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WINTER 2022 EDITION

Batheaston Times

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

MERRY EVERYTHING AND HAPPY ALWAYS!



- * POP-UP CHRISTMAS MARKET *
- * SANTA'S FESTIVE FLOAT *
- * SCHOOL WINTER FAIR *

Working together to create more events & support for families, kids, teenagers & elderly people in our village.

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Festive greetings to you all

The giving of time and the showing of love are surely basic ingredients for a truly merry Christmas.

Learning from the COVID Experience: The mild damp weather may not suggest it, but winter and the festive period are coming very shortly. It will be a very different Christmas this time from those we had in COVID lockdown. I believe that looking back on lockdown and the separations families and friends suffered then, can give us a better focus on what now really matters for our wider community.

Forthcoming Festive Events: I am very proud to share this festive edition with you all. It is filled with all kinds of great events and activities that you and your family can enjoy - right here in our village. These events don't come out of thin air! So, on behalf of you all, I would like to thank our many amazing volunteers. They have worked tirelessly over the past few months to ensure that we have a truly co-ordinated, magical festive period.

Let's Not Forget: The personal message I want to give is that it is really important that nobody in our community is left isolated and unsupported this festive season. I would encourage us all to be good neighbours, to spread around the festive spirit and maybe even share some of the good things our own households enjoy. The giving of time and the showing of love are surely basic ingredients for a truly merry Christmas.

All of us in the Batheaston Leadership Group wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Cllr Kevin Guy
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board



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Winter events calendar

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

NEW EVENT!

GROW BATHEASTON'S CHRISTMAS POP UP MARKET

Saturday 3rd December
4.30 -8pm BNVH

Santa's Grotto, Christmas Gift Ideas, Mulled Apple Juice, Cider & Wine, Wreath Kits & a Charity Raffle!
A great opportunity to do a spot of christmas shopping and support local suppliers and makers

NEW EVENT!

SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

Saturday 26th
November 2-5pm
Batheaston Church School

A Festive filled fun afternoon with food stalls and bar, hamper raffle, santa's grotto, children's games, mini-market, silent auction and a cake sale!

GB FOOTBALL CLUB

Every Saturday 9-11am
Weather dependent

It's for girls and boys aged between 4 and 10. Main objectives are for the kids to have fun, get some exercise, and learn about teamwork and respect. Cash only on the day, £5 per 2 hour session.
There will be no sessions running on the 17th, 24th or 31st December

growbatheaston.co.uk/gbfc

NEW EVENT!

BPC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Saturday 26th
November 6pm
Riverside

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

NEW EVENT!

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA & TREATS

Saturday 3rd December
2-4pm
St John the Baptist Church

An afternoon of Carols, Merry music, Teas, Coffees and cakes all at St John's Church.
Come along and get into the festive spirit!

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!

SANTA'S FESTIVE FLOAT!

Saturday 3rd December
Between 6 & 7pm
Batheaston High St

Father Christmas will be passing through the village with many other festive friends to spread the spirit of Christmas. Come down to the high street from 6pm to catch a glimpse of the big man passing the through the high street on his sleigh.

COMMUNITY PLANTING

10am - 12 noon the second Saturday and last Sunday of each month

Email for mobile number to hello@growbatheaston.co.uk to be added to the community planting whatsapp group so we can let you know where we are going to be for each session and what we are doing. A great way to keep fit, have fun and meet new people.

BATHEASTON ALL SORTS

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.
<https://www.facebook.com/grows170815826444823>

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/

AVON RFC JUNIORS

Every Sunday
London Road
10-11.30am
Between Sept and April

Come along and enjoy mini rugby at Avon RFC. Fully qualified and experienced coaches with enhanced DBS checks. Our focus is having fun.

www.avonvalerfc.co.uk/minis-juniors

POP-UP PUB

29th December,
20th Jan & 24th Feb

A great way to meet old friends and make new ones across the village. Held in the hall on the last Friday of each month between 6-9pm. Register at villagepopuppub1@gmail.com to book tickets, and then pay on the evening. £15 will get you 3 drinks and nibbles.



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.

AERO-TONE-LATES

Every Monday 6-7pm
New Village Hall
20 mins aerobics, 20 mins toning and 20 mins Pilates.
Contact Jane on 07866604341.

WALKING FIT CLUB

Daily one hour circular walks from the best pubs and cafes in Bath, 50 different walks.
For more info contact Jane at jane_braham@hotmail.com or 07866604341.
www.walkingfitclub.com

BOXERCISE

New Village Hall
Every Tuesday
7-8pm

Batheaston Boxercise classes in the new village hall, School Lane.

Contact Sarah Tyler
sarahjanetyler@icloud.com



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Every Wednesday
10.30am-12.30pm
Rhymes Pavilion

First Wednesday of the month - Clean Slate & brunch

Second Wednesday of the month - Zhone energy

Third Wednesday PCSO's

Last Wednesday Ward Councillors
Katy Lunn WERN rep most weeks in term time

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 - OUTDOOR LEARNING

Mikes Meadow, Northend,
Batheaston, BA17EP

www.bookwhen.com/creativeroots

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



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New Village Hall

The hall has been buzzing with activity with plenty more to come!



As we whizz towards our first anniversary, BNVH keeps super busy. We've had loads of great events, with plenty more lined up. Special thanks to everyone who supported Lizzie's Soup Run Quiz Evening. This raised a whopping £1703 to help provide homeless people in Bath with essential supplies.

KEY FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- The Blood Donation Service is coming on 7th and 14th December, and again on 16th February. Pop in and Do Your Bit.
- Term time Fridays, 10.30am – noon, Roxy's Parents/Carers S.E.N. Café. This is open to anyone caring for a young person with Special Educational Needs (S.E.N.). Just come along for coffee and a friendly chat.
- Foodie Friday monthly Community Lunches. The next dates are 25th November and 9th December, starting 12.30pm. To book a place (£5 suggested donation) please contact Penny's Pantry, St John's Church or tel. 07876 035600.

- Our next Pop-Up Pub Nights are 29th December, 20th January and 24th February.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS:

If you resolving to get fit in 2023 BNVH has aerobics, boxercise and pilates all on offer.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For all our classes, choirs and other events please see www.batheastonhall.org/calendar/. And if you would like to hire space for a one-off event or series of events, then contact Ali Rogers, our bookings manager on booking@batheastonhall.org.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS:

Now that the National Lottery has awarded us a grant of £10,000 for staging and lighting improvements, we'd love to hear from any of you with theatrical expertise. When the work is complete, we will be perfectly placed for putting on concerts and staged events. And if you're interested in getting a Batheaston Am Dram group up and running again we so hope you will get in touch!



Batheaston Primary School

We strive to provide our children with the best opportunities and experiences to enhance their educational journey.

It has been a busy start to the Autumn Term this year. Pupils at Batheaston Church School had a great time dressing up in Yellow to support the UK Leading charity 'Young Minds'. With mental health and wellbeing playing such an important part of school life at Batheaston, staff and children were only too glad to route through their wardrobes and wear something yellow to show their support for this worthwhile charity. Young Minds is a UK leading charity who fights for children and young people's mental Health. With an ever-increasing number of children and young adults needing support, Batheaston Church School recognises this need within their own community and places a strong emphasis on supporting and caring for children who may be struggling. Headteacher Sally Jefferies stated "By supporting a charity which helps so many young people and children across

the country, we feel we are giving something back in the form of raising money for Young Minds so this vital work can continue"

As we settle into Term 2, we are looking forward to hosting our annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November 2-5pm. FoBs have been working hard to make this a special event and it will be a great way to start the countdown towards Christmas with all the other exciting events taking place in the community. Everyone is welcome so we look forward to seeing you there.

It is also not too late to book yourself on to one of our open events for Children starting Reception in September 2023. Our next few dates are Tuesday 29th November @ 9:30am and Monday 9th January @ 1:30pm.

Sally Jefferies Head Teacher,
Batheaston Church School



Events

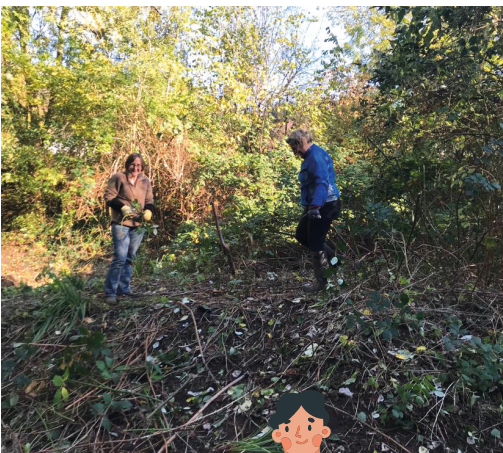
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 26th
November 2-5pm
A Festive filled fun afternoon with food stalls, raffle, santa's grotto, mini-market and a cake sale!
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OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2023
Tuesday 29th Nov
@ 9.30am
Monday 9th Jan
@ 1.30pm

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Grow Batheaston

Working together from the ground up



Reflections on the Art Trail:
We now have another highly successful event under our belts. The Art Trail Steering Committee sends a huge thank you to all the artists and designers – and amazing visitors - who joined us for this year’s event.

The sun shone kindly that October weekend and the village was packed with enthusiastic art lovers from all over Bath and beyond. As a result, both the Suffragette Café and St John’s Church Café were gratefully overwhelmed by the many visitors needing refreshments, and raised substantial amounts for the various charities they were supporting.

Grow Batheaston Pop-Up Christmas Market takes place on Saturday 3rd December 4.30pm-8.00pm, at the New Village Hall. Many of our

Art Trail artists and designers are coming back for this, and we will also be welcoming some new makers. You will be able to find many unique presents.

Why not start off with Afternoon Tea and Treats, St John’s Church, 2pm – 4pm? Then you can amble down to BNVH ready for the Market’s 4.30pm opening. The Market will have its own Christmas Café, and a raffle to include prizes given by some of the artists. Santa Claus and a few trusty elves will also be paying us a visit.

More details on the Pop-Up Christmas Market and on other events organised by Grow Batheaston can be found on their website www.growbatheaston.co.uk.



Events

FOOTBALL CLUB
Every Saturday
9-11am
Rhymes Field
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COMMUNITY PLANTING
10am-12noon the
second Saturday
and last Sunday of
each month.
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POP-UP MARKET
Sat 3rd December
BNVH 4.30 - 8pm

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BATHEASTON'S Christmas Festivities!

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2-8PM

2-4PM

CHRISTMAS TEA & TREATS

An afternoon of Music, Teas,
Coffees and cakes
At St John's Church

4.30-8PM

GB CHRISTMAS POP-UP MARKET*

Santa's Grotto, Christmas Gift
Ideas, Mulled Apple Juice &
Wine, Wreath Kits
& a Charity Raffle!
At the BNVH

6-7PM

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS FLOAT

The famous Father Christmas
parade sledges into town!
Through the High St



***POP-UP MARKET AT BATHEASTON NEW VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL LANE, BATHEASTON, BA1 7EP**

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.



Remembering Penny:
We were very sad to learn of Penny Mimmack's passing. She founded our Wednesday morning coffee sessions over 20 years ago. We named our Pantry and Café in her honour. Penny's philosophy had been simple. As a district nurse she knew that social health is essential to physical and emotional wellness. She saw the mixing of friends and family, of old and young as an absolute tonic. Penny and her team of volunteers brought so many people in our village together in a welcoming community space, where many happy memories were made:

'I used to bring my kids in here each week to meet 'the grannies'. The children just loved it, we all did. We will miss Penny'
(Local mum, coffee and cake fan).

A New Generation

A new team of volunteers is now recreating Penny's vision. The Pantry is a friendly gathering where you can enjoy sweet or savoury treats in good company and speak to trained professionals

about community, health or other practical concerns, all in the same place. So, come along whenever you can, bring a friend, a neighbour or a loved one. It's an ideal meeting point for 'home schoolers' too.

Lend A Hand

If you can cook, bake, host or drive to support our weekly café or monthly community lunches, either regularly or just occasionally, please just pop into the Pantry on a Wednesday, send us a FB message or let Katy from WERN know on 07876 035600.

Food Donations

If you wish to contribute, please donate long-life food items to St John's on Sunday mornings or the Pantry on Wednesday mornings. The following items are welcome: tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit juice, tinned fruit, veg and dessert, tinned meat and fish, tinned ready meals such as macaroni cheese, beef stew.

'Ongoing thanks to Batheaston Parish Council for continuing to support this event.'



Events

COMMUNITY LUNCHES
Friday 25th
November
and Friday 9th
December
New Village Hall.
Book via the Pantry,
St John's or Katy on
07876 035600

MONTHLY PANTRY
Brunches at the
Rhymes – 1st
Wednesday of each
month.

Batheaston Parish Council



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



The Council switch on of their Christmas lights at the pavement and the Riverside will take place at 6pm on Saturday, 26 November – Advent starts on Sunday. Batheaston Primary School have their Fair during the afternoon which concludes at 5pm. All are welcome to continue the festivities with mulled wine, cider, warm mince pies and Carols aplenty!

BPC have presented a Royal Mint Queen Elizabeth II £5 Platinum Jubilee Coin to all babies born in Batheaston this calendar year. The coins were presented to the families as a keepsake and in remembrance of this wonderful historic occasion.

For the past few years, we have made small contributions to the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens (it was £500 this year). Our Parish Warden, Rob Kendall and the Team work tirelessly in all weathers to keep our Public Rights of Way open and accessible. Recent work has been in Ramscombe Lane/Hollies Lane keeping that much utilised link to Northend. The Wardens have undertaken an autumnal working party at the Chilcombe Bottom wetland reserve with important habitat restoration work in tandem with Wessex Water – it is very impressive! Look out for Rob's monthly programme of Avon

Valley District guided Walks led by the Wardens.

The Playground Project Team held a party on 1st October, featuring face painting, a skate show, music and a BBQ, and graffiti painting. You can see the results of this last activity on the skate ramp and the walls of the garages. We also collected a lot more of your wants and ideas for the Playground and will be starting the next phase of the project soon.

The Parish Council also made a small contribution of £300 to the Art Trail held in October. As part of this there was a tremendous exhibition in the New Village Hall, entitled "A Nest of Suffragettes in Eagle House". It explained how it was that the Suffragettes visited Eagle House, with photographs from the owners, the Blathwayt Family. B&NES' Heritage Services loaned out a selection of the original plaques marking the planting of the tress in the garden of Eagle House by the Suffragettes.

BPC wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023.

For all enquiries contact the Clerk, Richard Maccabee, at clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk. See our website for more information.

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 (BYC) is a place for young people to meet, learn and plan activities together in a supportive, purpose-built environment.

What's New?

We're delighted to tell you that lots of our young residents have started coming to BYC for the first time. They have been enjoying each other's company, playing games and music and trying out some new activities. This is an exciting opportunity after lockdown for our young folk to put forward their ideas.

The Club

BYC gives a space to relax and have some fun locally. Most importantly it gives young people a chance to share time together outside school hours. BYC offers:

- Sofa Lounge area
- Sports Hall
- Tuck shop and kitchen

- Computer Corner
- Outings
- Talks/workshops
- Confidential support from staff or school nurse
- BYC can be hired for parties/events

BYC is led by two qualified youth workers, Julie Russell and Belinda Milsom, and runs drop-in evenings on Tuesday and Thursday during term time, 6.30pm – 9.00pm.

Fresh Ideas

We want to learn from our young people about what activities they would enjoy in the months ahead. So, if you are a young person reading this, or can put ideas forward on behalf of the young people you know, send these ideas to hello@batheastontimes.co.uk. We'll do our best to make interesting plans for the future.

Contact us: 01225 859324,
Batheaston Youth Club, School Lane,
Batheaston BA1 7EP.





St John's with St Catherine's

If you live in Batheaston, then this is YOUR church, and we'd like you to take advantage of that fact, and continue to support it.

This is the season to be ...What word would you fill in here? For some people this isn't the easiest - or jolliest - of seasons. For Christians, the Advent season is not so much jolly as hopeful. We are getting ready for the Christ Child, to be born on Christmas Day. Do feel free to come along to any of our events and activities, and meet our new Vicar Laurretta at the same time.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME:

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 20th

"Stir Up Sunday" 3.30pm – 5pm

Accompanied children come to the Village Hall to stir up their own mincemeat. Sunday Dec 17th 3:00pm – 5:00pm accompanied children return to bake their mince pies.

Saturday, November 26th

2:00pm – 6:00 pm

Watch for Church stall at the Batheaston School Christmas Fair. Make Christmas Crafts to take home.



CONTACT:
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BTINTERNET.COM



DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3rd 2pm – 4pm St John's Christmas Afternoon Tea and Treats.

Watch out for our Yule log fire.

Sunday, December 4th 3pm St Catherine's Worship for Advent

with special seasonal music and readings.

Saturday, December 10th 7.00pm St John's Silver Ring Choir Concert in aid of Hope and Homes for Children

Tickets £10 to include glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Buy from Keith Masdin 07443 224112 or on the door.

Sunday, December 11th 3:30pm St John's Christingle Service

Wednesday, December 14th 7:00pm St Catherine's Carol Service

Sunday, December 18th 6:30pm St John's Village Carol Service

Saturday Dec 24th 3:00 pm St John's Crib Service.

Primary age children welcome to come dressed as their favourite Nativity character
11.30pm St John's, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.00am Holy Communion St Catherine's and 10:30 am St John's

(here with special provision for young families)

WERN

Batheaston Village Agent – WERN
(West of England Rural Network)

CONTACT
katy@wern.org.uk



Worrying about the Cost of Living? Your Village Agent may be able to help...

The Cost of Living crisis is on a lot of people's minds, with increased prices in the shops and worry about energy bills. It may be that you're concerned about how your finances will stretch this winter or perhaps you're already struggling?

Lots of services are doing things to help, either providing advice or practical support. However, it can be difficult to know what's available and how to access this assistance. This is where your Village Agent can help. We've been working to find out what's on offer both in the B&NES region and more locally to Batheaston.

For example, it may be that you're entitled to extra benefits or discounts on services. Perhaps you want some advice about how you can reduce your energy usage around the home or tips about saving money and

budgeting. If things are really tricky, you may need help to access a local food bank or an emergency fund.

As your Village Agent, I can point you in the right direction and offer support to get you the help you need.

We've also been keeping track of initiatives such as the Warm Spaces scheme. These are dedicated areas in our local community that offer people a space to visit and stay warm this winter if it's too cold at home. This may be a café, community space or other venue where you can be sure of being welcomed.

Get in touch if you want to find out more about this, or how I can connect you with professional services appropriate to your situation. The service is free and confidential, and is for anyone 18 years old and over living in B&NES.

Call 01275 333700 – leave a message with your contact details, and I will get back to you.



National Trust

The National Trust is delighted to announce the creation of a 'green corridor' at Bathampton Meadows, linking the historic city centre to surrounding countryside.

Last month I (Sarah Dann) joined the team as the new Community Ranger for Bathampton Meadows. Originally from south west London, I'm just being introduced to Bath and its beautiful countryside. I'm new to the National Trust as well, having come from St Nicks nature reserve in York, where I restored an urban beck as part of the York Green Corridors. So far, I've been working with the rangers on the Bath Skyline and it's been a busy month getting to know the site and the city.

On the 23 October I joined colleagues and went along to the Sydney Gardens Gala, to keep the conversation going between us and the local community. We met many who know and love the meadows and we heard lots of ideas on what you use the meadows for, what you like about the area and what you'd like to see more of. Alongside all the chatting, we were making flower crowns which proved extremely popular! We hope to continue this engagement with some walks where you can meet me and the other rangers, learn about the meadows, and spot some of the wildlife it has to offer. The first is being planned for Friday 23 December, so keep an eye on the

website (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bath-skyline) for more details.

We're currently exploring how we can get volunteers involved at the meadows in a variety of ways – whether practical conservation, monitoring the site, or more public engagement. In the next few months, we hope to advertise the volunteer roles for anyone who might be interested. Follow us on our social channels for the latest updates. Over the winter there are a few maintenance tasks we'll be doing to keep the site accessible and safe and the entranceways clear, and hopefully less muddy! We're also planning to do some work to improve the hedgerows on the fields near Batheaston. A mixture of laying, planting, and protecting them from the sheep. And if you spot me in my red rangers fleece, be sure to stop and say hello!

**By Sarah Dann,
Community Ranger**

GET IN TOUCH
email: bathskyline@nationaltrust.org.uk



Local Volunteers Needed! Can You Help?

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

If you'd like to get involved,
please get in touch:
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