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### Community Grants

The application window is now open for community groups and organisations to apply for a community grant from the parish council.

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If you and your group would like to apply for a grant the application form and process can be found on our website. The closing date for applications is Friday 14 March 2025. Grants will be awarded and paid in May 2025.

**Community  
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Please save the date for our annual Family Cyle Ride, organised by Winkfield and Warfield Parish Council. This is a free family event on the morning of 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We also require volunteers to help marshal the event – please email us if you would like to help us.

### Contact the Parish Council


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For full details, maps and photos of previous 3 Counties Cycle Rides go to [www.3ccr.org](http://www.3ccr.org)

**And you can register on-line for this year's 3CCR from 1 February.**

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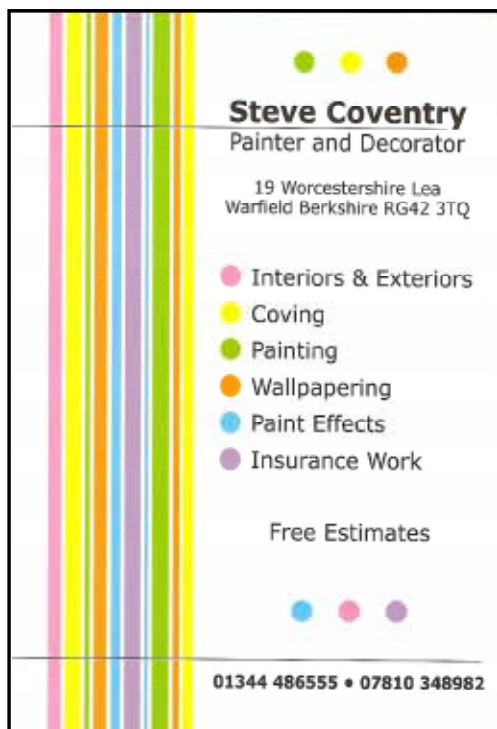
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## World Book Day 2025



World Book Day returns on Thursday, 6 March 2025, with its inspiring mission to transform lives through the joy of reading. This annual celebration aims to encourage children and young people to discover the magic of books and embrace reading on their own terms.

The 2025 campaign introduces an innovative approach called "Read Your Way", which addresses a critical challenge in children's reading habits. Research has shown that many children view reading as a mandatory task rather than an enjoyable activity. This year's initiative seeks to empower children to explore reading without pressure, allowing them to discover books that genuinely spark their interest.

Current research highlights that 1 in 5 kids feel judged for what they read, but that children are more likely to enjoy reading when they can choose what, when, and how they read.

### **How to empower kids to read their way?**

Every child learns at their own pace and has unique interests. Tailor reading activities to their preferences and skill levels. For beginners, focus on books with repetitive patterns, simple words, and engaging illustrations. As they grow more confident, gradually introduce more challenging texts. Letting children choose their own books empowers them to take ownership of their learning.

### **Foster Patience and Encouragement**

The process of learning to read can be frustrating. Offer patience and positive reinforcement to create a safe space for learning. Avoid criticism and instead focus on their progress. Acknowledge their efforts and remind them that making mistakes is all part of learning.

### **Incorporate Technology Thoughtfully**

Digital tools like e-books, educational apps, and interactive games can complement traditional methods and may appeal to certain kids. Look for resources designed to build specific reading skills, such as phonics or comprehension.

### **Don't underestimate reading to children**

Reading to children is one of the most beneficial activities for their development. It helps build their vocabulary, language skills, and comprehension, all while fostering a love for books. Stories stimulate their imagination, improve concentration, and introduce them to new ideas, cultures, and perspectives. Reading aloud also strengthens the bond between caregiver and child. Furthermore, it lays the foundation for academic success by nurturing literacy skills and developing critical thinking. By regularly reading to children, parents and teachers foster curiosity and confidence.

The aims of World Book Day are to help children develop a lifelong reading habit; improve the life chances of children from disadvantaged backgrounds, and to make reading more fun and accessible.

By fostering a love for reading, offering personalized support, and celebrating every milestone, parents and teachers can empower children to become confident readers and open the door to imagination, knowledge, and a lifetime of learning opportunities.

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# Garden View

## This month - Bedding plants



Bedding plants are a staple of springtime gardening and nurseries are full of them at the moment. They're little powerhouses of vibrant colours which we as gardeners can use to brighten our plot.

Bedding plants are simply short-term plants, usually annuals or biennials, which are grown for their decorative flowers or foliage. They're typically planted in beds, borders, containers, or hanging baskets to provide a stunning display for a specific season, such as spring or summer. Unlike perennials, which return year after year, bedding plants complete their life cycle in one season, making them ideal for gardeners who love to experiment and refresh their displays annually.

At the moment I'm planting up pansies, petunias, begonias, geraniums, and marigolds. There are so many varieties, with something to suit every garden and colour scheme.

They are such a quick and affordable way to inject colour and interest into a garden. Their fast-growing nature means you can create an eye-catching display in a matter of weeks, perfect for filling gaps in borders or brightening up patios and balconies.

They're also incredibly versatile, thriving in various settings, from formal gardens to informal cottage styles. Many bedding plants attract pollinators like bees and

butterflies, which as you know I love to encourage because they contribute to a healthy ecosystem. Additionally, they allow gardeners to experiment with assorted colour schemes and layouts each year.

### How to Use Bedding Plants

**Plan Your Display** - For a formal look, plant them in neat rows or symmetrical patterns in flowerbeds. For a more relaxed vibe, mix different species in containers or hanging baskets.

**Prepare the Soil** - Bedding plants thrive in free-draining, nutrient-rich soil. Before planting, prepare the ground by removing weeds, loosening the soil, and adding compost or slow-release fertilizer.

**Planting Tips** - Spring bedding can be planted straight away. Wait until the risk of frost has passed (usually late May in the UK) before planting summer bedding plants. Space them according to their requirements to ensure healthy growth and avoid overcrowding.

**Caring for Your Plants** - Regular watering, especially during dry spells, is essential. Deadhead spent blooms to encourage continuous flowering and use liquid feed every few weeks for the best display.

For a year-round garden display, consider seasonal bedding. Spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils can take centre stage early in the year, followed by vibrant summer bedding, and finished off with hardy winter options like violas or ornamental cabbages.

Versatile, affordable, and pretty, bedding plants are an excellent choice for gardeners of all levels. Whether you're filling a formal border or adding flair to a balcony, they will bring a splash of joy to any outdoor space.

Happy gardening,

**By Rachael Leverton**



# ***F1 is Back***

## **Cutting-edge cars and legendary circuits.**

The Formula 1 season starts again this month. It has a rich history dating back to the early post-war era. Officially launched in 1950, the inaugural F1 World Championship race took place at Silverstone Circuit in the United Kingdom. Since then, the sport has grown into a global phenomenon, blending cutting-edge technology with fierce competition.

Formula 1 cars are marvels of engineering, combining speed, precision, and cutting-edge technology. Since the sport's inception, the development of F1 cars has been a relentless pursuit of performance, with teams pushing the boundaries of innovation within the constraints of ever-evolving regulations.

In the early days, F1 cars were relatively simple machines with front-mounted engines, tubular steel frames, and minimal aerodynamics. By the late 1950s, rear-engine designs revolutionized the sport, offering better weight distribution and handling. The 1960s saw advancements in aerodynamics with the introduction of wings, which increased downforce and allowed cars to corner faster.

The 1980s were defined by the rise of turbocharged engines, producing incredible power but posing challenges with reliability and control. This era also saw advancements in materials, such as carbon fibre monocoques, which improved strength and safety while reducing weight. Active suspension systems and semi-automatic gearboxes have further enhanced performance.

Modern F1 cars are a fusion of hybrid power units, advanced aerodynamics, and sophisticated data analysis. The current power units combine a turbocharged V6 engine with energy recovery systems, making them not only powerful but also highly efficient. Aerodynamic regulations mandate intricate designs, including front

and rear wings, diffusers, and ground-effect floors, to optimize downforce while minimizing drag.

The FIA, Formula 1's governing body, enforces strict rules to ensure safety, competition, and sustainability. Regulations govern car dimensions, weight, engine performance, and fuel usage. Recent initiatives, such as the budget cap introduced in 2021 and the shift to sustainable fuels by 2026, aim to level the playing field and reduce the sport's environmental impact.

This constant interplay between innovation and regulation has made Formula 1 a testing ground for automotive technology, which in turn influences road car design.

The cars are only part of the story though. The circuits are every bit as important, and they each pose different challenges. Monaco's narrow streets are legendary for their difficult tight corners, elevation changes, and barriers inches away from the cars. It demands absolute precision. Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium, known for its picturesque setting and challenging layout, is a driver favourite. Its high-speed Eau Rouge corner and unpredictable weather make it a test of courage and adaptability.

Silverstone, with its fast corners like Maggots and Becketts, remains a cornerstone of the calendar and a fan favourite. Modern circuits like Singapore's Marina Bay, featuring night races under stunning lights, and the Circuit of the Americas in Texas, designed with a mix of iconic corner replicas, blend traditional and contemporary thrills. There's something for everyone.

As Formula 1 continues to evolve, the combination of technology, driver skill, and amazing circuits ensures its place as one of the most exciting and enduring forms of motorsport.

***By Adam Getz***



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# Ramadan

## The history and tradition

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So, the history of Ramadan is rooted in the life of the Prophet Muhammad in 7th-century Arabia. It was during this month, in the year 610 CE, that he received the first verses of the Quran on the Night of Power, or Laylat al-Qadr. This event, believed to have occurred in one of the final ten nights of Ramadan, is considered the most significant night in Islam. It marks the beginning of divine guidance for humanity through the Quran.

Fasting, or sawm, is the central practice of Ramadan, mandated for all adult Muslims who are physically able to participate. The fast begins at dawn and ends at sunset, during which time Muslims abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs. This discipline fosters a sense of self-control, empathy for those less fortunate, and spiritual growth. The pre-dawn meal, suhoor, and the evening meal, iftar, are times of community and reflection, often shared with our family and friends.

Ramadan is also a time for us to engage in prayer and introspection. We read and recite the Quran, and perform additional nightly prayers known as Tarawih. Many Muslims seek to complete a full recitation of the Quran during the month, as it is

seen as a means to connect more deeply with our faith.

Charity, or zakat, is another pillar of Ramadan. We are encouraged to give generously to those in need, whether through obligatory almsgiving or voluntary acts of kindness, known as sadaqah. This emphasis on generosity reflects our core Islamic values of compassion and social responsibility.

The month of Ramadan culminates in Eid al-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking the Fast, a joyous celebration marking the end of fasting. Muslims gather for communal prayers, share meals, and exchange gifts, emphasizing gratitude and unity. It is also a time for us to reflect on the lessons of Ramadan and to carry its values of discipline, compassion, and faithfulness into daily life.

Through centuries, Ramadan has remained a cornerstone of Islamic tradition, uniting over a billion Muslims worldwide in a shared spiritual journey. Its enduring legacy is a testament to its profound impact on personal growth, community bonds, and the collective expression of faith.

Ramadan Mubarak to you all, which means 'Have a blessed Ramadan'.



*By Asma Bakir*

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The Severn Bore is one of the most remarkable tidal phenomena in the world, occurring along the River Severn in England. It is caused by the river's funnel-shaped estuary, which amplifies the incoming tide, creating a powerful wave that travels upriver. The bore varies in size, depending on factors like the moon's phase and tidal conditions, with the largest bores typically happening during the March Spring tides.

The Severn Bore is famous not just for its natural spectacle but also for its unique appeal to surfers. Brave enthusiasts take to the water to ride the wave as far upstream as possible. While ocean surfing requires catching wave after wave, surfing the Severn Bore is a single, prolonged ride, sometimes lasting for miles. This challenge attracts surfers from around the globe who are drawn to the novelty and the difficulty of the experience.

Riding the bore is not for the faint-hearted. The wave itself can reach heights of up to several feet, and the fast-moving current

and unpredictable riverbed add to the challenge. Surfers must navigate a narrow and often crowded wave while avoiding obstacles like submerged rocks and debris.

Beyond the thrill of the ride, the Severn Bore has built a community of dedicated riders and onlookers. Spectators gather along the riverbanks to cheer on surfers as they test their skills against the tide. For those who conquer the bore, it's not just a surf—it's a badge of honour and a unique connection to nature's raw power.



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