

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Village Walk The Square 2pm 7 June ↓	1	2 Memorial Hall AGM 6pm	3	4 Flyer outing WI meeting	5 Link Tea Party Church Rooms 3pm	6 The Friendly Invasion 4-8pm
7 Friends of Holy Cross Garden Party The Old Mill 2-5pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Lunch Club	18 WI coffee morning RBL Club 10.30am	19	20 Ramsbury Street Fair 11am to 3pm
21 Ramsbury Open Gardens 2 to 5pm	22 Flyer outing to Goring-on-Thames	23 ATE – FIFA Memorial Hall 7.30pm	24 Miracle Theatre Ogbourne Maizey 7.30pm	25	26	27 Prospect Hospice Starlight Walk
28	29	30		Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat 10 – 12.30. Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30	Ramsbury & Axford Link Scheme Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111	Ramsbury Library Mon & Thur 2 - 4. Wed & Sat 10am - 12pm
<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross See text for services Methodist Church See text for services Tennis Club 10.am	<u>Every Monday</u>	<u>Every Tuesday</u> 1 st & 3 rd Tue Art Group Scout Hut 10-1 Bowls Club 5.45 pm at the Bowling Green Flyer to Marlborough	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Flyer to Hungerford Bingo Ramsbury British Legion Club 7 for 7.30pm	<u>Every Thursday</u> Phoenix Pizza Memorial Hall 4.45 to 8pm Bowls Club open evenings 5.45 pm at the Bowling Green	<u>Every Friday</u> Ramsbury Silver Band Axford Village Hall 7.30- 9.30pm Flyer to Hungerford	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am June 2026



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

June 2026



May we have items for the July diary before 17 Month.

Please email to diary@ramsbury.org

NATURE NOTES by Peter Marren

May – or Floréal in the old French Republican calendar - is the floweriest month. What other wildflowers provide such sheets of colour as bluebells in our woods or buttercups in our meadows? The verges are livened by the froth of cow parsley, which some people know better by its folknames, Queen Anne's lace or 'keck'. One of the brightest of our Maytime flowers is red campion. Though 'shocking pink' rather than pure red, the flowers mass together on verges, accompany bluebells in the woods, and even invade my garden - where it is made welcome (by not weeding), not least because the bees like it. Red campion is quite a complex plant. For a start it has separate male and female flowers. The male one bears a clump of yellow stamens in the middle, while the female one is slightly larger with five colourless styles. Only the latter produce seeds, of course, and plenty of them. Where red campion grows with the related white campion, you often find their hybrid, a paler pink campion. And there's yet another kind that has purple instead of yellow stamens. These are plants that have been infected by a fungus called campion smut, and their stamens contain not pollen but fungal spores.

Campion is a very old name which probably means 'of the field'. Being red, our campion is also known by folknames like 'robin' and 'soldiers'. It is said to be a favourite flower of that little devil, Robin Goodfellow ('Puck' in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*), for that reason, picking it brings bad luck. Do we still call familiar flowers by their local names? In our county they used to call bluebells 'griggles', and cowslip 'paigles'. Speedwell, I know, is still called 'bird's-eye' by some. As for stitchwort, another common wayside blossom, its old county name was 'nightingales'. Alas, it's the only nightingale we have left; the real thing has abandoned us.

Peter Marren's latest book, *The Devil's Garden*, is now in the shops.

It's about the plants you would least like to see in your garden!

BIRD NOTES by Paul Swan

The swifts duly arrived a few days after the house martins and are now entertaining us with their screaming flypasts on the warmer evenings. They were closely followed by the first cuckoo that has taken up residence in the Seven Bridges area, awaiting the arrival of a mate.

That area continues to be one of the most bird rich patches in the parish, and on one morning we watched a pair of reed buntings and a pair of grey wagtails plucking flies out of the air in bright sunshine. The early spring warblers have now been joined by sedge, grasshopper and garden warblers. Those of us who love the Seven Bridges walk are delighted that work has finally started to mend the main bridge over the Kennet.

One of our resident birds that I have never seen is the woodlark, so I was delighted to receive a report of one to the south of the village. It is smaller than the skylark with a tuft on its head and a pronounced eye stripe, or supercilium that meets at the back of its head! In the garden our resident blackbirds and robins are still busy feeding their young and we hope to see them soon.

RAINFALL by Robert Osmond

A very dry April with only 10.50 mm of rain. This follows a below average rainfall in March, which is not ideal for crop germination or grass growing, maybe good for those who don't like lawn mowing, but not for farmers and gardeners ! April is the driest month of the year with an average just under 48.00 mm.

Unfortunately the dry spell has continued into May.

Recreation Centre 200 Club May Results

£100 to Peter Randall, £50 to each of Victoria Balfour-Gray, Pat Pope, Kim Roberts, John Harrod and Sue Wade, and £25 to each of Fiona Mair, Di Barnett, David de Saxe, Sheila Glass, Tor Petley and Rosie Derrick.

The Recreation Centre 200 Club 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 & Aldbourne Bowls Club home matches

Monday 1 June Hayden Wick 2.00 pm	Monday 15 June Swindon 2.00 pm
Wednesday 3 June Kingston Bagpuize 6.15 pm	Wednesday 17 June Harwell 6.15 pm
Saturday 6 June Stratton Churchways 10.30 am	Saturday 20 June Purton 10.30 am

Visitors can have undercover or greenside seating, refreshments are available.

Ramsbury Memorial Hall

Tuesday 2 June Annual General Meeting at 6pm in the Main Hall. Public meeting open to all. The trustees would be very pleased to see as many people as possible at the meeting in the Hall's Centenary Year.

Ramsbury Flyer – New Hungerford Timetable w.e.f. 1 June

Wednesdays – Departs Froxfield at 9.25am to Hungerford. Departs Ramsbury from 10.05am - Chilton Foliat - Hungerford. Returns from Tesco to Froxfield 11.20am and Tesco to Ramsbury at 11.50am.

Fridays – Departs Froxfield at 9.20am to Hungerford. Departs Ramsbury from 10.05am - Chilton Foliat – Hungerford. Returns from Tesco to Froxfield at 10.45am and Tesco to Ramsbury at 11.50am.

Aldbourn Service on Fridays (dep 9.52am) to Hungerford must pre-book with Janet – see below.

Monday **22 June** Goring-on-Thames lunch by the River Thames and a possible visit to the Donkey Sanctuary £15 leaving 9.30am. Mon **6 July** Leekes or Whitehall Garden Centre Melksham £12 leaving 10am. Mon **20**

Jul Houghton Lodge Gardens an 18 century Cottage Orne next to the River Test £12 plus entry

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

Ramsbury WI

4 June WI Meeting at 7pm in the Church Rooms. Nicola Davis is coming to demonstrate silk painting and there will be an opportunity for everyone to paint a card. It would be very helpful if members could tell Rosalie in advance if they are intending to come, so that we can set the room up appropriately. There may be space for visitors: please contact Rosalie on 01672 520261 or rosalie.winter@outlook.com to check.

18 June Coffee Morning at the Royal British Legion, 10.30am onwards.

20 June Ramsbury Street Fair. The WI stall selling sweet and savoury baked goods. Cash only, please.

Ramsbury D-Day 82nd Anniversary

Saturday 6 June Walk from Hungerford Train Station to Camp Ramsbury via Littlecote and Ramsbury Airfield raising funds for Help4Heroes and Murphys Army. Contact rose@ramsburydday80.com

The Friendly Invasion Celebration 4-8pm The Rookery, Loves Lane, Ramsbury

Holy Cross

Sunday 7 June 8.00am Ramsbury BCP Holy Communion (*traditional language*)

11.00am North Farm, Aldbourne - Team Rogation Service

Sunday 14 June 9.30am Ramsbury BCP Matins (*traditional language*)

Sunday 21 June 9.30am Holy Communion with Seedlings activity for children

Sunday 28 June 8.00am Ramsbury BCP Communion (*traditional language*)

9.30am Café Church

11.00am Aldbourne Green Churches Together Fete Service

11.30am Ramsbury Baptism

A short (said) service of Holy Communion takes place each Thursday at 10.00am in Ramsbury.

'Reflective Spaces' at St. Michael's Church, Aldbourne at 7.00pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Methodist Church

Sunday 7 June 10.30am service led by Local Preacher.

Sunday 14 June 10.30am Service led by local Preacher.

Sunday 21 June 10.30am Service led by local Preacher.

Sunday 28 June 10.30am Service led by Revd Stephen Skinner.

Thanks to all who helped raise £821.00 after expenses for Chapel funds at our 40th Chapel Anniversary

Stamps are being collected at our chapel. **Bible study** every Tuesday from 2.30pm in the Chapel hall. **Art group** Friday afternoons from 2.30pm. **Coffee morning** Thursdays from 9.30am at 6 Whitehill Close.

Saturday 27 June Summer Fête on The Green in Aldbourne with a section of stalls for churches together.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club this month will be on Wednesday 17 June.

Royal British Legion Club

17 June World Cup England v Croatia 9pm 23 June World Cup England v Ghana 9pm

26 June Pool Competition 7.30 27 June World Cup Panama v England 10pm Bingo every Wednesday

Ramsbury Horticultural Society

Saturday 20 June Ramsbury Street Fair RHS Table Plant Sale - please come and buy plants.

Sunday 21 June 2pm to 5pm Ramsbury Open Gardens. 9 gardens will be opening including courtyard, riverside and larger gardens - 7 of which are new - please spend some time visiting them.

FIFA Football World Cup 2026 comes to Ramsbury in support of ATE

Tuesday 23 June at 7.30 pm You are invited to join Action Through Enterprise in Ramsbury Memorial Hall.

An exciting and fun opportunity to be part of the coming together through sport of **England vs Ghana, via a live stream on the big screen.** Every ticket includes a delicious Jollof rice meal with Ghanaian inspired flavours and a welcome drink – with more available from the bar! There will also be a fun sweepstake before kick off and a small auction. Contact email keri@ateghana.org or call 07380 409666 for tables and tickets. Book a table for 10 for £150. Or alternatively an individual ticket for £15.

All proceeds will support **Action Through Enterprise** and its lifechanging work in rural Ghana.

Miracle Theatre presents “Peer Gynt – A Comedy of Terrors” – one night only

Wednesday 24 June at 7.30pm Gate open 6pm. Bring chairs and a picnic. Bar/coffee/ice creams/WC/parking. Venue: Maizey Lodge, Ogbourne Maizey, Marlborough SN8 1RY.

Tickets in advance: Adults £17, Children £9, Family £45 (2A+2C). 01672 512125 / maizey50@gmail.com.

Ramsbury Roxy

The Roxy is taking a break until September.

Parish Council

The Parish Council is reviewing quotes to repair more pavements . The picnic table on Knowledge Crescent play area has been replaced. Following the consultation on the proposed closure of Ramsbury fire station the decision will be taken on 30 June. The Parish Council wrote to all members of DWFRS Executive and MP Danny Kruger objecting to the proposal and making a strong case that Ramsbury station be kept open. We also suggested that the Executive should delay closing any stations until they have considered ways to increase recruitment and better funding from central government. A police consultation on 13 May was only attended by two parish councillors. The Parish Steward scheme, which has been suspended for the last few months because stewards were repairing potholes, will resume in June. Residents can report blocked drains, faulty street lights, damaged signs, potholes on MyWilts app or at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

The monthly walk on June 7 is to Ramsbury airfield on the day after the anniversary of D Day so the venue is appropriate. Details are on www.ramsbury.org.uk Meet in the Square 2pm.

Monday 15 June Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

Ramsbury Community Charity Shop

We have Paul New’s wonderful plants - perennials, bedding and some vegetables. We also have rusting steel plant supports in three sizes at £3.50 each 3 for £10. We also have toys, books, glassware, kitchen equipment, gifts, jigsaws, school uniform(£1 an item).
Sheila Glass Mary Holdsworth

LINK – Call Penny for lifts to medical appointments, shopping, hairdresser on 520111

The usual coffee morning for clients and drivers is replaced in June by a tea party in the Church Rooms on Friday 5 June at 3pm. Julia Blunt has very kindly said that, weather permitting, anyone who would like to can have a look at her garden after tea.

Allotments

There are still a few plots available - half plot £40 a year- less than £1 a week. There is water on-site. Contact John Cody 07901692754 or Denise Edwards 07867921878 for more details.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Fri 3 July Friends of Holy Cross AGM

Sat 4 July Bella Voce Choir Summer Concert

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