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Church Services in the Vale of Pewsey for October 2024

Date	6th October 19th Sunday after Trinity	13th October 20th Sunday after Trinity	20th October 21st Sunday after Trinity	27th October Last Sunday after Trinity
Readings	Job 1: 2: 1-10 Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-10 Mark 10: 2-16	Job 23: 1-9, 16-end Hebrews 4: 12-end Mark 10: 17-31	Job: 1-7 Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Job 42: 1-6, 10-end Hebrews 7: 23-end Mark 10: 46-end
St John the Baptist Pewsey **	9.30am Harvest Communion 6.00 pm Sunday@6	9.30am ? Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	3pm Muddy Church
St Mary, Alton Barnes	11.00 am Parish Communion		11am Parish Communion ?	
St Stephen Beechingstoke	11.00 am Breakfast Service B'fast served at 10.15		11.00 am Harvest Festival	
All Saints ** Stanton St Bernard				11.00 am Parish Communion
St James * North New nton	11.00 am Café Church	11.00 am Joint Harvest Festival with Manningford		
St Peter Manningford Bruce				9.30 am ? Holy Communion
St Mary Magdalene # Woodborough	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP		11 .00 am ? Harvest Festival	
St Nicholas Huish		6pm Evensong		8.00 am / Holy Communion BCP
Holy Trinity Oare	11.00 am ? Parish Communion			
Holy Cross Wilcot		11.00 am Harvest Festival		6.00 pm Evensong
St Peter ** Milton Lilbourne	11.00 am / Harvest Festival	9.30 am /? Holy Communion BCP	11.00am Morning Praise	
Holy Trinity Easton Royal		4.00 pm Harvest Festival		11.00 am Parish Communion
St Andrew Wootton Rivers	11.00 am / Harvest Festival		9.30 am Parish Communion	
St Peter Charlton St Peter		6pm Evensong		6pm Parish Communion
St Matthew Rushall		11 am Holy Communion BCP	11 am Parish Communion	11 am Matins BCP
St Mary # Upavon	9.30 am Informal Worship	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	
	* Access for Wheelchairs # Loop system for the hard of hearing BCP Book of Common Prayer All other services Common Worship			

CLERGY LETTER

I love the natural world, God's creation, love exploring it and finding out more about it. Knowing the name of a plant or animal is a gateway to understanding them and protecting them. I have two free apps which I have downloaded onto my phone. I regularly use them when I am in the garden or allotment, out and about locally and on holidays. It's a great way of introducing friends, children and grandchildren to the wonderful variety of species all around us. If you hear a bird singing and don't know what it is, the app "Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab" is amazing. If you don't know the name of a plant or a creature then you can take a photograph and it can be identified using the app "Seek by iNaturalist".

We live in a most beautiful part of the UK, with a great diversity of wildlife all around us. I often fail to recognise a flower or a bird. Since using the apps, I have come to appreciate even more the great variety of wildlife all around us. As Sir David Attenborough has pointed out, when people enjoy and understand more about the natural environment, then they are much more likely to want to look after it. There are many ways that we can take action; stopping the use of pesticides in our homes and gardens, putting out food and water for birds and other visitors to our gardens such as hedgehogs, and putting up nest boxes. Now is a good time to be doing this so the boxes are part of the natural landscape. Besides the traditional nest boxes, think about making and putting up a swift box as these birds are in desperate need of suitable housing.

A further way of nurturing God's creation – of increasing the biodiversity of our surroundings is to plant more trees. People locally, church and non-church goers are planning to plant more trees over the coming months. Muddy Church and also some of the local youth are getting involved. Trees are great as they provide food and shelter for so many creatures and other plants as well as providing us with shade and with occasional fruits and nuts etc.

Understanding and appreciating the green vastness, the complexities, the variety and the interdependence of life in and around trees gives us a sense of wonder, amazement and thankfulness to God.

Christians believe that the Earth is the Lord's and everything in it and that we have a duty to care for the World and to live in harmony with the natural environment.

Harvest Festival services are a traditional way of celebrating and giving thanks to God for crops and the food we eat. It is part of a longer season known by the church as Creationtide, when our thoughts and prayers focus on both the harvest safely gathered in, and God's blessings through the created world, – the natural environment.

As we go out to enjoy and care for the precious local, natural environment, let us offer this prayer.

Gracious God, plant within us a reverence for your natural world and all that you give us. Help us to nurture and protect your Creation. Amen

Anne Mantle

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Lindsay Pilbrow Funeral at St Andrew, Wootton Rivers on 4th September

Patricia (Pat) Salmon Funeral at North Wiltshire Crematorium 18th September 2024

Weddings

Harish Rama & Hannah Pestell were married at Holy Trinity Church, Easton Royal on
Saturday 24th August

Correction Alex and Phoebe Jones's marriage - they were married on Saturday 22nd June NOT the 15th June as printed.

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Pewsey Methodist Church, **Sunday Services 10.30am**

Catholic Parish Priest: Father John Blacker 01672 513267

Regular Services at Holy Family, Broadfields:

Weekday Mass, 12.00 pm Friday Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm Saturday.

Baptist Services Contact: Mary Jarvis 07876 193640

Upavon Chapel **2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 p.m**

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Contact The Messenger, newmessenger.pewsey@hotmail.com cut-off date 15th of month

For adverts contact Peter Hughes at msgr.ad@valeofpewsey.org, 01980 630023

What's On in October

Tuesday 1st Carer's café: Wesley Hall, 10.30-12

Arts Society: Bouverie Hall 2 for 2.30pm

Gardening Club: Bouverie Hall, 7 for 7.30pm

Wednesday 2nd Coffee Morning: Woodborough Parish Hall, 10.30

Mothers Union: St. John's Pewsey, 2.30pm

Friday 4th Skittles: Scout Hall 7pm

Saturday 5th Coffee Morning: Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes, 10-12

Coffee Morning: Rushall & Charlton St. Peter Village Hall, 10 -12

Sunday 6th Harvest Festival and Lunch, Milton Lilbourne, 11am

Tuesday 8th Come and Sing: Wilcot Village Hall, 6 – 7.30pm

Moviola: Bouverie Hall, 7 for 7.30pm

Railway Society: Woodborough Social Club 19.30

Thursday 10th Home Heating Worries: Bouverie Hall, 7pm

Saturday 12^h Coffee Morning: Wilsford Village Hall, 10.30 – 12

Sunday 13th Harvest Muddy Church; St. John's, N. Newton ,3pm

Choral evensong; All Saints , All Cannings 6pm

Wednesday 16^h Good Companions: Woodborough Parish Hall, 2pm

Thursday 17th Ghost Stories: Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes, 7.30pm

Fire Protection: Wilts. Country Club, Oare Village Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 19th Harvest Barn Dance Woodborough Club, 7pm

Sunday 20th : Harvest Festival and Lunch, Beechingstoke, 11am

Tuesday 22nd Enford Film Club, 6.30 for 7.15

Wednesday 23rd PVLG , Beer and Bread, Methodist Chapel , 7pm

Thursday 24th Stonehenge Talk , Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes, 7.30pm

WI Rushall Hall, 7-9

Saturday 26th Coffee Morning: St. Mary's Upavon 10-12

Donated food is available at: Upavon Church Porch, 9 -4 every day, and Pewsey Methodist Hall, Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 – 11

Upavon also has basic toiletries and cleaning products. Many thanks to all who donate or help with these

THE ST. TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

SKITTLES EVENING

WITH SAUSAGE SUPPER

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school age young people £5

7.00pm Friday 4th October

Pewsey Scout Hall

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

raising funds for School Teachers in

NZARA and Yambio, South Sudan

also Clean Water Borehole in

St Timothy's School and for Microfinance

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CHARITY No 1151171

Contact info@sttimothy.org.uk

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Fundraiser

Harvest Barn Dance

7pm on Saturday October 19th

at Woodborough Club

Smithy Lane, Woodborough SN9 5PL

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Barn Dance begins 7.30pm

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will sing

Choral Evensong

6pm Sunday 13th October

All Saints Church

All Cannings

All are welcome

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in C

Anthem: "O Sing Joyfully" Batten

Future date for your diary:

Harvest Muddy Church



starting from St James' Church, North
Newnton, Pewsey, Wilts SN9 6LA **on Sunday
13th October at 3 pm**

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slow guided WANDER of about a mile to
WONDER at all the harvest time bounty God
provides, before a craft activity for
all. Babies, buggies, toddlers, teens and dogs
(on leads please) are all very welcome..
Return to St James' to enjoy tea, coffee, hot
chocolate, mulled cider, cold drinks, harvest
apple cake & more - while we do some
harvest related craft. Finish 4.30 to 5
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The Coronation Hall

Alton Barnes SN8 4LB

Thursday 17th October at 7.30 pm

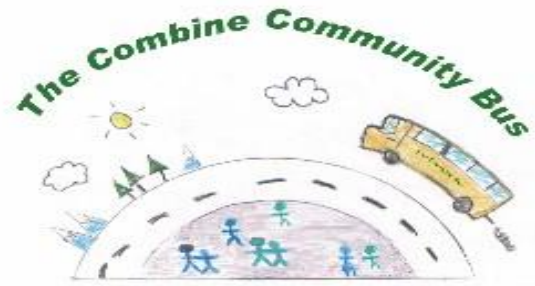
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The villages we currently service are Connock, Chirton, Patney, Marden, Wilsford, Beechingstoke, Woodborough, Bottlesford, Honeystreet, Alton Barnes, Hilcott and Manningford Bruce. Since our services are dial a ride, if you would like to book a seat please contact Alan Coggins on 01380 840302.

Bookings are taken up to 7pm. on the evening before departure. We accept bus passes on all our shopping runs and we have spare seats.

Schedule and fares for our regular services all free to bus pass holders:

Devizes supermarket run: every Friday. First pickup 9.30am, returning from Devizes at 12.00pm.

Fare £2.00. We pick you up from your door drop you off at the supermarket of your choice. We will pick you from the same supermarket and drop you back at your door.

Salisbury: 8th & 22nd October, 12th & 26th November. First pickup 9.30am, returning from Salisbury at 1.30pm. **Fare £4.00.** Again, we pick you up from your door and drop you off close to Marks & Spencer and vice versa for the return journey. This is market day in Salisbury.

Marlborough: 16th October & 20th November. First pickup 9.30am, returning from Marlborough at 12.00pm **Fare £3.00** Again we pick you up from your door and drop you off by the car park entrance to Waitrose and vice versa for

SATURDAY 2nd November 2024

QUIZ

Come along to this fun packed evening of light hearted quizzing.

Have up to 6 people in a team

Good Luck and have fun!

For tickets contact Paula Baker on 01672 851393/07702 339877
bakerhousehold2@btinternet.com
All proceeds to [Hilcott Village Hall](#) & St James's Church

Ploughman's Supper

Bring your own bottle

£10.00 per person

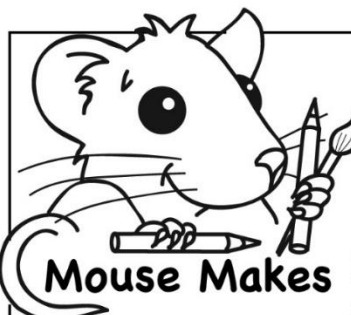
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[Rushall Village Hall](#)
SN9 6EN

the return. **Both the Salisbury and Marlborough are unique service as they are the only direct bus services to these destinations from our villages.**

The above scheduled services are open to all age groups and not just bus pass holders. The fares represent very good value for money so why not join our friendly passengers and drivers. The Combine Bus is also available for hire to local non-profit making groups, organisations and individuals who are residents of the villages we serve. Bookings can be made by contacting Alan Coggins on 01380 840302, who will give you all relevant details.


We have just lost our main non scheduled service driver due to ill health. We are in desperate need of drivers who could cover this vital part of our business, it is varied work and includes driving for local schools, community groups, care homes and private groups. If you have some free time, are between 25-70 years of age and wish to help your community bus keep running please contact Alan Coggins 01380 840302 who will give you full information.



Mouse Makes

WALK WITH THE LORD


"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11



"For we **walk** by


not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7


"**Walk** by the
_____"
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12





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"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

"_____
is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1



GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK
WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

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Are you worried about the cost of heating your home?

Come to a **free** talk and demonstration of a thermal imaging to show how to stop heat leaking from our homes

Thursday 10th October 2024, 19:00 to 21:00 at the Bouverie Hall in Pewsey.

[The talk](#) will describe and demonstrate how to use a thermal imaging camera to reveal where heat is escaping from the outside and where the cold is getting [into on](#) the inside of your home. Surveys can [only](#) be carried out when the weather gets colder and the heating is on.

Would you like a FREE thermal survey of your own home?

If, you would like a ~~free~~ survey to look at the ventilation and insulation of your home, please send an email to contact@pewseygreen.org.uk.

You will be contacted to make an [evening](#) appointment to survey your home. Prior to the survey you will sent a questionnaire about your [home \(when it was built etc.\)](#) to complete.

If you know of anyone who doesn't have email and might benefit from this free service, please would you get in contact by email on their behalf, with their permission.

For more information about heat loss surveys, please look at this guide to improving the energy efficiency of our homes at <https://www.wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk/homeimprovements>

Do you need help to make your home more energy efficient?

The Centre for Sustainable Energy and Wiltshire County Council's Warm and Safe programme offers free financial advice and help for those [struggling who need help](#) to pay their energy bills and to make changes to improve energy efficiency e.g. insulation.

- <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-home-energy>
- Phone: 0800 038 5722
- Email: warmandsafe@cse.org.uk

This initiative has been funded by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), Wiltshire Climate Alliance and Wiltshire County Council.

The Bouverie Hall is proud to announce the return of Moviola on Tuesday 8th October 7.00 for 7.30. The first film will be Dirty Little letters starring Olivia Coleman.

Tickets are £6.00 Cash Only please and can be purchased from the usual shops or at the hall on the evening of the film. Full details are on our website www.bouveriehall.co.uk.

The next two films are The Fall Guy 12th November and Swede Caroline 10th December.

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE???

That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another think coming!



Cash for Coronets: An Architectural legacy Between 1870 and 1914, at the height of America's Gilded Age, no fewer than 454 American heiresses exchanged their crisp American dollars for musty, old, European titles. Apart from the new lease of life those dollars afforded the previously cash-strapped aristocrats, their money was primarily used to restore their crumbling ancestral piles, many of which today, we count amongst our best loved national treasures. We look at some of these dollar "fairy godmothers", the frequently eye-opening stories of how couples were matched and how the money was spent on the houses which now stand as their often-overlooked architectural legacy. The speaker is Mark Meredith. He is the founder of

HouseHistree.com and lectures regularly in the US and Europe. He has a passion for history and loves telling a story, rather than 'delivering a lecture'. As usual, the lecture begins at 2.30pm, Oct 1st, at the Bouverie Hall in Pewsey, and refreshments are available from 2.00pm. Guests are very welcome for a £7 charge on the door - cash only.

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

After a relatively quiet August The St Timothy Foundation supplied refreshments at the very successful second garden opening, by the National Gardens Scheme (NGS), at Falkner's Cottage on the 31st August. Despite it being the second year the attendance was about the same as last year! However, more people purchased Teas and we sold out of cakes near the end of the afternoon. This was a wonderful boost for St Timothy's funds to build a borehole in the grounds of St Timothy's Pre-Primary and Primary School. At present the bare minimum of water is carried 3kms to the school. The borehole will give access to water for better hydration as well as hygiene. A BIG thank you to Anne and John Thompson-Ashby for inviting The St Timothy Foundation to provide refreshments again and for their donation to the Foundation from their Jam sales. Thank you to all the helpers – there were thirteen running the refreshments. Without them we could not have done it! Whilst at Falkner's Cottage two of The St Timothy Foundation volunteers team were running a Plant and Information Stall at Upavon Fete. Again, a good afternoon for meeting people and raising funds. Thank you to everyone who supports the improvement of life in South Sudan. And thank you, Lord, for good weather!

Looking to the future, the Skittles Evening has moved to Friday 4th October, after a clash with another event in Pewsey was discovered. Tickets and information are available on-line at www.sttimothy.org.uk and at 'The Little Lunch Box' and 'Round the World'. We are sorry for any disappointment caused by the changing of the date. The event is in the Scout Hall, Pewsey and begins at 7pm. On the 30th November there will be a Murder Mystery evening held, with a Scottish theme for St Andrew's Day. There are, in total, 20 places. Tickets are £35 each and include a five course meal and drinks. If you are interested in being a character in the mystery then please go to www.sttimothy.org.uk where there is a special page to register your interest or contact me as below. This is expected to be lots of fun!

With all good wishes, Ann, website: www.sttimothy.org.uk email: info@sttimothy.org.uk
Tel: 01980 630256

Enford Film Club

Tuesday 22nd October,

By popular request: 'A Private Function'

This 1984 film, written by Alan Bennett, is set in 1947 post war Yorkshire, when food rationing was at its height. A group of local businessmen have decided to throw a party to celebrate the marriage of HRH Princess Elizabeth to Prince Philip. In order to provide food for the party it was decided to fatten a pig, contrary to regulations. This engenders conspiracies, suspicions and threats of blackmail. The film has a cast full of stars, including Maggie Smith, Michael Palin, Alison Steadman, Liz Smith, Richard Griffiths, Denholm Elliott, Bill Paterson, Jim Carter, Pete Postlethwaite and George Harrison. The film won 3 BAFTA Awards and has been described as "a really funny movie" and "a flat out winner".



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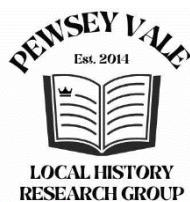
Running time: 94 minutes. Tickets £8 (cash only as we cannot yet take cards) to include a glass of wine and nibbles! Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for 7.15 p.m. start.

Please do let us have any suggestions for future films. We are hoping to set up live streaming

Dates for diaries: Film Night 19th November, Remembrance Sunday Lunch - Sunday 10th November

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY

'ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF BEER & BREAD'



You are invited to join us on Wednesday 23rd October in the Methodist Chapel, Pewsey to hear this fascinating story told by local publican and councillor **Jerry Kunkler**.

Researched and written with his sister Judith this illustrated talk will follow their family through more than a century spent in the licensed and bakery trades.

Tickets £5 on sale from 9th October at Woottons in North Street and on the night if seats available.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start.

To be the first to know about our future talks and projects just send an email to lawrence.jazz4us@gmail.com and your name will be added to the PVLHRG e-mailing list.

he HARDINGE family is the subject of a local history talk to soon to be presented in Easton Royal. Since 1066 generations of this family have been born, lived and died in the Savernake and Pewsey area. If your ancestors are Thomas (c1509) or either of his sons Thomas and Anthony Harding, whose descendants bear local names such as Pearse, Stevens and Tarrant do please get in touch with Wendy by email lawrence.jazz4us@gmail.com or tel: 01672 564342

Wiltshire Countryside Club - Marlborough District We are a friendly club

consisting of country loving people from all walks of life, meeting once a month usually in Oare village hall but with one meeting per season in All Cannings. The next meeting in Oare is on 17th October, 7.30 pm when the speaker is Oliver Simons talking about Fire protection. If you would like to come along to see what we are like it is just £3 for the evening including a light supper. Membership for a full year is £15.00. If you are interested and would like to see the full programme of events please contact Diane Strong at dianemstrong@aol.com. or telephone 01672 563371 Alternatively Jennie or Richard Fry at: jenfry148@gmail.com or telephone 01380 501024 We also have a FB page (Marlborough Farming Club) where you can see what we have been doing over the past few years.

Nurture Nature

A lovely day today in mid September as I write this month's article. Soon landscapes will be festooned in



beautiful spiders' webs. Garden birds are emerging from their moults and one can often spot the discarded feathers. Unhappily, due to further decline in our British bird numbers continue in a downward spiral year on year. One hardly saw a starling or a house sparrow this year on feeders, or foraging on lawns and veg patches. It will be interesting to see what numbers constitute this autumn's murmurations – so fascinating to hear and see overhead in places

such as Chirton Gorse and Marden Cowbag near Salisbury Plain, and also around Slimbridge and Cam. Readers have reported that some of the songsters contributing to dawn choruses are absent this year, even the ubiquitous and well loved national bird, the robin, are in decline. But this autumn it is noticeable that robin numbers are down, meaning that they no longer have to sing from dawn to dusk in order to announce 'this garden is mine'. It is estimated that there are seven million robin territories in this country. Incidentally, Vera Lynn's song about a nightingale singing in Berkeley Square, was more likely to have been a robin, as they will sing in towns where street lighting means they have to be alert at all hours. Last month I wrote that I would say something about rooks. Rooks are gregarious and noisy birds, and tend to join jackdaws to form very large flocks which are quite a spectacle when they do one of their mass 'fly overs'. Not confined to the countryside, they can be found anywhere there are tall mature trees in which to build their messy nests, which they have to repair each spring, often attempting to bring sticks which are so large and unwieldy that they end up dropping them. They will eat pretty much anything, including small birds and mammals, and will mob birds of prey too. Like all corvids they are crafty and their 'rookeries' can be very large and distinctive, and are often in use for years, sometimes decades. Otis Tarda **Stop Press. 17th September 2024 – The Government announced Envoys for Nature and Climate".**

Lend If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Bug Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windscreen.

Quick The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

Mouth A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Experience Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

In late 2023 the Parish Council resurrected the Community Emergency Planning Team (CERT), fortuitously just in time to respond to the flooding in January this year. Flooding remains the highest risk identified, and a Flood Working Group was formed, which is sponsored by the Parish Council, and comprises councillors and local residents who have been flooded, or are at risk of flooding. A new flood response plan is close to completion, and pamphlets will be distributed on preparedness for, and actions on, flooding events or warnings to at risk properties. A second pamphlet will be distributed to properties that own portions of the river bank and have riparian legal responsibilities. The CERT now has a number of volunteers who are willing to support the community in the event of an emergency, and if you would like to assist please email the parish clerk (the.clerk@pewsey-pc.gov.uk).

Pewsey has a new batch of Community Speed Watch volunteers to monitor the speed of vehicles in the village. Those found speeding are reported to the police so the driver can be educated about its dangers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cllr Lizzie Humfress via email – lizzie.humfress@pewsey-pc.gov.uk. Wiltshire Unitary Authority is responsible for the roads and most of the pavements around Pewsey, and any defect or other relevant highways issue can be reported to them by telephone, email, post, and online – see <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-contact-us>.

We are updating our website, and amongst other things, we will be listing relevant clubs and societies across Pewsey and the wider vale, and if you would like to be listed then please email Cllr Linda Mundy – linda.mundy@pewsey-pc.gov.uk. The Tuesday morning market in the carpark outside of the Bouverie Hall continues, and please do support local traders. We will be looking in the near future to promote the market more, to both customers and traders. If you wish to sell at the market, please contact the Parish Clerk, contact details below.

We welcome the co-option of Cllr Gregory Purcell to the Parish Council. The Council is still currently looking to fill three vacancies by co-option, and please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Clerk for further information, or come along (address below) on a Tuesday morning for a chat with some of our councillors and the Clerk. The public can attend any full Council meeting to raise any relevant issue. They are held on every 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 7.00pm, in the Parish offices (at the back of the Bouverie Hall).

Agendas, minutes, and dates of meetings can be found on our website - www.pewsey-pc.gov.uk. All enquiries to the Parish Clerk, Parish Office, Bouverie Hall, Goddard Road, Pewsey. SN9 5EQ. Tel - 01672 562014 | email - the.clerk@pewsey-pc.gov.uk. Follow us on our Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/PewseyParish>.



Tuesday 8th October 19.30 "Irish Narrow-Gauge Railways" Andy Cundick
Tuesday 12th November 14.45 "The Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway" David Sibson
Tuesday 10th December 14.45 "Swindon Railway Works" Brian Arman

Meetings in Woodborough Social Club SN9 5PL Admission £3, non-members welcome!



THE VALE OF PEWSEY TEAM – YOUTH EVENTS



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use QR code to **sign up for Youth Events emails >>>>**

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Outline programme (subject to change!)

Every Friday 7-9 pm youth chill in Vale Campus Centre

Sun 29 Sep 4 pm Cafe Church for all ages including Youth Group

Fri 4 Oct 7 pm All age Skittles, sausage & mash, Pewsey Scout Hall, Adults £12, YP £5

Sun 6 Oct 6 pm [Sunday@6](#) St John the Baptist, Pewsey, followed by refreshments

Sun 13 Oct 3-6.30 pm North Newnton - Harvest Muddy Church, then Youth Chill Out

Sun 27 Oct 3-7 pm Pewsey, Muddy Church then Youth Chill Out www.valeofpewsey.org

Sun 3 Nov 5.30 pm Youth Group Pizza & help run [Sunday@6](#) followed by refreshments

All leaders are DBS'ed and safeguarding trained.

Youth Cafe Chill Space

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CAFE

Chill out on a Friday Night 7-9pm
Pewsey Leisure Centre foyer space open for young people

Drinks and snacks will be sold.
This is aimed at 11-18 years.
Access to WIFI and Pool table.
Or just chill out with friends.

Funded by Wiltshire Council and Pewsey Parish Council.
The Leisure Centre remains open for normal activities. We thank them for offering this space.

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Thank you to the Upavon Parish Council for funding these activities.

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PCA

Every week at the Wesley Hall, North St, Pewsey The PCA holds the following:

Monday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday - Foodshare 10-11am.

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Friendship Cafe and Market - Saturdays 10-1.0

Cakes, coffee and a chat for all. Also donations of fruit and veg are often available.

Do you have some time to cook for the elderly and infirm in Pewsey from time to time? We need cooks to make nutritious healthy meals from your own kitchen on Thursdays and deliver to us in Pewsey on Friday mornings. Whenever you can do this is much appreciated by those we deliver to. For more details please call 01672 487022.

JONES'S MILL NATURE RESERVE

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust manages a large area of land on the edge of Pewsey between the railway and the canal. It was gifted to them many years ago, and is enjoyed by many people, both local and visitors. The central area is a SSSI, through which the head waters of the River Avon flow, beginning its journey south to the sea near Christchurch. Some of you will know the story of intrepid folk who took a boat from Pewsey, all the way! The Reserve consists of an area of fen, which is a rare habitat in this part of Wiltshire, where orchids and other unusual plants can be seen in warmer months. There are also areas of wet woodland, and meadows, some being part of the Coronation Meadows project, in partnership with Plantlife.

There are two groups of volunteers that work there, and new volunteers are always welcome – as many have commented, the boardwalk needs work! A thank you to those who keep their dogs on leads and pick up poo. More information about the reserve and volunteering on the WWT website, or for the midweek Wednesday group, look up Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers. Contacts locally: Jane and Paul, Volunteer Wardens janeluke87@googlemail.com, pauljohndarby@phonecoop.coop

PCC PEWSEY 100 CLUB

Announcing the new year for the Club

We're now starting our drive to sign up members for our next year of helping raise funds for the church, with the chance of winning a prize. With Lloyds bank closing in November in Marlborough it would be most helpful if people could join or renew by the end of October. The price of a 'ticket' remains at £15.00 for the year. We can accept cash, cheque, or we can send you the bank transfer details. There is of course no limit to the amount of 'numbers' you can hold. Forms will be available from me or Libby Newman, and of course in the Church - not necessary for those renewing if we already have a form from you. Half the subscription money from the PCC 100 Club goes to the Church funds, the other half is used for the prizes throughout the year.

If you have any thoughts on the 100 Club and how we can get more participants, please contact me or Libby Newman (tel: 01672 563184).

The winners of the August draw were: Numbers: 7 Christine Barnett, 84 Virginia Thorne, 30 Susan Russ

Wishing you all a good new 100 Club year! Liz Whitebread Tel: 07789517370

Pewsey Vale Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st of October at The Bouverie Hall Goddard Road Pewsey SN9 5EQ 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Complementary refreshments are served prior to the meeting.

Our 1st meeting of the new season will start with the AGM and the presentation of the Bill Bailey Cup for The Flower of the Month Competition. This is followed by the speaker Larry Banda from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Larry will talk about their work around the world maintaining the graves of the fallen during the two World Wars. The talk is titled Gardening The World.

Ed The Cemetery in Upavon contains a Commonwealth War Graves section.



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Renewal of membership is due as this is the start of our season, payment by Cheque or Cash please. Membership fees for this year are £5.00 Visitors @ £2.00 each new members and visitors are always welcome. Our season runs from October to June with meetings on the first Tuesday of each month except January and outing to lovely gardens etc arranged by Annie Diston, costs vary accordingly. We also have the Flower of the Month competition with the Bill Bailey Cup awarded to the winner for the season. CONTACT DETAILS PV_GC@yahoo.com

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MILTON LILBOURNE

Our Harvest Festival this year is being held in the church on Sunday 6 October at 11 o'clock. This will be followed by a harvest lunch in the village hall at 12:30 which will take the form of a hog roast (vegetarian alternative available) with a choice of three salads followed by desserts. The village hall will be running a bar. Tickets for the hog roast are £14 for an adult and £7.50 for children under 14. A family ticket for 2 Adults and 2 children is available at £40.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Devizes and District Foodbank are welcome. These can be brought to the church from 10 o'clock on Saturday morning 5 October or alternatively to the service, or the village hall. We are using the same caterer as last year when the pork was delicious. We very much hope the village will come together to celebrate Harvest and donate to the appeal for the Foodbank.

Thank you very much to everyone who completed our survey. We are currently considering the results and will report the findings in a few weeks.

The last churchyard working party of the year is being held on Saturday 26 October, for an hour from 09:30, followed by refreshments. Any time you can give in helping to keep the Churchyard tidy would be very much appreciated.

BEECHINGSTOKE

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer, even if the weather left a little to be desired. At least the garden has enjoyed the seemingly endless rain!

The **Harvest Festival** will be on **Sunday 20th October**. The service will be in the Church at 11.00. Do please come along and support this. We are going to be collecting for the **Devizes Food Bank** and **Devizes Opendoors**. The latter provides meals and support for the homeless. Both are obviously worthy causes and so we would ask you to be generous in any way that you can be. Please deposit dried and tinned foods or toiletries in the Church on or before Saturday 19th. Devizes Food Bank always has a list of what they currently require on their website. If you would like to make a financial donation please contact me.

We are planning on having a Harvest lunch after the service at 12.30. This will be held in the Manor and will be a Ploughman's type lunch with gammon, quiches, salads and apple pies for pudding. In order that we can know how many to cater for, please can you let us know if you would like to come. Jenny is the contact and she is on 07814822600 or jenny.harman59@gmail.com or via the village WhatsApp group.

Although Christmas is still some way off, the Bazaar will be on Friday 22nd November so save the date. More details to follow next month.

If there is anything you would like to be included in this entry please let me (Sally Banham) know by 10th of the month as the entry needs to be in by 15th for the following month. My details are- 07778 038963 or sally.banham4@gmail.com

NORTH NEWNTON, HILCOTT & BOTTLESFORD




Tower Treasure Trove & Dog Show; a brilliant day in September. Lots of folk enjoyed sun, great food, interesting bazaar treasures, happy dogs and owners and wonderful music from the Pewsey Players. A great amount was raised for the tower roof repairs; approx £2,500 thanks to generous donators of treasures, delicious cakes and hours of time to help. The church council are VERY grateful for all the support.

HARVEST CELEBRATION at St James' Church Sunday 13th October at 11am with St Peter's, Manningford. We are delighted to welcome Hazel Davis, the newest member of the clergy Team, who will lead the service. Chat after with coffee & harvest loaf, butter & homemade jam!!

HARVEST 'MUDDY CHURCH' Come and celebrate Harvest at our all age HARVEST MUDDY CHURCH, starting from St James' Church, North Newnton, Pewsey, Wilts SN9 6LA <https://w3w.co/movie.curtail.brambles> on Sunday 13th October at 3 pm. Suitable for all ages (1 week to 100 years!) a slow guided wander of about a mile to wonder at all the bounty that harvest time provides as well a small craft activity for all. Buggies, toddlers, teens and dogs on leads are all very welcome. When we return to St James' Church we will enjoy tea, coffee, hot chocolate, mulled cider, harvest apple cake and more while we do some harvest related craft. Finish 4.30to 5 pm. More info text/call Rob 07941 388 852

INFORMAL ACTS STUDY GROUP Several of us are keen to start a monthly informal group looking at the book of Acts, and the conversion and ministry of St Paul. This has grown out of our lively cafe church discussions, but is open to all, from any parish or none. We expect to have a daytime group and an evening group: so we hope everyone who wants to, can join one of these sessions each month. To join the mailing list for this group please email rob.j.marsh.5@gmail.com or text / call 07941388852 quoting ACTS STUDY.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING (combined villages) Coffee mornings take place on 2nd Saturday of the month,(October 12th) from 10.30 to Noon at Wilsford Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. We always

have delicious cake and a raffle. 

HILCOTT VILLAGE HALL & BARNARD MEADOW are fundraising for a small car park, community garden and play area. We launched a photographic competition in September in three categories: Nature - plants, animals, landscapes, Art & Architecture - buildings, sculpture, machines, anything man-made, People - portraits, groups, and street scenes. The entry cost per photo is £1. Entry forms and rules are available from Kay Montgomery, our Treasurer, on kay.montgomery10@yahoo.co.uk or on our website www.hilcottvillagehall.uk Deadline for entries is Wednesday 6 November 2024.

QUIZ NIGHT - our ever popular Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 2 November at Rushall Village Hall from 7pm - 10.30pm. Doors open at 6.30pm. Ploughman's supper and bring your own drinks. For tickets £10 per person contact Paula Baker on 01672 851393/07702 339877 or bakerhousehold2@btinternet.com All proceeds to Hilcott Village Hall and St James' Church North Newnton.

PARISH COUNCIL

The council will be starting to plan for spending and budgeting for 2025. Have your say by sending a message to the clerk. As always, please look on the parish website at nnpc.org.uk for the minutes of meetings and other local information. The website also has a wealth of information about local events, news and amenities. Do you know someone new to the parish? There is a handy welcome pack to download from the website, with local advice that may be useful. There is currently one councillor vacancy, if you would like to find out more about this rewarding role then please email the clerk at clerk@nnpc.org.uk

UPAVON

Upavon Church Summer Fair 2024

Despite the weather on August 31st being less warm and sunny than forecast, the Summer Fair held at St Mary's Church Upavon was a busy and successful event that was enjoyed by many village residents and visitors from further afield.



There was a wide variety of activities, including skittles, smash the china, the ever popular Fun Dog Show and a new and welcome activity provided by local Community First Responders of learning or revising how to perform the skills of cardiac resuscitation. Stalls included; bric a brac, tombola, delicious home-made cakes, Women's Institute information, Sudan Charity with Flower sales, Beekeeping Association, pre-loved toys and games, jewellery, cosmetics, wonderful pictures and cards by Alan Benson, beauty products, cookies, resin gifts, a bar, barbecue with burgers, hot dogs and pizzas, cream teas and a raffle with excellent prizes.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council thank the Church Social Committee and all the volunteer helpers for their hard work in a making this such a successful event – and of course, thanks to all who attended. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair on Sunday November 24th.

Coffee Morning : Saturday 26th, 10-12



MANNINGFORD

St Peter's We had a very lively gathering for our Pet Service on 8 September. Thanks to all dogs, rabbits and their humans who came along and to Libby Turner who kept us all under control. We were glad to provide refreshments for Riders and Striders who visited the church on Saturday 14 September and our Manningford 'team' managed 23 miles, 11 churches and 2 pubs! We hope that more will join in next year.

We will be joining St James's North Newnton for our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 13 October at 11am. Holy Communion will be at St Peter's on Sunday 27 October at 9.30am with coffee and biscuits to follow.

Advance warning that our Remembrance Service will be at 9.30am on Sunday 9 November and our Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 22 December. We are delighted to have a new printed guide to our beautiful church and also internet access for online donations.

Village Hall Please get in touch with Victoria Marshall at victoria73marshall@gmail.com or on 01672 569077 / 07736 450540 if you would like to hire the Village Hall or find out more about the wide range of regular classes held there.

ALTON PRIORS, ALTON BARNES and HONEYSTREET

St Mary's Church, Alton Barnes:

Sunday 6th Oct 2024, Parish Communion at 11am

Sunday 20th Oct 2024, Eucharist, Harvest Festival at 11am

We need your help! We need more volunteers to help manage and maintain this historic church, and which has been in service to the local community for around 1100 years; in particular to join our dedicated team of volunteers that help:

- Decorate the church with flowers and floral decorations for the twice monthly Sunday services, plus for special events and festivals.
- Clean and ensure that the church is looking its best at all times

If you think you can spare a few hours to help with either of these activities (or both) please contact Robert Simmonds (bobms1428@gmail.com)

Although the church is a historic church it is still a working place of worship and available for weddings, funerals and christenings.

Visit by our local Member of Parliament (MP):

Danny Kruger, MP came to Alton Priors, Alton Barnes and Honeystreet recently, and as part of his tour visited St Mary's Church (and All Saints' Church) He was briefed by David Carson on the restoration activities and challenges of maintaining St Mary's Church; plus the discovery of Saxon dated wall paintings

Coronation Hall , Alton Barnes

Monthly Coffee Morning - join us on the first Saturday of each month, October 5th, 10am to 12pm. A warm space and a place to meet friends and make friends! Bring and buy - produce, homemade items, anything you want to sell!



Coffee,tea and delicious cakes. Everyone is very welcome!!

Thursday 17th October - After Supper Ghost Stories read by Gav Cross 7.30pm start. The late night winter tradition of reading Ghost Stories. Something we have done since the first flicker of flame in the dark. Jerome K Jerome, famed author of Three Men in a Boat, parodies this spooky perfectly and popular amusement, with these comic horror stories. A clutch of ghostly tales. Told by an unreliable narrator. Tied together with nonsense, noise and whiskey-punch. A Christmas Chiller or a Winter Warmer? Either way you'll be sure to be looking over your shoulder into the dark corners of the long nights. Storyteller Gav Cross brings this robust reading of a lost Victorian gem to life way.

Thursday 24th October - Alton Talk by Amanda Chadburn on "Arcaeoastronomy in the Stonehenge" - 7.30pm start Most people know about the summer solstice celebrations at Stonehenge, but far fewer know about the many astronomical alignments at the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. In fact, archaeoastronomy - the study of how ancient peoples understood phenomena in the sky, and what role the sky played in their cultures - is not well understood, and this has lead to numerous theories and common misconceptions about Stonehenge, particularly concerning its relationship to the sky and the heavenly bodies. This talk will explore how ancient people designed their monuments to sight the sun - and perhaps the moon - in and around the Stonehenge World Heritage Site.

Need a suitable venue for your meetings, coffee mornings, workshops, community and or family events, then why not hire the well equipped hall. Wifi available and safe parking for 25 cars.

Please contact Richard Heacock for further details and to book the hall (richardheacock@mac.com).

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WOODBOROUGH Church and Parish Rooms



A Harvest Festival Service will be held at Woodborough Church on Sunday October 20th at 11.00

Why not also join in with the Woodborough Harvest Barn Dance on Saturday October 19th at the Woodborough Club at 19.00?

The Parish Room Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday October 2nd. Come along and meet regulars and greet newcomers, while enjoying the delightful cakes and coffee! There is a charge of £3/person which is a contribution to the on-going maintenance of the Parish Room.

Good Companions meets on Wednesday October 16th, in the Woodborough Parish Room from 2pm. This is a group for semi retired/retired persons, offering an opportunity to meet others from Woodborough and surrounding villages, and join in with an activity. This month the Rev. Christopher Walker will give a talk entitled, "The Lost Boy of Bosnia."

For further details please contact -

Brenda Geard 07738053850 or email wyperndanceband@btinternet.com

The Woodborough Parish Room is available for rent/hire. Maximum capacity of 60, and ideal for Birthdays, Exercise Classes and Informal/Formal meetings. Please enquire via

woodboroughpr@gmail.com

Looking ahead –

Sunday November 10th at 10.45 - Remembrance Service at Woodborough Church

ST. JOHN'S PEWSEY

Mother's Union The Pewsey branch is now a 'Prayer and Fellowship' group. This meets on the first Wednesday of every month to pray for the Mothers' Union using the new prayer book shown in the photograph, after which, we all enjoy catching up with each other over Neil's 'cuppa' and Sarah's cake. All are welcome – **2.30pm** start. Note changed time

In October Hazel will be giving us a talk. Hope to see you there.



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
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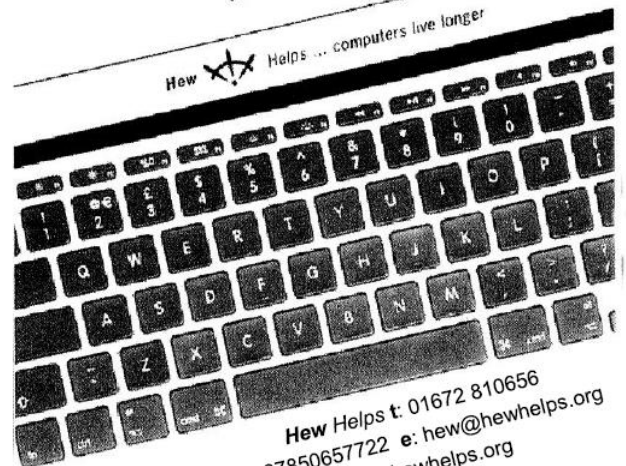
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