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WINTER 2024 EDITION

Batheaston Times

Your go-to guide for all the village news & events

Peace & Joy to all!

**Grow Batheaston
Christmas Pop-up
Market**

**Church Christmas
Tree Festival**

**Batheaston School
Winter Fair**

**Youth Club
Winter Craft
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It's a special time to come together with family, friends & members of the community



In this edition it's all about the wonderful community activities that are taking place across the village this winter.



Time seems to speed up once autumn arrives and we all rush to finish another busy year. I love the festive season and the run-up to Christmas. It's a special time to come together with family, friends and members of our community to mark cherished traditions and make new memories, to celebrate - and also to remember and support those less fortunate than ourselves.

As you'll see from this issue, our wonderful village organisations have lots of fun events planned for late November onwards. I encourage you to take advantage of these.

To name just a few, Batheaston Youth Group has its Winter Gift and Craft Fair on 23rd November from 12 noon - 5pm at the Youth Club. This is followed by the Christmas Tree Festival at St John's on 29th November - 1st December. And Grow Batheaston is holding a Pop-Up Christmas Market on Saturday 7th December from 2pm - 6 pm at BNVH.

This year's Bath Christmas Market will have a strong theme of showcasing local artisans and traders. Do take advantage of our having one of the country's most popular Christmas Markets on the doorstep. Have a stroll around the Market with a warm drink in hand, sample the delicious food on offer, and experience our heritage city at its magical best.

I want to thank Batheaston residents for the many ways in which, throughout the year, you contribute to our vibrant and engaged community. Your support is much appreciated. My best wishes to you and yours for Christmas and the New Year.

Warmest regards



Cllr Kevin Guy
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board

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Winter events calendar

A round-up of some of the events that are on in the village this Winter

NEW EVENT!

GROW BATHEASTON CHRISTMAS POP-UP MARKET

Saturday 7th December
2-6pm

Unique gift ideas from local artists and artisans. Christmas Cafe and a Charity Raffle.

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON WINTER CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Saturday 23rd November
12 - 5pm
Batheaston Youth Club,
School Lane

Gifts, Cafe, Raffle and Father Christmas. Proceeds to Wiltshire Air Ambulance

TERM TIME ONLY

YOUTH CLUB

For 11-18 year olds
Tue & Thurs 6.30-9.00pm
Batheaston Youth Club

£1.00 entry
Food & tuck shop available.
14+ years invited on Thursdays. 11-14 year olds currently attend both nights.

NEW EVENT!

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Friday 29th November,
6 - 7pm at the Batheaston High Street

All are welcome to join the festivities with mulled wine, cider, warm mince pies and carols aplenty!

NEW EVENT!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Fri 29th Nov- Sun 1st Dec
St. John's Church

Friday 3.30pm:
Children singing and festival opening
Sat 11-4pm: Festival open with refreshments
Sunday 12-4pm: Festival open with refreshments
3pm: Closing carols and mince pies and mulled wine!

KUNG FU BATH

Every Wednesday
Youth Club
5-11 years - 6-6.45pm
Scout Hut
12 upwards - 7-8.30pm
The Bath Kung Fu Academy is pleased to offer professional step by step instruction for men, women and children of all ages. We guide you from complete beginner to advanced practitioner and pride ourselves on being fun and friendly.
www.kungfubath.com/

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

30th November 1-5pm
Batheaston School

At the Fair there will be lots of do, with opportunities to buy gifts, play games and even visit Father Christmas. He will be paying us a flying visit up in Mike's Meadow, as he does each year.

TBC

SANTA'S FESTIVE FLOAT!

www.bathrocks.co.uk/things-to-do/santas-christmas-float

Father Christmas might be passing through the village with many other festive friends to spread the spirit of Christmas. TBC

TERM TIME ONLY

BATHEASTON ALL SORTS TODDLER GROUP

Batheaston New Village Hall
Every Tuesday 9.30-11am

We have a wide variety of fun and educational toys, a weekly craft activity, snack time, story time and music time. There is tea and fresh coffee for grown ups and home-made cake. The cost of the session is £2 per family/childminder.
www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823

NOVEMBER ONLY

BATH CITY YOUTH FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.30-11.30am
Rhymes Football Field

Football training for primary school age boys and girls, 4 - 10 years old. £5 per 2 hour session. Register and book at: www.bathcityyouthfc.com/batheaston

We will be closing for Dec, Jan & Feb and back for Spring 2025.

TERM TIME ONLY

CUBS

Scout Hut
Every Monday
6.30 - 8pm

Being a Cub is all about growing and learning in small but mighty ways. Cubs are young people aged 8-10½yrs. We meet on Mondays from 6.30-8 pm at our Scout Hut School Lane Batheaston.

23rdbathscouts.org/cubs/

POP UP PUB CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 31st January
6-9pm
Village Hall

Pop-Up Pub Night - (raising money for improvements and additions to the hall) villagepopuppub1@gmail.com



TERM TIME ONLY

BEAVERS & SCOUTS

Scout Hut, every Thursday

Beavers (ages 6-8)
6 - 7.15pm
23rdbathscouts.org/beavers/

Scouts (ages 10.5-14)
7.30 - 9pm
23rdbathscouts.org/scouts/

Activities include cooking, building, problem solving, hiking, camping and adventures.

TIGER MARTIAL ARTS

Thursdays
Batheaston Primary School
Juniors (School Year 1-6):
6:00-6:45pm
Seniors (School Year 6+):
6:45-7:30pm

Offering a month of free martial arts for children in School Year 1 and above. We develop self-control and build confidence through our Freestyle Taekwondo syllabus. Learn more about our mission on our website. www.tigermartialarts.club

WALKING FOOTBALL

Wednesdays
5.30-6.30pm
Indoors at the Batheaston Primary School

Please contact Richard Turner (mobile 07793 270762) for more information. All abilities welcome, aimed at over 50's, £3 per session.



TERM TIME ONLY

SEN (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS) PARENT / CARERS CAFE

Fridays 10.30-12.30 term time only. Upstairs room, Batheaston New Village Hall

If you are a parent or a carer join us for a chance to talk with other parent carers in a happy friendly place with coffee, tea and cake too. Anyone involved in any way caring for a young person with SEND, regardless of a diagnosis, is always very welcome. roxyrussell1985@gmail.com



TERM TIME ONLY

SOLSBURY SINGS COMMUNITY CHOIR

New Village Hall
Every Monday
7.30-8.45 pm

A friendly mixed choir for all abilities
Contact Cathy - cathy@solsburysings.co.uk

CREATIVE ROOTS -

Mikes Meadow, Northend, Batheaston, BA17EP
Family mornings the last Saturday of each month.

www.bookwhen.com/creativeroots

Activities include nature crafts, den building, bushcraft, sewing, simple campfire cooking, singing and storytelling



Grow Batheaston

Working together from the ground up



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growbatheaston.co.uk

Winter gives time to reflect on 2024 and all the activities and events that community members have put on under the Grow Batheaston (GB) umbrella! In the spring there were three Plant and Seeds Swaps, now annual fixtures, and ecologist Glen Maddison led an organised visit to the Oxbow lake. In the summer we celebrated the return of beavers to the River Avon. In September the 4th Annual Art Trail attracted hundreds of visitors who enjoyed not only the art but – new this year – the free creative workshops. Work goes on with our local Tree Trail.

The Forest Garden continues to provide an attractive play space for small children and other visitors, and here we recently created a small pond in an upturned redundant wheelbarrow waterproofed with pond liner. This should increase the numbers of our wildlife visitors! Although relatively few wild flowers have appeared on the Orchard Slope (by the scout hut) this year, the fruit trees continue to do well. GB volunteers spent a day in October

working with volunteers from Interior Designers Interaction. Guided by Avon Wildlife Trust, we sowed plug plants from Grow Wilder and also wildflower seeds. And we've planted lots of bulbs. Fingers crossed for 2025!

Grow Batheaston's Junior Football has been fantastic this summer and we want to give a big thank-you to all the coaches and parents for their support, plus a huge shout out for the support of Bath City F.C. Junior Football has benefitted so many children from all the local villages, and we've really enjoyed running the club for them. We are stopping at the end of November for the winter break but we'll be back early in the Spring.

- **Walking football** for the over 50s continues indoors at the Batheaston Primary School Wednesdays, 5.30 and 6.30pm
- Our **Christmas Fayre** and Market is being held on Saturday 7th December, 2 - 6pm, Batheaston New Village Hall

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee or a volunteer, please do get in touch.

Email: hello@growbatheaston.co.uk

Website: www.growbatheaston.co.uk



GROW BATHEASTON'S

Christmas Festivities!

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024, 2-6PM

GROW BATHEASTON CHRISTMAS POP-UP MARKET

Unique gift ideas from local artists and artisans.

Christmas Cafe and a Charity Raffle.

Stalls are still available.

Please contact hello@growbatheaston.co.uk to book



BATHEASTON VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL LANE, BATHEASTON, BA1 7EP

Batheaston Youth Club



Batheaston Youth Club (BYC) is a place for young people to enjoy, learn and to plan activities together for the future in a supportive, purpose-built environment



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Batheaston Youth Club has had a great year thanks to support from Batheaston Parish Council and as also from other grant funders such as our Ward Councillors, Bath Rotary Club, Batheaston Neighbourhood Group and Jamie's Farm.

- We've had **2 Youth Club Open Days**.
- We've supported **2 Seasonal Fairs** for Wiltshire Air Ambulance with a third one coming up on 23rd November.
- We've made 2 trips and taken 15 young residents to **Jamie's Farm in Box**.
- We've run **photography, word art, wire crafting** and **origami workshops**. These workshops formed part of September's Batheaston Art Trail. We want to say thank-you to Grow Batheaston for their support.
- This past year we've connected more closely with local parents, who very kindly **donated £600.00** to us in July.

The Club's Looking Good

The Club is looking pretty smart with our new sofas, games and equipment, new curtains, and freshly painted walls. In addition to the table tennis tables, pool table and crash mats, table football is now in place. Good Gym charity volunteers boosted our motivation to get going on re-decoration and Nick Halahan from

Olasart.com led the creation of our 'Graffiti Welcome' mural.

Our Club is open to young residents and their friends aged 11-18 years from Batheaston, Bathford and Bathampton. The entry fee is £1.00 per person per session, and parents should complete a registration form beforehand. Watch out in 2025 for our age specific sessions for 14-18 year olds.

News of Grant Awards

Roof replacement and insulation work is currently being undertaken by Steve Isaac Ltd. New insulation will make the Club cosier in winter, reduce heating bills and stop leaks. We owe huge thanks to the National Lottery's Awards for All England Scheme and to the ASDA Foundation for awarding us £20,000 and £24,999 respectively towards this project.

- **For further details of openings and events**, please contact Julie and Belinda on 07905 905970.
- **For facility bookings** call 07836 231442
- Don't forget to follow us on **Facebook**







SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 1PM TO 5PM



Batheaston Church School
WINTER FAIR

Food stalls and Bar*

**with mulled wine and other refreshments.*

Hamper Raffle

Christmas Mini-Market

Silent Auction

Santa's Grotto*

**Tickets purchased in advance from school*

Children's Games

Cafe & Cake Sale



JOIN US FOR A FUN AND FESTIVE AFTERNOON!





Our new Apple class enjoying their learning and exploring everything we have to offer

Batheaston Church School

Living life in all its fullness

The Autumn term is always an exciting time at Batheaston Church School as we welcome our youngest members through the gate for the very first time. This year we were fortunate to have a healthy intake of 27 new children joining Apple Class, many of these children coming from new families and joining our ever-growing school community. After a three week induction period, the class finally started full time and they have been an absolute delight to get to know. Nikki and her team ensured that the children settled in well, and now they have started on their first topic, “We are all Wonders”.

This is also the time of year when we open our doors to new prospective parents and take the opportunity to show them around our lovely school and showcase our amazing grounds. We have already held our first two open events, but we are happy to show any families around up until the closing date in January.

- If you have a child starting school in September 2025, either give us a ring on 01225 858555 or email the school office on enquiries@batheaston.bwmat.org. We would love to show you around.

As Batheaston Times goes out to the village, all of us at school are busy preparing for our 30th November Christmas Fair, which runs 1.00pm – 5pm. Here is a wonderful opportunity for our whole village community to come together and celebrate the lead-up to the festive period. We would love to welcome members of the local community to our Fair, as well as our school families. Thank you all for the support you give our Church School. At the Fair there will be lots of do, with opportunities to buy gifts, play games and even visit Father Christmas. He will be paying us a flying visit up in Mike’s Meadow, as he does each year.

We look forward to seeing you at our Fair!

Penny's Pantry & Community Café

Penny's Pantry (PP) is a not-for-profit organisation, run by local volunteers to expand affordable food choice and social activity for local residents



Penny's Pantry meets on Wednesday at the Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Road 10am – Noon for coffee/tea and cake. We are snug in our newly painted hall, and it's very convenient, for we're at the heart of the village near a bus stop. We have full disabled access and facilities, and a box of toys. All are welcome, so do come along and find us.

Penny's Pantry has now taken on a new role... as a Knitting Consultancy. Bring yours along of a Wednesday, and watch your needles fly along as you enjoy a cuppa with us, and a chat. Should your pattern play you up, our Knitting Supremos will help you out. We would, of course, be happy to welcome other crafters. So do bring yours along to show us, as long as it's not welding, spray painting or giant sculpting...

Penny's Pantry also meets monthly on a Friday for the Village Lunch at our New Village Hall. You don't need a pension to come along! There's a welcome drink, main course, pudding, all ending with a cup of coffee or tea. We ask for a minimum donation of £5. Our Christmas lunch this year is on 13th December, and dates for 2025 are on the attached poster.

To Book your lunch, call in at the Rhymes of a Wednesday or **contact Sarah Sheppard:**

Call: 01225 684649

Email: bernina@uwclub.net

Looking forward to seeing you!



FOODIE FRIDAYS

Batheaston Village Hall Lunch Dates 2025

Welcome



Cheers!



Fri 17 Jan
Fri 14 Feb
Fri 14 Mar

Fri 11 Apr
Fri 16 May
Fri 13 Jun

Fri 18 July
Fri 22 Aug
Fri 19 Sept

Fri 17 Oct
Fri 14 Nov
Fri 12th Dec

Minimum donation: £5.00pp incl.

Welcome Drink
Main Course & Dessert
Coffee/Tea

please book in advance

via Sarah at bernina@uwclub.net or the
Wednesday coffee morning team at the Rhymes Pavilion.

**Please let us know if you have allergies,
access or transport needs too**





GAME ON! 





FoBS

Stay Updated! Scan the QR code for all the latest updates and announcements as we get closer to The Date!



Our 2024 Scarecrow Trail was a resounding success! This much-loved event not only brings the community together in a festive spirit, but also raises essential funds for our school. This year's trail wound through our village's picturesque streets and featured 16 scarecrows, all crafted with care by families, local businesses, or school groups. Attendees from far and wide enjoyed a delightful day of walking, taking photos, and voting for their favourite scarecrow.

This year's theme, **Game On** inspired participants to create imaginative scarecrows representing a board/computer game, a character from a game, or a piece from a game. Our winner, as voted for by trail goers, was number 16 - the Dobble Hand!

Now we so hope you can join us for our **Annual Batheaston School Winter Fair!** This will be held on **30th November at Batheaston Primary School, BA1 7EP, opening at 1pm.** Funds raised will support school activities and resources, ensuring that all students have access to quality education and enriching activities.

The Fair is more than just an event... It's a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and to support our school. So come and enjoy an afternoon filled with joy, laughter, and festive cheer. Bring your family and friends and help us make this a real celebration!

Winter Fair Attractions will include:

- **A Festive Bar:** Warm up with mulled wine and other festive drinks, perfect for the chilly weather.
- **Delicious Food:** Enjoy a variety of tasty treats.
- **Shopping Stalls:** Complete (or start) your Christmas shopping with unique gifts, handmade crafts, and festive goodies from local vendors.
- **Games for All Ages:** Fun activities for kids and adults alike will keep everyone entertained and engaged. Bring your competitive spirit!
- **Raffle and Auction:** featuring amazing items donated by local businesses. It's a fantastic chance to win something special.
- **Live music performances** that will create a joyful atmosphere.

Stay Updated! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook. Scan the QR code for all the latest updates and announcements as we get closer to The Date!

Emily Holden
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National Trust

What's been happening on bathampton meadows

In September we had the Meadows' first heritage skills workshop. We ran the session on a Sunday morning, and all who had booked turned up. For three hours everyone was scything the long grass near Grosvenor Bridge. We learnt about the history of scything, and also about its modern place. Scything may look simple, but it takes a while to get the knack and to achieve the most energy-efficient cut. I myself find the switch of the blade very mindful. Hopefully we can keep spreading the word about the joy of scything! Then in November we had a hedge-laying workshop, which sold out quickly.

Be aware that the meadows are a natural floodplain, so access may be affected through the winter months. There has been flooding here for thousands of years and this plays a key role in protecting surrounding land and indeed the city itself. So, be prepared for things to get muddy underfoot.

I have worked on Bathampton Meadows for a few years now. Recently I moved into a new

role as Lead Ranger. Now I am managing both the Skyline and the Meadows projects. It has been a joy to work with our Meadows volunteer teams, meeting such a wide range of people. There have been many highlights. One very memorable one was the creative workshop we ran for the campaigners who had fought to save the Meadows from development. This green expanse means such a lot to the people who live around it – a place for physical exercise, and a breathing space next to our city.

I will still be around and supporting the team, so this isn't a goodbye from me! I will however be handing a lot of this work over to Joanne, our new Community Ranger for Bathampton Meadows. Joanne is joining us from Avebury, another National Trust site. She's from Bath herself and already knows our local countryside very well. She will introduce herself in the next issue of Batheaston Times.

By Sarah Dann
National Trust Ranger



Batheaston Medical Centre

Do you want to make positive changes in your life? Think social prescribing!

This all stems from the recognition, long held by GPs, that the secret to a person's good health often lies outside a strictly medical model. A person's wellbeing can often be improved by non-clinical interventions like taking up a hobby, spending time in nature or joining a social group.

The term 'social prescribing' originated in the UK some decades ago. With the growing NHS emphasis on preventative lifestyle measures, social prescribing is now mainstream.

Since 2020 it has had a national roll-out across GP practices. With it come all kinds of community-based 'link working' services. These help people manage their wellbeing by connecting them with services as diverse as housing support, financial advice, community transport, carer support, volunteering, choirs, walking groups, lifelong learning and more.

Social prescribing is all about taking control of your own wellbeing by making positive changes. What are the options for developing your own social prescription? It's up to you, as in Bath & North East Somerset we are spoilt for choice.

- If you use the internet, you can check out free wellbeing activities by looking up the B&NES Wellbeing Courses website. Or you can search for local services on the Live Well B&NES online directory.
- If you'd like to speak with someone about your wellbeing, you can phone up the B&NES Community Wellbeing Hub on 0300 247 0050 to connect with a wide range of support from local charities and other community services.
- For specialised support for anyone affected by cancer, you can reach out to the new MacMillan Link Service by phoning 01225 303815.
- For anyone affected by dementia, the Alzheimers Society runs a link-working dementia support service, available by self-referral on 0117 472 7921.
- For social prescribing within the NHS Rachel Jarai is our link. She has worked locally as a social prescriber for several years and covers Batheaston Medical Centre one day a week, giving time for patients to unpick complex non-medical issues affecting their wellbeing.



New Village Hall

Your community space

Batheaston Village Hall is your **community space** and is available for private events such as wedding receptions, life celebrations, baby showers and children's parties. Commercial bookings include exercise classes, singing, art, meetings, presentations, product demos and much more.

Latest Updates: We have recently installed a large TV in the upstairs room and we are trialling a film club.

For Regular Classes and other Public Events December '24 – February '25 at the hall see the timetable below:

Book Club - first Tuesday of every month
7-8.15pm juliaj@hotmail.co.uk

Baby Hub - first Thursday of every month
2-3.30pm <https://bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/BANES-HV-HUBS-10-oct-24.pdf>

Craft and Chat Nights - 7-9pm second Tuesday of the month www.cosycraft.club/workshops, 10th December, 14th January, 11th February, 11th March

Community lunches monthly Fridays 13th December, 17th January and 14th February from 12.30pm Contact Sarah Sheppard on 01225 684649 / bernina@uwclub.net to book. Minimum donation £5pp to include welcome drink, main course and dessert, tea/coffee. Please let Sarah know if you have any allergies, access or transport needs.

NCT Classes - next block starting 27th November www.nct.org.uk

Grow Batheaston Christmas Fair - Saturday 7th December www.growbatheaston.co.uk

Solsbury Hill Ensemble Community Concert Sunday 8th December from 10.30am - family friendly event www.facebook.com/people/Solsbury-Hill-Ensemble/61551106828527/

Community Ceilidh and Curry - the whole family is welcome - Saturday 21st December & Saturday 1st February 6.30-10pm www.jamiecolston.com/community-dancing

Pop-Up Pub Night - (raising money for improvements and additions to the hall) Friday 31st January 6-9pm villagepopuppub1@gmail.com

Self Love Sunday - Sunday 26th January - **Sold Out** www.bwellpilates.co.uk

Winter Day Retreat - Sunday 2nd February 10.30am - 5.15pm www.rivermaceyoga.com/winterdayretreat

Please follow us on facebook and instagram for regular updates. Our booking calendar on the Batheastonhall.org website is always the best place to find up-to-date information about what is going on at the hall and to check availability if you are looking to book any of the spaces.

Ali Rogers

Bookings Manager
booking@batheastonhall.org
07968 697451

Class Schedule

For more info email:
booking@batheastonhall.org



Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
9.30-10.45am & 11.15am - 12.30pm Curious Child	9.30-11am Toddlers	9.30-10.15am Zumba Jess	9.45-10.45am Pilates Wendy	9.30-11.30 Singing Tree
10-11.30 & 2.30-4pm Art History with Amanda	9.30am-12.30pm Watercolour Art Rachel	10.15-11.15am Yoga Clare	12noon-1pm Yoga Sophie	10.30am-12.30pm SEN Cafe
9.30am-4pm Rainbow Dementia Day Care	1-2pm Qigong Emily	9.30am-4pm Rainbow Dementia Day Care	2-3.30pm Baby and Toddler Hub (First Thursday of the month)	10.45-11.45 Yoga with Eve
6-7pm Aero-tone-tilates Jane	7-9pm Craft & Chat (once a month)	6-9pm NCT Class from 27/11	6.15-7.15pm Yoga Chie	From 12.30pm Community Lunches (once a month)
7.30-8.45pm Solsbury Sings	7-8.15pm Book Club (once a month)	6.25 - 7.10pm Pilates Gaby	7.30 - 11pm Ceroc Dancing	6-9pm Pop Up Pub (hall fundraiser once a quarter)
		7.15-9.15pm Bath Show Choir		
		7.30-8.30pm Pilates Gaby		



St John's with St Catherine's

Winter events and church services in Batheaston and at St Catherine's

wonder if you know the Horrid Henry story about his school Christmas Nativity play?

Henry is playing his teacher up and insists on subverting the traditional Innkeeper role – instead of a tired and overwrought Middle Eastern man, Henry presents a French, Pirate Innkeeper.

That alone makes me smile... but the real joy is when Mary and Joseph arrive. Of course, the Innkeeper is supposed to say they have no room. Instead of this he says: 'Yes, come on in, we've got plenty of room, with satellite TV and everything!'

I like to hope that Christmas means that we will all make room - for our relatives perhaps, however delightful or demanding they will prove. For our neighbours - Christmas is sometimes hard when you're alone. And please God we will make time and space for the One whose birthday we are celebrating - The Reason for the Season as they say!

You are most welcome at any of the events we have listed here.

with every blessing
Lauretta



Christmas Events

Christmas Tree Festival Fri 29th Nov- Sunday 1st Dec

- Friday 3.30pm children singing and festival opening
- Sat 11-4pm festival open with refreshments (potential musical performance 2-3pm)
- Sunday 12-4pm festival open with refreshments (potential musical performance 2-3pm)
- 3pm closing carols and mince pies and mulled wine!

Saturday 7th December, 7pm

Silver Ring Choir of Bath Christmas Concert

Sunday 8th December, 10am

Holy Communion service

Sunday 15th December,

10am Holy Communion service

- 3pm Christingle service in Aid of the Children's Society - make a Christingle. Family friendly service-children especially welcome!

Wednesday 18th December,

7pm Carol service at St Catherine's church

Sunday 22nd December,

No morning service at St John's

6pm Carol service at St John's church

Tuesday 24th December,

- Christmas Eve 3pm Christmas Eve Crib Service at St John's. Children especially welcome - come dressed as your favourite nativity figure
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass, Candlelit Holy Communion service, everyone welcome

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day,

- 9am Christmas Communion service at St Catherine's church
- 10.30am (note not 10am) Christmas Communion service at St John's church

Watch out for updates about village Carol Singing and a Carol Service at Avon Court

For all our January and February services and other events please see our website:

www.batheastonbathford.church



Can you help support your community?

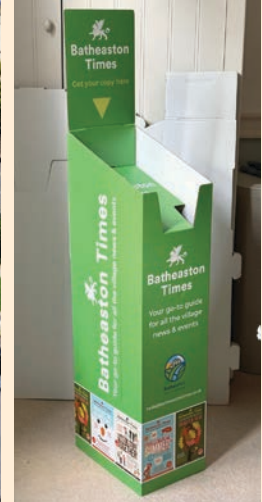
Here are some of the clubs, organisations and groups we have in the village who would love to hear from you about volunteering, joining and helping out



- **Grow Batheaston**
Contact: hello@growbatheaston.co.uk
- **Batheaston Youth Club**
Contact: 07905 905970 or 07773252870
- **FoBS**
Contact: friendsofbatheaston@gmail.com
- **Penny's Pantry**
Contact: bernina@uwclub.net or Katy@wern.org.uk
- **Batheaston Parish Council**
Contact: clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk
- **St John's with St Catherine's**
Contact: revlauretta@outlook.com
- **Wern**
Contact: katy@wern.org.uk
- **National Trust**
Contact: bathskyline@nationaltrust.org.uk

Batheaston Parish Council

Batheaston Parish Council provides recreation and other facilities, maintains some of the local environment, and represents the community



The Parish Council is pleased to help fund our Batheaston Times and has approved the purchase of ten smart cardboard display racks for the paper.

The racks, strategically placed round our village, will ease the workload for our distributors and will be a convenient way for you to pick up your copy. The stands could also help us produce the magazine more efficiently.

The Pavilion is now open again for bookings, thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have worked very hard - especially with the painting - to bring the hall up to scratch.

- For bookings, please contact clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk
- Don't forget that the Pavilion also hosts Penny's Pantry every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 pm, a warm weekly coffee morning for everyone.

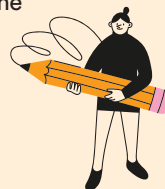
In another exciting development, we're exploring ways to enhance the woods between the Elmhurst Estate and Fosse Lane. The aim is to make this area an even more valuable resource for residents, whilst at the same time supporting the natural environment.

Our Parish is fortunate to have cherished community spaces, like the riverside park, the Rhymes, the football pitch, the all-weather court and the playground. We're committed to enhancing these spaces for all, with plans to refurbish the playground and court and to ensure the Rhymes Pavilion serves the next generation.

Currently, we're operating with only nine Councillors, though ideally we'd have fifteen. With more "hands on board" we could achieve even more! If you're interested in joining as a Councillor or in supporting a project, we'd love to hear from you.

Join us for the Christmas Lights Switch-On, Friday 29th November at 6 pm, with carols, mince pies, and mulled wine!

Your vision for the Rhymes pavilion
Fill in our community survey online



WERN

Village Agents: part of the Community Wellbeing Hub



WERN's Village Agent service was sad to say goodbye to Katy Lunn over the summer.

Katy is going back to university to further her education, and we wish her well in this exciting new venture.

Many of you will have benefitted from the support of Katy and the Village Agent team. Subject to further funding provision, we are hoping to introduce a new Village Agent to Batheaston soon – watch this space!

Meanwhile, if you need support, you can still call the Village Agents on 10275 333700 and a member of the team will help if they can. Alternatively, the B&NES Community Wellbeing Hub may also be able to offer support or can direct you to an organisation that might assist you. They can be contacted on 0300 247 5500 or www.communitywellbeinghub.co.uk





Batheaston Twinning Association

The BTA is designed to encourage friendship and increase understanding between the residents of Batheaston & Oudon in the Loire Valley in France

It has been a quiet summer for the Twinning Association, but by the time this appears we will have started planning for the 20th anniversary visit here from Oudon. This will take place on the weekend 11th-14th July 2025. We had hoped that the Oudonais would be able to take part this year in Batheaston Art Trail, as they have their own vibrant arts and crafts community. However, there was not enough notice. We hope that they can be involved next year. On another matter, for the last two years we have had a presence at the Oudon Christmas Fair, but this year it has not proved possible.

We had a delayed General Meeting in September where the committee was (re)elected. We are still short of an Hon. Secretary and would welcome enquiries from anyone who is curious about being involved, at any level. Meetings are posted on our Facebook group “Batheaston and Oudon Twinning Association”. Do look us up there.

To remind everyone, membership is open to anyone who lives or works in Batheaston, or has a close connection here. People who have moved away from the village can also still be involved. **Membership is free.** Our main activities are visits on alternate years to and from Oudon where we stay as guests in each other’s homes, and a good time is had by all! Over the years Twinning Association members have made friends at Oudon who they can and do visit individually, often for a short stay on the way to a longer French holiday. And of course the reverse happens, with individual visits being made to England by the Oudonais. You do not have to speak French, though it does help a bit!

Peter Davenport BTA chair

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We need some helpers!

Our local school, church, youth club, scouts group, charitable organisations and clubs really need your help for our community to grow.

If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch:
hello@batheastontimes.co.uk

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