

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat 10 – 12.30 Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30		Link Scheme Mon – Fri 9 -5 Tel 520111		Library – Free Internet Mon 2–4 Wed 10–12, Sat 10–12		1 Ramsbury BL Big Country Fair Rookery Field 10.30am – 11pm
2 See text for church services <hr/> D-Day 80 Cream Tea The Square 2-4pm <hr/> Singles Lunch Meth Hall Ald. 12.30	3 Cake & Co Aldbourne Methodist Hall 10.30-12 noon	4 Art Group Church Rooms 10-1pm <hr/> D-Day 80 Celebrating the Women of WW2 Café Bella	5	6 WI Meeting Church Room 7.00pm <hr/> D-Day 80 National Beacon lighting Spring Hill 9.30pm	7	8 D-Day 80 Community Faye 11-3pm <hr/> Ramsbury BL 1940's Tea Dance Mem Hall 8pm till late
9 See text for church services	10 RAGS - DHC Trophy Parish Council Meeting Mem Hall 7.45pm	11	12 Lunch Club Church Room 12-2pm	13	14	15
16 See text for church services <hr/> Ramsbury Open Gardens	17	18 Art Group Church Rooms 10-1pm	19	20 WI Coffee Morning RBL 10.30 onwards	21	22 Ramsbury Street Fair High Street 11-3pm <hr/> Ravensbury Players D- Day supper & sketches MH 7pm
23 See text for church services <hr/> WI Tea party Church Rm 2.30-4pm	24	25	26 Lunch Club Church Room 12-2pm	27	28	29 Bella Voce Summer Concert
30 Holy Cross Church see text for services <hr/> Methodist Church see text for services <hr/> Tennis Club 10.00am	<u>Every Monday</u>	<u>Every Tuesday</u> Flyer to Marlborough	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Flyer to Hungerford	<u>Every Thursday</u> HC Communion service 10am <hr/> Phoenix Pizza Memorial Hall Car Park 4.45-8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Ramsbury Silver Band Axford Village Hall 7.30- 9.30pm <hr/> Flyer to Hungerford	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10.00am <hr/> June 2024



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

June 2024

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

Please email to diary@ramsbury.org



Sustainable option - read me @ www.ramsbury.org.uk – Parish Mags - Diary

Nature Notes by *Peter Marren*

The judges of the Best Kept Village competition deduct marks for litter and weeds. Especially street weeds, the ones that pop up in pavement cracks and walls. Before they are sprayed, can I put in a word for the weeds? Some of them are attractive once you take a good look – far more so than the cars clogging up the streets. The poppies on the High Street spell summer and match the swifts whirling overhead; they are not the poppies of corn fields but a rarer kind with long pods and yellow juice. The tufts of Wall Pellitory and little red stars of Herb Robert brighten up the street, as does the little yellow Oxalis on Oxford Street, with its strange golden-brown trefoil leaves. The Thale Cress with its skeleton build and needle-thin pods may not be a beauty but it is a landmark in modern studies of genetics and plant development, as seminal in its way as Gregor Mendel's pea plants. And by the Post Office I was happy to spot the dainty, finger-like leaves and pure white flowers of Rue-leaved Saxifrage. These are all fully wild plants that have found a niche in man-made places. They are nature's entrepreneurs, ready to spot any opportunity and exploit it. I think they deserve a bit of credit.

Oak before ash, in for a splash. Ash before oak, in for a soak. The joke is that ash is almost never in leaf before oak. Ash responds to day-length, not temperature, and so comes into leaf at the same time every year. Oak, on the other hand, reads the temperature, and responds accordingly. In the absence of hard frosts, bud-burst was early this year. So, like every year, we are 'in for a splash', and it has certainly a splashy spring. But which is wetter, a splash or a soak?

With the everlasting rain and cold winds, our insect life has had a hard spring. The flowers are out but where are the pollinators, the butterflies and the bees? One group that seems to defy the weather are the shield-bugs. Being chunky and fingernail-sized, they are often mistaken for beetles. They are colourful, harmless, and walk with a friendly clockwork waddle. What's not to like? One species lives its whole life among forget-me-nots. Another looks like a tiny little tortoise, and a third resembles a bishop's mitre. And one can easily imagine the emerald-like Green Shieldbug inspiring a jeweller.

Bird Notes by *Peter Marren*

I am doing bird notes this time as Paul is on holiday. April is the time of year when one records the first appearances of our summer visitors - but many were quieter than usual, and who can blame them? They have flown on their tiny wings all the way from sub-Saharan Africa to arrive in unseasonal cold and wet with few insects about. By the end of the first week in April the willow warbler had joined the chiffchaff in the chorus at (the excessively muddy) Seven Bridges. Swallows were swooping over barns by 7th April, and house martins in large groups over the river a little later. And rest assured, the cuckoo is here again, but, at the time of writing, keeping mighty quiet. I have heard just the odd 'cuckoo' over the marshes towards Littlecote, and others have heard one in the Mill Lane area. As for the swift, they have normally arrived by the first days in May, but I still hadn't seen any by 6th May. Doubtless they are coming, but lingering in places where food – aerial insect 'plankton' - is to be found. But the great event in early spring was the unusually large numbers of siskins and redpolls visiting our feeders. I had never even seen a redpoll in the village before, but this year there were up to four of them on the feeder, including breeding cocks with a lovely pink flush as well as the signature ruby-red patch on their 'poll' (roughly, the forehead). Possibly these seed-eating small finches were driven to the feeders because the wet had made it difficult to extract small seeds from the wild.

Rainfall by *Robert Osmond*

With 87.7mm April was well above average, so we have had ten months in a row with above average rainfall. Variations in the amount of monthly rainfall for April are huge. In 2007 we had an exceptionally dry month with 3.5mm, whereas in 2012 very wet with 152.7mm. It will be interesting to see how far this very wet spell extends into the Summer!

Recreation Centre 200 Club

Here are the 200 Club results for May: £100 to Tim Pope, £50 to each of Chris Roberts, Mark Palmer, Becky Glover, Clive Glass and Janet Halliday and £25 to each of Mike Ferris, Peter Nandha, Rachel Southall, Rodney Owen-Jones, Mary-Anne Ewing and Chris Clark.

Holy Cross and the Whitton Parish

2nd June 11.00am Team Parish Service in Baydon.
9th June 8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am Matins 11.30am Informal Service on ZOOM.
16th June 9.30am Café Church 11.30am Informal Service on ZOOM 4pm Muddy Church.
23rd June 9:30am Holy Communion 11.30am Informal Service on ZOOM.
30th June 10:30am Ordination Service live stream from Salisbury (of Matthew Haynes & others).

Summer is coming! Join us for a 4pm Hymns & Pimms at Froxfield on 9th June; or a 'not so Muddy' (hopefully) Church walk at 4pm in Ramsbury on 15th June. At the end of the month (30th) we shall celebrate the ordination of Matthew Haynes at Salisbury Cathedral - and we also expect to be able to live-stream the service in Holy Cross church from 10:30am. There is also a special communion service at St Michael's Axford that evening at 6pm.

For Zoom services: 0203 481 5240 or 0208 080 6591 ZOOM Meeting ID: 948 3407 2630 Passcode: 343860

Aldbourn Methodist Church Service

Sunday 2nd June 10.30am Service led by Deacon Stephen Roe.
Sunday 9th June 10.30am Service led by a local Preacher.
Sunday 16th June 10.30am Service lead by Revd. Stephen Skinner.
Sunday 23rd June 10.30am L/A Service led by Stewards and members of the Church.

All are welcome to join us at our weekly services in Aldbourn.

Coffee mornings are held every Thursday in the Lychgate Room, Ramsbury from 9.30am onwards.

Ramsbury WI

Meeting on Thursday 6th June at 7pm in the Church Rooms. Sara Gray will tell us about 'The Surprising History of the Pantomime'. Visitors welcome - any enquiries to 520908. Please note earlier start time: this is so that any members who wish to can go to the D Day event at 9pm. Thursday 20th June Coffee Morning at the Royal British Legion, 10.30am. Enquiries to 520261. Saturday 22nd June Ramsbury Street Fair. We will have a stall selling savouries and small cakes, traybakes etc - please come along and support us.

Ramsbury & Axford Golf Society

Next event the DHC Trophy at Wrag Barn on Monday 10th June. Further information from John Harrod on johnharrod238@gmail.com or 07342 233992.

Roxy

Ramsbury Roxy will be closed from June through to August, returning in September.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club meets on 12th & 26th June, 12 noon in the Church Room. A warm welcome awaits our guests.

LINK

If you need a lift for medical appointments, hairdressing, shopping etc call Penny on 520111. There is no charge for this service, however small donations are welcome but not essential. We need drivers to be able to offer this service. If you think you could help us, get in touch. We pay mileage and expenses.

D-Day 80 Flower Festival

The Flower group will be decorating Holy Cross church as part of the village commemoration for the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings. The festival runs from Saturday 1st until Sunday 9th June. 9.30-4.00. Please do come and enjoy their handiwork. Donations to the Flower Fund most welcome. Please be aware church services take place Thursday and Sunday mornings.

Bella Voce Summer Concert

A Night on Broadway! Come and enjoy an evening of show tunes from musicals such as: Billy Elliot, Hairspray, Little Shop of Horrors, Chess and many more. The event takes place Saturday 29th June 7.30pm Holy Cross church. Adults £8 under 18's free. Tickets available from Ramsbury Post Office. Bar and Raffle. Doors open 7.00pm.

Ramsbury Flyer Community Bus and Trips

Tuesdays Flyer to Marlborough, leaving Ramsbury at 9.45am (route varies), returning 12 noon. Bus passes can be used.

Thursday 13th June, the Flyer goes to Newbury, leaving Ramsbury Square at 11.30am, returning 2.30pm. Fare £5 and seats must be booked with Janet (see below). Bus passes cannot be used.

Wednesdays and Fridays Flyer to Hungerford leaving Ramsbury at 10am. Bus passes may be used.

Surgery transport is available on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please book through the Receptionist at the Surgery.

Monday 24th June: Bath, a super day out, leaving Ramsbury at 9.30am Fare £15. Lots to see and do when you get there, and always a wonderful atmosphere to enjoy.

Wednesday 24th July: evening trip to White Horse Hill, Uffington; spectacular views and have a pub supper afterwards: Fare £6.

Monday 5th August: seaside trip to Mudeford and Christchurch, come and enjoy some sea air! fare £25.

Thursday 29th August: an evening at the horse races in Newbury, come and back a winner! Fare £5.

Saturday 31st August: Flyer to the Air Show in Bournemouth, free entry and only £25 fare.

Please call Janet for more information and to book your seats: 01672 520682 or 07584 253117.

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Gardens Open 2024

Ramsbury Horticultural Society are delighted to announce Gardens Open will take place on Sunday 16th June 2 - 6pm. We have seven delightful gardens for you to enjoy this year including Islescourt Estate Gardens. Maps/tickets will be on sale from each garden. Information can be found in The Square. Adults £7.50 accompanied under 18's free. Tea, cake and Pimms. Assistance dogs only, please. Donations to local charities. Please note Islescourt Estate Gardens open 2-4 pm. ramsburyhortsoc.co.uk

Ravensbury Players

D Day 80 French cafe supper evening - wartime songs, sketches, a short Brain Teaser; French bread & cheese supper; licenced bar. Tickets £10 each, tables of 4 from cfp417@gmail.com or 07799802070; Doors open 7pm; show starts 7.45pm; 22nd June 2024; Ramsbury Memorial Hall. 1944 costumes welcomed!

Allotments

Plot enquiries to Denise Edwards on 07867 921878/ allotments@ramsbury.org

Ramsbury Community Charity Shop

The Charity Shop continues to thrive. We are grateful for the help from our lovely volunteers and for the wonderful donations. You can pay by BACS on your phone or the Post office will give cash on a card. We will be open all day on June 22nd for the Street Fair and in addition we will have a dedicated jig-saw stall - all at great prices.

Sheila Glass & Mary Holdsworth

Parish Council

We have entered the Best Kept Village competition so please clear litter and weeds near your property, it all helps. Our Scouts, Beavers and school did litter picks in May - thanks to them - apparently a high point in the Beavers' calendar! On June 2nd the PC is doing cream teas in the Square 2 - 4pm as part of the D-day 80 celebrations. This is also the date for the first regular monthly walk. Meet at the tree at 2.30pm for a walk to Littlecote and back in time for a cream tea.

The wires on the road in the High Street and Whittonditch Road were a metro count to check traffic speed as a preamble to deciding whether a 20mph speed limit in the village is viable. We are seeking quotes to repair the pavement from the old post office to the Fire Station and hopefully work will be carried out later in the year. Street Fair on June 22nd we will have a stall to sign up for the village database if you have not already done so. **NB PC meeting in June is on June 10th**. PC meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome. We are looking to co-opt a new councillor. If you are interested, please contact the clerk on parishcouncil@ramsbury.org

Advance Notices

4th July The Miracle Theatre Company at Ogbourne Maisey will perform 'Love Riot'.

6th July PTA Fete, Sports Field.

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