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# The Bathford Bulletin

For the residents of Bathford, Shockerwick and Warleigh



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Email **[bathfordbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordbulletin@gmail.com)** if you are interested or would like to know more.

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# WELCOME

## to our SEPTEMBER edition

Welcome back! How was your summer?

We hope you all had fun with friends and family and that the weather was kind enough for you to enjoy your holidays, wherever you were.

Two features grace this edition of the Bulletin. Bathford is steeped in history and Titan Barrow is testimony to the grand designs and architecture of the Georgian period. For a tour through its history go to pages 8 and 9. On pages 12 and 13 our second feature highlights today's concerns for climate, nature and sustainable energy. An opportunity to voice your opinion on how we address local environmental issues, the chance to see it in action and how to get advice for your own home.

A new, regular contributor appears this month on page 7, with Alison Creighton's article for the many dog owners in Bathford to have her address your canine issues. We encourage you to submit your questions on **[bathfordbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordbulletin@gmail.com)**

We are blessed as a community with such a diversity of opportunities for entertainment and socialising. Just look at the What's On listing on page 23! The Village Club gives us its regular smorgasbord of bingo, musical evenings and jazz, featuring local musicians. St. Swithun's will be featuring a series of three concerts, and the Bath Sailing Club and Bathford History Society resume their excellent series of presentations – see page 15.

And you don't have to look far for a wealth of musical entertainment of rich diversity. Over the next three issues, we will feature three local venues offering music, film, comedy and theatre which we may have overlooked or just not known about – and they're on our doorstep! First off is the Wiltshire Music Centre, just 10 minutes from Bathford – details on page 11.

And for foodies, two suppers are imminent in October. Don't forget to book early! See pages 16 and 18.

There's always something to satisfy your tastes in Bathford.

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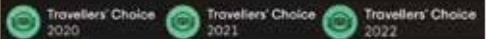
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Hello September, how did that happen?!! Let's hope the sun continues to shine and stay warm. You will always be guaranteed a warm welcome at the Club so please come on in.

**Saturday Night means Live Music – 20:30 – 23:30**

**Saturday 7 September** – Martin Radford – a very talented musician who is new to the Club, but comes highly recommended.

**Saturday 21 September** – Naomi – an excellent female singer, who is back with us covering songs from across the decades.

**Bingo – Friday 20 September - 19:30**

Always a brilliant evening with lots of fun and lots of winners. £5 for a book of 4 games and 2 flyers – 12 chances of winning.

**Jazz Night – Friday 27 September – 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.

**Thank you** to those that came and enjoyed the Euro's experience with us across the Summer – you certainly created a great 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.

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## St Swithun's Film Club

**Monday 23 September at 14:00. 'We Bought a Zoo' (cert PG).**

Starring Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson. Based on a true story, a struggling single dad Benjamin Mee (Damon) and his two children need a fresh start and buy a run-down zoo. He soon realises he is in way over his head but with help from head zookeeper (Johansson) they may just stay one step ahead of the inspector!

Come and join us on and enjoy this inspiring film with complimentary tea and cake after the film (suggested donation £3).

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

## BATHFORD EVENTS TEAM

A big thank you to everyone that came along to the Bathford Events Team quiz in July. The support was fantastic. The quiz was a perfect balance between fun and a challenge, which was down to Hillary and Krys, thank you. Monies raised will be used to fund further events for our lovely village.

Also, a big thank you to The Village Club for the warm welcome and giving us space for the buffet and raffle.

*Heather Lord-Carter on  
behalf of the Events Team*

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.

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## CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE!



**How many French words do you know that are in general use in the English language?**

The English language has many words of French origin, with estimates ranging from 30% to 45% of all English words. Some say that during Norman rule in the 11th Century, around 10,000 French words were adopted into English, and about three quarters of those are still used today.

**The Twinning Association** challenges you to write a sentence with as many words of French origin as you can. The sentence must make sense.

When you have composed it, send it in an email to [bathfordtwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordtwinningassociation@gmail.com) no later than 30 September, telling us your name and age. There will be a prize for the longest, most interesting sentence, that includes the most French words. **Essayez-le!**

## BATHFORD CRICKET CLUB



The 1st XI has likely secured another year in Division 6 by Alistair Duffield scoring a well-deserved century in the win against Blunsdon, supported by Andrew Murray scoring 31 and taking 4 wickets for 23 runs. Other notable performances included Derek Lee, scoring 76 in his first appearance and Adam Brunton with 4 wickets for 33 runs. The 2nd XI continues their impressive run, leading the table. Outstanding performances have come from Matthew Watts and Mark Tooley, with 3 notable innings, together with a contribution from Ashton Wright. We have the division's leading run-scorer, Mark Tooley, with 309 runs, the leading wicket-taker Darren Sutton with 18, Neil Francis with 8 wickets, and Big Jon Wright with the most catches - 7. The Bobcats, the ladies' side, have had two successful festivals recently, with five new players joining.

**Congratulations to all the teams for a successful season.**

**Stephen Ball, Chairman**

## ASK THE TRAINER



Ali Creighton of Doodle Dogs introduces her new column for the Bulletin, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about dog behaviour.

Ever wondered why your puppy bites so much, whether you should use tug-toys or how to teach your dog to do tricks? 'Ask the Trainer' is here to help! Although dog training is an unregulated business, I am qualified with the Institute of Modern Dog Trainers so my replies will reflect modern, scientific training methods. If you don't know where to begin, your current approach isn't working, or you'd like to check some advice from a friend – just ask!



**For example:**

**Question:** How do I stop my dog from digging up the lawn?

**Answer:** Dogs have certain internal needs, sometimes affected by breed. Digging is often associated with terriers, who have been bred to hunt and dig out small prey. Punishing your dog for digging will not work and could have negative side effects so this is not recommended. If your dog feels the need to dig and can't, they will search for a satisfying alternative – often not to our approval! The solution is to redirect the activity to a more appropriate area, such as a sandpit, keeping everybody happy.

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.

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# TITAN BARROW

DISCOVERING TITAN BARROW HOUSE – THE BEAUTIFUL PALLADIAN VILLA DESIGNED BY JOHN WOOD THE ELDER.

Titan Barrow House near the top of Bathford Hill, has stood sentry opposite Solsbury Hill for more than 270 years. In its time, the house has had many names and lives.

It was originally christened Titan Barrow Loggia then subsequently known as Titan Barrow House until 1956, when it was acquired by the Whitehaven Trust and became known as Whitehaven. In 2012, when the current owners, graphic designers Tim and Georgia Fendley moved in, they returned the name to Titan Barrow House.





It was originally built in 1748 as a small mansion for Southwell Piggott, an Irish war hero born in 1670, who saw action in several wars including the Battle of the Boyne. His wife died in 1747 and clearly heartbroken, he left Ireland and arrived in Bathford, commissioning John Wood the Elder to design a mansion in miniature, near to the mill of which he was proprietor. The house was clearly designed for a bachelor and imagined as a party pavilion not far from the bright lights of Bath.

Wood's passion for Palladian order as well as the more mystical arts are still evident in abundance. Titan Barrow is a solstice house with the sun setting directly through the centre of the original part of the house on midsummer's day each year.

Sadly, Piggott only got to enjoy this beautiful house for 6 years, and on his death in 1755 he left it to his daughter, and it stayed in the family until 1768 when the house's next chapter began. It was purchased by James Yeeles after he had acquired the Trevarno Mill in Bathford and remained in the Yeeles family for much of the nineteenth century until 1884.

Following on, owners included Baroness D'Orgeval and latterly Reginald Philip Way, the antique dealer and author who used it as a showroom for his wonderful antiques. He writes lovingly about both the house and its location in his 1957 book 'The Antique Dealer'.

The extensive grounds were unmanageable for Way as the economy contracted. They extended down to the mill and up to the wall opposite the gates, where there was a productive walled garden and tennis courts. The estate also included the Carriage House (now the Clock House) and the land the rugby club enjoys. Way's memoirs detail the cost-of-living crisis (sound familiar?!) of the 1930's and the impact it had on his business, forcing him to sell his beloved home. During the war, the house was repurposed as HQ for the local Home Guard.

The last private owners were the Rev. Dr Wynn-Wilson, former Bishop of Bath and Wells, and his wife. The Wynn-Wilsons were important and generous members of Bathford Parish to whom in 1945 they gifted part of the estate, now known as Folly Field. They were the last to extend the house, building the wing now called Bishops House, as well as two houses in the grounds, one now known as Titan Lodge and one which was replaced with the new houses at Titan Drive.

In 1956 the house was sold to The Whitehaven Trust Ltd and was used as offices, for a short time as a school and then as a Christian Science House and Hospice.

In the early 2000's the estate was purchased by a developer. After failed attempts to gain planning permission for a hotel and other commercial enterprises, the financial crisis of 2008 led to what remained of the estate being divided into 4 houses and sold as shell buildings without heating, electricity, kitchens or bathrooms.

The house had not been a family home for more than 50 years and was in a sorry state of neglect with many of the beautiful original features concealed. Despite their better judgement, the current owners fell in love with the bones of the original house and first purchased Titan Barrow House in 2009 followed by Bishops House in 2012. Since then, they have undertaken a sensitive restoration of the house, a process which has unearthed amongst other things original delft tiles, a secret vaulted room and an icehouse under a tree!

Today the house is home to two generations of the Fendley family, enjoying the house and gardens, very much in the spirit of its original intention and are thankful for the vision and craft of its creators.

The original drawings for the house are available to view in the Bath reference library including details of build costs, specification and craftsmanship.



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## What have you been missing?

In the next three issues we will be featuring local arts venues. This month, we kick off with the **Wiltshire Music Centre** in Bradford on Avon. Maureen Breeze chatted recently to Cath Rapley, their Marketing & Fundraising Manager.

*"We're often referred to as a 'hidden gem' – a phrase that drives some of our longer serving colleagues crazy because we've been putting on concerts and facilitating community groups since 1997! But if you think about it, it's actually a very accurate description. Our location, nestled in the middle of a housing estate next to St Laurence School, is unusual because it's not a place you would pass by every day – you have to want to come here to find out what's going on. We're very much a jewel in Bradford on Avon's crown, because we attract such a wide variety of talented classical, folk, jazz and contemporary artists from all over the UK and internationally.*

*"Your readers might have been here before to see LINDISFARNE, John Cooper Clarke, Griff Rhys Jones, The Unthanks or the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment – but if not, let's bring them up to speed. We are a purpose-built, 300-seat concert hall with a licensed bar, just a 10-minute drive from Bathford.*

*"From September, we have a packed Autumn/Winter programme which is very typical of what we offer. We hope everyone will find something they like, either by browsing our website – [www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk](http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk) – or by picking up a copy of our printed brochure.*

*"Highlights include a concert by the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** who will be launching our season on **Friday 20 September** with a programme that includes **Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21**. This is followed the next day by big band swing from **The Glenn Miller Orchestra**. Folk stars **Kathryn Tickell & The Darkening** appear on **Wednesday 2 October** and a few weeks later there's jazz from foodie broadcaster **Jay Rayner**. We are excited about the **Big Jazz Weekend, Fri 22-24 November**, where we will be celebrating the area's jazz artists with jazz jams in the bar and performances from professional artists as well as a finale concert with the **Wiltshire Youth Jazz Orchestra (WYJO)**. At Christmas, we've plenty of festive frivolities, from screenings of *The Nutcracker* ballet to folk groups and the LP Swing Orchestra.*

*"An important mission of the Centre has always been to support local groups, for example the monthly Parkinson's Café, ukulele groups, various choirs, baby and toddler groups and more.*

*"We look forward to welcoming residents from Bathford so that they may enjoy the opportunities we offer."*

**If you've never made the trip to the Wiltshire Music Centre before, now's the time. We are so lucky to have it on our doorstep!**



# ENVIRONMENT

A selection of local activities

## 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)



## BATH GREEN OPEN HOMES

Bath and West Community Council is calling for more local people to share energy efficiency measures in their homes.

Bath Green Open Homes is taking place at various homes across the district. These are friendly, informative evenings where you can learn from the community how to heat homes more efficiently and reduce bills.

Last year's success saw over 70 homes across Bath and Chew Valley. We want to appeal to more people to participate. The event will feature a diverse range of projects. Whether you have modified your home or are looking for small actions, behavioural changes, double glazing, to larger projects like solar panels and solar panels, they want to share as possible in the retrofit community. The aim is to help people understand, learn from their own homes to create better energy efficiency, reduce costs and help the environment.

If you're interested in opening your home for a weekend, they'd love to hear from you. Click the link to the website to register: [uk.surveymonkey.com/r/D6Y](https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/D6Y)

For more information: [www.bathgreenopenhomes.org.uk](http://www.bathgreenopenhomes.org.uk)



# MENTAL ISSUES

that might be of interest to you

## GREEN HOMES

City Energy (BWCE) are pleased to showcase the homes they've taken in

taking place on 12/13 October in Bath City. Green Open Homes events that demonstrate to the public how to reduce energy

Over 750 people visit 22 homes for this year's event, BWCE are looking to showcase properties; anyone who has been encouraged to get in touch. From draught proofing, insulating, double glazing, Air Source Heat Pumps to engage as many people as possible. We are working with the council to learn and take action with better living environments, cut carbon emissions.

View your home over the weekend from you! Here's the event for your interest: <https://www.bathopenhomes.org>

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## GREEN HERITAGE HOMES

### Home Visits Service

Through a new programme, conservation and energy professionals will provide coordinated low-cost, high-quality advice through home visits, events, and online resources. This free support service is aimed at listed building owners and occupiers, landlords of listed buildings, and building professionals. The aim is to accelerate the sensitive retrofit of listed buildings.

Grant-funded until March 2025, the Green Heritage Homes is a project led by Bath & West Community Energy (BWCE), in partnership with Bath Preservation Trust, B&NES, the Centre for Sustainable Energy and People Powered Retrofit. They will demystify heritage conservation principles and energy efficiency to enable people to make their homes warmer, greener, and cheaper to heat, by working with an understanding of the special interest of their listed building. All see it as crucial for our historic buildings to respond to the climate emergency.



**GREEN  
HERITAGE  
HOMES**

If you are deciding what energy saving measures to undertake, the Bath Preservation Trust (BPT) can offer site visits and face to face advice to discuss what should be considered when it comes to traditional and listed buildings. They can help identify the opportunities and the risks, provide guidance on what you can do and how to approach getting consent. For listed building advice and pre-application guidance, including a home visit from one of BPT's expert officers please email Nikita Hooper at [nhooper@bptrust.org.uk](mailto:nhooper@bptrust.org.uk)

# PETTEMERIDES

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Local exercise specialists providing gym sessions for those over 60 and those with medical conditions.

Helen Pettemerides set up the facility on London Road East, Batheaston over 11 years ago. In that time, it has gone

from strength to strength, catering for the local community in and around Batheaston and Bathford.

The site in Batheaston now has two studio gyms and a treatment room offering Osteopathy,

Sports Massage and Physiotherapy. The two studio gyms offer light and airy space to work out in a non-intimidating environment. As well as 1 to 1 personal training, the team is able to offer supervised gym sessions and Pilates. The supervised sessions are always very popular, as everyone works to their own exercise plan, but there are up to 3 others in the session which also makes it a social event!

The team are all exercise referral qualified, meaning they can train clients with a variety of medical conditions, from hypertension, arthritis, osteoporosis to pre/post-op knee or hip replacements. Helen and Andrea are Neuro qualified so they can help people post stroke or those with Parkinson's or MS, and Gemma holds a Cardiac qualification.

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**Veronica Surgey, Branch President, extends an invitation...**

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We are a very friendly bunch - currently around 26 - from Bathampton, Batheaston, Larkhall, Combe Down and Bathford. We meet up once a month at 10:00 on a Saturday morning at Bathampton Village Hall. We have speakers throughout the year, hold craft sessions, run quizzes and have social parties in the summer and at Christmas. We also have a book club and a craft club, where people come with either their knitting, sewing, crochet - or anything they want to bring - and generally have a good chit-chat.

**Does this sound interesting to you?** Come along to any open meeting at a cost of £5 for visitors. Full membership is £48 per year, reduced on a pro rata basis depending on when you join. All talks are free for members. One recent example of our activities was a Beetle Drive which was very enjoyable, with lots of hilarity! Another was a visit to Maria Heffer's Garden on Solsbury Lane, Batheaston. Despite the weather we had a very pleasant tour along with delicious refreshments.

**Upcoming meetings not to be missed:**

**7 September** – Talk on Hatmaker to Royalty – open meeting

**5 October** – Fabric/ribbon wreath making – open meeting

**2 November** – AGM and Quiz – open meeting

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact me: Email: [vgurgey@gmail.com](mailto:vgurgey@gmail.com) or Phone: **07788 117875**. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

## BATHFORD SOCIETY

Forthcoming talk by Eve Bickerton,  
Archivist, Somerset Heritage Centre

**19:00 on Monday 30 September**, Bathford  
Parish Hall

West Country criminals including one or two  
from Bathford!

The West Country has had its fair share of criminals and their crimes, when discovered, have led to retribution including hanging, imprisonment and transportation. Serious crimes committed locally would be tried at Taunton, and sometimes to save expense, charges would be downgraded so that they could be tried locally in Bath. Justice was savage and often took place against a background of poverty, scarcely mitigated by the Poor Laws. In this talk, Eve will trawl through the records and bring to life crime and its consequences as experienced by some of our unfortunate ancestors.



## BATH SAILING CLUB

All our talks are held at the Village  
Club, Bathford 19:00 for 19:45

As in previous years, we have a full programme from a wide range of speakers open to the general public. So come along and meet us and support your Village Club. For the speaker's charity and the Village Club a donation of £4 on the night is welcomed. Our full programme of presentations will appear in October's issue.

**Monday 9 September:** AGM followed by film: 'Meraki' (μεράκι. Greek: to do something with creativity, love and passion)

In the face of overwhelming odds and financial constraints, Keith Oliver, an ordinary individual with an extraordinary dream, embarked on an epic journey of determination and resilience. Driven by an unwavering passion, he dedicated countless hours to constructing a 19ft boat within the confines of a makeshift tent, defying scepticism and doubters at every turn.

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**Fairtrade Fortnight : Monday 9 September to Sunday 22 September**

Liz has been busy sourcing as many Fairtrade products as she can to offer as alternatives to our regular stock and we are urging everyone to 'Be the Change' by picking up Fairtrade products and speaking up for fairer trade.

30 years of Fairtrade sales have raised over £1.7 billion in Fairtrade Premium, funding opportunities for co-operatives and small farmers all over the world to improve working conditions, combat climate change, increase production and provide better education and environments for their communities.

Visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk/farmers-and-workers/](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/farmers-and-workers/) to find out more.

## Monthly Lunch Buffet

Our inaugural Lunch Buffet on 30 July was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful time sharing a meal and chatting.

Future dates are **24 September** when we will showcase our Fairtrade products, and **29 October**. We have limited space so please book in advance on **01225 859186** or email **bathfordshop@gmail.com**. We look forward to serving you.

Delights on offer at a previous Lunch Buffet



**Friday 11th October**

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# TWINNING NEWS

## VISIT FROM ARTANNES



**July saw the arrival of our friends, old and new, from Artannes.** It has been 22 years since the first exchange trip to Artannes from Bathford and the strength of the friendship has never waned.

**Judy Marris** gives us a taste of the programme that the Twinning Association arranged for the recent visit.

After settling in with hosts in Bathford on Saturday morning, we started by taking our guests to the newly restored Beckford Tower and enjoyed the fantastic views and new displays.



On Sunday, in the sunshine, we picnicked on the lovely terrace at Shockerwick House, enjoying their garden and tour of the house. Some residents, who spoke some French, joined us. Moyra and Paul Mitchell invited us to play croquet in their garden and, with the games preceded by Pimms, none was too serious or competitive! A very happy evening and we were sad to leave.

Monday saw a trip to Cheddar and Wells. The weather was mixed with the gorge appearing menacing and impressive in the rain. We visited the local Cheddar cheese makers and were fascinated watching cheese being made and inevitably, cheese was tasted and bought. Some stayed on to explore while the rest headed to Wells for lunch.

After lunch, the weather improved and we explored the Bishop's Palace and garden, followed by a tour of the Cathedral. We were all glad of a quiet evening at home before the next day's adventure.

Tuesday, we went to the Aviation Museum at Filton to see Concorde and other aircraft. Our guide told us everything about the history of the site, the aircraft that flew from Filton and many fascinating details about Concorde. Lunch was served under Concorde's wings with the sweet smell of aviation fuel still lingering around the aircraft! Memorable in so many ways...

Our last evening together in the School Hall was very special - a celebration of friendship over food and wine while Nick Breeze and Adrian Grenham played for us.

On Wednesday we said our goodbyes. We made our promises to join them in Artannes in 2025 when the partying will start again. **Join us. It's such fun!** [bathfordtwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bathfordtwinningassociation@gmail.com)



## FROM ST SWITHUN'S



**We are looking forward to a busy autumn at St Swithun's.**

We have the first of our fund-raising concerts followed by a cream tea on 29 September and our annual Harvest Supper with live music and a quiz in the Parish Hall on 4th October. In the meantime, meet Jane, our new curate, who, as a newcomer, is seeing Bathford with new eyes.

## NEW CURATE: JANE HOE

Hello, I'm Jane - my family and I have recently moved into the vicarage in Bathford. We will be here for the next three years, whilst I train under your wonderful vicar, Revd Laretta.

I think if I was asked what piece of scripture resonated most for me it would be Jesus' words in John 10:10 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.' My new life working here with Laretta has certainly felt like 'abundant life' so far!

We have a dog, Marty, who we love to explore with. My favourite walk (at the moment!) is up towards Browns Folly, across the top, then coming down onto the High Street - a walk with one ridiculously vast and beautiful view after the next!

But it's not just the scenery I love, it's also the conversations I have with people along the way - thank you so much if you have taken the time to chat with me.

My love of walking has recently been affirmed by a book entitled 'Three Mile an Hour God' by Japanese theologian Kosuke Koyama. Koyama explores how, in our technological age that prizes speed and productivity, we miss so much of the life we were created for. He writes about how Jesus, who is God, who is love, walks amongst us at three miles per hour - encouraging us to see time differently, to slow down and to pay attention - to where we are and to each other.

I think sometimes it feels like a luxury to go out for a slow amble, or to just 'be' with someone, but these are the things that enrich our lives - that often leave us feeling we have been given a gift. I can think of no place more perfect than here, to be slow, to pay attention our neighbours and to nature - to receive from God the gift of abundant life; restoring in us the humanity we need to live and give fully, in our modern world.

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## MUSIC ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Over the coming months, the church, as part of Charity Action St Swithuns, will be hosting a series of Sunday afternoon concerts followed by a cream tea. The proceeds from each will be donated to charity.

The dates for your diary are:

**15:00 Sunday 29 September**

**15:00 Sunday 20 October**

**15:00 Sunday 17 November**

Concerts will last up to one hour.

There are no charges, but donations will be gladly accepted. Proceeds from the first concert will be donated to Jamie's Farm at Ditteridge, who work with young people: <https://jamiesfarm.org.uk/>

The concert on 29 September features talented musicians from Bathford and nearby, and will include pieces for piano, trumpet, flugel horn, bassoon, saxophone, a jazz trio and voice.

The concerts promise to be a lovely way to spend an autumn Sunday afternoon. Do support them.



**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 29 SEPTEMBER**  
featuring talented local amateur musicians  
playing a variety of music  
Donations.  
All proceeds to Jamie's Farm



## BATHFORD LINK

Bathford Link has been managing for some time with just two coordinators. We are in great need of two more to share the load.

If you think you could help this valuable village organisation please contact us on **07870 666582**

Full training will be given.

We would also like to hear from anyone willing to join our team of drivers.

## Remembering

DEATH NOTICES

We are sad to report the recent sudden passing of **Iqbal Suleman** who has had such a strong association with Bathford for over 40 years. Our thoughts are with his wife Masuma and their family and friends.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of **Bertie Marshall** (1926 - 2024), who lived on the High Street. Bertie lived in Bathford for over 50 years and was married to Cyril, a former Head of Bathford School.

Full obituaries will appear in the October Bulletin.



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# AROUND THE GARDEN

with Kevin Marris



We're now approaching one of the most stressful times of my gardening year. It's questions, questions, questions. Do I eat the garden produce, or do I save it for The Flower Show? My courgettes and cucumbers are the main sources of concern.

If I eat them, will more appear in time? If I keep them, will they go all soft and soggy by judgement day? Sweet corn is another source of anguish. How many do I have to check before I pick the ones that stand a chance in the Show? Peeling back the leafy envelope to check them before pulling the best ones off the stalk, leaves me worrying about the remaining cobs – will they come to harm? Should I tape the covering back into place? Oh, the agony of it all!

Potatoes will survive, buried somewhere in the dark – but it has to be really dark. If you want to serve your new potatoes at Christmas, put some in a biscuit tin and bury the tin in the garden. We tried it, and it works!

By the way, "Judgement Day" is on **Saturday 7 September** in the School Hall - surely you haven't missed the poster, shouting at you from the wall outside the Shop? (And take your entry forms to the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 4 September** between **17:00 and 19:30**).

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## SUMMER AT SHOCKERWICK HOUSE

We have made the most of our beautiful gardens over summer and enjoyed a host of activities including #Bupafest - our first ever mini festival - as well as a picnic with guests from our twin village, Artannes-sur-Indre and a particularly fun day recreating Bridgerton at Shockerwick!

Our resident Josephine also enjoyed scrumping for rhubarb in the allotment this month, which our chef made into a lovely crumble!

Have you had the opportunity to enjoy a picnic or a dog walk in our grounds yet or come along to one of our events? We very much welcome visitors from our community! Our next event is our Autumn Fête, date to be confirmed. For upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/BupaCareHomeShockerwickHouse](https://www.facebook.com/BupaCareHomeShockerwickHouse)



## BANES Active Travel Masterplan 2024 Consultation. Have your say!

### **BANES is inviting local residents to review and comment on their proposed Active Travel Management Plan.**


In short, the objective of the Masterplan is to make walking, cycling and/or wheeling – known as Active Travel – the natural choice for more of our journeys in our own local area and across BANES. In turn, this will also improve journeys for those people who currently have no option but to drive.

This will help to address responding to the climate emergency and promoting healthy lifestyles and wellbeing. It will also strengthen social equity and inclusivity, and boost earning prosperity for local businesses.

### **Have your say before 15 September**

BANES is inviting members of the public and Parish Councils to complete an interactive survey – online, or on paper – which allows you to submit your ideas for routes, any barriers to you using Active Travel and incentives to deliver more active travel. Public consultation ended 23rd August, but you can present your opinions and comments via email to [clerk@bathford.net](mailto:clerk@bathford.net)

To find further details and the questionnaire please see <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/active-travel-masterplan>. To read the full Active Travel Masterplan, please go to [www.active-travel-masterplan](http://www.active-travel-masterplan.bathnes.gov.uk) (bathnes.gov.uk)



### BUS ROUTE CHANGE

New Cross-City Bus Links for Bath

Bath is set to benefit from new cross-city transport links as a result of changes to the First Bus network starting 1 September.

**Service 3 (Bathford to City Centre) will be extended to the Royal United Hospital.**  
There will also be changes to the timetable to improve punctuality.

Another new cross-city link will be created through the extension of **service 13 (Elmhurst to City Centre)** to Foxhill, to provide a north to south connection. There will also be an extra journey in the mornings to Ralph Allen School.

For new timetables see:  
<https://travelwest.info>



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### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING Monday 16 September 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**

DATE   TIME	DETAILS   VENUE
<b>Sun 1 Sept</b>	<b>New First Bus Timetables begin</b>
<b>Sun 1 Sept   10:00</b>	<b>Service of Holy Communion</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Wed 4 Sept   11:20 - 12:05</b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> - Dovers Park, by School
<b>Wed 4 Sept   17:00 - 19:30</b>	<b>Flower Show Entries</b> - Bathford Parish Hall
<b>Sat 7 Sept   Open Day</b>	<b>Jamie's Farm (Charity)</b> - Hill House Farm, Ditteridge, Box
<b>Sat 7 Sept   10:00</b>	<b>Bathampton WI - Talk on Hatmaker to Royalty</b> - Bathampton Village Hall
<b>Sat 7 Sept   14:30 - 16:30</b>	<b>Bathford Flower Show</b> - Bathford Primary School
<b>Sat 7 Sept   20:30 - 23:30</b>	<b>Live Music - Martin Radford</b> - Village Club
<b>Sun 8 Sept   10:00</b>	<b>Contemporary Service</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Sun 8 Sept   16:00</b>	<b>JELLY (formerly Afternoon Praise) for families with children aged 4-11</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Mon 9 - Sun 22 Sept</b>	<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b> - Village Shop
<b>Mon 9 Sept   09:00</b>	<b>Tickets for Autumnal Supper</b> - available from Village Shop
<b>Mon 9 Sept   19:30</b>	<b>Bath Sailing Club AGM, followed by film on sailing in Greece</b> - Village Club
<b>Sun 15 Sept   10:00</b>	<b>Service of Holy Communion</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Mon 16 Sept   19:00</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> - Bathford School
<b>Wed 18 Sept   11:20 - 12:05</b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> - Dovers Park, by School
<b>Fri 20 Sept   19:30</b>	<b>Bingo</b> - Village Club
<b>Sat 21 Sept   20:30 - 23:30</b>	<b>Live Music with Naomi</b> - Village Club
<b>Sun 22 Sept   10:00</b>	<b>Welcome Church</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Sun 22 Sept   16:30</b>	<b>Evening Prayer (refreshments at 16:00)</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Mon 23 Sept   14:00</b>	<b>Film Club - "We Bought A Zoo"</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Fri 27 Sept   20:00</b>	<b>JazzFord Jazz Night</b> - Village Club
<b>Sat 28 Sept   11:00 - 13:00</b>	<b>Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support</b> - Mountain Wood Community Room
<b>Sun 29 Sept   10:00</b>	<b>Benefice Service of Holy Communion</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Sun 29 Sept   15:00</b>	<b>Sunday Afternoon Concert followed by cream tea</b> - St Swithun's Church
<b>Mon 30 Sept   19:00</b>	<b>Bathford Society - Talk on West Country Criminals</b> - Bathford Parish Hall

#### SAVE THE DATE

<b>Fri 04 Oct   19:00</b>	<b>St Swithun's Harvest Supper</b> - Parish Hall
<b>Fri 11 Oct   18:30</b>	<b>Autumnal Celebration Supper</b> - Village Shop
<b>Mon 14 Oct   19:30</b>	<b>Bath Sailing Club - Talk on Submarine Service Links to Bath</b> - Village Club
<b>Sun 20 Oct   15:00</b>	<b>Sunday Afternoon Concert</b> - St. Swithun's Church

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