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I hope you were able to make the most of the Summer -it flew by so fast! I really think it's the time of year when our charming village with its green surroundings really comes its own.

We had a very lively calendar of events over the summer. I'll mention just a few highlights. Well done to everyone who helped make the Summer Fete a big success. The Wild Waters Festival put our cherished River Avon in focus, and we were so glad to welcome our friends from Oudon for an early Bastille Day celebration.

As always, there is a wide range of events coming up this Autumn. One of our most popular annual events, the Art Trail weekend, takes place 27th – 28th September. It's a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the wealth of creativity present in our community, and it's a fun way to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Regular events like Penny's Pantry Coffee Shop on a Wednesday, Foodie Fridays Monthly Community Lunch and the Special Needs Parents'/Carers' Café (weekly during term time) all help bring people together socially, and give the chance to discuss shared interests and concerns.

Looking further ahead, we'll welcome the shortening days with seasonal happenings like the Batheaston Autumn Fair, supporting Wiltshire Air Ambulance (Saturday 20th September) and the wonderful Scouts Fireworks Evening (Sat 8th November).

As your Ward Councillors, Sarah Warren and I are proud to represent Batheaston. We're very fortunate to have such a strong and supportive community spirit locally, powered by dynamic organisations, dedicated volunteers and engaged residents.

Do consider getting involved in one of our village's many groups or activities - as a participant, or as a volunteer, or both! Batheaston Times is the best place to find out what's happening locally. There really is something for everyone. Newbies will receive a specially warm welcome.

With best wishes and hoping to see you around the village in the months ahead.

Cllr Kevin Guy
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board

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Autumn events calendar

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

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON ART TRAIL

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September

Opening times:
10.30am - 4.30pm

Free Event
Batheaston

Explore all the artists of Batheaston over the weekend! Please note that the Church will open after service on Sunday at 11am. For more info: www.batheastonarttrail.com

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON BONFIRE NIGHT

Sat 8th November 2025

Gates will open at 6 pm, with the bonfire being lit shortly afterwards. Fireworks will be lighting up the sky around 7pm. There'll be delicious hot food, a well-stocked bar, and plenty of treats to keep everyone warm and happy. It's a night the whole family can enjoy — and one you won't want to miss!

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday 20th Sept
12-4pm
Batheaston Youth Club

Join us for a fun afternoon! Raffle, Tombola, Cards & Crafts, Homemade Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Gems, Silver & Resin Jewellery, CuteToys, Knitted Clothes, Jigsaws & Unusual Gifts for everyone

NEW EVENT!

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Sat 25th Oct
& Sun 22nd Feb '26.

Come and plant saplings with us on our two community days.

Please book your free space on our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/bathampton-meadows – or ring 03442491895

BATH CITY YOUTH FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.30-11.30am
Rhymes Football Field

Football training for primary school age boys and girls, 4 - 10 years old. £5 per 2 hour session. Register and book at: www.bathcityyouthfc.com/batheaston

Every Saturday morning!

KUNG FU BATH

Every Wednesday
Youth Club
5-11 years - 6-6.45pm
Scout Hut
12 upwards - 7-8.30pm
The Bath Kung Fu Academy is pleased to offer professional step by step instruction for men, women and children of all ages. We guide you from complete beginner to advanced practitioner and pride ourselves on being fun and friendly.
www.kungfubath.com/

NEW EVENT!

HEDGEHOG TALK

Wednesday 24th September
7.30pm-9pm
Rhymes Pavilion

Jinny Matters from Corsham Area Hedgehog Rescue will give a talk on Hedgehogs. Do come and let's see what we can do to improve our hedgehog numbers. When and where did you last see one locally? Do tell us via our website. www.growbatheaston.co.uk

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON BINGO

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

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

TERM TIME ONLY

BATHEASTON ALL SORTS TODDLER GROUP

Batheaston New Village Hall
Every Tuesday 9.30-11am

We have a wide variety of fun and educational toys, a weekly craft activity, snack time, story time and music time. There is tea and fresh coffee for grown ups and home-made cake. The cost of the session is £2 per family/childminder.
www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823

TERM TIME ONLY

YOUTH CLUB

For 11-18 year olds
Tue & Thurs 6.30-9.00pm
Batheaston Youth Club

£1.00 entry
Food & tuck shop available.
14+ years invited on Thursdays. 11-14 year olds currently attend both nights

TERM TIME ONLY

CUBS

Scout Hut
Every Monday
6.30 - 8pm

Being a Cub is all about growing and learning in small but mighty ways. Cubs are young people aged 8-10½yrs. We meet on Mondays from 6.30-8 pm at our Scout Hut School Lane Batheaston

23rdbathscouts.org/cubs/

NEW EVENT!

MOVIE CLUB FRIDAY
Batheaston Village Hall

5th September - 'The Old Oak',
Friday 3rd October film TBC,
Thursdays 11th September, Thursday 23rd October & 20th November 2-5pm - films TBC.

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 martial arts for children in School Year 1 and above. We develop self-control and build confidence through our Freestyle Taekwondo syllabus. Learn more about our mission on our website. www.tigermartialarts.club

WALKING FOOTBALL

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

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 welcome.
roxyrussell1985@gmail.com



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SOLSBURY SINGS COMMUNITY CHOIR

New Village Hall
Every Monday
7.30-8.45 pm

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Contact Cathy - cathy@solsburysings.co.uk

CREATIVE ROOTS -

Mikes Meadow, Northend, Batheaston, BA17EP
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

Batheaston Art Trail, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September, allows people to see hidden parts of the village and meet some of our community’s talented artists – over fifty are taking part this year. They’ll be exhibiting in the New Village Hall, at St. John’s Church as well as in home studios.

- St John’s Art Trail Café will be serving coffees, snack lunches and teas.
- Do book for the creative workshops designed for children and families. These will be taking place at the Youth Club and Rhymes Pavilion.
- Look out for our new Tree Trail Leaflet, this time focusing on Northend and including some churchyard trees. This will be available at various village locations and via our website.

What should you do if you uncover a hedgehog and 4 hoglets in your garden?? A Batheaston resident faced with this dilemma contacted Grow Batheaston’s Wildlife Group. There was a flurry of communications - the upshot was the formation of our Hedgehog Group. So...

- On Wednesday 24th September, 7.30pm - 9pm, at the Rhymes Pavilion, Jinny Matters from Corsham Area Hedgehog Rescue will give a talk on Hedgehogs. Do come and let’s see what we can do to improve our hedgehog numbers. When and where did you last see one locally? Do tell us via our website.

More Tales from Our Riverbank. Following the recent evening on our river and its wildlife, local volunteers have been testing water quality in St



Catherine’s Brook. We’ve also had a stream clean and removed invasive Himalayan Balsam from behind the playground and football field. Would you like to be involved in these or other *Grow Batheaston* activities? Do contact our website.

Forthcoming events

St. Catherine’s Brook, **Water Testing** 18-21st September.

Further Stream Clean – TBC

Hedgehog Talk - Wednesday 24th September, 7.30-9pm, Rhymes Pavilion (doors open 7pm)

Art Trail Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September

Xmas Fayre and Market - Saturday 6th December, Batheaston New Village Hall

Junior football – Saturdays 9.30 - 11.30am, Batheaston Football pitch

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

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*** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH WILL OPEN AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY AT 11AM.**

Batheaston Youth Club



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



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

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

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

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

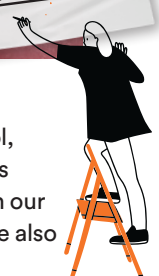
play around and learn new skills together. We have board games, arts and crafts, pool, table tennis and table football - and a sports hall to where you can let off some steam on our crash mats. Some of our young people have also been volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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

Upcoming Events: Come and Support the Club

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

For Facility Bookings & Party Hire please contact 07836 231442





Batheaston Autumn Fair

Saturday 20 September 2025

12.00-4.00pm

**Batheaston Youth Club
School Lane BA1 7EP**

Join us for a fun afternoon



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Homemade Cakes, Jams & Chutneys
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Jigsaws & Unusual Gifts for Everyone**

Enquiries

**Tina Lewis
or Julie Fletcher
on Facebook**

**Raffle contributions
always welcome**

Youth Club Cafe Open

**Light Lunches
Afternoon Tea/Cake
Snacks & Treats**

Supporting Bath & Wiltshire Air Ambulance



**BATHEASTON
YOUTH CLUB**



Batheaston Bingo

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LATE!

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THE
CREW

Get in
Touch

Bring a Bingo Buddy

Tuesday Sessions

Doors open 12.30pm

Eyes Down 1.00pm

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The Rhymes Pavilion

Coalpit Road

BA1 7NW (by the football pitch)

Entrance free £4.00 per book £1.00 per flyer

Tea and coffee available



To Book your place
contact Mary on 01225 858767
or Tina Lewis via facebook messenger
Please bring coins





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 social activity for local residents



First a gentle reminder that Penny's Pantry at the Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Road is *your* coffee shop. Do come along and meet the gang. Have a coffee, try a new cake and share with us the thrills and spills of village life. We open on Wednesdays 10am - noon, and you are most welcome.

- Might one or two of you readers of the Batheaston Times like to join our Committee? We are looking to expand our team. By giving us your support you will be making a real difference to village life. Just drop by on a Wednesday and express your interest.

Good News! With help from a very loyal team, we prepared for a visit from the local food safely officer.

We had our inspection in early August and we're delighted to report that we were given a Five Star rating for cleanliness and efficiency! That should give you confidence as you munch your way through your slice of Victoria sponge.

Coach Trip: Tuesday 28th October. Tina Lewis is organising this outing. Abergavenny has so much to offer, especially on Market Day. If you are interested in coming, please contact Tina as soon as possible. Email: tinajane1@hotmail.com.

Penny's Pantry Team also runs Foodie Friday lunches at Batheaston New Village Hall. We suggest a minimum donation of £5 per head. Booking is easy, either via the Rhymes on a Wednesday or by contacting Sarah Sheppard, email: bernina@uwclub.net



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Grow Batheaston Junior Football is back at the Rhymes Football Pitch, now in collaboration with **Bath City Youth FC** who'll be managing the coaches and a new booking system for the sessions. Every Saturday at the Batheaston Pitch we'll be running football training for primary school age boys and girls, 4 - 10 years old, 9.30 - 11.30 .

Main objectives are for the kids to have fun, get some exercise, develop football skills plus

learn about teamwork and respect. Along with kids from Batheaston, we also invite children from all the surrounding villages, as we're fully inclusive. We'll have qualified coaches managed by **Bath City FC** to hold training sessions, where we'll naturally form groups as they progress according to skill, age and commitment.

Sessions will be **£5 for the 2 hour session.**
www.bathcityyouthfc.com/batheaston

BATHEASTON FOOTBALL PITCH - EVERY SATURDAY, 9.30am - 11.30am

The Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Rd, Batheaston, Bath BA1 7NW



Batheaston 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.



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National Trust

What's been happening on Bathampton Meadows

Summer has been an exciting time on Bathampton Meadows. Thanks to funding from Bathscape, we now have a new footbridge. This nestles in grasslands on the western side. There were many, many elements on the way to its construction. We were very pleased to see it so quickly being used by visitors.

We have installed 60 porcelain tiles on the walkway by the Batheaston footbridge.

These tiles came from a lovely collaboration with local community group Grow Batheaston, local artist Marian Hill (Buzz & Scuttle) and Batheaston Primary School. Inspired by our Meadows' fauna and flora, Marian ran a workshop with the school children. They created collages of insects and mammals from old magazine cuttings, digitising them onto a white background and then transferred them onto the tiles. The children should be very proud of their magnificent work.

It is now 80 years since Bath first linked with the city of Alkmaar in the Netherlands.

In March, as you may recall, Bath Alkmaar Twinning Association (BATA) helped plant a number of hedgerow whips on the Meadows

to commemorate the anniversary. In July, the Mayor of Alkmaar also came in celebration and visited the Meadows to see the planting. Fortunately, the whips had survived the dry spring/summer due to diligent watering by my ranger volunteers.

Mark your calendars for community tree planting! Much work has gone into our hedgerows and fencing, and now we have some very exciting news. We have recently acquired the last fields just to the west of Mill Lane that were needed to make up the "green corridor". We are going to plant saplings there and open up paths to the public.

- Come and plant saplings with us on our two community days. These will run on *Saturday 25th October and on Sunday 22nd February '26*. Please book your free space on our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/bathampton-meadows – or ring 03442491895

We look forward to your joining us to create a lasting legacy on Bathampton Meadows.

By Joanne, National Trust Community Ranger



Batheaston & Bathford Scouts

23rd Bath Avonvale Scouts Discover a Summer of Fun

This summer the 23rd Bath Avonvale Scout Group gave our local young people an adventure to remember. Over the course of seven days in the stunning Brecon Beacons, 21 Scouts, 12 Cubs and 8 Explorer Scouts embraced the great outdoors and tested their skills in a packed programme of activities.

The week was filled with unforgettable moments — from leaping down waterfalls during canyoning, to flying through the air on a zip wire they had made, to working together in lively Taskmaster challenges. Evenings brought traditional campfires, games, stories and plenty of laughter.

One highlight was the Scouts' culinary creativity when, cooking over open wood fires, they prepared an impressive three-course feast that cost less than £3 per person — a true lesson in teamwork and resourcefulness.

Alongside the main camp, the leader team also supported 15 Explorer Scouts in completing their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition. Over three challenging days, the Explorer Scouts hiked 60km across the Black Mountains,

carrying all their kit and being completely self-sufficient. It was an inspiring achievement, showcasing their determination, navigational skills and resilience.

All in all, the camp was a fantastic blend of fun, challenge, and friendship — and another example of the opportunities Scouting brings to young people in Batheaston and Bathford.

The 23rd Bath Avonvale Scout Group's Annual Batheaston Bonfire Night will take place on Saturday, 8th November 2025. One of the biggest and most anticipated events in the village is back! This much-loved evening draws crowds from far and near for a spectacular night of community spirit, crackling flames and dazzling fireworks

- Gates will open at 6:00 pm, with the bonfire being lit shortly afterwards. Fireworks will be lighting up the sky around 7:00 pm.
- There'll be delicious hot food, a well-stocked bar, and plenty of treats to keep everyone warm and happy. It's a night the whole family can enjoy — and one you won't want to miss!



Batheaston Village Hall

Your community space.

Available for private events and commercial bookings.

It's back to school now and to our regular class schedule after most of our classes took a summer break. We are pleased to have added a couple of new offerings, an Art Class from local resident Penny Ives now runs on Thursday afternoons and a monthly Hands-On Science Class for home-educated 4-12 year olds happens on Thursday mornings: see the what's on section of the website for full details and on how to book.

We are now busy starting on work enabled by a recent National Lottery Grant. This is allowing us to update the audio visual in the main hall, so watch this space for progress. If anyone is looking for a space to start a class, we have availability most afternoons and on Tuesday evenings, so do get in touch.

Please see our timetable for regular weekly classes. You can also view chronologically a list of other currently booked public events in the what's on section of the website.

Book Club - First Tuesday of each month 7-8.15pm. September "Dream Count" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche. October and November titles to be confirmed.

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

Community Lunches - Fridays 19th September, 17th October & 14th November from 12 noon

Craft and Chat - Tuesdays 9th September, 14th October, 11th November 7-9pm

Movie Club Friday 5th September - 'The Old Oak', Friday 3rd October film TBC, Thursdays 11th September, Thursday 23rd October & 20th November 2-5pm - films TBC for more info or to book contact tracey@brandtonic.co.uk

'Not just a mum yoga' 9-10.15 Saturdays 20th September, 18th October, 22nd November

Ceroc Workshops Sundays 21st September & 5th October 12.30-4pm

Batheaston Art Trail Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September, hall open 10 - 4pm each day

River Mace Yoga Retreat Saturday 12th October 9.30am - 5pm

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.

Class Schedule

For more info email: booking@batheastonhall.org



Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
9.30-10.45am & 11.15am - 12.30pm Curious Child	9.30-11am Toddlers	9.30-10.15am Zumba	9.45-10.45am Pilates with Wendy	9.30-11.30 Singing Tree
9.45-11.45 & 2.15-4.15 Art History (Starts back 29 th September)	9.30am-12.30pm Watercolour Art (starts 23 rd September)	10.15-11.15am Yoga with Clare	12noon-1pm Yoga with Sophie	10.30am-12.30pm SEN Cafe - term time only
6-7pm Aero-tone-llates	9.30-10.30am Pilates with Wendy	9.30am-4pm Rainbow Dementia Day Care	1.30 - 3.30 Art with Penny Ives (starts 18 th September)	10.45-11.45 Yoga with Eve
7.30-8.45pm Solsbury Sings	6-7pm Yoga with Eve	6.25 - 7.10pm Pilates with Gaby	2-3.30pm Baby and Toddler Hub (First Thursday of the month)	From 12 th October Community Lunches (once a month)
	7-9pm Craft & Chat (second Tuesday of the month) 7-8.15pm	7.15-9.15pm Bath Show Choir	6-7pm Yoga with Chie	6-9pm Pop Up Pub (hall fundraiser once a quarter)
	Book Club (first Tuesday of the month)	7.30-8.30pm Pilates with Gaby	7.30 - 11pm Ceroc	



St John's with St Catherine's

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

Dear Friends, **what does it take for you to feel welcome in church?** Hospitality is really important to St John's and St Catherine's, and we extend a *warm welcome*....

St John's is open in daylight hours for reflection and a sunny corner is there for use with your children. Everyone is warmly invited to the Sunday services. These are always at 10am but vary through the month:

- 1st Sunday - Morning Praise** (simple service of readings, prayers and a talk)
- 2nd and 4th Sundays - Holy Communion** (everyone welcome, whether or not you want to receive Holy Communion)
- 3rd Sunday – Welcome Church**

- **As the name suggests**, this is ideal for someone wanting to get to know the church community and to ask questions about the faith. **Welcome Church** involves fun! Also breakfast, singing and acceptance of the different directions in which our conversations take us. Do come along!
- **JAM** for 0-8 year olds and their families runs every 4th Sunday – from Sept 28th. Please note our new time: 3-4pm. There's craft/ cooking/treasure hunts + a Bible story, songs,

prayers and tea!!

St Catherine's Church is trialling a new Family Style Service, beginning on Sept 7th at 3pm and welcoming all ages! You are very warmly invited – please note there's no loo and also stepped access. Do wear a jumper!

Harvest Festival, Sunday 5th October: Please feel warmly invited to Harvest Worship at St John's 10am, to Harvest Lunch (book this with Sarah Sheppard, email: bernina@uwclub.net) and to Harvest Worship at St Catherine's 3pm

- Watch for news (poster + social media) of most needed food items we'll be collecting.

Our annual All Souls Service to honour departed loved ones is at 6pm Sunday 26th October. Please email me on revlauretta@outlook.com if you would like a loved one's name read out.

Save the Children: A huge thank you to everyone who enjoyed hospitality at the vicarage on 26th July. £850 was raised – such amazing generosity. Thanks go to everyone who contributed in so many ways.

With so much to be grateful for,
Lauretta



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 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 Parish Council

The Parish Council has had a busy summer. As well as all our usual day to day work, we held a Summer Party...



Our Summer Party took place on 8th June and proved a fabulous afternoon. We were a little concerned on the Friday evening when the heavens opened, but on The Day the sun shone. All Councillors played an active role to ensure that the party was a success, particularly Evie Gray who arranged the entertainment – including the amazing Magic Steve - Alexis Pavlou who kept the bar running smoothly throughout, and Catherine McCarthy who commissioned the stage and arranged the tombola, amongst many other things! This is the fourth year of our Summer Party and each has been better than the last. We are already starting to plan next year's.

As you will readily understand, the Summer Party is not the most important thing we Parish Councillors organise! We represent our community to Bath and North East Somerset Council with regard to planning applications, highways and parking facilities, and on the development of amenities. We also manage community facilities, from the playground to the football pitch and the Riverside. We want to improve these facilities, for instance by

turning the Rhymes Pavilion into a Sports and Community Hub to benefit the whole village.

Could you give us your support, and a little bit of your time? Our Parish Council is allowed fifteen members, but at present there are only nine of us. We need more councillors. We cannot achieve everything we aspire to without more help from residents.

- **We need YOU** to help us improve village facilities, not just the Rhymes, but also parking, the Riverside, road safety and the organisation of our Summer Party. If you could help, please get in touch with me or our Parish Clerk, Richard Maccabee. As one might say: *Ask not what your Parish Council can do for you, but what you can do for your Parish Council.*

Hannah Squire,
Chair of Batheaston Parish Council,
Hannah.Squire@batheaston-pc.gov.uk

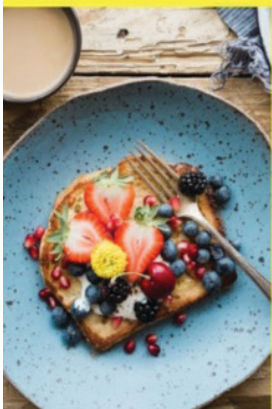
Richard Maccabee,
Clerk to the Parish Council
clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk



Welcome



Cheers!



FOODIE FRIDAYS

Batheaston Village Hall Lunch Dates 2025

Arrival 12.00 noon, Service 12.30pm

- Fri 19 Sept
- Fri 17 Oct
- Fri 14 Nov
- Fri 12th Dec

Minimum donation: £5.00pp incl.

Welcome Drink
Main Course & Dessert
Coffee/Tea

Please book in advance

via Sarah at bernina@uwclub.net or the
Wednesday coffee morning team at the Rhymes Pavilion.
**Please let us know if you have allergies,
access or transport needs too**





Batheaston Twinning Association

Forty two visitors from Oudon visited us 11th - 14th July when we celebrated twenty years of our twinning link.

First on the Friday children, parents and teachers spent a day in school, to foster closer links between Oudon and Batheaston children. Then we all enjoyed a “Goûter”, the traditional snack to end a French school day. An evening wine reception began the weekend proper. Then our guests left for a convivial meal with their hosts and a welcome night’s sleep!

On Saturday we had a popular visit to Chepstow and its impressive castle before returning for a riotous supper. There was lots of singing, and a quiz. The children were happy playing in the church field.

On Sunday our two committees met up and fixed next year’s twinning dates. Then local artist Jane Riley opened her Dolphin House studio for tea and cake. Despite the heat, some of us later went for a walk and picnic to Brown’s Folly and found the woodland nice and shady. That evening we held a barbecue to mark twenty years of twinning. Batheaston residents later joined us for singing and dancing. Our villages held an exchange of gifts and short

speeches were made. We celebrated Bastille Day (if a day early) with a splendid “Gâteau de la Bastille” decorated in the French “bleu, blanc, rouge”. This Bastille, unlike the first, was destroyed merely by being eaten.

“Le depart” took place on Monday, when our guests left for the ferry. We could then reflect on a very successful and enjoyable weekend. And we’ll do it all again next year, but in Oudon!

Thanks go to our Twinning Committee for months of planning, to Mary Johnson for her Bastille Cake and for supervision of the kitchen, and to Jane Riley for her open studio and for painting the gift we gave to our Oudon friends.

Next year we make a return visit. We travel to Oudon during spring half term, leaving 27th May evening and returning Sunday 31st. Keep the date! All are welcome. Contact us for further information.

Peter Davenport
batheastontwinning.association@gmail.com

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.

