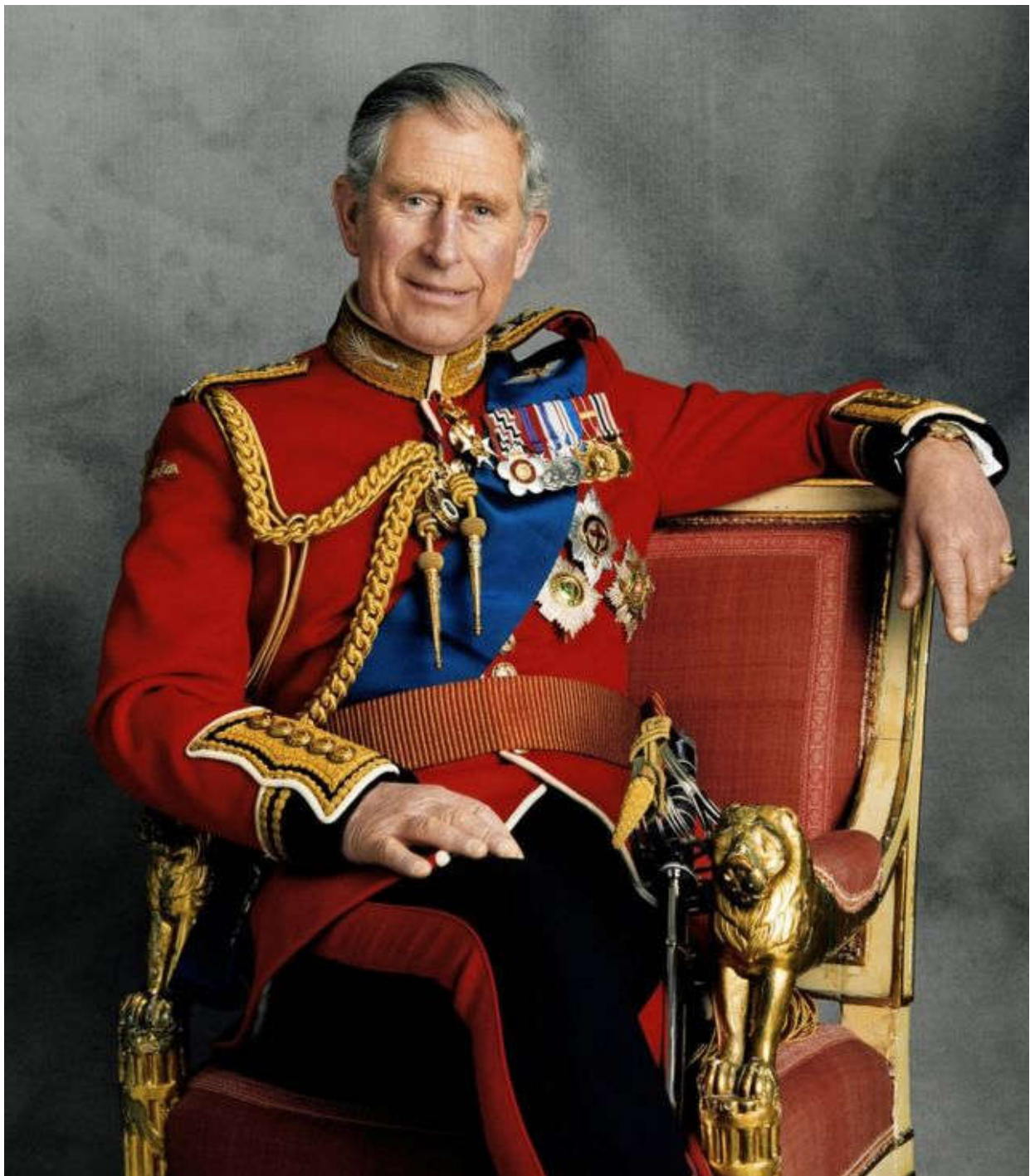




Down Ampney Newsletter

MAY 2023

**CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY, KING CHARLES III,
by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms
and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth,
Defender of the Faith**



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Please send all articles for the June issue to DownAmpneyNews@gmx.com by **19th May**



WATCH THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY, KING CHARLES III

in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th May 10am-4pm

Entry is free. Bring along your own picnics and nibbles.

The bar and servery will be open for alcoholic, soft, and warm drinks. Ice creams will also be on sale.

A free craft table will be available for the making of crowns and other memorabilia.

Much like his dear mother on her Jubilee, His Majesty will be available throughout the event for selfies.

Down Ampney Village Hall

FREE DRINKS VOUCHER

Present this to receive one free drink for each member of your group.

This voucher must be presented on May 6th to receive the offer.



The Village Hall will be hosting a Coronation Street Party on Saturday 6th May from 10am to 4pm. The Servery will be open for the sale of warm drinks, the bar for cold, and ice creams will be available to buy.

Much like the Jubilee celebration, tables and chairs will be available, along with the garden (weather permitting). There will also be a colouring and craft table for the children to make their own crowns, and 'His Majesty' will be in attendance for photographs.

Open from 10am in plenty of time for the start of the Coronation, simply bring along your own picnic and enjoy with friends, family and neighbours.

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 Calibri font, size 11 or 12. Please avoid underlining or formatting.

Thank you — Su Moody

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DOWN AMPNEY

Dear Friends,

We have been encouraged by the King to do some voluntary work on the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday (8th May); and then – ideally – to continue doing voluntary work. Many of our local/village organisations rely heavily on volunteers.

A few days before, on Thursday 4th May, local elections will have been held and, whatever you might think about local politics, I am grateful that we have volunteers who give their time and energy to serve our community as Parish Councillors.

I am also grateful to all those who serve our community and church in different ways – as members of our Parochial Church Councils, grass-cutters, flower arrangers, cleaners, readers, treasurers, school governors, organists and, many more besides, who help us keep our ancient church buildings in good heart. Thank you.

I came across this cautionary 'hymn' for those who serve on committees, I hope you will enjoy it!

O Thou who seest all things below,
Grant that Thy servants may go slow,
That they may study to comply
With regulations till they die.

Teach us, O Lord, to reverence
Committees more than common sense;
To train our minds to make no plan
And pass the baby when we can.

So when the tempter seeks to give
Us feelings of initiative,
Or when alone we go too far,
Chastise us with a circular.

Mid war and tumult, fire and storms,
Give strength, O Lord, to deal out forms.
Thus may Thy servants ever be
A flock of perfect sheep for Thee.

All organisations – the church, schools, voluntary groups, councils – are now more bound up with administration and bureaucracy (I know only too well!), not least to help protect people. Even so, there is much joy and satisfaction to be gained by being a volunteer and making a difference to our community and our neighbourhood.

If you have skills, time, interests you would like to share – please do let me know, and we can explore the possibilities about how you can help our communities here in the Ampneys.

And for those who are volunteering – a big
THANK YOU!

Yours as ever — *John*

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 2023

Friday 5th May *Coronation Eve*
8pm Vigil Prayers for the King *Ampney St Peter*

Saturday 6th May *CORONATION DAY*
9am Prayers for the King's Majesty *Driffield*

Sunday 7th May *CORONATION SUNDAY*
8am Holy Communion *Ampney Crucis*
10am Songs of Praise *Down Ampney*
10am Songs of Praise *Poulton*
6pm Evensong *Ampney St Mary*

Friday 12th May
7pm Pub Night *Ampney St Peter*

Sunday 14th May *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
10am Parish Communion *Driffield*

Thursday 18th May *ASCENSION DAY*
Noon Holy Communion *Harnhill*

Sunday 21st May *Sunday after Ascension*
10am Parish Communion *Ampney Crucis*
10am Service of the Word *Harnhill*

Sunday 28th May *PENTECOST*
10am Parish Communion *Poulton*

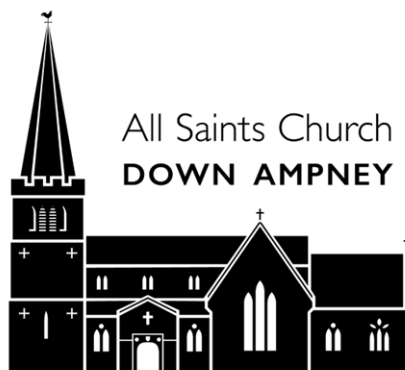
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Coffee Morning

11am Wednesday 26th April
Dakota Room, Down Ampney Village Hall - coffee,
cake, chat and good company! All welcome

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Church website: www.ampneychurches.info





RING FOR THE KING

Bells will be rung throughout the land on Coronation Day and you are all invited to take part in Down Ampney's contribution.



You may remember doing a similar thing to see in the millennium. Anyone can take part and children are especially welcome. You don't have to pull on full sized ropes; we have a far simpler system!

So come along between 10 and 11 on the morning of the Coronation and take part in this nationwide event and make a glorious noise!

If you wish, your names can be recorded for posterity as they were for the millennium and which are still on display.

Pamela Varey (local history buff and bell ringer)

CELEBRATIONS

There is no mention in the Parish Council or church records of celebrations for the last coronation in 1953 or that of George VI in 1937, but Down Ampney folk certainly enjoyed themselves in 1911 for the coronation of George V.

300 people sat at 'two tables 40 yards long' in the hay barn of Home Farm for a feast followed by sports in a nearby field.

'The tickets for beer were handed to each person entitled as they came into dinner and tobacco and cigarettes were distributed as they left'.

Each child in the village received a commemorative mug from the Countess St Germans (The Earl owned the estate at the time). Fragments of what may be one of the mugs have been dug up in Pam Varey's garden.

WILTSHIRE—GLOUCESTERSHIRE BORDER
6 MILES FROM CIRENCESTER

THE DOWN AMPNEY ESTATE, DOWN AMPNEY

LOT 1, A FINE PERIOD HOUSE, SCHEDULED AS OF ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST, UPSET PRICE, WITH 6 ACRES, £6,000

THE HOUSE

4 reception rooms, 12 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.
GATEHOUSE OF 6 ROOMS
Main electricity, private water and drainage.
Also, as separate lots,
STABLE BLOCK and WALLED GARDEN
LODGE. WOODLAND LOTS
First-class Accommodation Lands.
USEFUL FISHING
Extending in all to
ABOUT 78 ACRES

THE LODGE

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Auctioneers: JOHN D. WOOD & CO. Solicitors: Messrs. PEARSONS & DRIVER, Pump Court, Kings Square, York.

MAYfair 6341
(15 lines)

23, BERKELEY SQUARE, LONDON, W.1
SOUTH WALES OFFICE: EAGLE HOUSE, PORT TALBOT (Tel. 2087/8)

Telegrams:
"Wood, Agents, Wesdo, London"

Found this old advertisement for a house for sale in 1960. Down Ampney House, no less, with a guide price of £6000! And that included a Tudor gatehouse, long since gone.

How much did you pay for your first house? We paid £4000; that would buy a ropey second hand car today. Of course, all this is relative. Today's minimum wage of £9.18 per hour would be a good weekly wage in 1960 and a handsome man on a thousand a year would be considered a catch!

Happy Days!

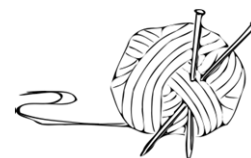
Watch out for more 'blasts from the past' in future editions

Pamela Varey



Down Ampney Arts & 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 9th and 23rd May*.

(Membership £40 per year pro rata including SAA group membership, £3 per session as a visitor)



Occasional workshops will be notified and priced separately.

Contact: DAACCGL7@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/DAACC/



Workshops, Days Out, Exhibition - 2023

Watercolour workshop - 9th May

David Brown is a member of Somerford Keynes Art Group and many of us have previously attended his enjoyable watercolour workshops, including one at Down Ampney last year. He will suggest a range of topics nearer the date. If you are new to watercolour painting we do have watercolour paints that you can use for the session.

Mosaic workshop - 13th June

Sarah Erskine has previously demonstrated the art of creating mosaics to the DAACC. Outside her 'day job' Sarah runs a number of creative writing and artistic sessions, including how to create mosaic designs. She will supply all the materials so we will need to know numbers attending to ensure there are sufficient decorative materials. It will be a fun session!

Fimo workshop - 25th July

Anna Tappern creates amazing designs using FIMO [also known as polymer clay]. DAACC members have enjoyed and created some interesting designs at Anna's demonstration last year. Fimo is very versatile and the shapes can be manipulated then baked in the oven. As with other workshops, materials will be supplied so we will need to know numbers in advance - so make sure book your place on this popular workshop!

Sculpture Parks - August

We are planning another visit to the **Cotswold Sculpture Park** which proved very popular when we visited 2 years ago. Many of us took the opportunity to paint some of the exhibits on display. Date and details to be confirmed nearer the time.

Exhibition - 15th Oct

We have booked the Village Hall for the DAACC exhibition on Sunday 15th October. This is an ideal opportunity to display the wide range of art and craft skills that exist in this lovely group, and Village residents. It will also provide an opportunity for visiting members of the public to do some early 'Christmas Shopping'!

For all the workshops, you will need to book in advance as numbers may need to be limited. We need to know numbers, particularly for the fimo and mosaic workshops as the demonstrators will need to bring sufficient materials, so please let us know if you would like to book a place.

For workshops booked - £3 for members and £6 for guests (unless otherwise stated). Contact DAACCGL7@gmail.com to reserve your place.



Down Ampney FC Social Club Bar opening times

Friday and Saturday 7:30 till 11 pm. Sunday 7:30 till 10:30 pm.

Membership of the Social Club is £2.50 for the year.

Sunday nights are *bingo* nights starting at 8.30pm



MEN'S' INSTITUTE OF DOWN AMPNEY BRANCH

Not for the faint-hearted, boring or serious men

MIDAB was formed over 10 years ago to provide opportunities for like-minded men to get together to have some entertaining evenings/events. We have over 60 members from within and outside the village ranging from early 30s to over 80.

We do several away events – Rugby, Cricket, Dog Racing, visit local pubs etc. as well as meet regularly in the Village Hall.

A few of us are off to see Mickey Flanagan for his live tour in Cardiff at the end of April.

We have our next in the Village Hall on Friday 5th May from 730 onwards.

We are finalising this years' activities and regular updates will be published.

If it is something that you may be interested in joining (no commitments or joining fees) then please drop an email to midab@btinternet.com or text Gareth on 07764829821 and we will add you to the distribution list.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 5th May.

DOWN AMPNEY GARDENING CLUB Plant Sale

10.30 a.m. 20th May 2023
in the Village Hall

Please donate some plants Proceeds go to the gardening club.

If you're donating plants, it's not too early to start preparing.

- When digging through your borders divide perennials, look out for seedling plants, excess bulbs and corms. It's a good idea to put them into pots now so they're well rooted by sale time. You may have shrubs that have outgrown their space or you no longer care for, trim them and pot them up.
- Trim your rampant houseplants and pot up the cuttings.
- There are nearly always plenty of seeds in a packet. Where possible prick out your surplus for the sale.
- If you haven't any pots, I have lots of various sizes, please just ask.
- It's a good idea to wash old pots before using them again.
- Don't forget to label the plants. (Spreads and other plastic cartons can be cut up and used for labels. Recycling!) Height, Spread Colour, Type, normal flowering time etc.

If you are unable to drop your donations off at the village hall from 9am on the morning of the sale, they can be left with me at 1 Broadleaze or any other committee member.

Get out, get down to it, get gardening! Elly



FRIDAY NIGHT FILM NIGHT

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

FRIDAY 26TH MAY: "Ticket To Paradise" - starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts

Ticket to Paradise is a 2022 romantic comedy film about a divorced couple who team up to sabotage the impending wedding of their daughter in Bali. (*Subtitles available*)

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



Down Ampney Village Shop

SHOP ♦ CAFE ♦ POST OFFICE

The cafe is now open selling drinks, sandwiches, pastries and savouries to order.

Special offer: Coffee or Tea and a piece of cake for £3.50 !

Opening hours: **Shop 9-12 every day.**

Post Office 9-12. Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri

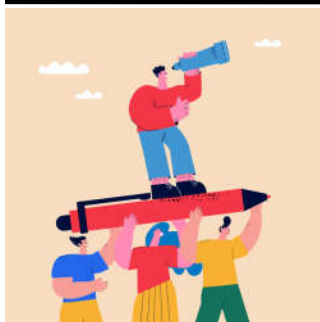
The shop offers a wide range of essentials and if we don't stock it we can try to get it for you.

Surplus locally grown fruit and veg is now available in the box for a small donation.

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:

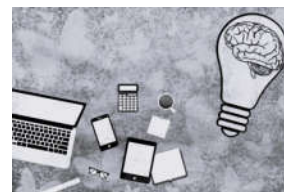
Tony Peel 07751 723399 simpeel@btinternet.com or Peter Baillie davs2016@hotmail.com



Cotswold Writers Circle

This is a small group of people who enjoy writing stories, both short and long. You don't need to have published - we meet on a **Tuesday morning at 10.30** in the Dakota Room of our Village Hall.

Paying £2 for our coffee and biscuits, having a laugh together and enjoying writing and listening to our friends.



For further information contact Derek Skinner.

Phone 01793 750598 or email derekskinner1@talktalk.net



Cricklade and District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings:

4th May 2023 Annual General Meeting

18th May 2023 A talk entitled 'Of Crowns and Coronations'

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**

From Down Ampney Parish Council

Many of you may have noticed the state of the roads and footpaths in the village with numerous potholes appearing after the cold winter. We are constantly discussing with Gloucester County Council about prioritising the repair and clean up please also remember that you can report these on the following website, www.fixmystreet.com, which then gets sent to either CDC or Gloucester Council depending on what it is.

The more people who can do this, the more likelihood we will get these repaired and cleaned up.

Over the last few days, it definitely feels as if spring has now sprang into action and it is so nice to see so many lambs in the fields around us. Can I remind dog owners to keep their dogs on leads when out walking across any permitted paths.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The weather was ideal for this activity, being dry and fairly still. A few volunteers had already covered Oak Road and the single-track lane that runs east from the War Memorial, so we concentrated most of our effort on the very littered half-mile section of the main village road that leads to Cirencester, plus clearing the verges on the roads going out of the village to Poulton and Meysey Hampton.

Although the event was well-advertised, it was rather disappointing to have only just over a dozen helpers; however, everyone was very enthusiastic about keeping our village looking cared for and put in a huge effort to collect rubbish. We ended up with twenty-five black sacks of litter, a rotary clothes dryer, a lorry axle, a printer, three set-top boxes and lots of paint pots. It is amazing what is dumped. It is also interesting to see there are vast numbers of 'energy drink' cans discarded but hardly any that had contained elderflower! A social sciences thesis awaits someone...

A big thanks to those that gave up their Sunday morning to help and I hope we may see some new faces next year.

Antony Matthews, DAPC.

FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

Local elections are to be held in May this year. Please remember this year you must bring photo ID with you to be able to vote either a drivers licence or passport.

CORONATION

The Parish Council in liaison with the Village Hall Committee have agreed to fund a Kings Coronation Celebration on the 6th of June which will embrace a live projection of the Coronation itself together with a glass of wine or beer to toast our new King. Some light refreshments will be provided, and families are also invited to bring their own picnic style lunch if so, they wish (further details are in this edition of the DA News)

The PC in addition is proposing to decorate the Village with 12 Coronation flags together with bunting on approach to the Village Hall. A donation has also been made to the school to help the children with various Coronation related activities.

Let's make this an occasion to remember - all are welcome.

DOG MESS

Since last month's note, there has been a slight improvement in the amount of dog mess being reported but it appears still to be bad. There have been reports of poo bags being left behind in the grass verges and footpaths. If you spot any dog owners not clearing up after their dogs, please let the Parish Council know.

VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

CDC has sent information regarding CIL payments we may receive from any developments and if anyone has any ideas of what this money should be spent on this please reach out to the Parish Clerk or Chairman.

Town and Parish Councils will receive 15% of CIL collected from development in their area. In areas where a

Neighbourhood Plan is in place, the proportion is 25%. It is not, paid on any social housing being built. Money raised can be spent on anything that deals with the demands that development places on the area, such as open space, school places, cycle/pedestrian routes, transport infrastructure and community facilities.

SEWAGE

You may have seen the increased publicity and news articles regarding the problems of sewage pollution into our rivers and at long last, the government seem to be getting their act together. We will have to wait and see if this results in any positive action regarding the issues with the Ampney Brook.

DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Reminder

We are now over halfway through the consultation period for the Down Ampney Design Guidance and Codes document together with the Plan itself. Comments, representations, and we hope support would be welcome. We are aware that the production of the Plan has been a long-drawn-out affair, but we are nearing the end and a last push would help us get over the line.

Remember that once approved this plan will benefit the village not only by directing the form of future development but also financially if or when development occurs.

Please respond – the steering group has worked long and hard to get us to this point.

The consultation will end on **15th May**. The documents can be accessed on the village website at <https://www.downampneyvillage.co.uk/down-ampney-neighbourhood-plan.html>.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A NEW DESIGN GUIDANCE AND CODES DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO SUPPORT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This has meant that another Regulation 14 Consultation is required to ensure that the proper procedure has been followed.

It will run from

1st April 2023 until 15th May 2023

Copies of the new documents are available to view online at

<https://www.downampneyvillage.co.uk/down-ampney-neighbourhood-plan.html>

There are also hard copies available to view in the Village Shop



Comment forms are available.





LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local elections are taking place on May 4th. You are reminded that in order to vote you need to take photographic evidence with you that you are who you say you are. Anyone that fails to produce such evidence, be it driver's licence, passport or bus pass will not be allowed to vote. If you do not have these you can apply for a free ID on line at

voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk OR by completing a paper form available from Cotswold District Council.

WELCOME TO

POULTON CRICKET CLUB

Established 1891, Registered Charity No. 1102682



We are a village club located in Poulton, Gloucestershire and were founded in 1891. We are a registered charity with the objective of "community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of cricket."

We have ambitious growth and development plans and recognise that having a large playing base will help achieve these as well as drive the social aspect of the club, reducing costs and enabling a wider cricket offering for as many people as possible to enjoy the sport. **We play at two grounds - Englands in Poulton and at the Ampney Crucis Cricket Club.**

We offer cricket of all standards to anyone who wants to play. Our **1st XI** are in Division 1 of the Gloucester County League, Our **2nd XI** won Division 1 of the District league and will join the County League in 2023. The **3rd XI** were in Division 2 of the CDCA and offer a brilliant atmosphere for junior players to gain league experience. We also run a **Ladies XI** a **Midweek XI** and a **Sunday XI**.

In 2022, the club **grew to over 200 members** for the first time. Senior Membership hit 66 with 14 Senior Ladies Members. The Junior section comprised 104 boys and 21 Girls and with many social members for the first time, just under a quarter of our membership is Female.

The 2022 season was also our first full one with a 3rd XI with this team playing down the road at Ampney Crucis and on several Saturdays during the season we could have put out four sides so mid-term goals for the club do include starting a **4th XI** there and developing the Amney Crucis facility. In 2022 We also managed re-accreditation for **Clubmark**, held a **Beer Festival** for the Jubilee and put on **monthly socials** for the whole club at Englands and routinely have a **post-match BBQ** at the Club and despite the devastating loss of our Head Groundsman Wayne Tinson just before the season started, we still played 85 games at Englands in 2022.

The framework of the Junior club remains today. In 2023 we will relaunch **Under 7s** and **Under 9s** cricket coaching having delivered Allstars programmes for the last few years. We offer Level 2 coaching session to ages and abilities above this - **Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s, and Under 19s**. We have new nets installed at Englands in early summer 2021 and offer training for the various squads on at least one evening a year & we will launch a Friday youth evening in 2023.

In the 2022 Season, we grew our use of **Instagram** - @PoultonCricket, **Twitter** - @poultoncc and Our Group Facebook Page - Poulton Cricket Club for information. Please give these accounts a follow if you can but posts on Instagram and Twitter will also be pulled through onto this Homepage. <https://poultoncricketclub.co.uk/>



Join us for Down Ampney's Family Fun day.

With free entry, this event offers an amazing selection of stalls, food and drink outlets and live entertainment for children and adults alike.

This event is run by Down Ampney Primary School PTA

Down Ampney Village Hall



DAKOTA ROOM 7pm - 11pm

FRIDAY 12TH MAY

Open to all. Come along for a sociable drink.



Down Ampney Primary School can collect hard to recycle packaging.

We are thrilled to announce that the school has become a Terracycle drop off point for hard to recycle products. We have initially signed up to collect Lavazza Compostable Eco coffee pods and all Coffee Bag products. Boxes to drop off these items can be found in our porch.

Please note that it is only the Lavazza Compostable pods we can collect, not other coffee pod types. Cotswold District Council does not offer industrial composting of these type of products, and they sadly end up in landfill, even though they are designed to be composted through recycling schemes.

The Eco Ambassadors will be putting a voting sheet in the village shop on Friday 21st April which will remain for 2 weeks, asking our community members to vote for another Terracycle scheme you would like the school to sign up for so that you can drop off hard to recycle products to ensure they don't end up in landfill.

Lavazza Compostable Eco Coffee Pods

Once a sufficient amount of Eco Caps are collected, they are sent to an industrial composting facility. At the facility, they are industrially composted and turned into a useful, nutrient rich soil which will then be used for farmland areas.

Coffee bags and pouches

Once collected, the coffee pouches and sachets are shredded and melted into plastic pellets that can be remoulded into new products. Any remaining coffee grounds are removed and sent for composting.

COMPOST YOUR LAVAZZA ECO CAPS HERE !

Every year coffee pods end up in landfills and incinerators across the UK. Lavazza wants to help tackle this problem and therefore have created Eco Caps, a type of coffee pod that can be industrially composted.

The Lavazza Eco Caps Composting Programme allows us to collect Lavazza Eco Caps and ensure they are industrially composted and turned into a useful, nutrient rich soil which will then be used for farmland areas.

Not only are we helping the environment, but collecting and composting the Eco Caps also helps us to raise money for schools or charities.





1 Collect your Lavazza Eco Caps.



2 Drop off your used Lavazza Eco Caps here and we will send them to TerraCycle® who will ensure they are industrially composted.



3 The Lavazza Eco Caps sent will allow us to earn points which will be redeemed as a financial donation to _____
(Name of the school or charity)

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✓ All brands of ground coffee pouches

Mapping and Fieldwork

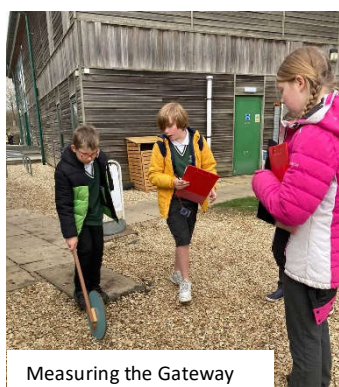
As part of our Geography curriculum, we place a huge emphasis on Fieldwork as a way to combine children's knowledge with skill and help them to think about what places are like and why, where places are and why, and how they connect to other places. Through Fieldwork, children are able to connect themselves to their local environment and develop their sense of identity, while building a deeper understanding of a location. Over the last term, we spent time looking at local land use and how our local area is used and how it has changed over time, particularly the Waterpark. Children used online mapping and Ordnance Survey maps to study the area and understand how the area has developed to support tourism. The children were interested in the Gateway area, as many of them had walked around the lake and they wondered what the land used to look like, as we knew that the lakes are disused quarries. Using historical aerial imagery on Google Earth Pro, we could see that the land used by the Gateway and the Devere hotel had changed significantly over the last 22 years.



Copyright: Google Earth Pro

One of our areas of Fieldwork enquiry this year is to understand a local workplace, so we contacted the Devere Cotswold Waterpark Hotel and Elizabeth Gore, the HR Co-Ordinator, and Gareth Bolton, the Hotel Manager kindly offered the children their conference suites for the day and organised for the children to interview all of their Heads of Department to gain a deeper understanding of what jobs people do in the hotel. The children were able to interview the Hotel Manager, the Head Chef, the Head of Finance, the Head of Housekeeping, the Chief Engineer and many more. The children prepared questions and took notes as they conducted their interviews and back at school, prepared guides to jobs within the hospitality industry. They gained an exceptional understanding of the many and varied roles within the hotel and how important every department is. We were thrilled to have our Eco Ambassadors invited to join the Hotel's next Green Team monthly meeting to talk about ideas for sustainability within the hotel and to hear about the incredible ways that the hotel already works to protect and support the local environment.

As part of the fieldwork day, children also looked at the facilities available at the Gateway Centre, drew sketch maps, took compass directions, interviewed visitors and collected data on their reasons for visiting and measured and drew scale maps of the area. A fantastic day understanding our local area! We hope to work closely with the Devere Cotswold Waterpark Hotel in the future.



Measuring the Gateway



Interviewing the General Manager



Interviewing the Chief Engineer

Ladies Rock and Restore Workshop

Sundays Just Became Fun Again!

- 40 Minutes of Rock dance for warming up with simple routines from The Rolling Stones, Kylie, ELO plus some Salsa and a few surprises!
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News and Information from your Community Friends

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th May – King's Coronation Weekend – Afternoon Tea Luncheon and Children's Picnic Boxes: Afternoon Tea Luncheon for the over 70's from 1pm at the Cricket Club Grounds, Fairford. Children's snack boxes will be available from 3:30pm. Booking essential, please contact Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300.

Sunday 21st May - Open Garden at The Old Rectory, Quenington: 2 - 6pm, £7 entry, tea and cakes available.

Sunday 4th June - Open Garden at Langford Downs Farm: 2 - 6pm, £7 entry. Part of the National Gardens Scheme.

Sunday 11th June – Fairford Festival Afternoon Tea Luncheon: Afternoon Tea Luncheon for the over 70's from 1pm at the Cricket Club Grounds, Fairford. Booking essential, please contact Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300.

Sunday 18th June – Open Garden at Ryton House, Lechlade: 2 - 6pm, £7 entry, tea and cakes available.

Friday 20th October – Bingo: more details to follow...

Friday 24th November – Auction of Promises and Annual Raffle Draw: more details to follow...

PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our volunteer car service vital service is a lifeline to many and our wonderful volunteer drivers provide a personal service for a very low cost. There is a small fee to cover the volunteer's fuel and running costs. We would welcome more volunteers, especially over the summer months.

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BEREAVEMENT CAFE

We continue to run our Bereavement Café on the first Friday of every month, for people who have suffered a loss and would like to talk. Our nursing team will be present to welcome you with a hot drink and some refreshments. Please do drop in, between 10:00 and 12:00 at The Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB

Our much-loved Edna Dawes Lunch Club provides a hot meal, activities and social interaction for isolated elderly people. Transport can be provided. Please do get in touch for more information: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300.

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HOW TO CONTACT US

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HOW TO DONATE

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 Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Charity Shop, Lloyds Chambers, High Street, Lechlade, Glos GL7 3AE. If you are able, we'd really appreciate it if you could complete a Gift Aid Declaration so we can claim an additional 25% of your donation from HMRC. Forms can be found on our website.

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.



**Friends of Fairford and Lechlade
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Let's Have Coronation Weekend Afternoon Luncheon Sunday 7th May 2023



Guests can enjoy finger sandwiches, cakes and scones accompanied by a selection of cold drinks, teas and coffee.
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Spaces are limited, please email or call to book your place.
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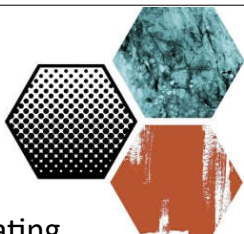
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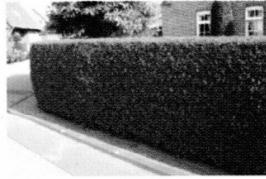
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