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## EDITORIAL

**“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow”.**

*Helen Keller*

I wonder how many of us have been enjoying the fabulous weather of late ? I for one, have not been seeing too many shadows !

As you can see in the Combined Villages section and throughout the magazine, our Parishes have really stepped up to make VE Day 80 an extremely happy and memorable occasion - plenty of sunshine and memories here.

While I was deliberating on what would make a good centre page editorial, Laura Carroll (sub editor for Gorsley) sent me an article written by a relatively new resident of the parish, Andy Ball. I found it very interesting, especially considering February's edition of *The Chimes*, when I mentioned how knowledge of the past can give us a richer experience of where we are now. With this in mind I have included Andy's article “1930's Land Utilisation Survey” in the centre of the magazine this month. I hope that the copy of the map will be clear enough for you to see all of *The Chimes* parishes. If not please use the link at the bottom of page 31. You can then copy the map and enjoy it more fully in a larger version.

Finally I hope you all enjoy this prolonged sunny spell. Now that I have written this, it will probably be raining when you receive your copy of *The Chimes* !  
Take care.

**Steve Tommey**

*Cover picture this month: Dressed up for VE Day 80 at Linton*

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



### Trees again

These last few weeks oak trees are being felled within view of my house. They are being felled to thin out the trees to allow those left to have more space in which to grow and prosper. This is all good forestry management: without this thinning some trees would die through a lack of light as the canopy grows over them. I am not against this felling (it needs to be done) but I do not like the sounds of an angry gnawing chainsaw and the cracking, crunching thumping as another tree falls in agony. I am sure that the persons responsible for planting these oaks had visions of their valuable timber being useful for building, furniture, flooring etc. They probably realised the need for wooden ships was over. What will their wood be used for? Heating! Biomass heating chicken houses. Our beautiful hearts of oak!

Peter Lockwood.

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This story of adventure is only available in the Chimes Online at [www.thechimes.org.uk](http://www.thechimes.org.uk), then select Info, Extras & Blogs, then click on Historical Blog.

This fact based historical illustrated novel brings the past to life. Happy reading.

Dorian Osborne

## SOME OF THE VILLAGES' COMMEMORATIONS FOR VE DAY 80






## ROB THE RAINMAN

### RAINFALL REPORT

April's total was 20.2mm and this was only 40% of the average. The first 11 days were dry and the first 9 of those were sunny with chilly nights sometimes enough for a frost. And the first 5 days were also quite chilly during the day due to a lively north east wind. The 10th and 11 were nice and warm though

before the high pressure moved away allowing more changeable weather to move in with cooler temperatures, cloudy periods and the months rainfall with decent falls on the 18th (8.1mm) and 22nd (7.0mm) although the 22nd itself was a lovely day. The rest of the month was dry and sunny and the month went out in a blaze of summer with daytime temperatures reaching the mid 20s. I must say that whilst this was lovely I am not a big fan as all our lovely spring flowers and blossom (and they have been exceptional this spring) don't appreciate it and start to go over far too soon. Spring should be taken gently and leave the summer temperatures to, well, summer. No cuckoo yet heard by yours truly this season as I write this up on the 2nd May.

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## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS



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### Church News

#### June Services

1st Evensong at 4.30 pm

8th Pentecost (Whit Sunday) Parish Communion at 10.30 am

15th Village Praise at 10.30 am followed by refreshments

22nd Parish Communion at 10.30 am

#### Thank you

To the retired clergy who support our Rector David Howell and regularly lead our services.

#### Enrolment

This will be on June 29th at 10.30 am at Upton Bishop Church, Nic Walker, who leads our Village Praise, will be enrolled as a Local Worship Leader, along with others in our Benefice. Please come and show your support to all those involved in leading services in Ariconium Benefice.

#### The Churchyard

A kind reminder, Plastic flowers and glass vases should not be placed on graves.

### Village News & Events

#### Amazing hall decorations

Thank you to the talented ladies from the Crochet Club and the Knit and Natter group. They have once again excelled themselves, not only decorating our foyer with an amazing Easter display but also producing a huge amount of patriotic bunting for the hall for VE80.

Your efforts make our hall a very special place to come and celebrate!

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## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

### The Quiz Night brings the teams from all around

On Saturday, April 12th, nine teams arrived at the Village Hall to slug it out in the Aston Ingham Quiz Night. The quiz involved eight rounds of keenly contested questions, with a bonus picture round completed during the Chilli and Jacket Potato break. Many congratulations to the victorious team. Well done to all involved.

### VE80 Celebrations

On Saturday, April 26th, villagers attended a traditional Bring and Share lunch at the Village Hall to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Several people came sporting Union Jacks, and as ever, the food was both plentiful and delicious.



### Ascot Ladies Day comes to the Village Hall

On Thursday, June 19th, at 12.30 pm, our annual WI Ascot Ladies Day event will bring a touch of glamour and sophistication to the Village Hall. We watch two races while enjoying a glass of bubbly or similar and a buffet lunch with strawberries or raspberries and cream. Posh frocks and hats are encouraged but not mandatory. It's open to both ladies and gents (no posh frocks required!), and you don't have to be a WI member to join us. The cost is £15 per person. To book your ticket, please contact Janet 07340 078520.



## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

### Thanks to our amazing volunteers

By the time you read this, there will only be a few days before the Volunteers Appreciation Event at the Aston Ingham Village Hall on Saturday, 7th June, 10.00 am. This event is a thank-you to the volunteers from all the groups and clubs in our area who rely on them to operate to their high standards. The event will consist of displays by all the contributing groups giving an insight into the range of volunteers' valuable contributions; a convivial occasion featuring homemade cakes and a welcoming atmosphere, all setting the scene for thanks and appreciation of the volunteer workforce.

Whether or not you are a volunteer (yet!), please come along to support the intention of this event, which is to thank, by seeing, hearing, and appreciating Aston Ingham's big picture of volunteers and their work.

We look forward to seeing you there, don't be late as those delicious cakes may not linger for long!



### Dates for your diary

An Evening with Paul Evans with puddings on **Saturday 21st June**. Cost £10. Paul Evans recites Monologues, Anecdotes Poems & Recitations.

Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 5th July** at 3pm. The cost of £15 includes a delicious afternoon tea and a glass of prosecco or cider.

By popular demand, Whisky River Trio returns on **Saturday 20th September**.

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

## ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

### General Village Information

To hire Aston Ingham Village Hall, contact Sue Harding 01989 720528 or email [suejharding1948@gmail.com](mailto:suejharding1948@gmail.com)

### 100 Club results – April Results

Winners in April, P Leighton - £16, T Rigden - £12, M Colwell - £6.

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, email [richardjanetpotter@btinternet.com](mailto:richardjanetpotter@btinternet.com)

### Church Cleaning

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What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June at 11:30am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Country Dancing	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June at 7pm	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
AI Clubs and Organisations Volunteers Event	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 10am-12	To showcase & celebrate the work of our volunteers who contribute so much to village life Food and drinks will be available	Your local club or Maggie Pettit 07989 206829
Aston Ingham W.I.	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June at 1:45am	This is our Annual Meeting. Our speaker will be John Butterworth, who will be speaking about life in Albania. Everyone is welcome.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June at 2pm	All are welcome, you don't have to crochet but we have a teacher on hand if you would like to learn. Come and join a great group! £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 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 17 <sup>th</sup> June at 2pm	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
Ascot Ladies Day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June at 12:30pm	As we now have a television licence we will be holding this popular event at the Village Hall. The cost of £15 includes a glass of bubbly or similar & a buffet lunch with strawberries or raspberries & cream.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Book Club and Coffee Morning	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 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 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 7pm	Come & join us for a relaxed evening of chat and laughter. Great to see everyone from the Orles last month!	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Aston Ingham Reading Group	First Saturday of every month 09:30 – 11:00am	June 7 <sup>th</sup> - Biography of Agatha Christie by Lucy Worsley July 5 <sup>th</sup> - Enlightenment by Sarah Perry New members welcome!	Jan Falkiner 07899 728346

## ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Grateful thanks to the Parish Councillors for their commitment to the Parish**

### **B4222 from Aston Crews to Lea**

A new resident living close to the Lee junction at the A40 has written to us about a range of Highways issues affecting the stretch of road from Aston Crews. The well written notes and diagrams contained within the document are not new to the Parish Council having previously engaged in extensive work with Herefordshire Council and specifically Highways. However, we are arranging to meet with past and present parishioners who have been in contact with us, to revisit the issues and agree a fresh approach as the matters highlighted are of great concern.

### **Can you tell what the Parish Council is going to be discussing at a forthcoming PC meeting?**

I'm guessing the answer to that question is probably 'No, not entirely'. The Agenda, posted outside the Village Hall and on the website, lists items to be covered in a forthcoming meeting. It is not intended to go into detail; intentionally, it amounts to no more than a shell. I have to admit to having felt disappointed when monthly meeting after meeting there are few to no signs of public in attendance. However, an Agenda standing alone might in part point to the reason why, because the lack of detail is in short supply. However I can explain how you might access the detail you need to stimulate your interest into getting more involved in our Parish work. There are 'Briefing Notes' which are sent to Councillors ahead of the meeting and are also intended for public consumption. These notes will demystify the meeting ahead, their detail opening the door to greater transparency, discussion of interest and perhaps attendance at our meetings.

To access the 'Briefing Notes' please do the following :

1. Log into to the Parish Council website at <https://astoningham-pc.gov.uk>
2. Once into the front page of the website click on 'Council Business ' which can be found on the top bar in a green band
3. Scroll down and click on 'Parish Council Meetings'
4. At the bottom of this page you will find 'Notes' in blue writing near the forthcoming PC meeting date. These are the Briefing Notes. Click on the blue writing 'Notes'

I realise that not everyone has this kind of access. Internet links are not for everyone. However if I've whetted your appetite, you may have a neighbour or friend who could kindly explain what might be in those "Notes".

**Maggie Pettit** Chair of Aston Ingham PC.

## GORSLEY NEWS



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



### EVENT: PINK QUIZ NIGHT!!

We're having a quiz to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We thought it would be a fun idea to dress in pink for the night for this amazing charity. It's at the Gorsley Village Hall on 28th June, 7pm. £5 per person with teams of up to four people. There's a cash bar and raffle. Limited tables, so please text or call Jo on 07910 745730 to reserve a table.



### Saturday 30th August 2025 at Gorsley Village Hall

Has the lovely spring weather sparked your creativity? Why not channel that creative energy into an entry for the Gorsley Show?

Gorsley is now in bloom - don't forget to keep a look out for photo opportunities!

Let your imagination run wild in the arts and crafts classes. Perhaps a 3D item - sculpture, pottery, willow, glass etc, or create a lovely still life - anything goes

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as long as you feature fruit or veg somewhere in the picture! And you don't have to use paint, consider collage, felt or mosaic.

If you have lovely handwriting, why not try the calligraphy class? Or perhaps you prefer to get knitting/crocheting, there's something there for you too. And don't forget the transformation challenge by creating something new from old Bakers - have you decided what to enter? Bread, cakes, scones or biscuits or perhaps all of them! You may have made your marmalade - but don't forget the jams and chutneys!

Take a look at the classes in the Show Schedule - available from Gorsley Community Shop or <http://www.gorsley.com/show.html> - you can also pick up show judge tips from this link.

Gorsley residents, members of Gorsley based organisations, children attending Gorsley Goffs school and their families are all eligible to enter.

Any questions 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 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 May are: Denise Elson - £25.00: Sylvia Stone - £10.00 and Lindsay Hudson - £5.00

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 COMMUNITY SHOP

Great news! Gorsley Community Shop is extending its Saturday hours throughout the summer. The shop will now stay open until 4:00pm every Saturday, until the end of August. The Post Office counter will continue to close at 12.30pm. This seasonal extension comes just in time for those sunny afternoons and spontaneous barbecues. The shop will be well-stocked with ice creams and chilled drinks; plus sausages and burgers - perfect for your summer BBQs. Whether you're hosting friends, planning a picnic, or just want to grab a cold treat after a walk, the community shop is here for you.

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

## CHRIST CHURCH GORSLEY

Our June churchyard is full of busy bees and beautiful wildflowers and as always, we extend a very warm welcome to our regular 10:30 am Sunday morning services. On the 1st June there will be a service of Holy Communion. In May we held a special VE Day service and on the following Sunday we celebrated our past church year with an enjoyable social morning. For further details of any of our services please contact us at [gorsleychurch@btinternet.com](mailto:gorsleychurch@btinternet.com)



## GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

**GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE - Saturday 7th June, 2pm** - Gorsley Village Hall, Quarry Lane, Gorsley, HR9 7SJ

Perennials, annuals, herbs, peppers, beans etc. Stock up your garden / greenhouse or window box at great prices and learn more about the Garden Club too!

Plus ... Delicious homemade cakes, tea and coffee from the Kilcot and Gorsley Women's Institute.

Proceeds go to Gorsley Village Hall and Gorsley and District Garden Club. Please come along on the 7th June to support us.

*Please note the Plant Sale and refreshments are cash only.*

Keep a look out for further information about our club on village notice boards and the Gorsley Community Support Facebook page. We are a friendly bunch, and new members are always very welcome. If you think you might be interested in joining or would just like to know a bit more about us, please call Charlotte on 01989 780760.

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### NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Newent and District Probus Club, celebrating its 48th year, is experiencing a change in leadership as Mike Warburton takes over the helm as the club's new Chairman.

For nearly five decades, Newent Probus has provided a stimulating outlet for re-tired and semi-retired men. Our aims are to promote fellowship and encourage friendship and a sense of belonging whenever we meet. Our members come from a wide variety of backgrounds, retired lawyers, engineers, teachers, farmers, business managers, accountants, and many others.

We meet at 10.00 am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Gorsley Village Hall to enjoy a variety of speakers covering a wide range of subjects. Our upcoming programme promises a range of interesting, including: Cold War Spies, The Knights Templars, Vintage Vehicles, WWI Military Discipline, and the story of Yuri Gagarin.

Probus is all about fostering camaraderie. It offers a welcoming environment where members enjoy good company, share experiences, and explore new topics. We also offer a lively social calendar, including skittles and quiz evenings, monthly pub lunches, local trips, a summer garden party, and a festive Christmas lunch.

We would love you to join us. If you're interested in making new friends and discovering new interests, simply come along to one of our meetings to see for yourself, you'll be given a very warm welcome

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

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### 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.

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## LEA NEWS



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### OUR PUB IS BACK!

Residents in the Lea have been enjoying our newly refurbished 600-year-old Crown Inn, which opened its doors in mid-April after being closed for nearly 3 years. By all accounts people are impressed with the work that has been done on both the interior and exterior of the pub, as well as with the food and drink on offer.

The Crown reopening also made it onto the BBC website and local radio in a lovely article which explained how the Savidge family has worked hard to ensure that the refurbishment of the pub has retained as much of its original 15<sup>th</sup> Century and later historic features as possible. They also aim to source much of the food and drink on offer locally, including very locally from the Savidge family's own farms in the Lea and Weston under Penyard.

So altogether I think most of us would agree that it is wonderful to have The Crown Inn back in business as a traditional pub right in the centre of our village.

### NEWS FROM LEA CHURCH

Hello everyone, hope you had a good Easter (seems a long time ago now!) and didn't eat too many eggs! The Children's Church yet again produced a wonderful Easter Garden in the porch. Thanks to all who contributed and helped. It looked fantastic as you can see from the picture.



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## LEA NEWS

We will be holding a Flower Festival from **27th-29th June**. It will be open from **10am-4pm** (except for the Sunday which will be **10am-2pm** due to the concert). The title is 'Music through the Ages' and will have exhibits featuring music from Hymns and Nursery Rhymes to Rock 'n' Roll for you all to look at! Refreshments are available (cake contributions will be most welcome!). We will also have a small plant stall in the porch. Entrance is free, but any contributions will be very much appreciated!

On the Sunday afternoon from 3pm, we are holding a concert by 'Forest Baroque' with an afternoon tea; tickets are £12.50. Please ring either myself, Marion, on 01989 750808, or Rose on 01989 750267 to book.

Thank you and hope to see you there!! I will have some photos of the event in the next edition.

After the Flower Festival we have no more events planned until September, but keep your eyes on the noticeboards in case we slip in a coffee morning or something!

Take care everyone and hope to see you in June!

God Bless

**Marion Martin**, Churchwarden

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## LEA NEWS

At the heart of the community, in the village of Lea, our school is proud to be the first to complete Herefordshire Council's newly launched Healthy Schools programme.

This initiative supports children's health and wellbeing through a comprehensive framework focused on teaching and learning, the school environment, staff training, and strong partnerships with parents and the wider community.

Over the past year, our dedicated staff have worked closely with the Council's Healthy Schools Co-ordinators, to focus on four key areas that help children and families adopt and maintain healthier lifestyles through:

- Physical activity
- Healthy food, drink and oral health
- PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education)
- Emotional health and wellbeing

We were delighted to welcome Vicky and Suzanne, the programme's co-ordinators, into school recently to present us with the official award. This milestone reflects our ongoing commitment to nurturing healthy habits — both now and for the future.

Everyone at Lea is incredibly proud to be leading the way in promoting positive health and wellbeing for all.

Learn more about the Healthy Schools Programme: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/healthy-schools>

If you would like to visit our school, please do not hesitate to contact us either by email at [admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk) or by telephone on 01989 750296. We would love to show you all that our wonderful school has to offer!

## LEA PLAY AND CHAT

A BIG THANK YOU To everyone who supported Mr Brown's Pig puppet pantomime, it was BRILLIANT!

The children were mesmerised and the adults joined in the banter - good entertainment!

This term at Play and Chat we will hopefully be enjoying the outdoor space, with sand and water play, along with all the usual toys, playdough and crafts, 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.



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## LEA NEWS

### LEA VILLAGE HALL

Lea Village Hall continues to make improvements to its building and grounds with the help of volunteers. We are especially grateful for the Lea Residents Association for a donation to upgrade kitchen equipment over the next few months. The urn was leaking and fridges past their best, and new ones are on order ready for the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May. Repairs and redecoration for the kitchen will also be completed at the same time.

The swings/ playground equipment, after inspection, were found to have faults, despite the equipment being less than a couple of years old. Persistence by our Secretary, Liz Reeson, has paid off, and replacement parts are expected to be arriving soon.

If you use this area, and notice any issues which need attention, please let us know. Although we have two "parents" keeping a watch out for breakages or vandalism, we need to also have vigilant people reporting back to us. Thank you.

The Short Mat Bowls group, who meet regularly every **Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm**, would love to welcome new members to the group. You really don't need to have any knowledge of the sport as they are willing to guide you in, and support as you venture into something new. However, if you are an experienced bowler, then you may be to the standard which plays at competition level on other evenings. Do contact Meirion on 07773 654241.



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## LEA NEWS

As you know the Village Lunch Club is well established with their monthly meals, with a reserve list waiting to join. Meals are cooked by a professional from Huntley, who then delivers the food to the hall, and then serves it with the aid of volunteers.

Lea Village Hall kitchen is now looking to purchase a Heater Trolley, to accommodate the professional size cooking tins, as the small oven we offer does not fit the larger containers. We are looking to fundraise/ seek grants for this purpose, and of course welcome any donations towards this equipment, which costs in the region of £1000. Can you help please?

Finally, if you are a resident wishing to hold a children's party at the village hall do contact our Booking Secretary: Liz Reeson: [ereeson@hotmail.com](mailto:ereeson@hotmail.com) or phone: 07821 593151

Bookings are down for 2025, so this is a reminder to think of us for your family gatherings, no matter what age group. You can always check on the dates available by going onto the website: [www.leavillagehall.com/booking.html](http://www.leavillagehall.com/booking.html)

Thank you,

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## LEA NEWS

### VILLAGE HALL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Just a reminder that our wonderful village hall is not only available for hire for private functions, but there are many more regular clubs and activities available, not all of which are written about in The Chimes. These include:

- Short Mat Bowls, Tuesdays from 7.30pm, contact Meirion on 07773 654241
- Yoga, Mondays 10 – 11am, contact Alex on 07729 712881
- Keep Fit for the 60+, Thursdays 11.30am – 1pm
- Brownies, Mondays 5.45 – 7.15pm
- Bingo! Usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month 7.30 - 9pm

Keep an eye on noticeboards and the [Leavillagehall.com](http://Leavillagehall.com) website for more details.

### LEA VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

April winners:

1st prize £25 - Maria Coleman

2nd prize £10 - Julie Hayes

3rd prize £5 - Mary Carter

### SUMMER FUN AT LEA VILLAGE HALL

Two dates for the play scheme sessions being held at the village hall in the summer holidays (indoors if wet)! Everyday Play, which runs the regular fun sessions, are booked in for you. These sessions are being held on **Thursday 7th August** and **Friday 22nd August** from 1.30-3.30pm on the field by the village hall. Please put the dates in your diaries. It's completely free to all children in Lea. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

### LEA CAFE

Our summer trip this year is to the Black Country Museum near Dudley on **Wednesday 4th June**. Just a reminder for those coming that the first pick-up will be 9.30am at the Village Hall, followed by a second pick-up directly at the entrance to Lea Villa mobile home Park. We should be home by around 4.30pm. There are still a few places available (for anyone who lives in The Lea, whether you come to the coffee mornings or not) and everyone who's been before says it's a great day out, so do contact me if you'd like to join us.

Then back to normal in **July**, our coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 2nd from 10am** in the Village Hall to which all Lea residents are openly welcome. Just pop along at any point in the morning, it will be great to see you.

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### LEA LUNCH CLUB

We meet on **June 25th** for the last lunch club before we break for the summer! We're looking forward to this final lunch with a menu to reflect the summer season complete with strawberries and cream and a complimentary glass of Pimms. We meet again in September and look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Nicky 07718 065946.

*(More Lea News on page 32)*

## 1930s Land Utilisation Survey — Andy Ball



The survey colour-coded land into the following main categories :-

- meadow and permanent grass (light green)
- arable land including rotation grass (brown)
- heathland and moorland or rough hill pasture (yellow)
- forests and woodland (dark green)
- gardens (purple)
- land agriculturally unproductive / urban areas (red)

*Extract from Gloucester and Forest of Dean 1942 map. Not to scale. Source: National Library of Scotland*

The first national land utilization survey of Great Britain was started in the early 1930s under the leadership of L. Dudley Stamp who worked at the London School of Economics.

The survey recorded land cover rather than land use. Gathering of data in the field was organised at county level by volunteers, with Directors of Education often taking the role. Much of the initial survey work was undertaken by schoolchildren and students, but the data was then rigorously checked by Stamp's team.

The work was undertaken at a time of economic hardship and Stamp saw the exercise as not only of educational value but also an exercise in building citizenship. With the outbreak of World War II in 1939 the data became an important tool in the bid for Great Britain to maximise its own food production and was also later used to aid post-war planning.

Each of these categories was then further subdivided. For example, gardens were further categorised into houses with gardens, orchards and nurseries.

Whilst the surveys were conducted using Ordnance Survey 6" to a mile maps, the final data was published using 1" to a mile maps. The majority, but not all, of the

surveying was completed by the mid-1930s. However, with funding problems there were difficulties with publishing the findings. Eventually the initial project was successful in producing 135 maps covering England and Wales, and 34 maps covering part of Scotland; together with 92 written County Reports.

The map sheet (Sheet 92 - Gloucester and the Forest of Dean) covering *The Chimes* area was surveyed between 1931 and 1933 and was published in 1942.

It graphically shows the divergence of land cover in this area at that time. For example, Aston Crews, Bromsash, Phocle Green, Upton Bishop, Linton and Kilcot were characterised by a mix of arable, permanent grass, and scattered orchards. Lea had a mix of arable land and grassland, but few orchards; Aston Ingham included areas of rough hill pasture (shaded yellow). It is perhaps Gorsley that has the most distinctive land cover with by far the greatest proportion of the area being given over to orchards – shown on the map as lined purple.

The land utilisation survey maps can be accessed for free from the National Library of Scotland website at <https://maps.nls.uk/series/land-utilisation-survey/index.html>



## LEA NEWS

### LEA FRIDAY PAINTERS' ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Lea Friday Painters are holding their annual art exhibition at Lea Village Hall on **Saturday 21st June**. The exhibition is free and will be open to the public from **10.30am to 4.30pm**. Come and take a look, you might decide that you would enjoy joining us on at our regular Friday morning meetings. Hope to see you there.

For any queries contact Di Brice: 01989 750403.

### LEA GARDEN ALLOTMENTS

The allotment plots are all looking great at this time of the year, with plenty of produce growing, seeds being planted, fruit trees in blossom and flowers beginning to bloom.

The Lea Flower Festival is taking place over the **weekend of 27th - 29th June**, why not also take a walk around the allotments during your visit to the church on the Saturday, there will be some plot holders on site during the day, all keen gardeners willing to chat about the site and plots. Maybe put your name down for when there are any vacant plots available.

For more information about the allotment plots please contact us: email: [leaallotments@gmail.com](mailto:leaallotments@gmail.com)



## LEA PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### THE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

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)

Monthly reports from Herefordshire Council's Penyard Ward member, Councillor Harry Bramer, can be read on the parish council website. The main points covered by the May 2025 report include:

- At a Cabinet meeting on 1st May councillors agreed the setting up of a waste food service and a garden waste service. The food waste will be funded from central government; the Garden waste is commercial: if interested, residents can pay an annual fee for it.
- Herefordshire Council looks after many miles of Public Rights of Ways (PROW) and is investing significant sums into the network with the help of local Parish Councils and lengthsmen.
- This year the Council will be spending £10 million on resurfacing A and B roads, £1 million on C and U roads and a further £2.5 million on surface dressing C and U roads. Drainage and new ways to repair potholes are urgent considerations in the procurement of the new Public Realm contract that is out for tender currently.
- The Local Transport plan is out for consultation and can be found on this link <https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations/article/127/herefordshire-local-transport-plan-2025-2041-consultation> The closing date for responses is Thursday 5th June.
- There are major gas main works planned for the A49 in Hereford from Asda towards Ross, from 24 May until the end of August. As significant travel disruption is expected, please find an alternative route for your journey. Details are available on <https://cadentgas.com/whats-happening-near-you>
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There is no Parish Council meeting in June. The next meeting is on **Wednesday July 30th at 7-9pm** in the village hall.

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**LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS**



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**LINTON VILLAGE HALL (LVH)**

**VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS: CREAM TEA**

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and the celebration of peace in Europe, Linton Village Hall held a 1940s style cream tea on the Bank Holiday, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May and many people came to mark the occasion. Warm thanks to those who helped on the day and everyone who came and supported and enjoyed this community event.

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT LVH**

**'ROOM' Friday 6th June at 7pm  
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### COFFEE MORNING AT LVH Saturday 21st June - any time after 10.30am

Hopefully we might have a garden produce table if you have a glut of produce and would like to share. Also, there will be a paperback library table and jigsaw puzzles. If you would like to help on the morning, you would be very welcome - all support is much appreciated. This Coffee Morning is in support of The Royal British Legion. If you have a charity close to your heart and you would like to run an event with help from the Village Hall, please let us know.

### GREY WOLF' MUSIC NIGHT AT LVH Friday 25th July 6.30 for 7pm

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 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".

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### VoLT - VILLAGE OF LINTON TRUST

#### VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS: 'LIGHTING THE BEACON WITH FLAMES OF PEACE'

The Village of Linton Trust (VoLT) created a Beacon at the end of Linton Ridge, by kind permission of Mr John Pugh. Many thanks to Nigel Pealing, Ben Casson, Mike Cook, Roger Davies, Dick Fowler, Neil Hemingway, Keith Sang, John and Janet Pugh for the Beacon; and to Charlotte and Adrian Newton for the torches and fire pit (see photo page 5).

### THE FUTURE OF THE LINTON POUND: UPDATE

Roger Davies writes: Regular readers of *The Chimes* will be aware that earlier this year Herefordshire Council (HC) announced its intention to demolish the old Linton Pound on safety grounds. For many residents, the stone-built pound is part of Linton's heritage and it would be a matter of deep regret if demolished. By the time the June Chimes is published, the deadline set by HC for the owner of the pound to either demolish the pound or to carry out remedial work will have long expired (12th May). Action taken by HC may well have superseded the information relayed in this article. So far, the letter written by John Lancaster, and counter-signed by over 70 local residents, requesting HC either cancel or at least postpone their threatened action has only drawn an acknowledgement. We are earnestly hoping, nevertheless, to receive a detailed reply in the near future.

The Linton Pound, of course, has no formal protection despite it being listed as an historic monument by HC. In view of the site's antiquity there are no title deeds and there is no legal record of ownership. However, evidence has recently been uncovered at the Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre (HARC) that the pound has been in the care of the 19th century Linton Vestry authorities and its successor, the Linton Parish Council. This new information has been forwarded to HC. We are waiting with bated breath to hear if the council will revise its intentions in light of this discovery. All must hope for a stay of execution. This will give us time to establish whether the structure can be made safe at a realistic price. It might also enable us to arrange an archaeological survey as so little is known about the pound's past and the reasons behind its hilltop location.

A further update will follow in the July *Chimes*.

### NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

#### COMMUNION SERVICES

There will be Communion Services at St Mary's on **1st and 22nd June** at 11am.



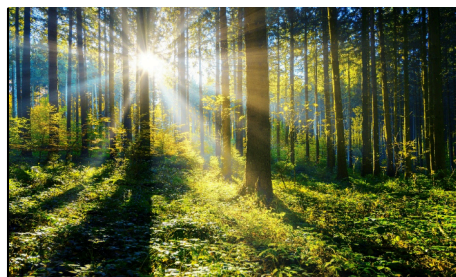
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## LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

### BIBLE BRUNCH

The next Bible Brunch will be on **Sunday 8th June**. From this month we will not be meeting in the Village Hall but will instead be at Wrens Nest or other local homes. 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. We are continuing looking at Fruitfulness on the Frontline, this month exploring 'Making Good Work'. Everyone welcome.

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### MORNING WORSHIP

Morning Worship is on **Sunday 15th June**. Please note that there is no parking available in the Village Hall for this service due to a private event at the Hall.

### BENEFICE SERVICE

As June has a fifth Sunday there will be a Benefice Service on **29th June** at Weston under Penyard at 10.30am which will include the commissioning of the Lay Worship Leaders for the Benefice.

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The Parish Council (PC)'s Annual Meeting (APCM) took place on 12 May. Councillor Adrian Newton was re-elected as Chair of the PC and Councillor Mike Bertenshaw was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Councillor Chris Cresswell and his wife have taken over as Public Footpath Officers (PFO) for Linton, replacing Adrian Newton and Charlotte Newton, who have stood down. Councillor Jackie Gough remains the PFO for Gorsley.

The APCM followed the Annual Parish Meeting (APM), the forum for parishioners to discuss community matters and governance and for local organisations to inform residents about their activities. Although the APM isn't a PC meeting it is moderated by the Chair of the PC, who presented a report on behalf of the council.

The reduction of traffic speed within the parish remains a priority. Councillor Bertenshaw has continued to lead on the management of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Bromsash. Statistics from the device continue to show that it is having a worthwhile impact in reducing speed through the village. Councillor Clark has continued to campaign tirelessly for a reduction in the speed limit through Gorsley and after many discussions with Herefordshire Council progress is being made. The SID installed on the B4221 by the Parish Council continues to have a positive impact on speed reduction albeit with some alarming exceptions where very high speeds have been recorded.

A solution to the flooding issue on the B4224 near Bromsash House was implemented by the Roads Lengthsman. Unfortunately, this has not been as successful as hoped - partly caused by the crushing of a pipe by heavy machinery and further repairs are planned in due course.

Twenty-three planning applications were considered during the year, significantly down on the numbers that were seen prior to the adoption of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The maintenance of Linton Quarry as a public amenity remains a priority for the council. Several working parties have met to clear vegetation and paths during the year.

After running the Recycling cafes for several years, it was decided with some reluctance that they had run their course, and they were discontinued at the end of 2024.

The council continues to maintain the allotments in Gorsley. Councillor Williams has taken the lead on this and has instigated changes to improve both the interactions with allotment holders and the general condition of the site. There are vacant plots available. If you are interested, please contact Rich Hunt e-mail: [pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk) or telephone: 07763 793695.

Finally, there were two new councillors co-opted onto the Council during the year, and one resignation. This means that there is currently one vacancy open for co-option.

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Sunday 8th Matins

Sunday 15th Communion

Sunday 22nd Communion

Sunday 29th All Age Service 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

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May 20th was National Bee Day and to mark this we got out the power tools and created a buzz making insect hotels and bird boxes with guidance from "The Men's Shed." We have done another riverside litter pick to help with the WI "Clean Rivers" Campaign and we will soon be holding our "Dental Day" in support of our latest WI campaign - "Dental Health Matters." For this we have teamed up with Ross community Hospital, local dentists and dental nurses and community first responders to promote good dental health and encourage the government to boost access to NHS dentists. We have also enjoyed walks, coffees in cafes and our craft and chat group have been making painted candles ready for Christmas. (We're planning ahead!) After all this, we'll need to relax at our June meeting where we'll be doing yoga and Tia Chi and competing in a flower arrangement competition.

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**SYMPATHY** We send our sympathy to the family of Lee Downing who used to live in the village for many years at Powell Croft and also to Margaret Geffert and family on their sad loss of Alex.

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

### THE MILLENNIUM HALL

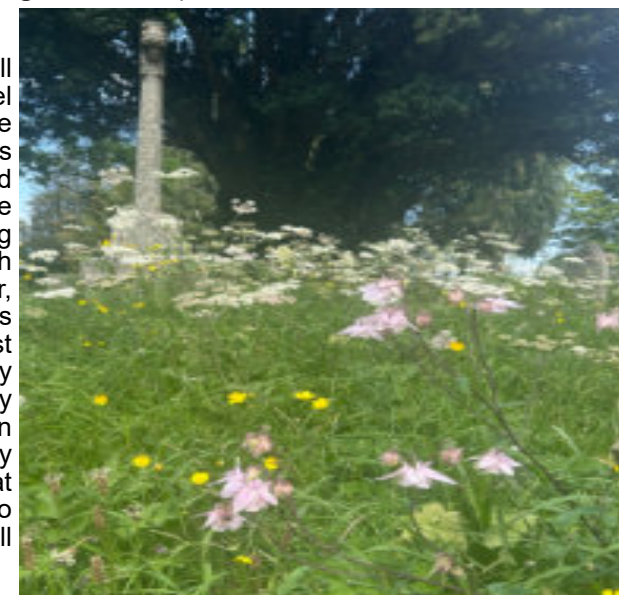
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### THE CHURCH

**PLEASE NOTE: Nature Survey Day in the churchyard** in partnership with Churches Count on Nature. Activities for adults and children, **this event has been postponed until August** - . TBC please contact Jane 07989 572356 to register interest.

The Churchyard is in full flower. Some folk may feel it looks overgrown but we value the wild flora of this ancient space and maintain it in accordance with advice from 'Caring for God's Acre.' Although our wonderful gardener, Andy, keeps the areas round the paths and most recent graves nicely trimmed, it's definitely been NO MOW MAY in the ancient areas. Andy will begin to trim a little at a time as we move into summer and have it all tidy again by autumn.





## UPTON BISHOP NEWS

### The Craft and Product Show is back on September 6th

The lambs are back in my field, and I've got things sprouting in my greenhouse - it can only mean one thing - It's time to start planting our veg gardens. With that in mind you might like to think about growing that longest bean, most perfect dahlia, or carrot that looks most like its owner. What prizewinning specimens will you be nurturing.

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## UPTON BISHOP PC NEWS

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Seven councillors, the clerk, the ward councillor and 12 members of the public attended the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on May 6th. Mark Rusby was elected Chairman of the Council for 2025/2026 and Mike Tyers was elected as Vice Chairman. The Ward Councillor outlined the highlights of his report. The report is on the website. Cllr Andy Parr was appointed as footpaths officer and thanked for his hard work over the past year. Claire Newman was appointed as the volunteer website coordinator and thanked for her contribution. The community was asked if anyone would like to support the website coordinator.

The lengthsman has concentrated on strimming, clearing round grit bins, cleaning signage and general maintenance. The lengthsman also repaired the bench by the bus stop which had been damaged/vandalised. Members of the public are urged to report any incidents of vandalism. The Council agreed to remain in the Herefordshire Council lengthsman scheme. There were no planning applications to consider. As of May 6th the council had £26,192 in the bank. Two insurance quotes have been received and the clerk was authorised to select the one which offered best value for money. Both are within budget. All invoices were approved for payment. The asset register was reviewed and will be published on the website. The NALC standing orders were adopted for use by the council. The next meeting is at 7pm on **Tuesday, June 3rd.**

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### The Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 8th June.

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We can't live the life of a Christian without the help of the Holy Spirit — even Jesus needed the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit had a major role to play in his life and at his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of the dove, revealing him as the father's beloved Son, and

empowering him for the mission he was about to begin. He began that ministry by making his own the lovely words of Isaiah, "the spirit of the Lord has been given to me for he is anointed me, he has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

What a beautiful mission and how faithful he was to it. The Spirit was not just given for a moment the Spirit remained with Jesus throughout his life he was continually strengthen and guided by the Spirit. He was filled with the spirit and power went out from him through his gracious words and compassionate deeds. When Jesus was raised up to glory at the right hand of the Father he poured out the Spirit on those who were to carry on his mission, the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles individually and collectively. Filled with the Holy Spirit they began the mission he had given them to preach the gospel to the whole world.

The action of the Spirit is mysterious but it is not magic. What the Holy Spirit did for the apostles was to give them the courage so that they were able to overcome their fear, from being a group of people gathered together in fear, they became a people with a mission and a message for the world, the good news of Jesus Christ. The miracle of human change is the only real miracle.

The same Spirit was given to us in our baptism and confirmation the Spirit was not given for a moment, the Spirit accompanies us on our journey, in the footsteps of Jesus. The Spirit gives us the power to participate in the work of Jesus. The power that changed the apostles is available to us too. The gentle power of the Holy Spirit awakens us to the mysterious power within us binds us and helps us to grow. The Spirit that we have been given is not a spirit of timidity, but a Spirit of boldness and power. The Holy Spirit helps us to realise the gifts we have within us, so that like the apostles we may become witnesses for Christ, through our own kind words and compassionate deeds.

Happy Pentecost !

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**Please note that FRIDAY is my day off!**

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
01 <sup>st</sup> June	Evensong	Family Communion	Communion Service	Mattins
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	4.30 pm	9.30 am	11.00 am	10.30am
Readings	Acts 16. 16-34.	Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end.	John 17. 20-end.	
08 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Communion	Mattins	Bible Brunch @ Village Hall	Communion Service
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30 am	8.00 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Readings	Acts 2. 1-21.	Romans 8. 14-17.	John 14. 8-17.	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Village Praise	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	Parish Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30 am	9.30 am	11.00 am	10.30 am
Readings	Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31.	Romans 5. 1-5.	John 16. 12-15.	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parish Communion	Children's Church	Communion Service	All Age Communion
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30am	10.00 am	11.00 am	10.30 am
Readings	1 Kings 19. 5-7.	Galatians 3. 23-end.	Luke 8. 26-39.	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	ARICONIUM BENEFICE Commissioning Service for Lay Readers @ UPTON BISHOP			
Benefice Service	10.30 A.M.			
Readings	2 Kings 2. 1-2, 6-14.	Galatians 5. 1, 13-25.	Luke 9. 51-end.	

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