

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flyer to Hungerford The Square every Wed 10.06 am Fri 10.16 am	Ramsbury & Axford Link Scheme Mon-Fri 9 – 5 Tel 520111	Charity Shop Tue, Wed, Thur & Sat 10 – 12.30. Tue & Thur 2 – 4.30	1 Flyer to Marlborough <u>Lunch Club</u>	2 WI meeting 7.30pm Church Rooms	3	4 WI Tea in the Square 10.30 am to 12 noon (Memorial hall if wet)
5	6	7	8	9 Flyer to Newbury Dep 11.30am Ramsbury Square	10	11
12	13	14	15 Flyer to Marlborough <u>Lunch Club</u>	16 WI coffee morning 10.30 British Legion club	17	18 <u>Treloar's Fair</u> A Few of our Favourite Things
19	Please see Wiltshire Council website for recycling collection dates		22	23	24	25
26 Best Kept Village Presentation 12.45 The Square	27	28	29 Lunch Club	30		
<u>Every Sunday</u> Holy Cross See text Methodist Church See text Tennis Club 10.am	<u>Every Monday</u>	<u>Every Tuesday</u> Over 60s exercise Memorial Hall 10.30am Bowls Club open evenings 6 pm at the Bowling Green	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Ramsbury Lambs Mem Hall 9.30 to 11.30 Fish and Chips Memorial Hall 4.30-8.30pm	<u>Every Thursday</u> Holy Cross 10am Holy Communion Phoenix Pizza Memorial Hall 5-8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Ramsbury Silver Band Axford Village Hall 7.30- 9.30pm	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am September 2021

The Village Diary is available on the Ramsbury website every month. See www.ramsbury.org.uk – What's on - Village Diary



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary September 2021



May we have items for the October diary before 17 September.
Please email to diary@ramsbury.org

NATURE NOTES by *Peter Marren*

As summer draws to a close, there is one last rainbow of colours from our wild flowers: blue scabious, yellow fleabane and agrimony, lilac or purple thistles, knapweed and marjoram and, in wet places, the fluffy white heads of meadowsweet. We also have a rich assortment of ripening berries: clusters of glossy red ones on guelder rose and wayfaring tree, small black ones, like little grapes, on wild privet. Still in flower are the smothering stems of traveller's joy, better known as clematis. Later on, its feathered seeds give it another, more autumnal name: old man's beard. Short grass and tracksides are festooned with the pink, funnel-shaped flowers of field bindweed, which seems to have had a vintage year, perhaps enjoying the plenitude of rain.

From the second half of July this year's generation of peacock and brimstone butterflies emerged to feast on any buddleias they can find; while there are now far more white butterflies about than earlier on. One meadow in the village witnessed a mass emergence of a white butterfly, probably green-veined white, in scores, even hundreds, appearing all at once, like snow in summer. Meadow browns and marbled whites were abundant in some places, while in July gatekeeper butterflies were particularly drawn to flowering marjoram, rising as you pass like brown confetti. A day-flying moth many will have spotted, flashing red, black and white as it tumbles through the air, is the scarlet tiger-moth, sharing its brilliant, flag-like colours with the red admiral butterfly. It lies on comfrey, on wet ground near the river or on one of its streams. Common blue butterflies, on the other hand, were unaccountably scarce in the village this year, although the second, slightly darker, generation of the holly blue could be seen flying over ivy where it will lay the eggs that will produce butterflies next spring.

BIRD NOTES by *Peter Marren*

I am covering for Paul who is away this month. Our swifts departed in the third week of July after a manic few days in which the birds prepared for their long journey south. The youngsters probably departed first with their parents a few days later. By 23rd July they were gone, although I could still hear swifts in Hungerford three days later. With their departure we enter the quiet time of year. Most birds have finished nesting and their young have fledged. Greenfinches and yellowhammers are still singing (do they ever stop?) but the main sounds now are from flocks of birds: the twitter of goldfinches, the tinkle of small parties of linnets on the downs, and the gathering martins and swallows in the sky above Littlecote. Otherwise it's the yelp of young buzzards still calling for their mums, and that whispered, questioning 'hwit?' of chiffchaffs from deep among the leaves. The highlight of this year for me was the sighting of a spotted flycatcher, followed shortly by its mate with food in its beak. Spotted flycatchers used to nest in houses in the village, including mine, but they are now a much declined species – too few flies, probably – and I thought we had lost them. This pair were hunting insects from a branch overlooking a leat of the river. A remarkably tame cormorant took an interest in our stream in mid-August. Although there were mixed feelings about its appetite for fish it was marvellous to watch as it paddled and fished, 'like a seal', someone said.

RAINFALL

Rainfall for July was 56.50 mm, 2.22 ins. just above the average of 63.98 mm, 2.52 ins. The first two weeks it rained on 11 days, then a dry week followed by another wet week. Hopefully August will have some long dry spells for harvest time!

Recreation Centre 200 Club

The August winners are £100 to Shannon Hall, £50 each to Chris Martin, Roger Greasley, Dennis White, Chris Morgan and Kirsty Wilson and £25 each to Sue Crozier, Karen Rees, Jen Stoye, Barry Hierons, RAGS and Graham Southall.

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

Ramsbury Flyer – Breaking News!!

The Ramsbury Flyer will resume normal pre-Covid scheduled services on **Wednesday 1 September**. Pre-booking the bus will no longer be required for Wednesday shopping trips (see timetable on the website www.ramsburyflyer.org). The bus capacity will no longer be limited to 5 passengers. **However, the wearing of face masks will be mandatory until further notice.**

Scheduled **Hungerford** Service: Wednesdays collecting from Ramsbury at 10.06am The Square, Chilton Foliat & Froxfield. Friday collecting from Aldbourne 10am, Ramsbury at 10.16am The Square & Froxfield. Scheduled runs to **Marlborough** on 1 and 15 September, calling at Chilton Foliat at 1pm (booking required), Ramsbury at 1.10pm and Aldbourne at 1.25pm. Returning from Marlborough at 2.40pm. Monthly pre-bookable excursion to **Newbury** on Thursday 9 September leaving The Tree at 11.30am and returning from Newbury at 2.30pm. Fare £4. For further information please call Janet 520682

Lunch Club

Wednesdays 1, 15 and 29 September Lunch Club in the Church Rooms.

With the return of Lunch Club we are looking for new guests. Please contact Diana Trickey 520630

Ramsbury WI

Thursday 2 September WI meeting at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. Talk on Collectable Costume Jewellery by Adrian and Jane Jefferies. Members may bring one item of jewellery to be valued. **Please wear a face mask inside the hall.** Chairs will be spaced out as for the time being we are not inviting visitors.

Saturday 4 September Ramsbury WI celebrate 101 years with tea and cake in The Square (by The Bell) from 10.30am to 12 noon. (Memorial Hall if wet). **EVERYONE IS INVITED** enquiries to 520261 or 520908.

Thursday 16 September WI coffee morning in the Royal British Legion Club from 10.30am onwards.

Whitton Team Services

Every Thursday at 10am Holy Cross - Holy Communion

Sunday 5 September 8am Holy Cross - (BCP) Communion

10am Team Communion at St Mary's, Chilton Foliat (also live-streamed on ZOOM)

Sunday 12 September 9:30am Holy Cross - Holy Communion

11:30am online ZOOM - Informal Worship

Sunday 19 September 9:30am Holy Cross - Harvest Festival

11:30am online ZOOM - Informal Worship

Sunday 26 September 9:30am Holy Cross - Matins

11:30am online ZOOM - Informal Worship

Holy Cross church is now open during the day. Please still follow the directions on notices. As we re-adjust to the easing of restrictions we are concerned to continue to help protect the more vulnerable among us. We ask that you continue to give due consideration to the safety of others.

Of special interest this month is our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 19 September!

Please see our website (www.whittonteam.org.uk), Facebook Page (@WhittonTeamnews) and notices for all the latest information and especially our ZOOM details.

Aldbourne Methodist Church Services

Sunday 5 September 10.30am Service led by local Preacher.

Sunday 12 September 10.30am Education Sunday Service.

Sunday 19 September 10.30am Harvest Festival Service led by Revd Stephen Skinner (no Harvest Supper).

Sunday 26 September 10.30am Local Arrangement Service.

Coffee Morning will continue to follow on once a fortnight on a Thursday in our garden at 10am. Hand sanitiser will still be available to use on entry. Please pray the weather will keep fine for us all, as we enjoy the last few months of summer. Please bring your books and puzzles to swap and join in the fun. We will be looking in to using the Lychgate meeting room again during the winter months.

Treloar's Autumn Fair

Saturday 18 September Autumn Fair in aid of Treloar's; Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsbury, 10am to 12 noon. Coffee, cakes and preserves, raffle, handicrafts, gifts, pamper products, books, etc. Get your Christmas shopping done early! For further information please call Hilary Hicklin on 01672 520899.

A Few of our Favourite Things

Saturday 18 September 7 to 9pm an evening of choral and organ music at Holy Cross Church with the clerks of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and organist Ben Sheen.

Tickets from Ramsbury Post Office or from Emma Eliot-Cohen emma@mojoandmccoy.com, tel 520291.

CPRE Best Kept Village

Sunday 26 September official presentation in The Square at 12.45pm. This year Ramsbury competed in the CPRE Best Kept Village competition and I'm delighted to report that we won 1st place in the large village category against some formidable opponents. What an achievement for our village; we should all be very proud! We win a standard to display in the village plus £200. We hope many residents will attend the presentation in the square if it is dry, otherwise in the Memorial Hall. Karen Rees

Parish Council

Thanks and congratulations to all who contributed to Ramsbury winning the Wiltshire Large Village category of the CPRE Best Kept Village competition.

- We are trying to establish a village database so that we can contact those on social media and email quickly in an emergency. If you are willing to allow your details to be held securely on the database, please contact the clerk at parishcouncil@ramsbury.org 01672 520045.

- **Bonfires** - Please be aware of your neighbours and limit bonfires to late evening and only burn garden rubbish if it is absolutely necessary. Please compost your rubbish or use Marlborough recycling centre which is now fully open. Nothing should be burned which gives rise to toxic smoke.

- Although all Covid restrictions are lifted please continue to exercise care in shops and indoor venues.

- Parish Council meetings are at 7.45pm on the third Monday in the month - all are welcome. Agenda and minutes are on PC notice board and on the website www.ramsbury.org.uk.

Hills Stores Charity Shop

The Charity Shop celebrates its 12th birthday in September and when the funds are disbursed this quarter we will have given out **£100,000** in total since the shop opened. Thanks to all the volunteers who have made the venture possible by turning out each week to man the shop and to everyone who supports us with donations and by coming to buy. Sheila Glass & Mary Holdsworth

Allotments

The allotment site is still closed to all but plot holders. If you are thinking of taking a plot or a raised bed (£60 pa full plot, £30 half plot £10 raised bed) autumn is a good time to start, so that you work the plot in time for winter and spring sowing. Contact Denise Edwards 07867921878 for more details and watch www.ramsburyallotments.co.uk for news.

LINK

Link is busier now that hospital appointments have increased and people are going out more. LINK can organise lifts for medical and dental appointments, hairdressing, shopping for those who are housebound or temporarily unable to drive. Call 01672 520111 for details or to book a lift.

We desperately need more drivers. If you think you could help-it need only be for a couple of runs a month- please call 01672 520111

Ramsbury Roxy

All being well, Ramsbury Roxy will resume as soon as it is considered safe to do so. Please look out for film details which will be published on posters, our website, mailing lists, etc. Our website is: www.ramsburyroxy.org Film suggestions are always welcome. Email: roxy@ramsbury.org

Wiltshire Council Collection Days

At the time of printing no dates were published for Axford on the Wiltshire Council Recycling website and Ramsbury was split into two. To avoid any confusion and the possibility of misinformation please check the Wiltshire Council website <https://ilforms.wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays/index> for collection dates.

ADVANCE NOTICES

The Ravensbury Players production of "Lady in the Van" by Alan Bennett is back in production following a Covid-19 hiatus and will be performed in the Memorial Hall, Ramsbury from Wednesday 1st to Saturday 4th December 2021. Tickets cost £10 each and are available from Ramsbury Post Office.

Contact us on ravensburyplayers@gmail.com

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