

# The Chimes

## The ChimesOnline

[www.thechimes.org.uk](http://www.thechimes.org.uk)

Serving: Aston Crews, Aston Ingham, Bromsash, Gorsley, Kilcot,  
Lea, Linton, Phocle Green, Upton Bishop

July/August 2025 No 370

**Your magazine for local news and services**



**Copy deadline for September edition: Saturday 9th August**

Your Local Agent

Selling ✓  
Purchasing ✓  
Auctions ✓  
Letting ✓  
Commercial ✓  
Surveying ✓

NEWENT OFFICE

01531 820844

4 High Street, Newent,  
Glos. GL18 1AN

OTHER OFFICES AT:

Mitcheldean - 01594 542535  
Gloucester - 01452 505566  
Coleford - 01594 835566  
Lettings - 01531 822829

Coventry Building Society  
Newent Branch - 01531 822337




www.stevegooch.co.uk








## CONTENTS

A View from the Hill	4	Lea Parish Council News	29
Combined Village News	5	Linton News	33
Rob The Rainman	6	Linton PC News	43
Aston Ingham & Kilcot News	8	Upton Bishop News	45
Aston Ingham PC News	12	Upton Bishop PC News	51
Gorsley News	14	Rector's Letter	53
Lea News	23	Church Services July/Aug	54

## EDITORIAL

Towards the end of May, after reading an item in *The Chimes*, my wife and I went to Linton Village Hall to learn about defibrillators. There had been news of various installations in the magazine, but I didn't feel I knew enough about them, or how they worked. I was immensely glad I spent that time with the knowledgeable volunteers who took us through the whole procedure and actually gave us the opportunity to use the equipment – albeit on rubber bodies! – and to give proper chest pressure as part of the process. Judging from the reactions around me, I was not the only one who realised how little I knew about resuscitation and the need to act quickly and positively.

We also had some additional training with blood packs. Injuries involving wounds and severing of arteries are regrettably all too common in the countryside and applying a tourniquet or dressing can make all the difference in the short term until the first responders arrive. We need more of them in the villages, in the same way as defibrillators. Again, the training for me was an eye-opener and I am so glad I took the time to attend. If you get the chance, either to find out more or to invite a demonstration to your own group, please do so. It could be a life-saver.

**Peter Coulson**

*Cover picture: some outdoor fun for Lee School's Gateway Lodge nursery children watching how their teacher prepares to toast marshmallows to make S'mores (see page 23)*

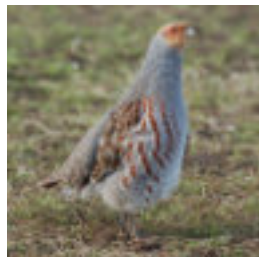
The Saturday of the first week of each month, prior to publication is our deadline for submitting copy, and is confirmed on the front cover. If in doubt, please contact your sub-editor — their details are in the heading of each section. PHOTOGRAPHS are very welcome to illustrate news reports and should 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

### Partridges

I had a wonderful surprise on my last trek to deliver *The Chimes*. Whilst crossing a paddock I was somewhat startled when a brace of partridges suddenly, and from close by, took to the air. A few strong beats of their wings before they glided over the hedge and out of sight. Greater surprise when I crossed another field and another brace, or the same, took to the air. I find the partridge to be quite a rare bird to see these days, although they are bred and set on shoots. My hope is for these 'wild' ones to breed and for me to be surprised by a whole covey at the end of the summer.



When I was young, growing up on a farm, I remember there being several coveys around, but then lots of things have changed since then. I have not heard the cuckoo this year, not here nor on the farm I was raised on in Kent. Not all things change for the better.

Peter Lockwood

## COMBINED VILLAGE NEWS

### Jean Foley

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Jean Foley. Jean died on Wednesday 20 May. She had reached her 88th year on 21 March. Jean and husband John originally came from Birmingham and took up residence in Bromsash in December 1978. They soon became part of the local community. Jean was gently absorbed into village life by joining Linton WI and Gorsley School PTA and in time Jean held almost every position on the WI committee. Her culinary contributions were much enjoyed too. She also gave active support to Aston Ingham Scout Group and Aston Ingham Cricket Club. Her activities were very wide, encompassing supporting the development of the Linton Village Hall, the Linton & District History Society, and *The Chimes* magazine. Jean became a member of the Linton Parish Council, serving with distinction as its Chair for 12 years, retiring in 2017.



Our Linton & Bromsash sub-editor John Lancaster recalls attending a Council Meeting at the Village Hall on his 70th birthday, and that it was well after 10pm when they reached 'The Alma'. He added, "How pleasant it would be now to repeat that event just one more time".

Jean is survived by husband John and son James, and grandchildren Bella, Will and Elena. Jean played a major part in our community and is owed a deep debt of gratitude. She will be greatly missed. A fuller obituary can be found on the St Mary's, Linton Facebook page.

### LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY- UPCOMING PROGRAMME

**2nd July Dr Stephen Blake** The Cotswold Way: 100 miles of history

**6th August Jonquil Dodd** Grant Me the Carving of my Name: The Reputation of Richard III

The Society will continue to meet at 7 for 7.30pm in Linton Village Hall. For further information please contact the Chairman, Roger Davies ([rogerdaves1@sky.com](mailto:rogerdaves1@sky.com)) or the Secretary, Teresa Squires ([sec.lintonhistosoc@gmail.com](mailto:sec.lintonhistosoc@gmail.com))



# Smiths

## Funeral Services of Newent

**(KJ, PJ, SM, SJ & RJ Tyler)**  
**Independent Family Funeral Directors**  
**24 hour Personal Attention, Home Visits,**  
**Private Chapels of Rest in Newent & Gloucester**  
**Pre-Payment Funeral Plans,**  
**Advice on Eco-Friendly Funerals**  
**Furnace Lane, Newent, GLOS GL18 1DD 01531 820474**

**TYLERS MEMORIALS (SM, SJ, & RJ Tyler)**  
**Memorials supplied and fitted**  
**Hand carved/Sandblasted lettering**  
**Renovations undertaken**



## ROB THE RAINMAN

### RAINFALL REPORT

May's total was 9.1mm and this was only a measly 17% of the average. With the exception of the 11th (3mm) the month was dry until the 20th. From there and for the next 8 days it was a more unsettled picture but it only delivered 6.1mm of rain. Over that initial dry period it was sunny, the third sunniest May on record for England, and warm too. The wind did

remain resolutely from a northerly direction though and, at times, this took the edge off the temperatures. It also helped to reduce any rain benefit, drying the ground even further. England had 57% of its average rainfall but there was a north/south divide with the south down to just 47%. Well we were well down again on that with our 17%. So the (met) spring: a total of 34mm of rain against an average of 159.6mm, so just 20% of what we normally see. Remember last spring though – 288mm! Records galore (again); sunniest (653.3 hours of sunshine), in fact the fourth sunniest season with only 3 previous summers beating it, and the sunniest season since 1995. Both March and April were the sunniest and May second sunniest. The warmest and, for England, the driest since 1893. Phew, that'll do. We all wanted an end to "the wet" but the pendulum has swung too far and we're now into "the dry". But the sunshine was lovely.

## LUKE SMITH TREE SURGEON

NPTC Certified



- ✦ Tree pruning & thinning
- ✦ Treefelling
- ✦ General tree maintenance
- ✦ Hedge trimming & reducing
- ✦ Fully insured
- ✦ Lawn mowing
- ✦ General garden maintenance

CALL 07770 942649

EMAIL [ls\\_treeman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ls_treeman@hotmail.co.uk)

## D.M.P. Decorators

Interior / Exterior  
Domestic / Commercial  
Quality Work / Sensible Price  
Fully Insured  
Fascia, gutterings  
And all water goods supplied  
and fitted

References always available  
from satisfied local customers.  
Please phone for  
a no obligation quote  
or for advice

07881 786868 01989 780539

Orchard Flat, Beeches  
Upton Bishop. HR9 7UD

01989  
720355

## THE ALMA

LINTON  
HR9 7RY



RURAL VENUE FOR PRIVATE HIRE

IDEAL FOR WEDDING RECEPTIONS & PARTIES

LICENSED BAR • PARKING • OPTIONAL STAGE HIRE

[WWW.ALMAINNLINTON.CO.UK](http://WWW.ALMAINNLINTON.CO.UK)

ALMAINNLINTON



## ELECTRICIAN

[www.electricsfixed.com](http://www.electricsfixed.com)

ElectricFixed  
Electrical Contractors

Do you find it difficult to get someone to come and do a small job?

- ✦ Extra Lights and Sockets
- ✦ New Fuseboards
- ✦ Smoke Alarms
- ✦ New installations
- ✦ Electric Vehicle Chargers
- ✦ Solar PV Installations
- ✦ Battery Storage

- ✦ Landlord's and Home Buyers Reports (EICR)
- ✦ Electric Heaters
- ✦ Fault Finding
- ✦ PAT Testing
- ✦ Garden Lights
- ✦ Rewires

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Call Neil at (01989) 481060

Email: [enquiries@electricsfixed.com](mailto:enquiries@electricsfixed.com)





## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS



Sub-editor:  
Mike Clayton

07803 975398

[aichimes@outlook.com](mailto:aichimes@outlook.com)

### Church News

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Allison Oastler resigned from the position of Churchwarden. Thanks were expressed for her commitment & hard work. Allison was nominated for treasurer & accepted.

James Harding was re-elected as Churchwarden. Sue Harding correspondence secretary. Alan Oastler, minutes secretary. Mrs Jenny Phillips was welcomed to the council, joining four other members.

#### Ordination

Ewan Gillings will be ordained as Curate to Ariconium Benefice on Saturday July 5th at 3.30pm in Hereford Cathedral. We look forward to welcoming him in Aston Ingham.

#### Ariconium Benefice Service

St Anne's Well Blessing

All welcome on August 31st at 10.30am followed by refreshments

#### Church open

Thanks to our volunteers who keep our Church open every day for quiet private prayer.

### Village News & Events

#### W.I. Meeting in May

James Addis talked about the history of the Salvation Army from its formation, right through to the current day-to-day work it performs. The sheer scale and breadth of the charity proved eye-opening, and it was amazing to hear about the vast numbers of people who rely upon it for help every day. (See photo next page)

**PLEASE mention *The Chimes* when contacting advertisers**

## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS



#### W.I. Meeting in June

John Butterworth talked about Albania in his talk entitled 'The country that was cut off from the world for 41 years'. The talk followed the life of Captain Bertie Dosti as he lived through the period of isolation ruled by a cruel dictator and how that has shaped the life he lives today.

#### Classic Cars visit the ever-popular coffee morning

On Friday 30th May, the regular table of classic car petrol heads outdid themselves and, rather than spending the coffee morning chatting about cars, they brought their fabulous cars with them for all to admire. A real treat for us all, many thanks to all of you guys! (see below)



## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

### Forthcoming events at the Village Hall

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August, both at 11:30am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Country Dancing	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August, both 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. July	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July at 1:45am	Our speaker will be Chris O'Grady- Fake or Fortune which is a light-hearted journey through the pleasures and pitfalls of collecting art and antiques. Everyone is welcome.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July at 2pm No August meeting	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	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August both at 2pm	If you'd like to join us, please just 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 15 <sup>th</sup> July at 2pm No August meeting	All are welcome, you don't have to knit, just come along and join in the natter. We are now knitting veggies & fruit for our Harvest display. £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham W.I. – Trip to Weston Court Gardens	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at 1:45am	We have a trip arranged to visit Weston Court Gardens on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Book Club and Coffee Morning	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August both at 10:30am	There will still be the usual selection of cakes. Puzzles & books can be borrowed & Cobalt Charity cards are available to purchase	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Pop Up Pub	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. No pub in August	Come & join us for a relaxed evening of chat and laughter. A very informal and light-hearted chat around the topics of the day.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Aston Ingham W.I. August	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August at 1:45am	Our speaker will be Dorian Osborne speaking on The East London Group of Artists who worked and showed together in the 1920s and 30s. Everyone is welcome.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham Reading Group	First Saturday of every month 09:30 – 11:00am	July 5 <sup>th</sup> – Enlightenment by Sarah Perry August 2 <sup>nd</sup> – The Fortnight in September by R.C. Sheriff September 6 <sup>th</sup> - Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier	Jan Falkiner 07899 728346

## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

### New card-making group

A new group in Aston Ingham is making cards from recycled cards to raise money for the Cobalt charity. If you would like to get involved and support this fabulous charity and have a chin wag with some like-minded people whilst making cards, contact Janet Potter, who will be able arrange training.



### Return of the Whisky River Band

By popular demand, Whisky River returns on **Saturday 20 September** as a four-piece band. They will be entertaining us with a wide selection of folk music.

Bangers & mash supper is included in the price of £15. Contact Janet Potter for tickets, as you will need to reserve a place, as this event always sells out.

### Dates for your diary

Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 5 July** at 3pm. A delicious tea with a glass of prosecco or the equivalent. £15

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

To book Village Hall events, please contact Janet on 01452 830556 or 07340 078520

### General Village Information

To hire Aston Ingham Village Hall, contact Sue Harding 01989 720528 or email [sueharding1948@gmail.com](mailto:sueharding1948@gmail.com)

#### 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](mailto:treasurer-AIVH@hotmail.com)

#### Wheelchair availability

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

#### Footpaths around the Village

Leaflets for several walks are available on the front of the Village Hall or on the village website [www.astoningham.wixsite.com/village](http://www.astoningham.wixsite.com/village) Any problems, please contact Richard Potter 01452 830556 or email [richardjanetpotter@btinternet.com](mailto:richardjanetpotter@btinternet.com)

## ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### 'Fuelled by Volunteers'

ASTON INGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 27th May 2025

The Annual Parish Meeting is quite distinct from the Annual Parish Council Meeting, even though in the more recent past, both meetings have been held on the same evening.

This is an opportunity for representatives from Community Groups to come along and present their reports. It is also an opportunity for anyone to ask questions and seek clarification to further understanding.

This year several parishioners presented reports: Rebecca Davies, (Cricket club) Julia Askew, (Speedwatch) James Harding, (Church) Margaret Overs, (Bowling Club), & Maggie Pettit (Flood Group). Other reports were received and read out by those present Julia Askew, for the WI and Village Hall Committee, & Di Haines for the outgoing Footpaths officer, Richard Potter. The reports were generally very positive, interesting and described much activity over the past year. Thanks were expressed to Richard Potter for his 11 years of service as a volunteer Footpaths Officer.

It is very clear, that Aston Ingham's clubs and activities are fuelled by their hard- working volunteers, for which everyone benefits.



**Tree Surgery**  
**Stump Removal**  
**Emergency Callout**  
**Vegetation Management**  
**Woodland Management**

IPAF LANTRA City & Guilds NPTC Arboricultural Association

[www.altarb.co.uk](http://www.altarb.co.uk) 07974 884326



## ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

One other parishioner attended this meeting in addition to Parish Councillors. Responses from Herefordshire Council can often lead to frustration due to lack of feedback or long waiting times for work to be done. The PC was urged to write to our MP. Can I please add that contact with Jesse Norman is recommended by all who feel that they are not getting value for money from the Authority.

Many thanks to those who attended. It goes without saying that we would like to see more parishioners at next year's Annual Parish Meeting; your comments and constructive criticism are always welcome.

### Aston Ingham Parish Council Year 2025-26 Information

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is one which includes the confirmation of roles for the next 12 months

#### Our Parish Council Team and Clerk are as follows :

Maggie Pettit	Chair
Chris Yates	Vice Chair
Rebecca Davies	Councillor
Anne-Marie Johnson	Councillor
Nigel Smith	Councillor
Duncan Murray	Clerk & RFO ( Responsible Finance Officer)
Tania Clayton	PC website support

Please send any correspondence for the Parish Council to the Clerk in the first instance : [clerk@astoningham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@astoningham-pc.gov.uk)

#### A New Appointment

Whilst not strictly a Councillor, Di Haines was appointed by the parish to be our new Footpaths Officer. Please direct any relevant comments to Di on [astoninghamfpo@gmail.com](mailto:astoninghamfpo@gmail.com)

We hope to feature the role of the Footpaths Officer in the September edition of *The Chimes*

#### Our Ward Councillor

Due to an unfortunate administrative error, Cllr Harry Bramer was not able to attend our Annual Parish Meeting in May. However, we hope to welcome him to our Parish Council meeting on June 24th at 7pm.

**Maggie Pettit**  
 Chair  
 5th June 2025



## GORSLEY NEWS



Sub-editor:  
Laura Carroll


07837 485929

[laurajones13@hotmail.com](mailto:laurajones13@hotmail.com)

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 FLOWER, PRODUCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

 Date: **Saturday 30th August 2025**

 Time: **2.30pm**

 Location: **Gorsley Village Hall**

This August it will be one hundred years since the first Gorsley Show. It's been a long time since we've held a Show in Gorsley but we hope everyone will come along and help us make Saturday the 30th August a day to remember!

We hope the show will have a broad appeal with seven separate divisions: Flowers, Floral Art, Fruit and Vegetables, Baking and Preserves, Children's Classes, Arts and Crafts and Photography.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 22nd August**. Entry forms can be downloaded from <http://www.gorsley.com/show.html> or are available from Gorsley Community Shop - this is also the drop off point for entry forms.



**PLEASE mention *The Chimes* when contacting advertisers**

## GORSLEY NEWS

Gorsley residents, members of Gorsley based organisations, children attending Gorsley Goffs school and their families are all eligible to enter. All entries must be delivered to Gorsley Village Hall from 9 - 10.20am on Saturday 30th August so that judging can commence.

**The Show will open to the public at 2.30pm (admission 50p, children under 16 free).**

Prizes presented at 4.15pm

Kilcot and Gorsley Women's Institute will be serving homemade cakes and drinks. There will also be a grand raffle which will include prizes donated by local businesses.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions please contact us on [gorsleyshow@gmail.com](mailto:gorsleyshow@gmail.com) or call Jill on 01989 721044.

### GORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

**Notice:** Gorsley Village Hall needs a new treasurer/booking clerk with effect from 1st November latest. Apply to Nigel Poole (Chairman) on 01989 720750 or 07802 334066. This vacancy can be split into separate posts, but both are essential to the running of the village hall.

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 June are: Nigel Poole - £25; Jo Meir - £10; Ian Martin - £5.

If anyone is interested in joining, we have lost a few members this year so have a few vacancies. The cost is £12 a year starting in August. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Evans on 07969 030809. Funds are for improvements to the village hall, including lighting and heating.

For more information please contact: [gorsleyvh@gmail.com](mailto:gorsleyvh@gmail.com)

Hall Secretary, Anne Course: [oldmole@btinternet.com](mailto:oldmole@btinternet.com)

Hall Bookings Secretary, Margaret Evans: [margaretaeevans@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretaeevans@yahoo.com)

### GORSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday morning service at 10.30am. Separate creche, children and youth activities take place at the same time, so there is something appropriate for the whole family. If you want to see if our service is to your liking, all services are also live recorded and available on YouTube. We would love to get to know you, however, and YouTube cannot go as far as serve





**BLOOMED**  
FLORAL DESIGN  
HEREFORDSHIRE

Bloomedherefordshire.com

Specialising in styling your event with living blooms

Bloomedherefordshire@gmail.com – contact us today to discuss our 2025/26 packages



**ANDREW BURFORD**  
BUILDING SERVICES

**The Complete Building Service**

Kitchens & Bathrooms - Designed & Fitted  
Carpentry & Joinery  
Plastering  
Wall & Floor Tiling, Painting & Decorating  
Property Alterations, Extensions, Renovations

Please feel free to call on:  
01989 768679 or 07815068305

Or view  
[www.andrewburfordbuilding.co.uk](http://www.andrewburfordbuilding.co.uk)

## GORSLEY NEWS

you the coffee and conversation which takes place after the service. It would be great to see you!

[www.gorsleybaptist.church](http://www.gorsleybaptist.church) 01989 720312 [office@gorsleybaptist.church](mailto:office@gorsleybaptist.church)

### CHRIST CHURCH GORSLEY

#### Buzzy bees and birthdays!


Our summer churchyard is full of buzzy bees and beautiful wildflowers and as always, we extend a very warm welcome to our regular 10:30am Sunday morning services throughout July and August. Please note that the first Sunday service of each month is one of Holy Communion. On Sunday the 20th of July, Christ Church will hold a special Benefice service (to include a bring your own picnic) to celebrate Reverend Canon Simon's birthday. For further details of any of our services this summer, contact us at [gorsleychurch@btinternet.com](mailto:gorsleychurch@btinternet.com)

### GORSLEY COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE



You are invited to our **Community Meeting** to hear more about what has been happening at Gorsley Shop during the last 12 months.

 Date: **Thursday 10th July 2025**

 Time: **8.00pm**

 Location: **The Haven, Gorsley Baptist Church**

This is a chance to:

- Learn about the shop's progress and plans
- Share your ideas and feedback
- Find out how you can get involved

Whether you are a regular customer, an interested neighbour, or someone who might want to volunteer — we'd love to see you there.

**DON'T FORGET:** we are open until 4pm on Saturday afternoons until the end of August.

If you need to contact the shop, the telephone number is 01989 721233 or you can contact Jacky

by email: [manager@gorsleycommunityshop.co.uk](mailto:manager@gorsleycommunityshop.co.uk)

### GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

#### Plant sale - thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along on the day to support the Club and buy plants. We really enjoyed chatting with customers and hearing about their gardens.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated plants and to all those who

# Hayes Plumbing

*No job too small give us a call.*

We cover all aspects of plumbing from bathrooms to those little jobs that you have been itching to get sorted.

-Fully qualified tradesman

-Fully insured

Tel- 07498848911

Email- edhayes25.2000@gmail.com



## T.SMITH MAINTENANCE

Specialist in Building and Landscaping  
All waste removed free of charge



- Trees pruned & pollarded, lopped, topped or felled
- Hedges and shrubs trimmed and tidied
- All general garden work undertaken

Other services we offer are:

- Patios re-pointed and laid • Patios jet washed and re-sanded • Block paving lifted and re-laid where necessary • Gravel supplied and laid • Garden wall construction • Pointing of chimneys and walls
- Fencing jobs • Roofing jobs and repairs • Moss removal
- Guttering and fascia cleaning and repairs

For a FREE quote call or text:  
Office: 01989 720653 Mobile: 07437 219786



## ANTIQU & COLLECTABLES AUCTIONS

Sales advice and Valuations  
by Appointment

Home Visits for Larger  
Consignments

Live Online Bidding

Professional Friendly Service

Please telephone 01531 821776

Or see our website for further information:

[www.smithsnewentauctions.co.uk](http://www.smithsnewentauctions.co.uk)

Fully Illustrated Catalogues Online

## GORSLEY NEWS



came to help on the day, we couldn't do it without your fantastic support.

We raised over **£800**, which means we can keep Club membership fees down and choose from a wider range of speakers for our meetings. We are also able to make a donation towards the upkeep of Gorsley Village Hall.

Plus, a big thank you to the marvellous Kilcot and Gorsley Women's Institute for keeping everyone refreshed with drinks and delicious cake - and, of course, thank you to Gorsley Village Hall Committee for their continued support.

Visitors and new members are always made very welcome. If you think you might be interested in joining our club or would like to know a bit more about us, please call Charlotte on 01989 780760 or email us at:  
[gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com)

## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

**Discover Friendship, Conversation & Community with Newent Probus Club**

**What is Probus?** The Newent Probus Club is a welcoming group for retired and semi-retired men looking to stay active, meet new people, and enjoy a wide range of interests. Whether you enjoy lively discussions, social outings, or simply a good cup of coffee among friends, Probus offers it all—without pressure or formality.

### Why Join?

- Friendship & Fellowship – Build new connections and enjoy the company of like-minded men from diverse backgrounds.
- Guest Speakers & Talks – Attend twice-monthly meetings with fascinating



**ALISON  
MOBILE  
HAIR & NAILS**

Ladies, Gents, Children & OAP's  
Over 30 yrs Experience

Manicure & Pedicure  
"CND Shellac", Gel nails-last 2/3 weeks  
Mini Manicure – File, Shape, Polish

*All in the comfort of your Home  
without Salon Prices.  
Professional, Friendly, Reliable.*

For more information call Alison  
Tel: 01452 831 253  
Mob: 07786 383 705

A member of:  
Associated Beauty Therapists

**Counselling & Psychotherapy**  
**can change your life**

For a confidential consultation  
**call Helen Palmer**  
(Bsc. MBACP accredited)

Stress, Anxiety & Depression.  
Obsessive & Addictive Behaviour.  
Relationships, Anger,  
Lack of Confidence, etc.

**01989 720247**  
**07773 248744**

[helenpalmer1261@gmail.com](mailto:helenpalmer1261@gmail.com)  
[helenpalmercounselling.co.uk](http://helenpalmercounselling.co.uk)

 professional standards authority  
accredited register



**PAUL COWLARD**  
**Carpentry**

Kitchens, Doors, Roofs  
Gazebos, Decks, Carports

For all your carpentry needs — 30+ years experience



For a free quote  
**Call 07494 587330**  
[rtcpcoul@gmail.com](mailto:rtcpcoul@gmail.com)

## GORSLEY NEWS

speakers on topics ranging from history and travel to science and local interest.

- Social Events – Take part in pub lunches, trips, quiz nights, skittles evenings, and our popular summer garden party and Christmas lunch.

- No Commitments, Just Community – Probus is non-political and non-sectarian—our only agenda is fun, fellowship, and shared interests.

**Who Can Join?** If you're a retired or semi-retired man and want to keep your social life active and interesting, Newent Probus is for you. Our members include retired teachers, engineers, business owners, farmers, lawyers and more—all drawn together by curiosity and camaraderie.

**Come Along - No Pressure** Thinking of joining? Why not try a meeting as our guest? We meet at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Gorsley Village Hall, where you'll be warmly welcomed and can see what we're all about.

For more information, please visit our website: [newentprobus.com](http://newentprobus.com) or contact our Club Secretary: [newentprobus23@gmail.com](mailto:newentprobus23@gmail.com)

### KILCOT & GORSLEY WI

Visitors are welcome, we are very informal and don't sing Jerusalem except on special occasions! For more information, call Anne Course on 07951 819051

### COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library is located in the shed next to Gorsley Village Hall – mind your head as you go in! There is a good selection of books, DVDs, video games and jigsaws to borrow on a 'trust-based' system.

### KARATE

Karate classes take place at Gorsley Village Hall on Friday evenings from 6.30pm. For further details, please contact Pam Bennett: [farimonds@gmail.com](mailto:farimonds@gmail.com)

### BINGO

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

6-week classes are held on Wednesday evenings at Gorsley Village Hall. Please contact Alex Hall for upcoming dates/further details: [alexhallphysiopilates@outlook.com](mailto:alexhallphysiopilates@outlook.com) <https://alexhallphysiopilate.wixsite.com/website>

### YOGA

Thursday mornings at Gorsley Village Hall: Mat Yoga 9.30-10.30am and Chair Yoga 10.45-11.30am.

Contact Jeni: [jeni@jenihowland.com](mailto:jeni@jenihowland.com) for more details and to book a place.

## KILN DRIED LOGS



100% Hardwood kiln dried logs  
Ready to Burn approved  
Dried to below 20% moisture content  
FREE Hi-Ab crane delivery  
Multi-bag discounts available

[www.local.certainlywood.co.uk](http://www.local.certainlywood.co.uk)

**CERTAINLY WOOD** 01981 251796

## FEET FIRST

### HEALTHCARE FOR FEET

*Tina Morgan*  
MCFHP MAFHP

- Toe and Finger Nail Cutting
- Callus & Corn Removal
- Treatment of Cracked Heels
- General and Diabetic foot care
- Reduction of thickened Nails
- Treatment of fungal nails and infections

To arrange an appointment in the comfort of your own home call:  
07738 339879 - 01989 769421  
Email: feetfirst642@gmail.com

## Techniplumb

[www.techniplumb.co.uk](http://www.techniplumb.co.uk) PLUMBING & HEATING

Gas, LPG & Oil  
Central Heating Installations  
Installations  
Boiler Servicing & Maintenance  
Landlord/Safety Certificates  
Underfloor Heating & Renewables  
Complete Bathroom Design & Installation  
Worcester Accredited Installer  
Qualified & Insured

**safe** **WORCESTER** Bosch Installer **GPTEC**

01989 567209 07968 905239  
[info@techniplumb.co.uk](mailto:info@techniplumb.co.uk)

## NEED A HELPING HAND?

Local lady with over 20 years experience in the care sector

References & Fully Insured

- \* Meal Preparation
- \* Holiday Cover
- \* Companionship
- \* Personal Care

For an informal chat and to discuss needs please call Sue on 0776589482. EXCELLENT RATES

## LEA NEWS



Sub-editor:  
Angela Kirton

07474 378806

[kirtona150@gmail.com](mailto:kirtona150@gmail.com)

### NEWS FROM LEA CHURCH

Hello everyone, I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to a nice summer! (We can hope!). As you read this, at the church we will probably be getting over our Flower Festival and Concert at the end of June! I will post some photos and report in the September issue and on the Lea Village Facebook page.

We held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May and delighted to say we had no changes on the Parochial Church Council. However, we are still in need of a Fabric Officer to help maintain the building and arrange for work to be carried out as needed. This is a voluntary position, but you don't need to be a churchgoer to fulfil the role, just attend the 4 PCC meetings a year. Please ring me on 01989 750808 for more details.

I cannot believe we have also just completed another year of Open the Book at Lea School. We go into the school fortnightly during the school year to act out short Bible stories which the children thoroughly enjoy. This takes just 1/2 hour every other Thursday. If you could spare the time to help us out, it would be much appreciated, you do not need to act if you don't wish to, but just by narrating the stories frees others up to act out the story! Again, please ring me on the above number if you want to know more!

Well, we don't have any events planned during the summer months, but we will be having Our Quiz Night again in September.

We wish you all a happy, safe summer, have a great holiday if you are off on your travels and see you in September!

God bless all, **Marion Martin**, Churchwarden

### GATEWAY LODGE NURSERY AT LEA SCHOOL

With the Summer term well underway, our rising 5s have started their transition sessions in school. The children have weekly sessions in Willow class to get them used to their new environment and their new adults, Mrs Cook and Mrs Kendall. This transition process has been a huge success over the last few

**PLEASE mention *The Chimes* when contacting advertisers**



## CRYSTAL CLEAR EAR IRRIGATION



Safe earwax removal in the comfort of your own home performed by a qualified experienced nurse using water irrigation

Area covered: Forest of Dean, Ross on Wye  
And surrounding villages/towns 20 mile radius

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION PLEASE RING:

**07961 016616**

Or e-mail:  
[crystalclearhearing63@aol.com](mailto:crystalclearhearing63@aol.com)



Do you need help around your home?  
Housework, Laundry, Shopping, Meal  
Preparation, Medical appointments, Pension  
Collection, Social Time, or Companionship.  
Fully insured and Enhanced DBS  
Please call 07980986763 or email  
[domestichomehelpers@hotmail.com](mailto:domestichomehelpers@hotmail.com)  
[www.domestichomehelpersltd.co.uk](http://www.domestichomehelpersltd.co.uk)

## H.P. Robinson Painter & Decorator

Over 35 years experience in both  
new and old properties.  
Internal and External decoration.  
Kitchen cabinet and furniture painting.



**07825 551222**  
[www.hprobinson.co.uk](http://www.hprobinson.co.uk)



### Amenity Spraying Services

Lawns – Paddocks – Sports Pitches  
Golf Courses – Invasive Weed Control  
All Hard Surfaces

T: 07495 641819

E: [nick.floydsturfcare@gmail.com](mailto:nick.floydsturfcare@gmail.com)

[www.floydsturfcare.co.uk](http://www.floydsturfcare.co.uk)

## LEA NEWS

years and ensures our children have a very smooth journey into school.

As a nursery, we spend most of our time outside. During our Forest School sessions we had been discussing forest school rules and fire safety, so we were then able to toast marshmallows to make S'mores (*see the front cover*). PE sessions, run by Activate Sports Education, have also begun and the children are thoroughly enjoying these lessons.

We have so many exciting events to look forward to, including our end of year nursery party, which is funded by Lea C of E PTFA, and graduation and sports day.

If you are interested in our fantastic nursery for your child for September, please call 01989 750296, email [jcornish@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:jcornish@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk) to book a show around, or for more information.

### LEA PLAY AND CHAT

Come and join us on Friday mornings 9.00 - 10.30am in Lea Primary School Hall, everyone welcome.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Thursday July 24th** Picnic in the Park at Weston Under Penyard play park  
**11.00am - 2.00pm.**

**Friday August 22nd** a ramble in the Forest of Dean (Beechenhurst Park) and picnic, meet at **11.00am.**

**Saturday 27th September, 11.00am - 1.00pm.** TABLE SALE, Lea Village Hall. Pre-loved children's clothes and equipment. Tables £10.00. Contact Carolyn 07765 555588.

### LEA VILLAGE HALL

I'd firstly like to say thank you to the Lea Residents Association (LRA) who have provided funds for kitchen items to be upgraded. To date we have a new urn (the old one was leaking), and two new under counter fridges. These are invaluable for Lunch Club days, when they are filled with luscious food and wine. I need to point out to hirers, though, that neither fridge has an ice box, so if you intend wanting chilled items at your events, I suggest you bring ice along in a suitable cool box.

Please note that Nicky Keef and I have spent time cleaning and clearing the kitchen of old chipped or broken/ unused items, and you will find labels in the cupboards indicating where things should be returned to.

Don't forget if you need items from the cleaning cupboard, please remember to lock it again afterwards, as we need to ensure children do not handle things like bleach etc. Thank you.

On **12th July**, the LRA is holding a summer fete at the hall. This has been advertised on the local Facebook page, so please keep an eye on there for updates nearer the time and see the poster (*on the next page*). A suggestion has been made that the regular clubs which use the hall, might like to attend the fete and take a stand so visitors can chat and find out more about their clubs. Perhaps the recent Friday Painters' exhibition at the village hall has inspired you, and you'd like to join! We need to encourage new residents to see what we offer.

## LEA NEWS



On **26th September** a Quiz is being held to raise money for the church. These are usually great fun, so hold the date, and look out for more details/posters nearer the time. On **Friday 31st October** (Halloween afternoon) Everyday Play will be at the hall for a fun spooky play session. This is open to all Lea children and their friends. Don't forget you can always check on the village hall website for more information, and to book hall hire for your own private/family parties. Prices and contact details to discuss/plan your own event: [www.leavillagehall.com/availability.html](http://www.leavillagehall.com/availability.html)

Sylvia Nicholls

### LEA VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

May winners: 1st prize £25 - Liz and Andy Beechey, 2nd prize £10 - Maz Scudamore, 3rd prize £5 - Sally Watkins

### LEA CAFÉ

We set off on our annual coach trip not knowing what to expect from the changeable June weather and, for some who hadn't visited the Black Country Living Museum previously, not knowing what to expect at all!

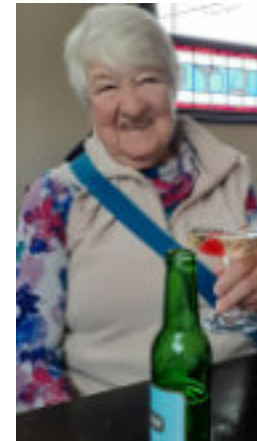


Since my last trip to the museum in the 1990s, with our kids, the BCLM has expanded its exhibits, perhaps helped by its use as a popular film location for big productions like *Peaky Blinders*

and the 'Stan and Ollie' film.

There was something for everyone to enjoy at the museum, including several food and drink venues, such as a traditional fish and chip shop and 2 pubs serving 'old fashioned' drinks (see the photo of Jan enjoying a *Babysham*). There were also many interesting places to dive into when the unpredictable rain showers came over, such as reconstructed shops and houses from the 1930s through to the 1960s, complete with characters in contemporary costume relating how ordinary people lived and worked in those times.

## LEA NEWS



I particularly enjoyed the exhibits showing the industrial history of the Black Country, including an aluminium die casting workshop and the reconstructed Victorian coal mine.

Coal and iron ore mining in the region helped power the Industrial Revolution and metal working there led to the Black Country being named the 'Workshop of the World'. One of my great great grandfathers was a Black Country horse bit maker, so this part of my own family's history really came to life at the BCLM.

At the end of the day our party gathered back at the coach and, when Gill and Nigel were happy no one had been left behind in the pub, or down the mine, we set off on a comfortable journey back to The Lea. It was such an enjoyable day, and we were all grateful to Gill and Nigel for organising it so well.

Angela Kirton

### Gill says:

Following our annual day trip out we shall be back to normal in July, so please do come along for FREE coffee and cake on **Wednesday, 2nd July** at the village hall anytime from **10am**. Give me a call if you need a lift or if you'd like to chat beforehand. Gill Davis: 01989 750442

### LEA LUNCH CLUB

The lunch club has now taken a break for the summer and we will next meet again on **24th September**. Thank you to everyone that comes along each month and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. To enquire about booking a place at the lunch club, please contact Nicky on 07718 065946.

### LEA FRIDAY PAINTERS

Join us on 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.

### SUMMER FUN DAYS AT RUDHALL VIEW

Please note the 2 fun days on **Thursday 7th August** and **Friday 22nd August** will now take place at 1.30 – 3.30pm on the field at **Rudhall View**. The previously advertised venue is incorrect. Please see poster for details.





Unit 11  
Tufthorn Industrial Est  
Stepbridge Road  
Coleford  
Gloucestershire  
GL16 8PJ

contact@revillmowers.co.uk



**REVILL  
MOWERS LTD**

SERVICE • REPAIRS • SALES • SPARES

**Tel: 01594 810746**

www.revillmowers.co.uk

**Fully Stocked  
Showroom**



**SEGWAY  
NAVIMOW GPS**

**Robotic Mowers  
from £949**



**Battery &  
Petrol  
Models on  
Display**

**Spare Parts &  
Accessories**

**Husqvarna Automower®**  
Meet Your New Gardener



**Husqvarna**  
AUTHORISED  
DEALER

**Demonstrations available  
Free site visit**

**Service & Repair**  
Over 30 Years Experience

**Fully Trained Mechanics  
Genuine Spare Parts**

**Full Product Support  
Collection & Delivery Service**



**STIGA**

**EGO**

**MITOX**

**HAYTER**

**COBRA**

*Cub Cadet*

**TORO**

**Westwood**

**LAWNFLITE**

**METESIA**

**Mountfield**

**Husqvarna**

## LEA PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Please see [www.theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk) for information related to the parish. As usual you can make contact with the parish council via [clerk@theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 28th May when Cllr Jones was re-elected as Chairman, accepting the post pending the availability of Cllr Richards later in the year when it is anticipated that he will be considered for election to the post. Cllr Jones intends to stay on as a councillor. There were no other responsibility changes.

At the meeting other decisions and discussions included:

- Agreeing terms of an ongoing Lengthsman Contract with Herefordshire Council.
- Agreeing to seek agreement with the local Enviroability - CoDoCrew to undertake work within the village.
- Concerns were aired by members of the public about a detrimental effect that the recent re-opening of The Crown Inn has had on the Village Stores business. It was anticipated that the re-opening would benefit the Village Stores, but to date the reverse is stated to be true. The particular issue relates to car parking; it is hoped that any detriment to the Village Stores business will prove to be temporary.
- Grant aid was agreed to assist the Village Hall Management Committee to fund alterations deemed necessary to enable current fire safety regulations to be met.
- It was agreed to support the Lea C of E Primary School PTA by purchasing four gazebos to replace those that failed at the end of last year.
- Plans to provide a memorial seat in memory of the late Jackie Hopkins are in hand and currently awaiting final details from Caple Forge.
- Parish Councils were invited to sign a 'Parish Charter for Herefordshire Councils'. Having considered the text of the charter, the parish council decided not to sign the document since it was considered that the Charter Reference Group (CRG) was inadequate to represent parish councils.
- The Lea Parish Council is awaiting the issue of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) before the planned package of 'soft traffic calming' measures is implemented in the village. These include village gateways and planters at 3 locations, buff carriageway patches with limit roundels, removal of centreline and cats eyes and the introduction of 150mm edge lining. Things remain on track for construction in the last quarter of the year.

The next meeting of The Lea Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 23rd July** and items anticipated to be on the agenda include co-option of a councillor to replace John Roworth following his resignation, a review of all current policies to ensure that they are up to date, and to consider funding for 'Bleed Kits'.

## From an ancient manor house to a modern inn

### Sub-editor's note:

Since moving to The Lea I have been enjoying learning about the history of the village and its locality, so I am particularly pleased to be able to include in this edition an article written by David Mullin, who has lived in the village since 1980. David is a member of the Forest of Dean Local History Society and has had a number of articles, based on original research, published in the society's journal. He has promised further occasional articles on village history for future editions, for which I am very grateful.

His first piece is prompted by the recent reopening of The Crown Inn and tells of its long history. **Angela Kirton**

### THE CROWN INN

The Crown is probably the oldest secular building in The Lea. From its position, on one of the historic main roads between England and South Wales, it would be easy to assume that The Crown was built as an inn and has always been a public house. But that would be a mistake. There are no early written records, but the building itself can tell us something of its history.

### Open hall design

The footprint of the older parts shows that it was built as what is known as a half H shaped hall house. For much of the Middle Ages there was not much privacy, even for the relatively well off. The houses of the landed were open halls, (partly shown here) which they shared with their families, domestic servants and others in their service. Much of the business of running their estates might also be conducted in the hall.

As time went on house plans evolved, in part to create private living space for the owner and their immediate family, and in part to separate functions, such as storing and preparing food, from the communal area. Houses were still built with a central hall, but now with private rooms added at one end and



Below: part of original doorway



service rooms at the other. When these were built as cross wings, at right angles to the length of the hall, the result was an H or half H shaped floor plan, like that of The Crown.

### Entirely timber framed

As part of the recent refurbishment an area of timber framed wall, facing the car park, (pictured left) has been restored. There are more exposed timbers inside. It is quite likely that as first built, probably in the fifteenth century, The Crown was entirely timber framed, using green (unseasoned) oak, with infill panels of wattle and daub. Over the centuries the building has been altered and added to. A first floor and a fireplace and chimney stack have been inserted into the hall, which would originally have been open to the roof. The staircase is seventeenth century. Most of the external walls have been rebuilt in stone.

I don't know when The Crown became an inn, but it was before 1840. In that year a schedule was made of land and property in The Lea. This was part of a national plan to replace tithes – church taxes payable in kind – with payments in cash. Both the schedule, and the accompanying tithe map, record that it was a public house. Many pubs have changed their names over the years but then, as now, it was The Crown.

### Two manors

In 1840 it was owned by George Maynard Colchester, the largest landowner in The Lea (and several surrounding parishes). This may give a clue to the origin of the building. Medieval Lea was divided into two manors. In the late 16th century both, with all their lands and buildings, came into a single ownership. Half a century later they were bought by one of George's ancestors. It is tempting to suggest that such a fine building may have been the manor house for one of these two estates.

**David Mullin**







**50% OFF\***

YOUR FIRST 8 WEEKS

Keep all your belongings safe & secure.  
Personal & Business Self Storage. Available to view and rent right now. For all your needs.

Gorsley (M50) - Ledbury - Newent - Hereford - Lydney

**GET YOUR QUOTE BY  
SCANNING THE QR CODE**



www.nowstorage.co.uk - 0800 0787110

\*T&Cs Apply

# LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS





Sub-editor:  
**John Lancaster**

**01989 720642**

**john.lancaster17@gmail.com**

## LINTON VILLAGE HALL (LVH)

### GREY WOLF MUSIC NIGHT Friday 25th July 6.30 for 7pm start

Grey Wolf is an acoustic Americana/old-time folk band from the Welsh Marches playing traditional instruments such as banjo, fiddle, guitar, dulcimer, mandolin and double bass alongside fine vocal and harmony singing. They like to mix traditional Americana and old time tunes with a few self-penned songs and their aim is, above all, to entertain. Equally at home in small village halls and much



**PLEASE mention *The Chimes* when contacting advertisers**

OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

[www.bandbservicesltd.org](http://www.bandbservicesltd.org)

THE ONLY CALL YOU  
NEED TO MAKE FOR:

- ✓ Kitchens
- ✓ Flooring
- ✓ Bathrooms & Wetrooms
- ✓ Electrical, PAT Testing & Rewires
- ✓ Plumbing
- ✓ Central Heating & Boiler Servicing
- ✓ Painting & Decorating
- ✓ Carpentry & Tiling
- ✓ Household Maintenance

CALL US:

Gary:  
07971271777  
Ian:  
07966 755784  
Office:  
01531821868



## LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

larger venues, the band has headlined several of the prestigious UK's Old Time American Music and Dance Festivals and has appeared throughout the UK.

The Birmingham News said of Grey Wolf's performance at the Kitchen Garden Cafe in Birmingham "There's an equality to the group's spread of sound, but each player is continually soloing-in-motion, rising up in turn, according to where the ears of the audience might alight at any one moment". Reserved seating. Cash Bar. Tickets £12 Adult, £6 under18s. Email: [LVH@lintonvillage.com](mailto:LVH@lintonvillage.com) to book.

For more information about the band, visit [www.greywolffolk.com](http://www.greywolffolk.com) or Facebook

### THE ALMSHOUSE ALLSTARS MUSIC NIGHT Friday 26th September 6.30 for 7pm

Come and enjoy some popular swing tunes played by musicians with a real passion for this music. Fresh from a sold-out gig at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms, the Almshouse Allstars are gaining an enthusiastic following with foot tapping, sing-along tunes that everyone knows. Their sets include familiar favourites from the 1930s jazz age ranging from the gorgeous voice of Annie Summers singing 'All of Me' and 'Night and Day' to more raucous saxophone renditions by James Hunt of 'Take the A Train' and 'I got Rhythm'. They'll include some popular blues tunes including a lovely version of 'Stormy Monday







LANDSCAPING TREE SURGERY FENCING

**GEOFFREY URCH**  
**LANDSCAPING**

TEL 01531805040  
EMAIL [INFO@GEOFFREYURCHCONTRACTS.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@GEOFFREYURCHCONTRACTS.CO.UK)  
WWW. [GEOFFREYURCHCONTRACTS.CO.UK](http://GEOFFREYURCHCONTRACTS.CO.UK)



## LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

Blues' by guitarist and band leader Murray Esplin and even the odd bass solo from Pudleston's own Andy Offer.

"An evening full of well-known swing songs and tunes from the jazz age delivered by seasoned professionals who just love to entertain. A real feel-good factor fit for all ages."

Our regular audience may remember this fabulous band played for us last year due to a cancellation. We are thrilled to have them return by popular demand, so get in early for the best seats! Thanks to Ron Milsom for the photos.

Reserved seating .Cash Bar. Tickets £12 Adult, £6 under 18s. Email: [LVH@lintonvillage.com](mailto:LVH@lintonvillage.com) to book

### ALMA TUESDAY BIKERS

We are a friendly, informal group who meet, with a variety of bicycles from a tandem to e-bikes, outside the front of the Alma Inn on Tuesday evenings ready to set off for a gentle ride at 7pm. We usually ride for a couple of hours before returning to the Alma for a drink and a chat. Sometimes we have pizza too! If you would like any more information, contact Nigel on 07741 051189. All welcome.

### THE FUTURE OF THE LINTON POUND: UPDATE

Roger Davies writes: Regular readers of *The Chimes* will be very aware that earlier this year Herefordshire Council (HC) announced its intention to demolish the old Linton Pound on safety grounds. The original deadline set by HC for the owner to come forward expired in April and the later deadline on 12th May. As we go to print, the Pound yet stands and a response is still awaited from HC regarding evidence found at HARC (Herefordshire Archives & Records Centre) that Linton Parish Council and its precursor have administered the pound for centuries. The earlier letter written by John Lancaster and signed by 70 local residents has similarly not yet had a response. It is interesting to note that Alfred Watkins published a book entitled "The Stone Crosses of Herefordshire" in 1930. Although his ideas on ley lines are now discredited by archaeologists, he was firmly of the belief that the Linton Pound was Neolithic in origin and deliberately in alignment with May Hill and Linton Church. Such is the prominent position of the Pound on Linton Hill that many are still convinced it dates from pre-history. Its potential loss today would be a travesty to our local heritage. The threat is very real. Some changes have taken place within the Pound and HC has announced the closure of the nearby footpath. If the Pound still stands by the time the July edition of *The Chimes* is released, we encourage readers to canvass their parish councillors to seek answers from HC. This is Linton's history in jeopardy, and it should be protected for the benefit of future generations. We very much hope that a further update will follow in the next edition of *The Chimes* to be published in September.

**Painter & Decorator**  
Paint Tiles Wallpaper

Friendly and Reliable  
No job too small  
Free quotations

Recommendations available  
DBS checked

**Rosalind Lines**  
07792 397 153  
01989 562 292  
painterlines@gmail.com



**AVALON TREE SURGERY**  
WE CARE FOR YOUR TREES

MATTHEW THOMAS  
OVER 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
NPTC QUALIFIED  
FULLY INSURED

WWW.AVALONTREESURGERY.CO.UK  
07794 569284 / 01981 541307

ALL ASPECTS OF TREE WORK UNDERTAKEN

**HS ACTIVITIES**

Set in the beautiful countryside, HS Activities is perfectly placed for a rural day of activities in Herefordshire.

Lowes Farm, Much Dewchurch, Hereford HR2 8DG  
Tel: 07876793035



hsactivities.co.uk

PAINTBALLING, LASER TAG, AIR GUN SHOOTING, CLAY SHOOTING, ARCHERY, SPLATMASTER & GEL BLASTER

## LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

### LINTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB WINNERS

**March 2025**

£5 Vanessa Wood, £10 Clair Hodgson, £25 Ernst Zillekens

**April 2025**

£5 Johanna Okon Watkins, £10 Denise Travers, £25 Branwen Tyler

**May 2025**

£5 John Watkins, £10 Clair Hodgson, £25 Wanda Edwards

### NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

#### VILLAGE OF LINTON TRUST

People will have noticed the great job done by Tollstone in rebuilding the church perimeter wall this spring. Many thanks to VoLT for funding both this and also work to the north side of the church.

#### COMMUNION SERVICES

Communion Services are on the first and fourth Sundays every month. This means 6th & 27th July and 3rd & 24th August.

#### MORNING WORSHIP

Morning Worship aims to be friendly and accessible to all. The next one will be on Sunday 20th July at 11am. We hope to welcome our new curate Ewan to this.

#### BIBLE BRUNCH

Bible Brunch will continue during August so the next Bible Brunches will be on Sunday 14th July and August 10th at Wrens Nest. The morning starts at 10:30am with Bacon Rolls, Pain au Chocolate and freshly brewed tea & coffee before moving on at about 11am to the discussions and videos. The sessions usually finish about midday. We are working a booklet looking at what Jesus means when he tells us to be fruitful.

*'Moon over St Mary's': Roger Davies*





**Computer Problems SOLVED**

For help at home or in the office call William Dereham

**01432 860 367**

*fast and efficient service*

- Troubleshooting
- Broadband installation
- Setting up New Computers,
- Wireless Network,
- Data Recovery, Virus, Spyware and Trojan Removal.
- Windows re-installation.
- Database Design.
- Website Design.

**No Message Charge**

The Malt House, Fownhope, Hfds  
www.dereham.org  
william@dereham.org



**Online counselling with Amelia Faye:**

An experienced qualified counsellor who is here to listen and support, with a person-centred approach. Areas of expertise include: relationship issues, stress, grief, low self-esteem, depression, anxiety, lacking clarity on life direction.

Free no obligation 40 minute consultation.

Contact Amelia:  
[theearthygibird@gmail.com](mailto:theearthygibird@gmail.com)  
**07368 410162**

## LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

In July we will look at how we can minister grace and love to those we meet whilst in August we examine how we can mould the culture around us.

### CHORAL EVENSONG

August sees our Patronal Festival. To celebrate we will be holding a Choral Evensong with the choir and organist from St Mary's Ross on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Tea & Cake will be served from 4pm with the service starting at 5pm.

### CREAM TEA AND DOG SHOW

The annual Cream Tea and Dog Show will take place on the August Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of August at Linton Village Hall, starting at 3pm. Last year was a fantastic event so we hope to make it just as good this year. Cream Teas are £5 a head and entry to the Dog Show is £1 a class. Although we will endeavour to find space for everyone who turns up you can book a table in advance by emailing Charlotte Newton ([c.newton365@btinternet.com](mailto:c.newton365@btinternet.com)).

For up-to-date news on St Mary's Church please go to the website [www.lintonvillage.com/st-marys-church](http://www.lintonvillage.com/st-marys-church)

 **RIDLEY'S PROPERTY CARE**

*Call for a free estimate!*  
**07375357458 /**  
**cjr.jake@yahoo.co.uk**

# NO JOB IS TOO BIG OR SMALL

With over 30 years of experience, everything is done to a high standard. All your home's improvements and maintenance in one. Friendly service. Don't hesitate to call for a free quote!

### OUR SERVICES

- Painting & Decorating
- Leaky tap
- Wall panelling
- Shelves and curtain fixings
- Flat pack furniture
- Skirting boards and loose floor boards
- Fencing
- Unblock gutters and clean driveways

**HOWATS**  
Chimney Sweeps Ltd

 **Call us on:**  
**07801 740 516**  
**01594 862 976**

**Professional Chimney Sweeps - Certificate issued with every sweep**

- **Chimney Sweeping**  
We'll ensure your chimney is clean, safe and ready to use
- **Accessories**  
We provide a great selection of items for your chimney
- **Service & Repair**  
Qualified to carry out services. Repairs to any appliance, e.g. fireglass, brick and rope.
- **Cowl Fitting**  
Stop draughts, leaks and wildlife in their tracks without extensive range of chimney cowls.

**www.howatschimneysweeps.ltd**

Rated our reviews on  
  
  




**GENERAL BUILDING  
FROM START TO FINISH**

- ANY SIZE PROJECTS, EXTENSIONS, RENOVATIONS & NEW BUILDS
- ALL ASPECTS OF LANDSCAPING UNDERTAKEN - FROM DESIGN TO COMPLETION
- MASONRY SPECIALISTS
- ASSISTANCE WITH PROJECT DESIGN

SEE MORE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:  
C J W BUILDING SERVICES

**CONTACT CHRIS**  
📞 07557 449078  
@ C.J.WILLIFORDBUILDINGSERVICES @GMAIL.COM



**MPB Home Maintenance**

MPB Home Maintenance offers a range of Handyman Services for your home and garden including Basic Carpentry, Interior and Exterior Painting, Garden Wall Building/Repair, Grass Cutting, Fence Repairs and much more.

*Small jobs welcome!*

Please contact Matt on  
07969 610158 or  
mpbhomemaintenance@outlook.com



The Gardeners Guild

**MEADOW VIEW**  
*Landscapes*  
GARDENS & GARDEN MAINTENANCE

**Grass Cutting  
Hedge Cutting  
Planting  
Chainsaw Work  
Tree Work  
Fully insured**

www.meadowviewlandscapes.co.uk 

**Call: 01989 721 122 or 07718 996 518**

## LINTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(Covering Bromsash, Gorsley and Linton villages)

e-mail: [pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk) or telephone: 07763793695

The Parish Council wishes to express its profound appreciation of the tremendous service to the council and parishioners provided by former member and chair Mrs Jean Foley, who sadly passed away recently.

Following approval by Herefordshire Council, the Parish Council are installing several road signs to improve road safety at Shutton Crossroads in Linton. These include Crossroads/road narrows, Give Way, and M50 direction signs.

The parish council has one councillor vacancy. If you are interested, please contact Rich Hunt via e-mail: [pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk) or telephone: 07763793695.

There are vacant plots available at Gorsley allotments. If you are interested, please contact Rich Hunt via e-mail: [pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk) or telephone: 07763793695.

### PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

Last year saw the end of the Recycling Cafes but the Climate Action Group has not been idle.

We have moved the recycling of pens, cards and stamps to St Mary's Church where they can be accessed during daylight hours. The Eco-Library is also there for anyone who wishes to borrow a book.

On October 18th the Parish Council are holding **The Greener Living Show** at Gorsley Baptist Church. More about this nearer the time but it will involve a large number of exhibitors who are involved in some way in Home Energy: Saving Energy; Storing Energy; Using Energy and Generating Energy. So, if you want to make more sustainable choices for your Home Energy please save the date.



# Newent auto centre

Your Comprehensive, Caring, Vehicle Service Centre for Newent & Surrounding Areas  
We are a family business dedicated to providing the best possible service at the lowest possible cost!  
To help us achieve this aim we always use original equivalent parts.  
The latest state of the art Diagnostic & Workshop tooling.

Newent Business Park, Newent,  
Gloucestershire, GL18 1HP  
**01531 828001**  
www.newentauto.co.uk  
newentauto@yahoo.co.uk  
Hours of Business  
Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm  
Saturday 8am - 4pm

## MOT TEST DUE? • CALL NEWENT'S COMPLETE TEST CENTRE



Motorcycles  
Class 1 & 2



Caravan  
Motorhomes  
Class 4



Commercial  
Class 7



### IMI QUALIFIED REPAIR CENTRE FOR ELECTRIC & PLUG IN HYBRID CARS



**MODERN CARS = MODERN PROBLEMS**  
"Latest state of the art test and repair equipment"  
"Experienced skilled technicians"  
**LOW COST DIAGNOSTICS AND REPAIR**



**FULL OR INTERMEDIATE**  
"Oil & Filter Change"  
**FREE SAFETY CHECK**



**ALL REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN**  
"Brake Bats" "Clutches" "Gearboxes" "Brakes" "Steering" "Suspension"  
"Chassis setting" "Body Repairs" "New Brackets" "Welding"



**RECHARGE AND REPAIR SERVICE FOR ALL AIR  
CONDITIONING AND CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS**  
"Including latest environmentally friendly refrigerant"



**TYRES - Best Ever Prices Guaranteed!**  
"Huge stock for immediate fitting"  
"Economy • Premium • Brandied • Car • Van • 4x4 • Trail"  
"Puncture Repair" "Laser Track Wheel Alignment" "Fast Fitting"



**SPECIALIST ENGINE MACHINING SERVICE**  
"Cylinder head re-boring" "Pressure testing" "Valve seat replacement"  
"Cutting" "Lapping" "Unleaded head conversion" "Polishing" "Timing"  
"Engine rebuilds"  
"Vintage • Classic • Modern"  
**TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME**

Many of our services can be carried out while you wait. Please see our comprehensive leaflets. Enjoy a complimentary Hot Drink or Tea.  
We also offer Free Collection & Delivery Service to Free Loan Evening Car. For helpful advice on all your motoring  
questions call Simon or Helen - we will be pleased to help.



### Area Specialist in Pioneer Hy-Carbon Engine Cleaning Technology

Let the power of environment friendly  
hydrogen clean your engines internal parts  
by removing carbon contamination.

Reduced Exhaust Emissions  
Reduced Gas Consumption Problems  
Reduced Knocking/Preignition & Acceleration  
Cleaner Spark Plugs/Flaps

Why not include Hy-Carbon cleaning in  
your annual service and reduce your car  
performance.

Improve your fuel economy  
& eliminate black smoke.

So confident we guarantee total state of the car  
technology that if it fails to rectify problems  
you will receive a refund.

Please contact us for full details.  
Trade enquiries invited.



HONEST, RELIABLE CAR REPAIRS DESIGNED FOR YOU AND YOUR CAR

## UPTON BISHOP NEWS



Sub-editor:  
Annette Colwell

07779 676249

nettiec1921@gmail.com

UPTON BISHOP WEBSITE ADDRESS: <https://uptonbishop.gov.uk/>

## WHAT'S ON IN UPTON BISHOP

### AT THE CHURCH:

Vicar - David Howell 07903790049 [revdavidhowell@icloud.com](mailto:revdavidhowell@icloud.com)  
Church Warden - Jane Ayres 07989 572356 [jane.e.ayres@me.com](mailto:jane.e.ayres@me.com)  
The church is open every day - a quiet space for all to enjoy.  
Dogs are welcome in the churchyard on a lead, but please clear up after them.

### SERVICES for July & August in the church

Wednesday 2nd July - 9.30 am - BCP Communion followed by Prayer Group  
Sunday 6th Morning Worship  
Sunday 13th Communion  
Sunday 20th Communion  
Sunday 27th All age service

Sunday 3rd August Morning Worship

Wednesday 6th 9.30 am - BCP Communion followed by Prayer Group

Sunday 10th Communion

Sunday 17th Communion

Sunday 24th All age service

Sunday 31st Benefice Communion

### All Services at 10.30 unless shown otherwise

If you require gluten free communion bread, please let us know before the  
start of the service. Be assured of a warm welcome at these services which  
are suitable for all ages.

**Quiet Services** for those who cannot worship on Sundays or who enjoy the  
traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer.

**EVENSONG every Tuesday, 5.30pm** at Graham and Ann Fowler's House.  
Ring 780600 for details.

**BCP Communion Wednesday 2nd April at 9.30am**, followed by Prayer Group

**Weekly Newsletter** - if you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by  
email, which includes church and village information, events and news, please

PLEASE mention *The Chimes* when contacting advertisers

# Andy Parker

## Stove & Chimney Services

Wood Burning & Multi Fuel  
Stove Installations, Service & Maintenance  
Chimney Cleaning  
CCTV

Chimney Lining  
01594 544489 07977 273735  
andypps@yahoo.co.uk



Very  
**Reliable**  
LOCAL

**WATERWORKS**

**HANDYMAN for HOME & GARDEN**  
and all those little  
**ODD JOBS**  
QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN  
CALL STEVE  
ON  
01452 750455  
Mobile 07752 529450

Also Garden Irrigation Systems  
Designed Installed or Supply Only for Pots, Tubs  
Hanging Baskets, Greenhouses or Complete Gardens  
No job to small, so give me a call !!

## UPTON BISHOP NEWS

let Jane Ayres know and she will add you to the mailing list.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** this year was in support of indigenous communities in Guatemala where the climate crisis threatens their land and ability to grow crops to feed their families. And so it was somehow appropriate that our annual plant event should have garnered such generosity from gardeners, givers and buyers (£388). Not only that, but Alice's dedicated visiting brought in a record amount in envelope donations (£146); the tea drinking, cake enjoying, happily chatting, socially gathering village neighbours gave £100 from their fund and a few extra donations brought in an amazing total of £673 to help secure a future for those people who only wish to remain on their ancestral lands and truly live off them. Upton Bishop, thank you.

### AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL: FOR THE YOUNG:

**LEGO@UB CLUB** is held on the first Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be on July 5th at 10.30am tea, coffee, cake and chat for parents. Squash, biscuits and lots of Lego for kids. Free of Charge but donations welcome. Adult fans of Lego (AFOL's) are also especially welcome. Please check social media for venue/time changes.

**BABY SENSORY Monday mornings** during termtime. Call Annabel 07341 956056 or hereford@babysensory.co.uk

**LITTLE SWALLOWS Friday mornings.** Activities for under 5s. Call Nicky 01989 780211

### FIT AND ACTIVE:

**KEEP FIT Tuesdays, 10-11am.** Call Jane Fray 01989 780383 or Michaela Johnson 07706101164. The class is designed to help improve your fitness, strength, balance and co-ordination to some great music! You work at your own pace. The first session is free; after that, the cost is £6 per session for a block monthly booking and £8.00 per session pay as you go.

**INDOOR SHORT-MAT BOWLS Tuesday 15th July & 19th August, 7- 9pm,** £3 per person includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All abilities very welcome. Call Dave Powell 07794 429090 or just come along!

**BADMINTON CLUB Thursdays 8-10pm** all ages and skills. Call Steve Cracknell 01989 720577.

**TANGO Fridays** but not every Friday. Check with Beryl Kirk 07743 778799 or bakirk@live.co.uk.

### SOCIAL:

**July 4th 7pm - Midsummer Madness**

An evening of songs, sketches and music from

### MIDSUMMER MADNESS



### SONGS AND SKETCHES ON A SUMMER'S EVENING

JULY 4TH  
MILLENNIUM HALL at 7pm



**ANB Bookkeeping**

Over 25 years bookkeeping and accounting experience

I work with Sole traders, small businesses.

- ✓ AAT Level 2
- ✓ Registered with the Institute of Bookkeepers (ICB)
- ✓ Registered with Bookkeepers Alliance.

01989 762994  
anne@anbbookkeeping.co.uk  
www.anbbookkeeping.co.uk

I am fully insured, have many years working experience and am ICD registered (Data Protection)

**Acton Building & Construction**

Email: richard@actonbuilding.co.uk Mob: 07863134329

Local established building company with over 30 years experience

New builds, extensions, renovations, barn conversions... Projects taken from design to occupation. All works fully guaranteed.

Kitchens and bathroom specialists. Refurbishment or new installation. Tiling, wet panels, wet rooms, under floor heating. Design to completion.

We offer a full green energy service, from solar pv, battery storage, car point chargers etc, to air source units, heat pumps new or retro fitted. Everything assessed and quoted free of charge.

www.actonbuilding.co.uk Tel: 01989740595

## Reliable Handyman Services

Competitive rates and honest workmanship!

Painting & Decorating  
Gardening & Paving  
Domestic Electrician  
Furniture/Flat pack Assembly  
Personal Shopping/Delivery

Contact Richie for an enquiry today...

Tel: 07523 029 240 or 07544 766 245

Email: richie odd jobs@gmail.com



**UB SUMMER CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR**



**SEPT 6TH**  
**IN THE**  
**MILLENNIUM**  
**HALL**

Classes for  
Fruit, Veg and Flowers  
Crafts, Art and Cookery  
Plus  
Fun stalls and games

## UPTON BISHOP NEWS

the UB Past-its and the Blue Mesnies

There's no charge for the entertainment but donations are welcome as always.

**COFFEE MORNING Saturday 5th July & 2nd August 10-12am**

**SOCIAL AFTERNOON** We look forward to seeing you for cake and chat on

**Monday 21st July 2.30-4.30pm.** No meeting in August

**QUILTERS 3rd Thursday of the month, 2-4pm.** Call Sue Jones 07505 977 944

**IT'S SEED AND SEEDLING TIME THE CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW IS BACK ON THE 6th SEPTEMBER** What's growing in your garden? Classes for fruit, veg and flowers. Have you painted a masterpiece, cooked up a delicious pickle or knitted your dog a winter coat? We'd like to see your clever crafts. Entry forms will be available at the back of the church from August.

Weekly Newsletter – if you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email, which includes church and village information, events and news, please let Jane Ayres know and she will add you to the mailing list.

**UPTON BISHOP WI** meets on the **second Tuesday of each month from 7-9.**

New members are always welcome at The Community Hub, St, Mary's Garden Village. To find out more and about the numerous activities organised by the National and Herefordshire Federations of WIs, contact [Upton\\_Bishop\\_WI@herefordshire.org.uk](mailto:Upton_Bishop_WI@herefordshire.org.uk)

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE** Offering a safe, non-judgemental space for women to connect, heal and learn from each other. Open to all women. Please contact Amy to enquire: 07867 761108.

**200 CLUB DRAW FOR APRIL** Tony Chudziak £20; Pat Bright £10; Godfrey Farr £5.

**SYMPATHY** to the family of Frances Lawford and everyone who has recently lost or who is remembering a departed loved one.

**BEST WISHES** to everyone who is not too well, or who is undergoing or waiting for treatment at present.

**WELCOME WISHES** to Carl and Brendon who have just moved into Gayton.

### THE MILLENNIUM HALL

If you are interested in joining the Millennium Hall team, please get in touch: 07496 685 960.

**HIRING THE HALL** There is space in the diary for new events so please go on line to book a date: visit [uptonbishop.gov.uk](http://uptonbishop.gov.uk) and click on 'Millennium Hall' for booking info, or contact [pollyannakay@gmail.com](mailto:pollyannakay@gmail.com)

**UPTON BISHOP WI.** We were deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden death of our President, Frances Lawford, on 5 June. She was such a warm, friendly person and was well loved by all. Our June meeting was attended by current and former members, along with a WI Trustee from the Hereford

**PETER LEATHART**  
**Furniture Maker and Restorer**



**Tel: 01989 565271**

**Overthrow**  
**Property Maintenance**  
**Commercial & Residential**

Painting / Decorating  
 Carpentry  
 Kitchens / Bathrooms fitted  
 Plastering, Tiling, Plumbing  
 Electrics & Roofing.  
 Hard Landscaping:  
 Decking, Patios & Paving.

All Work Guaranteed  
 & carried out by Qualified  
 Tradesmen.  
 Call Rob on:  
 07836 313 629 / 01531 820 996  
 or Sue on 07300 788 655

**WYE CLEAR TO HEAR!**



Clear to hear offers ear  
 and hearing health checkups.

Ear wax solutions safely and quickly.  
 Wye Clear to Hear, why not?  
 What's stopping you?

**CONTACT**  
 Clinic & home appointments  
**01989 565608**  
**m: 07526942005**  
 Email: [enquire@wyecleartohear.co.uk](mailto:enquire@wyecleartohear.co.uk)  
[www.wyeClearToHear.co.uk](http://www.wyeClearToHear.co.uk)

**The LOG FELLER**



**KILN DRIED ASH  
 HARDWOOD LOGS**



**Please order at the  
 website below:**

**[www.thelogfeller.co.uk](http://www.thelogfeller.co.uk)**

## UPTON BISHOP NEWS

Federation. It was, as you can imagine, a very emotional meeting. Some of us had known Frances well and some for just a short time, but everyone had been touched by her warmth and friendliness. So we took the time to share our stories and memories, recognising her enormous dedication to our group. Her enthusiasm and hard work have attracted many new members recently. Always helpful and supportive, Frances made sure that our events programme reflected members' wishes, and whilst she liked the traditions of WI, she was always happy to introduce new activities to add to our interests. Members of the Craft & Chat subgroup fondly remember their visits to her home and the generous welcome she always gave us. A lovely soul, she will be hugely missed and remembered with great fondness.

### UPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL (UBPC)

Any parishioner can contact the UBPC at [clerk@uptonbishop.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@uptonbishop.gov.uk) Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the Parish Council website. Five councillors, the clerk, the ward councillor and 11 members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting on June 10th.

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held in February, March and April 2025 were approved. A member of the public commented on a property in Phocle Green which appears to be being used as a house of multiple occupancy. Herefordshire Council has been informed and is investigating. The Ward Councillor outlined the highlights of his report. The report is on the website.

Councillors supported Hopyard Cottage's planning application for a single storey detached ancillary annexe for occupation by dependant relative, including part change of use of land to domestic garden.

The Council queried whether the development is in open countryside and if the proposed building is a proportionate size to the existing building.

The lengthsman has concentrated on grass cutting, grips and gulleys and general maintenance over the last month. Herefordshire Council have up to £4,000 available for drainage schemes in the parish over the next year. Applications need to be made by September.

Four gates have been installed on footpaths as part of the Walkers Welcome initiative. More grants will be available for footpath improvements this year. Balfour Beatty has resurfaced parts of the B4224.

All invoices were approved for payment and the Council had more than £26,000 in the bank.

All the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) papers were ratified and the Clerk was thanked for her hard work in managing the council's finances. The dates for exercise of public rights will be from June 16 to July 25 2025.

The next scheduled meeting is on **Tuesday July 1st**.



**Competitive Finance Solutions**

**AGCredit**  
Asset Finance Solutions

- New & Used Equipment
- Agriculture, Construction & Business Sectors
- Cars & Commercial Vehicles
- Refinancing Facilities
- Competitive Rates
- Loans for Farm Improvements
- Friendly & Experienced Finance Brokers

**Bridie Ward**  
07498238672  
bridie@agcredit.co.uk

**Luke Ward**  
07896315651  
luke@agcredit.co.uk

[www.agcreditfinance.co.uk](http://www.agcreditfinance.co.uk)  
@lukeagcredit f agcreditltd

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority FRN 677980.  
Finance for Business Purposes & Subject to status, written details on request.

**CHASE VIEW VETERINARY CLINIC**  
e-mail: [info@chaseviewvets.co.uk](mailto:info@chaseviewvets.co.uk)  
[www.chaseviewvets.co.uk](http://www.chaseviewvets.co.uk)

Hildersley, Ross-on-Wye  
Herefordshire HR9 7NJ  
Tel: 01989 562251  
Fax: 01989 563008

**WYE VALLEY**  
CANINE HYDROTHERAPY  
REFERRAL CLINIC

**TEL: (01989) 564 191**  
[www.caninehydrotherapy.net](http://www.caninehydrotherapy.net)  
Hildersley, Ross-On-Wye  
Herefordshire HR9 7NJ

Approved by the Canine Hydrotherapy Association

## RECTOR'S LETTER



Dear Friends, on Saturday 5th July at 3:30 in Hereford Cathedral our curate Ewan will be ordained deacon in the Church of England. It is a wonderful service, and anyone is welcome to attend. It would be great to see people from our community at the service. There's no need to book because the cathedral is a big church. The ordination service does not happen that often and is a very special occasion. I would encourage you to come along and join in the special celebration. In the Church of England the first year of curacy is spent as a deacon. There are three orders in the Church of England: bishop, priest and deacon. I think everybody knows what a bishop and a priest do, but we don't come across deacons that often.

In Paul's letter to Timothy he gives a good description of the qualities needed in a deacon, "Deacons must be respectable men whose word can be trusted, moderate in the amount of wine they drink with no squalid love for money. They must be conscientious believers in the mystery of the faith. They are also to be examined first and only admitted to serve as deacons if they have nothing against them. In the same way the women must be respectable, not gossips but sober and quite reliable."

In past centuries the role of deacons and deaconesses had an important ministry in the life of the church: they looked after financial affairs, and they organised the care of anyone in need. They preached the Gospel, and they assisted at baptisms and at the Eucharist. Over the centuries, as the role of bishops and priests changed and developed, the ministry of deacons almost disappeared and while it never completely vanished from the life of the church, it was seen as a temporary stage in the preparation of a candidate for the priesthood. Today, men and women may be ordained as permanent deacons. The ministry of a deacon is one of loving service, and we welcome Ewan into our community as our deacon.

**NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE RECTOR: REV. DAVID HOWELL**  
Please note that the old landline and internet ceased working in June  
and these are the replacement details:

Tel: 07903 790 049 Email: [revdavidhowell@icloud.com](mailto:revdavidhowell@icloud.com)  
Please note that FRIDAY is my day off!

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
<b>06<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Mattins</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	2 Kings 5. 1-14.	Galatians 6. 1-6.	Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20.	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Bible Brunch</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Amos 7. 7-end.	Colossians 1. 1-14.	Luke 10. 25-37.	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Village Praise</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Amos 8. 1-12.	Colossians 1. 15-28.	Luke 10. 38-end.	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>All Age Communion</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Hosea 1. 2-10.	Colossians 2. 6-15.	Luke 11. 1-13.	

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
03 <sup>rd</sup> August	Evensong	Family Communion	Communion Service	Mattins
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	4.30 pm	9.30 am	11.00 am	10.30am
Readings	Hosea 11. 1-11.	Colossians 3. 1-11.	Luke 12. 13-21.	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Communion	Mattins	Bible Brunch	Communion Service
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	8.00 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Readings	Isaiah 1. 1, 10-20.	Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16.	Luke 12. 32-40.	
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Village Praise	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	Parish Communion
9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	9.30 am	11.00 am	10.30 am
Readings	Isaiah 5. 1-7.	Hebrews 11. 29 thru 12.2.	Luke 12. 49-56.	
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Communion		Communion Service	All Age Communion
10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am		11.00 am	10.30 am
Readings	Jeremiah 1. 4-10.	Hebrews 12. 18-end.	Luke 13. 10-17.	
31 <sup>st</sup> August	ARICONIUM BENEFICE Well Blessing Service @ ASTON INGHAM			
11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30 A.M.			
Readings	Jeremiah 2. 4-13.	Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16.	Luke 14. 1, 7-14.	



## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS - 1

### ANIMAL CARE

#### DOG'S DELIGHT

Professional Canine Beautician in all breeds. Groomed, Shampooed, Hand-stripped, Clipped & Nail-trimmed.  
Call **Sharon** on **01989 750256** or **07933 212023** Tally-Ho, Bromsash.

### HOME SERVICES

#### DEBS DUSTERS

Cleaning Services. All your cleaning needs done with attention to detail. All staff are DBS checked and insured. If you would like to request our services please contact **Debs** on **07827 904043** or email [Debs@debsdusters.co.uk](mailto:Debs@debsdusters.co.uk)

### HEALTH & BEAUTY

#### FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER DEBORAH CRONSHAW MCFHP MAFHP

Complete foot care in the convenience of your own home to help maintain healthy feet. Treatments include removal of corns & calluses, nail trimming, reduction of thickened nails & diabetic foot care. [www.wyefootcare.co.uk](http://www.wyefootcare.co.uk) ; **07821 540925; 01989 770893.**

Boost your local business — and reach 1600 households throughout the year with a classified ad. in *The Chimes*. A low-cost way of reaching your target audience in the district. Contact our advertising team for more details at [chimes.adverts@gmail.com](mailto:chimes.adverts@gmail.com)

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS - 2

### GARDENING SERVICES

#### ECOTECH TREE CARE

Professional tree care carried out by trained, experienced, and friendly staff. Public Liability Insurance; Free quotes; Locally based. Speak to Rory Wakeman on **01989 770 372 / 07754 944 683**. [www.ecotechtreecare.co.uk](http://www.ecotechtreecare.co.uk)

#### GARDENS SORTED: EXPERT DESIGN & RENOVATION, & GARDEN ROOMS.

30 years hard-won experience. Deep Veg beds to grand gazebos. Hard landscaping: paths, decks and patios using locally sourced materials. Working closely with our clients to realise your ideas. **Felicity Evans 07866 777244 or Answer machine 01531 890332**. [www.gardens-sorted.co.uk](http://www.gardens-sorted.co.uk)

#### W.N.GOOCH

Garden & flail hedge-cutter, Pasture maintenance, Haymaking, Fruit tree pruning, Fencing, Sheep shearing, Odd-jobbing. A friendly service with a smile. Tel: **01989 720350** Mobile: **07977 506086**.

### PROPERTY SERVICES

#### PAINTER & DECORATOR

For all your decorating needs, interior and exterior.  
Phone **Brian Colwell** on **01989 567082**

#### GM RUSTIC ANTIQUES

Wanted any antiques, furniture, architectural items, tools etc. Will buy anything from one item to a house or garage full. Based locally so will respond quickly. Phone or message, quick decision made.  
[garymorris28.gm@gmail.com](mailto:garymorris28.gm@gmail.com) or phone **07961 479126**.

#### CHIMNEY SWEEPS/Stove Service & Repair. Howats Chimney Sweeps Ltd

GOMS Registered, NVQ Qualified, fully insured, trained & tested. Power & traditional sweeping. Camera services & tar treatment. Certificates issued for every sweep (for house insurance). Smoke test with every sweep.  
[www.howatschimneysweeps.ltd](http://www.howatschimneysweeps.ltd) Call **07801 740516**

# The Chimes

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

An independent magazine financed by advertisements and donations, published monthly (other than in August & January), with a circulation of 1,600  
[www.thechimes.org.uk](http://www.thechimes.org.uk)

### EDITORS:

Francine Burns	01989 750069
Stephen Tommey	07521 840656
Peter Coulson	01989 720123

### WEBSITE MANAGER & EDITOR:

Tania Clayton 01989 720229 [chimes.webmanager@gmail.com](mailto:chimes.webmanager@gmail.com)

### VILLAGE SUB-EDITORS:

Aston Ingham:	Mike Clayton	07803 975398	<a href="mailto:aichimes@outlook.com">aichimes@outlook.com</a>
Gorsley:	Laura Carroll	07837 485929	<a href="mailto:laurajones13@hotmail.com">laurajones13@hotmail.com</a>
Lea:	Angela Kirton	07474 378806	<a href="mailto:kirtona150@gmail.com">kirtona150@gmail.com</a>
Linton:	John Lancaster	01989 720642	<a href="mailto:john.lancaster17@gmail.com">john.lancaster17@gmail.com</a>
Upton Bishop:	Annette Colwell	07779 676249	<a href="mailto:nettiec1921@gmail.com">nettiec1921@gmail.com</a>

### ADVERTISING MANAGER:

Lin Forward 07747 751512 [chimes.adverts@gmail.com](mailto:chimes.adverts@gmail.com)

### DISTRIBUTION COORDINATOR:

Sue Bertenshaw 07775 706652 [suebrock59@gmail.com](mailto:suebrock59@gmail.com)

### FINANCE / TREASURER:

Sheila Bouskill 07990 548615 [chimes.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:chimes.treasurer@gmail.com)

### SUBMISSION OF COPY:

Copy is only accepted by email.

Photographs, Advertisements, & Posters, should be in jpeg format.

**The deadline for advertising copy is 1st day of the month prior to publication**

Each village has a Sub Editor to collate all copy and posters from their village.

**The deadline for news to Sub Editors is shown on the front page.**

Combined Village Events, should be submitted directly to the Editors by email.

### NOTICES:

The views expressed in *The Chimes* are those of individual contributors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editors, or the Editorial Team. The Editors reserve the right not to publish or to amend the content, of any item.

*The Chimes* GDPR Privacy Notice can be accessed at our website.

**The Editorial team welcome all comment and feedback on any aspect of our magazine or website. The email address for all Editors is [thechimes1@gmail.com](mailto:thechimes1@gmail.com)**



Looking for a way to improve your home? Call 0800 669 6090



5% donation  
of profit to  
your local  
church

10% discount  
when retaining  
this magazine

## UK Home Improvement: Comfort, Savings & Sustainability with Oakley

## EXPERTS IN ALL ASPECTS OF ROOFING & ROOF REPAIRS

**New Roof Installation | Small Roof Repairs | Moss/Gutter Clearance**  
Soffit's and Fascia's | Cement Work | Lead Flashing | Tiles

## EXPERTS IN SPRAY FOAM REMOVAL

Thorough Assessment | Safe Removal | Clean-Up and Restoration | Expert Guidance

### FULL ROOF INSPECTION WITH FREE QUOTATION

Moss and gutter clearances  
See our website for full list of services

- Experienced Professionals
- Quality Materials
- Customer-Centric Approach
- Affordable Pricing

All Work Guaranteed

Proud members of  
**Checkatrade.com**  
Where reputation matters



## Get in Touch With Us

%admin@oakleyimprovements.com ! 01989 218 513  
2 oakleyimprovements.com





#moatcontractingjb

@moatcontracting



**GROUNDWORK & PLANT HIRE SPECIALISTS**

DRIVEWAYS . LANDSCAPING . FOUNDATIONS .  
DEMOLITION .

MOBILE SCREENING & CRUSHING HIRE .  
TOP SOIL & AGGREGATES .

PLANT HIRE . SELF-DRIVE OR OPERATOR .  
MICRO DIGGERS - 21 TONNE . MINI DUMPERS - 10 TONNE .  
TRACTOR & DUMPER TRAILER . BULLDOZER HIRE . ROLLERS .  
COMPACTORS .  
JCB LOADALLS 9.5-14MTR .

Large enough to deliver. Small enough to care.

**Tel: 07887 544400**

[www.moatcontracting.co.uk](http://www.moatcontracting.co.uk)

[moatcontracting@aol.co.uk](mailto:moatcontracting@aol.co.uk)