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# The Bathford Bulletin

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## WELCOME

**P.T. Barnum once said “There is no such thing as bad publicity” as Bathford continued to make the media headlines in September and it’s good to see the Village Shop has ample supplies of bread to feed all-comers, both resident and Airbnb! Plus, check out their new selection of entertainment for kids on **page 6**. But they DO need more volunteers.**

**PLEASE**, if you care about the climate and our community, don’t forget to come along to Batheaston Village Hall on **8 October** to share your opinions and discuss with other local residents what initiatives can be brought to bear by local councils to tackle the environmental issues affecting us all – **see page 8**.

Our new article for owners to pose their questions on advice for dog training and care brought up a very timely topic of how to cope with ‘fireworks and fear’ as we near 5 November. Please keep your questions coming to [bathfordbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordbulletin@gmail.com).

This year’s Flower Show was another great success – **see page 13** – all thanks to Kevin Marris and the Committee for all the hard work in putting together the entries, judging, display and prizes; also, good to see Bathford School making a marked contribution this year. Long may the Flower Show continue... with your help.

It’s always sad when members of our community pass on. Please take a moment to reflect on **page 17** of the lives and contribution of **Iqbal** and **Bertie** to life in Bathford, and to note the recent passing of **Jeanette**.

Maureen continues her series on the local arts centres in our vicinity that we may overlook with a review of the **Pound Arts centre** in Corsham. Lots of diverse entertainment with visits by significant artistes and shows for all ages. Definitely worth a visit – **page 19**.

A warm welcome back to a regular contributor Bathford School through their fundraising association **F.O.B.S.** The article on **page 21** reflects on what a great job they’re doing raising money through innovative and enjoyable events.

*Editorial Team*

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Hello October. Oh my! Here come the shorter days and longer nights – just right for popping in and checking what the Club has to offer this month.

**SATURDAY NIGHT MEANS LIVE MUSIC – 20:30 – 23:30**

**Saturday 5 October | Just Frank** – returning to us after the success of our D-Day anniversary event – he was great

**Saturday 19 October | Sophie Silva** – an excellent female vocalist returning to us due to popularity

**BINGO | Friday 18 October – 19:30**

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**Jazz Night | Friday 25 October – 20:00**

An evening of 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 – it is always such an entertaining evening with a wonderful atmosphere

**Advance Warning – New Year's Eve**

**We have our live act booked – please consider the Club when planning your New Year's Eve celebrations** – we have secured an excellent female singer who is certain to provide a fabulous evening of live music – please call or ask at the Bar about reserving tickets.

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. You will always be guaranteed a warm welcome at the Club so please come on in.



**St Swithun's Film Club**

**Please come and join us our St Swithun's Film Club on Monday 28 October at 14:00.**

'Going in style' is a comedy (Certificate 12) starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin (2017). The three friends team up and decide to risk it all, embarking on a daring bank raid when they lose their pensions because of a corporate casualty.

Enjoy complimentary tea and cake after the film (suggested donation £3).

**Any questions please phone Ann Wade 07766 554649.**

**BATHFORD PICTURE TRAIL WINNERS**

**Congratulations to the winners of the Eye Spy Bathford Picture Trail.**

The Avon Valley Park Voucher went to **Dante Nice (4)** with his Nanny and Grandad Greenaway.

The Book Voucher for Mr B's Bookshop was won by **Nina Fergusson**.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

**We hope you had fun!**

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COME JOIN US AT  
BATHFORD VILLAGE SHOP & CAFÉ

## BATHFORD APPLE DAY

NO WASTING THOSE LOVELY APPLES  
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SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER | 14:00-16:00

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In the past two months, a few long-standing volunteers have stepped down due to personal circumstances, and we are immensely grateful for their years of dedicated service and the countless hours they've invested in our Shop. **With this transition, we find ourselves in need of additional volunteers to fill shifts and keep our doors open.**

As we move into a bustling season filled with travel and family gatherings, we are facing some challenges in maintaining our schedule. If you've noticed the bunting and flyers around the Shop, those are part of our Volunteer Recruitment Campaign. **We warmly encourage you to consider contributing just an hour or two of your time — no regular commitment is necessary, and no prior skills are required.** Training will be provided. Volunteering is a fantastic way to engage with your local community, and we promise it will be a rewarding experience. **Come and give it a try!**

# REMINDER

## Local Voices for People and Planet

From 15:30 on 8 October 2024 –  
Batheaston New Village Hall

Have your say and join a community conversation on Climate & Nature, focusing on the voices and experiences of Bathford, Bathampton, and Batheaston residents. The event intends to bring the community together to share concerns, explore solutions, and learn about local initiatives. It will lead to meaningful action for both the Council and the community and inform the Council's new Climate & Nature Strategy..

The event will start with a relaxed drop-in session from 15:30-18:00 featuring children's activities, followed by a more structured conversation from 18:00-20:00, to delve deeper into community concerns.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For more information, please contact [sustainability@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sustainability@bathnes.gov.uk)

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## BATHFORD SOCIETY

Claverton, our near neighbour.  
Talk by Glennis Naylor

Monday 28 October, 19:30 for 20:00 in  
Bathford Parish Hall.

**Claverton is a small village of just over 100 people with more than its share of history.** It was part of the Anglo-Saxon Hundreds of Hampton and operated under the Frankpledge system of collective responsibility. Its parish church has a Norman Tower and a seventeenth century peal of bells. The old manor house, now rebuilt as the American Museum, was besieged and captured by a parliamentarian force in the civil war.

**Glennis Naylor is a Claverton Parish Councillor and local historian** and will guide us through the history, including the pumping station and contentious weir, and introduce us to a few earlier residents on the way.

## BATHEASTON GARDEN GROUP TALKS

19.30 on Wednesday  
16 October at Bathford  
Parish Hall.

A talk by gardening writer Abigail Willis entitled 'The Remarkable Case of Dr Ward and other Amazing Garden Innovations.'

The title refers to amateur naturalist Nathaniel Ward whose invention of the Wardian case in 1829 came about by accident. His invention transformed the world of botany enabling plant hunters to successfully transport live plants across the globe. Abigail's talk will look at the history of gardening through the ideas and inventions that have shaped gardening over centuries, innovations that have transformed horticulture and the way we garden today.

Non-members welcome, admission £5 (pay on the door, no need to book). For more information, please visit our website

[www.batheastongardengroup.co.uk](http://www.batheastongardengroup.co.uk)



## ASK THE TRAINER

Your questions answered by  
Ali Creighton at Doodle Dogs Training



### Q: HOW CAN I HELP MY DOG COPE WITH FIREWORKS?

**Fear of fireworks, gunshots and thunder is common among dogs and they may have developed this fear before you get them.**

Fear is a survival response and creates strong reactions that are hard to change but they can be modified over time, with work. Teaching a new puppy that loud noises are OK is easier. For example, if the first time your puppy hears fireworks, they are immediately showered with their favourite food they'll probably form a positive impression of fireworks! (This approach would need continued reinforcement). Starting cautiously and building resilience is the way to go.

**If your dog is already afraid, you'll probably need many months to adjust their perception.** Using a soundtrack like Dogs Trust's 'Sounds Scary,' together with their detailed instructions, is one way to gradually accustom your dog to the noises.

### Here are some dos regarding fireworks:

- **DO** Behave normally with your usual routine – your dog learns from you.
- **DO** Stay at home if fireworks are happening.
- **DO** Be there for your dog, if they want to stay close to you.
- **DO** Make a 'safe space' for your dog to get used to e.g. a blanket over their crate or a bed under a table with toys and treats.
- **DO** Keep your dog inside with doors and gates closed.

- **DO** Make sure collar tag and microchip details are up to date – in case they escape.
- **DO** Exercise your dog physically and mentally during the day so they are tired.
- **DO** Provide blankets, toys, chews, 'Kong's' or puzzle feeders to occupy them.
- **DO** Speak to your Vet well in advance as medication may be appropriate.
- **DO** Close the curtains and put on the TV, radio or some music.
- **DO** Get ready for next year with Dogs Trust's 'Sounds Scary.'

### ... and here are some don't's:

- **DON'T** Panic! If you behave strangely, your dog will assume something is wrong.
- **DON'T** Overly 'reassure' your dog – you're conveying something's wrong.
- **DON'T** Ignore your dog – particularly if they are scared.
- **DON'T** Let your dog outside because you think they're coping – it could be too much.
- **DON'T** Expose your dog to fireworks so they 'get used to them' – you're more likely to get the opposite effect.



**Good luck!**

To ask a question, please send an email entitled 'Ask the Trainer' to: [bathfordbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordbulletin@gmail.com)  
Please note that this column can only give general advice, not tailored to any specific dog and not all questions can be answered. [www.doodledogs.uk](http://www.doodledogs.uk)



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## FROM ST SWITHUN'S

Dear Friends

**Oh, my goodness, it's so autumnal today!** Lovely soft sunshine, a fresh breeze, swirling leaves, lots of little children looking exhausted as they start school for the first time, people taking advantage of a late summer break...I wonder what this new season holds for you?

I know some of you are thinking about knitting, sewing, woodworking or painting for our **Nativity Crib festival (7-9 December)** – a new creative project making “**Joseph and Mary and the wee donkey**” could be amazing!

**There are also some autumn events detailed below:**

**Harvest Supper: Friday 4 October at 19:00 in the Parish Hall** – please buy your tickets at our Sunday morning services, from the Bathford Shop or from Zoe in the St Swithun's church office.

**Harvest Festival: Sunday 6 October at 10:00** – please bring goods for the food bank – tinned tomatoes, fruit, rice pudding or custard, long life juice, tea bags, instant coffee, instant mash, pasta sauce, soap and shampoo.

**Music on a Sunday Afternoon: Sunday 20 October at 15:00** – charity fundraising concert followed by cream tea, featuring the Stringalong group and musicians from Wiltshire Rural Music.

**Please feel warmly invited to these and of course to any Sunday service... every week at 10:00.**

With every blessing, Laretta



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St Swithun's Church Bathford

# Harvest Supper

at Bathford Parish Hall

## All Welcome

19:00 Friday 4 October

Live music, quiz, tombola & bar  
Two course supper

Tickets: £12 from Bathford Village Shop  
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# Music

at St Swithun's Church Bathford

## On a Sunday afternoon

\*Followed by a Cream Tea\*

The first fund raising concert of the series will be on:

**15:00 on SUNDAY 20 October**

Featuring the Stringalong group and other musicians from Wiltshire Rural Music

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## NEWS FROM SHOCKERWICK HOUSE

As Autumn is quickly approaching and we are seeing less and less of the sunshine and more of the beautiful hues of mustard yellow and pumpkin oranges of the leaves, we have turned our hands to creating things to sell at our Community Harvest festival/Christmas fete.

We are very lucky to have some talented residents who have been busy in the Activities Room.

We had good fun making bookmarks from marbling paper and Josephine has made cards to welcome new residents and to sell

at the fete. We have had a wonderful crop of lavender harvested by our gardener Claire to make beautiful lavender hearts; we think they not only look fabulous but they smell fantastic!

We also enjoyed a taste of Australia this month with a themed oak room and dingo experience, with bamboo collected from our forestry!

We are looking forward to some upcoming dates this month, such as **Roald Dahl Day** and the **Chinese moon festival**.

For details of upcoming events open to the public, please follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/BupaCareHomeShockerwickHouse](http://www.facebook.com/BupaCareHomeShockerwickHouse)



# BATHFORD FLOWER SHOW

JUST AS IN THE PREVIOUS FEW MONTHS, THE WEATHER DIDN'T DO US ANY FAVOURS AT THE FLOWER SHOW. BUT ENTRIES ARRIVED AND PRIZES WERE WON.

The crowds came and teas were taken under the shelter of the school veranda. We all had a very enjoyable time. I was particularly pleased to see so many entries from the children in the school – works of art arranged by year that really did show an interest in nature. It's a new category this year that isn't actually part of the competition, but showed how much talent there is in the school.

We introduced a new cup this year – did you notice? This one is for the most points in all categories of the show, mixing flowers and veg with baking and photography and all the other classes. It does reinforce my mantra that it's not just a flower show. The cup itself was donated by the family of **Jean Law** who was, for a long time, part of the fabric of the community and is named in her honour. Perhaps this new category gives you some motivation for next year? The winner was **Mary Johnson**, and other winners included **Seb Smart** and **Lydia Morris** in the children's categories as well as **Waheeda Hales** in Homecraft, and the committee's own **Sally Taylor** for flower arranging.

And that prompts the thought that now we can all start thinking about what we could do for next year's show, and all the others after that. But the success of the Flower Show is not automatic – it takes a lot of work from the volunteers in the lead-up and on the day, and without them it wouldn't happen at all. So, if you would like to see the show continue, perhaps you could join us in helping with any aspect that takes your fancy. You can find our contacts through the Bathford Parish Council website under the sub-heading, Local Organisations. **The more that join us, the lighter the load.**

*Kevin Marris, Chair Flower Show Committee*





Ammunition store 1944

## MONKTON FARLEIGH MINES

**From mines to munitions to data storage – Hillary Carr investigated.**

The recent 80th anniversary of D-Day served as a reminder of how vital the role played by the mines at Monkton Farleigh was, being the world's largest ammunition depot in its time during WWII.

So, with my curiosity piqued, I was kindly offered the opportunity to have a guided tour of the corridors that served the allied invasion in 1944, and which has since been converted to a data storage depot by Restore®.

My guide, the Assistant Mines Manager, **Mark Ward** started with a history lesson:

The mines were excavated around 100 years ago for the oolitic limestone that constitutes Bath Stone. When mining finished, they were used for storage until the War Office purchased the site in 1936 and created the ammunition store which operated 24/7 during the invasion of Normandy. It was decommissioned in 1965 and sold off in 1976. Restore® purchased the site in 2008 for use as a data storage site.

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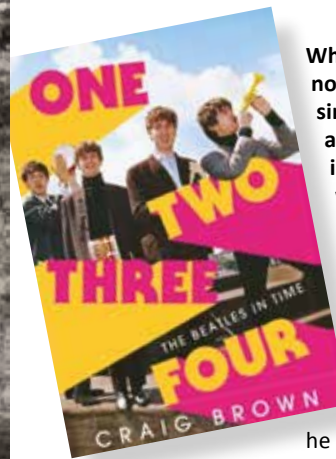
The site covers a vast underground terrain of some 63 acres (or 40 football pitches)! After descending 109 steps you reach the main corridor, a quarter mile in length, off which run districts 12 to 19. Another corridor, a half mile in length leads to a ten acre area, district 20.

There's a constant hum in the corridors and the sound increases as motorised vehicles dart along corridors and districts dropping off or picking up the many storage boxes that line the corridors ready for recycling. (A minimum of three lorry loads of boxes are shredded each week).

I marvelled at the huge feat of engineering back in the original days of mining and how the site must have operated during WWII and wished I could have been transported back in time!



The central tunnel



What is it like to be world famous? Or to be so notorious you must flee retribution? How does a single young woman in Georgian England become a celebrated novelist? This month's writers investigate the real lives of their leading characters with brilliant attention to era and setting.

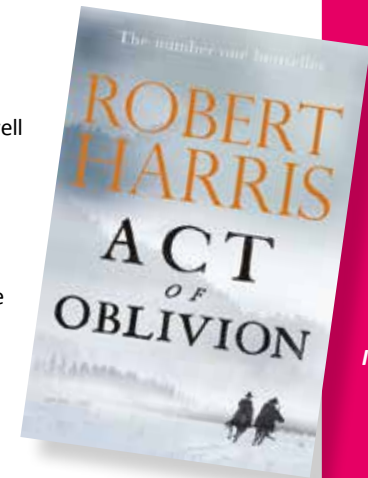
**ONE TWO THREE FOUR: THE BEATLES IN TIME BY CRAIG BROWN (2020)**

Brown won the Baillie Gifford Prize with this highly original biography of the Fab Four.

Through interviews, diaries, letters, and charts, he tells of the group's formation, their meteoric rise to fame and eventual dissolution. With a relish for bizarre details, he provides fascinating anecdotes about their 1960's contemporaries. Despite this witty approach, he does not ignore the toll that being a Beatle took on each of them: "crushed by the weight of the world's adulation."

**ACT OF OBLIVION BY ROBERT HARRIS (2022)**

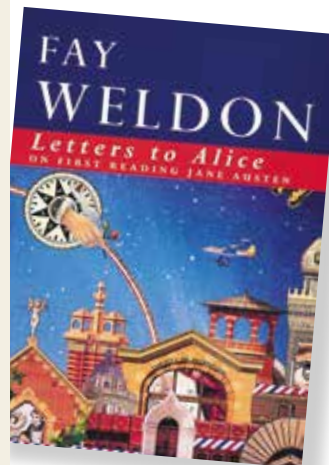
In 1660 a dramatic manhunt begins. Oliver Cromwell is dead, and the restored King Charles II seeks to punish those who executed his father. Two of the regicides, Colonels Whalley and Goffe, flee to New England, but the Royalist Richard Nayler intends to find them. Whilst their fellow regicides receive gruesome punishment in London, the fugitives face the constant threat of capture in the American wilderness. Harris does not take sides in this bitter conflict between old enemies; he is expert in presenting the suspense of the chase as the hunter pursues his quarry with obsessive fervour.



By Isobel Lawes

**LETTERS TO ALICE BY FAY WELDON (1984)**

Alice is eighteen, she has dyed her hair green to annoy her mother and complains that studying Jane Austen's novels is irrelevant and boring. Her aunt, an established author, resolves to change her niece's mind. In a series of affectionate letters, she urges Alice "to read before it's too late." She explores the limited circumstances of Austen's life ("by your standards it was a horrible time to be alive"), yet also celebrates the wonderful timelessness of her genius. The whole correspondence is a glorious, playful romp to show the teenager the joy of studying books. In fact, Alice writes her first novel after receiving her aunt's advice, just as Austen's own niece did.







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Bertie Marshall  
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**Bertie lived in Bathford for over 50 years and was married to Cyril, a former Head of Bathford School.** She was an active member of various community groups including Mothers Union, the Church Sunday School and ran 'Teddy Bears,' a fun group for young children. Bertie taught at Bathampton School for many years, and, as a non-driver, always walked across the fields whatever the weather. She especially loved the fact that she would get to know some of the children whose parents she had taught! After retirement, she was a regular in the shop, going for lunch and a catch-up with her many local friends.

Bertie had six children, seventeen grandchildren and twenty six great grandchildren of whom she was very proud.



Jeanette Kremer

**We regret to announce the passing of Jeanette following a short illness.** Jeanette lived on Manor Drive and was a volunteer in the Village Shop. An obituary to Jeanette will follow next month.



## Iqbal Suleman

**In our September Bulletin, we announced the death of Iqbal Suleman (husband of Masuma and father to Salim and Sabeena and grandchildren Aydan, Lylah, Lena and Zakary). Below is a little about his life:**

In 1962, at age 16, Iqbal, a British citizen, moved to the UK from Jinja, Uganda to study. He trained and worked as a radiographer at the RUH where he met his beloved Masuma, and they married in 1974.

They established their family business as Bathford's Newsagents and Post Office in 1984, moving the shop from Church Street to the former 'New Inn' on Bathford Hill in 1993. Iqbal worked 7 days a week, and quickly became a central figure in Bathford.

Iqbal was dedicated to his family. He instilled a strong work ethic and sense of learning, never one to miss a school event or academic achievement and passing on the love of studying to his four grandchildren.

Around 2006, Iqbal and Masuma started to retire from the business. The shop continued as a cooperative and Iqbal fully retired from the Post Office in August 2008, although he continued volunteering in the shop for many years.

Iqbal and Masuma's life remained above the village shop where many used to comment on the love and sounds from their grandchildren, who would often visit. Their retirement was spent dedicated to nurturing them and travelling the world.

Iqbal loved the Bathford community, and his family are very grateful for the many kind words, cards, flowers and support.

He will be greatly missed.

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# Pound Arts

## 'Corsham's cultural heartbeat'

In this second article featuring local arts venues, Maureen Breeze takes a look at The Pound Arts Centre.

Being almost on our doorstep, what's not to be missed at this gem in the local cultural scene? Housed in a restored Victorian school building, it has a modern, welcoming atmosphere that invites you to explore all it has to offer. It is more than just a venue—it's a vibrant hub of creativity and community, offering a diverse range of artistic experiences.



Louis Turner, the Centre's Marketing Officer told me that since its opening in 2007, following a £1.25 million refurbishment, The Pound has become a beacon for the arts in the region. The Centre hosts three annual seasons of professional performances, films, participatory arts events and exhibitions that draw talent from across the UK and beyond, as well as two annual festivals.

"It's not just a place to watch performances; it's where you engage with art in all its forms."

This autumn, The Pound's programme is packed as ever, offering something for everyone. Comedy fans shouldn't miss Amy Gledhill and Andy Zaltzman. Theatre lovers can look forward to a hilarious show from Living Spit, while music enthusiasts can catch Martin Simpson, Martha Tilston, and more. Little ones can also enjoy shows such as 'The Amazing Bubble Man'. Tom Robinson will be appearing in January with an unmissable wander through his 40 year back catalogue – and don't miss the monthly Open Mic Night, showcasing local talent.

Louis explained, "And it's not just about what's on stage —The Pound also hosts visual arts exhibitions, music therapy sessions, youth theatre and workshops for all ages including drawing and crafts. There's always something new to discover.

"The Pound isn't just a spot to catch a show. The Pound Café Bar is a cosy space to relax with a coffee, snack, or one of our famous vegan or vegetarian lunches."

If you've never been to The Pound, do take the opportunity to visit. You will help to keep local arts alive and thriving. It's easy to get to, and I can promise that once you visit, you'll see why the place is so special.

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## FRIENDS OF BATHFORD SCHOOL (FOBS) – An Update from James Richards, Chair FOBS

### WHO ARE WE?

The primary aim of the Friends of Bathford School (FOBS) association is to raise funds for the school in an inclusive, enjoyable manner, through organising an annual programme of events that are exciting and fun for both children and adults! We also provide an informal social network for parents and an opportunity to forge greater relationships within the wider community.

### THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Over the last academic year, we have been busy running lots of activities for pupils, parents, carers and the community to help raise much needed funds for the school. These have included quiz nights, a wine tasting, Christmas and Summer Fetes and an Auction of Promises. We are delighted to have raised over £16,000 during this period and would like to offer our sincere thanks to those who have supported us. We also became a registered UK Charity in June 2023, which was a major milestone in our history and signifies our commitment to the school.

### THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

With many schools facing challenges with funding and maintaining pupil numbers, the need for FOBS to help support the school has never been greater. We will outline our plan for this year in our next update, but it's clear that to achieve our goals, we need to work closer with the local community to help drive success.

### LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

One area we are keen to grow is in securing commercial sponsorship with local businesses – exciting opportunities are available to promote your business and in tandem help to demonstrate your commitment to the local community you serve. If you are able to help us, we'd love to hear from you at [info@friendsofbathfordschool.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofbathfordschool.org.uk)



In our next update we will share more details on the plans we have and the events we will be running – more information can always be found at [www.friendsofbathfordschool.org.uk](http://www.friendsofbathfordschool.org.uk)



## BATH SAILING CLUB

All our talks are held at the Village Club, Bathford and we have a monthly programme from a wide range of speakers open to the general public. So come along and meet us and support your Village Club. A donation of £4 on the night is welcomed for the Village Club and to support the Speaker's charity. Our next talk is on Monday 14 October 2024 at 19:30

**GUEST SPEAKER – 'HMS Dolphin 1882'**  
A talk by Andrew McFarlane OBE, President, Bath Submariners Group.

From sail-power to nuclear-power. How the remarkable story of this auxiliary sloop of war reminds us of the important historical links between the City of Bath, the Royal Navy and specifically the Submarine Service.

# BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Mon 21 October 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

## BATHFORD COMMUNITY VISION

Over the coming months, the Parish Council is looking to engage with all ages and age ranges of the community. The aim is to give residents and stakeholders an opportunity to share views, opinions and desires in how you would like to see the Bathford community developing in the long-term.

We wish to hear from you about many aspects of our community life, both tangible and intangible. What you love about Bathford, what you would miss most. What aspects of communal life could be improved, what additional activities and resources you think could be invested in for the good of the population and quality of life, and where you see Bathford in say, ten years' time.

Just as we conducted the 2022 Road Safety Survey, we would look initially to conduct a survey - online and paper-based. Analysis of the results would then determine where there are common threads and we could invite those supporters/volunteers to develop the projects further in working parties. The proposals would include a study of the risks and benefits and overall feasibility, together with an assessment of the community feel for the proposal – positive, negative or ambivalent.

We are in the first stages of preparing the initial survey and the whole exercise could take up to a year to complete, with the findings being presented and discussed among the working parties to determine the way ahead for the community and Council.

If you would like to register your interest in becoming involved in developing your community's future vision in advance, please give your contact details to the clerk via [clerk@bathford.net](mailto:clerk@bathford.net) or phone 01225 858220

## DOG MESS!

Once again! It's come to our attention from various sources that there is an unacceptable amount of dog mess being left around the parish, but predominantly on the playing field, around the rugby club and significantly around the children's play area! It's disgusting and toxocarriasis is a major health risk to children if they catch something innocently from mess left lying around.

- **DON'T** let your dog stray on the grass in the recreation ground. They are forbidden there.
- **DO** keep a 'poo bag' with you when walking the dog and **PLEASE** take their mess to the nearest bin, or home. It's only what reasonable people would request.

Thank you for your consideration.



## THE BULLETIN NEEDS YOU!

We hope you enjoy the Bulletin when it drops through your door ten times a year. In order to keep this valuable resource going, the editorial team are in need of some help!

We meet at the beginning of each month to drink tea and eat cake.... oh and of course, to share ideas and plan the upcoming edition. We discuss the articles that have been sent in by our valued contributors and work out the running order etc.

Every so often (particularly in the summer months) we find that there aren't quite enough people to share out tasks such as collating articles, editing copy, spell checking etc. so if you feel you could spare 3-4 hours a month to lend a hand you would be so welcome to join us.

We are a friendly bunch and it's a lot of fun! So why not come along to a meeting and see how it feels. You don't need any publishing experience and training can be given if necessary.

If you are interested in any aspect of publishing (or simply sharing some tea and cake) we would love to hear from you, so please drop us a line at [bathfordbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordbulletin@gmail.com)

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DATE	TIME	DETAILS	VENUE
Wed 2 Oct	11:20 - 12:05	Mobile Library	Dover's Park by School
Fri 4 Oct	19:00	St Swithun's Harvest Supper	Bathford Parish Hall
Sat 5 Oct	14:00 - 16:00	Apple Day	Bathford Village Shop
Sat 5 Oct	20:30	Live Music – "Just Frank"	Village Club
Sun 6 Oct	10:00	Harvest Festival and Service of Holy Communion	St Swithun's Church
Sun 6 Oct	16:30	Re:Connect for children in Year 7	St Swithun's Church
Sun 6 Oct	17:30	Re:Connect for children in Year 8	St Swithun's Church
Tue 8 Oct	15:30	Local Voices for People and Planet (See Sep Bulletin p12 for details)	Batheaston Village Hall
Fri 11 Oct	18:30	Autumnal Celebration Supper	Bathford Village Shop Café
Sun 13 Oct	10:00	Contemporary Service	St Swithun's Church
Sun 13 Oct	16:00	Children's Afternoon Service (for children aged 4-11 and families)	St Swithun's Church
Mon 14 Oct	19:30	Bath Sailing Club – Talk on Submarine Service Links to Bath	Village Club
Wed 16 Oct	19:30	Batheaston Garden Club Talk	Bathford Parish Hall
Wed 16 Oct	11:20 - 12:05	Mobile Library	Dover's Park by School
Fri 18 Oct	19:30	Bingo	Village Club
Sat 19 Oct	20:30	Live Music – "Sophie Silva"	Village Club
Sun 20 Oct	15:00	Sunday Afternoon Concert followed by cream tea	St Swithun's Church
Sun 20 Oct	10:00	Service of Holy Communion	St Swithun's Church
Mon 21 Oct	19:00	Bathford Parish Council Meeting	Bathford School
Fri 25 Oct	20:00	Live Music – Jazz Night	Village Club
Sun 27 Oct	10:00	Welcome Church	St Swithun's Church
Sun 27 Oct	16:30	Evening Prayer, with a traditional feel (refreshments at 16:00)	St Swithun's Church
Mon 28 Oct	14:00	Film Club – "Going In Style"	St Swithun's Church
Mon 28 Oct	19:30	Bathford Society – Talk on Claverton, Our Near Neighbour	Bathford Parish Hall
Wed 30 Oct	11:20 - 12:05	Mobile Library	Dover's Park by School

## SAVE THE DATES

Mon 11 Nov	19:30	Bath Sailing Club: Talk on RNLI	Village Club
Sun 17 Nov	15:00	Sunday Afternoon Concert followed by cream tea	St Swithun's Church
Thu 28 Nov - Sun 15 Dec			Bath Christmas Market 2024
Mon 9 Dec	19:30	Bath Sailing Club: Talk on Whales and Dolphins	Village Club

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