

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August Issue No. 541

Hi everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter.

Thank you to Ed Rudler for this photo of the Upper Bupton Farm combine harvester discharging grain into the waiting trailer. We understand that this year crop yields for conventional cereal farmers are generally down 20% – 30% on 2025 levels.

WITH THE CURRENT DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS, EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICES ARE EXTREMELY STRETCHED SO PLEASE DON'T LEAVE AN OUTDOOR FIRE, IF YOU MUST HAVE ONE, OR A BARBEQUE UNATTENDED.

If you have any items, including local adverts, which you would like included in future newsletters, send these to cpb.newsletter@gmail.com, but could you please submit them by 26th of the month latest so that we have enough time to organise the Newsletter and send it out by the end of the month. If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, then please let us know and we will remove you from the mailing list.

Dates for the Diary

Every Monday	Zumba dancing 9.30am, Village Hall
Every Monday	Table Tennis Juniors 6.00pm-7.00pm, onwards to 9.00pm, Village Hall
Every Tuesday.	Piloga 9.00am-9.45am, Village Hall
Every Wednesday	Realign Exercise Classes 9.30am-10.15am, Village Hall
Sun. 2nd Aug	Said Communion 9.00am, St. Peter's Church
Sun. 2nd Aug.	Big Machines and Arable Farming Upper Bupton Farm 11.00am-12.30pm
Tues. 4th Aug.	Dancing Duo 10.00am-1.00pm, Village Hall
Tues. 11th Aug.	Board Games 2.30pm, Village Hall
Tues. 11th Aug.	Goddard Arms: Update 6.30pm-8.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs. 13th Aug.	Calligraphy Group 10.00am-12noon, Village Hall
Thurs. 20th Aug.	W.I. 7.15pm, Village Hall
Tues. 25th Aug.	Bushton Bookworms
Tues. 28th Aug.	Dancing Duo 10.00am-1.00pm, Village Hall
Sat. 22nd & 23rd Aug.	Motorbike Scrambling, Bupton
Tues. 25th Aug.	Board Games, 2.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs. 27th Aug.	Calligraphy Group 10.00am-12noon, Village Hall
Future Date:	
Every Friday from 4th Sept.	Yoga, 9.30am-10.30, Village Hall

Village Hall News



Thank you to everyone who came to the Pop-Up Coffee Shop back in July. We did wonder if folk would venture forth as the heatwave was at its peak but the hall was cool and everyone enjoyed having a good chat to friends and neighbours as well as having a cold or hot drink with home-made cakes. We were able to welcome Caitlin and James who have recently moved into Bushton and look forward to seeing them at some of the future hall functions.

August is a quiet time for hall activities, but we will start up again with the WI having their annual Produce Show at the beginning of September and probably another Pop-Up Coffee Shop.

And a new Yoga group starts on Friday mornings - more details in this Newsletter.

Don't forget to put 14th November in your diaries for a performance by 'Landlocked' Sea Shanty Group at the village hall.

101 Club: Here are the winners for July and August - thank you to everyone who takes part - hope you might be lucky later in the year!

	1st	2nd	3rd
July	Ben Miller	Sukey Pullen	Roy Davis
August	Malcolm Wilford	Helene Askew	Si Hughes

The hall will be closed for redecoration during half term week Friday 23rd October to Sunday 1st November.

Barbara Davis 0796 223 6678 or rjbjdavis@btinternet.com

Village Hall News cont'd…



Regular Bookings

Day	Time	Activity	Phone/email
Monday	Morning 9:30 to 10:30	Zumba	Flory 07770490907 florentina_cata@yahoo.com
	18:00 to 19:00	Table Tennis for juniors	Rosemary Greenway 0737 6927325 Rosygreenway@gmail.com
	19:00 to 21:00 (except bank holiday)	Table Tennis	Terry Mills millsofcalne@gmail.com
Tuesday	9:00 to 9:45	Piloga	Stephanie Percival 07500557527 creating.balance@yahoo.com
	Every 2 weeks 10:00 to 11:00	Private dance practice	
	11:30 to 12:30 (from May 5th 2026 for 8 weeks)	Tai Chi	Mark Jones 07905632539 mark@greenchi.co.uk
	Afternoon 14:30 2nd and 4th (not Summer term)	Board Games – own choice	Barbara Davis 0796 223 6678 rjbjdavis@btinternet.com
Wednesday	Morning 9:30 10:15	Weights	Stephanie Percival 07500557527 creating.balance@yahoo.com
Thursday	2nd and 4th Morning 10-12	Calligraphy	Janet Hargrave 01249890726 Jan_Hargrave@yahoo.co.uk
	3rd in month Evening 19:00 to 21:00	WI	Sally Fox 0756 8311823 sally_fox@btinternet.com
Friday	9:30 to 10:30 (from September 4th)	Yoga	Monika 07824633695 tif.monasingh@gmail.com

There are several other groups that meet on a semi regular basis – for more information please contact Barbara.

If you wish to book the hall for your own activity:
Monday to Friday charges £10 per hour.
Friday evening to Sunday evening £12 per hour
Parties £14 per hour

Events are published in the Community Newsletter and posted on the 'Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall' Facebook page and the Parish Notice Boards
Contact : Barbara Davis 0796 2236678 rjbjdavis@btinternet.com

GODDARD ARMS UPDATE

Meeting at the CP&B Village Hall

Tuesday 11th August 6.30pm-8.00pm



There will be a community meeting concerning the Goddard Arms at 6.30pm on Tuesday 11th August 2026. At the meeting David Gagen (as Chair of the Ad Hoc 'Save the Goddard Arms Group') will provide an update.

Given the parlous state of the pub this may be the last opportunity for the community to come together to save a fantastic community asset. Whether you are a strong supporter of community ownership or not, please come along to hear what has been happening and to contribute to the community position.

Please come along to hear what may be happening to your pub.

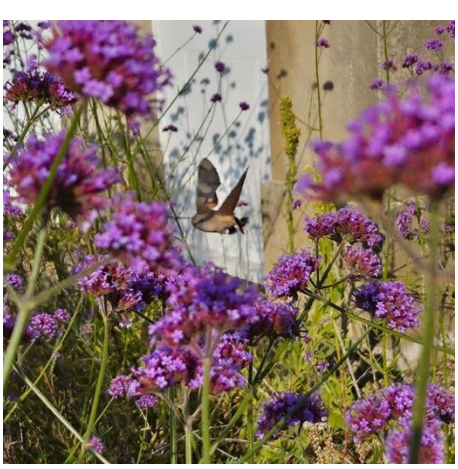
Tuesday 11th August at 6.30pm

Country Notes

Common Ragwort is a native species of the British Isles and is a specified weed under the Weeds Act 1959. It contains cumulative alkaloid toxins which can have fatal consequences, if eaten by horses and other grazing animals. Ragwort is less likely to be rejected by stock if dried and contamination of forage (hay, haylage and silage) is a particular problem.
Occupiers of any land have a duty to assess if ragwort is growing on their land, and if so, make a "ragwort control policy" to prevent it spreading to nearby land used for grazing livestock, including horses, or for food or forage production. However, be aware, because they have so much land, it appears the Highways and Railway bodies rely on complaints from the public rather than making their own surveys.
Ragwort seed has an integral parachute and is spread by the wind.
If landowners fail to actively control the spread of Ragwort despite being asked to do so informally by anyone, Natural England can subsequently take enforcement action. This might include clearing the ragwort and charging the landowner.
The government has produced a clear and readable "Code of Practice on how to prevent the spread of Ragwort". Just google it. However, make sure it is government advice you click on as there are unofficial websites with inaccurate information!
Don't worry that in doing your own bit to help, Common Ragwort might be made 'extinct'! That is unlikely.
In winter, Common Ragwort may be recognised by its dark green mound of frilly leaves, close to the ground.
Common Ragwort is classed as an 'injurious weed' in the 1959 Act, along with four other common weeds such as a couple of types of dock and thistle, none of which are actually toxic like Ragwort. Locally we have other toxic weeds, for example Horsetail (looks like a tree) and Hemlock (similar to cow Parsley except there are purple spots on the stems). If you aren't familiar with these do look them up. If you are handling Ragwort or other toxic plants, please wear gloves as they are toxic to us humans too, seal the plant in a plastic bag and bin it.

Here's a photo of Common Ragwort, and on a complete tangent, one of a Humming Bird Hawkmoth seen locally, and a Slow-worm, not seen locally – or have you seen one? Neither slow nor a worm, he is in fact a legless lizard and a useful garden predator eating slugs.







BUSHTON & CLYFFE PYPARD W.I.

PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 5th September

Bushton Village Hall

From 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon celebrating local talent, home-grown produce, baking, crafts and more.

- View the exhibits
- Support local entrants
- Meet friends and neighbours
- Enjoy refreshments



ADMISSION OPEN FROM 3:00 PM

For further information, please contact Bushton & Clyffe Pypard W.I.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI

Produce Show

Saturday 5th September

Always a popular community event, our Produce Show this year has the time-honoured classes of garden produce, baking and preserves. Here's a taster.....

Tomatoes, onions, potatoes, beetroot, beans, carrots, courgettes, a cucumber, peppers and a collection of salad vegetables. And then the fruit: apples, pears, plums, damsons..... And flowers: roses, dahlias, a mixed selection.



If you are thinking that you have nothing worth showing because of this year's heat and drought, don't worry – it's been the same for everyone!



If you enjoy baking, try entering your bread – any loaf, or Bara Brith, a coffee and walnut cake, scones or chocolate-chip cookies. We have a gluten-free class too if that's what your household needs.

Plus jams and jellies, marmalade and chutney.

We also have two new pictures for the children in your family to colour – one for key stage 1 and one for key stage 2. If you would like a copy, please let me know; I can email it/them to you, or print a copy and deliver it. Please write the child's name and age on the back and enter it with your other items. Contact Sally Fox, 07568 311823, sally_fox@btinternet.com

For a show schedule, please contact Madelaine Flight, 07748 075377 madelaine_flight@outlook.com

Entries should be brought to the hall on Friday 4th September, between 5.30 and 7pm, or on Saturday morning , 9 – 11.30am.





MORNING YOGA AT BUSHTON VILLAGE HALL

START YOUR FRIDAY WITH YOGA

Every Friday
9:30AM - 10:30 AM

Starting on 4th Sep

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MONIKA

YOGA

Hello, I'm Monika Singh

I'm delighted to be starting my new yoga classes from Friday, 4th September, and I'd love to welcome you to join me.

My yoga journey began many years ago, and I had the privilege of deepening my practice in the Himalayas, where I learned the traditional principles of yoga. For the past 7 years, I've been teaching yoga and helping people improve their physical and mental wellbeing through mindful movement and breath.

My classes combine Hatha Yoga and Vinyasa Flow and are suitable for beginners as well as those with previous yoga experience. Every class is designed to help you move with ease, build strength, improve flexibility, and find a sense of calm.

Each 60-minute session includes:

* Mindfulness and breathing exercises to help you feel present and centred.
* Gentle stretching to warm up the body.
* A blend of Hatha and Vinyasa yoga to improve strength, balance, flexibility, and mobility.
* A guided relaxation at the end, so you leave feeling refreshed, relaxed, and re-energised.

Yoga is so much more than physical exercise. With regular practice, you may notice reduced stress, better posture, improved sleep, increased energy, and a greater sense of balance and wellbeing.

Whether you're stepping onto the mat for the very first time or returning to your practice, you'll find a friendly, welcoming, and supportive space where everyone is encouraged to move at their own pace.

I can't wait to meet you and share this journey with you. I hope you'll join me from 4th September and experience the many benefits of yoga for yourself.

Please book by text or email-
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Bushton Bookworms

The Greek Civil War followed the Second World War so that the lives of ordinary Greek citizens – in the oldest democracy in the world – were not only turned upside down but ruled and shaped and in many cases destroyed by invaders and then their own people, perhaps members of their own families. They suffered great privations and families were torn apart between fascism and communism, followed eventually by the rule of the generals. These terrible times are described in great detail by Victoria Hislop in her novel "Those Who Are Loved", and applied principally to the daughter, Themis, of one family. It was uncomfortable reading and, some felt, more a history as applied to one family than a crafted novel. Certainly, the book taught us a few aspects of that history we hadn't known fully.

Set in a different place but in the 1950s, Colm Toibin's "Brooklyn" is our next book up for discussion, the first of two related novels. We will talk about this one on Tuesday 25th August. Please get in touch (sally_fox@btinternet.com) if you would like to join us for this or all the books our members read. You will be very welcome!



Bushton & Clyffe Pypard W.I.

July's meeting was delightful, a summer supper in a member's garden, the weather was perfect, not too hot but warm enough to sit out until it got dark without resorting to a jacket, excellent food donated by members, love and friendship completed the evening.

You are welcome to give us a try out in August - 20th, 7.15pm at the Village Hall, when we will be learning about pets as therapy with Chris Lovelock. The first meeting is free.

By now most people will have realised that the popular produce show returns on Saturday 5th September in the Village Hall. Schedules have been distributed, if you didn't receive one but would like to know more about it please contact Madelaine on 07748075377 and she will ensure a schedule is delivered to you.

We don't expect vegetables to this standard; it will impressive if any survive the heat wave but there are other categories you could consider entering and we would love to see them.



Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Wildlife Group

And the heat goes on! With no rain for weeks, we finally have a hosepipe ban. Harvests have been very early with crops affected (hear more at our event on 2nd August). Everywhere is looking parched and even some trees are beginning to show signs of drought stress. Also, don't forget our animal and insect friends. Droughts severely impact animals by depleting drinking water and stripping away vegetation. This causes widespread dehydration, malnutrition, and increased susceptibility to disease.

Key Impacts on Wildlife

- **Habitat Fragmentation:** Rivers, ponds, and streams dry up, isolating aquatic species in shallow, stagnant pools. This severely limits available territory, increases water toxicity from concentrated pollutants, and restricts breeding.
- **Collapse of the Food Web:** A lack of moisture prevents vegetation from producing leaves, seeds, and fruits. This leads to mass starvation among herbivores, which subsequently starves the apex predators that rely on them.
- **Unnatural Migration and Human Conflicts:** Driven by desperation, animals are forced to migrate far outside their normal habitats. This brings wildlife into urban or agricultural areas in search of water, resulting in increased encounters with humans, vehicles, and pets.

We can't refill our ponds, so put out a saucer (not too deep) in a safe place.

Despite that we had a very productive moth trapping session on 12th July with our wonderful hosts Christopher and Sarah at Tockenham Farm.

We are delighted to confirm that we will also be holding our annual farm meeting at Upper Bupton Farm.

Big Machines and arable farming **Sunday 2nd August**
11am-12.30pm
Upper Bupton Farm W3W///mile.award.drummers



Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Wildlife Group cont'd….

We are hoping to be able to get up close and personal with the big farm machines again and to see how the harvest of 2026 has fared after the extreme weather.

Great Wood visit: Saturday 19th September 1pm to 4pm.
Meeting place to be provided on booking.
Nick Self, our local Wiltshire Wildlife Trust ranger will be leading a tour of Great Wood, a recently acquired reserve (between Tockenham and Grittenham) that is currently undergoing restoration.
This is a rare opportunity to see this wonderful site as it is not open to the public.
There are still some spaces available if you have not already booked.
Please email **clyffenature@gmail.com** to secure a place (we need to know numbers!) and obtain directions.

We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any queries, or would like to get more involved then please contact us at clyffenature@gmail.com

Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Parish Council

https://clyffepypardbushton.org.uk

With no Parish Council (PC) meeting taking place this month things have been quiet. The Council's focus remains on 3 activities:

- New Defibrillator for Clyffe Pypard. Activity continues towards installing a new defibrillator in Clyffe Pypard village. There has been a slight delay due to an issue relating to the VAT associated with the purchase, but it is hoped that this will be resolved this week so that purchases on the ancillaries can commence. The aim remains to have the Defibrillator installed no later than September 2026.
- Planning. Some new planning applications which relate to our parish have been submitted to Wiltshire Council's Planning Department. The Parish Council is reviewing each of these with its comments to be submitted.
- Clyffe Pypard hill (Road Safety Improvements). Documents providing provisional details for a substantial improvement in the road surface and verge signage on and around Clyffe hill have been presented to the PC by Wiltshire Council's Principal Engineer (Traffic Engineering). The PC has welcomed all these measures which, if funding from the LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group) is approved, will greatly improve safety for drivers and pedestrians travelling along this stretch of road and householders living adjacent to the hill. The documents will now be submitted to the LHFIG for consideration at its next meeting in October. Separately, the PC awaits a response from Wiltshire Council's Highways Department relating to the PC's concerns about the poor condition of the road surface on Clyffe hill.

Future Meetings

Agreed dates for the Parish Council meetings for the year 2026/2027 are:

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Wednesday 25th November 2026

Wednesday 13th January 2027

Wednesday 24th March 2027

All meetings will take place in the Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.

Village WhatsApp Group
Clyffe Pypard & Bushton network

A village WhatsApp group has been created to enable residents to share village information quickly and easily, for example: local road accidents affecting access, fallen trees, flooding, lost pets, anything of relevance to the community etc. etc.

Everyone is welcome to join the group - just right click on the link below:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/E1WopNfzp49KeHMHXpaTis

www.10green.co.uk

Ten Green Bottles is an initiative by Berkeley Farm in Wroughton to deliver fresh milk, dairy, veg & bread to local villages. They now deliver to Clyffe Pypard and Bushton!

If you would like to sign up, go to their website or download the App. It's easy to do and a great way to reduce plastic usage.

Royal Wootton Bassett Monday Friendship Club

A social club for older people

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church Hall,
High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett

Mondays 2-4 pm







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Please come along to chat, meet new people and take part in activities.
Small weekly charge.

For more information, contact:
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... have a few spare hours a week ? ✓

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... to help out in the community ? ✓

... a flexible volunteering opportunity? ✓

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We are looking for additional **COMPANION DRIVERS** to help expand our volunteering offer.

Do please get in touch.

LINK 6 & RWB is a Good Neighbour scheme which offers a service for any member of our community who is in need of our help. They may be living with a disability, older people or those who have a temporary need through illness.

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