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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 6 May at 19:00
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WELCOME

Please make sure you make a point of coming to the **Annual Parishioners' meeting on 6 May at the School**. This is **YOUR meeting** and your opportunity to address the Council over matters occurring in the last 12 months and to hear about plans for the future. And to engage and question the guest speakers we have who all will have an influence on local affairs. Agenda on [page 23](#).

Once more there have been anniversaries to celebrate. Our **Twinning Friendship Charter** was first signed **20 years ago**, with **Artannes sur Indre** in the Loire valley in France. Our group from Bathford was fêted like royalty by the wonderful hospitality from our French friends while reaffirming the Twinning Charter. Read all about the wonderful gifts, trips and memories shared between young and old on [pages 12/13](#).

Great news to see that the **Repair Shop café** initial meeting was successful in recruiting volunteers and enthusiasm alike and to set up their first operational day on **14 June**. **PLEASE support the cause** and help it become an established monthly event - see [page 8](#).

The Marathon it ain't, and some say it's folly... but the **Unfun Run** deserves our support to help raise funds for **FOBS**. Go and lend them your support in their ascent to Browne's Folly! All the details are on [page 14](#).

We have officially launched our **'Bulleteen'** feature on [page 19](#), to give a voice to the young people in the parish. The article this month on **Exam Revision** reminds us to give ALL those taking exams this Summer our very best wishes for success.

Bathford Events Team has been working hard for over 2 years now to host events to entertain parishioners – the next event is the **Nearly New Sale** - see [page 22](#) – but their biggest venture to date is the official launch of **Bathford Follyfest**, on **Saturday 5 July** – a summer celebration for ALL in Bathford parish and neighbours. All the initial details and how to get tickets can be found on [page 20](#). **SAVE THE DATE!**

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THIS MONTH AT THE VILLAGE CLUB

Hello May, we've been
looking forward to
celebrating the 80th

Anniversary of VE Day and here it is.

Please see details of our celebration below
– all are very welcome to join us.

**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
– 20:30**

Saturday 10 May | VE Celebrations
With Live Music from Bev May – entry by
donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Saturday 24 May – Tony B is back with us
Known as 'The Voice' – (a) he has a fabulous
one and (b) he has appeared on 'The Voice'.

BINGO | Friday 9 May – 19:30
Always such a fun night – with lots and lots of
winners.

**£5 for a book of 4 games and 2 flyers
– 12 chances of winning on each a line or
a full house.**

Jazz Night – 20:00

This month we are being treated to two evenings
of beautiful music by our house band and guests.

Friday 23 May and Friday 30 May – entry is free
and everybody is welcome.

**As the sun begins to shine, please feel welcome
to come along, grab yourself a drink and sit out
in the sun on our outside benches.**

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BATHFORD QUILT GROUP

A design has been agreed. The group will meet
again at **10:00 on Tue 6 May** in the Community
Room, Mountain Wood, when we will be sorting
fabric. Please give any cotton fabric you can donate
to Heather, Wendy, or Ruth.

In the meantime, anyone interested can start by
cutting strips of fabric 6.5 cm wide by any length
for the background.

Future meetings will be first Tuesdays in the month:
3 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September

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**BATHFORD VILLAGE
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FAREWELL TO A DEAR FRIEND: DIANA SMITH

We are deeply saddened by the news of the sudden passing of our dear friend, loyal supporter, and tireless volunteer, Diana Smith.

Diana brought warmth, humour and dedication to every corner of the Shop. There wasn't a job that she wasn't willing to have a go at, or a person she wasn't happy to help.

One of the founder members, for years she volunteered behind the counter and served on the Committee, and more recently she shared some of the administrative burden, coming in early to support the newspaper crew, look after the magazines, and help out with the paperwork. We can still hear her voice now – grumbling affectionately about the "rubbish plastic toys" attached to some of the childrens' magazines as she meticulously sorted through them with her usual mix of care and wit.



Her presence in the Shop was a quiet constant. After her morning newspaper round she'd often sit in the Café with a cup of coffee and chat to the 'open-uppers'. Diana lived a full and vibrant life, and we take comfort in knowing that she left us quickly and peacefully while doing what she loved most – playing tennis. She is very much missed, but her joy, energy, and ability to conjure up either a smile or an eye-roll for every event will stay with us.



...Polishing shoes

by Judy Marris

Sunday evenings always saw the shoe polishing ceremony. All the family brought their leather shoes down to the kitchen where Pa sat in command of the polish box.

The kitchen table was covered with two layers of newspaper. Sat on top was the now empty box, its contents lined up. A tin of black polish, usually Kiwi, a brush to put it onto the shoes and a second brush to polish it in, plus a soft duster to shine the shoes with. There was a second row of brown polish, two brushes and duster. In the summer there was a whitening kit for our tennis shoes.

Pa used the brushes and we had to give them a final buffing to make sure we could see our faces in them. Then on Monday there was real joy and pride walking to school in the shiniest shoes imaginable.

BEFA

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 investment of just £10. As a member of our co-operative, you'll be very welcome to attend our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) 19:00 for 19:30 start at the Village Club**, 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!**



BATHFORD REPAIR CAFE

The public meeting to launch the Bathford Repair Cafe on 5 April was a resounding success – it seems Bathford has a backlog of household items in need of repair and many willing volunteers to help them get fixed!

We have a huge list of **20+ volunteers** that have very kindly offered to get involved with the Bathford Repair Cafe – a big thank you to everyone that has signed up.

Given the success of the public meeting, we are now going ahead with the pop-up Repair Café. The session will be held in Bathford Parish Hall on Saturday 14 June between **09:30 and 12:00**.

This is the next step in the launch process and will be an opportunity for customers and volunteers to get involved and give it a try. If it is successful, then we'll be able to start the regular monthly repair cafe sessions soon after.

Looking forward to seeing you there on 14 June.

bathfordrepaircafe@btinternet.com

Martin Hobbs



NEWS FROM SHOCKERWICK HOUSE

Early spring has brought so much joy to the staff and residents of Shockerwick House, not only with the blue skies and sunshine, but we were lucky enough to have Chloe's farm visit us! We all fell madly in love with Gandalf the lamb, he fell asleep in everyone's arms and melted all of our hearts.

We also enjoyed a **Mother's Day afternoon tea**; the oak room was decorated and full of people enjoying the company and cake. It was so lovely to see families playing ball games in the fields and the happy faces and laughter ringing from every corner of the Home.

With spring now well underway, we are making the most of our wonderful garden - there are **garden walks, planting and potting** in our **Gardening Club** and of course the perfect spot to enjoy a cup of tea whilst admiring the stunning view!

Every month we have **live entertainment, exercise classes, arts and crafts activities, coffee mornings** and more - we'd love you to come along for a cuppa and a chat. For details of upcoming events, visit www.facebook.com/BupaCareHomeShockerwickHouse

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**.

IN MEMORIAM

John Gavin Lloyd

1 February 1959 – 23 January 2025

John grew up with his younger sister in the family home in Dovers Park, Bathford, where he lived throughout his life. Being inquisitive, practical and very bright, he did well at school, learning by watching, asking questions and experimenting. His business acumen was apparent from an early age as, just 10, he went door-to-door in the village selling eggs and, at just 15, John began contract work in the local area which developed into **John Lloyd Construction**, a plant hire, building and groundworks company. He was conscientious, always ensuring a high quality result that led to an excellent reputation. As his business grew, he began working for **Bannerdown Benching** and the **Bath Canine Showground**. His involvement increased, providing the benching and infrastructure for dog shows, including **Crufts**, and then he became the company owner.

A proactive member of the Bathford community, John cared passionately for the area and its residents. He became the longest-serving member of **Bathford Parish Council** with **over 30 years' service**. An 'Unsung Hero of Bathford', John was industrious in keeping the wheels of the parish turning, helping out with repairs, installing utilities in the allotments, dealing with planning, highways and practical matters of all sorts, as well as a knowledge of legal matters.

John's interests were many, including history, and he was especially knowledgeable about wars. He especially loved military aircraft, enjoying his annual outing to the **Fairford Airshow**. He also had a passion for collecting - manuals, old maps, petrol memorabilia, toy cars, Coca Cola tops, badges - even car parking tickets, as they stood as a record of where he had been. He loved car boot sales and flea markets – and he loved his car, the Bentley (which he bought on eBay!), in which he could be seen driving around with his shades on.

John Lloyd had a great sense of humour and an extraordinary zest for life, but was humble, quietly spoken, thoughtful and modest. His personality is etched throughout Bathford and he will be both sorely missed, and very fondly remembered.

Hillary Carr



'Genuine, generous, cheerful, honest, knowledgeable, resourceful and quirky'

Just some of the words used to describe John Lloyd who passed away recently after a prolonged illness.



FROM ST. SWITHUN'S



Dear Friends,

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be invited into Bathford Primary School each week for a 'St Swithun's assembly'. I am so impressed by how enthusiastically the children engage with the assemblies - especially given a chance to act! And how thoughtfully they respond. Quite often the assembly takes an unexpected turn because of the question or comment that the children make... when we were thinking about Easter, a younger child said, 'I don't like to think about Jesus dying, he was a good person'... Exactly.... And so we focussed on Jesus' mum and closest friend being with him, and how we can make a difference to one another on difficult days.

I am also very impressed and grateful for the welcome and inclusion of the **Headteacher Becky** and the other members of staff. It really does feel that Jane (our curate) and I are part of the team, and that we are all sharing the same positive message about the fullness of life.

We in the Church also offer a monthly 'Come and See' for children and their families with that same premise of fullness of life. It's on **the second Sunday at 16:00**, and typically, it includes some cooking, a bit of a treasure hunt, a story, a song and a prayer for each other and the world - finishing with tea, for the whole family. Everyone is welcome to come and see – **on Sunday 11 May, 8 June and 13 July at 16:00** in St Swithun's Church. Please contact Jane or myself with any questions.

With every blessing for a beautiful May, *Lauretta*

BATHFORD SOCIETY

Review of March's talk on Bathford Before the NHS

John Daniels spoke about the funding of health care before the NHS was established in 1948. The world was so different where voluntary hospitals like the RUH were often in deficit and risked bankruptcy. John's talk offered an insight into a world where self-help and voluntary public service kept society afloat.

The RUH deficit in 1920 was **£7,000 (£400k today)** and accumulating. The government wouldn't bail out the hospitals. In Bath, they were rescued by **Friendly Societies** like the **Hearts of Oak** - a member of the **Bath Council of Friendly Societies**. The Council, led by its Chairman (the speaker's grandfather Frank Pine), established a contributory scheme, the **Box Scheme**, with committees in over 80 districts (including Bathford). Volunteers made quarterly home visits



Bathford Council of Friendly Societies & The Box Scheme. Friendly Societies Council 1923-4: FH Pine Chairman (centre with buttonhole)

to scheme members to empty collecting boxes, where weekly sums of 4 pence were deposited. Middle class income earners were excluded but eventually had their own scheme. Members were able to receive a range of medical benefits. The scheme went from raising **£5,000 p.a.** in 1924 to **£45,000 p.a.** (£2m today) in 1947.

So, our hospitals were saved by an enormous voluntary community effort, as opposed to government funding today.

Peter Martin

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UN MERVEILLEUX WEEKEND DE FÊTE EN FRANCE!

Maureen Breeze, Chair of Bathford Twinning Association, tells us about the recent visit to France.

The strong feeling of connection and friendship towards Bathford was never in doubt over a weekend in April in our twin village Artannes-sur-Indre, where we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the signing of our Twinning Friendship Charter.

With the Union Jack flying from the Mairie, our group from Bathford received a tremendously warm welcome and was treated to a great programme of activities.

The celebrations kicked off with an outdoor public ceremony to mark the Twinning Anniversary.

The Deputy Mayor of Artannes spoke fondly of Bathford and about the value and importance of Twinning. He presented an **anniversary gift to Bathford - a metal wall sculpture made by a local craftsman**, depicting Bathford and Artannes. He also presented a hand-crafted scroll written as if an official Visa, permitting entry to Artannes by any Bathford resident, in perpetuity! In response, we presented a framed certificate from the **Parish Council**, confirming their continued commitment to support Twinning. We also presented them with a gift voucher to buy an outdoor bench – a token shared by the **Bathford Twinning Association** and the **Parish Council**. The French humour continued as each member of our group was given a gift bag which contained an **embroidered beret**, a **bottle of local wine** and a **baguette!** Children from the school had made Union Jack flags and presented them to us. And if that wasn't enough, a potted grapevine was given to each of us as well as one for **Bathford School, St Swithun's Church** and

Shockerwick House Nursing Home. However, for those of us that have been involved in the Twinning exchanges for several years, the pièce de résistance was a **60-page photo book**, charting the past 24 years of exchanges – including the very first email that I sent in June 2001 asking if Artannes was interested in Twinning with Bathford!

Artannes is surrounded by historically rich places and beautiful countryside and the weekend provided opportunities to see and enjoy more of it. The fantastically restored **12th century UNESCO World heritage site, Fontevraud Abbey** has the largest collection of monastic buildings in France and exploring it provided a fascinating morning. It might be best known for the recumbent effigies of **Henry II King of England**, his wife **Eleanor of Aquitaine** along with their son **King Richard the Lionheart**.

To enlighten us with a bit more on the history at the time of Henry II, we were treated to a presentation in the **Bishops Palace** in Artannes, about that period of history by the former **UK Government Ambassador, Rob Young and his wife Catherine**, who now live in Artannes.

An afternoon was spent at **Candes St Martin**, which is rated as one of the most beautiful villages in France. It lies at the confluence of the rivers Loire and Vienne and those more energetic among us, made it to the top of the hill behind the village to see the spectacular views.

A visit to **Villaines-les-Rochers**, to the wickerwork co-operative and museum brought us close to home and the Somerset levels as we learned about everything from growing willow trees to the production of the raw materials and craft weaving.

Over the years we have come to realise that the French love their food and accompanying wine. Some of us managed a wine tasting of eight different varieties of **Vouvray wine**, and a visit to a wonderful **Manoir** on the banks of the Loire, **Terre Exotique**, which sells an overwhelming amount of special cooking ingredients – a foodie's paradise!

We had more than our fair share of dining, from a meal in the new primary school canteen, a picnic on the terrace of the **Bishop's Palace**, and the local restaurant, as well as a safari supper which took us around the homes of Artannes residents.

Not wanting to have those back in Bathford miss out on the celebrations, a Zoom call was set up between a group of former and current Twinning Committee members, including founder members **John Lees** and **Anne Woodcock**, and more than 40 of us in the primary school in Artannes and we exchanged greetings.

The weekend cemented further friendships, brought together families, young people and those not so young, to enjoy being in each other's company to chat and share lives and experiences. And if, like me, your French is limited, it is amazing how much you can communicate through gestures or writing on a paper table napkin or tablecloth!

Twinning is such an enriching experience and one the **Twinning Association** would love you to share in. For more information contact info@bathfordtwinningassociation@gmail.com



AROUND THE GARDEN

with Kevin Marris



“Spring is sprung” and just look at my forced rhubarb - the first fruits of the year and they taste wonderful.

OK – I know it’s not a fruit because really it’s a vegetable but who’s going to quibble? A bit of sugar and an enthusiastic cook in the kitchen and it’s as good a pudding as any (thank you Judy). All I did was cover it with a standard dustbin which kept out the light during the daytime and the frost during the night-time, and this was the result. And I didn’t need to move to Yorkshire! But I did mulch it heavily with a nutrient-rich compost during the winter so it’s only paying me back for what I put in, so I feel I deserve it.



Forced Rhubarb

Work on the couch grass seems to be successful – except that I can’t get rid of all of it at once, so now I have to sink a barrier of some sort, in between the cleared area and its neighbour. That means a lot more digging without a visible result – but it does wonders for the soul. If I’m feeling stressed, I reckon that if I take it out on the couch grass, I don’t need to take it out on anyone else. Perhaps that’s why they say gardening is such good therapy!

BATHFORD UNFUN RUN

14:00 on Saturday 10 May

The Bathford Unfun Run is an unhinged concept: A one-mile off-road hill run from the Crown to the 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.

Despite the name, people seemed to enjoy it last year, so we are doing it again.

Registration: 14:00 outside the Crown. Race starts: 14.30

There will be a shorter and less steep kids’ race starting near the Folly after the main race. Like last year, there will also be a competition to win prizes by predicting the fastest times. All proceeds from the event go to the **Friends of Bathford School** charity.

BATHFORD MAKE SOME NOISE!

Please come and support us on the day. Line the route (see map) and make a racket as runners go past – whistles, bells, drums, pans, vuvuzelas, the choice is yours.



TO FIND OUT MORE

If you want to run, walk, volunteer, join the after party, predict the fastest time, or just tell others about the event – please scan the QR code.

Tom Blathwayt



Shockerwick Team

WARDENS AT WORK IN BATHFORD

Since 2024, the **Cotswold Voluntary Wardens (CVW)** have been quietly working in Bathford at Upper Shockerwick Farm for the new owners **Ally and Rupert**, who have an inspired new vision for the land including the creation of **Tennygrove Vineyard**. It includes repairing some of the badly neglected traditional **Cotswold dry-stone field walling** and the volunteers are well on the way to rebuilding the wall along the byway that snakes its way up the hillside to Bannerdown. Looking across the valley on a Tuesday or Thursday morning you will see the team at work below Keeper’s Cottage - so why not come and join us? There is only one longstanding volunteer from Bathford with the rest from outside the Parish; and it is a **social group from all walks of life and all ages ...** we even have a 92 year old ex international hotel chain director who started the team and a **real life retired ‘Spy’ in our midst!**



Of course the **CVW** are not just involved in walling. As custodians of the **Cotswold National Landscape**, the **Cotswold Conservation Board (CCB)** have a long established group of over **400 volunteers** and, like the **National Trust**, much of our area of outstanding natural beauty would not be quite

the same without care and attention provided by willing volunteers who have pride in working for their local community. **So, from work parties involved in footpath maintenance, wild flower meadow creation, coppicing and hedge laying; to leading guided walks, researching local histories, liaison with Parish Councils and landowners, wildlife husbandry, to giving talks and demonstrations for schools and community groups;** there are a wide range of activities to be involved in. There are also many countryside related courses available to attend, either for widened interest or to obtain new skills.

So to learn more about the glorious countryside around us and the work of the CCB and CVW visit: **Cotswold Voluntary Wardens - Cotswolds National Landscape**. Or just come for a walk and meet us for a chat ... you never know you might even get a glass of homemade wine at coffee time!

David Le Lohe



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TENNYGROVE VINEYARD

Working up a Thirst. Ally and Rupert Walsh give us an update

Planted in 2023, Tennygrove Vineyard in Shockerwick is now entering its third growing season. The first year was all about establishing strong roots, while the second focused on the development of healthy trunks. Now, in our third year, we are eagerly anticipating our first harvest in 2025. Around **60% of our vines are expected to bear fruit**, and we look forward to picking our first grapes in the autumn.

While we wait for our own vines to bear fruit, we are delighted to introduce **sparkling wines** from grapes grown in **Somerset and Wiltshire**, all branded under the Tennygrove Vineyard name and finished based on multiple tasting. **These wines will be available for purchase from the vineyard and the Bathford Shop in early summer 2025.**

If you've ever dreamed of helping in a vineyard or simply love being outside and would like to learn a bit about viticulture, we have recently launched a monthly volunteer morning in the vineyard – the **first Friday of each month, 09:30-12:30**. No prior experience is required as we provide all the training, you just need to be handy with secateurs and happy to muck in around the vineyard.

Alongside tending the vineyard, we have been working on our branding and are excited to unveil our new logo, created by Bathford packaging and branding designer, **Liz Neale of Artful Inking Ltd.** Together we created a design that honours the rich heritage of Bath. Drawing inspiration from Roman amphorae and the graceful housemartins that nest in our Grade II listed barns, our logo seamlessly blends Bath's history with a unique local touch.

As we step into this exciting new phase, we look forward to raising a glass of our own Tennygrove English Sparkling wine. **Cheers to the seasons ahead!**

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ASK THE TRAINER

Your questions answered by Ali Creighton at Doodle Dogs Training



Q. How do I toilet train my puppy?

A. With love and patience!

Like all training, consistency and reinforcement (reward) is key as your puppy has no idea where they are supposed to toilet. They are babies with small bladders and without full bladder control until they are around 4 months old (though this varies). Your aim is to manage your puppy so they have the best chance of getting things right. Take them outside – when they wake, before bed, after food, drink, play, excitement and, in any event, every hour. This enables you to reward them for going in the right place which encourages repetition in that place. It also minimises accidents, preventing habits forming in the wrong place. Keeping your eye on your puppy at all times is critical in the first few weeks. If your puppy has an accident, you must use an enzyme-based cleaner to eradicate the smell otherwise the lingering scent will encourage your puppy to use the same place again. Never tell your puppy off for going inside as this doesn't teach them to go outside, rather it encourages them to go when you are not in the room. Definitely don't tell them off after a time gap as they won't understand what is wrong and will just be scared of you. I don't recommend 'puppy pads' as these encourage your puppy to wee indoors which is not what you are after. Set your puppy up for success and you will get the outcome you are after.

Alien Creighton



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GETTING THROUGH THE GRIND

EXAM SEASON SURVIVAL TIPS

It's that time of year again. The weather is glorious, but the exam season has you shackled to your desk and silently weeping over your highlighters. Anyhow, here are some thoughts on how to turn it into useful misery...

WHEN YOU'VE LEFT IT TO THE LAST MINUTE: Not fun, but not the apocalypse. Check with your teacher to see what they recommend focussing on and try out a few past papers to check for gaps in your knowledge. Textbooks often have chapter summaries for quick reminders too. More info at:

www.savemyexams.com/learning-hub/revision-tips/revise-quickly-last-minute-revision-tips and www.savestudent.org/extra-guides/how-to-revise-in-one-day.html

VARY IT UP: Writing endless flashcards can be dull once you've got past the novelty of multicoloured bits of paper. Try doodles, explaining it to someone else, or preparing Kahoot/Quizlet quizzes to share with friends. I even came up with a bizarre interpretive dance routine to remember Catholic mass proceedings for an R.E. exam once! The most important thing is actively doing something with the info, rather than just reading and expecting your brain to slurp it up. The sillier the better.

REPETITION: Struggling to remember something? Try spaced repetition: www.bcu.ac.uk/exams-and-revision/best-ways-to-revise/spaced-repetition

FOR YOUR SANITY: Spend some time outdoors during breaks. A bit of fresh air clears the mind wonderfully. And if you can meet your friends for lunch, all the better – how else are you going to plan those long summer holidays?

And last of all, good luck! You've got this :)

Catherine Tait

Are you a young Bathfordian with a creative streak? Or do you have a hobby you'd like to share?

With the launch of the **Bulleteen** feature, it's time to make Bathford's young voices heard. Whether you'd like to write your first published article, or you're just happy to chat about something important to you, we want to hear from you!

Want to contribute but don't know where to begin? Not a problem - we'll help you get started. Simply send an email to bathfordbulletin@gmail.com and put **Bulleteen** in the subject line.



BATHFORD FOLLYFEST 2025

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Fun for all families and all ages

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SATURDAY 5 JULY | 12:00 - 21:00
FOLLY FIELD RECREATION GROUND
ASHLEY ROAD

Volunteers needed - please call 07767 383095

Bathford Events Team is fundraising for our summer extravaganza Bathford FollyFest!

We are having a Nearly New Sale at the Bathford Parish Hall on Saturday 31 May from 13:00 to 15:00

Do you have any unwanted gifts, barely worn clothing, bric-a-brac, plants, books, toys, etc?

Have a good sort out! You can drop off good quality items for our sale at the Parish Hall between the hours of 18:00 to 20:00 on Friday evening or from 10:00 on Saturday morning.

If you are unable to drop off your offerings, please contact **Vicky Drew** on 07812 709980 to arrange collection.

Unfortunately, we can't accept electricals or large, bulky items and can only accept items suitable for resale. If in doubt don't hesitate to ask.

We look forward to your support and hopefully, see you there!

Of course, the essential tea, coffee and cake will be available!



Bathford Events Fundraiser
NEARLY NEW SALE
£1 ENTRY
31 MAY 13:00 - 15:00
Bathford Parish Hall
CLOTHES | BRIC A BRAC
TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE
Please donate
Items can be dropped off on Friday 30th from 6pm to 8pm or from 10am on the day. Saleable items only, no electronics please.

ST SWITHUN'S FILM CLUB

Join us at St. Swithun's Church, Bathford on **Monday 26 May at 14:00 to see DREAM HORSE**

Based on the incredible true story of a horse called **Dream Alliance**, bred on an allotment, born to win. With little money and no experience, Jan convinces a motley crew of villagers to chip in their limited earnings to help raise a foal on her allotment and compete with the racing elite.

A classic tale of triumph over adversity, as an ordinary woman makes her wildest dream come true, and their horse becomes a beacon of hope in their struggling community. The film stars **Damian Lewis** and **Toni Collette**.

Stay after the film for complimentary tea and cake (suggested donation £3).

Enquiries: keithmilner5@yahoo.co.uk



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.

NEW BENCHES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council has agreed a programme to replace a number of benches in the Village because of their poor condition. Initially the 2 benches on the Village Green will be replaced with recycled plastic benches. This will be followed by the replacement of two of the benches on **Bathford Hill** and the **High Street**.

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**
 - **Bathford Events Team**
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

<https://bathford.net/apm2025>

Signed: Councillor Hillary Carr, Chair of Bathford Parish Council



WHAT'S ON IN MAY

- Service of Holy Communion
Sun 4 May | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Reconnect - especially for children in Year 8
Sun 4 May | 17:30
St Swithun's Church
- Bathford Quilt Group
Tue 6 May | 10:00 to 13:00
Community Room,
Mountain Wood
- Bathford Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
Tue 6 May | 19:00 for 19:30
Bathford School Hall
- Bingo
Fri 9 May | 19:30
Village Club
- Bathford Unfun Run to Browne's Folly
Sat 10 May | 14:00
Meet at the Crown
- Live Music: VE Celebrations with Bev May
Sat 10 May | 20:30
Village Club
- Contemporary Service
Sun 11 May | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Come & See! Children's afternoon service
Sun 11 May | 16:00
St Swithun's Church
- Mobile Library Service
Wed 14 May | 13:00 - 13:45
Dover's Park by School
- Welcome Church
Sun 18 May | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Bathford Enterprise For All (BEFA) Annual General Meeting
Mon 19 May | 19:00 for 19:30
Village Club
- Jazz Night
Fri 23 May | 20:00
Village Club
- Live Music: Tony B
Sat 24 May | 20:30
Village Club
- Service of Holy Communion
Sun 25 May | 10:00
St Swithun's Church
- Evening Prayer
Sun 25 May | 16:30
(with refreshments from 16:00)
St Swithun's Church
- Film Club: Dream Horse
Mon 26 May | 14:00
St Swithun's Church
- Mobile Library Service
Wed 28 May | 13:00 - 13:45
Dover's Park by School
- Jazz Night
Fri 30 May | 20:00
Village Club
- Nearly New Sale
Sat 31 May | 13:00 - 16:00
Bathford Parish Hall
Items can be dropped on 30 May (18:00 - 20:00) or on 31 May (from 10:00 onwards)

FOR YOUR DIARY

- St. Swithun's Charity Quiz Night
Fri 4 July | 19:30
Parish Hall
- Bathford Follyfest
Sat 5 July | 12:00 - 21:00
Folly Field Recreation Ground

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 20 May, 19:00 | Mountain Wood Community Rooms

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

Contact: clerk@bathford.net | Tel. 01225 858220

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