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The Village Diary is also available online at ramsburys.org.uk > diary > diary	Ramsbury & Axford Link Scheme Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111	1	2 Bingo, RBL, 7pm	3 WI meeting, Church Rooms	4 LINK coffee morning, RBL, 10.30 Ramsbury Roxy Les Liaisons Dangereuses 7pm Memorial Hall	5 Bowls Club Cup Final 10.30am and 2.00pm
6 Parish Walk resumes - further details to come. Bowls Club Cup Final 10.30am until 2.30pm	7 7.45pm HortSoc The Resilient Gardener talk by Sally Morgan Church Rooms	8	9 Bingo, RBL, 7pm	10	11	12 Axford Fete cancelled RBL Mudhoney Blues Band doors open 7.30 music from 8.30
13	14 Flyer trip to Milletts Farm Centre	15	16 Lunch Club, Church Rooms 12 noon Bingo, RBL, 7pm	17 WI coffee morning, 10.30, RBL	18	19
20 Ramsbury Roxy Moonage Daydream 7.30pm RBL	21	22	23 Bingo, RBL, 7pm	24	25 RBL Pool competition	26 Flyer Mystery Tour!! RBL Charlie Greenwood singing live at Legion open 7.30 music from 8.30
27	28 Ramsbury Wildlife Group Talk, Butterflies by Peter Eeles Memorial Hall 7.30	29	30 Bingo, RBL, 7pm	31	Ramsbury Library Mon & Thurs 2 - 4pm. Wed & Sat 10am - 12pm	Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thurs & Sat 10 – 12.30. Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30
<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 Royal British Legion 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 September 2026



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

September 2026



May we have items for the October diary before 17 September.

Please email to diary@ramsbury.org

NATURE NOTES by Peter Marren

The summer heat and drought produced an early season for fruit. We picked a bowlful of blackberries on the first day of August, and of good size despite the lack of rain. Ivy was coming into blossom weeks early, apples and plums were ripe for picking. The verges were the same straw colour as the harvested fields. What does the future hold for our lawns?

There is still wild colour on our watersides: speedwells, forget-me-nots and monkeyflower, along with two late-flowering umbellifers with watercress-like leaves. The larger is Lesser Water Parsnip, a signature plant of chalk streams whose pure-white umbels fill the first main drain at Seven Bridges (the stems and roots have an unmistakable smell of raw parsnips. The other is Fool's Watercress whose umbels are attached directly to the main stalk like a row of little sun-broillies.

A colourful, day-flying moth is visiting our gardens. This is the Jersey Tiger-moth which really does have tiger stripes on the forewings. There are reports of this lovely moth entering homes and this is probably not accidental. It is looking for a cool place to escape the heat and can even enter a state of summer-dormancy known as aestivation. When first named, a century ago, the Jersey Tiger really was confined to the Channel Islands. But, thanks to our hot summers, it is moving north. There are also many reports of Clouded Yellow butterflies, fast-flying migrants from southern Europe. They will lay on lucerne, melilot and other leguminous flowers but so far the caterpillars survive the winter only on warm, sheltered places on the south coast.

28th September Ramsbury Wildlife Group Talk on butterflies by Peter Eeles Memorial Hall 7.30

BIRD NOTES by Paul Swan

This has been a bumper month for sightings and reported sightings, many involving raptors. Some friends were enjoying tea in their garden when they heard squealing from above. Looking up they saw a squirrel being carried off in the talons of a buzzard! Walking to Littlecote we were first treated to the sight of a peregrine falcon sitting in a tree, and a few minutes later to a kestrel swooping and catching a vole. The wonderful ability of kestrels to keep their heads stationary as they search for prey gives these birds their old country name, 'the windhover'

The garden birds have gone very quiet as many of them are going through the annual moult, where they replace every feather over a period of three or four weeks, leaving them very vulnerable. One of the few birds that you might see during this process is the robin, which can often be seen in August with completely bald heads!

The sighting of the month was at Seven Bridges and a first time ever for the observers. A young cuckoo perched precariously on a wire with its foster parent reed warbler in close attention. That young cuckoo will now be on the way to Africa, guided only by instinct and the earth's magnetic field.

RAINFALL by Robert Osmond

Rainfall for the month of August was 0 inches. Probably, for the first time since records began, we have had a month with no measurable rainfall. It's certainly the first time looking at the records I have for Ramsbury going back to 1968, which include those kept by Anthony Vernon and Ronnie Price. Unfortunately, the current dry spell extends for longer than July. From the 12th June to 11th August, we have had just 9.9 mm of rain in two months, making life very difficult for the farmers and gardeners. We need more reservoirs!

Recreation Centre 200 Club

Here are the results for August: £100 to Liz Hawes, £50 to each of Linda Whincup, Paula Stephens, Roger Greasley, Dorte Bauer and Julia Blunt and £25 to each of Kim Roberts, Carolyn Roche, Marina Souter, Roger Henry, Denis White and Paul Snook. 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

Royal British Legion, Ramsbury

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 30th September (all Wednesdays): Bingo

12th September: Mudhoney Blues Band doors open 7.30 music from 8.30

25th September: Pool competition

26th September: Charlie Greenwood singing live at Legion open 7.30 music from 8.30

Ramsbury WI

3rd September - meeting in the Church Rooms, Back Lane. Jeff Evans will speak on The Golden Age of Children's TV. Competition for the most interesting vintage toy, doll, or children's book. Visitors welcome. Any enquiries to 01672 520908.

17th September 10.30am onwards, coffee morning in the Royal British Legion café.

Ramsbury Roxy

4th September: Les Liaisons Dangereuses, 7pm Memorial Hall

20th September: Moonage Daydream, 7.30pm Royal British Legion

Ramsbury & Aldbourne Bowls Club

5th & 6th September Club Finals Weekend. There are several finals over the two days. Saturday morning matches will start at 10.30 and the afternoon at 2.00. Sunday's matches start at 10.30 ending about 2.30. Refreshments, undercover & greenside seating available.

Holy Cross and St. Michael's Axford

6th *Trinity 14* 10.00 am Holy Cross Church Team Holy Communion, 11.30 am Baptism

13th *Trinity 15* 9.30 am Holy Cross Church BCP Matins (traditional language)

20th *Trinity 16* 9.30 am Holy Cross Church Harvest Festival

27th *Trinity 17* 8.00 am Holy Cross Church BCP Matins (trad. lang.), 9.30 am Café Church, 11.15 am Baptism

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

Methodist Church - Sunday services for September

6th 10.30am service led by Local Preacher, 6pm Carnival Service led by Revd Rach Collins.

13th 10.30am H/C service led by Revd Andrew Bird.

20th 10.30am Harvest festival service led by Local Preacher.

27th 10.30am service held at Chiseldon, United Service.

Revd Rach Collins will be covering Aldbourne & Ramsbury until we have a new Minister. She can be reached by email rach.collins@methodist.org.uk or phone 01793 529263

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th: Coffee mornings every Thursday in September in our garden. Sadly, 24th will be our final farewell coffee morning, as attendance is too low to carry on hiring the Lychgate Room. I know there has been lots of laughter and cheers over the years, I will miss it very much. The money in the account will go to local charities the Coffee morning supports. Thank you to all who have supported me over the years.

Ramsbury Community Charity Shop

We have sweat shirts, trousers, skirts, gym kit for Ramsbury Primary and white shirts and gym kit for St Johns at £1 an item and jackets at £5. Also pencil cases, folders and stationery. Also, toys, books, jigsaws, kitchen equipment, glass and china, craft items, candles, gifts and things you didn't know you need!

Donations welcome. Profits go to village organisations. For those new to the village, the shop is manned by volunteers from scouts, bowls club, church, lunch club, Rec Centre, WI and Ravensbury Players. Mary Holdsworth and Sheila Glass administer it, sorting and pricing donations. Every 3 months profit is divided among the organisations-over £150,000 in the 17 years since we opened. Thank you to all our volunteers.

LINK

LINK is for anyone who needs a lift for medical appointments, hairdressing, village shops etc. if they cannot drive permanently or temporarily. Contact Penny 520111 for details. LINK service is free but we welcome donations to help defray costs. Funds are diminishing, the budget prospect for the rest of the year is not good. We pay drivers 55p a mile due to rising fuel costs and NHS centralisation of appointments is leading to more long-distance lifts-Bath, Bristol, Oxford. We appreciate clients acknowledging the cost of a trip when making a donation as most kindly do. Drivers are the mainstay of the LINK, without them we cannot function. If you feel you can help us, in any way, please contact Penny as above for details.

4th September 10.30am free coffee morning for clients and drivers in the British Legion.

Parish Council

6th September Parish Walk on the first Sunday of the month will resume. Look out for details.

Ramsbury were 4th in the Best Kept Village competition this year, thanks to all who have helped keep the village looking lovely. The PC would like to hear from anyone who would "adopt" a bench or planter to keep the village looking its best. Please contact parishcouncil@ramsbury.org

Ramsbury Library needs more volunteers to be able to continue offering all sessions, please contact Joanne.Smith@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 706625 to find out more and register if you can help.

The Parish Council are planning to hold another CPR awareness session, date tba, if interested please register on parishcouncil@ramsbury.org

Wiltshire Council will no longer empty bins not directly next to the highway so the bin at the Whittonditch play area may be removed. Please take all your rubbish and poo bags home and encourage others to do the same.

Last month we heard that the immediate threat to the closure of the Ramsbury Fire Station has been lifted but that is not the end of the story, the Chief Fire Officer has said that if the extra budget is not found the station could still close and in response to a direct question from the Chair of the Parish Council: "You're right that there is still work to do, and we really appreciate your willingness to support the Service. The most helpful thing that residents and the Parish Council can do is continue to lobby the Government for greater funding flexibility for fire and rescue services. In particular, asking your local MP to support increased precept flexibility in the next Local Government Finance Settlement. This would help services like ours secure more sustainable funding to continue protecting our communities".

Please do email or write to support the fire services. [Contact your MP - UK Parliament](#)

Horticultural Society

7th September - 7.45pm The Resilient Gardener talk by Sally Morgan. Award-winning organic gardener, botanist and author, known for her focus on climate-resilient and sustainable horticulture. Extremely topical subject so should be a really interesting talk. Venue: Church Rooms, Back Lane, Ramsbury.

10th, October 2-4pm Autumn Show and WI Country Market. Please start planning your entries, schedules will be available in the post office. Venue - Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsbury

Axford Fete Cancelled

12th Sept - It is with sadness we have decided to cancel Axford Fete. With thatched houses in vicinity and any change in weather uncertain we felt it was irresponsible to put any further risk on our community, farmers and fire services. We may have the duck race later in autumn if conditions change.

Ramsbury Flyer

14 September: Millett's Farm Centre

26 September: Mystery Tour!!!!

October trips to book now: 5 October: Bourton On Water, leaving 9.30, Fare £17. Stroll alongside the crystal-clear River Windrush, criss-crossed by low arched stone bridges, visit the Model Village, or visit Birdland Park & Gardens, where you can see over 500 birds (many of them rare), among them King Penguins and Flamingoes. 19 October: Batsford Arboretum, leaving at 9.15, Fare £17. See the autumn colours, and/or Cotswold Falconry Centre, or visit - Sezincote House "India in the Cotswolds". 5 November Devizes: market day, a super place to visit. All trips are available to surrounding villages.

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

Lunch Club

16th September Lunch Club, 12 noon, Church Rooms, welcomes our guests back for the autumn term.

Before we go....

We send our condolences to the family of Rosie Pauline, who sadly died in August. She was a very active member of the community including the WI and Horticultural Society. She also wrote the Village Diary Nature Notes for many years. She will be sadly missed.



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