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Roll on Summer!

Batheaston's greatest strength is its people – and there's always room for more.



As the days grow longer and the village bursts into life, now's the perfect time to celebrate Batheaston's energy and spirit – and to invite you to be part of it.

The **Rhymes Pavilion survey** (still open – we'd love your input!) is already helping to shape a shared vision for the space. Topping the wish list so far is a more dynamic, inclusive sports and social facility for all. There's also strong demand for a long-missed pre-school provision, and positive community conversations are underway about how we might make that dream a reality – together.

We've got a packed and exciting early summer ahead!

On **Thursday 6th June**, Grow Batheaston presents **Tales from our Riverbank: Co-existence in the River Avon** – a sequel to last year's hugely successful, sold-out Beavers Around Batheaston. Expect an evening of talks, short films, and ideas exploring how we can better coexist with and care for our river and its ecosystems.

On **Sunday 8th June**, the village comes alive for the **Batheaston Riverside Party** – our own celebration as part of the Wild Water Festival. This year's event is full of fun for all ages, set against the beautiful backdrop of our riverbank. (You can find the event poster on Page 20.)

And don't miss the much-loved **Annual Church Fete** on **Saturday 21st June** – a village tradition with classic stalls, maypole dancing, BBQ, games, and the legendary tug of war!

Every group featured in this newsletter would love your support – but it doesn't need to be a major commitment. (Though if you're up for something meatier, the **Parish Council** is crying out for more hands and fresh ideas!)

Whether you'd like to lend a hand at a lunch, support the art trail, help at an event, or simply turn up and enjoy the atmosphere – there's a place for you.

Batheaston's greatest strength is its people – and there's always room for more.



Cllr Kevin Guy
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board

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Summer events calendar

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

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON RIVERSIDE PARTY

Sunday 8th June
12-6pm
Free
The Riverside, Batheaston

Live Music, DJs, Food & Drink plus Boat rides, Donkey Rides and plenty of games and family fun. Free entry, everyone welcome!

NEW EVENT!

TALES FROM OUR RIVERBANK

Friday 6th June
6.30pm for 7.30pm start
Batheaston Village Hall
Tickets £7

Come along and learn about the ecology and health of our local river, and about the insects and other animals that depend on it. Tickets available from Maudens News on the High Street and via www.growbatheaston.co.uk

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON CHURCH FETE

Saturday 21st June
12-4pm
Village Hall and Field

Traditional family fun: maypole dancing, BBQ, coconut shy, skittles, tombola, bric-a-brac, cakes, plants, books, refreshments and the legendary tug of war.

NEW EVENT!

WILD WATERS FESTIVAL

31st May - 15th June
Along the river from Bradford on Avon to Batheaston

The Wild Waters Festival is a festival of river-themed community events celebrating the river but also drawing attention to the pressures on it from both climate change and loss of biodiversity. wildwatersfestival.com/

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

Every Saturday morning!

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 SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 5th July
12-4pm
Batheaston Youth Club

Ice-creams, Cakes, Books, Puzzles, Toys, Fab Crafts, Tombola & more. Come on Down!

Raffle in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Cafe donations in support for Batheaston Youth Club. Support Local

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON BINGO

Tuesday sessions
Doors open 12.30pm,
Eyes down 1pm
The Rhymes Pavilion

Entrance free, £4 per book, £1 per flyer. Tea and Coffee available. To book your place, contact Mary on 01225 858767 or Tina Lewis via Facebook messenger. Please bring coins and a bingo buddy!

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!

UKRAINIAN FEAST

Saturday 28th June
6.30pm for dinner at 7pm
Batheaston Village Hall
£25pp

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BEAVERS & SCOUTS

Scout Hut, every Thursday

Beavers (ages 6-8)
6 - 7.15pm
[23rdbathscouts.org/
beavers/](http://23rdbathscouts.org/beavers/)

Scouts (ages 10.5-14)
7.30 - 9pm
[23rdbathscouts.org/
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Activities include cooking,
building, problem solving,
hiking, camping and
adventures

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Thursdays
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6:45-7:30pm
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WALKING FOOTBALL

Wednesdays
5.30-6.30pm
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Primary School until
Easter, then outside at the
Batheaston Pitch.

Please contact Richard
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All abilities welcome,
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**SEN (SPECIAL
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PARENT / CARERS CAFE**

Fridays 10.30-12.30 term
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cooking, singing
and storytelling



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Grow Batheaston

Working Together From The Ground Up

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Grow Batheaston presents **Tales from our Riverbank: Co-existence in the River Avon**, an evening of talks and films on Friday 6th June at the New Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start, tickets £7. Joanna Lumley, sadly not in person, narrates the new film *Balancing the Scales* on how fish co-exist with other forms of life within the river eco-system.

Come along and learn about the ecology and health of our local river, and about the insects and other animals (including humans!) that depend on it. We will also be considering how to keep our pets and our wildlife safe.

Biologist and film-maker Aleks Domanski and artists Marion Hill and Julie Starks have been working with the children at Batheaston Church School. Do take time to admire the children's artwork which will be on display.

GET YOUR TICKETS SOON - they sold out quickly last year – available from Maudens News on the High Street and via www.growbatheaston.co.uk

Grow Batheaston will have a stall at the Parish Council's Wild Waters River Party, Sunday 8th June in the Riverside car park. Come and join the fun. There will be activities for young and old, and no doubt some plants for sale.

We're launching our Riverside Tree Trail. This map gives information on local, notable trees and will be available to download from our website in time for the Wild Waters River Festival, 31st May – 15th June.



Artists! Batheaston Art Trail is now in its 5th year. Would you like to display your work? The trail runs on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th September in the New Village Hall, St John's Church, Batheaston Youth Club and in artists' homes and studios.

CONTACT GB via www.growbatheaston.co.uk as soon as possible to reserve a place.

Junior Football for boys and girls aged 4 – 10 takes place every Saturday, 9.30am-11.30am at the Batheaston football pitch. This runs in collaboration with Bath City Youth FC which manages coaching and bookings.

CONTACT www.bathcityyouthfc.com/batheaston

Forest Garden volunteer sessions run 10am-1pm, please see our website.

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





TALES FROM OUR RIVERBANK

Co-existence in the River Avon



An evening of talks, film and art celebrating river life

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

Batheaston New Village Hall

Doors open **6.30pm** for **7.30pm** start

+ Bar available +

TICKETS £7

Available from

Maurdens News, 260 High Street, Batheaston
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Grow Batheaston's contribution to
The Wild Waters Festival and the **Festival of Nature**

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 is bustling with young people using the Club both during the day-time as well as in the evening.

The Green House Education Project has arrived. Since March 2025 young people have been coming to the club house to enjoy services designed to support young home-schoolers aged 5-16 years. The Project works here during the day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in termtime. For further details please see www.ourgreenhouse.org/

Kung Fu sessions for Juniors and Adults have been running at the Club House for years, equipping enthusiasts with fitness, confidence and valuable life skills. Get in touch with Jerry for more information on 0774 8901183. Further details can also be found on the website www.kungfubath.com/schedule. Newcomers are always welcome.

Youth Club nights are still Tuesdays and Thursdays, when young people come along to chill out with friends. It's a great place to relax,

play around and learn new skills together. We have board games, arts and crafts, pool, table tennis and table football - and a sports hall to where you can let off some steam on our crash mats. Some of our young people have also been volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We have been so fortunate in Belinda Milsom and Julie Russell. They have been such dedicated Youth Leaders for us over the decades, and we are very thankful to them both for their extraordinary support of our young people. Julie and Belinda have been introducing our new Assistant Youth Leader George to the Club, and he is bringing fresh ideas and skills to the job.

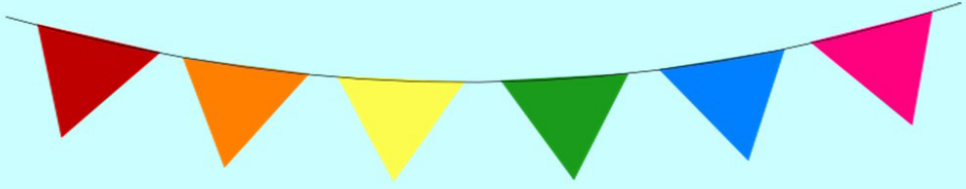
Upcoming Events: Come and Support the Club

- Summer Fair in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Saturday 5th July 12.00pm-4.00pm
- Batheaston Art Trail, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September

For Facility Bookings & Party Hire please contact 07836 231442



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Batheaston Fête



Sat 21st June

12 - 4pm

Batheaston New Village Hall & Field, School Lane

£100 Raffle prize

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Batheaston Church School

Where children dream, aspire and achieve

Nature on our doorstep and Summer is on its way. Mike's Meadow, our wonderful woodland space, is becoming a hive of activity. Trees, plants and flowers are hosting thriving populations of insects and small animals. The Meadow provides our children with a great wealth of opportunities for playing and learning.

We've been collaborating once again with the Beaver Trust. Marion Hill, Willow sculpturer Julie Sparks and filmmaker Aleks Domanski have all run specialist sessions for the children. Trees in our lovely woodland area were adorned with willow artworks, all handmade by the children in Reception and KS1. River wildlife inspired KS2 pupils to make collage pictures worthy of display at Bathampton Meadows. And the shy beaver is now a much-loved friend of our school. Who knows if one day we'll catch sight of one in the brook alongside our playground?

Forest School sessions, funded by FoBS and run by Creative Roots leader Dominika, continue to be firm favourites with the children. The sessions provide the children with opportunities for purposely exploring the natural

environment. Whittling and making clay nests prove popular with everyone.

With summer come warmer days, and our youngest pupils in Apple Class have been able to spend a whole day outdoors with their Year 6 Special Friends. On the menu were den making, leaf printing and clay craft. It was so good to observe how secure friendships are across the age gap. We watched the children all playing and taking great delight in completing challenges together. They were demonstrating the values we hold dear as a school community.

Our much loved Mike's Meadow lunchtimes have started up again this term. For this we rely on parent volunteers to come to support staff and ensure that all the children can access the meadow safely, and have a lot of fun. These lunchtimes will continue for the rest of the academic year, giving further opportunities for parents to come in support – and have fun themselves!

Did you know that Mike's Meadow is available for hire? Please contact Laurie Barker for further details; enquiries@batheaston.bwmat.org

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



Dear friends, Penny's Pantry, the Catering Corps of the village, is here for you! They say food binds a community together, and we've found that's very true. We offer coffee/tea and cake on a Wednesday morning at the Rhymes Pavilion. There's always a friendly crowd and you would be most welcome.

We also offer a monthly Village Lunch at BNVH, with £5 as the suggested donation.

Do book in via the Rhymes or phone 684649. The photo on this page comes from our May Village Lunch. The volunteers are looking relieved, as the meal has clearly been served and the coffee and chocolates have come back to the kitchen. Of course, it doesn't show all the volunteers, as some come early to prepare the meal and some come

Batheaston Bingo

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Tuesday Sessions
Doors open 12.30pm
Eyes Down 1.00pm

The Rhymes Pavilion
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Entrance free £4.00 per book £1.00 per flyer
Tea and coffee available

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or Tina Lewis via facebook messenger

Please bring coins

later on to wash up and put everything away. We are most grateful to every one of them.

Would you like to be part of the Penny's Pantry team, and help at the coffee mornings, or maybe at the Village Lunches? Are you a good welcomer or baker? Have you mastered putting up/down Gopak tables? Whatever your skill, we would love to hear from you. Just drop in at the Rhymes on a Wednesday, where you can meet some of the team.

Dear diners, don't forget that June's Village Lunch will be served at 12.30pm not 1pm. This will be our new pattern, as it will be helpful to those running BNVH and its bookings. So, come half an hour earlier than usual, and have time for a chat before the meal is served.



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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



Batheaston

Where community matters

A better place to live

Can you help us make Batheaston an even better place to live?

My name is Hannah Squire, and I am one of 9 residents of Batheaston who make up the Parish Council.

We have big plans ... bigger than we are able to take on without your help.

We'd like to:

- Create a "new Rhymes Pavilion"
- Upgrade the over-5's equipment in the playground, replacing the climbing frame and the swings
- Refurbish the netball court to have a modern all-weather surface, for all sorts of sports
- Refurbish and enhance the toilet block and the car park

We already have groups in place (sometimes with only one member!) to:

- Oversee the Riverside, including the Secret and Forest Gardens
- Prepare against floods and other emergencies
- Help us scrutinise and comment on Planning Applications in the Parish
- Look after the natural environment in our Parish
- Lead on matters concerning roads, parking and transport, with an ambition to set up Community Speedwatch Groups
- Manage the Elmhurst Growing Spaces

The Parish Council also looks after the village's environment, litter-picking, mowing grass and looking after footpaths. And we have formal roles such as liaising with the Police and others, and input into the long-term plans for developing the village. Finally, the Council is responsible for its staff and budget.

So, if you:

- Are you passionate about any (or all of!) the projects mentioned above
- Have a bit of time – maybe just a few hours a month
- Have enthusiasm, organisational or social media skills, can write grant applications, or can just roll your sleeves up and make things happen

We would like to hear from you! We are looking for Councillors (we're 6 short of our full complement) and volunteers to form project or working groups.

If you think you could help us make Batheaston a better place to live, please contact either me, **Cllr Hannah Squire**, Chair of the Parish Council, hannah.squire@batheaston-pc.gov.uk or **Richard Maccabee**, Parish Clerk, clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk, **01225-923820**



The Green House Home Educating Group

A Flourishing Learning Community Coming to Batheaston

The Green House Education Project settles into Batheaston. We are delighted to have found a new home here: we are based at the Youth Club in School Lane. We've been exploring the village through geocaching—an exciting treasure hunt that's helped us get to know the area in a fun and active way.

We've started getting to know, respect and contribute to the rich natural environment here through a Spring vinegar making workshop. And we've crafted willow bird feeders for Grow Batheaston's Forest Garden within the Secret Garden.

We welcomed Spring joyfully with a maypole dance, and we recently took a field trip to the University of Bath to explore different ways of being and learning in the world.

We're grateful for the warm welcome the village has given us and look forward to more shared experiences in this vibrant community.

The Green House is a self-directed learning community for home-educated children aged 5–16. For more information, contact Nicola and Jenny at admin@ourgreenhouse.org or visit www.ourgreenhouse.org.



GET IN TOUCH
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National Trust

What's been happening on Bathampton Meadows

We've been restoring and creating new hedgerows for the Meadows. This Spring we've planted hazel, willow and other hedgerow trees, helped by various groups and volunteers.

In March we welcomed the Bath-Alkmaar Twinning Association (BATA) in its 80th year. Ranger Volunteers and BATA volunteers joined the Deputy Mayor of Bath and the General Manager of National Trust Bath in planting whips of hazel, alder buckthorn, holly, dog rose, oak, and crab apple. These will complement the elder, blackthorn and hawthorn already in the hedges, increase species biodiversity and create green corridors for birds and bats. The Mayor of Alkmaar will be visiting in July when she should see all the young shoots.

Cut willow and hazel strands then let us get really creative, so we ran a sold-out garden obelisk workshop at the end of April, also making the willow fishes. These plants have so much to offer.

New Visitors: The youth group from Mentoring Plus joined me for harvesting and planting willow and for making fish from its bendy

strands (as mentioned above). We have also welcomed hard-working agricultural students from Lackham and Bridgwater Colleges, who learned new skills when helping erect for us 200m of chestnut fencing. This will protect our newly-laid hedge from nibbling sheep. Thank-you to all who helped – it looks most professional!

I've yet to see the full cycle of seasons on the Meadows. Recently I've particularly enjoyed seeing the trees coming back to life, adorned with catkins, my favourite being the goat willow, flamboyant and yellow. And we've had some discoveries. A butterfly survey volunteer has spotted white and peacock butterflies, adding to the orange tip already sighted.

Do watch out for new artwork on Batheaston footbridge. Old artwork, created some years ago by children from Batheaston Church School, has been removed. New school artwork goes up at the beginning of June to coincide with the Wild Waters Festival.

I am often out and about with my volunteers – do come and say hello.
Joanne, National Trust Community Ranger.

Batheaston Summer Fair

Batheaston Youth Club

12-4pm

Saturday 5 July 2024

School Lane BA1 7EP

Youth Club Cafe

Light Lunches
Afternoon Tea/Cake
Snacks, Smoothies
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Batheaston Village Hall

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Latest updates:

We've now moved our website over from Wordpress to Squarespace, which makes it easier for me to maintain the site on a day-to-day basis. It now includes a what's on section so you can see public events more clearly, with links given for further information or booking. You can still use our calendar to check availability and make bookings. Please scan the QR code and take a look - we'd love your feedback. You can also receive occasional updates from us by subscribing to our newsletter.



For regular weekly classes do bear in mind that most only run in term time, so it's best to check on the website.

Here are our other currently booked public events for June, July, and August

Book Club - First Tuesday of each month 7-8.15pm.
June 3rd - "The Cut Out Girl" Bart Van Es.
July 1st "The Shepherd's Life" James Rebanks.
August 5th "Prophet Song" Paul Lynch.

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

Tales from our Riverbank - Co-existence in the River Avon in 2025 Friday 6th June 6:30 - 9:30pm

Community Lunches - Fridays 13th June, 18th July & 22nd August from 12 noon

Craft and Chat - Tuesday 10th June 7-9pm

Portal to Joy Day Retreat by River Mace Yoga
- Saturday 14th June 10:30am - 5:15pm

Village Fete - Saturday 21st June 12-4pm

Movie Club Thursdays - 26th June, 31st July, & 28th August 2-5pm

Bath Welcomes Refugees Ukrainian Feast - Saturday 28th June 6:30 - 10pm

Self-Love Sunday - Summer Glow Wellness Day Retreat - Sunday 29 June, 10:30am - 4:30pm

Antiques and Collectables Valuation Day by Auctioneum - Tuesday 8th July, 10am - 3pm

Twinning Weekend - Friday 11th - Sunday 13th July

Portal to Joy Day Retreat by River Mace Yoga - Sunday 20th July 10:30am - 5:15pm

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates, and for any enquiries drop me an email

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Class Schedule

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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
9.30am-4pm Rainbow Dementia Day Care	9.30am-12.30pm Watercolour Art Rachel	10.15-11.15am Yoga Clare	12noon-1pm Yoga Sophie	10.30am-12.30pm SEN Cafe
6-7pm Aero-tone-lates Jane	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
7.30-8.45pm Solsbury Sings	3.30-4.30pm Maypole Dancing Afterschool club (starting 25/2)	6.25 - 7.10pm Pilates Gabby	6-7pm Yoga Chie	From 12.00pm Community Lunches (once a month)
	7-9pm Craft & Chat (once a month)	7.15-9.15pm Bath Show Choir	7.30 - 11pm Cercoc Dancing	6-9pm Pop Up Pub (hall fundraiser once a quarter)
	7-8.15pm Book Club (once a month)	7.30-8.30pm Pilates Gabby		



St John's with St Catherine's

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

Dear friends, We're really enjoying a monthly JAM time in St John's with younger children and their families.

If you haven't tried this, it runs on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3.30pm. Typically we cook something, have a bit of a treasure hunt, story time, some prayers for each other and the world and often a song - with enthusiastic instrumental accompaniment. We finish by eating the treats that have been made and chatting together... it's altogether about an hour of delight!

- Our next JAM runs at 3.30pm on Sunday June 22nd. Please feel warmly invited to join in.

It's nearly time to WOW! Last Summer holidays we had a similar time each Wednesday at 3pm - in church - and called it WOW! This year we'll be WOWing again. Donations are welcome but there is no charge. Children do need a parent/grandparent/carer for this please.

- WOW runs at 3pm on Wednesdays 23rd and 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August.

All the fun of the Fete:

Our Village Fete bursts into life on Saturday 21st June in BNVH and field, 12 noon - 4pm.

There's lots - like face painting - for the children to enjoy, but really there's something for all age groups. With a BBQ, ample teas and a wealth of stalls to enjoy, this is the perfect way to spend a summer afternoon.

And now for some peace and quiet:

Just a reminder that both St John's and St Catherine's up the valley are open in daylight hours. You are very welcome to come and find some stillness here. In St John's we have a prayer board where you can pin up a prayer request for a loved one. We also have a children's area with books and simple toys always at hand.

Here is our QR code which gives a link to all our forthcoming services and events:



With every blessing, Lauretta

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Batheaston Parish Council

A brief summary from the Parish Clerk of recent meetings which included some important budgetary and financial decisions



At its February meeting, the Council confirmed its Precept for 2025/26. This is its income, collected as part of Council Tax. Councillors were keen to continue to grow funds to develop and improve its amenities for the village but were also keen not to add to the financial burden on residents. They therefore decided on a 4% increase for householders, totalling £135,240. Some of the money has been allocated to an increase in the Clerk's time to take forward projects. See the separate article for an overview of these projects and lots of ways in which you can help.

The Parish Council has recently made grants to community organisations: to the Youth Club, £7,000, to support its valuable work with the young people of the village; and to Grow Batheaston, £1,500, to provide much of the costs of its day-to-day operations and £1,000 for the "Tales from our River Bank" event on 6th June. The Council deferred a decision on a further request from Grow Batheaston, for £1,500 to support the Village Art Trail in September. It also purchased a brush cutter at a cost of approximately £1,000, to be used by the Cotswolds Volunteer Wardens in their

fantastic work maintaining the Parish's 12 miles of footpaths.

The Parish Council has a responsibility to review and comment on Planning Applications on behalf of the community. In recent months it has objected to developments that it sees as exacerbating traffic or parking issues in the village. It has also joined with neighbouring parishes to urge Bath and North East Somerset Council to take action on the significant development of Charmydown Barns, which has been undertaken without planning permission.

Another aspect of the Council's work is to beautify the centre of the village: the Council approved £1,000 for this summer's hanging baskets and planters, and to tidy up the vegetation alongside the Penthouse Steps. Councillors are also looking at ways to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE-VJ Day this summer.

Last but not least, Councillors are busy planning the **Riverside Party** for Sunday 8th June, as part of the Wild Waters Festival, celebrating the River Avon east of Bath and its tributaries.



FOODIE FRIDAYS

Batheaston Village Hall Lunch Dates 2025

Arrival 12.00 noon, Service 12.30pm

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**





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

We ran a Café Oudon & Crêperie at the end of May in our Village Hall. I hope it went well! If you were one of the volunteers, then well done and thank you!

We are now busy preparing for the visit of 44 of our Oudon friends on 11th - 14th July. There's a full programme for the weekend, but hopefully there will also be plenty of time to relax. As I write, we are almost there with finding hosts, but we would very much welcome anyone who would like to help during the weekend and meet some of our visitors.

- If you can't act as a host, we always need volunteers to help run the evening events in the village hall, or indeed to step in when a host can't be there 100% of the time. Our wonderful vicar is hosting, but has other commitments on Sunday...!

We have been making connections between the schools in Oudon and our own village school, and teachers from Oudon will be coming into school on the Friday to discuss with the headteacher and staff how we can strengthen these links.

If you would like to know more about our Twinning Association do look out for our Facebook group Batheaston and Oudon Twinning. You can message us there or at Batheastontwinning@gmail.com.

Peter Davenport
Chair, Batheaston Twinning Association





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