

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Village Walk The Square 2.30pm	<b>2</b> Short Mat Bowls Memorial Hall Every Monday 2pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> WI outing to Kelmscott Manor	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Lunch Club	<b>12</b> Flyer to Newbury	<b>13</b> Ramsbury Roxy National Theatre Live 7pm	<b>14</b> Concert in Holy Cross Church 7pm
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Methodist Church supper & auction <u>PC meet 7.45pm</u>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> WI coffee morning RBL Club 10.30am	<b>20</b> Aldbourne Art Group 2.30pm Methodist Hall	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> RAGS Bell Trophy Newbury and Crookham Golf	<b>25</b> Lunch Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> WI Dining Club outing	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			Ramsbury & Axford <b>Link Scheme</b> Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111	<b>Ramsbury Library</b> Mon 2 - 4 pm. Wed 10am - 12pm Sat 10am – 12pm.	<b>Charity Shop</b> Tue, Wed, Thur & 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> Short Mat Bowls Memorial Hall 2 - 4pm	<u>Every Tuesday</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue Art Group Church Room 10-1 Bowls Club 5.45 pm at the Bowling Green Flyer to Marlborough	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Flyer to Hungerford	<u>Every Thursday</u> Phoenix Pizza Memorial Hall 4.45 to 8.15pm 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  <b>September 2024</b>



## Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary September 2024



May we have items for the October diary before 17 September  
Please email to [diary@ramsbury.org](mailto:diary@ramsbury.org)

### **NATURE NOTES** by *Peter Marren*

Everyone knows the white foam of cow parsley or 'keck' that borders the lanes in May. But there are many similar flowers which are less familiar yet, almost as common. Fortunately, they flower at different times which helps to tell them apart. In June, while cow parsley is going over, a new, prettier one with pure white 'umbels' (the name given to these flat-topped composite flowers) and grey stems is chervil, also called rough chervil from the short, stiff hairs on its stems. Come July, that is replaced in turn, by the daintiest of them, hedge parsley, with lacy flowers and delicate parsley-like leaves. Then, in August, on some lanes with high banks, the common one is burnet saxifrage, shorter, with more slender stem leaves.

In the water, however, there are more umbellifers which flower late in the year. One is fool's watercress. What looks like ordinary watercress earlier in the year, suddenly sprouts little, stemless, umbel heads. One difference is that it smells like carrot, not cress. Another is lesser water-parsnip, a signature plant of chalk-streams, which has pinnate (ladder-shaped) leaves, and smells, as its name implies, like parsnip. Meanwhile, on field borders and downs you can find wild carrot, flat-topped and bristly with long bracts, and guess what that smells like! It's a reminder that carrots, parsnips, parsley, and many other vegetables too, are all cultivated umbellifers. It's a very tasty family! All these late-summer plants are flowering well this year. One with fluffy, pinkish heads, which looks like an umbellifer but isn't, is hemp agrimony. A large, self-sown clump of it at the bottom of my garden grew up to seven feet high this year, and by early August was a mass of blossom with a heavy, face-cream scent.

Where have all the insects gone? Fortunately, numbers of butterflies and hoverflies have picked up a bit by late summer, perhaps assisted by migration. The most blindingly colourful 'butterfly' of them all is actually a moth – the Jersey tiger-moth. It, at least, has enjoyed a good year. First found in Jersey more than a century ago, it colonised the Isle of Wight, then the south coast, then London, and now Ramsbury! And soon the ivy will be swarming with ivy bees, another recent coloniser. Climate change is producing winners as well as losers.

### **BIRD NOTES** by *Paul Swan*

The swifts have already left, a little earlier than usual. Many of us learned more about these amazing birds at Ailsa Claiborne's swift talk in June, prior to walking to the Square to see our swifts returning to their nests. The same birds will return to the same nests next May, after a round journey of 7000 miles!

The swallows and house martins are still with us, but the swallows can already be seen gathering on the wires, a sure sign that they will head off in the next few weeks. The house martins will leave around the same time, and they too will return next April to the same nesting sites that they used this year. If they are lucky enough to find their old nest, they will renovate it, which will save them about ten days work gathering mud and starting from scratch. Sadly, all these birds are in serious decline.

The garden is very quiet now, as many birds go through their annual moult, ready to appear in their bright new plumage in the weeks ahead. Most of the young birds will also have moved away from their home base, and as the month wears on, we will see many mixed flocks of juvenile birds busy searching for food or for potential new territories.

### **RAINFALL** by *Robert Osmond*

Following a dry June, in July we had 82 mm, well above the average of 65.63. A month of two halves with 77 mm in the first half and only 5 mm in the second.

## **Stop Press - Ramsbury Surgery**

National directive has delayed the start date for seasonal flu vaccinations this year and these will now start after 3 October 2024. Flu & covid vaccination clinics for those eligible cohorts of patients will run throughout October/November 2024.

New vaccination programme due to start from 1 September 2024 for RSV (respiratory syncytial virus). The rollout, which will start from 1 September 2024 in England, includes a vaccine for pregnant women over 28 weeks to help protect their newborn babies, a routine programme for those turning 75 and a one-off campaign for people aged 75 to 79 will run to 31 August 2025. RSV typically causes mild, cold-like symptoms. However, it can lead to severe lung infections like pneumonia and infant bronchiolitis and is a leading cause of infant mortality globally. If you are eligible for this new vaccination please wait to be contacted and invited to book your appointment in our dedicated clinics.

## **Recreation Centre 200 Club August Draw Results**

£100 to Paul Snook, £50 each to Liz Nash, Georgina Smith, Sue Barnes, Barry Stephens and Penny Willetts, £25 each to Ian Hamilton, Clive Adolph, Fi Cresswell, Rosemary Triptree, Ian Mills and Campbell Gordon. 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 email oldtiff@hotmail.co.uk

## **Aldbourn Methodist Church**

Sunday 1 September 10.30am Service led by Local Preacher.

Sunday 8 September 10.30am Education Sunday Service led by Local Preacher.

Sunday 15 Sept 10.30am Harvest festival service with Ramsbury Silver Band led by Revd Stephen Skinner.

Please bring fresh veg, fruit, tins, jams etc. These will be auctioned at our Harvest Festival supper on Monday 16 September at Aldbourn Methodist Hall at 7pm.

Tickets £6 adults children £3 from Post Office Aldbourn or call Sandra on 07881235131. All are welcome.

Sunday 22 September 10.30am Local Arrangement service led by Stewards and members of the Church.

Sunday 29 September 10.30am Service led by local Preacher.

Coffee Morning in support of local charities at 9.30am every Thursday in September in the Lychgate Room.

## **Whitton Parish**

September sees our celebration of Harvest with Festival services in both Holy Cross, Ramsbury (15th) and St Michael, Axford (29th). The 29<sup>th</sup> is 'bring a friend to church Sunday'. We have a special Songs of Praise that morning or a more contemplative service, join us for "Reflective Spaces" at Aldbourn on 25th at 7pm.

### **Services in Holy Cross, Ramsbury unless otherwise noted:**

There is a short Holy Communion service every Thursday morning at 10am.

Also, our 'church service not in church!' on ZOOM - Meeting ID: 948 3407 2630; Passcode: 343860) at 11:30am on 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. You can join a Zoom service on your telephone if you do not use ZOOM!! Phone number 0203 481 5240.

Sunday 1 September 11am Team Holy Communion at ALDBOURNE

Sunday 8 September 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 9:30am Matins (BCP), 11:30am Zoom Informal Worship

Sunday 15 September 9:30am Harvest Festival, 11:30am Zoom Informal Worship for Harvest

Sunday 22 September 9:30am Holy Communion, 11:30am Zoom Informal Worship

Sunday 29 Sept 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 9:30am Songs of Praise, 11:30am Zoom Informal Worship, 6pm Harvest/Patronal Festival at St Michael's, AXFORD

## **Parish Council**

Sunday 1 September monthly village walk. Meet at the Square for a 2.30pm start. This month a lovely walk to the south of the village. See [www.ramsbury.org.uk](http://www.ramsbury.org.uk) for map.

Monday 16 September Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

Work on the pavements in the High Street and Whittonditch Road begins in September. There will be some disruption as the contractor works to avoid complete road closure. Please bear with us.

We've had a complaint about cycles and horses using footpath 4 from Hilldrop to Loves Lane. If this is your experience we would be interested in hearing from you.

## **Short Mat Bowls**

Short Mat Bowls in the Memorial Hall starts on Monday 2 September at 2pm then every Monday.

### ***Roddy Petley Thanksgiving Service***

Wednesday 4 September at 2pm a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Roddy Petley DL in Holy Cross and afterwards in the garden at Ramsbury Hill. Tor and the family would be delighted for friends to join them. If you plan to come please let the family know by email to [hccburdett@outlook.com](mailto:hccburdett@outlook.com)

### ***Ramsbury WI***

Thursday 5 September visit to Kelmscott Manor leaving Ramsbury at 9.45am. All participants should know their transport arrangements by the time this is published. Any enquiries to Rosalie on 520261. There will be no evening meeting on 5 September. Thursday 19 September coffee morning in the Royal British Legion 10.30am onwards. Friday 27 September Dining Club outing venue to be confirmed.

### ***Lunch Club***

Lunch Club will be meeting on Wednesdays 11th and 25th September.

There are a couple of spaces for any new guests who would like to join us. Ring Diana 520630.

### ***Ramsbury Flyer Trips***

Thursday 12 September Flyer to Newbury, leaving Ramsbury Square at 11.30am, other pick-ups available, returning 2.30pm. Fare £5 and seats must be booked with Janet (see below). Bus passes cannot be used.

Sunday 22 September Newbury Show departs 8am Fare £6

Monday 14 October Lunch with Vanessa and Carena: details TBC

Monday 21 October Trip to Cirencester and/or Dobbies in Cirencester leaving 10.30 am Fare £10

Please call Janet on 01672 520682/07584 253117 to book.

### ***Ramsbury Roxy***

Friday 13 September National Theatre Live Noel Cowards Present Laughter with Andrew Scott £12.

Tuesday 1 October Ordinary Angels. Friday 18 October National Theatre Live Prima Facie with Jodie Comer Tickets £6 and £12 available from [www.ramsburyroxy.org](http://www.ramsburyroxy.org) or Ramsbury Post Office.

### ***Harvest Festival Flowers***

The Flower Group will soon be busy decorating Holy Cross Church in preparation for the forthcoming Harvest Festival. The beautiful floral arrangements will be on display from Saturday 14 September through to at least Monday 23 September. Church services are held on Sunday & Thursday mornings.

### ***Concert in Holy Cross Church***

Saturday 14 September at 7pm - An exciting evening of great music from The London Tango Quintet. Tickets £25 or £35 from [www.holycrosssevents.org.uk](http://www.holycrosssevents.org.uk) or £10 from Ramsbury Post Office.

### ***Art Group at the Methodist Hall, Lottage Road, Aldbourne***

Fridays 20 September, 11 October, 15 November and 6 December 2.30pm to 4.30pm, £3 per session.

Contact Revd Stephen Skinner on [Rev.stephen.skinner3@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.stephen.skinner3@gmail.com) or 01672 512457 all are welcome.

### ***Ramsbury & Axford Golf Society***

Tuesday 24 September RAGS event the Bell Trophy at Newbury and Crookham Golf Club.

Further details from John Harrod on [johnharrod238@gmail.com](mailto:johnharrod238@gmail.com) or 07342 233992.

### ***Ramsbury Community Charity Shop – lost child's purse with money inside contact 07979327505***

Payment to six organisations who manned the shop in March, April & May was £500 each. September sees our 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 15 years we will have distributed over £135,000. Please keep donations coming and come to buy, we have some lovely and some useful items. We are grateful to those who volunteer for their organisations, Midway Stores for keeping the key and to Ramsbury Post Office for looking after our money.

### ***Allotments***

Lots of harvesting going on-potatoes, sweet corn, beans, tomatoes, salads. This is what makes all the effort worth it. If you are interested in a plot contact Denise Edwards on 07867921878 for details.

### ***ADVANCE NOTICES***

Friday 25 October at 7.30 pm. Paul Swan, Ramsbury's very talented designer and skilled woodworker, will be giving a talk in the Memorial Hall. Tickets £10 will be available shortly. Ticket includes a glass of wine and canapes. All proceeds to Action through Enterprise and its wonderful work in Ghana.

Any queries, please contact [s.suchopar@btinternet.com](mailto:s.suchopar@btinternet.com).

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