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WELCOME
to our November edition

Producing the Bulletin can sometime feel like mowing the lawn, the cycle is continuous - as soon as one issue is put to bed, work starts on the next one! We do get a break in August and January, however. Increasingly the process has become more streamlined, with each of the volunteer team having specific roles and working to an annual planner within a tight timetable.

We kick off each issue with an editorial team meeting on the **first Monday of the month**, which is when most of the decision-making about the content is determined. It helps us to plan if we know exactly what will be submitted at the start. As well as the regular features, we plan to generate content ourselves and usually have an idea of stories or information likely to come in. We also decide on the theme of the centre spread feature and what will make a good front cover. A review of the number of advertisers is important – without them, we wouldn't have a Bulletin.

The focus is then on the copy deadline – the **thirteenth of the month**, after which the machinery goes into full swing. Are we under or over capacity? A common problem is the latter, and you may have noticed that on occasions we have increased the number of pages.

After the initial edit and proof-reading each contribution, we draw up a first plan of a layout before it goes to the design and setting stage. Several iterations are produced as layouts get tweaked, typos and formatting issues are resolved, and the finished artwork is ready to go to Corsham Print for a printer's proof.

This gives us the last chance to check it over and make changes before it goes to final print. The go-ahead is given, and the printers do their bit and get it to the Village Shop in time for the volunteers to collect and deliver a copy through your letter boxes on the **first of the month**. Et voila! Then we start it all again the following Monday...

We are always looking for new people to join our small editorial team. Interested? Please get in contact – details opposite.

We hope that you enjoy this November issue!

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Shirley Valentine

at St. Swithun's Film Club. Monday 24 November
at 14:00. at Swithun's Church, Bathford

Join us for a special screening of **Shirley Valentine**. Pauline Collins is the hilariously endearing Shirley Valentine, a wisecracking completely unpredictable English housewife who proves it's never too late to recapture your dreams. Bored with her suburban life, Shirley takes a chance on adventure when a friend invites her on a holiday to Greece. Within no time she's back to her rebellious teenage roots saying yes to a wild fling with a handsome rogue (Tom Conti) and the life she's always wanted.

Stay for complimentary tea and cake. Suggested donation: £3

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PLEASE NOTE. No film club in December.
Next film Monday 26 January 2026.

THE VILLAGE CLUB
Bathford

November – A Month of Remembrance. Our most important month of the year, as we remember our fallen and wear our poppies with pride.

Remembrance Parade - Sunday 9 November 2025

Everyone is welcome to join our annual Remembrance Parade to the Church. We will leave the Club at approximately **09:40-09:45** to arrive at the Church for **10:00**.

Following the Remembrance Sunday Service, we gather at the Church Memorial at **11:00** for the 2 minutes' silence and the laying of wreaths. For those who haven't heard our bugler play – you're missing quite something.

SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT | 20:30-23:30

Saturday 8 November | Poppy Dance

Our ever-popular event to start the weekend of Remembrance – we don our glad rags and honour our fallen.

Saturday 22 November | The Sprays

A debut performance from this highly recommended live band – not to be missed!

BINGO | Friday 14 November 19:30

Always a very popular event – always fun and always lots of winners!

Jazzford - Friday 28 November 20:00

Our House Band returns, joined by marvellous musicians keen to jam along. Singers are growing in popularity too – if you play or sing, please come and join in! Our regular jammers are extremely welcoming, and if you simply enjoy listening to live music, this is certainly the place for you.

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As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, Bathford Village Shop & Café remains a welcoming hub of warmth, good company, and community spirit. We're proud to be listed as an official **Community Warm Space** for the fourth year in a row. Whether you're popping in for your morning paper, a loaf of locally baked bread, or a friendly chat over a hot drink, there's always something to enjoy here.



A variety of award-winning cheeses

OUR STOCK LIST KEEPS GROWING!

We're delighted to see our range of local and speciality products expanding each week.

A particular highlight is our amazing selection of quality cheeses, now featuring three award-winning newcomers:

Tunworth – often called the world's best Camembert, creamy and utterly irresistible.

Boy Laity Cornish Camembert – a beautifully soft and flavourful cheese from Cornwall.

Queen Bower's Soft Blue – a delicate, velvety blue that's fast becoming a customer favourite.

Take a look at our cheese shelves next time you visit – you might be pleasantly surprised by what you find!

CHEERS TO LOCAL FLAVOURS

We're also proud to support **Electric Bear Brewery**, Bath's very own microbrewery. You'll now find their core range of IPA beers regularly in stock, along with a rotating selection of two seasonal or limited-edition brews.

Limited edition brews from Electric Bear Brewery

LOCAL CREATIONS AND HANDMADE GOODIES

Our shelves aren't just about food – they also celebrate the incredible creativity within our community.

Local artist **Kath** (and creative designer of the Bulletin!), a former fabric designer, has created a stunning collection of beautifully crafted tote bags made from repurposed upholstery and curtain fabrics.

You'll also find **Mo's** delicious homemade jams and a variety of other locally made treats and crafts – perfect for gifts or a little self-indulgence. Supporting these makers keeps local creativity alive while adding something truly special to our shop.



Handmade in Bathford by Kath Shawler

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR SHOP

Every purchase you make helps keep this community co-operative alive and flourishing – supporting local producers, reducing food miles, and sustaining a space we can all be proud of.

VOLUNTEERS & COMMUNITY

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who keep the Shop and Café running so smoothly. If you have a few spare hours each week and would like to join our friendly team, we'd love to hear from you – it's a wonderful way to meet neighbours and make a real difference. Please inquire at the Shop.

LOOKING AHEAD

Plans are already underway for our **Christmas orders and festive events** – more details will follow soon! In the meantime, come and soak up the cosy atmosphere and see what's new on our shelves.

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NEWS FROM SHOCKERWICK HOUSE

What a wonderful October we have had at Shockerwick House! Our garden is now glowing with the rich colours of autumn, and the secret garden is bursting with vibrant squash – lovingly grown from seed by our residents.

Congratulations to our Halloween Community Competition winners!
 Choosing the winners for Halloween was no easy task, but it was such a joy! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and made it so much fun.

Festive highlights that will be open to all the community: As winter looms and the days grow darker, we're already looking ahead to the festive season! Christmas is a truly special time here at the Home, and we're excited to spread the joy far and wide. Highlights include:

- We are expecting both the Cwm Bath Male Voice Choir and Bathford Village Choir to sing for us.
- Santa's helper has confirmed a visit to the home on Sunday 21 December - and this year, we're inviting children from the local community to join the fun!

Keep an eye out for more details in next month's Bulletin – we've got plenty of festive cheer planned and welcome you to join us!



our vibrant squash



The Bathford Repair Cafe is held in Bathford Parish Hall, Church Street, Bathford, BA1 7RS, on the second Saturday of each month between 9:30 and 12:00 noon. The dates of our upcoming sessions are:

- Saturday 8 November
- Saturday 13 December

Common repairs include small wooden, mechanical, electrical and electronic items, garden tools & equipment, toys, clothes & textiles.

Following a trial run at the last session we are now able to sharpen kitchen knives and small garden tools. Please note that due to time constraints we will only be able to sharpen two items per user.

For more information, enquiries or to book a knife-sharpening slot, contact us at:

bathfordrepaircafe@btinternet.com

Martin Hobbs, Bathford Cafe Lead

BATH SAILING CLUB

Monday 10 November 2025 at 19:15 for 19:45 in the Village Club

GUEST SPEAKER – Frank Bond: 'Donald Campbell and Bluebird on Lake Coniston'.

Donald Campbell was every schoolboy's hero. He had followed his father's quest for speed on land and water. In early 1967 he was killed in a very public accident on lake Coniston. This talk is split into three parts: A thirty-minute film of the record breaker concludes with this accident; the reasons for the catastrophic incident are diagnosed from the official enquiry; finally, a short film follows the recovery of Bluebird, and its test at speed in 2017 on a lake in Scotland, before a controversy developed over the future of Bluebird. Come and join us. £5 entry for non- BSC members.

BATHFORD SOCIETY: You are all warmly invited to the short Annual General Meeting on 24 Nov 19:30 for 20:00 for eats, drinks and chats!

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BOARD GAMES by Alex Raybould

As a regular participant in open nights at the games cafe in Bath, I get to try a lot of modern board games (things have evolved since Monopoly and Cluedo!) and thought that it would be fun to share a few of my favourites as potential ideas for Christmas presents for friends and family.



ART GALLERY

Around £25 | lasts up to 60 mins for 2 to 6 players | age 10+

Players race to create the best tour in a fictional art museum with well-known paintings. It is relatively easy to learn so it is a good gateway game for non-gamers. Best described as a strategic set-collection game with clever card play, a focus on silent bidding and beautiful components that are both elegant and educational.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DARWIN

Around £30 | lasts up to 30 mins for 2 to 5 players | age 10+

This is a light, fast, and thematic tile-laying game with beautiful artwork that is easy to learn and enjoyable for casual players and families. The game is well-suited for those who enjoy quick games with strong educational themes about natural history and science.



VITICULTURE ESSENTIAL EDITION

Around £35 | lasts up to 90 mins for 2 to 6 players | age 13+

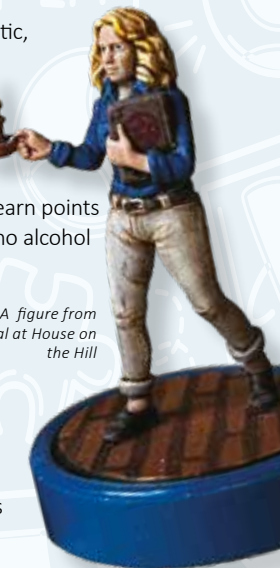
Players find themselves in the roles of people in rustic, pre-modern Tuscany who have inherited meagre vineyards. They each have a dream of being the first to call their winery a true success. This is a strategy game about setting up and managing a business, with players allocating their seasonal workers (summer and winter) to earn points to become the most successful winery. There is no alcohol or drinking involved!

BETRAYAL AT HOUSE ON THE HILL 3RD EDITION

Around £40 | lasts up to 90 mins for 3 to 6 players | age 12+

A horror-themed board game praised for its replayability through its randomised board and numerous scenarios (or haunts). More luck than strategy, it is a fun, atmospheric, and story-driven experience (no blood, I promise!) that is a good entry for role-playing games similar to murder mystery. Every game is different as you never know what room you will enter and what hauntings you'll encounter.

A figure from
Betrayal at House on
the Hill



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Written by and for
young people
in Bathford



LEST WE FORGET

During early November, our minds turn to remember the service men and women and civilians who suffered or lost their lives in war.

POPPY APPEAL

Support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal which helps the Armed Forces community, including serving personnel, veterans, and their families. Poppies are available for a donation, in the Village Shop, the Village Club, St Swithun's Church and the Crown.

FOR THE FALLEN

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning

We will remember them.

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday in Bathford

Join in or watch the **Remembrance Parade** as it leaves the Village Club at approximately **09:40-09:45** and moves along Church Street, to arrive at St Swithun's for the Remembrance Service at **10:00**.

After the church service, the congregation will move to the **war memorial in the churchyard** for **11:00** when a bugler will play the Last Post. Two minutes of thoughtful silence will then follow, ending with the bugler playing **Reveille**, before the laying of wreaths on the memorial.

The playing of the **Last Post** reminds every one of the ultimate sacrifice made by military personnel throughout history and is used to draw the symbolic association between the soldier's last duty of 'sitting sentry' (death) and Reveille, their new eternal duty or resurrection.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remember the fascists who made children flee
Their homes
Their schools
Their community

Remember the fascists who said not you
We only allow the chosen few

Remember the fascists who said I hate
Those different from me
Only I am great

Remember the soldiers who said – STOP
Who stood up
Who flew
Who served
Who knew

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MOTORCYCLE ESCORT

by Hillary Carr

Every Remembrance Sunday for as long as anyone can recall, a motorcycle 'chapter' has accompanied the procession from Bathford British Legion to St. Swithun's Church for the Remembrance Service and wreath-laying. Curious as to the origins of this association, we set out to discover more about this 'Band of Brothers'.

The **Cripple Club** was officially formed **25 years ago**. Struggling to think up a name, an unfortunate multi-crash on a ride resulted in several members attending A&E; on emerging, swathed in bandages and carrying crutches, they all resembled cripples – and so the name was born!

There are 12 fully 'patched' members currently in the brotherhood – who wear the official emblems and colours – plus an army of valued supporters and guests. **They welcome members of all ages – currently from 26 to 77!** "Think of us as sort of 'Men's Shed,' but on two wheels," says Jerome. "We have trikes, road bikes, cruisers and even a few newer riders on 125 ccs. We ride for each other, so no-one ever gets left behind."

I asked Jerome as to when the association with Bathford first started. "We have many current and ex-members with local connections who either grew up in Bathford, live there, and someone's Grandad even helped build the British Legion premises" he says.

"We were first invited to support the Royal British Legion in 2013 and we are delighted to have continued that over the years since; all of us look forward to the annual Bathford run and it is now one of the club's core events."

With a **strong charity/fundraising ethic**, The Cripple Club supports **local food banks**, conducts **'toy runs'**, a **local hospice**, and pays to **maintain defibrillator kits** within Bath. "We're always on the lookout to see where best we can help our local community."

I was intrigued if there had ever been a 'union' within The Cripple Club! "We are soon going to be celebrating a wedding next year!" replies Jerome.

Based at **The Golden Fleece in Twerton**, the club holds weekly rides during the summer and an official club meeting once a month. "We are a social club so there are always events and fun things to do and see." To find out more, contact the club via **Jerome** on **07585 790583** or look them up on Facebook.



Remembrance Day Parade with wreath



Members of the Cripple Club Bath

Which one are you

We are the people, of the people, who lived
We are the people, of the people, who fought
We are the people, of the people, who fled

But most important, we are the people, of the people who LOVED

Remember those
Who loved

This Remembrance Day

Leila Froud

The Bulletin welcomes contributions from local residents. Leila Froud asked us to publish her poem on the theme of remembrance.



BATHFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for the neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of the local area. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for a community to plan for the types of development to meet the local needs, aligned with the wider (BANES) local area strategy.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led programme covering all aspects of community life which differs from the Local Plan (see page 22) which is a government/local authority-led programme specifically for housing development.

Bathford is a vibrant, diverse, and evolving place that we're proud to call home. Our community is made up of people from all walks of life who value its unique character, strong local identity, and shared sense of belonging. Whether you've lived here for decades or just moved in, there's something special about our neighbourhood that connects us all.

When created, the Bathford Neighbourhood Plan – which has been registered for development with BANES but is yet to be delivered – will be our collective vision for the future of Bathford. It will be shaped by local voices and stakeholders, reflecting the priorities, needs, and aspirations of those who live, work, and invest their time here in a way that benefits everyone. The plan will set out how we want to manage change, protect what matters, and make improvements in areas like housing, green space, transport, local services, and the built environment.

Work will start on the Neighbourhood Plan before the end of 2025 and throughout 2026 with consultation and development as it progresses through various stages. We invite everyone in the Bathford/Warleigh/Shockerwick community to engage with this plan, take part in its consultation, delivery, and help shape the place we're proud to call home. We will share more information, including a timetable, in due course.

Planning Committee, Bathford Parish Council

NEWS FROM BATHEASTON MEDICAL CENTRE

Pharmacy First Appointments

There is ever increasing pressure on GP appointments and since 1 October, if you have any condition that is covered by the 'Pharmacy First Service', you will be referred to a pharmacist. When you request a GP appointment, you will be asked for the reason and sign posted to a chemist when appropriate. The pharmacists are trained and can prescribe antibiotics and other medication when necessary for the following conditions:

- **Earache** (acute otitis media) – for ages 1 to 17 years
- **Impetigo** – a bacterial skin infection
- **Infected insect bites**
- **Shingles** – in adults aged 18 and over
- **Sinusitis (acute sinusitis)** – for ages 12 years and over
- **Sore throat (acute sore throat)** – for ages 5 years and over
- **Urinary tract infections (UTIs)** – in women aged 16 to 64 years
- **Oral contraception**



Pharmacy First

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FROM ST. SWITHUN'S

Dear Friends,

We live in a forward-facing culture that does not always value our human need to stop and be still, to look back and remember, and to give thanks for those people who have made us who we are. St Paul writes 'I thank God every time I remember you' - sometimes life gets too busy to do this properly. At St Swithun's on 2nd November at 15:00, we are holding our 'All Souls' Service' which provides a beautiful space to be still, to remember and to give thanks for those we love but see no longer. And our Remembrance Day service will take place on Sunday 9 November at 10:00 after the parade from the Village Club. We would love you to join us for these services. And, of course, remember, remember the fifth of November! If, like me, you love the sparkly drama and the oohs and aahs of fireworks night – have fun and stay safe!

Blessings, *Jane*

Music on a Sunday Afternoon Concerts

We had a great start to our new autumn/winter series of fund-raising concerts in September and October with impressive performances and delighted audiences.

The concerts bring home a true sense of community music making, with talented local musicians of all ages, having an opportunity to perform to receptive and appreciative audiences. A second purpose of the concerts is to raise money for a range of charities – local, national and international – and already through voluntary donations, an astounding **£4500** has been raised from the 5 concerts this year. The concerts are all followed by a chance to chat and mingle, and a stellar team of volunteer bakers provide an impressive array of cakes for the refreshments.

Future concerts will be held on Sundays **30 Nov, 18 Jan, 15 Feb and 22 March.** See details of the November concert opposite

St Swithun's Charity Action



St Swithun's Church, Bathford

30 Nov 2025

Concert at 15:00

followed by refreshments



- Retiring collection in aid of:
- Mother's Union International
 - Médecins Sans Frontières
 - Genesis Foodbank

Bathford Village Choir

Singing some favourite and popular songs

Sienna (Young singing student)

Sienna is a young student from Trowbridge who sings popular songs with passion and energy. Expect classic songs from the 1960s to the present day to feature in her program

Kate Robey—Cello

Playing movements from the Bach G major unaccompanied cello suite

St Swithun's Charity Action

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Church Office | Becky Bull **01225 920050** administrator@stswithunsbathford.co.uk

BATHFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION



QUIZ Night

Bathford Parish Hall
19:30 Friday 7 Nov 2025

£12 per person to include snacks and a 2 course supper. Bar available

Book a table of 6 or come on the night and join others in the fun and test your knowledge!

Tickets available from the Village Shop from 13 Oct, or by calling 01225 859353

Proceeds to the Eker Fund, which helps young people from Bathford to visit Artannes



11 AND UNDER CREATIVE WRITING CHALLENGE

Calling all budding wordsmiths and storytellers!

Is your brain brimming with brilliant ideas? Put pen to paper and enter the Bathford Bulletin's Creative Writing Challenge!

Theme: Why the ... disliked Mondays
Word Limit: 200 – 400 words
Deadline: 6th January 2026
Age limit: 11 years and under

Submission address:
bathfordbulletin@gmail.com
– please ask your parent/carer to send it to us.

Your task is to write a story telling us why someone, or something, doesn't like Mondays.

It could be a dragon, a strawberry, your socks – it's entirely up to you. What happens or happened on a Monday to make it such a dreaded day? Can your character learn to believe in the beauty of Mondays once more?

If you're feeling super creative, feel free to send in a drawing to go with it.

The winner will have their story published in the February edition of the Bathford Bulletin for all to read, and will win a £20 National Book Token to spend as they wish.

Please type up your story, or, if you have very neat handwriting, take a photo of the pages. Parents/carers are welcome to help with typing up the story, but make sure the story itself is your own work.

In the lead up to Christmas, below are some recommendations made by Bathford Church School's Year 5 children in Waterfall Class that might make good Christmas gifts:

THE BEAST OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE

by David Walliams

This book is set in the future in 2120. It is about a boy called Alfred who lives in Buckingham Palace. His mum has been captured, and he has to go through a set of challenges to try and find her. I would recommend this to children aged 7, 8 or 9. You would enjoy this if you like adventures, twists and surprises. *Recommended by Sophie*

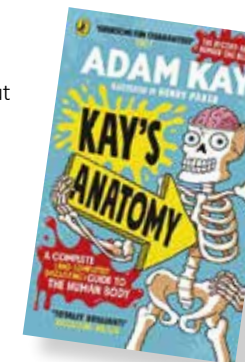


THE BOLDS by Julian Clary

This book is about a hyena couple who see a human go for a swim in the clear, blue river in Africa. An alligator eats them up and then the hyenas dress in their clothes and fly back to England to live in disguise. I would get this book because as well as being a funny and heartwarming story, it also has lots of jokes. *Recommended by Stanley*

KAY'S ANATOMY by Adam Kay

This book gives you lots of facts about the human body and tells you about each organ including the appendix – trust me, it's very interesting!. This book is for all ages and people who appreciate a little random fact every now and then. Funny, packed full of information and easy to understand. *Recommended by Siena*



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

by Cressida Cowell

This book is about a boy called Hiccup who lives on the Isle of Berk but isn't good at anything. Can he save Berk from a sea dragon in the end? It is suitable for kids aged 6 or 7 who like fantasy and history, or anyone who loves the Vikings or underdog stories. I would totally recommend it. It always surprises you! *Recommended by Eti*

THE CATASTROPHIC FRIENDSHIP FAILS OF LOTTIE BROOKS by Katie Kirby

This book is all about a girl called Lottie Brooks and it is written in the style of a diary. She has lots of friendship problems and is very dramatic about it. This would make a great gift (birthday or Christmas) and is very funny. Five stars. *Recommended by Joni*



BATHEASTON GARDEN GROUP

Next talk: Wednesday 12 November 19:30 at Bathford Parish Hall.

Jason Ingram, an award-winning professional photographer with over twenty-five years' experience, will be giving a talk on 'How to Photograph Gardens'.

His work has appeared in many publications including 'Gardens Illustrated' and 'The English Garden'.

All welcome. Non-members £5. For more information on Batheaston Garden Group please visit our website:

www.batheastongardengroup.co.uk





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ASK THE TRAINER

Your questions answered by Ali Creighton at Doodle Dogs Training

Q: What are the rules for walking my dog around any livestock?

A: There is one golden rule when walking your dog among livestock: ALWAYS keep your dog on a lead.

All dogs have a 'Predatory Motor Pattern', an instinct to chase prey. Once prey animals start running, few dogs can resist chasing or can be recalled. No breed is exempt and witnessing your dog injuring or killing stock must be truly horrific, not to mention the emotional and financial effect on the farmer. Even if your dog doesn't touch the stock, they can frighten them, cause injuries through panicked running and even cause mothers to abort their foetuses. Sheep 'worrying' (when your dog is not close to you or is chasing or attacking) is a crime and, whilst the law around farmers shooting dogs is slightly complicated, do you really want to risk it? Once your dog has chased livestock, they are much more likely to try again, due to the huge internal feedback they will get. Beware training techniques that promise a 'quick fix' to livestock chasing because these often involve using fear and/or pain. Closing gates is a requirement of the Countryside Code and you could be liable if you let livestock out. Your dog may be able to get under, over or through fences or gates and stock can sometimes escape to neighbouring fields. Remember to lock the gates around the Folly as otherwise the clever goat can open them. The only exception to the golden rule is if you feel threatened by cattle when the safety advice is to release your dog.

Otherwise, keep your dog on a lead.

BATHFORD/WADI AL FAR'A FRIENDSHIP LINK

Allied to the Britain Palestine Friendship and Twinning Network, a Bathford group now has a special link with the village of Wadi Al Far'a in the northeastern West Bank of the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Wadi Al Far'a is in an agricultural area, well known for growing potatoes, and is similar in size to Bathford. It too has a village council that takes care of local affairs, which unfortunately faces many problems. For example, recently the village needed to offer hospitality to more than 300 people from nearby Al Far'a refugee camp where homes had been bulldozed. Local restrictions mean that it is often impossible to take farm produce to market in nearby towns and livelihoods have suffered. Arbitrary arrests as well as attacks on people and property are everyday facts of life.

At the moment, the options for offering practical help are limited; our group is currently trying to find a way of supporting a teacher who, off her own bat, is offering children on-line lessons in English, as formal school provision is no longer available.

Through WhatsApp and Zoom meetings, we are able to exchange news and views with our friends in Wadi Al Far'a. They greatly value being able to share their experiences with us and to hear of the concern which is being widely expressed about their situation. They ask not to be forgotten.

If you would like to know more, your interest will be welcomed. Contact: gillianbebb@gmail.com

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AROUND THE GARDEN

with Kevin Marris



If you want to say 'Autumn is the best time of year', I won't argue with you. The colours in the sky and on the trees are show-stopping, almost car-stopping even.

While we were on our way home from the Devon coast where the evenings had been a glorious riot of colour, the trees made avenues of gold to escort us along our way. And now I'm at home enjoying the proceeds of a peculiar summer – the produce in an autumn garden.

Hasn't the fruit been abundant this year – so much so that I'm having to learn how to cook. The freezer is already laden with gooseberries, so I'm having to make and eat gooseberry fool and crumble pretty rapidly.

I have never ever seen so many pears before. If you eat them when they are really ripe, there isn't anything to equal them; oodles of juicy, succulent pleasure – and who cares if the juice is dribbling down your chin and onto your shirt. You can forget strawberries and raspberries; there is nothing to touch a ripe pear.

And the garden is still producing colour – a blizzard of white Asters, a late-arriving, Crimson Flag lily, as well as the ever-spreading Nasturtiums, and never-ending Salvias ... all pushing through a sprinkling of autumn leaves.

And then reality hits in, and I have to go and turn the compost heap!



Juicy Pears in abundance

THE BATHFORD QUILT

Despite some illness this month progress has been made. Ruth and Wendy produced some fabric letters which spell out 'Village Life'. These will be available for people to embroider, by machine or by hand. There are also some flowers available to be embroidered.



In the meantime, some flowers have been given to the Twinning group in Artannes, who will embroider them and return to us. The Bathford Twinning Association will make an appliqué for the quilt, to represent the Twinning link. We have also heard a whisper that someone might be working on appliqués to represent The Pepperpot and Bathford Link! If anyone else would like to represent an aspect of village life, please step forward. The size is approx. 6" x 4". We can supply fabric and help with design.

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BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

B&NES Local Plan options – Public Consultation

The Government has recently doubled the target for new housing development in the total B&NES area to 27,000 dwellings over eighteen years.

B&NES Council stated: 'There is an overwhelming need for more affordable housing locally. The statutory Local Plan will guide development and land use across Bath and North-East Somerset until 2043. It is vital as a first step in creating our **Local Plan 2025 to 2043**, that we gather local evidence in a public consultation. Everyone should be able to share their views on the options before us. The Local Plan is an opportunity for ambitious, transformational change, but we need to work with partners and residents to manage the process to provide sustainable development while protecting what makes B&NES special, including its renowned built and natural environments. Without a Local Plan, speculative development will take place, in less sustainable areas and in an unplanned way, with inadequate infrastructure support'.

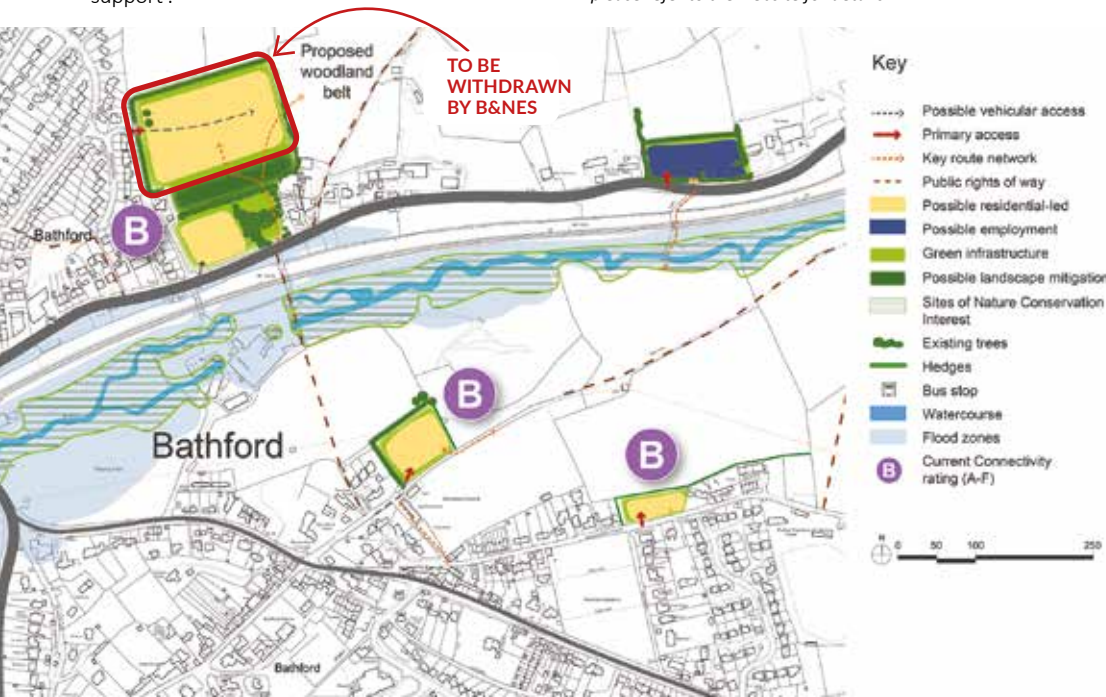
Please note:

- The majority of developments required to meet the B&NES Local Plan target is anticipated to be sited to the west of Bath
- Bathford Parish Council, was advised that the minimum number for development by 2040 within Bathford parish is 40 dwellings
- Some areas marked B on the map below have been submitted for potential housing development by the landowners

The Local Plan Options public consultation will run to **14 November 2025**.

The link for you to look online at the prescribed areas identified for Bathford parish and to respond to the Local Plan is <https://bathnesplaces.co.uk/localplan/index.php?contentid=209>

Map for illustrative purposes only, please refer to the website for details.



WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER 2025

- Service of Holy Communion**
Sun 2 Nov | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- All Souls' Service**
Sun 2 Nov | 15:00
St Swithun's Church
- Reconnect**
Sun 2 Nov | 17:00 (Yr 7) and 18:00 (Yr 8/9) (please note later time)
St Swithun's Church
- Bathford Quilt Group**
Tue 4 Nov | 12 noon
Community Room, Mountain Wood
- Bathford Twinning Association Quiz Night**
Fri 7 Nov | 19:30
Bathford Parish Hall
- Bathford Repair Cafe**
Sat 8 Nov | 09:30-12:00
Bathford Parish Hall
- Live Music: Poppy Dance**
Sat 8 Nov | 20:30
Village Club
- Remembrance Day Parade**
Sun 9 Nov | 09:40
Village Club to St Swithun's Church
- Remembrance Service (followed by 2 minutes' silence)**
Sun 9 Nov | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Come & See! Children's Afternoon Service**
Sun 9 Nov | 16:00
St Swithun's Church
- Bath Sailing Club Talk: Donald Campbell and Bluebird**
Mon 10 Nov | 19:15 for 19:45
The Village Club
- Mobile Library Service**
Wed 12 Nov | 13:00-13:45
Dovers Park by School
- Batheaston Garden Club Talk: How to Photograph Gardens**
Wed 12 Nov | 19:30
Bathford Parish Hall
- Bingo!**
Fri 14 Nov | 19:30
Village Club
- Service of Holy Communion**
Sun 16 Nov | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Parish Council Meeting**
Tue 18 Nov | 19:00
Meeting Room, Mountain Wood
- Community Coffee Morning**
Thurs 20 Nov | 10:30-12:00
Shockerwick Nursing Home
- Avonvale Men's Rugby 1st XV: Vs Salisbury II**
Sat 22 Nov | 14:00
Bathford Recreation Ground
- Live Music: The Sprays**
Sat 22 Nov | 20:30
Village Club
- Welcome Church**
Sun 23 Nov | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Avonvale Ladies Rugby Vs Wellington**
Sun 23 Nov | 14:00
Bathford Recreation Ground
- Evening Prayer**
Sun 23 Nov | 16:30 (with refreshments from 16:00)
St Swithun's Church
- Film Club: Shirley Valentine**
Mon 24 Nov | 14:00
St Swithun's Church
- Bathford Society: AGM, followed by eats, drinks and chats!**
Mon 24 Nov | 20:00 (Coffee available from 19:30)
Bathford Parish Hall
- Mobile Library Service**
Wed 26 Nov | 13:00-13:45
Dovers Park by School
- First Day of the 2025 Bath Christmas Market**
Thu 27 Nov (runs until 14 Dec)
Bath City Centre
- Live Music: Jazzford**
Fri 28 Nov | 20:00
Village Club
- Joint Service of Holy Communion**
Sun 30 Nov | 10:00
St John's Church, Batheaston (note no service at St Swithun's)
- Music on a Sunday Afternoon**
Sun 30 Nov | 15:00
St Swithun's Church

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Cwm Bath Male Voice Choir**
Weds 3 Dec | 18:30
Shockerwick Nursing Home Open to all
- Bathford Repair Cafe**
Sat 13 Dec | 09:30-12:00
Bathford Parish Hall
- Bathford Village Choir**
Sun 14 Dec | 14:00
Shockerwick Nursing Home Open to all
- Carols by Candlelight**
Sun 14 Dec 18:00
St Swithun's Church
- Music on a Sunday Afternoon**
Sun 18 Jan 2026 | 15:00
St Swithun's Church
- Music on a Sunday Afternoon**
Sun 15 Feb 2026 | 15:00
St Swithun's Church
- Music on a Sunday Afternoon**
Sun 22 Mar 2026 | 15:00
St Swithun's Church

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 18 November, 19:00 | Mountain Wood Community Rooms

The public are invited to attend and raise any issues within the first ten minutes.
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