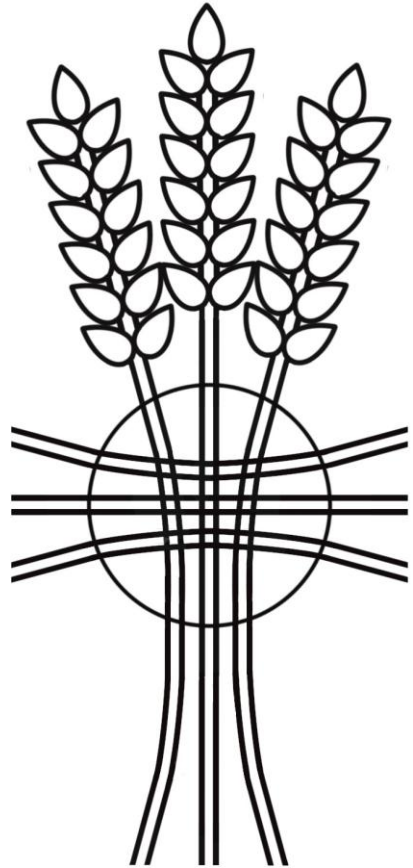
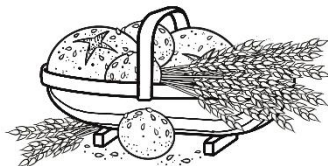


Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon
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Church & Village News



September



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Hospital visits - If you need a visit in hospital or know someone who has been taken in who would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy.

Home Communion If you know someone who is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Communion, please contact Bill Bracher on 01980 630173 and he will make arrangements for this to happen.

Please contact a member of the clergy to discuss Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation, the Blessing of your home, Service of Prayer and Dedication, Renewal of Wedding Vows. To visit in hospital, and the dying at home or in hospital. The clergy are here to help and serve, with our Lay Pastoral Assistants

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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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The Clergy Letter

The search for the true identity of Dr Up-to-no-good by questioning suspects in the 'Analysis Chamber' (better known as gunge tank); it could only be our annual summer Holiday Club at St John the Baptist Church in Pewsey.

It has been another fun packed four mornings with over 50 primary school children enthusiastically engaging with the usual mix of crafts, games, songs, team challenges, Bible stories and more.

Our theme this year has been Mega Makers. Centre stage in the workshop is the 'Mega Machine', which has been designed and built by our presenters Boffin and Brainwave. The machine has the ability (when working!) to significantly enlarge anything that is placed inside it. The concept of things getting bigger and bigger parallels the main idea that the more we discover about God in his Son Jesus, the vaster is love for us is revealed to be.

The unscrupulous actions of the unknown Dr Up-to-no-good in sabotaging the 'Mega Machine' added to the intrigue and excitement through the week. On the last day she was finally unveiled as she openly confessed her wrongdoing. There was a sense of glee as she was unceremoniously gunged in the 'Analysis Chamber'.

Then a moment of real challenge came as she asked Boffin and Brainwave to forgive her. How should they respond and what would the children advise them to do? It took us right back to the heart of the stories of Jesus we had been wondering about from the 'Maker's Manual' – the Bible.

By his crucifixion and resurrection Jesus demonstrated that God's love for us is stronger than death. His forgiveness knows no bounds; as does his invitation to every single one of us to follow him. How can we even begin to comprehend such love?

*"I pray that you may have the power to understand
how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"*

(based on Ephesians 3v17-18)

Rev Mark Windsor

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

7 September (Trinity 12)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

14 September (Trinity 13)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Evensong

21 September (Trinity 14)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Harvest Festival

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Parish Communion

28 September (Trinity 15)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Parish Communion

From The Registers

Funerals

James Peel-Cross Funeral on 20th June at St John the Baptist, Pewsey

David Edwards Funeral on 23rd July at Holy Trinity, Oare

Gordon Flippance Funeral on 26th July at Holy Trinity, Oare

Kathleen Marbaix Funeral on 28th July at Kingsdown Crematorium

Sheila Hunter Funeral on 31st July at St Mary Magdalene, Woodborough

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

LATEST UPDATES AND EVENTS

Greetings from the St. Timothy Foundation!

Prayers for Peace in South Sudan

We continue to pray for peace as tensions persist in the region. Much work is being done by Archbishop Samuel to reestablish the Peace Agreement made in 2018. Please pray for him to be successful in his efforts.

Other news from Nzara

Our contact in Nzara who keeps us up to date regarding the students at the schools we support has been made a Bishop! Congratulations to him as he leads the newly created diocese of Nadiangerie. Please pray for Emmanuel as he waits for tensions in the area to diffuse so that he can take up his new post. In the meantime he will be working with Archbishop Samuel in Yambio. Our new contact in Nzara will be Reverend Abel Titus. We look forward to working with him and receiving regular news and updates from the schools and Microfinance projects in Nzara and Yambio.

Event Dates for your diary this Autumn and Winter

Skittles Evening – 10th October: Tickets are available at £12 per person and include a Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans supper. They can be bought on-line at www.sttimothy.org.uk and at 'Around the World'. Guests are invited for 7pm. If you encounter any issues buying a ticket or want to learn more about the event, please contact Mike on 01672 564024. We look forward to seeing you!

Burbage Christmas Tree Sale and Craft Fayre 6th and 7th December at Burbage Church

St Timothy's will have a stand at the Fayre. Do come and visit us. We will be selling Marmalade and Honey, Jams and Christmas gifts. We would love to see you!

Christmas Wreath Making – 9th December 9.30am at The Tennis Club in Pewsey

After last year's successful wreath making event Sally and Trevor Brown have kindly said they will run another one this year for us. Tickets remain at £40 per head and include coffee/tea during the morning. The event concludes with a relaxing lunch. Ten tickets are available so please reserve your ticket soon to guarantee a place!

Burns' Night – 31 st January 2026 at the Bouverie Hall in Pewsey

Advance notice for Burns' Night – a bigger venue for our celebrations with plenty of room to dance!

All good wishes, Ann

The St Timothy Foundation

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Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

We have a most comfortable hall with under-floor heating, a large fitted kitchen, off-street parking and Wi-fi.

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For all enquiries and bookings regarding the hall please contact us on:

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com

Phone: 07407 216763

Website: www.rushallcharltonvh.org.uk or

Facebook: [Rushall & Charlton Village Hall](#)

Upavon Photographic Competition 2006-2025

This competition was started by talented amateur photographer John Templeton in the early 2000s. On his death I was asked to take it over and we have been running it annually ever since.

Of late very few villagers have taken part and most entries have come from our friends in Pewsey Vale u3a, so the time has come for a change. Plans are on the table for an exhibition of photographs and artworks next year. Stand by!

Very many thanks go to everyone who has supported the competition over the years, and most especially to Ian Leonard who has had the hard task of judging it. Keep clicking, keep painting, see you next year.

Joanna

St Mary's Church Upavon

Summer Fair 2025

The annual Summer Fair was held on Saturday July 19th

After a series of troubling weather forecasts over the previous few days the weather was fine and sunny, with pleasant breezes, warm enough for brisk sales of ice cream, but not uncomfortably hot.

There was a good attendance by village residents and several from further afield. As always the Fun Dog Show was a great attraction and much fun was had – Many thanks to Danella and her team.

There was a good variety of stalls, some run by the Church Social Committee, these included, tombola, cakes, a raffle, pre-loved, items, a busy bar, teas and refreshments, toys and the ever popular duck race on the river. In addition there were many 'commercial' stalls offering a wide variety of goods, including honey, preserves and cards, candles, cosmetics and fancy goods, plants, a burger and pizza stall and the welcome ice cream vendor.

The Summer Fair helps to raise funds for maintaining the fabric of the church and contributing to St Mary's Church payment of the Parish Share. However, just as important is the opportunity for village residents and others to get together and enjoy the day – and there was much evidence of enjoyment.

Music was provided by a village resident – Thank you JC

Thanks to all who contributed to make the day a success; Planning the event, loaning equipment, helping with setting up marquees, gazebos and stalls (and taking everything down at the end of the day) and assisting with sales on the various stalls. Not forgetting our valued treasurer, Donal , who spends much time in 'The Counting House' following the event.

Date for your diary. Christmas Fair: Sunday December 7th Father Christmas will be visiting.

Jan Coker, Church Social Committee member

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: UPAVON VILLAGE HALL
Date: FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Time: 10.00 AM --> 12.00 PM
Contact: 07800992994



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



SATURDAY 18th October 2025



Come along to this fun packed evening of light hearted quizzing.



Have up to 6 people in a team

For tickets contact Paula Baker on
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bakerhousehold2@btinternet.com

All proceeds to Hilcott Village Hall /
Barnard Meadow
& St James's Church

Ploughman's
Supper

Bring your own
bottle

£10.00 per person

7.00pm – 10.30pm
(Doors open at 6.30pm)

Rushall Village Hall
SN9 6EN

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and have fun!**

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**We are always looking for new people to join our committee.
If you feel you could help please contact us!**

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

(Licensed by Wiltshire Council for the Vale of Pewsey Team of Churches)

Our July 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 27th July at 6pm.
Congratulations to the lucky winners:-

£100	C. O'Neill (Charlton) No.9
£50	J. Bottomley (Leics.) No.84
£50	J. Dixon (Charlton) No.6
£25	R. Carson (Rushall) No.34
£25	T. Watchman (Marlborough) No.66

Our August 100 Club Draw will take place after our service on Sunday 24th
August at 6pm and published in the next edition of the magazine.

We still have a few numbers available, so if you are interested in purchasing
number for £5 a month, please contact Alma Fowle 07503 998979.

A Date for your Diary!

The Charlton Chats are back!

Tuesday 7th October at 7pm at Charlton St Peter's Church.

David Waters founder of the Great Bustard Group will be giving a talk on these fascinating birds reintroduced into our local area.

£5 payable on the door to include a glass of wine.

Everyone welcome!

Antelope Inn Quiz Night

We run a monthly quiz evening **every 1st Sunday of each month from 1800 hrs.** A professional quiz master will conduct the important business! Book your teams by calling 01980 630025 or pop into the pub.

Next quiz Sunday September 7th

Upavon Parish Council meeting dates

Dates of future meetings all at 7pm, Upavon Village Hall

- Wednesday 17th September 2025
- Wednesday 19th November 2025

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



“Pests and Diseases Live”

with **Ray Broughton** – bring a
sample to be identified

Tuesday 9th September 2025

Bring and buy plant stall, Raffle
Tea and coffee

7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall
Entrance £5. Everyone Welcome!

Contact steve.stringer@outlook.fr Tel 07899 758222



THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

Registered Charity No: 1153790

Gifts galore at fundraising sale for Wiltshire Bobby Van

THE popular Devizes Autumn Fair, which has been running for more than 20 years, will once again be featuring unique gifts, clothes and crafts to raise funds for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust at The Corn Exchange in Devizes from 10am to 4.30pm on October 3.

The fair will feature dozens of stalls from craftsmen and women and producers from across the South West. There will also be refreshments available at the event's pop-up café.

Tickets are £5 per person but anyone booking online in advance can get two for the price of one. Tickets are available at devizesautumnfair.co.uk.

The charity operates two vans, both staffed by former police officers, which visit homes across Wiltshire and Swindon to offer free practical home security measures, fire safety assessments and online safety guidance for people over 60 or over 18 with a registered disability

It works in partnership with Wiltshire Police and other organisations including Victim Support, Age UK, housing associations and Wiltshire Council's trading standards department to identify people who need help and reassurance.

Director Jennie Shaw said: "This will be a wonderful chance to get started on the Christmas shopping, with so many stalls featuring some unique hand-crafted gifts from local producers – and help us to continue keeping older and vulnerable people safe in their homes."



The Arts Society Pewsey Vale September Lecture

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will begin its autumn lecture series on Tuesday 2nd September in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, with a lecture entitled "**Dismantling the Devil's Acre - Slums that shamed Victorian London**". This will be a treat for fans of social history.

Charlie Forman, a London walking tour guide and lecturer, will talk about the struggles to clear Victorian London of its most notorious slums like the Devil's Acre. We will learn about how the slums came about, who lived there and why. The Devil's Acre, sitting on land mostly owned by Westminster Abbey, was eventually demolished and rebuilt in the 1880's and that housing still stands today.

For more information on this lecture and all our lectures, please visit our website <https://taspv.org.uk>

Doors open at 2.00pm for refreshments and conversation and the lecture begins at 2.30pm. Visitors are very welcome - £7 on the door, payable by card or cash.

We hope you can join us.

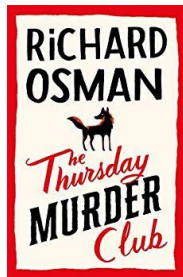
Enford Film Club Tuesday 23 September 2025

Enford Village Hall, Longstreet SN9 6DD

'THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB'

Based on the first best selling novel by Richard Osman this is a 'whodunit' with teeth – false ones, of course!! Retirement homes are supposed to be for, well, retirement. But rest, relaxation and bridge tournaments are not on the cards for one group of retirees which sets about solving cold case murders. The film stars Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan, Ben Kingsley and Celia Imrie which promises a very entertaining evening with the Film Club.

We will be streaming the film as it worked so well for the film 'Lee Miller' in June.



Come along and enjoy gathering at the bar beforehand!

Doors open at 6.30 for 7.15 pm start

Tickets £8 – Cash or Credit Card – to include a glass of wine and canapes

NB It would help if you could let us know if you are coming, so we have an idea of numbers for seating and catering!

The new remote control screen has been installed. Fund raising has started for replacement projector, dvd player, speakers and amplifier.

NB Please let us have any suggestions for future films

For further information and bookings, please contact:

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine: enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com Tel 01980 670501

Theresa Horsey: etphorsey@gmail.com Mobile 07775 673110

Forthcoming Events at the Bouverie Hall

Tuesday 2nd September

- The Arts Society - monthly lecture

Friday 12th September

- PVADS - Variety Performance

Saturday 13th September

- Tina Turner Tribute Night

Sunday 14th September

- Carnival - Feast Tea

Tuesday 16th September

- Carnival - Race Night

Thursday 18th September

- Carnival - Wheelbarrow Sign up

Sunday 21st September

- Carnival - Closing Ceremony

Tuesday 23rd September

- Carnival – Quiz

Tuesday 7th October

- The Arts Society - monthly lecture

Thursday 9th October

- Moviola - Black Bag

Saturday 11th October

- Alan Benson - Exhibition and Sale

Saturday 11th October Carnival

- Barn Dance

Saturday 18th October

- Comedy Night

For further details please see our
website: <https://bouveriehall.co.uk>

Martinsell Hill and the Giant's Grave.

Nestled in the rolling countryside of Wiltshire, England, Martinsell Hill rises as a prominent natural landmark, offering sweeping views across the Vale of Pewsey and the surrounding landscape. Standing at 289 metres (948 feet), it is the third-highest point in Wiltshire and is home to an ancient Iron Age hillfort and a mysterious feature known as the Giant's Grave. This combination of natural beauty, archaeological interest, and folklore makes Martinsell Hill a captivating site for walkers, historians, and storytellers alike.

The Martinsell Hillfort, which crowns the summit, dates back to the Iron Age (approximately 700 BC to AD 43). It is a univallate fort, meaning it has a single line of earthwork ramparts and ditches. While not as heavily fortified as other hillforts in southern Britain, Martinsell's defensive structures still follow the natural contours of the hill, suggesting strategic planning and long-term occupation. Archaeological evidence indicates that these fortifications were likely built by local tribal groups, perhaps the Dobunni or Atrebates, who used the hill for protection and as a place of tribal assembly.

Today, the remains of the hillfort are subtle—mostly grassy banks and ditches—but their shape and extent are still clearly visible to those who walk the perimeter path. The views from the summit stretch across southern England, including glimpses of Salisbury Plain and, on clear days, even the distant Chilterns.

To the southeast of the hillfort lies a mysterious barrow-like mound known as the Giant's Grave. This enigmatic feature has puzzled locals and archaeologists alike. Though not officially classified as a burial mound or tumulus, its shape and position have inspired legends for centuries. According to local folklore, it is the final resting place of a giant who once roamed the countryside, terrorising villages until he was slain on Martinsell Hill. Some versions of the tale claim that the hill itself is the giant's body, with the mound marking the place where his head now lies buried.

Despite its folkloric allure, there is no definitive archaeological evidence that the Giant's Grave is a genuine burial site. It may instead be a natural feature shaped by erosion or an artificial structure from a later period, such as a post-medieval landscaping project. Still, the name persists in local lore and continues to spark the imagination of visitors.

Martinsell Hill is part of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and is accessible by a network of footpaths, including the long-distance Mid Wilts Way. The surrounding countryside is rich in wildlife, and the chalk grassland supports species such as skylarks, red kites, and orchids in summer.

Whether you come to explore its ancient ramparts, to stand in awe at its panoramic vistas, or to ponder the tale of the Giant's Grave, Martinsell Hill offers a rare blend of myth and history. It stands not only as a geographical high point but also as a cultural and imaginative one—a place where the past is never far from the surface.

Bob McDonald