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WELCOME

It seems that wherever you look in the media, that the sentiment of caring for one another's physical and mental wellbeing is evaporating at an alarming rate.

Thank goodness then, that in our own small community, we thrive on **helping, supporting, caring, serving** and **entertaining** one another. Our fourth centrespread ([pages 12/13](#)) on the **Community Heartbeat** is further testament to the wealth of charities, societies, clubs and individuals that all contribute their unique offer to make this parish such a desirable area to reside in.

Spring heralds a reawakening of nature. [Page 15](#) also brings a welcome return of the **Mystery Meals charity fundraising initiative** by St. Swithun's. And you get a veritable feast in return for participating!

Similarly returning is the **Unfun Run on page 21**. They need you to sign up to help raise funds for FOBS while challenging your stamina from Ostlings Lane to Browne's Folly.

But also, this spring brings us a **NEW** wonderful opportunity. The opportunity to have a dedicated **Repair Café** of our own to mend, recycle and restore items we tend to discard but which can easily be fixed – see [page 19](#). But it needs us ALL to contribute our items or our skills to make it a viable, going concern. **PLEASE give it a chance to succeed.**

And if you want to try something new, have a go at croquet. [Page 7](#) for details.

Our drive to include more interests directed toward the younger readership of the Bulletin can be found in the article on the **Circle Up** community who organise activities for the 20/30-year age groups. See details on [page 18](#).

Happy Easter! Enjoy your eggs... we know Judy Marris definitely will – page 11.

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THIS MONTH AT THE VILLAGE CLUB

Hello April, it's Easter time,
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the bunnies are hopping, lots of chocolate is
being consumed and finally the lighter nights
are here!

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC - 20:30 TO 23:30

Sat 12 Apr | Fun Night – we are having a night
of fun games including **Music Bingo**, **Card
Bingo**, **Win a Bottle** and a **Raffle** plus
you choose the song and we'll play it

Sat 26 Apr | Neil Stephenson – new to the
Club but comes highly recommended – great
male vocalist



BINGO | Friday 11 April – 19:30

Come and join us for some **BINGO**
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Jazz | Fri 25 Apr – 20:00

Always a popular evening with lots of relaxing
music – the house band are brilliant but when
you add the guests that jam with them – it is
truly fantastic

**We hope to see as many of you as possible
over the coming month – always please
remember you don't have to be a member
to use this local venue.**

ST SWITHUN'S FILM CLUB

Join us for our Film Club at St. Swithun's
Church Bathford on Monday 28 April at 14:00

Screening: **Wild Oats (12)** starring Shirley
MacLaine, Jessica Lange, Demi Moore and
Billy Connolly.

After her husband dies, Eva (Shirley
MacLaine) faces life on her own for the first
time. With the threat of moving into a care
home on the horizon, Eva can't help but feel
her best days have come and gone. However
when she receives a life insurance cheque
mistakenly made out for \$5million instead
of the expected fifty thousand, Eva and her
best friend Maddie decide to go wild and
jet off on the luxury holiday of a lifetime to
sunny Spain. The mayhem begins when the
insurance company realises their error, and
fly out to hunt down the duo. Will they be
able to recover the money before Eva and
Maddie spend it all...?

Stay after the film for tea and cake -
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Bath Croquet Club is running sessions for beginners this spring/summer and offers the chance to 'have a go' at a new activity!

The club plays on the Recreation Ground behind Bath Rugby pitch. All equipment is provided.

Anyone interested is invited to join us for a **FREE Taster Session**, lasting one and a half hours. There is then an option for two further sessions at a cost of **£15**, to learn more about the game and improve your skills. After that, you might choose to join our very welcoming club as a member.

The dates of the sessions are:

Taster Session – **Sat 26 April am**, plus 2 follow-up sessions on **3 May/10 May**

Taster Session – **Sat 31 May am**, plus 2 follow-up sessions on **7 June/14 June**

If you are interested, please contact Hester for more details:
hester2210@btinternet.com or **07470 822444**

ASK THE TRAINER

Your questions answered by Ali Creighton at Doodle Dogs Training



Q. Q. Do I have to use food treats to train my dog?

A. This is a popular question so I'll explain why food treats are used. Back in 1898, Edward Thorndike described his Law of Effect: if a mammal does an action and gets a positive consequence, they will do that action again. That's the science behind positive training. Dogs innately understand that food is valuable so we use tasty treats (not dry food!) to produce that 'positive consequence'. Giving a food treat is more about getting that behaviour again in the future, than rewarding what's just happened. As humans, I'm afraid we're often quite mean but that adversely affects training. Your dog is an independent being and they need a reason to follow your requests. Motivation is key which is why verbal praise is not enough. Your dog will enjoy it but you wouldn't work for free just because your boss was friendly and neither will your dog. If you're concerned about weight gain, then reduce their main meal. If you're worried about dietary content, look for treats with meat and vegetables rather than cereals but your dog must love the treat.

Done correctly, training treats can be largely (but not completely) phased out if you want. Get it wrong and your dog won't respond without that treat in your hand.

Alison Creighton

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QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The BEFA Annual Quiz Night, held on 7 March, was a tremendous success raising an amazing £1,277! Everyone enjoyed the engaging quiz questions, the delicious meal and fantastic raffle prizes and our brilliant quizmaster. A huge thank you to everyone who came and donated, to the hardworking event team led by **Ann Hunt**, and to our generous raffle prize sponsors including: **Gainsborough Hotel**, **Ashley Wood Pool**, **Larkhall Butchers**, and **Bathford Nursery**. Your support was greatly appreciated!

MONTHLY BUFFET

For those who'd love a break from cooking, our monthly Three-Course Buffet Lunch has been a hit! Held on the **last Tuesday of each month at 12:30** in the Café, it offers a delicious, home-cooked meal in a friendly setting. Seats are limited, so be sure to book in advance at the Shop. If there's a dish you'd love to see on the menu, let us know—we just might cook it for you!

SHROVE TUESDAY WITH THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Shop was filled with the irresistible aroma of caramel and chocolate as we celebrated Shrove Tuesday in partnership with the **Twinning Association**. The Café buzzed with activity with crêpes made to order right in front of our customers. We're looking forward to next year's Pancake Day already!

NEW CHEESE SECTION

As part of our ongoing efforts to expand our product range, we are delighted to introduce a selection of high-quality local cheeses, including **Longman** and **The Bath Soft Cheese Company**. We invite you to come and try them—your support helps us continue to bring great local products to our community. Let us know what you think!



Some of the new selection of cheeses



BEFA AGM 19 MAY

An opportunity to have your say!

We invite all our customers to become a member of BEFA and support the continued operation of our Village Shop.

If you are not already, consider becoming a lifelong member and shareholder, for a one-time cost of just £10. As a member of our co-operative, you'll be very welcome to attend our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** in May, where you will hear about how we're doing, give feedback to help shape the Shop's future and be part of this vibrant community.

Bathford Village Shop is owned by its members for the community!



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BATHFORD SOCIETY

Review of February's talk on the Balance Between Preservation and Development.

Alex Sherman spoke about the role of the Bath Preservation Trust in the development of Bath, which is far wider than many of us appreciated. The Trust was formed ninety years ago to oppose the demolition of the columns in Bath Street which were regarded by the Council as 'ugly'. Fortunately, they are still there. Over the years, it has developed from an antagonist to the Council to become a partner. So, while it opposed the destruction of the coach houses behind the Royal Crescent, and won, it came into its own during the so called 'Sack of Bath' in which it is thought up to twenty percent of original Georgian buildings were removed. Along the way, through donations, it purchased and saved properties and is now the owner of four museums, including No 1 Royal Crescent and the Herschel Museum. Its current projects have included ensuring that buildings on the old gas works are more proportionate to the overall topography of the City. Alex finished by giving an example of some of the Society's planning work in Bathford.

The abiding impression is of an organisation which has made a major contribution to Bath and how different the city might have been without it.

Peter Martin

FORTHCOMING TALK: BATHFORD AND ITS ROMAN ROADS - WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY AND HOW?

20:00 Monday 28 April Bathford Parish Hall

Speaker: Mike Haken, Chairman, Roman Roads Research Association, who will travel from Yorkshire for the event.

The Fosse Way not only forms the Western boundary of our Parish but is a fundamental part of the network of Roman roads. However, their development took place in an era that was technically unsophisticated. Many questions arise, like 'The Fosse Way didn't arrive at Lincoln by accident, so how were roads planned'?



Judy Marris kicks off the first of a series of occasional short articles describing 'the joy of'. What little or quirky things give you pleasure? Please share these with us!

EASTER EGGS

Whether you've been abstaining from chocolate through Lent or thought post-Christmas you would hold out against temptation until Easter, the sight of those eggs in their over-sized boxes brings me many memories.

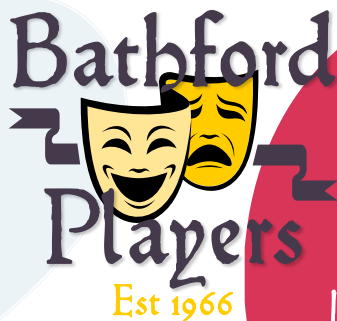
Some of you might remember the window of Fortts in Milsom Street in the 1950s with the enormous chocolate eggs. These were decorated with whorls and swirls, flowers, butterflies and chicks; they all held the promise of deliciousness! Who bought them? Certainly no one we knew! Now when I see similar extravaganza in the London windows of Fortnum and Mason or Harrods' Food Hall, those childhood memories come flooding back.

What will I be enjoying this Easter Sunday? After the hot cross buns and Simnel Cake, it has to be homemade truffles. And then the fantasy of a 'beach ready body' will dominate and chocolate will have to be locked away again!

THE BATHFORD PLAYERS

The Bathford Players amateur dramatic group started life in 1965, and they put on their first play the following year. Over the last 60 years they have kept the village entertained, often putting on two productions a year. They have staged a wide variety of shows from comedies to thrillers and of course pantomimes! They love to welcome new members to the group, not just performers of all ages, but technicians, prop and costume-makers too.

www.bathfordplayers.weebly.com



BATHFORD LINK

Bathford Link aims to provide transport to residents of Bathford who find public transport difficult. It enables them to attend medical appointments at local surgeries or Bath hospitals as well as clubs, therapeutic activities, the hairdresser or the supermarket. The coordinators manage the requests for help and a pool of volunteer drivers use their own cars to provide transport. The service is free, but donations are welcome. Tel 07870 666582.

AVONVALE RUGBY CLUB

Avonvale Rugby Club is a vibrant hub for all generations offering minis and junior rugby, senior men's and women's teams, and a welcoming atmosphere for spectators on match days. Open to everyone, the club is a place to socialise and enjoy events like their recent Christmas Grotto, carol singing with the City of Bath Brass Band and the Christmas auction. Their facilities are also available for private hire.

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THE HEARTBEAT IN CONCLUSION... FOR NOW!

Over the past 4 issues we have featured those individuals and bodies that bring vibrancy to our Parish.

In this, our final Heartbeat feature for now, we include some more information from the clubs and organisations run by volunteers, that offer opportunities for active participation. There is so much choice, why not join in? If you have any ideas for a future Heartbeat feature, do let us know.

THE BATHFORD FLOWER SHOW

Usually held on the first Saturday in September, it's not just a flower show! The great thing is that there's a category for everyone of all ages – whatever talent you have; a photo that you were happy to show your friends, or some jam you made, or a piece of knitting. And the event itself is an ideal place to meet friends and enjoy tea on the veranda. Contact: carolineholden2013@gmail.com



BATHFORD CRICKET CLUB

Bathford Cricket Club has been in the heart of the village since 1969. They have two men's teams on Saturdays and one on a Sunday; they also have a ladies softball team who play weekly matches and also enter festivals. They are a friendly club who would welcome anybody who would like to join them. Contact Matt 07975 618523 or Sue 07412 329212



BATHFORD VILLAGE CLUB

Did you know that the club was built by locals for the locals? Did you know it is run by volunteers? It is a warm and welcoming space with lots to offer and something for everyone. They have two bars, a great entertainment hall, a skittle alley, a pool table and a darts board. Bingo is a must, as is their live music fortnightly on a Saturday night; oh, and jazz, just beautiful. Is the Club available to hire at very reasonable prices? Yes! Pop in and see them.

BATHFORD BROWNIES

Bathford Brownies is for 7–10-year-old girls and they meet on alternate Thursdays in the Parish Hall. So, what do they do? Your child will explore their creative side, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in - and have fun while doing so. They currently have a full pack but anticipate having spaces in the autumn. For more information, contact Julie Lacey at 50thbrownies@girlguidingbath.org.uk





NEWS FROM SHOCKERWICK HOUSE

Spring is definitely in the air. The Cherry blossom has started budding and we have a family of deer that forage every day in the garden – thankfully they have kindly left us some daffodils and crocuses! It is such a beautiful time of year in the grounds, there are signs of new growth in every corner.

The residents have been busy. As it was the **60th Anniversary of the Sound of Music**, we enjoyed a themed day watching the film and having a singalong. We also had a lovely trip to the **Red Lion** at Lacock and had our very first **Coffee Morning** open to the community.

Every month we have **live entertainment, exercise classes, arts and crafts activities** and more - we'd love you to come along and join in for a cuppa and a chat. For details of upcoming events see our website below.

We also love to work with community partners such as **schools, nurseries, toddler groups, uniform groups, churches** and **social groups**. Please do get in touch so we can connect with you. Call us on **01225 743636**.

www.facebook.com/BupaCareHomeShockerwickHouse

THE BATHFORD QUILT

The next meeting of the **Bathford Quilt Group** will be on **Tue 1 April** from **10:00 to 13:00** in the Community Rooms, Mountain Wood. All welcome.

For further information please contact:

Wendy Freebourne 07814 016962, Heather Gillard 07810 867155 or Ruth Holding 07966 507922



FROM ST. SWITHUN'S

Dear Friends,
Easter for Christians has always been a time to celebrate new life. We see new life all around us every spring, and this marries well with Easter hope and joy, but the new life of Christ that first Easter wasn't a re-run of an annual event, like the beautiful flowers of our blossom trees... On the original Good Friday Jesus had been publicly killed, so the new life of Sunday morning was a shocking, unprecedented, world-changing event. Jesus had told his followers that this is what would happen, but they hadn't believed him.

This was, and is, something almost too good to be true. But the truth of that new life is what makes Easter such a big deal for Christians, a real 'Alleluia' occasion.

Please do feel warmly invited to share the celebrations of this new life, on **Sun 20 Apr** at **10:00** in **St Swithun's**. You're also very welcome to come to any or all of the preparation for **Easter services** in **Holy Week** (see in What's On) and indeed the last couple of Lent together meetings on **Wed 2 Apr** in **St John's**, **Batheaston** and **Wed 9 Apr** in **St Swithun's** both at **12:00**.

With every blessing,
Lauretta

ST SWITHUN'S BATHFORD CHARITY ACTION

MYSTERY MEALS 2025

You are warmly invited to take part in a series of fundraising lunches and dinner parties in private houses, all within a mile of Bathford village shop. A three-course meal with wine will cost £25pp. All proceeds from the meals will generate valuable income for the extremely worthwhile charity **Mary's Meals**, who provide one meal per day to 2.8 million school children in some of the world's poorer countries.



The MYSTERY is that you will not know which house you will be going to until the morning of the event!

Here are the menus for the meals served with wine:

Fri 25 Apr

19:00 for 19:30 – 8 places

- Mediterranean Mezze platter
- Moroccan lamb tagine served with couscous. *Vegetarian option available*
- Candied oranges in Grand Marnier served with vanilla ice cream

Sat 26 Apr

18:30 for 19:00 – 6 places

- Baked ricotta pot with roasted cherry tomatoes
- Persian fritters (VG), with a tahini yoghurt dressing, lemony mustard crushed potato and fennel salad, tossed mixed salad
- Raspberry and walnut tart with homemade vanilla ice cream or cream

Tue 29 Apr

12:30 for 13:00 – 4 places

- Melon, Parma ham and watercress salad
- Creamy salmon and cheese bake
- Cheesecake or a fruit dessert

Wed 30 Apr

12:30 for 13:00 – 4 places

- Avocado mousse
- Chicken baked with fennel and clementines
- Apple sponge served with cream and yoghurt

Thu 1 May

19:30 for 20:00 – 6 places

- French onion soup with croutons
- Tenderloin of pork with chestnut mushroom filling, braised fennel and scalloped potatoes
- Chocolate roulade with fresh raspberry sauce

Tue 6 May

19:00 for 19:30 – 6 places

- Roquefort, walnut and pear on a bed of mixed leaves with a Balsamic dressing
- Coq au vin, Jersey Royal potatoes, French beans
- White peaches in gin with cream, served with a crisp biscuit

Wed 7 May

18:30 for 19:00 – 10 places

- Mixed hors d'oeuvres
- Honey and soy chicken with rice, mixed salad or courgette rollatini (VG)
- Fresh fruit salad, cheesecake, ice cream with hot chocolate sauce

Thu 8 May

19:00 for 19:30 – 6 places

- Smoked trout with horseradish sauce and salad garnish
- Roast lamb with fresh mint sauce and spring vegetables
- Old fashioned raspberry trifle and fresh fruit salad

Fri 9 May

19:00 for 19:30 – 6 places

- Mini cheese souffles with apple and walnut salad
- Lime and ginger salmon, herby Hasselback potatoes, green beans with garlic and toasted almonds
- Plum and white chocolate layered dessert

Sat 10 May

19:00 for 19:30 – 4 places

- Poached asparagus with mayonnaise
- Chicken with morel and sherry sauce, with seasonal vegetables
- Tarte au citron with crème fraîche, ice cream

Tickets are available from Jeremy Furber by email: jfurber40@gmail.com who will advise on availability and payment.

What happens every Friday morning in the Church?

St Swithun's Toddlers, Tea and Toast

If you happen to walk past St Swithun's on a Friday morning in term time, don't be surprised to hear squeals, banging or singing. It's just a group of mums, carers and toddlers meeting up.

Sometimes, at the end of a long week, Friday is just what I need

The group, led by volunteers from St Swithun's, provides room and time for those caring for toddlers to relax, enjoy each others' company (without continual interruptions!) and where necessary provide each other with support that is often needed when bringing up very young children.

And the children have a fun time as well. There is lots on offer - a safe space for free play, a wide selection of different toys from home (the motorbike is always in demand) and craft activities. The session ends with a story and/or song time. It is not only fun but a time

for the toddlers to get used to interacting with someone not in their family and to start to develop interpersonal skills which are helpful when they move on to nursery and school.

Time spent with us is rewarding for everyone. As you can see from the quotes how much people appreciate it.

Coffee, tea and toast, snacks and cake are available for a small donation.

Any term time Friday morning from 09:15. You'll be very welcome. Just walk in and join us.

We've been hugely welcomed into the community and made lots of wonderful friends

I moved with a 6 month old knowing no one and was beyond grateful to be welcomed by such a kind group

I always come away uplifted and am so glad we found you

COME FLY WITH ME...

In our occasional feature of Bathford residents, Ian Walker talks about his life and experiences as a commercial pilot.

Ian (r) and the crew in their 'office'

Ian first flew solo at the age of 16 and later became an instructor, teaching air cadets to fly. A spell in the Royal Navy ensued, but he then returned to instructing until 1996 when he started commercial flying training. He spent four months in Florida gaining experience, his night rating and a 'twin (engine) rating' before completing his training at Bristol Airport.

His first commercial flying was with CityJet out of Dublin on short haul to London City and Europe. But he fell victim to airline industry redundancy after '9/11'. Ian then landed at Excel, flying Boeing 737 charters from Gatwick, before being recruited by BMI Baby, the low-cost airline. "The most difficult of those passengers were the drunks" says Ian. He also tells of one elderly couple onboard who were found with a bread knife... making cheese sandwiches!

In 2007, he joined NetJets – the largest business jet company in the world. He now pilots a Bombardier Challenger 350, which has 3 crew (captain, co-pilot and flight attendant) and seats for nine passengers, flying all over Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and occasional trips across the Atlantic.



Bombardier Challenger 350

"We fly mostly businessmen, some sports stars – Roger Federer and Tiger Woods are two of our brand ambassadors - but also film and pop stars. Most are quite modest; it's their entourage that give us the headaches!"

The hairiest moments in the air include instrument failure and bird strikes. One strike caused the loss of an engine approaching Lyon, and the pilot's window was shattered leaving Edinburgh.

Which are the most challenging airports to land at? "London City – steep approach, short runway and lots of tall buildings; Madeira, because of high cross winds, and La Guardia, New York, having to fly around Manhattan, in a very busy airspace."

But flying does have its rewards. Ian's greatest pleasure is that he's still flying with two mates he met in the RN. "I loved waking in Trinidad with breakfast by the sea and then five hours later having a steak in Houston!"

Where would he now like to go? "Anywhere I haven't been yet. Asia... and more of South America."

Ian's shifts are six days away and then five days at home with his wife Jane and two sons. "It works well for both of us."



CircleUp

The 20s and 30s group that just keeps growing!

After returning home for the graduate job search last summer, it wasn't long before the post-uni blues set in. For all its caffeine-imbibed assignment panics, university provided a ready-made community of young people. And it created something of a vacuum once I'd left.

Luckily, a few months into my not-so-splendid isolation, I found out that the recently launched Bath/Bristol 20s and 30s group, 'Circle Up', was about to hold its first ever welcome event. Hoping to shake off my social hibernation, I signed myself up.

On that first walk along the canal, I was delighted to find many people in similar situations. They were either new to Bath, working remotely, or just struggling to find people their own age.

Since then, in just two months, CircleUp has blossomed into a thriving community of over 200 people across Bath and Bristol. Events are held throughout the week, ranging from pub nights to bouldering, so there's something for everyone. Members are also encouraged to host their own events.

All this is facilitated by founder James Telfer, who has been working tirelessly to build the group and make it easier to connect, even launching an app to go with it!

For more information, visit the CircleUp website at: www.letsircleup.co.uk

For non-members, the first week of events is free. After that, membership is priced at £9 per month/£66 for the year. New members are always welcome!

Catherine Tait

THE REPAIR CAFE BATHFORD

BATHFORD REPAIR CAFE - It's getting closer!

For anyone interested in the Bathford Repair Café, a public meeting to gauge interest from the local community will be held on Sat 5 Apr at 15:15 in the Bathford Parish Hall Meeting Room.

At the meeting we'll hear about:

- The remarkable success that Share & Repair (see www.shareandrepair.org.uk) have had with Repair Cafés in the Bath area
- What sort of items we can repair
- Some examples of successful fixes

As we're all volunteers, we will need all sorts of help to make the Repair Café a success, including:

- Organisers and administrators
- Repairers to triage and fix items
- Basic catering – tea and coffee, etc

What kind of repair skills are we looking for?

- Portable electrical equipment and home electronics, computers and laptops
- Tools and home/garden equipment
- Children's toys
- Sewing
- Anything we haven't thought of!

Repairers need a basic level of competence and a willingness to have a go. We know we can't repair everything, however Share & Repair fix 70% of the items brought to them – amazing!

If we can gather enough support then the next step will be to organise a 'pop up' Repair Café in Bathford so we can all try it out for real.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on 5 Apr or get in touch at: bathfordrepaircafe@btinternet.com

Martin Hobbs



Bathford Events Present

QUIZ!

£8 per person

Max 6 people per team

Bathford Village Club

Saturday, 3rd May 2025 | Doors Open At 7:00pm

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TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM bathfordevents.sumupstore.com



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News from Batheaston Medical Centre

A newsletter service is available from the Medical Centre to all registered patients. We will keep you advised of any points of interest on a regular basis. If you would like a copy of the monthly newsletter emailed to you, please let reception know or email your request to bswicb.bmc@nhs.net

Eating Disorder Recovery Course

22 April 2025 - 17 June 2025
19:00 – 21:00
Tuesday evenings, Larkhall

An eight-session weekly group face-to-face course for those who suffer from any eating disorder, and for those who care for them. It is run by **tastelife** with trained and accredited volunteers who care about those affected by eating disorders.

Sign up is essential and the cost (for materials only) is £49 pp. If you would like to find out more or have a chat, please email rosi.lewis@tastelifeuk.org



GP days in practice

If you see a regular doctor, these are the days they are in surgery

DOCTOR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vonne Wyatt	●	●	●	●	
Philip Weldon	●		●		●
Tim Hogg	●		●		●
Michael Cross	●	●		●	
Kirsty Watford	●		●		
Rosie Cain	●		●		
William Harris		●	●	●	
Karen Prees		●		●	●
John Sykes		●		●	●
Nicola Weldon		●		●	
Isobel Wisker					●

BATHFORD ART GROUP OPEN DAY

April 11 | 10.30 - 12.30
Bathford Parish Hall

Original art for sale

Payment by cash only

Commission on sales go to
Designability/Wizybugs



GUIDED WALK

Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, Avon Valley District

Drystone Walls and Vineyards: Friday 25 April.
Start 10:00, outside Bathford Village Shop

Difficulty: moderate
Duration: 3 HOURS
Distance 7 miles

Circular walk looking at drystone-walling on the way, from Bathford along the old London road coach route towards Shockerwick, up over the Fosse Way to Bannerdown Nature Reserve crossing the Avon then returning via the K&A Canal and NT Batheaston Meadows.

Leaders: David Le Lohé and Rob Morley.

AROUND THE GARDEN

with Kevin Marris



And for my next trick – I must read my own gardening advice about using winter months to good effect or else resurrect an old primary school teacher to help keep my nose to the grindstone . . . stop day-dreaming Kevin!

We're now into spring, having left behind a winter that couldn't make up its mind about what it was supposed to do. I knew what I had to do but never got round to it. So I'm panicking a bit, but at the same time thanking Mother Nature because the days are getting longer, and the weather is easing and I can catch up, with a bit of luck and a following wind. But not too much wind please (little joke). My attempts to get rid of the couch grass are in progress – I'm now ready to start applying glysohate but, and it's a big 'but', I have been warned not to go near the pond with the sprayer! Apparently, although

glysohate is rendered harmless when it hits bare soil, if it gets into water, it simply spreads and will affect all pond life, and the one thing I'm really keen on is the wildlife in and around my pond. Now, here's a fact of life, wildlife needs food, just as we do. And wildlife feeds on . . . other wildlife. So, although I was mightily pleased to see a grass snake around the pond last year, taking it as a compliment to my gardening philosophy, I haven't seen frog spawn, dragonfly larvae, or newts since. I didn't know that grass snakes are such good swimmers. Damn it!



Grass Snake – Mark Skevington
www.naturespot.org



BATHFORD UNFUN RUN

Sat 10 May – 14:00

The Bathford Unfun Run is a tough one-mile, off-road hill run from the Crown to Browne's Folly.

Open to adults and children, to walk or run, the route is a 180m ascent through village, fields and woods, with a testing finish up the steps to the Folly.

All proceeds from the event go to the Friends of Bathford School charity.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

You can help in 4 ways:

1. Sign up to run or walk
2. Help as a volunteer
3. Come and support us on the day
4. Spread the word – get others involved

Kev, Marc, Martin and Tom
Unfun Run organisers

Scan here to sign up as a participant or volunteer



BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Grasp your chance to influence aspects of Parish life

The Parish Council is tasked with improving the quality of life and local services for our community. The Annual Parish Meeting is your chance to hear from the Council on its activities over the past year and to account for its actions and outcomes. There will also be guest speakers presenting on a variety of topics related to Parish life.

Take the opportunity to join with fellow residents to raise and discuss local issues with the speakers and Councillors and share your ideas and opinions on how you think our community should move forward.

You are all warmly invited. Refreshments will be served.

BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
to be held in Bathford Church School Hall on Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 19:30
(doors open at 19:00)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Welcome by Cllr Hillary Carr, Chair of Bathford Parish Council
 3. Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2024
 4. Matters arising
 5. Chair's Report 2025
 6. GUEST SPEAKERS
 - **BANES Ward Councillors**
 - **Cllr Steve Wyatt – Community Survey**
 - **BEFA – Bathford Village Shop**
 - **Share and Repair**
 - **First Bus**
 - **Faresaver Bus**
 7. Coffee break and informal question and answer session
 8. Open Question and Answer Session
 9. Formal closure of meeting, Cllr Hillary Carr, Chair of Bathford Parish Council
- * All Committee Reports will be available online at least a week before the meeting and to read in the School Hall from 19:00 before the start of the meeting*

Signed: Councillor Hillary Carr, Chair of Bathford Parish Council

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

- Bathford Quilt Group
Tue 1 Apr | 10:00 to 13:00
Community Rooms,
Mountain Wood.
- Mobile Library
Wed 2 Apr | 13:00 to 13:45
(New time)
Dovers Park by School
- Public Meeting to gauge support for Bathford Repair Café
Sat 5 Apr | 15:15
Bathford Parish Hall
- Service of Holy Communion (note no children's Reconnect service)
Sun 6 Apr | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Twentieth Twinning Anniversary
Thu 10 - Mon 14 Apr
Artannes-sur-Indre
- Bingo
Fri 11 Apr | 19:30
Village Club
- Live Music: Fun Night
Sat 12 Apr | 20:30 to 23:30
Village Club
- Palm Sunday Joint Holy Communion Service
Sun 13 Apr | 10:00
St John's Batheaston
- Daily Evening Prayer Events for Holy Week
Mon 14 - Thu 17 Apr | 19:30
St Swithun's (15, 16) or
St John's (14, 17)
- Bath Sailing Club Awayday - Portsmouth by train to visit 'HMS Warrior'
Mon 15 Apr
Portsmouth Harbour
- Mobile Library
Wed 16 Apr | 13:00 to 13:45
(New time)
Dovers Park by School
- Shockerwick House Coffee Morning
Thu 17 Apr | 10:00 to 12:00
Shockerwick House
- Make an Easter Garden (Children's event)
Fri 18 Apr | 10:00 to 11:30
St Swithun's Church
- Good Friday Shared Service of Easter Hope
Fri 18 Apr | 12:00
Batheaston Gardens
- Good Friday Service: An Hour before the Cross
Fri 18 Apr | 14:00 to 15:00
St John's Batheaston
- Easter Sunday Service of Holy Communion
Sun 20 Apr | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Bathford Parish Council Meeting
Tue 22 Apr | 19:00
Bathford School
- Guided Walk (7 miles, Moderate Difficulty)
Fri 25 Apr | 10:00
Meet at Bathford Village Shop
- Live Music: Jazz
Fri 25 Apr | 20:00
Village Club
- Live Music: Neil Stephenson
Sat 26 Apr | 20:30 to 23:30
Village Club
- Service of Holy Communion
Sun 27 Apr | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Film Club: Wild Oats
Mon 28 Apr | 14:00
St Swithun's Church
- Bathford Society Talk: Bathford and its Roman Roads
Mon 28 Apr | 19:30 for 20:00
Bathford Parish Hall
- Monthly Three Course Buffet Lunch (booking required)
Tues 29 Apr
Bathford Village Shop and Café
- Mobile Library
Wed 30 Apr | 13:00 to 13:45
(New time)
Dovers Park by School

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Bathford Unfun Run to Browne's Folly
Sat 10 May | 14:00
Meet at the Crown
- Bathford Enterprise For All (BEFA) Annual General Meeting
BEFA Members will receive invitation
Mon 19 May
- Nearly New Sale
Sat 31 May | 13:00 - 16:00
Bathford Parish Hall
Items can be dropped in
30 May 18:00-20:00 or on
31 May from 10:00 onwards

You can now publish your event on the Parish Council website calendar.

Email clerk@bathford.net with the following information:

Event name/date/start time/finish time/venue

To see the calendar visit:
www.bathford.net/local-information/events

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 22 April 19:00 | Bathford School Hall

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

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