

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Flyer to Hungerford</b> The Square every Wed 10.06 am Fri 10.16 am	Ramsbury & Axford <b>Link Scheme</b> Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Flyer to Marlborough	<b>3</b> <b>Black wheelie-bins/ Orange bags emptied (NO Green bins)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Blue top wheelie- bins &amp; Black boxes emptied</b> Lunch Club	<b>10</b> Flyer to Newbury	<b>11</b> WI New Year Party Memorial Hall 7.30pm	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Black & Green wheelie-bins/ Orange bags emptied	<b>16</b> Flyer to Marlborough	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Ramsbury Roxy Memorial Hall 7.15 for 8pm	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> WI tea, cake & games Church Rooms 3pm	<b>21</b> Parish Council meeting 7.45pm Memorial Hall	<b>22</b> Blue top wheelie-bins & <u>Black boxes emptied</u> <b>RAGS AGM</b>	<b>23</b> Lunch Club	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Seated Sports Church Rooms 11am	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> RHS AGM Church Room 7.45pm	<b>29</b> Black & Green wheelie-bins/ Orange bags emptied	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Ramsbury Library</b> <b>Free internet</b> Mon 2-5pm. Wed 10-12 Thur 2-5pm. Sat 10-12	<b>Charity Shop</b> Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat 10 – 12.30. Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30
<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross See notices  Methodist Church See notices  Tennis Club 10.am  The Bell - Cafe Bella Quiz Night 8pm	<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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays Church Room 10-1pm	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Ramsbury Lambs Mem Hall 9.30 to 11.30 Training Band Methodist Church 6.45pm Senior Band 7.45pm Axford Village Hall Bingo 2 <sup>nd</sup> and last Wednesday 7.30pm	<u>Every Thursday</u> Short Mat Bowls Memorial Hall 10am - 12 noon Royal British Legion Club - Bingo 8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Senior Band Rehearsal Methodist Church 7.30pm	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am  <b>January 2019</b>

**Electronic Diary** The Village Diary is available on the Ramsbury website every month. See [www.ramsbury.org.uk](http://www.ramsbury.org.uk) – What's on - Village Diary



# Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

## January 2019



May we have items for the February diary before 10 January.  
They may be left at the Post Office or sent to [diary@ramsbury.org](mailto:diary@ramsbury.org)

### ROSIE'S FINAL NATURE NOTES

A Happy New Year to you all. Although this is rather a quiet time of year in the countryside and many plants are lying dormant, the weather has been mild for the most part so marigolds can still be found in flower. Also at the west end of the village snowdrops are already in flower (8 December) and winter jasmine is found.

As many days in November and December were milder than expected, what a shock it was on 21 November to look up from the breakfast table and see large flakes of sleet falling. However, it soon passed and the hard frost the following night soon gave way to more mild days. Perhaps that was why a queen wasp visited my kitchen at the start of December. What other out of season forms of life will be seen this month?

Walking in woodland in winter, birch polypore and artist bracket on beech trees are likely to be found, as those on trees are usually hard, so persist for many months, whilst smaller ones, such as wax caps and fly agarics, the really tiny ones, growing on the forest floor, rot away as the nights get colder. What we see are only the fruiting bodies of the fungi while the mycelium (their equivalent to plant roots) are alive in the soil.

**Having written these notes for the past 22 years I feel it is time for a successor, so Peter Marren, who, as many of you know, lives in Ramsbury has agreed to take my place.**

*by Rosie Pauline*

### BIRD NOTES

One of the benefits of the trees losing their leaves is that it is now easier to spot birds and indeed the nests that you failed to notice earlier in the year! One such sighting was of a brightly lit nuthatch at the Triangle this morning. That continues to be a good spotting area, with the kingfisher very much in evidence over the last few weeks.

On Spring Hill the two hundred or so golden plover have been joined by small flocks of both redwing and fieldfare. Rather poignantly, after three performances of 'The Raven's call' in Holy Cross over the weekend, we were treated to two ravens calling this morning. Extraordinary timing!

One special sighting this month was of a male sparrowhawk that, having made an unsuccessful pass at the bird feeders, landed on our garden fence and stayed for a few minutes contemplating its next move. That afforded me the opportunity to observe just how beautiful they are.

I am told that the two great white egrets are still with us and were recently seen near Froxfield with a group of no less than fifty little egrets. To think that we hardly saw those a few years ago. Perhaps the large ones will start to stay over here in the future.

*by Paul Swan*

### RAINFALL

Rainfall for November was 85.20 mm, 3.35 in., just below the 10 year average of 91.32 mm, 3.6 in. It will be interesting to see if the old saying, "Ice in November to bear a duck, the rest of the Winter will be slush and muck", indicating a wet Winter, comes true!

### ***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).

## **Recreation Centre 200 Club November and December Results**

November 200 Club results were: £100 to Hannah Swan, £50 each to Roz Twigger, Graham Rissone, Lewis & Catherine, Darren Crawford, Shelley Sawers and £25 each to Laurie Roberts, Ian Hamilton, Cameron Fraser, David Stoyale, Julia Blunt and Paul Taylor.

December 200 Club results: £100 to Stuart Millar, £50 each to Ian Annand, Bev Mann, Dinah Stephens, Ken Bates and Gail Keating, £25 each to Victoria Compton, Sue Barnes, Sharon Marsh, David Stoyale, David Bell and Ian Ritchie.

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](mailto:oldtiff@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Prospect Hospice**

Prospect Hospice urgently needs 500 local people to give £5 a month to help fund a new nurse. To sign up please go to [www.prospect-hospice.net](http://www.prospect-hospice.net) or tel 01793 815815.

## **Waste and recycling collections**

Revised collection dates in early January – see calendar for details.

NB. No garden waste collection between 24 December and 14 January.

## **Ramsbury Flyer**

Wednesdays 2 and 16 January Flyer to Marlborough calling at Chilton Foliat at 1pm (booking required), Ramsbury 1.10pm & Aldbourne at 1.25pm. Return from Marlborough at 2.40pm. Bus passes may be used.

Thursday 10 January Flyer to Newbury leaving the tree at 11.30am and returning from Newbury at 2.30pm. Please book with Janet Hunter on 520682.

## **Holy Cross and St. Michael's Axford**

Sunday 6 January 8am Ramsbury Holy Communion (BCP). 10am Aldbourne Team Communion (CW).

Sunday 13 January 8am Ramsbury Holy Communion (BCP). 9.30am Ramsbury Informal Worship.

Sunday 20 January 9.30am Ramsbury Holy Communion (CW). 4pm Ramsbury Evening Prayer (BCP).

Sunday 27 January 9.30am Ramsbury Holy Communion with the Bishop of Ramsbury.

{CW: Common Worship; BCP: Book of Common Prayer}

## **Methodist Church**

Sunday 30 December 10.30am Section service at Christchurch Marlborough.

Sunday 6 January 10.30am Epiphany service with a local Preacher at Aldbourne.

Sunday 13 January 10.30am service. Preacher at Aldbourne.

Tuesday 15 January Bible Study at the home of Rosie Pauline in Oxford Street, Ramsbury.

Sunday 20 January 10.30am Covenant United Service led by Rev Heather Cooper at Aldbourne.

Sunday 27 January 10.30am service at St. Michael's Church, Aldbourne.

If you would like to come to one of the services at Aldbourne call Julie Coe (521085) if you need a lift.

The Coffee Centre will now be run every Thursday from 9am in the Lychgate in the High Street, Ramsbury.

All are welcome to join us. We will also need volunteers to join the coffee rota.

The total raised at our grand sale on 17 November came to £104.60. The funds will be shared between the charities the coffee centre supports.

## **Lunch Club**

Wednesdays 9 and 23 January Lunch Club in the Church Rooms, Back Lane, Ramsbury. For anyone interested in joining Lunch Club please contact Diana Trickey on 520630 or Sheila Morgan on 520501.

## **Ramsbury WI**

Friday 11 January New Year Party at 7.30pm in Ramsbury Memorial Hall. Supper plus entertainment from the Sarsen Songmen. Tickets on sale in Ramsbury Post Office: £12 members; £18 guests.

Sunday 20 January 3pm. Banish the post-Christmas blues with tea and cake in the Church Room. Board games, jigsaws, scrabble, plenty of chat. Everyone welcome: no charge. Contact 520261.

## **Ramsbury Roxy**

Friday 18 January **THE SENSE OF AN ENDING** Cert 15 Drama, Mystery. A man becomes haunted by his past and is presented with a mysterious legacy that causes him to re-think his current situation in life.

Stars: Jim Broadbent, Charlotte Rampling, Harriet Walter

Full programme is on our website: [www.ramsburyroxy.org](http://www.ramsburyroxy.org) and leaflets available from the Post Office, Library, Memorial Hall and Crown & Anchor. Tickets £4 in advance from Ramsbury Post Office and Midway Stores until 1pm on film day or £4.50 on the door. Doors and bar open at 7.15pm, the film starts at 8pm.

## ***Parish Council***

Monday 21 January Parish Council meeting in the Ramsbury Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

All meetings are open to the public who are very welcome to attend.

## ***RAGS***

Tuesday 22 January Ramsbury & Axford Golf Society Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm in Cafe Bella.

## ***Royal British Legion***

Wednesday 23 January AGM 7.30pm at the Ramsbury British Legion club

Friday 25 January Darts Night 7.30pm for 8pm start £5 per player single players

Saturday 2 February Jumble Sale at 10am

## ***Seated Sports in Church Room, Back Lane, Ramsbury***

25 January, 1, 8, 15 & 22 February, 1 March. 11am-12noon. Seated sports taken place from a sitting position allow participants to enjoy low intensity physical activity in a fun and social environment. Perfect for individuals with limited mobility, recovering from an illness or injury, or anyone to take the opportunity to lead a healthier lifestyle. For further information please contact Josh Lauder tel 07854086180 Email: joshlauder.innov8sportzcic@gmail.com Website: <http://www.innov8sportzcic.com/>. Further details will be also be available on the Ramsbury Church Rooms notice board and in the window of Ramsbury Post Office.

## ***Ramsbury Horticultural Society***

Monday 28 January Annual General Meeting at 7.45pm in the Church Room, Back Lane, Ramsbury.

Members' subscriptions for 2019 are now due and renewal at the AGM would be much appreciated (Family £10, Individual £6, Retired £5), or send your remittance to the Hon Treasurer, Mr A Smith, 4 The Paddocks, Ramsbury.

## ***THANKS***

**A huge thank you from the Diary team and all her readers to Rosie Pauline.** As you will have read at the start, Rosie is retiring after 22 years of writing the Nature Notes every month in the Diary. Rosie's notes have always been interesting and wide ranging covering trees, flowers, shrubs, fruit, vegetables, weeds, soil types, wildlife, insects, pond life, seasonal problems, the weather and more.

Our thanks go to **Peter Marren** who has kindly agreed to take over from Rosie and will start writing the Nature Notes next month in the February Diary.

**The Ramsbury and Axford Poppy Appeal 2018** raised £4311.35 towards this year's Royal British Legion welfare programme. Of this total, £1252.06 was generously donated (£486.00 in Gift Aid) by the congregation at Holy Cross during the Centenary Remembrance Day Service. Children from Ramsbury School laid 'Poppy Posies' on the altar steps during the reading of the Roll of Honour.

A sincere thanks to all those who once again gave their time and enthusiastic help in making this year's Poppy Appeal a really special event.

The **Ravensbury Players, Bella Voce and the Friends of Holy Cross** would like to thank all those who came to see us in the production of "**The Ravens Call - voices through time**". We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it for you. May we take this opportunity to wish you all A Happy New Year.

## ***ADVANCE NOTICES***

**Ramsbury Roxy** Friday 1 February **EDIE**. Cert 12A Drama. 83 year old Edie believes that it is never too late - packing an old camping bag, leaving her life behind and embarking on an adventure she never got to have - climbing the imposing Mount Suilven in Scotland. Stars: Sheila Hancock, Kevin Guthrie.

The next **Ravensbury Players** production will be "A Bunch of Amateurs" held on 28, 29 and 30 March in Ramsbury Memorial Hall.

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