

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flyer to Hungerford Every Wed & Fri The Square 1016 am	Ramsbury & Axford Link Scheme Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111	Ramsbury Library free internet Mon 2-5pm.Wed 10-12pm Thur 2-5pm. Sat 10-12	Ramsbury Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat 10 – 12.30. Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30	1 Ramsbury Roxy 7.15pm Memorial Hall	2	
3	4 Flyer to Bath 9.30am Tree	5 Black & Green top wheelie-bins/ Orange bags emptied	6 Flyer to Marlborough 1.10pm Tree	7 Flying Fishes 3pm Church Rooms <hr/> WI 7.30pm Church Rooms	8	9 Hort Soc Christmas Party
10	11 Parish Council 7.45pm Memorial Hall	12 Blue top wheelie-bins & Black boxes emptied	13	14 Flyer to Newbury 11.30am Tree	15	16
17	18	19 Black & Green top wheelie-bins/ Orange bags emptied	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 Flyer to Marlborough 1.10pm Tree	28 Blue top wheelie-bins & Black boxes emptied	29	30
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<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross See notices Methodist Church See notices Tennis Club 10.am Crown & Anchor Quiz Night 8.30pm	<u>Every Monday</u> Short Mat Bowls Memorial Hall 4-6pm	<u>Every Tuesday</u> Over 60s exercise Memorial Hall 10.30am Painting Group 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays Church Room 10-1pm	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Ramsbury Lambs Memorial Hall 9.30- 11.30am Training Band Methodist Church 6.45pm Senior Band 7.45pm Axford Village Hall Bingo 2 nd and last Wednesday 7.30pm	<u>Every Thursday</u> Short Mat Bowls Memorial Hall 10am - 12 noon Tennis Club session 9.30 - 11.30 am Royal British Legion Club - Bingo 8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Senior Band Rehearsal Methodist Church 7.30pm	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am <hr/> December 2017



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary December 2017



May we have items for the January diary before 10 December.
They may be left at the Post Office or sent to diary@ramsbury.org

NATURE NOTES

The shops suggest Christmas comes earlier each year while the weather shows that winter starts later, for so far there is still some autumn colours to be seen (November 15). The prunus family are still displaying some good orange tints while the maples, depending on variety, may have shed all their leaves or are showing magnificent red foliage, as when the flyer went to Westonbirt at the beginning of November.

The mild conditions allowed me to pick runner beans and courgettes at the end of October this year. A few frosts since has stopped any more flowering of dahlias etc. Since it has been mainly mild some insets are still on the wing a few bees and wasps have stayed around later than usual this autumn. Only a few days ago a peacock butterfly was still on the wing.

I have peanuts and fatballs in the garden but only a few tits and a robin are visiting the fat, which suggests there is still plenty of natural foods available for them. I now have a cock blackbird in my garden with a very distinctive white patch on one wing. Recently I was told of an American crayfish being in the stream in Mill Lane. A few days later I went to see it for myself. It was still in the same place, they never seem to move very far, it is a pity they have destroyed our small English ones which used to be seen in the Kennet.

As I write this it is still very mild for mid November such a contrast to when it was often one of the coldest months of the year with ice on puddles and muddy tacks frozen solid.

Whatever Christmas brings, may it be a happy time for you all.

Rosie Pauline

BIRD NOTES

The fieldfares have finally arrived to keep the golden plovers company on Springs Hill. I have not yet seen redwings, but I have reports of them stripping a yew tree of berries in a garden off the High Street. Other great reports this month have included a daytime sighting of two tawny owls sitting in a tree and another sighting of an almost completely white blackbird near Mildenhall. At the Triangle we have seen little egrets, which showed up there at this time last year. We have had sightings of kingfishers at Duck Bridge, the Triangle and at Priory Bridge, although life must be tough for them with the water level so low. In the garden the feeders are very busy again, with all the usual culprits visiting every day. A treat was to see a great spotted woodpecker on the peanut feeder for the first time in months. We also enjoyed the visit of a goldcrest to our Magnolia tree, and there seem to be goldcrests all over the village at the moment. Not many birds are singing now, with the exception of the robins, although they all seem a bit tentative. They are probably practising for the 'full on' territory battles in the New Year.

Paul Swan

RAINFALL

Rainfall for the month of October 23.60 mm – 0.93 in Average 66.29 mm – 2.61 in

It was the driest October since 1978 when only 4.1 mm – 0.16 in fell.

Change to Diary Copy Date

Recently it has become clear that to guarantee Diary production and distribution before the start of the month the latest date for entries must be brought forward. Whitton Ways recently changed their copy date to the 10th and so the Diary team have decided to do the same. This will start with entries for the January Diary which must be received by 10 December then for all future months the copy date will be the 10th.

Ramsbury Library

The library will be closed for Christmas from 23-30 December and will reopen on Wednesday 3 January.

Newcomers' Welcome Pack

If you are new to the village copies of the Ramsbury and Axford Welcome Pack are available from Ramsbury Library, 31 High Street, (see opening times on the Diary calendar).

Ramsbury Roxy

Friday 1 December **Their Finest** Comedy Drama Romance. Cert 12A. A former secretary, newly appointed as a scriptwriter for propaganda films, joins the cast and crew of a major production while the Blitz rages around them. Stars: Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin, Bill Nighy

Holy Cross and St. Michael's Axford

Sunday 3 December. 8.00am Aldbourne Team Communion. 10.00am Ramsbury Team Communion (CW) Karen Rizzello & Simon Weeden 4.00pm Aldbourne Advent Christingle Sue Rodd
Sunday 10 December. 8.00am Ramsbury Holy Communion. 9.30am Baydon Patronal & Christingle. 9.30am Ramsbury Advent Morning Worship. 11.00am Aldbourne Holy Communion (CW) Sue Rodd 4.00pm Axford Carol Service Tony Eyles 4.00pm Chilton Foliat Carol Service Simon Weeden
Sunday 17 December. 8.00am Chilton Foliat Holy Communion. 9.30am Froxfield Matins (BCP) 9.30am Ramsbury Holy Communion. 4.00pm Baydon Carol Service Simon Weeden. 5.00pm Ramsbury Carol Service Sue Rodd 6.00pm Aldbourne Carol Service Candice Marcus
Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve- 3.00pm Aldbourne Crib Service Sue Rodd 4.00pm Froxfield Crib & Carol Service. 4.00pm Ramsbury Christingle Service 9.00pm Baydon Candlelit Communion Karen Rizzello 9.00pm Chilton Foliat Candlelit Communion 11.00pm Aldbourne Candlelit Communion Candice Marcus 11.00pm Ramsbury Candlelit Communion
Monday 25 December – Christmas Day- 8.00am Aldbourne Holy Communion (BCP) Candice Marcus 9.30am Baydon Family Communion & Crib. 9.30am Ramsbury Family Communion Sue Rodd 11.00am Aldbourne Family Communion. 11.00am Chilton Foliat Family Communion & Crib
Sunday 31 December. 10.00am Ramsbury Team Holy Communion (CW) Simon Weeden

Methodist Church

Sunday 3 December 10.30am service Led by Local Preacher at Aldbourne.
Sunday 3 December 4pm Service at St Michael's Church led by Rev Heather Cooper at Aldbourne.
Sunday 10 December 10.30am United Carols Service with the Ramsbury Silver Band. Ramsbury
Sunday 17 December 10.30am All Age Service, local Preacher at Aldbourne.
Sunday 24 December 10.30am Service led by Rev Mark Barrett at Aldbourne.
Christmas Day Service 9am led by Rev Heather Cooper at Aldbourne.
Sunday 31st 10.30am United Service at Christchurch Marlborough.
Monday 18 December. Carols Round the Tree. 7pm. with the Ramsbury Silver Band
The Methodist Church would like to wish Ramsbury Pre-school all the best as they move in to their new building. To hire the Methodist Church hall, call Sue Barnes 520558 or pop in to the coffee mornings.
Coffee Mornings. Thursday 7th December 9am Christmas charity stall. Thursday 14th December 10am Christmas Lucky Prize Draw. To donate a prize, drop in to the coffee mornings, or call. No alcohol.

Ramsbury WI

Next meeting is Thursday 7 December, 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. Jill Greenland will be demonstrating how to wrap awkward presents. Please bring scissors, sellotape and something challenging to wrap. Visitors and new members welcome, please ring 520501 or go to WI@ramsbury.org for more information.

Flying Fishes

Thursday 7 December. Under 10's after School drop in... Flying Fishes Club at Ramsbury Church Rooms from 3.15pm-4.15pm. (Doors open 3.00) FREE but donations accepted. Contact: Liz Nash for more details. liznash@john-lewis.com

Ramsbury Horticultural Society

Saturday 9 December, 7.30pm (doors open 7.15pm), Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsbury, Christmas Party. For members and their guests, with wine and 2-course buffet supper, tickets £12, Post Office.

Parish Council

Monday 11 December. The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm. All meetings are open to the public, who are very welcome to attend.

Royal British Legion

Saturday 2 December Christmas Art & Craft Bazaar at Ramsbury Memorial Hall 10.30 to 2pm. John Cully will be singing songs from the 50's, 60's & 70's

Friday 8 December Christmas Quiz £5 per team. Tuesday 19 December. Bella Voce sings Christmas Carols.

Thursday 21 December Christmas Prize Bingo doors open at 7pm game start at 8pm

Wednesday 27 December Acoustic session with the sounds of some great local talent. Donations

Every Thursday cash bingo everyone welcome over 18 eyes down pm

Opening times:- Monday & Tuesday closed. Wednesday-Saturday 7pm-11pm. Sunday 1pm-10.30pm

Christmas Eve 1pm to 10.30pm. Christmas Day & Boxing Day 12pm to close. New Year's Eve 1pm to close. New Year's Day closed.

Crown & Anchor

Evenings:-Monday-Pub games, Crib, chess shove ha'penny, scrabble, backgammon etc;

Tuesday-Pie and a Pint or 125 glass of wine £10.50 Wednesday-Pizza and a pint or 125 glass of wine £11

Thursday-Steak night 2 10oz steaks and all the trimmings £25 Friday-Fish & chips from £7.95

Saturday-Live music, please see our website for details www.crownandanchorramsburys.co.uk

Sunday-Carvery from 12 noon until 3pm. The Sunday quiz in aid of Prospect Hospice 8.30pm £1 per person.

Ramsbury Flyer

The next visit to Newbury will be on December 14th, leaving the tree at 11.30 and returning from Newbury at 2.30pm. Fare £4. The scheduled runs to Marlborough will be on the 6th and the 27th of December, calling at Chilton Foliat at 1.0pm (booking required), Ramsbury at 1.10 and Aldbourne at 1.25pm. The return from Marlborough is at 2.40pm. Bus passes may be used. Bath on the 4th of December, leaving the tree at 9.30am. Fare £15. For booking or any enquiries ring Muriel Lye on 520555 or 07584253117

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Help ATE raise £4,200 for School Lunches! ATE has been selected to join the UK's biggest match-funding campaign, The Big Give Christmas Challenge! It's an opportunity to DOUBLE your donation and the impact it makes! When? Midday Tuesday 28th November until midday Tuesday 5th December. Where? Only donations made through our Big Give page <http://bit.ly/2y2xeZv> can be match funded. How? Special contributors will match fund the first £2,100 of donations.

THANKS

The LINK committee would like to acknowledge the work done by our co-ordinator Wendy Jordan who has moved from the area for family reasons. She co-ordinated the LINK telephone line, organised lifts and other tasks. She took a personal interest in all our clients and dealt with anyone who called in a very caring way. She will be greatly missed by everyone involved with LINK. We wish her well in her new home.

Thank you to the **Painting Group** and **Amanda Field** for their contributions to the Diary finances.

The **Prospect Hospice** collection boxes in the **Crown & Anchor** have recently been emptied. The Sunday Quiz raised £393 and the Bar £22.27 a total of £415.27. This makes the grand total raised £19,954.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Ramsbury WI New Year Party will be held on Friday 12 January, 7.30pm in Ramsbury Memorial Hall. Tickets £8 members, £12 guests. Supper and entertainment. Tickets will be on sale at the December WI meeting and afterwards in Ramsbury Post Office.

Ramsbury Horticultural Society Monday 29 January 2018, 7.45pm, Church Room, **AGM**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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