

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Link Scheme Mon – Fri 9 -5 Tel 520111	Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat 10 – 12.30 Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30		1 Lunch Club Church Rooms 12-1.45pm	2 WI Meeting 7pm Church Room	3 Roxy - NT live, Opera 7pm Mem Hall	4 Scouts Quiz Night 7pm Mem Hall
				White Horse Festival 2 nd – 5th		
5 Church services Monthly Walk 2pm Roxy, Pulse 7.30pm RBL	6 Cake & Co Aldbourne Methodist Chapel	7	8	9 Flyer to Cotswold Woollen Weavers 11.30 am The Square	10	11 Hort Soc Autumn Show 2pm Mem Hall, plus WI Country Market
12 See text for church services	13	14	15 Lunch Club Church Rooms 12-1.45pm	16 WI coffee morning RBL 10.30am	17	18
19 See text for church services Roxy – Mr Button 7.30pm RBL	20 Flyer to Studley Grange 11am Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm Mem Hall	21	22	23	24	25
26 See text for church Services	27 Library – Free Internet Mon 2–4 Wed 10–12, Thur 2-4 Sat 10–12 noon	28	29 Lunch Club Church Rooms 12-1.45pm	30	31 Autumn Talk Holy Cross 	
<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross Church see text for services Methodist Church see text for services Tennis Club 10.00am	<u>Every Monday</u>	<u>Every Tuesday</u> 1 st & 3 rd Tue Art Group Church Room 10-1pm Flyer to Marlborough Bowls club 5.45pm bowling green	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Flyer to Hungerford (see new timetable) Yoga 6.45-8pm Mem Hall	<u>Every Thursday</u> Coffee Morning Lychgate 9.30am Phoenix Pizza Memorial Hall 4.45-8pm Bowls club 5.45pm bowling green RBL Bingo 7.30 for 8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Yoga 9-10.15am Mem Hall Ramsbury Silver Band Axford Village Hall 7.30- 9.30pm Flyer to Hungerford (see new timetable)	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10.00am October 2025



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

October 2025

May we have items for the next diary before the 17th of the month.

Please email to diary@ramsbury.org



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Nature Notes by Peter Marren

This bounteous autumn peaked in early September with branches laden with hips, haws, acorns and sloes. I doubt I have ever seen such clustered masses of cherry-red haws, bending the boughs under their weight. We have had just the right combination of sunshine and, latterly, rain, to produce an exceptional harvest. Such abundance seems wasteful, but the more seeds there are, the better the chances of some of them escaping the hungry jaws of wildlife and generating new plants. As it is, squirrels, deer, jays, badgers and mice can stuff themselves this year. By the by, don't let your dog eat acorns. When raw they are full of tannins and are mildly toxic. Blanched, to get rid of the tannins, they become edible and can be ground to make oaken bread, coffee, even pastries.

The rain, which began soon after the August Bank Holiday, should produce a good crop of mushrooms this year. I noticed a few field mushrooms in the short grass near Littlecote, as well as fairy rings of beige-brown *champignons*. Chicken-of-the-woods, a yellow-brown tiered bracket of oak stumps is quite frequent this year. You will, I'm sure, have seen a lot of ladybirds this year. Most of them are the native Seven-spot variety, not the non-native Harlequin. Their main prey is aphids, which are unusually abundant this year. On the other hand, I haven't noticed exceptional numbers of hoverflies and bees, although among the former I've noted the mighty Hornet Hoverfly, a hornet mimic and one of our largest true flies.

The downs were parched and almost flower-free by late summer, apart from a few hawkbits and scabious, but the wetlands near the river were still colourful, with water mint, fleabane, forget-me-not, and watercress. There, and on garden flowers, was a late hatching of white butterflies – Large and Small White, and (especially) Green-veined White. If you see fresh Peacock butterflies in September, they may be from a second generation, a new phenomenon in a normally single-brooded species, and one we can probably put down to the steadily warming climate.

Bird Notes by Paul Swan

Unusually, there are still some swallows and house martins around, but they will surely have left before the beginning of October. Those summer visitors will be replaced by our autumn visitors, including redwing and fieldfare as well as our regular flock of golden plover. The redwings and fieldfare only travel at night, and it is worth heading outside on a clear frosty October evening and listening hard with your hands cupped over your ears. You may well hear the 'chuckle' of the fieldfare or the high pitched 'seep' whistle of the redwing. This is also the month when gardens are often visited by mixed flocks of tits and finches. If you are lucky enough to see a flock of long tailed tits it will consist of an adult pair, their offspring and several aunts and uncles, all relatives of the male bird. They will stay together right through the winter and disperse in the Spring. Two great sightings have been reported this month. A pair of green sandpipers have been pausing in their migration to Africa in the Seven Bridges area. These are rare birds and are seldom seen in this area. Their dark upperparts contrast vividly with pale underparts and a white rump. The second sighting was of a peregrine near West Lodge. This was probably one of the pair that are now resident on the roof of the church in Aldbourne.

Rainfall by Robert Osmond

Finally, some very welcome rain in early September ending our six month drought. 1976 was even drier as we had only 223mm of rain from January to August. The difference this year was our dry six months followed by two years of very wet weather and above average rainfall in January and February. So far in eight months this year we have had 377mm, the average for the same period is 54mm.

It seems we have now returned to more normal conditions, but already there are warnings of storms and possible flooding. Inevitably there will be some of both as there has always been!

Recreation Centre 200 Club September Results

£100 to Ian Walker, £50 to each of Sonia Park, Lizzie Wilson, Sir John Sawers, Chris Roberts and Kevin Jauncey and £25 to each of Michael Franklin, Ken Bates, John Herbertson, Mark Hayley, Simon Coles and Mora Abell. The cost is £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

Holy Cross and the Whitton Parish

We continue a celebration of Harvest across the Parish - this month at Chilton Foliat (11th October) and Aldbourne (26th October) - both at 11am. Our new church opportunity for families with young children ('Seedlings') is offered at Baydon on 19th October at 9.30am - all welcome from across the Parish. As well as our Sunday services, there is a short (said) service of Holy Communion in Holy Cross Ramsbury every Thursday at 10am. "Reflective Spaces" on 22nd October in Aldbourne at 7pm.

Sunday 5th October: 10.00am	Team Holy Communion - at St Mary's, Chilton Foliat.
Sunday 12th October: 9.30am	Matins (traditional language).
Sunday 19th October: 9.30am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 26th October: 8.00am	Holy Communion (traditional language) 9.30am Cafe Church.

Aldbourn and Ramsbury Methodist Chapel Service

Sunday 5th October 10.30am	Service led by Local Preacher.
Sunday 12th October 10.30am	Homeless Sunday, H/C service led by Revd Stephen Skinner.
Friday 19th October 10.30am	Freedom Sunday, service led by Local Preacher.
Sunday 26th October 10.30am	Harvest festival – this will be a joint service at St Michael's church.

The Bible society' – The 'Bible course new Edition', will be held at The Aldbourne and Ramsbury Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon, from 2.30pm 4pm in October. The session will include refreshments, films, conversations, prayer and quiet reflection.

Coffee Morning every Thursday in The Lychgate Room starts at 9.30am. Join us for coffee and raise funds for our local charities by swapping puzzles and books.

Ramsbury WI

Thursday 2nd October Monthly meeting at 7pm in the Church Rooms, Back Lane. Sharon Greasley will be talking about Smart Works - a charity with branches in Reading & Bristol that helps unemployed women get back into work via coaching, clothing and confidence. Visitors welcome. Enquiries to 520908 or 520261. Saturday 11th October WI Country Market, as part of the Horticultural Society's Autumn Show. Thursday 16th October Coffee Morning in the Royal British Legion, 10.30am. onwards.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club this month will meet on 1st, 15th and 29th October. Enquiries to Diana 01672 520630 or diana.tricky@icloud.com

Horticultural Society

The Autumn Show and WI Market will be taking place on Saturday 11th October 2 - 4pm in Ramsbury Memorial Hall. Will you be baking Yorkshire Fat Rascals or perhaps you have some amazing tasting jam? There are classes for fruit, vegetables, flowers, floral art, home, industries and handicraft plus a children's section with Halloween decorated cupcakes and a wind chime. The WI Country Market will be selling delicious cakes, tarts, jam, chutney etc. Teas will be available along with a cash only raffle for a hamper. Schedules can be found in Ramsbury Post Office, Ramsbury Charity Shop or online at ramsburyhortsoc.co.uk On-line entries to hortsoc@ramsbury.org by Friday 10th October or in person 6 - 8pm Friday 10th in Mem Hall, High Street.

LINK

We are here for lifts for medical appointments, hairdressing, prescription collection, shopping etc. The service is free, but small donations are welcome. Ring Penny on 520111 for details or to book a lift. We DESPERATELY need more drivers. Link has been operating for over 25 years and we are trying hard to keep this service going. If you have a little free time we'd much appreciate your help. We pay 45p a mile and light refreshments. Contact Penny for details

Ramsbury Roxy

5th October : Film - Pulse (Pink Floyd) at the RBL. 19th October: Film - Mr Burton at the RBL.

Help with Diary Distribution

We need a volunteer to help with the monthly distribution of the Village Diary, as Carol, who has helped for many years, is planning to move away from the village. This entails collecting the Diaries from the Church Rooms on Back Lane and delivering to the Surgery, Post Office, Café Bella, Holy Cross, Library, British Legion, Charity Shop, Midway Stores, Isles Court and the Memorial Hall. If you can spare just an hour a month and help with the distribution please email diary@ramsbury.org

Flyer Timetable announcements and Outings - available to all local villages

New timetables are being announced for the Wednesday and Friday trips to Hungerford : this is to help with the over-crowding on this route. Please consult posters for full details of these changes : posters will be in the Flyer itself, in post offices, notice boards and online www.ramsburyflyer.org. The Marlborough timetable continues as usual. Ramsbury via Aldbourne to Marlborough on 7th and 21st October, and Ramsbury via Froxfield to Marlborough on 14th and 28th October. **Please note, there is no Newbury trip in October.**

3rd November : Westonbirt: leaving at 9.30am. Fare £15.00.

6th November : Marlborough Flower Club Christmas demonstration: Minal: £6 entrance.

Please ring Janet for more information and to book on 01672 520682 or 07584 253117.

Ramsbury and Axford Poppy Appeal 2025

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will take place between Thursday 16th October and Sunday 9th November. Static collection boxes (with Remembrance merchandise) will be available around the Village and a house to house collection will be available within Isles Court, Eastridge and Axford. Your support is as important as ever for the RBL's work in providing support for our injured and sick Service and Ex Service personnel. On Sunday 9th November there will be a Ramsbury village parade & Remembrance Service. After the church service, the newly refurbished RBL club will be open for drinks and a (free) light lunch. Please come & join us. Thanks for your support on this important annual event of Remembrance. Lest we forget.

Ramsbury Community Charity Shop

The half-price sale in September raised over £250. Since 2009 we have donated over £142,000 to local organisations. In September we held a birthday party for over 40 volunteers. Tea and cake is small recompense for the time and effort all these people give on behalf of their organisations and we are really grateful to them. Please continue to donate and buy from us. Ramsbury School uniform, scout, cub, beavers uniforms £1 each. See our facebook page for other items.

Sheila Glass Mary Holdsworth

Parish Council

There will be a trial of a one way traffic system (S to N) on Union Street to assess the impact on traffic if this was made permanent. The PC would be interested to note comments on any impact caused to traffic elsewhere in the village.

Phone boxes in High Street and Whittonditch Road have been refurbished. New speed indicators in Ramsbury and Axford, as well as drawing drivers' attention to their speed will record traffic speeds over a period and if necessary a police speed check will be undertaken and offending drivers sanctioned. Whittonditch play area has two new pieces of equipment, a net climber and a cableway. We hope that village children will enjoy them and use them with respect. Also a picnic table in the community orchard donated in memory of Peter Nandha. Sadly within days this area was strewn with beer bottles. Tree work has also been carried out on dangerous trees.

In September we held two sessions of CPR/defib training for 40 people. If you are interested in gaining this potentially lifesaving skill please contact parishcouncil@ramsbury.org or 01672 520045 for details of next sessions. Our new Emergency Plan will soon be posted on the website www.ramsbury.org.uk. Residents in danger of flooding can purchase aquasacs (dry sacks which expand in water to form a barrier) from the PC, contact as above. Police consultation British Legion café on Tuesday October 14th 11am to noon. PCSO Melissa Camilleri will attend. We are allowed to co-opt councillors to make up a shortfall of two. If you are interested contact the clerk as above.

Advanced Notices

Monday 3rd November

Ramsbury Horticultural Society The Greenhouse Year, Gillian Taylor
Church Rooms, 3rd November, 7.30pm.