



Down Ampney Newsletter

MAY 2022

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DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Progress

There were many representations submitted for the Regulation 14 issue of the Down Ampney Neighbourhood Development Plan. All the submissions from residents were largely supportive of the plan, but external bodies such as the Co-op challenge some of the objectives and policies put forward. All submissions are being analysed and responses formulated. These will be published in the form of a Communication Statement and the Plan itself modified where it is deemed necessary to go forward to the next stage - the Regulation 16 Consultation managed by CDC.

One particular theme which needs addressing is that concerning **notable views and vistas** through the village. It would be extremely helpful if residents could contact the steering group with details and/or photographs of their favourite views in and around the village that they believe should be preserved and, if appropriate, why. These should be emailed to: **Down.Ampney.NDP@outlook.com** or delivered to Andrew Scarth (53 DA) or Geoff Tappern (6 Linden Lea).

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

Fundraising Concert for Ukrainian Refugees

A wonderful string Quartet will be playing a range of music to support refugees who have had to flee their homes and livelihoods to safety.

This concert has been inspired by Tania who is a violinist with the Kyiv Philharmonic Orchestra, known to a local Down Ampney villager. She has left Kyiv with her children and Irish Terrier – and her husband returned from the Polish border, where he left them.

To see Tania perform – visit https://youtu.be/_ksKEuB9db8



5pm Sunday 8th May 2022
at All Saints' Church, Down Ampney

Tickets £15.00 to include a glass of wine in the interval



Tickets available online from Ticket Source (search for Down Ampney); from the Village Shop (cash only please), from Maureen Gregory, Adrienne Stokes or Isabelle Erskine.

Deadlines and Advertising

The deadline for contributions is 19th of each month. Please submit your copy (but not paid adverts) to **DownAmpneyNews@gmx.com** by 6pm on 19th, or post/deliver to Su Moody at Fieldview, Down Ampney GL7 5QW (behind the phone box).

If you would like to advertise your business, please email us with your contact details and to discuss prices and requirements. Charity adverts benefit from special rates.

Please send submissions in MS Word, Word compatible, or Publisher format, or as a JPG or PNG, as we do have to reformat or resize some contributions. It would also help if you use Verdana font, size 10 or 11. Please avoid underlining or formatting.

Thank you — Su Moody & Jenny Collyer

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DOWN AMPNEY

Dear Friends

Music plays a significant part in the lives of many; and we have never had so much access to good quality music with iTunes and Spotify and other such platforms. Yet, I still find live performances really compelling – it seems to me that we can both listen to the music and feel it as well.

2022 is the 150th anniversary year of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams in Down Ampney; and he named one of his hymn tunes after the village. The son of the local vicar, he became an atheist at school and '*later drifted into cheerful agnosticism*' as Ursula, his second wife, described it. This apparent lack of belief did not stop him from being a church organist (which he did not really enjoy because some of the music he had to play was pretty poor!) and editor of the English Hymnal (1906). He shared the view of the Salvationist – General William Booth, who said, '*why should the devil have all the good music?*' So RVW set about finding worthy hymn tunes for this new book – which included his composition entitled '*Down Ampney*', sung to '*Come down, O love divine*'.

Two of his hymn tunes and another piece of music were recently used at the Memorial Service for HRH The Duke of Edinburgh; and his music regularly features at royal events.

We are holding a series of eclectic concerts with outstanding performers during this summer and autumn to celebrate the work of RVW.

We are having a special fund-raising concert at 5pm on Sunday 8th May in aid of Ukraine - inspired by a courageous Violinist from Kyiv, who has had to flee the city with her children; a Choral Evensong at 3pm on Sunday 22nd May – followed by a Concert with Octavo at 6pm.

More details about these events can be found on the RVW Events page of the church website www.ampneychurches.info or from Ticket Source (search 'Down Ampney'), and hopefully from the Village Shop too!

Yours as ever — *John*

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 2022

Sunday 1st May

3rd Sunday after Easter

10am Parish Communion

Down Ampney

6pm Evensong

Ampney St Mary

Tuesday 3rd May

10am Communion & Meditation

Poulton

Sunday 8th May

4th Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion

Poulton

10am Parish Communion

Driffild

5pm Concert for Ukraine

Down Ampney

Sunday 15th May

5th Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion

Ampney St Peter

10am Parish Communion

Ampney Crucis

Sunday 22nd May

6th Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

Harnhill

10am Parish Communion

Poulton

3pm Choral Evensong

Down Ampney

6pm Concert with Octavo Singers *Down Ampney*

Thursday 26th May ASCENSION DAY

6pm Holy Communion

Ampney St Mary

Sunday 29th May

7th Sunday after Easter

10am Holy Communion

Ampney St Peter

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Coffee Morning

11am Wednesday 25th May

Dakota Room, Down Ampney Village Hall

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Designs for a new stained-glass window for Down Ampney Church are now on display in the church. The designer is a well-known and internationally recognised stained-glass artist – Tom Denny.

Church website:

www.ampneychurches.info

Vicar: The Rev'd Canon John Swanton Tel: 01285 – 851309 Email: ampneyrector@gmail.com

Down Ampney Gardening Club



Plant Sale: the annual plant sale will be on Saturday 14 May at 10.30am. Everybody is welcome to come and see what we have for sale. There will be refreshments and a raffle which will be drawn at the end of the sale at 11.30

The May Gardening Club meeting will be the joint meeting held with The Ampney's Gardening Club, in the Down Ampney Village Hall, at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 May. Our speaker will be the gardening writer and broadcaster Reg Moule and the talk is "Autumn Bulbs" and it will be followed by a question and answer session. There will also be refreshments and a raffle.

HEB

Down Ampney & Local Ladies



Foodie Fun

Cooking Demonstration Tasting Recipes Culinary Tales

Please come along with any much-loved recipe books, together with a few copies of your favourite recipes to share with others. We would love to hear some of the personal stories that might be associated with them.

Tuesday 3rd May, 7:15 for 7:30, Down Ampney Village Hall

£5 for Friends and Visitors

Cricklade and District Probus Club



We are looking forward to meeting as group during May 2022. On 12th the talk will be on 'Wiltshire during the Anarchy: "When Christ and his Saints slept"'. This will be followed on 26th by a talk on 'Yuri Gagarin'

The meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 10.00 am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on **01793 751063**



FRIDAY NIGHT FILM NIGHT

7 for 7:30pm, Down Ampney Village Hall in the Dakota Room. Open to all (over 18's only), the cash only bar will be open before and after. Entry is £2, all proceeds going to the Village Hall.

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH: "LOVE SARAH" - starring Celia Imrie and Bill Paterson. A young woman wishes to fulfil her mother's dream of opening her own bakery in Notting Hill, London. To do this, she enlists the help of an old friend and her grandma. (*Subtitles available*)

Contact www.facebook.com/DAFilmNight/ or FNFNmail@gmail.com
for information or with your film suggestions



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The shop offers a wide range of essentials and if we don't stock it we can try to get it for you.

The shop is run by volunteers and we badly need new ones to help out, even if only occasionally.

If you're interested or for more information please contact:

Tony Peel 07751 723399 simpeel@btinternet.com or Peter Baillie davs2016@hotmail.com



Down Ampney Art & Craft Circle

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1:30pm-4pm
Down Ampney Village Hall



Watercolours, acrylics, pencil, pen & ink, crafting, knitting, crocheting, etc. - anything creative you wish. It's a friendly space to create, explore, develop, help and support each other, share, be inspired, and express yourself. Feel free to come along for a cuppa and to see what's happening.

The next meetings will be Tuesday 10th and 24th April. We hope to book workshops throughout the year. Email or check facebook for further information.



(Membership £20 for May-August, £3 per session as a visitor)

Contact: DAACCGL7@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/DAACC/



Inner Wheel of Cirencester

Thank you to all who attended the Easter coffee morning on Thursday 14th April. Also, thank you to Jackie Scuri for providing the beautiful teddy for the game.



**The Association of
Inner Wheel Clubs in
Great Britain & Ireland**

A total of £351.30 was raised for Helen & Douglas House Hospice.

President Beryl Jones

From DAPC May 2022

Easter has come and past and we have been lucky to enjoy some glorious weather over the last week. Long may it continue into May and beyond. It is so nice to see so many people out and about enjoying this glorious village that we live in.

With the warmer and longer days comes the explosion of growth in our gardens and hedges with such beautiful colours to be seen by all. Just a polite reminder, for those living on the main road, to keep hedges trimmed back from the pavements so as not to cause an obstruction once the nesting season is finished.

With COVID numbers on the increase, again, please take precautions when in public spaces.

The May council meeting is approaching us and as always, is a special occasion as it also coincides with the Annual Parish Meeting where we welcome so many of you who run clubs, societies, and other notable organisations to the meeting. It is also a time when we nominate and elect the Parish Councillors to those important roles that help support the Village, liaise with the many clubs, Village Hall and Shop and run the Parish Council.

The GCC 'safety officer' will be inspecting Church Lane to identify all major potholes with the view of getting them repaired.

PLANNING

Millennium Field

Those that commented on the application would have received notifications from CDC firstly that it was going to a Planning Inspectorate and then secondly, stating that CDC would be reviewing the application by Committee on Wednesday 13th April. This was to allow CDC to decide on the application and submit a report to the Planning Inspector of what their verdict would have been if it had not gone to appeal. Councillors Gareth Cope spoke on behalf of DAPC and Cllr Lisa Spivey as the Ward Councillor also spoke. There were several good points raised by the committee and they all voted in favour of rejecting the planning application. What this means is that they will submit their report to the planning Inspectorate for review with the rest of the original comments.

Rooktree Farm

Cotswold Homes has applied for 9 bungalows on Rooktree Farm and the Parish Council has commented raising several points that are not covered within the application.

FIREWORKS

We received several reports of fireworks being let off recently and we would like to remind people that during lambing season, it is unsympathetic to be letting fireworks off. I understand that the Shepherd is aware of who it was.

DOWN AMPNEY VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Many thanks to those that turned up for the Clean Up on Sunday, 27th March. Although we had fewer helping than on some previous occasions, partly due to some 'regulars' having Mother's Day commitments, the sixteen of us involved managed to collect 25 black bags of rubbish, much of which came from the western approach to the village, beyond

the bridge over the brook. In addition, we found a steel wheel, a DVD player and a few plastic 'under engine' covers! Our new equipment, including hi-vis vests and gloves, met with general approval, and especially the robust and versatile 'pickers' that have a wide claw for grasping bottles etc stuck in the undergrowth. We hope to have a bigger participation in 2023 but in the meantime, if you see any litter in the vicinity of your property or when out walking, please collect and dispose of it whenever feasible, to keep our village looking cared for.

PLANTING OF THE JUBILEE TREES

You may have seen, adjacent to the Community Garden that we have now planted the Queen's Jubilee trees. They are Himalayan Birch that will grow up with striking white bark.

We would like to thank Andrew Higson and Anne Jenkins for helping to plant the trees.

We are awaiting delivery of the new bench.

PARISH CLERK

We are pleased to announce that Julia Kilminster has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk and will formally take over from Gail after May's meeting. Julia really shone through in her interview and everyone felt that she will be a great asset moving forward.

Down Ampney Village Hall



Sunday 5th June

12 to 4pm

**to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**



We invite all residents and friends of Down Ampney to join us in a village picnic at the Village Hall.

Please bring along your own picnics, blankets, etc.

(We ask that you DO NOT bring bbqs for safety reasons.)

The bar will be open. Tea, coffee and squash will be available for sale from the servery.

A ticket for the first drink(s) free for each attendee will be included in the June Down Ampney Newsletter.

There will also be music, ice creams, and a craft table to make your own crowns.

Down Ampney FC Social Club Bar opening times



Friday and Saturday 7 pm till 11 pm. Sunday 7pm till 10 pm.

Membership of the Social Club is £5 for the year.

Sunday nights are **bingo** nights starting at 8.30pm



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News and Information from your Community Friends

2022 EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who played a part in the success of our Spring Craft Fair on the 10th April. We raised £955 for the Charity! We're very grateful to everyone that volunteered, held a stall, or came down to support us.

The following events are also planned for this year:

2nd June: Jubilee Event at Fairford Festival (Cricket Club): We will be hosting a celebration Children's Tea Party at 12:00 and a Vintage Tea Party with Highworth Silver Band at 15:00 for over 70's in the community (Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding areas). Please pre-book by emailing admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or calling 01285 707300. The Vintage Tea Party is limited to 30 places. Transport can also be arranged via our transport service but please book well in advance as it is a Bank Holiday. When booking children's places please tell us their age and any allergies.

29th June: Open Gardens at Langford Down Farm, Southrop. An opportunity to walk through and admire this wonderful garden in all its glory. Tea and homemade cakes available. Tickets available on the gate, no need to pre-book.

8th July: Cheese and Wine evening at Whelford Mill, Whelford. With kind permission from Mr and Mrs Arkell, it is our pleasure to host an evening with cheese and wine. Indulge in this beautiful garden bordering the River Coln. Please pre-book by emailing admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or calling 01285 707300.

29th July: Open Gardens at Eastleach. These inspiring gardens cover 14 acres and include a walled garden, a stone rill, south-facing lawns and a 10 acre park. Tickets available on the gate, no need to book.

25th September: Pamper Afternoon at Fairford Community Centre. Indulge yourself in a mini treatment, products also available to purchase. Booking in advance recommended: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or 01285 707300.

15th October: Quiz and Chilli Night: Round up a team and get your brain into gear for an evening of fun! Enjoy a delicious homemade chilli too. Fairford Community Centre.

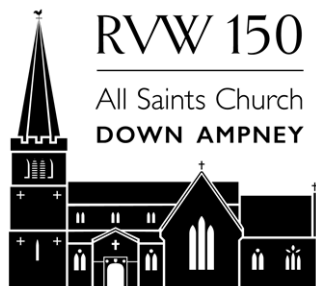
27th November: Festive Craft Fair and Annual Raffle. A host of small local business stalls offering festive delights, light refreshments and homemade cakes.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so online through our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD.

Information on what we do can be found on our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk and the names of our existing team of trustees are listed on the Charity Commission's website.

Shelley Welsh, Chair

Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No 1180059)



Dates for your diary! The celebrations of the music & achievements of RVW commence in May through to October

EVENTS at DOWN AMPNEY

3pm Sunday 22nd May 2022

Choral Evensong

The *Octavo Singers* with RVW's hymns, motet and music by RVW
Preacher – The Right Reverend Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury
4.30 pm Tea/Refreshments available

6pm Sunday 22nd May 2022

Concert - Featuring the Music of RVW by The Octavo Singers

The *Octavo Singers* are an 8 part harmony group who sing music from the Renaissance and Tudor Periods through to popular 21st century arrangements

Concert ticket £12.00

booking via Ampney Churches website (<https://www.ampneychurches.info/events-in-2022>)
or on the door, subject to availability - in aid of Church Repairs

7pm Friday 3rd June 2022

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Folk Concert - Premiere of - **From Pub to Pulpit**

Acapella folk group *Broomdasher* and folk/jazz/classical instrumental trio *Coracle* join the Cathedral organists and all the other singers to raise the roof with full-blooded renditions of some of the country's best loved hymns. They include "To Be a Pilgrim"; "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; "Tis Winter Now the Fallen Snow" and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" which will be musically transformed in the concerts from the folk songs "Our Captain Calls"; "The Ploughboy's Dream"; "Brisk Young Farmer" and "The Murder of Maria Marten".

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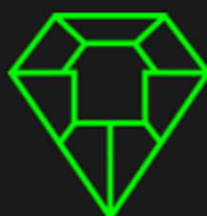
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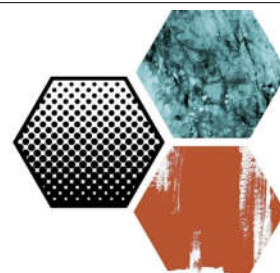
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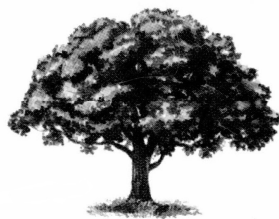
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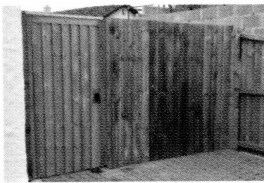
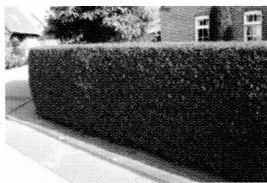
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Village Web Site	For news, local information, and useful links. www.downampneyvillage.co.uk
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Down Ampney Online Facebook	www.facebook.com/groups/DownAmpneyOnline/ Email: su.moody1889@gmail.com to post to the Facebook page if you don't use Facebook
Down Ampney Businesses and Services Facebook	Adverts and information by local businesses and services www.facebook.com/groups/DAOnlineBusinessesandServices/
Village Correspondent	For entries for the Wilts and Glos Standard - VACANCY - If you are interested in this unpaid voluntary role, please contact: Melanie Fouracre, email: dastandard44@gmail.com
Village Agent	Lynn Costello 0770 128 1785 email: lcostello@villageagent.grcc.org.uk
Football & Social Club	Open Friday and Saturday 7-11pm, Sunday 7-10pm. Contact: Mr A Lawrence 01793 750593
Village Primary School	Contact: School Administrator, Mrs S Woodruffe 01793 750294 admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk www.downampney.gloucs.sch.uk
All Saints' Church	Open: daily 10am-4:30pm. Services: see page 3, ampney.info/vicar or Church notice board Contact: The Rev'd Canon John Swanton, The Rectory, Ampney Crucis 01285 851309 Church Wardens: Mr G Newman 01793 750087, Mrs A Stokes 01793 750674
Parish Council	Chairman: Mr Ray Jenkins 01793 751894 Clerk: Mrs Gail Dillon 01285 851893, email: downampneypc@gmail.com
District Councillor	Lisa Spivey, email: lisaspivey4@gmail.com
Fix My Street	Report issues within Down Ampney: potholes, fly tipping, etc. www.fixmystreet.com
Refuse Collections	Food caddy weekly Friday 7am. All other bins & bags on alternate Fridays.
Good Neighbours	Collection of prescriptions and transport to medical appointments for older members of our community. Contact: Mrs Caroline McKemey 01793 751780
Gloucestershire Police	The Forum, Cirencester GL7 2QY Mon-Sat 8am-8pm www.gloucestershire.police.uk
Neighbourhood Watch	Report issues by calling 101. In an EMERGENCY call 999. Co-ordinator: Mr D Job 01793 750532
Library Service	Contact: 01285 659813 www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-timetables
Down Ampney Art & Craft Circle	1-4pm on alternate Tuesdays in the Village Hall. Email: DAACCGL7@gmail.com www.facebook.com/groups/DAACC/
Down Ampney & Local Ladies	First Tuesday of the month 7:15 for 7:30pm, Dakota Room, Village Hall Membership £36 per year, visitors £5 per session. Email: DALLdownampney@gmail.com
Gardening Club	Meets at 7:30pm on third Thursday every month except August. Contact: Helen Baillie 01793 751429 email: gardeningclub@downampneyvillage.co.uk
Tennis Club	Courts next to Village Hall. https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DownAmpneyTennisClub Contact: Tony Peel 07751 723399 email: tennis@downampneyvillage.co.uk

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