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# The Bathford Bulletin

For the residents of Bathford, Shockerwick and Warleigh



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WITH THE FAMILY ON PAGE 12**



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## WELCOME TO OUR APRIL ISSUE...

"April showers bring forth..." more misery. Frankly we've had enough rain for the rest of the year thank you! I can't recollect seeing a rugby ball kicked on the pitch by the Crown all season.

Spring has now finally sprung and the advent of daffodils, snowdrops and the like herald some drier and warmer weather – ever hopeful.

As ever, it's good to see so many events taking place now or being planned around the Parish.

So, getting out and about is the feature of our centre spread this month – and you don't have to go far! **Daisy Lloyd has created a gem of an article** highlighting the local sites of interest and activities for **Family Days Out**, as seen through the eyes of newcomers to Bathford – places many of us take for granted – and all within 3 miles!

Talking of meals... The **Spring Supper** is back by popular demand in the **Village Shop and Café (page 19)**. Book early! And then head to page 21 and get your bid in for a salivating lunch or dinner at one of the **Mystery Meals** around the village, starting at the end of this month.

The **Bathford Players need YOU!** They have recently staged two great productions, but they desperately need more helpers. Front of house, backstage, technical assistance... the opportunities are endless, and a fun team. PLEASE give them your support and help them get to their 60th year (see page 11).

Don't forget **Jazzford at the Village Club**; our extremely talented local musicians perform on **Friday 26 April** with some excellent tunes. We're blessed to have so much talent in the Parish. As with all the entertainment the Village Club puts on, there's always something for everyone.

Delighted to say that the Editorial team has been swelled by the arrival of two new members. **Sarah Appleton (studying Publishing)** will help on all aspects of design and journalism; **Adrian Raybould** is helping with preparing and compiling articles and our listings page. Their addition will make life easier for the Team by sharing tasks and we warmly welcome them both.

*Editorial Team*

### The Editorial Team

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We welcome all articles, images and notifications of births, deaths and marriages. Please send details to: **bathfordbulletin@gmail.com**

The Bathford Bulletin needs you!!

Fancy having a go at writing articles for the Bulletin? Interested in joining the Editorial Team?

Can you use InDesign or Microsoft Publisher and have some spare time to help with the formatting?

**You would be most welcome!** Email **bathfordbulletin@gmail.com** if you are interested or would like to know more.

### May issue copy deadline

Contributions and advertisements are welcome, up to but no later than **15 April** via: **bathfordbulletin@gmail.com**

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## GET JIGGIDY!

Friday 26 April, Bathford School Hall  
Doors open 19:00

Following on from the success of initial events in the Community, the Bathford Events Team has joined with the Friends of Bathford School (FoBS) to bring you a Ceilidh (*pronounced Kay-lee*) with a night of fun and dance to live music from the folk band Jiggidy. A caller guiding you through the dance steps - not that anyone can remember half of them - makes for all the fun of the evening. And the music will accommodate **ALL ages and mobility!** You can count on a ceilidh being music, lots of dances, lots of involvement and a fabulous fun night out.

All ages are welcome – see the poster alongside for prices and how to order your tickets.

BATHFORD EVENTS AND FRIENDS OF BATHFORD SCHOOL PRESENT

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On The Village Green  
**14th April @ 12pm**

Race to 250m and raise money for Bristol Childrens Hospital

For 50 days Feb-April Chris will be rowing 10K a day to raise funds for a hospital charity that saved his son's life!



Please donate if you can



## ROW FOR RECOVERY

Chris Pettitt tells us of his fund-raising quest

I have set myself a challenge to row 10k a day for 50 days to raise money for the Grand Appeal - the Bristol Children's Hospital charity. It is close to my heart as it supported us through the darkest times, as my newborn son Albie, fought for his life on intensive care for 50 days after developing a heart infection. He received incredible care and despite a gruelling time in hospital, he made it home and although he has a long way to go, he is now the most amazing, happy, chatty little boy.

We're having a family fun afternoon **Sunday 14 April** with refreshments, games, face-painting, a raffle and, of course, rowing competitions on the rowing machine - see opposite for details. Please come along and join in.

For more information and to donate:  
[www.justgiving.com/page/rowathon-for-bristol-childrens-hospital](http://www.justgiving.com/page/rowathon-for-bristol-childrens-hospital)

# AROUND THE GARDEN

with Kevin Marris



I was at a University of Bath Gardening Club lecture the other evening given by Richard Rickitt\* who is just down the road in Corsham, and the subject was "Gardening for Bees"



We're not just talking about honeybees, but all varieties of bees, although honeybees are obviously part of the deal. And what a fascinating subject. In fact, gardening was possibly less than half of the talk because to begin, we heard all about the bees themselves – how big, how small, how sociable, how they live and where they live. And interestingly, where did they originally come from? From wasps, apparently.

Maybe 150 million years ago, there were wasps, carnivorous wee beasties eating other insects. Then, some wasps started to try other sources of protein and carbohydrates and they found some plants that could just about fit the bill. As they developed more of a taste for

vegetarianism, so the plants developed a way of benefitting in their turn, and, hey presto, after a few tens of million years, you got flowers! And you got bees. (I hope I got that right).

Now, you may remember that I do like to find excuses for not doing lots of work in the garden – well, there are bees that make their homes in the stuff that you leave around the garden, I think the proper word is "detritus". So, there's no need to keep tidying up all the time – or even, any of the time. You can leave it. Old snail shells, lumps of old wood with gaps in, anything they can crawl into and hide. And don't keep repairing the pointing in your garden walls, there are bees who go for cracks in masonry.

Another thing I learned, bees don't see red. I'm not talking about them not getting angry – it's just that they see the other end of the visible spectrum. The only British native red flower is the poppy – and so to attract bees, poppies have stripes of UV on their petals to act as landing lights, rather like airport runways at night on the edge of town.

As I said, lots of fascinating stuff, and that's before you get started on plants and their flowers, and why some are better than others. It turns out that borage, which self-seeds like a weed in my garden, is one of the best, along with . . . dandelions!

\*Richard is co-editor of Bee Craft magazine, runs courses at Westonbirt, and is an author.

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You could be doing that in July, when we welcome a group from our French twin village Artannes-sur-Indre in the Loire Valley near Tours in France.

The Twinning Association organises a programme for the visit, that usually includes walks, visits, shared meals and both enjoyable and relaxing activities.

You could offer to host and welcome individuals, couples or families into your home. Or, if that is not possible, you could get involved with the activities either as a helper or participant. We like to match guests and hosts so that you have interests in common or to minimise language difficulties. Twinning is based on reciprocity, and we are always warmly welcomed back to France, usually every other year.

If you have not been involved before, you are certainly missing out!

We are waiting for the exact dates of the visit, but we know it will be in early July.

If you would like to offer to host or want to know more, please contact: [bathfordtwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordtwinningassociation@gmail.com)

## BOOKS ABOUT FRANCE

We have coffee table style books to give away for free to anyone interested in the Touraine region, the Loire, Balzac and Charente-Maritime area. Please let us know if you are interested.



## QUIZ NIGHT

The first Twinning social activity of the year will be a Quiz Night with a French theme on 17 May in the Parish Hall, including a two-course supper with food typical of France. Full details will be in the May Bulletin but put the date in your diary and start gathering a team together now!

## ST SWITHUN'S FILM CLUB

A feel-good film that highlights the beauty of France as much as it does the stars. 'A Good Year' (2006 cert 12) stars Russell Crowe in this charming romantic film. 'Max' (Crowe) is a stockbroker in London when he inherits a picturesque estate in the south of France. The scenery provides a gorgeous, idyllic backdrop and Max must decide: does he sell the estate or fall in love with it?

Do come along to St Swithun's Church, Bathford on Monday 22 April at 14:00 and enjoy this lovely film, followed by complimentary tea and cake.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - 20:30

**Saturday 6 April** | Alex Archer – a brilliant male guitar vocalist singing songs from across the decades

**Saturday 20 April** | Janet James – an excellent female pianist/singer who always entertains.

### BINGO

**Friday 12 April – 19:30**

Always a brilliant evening with lots of fun and lots of winners.

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– 12 chances of winning

### JAZZFORD JAM

**Friday 26 April – 20:00**

An evening of jazz music from the local 'house band' with plenty of opportunity for any players or singers to join in. Please come and join us to play or listen.

**We hope to see as many of you as possible over the coming month – remember you don't have to be a member to use this local venue – all are made very welcome.**



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## BATHFORD PLAYERS EGM

15 April at 18:00 in the Parish Hall

**This is an open invitation to all residents of Bathford, Shockerwick and Warleigh and is not just restricted to our membership.**

**Did you enjoy coming to watch either or both of our recent productions** - Alan Ayckbourn's *Improbable Fiction* in October of last year and, much more recently, *Peter Pan (The Panto!)* by James Barry? If not, you may have read the wonderful reviews of both productions by Judy Marris in this very bulletin and wished you'd been there!

**It's been wonderful that we've been able to come back after the Covid enforced break** with such well received shows but both productions have only been possible because directors,

cast and crew have been prepared to come and work with us from much further afield in order that the productions could take place.

**The Bathford Players were formed in 1965 and put on their first production in 1966.** With the exception of one or two years, we have managed to put on one and often two productions a year since then. Our productions - especially the pantomimes - have provided many young people with the opportunity to take an active part in live theatre or indeed to have their first experience of being part of a theatre audience, within their local community.

**We'd love to get to our 60th Anniversary in 2026 as a group looking forward to putting on productions for another 60 years but we need new local people to come forward in all capacities to be part of the group.** If you're interested in being a part of our group, whether on the stage, backstage or even just to be part of a friendly team, please come along to the meeting on 15 April. It's early (18:00) as there is a Parish Council meeting as well that evening so, if you can't be there but would like to show your support and get involved, please let us know by dropping a line to [helenbevan@live.co.uk](mailto:helenbevan@live.co.uk)

## BATHFORD, D-DAY AND THE TREE OF WISDOM

6 June, Village Club 19:00 for 19:30

June 6 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day when the landings in Normandy turned the tide of World War II in favour of the Allies against Nazi Germany. Bathford and Bath played a significant part in the D-Day campaign.

Colonel Simon Browne OBE, who served with the Army for 30 years in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, is a military historian and an accredited Battlefield Guide who conducts tours to the Normandy beaches.

Simon has prepared a bespoke presentation on the campaign and how Bathford and the local area played such a prominent part in the Normandy campaign in 1944. Please make a note of the date and join us on this special anniversary of D-Day for what is sure to be an insightful and entertaining evening. The bar will be open. Further information on Simon at [www.gbg-international.com/guide/simon-browne](http://www.gbg-international.com/guide/simon-browne)



# LOCAL GEMS FOR FAMILY DAYS OUT

by Daisy Lloyd

We moved to Bathford last May and we've only just scratched the surface of the offerings here. Being new to the area, we are by no means experts but here are a few of the things we have loved doing as a family:



Little Solsbury Hill

## Little Solsbury Hill

This is on our 'to-do list'. We are wholeheartedly dedicated to doing this when the weather is warmer. And, due to (lack of) stamina in our four-year-old's legs, we might drive and take a short walk to see the views from the hilltop. For longer legs, I've heard walking from Alice Park or Batheaston is lovely. Solsbury Hill is firmly on our summer bucket list.

## The Secret Garden

Next to the car park in Batheaston is a beautiful rose-adorned garden. Enclosed and safe for the kids to run around in, whilst you take a moment to admire the flowers. Our favourite bit is the wild planting area where there is a place to sit and eat, and a fun mud kitchen for the kids. There are no swings or slides but we remain enchanted enough to spend lots of time there.



The Secret Garden

## Paddleboarding in Batheaston

Anyone who knows me would instantly be surprised by this one.

I'm not an avid water (or any) sports kind of person. Yet, when Grandad came to visit with an inflatable paddle board in his car, we rose to the challenge. It was raining hard but we had fun. There is easy access to the water from the car park.

## Pastries in Bathford

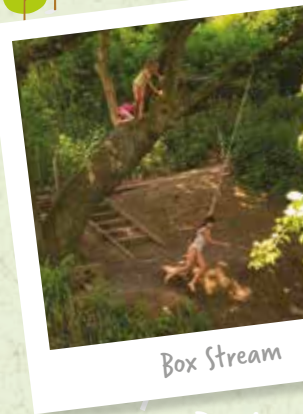
Bathford Village Shop & Cafe needs very little introduction. It's amazing, we love it. Always met with friendly faces, it's been a place for us to grab essentials, gifts and after school snacks. But, then we caught wind of the fabulous Sunday morning fresh pastries. My partner took the kids to the cafe for a hot chocolate and pastry one morning and they loved it.

## Browne's Folly

Once you've waded through the muddy paths, this ancient woodland is a great space for kids. There is always lots of den building, bug-watching, rope swinging and stick finding. We've lost a good few hours in that forest, come rain or shine. The kid's favourite thing was discovering a 'cave' aka an old mine.

## Aside from these gems...

I also wanted to give a shout out to some of our other beloved Bathford offerings. **We love: The allotments, The Crown** for its kids' playground, **St. Swithun's Church** that has a toddler group on a Friday, **Bathford Church School, The Parish Hall** that houses Pop-Up Play Village and Brownies and **all the amazing people we've met in the village that work so hard to make our community special.**



Box Stream

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## Alice Park & Cafe

Acres of space for playing, walking and cycling. Brilliant sand pit and skate park and my favourite, the cafe, providing hot drinks and shelter. The cafe is also licensed and has live music and DJs throughout the summer.

BATHAMPTON

## Ducks in Bathampton

For the kids, in any weather, there is nothing more entertaining than feeding the ducks and swans. It's an activity that seems to keep them engaged for ages. The canal from Bathampton to Widcombe is a joy – lined with beautiful boats and cute cottages. But, that little stretch outside The George pub, where the ducks congregate, is a free bit of magic. An added bonus, the lovely local who supplies candy striped bags of duck food, alongside an honesty box.



Bathampton Ducks

## Sydney Gardens

If you're feeling active, you can walk all the way along the canal to Sydney Gardens. The gardens have plenty of space to run around and a top notch play park to boot. Softened with the planting of lovely wild grasses and flowers, it's a pretty idyllic space for the family. Bring spare clothes – there is water and sand!!!



The bypass opened in 1966, the protestors return for one final act here at the Bathford end

## BATHFORD SOCIETY

Review of talk on 26 February 2024: Batheaston Bypass and its archaeology by Peter Davenport

**Peter spoke to a full house on a subject that had aroused considerable controversy at the time.** The Bypass was to be the starting point for roads to extend to the A350 and the M4, but like HS2, they were chopped. As is now standard practice, the construction site had to be archeologically surveyed but for various reasons there was a delayed start. The archaeologists, led by Peter, happened to wear blue helmets, the same as the security guards, and some were stoned for their troubles, though apologies quickly followed. Despite the late start, there were findings of late Iron Age and late Roman times, including: round houses, Roman floors, cobbled roads, coins and trinkets, and a couple of skeletons with boots left beside the bodies to be worn on the journey to the underworld! The area of the bypass has obviously been inhabited for a long time, but now its memories are buried beneath concrete. Peter's talk was absorbing and took us into a different world.

Peter Martin



**Forthcoming talk 20:00, 29 April 2024 Bathford Parish Hall - Combe Down stone mines by Richard Irving**

**Combe Down oolitic limestone was laid down 146 million years ago and there is evidence that it was exploited by the Romans who like others, found it easy to work.** Peak mining was in the 18th and 19th centuries when the stone was used to facilitate the rapid development of Bath, Bristol and London. The mines, including the adjacent Byfield Mine, were mainly exhausted by the 1860s, but development of the railway revealed a huge source of the stone which was used to maintain supply. The local council surveyed the sites in 1994 and found that much of the area was hazardous, leading to a major stabilisation project.

Our speaker is President of the **Combe Down Heritage Society** and author of A History of the Byfield Mine, Combe Down. He lived for many years in a former quarry master's house where a large hole in the garden led to the former underground workings. He is obviously the person with most authority to take us through this fascinating story.

**Coffee is available from 19:30. Visitors and new members are welcome. Admission £3 for non-members.**

## FROM ST SWITHUN'S

Dear Friends

**Easter, like Christmas, is so worth celebrating that the Church keeps the Easter season for 40 days - this year all the way through April!**

The joy of Easter is the risen Christ and, in this stained-glass window, from Birmingham Baptist Church, Alabama, we might see Easter new life and hope, signified by the rainbow.

But this window has a much bigger story – it was made by a Welsh artist John Petts in response to the racist bombing in that same church in 1963 that killed 4 children. Petts designed it to show a black Jesus thrusting away injustice with one hand and offering forgiveness with the other.

It bears the inscription 'You do it to me' that conveys our Easter hope that the destruction of the world is caught up and transformed by the risen Christ.

May this hope give us reason to celebrate afresh this Easter. Alleluia!

With every blessing, Laurretta

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## BATHFORD CHURCH SCHOOL

The **Black Cats Royal Navy Helicopter Display Team** piloted by one of the parents, paid a flying visit to the school in March. The whole school was out to see it land on the Manor field, thrilling and exciting children and adults alike!



## QUIZZING TRIUMPH!



The winning team at the Batheaston/Bathford School Quiz last month was **'Even Better If...'**

Lynette Bailey, Becky Hayter, Kevin Hayter, Rachel Morcom and Jennifer Keenan.



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and great option.

Recently the Shop has been forced to undergo  
a delightful upgrade; the broken old milk fridge  
has been replaced with a shiny new display  
fridge, which will enable us to expand our range  
of locally sourced goodies further. Bakers and  
kitchen wizards, our shelves are stocked with  
everything you need to whip up a storm in the  
kitchen. Whether you're craving a homemade  
loaf of bread or dreaming of a decadent dessert,  
we've got you covered with quality ingredients.

**Anything you need not in stock? Write your  
request on the board and we will  
try our best to source it for you.**

Our beloved Shop is also a cosy corner where  
neighbours meet, stories are shared, and  
culinary adventures begin. So come on in,  
say hello, and let's make some delicious  
memories together!

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## Spring Celebration Supper

We're back by popular demand...

**Saturday 27 April** will be our  
first shop fundraising supper  
with our new tweaked  
team. As well as Anna,  
Sue, Lennie and Siobhan,  
we now welcome Rosie  
Hodgson to the team and  
what a team we are...



Tickets will be on sale from  
**09:00 Tuesday 9 April**  
in the Shop. In person only and  
as previously there is a limit of 4  
tickets per group due to only seating 20  
people. Cash only please.

Come and join us for a wonderful evening of  
food and drink as well as raising funds for our  
fabulous Village Shop.



### Spring Celebration Supper

**Saturday 27 April**

**18:30- 21:30**

**at The Bathford Village Shop Café**

**Limited Places! £25 per head**

**3-course sit down Spring Supper including wine  
 Plus, our popular Raffle with lovely prizes to raise  
 funds for the Village Shop**

**Purchase your tickets in advance at the Bathford  
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*The Mystery is that you will not know which house you will be going to until the morning of the event!*



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The following 3 course meals with wine are available:

### 30 April | Lunch

12:30 for 13:00 - 4 places

- Melon with Parma ham or ginger
- Creamy salmon, leek and potato tray bake
- Choice of desserts including rhubarb crumble

### 1 May | Dinner

19:30 for 20:00 - 6 places

- Chilled wild garlic soup (hot if weather is chilly)
- Persian chicken with roasted vegetables, couscous watercress
- Home-made coffee and cardamom ice cream and ginger biscuits

### 2 May | Dinner

19:30 for 20:00 - 10 places

- Mixed charcuterie and hors d'oeuvres, bread and butter
- Spanish chicken with new potatoes, carrots and peas/seasonal vegetables (*For vegetarians only: Roast squash with lentils and a feta cream dressing. Much more delicious than it sounds!*)
- Rhubarb or gooseberry cheesecake, vanilla ice cream & chocolate fudge sauce

### 4 May | Dinner

19:30 for 20:00 - 6 places

- Selection of canapés, pate and saucisson
- Coq au vin, potato Dauphinoise, and vegetables
- Chocolate roulade, and/or French cheeses



Tickets are available from Jeremy Furber who will advise on availability and payment

[jfurber40@gmail.com](mailto:jfurber40@gmail.com)

### 9 May | Dinner

19:30 for 20:00 - 6 places

- Chilled Vichyssoise soup with chive garnish and Melba toast
- Salmon en crouete, salsa verde and new potatoes
- Baked lemon cheesecake with summer fruits

### 10 May | Dinner

19:30 for 20:00 - 10 places

- French onion soup
- Boeuf bourguignon with a selection of vegetables
- Rhubarb and ginger crème brûlée

### 10 May | Dinner

19:30 for 20:00 - 5 places

- Paneer and pea samosa, with pomegranate and mango chutney and salad leaves
- Roasted chicken with clementines and ouzo OR Aubergine, Ricotta and Lemon Involtini (*vegetarian*), new potatoes, French beans and mangetout with hazelnut and orange
- Petit pots au citron served with a crisp biscuit



## Hello local Bathford residents!

**I'm thrilled to share a bit about myself with you.**

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**I'm a proud mother to a wonderful 21-year-old son, as well as two lovely stepdaughters.** Not to forget my furry companion Molly, a delightful 14-year-old Cockapoo who brings endless joy to our lives!

**Born and bred in beautiful Bath, I have deep roots in this charming city.** Currently, my family and I reside in Batheaston, however, I fondly recall our 10 years living in Bathford, where my son spent his formative years, creating cherished memories and many walks to the Pepper Pot.

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# BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from Council meeting 18 March

## DEPARTURES AND APPOINTMENTS

**After 15 years' service on the Council, Peter Martin tended his resignation.** Peter has a long and distinguished record and has served on the Highways and Communications Committees but significantly, as Chair of the Planning Committee – the oracle in many cases to consult on all aspects of planning. Peter has agreed to remain co-opted on the Planning Committee to offer his service and advice. We wish him well and thank him most sincerely.



**The Council unanimously resolved to accept the appointment of Prof. Steve Wyatt as a Councillor following the resignation of James Bradshaw.** Steve served as a Councillor for a year previously between 2022/23 and we welcome him back.



**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday 15 April 19:00  
Bathford School

Residents are welcome to attend and raise matters with the Council in the first ten minutes.

Contact: [clerk@bathford.net](mailto:clerk@bathford.net)  
Tel. 01225 858220

## ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH

The Council resolved to make a donation to the church in support of their 'Tea and Toddlers' weekly event.

## MEADOW PARK PC CABINET

The Council received significant support for retaining the PC Cabinet and the Council will repair and maintain it for the future. The Council has received a request for more local information and events to be posted there.

## BUS SERVICES

The debate over whether the Faresaver 271 Bus service from Melksham to Bath would stop at the Village Club has been favourably resolved for passengers. An official Bus Stop sign has now been erected at the site.



A new First Bus D1X service to and from Bath-Trowbridge will commence in April. To facilitate use of this service to local residents, the Parish Council has requested, and BANES have confirmed that a Bus stop will be marked with a post and flag opposite the existing stop on the A363 near the railway arch.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

**This year's meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 May at Bathford School Hall at 19:00.**

The Parish Council is accountable to all our residents and this meeting is your opportunity to address the Council on local matters, with a reflection on the past year and a view ahead, including the precept (*part of council tax*) for 2024/25. We will have a selection of speakers on a diversity of local matters. Refreshments will be served.

The Bathford Bulletin and Bathford Parish Council cannot accept responsibility for the goods and services advertised.

DATE	TIME	DETAILS	VENUE
Weds 3 April	11:20- 12:05	Mobile Library	Dovers Park by Bathford School
Sat 6 April	20:30	Guitar Vocalist: Alex Archer	Village Club
Sun 7 April	19:30	Service of Holy Communion	St. Swithun's Church
Tue 9 April	09:00	Community Shop Fundraising Supper: Ticket Sale Starts	Village Shop
Fri 12 April	19:30	Bingo	Village Club
Sun 14 April	10:00	Contemporary Service	St. Swithun's Church
Sun 14 April	12:00	Row for Recovery	Village Green
Sun 14 April	16:00	Afternoon Praise	St. Swithun's Church
Mon 15 April	18:00	Bathford Players: EGM	Parish Hall
Mon 15 April	19:00	Parish Council Meeting	Bathford School
Weds 17 April	11:20- 12:05	Mobile Library	Dovers Park by Bathford School
Sat 20 April	20:30	Pianist/Singer: Janet James	Village Club
Sun 21 April	10:00	Service of Holy Communion	St. Swithun's Church
Mon 22 April	14:00	Film Club: 'A Good Year'	St. Swithun's Church
Fri 26 April	19:00	Ceilidh	Bathford School
Fri 26 April	20:00	Jazzford Jam	Village Club
Sat 27 April	18:30 - 21:30	Spring Celebration Supper	Village Shop
Sun 28 April	10:00	Welcome Church	St. Swithun's Church
Sun 28 April	16:00	Refreshments followed by Evening Prayer at 16:30	St. Swithun's Church
Fri 29 April	19:30	Bathford Society: 'Combe Down Stone Mines' - Richard Irving	Village Club
Tue 30 April	Various	Mystery Meals in aid of Genesis Food Bank begin	Surprise venues!
<b>SAVE THE DATES</b>			
Wed 1 May - Fri 10 May		Mystery Meals in aid of Genesis Food Bank continue	Surprise venues!
Tues 14 May	19:00	Annual Parish Meeting	Bathford School
Fri 17 May	19:30	Twinning Association Quiz Night	Parish Hall
Thur 6 June	19:00	Bathford, D-Day and the Tree of Wisdom - Simon Browne OBE	Village Club

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