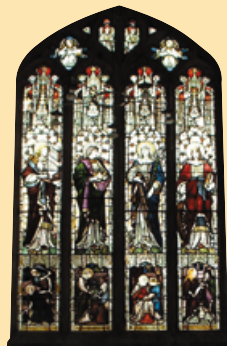


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Wootton Bassett: Deeply Rooted in its History

IT IS hardly surprising that a town with the memorable name of Wootton Bassett has its roots deeply set in history. What is interesting is that it took 600 years for 'Wodeton', described as a simple Saxon settlement in 681 AD to be joined with its Norman element, Bassett, named after a nobleman who inherited what was by then a manor, in about 1200.

The earliest records show that the locality was established when the Saxon king Ethelred granted a charter to the Abbot of Malmesbury Abbey. The place then just comprised 10 hides of cleared forest land. By the time of the Domesday survey, 400 years later, this charter had been lost and the settlement was shown to be part of a Norman manor. Several generations later, the manor fell to one Alan Bassett, who not only gave his name to the town, but also successfully petitioned Henry III in 1219 to grant a weekly market to the town, which still flourishes to this day.

By the time another 200 years had passed, Wootton Bassett achieved further civic importance with the election of the first known mayor of the town, John Wollmonger. It was thought that he was chosen from among a number of worthies who ran the market at that time. The mayor's official duties extended to include becoming the civic head of the town, as well chief magistrate and coroner.

The town grew in importance and by 1446, just before the start of the Wars of the Roses, it had the right to send two representatives to Parliament. Many years later, the town was one of several ill-famed districts known as rotten or pocket boroughs for following dubious electoral practices. Wootton Bassett meanwhile acquired a royal connection, so story has it, when Henry VIII took a mistress at Vastern Manor, to the west of the town. What is known is that the manor and land belonged to Katherine Parr, his widow until her death in 1548. It was under Henry VIII's instructions that registers of baptisms marriages and burials were begun and the town's parish church

of St Bartholomew and All Saints has records dating from 1594.

Part of the church dates from the 14th century, but it is a more recent building, the Town Hall, built at the end of the 17th century, which is Wootton Bassett's best known landmark. It owes its existence to the political ambitions of the Hyde family (the Earls of Clarendon) who presented the building to the town, and also had the market charter renewed.



*The Town Hall:
Wootton Bassett's greatest asset*

The upper floor of the hall was a council chamber, while below, there was a store room for market goods and also a Blind House or lock-up, in which drunks were detained overnight. The building was extensively restored in 1889, when the Blind House disappeared and the building acquired its current distinctive appearance, supported by 15 pillars of stone. The Town Hall now houses a museum of town life, which is currently open on Saturday mornings and it is hoped for longer opening hours in the future.

Wootton Bassett has retained much of its architectural heritage. There are notable Georgian buildings which line the broad High Street. Most of these have been sympathetically adapted to house the shops and offices that serve modern-day needs. The town is particularly well

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endowed with public houses. The Waggon and Horses claims to date from 1612, while the Cross Keys Inn dates from 1742, but may have been the site of an older tavern. Other hosteleries which date back to the 18th and 19th centuries survive, along with their traditional English names, the Angel, the Crown Inn, Borough Arms, the Curriers Arms, to name a few.



The Cross Keys Inn dates from 1742

Away from the High Street, there are other fine buildings which retain a link with the past. They include the Civic Centre, in Station Road, which began life as a school which was opened, together with an adjoining schoolmaster's house in 1861 by the Bishop of Salisbury. It now houses the Mayor's Parlour, Council Chamber and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

There were so many pubs in Wootton Bassett, there were at one time three breweries to keep the beer flowing. One of these, the Beaufort Brewery off Station Road survives in its distinctive Victorian gothic factory style. It is understandably a listed building. It awaits a new incarnation.

Restoration is not confined to buildings.

Work is proceeding to recreate the former Wilts and Berks canal, which was one of the later additions to the canal system, linking the Thames near Abingdon with the Kennet and Avon Canal at Semington near Melksham. The 52-mile long canal was completed in 1810. A further branch opened in 1819 to link Swindon with the Thames near Cricklade. The Wilts and Berks Canal Trust is engaged in what is the longest canal restoration project in the country, bringing the waterway back to life. Some of the original line has gone forever, having been built over, but remnants of other parts of the waterway are there to be restored. In recent years, to publicise the restoration and as a mark of the progress made, boat rallies have been held in a re-watered section at Templars Firs.

Canals had a tremendous impact on the economy of the late 18th century, but it was not long before they were superseded by the railways, which brought about far-reaching economic and social change. Swindon, for instance, was smaller than Wootton Bassett before the railways were built. Wootton Bassett had its own station until the 1960s, when, like so many other small towns, rail services were removed in the widespread cuts ordered by Dr Beeching.

There is a proposal to re-open a railway station for Wootton Bassett. With uncertainty prevailing in the rail industry, the prospects for a new station wax and wane. But one day...



The Civic Centre began life as a school in the nineteenth century

An Ideal Touring Base

THE location of Wootton Bassett, just two miles from junction 16 of the M4, makes it an ideal base from which to explore the surrounding countryside and discover its many visitor attractions.

Perhaps the first place to head for is the tourist information point housed in the library, at Borough Fields. There you can arm yourself with no end of useful literature. You will find information on hotels and guest houses and all places of interest to the visitor, whether you are looking for somewhere fun to take the children, details of nearby towns, historic houses, ancient monuments or museums.

Within only a few minutes' car drive lies the house and grounds of Lydiard Park, set in a country estate of 260 acres on the western edge of Swindon. The house itself is a compact 18th century stately home, the seat of the St John family, who have lived there since Elizabethan times. The grounds are typical rolling parkland which include woodland walks, a lake and duckpond, a children's play area and visitor centre.

Another stately home lies to the south west of Wootton Bassett at Bowood, just outside the



Georgian splendour graces the High Street

town of Calne. The house at Bowood is built on a grander scale than Lydiard and features the Great Park, laid out by the legendary 'Capability' Brown. The house, which is the home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, offers plenty of interest, including several important 18th and 19th century paintings, the Adam Library containing 5,000 books, the Sculpture Gallery and the Bowood Laboratory, where Dr Joseph Priestley, tutor to the Lansdowne family, discovered oxygen in 1774.

Continuing with the world of science, there is a fascinating museum at Wroughton, lying a few miles to the east of Wootton Bassett. Here you will find the Science Museum. This acts as a storage facility for the National Collections of the main Science Museum in London. The objects at Wroughton are all on the large side and are housed in seven hangars on the airfield site. They range from very big objects such as the Lockheed Constellation airliner to early computers and other ground-breaking technological equipment.

Still with technology, all train buffs will want to head for STEAM, the museum of the Great Western Railway, in Swindon. It is housed in a



The Science Museum at Wroughton.

Photo by kind permission of the Science Museum

restored railway building in the centre of the Swindon Works and it tells the story of the GWR (to some, God's Wonderful Railway) with the aid of interactive displays, hands-on exhibits, famous locomotives and railway memorabilia.

Live steam can be experienced on Wiltshire's only standard gauge heritage railway, the Swindon and Cricklade Railway, based on the former Blunsdon station. The line uses part of the trackbed of the former Midland & South Western Junction Railway and runs steam or diesel trains throughout the year. If ancient history appeals, the important site of Avebury is only a short distance away. Avebury is one of the 14 British World Heritage sites and includes the largest stone circle in Europe. It also has the largest prehistoric mound — in the form of Silbury Hill, as well as one of the longest burial mounds.

Apart from the obvious attractions of Wootton Bassett's near neighbour Swindon, the town is well placed for exploring other notable Wiltshire towns such as Marlborough,

Malmesbury, Chippenham and Devizes. Further afield, yet still within striking distance, lies the Roman city of Bath.

Heading out north, south, east and west from Wootton Bassett puts you in touch with some of the best scenery, architecture, historical and ancient sites that England can offer.



The Marsh Farm Hotel is a grade-two listed Victorian farmhouse

A Full Peel

ON Monday nights the sound of bells rings out in Wootton Bassett High Street. That's when the team at St Bartholomew's church hone their campanology skills.

Although the earliest bells date back to the four that were cast in 1633, it was only much later, between 1869 and 1871, that the

church tower was built. The tenor bell, one of the original four, which weighs almost a ton, bears the inscription "Come when I call to serve God all". The Restoration was commemorated in 1662 with the addition of another bell. The final three, bringing the total to the current eight, were added in 1889.

IF you want to get away from it all and enjoy a breath of fresh air, take a stroll out to Jubilee Lake. It's a tranquil stretch of water disturbed only by the ducks and waterfowl which make it their home. The lake is to be found a short distance out of town on the Malmesbury Road. A wooded trail leads off a small car park and takes you through a steeply-wooded area to the lake itself. The lake was formed at about the time of the first world war when the Thunder Brook was dammed. The area is rich in bird life and contains wetland habitats, ancient woodlands and grass areas. It is a popular spot for walkers, dog-owners and anglers.



Featuring a Wide Range of Shops, Inns and Eateries



Hardware heaven: J Rouse & Son, ironmongers since 1884

ONE of the ways that Wootton Bassett excels as a town, both for residents and visitors, is the range and variety of its shops. Too often the average English high street offers the same predictable selection of identikit chain stores. While big enough to attract some of these familiar stores, the town is compact enough to find all of life's essentials, and more, within a short stroll.

The most fundamental of our needs are, of course, food and drink. Whether it is top quality fruit and veg or superbly presented fresh meat or dairy products that you are after, the town centre has much to offer. Choice is of the essence. If time is short and you prefer to stock up on food and other household items by the trolleyful, then there are two excellent supermarkets which will satisfy the most demanding of families.

If, on the other hand, you have time to spare, the parking is free and the shops are waiting to be explored. On Wednesdays the choice is greater when market traders set up their stalls in the high street.

To set the scene, Wootton Bassett high street is where you will find a long-established firm of family butchers who have achieved the highest Q standard of their trade. A short distance away down an enticing alley is a delicatessen who in their own words describe

themselves as “purveyors of quality locally produced and continental foods, importers of fine Portuguese wines”. Sounds delicious.

There's also a proper baker's shop, a couple of greengrocers as well as convenience stores which offer a bit of everything.

If all this food makes you a touch peckish, there's no shortage of places to stop for tea and coffee, a snack or sandwich, or if you fancy a glass of something stronger and it's getting on for lunchtime, then you are spoilt for choice. Every few yards, it seems, there is the welcoming sight of another charming old



Trade secrets: the town still has many traditional shops

hostelry where the whistle can be whetted and the hunger pangs satisfied.

After a pause for refreshment there's more shopping to be done. If you're one of those people who mourn the loss of a good old-fashioned ironmongers, where you can buy everything from a tap washer to a tin of paint, then you'll find an old family firm which is the business. Similarly, there's a place tucked into an arcade of shops, where anything and everything electrical is there for the asking.

Not feeling so well? There are a couple of shops side by side which will lift your spirits.



Home cooking: the Blue Eyes café shares this green rontage with an estate agent

One of them offers a wide range of alternative health therapies while the other specialises in crystals, jewels and aromatherapy. Not far away there is also a physiotherapist who also looks after sports injuries.

There's an intriguing arts and crafts shop in Potters Walk close to the deli, where prints, art materials and many

craft items can be bought. No town is complete without a newsagents a post office, a jeweller's, a shoe shop, a book shop, florist, dress shop, off-licence and anything else you would expect to find in an English high street. In Wootton Bassett, they are all here.

If you are looking for something a little

more substantial than a snack or pub lunch, there are a couple of acclaimed Indian restaurants not far from the parish church. Both offer good food, an excellent service and moderate prices. If you prefer Chinese cuisine, Turkish kebabs or traditional fish and chips, they are right along the street. Just follow your nose.



Café society with parasols on the pavement.

A Right Royal Visit



*The Princess Royal in Wootton Bassett
(picture credit: Abbey Studios, Cirencester)*

IT WAS a proud moment for the pupils and staff of Wootton Bassett School when the Princess Royal attended the opening ceremony in September 2002.

The school, which has 1,500 pupils who

attend from the town and surrounding villages, was built under a Private Funding Initiative providing the community with an entirely new campus.

The school has a good reputation both for its exam results and range of extra-curricular activities.

Facilities include an all-weather floodlit playing surface and a fully networked computer system allowing innovative use of information and communication technology, helping to raise the standard of achievement.

Pupils participate in the running of the school, by electing representatives from all years to a school council.

They also help run the school's website, which can be found at www.woottonbassett.wilts.sch.uk

Facing the Future with Confidence



Sign of times: the town's high-tech territory

A MAJOR challenge facing Wootton Bassett is the need to build on its proud history to assert itself with new vigour and face the future with confidence. The town already has a lively feel to it. The centre bustles with shoppers during the week and, after business hours, the scores of clubs and societies representing a wide range of interests, reflect a community that likes to get involved.

There is clearly potential for the town to grow a little bigger. Indeed, something that is well overdue, a bypass, would only realistically come about if it was to be part of a wider development scheme. The chance to build new homes would provide the incentive for the right developer to include a bypass in future proposals. What stands in the way at the moment is the current emphasis on developing brownfield sites. The town needs to be allowed to stretch a little to the south and the west in order to seize the prize of a bypass.

If the case for growth can be made, then the need for growth to be in the right place is even greater. It has been recognised that nobody in the town wants Wootton Bassett to become a neighbourhood of Swindon. The precious green space between the two towns needs to be protected if Wootton Bassett is to preserve its identity and unique character.

Planners seem to have got the message. A recent proposal to build a park and ride facility on land between the two towns was successfully resisted.

There is some scope for optimism on other developments which could soon take shape.

When Wootton Bassett lost its dairy, through the closure of the St Ivel factory in February 2003, the town lost its largest employer, and about 200 people were suddenly without work. Yet within months of this shock, proposals were being considered to redevelop the 27-acre site, providing a mixed development of homes and small-scale work units. If all goes to plan, the revitalised St Ivel site could create up to 300 jobs.

Elsewhere around the town, there are encouraging signs for the future. The Interface technology park on the outskirts, with its excellent communications, has encouraged high-tech industries to move in. Dolby, the leading audio signal processing company has chosen the Interface park to base its European headquarters. Another world-beater, Plantronics, at the leading edge of headset and other communications equipment, is based at Interface.

The longer established industrial estates at Whitehill Lane and Elm Court host a wide range of thriving concerns, much of them in high technology sectors. The stunning new Post Office sorting office at Templars Way sets a high standard of design. Good design is echoed in the shape of a new office development at Coped Hall to the north of the town centre.



Peach of a place for Del Monte in the Interface Business Park.



Sails pitch: Plantronics, leaders in communications systems

The future for the heart of the town is just as bright. The finishing touches are being applied to a long-running environmental upgrade of the High Street. York stone has been laid to improve the pavements, while new street furniture enhances the floral displays for which the town is famed.

The town centre experience has been further improved in recent years by the installation of a state-of-the-art closed circuit TV system. Manned by specially trained volunteers, the equipment has already had a marked impact on reducing anti-social behaviour and petty crime. It sends a strong message to would-be criminal types: stay away from our town.

Throughout Wootton Bassett's history, the market has been the unbroken thread that has linked generations of townsfolk with the lively commerce of the streets. This trend is likely to continue, strengthened by a fresh initiative from the Town Council to encourage more traders, particularly craftspeople, to the weekly Wednesday market. As is the trend elsewhere, a farmers' market is now held monthly in the town. As more people show a preference for fresh, locally grown produce, this enterprise will surely flourish.



Borough Fields has become a new trading focal point

Oyez, oyez, oyez he cried

LONG before the days of newspapers, radio and TV, the important notices and events of the day were proclaimed to the locals by the town crier, traditionally a man dressed in distinctive robes with a bell, loud voice and a commanding presence.

There had been a town crier in Wootton Bassett up to the time of the first world war but it wasn't until the 1970s that the tradition was revived by the then carnival committee which ran a competition to



Owen Collier in his robes

find a voice for the town. Up stepped Fred 'Boots' Deacon, who took on the role and who has given sterling service as both town crier and official sword bearer for the Mayor for more than 25 years.

Fred is taking things a little easier now and suggested the appointment of a deputy. Owen Collier has been given the job and in his bright new uniform looks every inch the part.



Colourful Annual Community Events in Wootton Bassett

EACH year there are a number of events in Wootton Bassett which bring a dash of colour and life to the streets.

In mid-May it's carnival week. A series of fundraising events for local charities culminates in a carnival procession through the town and along the High Street.



*Flower power:
Blooming well for Britain*

Throughout the summer months, the town is a blaze of colour as local businesses and householders bedeck hanging baskets and planted beds with flowers of every hue. The town has been a keen participant in the annual Britain in Bloom campaign, the largest of its kind in Europe.



A touch of the Caribbean



Pearly entertainment fit for a king

In August there is a festival, where townsfolk dress up in costume to create a colourful street pageant.

During the first week of December, the town takes on a festive note as Christmas trees are put up either side of the Town Hall and coloured lights festoon the rows of lime trees in the High Street. On the first Friday of December there is a Dickensian evening when the shops open late and the street resounds to the singing of carols and other festive activities.



A medieval blast

Activities abound



The Wiltshire Golf and Country Club offers a fully equipped gym

FOR A town of its size, Wootton Bassett is remarkable for being able to field strong teams across the board for most of the major sports.

Take rugby, for instance. The Wootton Bassett Rugby Football Club, formed in 1971, has three adult teams, as well as sides for veterans, ladies and juniors. Enthusiasm for the club, which is based at Rylands Field in Stoneover Lane, runs particularly high among the younger players who have scored notable successes in recent mini tournaments. The side has also been responsible for bringing forward talented young players who have gone on to shine at national level. The club has a thriving social membership and enjoys excellent clubhouse facilities, which include a fully-equipped gym.

Soccer is also a keenly played sport in the town. Wootton Bassett Town Football Club is one of the longest established sides in Wiltshire, having been founded in 1882. The club fields three adult sides, a recently formed ladies section runs seniors and girls team, and youth sides compete at every age level. Demand for pitches is high and the club plays at both the Ballards Ash sports ground and the Gerard Buxton sports ground in Rylands Way.

Cricket has been played in the town for about 150 years. The game has been boosted in recent years by the adoption of a pyramid league structure, which has given the club new opportunities to play at the highest level of regional club league cricket. The club enjoys a fine pavilion and other facilities at its base in Rylands Way.

Hockey, both womens and mens, is another keenly played team sport in the town recently helped by the opening of an Astro turf pitch and other sports represented by local clubs include netball, volleyball, karate, badminton, bowls, running, squash and tennis. The Wiltshire Golf and Country Club, owned by Eddy Shah, has recently expanded its activities by opening a leisure complex, which includes a fully equipped gym, pool and other facilities.

There are many ways of keeping fit at the Lime Kiln Leisure Centre. As well as a swimming pool, there is a sports hall, squash court, fitness room and health suite. Classes to cater for every age group and level of fitness are on offer throughout the week and include yoga and pilates.

With so much on offer in and around the town, there's no excuse for not playing the game.

Churches

St Bartholomew's & All Saints' (Church of England), High Street. **Vicar:** Rev Bernard Garratt, The Vicarage, Glebe Road. Tel: 854302
Honary Assistants: Rev Keith Greenslade, 65 Shakespeare Road. Tel: 853253. The Very Revd. Brian Horlock OBE, 1 Richard's Close. Tel: 848344. **Parish Office:** Church Croft, 1 Church Street. Tel: 853272. (24hr phone) **Services:** Every Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8am; Parish Eucharist, 10am (creche in Church Croft); Evening service: for details see weekly notice in porch. 1st Sunday in month: Family Mass, 10am. 5th Sunday in month: Healing Eucharist, 10am. Daily Eucharist: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9.15am; Wednesday 10.30am; Friday 6pm. **Church Children:** 3-13yrs old, Sunday (term time) 10am in Church Hall, Rope Yard. **BYz (Bartholomew's Youth Zone)** ages 10-14. **Website:** www.st-barts-wb.freeserve.co.uk. **Email:** st-barts@telinco.co.uk.

United Reformed Church, Wood Street. **Minster:** Rev Jill Thornton, 35 North Meadow, Cricklade. Tel: 750240. Church secretary: Mrs E Shaw, 6 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent. Tel: 771316. **Services:** Every Sunday: Worship, Jrn. Church & Creche, 10.30am. **Website:** www.wburc.org.uk.

Methodist Church, High Street, at the Hillside Centre. **Minister:** Rev Stephen Cullis, The Manse, 1 Garraways. Tel: 853197. **Services:** Every Sunday: Morning worship/Junior Church & Creche 10.30am.

Evening Worship/Fellowship, usually 6pm; see Notice Board for details. **Weekly activities:** Full details in the Church Directory. **Website:** www.wbmc.ukgateway.net.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, High Street. **Priest:** Fr. John Reville, The Presbytery, High Street. Tel: 852366. **Services:** Every Sunday: Mass 10am; First Mass of Sunday on Saturday 6pm; Holy Days: Mass 9.30am (and on previous evening at 7pm); Weekdays: usually 9.30am **Confessions:** Saturday 5.15-5.45pm and as required.

Wootton Bassett Community Church (not linked to this magazine) **Pastors:** T & K Ravenscroft. Tel: 848098. **Deacons:** D Barnes. Tel 854045; D Neve. Tel: 850432; S Bechervaise Tel: 854165; PO Box 270, Wootton Bassett: SN4 8SD. Every Sunday: Worship at 10am in the Civic Centre, Station Road with creche and Sunday School. Services of Christian Healing: First Tuesday of every month at the Civic Centre.

PRAM SERVICE: A half hour of praise, prayer, song & story for under-5s (all welcome). 1st Weds & 3rd Tues of every month, 2pm in St Bart's & All Saints' Church, followed by light refreshments in Church Croft. (Primary school children welcome during holidays.)

CHURCHES TOGETHER YOUTH GROUP: (Secondary pupils only). Every Sunday, 7.45-9.15pm at the Hillside Hall.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH WORKER: Paul Critchley, 42 High Street, Purton Tel: 772910.

Schools

COUNTY INFANTS'

High Street Hill
 Headteacher: Ms K Fullam tel: 852254

LONGLEAZE COUNTY PRIMARY

Headteacher: Mrs E A Glenton tel: 849251

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

C OF E PRIMARY

Headteacher: Mrs S Lane tel: 853288

NOREMARSH COUNTY JUNIOR

Clarendon Drive,
 Headteacher: Mrs M Backhouse tel: 852250

WOOTTON BASSETT SCHOOL

(11-18 comprehensive
 with Sixth Form)

Lime Kiln
 Headteacher: Mr C Montacute tel: 841900

WOOTTON BASSETT POLICE STATION

tel: 852213

In emergency dial 999

Other matters tel: 01380 722341

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday,
 8am - 12.30pm and 1.15pm - 4.15pm;
 Friday, 8am - 12.30pm, 1.15pm - 3.45pm.
 Closed on Saturday/Sunday and Public Holidays

WOOTTON BASSETT LIBRARY

Borough Fields tel: 853249

Opening hours: Mondays and Wednesdays,
 10am - 8pm (Closed Tuesdays);
 Thursdays and Fridays,
 10am - 5pm; Saturday, 10am-1pm

GP SURGERIES

Tinkers Lane tel: 852131
 New Court tel: 852302

For PTA contacts see list of Clubs, etc)

Clubs & Contacts

ACE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Mrs S Ladva, 4 Elm Close tel: 849365

AGE CONCERN

Bill Bliss, 25 Thornhill tel: 73 1590

AIR TRAINING CORPS 2491

Lyneham Squadron

Flt Lt J McGuire VR(T), 30 The Chesters,
Westlea, Swindon SN5 7DB tel: 632766

ALLOTMENTS (Church St)

David Harris tel: 852444

ALLSORTS PRE-SCHOOL

Supervisor: J. Crimp tel: 853880

tel: 851239

ALZEIMER'S SOCIETY (N. Wilts) tel: 01249

443649

ANCHOR (N. Wilts)

Nina Stimson tel: 01249 460701

ANGLING CLUB

T Strange, 15 Shakespeare Road tel: 346730

ARMY CADETS

S Upton tel: 694689

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN (ARC) G

Thomson, 35 Brynards Hill tel: 853202

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

M Harrison, 7 Station Road tel: 850763

BADMINTON CLUBS

K Patel, tel: 850793

S Jewell, tel: 851213

B Bartlett, tel: 852092

BARTHOLOMEW'S YOUTH ZONE (BYz)

P Ritchings, tel: 770572

BEAMAN'S LANE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

K Nelson, tel: 849001

C Borrass, tel: 848101

BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP

Louise Sheppard, 39 Byron Avenue tel: 854038

BOWLS CLUB

Susan Walker, 3 Shakespeare Road tel: 853339

BRAYDON FOREST PROJECT

J Power, 18 High Street, Devizes tel: 01380 720774

BRIDGE CLUB Ann Holloway tel: 636178

BRINKWORTH MOTHER & TODDLER

GROUP

Mrs S Leyfield, 2 Highgate Cottages tel: 848243

BRINKWORTH PLAYGROUP

Play Leader: Sara Cloke tel: 01666 860510

BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY

Welfare: Mrs Sullivan Tailyour tel: 01985 840515

Press & PR: J Lewis, 31 Morstone Road tel: 851207

BRITISH KOREAN VETERANS

Jack Howard, 4 Longleat Gardens, Penhill tel: 721837

BRITISH STICKMAKERS GUILD

J Pullen, 10 Thornhill, Broad Town tel: 721837

BROAD TOWN PRE-SCHOOL

Sarah Clarke tel: 731853

BUMPS & BEYOND (Baby & Toddler Group)

Claire Dow tel: 854492

BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION

F Hunt, 1 Victory Row tel: 850035

CAMERA CLUB

D Bound, 21 High Mead tel: 850149

CARERS SUPPORT NORTH WILTS

(a free service for carers)

12 The Causeway, Chippenham SN15 3BT

tel: 01249 444110

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

M Harrison, 7 Station Road tel: 850763

CATHOLIC HALL COMMITTEE

Sacred Heart, High Street tel: 852366

CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

PO Box 850, Swindon SN4 9RT tel: 827593

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Bridgett Tubb, 118 High Street tel: 849499

CHESS CLUB

Mrs J Richmond: contact at WB School tel: 841900

CHILDMINDERS (Registered)

Vacancies list: Natasha Riordan tel: 848239

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Alastair Smith, 4 The Steadings tel: 853279

CHORAL SOCIETY

J Drury, 61 Marlborough Road

CHRISTIAN AID

R Moss, 7 Orchard Mead tel: 854951

CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Steve Bucknell tel: 853592

CHURCHES TOGETHER

YOUTH GROUP

C & A German, 25 Byron Avenue tel: 854908

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

At the Civic Centre, Station Road, every Thursday

10am - 3pm. No appointment necessary. Advice at

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ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

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FLOWER GUILD

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FOLK DANCE CLUB

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FOOTBALL CLUBS

Wootton Bassett Town
R Carter, 14 Blackthorn Close tel: 851386

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GUIDE ASSOCIATION
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Sarah Scarth, 6 Forsey Close, Covingham,
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MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (Swindon)

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Support Group for parents of children with eczema

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

Sally Priddy, 35 Bath Road tel: 851122

NORTH WILTS MODEL ENGINEERING CLUB

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1st Wootton Bassett Group

Waiting List: Ann McKee tel: 852413

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Joan Indge, 3 Byron Avenue tel: 852869

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Scouts

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CHURCH HALL

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