

QUARTERLY ISSUE #9



SPRING 2024 EDITION

Batheaston Times

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

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+ GROUPS
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LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION!!

- * Meadowfest 2024!
- * Batheaston Spring Fair!
- * Batheaston x Bathford Quiz Night!

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

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In this edition it's all about the wonderful community activities that are taking place across the village this Spring and the need for volunteers!

Dear Fellow Residents, after the watery deluge of the Christmas holidays, it's joyful to see snowdrops, and experience lighter evenings and the awakenings of spring. Our thoughts are with neighbours who have suffered flooding - we hope that lives can be quickly rebuilt with the support of the community.

It is so important to stress that it is only with your support that the amazing community groups showcased in The Batheaston Times can help our fellow residents. Inside this spring's edition you can read all about this great, continuing community work and about the exciting projects planned for our village.

However, all this can only be achieved if volunteers come forward to offer their time and resources.

I would especially like to bring your attention to the Parish Council's consultation on the future of the Rhymes Pavilion and adjoining land. Your views are crucial for shaping a village of which we can all continue to be very proud. The greatest communities only flourish and grow when people work together to build a brighter, fairer future for all.

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

Mike's Meadow
Saturday May 18th

Join us for a day of music, laughter, games, drinks and endless fun for all! Dance your heart out and revel in the joyous atmosphere that only Meadowfest brings. As the day's details unfold, stay tuned for more exciting announcements. Follow us on @friendsofbatheaston on social media.

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON X BATHFORD SCHOOLS QUIZ NIGHT

Batheaston
New Village Hall
Friday 15h March
7pm for a 7.30 start

Gather your brainy bunch of 6 or fly solo for an evening packed with mind-boggling questions and hilarious moments. Whether you're a trivia titan or a quiz newbie, we've got a spot just for you!

FREE ENTRY (MARCH ONLY)

YOUTH CLUB

Tue & Thu, 6.30-9pm
School Lane, Batheaston
for 11-18 year olds

Young people can meet their friends in a safe and friendly environment, by just chilling or joining in with activities. Youth workers engage young people in many different activities and workshops. 07905 905970
Free sessions during March 2024 bring a friend.

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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AVONVALE 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

Fridays 22nd March and 26th April 6-9pm
6pm - 9pm

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.



NEW EVENT!

FOODIE FRIDAYS

Batheaston Village Hall
Fri 15th March, Fri 19th April & Fri 17th May

£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 Katy on katy@wern.org.uk

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON SPRING FAIR

Batheaston Youth Club
Saturday 23rd March
12-4pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to support our spring fundraiser for our local rescue crew. There will be a Youth Club Café, Raffle, Easter gifts, Cake stall, Books, Toys and much more. Cafe proceeds are going towards the youth club.

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/

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.

BATHEASTON GARDEN GROUP

Bathford Parish Hall
7.30 pm Wed 13th March

Head gardener Stephen Herrington will talk on "The Development of the Gardens at The Newt in Somerset". All welcome, non-members £5. April event: Visit to Kemble House garden near Cirencester. Please visit www.batheastongardengroup.co.uk for more details.

WALKING FOOTBALL

Batheaston School in March 6-7pm
moving back out to the Rhymes field from April 5.30-6.30pm

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



UPDATE SOON

GB FOOTBALL CLUB

Rhymes football pitch

Following our break over the winter we've been busy behind the scenes working on a bigger and better football club for the kids and aiming to re-launch this Spring.

Stay tuned for updates.

growbatheaston.co.uk/gbfc

COMMUNITY CEILIDH AND CURRY

Batheaston Village Hall
Sat 16th March 6.30-10pm

Intergenerational and alcohol free evening of music, dance, food, conversations and solidarity. Open to all bodies of culture, gender, sexual orientation and abilities. Children & young people of all ages are welcome. www.jamiecolston.com/community-dancing

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



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

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

HAVE AN EVENT IDEA?
hello@batheaston-times.co.uk

CREATIVE ROOTS -

Mikes Meadow, Northend, Batheaston, BA1 7EP
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



Do you recognise these local trees?
The Black Mulberry propped up in the Secret Garden is about 140 years old and produces delicious fruit in August. Hugh Williamson, of Bath Urban Treescape, showed it in his talk Trees in Bath. Hugh's talk inspired two Grow Batheastoners to start making a Tree Trail for our village.

Do you have a favourite tree/group of trees in the Batheaston area? Let us know. They don't need to be big or old. But to be considered for our Trail *they must be interesting *in a public space or *visible from a footpath. Interested? Do contact GB and ask to join the Tree Trailers WhatsApp group.

Seed/Plant Swaps: 10am - 12 pm Saturdays, 23rd March, 20th April and 11th May, Riverside Car Park. Do you have bulging seed boxes? Don't worry! Bring something to swap, or make a small donation for seeds or plants.

Forest Garden. Do look out for work party dates and join in. Use the WhatsApp group to get in touch. Or join the thriving Growers WhatsApp group to share information/plants/seedlings.

Children's Football – We've been working behind the scenes and looking to re-launch in the Spring, stay tuned for updates.

Walking Football – Wednesdays from the end of March, 5.30 and 6.30pm, Rhymes Pavilion Field. Contact Richard Turner 07793 270762 for further details.

Friday 7th June, Celebrate the return of Beavers to our River. In Batheaston New Village Hall we will be having beaver themed talks, films and information from, amongst others, beaver writer Bevis Watts, and Emma Fennell Hodson of Avon Wildlife Trust.

Looking Ahead, book in your diary the 4th Annual Batheaston Art Trail, Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th October.

New Trustees. We are pleased to confirm that Bill Martin, Peter Lewis and Sarah Dann have all joined the trustee group. But we could always benefit from more volunteer help and/or expertise. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee or helping in other ways, please do get in touch.

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Batheaston Church School

Living life in all its fullness

We recently celebrated National Storytelling Week! On the Monday children came into school proudly holding their homemade story spoons. Each spoon had been transformed into a character from a favourite book. The children had been given two weeks to create these characters at home, and we were so pleased with the results – and that so many of them had “given it a go”. And many thanks should go to our incredible parents' association (FOBS) for funding all those spoons.

Each age group and class used their story spoons in different ways. We were taken aback by the degree of creativity that was shown. In Elm Class children wrote postcards to parents and carers, acknowledging all the work put in at home to make the week a success. And younger children used Circle Time to share their favourite character's name, and the book from which the character came.

Robert Starling, a local author and illustrator, came as our special guest. He is best known for his books Fergal Is Fuming and The

Bookshop Mouse. Robert worked with all year groups. Key Stage 1 children much enjoyed his puppet-filled storytelling. Older children got to hear about how Robert became a published author and illustrator. And he gave them a writing workshop, wowing them with his character illustration. We'd all like to say a big thank-you to Robert for inspiring us to love stories even more than we did before.

Wednesday was our Bedtime Story Night. All our Children were invited to come back into school for 5.30pm. The atmosphere was amazing as they skipped excitedly skipping back in, dressed in their favourite pyjamas and cuddling their adored teddies. First the children listened to stories in their own class. Then they were free to join other classes in their Key Stage, and to hear stories told by someone new, in a different setting. FOBS very kindly provided refreshments, with milk or squash and cookies bringing the evening to a close.

All in all, it was a wonderful week. So, thank-you to everyone who got involved and allowed us to celebrate the magic of storytelling.

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 BA17EP.



MARCH MADNESS

AT
BATHEASTON YOUTH CLUB

FREE YOUTH CLUB
11-18 YEAR OLDS WELCOME

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS (MARCH ONLY)
6.30PM - 9.00PM

SNACKS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE CLUB TUCK SHOP



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TABLE OF 6
£30
INDIVIDUAL
£5

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

7PM FOR A 7:30PM START
BATHEASTON NEW
VILLAGE HALL



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TABLE OF 6 - £30

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS - £5
(YOU WILL BE PUT WITH OTHERS TO
FORM A TABLE OF 6)



FoBS

We have two big events coming up this Spring, the ultimate Batheaston X Bathford School Quiz night and Meadowfest 2024!

Friday 15th March is booked for our ultimate Batheaston x Bathford Schools Quiz Night Extravaganza! Kick Off is at 7pm in Batheaston New Village Hall.

Book in your brainy bunch team of six - or fly solo - for an evening packed with mind-boggling questions and hilarious moments. If you dare go solo, we will put you with others to make up a table of six. Whether you're a trivia titan or a quiz newbie, we've got a spot just for you!

Hungry? Thirsty? No problem! Pre-order food and drinks to keep up your energy levels, to let you win through in each round. Plus, there will be a bar serving up liquid courage for tough questions!

Booking is a breeze! Simply scan the QR code or follow the link to reserve your tickets before they vanish faster than the answers to our toughest riddles. Don't miss out on the fun - see you there!

Saturday May 18th, Meadowfest is back! Save the date and prepare to soak up the sunshine. Join us in Mikes Meadow for a day of music, laughter, games, drinks and endless fun for all!

Dance your heart out and revel in the joyous atmosphere that only Meadowfest brings. As the day's details unfold, stay tuned for more exciting announcements. Follow us on @friendsofbatheaston on social media.

Whether you're a music enthusiast, a lover of games or are simply looking for a day of pure enjoyment, Meadowfest promises something for you. So, gather your friends, bring your good vibes, and together let's create unforgettable memories.

Stay tuned for more updates as we count down the days to Meadowfest 2024 - the ultimate celebration of music, fun, and sunshine!

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.



There are lots of ways to keep in touch regularly around the village. Transport can often be arranged so please help friends and relatives get along to our community events village-wide.

Wednesday Cafe

Rhymes Pavilion
10.30am-12.00pm
Open all Year Round
Just pop in for tea, coffee and cake
*All ages welcome.

Foodie Friday Village Lunches

Village Lunch - 3rd Friday of the month
Batheaston New Village Hall
Upcoming dates:

- Friday 15th March,
- Friday 19th April,
- Friday 17th May 2024

Arrival: 12.30 for 1.00pm

*Book early to avoid disappointment

Rhymes Pavilion Repairs

If you can offer your skills to help update this facility, please contact Rob Mimmack on 07552774818. Trades volunteers especially welcome.

Food Support

If you or anyone you know are facing challenging circumstances for any reason please get in touch with katy@wern.org.uk or bernina@uwclub.net for further support whilst we seek to find longer term provisions locally.

Volunteers Needed

If you like the idea of supporting our social events, please come and join the team. We need help with admin, shopping, cooking, social media and more.

Thanks to our Supporters

Spar Batheaston, Chris Rich Farm Shop, Batheaston Convenience Store, Morrisons, Batheaston Pop Up Pub Crew, Larkhall Butchers, Batheaston New Village Hall, Batheaston Parish Council.

Get in touch

For transport, bookings and general enquiries contact:

*Sarah via bernina@uwclub.net
or Katy@wern.org.uk*

or pop in to see the Penny's Cafe team at the Rhymes on Wednesday mornings.

Batheaston Spring Fair

Batheaston Youth Club

12-4pm

Saturday 23 March 2024

School Lane
BA1 7EP

Local Crafts
Raffle

Books, Toys

Jams, Plants & Chutneys

Knitted Novelty Items

Easter Gifts

Cake Stall

Jewellery & More

Youth Club Cafe
Light Lunches
Afternoon Tea/Cake
Easter Buns
Snacks, Smoothies
and more

Enquiries

Please contact Tina Lewis or Julie Fletcher on Facebook for details.
Raffle contributions always welcome

Everyone is welcome to come along to support our
Spring Fundraiser for Our Local Rescue Crew

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Cafe proceeds will be donated to
Batheaston Youth Club

Batheaston Parish Council



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



Your Parish Council has ambitious plans and is looking for help from across the community. We'd love to hear from you if you have time to become a Councillor and oversee village matters, making sure we're delivering what the community wants and needs.

Could you help in other ways to get things done, by fundraising, getting grants, developing plans, selecting contractors, or by rolling up your sleeves? The projects we have in our sights for 2024 are:

- **The Rhymes Pavilion** – to ensure it meets the needs of the next generation and beyond.
- **The Playground** – to follow the replacement of the under-5's equipment with a similar project for the next age group up.
- **The Riverside Car Park** – we have outline plans to improve its usage, making it safer and enabling it to serve a wider range of needs.
- For the future – with an upgrade, **the all-weather court** could be a great asset for the village. With a similar upgrade, so could the football pitch.

We are planning a Celebration on Sunday 9th June! This follows two successful parties, the first for the late Queen's Jubilee and the second for the King's Coronation. We'd love to have help planning this party, or indeed on the day.

Could you help us with our day-to-day care of the village? It's this care that makes the village such a great place to live.

- **We are keen to hear from people** who could help assess and comment on local Planning Applications.
- **Could you volunteer** on our Highways and Transport group? Work includes setting up Community Speed Watch Groups to tackle some of the village's speeding hotspots.

Last – but by no means least – we aim to improve the way we communicate with the everyone in the community, to reach a wider range of people. This is so that you know what we do, and what decisions we take – and so that we know what your priorities are.

- We are looking for people to **help with our communications**, especially those with expertise in digital marketing & social media.



B&NES consultation on London Road crossing

Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES) is seeking views on changes to the crossing in the High Street and has provided the following information:

The existing signalised crossings in High Street (near The Batch) and London Road East (near Fiveways) have reached the end of their serviceable life. Much of the equipment is now obsolete and it is no longer possible to keep them maintained in working order.

When signalised crossings have reached the end of their life, we look at whether the equipment should be replaced on a like for like basis or if a different type of crossing would better serve local needs. We must be mindful of what is the most cost-effective way of providing a safe crossing. Signalised crossings generally cost twice as much as a Zebra crossing to install and maintain.

Both crossings were installed before the bypass was open to traffic, when the road carried heavier volumes of traffic than today.

B&NES engineers have observed the usage of these crossings and in both locations, due to the general low volume of traffic, most people do not push the button before crossing.

Based on the speed and volume of traffic and number of people crossing, we should replace both with Zebra crossings. However, due to the brow of the hill and the slight bend in the road in High Street, which can restrict visibility, we will retain this as a signalised crossing.

We are proposing to replace the signalised crossing in London Road East with a Zebra crossing. Unlike a signalised crossing, it always gives priority to pedestrians over vehicles. This means there is less time waiting to cross. Zebra crossings also require less equipment, which would de-clutter the street scene here.

Please visit the Parish Council website for more information. If you wish to comment on the proposal, please email batheaston_crossings@bathnes.gov.uk or write to B&NES by 22 March 2024.



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

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.

With spring on the horizon, let me introduce our wonderful **Bathampton Meadows Volunteers** who regularly engage with our visitors, and help with our conservation and survey work. We now have 25 on the books – without their help we wouldn't have made anything like the progress we have. If whilst out and about you see them in their red tops, do stop and thank them for the incredible work they do. Here's a little more about their various roles.

Walk & Talk Volunteers are our eyes and ears on the ground, letting us know if something needs fixing or requires attention. They chat informally with visitors, noting reactions to the Meadows project. Their surveys give us a picture of who is currently visiting our site and tell us the reasons why they come. There have been some surprising findings! So, if you see our volunteers out and about, feel free to stop them and have a chat.

Conservation Volunteers form weekly working parties. Recently they have been restoring hedgerows in the eastern field. Hedge laying is not only enjoyable, but is also the traditional form of hedgerow management, prolonging a hedge's life and health for years to come.

Over the year Volunteers take photos from fixed points to track seasonal changes. In a few years' time this will give us an interesting record of our progress with habitat restoration. Last year they also worked very hard over many weeks removing old infrastructure and fencing from the site. Now most of the old fencing and barbed wire have gone, leaving the site looking much more natural.

Butterfly Volunteers survey butterfly movements weekly through the spring and summer. Last year they provided 28 surveys, and we are looking to increase this total in 2024. The surveys show large and small whites and meadow browns - what we'd expect at present. Hopefully in time ranges and numbers of butterflies will increase.

If you're interested in volunteering at Bathampton Meadows, please register your interest via our volunteering website or stop me if you see me in the Meadows.

Sarah Dann,
Community Warden



Batheaston Brownies

It's so rewarding to see the girls growing in confidence, and with encouragement trying out all kinds of new things.

The Batheaston Brownies have been in existence for approximately forty years, though people who've been in the village longer may say different. It's part of GirlGuiding UK and is for girls aged between 7 – 10 years. We meet on Tuesdays 5.45-7.15pm for all sorts of fun activities. We've done Blindfolded Food Tasting, Hide & Seek in the Dark, we've visited Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, been by train to Weston-Super-Mare, met guide dog puppies in training, celebrated Chinese New Year, had sleepovers and joined with other Brownies for yet more events....

Each term, we have a Powwow when the girls tell us what they want to do, and Marie and I do our best to make this all happen. The girls can also work towards Interest Badges at home. Memorable ones include the Wizard of Oz Badge, where we made ruby slippers; we could still see the red glitter stuck in the Methodist Hall's floorboards months later. We also entered for the Baby Shark Badge when Vanessa the Dentist came and talked to us.

If your daughter would like to join us on a Tuesday evening, please register her at www.girlguiding.org.uk. Click on Register a Child. You'll be asked which group you want to join - we are the 17th Bath (Batheaston) Brownies. Do be aware that we are currently full, with a waiting list of approximately 10 -12 months. This is due to the adult to child ratios set by GirlGuiding UK.

Why not volunteer with us (and shrink the waiting list)? If you're a female over 18 and would like to volunteer with us every Tuesday teatime during term time, please go to the same website and click on Become a Volunteer. You'll be asked to undertake some Safe Space Training and have a DBS clearance check. When these are done, you're good to go. And then we'll be able to welcome more girls, starting them off on their Guiding adventure. There's never a dull moment with the Brownies! And it's so rewarding to see the girls growing in confidence, and with encouragement trying out all kinds of new things.

New Village Hall

Your community space

Batheaston Village Hall is your **community space**, available for private events such as wedding receptions, life celebrations, baby showers and children's parties - and for commercial bookings including exercise classes, singing, art and much more.

What else would you like to see happening?

We're looking into film screening and ping pong, but we need to know if these activities would be welcomed. Do let us know.

Latest updates

Fundraising has now enabled a mezzanine level to be added in half our storage corridor. We have new curtains in the main hall and soundproofing in the activity room. And thanks to Catherine McCarthy we have secured a new outdoor defibrillator for the village through the British Heart Foundation.

Other public events Mar - May

Book Club - first Tuesday of Every Month
7-8.15pm juliaj@hotmail.com

Community lunches - monthly Fridays 15th March, 19th April and 17th May. from 12.30pm
Katy@wern.co.uk

Pop-up Pub nights (raising money for improvements and additions to the hall) Friday 22nd March & Friday 26th April 6-9pm.
See villagepoppub1@gmail.com

Cosy Craft Club - Tuesday 12th March (Gel Plate Printing) and 15th April (Metal Embossing) 7-9pm
www.cosycraft.club/workshops

Community Ceilidh and curry - the whole family welcome - Saturday 16th March 6.30-10pm
www.jamiecolston.com/community-dancing

Argentine Tango Dance Workshop - Saturday 9th March from 6pm www.leszestango.uk/classes/

Systemic Constellation Workshop - Wednesday 1st May 10.30am-3.30pm www.jamiecolston.com/systemic-constellations

Linocut printing workshop - Saturday 13th April 9.30am - 12.30pm robgrieveart@yahoo.com

Hot Flush Disco - Saturday 6th April 12-7pm
paulasmithbath@yahoo.co.uk

Please follow us on facebook and instagram for regular updates

Ali Rogers, Bookings Manager

Email: booking@batheastonhall.org

Tel: 07968 697451

Class Schedule

For more info email:
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Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
9.30-10.15am (toddlers) & 10.40-11.20am (babies) Tiny Minds	9.30-11am Toddlers	9.30-10.15am Zumba with Jess	9.30-10.45am & 11.15am-12.30pm Curious Child (Taking a break 19th Oct-9th Nov)	9.30-10.30 Singing Tree (with singing mamas once a month until 12.30pm)
9.45 - 11.45am & 2.15-4.15pm History of Art Lectures (Classes fully booked)	9.30am-12.30pm Watercolour Art with Rachel	10.15-11.15am Yoga with Clare (class fully booked)	10-11am Pilates with Wendy	10.30am-12.30pm SEN Cafe
6-7pm Aero-tone-tilates with Jane	9.30-10.30am Pilates with Wendy	6.25 - 7.10pm Pilates with Gaby	12noon-1pm Yoga with Sophie	From 12.30pm Community Lunches (once a month)
7.30-8.45pm Solsbury Sings with Cathy	6.30-9.30pm Cosy Craft Club (once a month)	7.15-9.15pm Bath Show Choir	6.15-7.15pm Yoga with Amelia	
	7-8.15pm Book Club (once a month)	7.30-8.30pm Pilates with Gaby	from 7.30pm Ceroc Dancing	
	7.30-9pm Drama Group			



St John's with St Catherine's

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

Dear Friends, I wonder if you enjoyed **pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?** Did this help mark the beginning of **Lent on Ash Wednesday?** Over the years Christians have chosen to focus on prayer, fasting and acts of service during Lent to identify more closely with Christ and his forty days in the wilderness. Whether you choose to pray more deliberately, set aside some money for charity, or give up a treat like chocolate, Lent is certainly a good opportunity to see how change can bring a fuller life.

Between now and Easter we are holding a series of **Midweek Lent Lunches with invited speakers**. Each of the speakers has been chosen to help open our eyes to more of the fullness of life that Jesus promised. I am delighted with the prospect of each and every one of them. I hope you'll be similarly interested and come along. Everyone is welcome.

We meet each week at 12 noon. Please bring your own picnic lunch. We will be serving you warming cups of tea and coffee. The talks begin at 12:30pm.

Because we are a benefice (for us, this means three congregations pledged to work together), the lunches will sometimes be in Batheaston and sometimes in Bathford. To keep us all on our toes they are on different days of the week!

- Thursday 29th February, at St Swithun's:** *Eco Living* with Ian MacKay
- Wed 6 March at St Swithun's:** International Action – *Mary's Meals*
- Wed 13 March at St John's:** Local Green Living – *Share & Repair Shop*
- Wed 20 March at St John's:** Wellbeing + Good Living – *Bath City Farm*
- Wed 27 March at St Swithun's:** Rural Action! – *Jamie's Farm*

See you there! Lauretta

- Find our **new website** batheastonbathford.church for details of all our forthcoming services and other events.
- Watch out for a new initiative, our **J.A.M.** (Jesus and Me) monthly children's service on a Sunday afternoon.





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.

**VOLUNTEERS
FOR CLUBS
& GROUPS
NEEDED!**



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



Batheaston Medical Centre

We try to be as accessible as possible to our patients and strive to provide the best quality of care from both from our clinical team and our administration team.

Hi, my name is Julie Higginson, and I am the Practice Manager at Batheaston Medical Centre. I now live in Fairfield Park, but I was resident in Batheaston for over ten years. My children attended Batheaston Primary School as, in their day, did my mother and grandfather. I became Practice Manager in April last year, but I've worked at Batheaston Medical Centre for over thirty two years. Over that time, I've had various roles as receptionist, secretary, office manager and operations manager. There have been a great many changes since I started in 1991, and the volume of work seems to increase yearly.



We have a Patient Participation Group at the Practice. We meet three times a year to discuss any changes or challenges, and to receive valuable feedback from our patients. Any of our patients wishing to join the group or to discuss issues of concern can contact me: Julie.higginson1@nhs.net.



WERN



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



Volunteering offers a great opportunity to make a difference in your community. Not only is it a way of “giving something back”, volunteering also offers a way to socialise and meet new friends. And it can increase your chances of finding paid employment.

Volunteering can teach you new skills. Many volunteering opportunities offer training, and some even offer formal training with a qualification. It can also provide valuable references. Volunteering comes in many forms, and there are many opportunities available for both younger and retired people.

Whether you just have a few hours a month to spare or would like to commit to more, I can help you find opportunities either locally within Batheaston or in the wider area. Here are a few of the current opportunities available in the Bath area:

- **Cooking at the *Monthly Village Community Lunch***
- **Volunteer driver with *Bath Community Transport***
- **Volunteer mentor for young people at *Mentoring Plus***
- **Volunteer at *Tutor Action Tutoring***
- **Volunteer Befriender with *Age UK* and with various other organisations**
- **Practical Conservation volunteer with *Bathscape***
- **Pantry Volunteer at *Oasis Hub Bath***

If you would like to find out about more local opportunities visit the website www.vccconnectsystem.ork.uk. Or give me a call on 07876 035600 and I can help you with your search.



FOODIE FRIDAYS

Batheaston Village Lunch Dates 2024

Fri 15 March

Fri 19 April
Fri 17 May
Fri 21 June

Fri 19 July
Fri 16 August
Fri 20 September

Fri 18 October
Fri 15 November
Fri 13th December

Minimum donation: £5.00pp incl.

**Welcome Drink
Main Course & Dessert
Coffee/Tea**

**** Numbers are limited, 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**



We need your help!

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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