



The Ampney Times

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Snowdrops at Cotswold Farm

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th
February, 11am-3pm**

Soup, Lunches, Teas,
and Bulbs for sale.

In aid of Gloucestershire Wildlife
Trust. £5 entrance, Children Free.

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Mrs Mark Birchall ☎01285 821857
www.cotswoldfarmgardens.org.uk

Ampney Crucis Village Hall AGM

The Ampney Crucis Village Hall
AGM will be held on **Tuesday
6 March at 7.30pm.**

Nominations for the three elected
positions on the committee to be
given to Anne Bridges ☎652471
beforehand.



Ampney Crucis Communi-tea

Come and join us for a cup of tea
(or coffee) and a slice of cake in
the Village Hall at our new monthly
'Communi-tea'.

Starting on **Wednesday
28th February between 2-4pm.**

Open to everyone, it is the perfect
chance to catch up with friends, old
and new, or just drop in and say
hello.

There will be a small charge for
refreshments but only enough to
cover costs.

Please call me if you would like to
come but need a lift.

Ellen Hopkins ☎01285 851618

Road Closure - advance notice

19th to 21st February

The lower end of Ridings Lane,
from the Ashbrook Lane junction to
the London Road, will be closed for
Fire Hydrant repairs.
Contact Frank Skinner if you need
further details

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Musical evening

- John Ducker

**Ampney Crucis church
Saturday, 24th March at
7.30pm**

An evening with the Oriel Singers -
a mixed programme of music of
the last 100 years, including
contemporary sacred and secular
works, alongside folk and jazz
arrangements, all in aid of repairs
to the church organ;

Tickets £12 from John Ducker
☎851524, or at the door. Free for
students. Refreshments included.



Ampney Crucis Rural Cinema

Wednesday 28th Feb 7.30

Victoria and Abdul

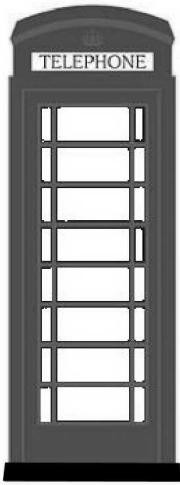
Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. Starring Judi Dench, Ali Fazal and Tim Pigott Smith

Tickets £3. Next film will be 28th March See posters in village.
Any queries to Anne Bridges ☎652471 ✉bridgesae@aol.com

Ampney St Mary News

- Clare McLaren

The Ampney St Mary telephone box



A defibrillator has been successfully installed in the Ampney St Mary telephone box. Sudden Cardiac Arrest happens around 140,000 times a year in the UK - and very soon the village will be as ready as possible should the need arise. Training will take place in the near future.

Huge thanks go to Eric Partington and Anthony Reardon who spent a good deal of time, much of it over their Christmas / New Year holiday, getting it all set up - clearing it out, changing shelving, and finally re-instating the maps and books. Next time you're passing pop in and admire the new set-up.

Planning Applications in Ampney Crucis

- Neil Holt

Cotswold District Council routinely advises the Parish Council of planning applications within our civil parish. Wherever possible, these are discussed at our scheduled meetings, which village residents are very welcome to attend. The Parish Council will usually only comment to CDC in the event that there are any concerns over a particular application. Nevertheless, any village resident can also file with CDC any comments of support or objection to a particular application. If they are received before the published expiry date for comments, they will be considered by CDC as part of their decision. Comments can be submitted by letter or on line at www.cotswold.gov.uk.

We encourage all residents to express their views individually to CDC, as well as through the Parish Council. Your view counts, but only if you file it with the planning department by the expiry date. In deciding the outcome of any planning application, Cotswold District Council must have regard for any comments received. The number of comments received in support of or objecting to any application can influence the final outcome.

Please remember that any planning application in Ampney Crucis could have significant consequences for the way our village develops. Precedents set now potentially have far reaching impacts across our village and the wider Cotswold District. Just because a particular application does not directly affect you or your home doesn't mean that it could not be used to support one or more future applications that could directly impact all residents of our village.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

Ampney Crucis Parish Council.



Dog Mess Incident

- Barbara Fullick



Last week I had the misfortune to tread into some dog's mess on the pavement by the Village Hall. Before I

could start my Pilates class I had to go into the Ladies Toilet and clean my trainer. Not a very pleasant task as you can imagine.

To the owner of the dog who allowed the animal to foul the footpath I would like to express my anger. This behaviour is anti-social, totally avoidable and against the law.

Time and again this subject is mentioned in The Ampney Times. The majority of dog owners I believe are responsible people. It is a great shame just a few are causing this problem.

The Parish Council has provided bins, use them, that is what they are there for.



Bookings for Ampney Crucis Village Hall

- Marlene Broadhurst

☎ 851591

Mobile 07767 158184

(tel. 9am-5pm Mon-Fri **only**)

or

✉ marlene.broadhurst@sky.com

To Hire the Village Marquee

- Rosanna Armitage

☎ 850005

Have your say on heavy lorries using the Village Street!

- Neil Holt

Despite objections from the Parish Council and a significant number of residents, CDC permitted an application in June 2017 to build two new semi-detached houses off Back Lane (also known as The Lannocks).

That development will involve demolition of the existing grain store, which is sited on a substantial concrete hardstanding. At the time the application was under consideration, the Parish Council repeatedly sought CDC reassurances that any permission would be conditional upon environmental safeguards over demolition and disposal of potentially hazardous materials. CDC's Decision Notice has made some provision in that the developer is required to submit an environmental management plan for approval. CDC will not however routinely monitor compliance with that plan and it will be left to residents to report any concerns, as and when they arise.

The Parish Council also sought CDC reassurances that any permission would be conditional upon demolition traffic and heavy construction traffic being directed to access and exit the site without using the Village Street, The Pound or Butcher's Arms Lane, We proposed instead that all such traffic could use Batch Lane, which runs parallel to Butcher's Arms Lane and connects with Akeman Street and the Burford Road. That request was ignored and continues to be ignored, despite repeated representations from the Parish Council to CDC and our District Councillor.

A new application to demolish the grain dryer buildings and build three detached houses at the same site will, if permitted increase the traffic even more.

If you are concerned about the prospect of heavy demolition and construction traffic using the Village Street and also the lanes that access our village, please write to Mr Kevin Field, Planning & Development Manager at Cotswold District Council. Please also send copies of your letters to our Ward Councillor, Cllr David Fowles at Johnfowles@btinternet.com and to the Parish Council at ac.parish.clerk@btinternet.com.

Neil Holt, Chairman, Ampney Crucis Parish Council

Ampney Crucis Village Fete 2018

The fete will take place on **Saturday 16 June 1pm - 3.30pm**. Please put this important village date in your diary - its a great social gathering and an opportunity to have a go on the bottle tombola or win a raffle prize! Also its time to think whether you can volunteer to run a stall, help with the setting up or taking down or would like to suggest something completely new for the fete!

Please contact Rosanna on rosannaarmitage@gmail.com with any ideas.



Ampney Artists and Artisans

An EXHIBITION

- celebrating local artists, artisans and craftspeople -

**Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April
at Ampney Crucis Church, GL7 5RY**

Would you like to show, display or sell your handiwork, crafts, produce or wares? Please let us know!

In the past we have had paintings, honey, pottery, sculpture, knitting, 'Artist in Residence', greeting cards, clothing, ceramics, oils, water-colours, woodwork, refreshments

For more information please contact:
The Rev'd John Swanton ☎01285 - 851309 :
[✉john@swanton.plus.com](mailto:john@swanton.plus.com)

or

Aiden Cleaver 01285 - 850903 : [✉tc5778ou@gmail.com](mailto:tc5778ou@gmail.com)

Ampney Crucis Parish Council.

Ampney Crucis Grass Verges

- Neil Holt

Working with County Highways, the Parish Council has secured matched funding to reinstate the grass verges between the end of Allotment Lane and the car park at Durncourt Cottages. New stone setts will be installed and the verges backfilled and seeded. County Highways has programmed the works for the February half term week, commencing 12th February and villagers are asked to help us by ensuring that they and their visitors do not park along that stretch of the Village Street during that week until the works have been completed.

Elsewhere, we have recently seen damage to grass verges on School Lane, the Donkey Field and The Pound. There are many reasons, but the main one is that delivery vehicles, oil tankers and the regular village bus services are often unable to pass vehicles parked along the Village Street without driving over and damaging the verges. Please ask your visitors, contractors or delivery services to be considerate to other road users when parking in and around the village. If you see any visitors parking inconsiderately, or in a way that blocks the road for other road users, especially the village bus services, please ask them to move.

If you see a vehicle causing damage in the village, please make a note of any details that could be used to identify the vehicle (the operator's name, phone number or website), its registration number and report them to a member of the Parish Council together with the date and time of the incident. If possible, take a photo of the vehicle. The Parish Council will pursue the matter through County Highways.

Recent damage at the Donkey Field resulted from the driver of a heavy lorry following his Sat Nav rather than using common sense. A villager saw him trying to unsuccessfully turn his vehicle at the Donkey Field and took photographs of the vehicle and the damage caused. The owners of the vehicle are being pursued to repair the damage caused. The Parish Council is also in discussions with County Highways regarding installation of signage at the village boundaries warning drivers of large vehicles that lanes through the village are very narrow and have very limited opportunities for turning.

New to the village ?

- Frank Skinner

Village Email Service

Are you receiving your Village Emails ? Residents of Ampney Crucis can receive email notification of parish council notices, urgent police messages, and local events that can't wait until the next regular issue of the Parish Newsletter or Ampney Times.

Subjects covered last year included school & village hall events, revised bus times, waste collection dates, Rural Cinema films, burglaries, lost sheep, and road closures.

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To get your name on the system, just send an email to the *Psst!* email address above saying '**Include me in**', or you can Google 'Ampney Crucis' and click on the web link.

Newspaper & Magazine Deliveries

You should contact Michael Brunson of Rural Deliveries

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Friends of Ampney Crucis School

- Elena Graves

The Christmas break came and went so quickly, and rounded off a great term of fun festive events for the pupils.

Thanks to Friends' fundraising the whole school went off to see 'Dick Whittington' in Cheltenham in early December - Tweedy the clown was a big hit!

It's been a long time since School was closed for a 'Snow day' and this winter's one was cause for much excitement. Most of the younger pupils couldn't remember that much snow and made the most of making snowmen, sledging and snowball fights. (The novelty probably wore off quicker for most of the grown ups than the children!)

The pupils also enjoyed their annual Christmas Fayre and we were very grateful to the Cotswold Reindeer Herd, based in Ampney Crucis, who brought along two very special guests, giving the children a chance to see reindeer up close. Towards the end of term the School Christmas lunch gave an opportunity to wear something festive and raise money for the Pied Piper Trust.

The Friends would also like to thank the PCC for their kind donation from the village Christmas bazaar.

As a small school community we are always looking forward to more fundraising events throughout 2018 and want to take this chance to say how grateful we are to the wider community for your support.

The Friends





**A Celebration of the life and work of
the
British Composer
Ralph Vaughan Williams**

24-27 August 2018 2018 is the 60th anniversary of the death of RVW. The village of Down Ampney - the birthplace of RVW and name sake of one of his most famous hymn tunes - is marking this occasion with monthly Choral Evensongs in the summer and a Festival of his music in August.

Sunday 13th May at 4pm Choral Evensong

with the Chapel Choir of Marlborough College
Preacher - The Rt Rev'd David Jennings, former Bishop of Warrington

Sunday 10th June Choral Evensong

with the Barnsford Singers

Sunday 8th July Choral Evensong

with the Dodecantus Choir

Come and join us as we enjoy the music of RVW

**Ampney Crucis Christmas
Bazaar**

- Neil Holt

The annual Christmas Bazaar was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd December, with a range of new and traditional stalls and activities, including a visit by Father Christmas!

Though numbers of people attending on the day were down on previous years, takings still totalled £1,398 and after deduction of costs and other expenses, were shared between the Church and the Village School.

Many thanks to all who sold raffle tickets, collected, made or gave donations, set up and manned the stalls on the day, and to all who came along!

Neil Holt, PCC Treasurer

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✉ editor@spaceplanner.co.uk



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It is creative and rewarding (and not too difficult to learn) and is shared on a rota basis.

If so, please email the Editor, Sharon Buckley on

✉ editor@spaceplanner.co.uk and if you are interested, you can discuss the technicalities with the production team.

Social Events

Mothers Union:

Meets monthly at various venues and times; everyone is welcome. All meetings (unless stated) are held in Watermoor Church Hall.

Wednesday 7 February - 2.30pm AGM and poems by Pauline Farman, with a quiz and Bring and Buy Sale

Friday 16 February - 10.00am-12noon Parish Church coffee

Friday 2 March - 2.00pm Womens World Day of Prayer (venue to be decided)

Wednesday 7 March - 2.30pm Shellaine Foggin "Children's Sunday School in South Africa"

Saturday 10 March - Posy making in Watermoor Hall for Mothering Sunday

Friday 16 March - 10.00am-12noon Parish Church Coffee

Sunday 25 March Palm Sunday Cake Stall, Watermoor Parish Hall

For more information please contact Rosemary Franklin ☎654282

Women's Institute:

Usually meets monthly on **fourth Thursday** at Ampney Crucis Village Hall, **7.00 for 7.30pm**, unless otherwise noted

Thursday 22 February - Meningitis, a talk by Val Stephenson, Community Ambassador for Meningitis Now

Thursday 22 March - Members meeting

Visitors welcome. For more information please contact Anne Bridges ☎652471

Ampneys Gardening Club:

Usually meets monthly on the **third Thursday** at Ampney Crucis Village Hall, **7.00pm to 9.00pm** unless otherwise noted.

Thursday 15 February - A talk by Mary Fenton "Summertime in Western Scotland"

Thursday 15 March - 7.00pm AGM and photo quiz

For more information please contact Tony Ross ☎851410

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