

This booklet aims to give you some useful facts regarding the village in order to make your arrival here a little easier.

Berwick St James, with a population of approximately 160 residents, is a linear village with most of the 75 houses situated on the High Street. The village is an active and friendly community, engaged in a number of initiatives.

The focal points of the village are St James Church, The Reading Room, The Boot Inn and Berwick Farm Shop. Berwick also has an active Cricket Club where there is also a children's play area. The South Wiltshire Guide Centre is located in the old village school building at the south end of the village.

For more information about the village and its history, you can visit the village website: berwickstjames.org.uk or contact Nicky Street on 790309 on chstreet@btinternet.com

Please feel free to contact me, Neil MacDougall or my wife Carolyn on 792761 if we can help in any way. We live at The Leat House, which is located at the north end of the village – the second house on the left as you enter the village from the A303. My email is neil.macdougall@me.com

Neil MacDougall
Village Chairman

VILLAGE MAP



VILLAGE AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Village Meetings

These meetings are the equivalent of the Parish Council but referred to as the Village Meeting. All villagers of 18 and over are most welcome to attend, participate and air their views as voting members. Only those votes counted at a meeting are recognised when decisions affecting the village as a whole are made. Notice of the meetings is published on the noticeboards and through the village email system. There are generally three or four meetings a year and are all held in The Reading Room. The email system, run through the Village Chairman, is a very useful tool for keeping everyone informed about upcoming events and matters of general interest. All recipients' email addresses are treated as confidential. **The next meeting is on Monday 2nd October '17.**

Chairman	Neil MacDougall
Deputy Chairman	Olivia Marchant
Treasurer	Bill Hiscocks
Clerk	Helen Riding

Village Notice Boards

There are two Notice Boards. One situated beside The Reading Room and another by the bus shelter in the middle of the village.

The Reading Room [Opposite The Boot Inn]

This is our village hall, which is used for Village Meetings and also for film nights, Christmas Bazaars, plant sales, fete meetings as well as yoga classes and other social functions. A committee runs The Reading Room and is available for private hire. For bookings and pricing, please contact Jean Hibberd at 6 High Street (next to The Reading Room) or on 790806. A Diary of Events is posted on The Reading Room Notice Board next to the entrance.

Berwick Farm Shop

This is an excellent village facility, managed and owned by Marilyn Wood. It offers locally sourced meat plus free-range beef and pork from Marilyn's farm and seasonal vegetables, ready-made home meals and pastries, delicious cakes, dairy products and much more. Marilyn also

provides home deliveries. Regular Sunday coffee mornings are held at the shop and all villagers are most welcome. Contact Marilyn on 790490.

Tuesday -Thursday	9:30am – 5pm
Friday	9:30am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 4pm
Sunday	10am – 2pm
Monday	Closed

The Boot Inn

The Boot Inn is a very friendly 18th century coaching inn and is managed by Giles and Cathy Dickinson. It serves traditional English dishes and offers beers from Wadworth and a fine selection of wines. The inn has been featured in many books including The Good Pub Guide. Telephone: 790243 or email bookings08@bootatberwick.co.uk or visit their website: www.bootatberwick.co.uk

Day	Lunch time	Evenings
Monday	Closed	6 – 8pm (no food)
Tuesday-Saturday	12 – 3pm	6 – 11pm
Sunday	12 – 4pm	7 – 11:30pm (no food)

The Berwick St James Cricket Club

Our Cricket Club participates in the Wiltshire Cricket League and also in friendly matches. It has the highest cricket pitch in Wiltshire from which one gets superb views of the surrounding countryside. There are around 15 leagues matches played on Tuesday evenings in the Old Sarum Invitation League (home and away). The captain is Charlie Woodford, telephone: 077963 32523. If you are interested in joining, give Charlie a call.

Young Residents Co-ordinator

We try to ensure that families with children of all ages are given useful information and kept informed of any activities that may be of interest to them. Kate Glyn-Owen (Tel: 790961) acts as co-ordinator and can put people in touch with babysitters if required.

Village Fund Raising Events

For the past few years the village has held an annual fund raising event in the village. In the past it has usually been a Fete and Dog Show which, with the kind permission of Mr & Mrs Humphreys, has taken place in

recent years in the grounds of Berwick House (opposite the Church) in early June. However, over the past three we have tried something different. In June 2015 we held an “Open Gardens Weekend” in the village which was extremely successful, making a healthy profit of just over £6,000. Last year the village held a party at The Clockhouse to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday, again a great success. And this year villagers organised a party called the Berwick Summer Fun Day which raised over £3,000. As a rule the proceeds from these events are divided between the Church, The Reading Room and any other specific purpose, for example the Village Community Fund.

The South Wiltshire Guide Centre

This is situated in the Old School on the southern edge of the village. This facility belongs to the Wiltshire Guides and is a great asset to the village. They are most helpful and have very kindly hired the Centre out to the village on numerous occasions and as well as to individuals for certain events as long as the requested booking does not clash with their own events. The website is <http://www.girlguiding-wiltshiresouth.org.uk> through which bookings can be made.

The Parish Magazine

This is a Church/Village magazine that includes the villages of Berwick St James, Stapleford, South Newton/Stoford, Great Wishford and Winterbourne Stoke. It is published monthly on the first of each month, and delivered to all the houses in the Parish free of charge. It also includes a number of classified trade entries, which you may find useful.

If you wish to include any news items, please call Nicky Street on 790309 (email - chstreet@btinternet.com) by 14th of the month before publication.

Bell Ringing

St Mary’s Church in Stapleford has six bells. If you would like to learn how to ring bells or you have rung in the past and would like to start again, please contact Mick Geoghegan at Stapleford on 01722 790488. Bell ringing practice is on alternate Fridays at 19.30.

St James Church

The first reference to St James Church was c1190. The doorway and nave are thought to be late Norman and the font dates back to 1236. The history of the church is available in the Church.

Our vicar, the Reverend Hugh Bonsey, has five Parishes under his pastoral care. Hugh lives with his wife Heather in The Rectory at Great Wishford and divides his time between the Parishes. At Berwick St James there are generally three Sunday services a month.

The Services are as follows:

1 st Sunday of Month	09.30	Parish Communion
2 nd & 3 rd Sunday of Month	10.00	Matins
4 th Sunday of Month	10.30	Group Service in one of 5 local churches
5 th Sunday of Month	10:30	Team Service in one of 8 churches within the team

To arrange a Holy Baptism or a wedding or if you wish to learn more, please contact Hugh Bonsey at home on 01722 790363.

There are two Church Wardens living in Berwick: Stephen Bush, (tel 790445) and Jane Rowe, (tel 790575).

To arrange a Holy Baptism or a wedding or if you wish to learn more, please contact Hugh Bonsey at home on 01722 790363, or speak to one of the church wardens, Stephen Bush or Jane Rowe.

The Church has many volunteers who keep the Church in good order. They include cleaning the church, arranging flowers, cleaning the brass, unlocking and locking the Church daily and also for reading the lessons on Sundays. The Church is always in need of additional people to help on one or some of the above tasks and any help you might feel able to give would be hugely appreciated. If you would like to volunteer for any of these or find out more, please contact Stephen. Some Sunday services are specifically geared towards the younger generation and there is also a candlelit Carol service at Christmas; to find out more please speak to Stephen or Jane. An annual Harvest Supper at The Guide Centre for all

in the village is also a popular event and this takes place in September or October.

Other Church Denominations

There are no churches of other denominations other than Church of England in our five Parishes. The nearest churches for other denominations are:

Baptist	Amesbury or Salisbury
Methodist	Shrewton, Amesbury, Bemerton or Salisbury
Roman Catholic	Larkhill, Wilton, Bemerton, Amesbury, Salisbury or Wardour
United Reformed	Salisbury

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

The village is part of a Community Speed Watch scheme which is a police initiative and fully supported by them but run by village volunteers. We presently have 13 volunteers in the village who are rostered to operate the system over five days every fifteen days. The speed camera records speeds and details of speeding vehicles are reported to the police. If you would like further information or would like to be a volunteer, please contact our co-ordinator Marie Perry on 790884.

Neighbourhood Watch

Berwick is currently implementing a scheme, run by volunteers, to make our community safer by increasing vigilance, highlighting crime concerns and providing guidelines for protecting our property. It is also establishing a good community/police liaison. For further details or a full info pack contact our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, James Hardy on 790520.

Royal British Legion

The Stapleford, Berwick St James and District Branch meet at a local pub on the first Monday of the month at 19.00 between September and March each year. Contact Mick Geoghegan on 790488 if interested in attending.

Women's Institute

Berwick has joined with Stapleford, Great Wishford and South Newton Women's Institute and is called Swans WI. They meet the first Thursday in the month at 14.00. For information contact Loraine on 743577.

OTHER LOCAL SERVICES**Transport**

There is a frequent bus service that comes through the village running between Salisbury and Devizes. There are three bus stops in the village and bus timetables can be found by the bus stops. This facility does not operate on Sundays.

Postal Services

There is only one post box in the village (by the Post Office Cottage). Collections are Monday to Friday at 15.45 and Saturdays at 10.15

Refuse

Waste is collected by Wiltshire Council every Monday morning: alternating collections of recycling plastic bottles/cardboard and papers/glass/ cans/foil and aerosols one week - the following week household waste. A sheet is given to each household advising them what is being collected and when. Whatever is being collected needs to be left by the pavement in the appropriate bin(s). Large items can be collected by arrangement with Wiltshire District Council on 01722 434319. There are bins by Berwick Farm Shop for old clothes and shoes. The company providing this facility supports the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and also pays the village £120 p.a. As from June last year, there is an annual £40 charge for the provision and collection of garden waste, collected on the same day as recyclable waste.

Wiltshire District Council

For general customer services contact telephone 0300 4560100 or visit their website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Broadband

Berwick St James is now on the superfast broadband network, having finally been connected to the system in April '16. Normal broadband speeds in the village vary from very poor (0.5 – 1.5 mb/s) to acceptable (4 – 5 mb/s), but moving to superfast broadband can increase the

download / upload speeds up to 30-40 / 10-15mb/s. Although there are several providers that give this improved service, not all do. Many of the residents of Berwick have found that BT in general, provides a better service here than most.

Mobile Library

The mobile library was withdrawn in October last year. However, there are Public Libraries in Wilton and Salisbury.

Post Office

The nearest Post Office is in Shrewton within the Co-op village shop.

Local Police and NHS Emergencies.

Contact local police on **101** and NHS Emergencies on **111**

Doctor Surgeries

The Old Orchard Surgery, South Street, Wilton	01722 744775
The Wilton Health Centre Partnership, The Square, Wilton	01722 742404
The Till Orchard Surgery, Shrewton (also in Codford)	01980 620259
Cross Plain Surgery, Shrewton (also at Durrington)	01980 620803
The Cherry Orchard Surgery Codford	01985 850298

Hospitals

Salisbury District Hospital	Odstock Road, Salisbury	01722 336262
New Hall Private Hospital	Bodenham, Salisbury	01722 422333

Dental Practices

Drew & Partners, 16 North Street, Wilton	01722 742100
The Chequers Dental Practice, 18 Endless Street, Salisbury	01722 329959
Langdale House Dental Care, Salisbury	01722 333656

Veterinary Clinics

Manor Farm Vets, Codford	01985 850752
Elston Clinic, Elston Lane, Shrewton	01980 623960

LOCAL AMENITIES

Till Valley Link Scheme

This is a very good neighbourhood scheme run by volunteers that enable people who do not have access to transport to get to doctor and hospital appointments, shopping, hairdressers, day centres, etc. Donations are always welcome. Contact 01980 620525.

Milk Deliveries

Shrewton Dairies (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday)

01980 620065

Chimney Sweep

Mr Hopkins

01722 415451

Painters & Decorators

Shaun Haggaty Painter & Decorator

07919 962139 / 01722 790746

PDF Decoratoring (Paul Furneaux)

07846 306947 / 01980 611905

Newspaper Deliveries

C.R. West, Wilton Post Office

01985 248225

Security Systems

Wilton Alarm Services, Wilton

01722 744744

Aurum Alarms, Salisbury

01722 503232

Avon Security, Amesbury

01980 626000

Plumbers

L.Z. Heating & Plumbing (Luke Collinson)

07796 147463 / 01722 782782

D. & M. Cannings

07855 052244 / 01980 611943

S.B Plumbing Services (Stefan)

07770 502522 / 01722 331697

Heating Engineers (Boiler/Aga)

AHS (Alexandra Heating Services)

01722 417873

Tim Walsh

07919 603884 / 01980 652803

Heating Oil Deliveries

H B S Fuels

01264 860263

W P Group

0800 9806174

Total Butler Fuels

01380 728564

Minster Fuels

0800 1694981

Watson Petroleum

01249 657640

Kinch Fuels

01380 727102

Upton Oil Company

01202 622257

Boilerjuice

BoilerJuice.com

Nadder Valley Oil Buying Club

<http://nadder.oilbuyingclub.com>

It pays to ring around the various companies to get their best quotes. Orders for more than 1000 litres will generally generate a more competitive rate.

Window Cleaners

Jason Bayliss

01980 624534 / 07765 201461

Laurence Johnson

01980 670583

Garden Machinery Sales and Repairs

Salisbury Garden Machinery, Churchfields	01722 322414
Roger Watkins Garden Machinery, Codford	07932 214251 / 01985 850564
C & O Tractors, Wilton	01722 742141

Gardening & Tree Cutting Services

Bob Drake (General Gardening)	07717 317896 / 01722 790671
Ted Thompson (Grass Cutting)	/ 01722 790224
Neil Moss (Grass Cutting)	07957 685690 /
B.W. Garden & Fencing Services (Hedge Cutting)	07912 091976 / 01722 781246
Dominic Ridley (Logs & Tree Cutting)	07733 231010 / 01722 790841
Stuart Larter (Tree & Hedge Cutting)	07563 645043

Recycling Centres

You will find Recycling Centres at Churchfields Industrial Estate in Salisbury and at Boscombe Down Business Park in Amesbury.

Other Miscellaneous Services

Other suppliers, such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc. can be found in our Parish Magazine.

Schools

There are a large number of state, church and independent schools in the area which cater for children of all ages. For a full list of all local schools please visit: <http://php.wiltshire.gov.uk/dirschool/>. Mothers with toddlers should find this website useful: www.netmums.com/southwilt.

Salisbury Railway Station

Situated on South Western Road, Salisbury. Enquiries: 0845 600 0650, or www.southwesterntrains.co.uk. There are frequent trains to Waterloo, Portsmouth, Bath, Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter.

Open Markets

Wilton Market is set up in The Square in Wilton every Thursday. Salisbury Market runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays and the Farmers Market takes place in The Square in Salisbury on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Amesbury has its Open Market every Wednesday.

Supermarkets

Wilton and Shrewton have small Co-Op Shops. Salisbury offers a number of out of town superstores such as Waitrose Home (Churchill

Way), Tesco and Lidl (off the Southampton Road). In the centre of town you will find Sainsbury's and another Tesco store. Amesbury also has large Tesco, Co-op and Lidl stores. However, local business is very dependant on local stores, so do use the independent stores in the area.

Cash Machines

The nearest cash machines can be found by the Esso Garage in Stapleford or in Shrewton. Otherwise it's a visit to Wilton or Salisbury.

Trade and Retail Outlets

Many of the trade and retail outlets are located in the Churchfield Trading Estate including motor trade, bathroom stores, building materials, etc. Others can be found off the Southampton Road, such as B&Q, Homebase, Majestic as well as carpet and furniture stores.

Petrol Stations

These can be found on the A303 in Winterbourne Stoke and on the A36 in Stapleford where you can also find basic groceries and newspapers.

Garden Centres

There are 2 main garden centres near Salisbury: Wilton House Garden Centre on Wilton Rd and Wyevale Garden Centre on Netherhampton Rd.

Leisure

Salisbury offers a number of leisure facilities which include fitness and swimming at Five Rivers Leisure Centre and Parkwood Health and Fitness Centre; Salisbury and South Wilts Golf Club; Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club; Salisbury Racecourse; three tennis clubs; and much more. Amesbury also offers a Sports Centre.

Historical and Cultural Attractions

Stonehenge, Avebury and Salisbury Cathedral are the main historical attractions in the local area, but there are many others (see Visit Wiltshire). There are live performances at City Hall and Salisbury Playhouse; an Odeon cinema; and a range of activities (live music, film, theatre, dance, exhibitions and workshops) at the Salisbury Arts Centre.