

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 November Parish Walk 2pm from The Square	2 RHS Andrew Tolman Talk 7.30 Church Rooms	3	4 Bingo RBL 7.30	5 Flyer to Devizes WI meeting Church Rooms 2.30pm	6	7
8 Remembrance Day Parade & Service 10.30 The Square Refreshments after service RBL Roxy Film 7:30pm RBL	9	10	11 Bingo RBL 7.30	12 Flyer to Newbury	13 Ravensbury Players, murder mystery & supper, Memorial Hall 6.15 for 7pm	14 Ravensbury Players, murder mystery & supper, Memorial Hall 6.15 for 7pm
15	16	17	18 Lunch Club Church Rooms 12 noon Bingo RBL 7.30	19 WI coffee morning in the RBL, 10.30am	20	21
22 Roxy NTL 7pm start Memorial Hall	23 Allotments AGM 7pm Lychgate Rooms	24	25 Bingo RBL 7.30	26 Flyer to Yew Tree Garden Centre	27 Pool competition RBNL	28 The Charity Shop Xmas Shop opens Annual sweep-up of churchyard 9.30am
29 Roxy film 6.30pm start Memorial Hall	30 WI visit to Yew Tree Garden Centre	Ramsbury & Axford Link Scheme Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111	Ramsbury Library Mon & Thurs 2 - 4pm. Wed & Sat 10am - 12pm	Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thurs & Sat 10 – 12.30. Tue & Thurs 2 – 4.30	The Village Diary is available on the Ramsbury website every month, go to: www.ramsbury.org.uk – What's on – Village Diary	
<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross See notices Methodist Church See notices Tennis Club 10am	<u>Every Monday</u> Short Mat Bowls Memorial Hall 1.45 – 4pm	<u>Every Tuesday</u> Flyer to Marlborough Art group now in Aldbourn alternate Fridays 2-4pm. Contact Neil 01672 540278.	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Flyer to Hungerford Bingo Ramsbury Royal British Legion Club 7 for 7.30pm	<u>Every Thursday</u> Phoenix Pizza Memorial Hall 4.45 to 8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Flyer to Hungerford Ramsbury Silver Band Axford Village Hall 7.30- 9.30pm	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am November 2026



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

November 2026



May we have items for the December diary before 17th November.

Please email to diary@ramsbury.org

NATURE NOTES by *Peter Marren*

It's curious that the famous poem *To Autumn* by John Keats doesn't mention that most autumnal of sights, the changing colours of trees, the yellows, reds and russets of the dying year. But Keats's 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' seems to be September, and early September at that, with its 'more and more flowers for the bees' and gathering swallows still twittering ahead. It's just as curious that we don't seem to have a proper word for the phenomenon. Leaf 'senescence' doesn't seem adequate. I prefer the French '*feuille morte*' even though it just means 'dead leaf'. In countries where the colours are even more intense, like Japan or Finland, they do have such a word. But in New England which has the best autumn colours in the world, it's just 'the fall'. After such a dry summer, we wouldn't expect an early harvest of fungi, and there isn't one. Field mushrooms have been and gone, and I hear that penny bun boletes are in very short supply this year. At the restored river bridge at Seven Bridges there was a mass fruiting of the Fairy Inkcap, whose tiny, pleated heads all crowded together look like page-boy haircuts as seen from the back. The next day they had all gone for these delicate caps turn into inky fluid within hours. I have seen some mighty brackets on mature trees, some of which are as hard as wood. These fungi have a powerful biochemistry that enables them to digest the cell walls of the tree - how trees can grow to upwards of a hundred feet tall and live for centuries. It's roughly the equivalent of being able to end a meal by eating and digesting your knife and fork. It has been a low year for acorns but a great one for berries and hazelnuts. My hazel is carpeted beneath with husks which squirrels have neatly halved to wolf the nut inside. Spindle berries are not good to eat but their candy-pink cups clasping the bright orange berry within are a delight for the eyes.

BIRD NOTES by *Paul Swan*

This is that 'in between time' when all our summer visitors have left and the winter visitors have yet to arrive. In the next few weeks, we should see the golden plover, redwings and fieldfare back on our patch. What has been notable in the last few weeks is the variety of unusual flocks. There have always been a few pairs of Mandarin ducks at Priory Bridge and on Manor Lake. We recently saw a flock of over 30 which was a very dramatic sight and shows that they have had a brilliant year. Unusually, these are one of the species of duck that nest in trees, rather than on the ground. Their nests can be up to 30 feet above ground, and the fledgling ducks first experience of flight is falling to the floor beneath! Flocks of goldfinches are not unusual here, normally feasting on thistles. However, last week we saw a large flock flying back and forth between an oak tree and a group of larches. Apparently, this is not uncommon in Autumn, but no one seems to know what they are feeding on. Possibly, larvae under the bark. The final flock was a huge group of gulls circling over the village. As expected, the weather changed for the worse the very next day.

RAINFALL by *Robert Osmond*

Rainfall for the month of September was 38.5mm, average for September 68.96mm, another dry month. We have had below average rainfall for 6 of the last 7 months, and during July, August & September 41% of the average so we need a wet Autumn/Winter. Misty mornings can provide a good weather forecast for the day, "Mist on the moors brings sunshine to the doors, mist on the hills brings rain to the mills ! For many years I have had the pleasure of sharing rainfall figures with my good friend and neighbour David Stoye. Sadly, David recently passed away, I will greatly miss his contribution and confirmation of my daily rainfall measurements. Thank you, David. Rest in peace.

Recreation Centre 200 Club

October winners are: £100 to Robert Osmond, £50 to each of Michelle Carrington, Milly Walsh, Jo Owen-Jones, Gill Devey and Mark Palmer and £25 to each of Barry Stephens, Bart Quinton Smith, Simon Coles, Mark Graham, Chris Inward and Tim Pope. 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

Parish Council

1st November The November Parish Walk 2pm from The Square to Eastridge (4 miles)

Some ideas in preparation for winter. In your garden, cut back any hedges on the roadside, growth maybe pushing traffic into the middle of the roads, and it maintains good visibility; keep an eye on drains, make sure they are not clogged with leaves etc, it can cause local flooding. You can report these or other issues on the **MyWilts** app or **MyWilts** online, and follow updates on them. With a hard winter forecast, **Wiltshire Council website** has a useful householders guide - **Flooding advice for homeowners**. The Parish Council has a stock of gel sacks, and you can also register with the Parish Council to receive messages etc in case of emergencies. To register or enquire about the gel sacks email parishcouncil@ramsbury.org The “**Peoples Emergency Briefing**” is a public information film intended to brief the UK on the climate & nature crisis. Details and venues can be found on the website **National Emergency Briefing**. A new **Wiltshire Local Plan** has been consulted on and a report to be prepared by end of October. For further information please see Wiltshire Council website; **Timetable for the Wiltshire Local Plan**. Remember to keep pressure on our MP on the proposed closure of the **Fire Station**, contact details <https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>. There is also a need for more firefighters to keep the appliances available for call outs. If you are thinking of volunteering, see **Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service/On-call firefighters**, call 01722 691444 or see Ramsbury Fire Station Facebook page.

It was reported to the Parish Council that 2 boys and girl were recently seen sniffing something from a balloon on one of the benches in Ramsbury. If you saw this or have any other issues causing you concern, please use the Parish Council email address to report confidentially.

Holy Cross and St. Michael's Axford

1st November All Saints Day 4pm at Ramsbury and Baydon All Souls Service

8th November Remembrance Sunday 10.30am Ramsbury, Ramsbury & Axford Act of Remembrance, followed by church service

15th November 2 before Advent 9.30am Ramsbury Holy Communion with Seedlings children's group

22nd November 1 before Advent 8.00am Ramsbury BCP Communion (traditional language)
9.30am Ramsbury Café Church

29th November Advent Sunday 9.30am Ramsbury Advent Readings and carols (not Christmas Carols!)

Every Thursday 10am Ramsbury, a short “said” service of Holy Communion

Methodist Church All services will be in Aldbourne, all are welcome.

Sunday 1st November, 10.30am All Saints Day service led by Local Preacher.

Sunday 8th November 10th 10.30am Remembrance service led by Local Preacher.

Sunday 15th November H/C Service led Revd Rach Collins.

Sunday 22nd November 10.30am service led Revd Geoffrey Floyd.

Ramsbury Horticultural Society

2nd November 7.30pm Church Rooms, Ramsbury. Andrew Tolman will be giving a talk “Off the beaten track, hidden gems” secret and less well-known gardens to visit, the plants, people and history, mainly in Southern England. Andrew works for a variety of country houses & estates mainly South Gloucestershire & Wiltshire. His work involves amongst many subjects; garden consultation, garden restoration and design & build. Andrew has over 30 years of gardening experience, a specialist knowledge of woodland plants, alpines, dahlias, other tropical style plants etc. Members £2 Visitors £4. Refreshments and raffle available.

LINK

For details about LINK service ring Penny on 520111, or to book a lift, or offer to be a driver.

Sadly, our treasurer of many years, David Stoye, passed away in September. We will all miss him greatly.

Ramsbury Flyer

For all our regular services please see our website or green pamphlets at Ramsbury Post Office.
Forthcoming trips - book your seat with Janet 07584 253117

5th November Devizes: market day and lovely shopping: leaving Ramsbury at 11.30: fare £8.

12th November Newbury, including retail parks: leaving Ramsbury Square at 11.30 am. Further pick up points can take place. Returning from Newbury at 2.30pm. Fare £5. Retail parks visited by request.

26th November Yew Tree Garden Centre, Newbury: leaving Ramsbury at 11.30: £5 fare. Shop & good cafe

Future trips - 12th December Cirencester: should be Christmassy!!

Ramsbury WI Please note we have afternoon meetings November until February.

5th November 2.30pm WI meeting in the Church Rooms, Back Lane. Welcome return by popular speaker Gillian White, talking about Hardwick Hall & Bess of Hardwick. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 01672 520908.

19th November 10.30am onwards coffee morning in the Royal British Legion.

30th November visit to Yew Tree Garden Centre for Christmas shopping and lunch. More details on the 5th.

Ramsbury Roxy

8th November 7:30pm start, "Song Sung Blue", RBL

22nd November 7pm start, NTL "Golden Boy", Memorial Hall

29th November 6.30pm start "Jack the Ripper-Written in Blood", Memorial Hall

Remembrance Day Parade and Service by Bob Foale

8th November Remembrance Parade, meeting in The Square at 10:30am, to march through the village. Afterwards there will be a service at the Memorial Cross followed by 2 minutes silence. Thereafter, there is a church service, then refreshments in the RBL Club. Everyone, from all faiths and backgrounds, is sincerely welcomed to attend this important event in the village. We also warmly invite all current and ex-service personnel join us in the parade. If you have medals, or wish to wear a deceased relative's official medals on the right breast of your clothing, whether you are in the parade or not, please wear them with pride. befitting way to remember and honour those who went before us. Lest we forget.

Royal British Legion Bingo every Wednesday

8th November Refreshments available after the Remembrance Service

27th November Pool competition

Ravensbury Players

13th & 14th November - Ramsbury Memorial Hall 6.15 for 7pm. The players will be performing "A sudden Death at Thornbury Manor", a murder mystery for the audience to solve and also enjoy a one course meal. See posters for details. Tickets from Chrissy Perkins email cfp4176@gmail.com. Mobile 07799802070.

Allotments

23rd November AGM 7pm in the Lychgate Room. Renew your tenancy or talk to us about joining.

Fresh vegetables, exercise and fresh air while also saving money. Small taster beds for those who would like to try allotmenteeing. Contact John 07901692754 or Denise 07867921878 for more details.

Churchyard Mowers and others!

28th November 9.30am onwards. The annual sweep-up of the churchyard. Please come and help if you can. Bring your own rake, gardening gloves, hot drink/hip flask, wellies and warm & waterproof clothing.

Ramsbury Community Charity Shop

28th November The Charity Shop Christmas Shop opens. The Charity Shop fund raises for Scouts, Bowls Club, Holy Cross Church, Lunch Club, Rec Centre, WI, Ravensbury Players & Ramsbury British Legion. Members of which man the shop. Also, behind the scenes help from Lawrence Park (CDs & DVDs) and Ellin Osmond (books).

ADVANCE NOTICES

5th December 7pm for 7.30 Holy Cross Church, Bella Voce 'The Magic of Christmas' Tickets Ramsbury PO.

6th December The December Parish Walk 2pm from The Square, Christmas Airfield walk



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