

DATES FOR THE DIARY: see full details in this Scene

19th February, 7–8.00pm, Police Community Support Consultation, BYPA Hall, Baydon

22nd February, Pop-Up sale of quality clothes, Memorial Hall, Lambourn, in aid of Lambourn Group of the RDA

24th February, 8.00pm, Parish Council meeting, BYPA Hall, Baydon

4th March, 10.00am–3.00pm, Bridge Lunch, Walwyn Hall, Lambourn, in aid of Lambourn Group of the RDA

BAYDON NOTICE BOARD

If you are a Facebook user, do you know there is a public group called the *Baydon Notice Board*?

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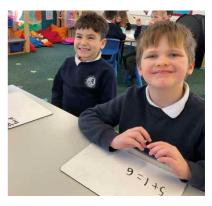
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We'd love to see what you're seeing and finding locally.

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL NEWS

christmas and Christmas celebrations are always magical within school and this year was no exception. Our Key Stage 1 children really enjoyed making the Christingles for the community service, and discussing each of the components representation as they were created. Soon after Christingle we presented our Nativity performances with Key Stage 1 children



performing a traditional nativity in school and Key Stage 2 children holding carol services in church. On the last day of term, we held our school Crib Service where the children listen to the story of the birth of Jesus while dressing the crib. Our thanks to the clergy for their support during this very busy time.

Our children also enjoyed participating in fun activities during the last week of term, including a whole school trip to the Corn Exchange in Newbury to watch the pantomime *Dick Whittington*, an elf fun run, a Christmas party, Christmas lunch and to top it off a visit from the man himself!

Our thanks go to our amazing FOBS for all their help and support during our Christmas activities. FOBS non-only supported the children's activity they additionally held a wreath-making event and ran our huge Christmas raffle with many amazing prizes. Both of these events were very much supported by the local community, for which we are very grateful.

We are already looking forward to our trips out in 2025. For the first trip, we are delighted to be working with Racing to School, when, in January, our Owls class (Years 5 and 6) are attending a 'Maths in Action' day at Newbury Race course. This day promises to be a fantastic practical learning opportunity bringing the curriculum to life.

Our key curriculum theme this term is 'Unlocking the Magic'. Pupils, depending on their age, will investigate a range of different areas of study including what was life like in Tudor Britain in history and investigating the weather in Geography. Unlocking the magic is also a marvellous time to explore lots of wonderful books – how exciting!

Emma Gilbert, Head Teacher

BRYN FURBER, 21st DECEMBER 1938–30th DECEMBER 2024

Bryn was born in Swindon in 1938. He was the eldest son of Grace and Percy Furber. In hopes that he might become a footballer, he was named after Bryn Jones a Welsh goalkeeper.(It didn't work!) He became the eldest of five children.

He met and married Barbara in 1971. They then moved to Downsmead, Baydon in 1977 during the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

Through his life Bryn played cornet in the Salvation Army band, guitar in a gospel group and keyboard and trumpet in the 'Tudor' dance band. During National service he played cornet in the band of the Royal Dragoons whilst in Malaya. He accompanied the Kentwood Choir at the Wyvern and became a vice president of that choir.

He also played 'The Last Post' every year on Armistice Sunday in many places throughout his life, including Singapore, the Royal Albert Hall and Baydon Parish Church! Later in life, when his Parkinson's disease worsened so that he could no longer play instruments, he joined the Aldbourne Community choir.

Bryn began as a paperboy with Messrs Richardson and Rabbetts, in Swindon, later joining them as they built the newsagents business to seven



shops including post offices, bakery and supermarket. When Mr Richardson died, Bryn oversaw the financial side of the business but still took his share of sorting the papers at 4am in the morning. When later he bought Shrivenham Post office complete with postmen and a sorting office, he still had to get up in the early hours.

He was a man of few words until he was behind a shop counter. He would enjoy banter with his customers and tried to greet customers in their own language when Shrivenham's new military college was home to 48 different nationalities.

In Baydon, he helped form the Baydon Young People's Association where he became treasurer to the building committee; he ran the tuck shop and loved organising and taking part in the annual trips to fun parks.

In 2001 with retirement came the love of foreign travel. The first trip was for three months to visit friends in Malaya, old neighbours in Australia and his sister and brother-in-law in New Zealand, including Hong Kong, Singapore and Fiji along the way. This was the start of many more delightful trips.

During retirement he was able to play tennis regularly with the Aldbourne Tennis Club. Later as his Parkinson's progressed he was reduced to playing ping pong at home with Barbara.

He enjoyed the activities and friendship of the Baydon Social Group more latterly.

He was a wonderfully kind man who lived a good and full life. He fought his illness bravely especially during this last year. Finally on 30th December 2024 he slipped away aged 86. Bryn was an amazing husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

Thank you so much for the wonderful cards and messages of support and condolence sent to us all on the death of Bryn. Such kind and caring thoughts, which helped us greatly to know that he will be remembered with affection. Thank you too to the many people who attended the Committal service at Kingsdown Crematorium and/or the service of Celebration at the Baptist Church in Stratton.

Bryn would have been overwhelmed, as we were, at the number of people who were there to show their respect. Thank you again from:

Barbara, Stephen, Peter and families

MINISTER'S LETTER

A tree came down in our garden last year during storm Bert. Thankfully, it fell into our garden and only damaged things in the border. It could have demolished the fence and blocked the road outside or fallen on parked cars in the neighbour's drive.



I really miss that tree now, although it was not there when we first moved in.

I planted it as a small shrub and watched it grow up and obscure the view of an ugly overhead electricity pole. Now, it just looks bare. Even the local cats seemed confused by its absence – probably because the tree was often frequented by small birds!

Some changes are most unwelcome. But at least I don't have to worry about it getting too big, and the pigeons will no longer think about nesting there!

Sometimes there are up-sides to change.

February has been described as the border between winter and spring. Snowdrops and early bulbs remind us that winter is on its way out. With the changing climate we never know what to expect these days – I can recall snow in February, but also some quite warm days. What will it be this year I wonder?

On the 2nd of February, some churches celebrate 'Candlemass'. Let's see if this old weather saying proves to be true:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain
Winter won't come again

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On 14th February it is Valentine's Day. Even if we don't receive a Valentine's card or gift, all of us can be assured of God's love brought to us in person by his son Jesus Christ. It is a love that can make a real difference through all our changing scenes of life.

Jackie Hollander, Licensed Lay Minister

PARISH OF WHITTON WORSHIP OCT/NOV 2024

All services and service sheets are available on the website and Facebook.

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Sunday	When	Where	Type of service
2nd Feb	10.00am	Ramsbury	Team Holy Communion for Candlemas
9th Feb	9.30am	Baydon	Holy Communion
16th Feb	9.30am	Baydon	Informal All-age Worship
23rd Feb	9.30am	Baydon	Contemporary Praise
2nd March	10.00am	Aldbourne	Team Holy Communion
9th March	9.30am	Baydon	Holy Communion
16th March	9.30am	Baydon	Informal All-age Worship
23rd March	9.30am	Baydon	Contemporary Praise
30th March	9.30am	Baydon	Mothering Sunday, family service

- Informal worship services are suitable for all ages
- A short (said) service of Holy Communion takes place each Thursday at 10.00am in Ramsbury
- 'Reflective Spaces' takes place at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne at 7.00pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month
- Phone number for Zoom services:0203 481 5240 or 0208 080 6591
- Team services 10am livestream: meeting ID: 948 7729 2017, passcode: 052157
 Other Sundays at 11.30am: meeting ID: 948 3407 2630, passcode: 343860



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Elections 2025

On 1st May 2025 all seats on Baydon Parish Council will be available for election. We will be looking for new Councillors. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Parish Council and helping to shape the future of Baydon you may be looking for more information.

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils has organised an online event for anyone interested in standing for their local Parish Council in the upcoming elections. Join a panel of experts drawn from a variety of roles within Town and Parish government to ask questions and understand more about the role and responsibilities our representatives have on the first tier of government.

To receive joining instructions, please email, Ian Nockolds the Local County Advisor ⊠ inockolds@communityfirst.org.uk

Precept 2025/26

The Parish Precept is the sum of money allocated to the Parish Council to meet the needs of the parish in the forthcoming financial year. It is a forecast of the amount that will be required to pay for such things as grounds and tree maintenance, insurance, play areas, meetings, etc. The Parish Precept is collected by Wiltshire Council as part of the annual Council Tax bill and this element is then passed on to the parish.

The Parish Council budget with a precept of £19,635.14 for the financial year 2025/26 has been agreed.

Parish Steward Visits

The Parish Steward visits Baydon regularly. Recently the steward has cleared leaves from the chicane on Ermin Street, cleared gullies and drainage channels at the Ermin Street/Manor Lane Junction, filled potholes on Ermin Street, Finches Lane and Downsmead, cut back vegetation around signs on Sewer Lane, cleared Rat Traps on Aldbourne Road and cleaned bollards on Baydon Road opposite the Post Office.



Before...



Please do report any issues that can be dealt with by the Parish Steward. The type of works that can be reported to the Clerk are:

Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers.

After

- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, grips, culverts, pipes and pits (unable to jet).
- Clearing storm debris from roads and footways.
- Pedestrian barriers preparation and painting.
- Cleaning and straightening of small road signs, street nameplates and bollards.
- Securing of existing small road signs, verge marker posts and supplied street name plates.
- Removal of limited graffiti from road signs, bollards and street name plates.
- Hand cutting of grass and vegetation in visibility areas.
- Hand treatment of weeds.
- Hand clearance of encroaching growth and soils from footways.
- Repair of small potholes in roads and footways.

Other issues can be reported to Wiltshire Council via MyWilts online reporting, which is available to residents https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting.

Christmas Tree and Carols on The Green

Thanks are expressed to the Christmas tree team for setting up and removing the tree, and to Christopher Grasson for helping get the tree up and Mike Hale for disposing of the tree.

Carols on The Green were enjoyed again in December with another good turnout. We are very grateful that the Tarantellers joined us for a second year providing such a wonderful musical accompaniment.

Thank you to Mrs Moxon for providing delicious mince pies and mulled wine.

Police Community Support Consultations

The next Police Community Support Consultation, supported by the Parish Council, will be held on 19th February from 7pm to 8pm in the BYPA Hall.

Defibrillator Awareness Session

South Western Ambulance Service are offering to hold a Defib Awareness Session in Baydon. Before booking a session we need to know if there would be any interest.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would be interested in attending (date to be confirmed).

□ baydonparishclerk@gmail.com

Meetings and Minutes

Future meeting dates and minutes of all council meetings can be found on the website www.baydon.org/parish_council.htm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 24th February 2025, 8.00pm at BYPA Hall

Please contact Fiona Ryder for more details

☑ baydonparishclerk@gmail.com Tel: 07907 125526

Visit www.baydon.org for up-to-date village news, events, weather and features, and Parish Council minutes and agendas

THIS IS MONTI

Monti was keen to help put away the Christmas decorations this year.

Monti took his 'quality control' role very seriously.

Monti, however, was sometimes found sleeping 'in' the job.

Monti knows that cat naps are healthy treats.

Monti's planning to snooze whenever he can.

Be like Monti.



SINCE THE LAST SCENE MONTI HAS...

found himself in a spot of bother, but after an emergency trip to the vets, and a big dose of antibiotics, he is well on the mend to a healthy and happy 2025.

ALDBOURNE AND BAYDON LINK SCHEME

If you don't have transport, are temporarily unable to drive, or cannot access public or hospital transport and need to get to Hospital, Doctors, Dental appointments, etc., we can help.

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NEWS FROM THE LAMBOURN GROUP OF THE RDA (RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION)



With us than ever before, which means we are keeping very busy. The cold snap in January with snow and ice, did however cause problems with some of our participants finding it too cold to ride, resulting in cancelled or shortened sessions. It is also a tough time for our Yard Manager and freelance grooms who come to look after our horses and ponies, never quite sure what they will find, from frozen water troughs to burst pipes! They all do an amazing job to keep everything going, whatever is thrown at them, and we are incredibly grateful for all their hard work.

We decided our first 2025 fundraising event on Saturday 25th of January would be a Quiz Night with a Scottish twist to mark Burns Night. It was a very successful night with 8 teams battling it out, which created a great atmosphere, getting our fundraising year off to a good start.

The Volunteer Centre West Berkshire's Volunteer Recruitment Fair was held in Newbury on the 11th of January and we were there to attract some new volunteers. It was extremely well attended, and 12 new potential volunteers have registered their interest in joining us, which is amazing! Volunteers are essential to run our riding and non-riding therapy sessions, and we are always looking for more help.

ALDBOURNE & BAYDON AID IN SICKNESS FUND

The fund benefits the sick or those in financial difficulty because of sickness. Small grants are offered to residents of the two parishes plus loans of medical equipment (to parishioners and visitors).

All bona fide enquiries welcome and those from friends and neighbours.

Contact

David Hill (Baydon) 540789, Sandra Barnes 540161 or Anthony Evans 540206

The new non-riding therapy sessions, which take place on a Friday morning, are proving to be very popular and we now have six participants and a team of coaches and volunteers to support them in working towards their horse-care proficiency certificates. We are delighted the sessions are going well as it means we can give more people the opportunity to experience the wonderful world of horses.

On the 22nd of February we plan to hold a Pop-Up sale of quality clothes in the Memorial Hall in Lambourn. If anyone has good-quality clothes they would like to donate, or if you would like to book your own table, please get in touch with Frances at Achair@lambournrda.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there.

In March, we are holding our very popular annual Bridge Lunch in the Walwyn Hall in Lambourn. It will be on Tuesday the 4th of March from 10.00am to 3.00pm. All abilities are welcome. Coffee is served on arrival, Lunch served at 12.30pm, and there will be a raffle. Tables of 4 are £100 per table or £25 per person. For more information or to book a table, please email Frances 🖾 chair@lambournrda.co.uk.

If you would like to volunteer with us or find out about our therapy sessions, please contact Frances Lochrane, the Chair of our Group, on 07798 941229 or email us 🖾 chair@lambournrda.co.uk. To find out more about our group, you can go to our website www.lambournrda.co.uk or find us on Instagram, Facebook or X.

Thank you.

Jill Fitzpatrick

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES

Crofton Beam Engines' programme of winter works is well under way. Our boiler passed its inspection and we have made great progress in bringing our old blacksmith's shop, The Smithy, back in to use. This will be used to house our coffee/tea room as well as an educational facility for when schools visit us. We hold open days on alternate Saturdays throughout the winter. You can look round the site, talk to our volunteers and get a flavour of what they are doing to preserve this historic living heritage site. Open days will be 8th and 22nd February, and 8th and 22nd of March. Opening times are from 10.30am to 2.00pm. Entry is free but a donation towards the upkeep of our engines would be most welcome. Please visit our website for more information. www.croftonbeanengiines.org.

POPPY APPEAL 2024 – THANK YOU

ast year, Poppy Appeal donations in Baydon were collected at the Post Office, St Nicholas School, the Fancy B and by two house-to-house collectors.



In total the village raised £603 in cash donations, including £92 from the collection at the Remembrance Sunday Service – a good effort by all. Very many thanks to the dedicated collectors and generous donors. These totals do not include contactless donations, which will be available from the Royal British Legion in the New Year. There were many more payments from QR Codes than in previous years.

Unfortunately, there were fewer house-to-house collectors than usual this year and donations were down on 2023. House-to-house collectors are always welcome and it would be much appreciated if a few more people felt able to volunteer their services to assist with the Poppy Appeal next year. If you are interested in volunteering to collect for this worthwhile cause please email me at the address below.

BAYDON BOOK EXCHANGE

B aydon Book Exchange is available to all members of the community. It is based in the church, which is open daily from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

The idea is you take a book and exchange for another. If you are not exchanging then please feel free to make a donation.

To keep rotating the stocks we do need a constant flow of good-quality fiction, so if you are clearing out your books then please let us know.



Thank you to all who have donated books so far. This is a valuable community resource, which we know is being enjoyed and appreciated by many.

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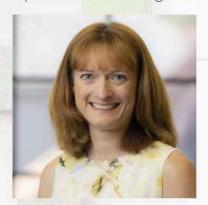
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Lambourn Surgery	Appointments	01488 72299				

Your recycling, garden waste and household waste collection calendar

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▲ Chargeable garden waste

■ Household waste

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HANDY ONE-PAGE CALENDAR FOR 2025

day of week