

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
2	3 Flyer outing 10am Tree	4 Black & Green top wheelie-bins/ Orange bags emptied	5 Flyer to Marlborough 1.10pm Tree	6 WI 7.30pm Church Rooms	7 Quiz 7.30pm Mem Hall	8
9	10	11 Blue top wheelie-bins & Black boxes emptied	12 Lunch Club	13	14	15 Street Fair
16	17 Parish Council 7.45pm Mem Hall	18 Black & Green top wheelie-bins/ Orange bags emptied	19 Flyer to Marlborough 1.10pm Tree	20	21	22
23	24	25 Blue top wheelie-bins & Black boxes emptied	26 Lunch club	27 Flyer outing 1.30pm Tree	28 Concert 7.30pm Mem Hall	29
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<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross See notices Methodist Church See notices Tennis Club 10.am Café Bella 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 Bowls Club open evenings 6 pm at the Bowling Green	<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 Bowls Club open evenings 6 pm at the Bowling Green	<u>Every Friday</u> Senior Band Rehearsal Methodist Church 7.30pm	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am June 2019



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

June 2019



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

NATURE NOTES

By early May all the trees were in leaf bar the ash, which was only starting to break its buds on 5th May. The reason why ash is nearly always the last tree in leaf is that it responds to day-length rather than temperature. Oaks, which are more temperature dependent, manage to leaf early in forward springs. Not so the ash. Hence as spring seems to get earlier and earlier, ash before oak (so 'in for a soak') is now unlikely. We're in for a splash, not a soak.

Several plants that flower in mid-April are named after the cuckoo, which returns at about the same time. The cuckoo-flower, also known as lady's smock or 'milkmaids', is the pale cress-like flower in the wetter bits of the marshes. Its numbers are fewer this year, perhaps due to the dry April. The best stand of cuckoo-flower is by the A4 close to the entrance to the grand avenue of Savernake. For a couple of weeks it's a vista of pale lilac. You can't miss it!

Another 'cuckoo-flower' is lords-and-ladies, aka cuckoo pint or the wild arum. I'm afraid the 'pint' is a phallic reference to the purple poker-shaped flower, known botanically as a spadix. This plant holds the record for rude country names!

It has been a good spring for holly blues, the powder-blue butterfly you see fluttering along a hedge at head height. Its caterpillar does feed on holly, but not on the tough leaves but the unripe berries. Looking like a green woodlouse, it buries its little head in the berry and eats out the contents, leaving a hollow husk. It has also been a good year for orange-tips and brimstones, but a bad one so far for the two cabbage whites and the innocent green-veined white. Butterflies thrive in hot dry summers like the last, but pay for it next year if their food-plants fizzled up in the heat.

A party of us, led by Butterfly Conservation's Sue Clarke, had a hunt for the rare and elusive Duke of Burgundy butterfly on Spring Hill on 5th May. We didn't find it – a cold wind was blowing over the downs – but at least we know where to look now!

Peter Marren

BIRD NOTES

The influx of spring arrivals has continued, with the house martins arriving in late April and the swifts showing up a few days ago. As the weather improves our evenings will be enhanced as the swifts 'scream' around, high in the sky, collecting the invisible aerial 'plankton' that is their staple diet. The swallows will be hunting low over the fields and river and the house martins will be somewhere in between.

The cuckoos arrived around April 21st, and have been turning up within a week or so of that date for the last decade. The number of cuckoos visiting the UK is in steep decline, so we are privileged to have two or three in the valley.

The nesting season is now well advanced and we have started to see the first juveniles from the early broods. One friend has a wren feeding chicks in their bird box, while another has a goldcrest nesting just outside their window. The young fledglings of both these species are outrageously cute!

Our tiny pond seems to attract more than its fair share of visitors, but we were surprised to see a pair of mallard ducks visiting one morning. We were very pleased until we realised that they were feasting on the tadpoles!

Paul Swan

RAINFALL

Rainfall for April was 43 mm, 1.69 ins., most falling in the first 10 days. Looking back over the last 13 years the April rainfall has been very variable, the driest in 2007, 3.5 mm, 0.14 ins. the wettest in 2012, 152.7 mm, 6.01 ins. Average over the period 48.7 mm, 1.92 ins.

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

The results for the 200 Club for May are: £100 to Laurie Clark, £50 to each of Rick Doore, David Bell, Lionel Barnes, Jen Stoyale and Ian Mills and £25 to each of Tony Madden, Julia Blunt, David Williamson, Susan Suchopar, Dennis White and Matt Waugh. Funds are split 50/50 between prizes and the Recreation Centre. To join, contact Ian Smith on 07977 473975 or oldtiff@hotmail.co.uk

Ramsbury Roxy

RAMSBURY ROXY is taking a summer break and returns on 6th September

The new programme will be on our website: ramsburyroxy.org and leaflets available from Post Office, Library, Memorial Hall and Crown & Anchor. We are always looking for additional help in various capacities. If you are interested, roxy@ramsbury.org and we will be pleased to explain what is involved.

Bowls Club

Bowls home matches for June. Spectators welcome.

Saturday 1 June. Purton, 2.30pm. Wednesday 5 June. Morland, 6.15pm.

Monday 10 June. North End, 2.00pm. Wednesday 19 June. Hungerford, 6.15pm.

Monday 24 June. Stratton Churchway, 2.00pm

Holy Cross and St. Michael's Axford

Sunday 2 June - Sunday after Ascension. 8.00am, Aldbourne, Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00am, Baydon, Team Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 9 June - Pentecost. 8.00am, Ramsbury, Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am, Ramsbury, Informal Morning Worship. 11.00am, D-Day Airfield Memorial (Old Airfield, Ramsbury)

Sunday 16 June - Trinity Sunday. 9:30am, Ramsbury, Holy Communion (CW). 6:00pm, Ramsbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 23 June - Trinity 1. 9:30am, Ramsbury, Matins (BCP). 10:15am, Aldbourne. Breakfast Church followed by Pet Service at 11:00am

Sunday 30 June - Trinity 2. 6:00pm, Ramsbury, Team Songs of Praise

Methodist Church

All services in Aldbourne.

Sunday 2 June 10.30am. Local Preacher. Sunday 9 June 10.30am Pentecost service, Revd David Miller.

Sunday 16 June 10.30am Trinity. All age Worship led by Local Preacher.

Sunday 3 June 10.30am Communion Service, Rev Heather Cooper Sunday 30 10.30am Service.

Bible Study Tue 18th at 2.45pm will be held at the home of Rosie Pauline in Oxford Street.

Saturday 29th June Churches Together Fete will be held on the village green in Aldbourne

Coffee Centre at the Lychgate continues on Thursdays-not the 6th. Thank you to Peter Kearns for the Coffee Centre advert shown at the Roxy. The Spring Raffle raised a total of £21.50 towards local charities

Ramsbury Flyer

Wednesday 5th and 19th June Flyer to Marlborough calling at Chilton Foliat at 1pm (booking required), Ramsbury 1.10pm and Aldbourne at 1.25pm. Return Marlborough at 2.40pm. Bus passes may be used.

Thursday 13th June Flyer to Newbury leaving the tree at 11.30am and returning from Newbury at 2.30pm. Please book with Janet Hunter on 520682.

Outings: Monday 3rd June: Millets Farm, Wantage. Leaving the tree in Ramsbury at 10.00am. Fare £10.00.

Thursday 27th June: Whatley Manor garden. Entry fee £5.00. Leaving the tree at 1.30pm. Fare £12.00.

Monday 1st July: Bourton on the Water. Leaving the tree in Ramsbury at 10.00am. Fare £15.00

Ramsbury WI

Thursday 6 June. Church Rooms, Back Lane 7.30pm. David Chandler will speak on "Chandlers' Saddlery - a Marlborough Family Business". All welcome. Enquiries to 520261 or WI@ramsbury.org.

Ramsbury & Axford Contacts List 2019

The annual Ramsbury & Axford Contacts list is published with the Diary this month.

Ravensbury Players

The Ravensbury Players present their third "That's Entertainment" quiz on Friday 7th June at the Ramsbury Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm, teams of up to 8 people at £10 per person to include a cheese ploughmans. Licensed bar. To book your table contact Helen on helenml2017@hotmail.com or 07792 047017 or Rachel on rgreenway@hotmail.co.uk

Lunch Club

Lunch club will meet on 12th and 26th June. The Volunteers' Lunch is on 5th June. Lunch Club meets every two weeks in the Church Rooms. Anyone interested in joining please contact Diana Trickey on 520630 or Sheila Morgan on 520501.

Ramsbury & Axford Golf Society

Thursday 13 June. The next Ramsbury & Axford Golf Society event is the DHC Trophy at Wrag Barn.

Ramsbury Horticultural Society

Saturday 15 June, Street Fair: the Society will have a stall selling plants

Saturday 22 June, 7.30pm, Ramsbury Memorial Hall: Rose Evening and Members' Supper. Members only event; tickets available from Ramsbury Post Office – please see posters for details

Parish Council

Monday 17 June. 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.

Concert in Ramsbury Memorial Hall

Friday 28 June 7.30pm. Swindon G&S Society will perform the one-act comic opera "Trial by Jury" followed by a selection of popular songs from the G&S canon. All profits to Prospect Hospice. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children, from Ramsbury Post Office or on the door. FFI 520261, rosalie.winter@outlook.com.

Bedwyn Music Society Summer Concert

Friday 28 June - Yehuda Inbar-Piano. Saturday 27th July – Nonsuch Singers. 7.30pm St. Mary's Church, Gt. Bedwyn. Admission at door: £15 (members £12) Children free. FFI 01672 870970.

Crown and Anchor

Fish Fridays, 7pm till 9pm, £9.95. Authentic Italian Pizzas, made on site, from mid May.

Saturday 15 June. Car boot sale in the car park, 9am till 12 noon. Steve Deguitas will be playing from 8.30pm. 2 double self contained B&B rooms, local residents discount, when booked direct with us.

THANKS

The organisers of the Spring Fair in aid of Treloar's would like to thank all those who came along to support this event which raised £2,500 on the morning of the Fair with a further £1,000 given in donations. The winner of the Quiz was Alice Charwood. Answers from Ramsbury Post Office or hilextra@yahoo.co.uk.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Bella Voce Choir present "A Night at the Movies". Saturday 6th July, Holy Cross Church Ramsbury. Doors open at 7pm, Concert starts 7.30pm. Tickets £8.

Thursday 11 July. Special charity performance by The Miracle Theatre Company of "A Perfect World", 7.30pm at Ogbourne Maizey near Marlborough (gates open at 6pm for picnics) Bar/WC/Coffee & Sweetie bar/Ice creams/Parking. Tickets, Adults £14.00 Children (under 16) £8.00 Family £40.00 (2A+2C). Tickets in advance only 01672 512125 or email: maizey50@gmail.com

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