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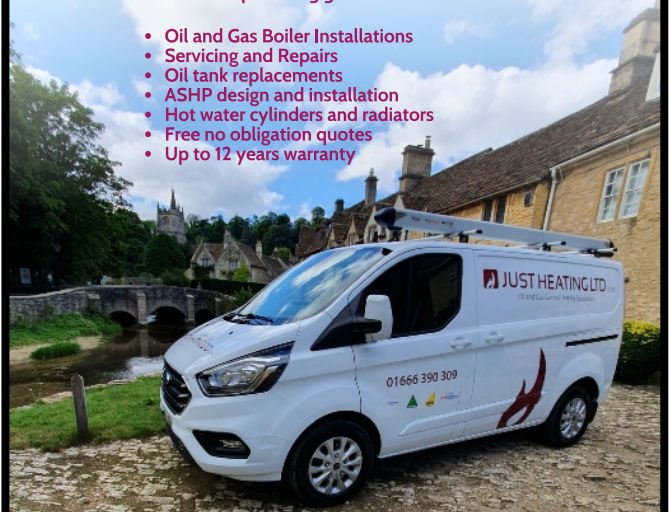
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Dear Friends,



I love the month of April - it seems as if everything in nature is bursting with new life and promise. Lambs skipping in the field by the church path, daffodils blooming on the verges, every day a little lighter...

A picture which of course must be tempered with the reality of continuing hardship, suffering and loss in our world, near and far.

This year Easter Day falls on 5 April - and for me it represents both the suffering and the joy experienced in life.

Jesus knew the meaning of pain, conflict and cruelty, yet remains for Christians a beacon of light and hope for the future.

Through his life and death he showed us a new way of living in the world, with love for God, each other and ourselves.

By following him we accept the challenge of striving for unity and love, so sorely needed in our times, just as much as in his. At the same time Easter Day allows us to rejoice in his rising from death, and the new life he has given us.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Pauline Loveday
Lay Minister, Upper Thames Benefice
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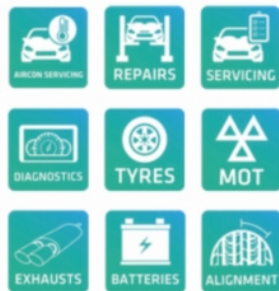
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Editorial



At last, things are finally drying out. Lanes and footpaths are passable again, lambs will soon be appearing in the fields, and the daffodils remind us that spring does eventually arrive.

The village remains busy. There's the Rural Cinema (p.9), Messy Church and the various Easter services (p.22–25), litter picking (p.13), alongside all the usual clubs and groups — WI, Probus, Flower Club, Cinema Club, Tennis and Cricket Clubs, Cubs and Scouts, and more. And good news: the village pub has finally reopened and has been doing a steady trade since then!

One familiar event will be missing this year. The Holy Cross Church Fete and Dog Show, usually held in early summer, will not be taking place. The fete will return in 2027, and we hope bigger and better.

Those of us who enjoyed the recent quiz night at the Village Hall would like to thank Sharon McCafferty, Charlotte Gorman, Ken Shehan and friends for organising such a successful evening in aid of Parkinson's Society. Final figures are still being confirmed, but it is expected to have raised over £2,500 thanks to everyone's generosity.

For a glimpse of village life during the second world war, do see pages 30-31 with pictures kindly donated by Roger Poole.

Finally, please remember to renew your subscription to this newsletter. Payment couldn't be easier (see page 3 for details), and we need your support to be able to keep printing.

Thanks Claire

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Deadline for articles is 16 of the month.

Please submit your copy for publication in the **MAY** newsletter to **AKLnewsletter@gmail.com** by 8pm on **16 April** or to Claire Sims, 18 Happy Land, Ashton Keynes.

When submitting articles to the newsletters please send in the original **MS Word or PowerPoint format** (not a pdf), as we do have to reformat a lot to squeeze everything in. It would also help if you used **Verdana font, size 11 with no underlining.**

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Easter opening hours

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Starring Steve Coogan, Jonathan Pryce, Bruno Blas and many others



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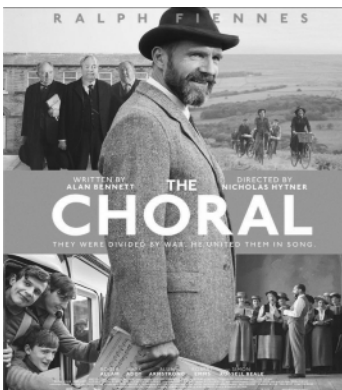
The Penguin Lessons is a heartwarming memoir by Tom Michell about rescuing an oil-covered penguin named Juan Salvador from a Uruguayan beach in the 1970s. While teaching in Argentina, Michell adopts the bird, which becomes a beloved mascot at his boarding school, transforming the lives of students and staff amidst political unrest.
(Google search)

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.
(IMDB)

Wednesday 6 May 2026 – The Choral (12A)

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Robert Emms, Alun Armstrong, Mark Addy, Amara Okereke and many others; written by Alan Bennett

"THEY WERE DIVIDED IN WAR – HE REUNITED THEM IN SONG"



1916. As war rages on the Western Front, the Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's ambitious committee, determined to press ahead, decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks. They must also engage a new chorus master, and despite their suspicions that he has something to hide, their best bet seems to be Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) – driven, uncompromising, and recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together.

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A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army. *IMDB*

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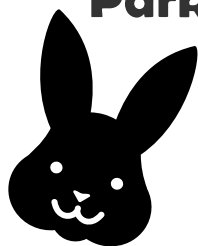
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On Friday 6 March we celebrated World Book Day. It was a brilliant day with children proudly dressing as their favourite character from a huge variety of books. If you were out and about in the village you may have caught a glimpse of some of them. Seeing dinosaurs and doughnuts walking into school alongside the Lorax and Little Red Riding Hood just put smiles on everyone's faces. And Mr. Hockaday still hasn't found the evil pea!

Earlier in the week each child participated in a dance workshop based on the new musical 'Paddington'. They had the chance to learn a choreographed dance which included using maracas. They loved it and hopefully inspired

them to read Paddington stories that we all know and love.

Friday 13 March was an opportunity to dress down and bring a donation to raise money for Prospect Hospice. This fundraising was on behalf of a well-loved school family who wanted to support the hospice. A cake sale was also held after school which was really successful. Thank you everyone for your generous donations.

As is the tradition at AKPS, courtesy of the fabulous FoAKS team, children had an opportunity to buy Mother's Day gifts. Thank you to those who generously gave up their time to source, organise and help children choose the perfect gift for their Mum. Before the Easter holidays the children are looking forward to busting some shapes at the school disco organised by our our FoAKS team, and will also be supporting Red Nose Day by purchasing noses and having a non-uniform day.





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AK Parish Council

Future Meetings

Future Parish Council meetings will be held on the **first** Thursday of the month starting 7 May 2026. Meetings will be held at Bradstone Pavilion and will start at 7.30pm.

Agenda and minutes are available on the Parish Council website and noticeboard.

Spine Road Junction Road Condition

Road surface repair works planned for March at the Spine Road junction were delayed. The Parish Council has now been advised that Wiltshire Council's Major Maintenance Team will complete repairs to both the east and west sections, as well as the main B4696, at the end of April.

In the meantime, a temporary patch repair has been carried out to address the immediate issue.

Parish Council Vacancies

Due to the resignations of Ken Wilson and Louise Mason the Parish Council had two vacancies. The Parish Council wish to thank Ken and Louise for their time on the Council and for all of the work carried out by Louise in relation to the Playing Fields.

The vacancies have been advertised, and Katy Grieves was co-opted at the March meeting. The Parish Council is hoping to fill the second vacancy in the near future. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk for further information.

Annual Parish Meeting

An Annual Parish Meeting is a yearly gathering of local electors to discuss parish affairs. It must be held between 1 March and 1 June and is open to all registered voters in the parish.

Due to a lack of interest and low attendance in recent years, including only two members of public attending in 2025, the Parish Council does not intend to call an Annual Parish meeting for 2026. The meeting may

be convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, any two Parish Councillors, or any six local government electors for the parish.

Should you wish to hold an Annual Parish Meeting please contact the Clerk for further information.

Overflowing Bins

Residents and visitors are kindly asked not to place rubbish or dog poo bags in or around bins that are already full or overflowing. Please either find another bin or take the waste home with you.

If you notice that a public bin in the parish is full or seems to have been missed from the weekly collections, please contact Wiltshire Council directly or report to the Clerk.

Thank you for helping to keep the parish clean and tidy.

Planning:

Applications determined by Wiltshire Council 'No Objection'

Kent End Cottage: Horse Chestnut - Repollard back to previous points, Remove the south limb over the road; 8 Limes - Repollard at previous point; Lawsons Cypress - Reduce height similar to Limes after Repollarding.

1 Glead Cottages: Whitebeam 25% crown reduction. Sycamore 30% crown reduction.

23 The Mead: Maple - fell. Hornbeam - 30% crown reduction.

Park House, Park Place: Thuja - reduce crown by up to 25%.

9 Park Place: Cherry Plum - fell.

Kent End Cottage: Reduce 26 Sycamores and 5 Lawsons back to previous pruning points.

Fiona Ryder - clerk@akpc.org.uk - 07394 856232

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 9 April at 7.30pm in Bradstone Pavilion.



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MP South Cotswolds

Rooted in Place: Caring for the South Cotswolds

April brings a welcome sense of renewal across the South Cotswolds. Hedges are greening, lambs are in the fields, and our villages feel busier again as the days lengthen. After the grey of winter, it's a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful and distinctive part of the country.

At the end of March, I attended two very different conferences – one national and one local – both focused on the same theme: the importance of place.

The first was Anthropy, which explored how Britain's future will be shaped not only from the centre, but town by town and county by county. The message was clear: when local communities are confident, well supported and proud of where they live, the whole country benefits.

The second was the Cotswold Regenerative Agriculture Conference, where farmers and local businesses shared practical ideas for strengthening food production while improving soil health, biodiversity and long-term resilience. The spirit of collaboration felt very much in keeping with our area.

Both gatherings reinforced something I hear repeatedly from residents: decisions about land matter deeply.

Across the South Cotswolds, including Siddington, Lechlade, Fairford, Kempsford, Lea, Cricklade and Crudwell, many residents have contacted me about large housing proposals and their potential impacts on traffic, flood risk and sewerage capacity.

Recent national coverage has sharpened these concerns. Channel 4's *Dirty Business* highlighted ongoing sewage pollution issues, while a New Statesman investigation reported thousands of illegal sewage discharges by Thames Water in recent years – raising serious questions about infrastructure capacity as further development is proposed.

This is not nimbyism. Most people recognise that some new homes are needed, particularly homes that local families can afford. But many residents understandably question whether the current scale and pace of development is realistic for rural areas like ours.

Too often, housing targets appear first, with infrastructure expected to catch up later. With careful planning, proper infrastructure and genuine community input, the South Cotswolds can continue to thrive while protecting the landscapes we cherish.



Warm wishes, Roz

**Roz Savage,
MP South Cotswolds
roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk
01285 300555**

Church matters

Services for April 2026

Date	Church	Time	Service
Thurs 2 April Maundy Thurs	The big room in the Vicarage, 14 Bath Rd, Cricklade	6.30pm	Iona communion - remembering Jesus' last supper
Friday 3 April Good Friday	St Sampson's, Cricklade	2pm	Final Hour service
Sunday 5 April Easter Day	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Easter Communion Evensong
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	10am	Easter Celebration with Communion and Egg Hunt
	St John the Baptist, Latton	11.15am	Easter Communion
	All Saints, Leigh	11.30am	Easter Communion and Egg Hunt
Sunday 12 April Easter 2	St Sampson's, Cricklade		Worship Together Holy Communion for the Benefice and farewell to Rev'd Sharon
Sunday 19 April Easter 3	St Sampson's, Cricklade	8am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion followed by breakfast Informal Worship 'around the table' Evensong
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	10am 3.30pm 6pm	Morning Worship Messy Church Evensong (contact David Tarr)
	St John the Baptist, Latton	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 April Easter 4	St Sampson's, Cricklade	10am	Holy Communion
	Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
	St John the Baptist, Latton	10am	Morning Worship

Church opening times for private prayer

St Sampson's, Cricklade: every day, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes: Wednesday through to Sunday incl. 10am - 4pm
Closed Monday and Tuesday.

St Sampson's, Cricklade
Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
St John the Baptist, Latton
All Saints, the Leigh



Holy Cross Churchyard

Dear Ashton Keynes – we have listened to people’s opinions about Holy Cross church yard, following our aim last summer to encourage more wildlife. A number of churchyard users expressed the view that we didn’t have quite the right balance between making sure our churchyard is a place where biodiversity is encouraged and ensuring that families feel their loved ones’ graves or sites where ashes have been interred are cared about. So, this summer Harry and John will mow and strim around the edges in most of the churchyard containing the more modern graves.

We have identified and would like to allow three areas to be managed for wild flowers and increased biodiversity, and photos of these areas are below.

Remembrance Glade (behind the war memorial)



Fritillary Walk (near the wall)



And Primrose Bank (near the road)

We will include notices in the churchyard to explain the areas and we hope that this will achieve a more satisfactory balance than last year.

We are hugely grateful to both Harry Carter and John Gibson for their regular mowing and strimming of what is a sacred space much loved by many in our village and beyond.

John Harvey, Alison Beadle and Rev’d Shirley on behalf of Holy Cross AK PCC.

Church matters cont'd

**From the registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches
February 2026**

FUNERALS

Name	Date & Church
Audrey Mary Marley	3 February, Kingsdown Crematorium
Keith Hoskins	5 February, St Sampson's
Rudy (Loshin) Price	11 February, St Sampson's and interment in Cricklade cemetery
Jean Whitbread	19 February, St Sampson's
Joan Edwards	20 February, Holy Cross Memorial service
Raymond William Gibbs	28 February, Holy Cross service & interment

WEDDINGS

Name	Date & Church
Shelby Bevan & John Paul Varey	26 February, St Sampson's

BAPTISMS

Name	Date & Church
None	

Contact details for the **Upper Thames Benefice** - Cricklade St Sampson's, Latton St John the Baptist, Ashton Keynes Holy Cross and the Leigh All Saints

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes (email to vicar@upperthames.org.uk
Tel: 01793 752718 + answerphone)

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby (email to revdshirleyd@gmail.com
Tel: 07980 548844)

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles (email admin@upperthames.org.uk)
Website <https://www.upperthames.org.uk> / Tel: **01793 979304**)

For weddings and baptisms please check out our website
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Canon Debbie, Revd Shirley or Jane (Parish Administrator)



Upper
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Churches

Overflowing with God's Love

St Sampson's, Cricklade

Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes

St John the Baptist, Latton

All Saints, the Leigh



AK Messy Church 'Being Together, Sharing Fun, Meeting Jesus' Why not come along to our next messy time together on Sunday April 19 at 3.30pm in Holy Cross Church. With messy fun, fellowship, faith and food – if you're free come and join us. All ages are welcome.

Celebrating the Easter season in our churches

Thank you to all those who will be decorating both Holy Cross church AK and Leigh All Saints churches with flowers for Easter Sunday. Do come and have a look and join us as we celebrate the Easter season.

We have quieter and more reflective services on Maundy Thursday (remembering Jesus'

last supper with an Iona Communion 6.30pm at The Vicarage big room in Cricklade) and Good Friday (remembering Jesus death as we come together for the 'last hour' service 2-3pm in St Sampson's Cricklade).

Then on Easter Morning, we have our big celebration for all ages, with communion and an Easter egg hunt for younger ones, at 10 am in Holy Cross AK and 11.30am at Leigh All Saints (Swan Lane). We hope you will join us and helps us sing "Jesus Christ is risen today. Hallelujah! Our triumphant holy day. Hallelujah!"



Weekday Worship

Thursday morning prayers in St Sampson's: 8.30am for coffee & catch up, prayers from 8.45 and finish by 9.30am. *Everyone is welcome.*

Zoom Monday morning prayers – contact David Tarr

Contact Jane our Parishes' Administrator for further details –

admin@upperthames.org.uk

Wrap Up Warm in Holy Cross

When you're coming to our services over the next few months, please wrap up in something warm. Our boiler has failed and whilst we do have some heating, wearing something warm will make the services more comfortable.

The Telephone Gallery

Disco Balls, an exhibition by Class One children, impressed many visitors, who initially mistook the circles for spheres. The disco balls were hung in the centre of the Telephone Gallery, with a gold tinsel backdrop and illuminated by twinkling fairy lights at night.



The Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts each had a week-long exhibition, starting with the Beavers in mid-March.



Their exhibition featured colourful collaged hearts and metal hearts they embossed with me at one of their sessions. They all worked really hard to make some intricate designs.

As well as the hearts, there was a Beaver uniform on display and some of the badges, together with information about how to join this fun group. At the time of writing, I don't know what the next displays will be from the different sections, but the final one is a group one.

From 9 - 21 May, I plan to create a display for *A Million Acts of Hope*, a UK-wide event celebrating community, kindness, and connection. Despite what the news or social media suggest, the UK is not a divided nation as millions in the UK regularly support each other through everyday acts like helping neighbours, picking up litter, or coaching a football team. This event showcases the positive impact people have on one another, and the display will reflect the ways in which individuals help each other in the community.

AK Village Choir - 30th Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 17 October 2026

Celebrate our amazing achievement of performing and entertaining you all for the past 30 years.

The choir will be revisiting songs and music from over the years. Joining us will be guest singers and musicians.

Let's make it a night to remember

Share Your Acts of Kindness

The display will highlight and celebrate the positive actions of individuals, whether these take place within the local community or beyond. In order to showcase the wide variety of ways people contribute, I would love to hear from you about what you do or have done over the past year.

Since mindreading isn't one of my skills, please let me know by sending an email to thetelephonegallery@gmail.com. You are invited to share a sentence or more describing your act, for example: "I help compile the monthly newsletter" or "I'm a Beaver leader in Portishead."

Photos would also be much appreciated—just ensure you have permission from everyone shown if you choose to submit images. Alternatively, simple photos such as a wheelie bin alongside the note "I take out my neighbour's bin for him" are perfectly fine. All submissions will remain anonymous.

Forthcoming exhibitions

13 April - *Gelli Plate Challenge* – a series of prints made in March by Kathryn Gray following a series of prompts
9 May – *A Million Acts of Hope*
22 May – Ashton Keynes Preschool
26 June – *Blooming Fantastic* – Ashton Keynes WI

Please do get in touch if you'd like to have an exhibition in the Telephone Gallery or to use it as a space to promote a forthcoming event in a creative way. There's good availability from the end of July.

Kathryn Gray

thetelephonegallery@gmail.com
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#MillionActsofHope

A million acts of Hope

**Every act matters.
Every act adds up.**



An exhibition in the Telephone Gallery is being planned to celebrate the acts of kindness of individuals and groups in our local community and beyond.

Share a sentence or more describing your act(s) of kindness and send to thetelephonegallery@gmail.com before 5th May

e.g. I take my neighbour shopping every week; We do a monthly litterpick along our road.

Send photos too, but make sure you have permission from everyone in the photo.

All submissions will be anonymous.

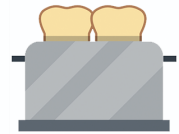
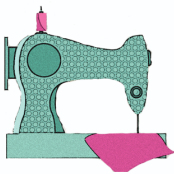
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Personally, I've found that looking on the back of things for the B Corp logo is an easy way to check that I'm not buying a product that causes harm to people or the environment. You might be pleasantly surprised how many products are actually Certified B Corp when you are next in a supermarket!

Every day we live, we have an impact on the planet and even though we might feel our efforts are but drops in the ocean, an ocean is made entirely of drops.



Gilly Riddington
We Are Nature

Source: www.bcorporation.net

Memories of Ashton Keynes during the War Years

Roger Poole has shared wonderful wartime memories and photographs from his father's (George) and his childhood in Ashton Keynes as well as a 1943 copy of The Parish Church letter. As a boy, Roger spent long, carefree holidays with his grandparents at 9 The Derry—and later lived there (1944-1945) with his parents and brother to escape the bombing in Surrey.

Life was simple and sometimes tough: no electricity, no indoor plumbing, paraffin lamps and candles for light, and a garden

shed with a bucket and newspaper for a toilet. Yet Roger recalls it with affection. Trips to Ellison's garage (owned by Percy back then) for paraffin and to recharge the radio battery, collecting a capon from the farm on the High Road, and taking an empty bottle to the White Hart for a fill of rough cider were all part of village life. Even the cricket ground sat in a field off The Derry.

When his grandparents moved to The Mead, Roger found new friends and new adventures. His family ties remain strong today—his grandparents rest in the churchyard, and his father's ashes lie with them.

If you spot any familiar faces in the photographs, we'd love to hear from you.

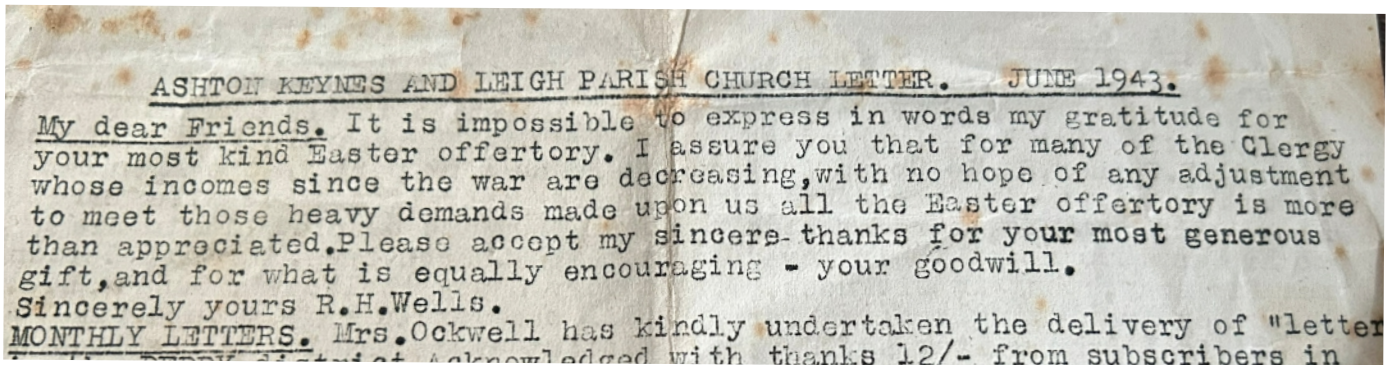
Ashton Keynes school 1920. George Poole, bottom row, left of board



George Poole, top row, 4th from right



Ashton Keynes and Leigh Parish Church Letter - June 1943



*A snippet from the June 1943 newsletter**

This parish newsletter from June 1943 gives a striking glimpse of our villages during the Second World War years. Between updates from North Africa, RAF postings, and the sad news of men missing or captured, the community pulled together with remarkable spirit.

Village life carried on with weddings, baptisms, Mothers' Union meetings and plans for the future. It's clear that even in the hardest years, this village looked after its own.

Here are some names that feature in the newsletter which may be familiar to some of you.

- **Gunner William Telling** was seriously injured in a **lorry accident** but is improving.
- **David Clarke** (Army Ordnance Corps) is now serving in the **West Country**.
- **Raymond Evans** of the **Royal Air Force** is reported to be doing well after taking part in the **North African campaign**.

- **Bertram Ray** has returned to England after time in the **Far East**.
- **Geoffrey Thomas** is serving with the **RAF in London**; he had been active in the **church choir and youth club**.
- **Ted Osborne** is with the **G.S.C. in North Wales** and **Gordon Cobb** has returned from **North Africa**.
- **Gunner E. J. Hill** has landed safely on a distant shore and **Alan Poole** is reported to be a **prisoner of war**.
- **Colonel J Milling**, son of the late Vicar, visited Ashton Keynes and did a bit of fishing
- **Norman Park** will be leaving to go into the Navy and **Dan Park**, his brother, may be going into the RAF. Leigh Church choir will miss them.
- **Percy Edgar Ponting** married **Emma Amelia Baverstock** on 5 May.

* Do let us know via AKLnewsletter@gmail.com if you'd like a digital copy of the whole of the original newsletter.



Ashton Keynes school 1925. George Poole, 2nd row from top, 3rd from the left

Health matters

Purton and Green Gable Surgery

For the patients in Purton, Cricklade and surrounding communities

200 Club

New members to the 200 Club are always very welcome. It costs just £15 a year, paid by standing order. Every month, we award two prizes—one of £100 and another of £15.

All proceeds go toward buying equipment for the surgeries that the NHS does not supply. Please enquire at reception if you wish to join.

Our lucky winners for the March draw were:

- *£100 won by ticket 55 Andrew Lawrence*
- *£15 won by ticket 85 Kylie Stent*

Tabletop / Book donations

Please hand in any good quality books and items for sale at the surgeries. Again, funds raised through these donations provide all the 'extras' needed; thank you for your donations to both.

Health / Information: Talk about Kidneys – how to look after yours!

We are delighted to invite you to our next 'Health/Information talk' at Purton Surgery on Thursday 16 April at 7.30pm. Melanie Philips and her team will be returning to lead the evening. Melanie is the Sepsis, Acute Kidney Injury Lead at the Great Western Hospital and provided a very well received and informative talk about Sepsis in October.

There will be 40 free tickets available. If you would like to join the evening, please pick a ticket up at the reception desks at either surgery and add your name to the list when you collect one. Please bring your ticket with you on the night.

We need you!

Following the retirement of several of our committee members, and our thanks go to them for their sterling contributions over the years, the opportunity has arisen for new members to join the Purton Patient Group (PPG). More information about the work of the PPG will be given at the next Health Talk in April and will also be available as a leaflet from reception at the surgeries.

Anyone who is a registered patient at the surgery in Purton or Cricklade Greengable and who would like to make a positive difference to the surgery is eligible to join, so please do give it some thought. We really would love to hear from you....

Thank you!



Ashton Keynes Branch Surgery

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We are open on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 1pm at the Village Hall.

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Repeat Prescriptions

If you need a repeat prescription, you may either request your medication by signing up for online access and ordering through this system. You can also post, or deliver your repeat prescription request to the surgery at least five working days before you intend to collect your medication.

Please note our online ordering system links directly with our clinical system, making it simpler for you and easier for us. If you don't have your log in details to access the new system, please ask at reception. Please ensure you have some form of identification with you when you collect your details.

All dispensing patients can use the automated system where patients can pick up their prescription and re-order medication for the following month at the same time, which reduces the number of visits to the surgery and ensures medication is ready for collection at the appropriate time.

Repeat prescriptions where possible should not be ordered over the telephone.

If you would like to order your prescriptions via email, please use the following address - **bswicb.cricklade@nhs.net**

If you would like to speak to a member of the Dispensary, please call 01793 750645 and select Option 1.

Online Registrations

Our surgery can now offer online registration for new patients wishing to register. They can either visit our website and click on new patients' tab or use the address below to start the registration process.

<https://gp-registration.nhs.uk/J83609>

Carers and Young Carers

Do you look after someone who is ill, frail, disabled or mentally ill? If so, you are a Carer. We are interested in identifying Carers, especially those people who may be caring without help or support. Do you know anyone, or are you, under the age of 18 caring for any of the above? We support Young Carers. Please contact Reception to register as a Young Carer.

Cancellation of Appointments

Over the last few months, there has been a considerable increase in cancelled appointments at short notice. Please make every effort to attend all appointments as we are unable to offer those to other patients. If you do need to cancel an appointment, please give 24 hours' notice.

Patient Participation Group

As a surgery we appreciate any feedback, and we ask for this in so many ways. One way is in form of a group! If you were to be a part of this, you would receive this newsletter along with a small questionnaire a couple of times a year. We would like to hear from our patients in and around Cricklade!

Please call Reception to sign up today!

We would like to hear from our patients in and around Cricklade.



Cricklade Surgery

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Club news

Ashton Keynes Women's Institute



March's meeting was a thoroughly enjoyable and engaging evening with Jackie Mitchell from the House of Colour.

Jackie delivered an insightful and interactive talk on the importance of colours and how certain colours suit some people and not

others, telling us about the process of discovering which shades complement our individual skin tones and personalities. The session was lively, with plenty of laughter and friendly discussion, and many members left feeling inspired to try out new looks and update their wardrobes with fresh ideas. Overall, it was a wonderful opportunity to learn something new while enjoying the sociable atmosphere for which our group is known.

Members also voted for the charity to support from April onwards and the Kelly Foundation received the most votes. The Kelly Foundation is a Swindon-based grassroots charity that is a one-stop hub for those facing short or long-term mental health challenges. Through their community café and 4Kelly Social Clubs, they create opportunities for friendship, activities, and community-reducing isolation and loneliness.

Join Us

We meet every second Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Ashton Keynes Village Hall. After the planned activities, there's time to enjoy refreshments and then catch up on WI news. Women 18 and over can

come along for two free taster sessions. With almost 50 members and over a century of history, Ashton Keynes WI keeps growing and staying active in the community.

As well as our monthly meetings, we have a book club, a regular pub night, and have plans to go SUP/kayaking in the warmer weather. A trip to the SS Great Britain in Bristol is planned for Saturday 9 May. Look out for more information about that as there may well be a few spare seats on the coach for non-members.

Here's what's coming up in the next few months...

8 April - The Life of an Auctioneer - local auctioneer Gordon Brockman from RWB Auctions gives the lowdown of being an auctioneer and also gives everyone the opportunity to see if they can spot some fake objects.

13 May - AGM and a demonstration of how to wear a sari and a talk about Indian traditions with Nasim Desai

10 June - Summer Art and Craft Evening

8 July - Summer garden party - Enjoy some Bollywood dancing with The Sahara Sisters

Contact
ashtonkeynessec@wiltshire.org.uk for
more information.

Facebook:
www.facebook/AshtonKeynesWI
Instagram: @ashtonkeyneswi1920

Basic Life Support and Other First Aid Training

Ashton Keynes WI, together with the Village Hall, hosted two mornings dedicated to basic life support and first aid for the community. The training sessions were led by Gary Owen from *Inspire First Training*, whose enthusiastic and fun approach made the experience both enjoyable and memorable for all attending.



Participants practised CPR using state-of-the-art manikins that featured lights to confirm correct technique, used special shock-absorbing vests for choking scenarios, and used rather gruesome practice arms to learn bandaging techniques. This hands-on, interactive training was greatly valued and well received, leaving everyone feeling more confident in their first aid abilities. Many thanks to Kathryn Gray for organising this invaluable training!





North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Hi there again, I'm from North Wiltshire Flower Club and I'm here to tell you that we have, for our session on 15 April, our spring workshop of a floral basket with two designs on offer. We did this last year and it was very enjoyable.

Looking ahead, it's worth noting we have an outing to David Austen Roses, Shropshire on 1 July. There is much to see as well as rose sales. There is a lovely garden and café. The roses should be at their peak and will definitely tempt our senses as well as our purses!

We meet at Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9 HS at 7 for 7.30pm. There is plenty of parking with free coffee and cake at the end of the session. And of course your first visit is free. For more information on any event please email nwvflowerclub@gmail.com or call 07866887851.

**www.facebook.com/northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub
Cathy Carroll - 07703 299277**

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Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm - 4.30pm*



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Teas, coffees and cakes served on Tuesdays by the WI: 10am - 12noon

Club news continued

Cricklade and District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our forthcoming group meetings when the following talk will take place:

2 April - 'The Mossad'

16 April - 'Swindon's Other Railway - a history of the Midland South Western Junction Railway'

Meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday, meeting at 10am for a 10.20 start at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members (ladies or gents) to the Club.

For further information about our club please contact the Honorary Secretary, **Martin Chambers on 01793 751223**. If you contact Martin and advise you would like to attend, which is free for the first few visits, you will be allocated a dedicated host who will introduce you to our members. For further information visit our new website at <https://probus.org.uk/cricklade/>



Craft Club



Craft Club meets once a month on Wednesday or Friday afternoons. Newcomers are always welcome, and the first session is free. Members bring their own projects, but I also provide an activity that anyone is welcome to try at no extra charge.

If it's your first time at Craft Club, it's free and thereafter is £4 or £5 with a £1 donation to the local food bank. Tea and coffee are always provided and there's cake sometimes too. We have raised just under £80 for the local food bank to date.

In February, we used wood printing blocks to print notebook covers and then cut paper to create a sewn notebook. Everyone made lovely notebooks and it was great to be joined by two delightful primary school aged children who came with their grandmother and charmed us all with their design skills.

The next Craft Club is on Friday 24 April from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. If you'd like to come along, pop in on the day or email me kathryngray28@yahoo.co.uk for more information or drop a note round to 16 Gosditch.



Kathryn Gray



Adventure 2026 is in full swing.

Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are having great fun with their new activities, as you can see in the sectional reports. Don't let your child miss out on all the fun and excitement of our village Scout Group. Contact our Group Scout Leader (GSL) now to sign your child up.

GSL@1AK.uk or phone on 01285 861425

If you are **6 to 8 years old** our **Beaver** colony meets on Tuesdays at 5.30pm

If you are **8 to 10½ years old** our **Cub** Pack meets on Thursdays at 6pm

If you are **10½ to 14 years old** our **Scout** Troop meets on Fridays at 6.45pm

Boys or Girls just come and join us in the School Hall Our Group has vacancies in all sections just come along and try our Scouting activities!

Group Update

The group has been on show during March in the Telephone Box showing what we are doing and the way forward. Our theme will always be Adventure 2026 and celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouts.

We are planning how we will meet our Risk assessment requirements as set out in the Swindon North District new Policy.

The Leadership teams are working well have all have been planning for the new year of action filled programmes.

Thanks to the Millennium Green Committee, the Cubs, Scouts and Beavers spent a Sunday morning assisting planting trees in the Millennium Green, which was enjoyed by all.

All sections have restarted and are open for new members with places available in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. However, you'll have to hurry if you want your child to join the Cubs activities as there are only a few places left in this section. We also have vacancies in our Group Administration as Trustees or Volunteers who look after or help in the Sections. If you're wanting to help

young people, this may just be the opportunity you are looking for.

For details of how to join contact David Tarr on GSL@1AK.uk or phone on 01285861425

Section Reports

Beavers

Our Beaver colony have had a busy few weeks learning, playing and having loads of fun! As the evenings have become a little lighter, we managed to head outside to search for signs of spring, exploring the sights and sounds around the school grounds. We had a brilliant session working towards our emergency aid badge, learning all about the steps to take in an emergency and how to use bandages efficiently. We've also been working towards our health and fitness badge too: we thought about how we can live healthy lives, discussed how the heart works and took part in some circuit training, comparing our heart rate before and after. Our artwork we created, with the help of Kathryn Gray and inspired by Valentine's Day and community, is also currently on display in the village phone box.

Club news continued



Beavers doing circuit training as part of their Health and Fitness Badge

Cubs

A number of the Cubs have attained the Collectors Activity Badge this winter by answering questions when showing off their special interests in collecting various types of objects: we've had everything from football cards, to fidget spinners, to rocks.

Our Cub Group rounded off March with a visit from the former leader who instructed in the art of decorating Eggs for Easter in the custom of Poland, her native country. The decorated eggs looked wonderful.

Scouts

Our Scouts have had an enjoyable March but are really looking forward to the lighter evenings. We have been working on the Survival Skills Badge which has involved building shelters, creating survival kits and the importance of basic emergency aid and hygiene.

Additionally, we have been working on the Media and Marketing Badge which has involved a wide range of art, writing, speaking and graphic design skills. One example of which was the week we displayed our creations in The Telephone Gallery in Ashton Keynes.

Volunteers Needed – Help Our Village Scouts Thrive!

Our Scout Group urgently needs volunteers to join the Trustees Board — especially a Chairman, Administrator and Secretary.

We meet just 4–5 times a year, helping guide the group and support our section leaders. Without your help, we cannot continue to grow — or introduce exciting new sections like Squirrel Dray (ages 4–6).

This is your village Scout Group. With your support, we can keep Beavers, Cubs and Scouts thriving for our children.

No experience needed and age is no barrier — just enthusiasm and a passion for supporting young people. Full training and support provided.

Step forward today — we need you!

Contact David Tarr BEM (Group Scout Leader), GSL@1AK.uk, 01285 861425

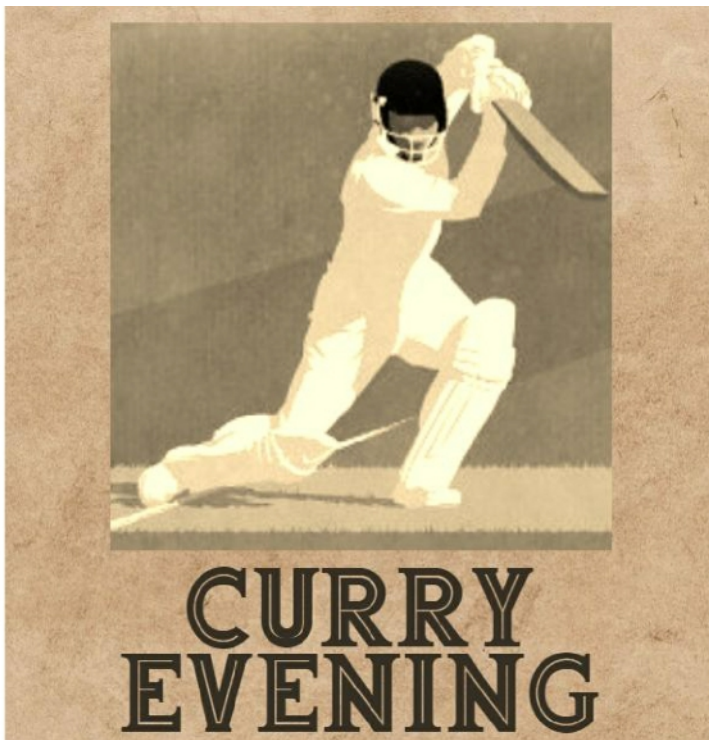
Ashton Keynes Cricket Club reflect on a strong 2025 and look ahead to 2026

As Ashton Keynes Cricket Club prepares for the 2026 season, there is plenty to reflect on from a highly successful and enjoyable 2025 campaign. It was a year that brought strong performances on the field, a thriving club atmosphere off it, and real reasons for optimism about the future.

There were several standout individual achievements during the season. Jack Thomas finished the year with 20 wickets, Greg Buckle scored an outstanding 627 runs, and Mikey Abley became the club's all-time leading run-scorer, surpassing Ian Donaldson's long-standing record.

There were also some memorable moments along the way, including Greg Todd striking the winning runs in a tense last-over finish, Greg Buckle outscoring the whole opposition away at Painswick, and Will Shelley's outstanding bowling display in skittling Stroud. The season also featured several crushing victories and as many nailbiting affairs, including a famous win over the previously unbeaten and table-topping Barnsley Beeches, one of the club's most notable results in recent years.

Off the field, the club also continued to make important progress. The junior section grew strongly under the leadership of Rob Harris, with record attendance and several young players already making appearances in senior cricket. The club's social side also remained a big part of its success, with a strong sense of community throughout the season be that on the pitch, on the WhatsApp group chats, or in the pub after the game.



Special thanks go to Steve and Janet Smith, whose fundraising paella and curry nights raised money for both the club and charity. Their efforts, along with the support of players, families and supporters, helped make 2025 such a positive year for Ashton Keynes Cricket Club.

With a growing junior section and plenty of enthusiasm around the club, there is every reason to look ahead to 2026 with confidence.

Should you or a junior be interested in joining the club, please do get in contact with us via the club's social media channels.

Cricklade Camera Club



Are you interested in photography, or do you just want to take better photographs?

If so, why not come along to Cricklade Camera Club. Visitors and new members will receive a warm welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. **Come and try us out, your first evening is FREE.** We meet in person on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in

the Cricklade Town Hall Annexe and there is a range of talks, workshops and Zoom presentations throughout the year. To see all our activities take a look at the programme page of our website <https://crickladecameraclub.org/program/>

On Tuesday **7 April, 7:30pm in Cricklade Town Hall Annexe**, we have a presentation from visiting speaker Alexs Gjika entitled 'In search of Je ne sais quoi'. Alexs says "It's my belief that behind every successful image there is something special, something interesting, something is sometimes obvious, but often we cannot quite put our finger on it! This is what they call in France 'je ne sais quoi' and this is what I am in search of!"

On Tuesday **21 April, 7:30pm** we're hosting a Zoom meeting by Kevin Pigney entitled 'Passion for scapes'. This is a presentation where Kevin not only shows lots of his favourite land and sea scape images but also goes into details on in-camera techniques as to how they were achieved, including using filters, bracketing exposures and long exposure techniques.

For more information contact: clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org

Team tennis for Ashton Keynes Tennis Club

The Ashton Keynes Tennis Club has four tennis teams playing in the 2026 Swindon summer league. We have two men's teams (play Mondays), one ladies (play Tuesdays) and one mixed team (play Thursdays).

Is there anyone interested in playing team tennis this summer? The season starts after Easter. Home matches start at 6.15pm and away matches sometimes leave the village as early as 5.30pm.

If you can play tennis and would like to play for the village then we would love to hear from you. You will not need to play every match!

Ladies - pblackburn@yahoo.co.uk

Mens - dominic.ventham@gmail.com

Mixed - jayne@jhconsultants.org or pjprior@btinternet.com

Come and join us. **Hazel Blackburn**

Local numbers

Here are some of the **local groups, organisations and clubs** available to us. Please also see the village website www.ashtonkeynes.org.uk where you will find further information. Please let us know if you would like your group to be listed or you find an error.

Village Emergency Telephone System 01793 250211

For use when you need the defibrillator after ringing for an ambulance

AK Link Helpline 07512 233200

AK Website Steering Group via village website

Alpha Courses Pete Tuck 01285 861466

Anglers Ryan Peare

secretary@ashtonkeynesanglingclub.co.uk

Ashton Keynes All Stars Golf Geoff Chick

geoffchick00@aol.com

Ashton Keynes Charities Richard Smith 861461

Ashton Keynes Cricket Club

www.pitchero.com/clubs/ashtonkeynescricketclub

Ashton Keynes Musical Festival

Ashton Keynes C of E Primary School

01285 861436

Ashton Keynes Village Choir Howard Foster,

07502307490, www.akvillagechoir.co.uk,

ashtonkeyneschoir@gmail.com

Ashton Keynes Seniors Table Tennis Club

Diana Wain dw24813@gmail.com

Baby and Toddler Group Jemma Craven

jemmalcraven@gmail.com

Badminton Club Karen Carter

01285 862371 akbc@live.co.uk

Big Brunch Band jackie@davidmitchell.co.uk

Bradstone Pavilion Bookings bookings@akpc.org.uk

Bridge Gordon Coble 01285 861444

Craft Club Kathryn Gray 01285 869341,

kathryngray28@yahoo.co.uk

Cricket Mark Brooks (sec) 01285 862401

Dig Deeper Revd Shirley Danby 01793 751463

Football Junior Dave Affleck 07989 547898

Friends of Holy Cross Alison Beadle 01285 861411

Holy Cross Church Canon Debbie 01793 752718

Revd Shirley 07980 548844 Admin 01793 979304,

admin@upperthames.org.uk

Holy Cross Flowers

Jiu Jitsu Club (Cirencester) James Slaughter,

Keep Fit Tim Bird 07794 614962, 01285 656986

TimothyGBird@aol.com

Messy Church Shirley Danby 01793 751463

Millennium Green Trustees Ashley Seymour

ashleyseymour@aol.com 07759 552677

Minety Squash Club Tim 01666 860368

tim@lagondahire.co.uk

Mothers Union Margaret Godfrey 01666 860536

Neighbourhood Watch paul.eastham@totalise.co.uk

Orchestra www.cirencesterphil.co.uk

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clerk@akpc.org.uk, www.akpc.org.uk.

Parish Council (Leigh) Mandy Thomas

01285 860488

Parochial Church Council Andrew Sims (Sec)

07500 884188

Pre-school 01285 869433,

www.ashtonkeynespreschool.co.uk,

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Reading Group c.conlon@icloud.com

Rural Cinema Dave Sheppard dave@akvh.org.uk

Short Mat Bowls ddsak78@gmail.com

Siren Sisters Val Skehan 01285 860069,

www.sirensisters.org.uk

Tai Chi (Down Ampney) Tim Price

01793 752852, tim@cotswoldwu.co.uk,

www.cotswoldwu.co.uk

The Telephone Gallery, Kathryn Gray, 01285

869341, thetelephonegallery@gmail.com

www.thetelephonegallery.blogspot.com

Tennis Annie Dyson ashtonkeynestennis@gmail.com

The Magnificent AKs Stuart Harris

stuart.harris1965@gmail.com

Twinning Association

ashtonkeynestwinning@gmail.com

Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS)

01793 250211

Walking Group Liz Chick 01285 861317

lizzie_chick@yahoo.com

Whitefriars Sailing Club Patrick Green, 01285

861670, info@whitefriars.org

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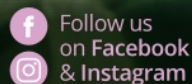


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