

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 2-5 & 6-8pm.Wed 10-12pm Thur 2-5pm		1 WI meeting Methodist Schoolroom 7.15 for 7.45pm	2	3 Holy Cross churchyard clear-up 10am to 12 noon
4 Aldbourn Band Pond Concert 6.45pm	5 RHS Talk Memorial Hall 7.45pm	6 Black wheelie-bins & Orange bags emptied	7 Flyer to Marlborough Departs 1.17pm Lunch Club Church Rooms	8 Flyer to Newbury Departs 11.30am Scout Group BBQ and Registration	9 Ramsbury Roxy Memorial Hall 7.30 for 8pm	10 Crown & Anchor 4 th Annual Beer & Music Festival from 5pm
11 Guided Walk The Tree 2pm	12	13 Green wheelie-bins & Black boxes emptied	14	15 Busy Bees Lychgate Room 7.30pm	16	17
Holy Cross Open Tower 2 to 5pm		Recycling Rubbish Lorry - Aldbourne 8 to 10.30am				
18 Marlborough College Concert 7.30pm	19 Parish Council meeting 7.45pm Memorial Hall	20 Black wheelie-bins & Orange bags emptied	21 Lunch Club Church Rooms	22	23 Ramsbury Roxy Memorial Hall 7.30 for 8pm	24 Defibrillator Training Memorial Hall 10am to 12 noon
25 Guided Walk The Tree 2pm	26 Flyer visit to Tyntesfield	27 Green wheelie-bins & Black boxes emptied	28	29 RAGS Bell Trophy Sandford Springs Golf Club	30 Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning at Cafe Bella 9.30 to 11.30am	
		Recycling Rubbish Lorry - Surgery 8 to 10.30am		Ladies Night Memorial hall		
<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> Bridge at the Scout Hall 7pm	<u>Every Tuesday</u> Over 60s exercise Memorial Hall 10.30am Bella Voce Choir Memorial Hall 8pm Painting Group 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays Church Room 10-1pm	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Toddlers Memorial Hall 10-12 Training Band Church Room 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 Coffee Centre Methodist Church 9.30 - 11.30 am RBL Club Bingo 8pm	<u>Every Friday</u> Senior Band Rehearsal Church Room 7.30pm	<u>Every Saturday</u> Junior Football 10am
						September 2011



Ramsbury and Axford Village Diary

September 2011



May we have items for the October diary before 17 September.
They may be left at the Post Office or sent to diary@ramsbury.org

NATURE NOTES

Once again we cannot claim to have experienced a very hot summer, but at least it has been pleasant enough to be outside quite often. The very heavy rain at lunch time today (16th August) soon cleared to give an enjoyable, sunny afternoon. Judging by the entries in the summer show, the vegetables have been growing well, although my potato crop has been much smaller than usual. Perhaps it is my fault for not keeping the weeds well under control. I have never had so much sun spurge. This weed, usually quite small, has grown much larger than usual and has appeared against walls etc. The weather conditions must have been ideal for it.

Insects of various types don't seem to be much of a problem; fine for us, but what of the birds trying to feed their young? So far, I have not seen many wasps which can be a problem when plums need picking. At least my Victorias are maggot free this year. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the apples. Recently, a reminder of autumn came, with the presence of a very white toadstool with its very white gills. It may have been a destroying angel, one of our most poisonous ones. It was growing in a damp, shady spot, not the type of location where field mushrooms are likely to be found.

This is the time of year when the white flowering trees and shrubs of spring are starting to display their berries. The rowan in the lower part of Loves Lane has a good crop of orange berries, while gelder rose has glossy red ones. Another hedge shrub is dogwood which has small, black berries, but the spindle, with deep pink fruits, is really delightful to behold. It is the time of year when the ivy starts to flower, giving nectar for the bees and other insects, while its berries ripen in spring to feed the birds when food is in short supply. Nature is wonderful the way it supplies something at all seasons, when man gives it the chance.

Rosie Pauline

BIRD NOTES

September is officially the first month of autumn and by the end of the month all of our summer visitors will have migrated south again. For those that remain with us, it will be a bumper time for feasting on nuts and berries, which should be very prolific this year. Soon the robins will be emerging and starting to fight for territories. Both male and female sing virtually all day at this time of year, which will be a welcome change from the relatively song-free August.

The highlight of our month was joining a group from the village on a trip to the Hawk Conservancy near Andover. Just under an hour away, this proved to be a brilliant day out for young and old. The team there are all hugely knowledgeable, passionate about their work, and very friendly. The flying displays were some of the best we have ever seen, and having your hair virtually parted by a low flying vulture is a memory that will last a while. Highly recommended for all, and the money you spend will help to support some vitally important conservation work.

Sighting of the month was made by a fishing friend who saw a group of seven green sandpipers on the edge of the Kennet, near Littlecote.

Paul Swan

RAINFALL

Rainfall for the month to 18 August was 2.10 inches, average 2.16 inches.

Vandalism - Late on Saturday 13 August a group of people entered the Summer Show marquee and threw around chairs and equipment. A goal post on the field was damaged. Anyone with information regarding these incidents please contact the Parish Council.

Recreation Centre 200 Club

The August draw winners were £100 to Cheever Hardwicke, £50 each to Viv Jones, Rob Hall and Anna Swan, £25 each to Mark Somerset, Iain Cowan, Roger Henry, Eric Jennings and Veena Nandha.

Ramsbury.org website

The new Ramsbury village website is currently in the testing phase but it can be seen by clicking on the link, in the first paragraph, on the old site home page. The old site will be replaced during September.

New Town Crier

The new Ramsbury Town Crier is Graeme Fearon. Tel 520812 for his services.

Waste Collection

See the calendar on page 4 for details of waste collection and skip dates.

Ramsbury WI

Thursday 1 Sept in the Methodist Schoolroom, Oxford Street, Jim Osborne talk on "The National Trust on the Coast". Non-members welcome for a small fee (includes men!). Doors open 7.15 pm for the meeting at 7.45 pm. Competition - Photo of a Coastal View (with no people in it). Busy Bees needlework group meet at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15 Sept in the Lychgate Room. Contact Mary Holdsworth 520908.

Holy Cross Churchyard

Saturday 3 September - 10am to 12noon. Volunteers required for the late summer clear-up in Holy Cross churchyard from 10am to 12 noon. Please bring your own tools, secateurs, rakes etc. Coffee provided.

Holy Cross

Holy Communion service every Thursday at 10am.

Sunday 4 September. Holy Communion at 9.30am and Evensong at 6pm.

Sunday 11 September. Patronal Sunday. Holy Communion at 8am and Gift Day Family Service at 9.30am.

Sunday 18 September. Holy Communion at 9.30am.

Sunday 25 September. Holy Communion at 8am and Harvest Thanksgiving at 9.30am. Songs of Praise at 6pm followed by Harvest Supper in the Church Room. Tickets £7.50 at the Post Office and Midway Stores.

St. Michael's Axford

Sunday 4 September. Family Communion at 11am.

Sunday 11 September. Evensong at 6pm.

Methodist Church

We welcome our new Minister to the Circuit Rev Heather Cooper and wish Rev Susan Holden and her family all the best as she moves on to her new circuit in Amesbury.

4 September 10.30am. Joint service at Aldbourne (no service at Ramsbury).

11 September 10.30am. Harvest Festival Service (Rev Colin Scarrett) supporting the Farm Crisis Network.

18 September 10.30am. Service.

25 September 10.30am. H/C Rev Heather Cooper (new Minister).

Aldbourn Band

Sunday 4 September at 6.45pm. Pond Concert in Aldbourne.

Ramsbury Horticultural Society

Monday 5 September at 7.45 pm in the Memorial Hall - talk on the 'Great Bustard Group'.

Ramsbury Flyer

Thursday 8 September. Visit to Newbury, leaving the tree at 11.30am & returning from Newbury at 2.30pm.

Monday 26 September. Visit to National Trust house and gardens at Tyntesfield, near Bristol.

Monday 24 October. Proposed outing to Bicester Outlet Centre. Please contact Muriel Lye on 520555.

Scout Group BBQ

Thursday 8 September. Scout Group BBQ and Annual Registration for Beavers, Cubs & Scouts.

Look out for Posters with more information.

Ramsbury Roxy

9 September - Brighton Rock (2010) Cert 15. Crime thriller. Contains strong language and violence.

23 September - The Social Network Cert. 12. Biographical drama. 3 Oscars and a Golden Globe winner.

Tickets £3.50 from Ramsbury Post Office (until 1pm on film day), £4.00 on the door.

Doors open for pre-film drinks at 7.30pm. Films start at 8pm. Full programme leaflet now available.

Wilton Windmill Open Day

Saturday 10 September. 1.30 to 4.30pm. Wilton Windmill (off the A338 between Burbage and Hungerford).

Crown & Anchor 4th Annual Beer & Music Festival

Saturday 10 September from 5pm.

Holy Cross Open Tower

Sunday 11 September from 2 to 5pm. The views from the top of the tower are amazing (weather permitting!!) and entry is free; just a box strategically placed for donations! For insurance purposes, only children over the age of 8 can go up the Tower and they must be accompanied by an adult.

Guided Group Walks

Sunday 11 September - Fyfield (s/c) (s/c) = shared cars.

Sunday 25 September Membury Fort -Walk 5- (s/c) followed by tea & cake at the Crown & Anchor (£3.75).

Marlborough College Concert Series

Sunday 18 September at 7.30pm. 'The Sixteen' will be singing in the Chapel at Marlborough College.

Ticket enquiries: 01672 892566 tickets@marlboroughconcertseries.org.

Parish Council

Monday 19 September - Ramsbury and Axford Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

All Parish council meetings are open to the public, who are welcome to attend.

Bedwyn Music Society Summer Concert

Friday 23 September at 7.30pm - Members Concert in St.Mary's Church, Great Bedwyn.

Ramsbury Defibrillator Training

Saturday 24 September from 10am to 12 noon in the Memorial Hall.

Ramsbury & Axford Golf Society

Thursday 29 September - The annual Ramsbury & Axford Golf Society 'Bell Trophy' competition at Sandford Springs Golf Club. Please call Bob Osmond on 01672 520568 for details.

Ladies Night

Thursday 29 September in the Memorial Hall 7 to 10pm. Sell unwanted nearly-new clothes, shoes etc on a 50/50 basis or as a donation to village charities. Bar and other stalls. Contact Helen Lloyd on 520142.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30 September - 9.30 to 11.30am at Cafe Bella at the Bell. Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support with bring and buy and raffle. For more information contact Tor Petley on 521134.

THANKS

The Crown and Anchor has raised a total of **£7952.53** for the **Prospect Hospice** between 4 April 2008 and 13 July 2011 through candle sales, Sunday quiz, swear box etc. Thank you to all who have contributed.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 3 October **Ramsbury Horticultural Society** – a talk by Anna Pavord on 'Planting Partners - Star Plants & their Supporting Cast' at The Memorial Hall. Doors / bar open at 7.15 for the talk at 7.45pm. Tickets £3 from the Post Office.

Fridays 7 & 14 October **Bertie Maffoons Bike Repair Clinic** in the Memorial Hall Car Park 10am to 4pm.

Saturday 8 October **Bella Voce Choir** and **Aldbourne Band** in Holy Cross Church.

Sunday 9 October 6pm **St Michael's Axford** Harvest Service, followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Please book with Bridget Treherne tel 512406 by 5 October. Adults £5, 12 year olds & under £2.50. Donations of fruit & vegetables to decorate the Church and puddings or cakes for the Supper are welcome.

Sunday 9 October **Local Skills Fair** on Aldbourne Village Green from 11am to 2pm. Stalls from those who grow food, rear animals and make craft items locally. £5 per table. Contact Caroline on 541109.

Saturday 15 October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall **Recreation Centre Sports Quiz** with Bar and Supper. Teams of 4. £50 per team. Contact Roger Henry on 520395 or by emailing rogerhenry@lobit.fsnet.co.uk

Saturday 29 October **Ravensbury Players** will be hosting a Table Top morning in the Memorial Hall. For more details, for tickets, or to reserve a table contact Chris Perkins 520515.

16-19 November **Ravensbury Players** will be performing 'Rumours' a comedy by Neil Simon. Tickets £8.

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