and spreading into the High Street from the then aim to co-opt a third person. that the sixth tree, a Horse Chestnut, pedestrian gate near the Henge Shop. A Please get details from the village should not be felled until a second water leak at the pumping station has notice-boards or from Liz Moore.

Street trading: Liz confirmed that Green Street is prohibited. She has put Swindon Road. up a new notice outside the community We decided to support the application. shop.

Scoping Committee for this study.

Three planning applications: Rear extension at Frog Cottage, month, as from 6 September. Trusloe.

omission of the first floor window or National Trust's meeting on 28 April the use of frosted glass in it.

Nurserv.

We welcomed Mrs We decided to object to the application Beckhampton Road. tree is a danger to the public.

street trading in the High Street and Rear extension at East Farm, refurbish the Millennium bench by the

Communications and dates of Motor Bike Nuisance Great Stones Way: Environmental meetings: It is difficult to get a Beckhampton: We agreed action to Impact Assessment study: We have summary of our meetings to the Upper talk about a motorcyclist who is again requested membership of the Kennet News in time for its monthly regularly making excessive noise as he/ deadline. We have decided to bring she accelerates up to a (measured) forward our Parish Council meeting 130mph at 6.30am at Beckhampton. date to the first Tuesday in every

We decided to support this application, Filming at the Manor: The BBC will subject to a reduction in the ridgeline of be filming throughout the summer at the

Headlines from the Parish Council's the extension by 500mm and the Manor. About 20 people attended the about the project.

> Six trees at the rear of Circle Repairs and works: Some repairs have been done to the bus shelter on The National opinion is obtained to confirm that the eventually been repaired by Thames Water, after repeated phone calls. The executors of an estate have offered to bridge between High Street and Bray Street.

Next Parish Council meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 June







Saturday 11th June Darts Tournament

Avebury Club, Beckhampton Road, Avebury Wiltshire

1st Prize £100

£50 for the runner up and £25 each to the two losing semi finalists

£5 per entry 7.30 pm registration for 8.00 pm start



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 Evening Concert on the Avebury Sportsfield (6.30pm-9.30pm)

<u>Information</u> and <u>Registration Forms</u> for <u>Walks</u>:- <u>www.lovehopestrength.co.uk</u> ... and follow links to

Avelury Rocks ... or: 07814 404877 or email <u>katrina@lovehopestrengthfoundation.co.uk</u> (Walk registration includes entry to concert.)

Concert Tickets:- (£20 - adults, £10 - children): Avebury Community Shop (cash or cheque), or The Sound of Music, Marlborough

~25% off for Avebury Residents (Trusloe/Bray St/High St/Green St/Rawlins Park) from: Avebury Community Shop or Mike Polack 539253 /mikepolack@btinternet.com (£15/£7.50) max: 2 adults per household (+2 children)

Refreshments by Avebury Sportsfield Association and Rotary Clubs: Barbecue Food, Hot & Cold Drinks, Licensed Bar

Musicians: including Mike Peters of The Alarm, Nick Harper, Victoria Park,

members of The Fixx, Chris Summerhaill and Newton Faulkner

Broad Hinton Primary School

Dear Parents.

could play outside and some of us were area in one-hour slots NOW! staff are all very enthusiastic about the term is: activities and learning for this summer Perseverance fine, for learning both indoors and Health Education this term is: outdoors.

Eco-Schools Group

'Unplug it, Hug it and Save the World.' The Eco Schools Team are very excited to ask for an activities booklet at the to visit our link school in Nairobi. She about the events happening the week office. beginning 16th May. During the week Well done these pupils for achievements teachers again as well as see some of the the children will be doing gardening outside school. activities both at school and at the Great Our Key Stage 2 children are still playtimes. FAMILY LEARNING DAY. Please for their home learning and class work, whilst there, Mrs Weston adopted an looking after our world.

Family Learning

Each family will be invited to produce a in response to their letters to him. willow animal, either to take home for Sports Council are very successful and the children love completed their sport participation

having their parents or grandparents sheets last term.

Relationship.

If you would like to support your child Mrs Weston's trip to Nairobi.

Western Hospital and 20th May is enthusiastically working on Mathletics Also it is very exciting to hear that child/ren on Friday 20th May, for a Also well done to Oliver Bromley for next to Nairobi in the autumn term. family learning session in conjunction achieving the level 5 British Trampoline Yours sincerely, with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Award, as well as Ariana Tulissio and Mrs Floyd Green Team from The Ridgeway Hannah Wing who brought in their Headteacher School, lasting approximately 1 hour. personal letter from Michael Murpurgo,

the garden or for us to display in school. Sports Council would like to These events where we work together congratulate all the pupils who

23% of children What a wonderful Easter break we all with them in school. We hope you will returned them and received certificates had. The sun was shining, children sign up on the lists that are in the link and T-shirts to celebrate their successes. Remember to complete the new one this lucky to have days by the beach. The The theme of Collective Worship this term and return it in the last week of Term 5. It is lovely to see so many children taking part in sport at school, term and hope the weather continues The theme of Personal, Social and representing the school and in out of school clubs.

Well done everyone!

at home with this area, please feel free In April Mrs Weston was lucky enough was able to meet the children and sports resources sent by us in action at

support our ventures to make children It is brilliant to see the children excited elephant for the school called Chemi and families aware of recycling and to learn maths in this interactive way Chemi. Pictures of the elephant and her and many children have already gained visit can be seen on our Nairobi display their bronze, silver and now gold in the link area and on our school We would like to invite you to join your certificates. Well done to those people. website. Miss Best hopes to venture

Is Dog Fouling a nuisance in your Village?

Thank you to those who responded to the survey mail address. It seems that there is some annoyance in the area. In particular:

- Nash Road the lane running from Avebury Trusloe to the Longstones - is littered with dog dirt these days
- Lower Fyfield including the churchyard, sad for relatives visiting graves, and track up to Lockeridge, plenty of horse poo here as it is a bridleway, get the most mentions.
- For Lockeridge, Rookery Meadow also features along with several reports from Rhyls Lane—although I am informed that these have now stopped.
- And finally a problem at Avebury Sportsfield.

Not to mention the mail from Max extolling delight in finding dog poo. His humorous mail is a little one sided however and does not fit in with the feelings of the wider community especially walkers and gardeners.

Well, no one has been 'outed' in this survey, hopefully the owners of the dogs in question will follow the local bylaws. Perhaps the local Parish Councils might note the feelings of these residents.

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KENNET VALLEY NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

On Monday 18th of April Rex Sawyer gave an interesting

<u>talk on</u>

The lost village of Imber

Rex Sawyer was for eighteen years the headmaster of the Secondary & Middle School at Wilton: he was also a City magistrate at Salisbury and a counsellor for the Open University. Since coming to Wiltshire in 1972, he has lived at Bowerchalke in the Ebble valley and now at Tisbury. During that time he has written 11 books on South Wiltshire including those on Imber the deserted village on Salisbury Plain, Collette's Farthing Newspaper and his latest Nadder: Tales of a Wiltshire Valley.

Rex gave us a brief history of the village prior to the purchase of the land and buildings by the military. However the land purchase did provide the residents with rented accommodation for several years, which included the farms and surrounding land extending up into the plain.

In the winter of 1943, The War Office informed the inhabitants of the small Wiltshire village of Imber that their homes were being requisitioned for the war effort. With D-Day landings just a few months away, the government needed places to train American troops for the sort of house–to–house fighting that they expected to encounter in Nazi–occupied Europe, and presumably because of its location in the middle of Salisbury Plain, Imber was the ideal place. The villagers were given a month to evacuate and told that they would be allowed back when the war was over.

During the following years the village was destroyed and very few of the buildings are left. The people never returned and from 1943 to the present day the area remains an army training ground, where Britain's soldiers practice fighting enemies in and around civilian areas. On one day every year (usually the first Saturday in September) the 200-year-old church, St Giles, is open for a service and to allow the few remaining surviving villagers and their descendents to visit the graveyard where their relatives are buried.

Mike Ratcliff

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 the Monday 20th June at the KENNET VALLEY HALL

AGM AT 7.00pm followed by Talk entitled
Saving National Treasures
By Anthony Pugh-Thomas

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

Bluebell

Its fun, fun fun all the way at Bluebell...we have moved into our Nursery Pod! How exciting for both the committee, staff and children - we are finally there and it is fabulous!

We have a brand new shiny classroom with lots of windows and natural light flooding in from a lovely safe enclosed play area...the children are extremely happy and are enjoying every second while they explore our brand new space. We have a super display board completed which takes a look at our favourite book of the moment (The Tiger Who Came to Tea) ~ with lovely bright tiger paintings and great big black tiger footprints!

We return for term 6, our final term of the school year which will see us hosting our sports day, making Fathers day cards, having our Class of 2011 group photo taken and also preparing for our graduation from nursery to school....this year has gone so quickly, it will soon be Christmas!!!

If you would like any further information regarding the Bluebell Nursery, please telephone 01672.861276

Ruthie

Clic

Alison and Ruth would like to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has once again supported the Clic jumble sale and auction this year. A MASSIVE £3,028.70 has so far been raised with still money coming in...so another tremendous result for a very worthy charity.

Special thanks go to Colin & Vera Watts (and all their family and friends) Cliff & Judy Goodman (and their family & friends) Brian & Monica Watts, Rob & Linda Duckett, Helen & Di Walker, Anita & Steve, Sarah Brown...to name but a few and of course YOU! The sale is such a special event for so many people and the continued support from you all who save and deliver jumble, donate prizes for raffle, tombola and auction..it makes the sale go well and smoothly and most of the time quite organised!!

Thank you all most sincerely....and we hope to see you all again in 2012!!

Watch this space for the date....

Kennet Valley 60+ Group

A meeting of the Kennet Valley 60+ club took place in the Kennet Valley Hall on Thursday, 21 April, 2011. Members of the club had been invited to the Broad Hinton club and it was agreed by all that they had had a lovely afternoon. Money had been raised for the club at a quiz night at the Bell Inn and also at a Bingo evening on the sale of teas. Club members have been invited to Lockeridge School leavers performance on the 30 June, at 2pm. It has always been a very good afternoon's entertainment.

The speaker today was Mr Terry Rogers who gave an extremely interesting talk on the Marlborough College site. It is believed that the mound which is in the College grounds may date back over four thousand years to the prehistoric/Neolithic age. A Norman castle was built on top of the mound as early as 1068. Henry III was brought up here and it remained as a castle until about 1300. The estate was given to the Seymour family, Dukes of Somerset, who were brothers of Jane Seymour, who produced the only male heir to Henry VIII. The house eventually became a very successful coaching inn, but with the commencement of the railways coaching inns were no longer required.

The College was started in 1843 for sons of the clergy but it was eventually opened to boys who could afford to pay fees. The college was a very Spartan establishment and the boys revolted about lack of food and heating. The Headmaster resigned and this post was taken by a teacher from Rugby School who had worked under the very progressive Dr Arnold. It was opened to girls in 1968. A number of famous and infamous pupils attended the school among them John Betjamin, Guy Gibson of Dambusters fame and the infamous Sir Anthony Blunt. Mr Rogers was a very entertaining speaker and I think we all learned a lot. A vote of thanks was given by Sylvia to Mr Rogers. After a raffle and tea and biscuits the meeting closed at 4pm.

A meeting of the Kennet Valley 60+ Club was held on Thursday, 12 May, 2011. The Chairman welcomed two new members to the club. The recent holiday in Scotland had been very much enjoyed by members. The next outing was to be to Swanage on the 7 July. Would members please ensure that the charge of £10 a head be paid by the next meeting. The Heritage tea party will be held on Saturday, 14 May, from 4.30- 6pm. Tea and cakes will be available. On June 16 there will be a tea party for members given by Mrs Hanover which we all look forward to.

The afternoon ended with a very enjoyable quiz, which was compiled by Dennis, which managed to tax all our brain power (we had to work in groups to get some of the answers right). Thank you Dennis for a great afternoon. The meeting ended at 4pm after our usual raffle and tea and biscuits.

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Skips have been arranged for the following places, dates and times:

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 DATE
 TIME
 LOCATION

 30 June
 9:00—11:30
 West Overton

 22 July
 9:00—11:30
 Lockeridge

 26 August
 9:00—11:30
 Fyfield

 23 September
 9:00—11:30
 West Overton

The village locations are as follows:

Fyfield - Car park at Priest Acre

Lockeridge - Car park of the 'Who'da Thought It'

West Overton - grain dryer on the road to

Wyman's Hill

THE SKIPS WILL BE MANNED AND ONLY THE TYPES OF WASTE SPECIFIED WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Embroiderers Guild American Visit to Kennet Valley Hall

On Tuesday 17th May the Marlborough Branch of the Embroiderers Guild hosted a visit by 22 American ladies to the Kennet Valley Hall in Lockeridge near Marlborough. The visitors came from 11 different States in the USA, ranging from Florida to

the Mid west and New York, to view the Kennet Valley Embroidery as part of a Heritage Embroidery tour of England. After enthusiastic viewing of the Embroidery, during which the visitors chatted with its designer, Margaret Heath and discussed finer points of technique with Guild members, they enjoyed tea and homemade cakes. This was accompanied by lively conversation with members on our shared enthusiasm for all things textile, before they departed, well supplied with postcards of the Embroidery as mementoes of their visit. There will be an opportunity to view the Kennet Valley Embroidery at the Guild



Open Day on Monday 27th June at the Kennet Valley Hall in Lockeridge, where the Embroidery is permanently installed. This takes place from 11am to 4pm. A display of members work will be on show, retail therapy by Mulberry Silks and Gillsew, tea/coffee and cakes available. Free admission, plentiful parking and disabled access. For more details contact Shirley Watson tel. 01793 525517. email

Fyfield and West Overton Parish Council

Royal Wedding

The party to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton at the Kennet Valley Hall was a huge success. The Parish Council organised this but extra thanks needs to go to Randal Richards and Nick Stedman for all their particularly hard work. The Parish Council hopes to organise a similar celebration for the Diamond Jubilee

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rebecca.botton@wiltshire.gov.uk

Splash Half term Activities

Go to www.splash-wiltshire.org.uk/ activities to see what is happening locally for our children.

Marlborough Area Plan

Consultations took place at the KVH on 12th May and Aldbourne Hall on 19th May. If you want to know more contact MADT on www.madt.co.uk/communityareaplan.

New Parish Councillors

West Overton and Fyfield need someone to represent them on the PC. If you want to do your bit for your village why not contact Sophie our Parish Clerk and find out more.

Next PC meeting - Kennet Valley Hall on July 25 at 7pm.

All are welcome.

Judith Woodget judithwoodget@btinternet.com

Kennet Valley School

We are nearing the end of our building works at Lockeridge and the school would like to thank everyone for the positive comments we have received both about the building and the builders who have been working in the village. The last day of school at East Kennett will be Friday 1st July with a closing ceremony finishing the day. Our plan is then for a closure week 4th -8th July when the furniture and equipment will be moved and the children will return on 11th July to finish the summer term at Lockeridge!

This is a very exciting time for us and we are looking forward to the children being able to settle in to their new environment and enjoy the extra facilities we can offer.

The whole school enjoyed celebrating the Royal Wedding on April 28th (yes 1 day early) where 2 children were married in church followed by a

party which was well attended by both parents and villagers. The year 5 and 6 children have been very busy taking SAT tests and are now preparing for their end of year production. This will I'm sure be fantastic as always. Mrs Russell's class have been working closely with the National Trust and have been walking locally and looking at wildlife in the local environment. They have witnessed the dissection of owl pellets and the year 4 children were able to take kick samples from the river Kennet and bring their catch back to school for their class to see... The children in Mrs Roughan's class will have visited the steam museum in Swindon by the time you read this and they have a very exciting day planned!

Friends of Kennet Valley School have been working hard to raise money for lots of new things for the children and the recent cheese and wine evening was supported by parents and a great many villagers, thank you to all of those who organised and attended, I understand that a great time was had by all. The Black Tie Ball will be taking place on June 11th and this is very exciting for us too along with the annual Summer BBQ which will be held for the last time at East Kennett on Friday 24th June. All welcome!

We will soon be welcoming our new reception children for September. Inductions this year will be slightly later this year due to our move but letters will be sent out soon. We will of course be holding an open day once we are settled in Lockeridge and welcome past pupils and families to come and have a look around.

Kim Spencer Headteacher.



The Marlborough Players

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The Marlborough Players Present a Double Bill of Comedy with Two One-Act Plays – 'Pastiche' and 'Thermal Underwear'

In a change from the norm The Marlborough Players are presenting a double bill of comedy to entertain you this June at Marlborough Town Hall. First up is the fast-paced, witty one-act farce '*Pastiche*' by Nick Hall, directed by John Williams. Medford, a rather inexperienced butler is setting an elegant supper table at which Sir Peter is shortly to entertain a young lady of rather questionable repute. When Sir Peter's wife, Lady Alexandra, unexpectedly arrives home an evening of fantastical plotting, hilarity, disguises and chaos ensues!

The second one-act play in the double bill is the lively, warm and unpredictable '*Thermal Underwear*' by Andrew Davies, directed by David Williams. Mr and Mrs Hudd are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary at Elaine & Bob's house. Relations and friends of the family are invited along to share the caviar and to toast this odd-ball couple with champagne. However a creaking floorboard, a leaking pipe and the odd behaviour of the party members makes the day most memorable - for all the wrong reasons.

The cast of four in Pastiche: David Williams (Sir Peter Tanford), Gail Sinden (Lady Alexandra), Jani Loikkanen (Medford) and Nell James (Viola Vionysse) and six in 'Thermal Underwear: Lucy Bowers (Elaine), Richard Osborne (Bob), Carol Sykes (Mum), John Yates (Dad), Abi Beaumont (Shirley) and Barry Mercer (Gareth) are currently busy rehearsing for the June production.

The double bill of comedy 'Pastiche' and 'Thermal Underwear' is at 8p.m. on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th June at Marlborough Town Hall. Tickets cost £7 and can be reserved by calling 01672 514827, emailing <u>i1yates@aol.com</u> or bought from The White Horse Book Shop, High Street, Marlborough. For more details go to <u>www.marlboroughplayers.co.uk</u>

Kennet Valley Hall — Heritage Display Tea Party

After nearly five years of research and persuading villagers to dig out all their old local photographs, the Kennet Valley Heritage Group's collection of local memorabilia is now quite considerable. The cream of the collection has been chosen for a framed display to hang in the Kennet Valley Hall. This will match in character and size that of the Embroidery presented to the Hall last year. The 'Scrap Book' will provide a glimpse of the social history and characters of the Upper Kennet Valley over the last 100 years.

The unveiling took place at 5.00pm. The plaque beneath the display reads:

Heritage of the Upper Kennet Valley

This Parish Scrap Book was inspired by John Mundy's collection of old photographs along with other photos and cuttings donated by past and present residents of the Kennet Valley. It was prepared by the Kennet Valley Heritage Group and unveiled by Audrey Peck, John's sister, on 14th May 2011.



Audrey Peck with John's son Tim after the unveiling.



The Heritage Group responsible for the work to bring this project together.



Brian Rayment, Colin Watts and Mary Spender enjoy a cup of tea before the unveiling.



Audrey Peck, John's sister, talking about John Mundy's fascination with local history and the collection upon which this display is based.

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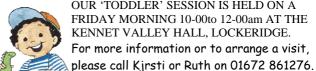
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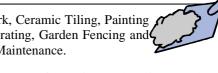
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