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EDITORIAL

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."— Albert Camus

November comes from the Latin word "novem". This is because the old Roman Calendar began in March making November the ninth month of the year. January and February were added later but the original names of the months were never changed, so even though November became the eleventh month it kept its original name November meaning "ninth month"

Celebrations, traditions and remembering like Thanksgiving in The USA, Armistice Day in Europe, Diwali (the Hindu festival of lights), Mexico's Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and All Saints Day recognised by the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox communities all over the world occur in November,

This is a month of reflection, of gratitude and an affirmation of the spiritual bond between the living and the departed.

A final thought - In November trees lose their leaves in the same way we humans might try to let go of what we no longer need and make room for what matters to us most when preparing for the year ahead.

Steve Tommey

Cover picture : Aston Ingham Cricket Club – End of Season Celebrations

The Saturday of the first week of each month, prior to publication is our deadline for submitting copy, and is confirmed on the front cover. If in doubt, please contact your sub-editor — their details are in the heading of each section. PHOTOGRAPHS are very welcome to illustrate news reports and should be a minimum of 300 dpi for the magazine or less for the website. Events included in *The Chimes* will be limited to a 2-month in advance cut-off. If beyond this please resend. Thank you

A VIEW FROM THE HILL

MAST YEAR

I think most of us have recognised that this autumn has been the season of plenty, a mast year. Apples, pears, plums along with nuts and acorns like we have not seen for years, but why? Some say it is nature forcing itself to produce more seeds to preserve itself after a long hot dry summer. If this were true, then trees would have to know in advance that drought conditions were coming. This I cannot believe. Fruit is set in the spring by blossom.



Trees make their blossom, which contains pollen, which is distributed around by insects and wind. Blossom time weather is the determinate as to how large a harvest is. Frost at blossom time will ruin yields along with cold and wet conditions, but, a warm dry spring, such as we experienced this year, can lead to heavy yields. If only we could control the weather!

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This event is open to anyone who wants to find out more about dementia or Alzheimers, so you can have the knowledge and understanding of that journey and what to expect. Yes its in Hereford at the Kindle Centre (by Asda), to accommodate the information stands, and speakers that will be present. It's free too, and takes place on **Friday 21st November from 10 am - 1.30pm**

Stands on the day

Open from 10.00 am

Herefordshire Carers Links/Carers of Herefordshire/Citizens/The Samaritans /AdviceHerefordshire Council Technology Dept (gadgets available to see and learn about)/Dementia Matters (meetings/ support group advice)/ Admiral Nurse Memory Service/Alzheimer's Society/Dementia Roadmap

Speakers:

10.30	Welcome and introduction to the session	Sylvia Nicholls (Organiser)
10.35	1st Speaker	Hereford Council
10.55	Dementia Matters	Claire Powney
11.10	Refreshment break and time to visit stands	
11.30	Join Dementia Research	Juan Doblado-Pavon
11.45	Care at hospital for those with Dementia	Deborah Powell
12.05	The Courtyard	Rose Sales
12.25	Round up of the morning and feedback/Q&A/Completion	
12.40	Lunch break and time to visit stands	

Booking essential: sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com 07817 473813

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You will need to sign in at the Kindle Centre entrance for free parking

LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

5th November - Fiona Morison - The Roses of No Man's Land (Nurses in WWI)

3rd December - John Putley - A Gloucestershire Christmas

The Society meets at 7 for 7:30pm at Linton Village Hall. All are welcome.

Guest fee is £5 per talk.

For further information please contact the Chairman-Roger Davies

(rogerdavies1@sky.com)

or the Secretary-Teresa Squires (sec.lintonhistosoc@gmail.com)

RBL POPPY APPEAL 2025

The Royal British Legion will shortly be launching the Poppy Appeal for 2025.

Started in 1921 after the First World War, to help ex-service men and women, the money raised continues to do invaluable work to help and support those who have served in the Military.

I have been involved in organising the Appeal in the District for the last 20 years and feel that is now time to hand that task over.

Is there a kind volunteer who will take over? You will be well supported by the RBL area office in Hereford. I would be very pleased to give more information to anyone who feels that they might be able to help.

Please contact Jose Wilson 07813346987 if you think that you could be interested.



ROB THE RAINMAN

RAINFALL REPORT

September's total was 66.8mm at just about the expected (10% above the average). It was a month of two halves. The low pressure systems that moved in during the last week of August continued throughout the first half of September, with all but 0.6mm of the total rainfall coming in that period.

Notable days were the 7th with 19.8mm, courtesy of lively thundery showers, and the 14th with 10.8mm.

From the 17th high pressure won the battle and returned and it was essentially dry thereon in. Not wall to wall sunshine but a significant number of days were those lovely September days with really clear light giving great views from higher ground. Once the rain came in any quantity it was a spectacularly quick return to a green landscape once again. The spring and summer were special – ones to remember but I missed the green.

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ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS



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Church News

Thank you

Rodney & June Green after ten years have now retired from mowing part of the new Churchyard.

Richard Potter for maintenance on Chancel door.

All those who decorated the Church for Harvest Festival & gave donations for local food bank.

It was lovely to meet volunteers at the Harvest Tea. Thanks to those who provided refreshments.

Coming Up

Remembrance Service
Carol Service
Christmas Day

Sunday November 9th at 10.50am
Wednesday December 17th at 6.30pm
Parish Communion 10.30am

Village News & Events

Aston Ingham Cricket Club – End of Season Celebrations

Aston Ingham Cricket Club rounded off another fantastic cricket season in style on Saturday, 4th October, with a spectacular Bonfire Night celebration!

The event was a complete sellout, raising vital funds to support the club while bringing the community together for an unforgettable evening.

After the bonfire roared to life, the crowd was treated to a dazzling 20-minute fireworks display that lit up the night sky above the pitch. With nearly 30 dedicated volunteers running the bonfire, bar, BBQ, and fireworks, the night was a true team effort.

The club extends a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who came along to celebrate and to all the members and helpers whose hard work made the event such a glowing success. (Photo on Front Cover)

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ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

The Knit and Natter Group

The Knit & Natter group have once again outdone themselves with a wonderful display for this year's Harvest Festival!

After many years of creativity and dedication, group leader Barbara Butcher is stepping down. We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to Barbara for her incredible commitment — guiding the team, providing supplies, and helping produce a steady stream of beautiful handmade items for so many good causes. From teddies for Hereford Hospital and teddy jumpers for St Michael's Hospice, to blankets, Christmas gifts for the Community Larder, and Easter surprises for a local day care centre — Barbara's leadership has truly made a difference.

The group has also brightened the Village Hall with their stunning decorations over the years — including bunting and Christmas decorations and crafting over 100 poppies for the hall's 100th anniversary. And of course, no Knit & Natter gathering would be complete without one of Barbara's delicious homemade cakes!

Though Barbara is stepping down, the Knit & Natter group will continue to thrive, and new members are warmly welcomed to join this talented and friendly team.



Aston Ingham WI try their hands at pottery painting

On 9th October, Aston Ingham WI enjoyed a wonderfully relaxing afternoon with Broadland's Pottery from Longhope.

Members spent a couple of peaceful, creative hours taking part in a "paint a pot" session — a chance to unwind, chat, and get artistic! Everyone is eagerly looking forward to seeing their finished, fired creations.

Find out more about Broadland's Pottery at www.broadlandspottery.co.uk

ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

Forthcoming events at the Village Hall

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 4 th November at 11:30 am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Country Dancing	Friday 7 th November at 7 pm	If you'd like to join us, you'd be most welcome. Any age, ability, or gender. No partner needed. £3 per person	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham W.I.	Tuesday 11 th November at 1:45 am	Our speaker will be Paul Evans, his poems and anecdotes will have a Christmas theme. Everyone is welcome.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Tuesday 13 th November at 2 pm	This group meets in the committee room at the Village Hall All are welcome; you don't have to crochet, but we have a teacher on hand if you would like to learn. Come and join a great group! £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 14 th November at 2 pm	If you'd like to join us, please come along, you'd be very welcome. We are a very friendly group, and our bowling is non-competitive. £3 per person	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 18 th November at 2 pm	This will be our last meeting before Christmas so it will be Christmas nibbles as well as a glass of bubbles. All welcome, you don't have to knit just come along & join in the natter. £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
HeartStart Course	Saturday 15 th November at 10 am.	This is a two-hour course, see poster. Admission free but donations would be much appreciated. Booking essential	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Pop Up Pub	Saturday 15 th November at 7 pm.	All welcome	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Sing-along of 60's & 70's music	Saturday 22 nd November at 7 pm.	A light-hearted and inclusive evening of singing and laughter. Entrance £15, which includes a supper of casseroles with fresh, crusty bread	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Book Club and Coffee Morning	Friday 28 th November at 10:30 am	There will be the usual selection of cakes. Puzzles & books can be borrowed & Cobalt Charity cards are available to purchase. Bacon Butties will also be available!	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham Reading Group	First Saturday of every month 09:30 – 11:00 am	November Conclave by Robert Harris No book in December January 2026 Where Angels Fear to Tread by E.M.Foster	Jan Falkiner 07899 728346

To book the Village Hall contact Sue Harding 01989 720528

ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS



Royal Worcester look out — you've got competition !

In Memory of Mike Askew and Cliff Jones

Our village community is deeply saddened by the recent passing of two much-loved residents, Mike Askew and Cliff Jones. Both were valued members of our community, whose kindness, good humour, and friendship touched many lives. They will be greatly missed by all who knew them. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends at this difficult time.

Dates for your diary

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on Friday 12th December at 10.30 am. There will be the usual cards, books, and puzzles, along with two giant Christmas hampers to be raffled.

BURNS NIGHT on Saturday 24th January. More details in later additions of the Chimes.

This is always a very popular event, so if you want to book your place, contact Janet on 01452830556 or 07340 078520.

There will now be a bar at all Village Hall Events & we take cards as well as cash.

To book Village Hall Events, please get in touch with Janet on 01452830556 or 07340 078520

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100 Club

We have room for more players. If you have not yet joined and would like to, please get in touch at treasurer-AIVH@hotmail.com

September winners: 1st J Cannock - £18, 2nd L Dickson - £13, 3rd D Crowhurst - £7.

Wheelchair availability

We have a wheelchair stored in the Village Hall for communal use. Contact Janet Potter

Cards wanted

Wanted: Christmas and greeting cards to recycle into new cards. We now have our own group of ladies making cards for the Cobalt Unit. We have a box in the hall lobby for your old cards & stamps & a card stand with cards for sale.

For more details, please get in touch with Janet 01452830556 or 07340078520.

Church Cleaning

If anyone would like to join our cleaning rota, please get in touch with Janet 01452830556. We split the Church into sections to make it easier and to ensure that no one person has too much to do. The more helpers, the less work for everyone

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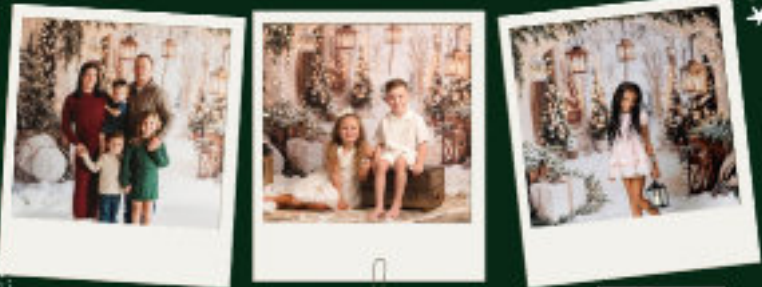
Kissing Gates replace stiles: Almost three years ago Julia Askew (the then Chair) won a Lottery Grant to replace stiles along the footpath from Aston Bank to Mill Lane. Following a Review of progress by Maggie Pettit (current Chair) Aug '24, three more gates were ordered and provided free of charge by Stephen Organ at Hereford Council. Unavoidable delays in fitting have included, delivery, ground too soft, ground too hard, & haymaking, but thanks to the skills of Dave Aubrey all of the Kissing gates have now been fitted and look amazing. Parishioners using this path will no longer have to climb and lift dogs over stiles and will generally find it much easier to walk the path and perhaps use it to access cricket and tennis facilities.



Road run off on to B4222: As you know this is another longstanding issue and we're keeping our fingers crossed that our application for a Drainage Grant to Herefordshire Council will be granted. Specialist technicians have assisted us in scoping the Project; we've had several positive meetings with the Floodrisk Team at Herefordshire Council. If granted we will then need to consult other stakeholders before work can commence. **Road Improvements in the Parish:** Highways have notified us that from 3rd to 12th November they will undertake 'Improvement works on the B4222 from Kingsmill to C1281. This is a significant stretch of road. Further information will appear on the Parish Council website. **Maggie Pettit (Chair)**

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GORSLEY NEWS



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If you have any special news, events or ideas about what you would like to see in the Gorsley section of the magazine, please get in touch!

GORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Notice: We now have a new Treasurer, Sue Scregg, who will be taking over at the AGM, but we are still in need of a Booking Clerk. Please apply to Nigel Poole (Chairman) on 01989 720750 or 07802 334066.

Our committee meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. We always welcome new people to help us put on a programme of activities to involve the village and to raise money for the hall's maintenance.

100 Club winners for October are: Max Gough - £25.00; Chantelle Poole. - £10.00 and Mick Pay - £5.00. Funds raised by the 100 Club are for improvements to the village hall, including lighting and heating.

For more information please contact: gorsleyvh@gmail.com

Hall Secretary, Anne Course: oldmole@btinternet.com

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Christ Church Gorsley Remembers



As November winds blow and poppies are everywhere, we extend a very warm welcome to our regular 10:30 am church services. The 2nd of November is one of Holy Communion and on the 9th we hold our special Remembrance Service. It is at this time that we honour those men and women who came and gave their lives to protect our freedom- both locally and across the Commonwealth. We also pray for all those in our own families who served our country in time of war. As war still rages now in Europe this service gives us time to reflect on the price paid for peace.

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GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Prepare for the perfect spring!

Our next meeting is on Monday, 17th November, 7.30 - 9.00pm, Gorsley Village Hall. Our guest speaker is Tamsin Westhorpe and she will be sharing her ideas on how we can prepare our gardens for spring.

Tamsin has worked as a garden writer, author and editor for over 25 years. She was previously editor of The English Garden magazine and was Deputy at Amateur Gardening magazine. The foundation of her career is horticulture – having lectured at Kingston Maurward College Dorset, and been a greenkeeper and parks department gardener, she has seen the industry from many sides. Tamsin lives in Herefordshire and alongside her freelance work she is also a director and gardener of Stockton Bury Gardens near Leominster. She is an RHS Chelsea Judge and Honorary President of Herefordshire Growing Point.

In 'Prepare for the perfect spring' Tamsin will share the practical tasks that need to be carried out in autumn to have your best spring ever. She'll also highlight her favourite plants for the spring garden. Entrance fee: free to members, £3 for visitors (includes refreshments). No need to book - visitors are very welcome.

If you would like to know more about Gorsley and District Garden Club please call Charlotte on 01989 780760 or email us at - gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com

KILCOT & GORSLEY WI

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Bingo is held at Gorsley Village Hall on every 4th Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The cost is £5 for 6 games with a break halfway through.

PILATES

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Your ticket includes all materials, a delicious mince pie, and a glass of mulled wine to enjoy as you create. Please bring your own secateurs and feel free to add a personal touch by bringing a decorative item of your choice.

This event is open to everyone, so gather your friends and family, and get into the festive spirit with us.

Date: Friday, 28 November 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Gorsley Goffs Primary School, Herefordshire

Tickets: £20 per person (spaces are limited)

Booking: Email ptagorsleygooffs@hotmail.com to reserve your spot

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NEWS FROM LEA CHURCH

Hello everyone, hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the wonderful colours of the Autumn trees!

Our Harvest Festival service was well attended and the collection went to R.A.B.I. the agricultural charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed and decorated the church, it looked amazing!

Also, thanks to all who came to our Quiz Night in September, again well attended raising over £600 for Lea Church. Our grateful thanks go to Jon and Martin Friedriksen who set the questions and to all who contributed nibbles, drinks and assistance! Congratulations to the winners and we hope to see you all again at our next quiz!

This is one of our busiest times of year in the lead up to Christmas. We have the annual Craft Fayre and Soup Bar on **Saturday 15th November** in Lea Village Hall, with a wonderful assortment of Artisan stalls, some old favourites and some new sellers, with of course, our gorgeous homemade soups for lunch. Why not come along and do your Christmas shopping early and have a delicious lunch at the same time! We will have our usual super produce stall with homemade cakes of all sorts and a great choice of preserves and condiments! There will also be our usual Christmas Hamper raffle. The Fayre opens from 10.30-2pm, so if you can't stay for lunch, why not come along and meet up with old friends for a coffee and a chat? We would love to see you. Free admission, all proceeds to Lea church.

By popular demand we will be holding our Advent Carol Service again in Lea church on **Sunday 30th November** at 6pm with refreshments served after the service. This is a wonderful way to start to get into the Christmas mood!

On **Sunday 21st December** this year we will hold our outside Torchlight Carol Service (thanks to Lea Children's Church) at the village hall (or if weather is predicted to be awful - in the church!)

We will be holding the Midnight communion service again this year at 11.30pm and hope to see you all there, really getting into the spirit of Christmas!

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Our congratulations and very best wishes go to Lydia Spindler and Josh Grinham on the occasion of their marriage at Goodrich church on Saturday 18th October. May your future life together be blessed.

Our churchyard is now looking immaculate and our thanks go to our new Fabric officer Bob Taylor and his wife Anne, they are doing an amazing job!

Best wishes all and God bless, see you in December!
Marion Martin

NEWS FROM LEA CE PRIMARY

Oak class have become engrossed in their recent topic of World War I; they have learnt about which countries were involved and used their geography skills to map out where these countries are within the world. The children spent time considering many of the events that led up to WWI and held a class debate on which was the most 'detrimental' to the start of the Great War.

They also had the exciting opportunity to visit Hereford History Store, where they were transported back to 'Rotherwas Munition Factory' in 1914. The children had a brilliant morning, engaging in interactive activities and learning what life would have been like for civilians on the home front!

If you would like to arrange a visit to our wonderful school, situated in the heart of Lea, please contact Rachel on 01989 750296 or email: admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk



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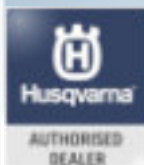
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LEA PLAY AND CHAT

Play and Chat held a successful table sale at the end of September, contributing to funds to keep the group running free of charge and offering a warm welcome, friendships and of course tea and coffee over lots of play and chat.

We are fast approaching Christmas and working on our decorations for the Christmas Tree festival at St Mary's church in Ross, also those special cards and gifts.

We have a photographer in session on Friday **November 7th**, please get in touch if you are interested to have pictures taken.

We meet every Friday (Term time only) in Lea Primary School Hall 9.00-10.30am. Everyone is warmly welcome. Any queries contact Carolyn 07765 555588.

LEA VILLAGE HALL

Lea Village Hall is going through a period of renewal and organisation, and as part of that process over the Christmas/New Year period will be undergoing redecoration. This should not interfere with any current Regular User bookings or hires already in place for that period. The main entrance area will be done at a later date, but the Committee Room and Main Hall will certainly be refreshed during that closure. We hope also to have the carpet, curtains and soft seat chairs cleaned too.

The outside wooden enclosure to the oil tank is also being replaced by a metal version in the next month.

Events at the Village Hall are:

Wednesday 5th November: Coffee Morning 10.00–11.30am.

Saturday 15th November: Christmas Fayre (in aid of Lea Church).

Wednesday 19th November: LRA Bingo Night 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

Wednesday 26th November: Parish Council Meeting 7.00 – 9.00pm (Public welcome).

Friday 28th November: Quiz Night 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Table bookings to: TheLeaLRA@outlook.com £5 a head.

Wednesday 3rd December: Coffee Morning 10.00–11.30am.

Thursday 4th December: Village Hall meeting 7.30-9.00pm. Open to Lea Residents. Ideas for new clubs or improvements welcomed.

Wednesday 10th December: Lea Lunch Club Christmas Meal. Bookings via Nicky Keef: 07718 065946 (There is a waiting list).

Wednesday 17th December: LRA Bingo Night 7.00 for 7.30 start.

If you'd like to volunteer at the hall please contact me: sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com 07817 473813

LEA VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September £100 prize draw - S. Brain

1st Prize £25 - Ian Weyman

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Our next coffee morning is at 10.00-11.30am on **Wednesday 5th November**. It's



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LEA LUNCH CLUB

There is no lunch club in November because of the Christmas special lunch, which will be taking place on 10th December at the village hall. To enquire about booking a place at the lunch club, please contact Nicky on 07718 065946.

LEA FRIDAY PAINTERS

Join us at our regular Friday morning meetings at the village hall, starting at 9.00am. Hope to see you there. For any queries contact Di Brice: 01989 750403.

LEA PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting 24th September 2015

The September meeting was attended by six Councillors and the Clerk to the Council. No members of the public attended.

Brian Jones, Chairman over many years, has stepped down. Councillors expressed gratitude for all his hard work and contribution to The Lea. Brian quietly and steadfastly dealt with the bureaucracy involved in his dealings with all external agencies. He has a wealth of knowledge regarding the village and local and county issues. Brian will continue as a Councillor.

A new Chair was elected, Councillor Martin Richards, proposed by Councillor Nicholls, seconded by Councillor Williams, he was welcomed into his new position and assured ongoing support with parish concerns.

Tributes were made to a previous Councillor, Clive Tree, who had made a significant contribution to The Lea during his tenure.

Councillors had been asked by the village PCSO, Claire Denton for priorities for policing. Speeding, and parking on pavements were put forward. Councillor Bramer's Ward Councillor's report is available on the parish website.

The proposed resurfacing work on the A40 through the village was discussed. Councillor Nicholls had considerable dealing in prevention a full closure. Work will be in stages to keep the bus available to the village as much as possible. Disruption is inevitable, the Parish Council have campaigned for resurfacing over many years. Homes will receive a letter of proposed work schedule.

The Lengthsman contracts were reviewed.

Herefordshire Council drainage grant applied for.

The council has received the year's precept. Invoices were checked and approved for payment.

One planning application was discussed, No. 252420. No objections were raised.

Herefordshire council is introducing a charter which states what Herefordshire Council does, with outline response times. For future discussion.

Future agenda items include; Finance, Audit report, returning to monthly meetings. The role of Herefordshire Tree Wardens.

The next meeting is scheduled for 26th November 2025.

Please come along, meet the new Chair and become involved in the village management.

FEATURE

Linton Parish Council's First *Greener Living Show*

On Saturday October 18th Linton Parish Council sponsored their first "Greener Living Show". The event was organised by members of the Council Climate Group which was set up by the council in 2019 to find ways of supporting and encouraging parishioners towards a more sustainable future. The idea was inspired by the successful ECO Festivals run by Colwall Greener, Colwall.

Over 120 people came to the Greener Living Show on Saturday 17th October, organised by the Climate Change Group of Linton Parish Council.

Some arrived with a clear idea of what they wanted to find out about: reducing energy consumption, storing energy, how to install a heat pump, would solar panels work for their home? Others had just seen the article in The Chimes and were interested enough to come along. It was wonderful to hear the hubbub of conversation around the stands and the council are delighted with the overwhelmingly positive feedback that has been received.



In addition to the stands there were four excellent presentations on a variety of home energy related topics which were also very popular. Finally, to top things off, a delicious range of cakes along with tea and coffee was served through the whole afternoon by the Catering team from Linton Village Hall.

FEATURE



The Parish Council would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time both on the day and also in the many months of prior planning to the event. It simply wouldn't have happened without their efforts. Thanks also are, of course, due to the various expert exhibitors and presenters, to the catering team for making the day so special and to Gorsley Baptist Church for providing a fantastic venue. And finally, a big thank you to everyone who came along for your enthusiasm and positivity. Attendees have already provided numerous suggestions for topics for a future event – so watch this space!



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BLEED KITS IN LEA

Following a presentation to the Lea Parish Council by a resident at the July Parish Council meeting, there was agreement to fund two Bleed Kits. These have now been installed in the village — one in the bus shelter opposite The Crown and the other at Lea Village Hall.

The village PCSO, Claire Denton was present at this meeting and also supported installing these kits, which are currently carried by first responders. The majority of severe to catastrophic bleeds occur accidentally: work injuries, farms, road traffic accidents, groundworks, and homes, intentional stabbing being relatively rare.

The founder of the Daniel Baird Foundation, Dr Lynn Baird sent an e-mail of thanks to the Lea Parish Council. Apparently there are still few of these kits available for use in Herefordshire.

In rural areas there may be a delay in help arriving. The two kits in Lea are registered with ambulance control who can, in cases of severe to catastrophic bleed, direct people to their location. Any competent person can use the kit.

Further details are available on the Daniel Baird Foundation webpage:

controlthebleed.org.uk

The Parish Council would be supportive of a training session for these kits and use of the defibrillator. Please express your interest via the Parish Clerk: clerk@theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk or via Lea Village Facebook page.

Lea Parish Council sincerely hope that other Parish Councils, workplaces, venues and farms will take time to look at the Foundation's work via the webpage and consider installing bleed kits.

G.Richards

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with three-part harmony vocals.

Tickets £12 – email: lvh@lintonvillage.com to reserve your tickets and seat.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - Saturday 6th December from 10.30am

Our festive Christmas Coffee Morning will be held this year on Saturday 6th December from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy toasted crumpets, delicious cakes, lashings of fresh coffee and tea, raffle, Christmas cards etc. The hall will be decked with festive decorations and Christmas music will be playing, so come and join us.

To be sure of a seat/table please email carol849@btinternet.com

LINTON LUNCH CLUB

November's lunch will be held on Thursday 20th. Please email carol849@btinternet if you would like to receive details.

Join Linton Village Hall Email Group if you would you like to be first to hear about goings-on with priority notice to book.

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Thinking of starting a new group or activity and need a suitable venue? We may be able to accommodate you! If you would like to discuss your requirements, please call Carol on 07811 012 593 or email: carol849@btinternet.com

7th ALMA SANTA RUN Sunday 7th December starts @ 12.30pm

Are you ready for the festive season? Kickstart your Christmas with this scenic fun run for the whole family with truly wonderful views over the local area. The course will again follow a circular 1.8-mile route around Linton and Linton Hill. The car park, start and finish are all at the Alma Inn (HR97RY). FREE ENTRY- just turn up in seasonal attire and jog!!! The event will not be timed and runners can proceed at their own speed. A jug of ale for the first Santa home and a





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Gemma Evans at the Alma (01989 720355) or Roger Davies on 0777 1812 793.

FoLYs

THANK YOU to all who attended the FoLYs September quiz. It has raised an excellent £297.01 net to boost the coffers of FoLYs. This will enable us to mulch all the ancient yews as soon as the ground conditions permit and go some way to our next controlled pruning of the Linton Yew sometime in early 2026.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP

This is due to take place on Saturday 1st November from 10am to prepare for Remembrance. Everyone welcome: cake provided. If wet, it will be the following Saturday (8th November).

REMEMBERING

Queen Elizabeth has been quoted as saying 'Grief is the price we pay for love'. Our annual Remembering Service offers a quiet time of reflection to remember and grieve for those we have loved and lost over the years. It can be a recent bereavement or one from many years ago: perhaps you feel you never had a chance to say goodbye? It will be held at 5:30pm on Sunday 2nd November. If you have a loved one whose death you would like remembered by prayers and the lighting of a candle, please let one of the Church Wardens know or sign up on the sheet at the back of church. If you are able to attend, you are invited to light a candle and place it around the font when their name is read out. All those known to us from the parish who have died or been laid to rest in the churchyard in the last 6 years will automatically be remembered. We will gather for refreshments before the service and end in a time of quiet and reflection. Rev David will be available after the service if anyone wants to talk to him.

REMEMBRANCE

The annual Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 9th November. Those who wish to attend assemble from about 10:45am in the churchyard in good time for the silence at 11am. The service later proceeds inside the church.

QUIZ AND PUDDING EVENING

A highlight of the church events calendar is the Annual Quiz and Pudding Evening. This will take place on Saturday 8th November in Linton Village Hall. Tickets available from Ernst Zillekens at £8 ahead: ehz200@btinternet.com Come on your own and join to make a team or reserve a table for your team!

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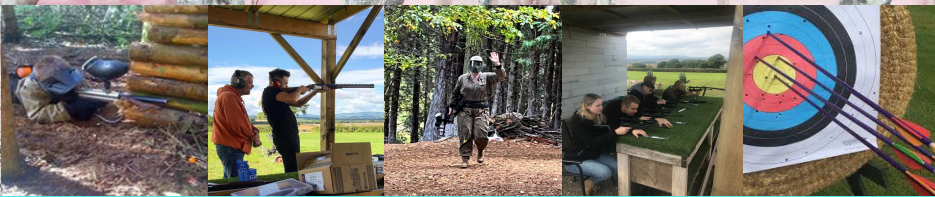
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BIBLE BRUNCH

Due to Remembrance falling on the second Sunday, Bible Brunch will move to Sunday 16th November at Wrens Nest. This is the last in the current series. In future months we will be holding Bible Bookclub starting Sunday 14th December. The idea is much the same as a secular bookclub. We will choose a book of the Bible to read over the month and then meet discuss it.

December's book will be Ruth, a book which seems on the surface to be a simple love story but has a lot to say on how we treat strangers and aliens, kindness, faithfulness and redemption. All are very welcome; each month will be stand-alone so please drop in.

DECEMBER

Planning of events are well underway for the lead up to Christmas.

This will include:

The annual Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on	Saturday	6th December;
Carol Service 5.30pm	Sunday	21st December
Crib Service 4pm	Wednesday	24th December
Christmas Communion Service 11am	Thursday	25th December

VILLAGE OF LINTON TRUST

NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village of Linton Trust (VoLT) will take place on Monday 10th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend. If you have any queries or questions, please email us before the day so that we have the opportunity to provide as complete an answer as possible. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the AGM. Email: trustees@linton-volt.org.uk

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LINTON VILLAGE HALL Saturday 3rd January 10.30am

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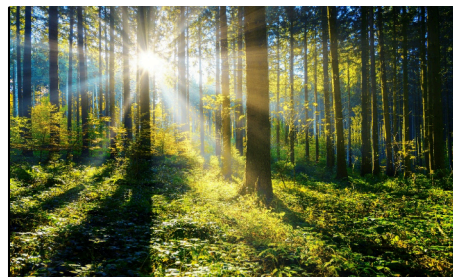
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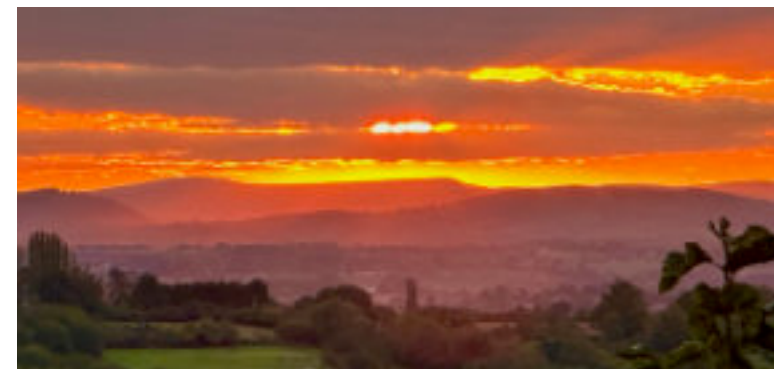
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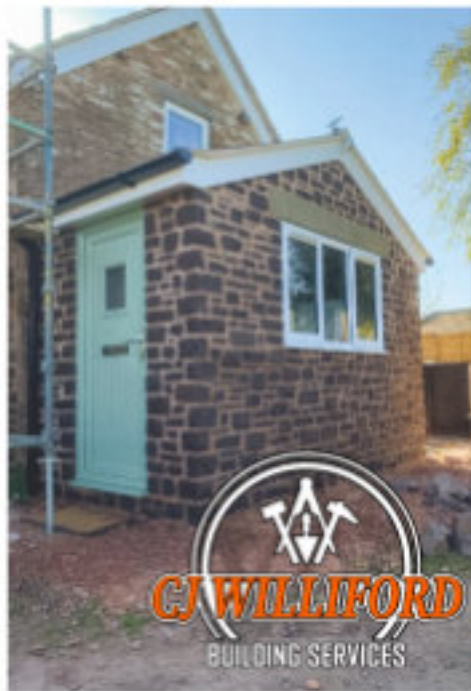
THE LINTON POUND- AUTUMN UPDATE

Readers of *The Chimes* will be aware that the Linton Pound was recently demolished at the behest of Herefordshire Council. Having been given two days to secure the pound followed by a stay of execution of a further few days it was an additional three weeks or so before a demolition team, without advance warning, undertook the task. The council had indicated that the stone could be retained for the construction of an historical garden on the same site and that in order to facilitate this only the minimum needed to make the site safe would be removed. Furthermore, the Conservation Officer would be in attendance to oversee the demolition.

In the event the whole of the pound was removed, no one from Herefordshire Council turned up and very little of the building stone was retained locally. Herefordshire Council was contacted with a request that the stone be returned to Linton.

The response was that it had been taken to a location in Staunton, Gloucestershire utilising a licensing scheme. Further enquiries at the place where the stone was deposited elicited the response that it had already been used as hardcore for a building project and was not traceable. Further clarification is being sought from Herefordshire Council and this may be the subject of a Freedom of Information request.

It is our intention, nevertheless, to prepare a plan for the re-use of the site utilising the remaining stone. As a first step, the parish council in Arlingham has been contacted to find out how they had saved their pound, which had been in a similar state of disrepair to the Linton monument. In addition a local architect with expertise in heritage work has been contacted to see if he can help us with our plans. Our intention is that after an information gathering exercise, consultation will take place within Linton about how we should proceed.



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LINTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(Covering Bromsash, Gorsley and Linton villages)

The parish council was very sad to learn of the death recently of Andy Price, a member of the council for the last few years. The council's thoughts and condolences are with Andy's family at this time.

The council's 2024-25 Annual Governance & Accountability Return has been granted a certificate by external auditors, with no issues reported. This has been posted on the PC's website, together with the external audit report. There is one vacant plot remaining at Gorsley allotments. If you are interested, please contact Rich Hunt via e-mail: pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk or telephone: 07763793695.



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Services for November All Services at 10.30 unless shown otherwise

Sunday 2nd Morning Worship
Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday
NB Service and laying of wreath at 10.45am
Sunday 16th Communion
Sunday 23rd All Age Services
Sunday 30th Benefice Communion for Advent Sunday

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THE CHURCH:

By the time you read this, we shall be well and truly into Autumn and looking forward to Christmas. St John's was beautifully decorated for Harvest Festival at the beginning of October. Many thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church and all those who brought food items for the Ross Larder.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November

Did you know that as well as those men who died for our country, commemorated on our two war memorials inside the church, there are four Commonwealth war graves in the churchyard? One from WW1 and three from WW2. The head stones are cared for by Peter Fray and regularly visited by a representative of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. For more information about :-

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The first Service of Christmas - Midnight Mass - 11.30pm on 24th December.

AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL:

FOR THE YOUNG:

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SOCIAL:

COFFEE MORNING First Saturday in the month, Cancelled till after Christmas

SOCIAL AFTERNOON Monday 17th November 2.30pm - 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all for cake and chat

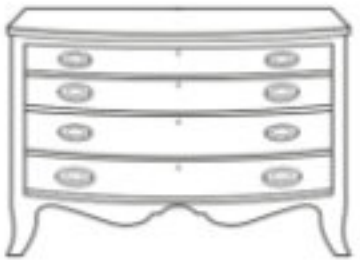
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October meeting - Upton Bishop WI is going from strength to strength. Last year the Chairwoman of Herefordshire Federation of WIs (HFWI) awarded us Wi of the Year. On the 14 Oct 2025 the Chairwoman announced that Upton Bishop WI had the most increased membership of all Herefordshire WIs for the year 2024-25. Ultimately these awards were in recognition of the selfless dedication of one woman - Frances Lawford, whom the world tragically lost earlier this year. Frances was also an avid photographer and entered many photos for the HFWI yearly calendar. For 2026 calendar, Frances has gained recognition for her photography by having one of her photos printed in the

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Also, on 14th Oct at our evening meeting, we welcomed Kay Pritchard from an independent charity called Ugandan Dream. Kay told us some harrowing, heart breaking yet groundbreaking tales of how she, a retired midwife, and two colleagues travel every year to Uganda to take medical supplies and educational toys to a hospital and development centre that they are helping support in the heart of Uganda. A truly humbling and inspirational evening.

Next month, **11th November** we will be welcoming our local Bromsash speaker, Fiona Morison, talking about Remembrance and WWII. You are all welcome to join us, 7pm at The Hub, St Mary's Garden Village, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7WP, entry donation of £5, cake and raffle. We look forward to seeing you soon.

On **Saturday 18 Oct** we welcome parents/grandparents to bring their little ones to our Free Dental Awareness day at The hub, St Mary's Garden Village. Fancy Dress competition (Tooth fairy/wizard) colouring competition, Tooth Fairy or Wizard, raffle, fruit sticks, dental experts and CPR/Defrib training.

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THE MILLENNIUM HALL

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LATE NEWS

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RECTOR'S LETTER

November 1st All Saints Day



Many people have a false idea about what a saint is. They think saints are people who never committed a sin in their entire lives, people who were always shining with virtue. But this is a fallacy. It implies that the saints were saints from the cradle onwards. In other words, they were born saints. We shouldn't draw a rigid line between saints and sinners. There is something of the sinner in every saint and something of the saint in every sinner. It has been said that saints are sinners who go on trying.

The saints were made of the same flawed material as us. They faced the same temptations as we do. They did not have things easier than us. They just struggled harder. They were not born saints; they became saints through the choices they made. Every saint underwent a conversion. We see this in the lives of some greatest names in the churches list of saints: Saint Francis of Assisi; Ignatius of Loyola; Augustine of Hippo; Paul of Tarsus... Each of these at a certain moment in their lives heard and obeyed the words of Christ, 'repent and believe the good news.'

All the saints were converted from darkness to light, from selfishness to generosity, from sin to virtue, a conversion is not something that could be achieved overnight rather it is the result of a long and painful struggle. This is why the saints, even the little ones, are such a challenge to us. We cannot think about them without experiencing a call to conversion, a call to rethink our basic attitude to life, to redefine our goals, to confront our sinfulness, and our need to open ourselves to God's love and mercy. The saints show us what we could be if we were willing to take the risk of total surrender to the love of God.

The saints serve as models for us precisely because they were sinners like us. But they were not overwhelmed by their sins or crippled by their feelings of guilt and shame. They rejoiced in God's forgiveness, and with the help of God's grace succeeding in putting their sins behind them. In them we see the triumph of grace over every weakness and sinfulness.

Today people can't relate to the plastic saints of perfectionism. We have to respect the dark side of human nature. To deny is to drive it underground where it works hiddenly. Today we extol people who have tried to live fully rather than those who have withdrawn from life.

Today's feast is a celebration of the capabilities of human beings, and of what God's grace can achieve when human cooperation is forthcoming. It is good to be reminded that human beings have such a side, especially in these days when it seems that only the most brutish side of human beings is displayed in the newspapers and on television. Holiness has been described as loveliness of spirit. In each saint we get a glimpse of our capabilities, our failings, and our need of grace and unconditional love. Cardinal Newman said, 'The lives of the saints is the only true evidence for the existence of God.'

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02nd November	Evensong	Family Communion	Remembering Service	Mattins
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Readings	Daniel 7. 1-3, 15-18.	Ephesians 1. 11-end.	Luke 6. 20-31.	
09th November	Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service
Remembrance Sunday	10.50 am	10.50 am	10.50 am	10.45 am
Readings	Job 19. 23-27a.	2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-end.	Luke 20. 27-38.	
16th November	Village Praise	Parish Communion	Bible Brunch	Parish Communion
2nd Sunday before Advent	10.30 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Readings	Malachi 4. 1-2a.	2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13.	Luke 21. 5-19.	
23rd November	Parish Communion	Children's Church	Communion Service	All Age Communion
Christ The King	10.30am		11.00 am	10.30 am
Readings	Jeremiah 23. 1-6.	Colossians 1. 11-20.	Luke 23. 33-43.	
30th November	ARICONIUM BENEFICE SERVICE @ UPTON BISHOP			
1st Sunday of Advent	10.30 A.M.			
Readings	Isaiah 2. 1-5.	Romans 13. 11-end.	Matthew 24. 36-44.	
30th November	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE @ LEA			
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