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Batheaston Times

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Roll on Spring!

Our thoughts turn to Spring and the hope that this season of renewal brings



Dear Fellow Residents,
As I write, the days are getting longer, we're seeing more sunshine, and the earliest flowers are coming into bloom. Our thoughts turn to Spring and the hope that this season of renewal brings.

We look forward to all the activities that come into their own once winter is behind us, from gardening, walking and sports to the many other pursuits that our committed volunteers foster in our thriving community.

Walking is one of my favourite pastimes, and our village and surrounding countryside is so inviting. We are fortunate indeed to have many beautiful green spaces within easy reach. Being outdoors and enjoying nature gives our well-being a real boost.

In this issue of the *Batheaston Times* you can read about the many activities that our community groups have planned for this Spring. There is plenty to choose from, aimed at residents of all ages and interests. To mention just two, Meadowfest will take place on Saturday 17th May. And our Village Hall and Youth Club will be a checkpoint for an Action Challenge event on Saturday 29th March.

Why not try something new this year? You'll receive a warm welcome and make new connections. Getting involved in something that you are passionate about is deeply rewarding.

I want to give my heartiest thanks to our many volunteers and organisations who give generously of their time and contribute so much to our supportive community spirit.

Roll on Spring!

Warmest regards,

Cllr Kevin Guy
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board

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Spring events calendar

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

NEW EVENT!

MEADOWFEST

Saturday 17th May
2pm start
Batheaston Church School

Mark up your calendars for MEADOWFEST '25. Batheaston Church School's annual fundraiser is back – bigger and better than ever

NEW EVENT!

ULTIMATE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 7th March
7.30pm start
Batheaston Village Hall

With fun, food, and friendly competition. This event supports our fantastic Batheaston and Bathford Schools.

Book your team in early – spaces are limited, so secure your spot early! Please contact www.pta-events.co.uk/batheaston

EASTER FUN!

MAKE AN EASTER GARDEN

Good Friday, 9.30am – 11am
at St John's Church.

A drop-in event, for parents and primary age children, to book a place: revlauretta@outlook.com

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON SPRING FAIR

Saturday 22nd March,
12-4pm
Batheaston Youth Club

A bumper afternoon with a Raffle, Tombola, Easter Cakes, Wooden Carvings, Jewellery stalls, Handmade Gifts and much more. Plus a cafe with light lunches, afternoon tea and Easter treats. In support of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

BACK APRIL 5TH!

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

Starting again on Saturday April 5th!

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!

GROW BATHEASTON SEED & PLANT SWAP

10am - 12 pm on Saturdays
29th March, 26th April and
17th May, Riverside Car Park

If you have surplus seeds and plants why not come along and swap them? If you don't have anything to swap, you can always make a small donation! These events tend to be good social mixers, where people have fun exchanging information and tips

NEW EVENT!

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday 25th March
Batheaston Village Hall
7-8.30pm

Your opportunity to hear from leaders of all the main community groups in the village, and to raise issues and ideas of common interest

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

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

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/

NEW EVENT!

ANTIQUES VALUATION

Thursday 10th April
9am - 12noon
Village Hall

Bring along items you liked to be valued



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 until Easter, then outside at the Batheaston Pitch.

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

As the Spring weather arrives with its longer, warmer days, keen and would-be gardeners will be sowing and planting, and optimistically hoping for a year of beautiful flowers and bountiful harvests. We can help you out...

We are running Seed and Plant Swaps in the Riverside Car Park, 10am - 12 pm on Saturdays 29th March, 26th April and 17th May. If you have surplus seeds and plants why not come along and swap them? If you don't have anything to swap, you can always make a small donation! These events tend to be good social mixers, where people have fun exchanging information and tips.

Forest Garden volunteering sessions are running, weather permitting, on Sundays 9th March, 6th April, 11th May, 10am-1pm. So why not come and help with our Forest Garden - and visit our Secret Garden while you're here?

Notable trees in the Secret Garden and along the riverside are being included in the first Batheaston Tree Trail. A trail map with information about some of the trees will be available to download by late May.

Our Wild Waters River Festival runs 31st May – 15th June. As part of this festival Grow Batheaston is involving artists and Batheaston Primary School pupils in a project called 'Co-Existence'.



- GB Wild Waters River Festival Evening takes place at BNWH Friday 6th June. This event will include films and talks concerning the health of the river and how we can help to protect this.

Grow Batheaston Junior Football will soon start up again for the Spring on Saturday mornings with Bath City FC coaches. Start date 5th April.

Grow Batheaston website is being improved and updated, so do check this out.

Looking ahead, our 5th Batheaston Art Trail will be running over the week-end of 27th -28th September 2025.

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a GB trustee - please do get in touch.

Email: hello@growbatheaston.co.uk

Website: www.growbatheaston.co.uk





The Green House Homeschooling Group

A Flourishing Learning Community Coming to Batheaston

The Green House is a self-directed learning community for home-educating children aged 5–16. Founded in 2016 as a Community Interest Company, we previously operated in Bitton before relocating due to flooding. We are excited to settle from March into Batheaston Youth Club premises, running daytime sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

At the Green House children are encouraged to explore their passions in a supportive, nurturing environment. Our dedicated facilitators and engaged parent community help create a space where young people feel safe, valued, and connected. Several families from Batheaston and nearby villages are already part of our project.

Each day unfolds organically, beginning with a morning meeting and ending with a group tidy-up. Between these times, children and adults

collaborate on a wide range of activities, from worldwide cultural cooking to board games like Dungeons & Dragons. We also cover such topics as entomology, sports, anatomy, theatre, engineering, music, geography, sewing, event organisation, discussions on current affairs, and much more. As one child, Rowan, puts it: “I like that you learn, but you don’t notice you’re learning. Like, now I know all about tungsten!”

An important part of our vision is to foster deep community connections, ensuring that young people are active participants in their wider world. We look forward to exploring new opportunities for collaboration with - and becoming an active part of - the Batheaston community.

For more information, contact Nicola and Jenny at admin@ourgreenhouse.org or visit www.ourgreenhouse.org.

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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It's 'All Stations Go' at Batheaston Youth Club. From March the Club House welcomes the Green House Education Project (GHP) during daytimes in term. The GHP has been running successfully for over 9 years as a Bath-based home education group. We look forward to seeing the Club building being used in this new way, so helping even more young people to learn and grow in confidence in the setting of our wonderful village.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Julie and Belinda our Youth Leaders. Many people in the village will have had connections with our Youth Club during its 60+ years of service to our young people. Maybe you have been a Club member or a friend or parent of members - in many cases all three. During much of this time Julie Russell and Belinda Milsom have been our Youth Leaders. It is with great sadness that the Trustees announce that Julie and Belinda have decided that they will be leaving the Club at the end of the current school term, to take life a little easier on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We want to thank them for their unstinting dedication over the decades to the

Club, to our young members and to their families.

Youth Club Job Vacancies: It takes a special kind of person to inspire young people these days, especially with the impact of the COVID lockdown, and also with all the ongoing challenges technology poses.

- **If you are interested in working with young people at the Club in a paid role,** as a volunteer or as an independent tutor, please get in touch with Tracey Pike on 07948 551598.

Meanwhile we're fundraising! We rely on grants, personal donations and gifts to support our work, and we always aim to improve and expand our programme. All donations, no matter how small, are extremely welcome and can be made through our just giving page. <https://localgiving.org/charity/batheaston-youth-club>

**Club Enquiries: 07905 905970
Facility Bookings: 07836 231442**





Batheaston Spring Fair

Saturday 22 March 2025

Batheaston Youth Club

12-4pm

School Lane BA1 7EP

Raffle Tombola Easter Cakes

Homemade Jams & Pickles

Fused Glass Novelty Items Wooden Carvings

Jewellery stalls Baby & Tots Handmade Gifts

Resin, Tile & Knitted Crafts

Youth Club Cafe Open

Light Lunches

Afternoon Tea/Cake

Easter Treats

Snacks and more

Four legged friends welcome

Contact

Tina Lewis

or Julie Fletcher

on Facebook for details.

Raffle contributions
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FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

7PM FOR A 7:30PM START

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VILLAGE HALL**



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Batheaston Church School

Where children dream, aspire and achieve

In the long – and wet - month of January our children were taking part in National Story Telling Week. This time it was based on the book *Our Tower* by Joseph Coelho. This follows three children living in a tower block as they embark on a fantastical adventure. Coelho's book helped our children think about their own magical journeys. They were encouraged to get creative and produce their own 'Story in a Box' so that they could share their favourite stories with each other. The results have been astounding, and are now proudly displayed around the school.

National Story Telling Week was great, with children even invited back to school in the evening in their pyjamas to take part in a bedtime story session, spending a magical time with their class teacher, and then choosing to visit another teacher to listen to a different story. They also experienced a "teacher swap" - which caused great excitement. Many of the children were able to become "authors for a day". It all

certainly added a bit of sparkle to life at school, despite the wet and windy weather.

Next term will also be an exciting one as Book Week and Science Week are both coming up. We really do love to bring fun and enjoyment into school as much as possible. As you may well know, we share all this on our social media platforms as well as on our website Home – (Craig please put in the right website address, I am confused about it)

Please note that as a school we have made the decision to come away from the social media platform 'X' (formerly known as Twitter) and have opted to share our children's learning on 'Bluesky' and 'Facebook'. Just type our name into the search engine and follow us. We are so proud of our children and love giving you a glimpse into their learning journey. At our school we really do encourage the children *to live life in all its fullness.*

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



Might you be new to the village? Does it seem as if everyone knows what's going on – and you're simply not in the picture? If that is the case - or indeed if you have been living among us for some time - may we recommend Penny's Pantry as your go-to community hub.

The Penny's Pantry Team is busy at the Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Road of a Wednesday morning, 10am – Noon. We serve coffee, tea and cake. Joining us there are a grand mix of villagers and their friends. Be assured, we will all give you a warm welcome.

The Team also runs the monthly Village Community Lunch. This takes place on a Friday, at Batheaston New Village Hall. Here is another great way of connecting with our wonderful village and its inhabitants. You are welcome to come as a guest (the suggested lunch donation is £5). Or you might like to join our dedicated team of volunteers who make the Meals, and the Coffee Mornings, happen.

For Meal Bookings or with Offers of Help, please contact Sarah Sheppard, tel 01225 684649, email: bernina@uwclub.net



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BATHEASTON'S JUNIOR FOOTBALL SESSIONS

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BACK SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

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FUN & FRIENDLY
FOOTBALL CLUB!

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Click the link > Sign up player > Download free Spond app > Schedule sessions

Grow Batheaston Junior Football is back at the Rhymes Football Pitch, now in collaboration with **Bath City Youth FC** who'll be managing the coaches and a new booking system for the sessions. Every Saturday at the Batheaston Pitch we'll be running football training for primary school age boys and girls, 4 - 10 years old, 9.30 - 11.30 .

Main objectives are for the kids to have fun, get some exercise, develop football skills plus

learn about teamwork and respect. Along with kids from Batheaston, we also invite children from all the surrounding villages, as we're fully inclusive. We'll have qualified coaches managed by **Bath City FC** to hold training sessions, where we'll naturally form groups as they progress according to skill, age and commitment.

Sessions will be **£5 for the 2 hour session.**
www.bathcityyouthfc.com/batheaston

BATHEASTON FOOTBALL PITCH - EVERY SATURDAY, 9.30am - 11.30am

The Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Rd, Batheaston, Bath BA1 7NW



Suffragettes at Eagle House Project

We owe the Suffragettes so much!

Our story begins with a decommissioned £1 phone box purchased from British Telecom by BPC... The transformed phone box has now been officially opened by the Vice Chair of B&NES, Councillor Liz Hardman. With it we can tell the extraordinary, delightful and eccentric history of the Suffragettes who between 1909 – 1912 made Eagle House, so near our Phone Box Memorial, their rest camp.

Batheaston appears a rather placid, law-abiding village these days. A hundred years ago, however, it harboured a 'Nest of Suffragettes' at Eagle House. The house belonged to Colonel and Mrs Blathway. They supported Emmeline Pankhurst's WSPUnion in its fight for votes for women. And Mary Blathway their daughter spent eight years working for the 'Cause', from the Suffragette shop, 12 Walcot Street (now demolished).

Mary Blathway and the Suffragette Annie Kenney were friends. So it was that Suffragettes were invited to Eagle House to recover after exhausting spells in Holloway prison, enduring the then policy of force-feeding those on hunger strike. Recovering at Batheaston, they planted various trees, and

a floral ring of lilies. The area became known as the Suffragette Field or 'Annie's Arboretum'. The cowshed even became 'Suffragette Rest'. 1n 1918 the Women's Suffrage Bill was eventually passed. 14th December 2024 marked the 106th anniversary of women first casting their votes in an election.

In 1962 Mary Blathwayt passed away and Annie's Arboretum was left overgrown and neglected. The field was sold and Eagle Park was built. However photographic plates and diaries were saved. And a tree stays as a focal point. On 30th October 1909 Rose Lamartine Yates planted what is now the last surviving "Suffragette" tree, an Austrian Pine. This has a Preservation Order, and Eileen and Keith Paddock have for over 46 years been its dedicated caretakers. Helen Lucey has crowdfunded £5,000 to ensure that this tree will flourish for generations to come. So, people can look up at the Austrian pine, and in at the phone box, and draw inspiration for the ongoing struggle for world-wide universal suffrage. We owe the Suffragettes so much!

A final note: The Suffragette Phone Box is now included in *Bathscape Walks*.



FoBS

Mark up your calendars for MEADOWFEST '25. Batheaston Church School's annual fundraiser is back – bigger and better than ever. **Saturday, 17th May. 2pm Start. Location: Batheaston Church School**

We're offering a jam-packed afternoon of family-friendly fun. It's a perfect way to enjoy a sunny day with the whole community, while supporting the great cause of enhancing our playground and its equipment. Our exciting line-up promises to keep you entertained all afternoon.

- **Games & Activities for the Kids:** From classic games to fun entertainment - plenty to keep the little ones entertained.
- **Live Music:** Enjoy performances by local talent, creating the perfect atmosphere to sit back, relax, and enjoy the day.
- **Bar & Refreshments:** Grab a drink from the bar and enjoy delicious food and snacks.
- **Get Involved!** Bring your friends and family and join with the local community in making lasting memories.
- **Donate or volunteer:** We would welcome donations and volunteers to help make this event a success. Please contact friendsofbatheaston@gmail.com for more details.

Booking information will be available closer to the event, so keep an eye out for updates.

We'll be hosting the **ULTIMATE QUIZ NIGHT** on Friday 7th March, 7pm at Batheaston New Village Hall.

- **With fun, food, and friendly competition.** This event supports our fantastic Batheaston and Bathford Schools.
- **Gather your Team** (£45 per team of up to 6 members). Prepare for a friendly but competitive quiz. Whether you're a trivia expert or just there for the fun, there's something for everyone!
- **There's a Bar on the Night** because thinking is thirsty work!
- **Pre-order a delicious selection of Food and Wine** to fuel for your brainpower.
- **Prizes & Bragging Rights:** The winning team will take home more than just the glory – this is your chance to prove you're the ultimate quiz champions!

Book your team in early – or book in solo and we'll find you a team to join. Spaces are limited, so secure your spot early to avoid disappointment!

Please contact www.pta-events.co.uk/batheaston



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 email: bathskyline@nationaltrust.org.uk

National Trust

What's been happening on Bathampton Meadows

It has been a very wet winter and the Meadows have been doing a wonderful job acting as a natural flood plain, alleviating floods in nearby areas by storing water and releasing it back slowly into the river. But all this did result in a fair amount of necessary cleaning up, such as clearing litter brought in by the water and fixing fences. We even found a missing footbridge step up in a tree!

We've been restoring hedgerows in time for the bird nesting season. So far, we've laid 500m, and we'll finish this off next winter to avoid the bird nesting season. Our hardy ranger volunteers took many weeks preparing the hedge, which was old and had been flailed for many years. This form of hedge management creates dense, interlocking growth at the top and leggy gaps at the bottom.

Hedge laying looks quite brutal but allows for new growth from the bottom, which improves wildlife habitats and prolongs the hedge's life. We are also planning some whip planting to fill in any gaps. In a year or so I am hoping for

a luscious, vibrant hedge buzzing with insect and bird life and providing safe corridors for flying bat colonies to gain access to the river. Our volunteers did a great job, and back in November we even shared these skills at a workshop open to all.

Looking back, it's has been fairly quiet in terms of recent public events over the colder (and wetter) months. We did however enjoy festive wreathmaking with the local community just before Christmas. It was a wet day, but spirits were merry. We also had a lovely Christmas walk across the Meadows with the volunteers.

We have exciting things soon happening on the Meadows, including some public events. Keep an eye on our website for updates www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/bathampton-meadows or follow us on social media. Our contact phone number is 0344 249 1895. We will be sharing more news in the next Bathampton Times.

By Joanne Radway
National Trust Ranger



Batheaston Society

The Batheaston Society was founded in the 1970s in response to the urban blight and destruction that threatened the charm of Georgian Bath (the so-called sack of Bath)

The Society wished to prevent the spread of this “mindless development” to surrounding villages. It has had some success, as an awareness of the importance of heritage has become almost universal. This has allowed the Society to focus on the rich heritage of our own village’s past. Our activities include talks, research, publications, projects, excursions and the maintenance of the village archives.

Following the Covid interval, the Batheaston Society now wishes to rekindle its programme. It is now planning a review of 25 years since the important Building Survey of 2000.

The Kaleidoscope that is Batheaston is the title of Wolfgang Beese’s talk, to be given at the Society’s meeting, 7pm Friday 4th April

- Wolfgang has lived in the village for 30 years and is well placed to guide us through the pains and joys of our village over the past quarter of a century. He will comment on pictures, as well as on audio and video material.
- This meeting will take place in the New Village Hall. The entrance fee is £2 for both members and non-members. Villagers are invited to contact Wolfgang if they wish for their items of interest to be considered for inclusion in the talk (wbeese@btinternet.com). There will be the (usually short) AGM after the talk.

We want to say thank-you to Andrew Urbanek for his help in getting the Batheaston Society going again.



Batheaston Village Hall

Your Community Space. We are available for both private events and commercial bookings

Our hot press news is that we recently launched a Film Club, running on the third Thursday of the month. Films are being shown on our 85" TV Screen in our upstairs room. Arrivals are from 1.30pm, the cost is £4 including tea and cake, and an annual membership fee costs only £1. Wine and beer are also available to purchase. We have limited capacity of 40 people, so please email me if you're interested or if you need more information.

The Timetable below gives our regular weekly classes and also includes a list of other currently booked public events throughout March, April and May.

Book Club - First Tuesday of each month 7-8.15pm. Books to be discussed are March, *'The London Train'* by Tessa Hadley. April, *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey and May, *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

New parent led **Maypole Dancing** Afterschool Club, Tuesdays from 3.30pm

Community Lunches - Fridays 14th March, 11th April, 16th May, from 12.30 pm

Baby Hub - First Thursday of every month 2-3.30pm

Film Club - 3rd Thursday of each month from 1.30pm

Cosy Craft Club - Craft and Chat Nights -Tuesdays 11th March, 8th April, 13th May 7-9pm

Bath Welcomes Refugees, Quiz Night - Saturday 1st March from 7pm

Soft Pastel Workshop by C.J. Perry Art - Wednesday 5th March 7-9pm

Bellydance Fitness Workshop - Tuesday 11th March 6-7pm

Hot Flush Away Day by Hot Flush Disco - Saturday 8th March 12noon-6pm

Bath 50 Ultra Challenge - Saturday 29th March

Batheaston Society Meeting - 7pm Friday 4th April

Ceroc Workshop - Saturday 5th April 1-4pm

Lino Print Workshop - Saturday 5th April 10am-12noon

Antiques Valuation - Thursday 10th April 9am - 12noon

Children's Easter Cooking Church Event - Saturday 12th April 9am-12noon

Healthy & Happy Day Retreat (Yoga, Nutrition & Cooking Demo) - Saturday 10th May 10am - 4pm

Please follow us on facebook and instagram for regular updates, and for any enquiries drop me an email: Ali Rogers, Bookings Manager at booking@batheastonhall.org

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 | 9.30-10.30am Pilates Wendy | 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 | 1-2pm Qigong Emily | 6-9pm NCT Class from 27/11 | 6-7pm Yoga Chie | From 12.30pm Community Lunches (once a month) |
| 7.30-8.45pm Solsbury Sings | 3.30-4.30pm Maypole Dancing Afterschool club (starting 25/2) | 6.25 - 7.10pm Pilates Gaby | 7.30 - 11pm Ceroc Dancing | 6-9pm Pop Up Pub (hall fundraiser once a quarter) |
| | 7-9pm Craft & Chat (once a month) | 7.15-9.15pm Bath Show Choir | | |
| | 7-8.15pm Book Club (once a month) | 7.30-8.30pm Pilates Gaby | | |



St John's with St Catherine's

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

Dear Friends,
 As we enjoy the snowdrops and crocuses, the season of Lent is on its way. This year, in our two villages of Batheaston and Bathford we're offering some time and space to pause and think... Please feel warmly invited. These Lent lunches are faith based, but you're most welcome to come whether or not you consider yourself a member of St John's, or indeed a Christian.

- **Lent lunches all begin at 12 noon prompt.** Please bring a sandwich and we'll provide tea and coffee.

- 12th March, St Swithun's:**
Guided meditation with Jacky Wise
- 19th March, St John's:**
Art meditation with Gill Sakatini
- 26th March, St Swithun's:**
Reflection with Bishop Chris Foster
- 2nd April, St John's:**
Music reflection with local cellist
- 9th April, St Swithun's:**
Reflection with Bishop Paul Bayes

Easter loveliness is a bit later this year. In addition to our usual services (see below) we will be holding:

- **Drop-in Easter Eats** in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th April, 9.30am -11.30am. This is

for parents and primary age children... think cooking hot cross buns and chocolate crispy cake nests!

- **Make An Easter Garden:** Good Friday, 9.30am – 11am at St John's. A similar drop-in event. Again, for parents and primary age children...this time it would be helpful if you emailed to book a place: revlauretta@outlook.com

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

- Sunday 13th April 10am at St John's,** Palm Sunday Holy Communion, with dramatised reading of the Passion Story
- Monday 14th April 7.30pm,** Evening Prayer at St John's
- Maundy Thursday 17th April at St John's,** 7.30pm Holy Communion (with optional foot or hand washing)
- Good Friday 18th April 12 noon in Batheaston Gardens,** Service of Easter Hope
- 2pm - 3pm, at St John's.** An hour before the Cross: a service of readings, silence, and music
- Easter Day 20th April**
9.00am at St Catherine's, Holy Communion
10.30am at St John's, Holy Communion

With every blessing in this season of hope,

Lauretta



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: maryjane@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



Parish Councillor Catherine McCarthy took the lead for two great events last December, the opening of the Suffragette Memorial at Eagle House (see elsewhere in this copy) and the provision of our village Christmas Lights. She writes:

We consulted families concerning our lights' Switch On. They unanimously agreed for the last Friday before Advent (freeing up our School for its successful Fair the day after). Father Christmas! Presents! Carols! Mulled wine! Mince pies galore! And a collection taken for Dorothy House. Thank-you to Michelle for her help and to the George and Dragon for funding the lighting electricity!

We have big plans for 2025: a few are mentioned below, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. There's plenty more we hope to do – the big project being a “new Rhymes Pavilion”. We want to improve our facilities across the board: the playground, our green spaces, the car park, etc. That's all on top of the day-to-day work which goes from litter-picking to scrutinising planning applications.

- So, if you have a bit of time and want to make Batheaston a great place to live, please consider becoming a Councillor, or giving help on a specific project.

Following November's flood, which affected our School as well as Stambridge and the Riverside, the Parish Council heard from the Box flood warden, and is now looking at establishing a Batheaston Emergency Response Team.

The Council is partnering various local communities along the River Avon from Bradford on Avon to Batheaston. Together we will be organising a Wild Water Festival to celebrate nature and our local communities.

- Our main contribution to this will be a Batheaston Village Party on **Sunday 8th June.**

Councillors have been reviewing plans and finances ahead of the new financial year in April and are proposing an increase in staffing to take on major projects. The first and most significant will be the future of the Rhymes Pavilion, following the consultation over the past 8 months.

WERN

Village Agents: part of the Community Wellbeing Hub



If you need support, please 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
<https://www.wern.org.uk/>

Annual Village Meeting

Tuesday 25th March at the Batheaston Village Hall, 7pm.



The Local Government Act (1972) states that the parish shall “assemble annually on some day between 1st March and 1st June”, and we are more than happy to oblige!

Last year’s meeting had a wide range of speakers including one on Grow Batheaston’s Beaver Project, when we showed this artwork by our schoolchildren. This year we already have speakers confirmed from the Youth Club, Parish Council, Twinning Association and many more. We are grateful to the Trustees of the New Village Hall for hosting the meeting, and the Parish Council will provide light refreshments. It starts at 7pm, and should finish at about 8:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions, or requests for a speaking slot, please contact Richard Maccabee, Parish Clerk, clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.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

In July we will be welcoming up to 40 visitors from our twinned village of Oudon in the west of France.

We are looking for Batheaston hosts who can provide a welcome for the three nights of 11th to 13th July inclusive.

- We need accommodation for singletons, couples and families, and I assure you we do not need “five star” facilities! Your reward will be friendship and a great experience. You will only have to provide breakfast and the odd snack, and you get to enjoy the weekend’s festivities.

Our guests are arriving just before Bastille Day (Monday July 14th). They reach us on the Friday, when we intend to hold a “Safari Supper” to spread the catering load. We are planning to hold Batheaston’s official version of Bastille Day - the great French national day - a little early, on Sunday 13th. Details are yet to be arranged, but they will include cake, music and booze!

Interested in our Twinning Week-end?

Do Contact us at batheastontwinning.association@gmail.com or our Facebook group, search Batheaston Oudon Twinning.

Peter Davenport BTA chair

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01225 852408



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

For a Brilliant and Resilient Future.
Let's Grow Batheaston Together.

