

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ramsbury & Axford Link Scheme Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111		Ramsbury Library Mon & Thur 2 - 4pm. Wed & Sat 10am - 12pm		Ramsbury Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat 10 – 12.30. Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30		1
2 Village Walk The Square 2pm	3 Talk in Memorial Hall 7.15pm RHS Talk 7.30 Church Rooms	4	5	6 WI monthly meeting 2.30pm Church Rooms	7 Link coffee 10.30am Ramsbury Roxy Mrs Warrens Profession 7pm	8
9 Remembrance Day Parade and Service	10	11	12 Lunch Club	13	14 Lottage road Art group (+28 Nov)	15
16 Ramsbury Roxy The Ballad of Wallis Island 7.30pm	17 Parish Council meeting in the Memorial Hall	18	19	20 WI Coffee Morning RBL Club 10.30am	21 Talk in Memorial Hall 7.15pm	22
23	24	25 Talk in Memorial Hall 7.15pm	26 Lunch Club	27 WI Outing ATE event Holy Cross 6.30pm	28 Ramsbury Roxy The Fifth Step 7pm	29 Holy Cross Churchyard Clear up 10am-1pm
30	The Village Diary is available on the Ramsbury website every month. See www.ramsbury.org.uk – What’s on - Village Diary					
<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross See notices Methodist Church See notices Tennis Club 10.am	<u>Every Monday</u> Short Mat Bowls Memorial Hall 2– 4pm	<u>Every Tuesday</u> 1 st & 3 rd Tue Art Group Church Room 10-1	<u>Every Wednesday</u>	<u>Every Thursday</u> Phoenix Pizza Memorial Hall 4.45 to 8pm Bingo Ramsbury Legion 7.30pm for 8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Ramsbury Silver Band Axford Village Hall 7.30- 9.30pm	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am November 2025



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

November 2025



May we have items for the December diary before 17 November
Please email to diary@ramsbury.org

NATURE NOTES by *Peter Marren*

This bounteous autumn continues. One of the sounds this year is the pit-a-pat of acorns falling from the laden boughs or, in the case of a walk we did on the coat-tails of Storm Amy, whizzing through the air like bullets. The hollow-way through which we usually reach Hens Wood was blocked by a series of fallen trees that seem to have come down like skittles. This is a great year for chestnuts, not conkers which seem to have been no better than average, but delicious, sweet chestnuts ripening inside their prickly cases. Some of them were conker-sized, and most were plump and ripe, and falling in quantity. You could fill a large basket from a single mature tree.

This is the best autumn for mushrooms and toadstools in quite a while. Honey fungus is the most prominent, pushing up from rotting stumps in dense masses, first deep brown and club-shaped, then broadening into honey-coloured flattish caps with dark scales. You don't want honey fungus in a garden or an orchard where it can attack healthy trees, but in the woods it performs a key natural function, breaking down logs and stumps, and recycling their nutrients. There are many more mycorrhizal fungi about this year, the ones whose underground webs are entangled with those of trees. Tree and fungus feed one another, and I suspect these fungi are fruiting well because the sunshine of the summer produced masses of sugar that feeds the energy of fungal systems as well as the tremendous fruiting and nutting we have witnessed.

I was expecting more late bees and hoverflies on the masses of flowering ivy than I have seen. By early October there were still a few red admiral and large white butterflies about, and quite a few hornets. If you went out at night with a torch, preferably a red light that insects can't see, I suspect you would also have seen a lot of moths, some of whose lives are extended into months through hibernation. There were reports of hummingbird hawkmoths visiting late flowers in gardens and they may try to hibernate rather than migrate south. If any emerge in the spring, it will be something new, and indicative, I suppose, of winter-warming and climate change.

BIRD NOTES by *Paul Swan*

One sign of autumn is that the tawny owls in the churchyard have become very vocal, and their calls on a cold, clear evening are quite haunting. We also have the apparent return of Edgar, the great white egret that terrorized our garden ponds two years ago. He was recently seen at the river, not far from a little egret, which emphasised just how large he is!

We are still awaiting the return of the golden plover to Spring Hill, but the skylarks, yellowhammers and stonechats are all in residence, with the first two being very vocal. Hens Wood recently hosted a flock of crossbills and some tree pipits. Sadly, one of each variety was recently found dead on the ground. There have also been reports of a few dead pigeons so we may have a local outbreak of avian flu. Let's hope that remains contained.

We always have a contingent of Canada geese on the river, but I was delighted to have around forty fly low over the garden in a perfect V formation. Their honking and the noise of their wings were very dramatic.

RAINFALL by *Robert Osmond*

A welcome return to some rain! After six months of well below average rainfall, in September we had 85.50 mm., 15 mm above the monthly average. Overall we are still 25% below the average for the first nine months of the year. October, November and December are three of the wettest months so we can expect in the region of 300 mm between now and Christmas, maybe some snow.

Recreation Centre 200 Club Results

£100 to Debs Walker, £50 to Chris Clark, Ian Annand, Dennis White, Alison Seaton, Penny Willetts and £25 to Ajeya Shetty, Clive Adolph, Matthew Tester, Stella Turley, Jenny Mantle and Jason Walsh.

The club costs £60 a year to join. Funds are split 50/50 between prizes and the Recreation Centre. To join, contact Ian Smith on 07977 473975 or oldtiff@hotmail.co.uk

Ramsbury Memorial Hall Centenary

Ramsbury Memorial will be 100 years old in March 2026 and to mark the occasion the hall committee will stage an exhibition to document how the building has changed and evolved through that time. We would like to ask if anyone has any photographs, documents or artefacts that they would be willing to lend the committee for the occasion. Of particular interest would be details on the original builder, raising the initial funding for the Institute then the subsequent addition of the hall, but details on the hall through the ages would be most welcome for instance its use in WWII, the closure of the hall after the Institute was declared unfit, copies of plans on reopening the hall or photos of weddings, birthdays or significant events held there. Please contact Helen.Lloyd@Ramsbury.org and she will arrange a date to bring in the documents for cataloguing to establish the size and number to help plan the exhibition.

Ramsbury Talks in the Memorial Hall in aid of The Friends of Holy Cross

Friday 31 October 2.30pm The inspiring **Imogen Taylor in conversation with John Benson**. Described as 'Legendary' by House & Garden magazine, she reflects on her trailblazing 50 year career with Colefax and Fowler, decorating interiors from Buckingham Palace to Ramsbury Manor.

Monday 3 November 7.15pm **Sir Anthony Seldon in conversation with Will Walden**. Former headmaster of Wellington College and acclaimed political biographer of every prime minister since John Major offers candid insights into leadership, power and politics.

Friday 21 November 7.15pm **Lord Willetts in conversation with Will Walden**. Former Minister for Universities and Science, examines the urgent debate on generational inequality and the future of fairness between young and old.

Monday 24 November 7.15pm **John Benson** tells the story of **John Fowler, Ramsbury Manor's** principal decorator, and his creation of the hugely influential Country House Style of interior decoration.

Tickets from Ramsbury Post Office or <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/the-ramsbury-talks-1273989>

Ramsbury Village Walk

Sunday 2 November meet the Square 2pm for 3 miles scenic circular route Whittonditch and Eastridge

Ramsbury Horticultural Society – The Greenhouse Year – Gillian Taylor

Monday 3 November – Church Rooms 7.30pm/7.45pm start – raffle/tea/coffee

Gillian Taylor, an experienced horticultural speaker, writer, plantswoman, aims to encourage sustainable and pollinator friendly planting. The talk will cover aspects of greenhouse design, uses, including overwintering of tender plants, propagation, production of flowers and vegetables and where to visit interesting greenhouses. £1 members £2 non members – all welcome

Ramsbury WI

Thursday 6 November Monthly meeting 2.30pm Church Rooms. Michael Yardley will speak on Snowhill Manor - A Place Like No Other. Competition for a small piece of treen (i.e. something made from wood). Visitors welcome. Contact 520908 or 520261.

Thursday 20 November Coffee Morning at the Royal British Legion, 10.30am onwards.

Thursday 27 November Outing to Yew Tree Garden Centre for shopping & lunch. Leaving Ramsbury 11am.

LINK

Monday 7 November free coffee morning for clients and drivers Royal British Legion Club 10.30am

Ramsbury Roxy

Friday 7 November NTL **Mrs Warrens Profession** (Memorial Hall) 7pm tickets £12

Sunday 16 November **The Ballad of Wallis Island** (Royal British Legion) 7.30pm tickets £6

Friday 28 November NTL **The Fifth Step** ((Memorial Hall) 7pm tickets £12

Tickets available at www.ramsburyroxy.org or Ramsbury Post Office

Remembrance Day Sunday 9th November

The village will congregate at the Square at 10:30am ready to commence the annual Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service. The importance of remembering the millions who served and protected their country, and gave so much to ensure our ongoing freedom, is no less important today than it was in the first Remembrance Day in 1919. This year in Ramsbury there will be a parade at 10am and march through the village. After the parade there will be a short service at the Memorial Cross followed by 2 minutes silence. Thereafter, there will be a church service followed by refreshments in the Royal British Legion Club. This year we are asking all current and ex-services personnel to join us in the parade and march through the village. It is also permissible to wear a deceased relative's official medals on the right breast of your clothing at commemorative events such as Remembrance Day. A befitting way to remember and honour those who went before us. Lest we forget.

Holy Cross and St. Michael's Axford

Sunday 2 November 4pm Holy Cross All Souls' Service

Remembrance Sunday 9 November Ramsbury 10.30am Parade, Act of Remembrance and Service

Sunday 16 November 9.30am Holy Cross Holy communion

Sunday 23 November 8am BCP communion (*traditional language*) 9.30am Café Church

Sunday 30 November 9.30am All Age communion

A short (said) service of Holy Communion takes place each Thursday at 10am in Ramsbury.

Methodist Church

Remembrance Sunday 9 November 10.45pm United Service led by Revd Stephen Skinner with Aldbourne band outside near Aldbourne Memorial Hall.

Sunday 16 November 10.30am service led by Revd David Gray.

Sunday 23 November 10.30am Women Against Violence service led by Revd Andrew Bird.

Sunday 30 November 10.30am service led by Local Preacher. 1st in Advent.

Tuesdays 2.30 to 4.30pm Bible course New Edition in The Methodist church Aldbourne.

Harvest festival raised a £311 from the lunch and auction for the Swindon Food Collective.

Coffee morning in the Lychgate Room, Ramsbury every Thursday 9.30am

Lottage road (Aldbourne) Art group

Friday 14 & 28 Nov 2.30-4.30pm Aldbourne Methodist Hall themes will be an Autumn/ Winter landscape

Lunch Club

Wednesday 12 and Wednesday 26 November Lunch Club in the Church Rooms.

Parish Council

Monday 17 November Parish Council meeting in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Ramsbury Flyer – Important changes to Hungerford service with immediate effect

Wednesdays and Fridays, collecting at Ramsbury stops from 10am, then Chilton Foliat and directly to Hungerford. Followed by collection at Froxfield at 10.40 am and direct to Hungerford.

Return to Ramsbury from Tesco at 11.55am and return to Froxfield at 12.45pm.

Aldbourne to Hungerford on Fridays dep 9.45 am/return 11.55am. Book with Janet on 520682/07584 253117. Marlborough routes stay the same.

Action through Enterprise (ATE)

Thursday 27 November at 6.30 pm in Holy Cross. We are over the moon to have won the **Small Charity Big Achiever Award** at the prestigious Third Sector Awards. Please join us to raise a glass to celebrate a wonderful year and to hear about our exciting growth into a new district in Upper Northwest Ghana, including a talk by Tim Eliot-Cohen about his fascinating trip to Ghana last year.

Holy Cross Churchyard Annual Sweep up and Bonfire

Saturday 29 November 10am to 1pm please bring your own rakes/gloves/refreshments

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 8 December 7pm Ramsbury & Aldbourne Bowls Club Christmas Bingo in Ramsbury Memorial Hall.

Monday 15 December at 7pm Carol singing with the Ramsbury Silver Band.