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Another year has sped by!

Batheaston Times is the best place to find out what's happening locally



Another year has sped by! As always, it's been a busy one in Batheaston. And of course there's more activity to come as we head into the festive season.

I would like to highlight just a few local groups and activities that stand out to me. Penny's Pantry, the community group set up during the Covid pandemic to bring residents together, meets every Wednesday at the Rhymes Pavilion from 10am – Noon. All are welcome to attend. My fellow ward councillor Sarah Warren and I visit Penny's Pantry between 11am – 12 noon on the last Wednesday of every month. Do come along to say hello, and let us know if you have any local issues you'd like to raise.

The National Trust is developing a new woodland pasture on Bathampton Meadows. This autumn they held a community tree planting event open to people of all ages. It gave residents the chance to learn from the National Trust rangers about tree planting, and then to leave a lasting, positive legacy. This excellent work is ongoing.

As winter approaches, I want to mention a challenge all communities face: isolation. We need to look out for each other, especially for the most vulnerable in our midst. Please reach out to anyone you are concerned about. Help is available for those dealing with issues such as the cost of living and fuel poverty. A good first point of contact is the Bath & North East Somerset Community Wellbeing Hub. You can reach them on 0300 247 0050.

Finally, a shout out to our popular Youth Club, a safe local space where our youngsters can socialise. My warmest thanks go to those who volunteer there – and indeed to all who help make the village such a wonderful place to live.

I'll close by wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026!



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!

BATHEASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL WINTER FAIR
Saturday 29th November
Opening times:
2pm - 5pm
Batheaston 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.

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON WINTER CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR
Sat 22nd Nov 12 - 4pm
Batheaston Youth Club,
School Lane

Join us for a fun afternoon! Christmas cakes, Winter Wreaths, Handmade clothing, Gemstones, Greeting Cards, Designer Jewellery, Stocking fillers and friendly faces. Plus Cafe and charity raffle for Bath & Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

NEW EVENT!

GROW BATHEASTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 6th December 2025, 2-6pm
Village Hall

Come and find unique gift ideas from more than twenty local artists and artisans; Christmas wreath making; a café and a charity raffle. We hope you can come along and helps us raise funds for the many community projects we initiate.

NEW EVENT!

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
Friday 28th November,
6 - 7pm at Stambridge,
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
St. John's Church
Sat 29th Nov-
11am to 4pm
Sun 30th Nov-
12pm to 4pm

An oasis of calm with 25 decorated trees, live music, food and refreshments plus new for 2025: Silly christmas jumper competition!

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.
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NEW EVENT!

FOODIE FRIDAYS
Batheaston Village Hall
Fri 16th Jan, Fri 13th Feb & Fri 13th Mar
£5.00 donation per person
Includes: welcome drink, delicious main course, scrumptious dessert followed by tea/coffee
Good chat guaranteed, special diets catered for too.
To book or volunteer, get in touch with Sarah on bernina@uwclub.net or drop in at Penny's Pantry at the Rhymes Pavilion, Wednesdays 10am - Noon

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!

MOVIE CLUB FRIDAY
Batheaston Village Hall

Christmas movie -
Friday 19th Dec - 7pm

A Baz Luhrmann Movie -
Thursday 8th January -
1.30pm.

For more info or to
book contact
tracey@brandtonic.co.uk



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
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School Year 1 and above.
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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
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CREATIVE ROOTS -

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

[www.bookwhen.com/
creativeroots](http://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



This autumn's fifth annual Batheaston Art Trail was a great success with more artists than ever taking part. We are particularly grateful to the artists who ran our free workshops for young people.

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 6th December from 2pm to 6pm in the New Village Hall. Come and find unique gift ideas from more than twenty local artists and artisans; Christmas wreath making; a café and a charity raffle. We hope you can come along and support this festive Grow Batheaston event which helps us raise funds for the many community projects we initiate.

Hedgehog numbers are plummeting! *Helping Hedgehogs* is our new WhatsApp group sharing advice on making our gardens more hedgehog friendly and for recording sightings. Please email us if you'd like to join the group or if you'd like to report a sighting.

- Hedgehogs do occasionally come out of hibernation during the winter looking for food and water. So, consider leaving a shallow dish of water in your garden over the winter months and be careful when clearing or strimming in case you disturb a slumbering hedgehog. Let's do all we can to help them thrive.

Our second Tree Trail is now available. It's a meditative wander through Northend, highlighting trees around St John the Baptist Church. Free Tree Trail leaflets are available in the Surgery, the Church, the New Village Hall



and other outlets. You can also download the trail from our website.

The Forest Garden in the Secret Garden is looking splendid. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, and through donations of wood chippings and willow lengths, we have refreshed some paths and re-woven willow structures.

- Forest Garden volunteer sessions - see website for dates/times.

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



GROW BATHEASTON'S

Christmas Festivities!

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025, 2-6PM

GROW BATHEASTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Unique gift ideas from local artists and artisans.

Christmas Cafe and a Charity Raffle.

Wreath making workshop



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

Batheaston Youth Club

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



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**COME + GET
INVOLVED!**

George Rowe and Jamie Storrie have been running Batheaston Youth Club since June would love to see new members. Here is a letter to all parents and young people (aged 11-18, including Y6!)

Hello all!

We have great facilities at the Youth Club where we enjoy basketball, football, table tennis, arts/crafts, music, board games and generally good vibes! George and I are always available to talk to, and we provide a relaxing space for young people to hang out with their friends. We also have snacks and sweets available to buy.

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We try to plan monthly activities/workshops and are always open to the young people providing ideas for the club. Recently, Bath Welcomes Refugees and Talking Point have come to the Club to talk about refugees and drug awareness, respectively.

We have just had a great Halloween party and will also be having a Christmas Party in December, and we are also planning to go ice skating. We also want to start a Dungeons and Dragons role play evening soon on Tuesdays.

Next Year 2026 we plan to do a week-end residential trip in Dorset or Devon.

How to Find Us: We are located next to Batheaston New Village Hall and we are open Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30-8.30 pm (term time only)

Please feel free to pop by, even just to check the Club out. Or give Jamie a ring to discuss things on 07565124534.



**BATHEASTON
WINTER
CRAFT & GIFT FAIR**

BATHEASTON YOUTH CLUB

**SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025
12.00PM-4.00PM**

SCHOOL LANE BA1 7EP

CHRISTMAS CAKES & ITALIAN CAKES
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The Power of Music in Early Childhood

By Noeline Beesley, Early Years Music Specialist

Music is more than just fun for young children—it's essential for their development. Regular musical play boosts language, memory, social skills, coordination and emotional connection. Music matters because singing, dancing and sound play activate every part of a child's growing brain. Music enhances communication and learning while building joyful, responsive relationships. It isn't about singing in tune or learning lyrics. It's about listening, responding and sharing joyful sound-making moments with our children.

Follow your Child's Sound

If they coo, squeak or bang a block —pause, listen, then copy this back with a little musical twist. That way you're saying: "I hear you!" Don't rush to fill quiet moments - give your child time to respond musically in their own way.

Create Micro-Songs

Make up ditties for everyday moments like nappy changes and brushing teeth. Look up Steve Grocott's fabulous song Washing Machine and thank me later! Try using well-known tunes and incorporate your own extra verses. We sang a version of Old MacDonald to help our daughter

spell her name. These days I randomly burst into song, as when encouraging my puppy to be calm.

Set up an Inviting Sound Station

For spontaneous play arrange a basket of props (like scarves) and household sound-makers, (like shakers, drums or woodblocks). Try making the basket up in the garden. I recently suspended a cymbal from a tree branch so it will resonate with the rain and make a pleasing sound. It's been very dry so far this summer, but I'll ask the neighbours what they think after the next storm!

Play Interesting Music Daily

Create a playlist of diverse recordings that your child can enjoy. Use the playlist during mealtimes, playtime or winding down time.

Singing Tree Classes

Noeline has taught musical skills through play in Batheaston since 2019, using the child-centred Kodály Approach. Classes run Fridays at 9:30 am at Batheaston New Village Hall and are open to babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers (and their parents/carers!).

Contact Noeline Beesley:
07583 449200

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 to give social activities for local residents.



Dear friends, just to remind you that **Penny's Pantry Coffee Shop is your port of call if you ever fancy coffee/tea, cake and a chat.** We meet on Wednesdays 10am – noon, at the Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Road and we would love to meet you. We even have a toy box on wheels - so you will gather that we welcome all ages groups.

Tina's Coach Trip.

We are most grateful to Tina Lewis for all the hard work she put into getting a Day Trip up and running. On October 28th Tina and fifty village friends (many with Penny's Pantry links) took a coach to Abergavenny. The day was fine,

Abergavenny market was in full swing and a good time was had by all. Here are a few snaps from a very happy occasion.

An(other) Inspector Calls!

We passed our Rhymes Pavilion food inspection in the summer, and last month an officer came on the day we were preparing the Village Lunch at Batheaston New Village Hall. We later learned that we had been awarded 5 out of 5 for our food hygiene and management. Many thanks go to everyone who made sure that our paperwork was in order, and that our food handling was just as it should be.



Welcome



Cheers!



Batheaston Village Hall Lunch Dates 2026

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Fri 13 Feb

Fri 13 Mar

Fri 17 Apr

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Fri 12 June

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Batheaston Annual Village Meeting – Summary

Batheaston Annual Village Meeting, was held on 25th March at the New Village Hall. The evening, chaired by Parish Council Chair Hannah Squire, featured updates, presentations, and discussions on ongoing and upcoming initiatives in the village.

The monthly **Film Club** and an **Art Sale supporting Parkinson's UK** were noted. Two special presentations followed. **Michael Auton from Community Catalysts** introduced their work supporting local people wanting to set up small businesses to assist older adults and people with disabilities. **Forbes Robertson of the Twinning Association** shared plans to celebrate 20 years of partnership with Oudon, France. These are to include Oudon's visit here in July and a French Café event on 8th June.

Parish Councillor Peter Lewis outlined the Council's responsibilities and upcoming projects, speaking especially of:

- The formation of a Batheaston Emergency Response Team (BERT) to address future emergencies (in light of recent flooding).
- The need to re-establish a village pre-school nursery.
- The Council's need for more councillors and more volunteers!

Tina Lewis announced plans to launch Bingo sessions at the Rhymes Pavilion. Grow Batheaston representatives highlighted their community efforts, including seed swaps and

plant sales, the forest garden, junior football coaching and the September Art Trail. Grow Batheaston and the Parish Council are both to run events at the Wild Waters Festival: respectively "Tales from our River Bank" on 6th June and the Riverside Party on Sunday afternoon, 8th June.

Rob Kendall spoke on creating an accessible route on Bannerdown Common for people with limited mobility.

Cllr Sarah Warren updated attendees on:

- Plans to restore the riverside limestone link footpath.
- The Local Plan, which sets out how the Council will achieve its target for housebuilding over the next 20 years.
- The financial pressure on local authorities, noting that B&NES had managed to balance its budget.

The perennial issue of bus services arose.

This had been covered in some detail at last year's meeting.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the New Village Hall Trustees and a call for speaker suggestions for next year's meeting.



The Green House Home Educating Group

A Joyful Summer for the Green House Education Project

The Green House Education Project has enjoyed a wonderfully busy and creative summer term in Batheaston. We are very grateful, and feel so welcome in the Youth Club. We have been making the most of the facilities there, and of the beautiful local outdoor spaces which are ideal for play and exploration. We were delighted to be part of the Church Fete and ended the term with our own Summer Festival, held alongside the Rainbow Group's anniversary of their dementia day care project. On that occasion it was heart warming to see different generations connect—especially while meeting a pony and

enjoying performances by our young people. These included music, acrobatics, and a life-sized chess game.

We are looking forward to welcoming new families in September and to taking part in the Batheaston Arts Trail.

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
email: bathskyline@nationaltrust.org.uk

National Trust

A Lot Has Been Happening on Bathampton Meadows

We have been busy again with tree planting on Bathampton Meadows. This has now gone from months of planning to full operational mode. First, we constructed a livestock corral in the eastern fields, linked to our permissive path plan. And then we made wood pasture fencing for the central fields.

As part of woodland planning, the Bath National Trust Volunteers (BNTV) joined me in planting colour-coded tree stakes to aid our community planting events. It was a tricky task with maps, colours and numbers, but 90% of the 4,000 stakes were placed in just a few hours. I also took receipt of 10,000 cell-grown trees, plastic-free tree guards, wool mulching material and 36,000 bamboo pegs, all with the help of my volunteers.

I have been inspired by our hard-working butterfly volunteers. They have surveyed from Grosvenor bridge all the way to Batheaston bridge. Overall, they spotted 432 butterflies compared to 226 in 2024, and this included a high brown fritillary. There were increases from 2024 in green-veined white, small white, gatekeeper and orange tip butterflies among

others, which is great news. Thanks again to all who helped with this work.

Our woodland fence works are now almost complete, and our contractor is about to start fencing 1km for new hedgerows on the eastern sheep fields. It is very satisfying to see the positive progress of our Forest of Avon funded project.

Now we have 10,000 tree plugs waiting to be planted this autumn/winter, and I look forward to updating you all on progress in the Batheaston Times Spring 2026 edition. We have refined our process in preparation for numerous schools, corporate groups, community and NT volunteer groups who want to take part. And of course we have an Open Planting Day on 25th October.

- If you would still like to be involved in planting trees in our new wood pasture, we are planning another **Community Planting Event on Sunday 22 February '26**. Be sure to keep an eye on our website, and we'll be sharing updates on social media too.

By Joanne, National Trust Community Ranger



Batheaston Church School

Where Children Dream, Aspire and Achieve

We have had a joyful start to the school year. In September, twenty nine bright-eyed Reception children joined the Batheaston family, bringing energy, curiosity and joy to the school community.

As the first term draws to a close, we can reflect on a vibrant and heartwarming start to the academic year, especially for our newest arrivals in Apple Class.

The Apple classroom has quickly become a hub of happy, engaged learners. Their enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed, with staff and pupils alike impressed by how confidently they've settled in. A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils who have embraced their roles as "Special Friends". They have acted with compassion and maturity—guiding the younger children through their first weeks here with kindness and care.

This term has also seen the launch of our new behaviour pledges: Kind Words, Kind Actions, Kind Heart. These values have already made a meaningful impact, especially during our recent

Kindness Week, which helped embed these principles across the school. Coupled with this term's focus on resilience, it's been inspiring to watch our children flourish in such a nurturing environment.

Our Harvest Celebration at our local church, St John's, was another highlight. The generosity of our families shone through in their abundant donations for the Bath Food Bank. The church was filled with the joyful voices of children singing with heartfelt enthusiasm. It was a truly moving moment that captured the spirit of our school.

We were also delighted by the turnout at our Saturday Open Morning. It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective families and to share with them what makes Batheaston such a special place to learn and grow.

If you haven't yet had the chance to visit us, we warmly invite you to contact the school office—we'd be thrilled to show you around.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Saturday 29th Nov 11am to 4pm
Sunday 30th Nov 12pm to 4pm



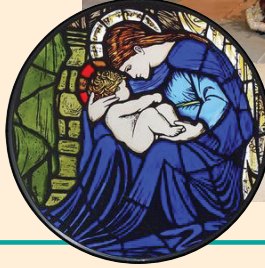
Oasis of Calm
Food & refreshments
25 Decorated Trees
Live Music

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BATHEASTON

New for 2025: Silly Christmas Jumper Competition!

St John's with St Catherine's

Winter Events and Church Services in Batheaston and at St Catherine's



Dear Friends, Christmas is nearly here. Is it the smell of fir trees that's so irresistible? Is it the twinkling lights? Or is it more the sense of community as people across the village come to decorate their trees? All of these factors combine to make St John's Christmas Tree Festival a delight! Please feel warmly invited to come this year. Meet up with friends or family. Light refreshments will be served on each Festival day.

Friday 28th November 4-6pm with Batheaston school singing and refreshments

Saturday 29th November 11-4pm with a musical interlude at 2pm

Sunday 30th November 10am for Holy Communion amongst the trees and then for the Festival till 4pm.

Christingle Sunday St John's 14th December at 3pm: It's so important to highlight giving at Christmas, so please do come to our Christingle service. Come and make a Christingle, sing carols and give generously to the Children's Society - everyone is welcome!

Carols at Avon Court, Tuesday 9th December 10.30, Join us for an informal Carol Service to sing in Christmas, with light refreshments to follow.

Come and Sing Carols with us Round the Village, Monday 22nd December. Meet outside the SPAR shop on the High Street at 6pm. Bring a torch!

Please feel warmly invited to come to our two Carol services

St Catherine's Carol Service is on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm

St John's Carol Service is on Sunday 21st December at 5pm

Christmas Eve at St John's: 3pm crib service at St John's is especially suitable for children. Midnight Mass begins at 11:30pm

Christmas Day Family Friendly services with Holy Communion, 9am at St Catherine's and 10.30am at St John's

Hope in the Winter Dark – Do Get in Touch

- Except for an occasional 5th Sunday of the month, there is always Sunday worship at St John's at 10am, followed by fellowship coffee. You are more than welcome to come along.
- To find out more about our services and events in the new year, please watch for posters round the village and keep your eye on Batheaston Forward.
- Would you like to receive our weekly email bulletin? Please email office.pccbatheaston@gmail.com and ask for your name to be included.

With prayers for peace, joy and hope this Christmas,

Lauretta

Contact: revlauretta@outlook.com



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
- **Batheaston Parish Council**
Contact: clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk
- **St John's with St Catherine's**
Contact: revlauretta@outlook.com
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Batheaston Parish Council

The Parish Council has allocated up to £10,000 for a project to be led by members of the community



£ 10,000 is at hand! The Parish Council has allocated up to £10,000 for a project to be led by members of the community. Here are some of the ideas, from our long list of aspirations for the village:

- Further improving the **Playground** – replacing the over-5's equipment
- Establishing a **woodland walk** along St Catherine Brook from the Playground along the side of the football pitch
- Creating a "**Batheaston trail**", with information boards, interpretive maps, and QR codes for more information online
- Developing a strategy and project(s) for the **young people** of the village
- **Installing defibrillators** and other medical emergency equipment
- **Opening up the eastern end** of the Riverside Park, to make the area more inviting
- **Reconfiguring the Riverside Car Park**, providing better options for disabled drivers, and perhaps introducing charging points for electric cars,
- **Providing local information** on our website
- Helping to develop our **plan for the village**
- Helping to run the **Rhymes Pavilion**, and make it pay its way
- ... and we'd welcome your further suggestions!

Please let us know if you - perhaps with others - are interested in taking on a project. For this you will be supported by the Parish Council and the Clerk, and we will carry out formal processes such as procurement of equipment and services. We would be happy to talk through the ideas. The budget of up to £10,000 has been allocated, but more money could be available for a project if it is needed.

Projects will be selected by the Parish Council at its meeting on 13th January, based on an assessment of the benefit to the village, and the costs and resources needed.

If you are at all interested in a project, please contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Maccabee, clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk, 01225-923820 or any of the Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council is currently compiling our response to the Local Plan, to be submitted by the time this edition is printed. We will summarise our feedback in the next edition of the *Batheaston Times*.

Stambridge 6pm Friday 28th November.
We look forward to seeing you at the small celebration when we switch on the Christmas Lights.



Batheaston Village Hall

Your Community Space.
Available for Private Events and Commercial Bookings.

We were delighted to host three weddings at the hall in 2025 and have four booked so far for 2026. If you're considering a wedding at the hall do check out the wedding page and photos on our website and reviews on Google. Do contact us to arrange a show around.

Please see the timetable for regular weekly classes

Below is a list of other currently booked public events. They can also be viewed chronologically in the what's on section of the website.

- Book Club** - First Tuesday of each month 7-8.15pm
- Baby Hub** - First Thursday of every month 2-3.30pm
- Community Lunches** - Friday 12 December, from 12 noon. January and February dates TBC
- Craft and Chat** - 2nd Tuesday of the month 7.15-9.15pm
- Movie Club** - for more information contact tracey@brandtonic.co.uk
- GB Xmas Fair** - Saturday 6th December 12-4pm
- Deep Reset** - Restore your nervous system with Breathwork, Yoga and Gong bath, 7-9.30pm Friday 12th December

- Nourished Soul Yoga, Sound Bath and Solstice Supper** 3.30-7pm - Saturday 20th December 3.30-7pm
- River Mace Yoga**, Winter Day Retreat - Sunday 25th January 10.30am-5.30pm
- Lucas Jet Circus** - Sunday 22nd February

Lastly, thanks to Avon and Somerset police we now have a community bleed kit available for use at the hall next to the defibrillator.



Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates, and for any enquiries drop me an email booking@batheastonhall.org. Ali Rogers, Bookings Manager, 07770 368836

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Class Schedule

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Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
9.30 - 10.45am & 11.15-12.30pm Curious Child	9.30 - 11am Toddlers	9.30 - 10.15am Zumba with Jess	9.30am - 12.30pm Curious Kids science for home schooled kids once a month	9.30 - 10.30am Singing Tree
9.45 - 11.45am & 2.15-4.15pm Art History	9.30 - 12.30pm Watercolour Art with Rachel	9.30 - 4pm Rainbow Dementia Day Care	9.45 - 10.45am Pilates with Wendy	10.30am-12.30pm SEN Cafe
6-7pm Strength Circuits, Strength Boxing, Strength Step with Charlie	9.30-10.30am Pilates with Wendy	10.15 - 11.15am Yoga with Clare	12noon - 1pm Yoga with Sophie	10.45-11.45am Yoga with Eve
7.30 - 8.45pm Solsbury Sings	6-7pm Yoga with Eve	6.25-7.10pm Pilates with Gaby	1.30-3.30pm Beginners Watercolour with Penny	12 noon Community Lunch once a month
	7 - 9pm Craft and Chat 2 nd Tuesday of the month	7.15- 9.15pm Bath Show Choir	2-3.30pm Baby and Toddler Hub 1 st Thursday of the month	6-9pm Pop Up Pub hall fundraiser once a quarter
	7-8.15pm Book Club 1 st Tuesday of the month	7.30-8.30pm Pilates with Gaby	6-7pm Yoga with Chie	
			7.30 - 11pm Cercoc Dancing	



Batheaston Twinning Association

Forty Two Visitors from Oudon Came to Batheaston on 11th - 14th July when we Celebrated Twenty Years of our Twinning Link

The July '25 visit from our Oudon friends in July 2025 was very successful.

Warm-hearted Batheaston residents accommodated 42 French visitors, including twelve children, in their homes. There were three French school teachers in the party, and after an all day visit to Batheaston School they even hosted an after school club meeting for children and parents in the village hall.

2025 marks the twentieth anniversary of our Batheaston/Oudon Twinning. So, on Sunday 14th July we held a party in the village hall which was well attended by Batheaston residents. A particular highlight was the birthday cake complete with firework candles which was lit on the terrace of the hall. The Twinning's most recent activity has been a French-style Bar and Crêperie in the Village Hall, with a quiz and live music. Good fun was had by all and the crêpes were delicious.

Our Oudon friends wish to celebrate the twinning's 21st Anniversary when Batheaston residents go to France on the weekend of 29th to 31st May 2026. Anyone from Batheaston is

welcome to come. The method of transport is still to be arranged. In the past we have travelled using our own cars, or flown from Bristol to Nantes (with seasonal availability), or hired self-drive mini-buses or a luxury coach. The viability/affordability of transport depends on numbers. If over forty people travel a coach would be the cheapest option.

Over the past two years Batheaston Twinning has developed a small choir.

The singing mainly in English for informal performances at events where our Twinning association is represented. New members are always welcome.

If you want to find out more about the choir and/or about going to Oudon in May 2026 please email batheastontwinning.association@gmail.com

A Date for Your Diary:

11th February 2026 Batheaston Twinning Annual General Meeting, with a discussion about our forthcoming trip to Oudon.

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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Let's Grow Batheaston Together.



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