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EDITORIAL

It's hard to believe that summer is already beginning to slip away. We've had some lovely sunny days, although, as ever, the British weather has kept us guessing! Now the evenings are drawing in, the nights are getting cooler and thoughts are turning towards cosy evenings, perhaps with the fire lit and a cup of something warming nearby.

It was wonderful to see the Linton Sessions return this summer. Despite some changeable weather, it was a brilliant event and a great example of what our local communities can achieve. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, helped behind the scenes, or simply turned up to support it.

We'd also like to give a warm welcome to Claire, who has joined The Chimes team as our new Treasurer. We're very pleased to have her on board. We are still looking for a Sub-Editor for Gorsley, and would particularly welcome anyone with an interest in editorial who would like to get involved with the wider editors' team. You don't need to be an expert, just an interest in helping to make our community magazine the best it can be!

And finally, please keep those photographs coming. We are always looking for local images for our covers, so if you have taken a lovely photograph of our villages, landscapes, wildlife or the changing seasons, please send it our way. You could see your picture on the front of a future Chimes!

-Tash

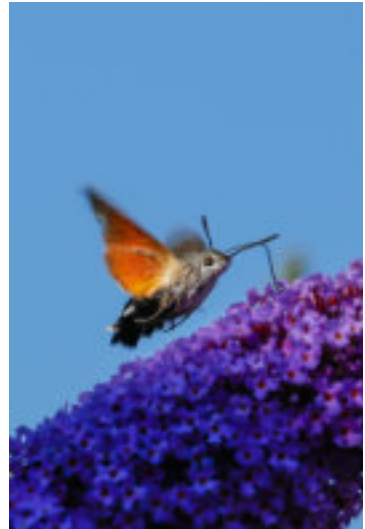
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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

Hummingbird Hawk Moth

I have been watching some of these fellas this summer. What amazing creatures they are and unlike most moths they fly around during day light. They are in fact pollinators which like to visit long bell-shaped flowers such as salvia. Their name comes from their wing action, which is about eighty beats per second, making them look like hummingbirds as they hover to collect nectar from flowers. They use a long proboscis, which they uncoil, before probing into a flower. They flit very quickly between flowers, can fly backwards and can be heard to make a buzzing sound. They are becoming more common in this country as they enjoy our warming climate. So, they may be with us for some time.



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LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY- UPCOMING TALKS

- 7 October FOUNDERS' LECTURE Professor Ron Hutton - Oliver Cromwell: Saint or Serpent?
- 4 November Michael Fass - Wellington's Warehouse: The Great Military Warehouse at Weedon Bec

NB: A particularly large turnout is expected for the talk by Professor Ron Hutton for the Founders' Lecture, and it is suggested that those wishing to attend reserve seats in advance

The Society meets at 7 for 7:30pm at Linton Village Hall. All are welcome. Guest fee is £5 per talk. For further information please contact the Chairman, Roger Davies: rogerdavies1@sky.com or the Secretary, Teresa Squires: sec.lintonhistosoc@gmail.com

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Dorian Osborne



ROB THE RAINMAN

August's total was 58.3 mm. This is actually the average expected rainfall for the month!! We had a bit of cloud at the start of the month and a whole 3.7mm of rain on the 4th. But mostly it was still just sunny and warm before the thermostat was turned up again for the 5th heat wave since that first one in May, peaking on the 13th. This was the hottest day of the year in England, and it felt like it. Luckily, on the evening of the next day, a brisk northerly

arrived to clear away the residual heat. Then the jet stream moved formation, causing high pressure to drift away and feeding in a succession of fronts. It took a while for us to feel the benefits of this, i.e., rain, but finally it was wet from the 26th to the 30th with 52.2mm; 16.0mm on the 27th and 17.5mm on the 30th. So, a summer to beat all summers, it was the warmest on record by mean, maximum, and minimum temperatures. But while we had (virtually) no rain for 70 days (from the 17th June to 25th August), the early June and late August rain meant no driest records: the summer total was 97.5mm, which was 60% of the average. And after all that, we move forward with a somewhat trepidatious feeling as to what weather we might have as a result of the effects of an unprecedented El Niño.

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REGULAR SERVICES

1st Sunday Evensong at 4.30pm
2nd Sunday Parish Communion at 10.30am
3rd Sunday Village Praise at 10.30am
4th Sunday Parish Communion at 10.30am
Every Monday A short service of Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

NEW SERVICE

3rd Saturday of every month, Holy Communion at 5.30pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 4th at 4.30pm followed by refreshments. Donations of non-perishable food for the local food bank would be most welcome.

Churchwarden

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VILLAGE NEWS & EVENTS

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE ASTON INGHAM BOWLS CLUB

The short mat bowls group would like to offer a sincere thank you to the Aston Ingham Bowls Club who hosted them while the Aston Ingham Village Hall was being renovated. They were made extremely welcome and thoroughly enjoyed their time there.

THE END OF AN ERA

The Aston Ingham Country Dancers would like to say a huge thank you and pass on all their best wishes to Ken Boon, who has been their caller for more years than most can remember. Ken is retiring from the caller role due to some health issues. It isn't just the country dancers who will miss Ken. Anyone who has attended one of the fabulous Burns Nights at the Hall will know Ken is the star of the show, and he has left very big shoes to fill. We have been lucky enough to find a new caller, so the dance can continue.

ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

THE VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETE

We are delighted to announce that the renovation is now complete and the Village Hall is once again open for business. Many thanks to everyone for their financial contributions, without which we could not have completed the much-needed work. Here's to the next 100 years.

THE 1950S – THE OPTIMISTIC DECADE

On Tuesday, 8th September, Philip Bowen came to talk to us with a presentation titled “The 1950s – The Optimistic Decade”. This fascinating talk covered all aspects of the decade including fashion, music, politics and technology. The talk also covered the terrible smog in London and rationing that continued long after the war finished.

Despite the challenges faced, people felt better off, and there was a new optimism as Europe came off a war footing and people looked to a future of home ownership and growth. In 1957, Harold Macmillan, the then Prime Minister, said in his Bedford speech, “Let us be frank about it: most of our people have never had it so good”.



ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

ASTON INGHAM – MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

At first glance, Aston Ingham might seem to be the sort of quiet Herefordshire village where not very much has happened. But scratch the surface, and there is considerably more to the place than peaceful lanes, fields, and the occasional tractor!

Our story goes back a very long way. Aston Ingham was recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Estune, with 23 households; there was one lord's plough team, eight men's plough teams, and one mill. In 1066, the lord of the village was Godfrey, who was also Lord of Cleeve, Lower Cleeve, and Wilton. Over the centuries its name evolved into Aston Ingham, reflecting its association with the Ingan family. For generations, life here revolved around farming and woodland – although the countryside was not always quite as tranquil as it looks today. Coal pits and lime kilns once formed part of the local landscape.

The village's star historic attraction is undoubtedly St John the Baptist Church. While much of the present building dates from the Victorian rebuilding of 1891, look more closely and you can spot some remarkable survivors from earlier centuries. The tower dates back to the 16th century, while inside is a particularly intriguing lead-lined font dated 1689. There are also two medieval coffin lids, quietly reminding us that Aston Ingham has been a community for many centuries.

In 1855, a hoard of Roman coins was discovered in local woods, deposited in two chests. They were said to number in the many thousands. All were bronze, and they dated from AD 235-340.

So next time you drive through Aston Ingham, don't be fooled by its tranquil appearance. Beneath those green fields and quiet lanes lies nearly a thousand years of stories – with at least a few that haven't yet been uncovered!

ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

LINDY WINS THE CUP!

Each year, the Aston Ingham W.I. runs several competitions for which points are awarded for entering as well as finishing first, second, or third. At the end of the year, the points are counted, and the winner is awarded the W.I. Cup.

This year, Lindy Latham was our winner, as seen here, accepting the cup from our President, Gill Rigden.



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

August 1st Martyn Vick, 2nd Wendy Newborough, 3rd Pauline Johnson

WHEELCHAIR AVAILABILITY

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

CARDS WANTED

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

For more details, please get in touch with Janet 01452 830556 or 07340 078520.

CHURCH CLEANING

If anyone would like to join our cleaning rota, please get in touch with Janet 01452 830556. We split the Church into sections to make it easier and to ensure that no one person has too much to do. The more helpers, the less work for everyone

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
Country Dancing	Friday 2nd Oct 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
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 6th Oct at 11:30am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 9th Oct at 2pm	If you'd like to join us, please come along, you'd be very welcome. We are a very friendly group, and our bowling is non-competitive. £3 per person.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Thursday 10th Oct at 2pm	This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month in the committee room at the Village Hall. All are welcome; you don't have to crochet, but we have a teacher on hand if you would like to learn. Come and join a great group! £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Aston Ingham W.I.	Tuesday 13th Oct at 1:45am	The speaker will be Alesa Stanbrook, talking on the subject of Hats and their history. Alesa is a well-known and excellent speaker. We will be joined by members of neighbouring W.I.s and the Federation Chair and Treasurer. Everyone is welcome.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Pop Up Pub	Saturday 17th Oct 7.00pm	Usual pop-up pub with a great selection of beers, wines, soft and zero alcohol drinks, and snacks.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 20th Oct at 2pm	All welcome, we will be discussing new projects to keep us busy for the rest of the year. You don't have to knit, just come along & join in the natter.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Book Club and Coffee Morning	Friday 30th Oct at 10:30am	Bacon Butties available, cooked to order. There will 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
Aston Ingham Reading Group	First Saturday of the month 09:30-11am	Oct- Attention All Shipping by Charlie Connelly Nov - Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan	Jan Falkiner 07899 728346

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FUTURE EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL FOR YOUR DIARIES

October 10th Quiz Night	Doors open at 7.00pm £10 per person in teams of up to 6. Shepards Pie supper included. To book a table, contact Janet on 07340 078520
December 11th	Sing along – More details in next issue
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GORSLEY NEWS



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



THE CHIMES NEED YOU!!

I will shortly be moving away from Gorsley onto pastures new, so The Chimes are looking for a replacement Gorsley Sub-Editor. Do you have an eye for detail, and are you able to edit basic Word documents on a laptop/PC? Do you have a few hours per month to spare for The Chimes to help collate the news and events for the Gorsley section of the magazine? If so, please get in touch via laurajones13@hotmail.com, and I will put you in touch with the friendly team of volunteers who run The Chimes. It's a great way to get more involved with what's going on in Gorsley and the local area!

EVENT: HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT – 31st October

Following last year's hugely popular and fun evening, we're holding another on 31st October at 7pm at the Gorsley Village Hall. £5 per person. Teams of up to four people, adults only. Fancy dress optional... but quite fun! There'll be a cash bar, nibbles, various prizes and a raffle. Teams of up to four people, adults only. Limited tables available. All profits will go to charity. Please text or call Jo on 07910 745730 to make a reservation or for more info.

GORSLEY NEWS

GORSLEY SHOW RETURNS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Gorsley Show returned to Gorsley Village Hall on Saturday, 22nd August, bringing together residents and visitors for a celebration of local talent, creativity and community spirit. Last year the show was revived to mark the 100th anniversary of the very first Gorsley Show. Following the success of that celebration, it was decided to run the event again this year.

This year's show featured 50 classes covering a wide range of interests, including fruit and vegetables, flowers, floral art, arts and crafts, baking and preserves, photography and children's entries. New for 2026 were sunflower classes, introduced for members of the Gorsley community who experience disabilities, ensuring there was an opportunity for everyone to take part.

A total of 241 entries were received this year, an increase from last year despite challenging growing conditions. The large number of exhibits filled the village hall and extended into a small marquee on the lawn. Around 150 people attended during the afternoon to admire the displays, enjoy refreshments provided by Kilcot & Gorsley Women's Institute and purchase raffle tickets for prizes and vouchers generously donated by local businesses.

123 certificates were awarded to show class winners, with Amanda Hoyle being awarded the T E Aston Cup for achieving the most points across the Show. Whilst the Gorsley Show raises valuable funds for the Village Hall above all, it provides an enjoyable day for the village and an opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to come together.

Thank you to the Gorsley Village Hall Committee for their support and encouragement. Thank you to the judges, show volunteers, and Kilcot & Gorsley WI, who give their time so generously, and thank you to the amazing entrants and visitors who come along and make the show such great fun.



GORSLEY NEWS

GORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

THE VILLAGE HALL - HIRE ARRANGEMENTS

Margaret Evans has been the Treasurer and Booking Clerk for the village hall for 14 years. Late last year Sue Scregg took on the Treasurer duties and we have now found another volunteer, Denise Elson, to take on the role of Booking Clerk. The Committee is very grateful for the long service that Margaret has devoted to the smooth operation of the hall, and appreciates that she is happy to continue as a trustee, so we will still be able to tap into her many years of experience.

If you would like to book the hall then please get in touch either by email to gorsleyvh@gmail.com or phone Denise on 07721 311098

You can see what's on and check availability on the calendar on the Gorsley.com website - click on the 'About Gorsley' drop-down menu and select Village Hall.

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
KILCOT & GORSLEY WI	Tuesday 20th (every 3rd Tuesday) from 7:30pm	Visitors are welcome; we are very informal and don't sing Jerusalem except on special occasions!	Anne Course 07951 819051
BINGO	Tuesday 27th (every 4th Tuesday) at 7.30pm	Bingo is held in the Village Hall. The cost is £5 for 6 games with a break halfway through.	
TABLE TENNIS & CROQUET	Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 pm	We start with table tennis and, if weather permits, follow with croquet. The cost is just £2 and Everyone, all skill levels, is welcome!	
PILATES	Wednesday evenings	6-week classes are held at Gorsley Village Hall. Please contact Alex Hall for upcoming dates https://alexhallphysiopilates.wixsite.com/website	alexhallphysiopilates @outlook.com
KARATE	Fridays from 6.30pm	All ages from 5 upwards.	Pam Bennett farimonds@gmail.com
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.		

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GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB **2026/7 PROGRAMME**

Please see below our 2026 - 27 evening programme. Meetings are held from 7.30 - 9.00 pm at Gorsley Village Hall. Entrance is free to members, £3 for visitors. No need to book - visitors are very welcome.

Monday, 19th October, Scent in the Garden, Timothy Walker

We are delighted to welcome back botanist Timothy Walker. Last year, Timothy talked about the use of colour in our gardens; this year, his topic is scent in our gardens. Timothy's talk is based on a Gold Medal-winning display at the Chelsea Flower Show. Timothy looks at not only at how to make our garden more fragrant but also at why the plants produce these smells in the first place.

Talks / activities in the coming months are:

Monday, 16th November, Grass Consciousness, Roger Lloyd

Monday, 18th January, Quiz and seed swap

Monday, 15th February, Creating Beautiful Borders, Laura Willgoss

Monday, 15th March, Pruning Shrubs and their Aftercare, Duncan Coombs

Visitors and new members are always very welcome. If you think you might be interested in joining our club or would just like to know a bit more about us, please call Charlotte on 01989780760

or email gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com.

GORSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday morning service at 10.30am. Separate crèche, 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, YouTube cannot go as far as serve you the coffee and conversation that takes place after the service. It would be great to see you.

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After a busy summer in church, and as October brings autumn colour to our churchyard, we extend a very warm welcome to our weekly 10:30am Sunday services. On the first Sunday, 4th October, we have a service of Holy Communion. On Sunday, the 18th, we celebrate Harvest Festival and charity gift day. We especially pray for all our farmers and food producers as they harvest their crops after a very hot and dry summer.

For full details of any of the services at Christ Church contact gorsleychurch@btinternet.com or look us up on the website achurchnearyou.com

NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

It's hard to believe that 2026 is already moving into autumn, and it has certainly been a busy and successful year for the Newent & District Probus Club. We have welcomed several new members and enjoyed a varied programme of fascinating talks, covering subjects ranging from Hoaxes in Science and The Great Fire of Windsor to The Glosters at Waterloo.

Our social programme has been equally enjoyable. Members and their partners have continued to meet for monthly pub lunches, and we recently enjoyed a successful summer party in the gardens at Gorsley Village Hall. Plans are now underway for our Christmas Lunch in December, together with further social activities for the remainder of the year and into 2027.

The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10.00am at Gorsley Village Hall. Meetings begin with tea and coffee, followed by a guest speaker on a wide variety of subjects. Upcoming talks include The Big Freeze of 1963, The History and Development of Radar, and The Death of British Humour.

If you are a retired or semi-retired man looking for something interesting and sociable to enjoy during the autumn and winter months, why not come along to one of our meetings to find out more about us? There is no obligation to join, and you will receive a warm welcome.

As well as the talks, members and their partners enjoy a range of social activities, including pub lunches, garden parties, skittles and quiz evenings, and visits to places of interest. For more information visit: newentprobus.com or email: kelvinashby@gmail.com





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NEWS FROM LEA CHURCH

Hello everyone and hope this finds you all well and enjoying the autumn colours around us. Well, we are starting to gear towards the dreaded 'C' word - yes Christmas! The Samaritans Shoe Box appeal is up and running again for this year. Leaflets are available at the back of Lea church. The shoeboxes can also be done on-line and details for this will be found on the leaflet. Please do take notice of what can and can't be included, as things that are prohibited will be removed before the boxes are sent out. Thank you and God Bless you for thinking of a child in a hard-to-reach area of the world. I have watched the videos of the children receiving their boxes and their little faces make it all so worthwhile. They cannot believe that someone they don't know, has taken the time to think of them!

With Christmas in mind, our annual Craft Fayre and Soup Kitchen will be on 14th November this year at Lea Village Hall. Keep an eye on the noticeboards for more details. Also on November 28th, we are holding a 'Weaving and Flower Arranging' day. This will be a workshop with instructions on making reindeer and Christmas trees in willow. Also, our weaver will show you how to make the frames that will be used in the arrangements. (They will all be pre-made beforehand, as otherwise we'll run out of time!) Flowers, foliage and decorations will be provided and are included in the price. Cost will be approximately £35.00 for the day. Just bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available all day. If you have any decorations you wish to include in your arrangement, just bring them along. Please see the picture for an idea of what you will produce. For more information, please ring Marion.

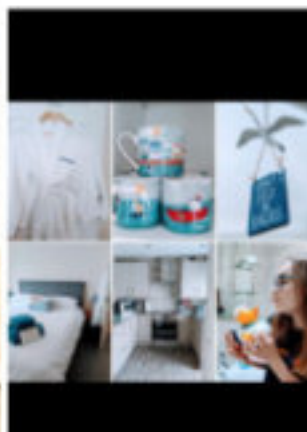


We are starting to organise our Christmas services and we will be holding an Advent Carol Service on Sunday 29th November in Lea Church at 6pm and our Village Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies in Lea church this year is on Sunday 20th December. There will also be a Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm.

Our condolences go to the family of Gracie Rushworth who recently passed away. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.



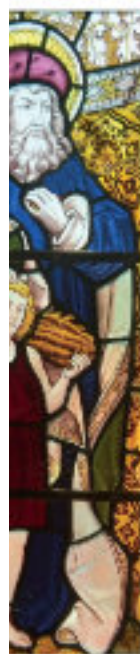
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Lea Children's Church



Generally, we meet on the fourth Sunday of every month at 10am

Contact: Alice - 07753 771214

We are looking for people to join our 'Open the Book' team. This is a small group of people who go into Lea School on a fortnightly basis to act out simple bible stories. It's great fun and the children love it. It takes approximately 1/2 an hour at 10am on a Thursday morning. If you don't wish to act out the stories, we also need narrators who read the basis of the story that is being produced that week. Contact me if you would be interested. Even Dame Helen Mirren and Benedict Cumberbatch had to start somewhere!!

Do keep safe everyone and God Bless
Churchwarden, Marion Martin - 01989 750808

LEA PLAY AND CHAT

Whilst Celebrating Autumn with national wildlife day, the group made two hedgehogs and used recycling materials to create all sorts of things. Play and

Chat have welcomed more new families to the group this term. We offer a baby corner, book corner, craft activities, ride on bikes and lots of small world imaginative play. We always end our sessions with singing and musical instruments and provide a healthy snack for all the children.

We meet Friday 9am - 10.30 at Lea Primary School Hall, just follow the signs from the car park at the village hall, the kettle is always on with lots of friendly people to talk to. For more information contact Carolyn 07765 555588

LOCAL HISTORY - THE LEA IN 1851

This text is taken from a book published in 1851 'Lascelles & Co.'s Directory and Gazetteer of Herefordshire', which is found at HARC (Herefordshire Archive and Record Collection), where a friend of mine works as a volunteer. The directory lists specific tradespeople (e.g. blacksmiths, tailors, vicars) and property owners for various parishes such as St Margarets and Leominster, though it is noted that coverage of all farms and commercial premises was not comprehensive. Note that Lea only had 260 residents, which included a wealth of tradespersons!!

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The company will bring all the materials and tailor each session to our group. Each session builds on the previous one, so it is necessary to attend all three sessions, which are planned for 10am - 12noon on: Tuesday 27th October, Tuesday 3rd November and Tuesday 10th November. Sessions are FREE, since the Nourse Charity will cover costs for anyone who resides in Lea. Booking is essential to me please, 07817 473813 or sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com

HALLOWEEN FUN AT THE VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 30th October (Halloween) the Everyday Play session is back from 1.30 - 3.30pm at the hall and will take place inside if the weather is inclement. It's FREE to all Lea children. Sylvia Nicholls, Chair of Lea Village Hall Committee

OTHER VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Just as a reminder, here are the regular clubs/organisations that meet in the Village Hall; contact details for the leaders are published in the events section on the Village Hall website: leavillagehall.com and on notice boards.

Regular weekly events at the Village Hall

Mondays - Yoga 9.30 - 10.30am; Brownies 5.45 - 7.15pm in term time

Tuesdays - Pilates 6-7pm; Short Mat Bowls 7.15 - 9.15pm

Wednesdays - Let's Talk Spanish 3.30pm

Thursdays - 60+ Keep Fit 11.30 - 1.00pm; Yoga 6.00 - 7.30pm; Let's Talk Spanish 10am and 3pm

Fridays - Friday Painters 9.30 - 12noon

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Monthly activities at the Hall

First Wednesday of the month: Lea Café 10.00 – 11.30am

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Regular monthly Bingo on Wednesdays: 21st October; 18th November; 16th December - from 7.00pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm.

LEA VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB FOR AUGUST

1st Prize £30 Graham Baker,

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LEA CAFÉ

The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 7th October at 10.00 – 11.30am at The Lea Village Hall. All are given a warm welcome and can enjoy tea, coffee and cake whilst having a chat with friends and neighbours and perhaps meeting new people. Any questions, contact Gill on: 01989 750442 or by email at: gilldavis55@hotmail.com

LEA LUNCH CLUB

The lunch club is meeting again on Wednesday 28th October at 12.30pm in the village hall. There is a waiting list for the lunch, so if you're interested in coming along, please speak to Nicky on 07718 065946. Priority is always given to Lea residents.

LEA FRIDAY PAINTERS' ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Lea Friday Painters are holding their annual art exhibition at Lea Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October at 10.00am – 5.30pm. All are welcome. If you would like to join us at our regular Friday morning meetings at the village hall, they start at 9.00am. Hope to see you there. For any queries contact Di Brice: 01989 750403.

THE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

The agenda and full minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Lea Parish Council website www.theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk

Anyone in the parish can contact the council by e-mailing clerk@leaparishcouncil.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. Please come along or submit any questions/queries via the Clerk at the email address above. Meet your councillors and become involved in the village management.

SANDBAGS

The Lea Parish Council are reminding you that we hold stores of Sandbags for residents in this village. We really hope there won't be a need to put such action in place, but it is best to have details should the need arise. Also note, that any sandbags supplied will not be accepted back to the Parish Council after use. Sylvia Nicholls, Vice-Chair Lea Parish Council

X-ENTRICITY THEATRE COMPANY

Tash caught up with Kate Kerry from X-entricity about their upcoming production of *Come From Away*, the incredible true story behind it.

So, tell us about X-entricity Theatre Company.

X-entricity was founded in 2002, originating from The Larrupeze Youth Theatre in Ross-on-Wye. The youth theatre was established as a charity to support young performers in Ross and the surrounding areas. As productions grew, performances moved to The Courtyard in Hereford in 2014. The company continues to provide a welcoming environment where young people can develop their skills in acting, singing, and dancing, with support from older, more experienced performers. It's also about building confidence, public speaking, and teamwork while encouraging commitment and a passion for the arts.

How did you get involved?

I joined this year after seeing X-entricity's *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* last year. I'd only previously been in one musical, playing Velma Von Tussle in *Hairspray* at The Courtyard. I originally did it as a challenge, to see how I would cope with something totally and utterly out of my comfort zone. I thoroughly enjoyed it, so I thought I'd try again this year. In *Come From Away*, I'm playing Beulah Davies and others!

For anyone who doesn't know the story, what is *Come From Away* about?

It tells the true story of around 7,000 airline passengers stranded in the small Canadian town of Gander, Newfoundland, following the events of September 11, 2001. When US airspace suddenly closed, 38 planes were forced to land at Gander International Airport. The town's population of roughly 9,000 almost doubled overnight. The local residents opened their homes, schools, community centres, and churches to the stranded travellers, providing food, medicine, and whatever else was needed. During the five days they were stranded, friendships, romances, and deep bonds formed between people from completely different backgrounds.



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How much of the show is actually true?

All of it! The writers interviewed people who were there in 2011 and based the characters and story on those experiences. Some characters represent real people, while others are composites. There are just 14 actors in our cast, but between us, we portray around 70 different characters!

That sounds like a lot to remember...

It certainly is! The show runs for 100 minutes without an interval, with actors changing characters, costumes, and accents in front of the audience. The set consists of just 14 chairs and 3 tables, which we move around to create aeroplanes, bars, cafés, buses, and more. We call it “chair-ography”, and it has already caused plenty of brain failures, hilarity, and bloopers in rehearsals. Everything needs to move at precisely the right time and into precisely the right spot. Well... most of the time! There have also been messed-up lines, accents to learn, and some leaping onto tables during the karaoke scene. Trust me, you need to see that bit!



What can audiences expect from the music?



It has an infectious Celtic-infused folk-rock soundtrack, with songs like Welcome to the Rock and Screech In bringing plenty of energy. The harmonies are particularly special. With all 14 actors singing, they are complex, atmospheric, and utterly gorgeous, especially in Something's Missing and Somewhere in the Middle of Nowhere.

So why should people come and see it?

You'll go through all the emotions: sadness, belly laughs, surprise and pure joy. You may shed a tear, but your heart will be bursting with joy by the end. Our director, Steve Liddle, saw *Come From Away* in the West End and was utterly enchanted by it. He said that if we ever got the chance to do it, we MUST. And here we are!

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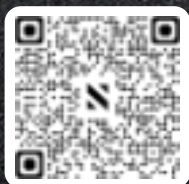
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LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS



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LINTON FESTIVAL POSTER OF POSTERS!

Thank you to Roger Davies and Clair Hodgson for producing this brilliant piece of memorabilia to commemorate 25 years of the Linton Festival. The poster includes all the posters from 2001 to 2026, the last ever Linton Festival at The Alma. It's interesting to see how they have changed and how the brand has developed over the years. Thanks also to Rob Hemingway for lending us some missing posters so that we could get a complete set! If you would like to buy one, posters are for sale for £10, from The Alma, and all proceeds go to the Linton Festival nominated charities.



THE ALMA INN MAKES THE LAST 16!

Last month CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) announced their "final 16" in their national Pub of the Year competition 2026 - and The Alma made it! Following on from our win as Herefordshire CAMRA Pub of the Year in 2025, we were entered into the next round of the competition, the West Central region. We were up against the winning pubs from Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. We are so proud to have made it into the top 16 nationally - it's a massive achievement and we want to say a huge thank you to each of our staff for all the hard work they put in. They really do go above and beyond and we are very grateful.





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TE ASTON CUP WINNER

Local resident, Amanda Hoyle, has won the TE Aston Cup at the Gorsley Show. The event, which ran from 1925 to 1970, was revived last year and such was its success, it took place again this year. The show provides an opportunity for members of the local community to showcase their talents across around 50 classes, encompassing arts and crafts, fruit, vegetables and flowers, baking, jams and preserves, photography and children's work. Amanda submitted a number of entries (including mosaic work and baking) and gained the most points, winning the cup in the process. Warmest

congratulations are due to Amanda on her success.

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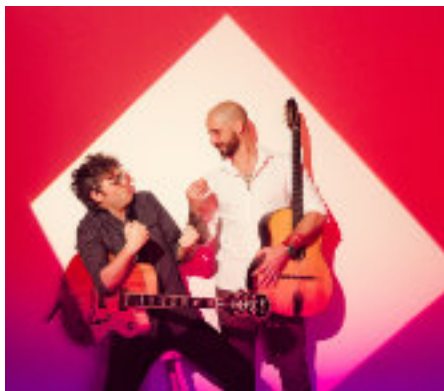
Meets on the 3rd Thursday in the month at 1pm. The first lunch will be on 15th October, running through to March. Please contact Carol if you'd like to be added to our list, 07811012593 or carol849@btinternet.com

Please email LVH@lintonvillage.com to book your Tickets for events. The friendly Cash Bar is well-stocked with very decent wines and beers, prosecco, champagne and cider. Alcohol free varieties/alternatives are also available.

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Friday 17th October 7pm (doors 6.30pm) Tickets: Adult £15, Under 18s £6.

Gypsy Dynamite, the Gypsy jazz guitar duo Filippo Dall'Asta founded when he first moved to London in 2011, is celebrating its 15th anniversary with a UK tour, and we are delighted that they are coming to Linton as part of this celebration tour. Over the years the duo has built a busy touring schedule of around 180 gigs a year, and they're marking this milestone in style! Expect original music inspired by classical and rock, as well as their own original songs inspired by the music they love.



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REIVERS GALLOWES

Friday 30th October 7pm start (doors 6.30pm) Tickets: Adult £12, Child £6.

Reivers Gallowes are well-known as a 5-piece crew of musical pirates from the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, playing traditional tunes with their own lively twist. A Celtcast award-nominated band, they have performed at Brixham Pirate Festival, Ilfracombe Sea Shanty Festival and many more places across the southwest. Wherever they play, they guarantee to get the crowd joining in with their voices or their feet! Their lively, sometimes rowdy, fiddle-driven tunes have been plundered from both history and across the globe. Entirely up to you to join in the fun! Eye patches, flouncy shirts, hats, parrots, entirely optional, but appreciated. There may be prizes for Best Hat, etc.



THE REMI HARRIS HOT CLUB TRIO

Friday 27th November 7pm start (doors 6.30pm) Tickets £18

One of the UK's most exciting guitarists, Remi Harris, returns to Linton Village Hall for a night of musical virtuosity, passion, and flair. Following a sold-out performance at an iconic London venue last year, the Remi Harris Hot Club Trio is back for another unforgettable evening as part of this year's UK tour. This dynamic trio, led by the extraordinary Harris, embarks on a thrilling journey through Gypsy Jazz, Blues, and beyond, with a carefully curated mix of original compositions, jazz standards, and exciting new arrangements of classic tunes.



We expect Harris to be joined as usual by double bassist Tom Moore and rhythm guitarist Chris Nesbitt, both exceptional musicians in their own right. The trio's deep musical chemistry and effortless interplay create a mesmerizing show inspired by legendary figures such as Django Reinhardt, Peter Green, Wes Montgomery, Jimi Hendrix, and Joe Pass. Their performances blend technical brilliance with heartfelt expression, offering an evening that is as emotionally engaging as it is musically impressive.

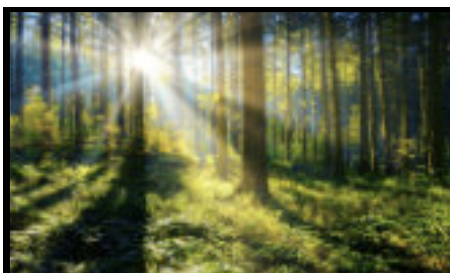
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Harris has dedicated himself to mastering the instrument, taking his playing from humble beginnings busking on the streets of his local towns to performing at some of the world's most prestigious venues and festivals. His career highlights include appearances at Buckingham Palace, the Montreal Jazz Festival, BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall with Jamie Cullum, and live performances on national radio and television. His ability to seamlessly shift between musical genres, from the virtuosic melodies of Gypsy Jazz to the raw energy of the Blues, is a testament to his versatility and dedication.

Tickets are selling fast, and again, we expect this to be a sell-out event, so book early to avoid disappointment.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH FOREST BAROQUE

Saturday 3rd October

The next evening of music at Linton Church is on October 3rd at 7pm. We will be welcoming back Simon Pickard and Forest Baroque. This popular local ensemble will present a varied programme for strings and woodwind.

All concerts are free to attend (retiring collection). Do try to support them because we do depend on donations to pay necessary expenses and hopefully to help with St Mary's modernisation programme as well. They can't continue into 2027 without your loyal support.



VILLAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL & HARVEST LUNCH

On Sunday 11th October 11am we be holding a Village Harvest Festival. A chance to sing a few of the old Harvest hymns and give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest. We will have a special collection of tinned and dry items suitable for the Ross Food Bank. The service will be followed by the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. As previously the lunch will be a Bring and Share buffet. Please let the Churchwardens know if you are coming and if you are bringing anything by Sunday 4th October. There is no cost; we rely on donations on the day. The service and lunch aim to be relaxed, friendly and accessible to all. Everyone is welcome!

BIBLE BRUNCH

Due to Harvest Festival, Bible Book Club will place on Sunday 18th October at Wrens Nest where we will be discussing a book of the Bible. The choice of book will be made in mid-September. Come at 10:30am for freshly made coffee or tea, cake or biscuits; followed by discussion.



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CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP

This is due to take place on Saturday 31st October from 10am to prepare for Remembrance. Everyone welcome: cake provided. If wet, it will be the following Saturday (7th November).

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

REMEMBERING

Queen Elizabeth has been quoted as saying 'Grief is the price we pay for love'. Our annual Remembering Service offers a quiet time of reflection to remember and grieve for those we have loved and lost over the years. It can be a recent bereavement or one from many years ago: perhaps you feel you never had a chance to say goodbye? It will be held at 5:30pm on Sunday 1st November. If you have a loved one whose death you would like remembered by prayers and the lighting of a candle, please let one of the Church Wardens know or sign up on the sheet which will be at the back of church. If you are able to attend you are invited to place a lit candle around the font after the list of names has been read. We will gather for refreshments before the service and end in a time of quiet and reflection. Rev David will be available after the service if anyone wants to talk to him.

REMEMBRANCE

The annual Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 8th November. Those who wish to attend assemble from about 10:45am in the churchyard in good time for the silence at 11am. The service later proceeds inside the church.

QUIZ AND PUDDING EVENING

A highlight of the church events calendar to the Annual Quiz and Pudding Evening. This will take place on Saturday 14th November in Linton Village Hall. Tickets available from Ernst Zillekens. There will be a prize for the winning team and a raffle. Come on your own and join to make a team or reserve a table for your team!

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WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING? You will be provided with a litter picking stick, plastic bags, hi-viz jacket, and gloves. If you prefer to wear your own gloves, please bring a pair. We recommend that you wear stout, comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. ANYTHING ELSE? Further briefing on what to pick up and what to leave behind will be provided on the day.



There are three vacancies on the parish council for co-option, and a vacancy for a Public Footpath Officer for the Linton area. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact the Clerk, Rich Hunt, pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk or 07763793695

Plots are available at the parish council-managed allotments in Gorsley. To find out more if interested, please contact the Clerk.

The parish council is challenging Herefordshire Council's decision to delay the introduction of a 30mph speed limit on the B4221 in Gorsley until the road has been resurfaced, which is not scheduled before April 2027 at the earliest.

The parish council has replaced damaged and broken stiles on footpaths in the parish with easy access gates.

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The Church is open every day, a quiet space for all to enjoy. The Churchyard also offers a peaceful spot to walk or sit and enjoy nature. Dogs are welcome in the churchyard on a lead, but please clear up after them. Services for October are shown on page 59.

CHURCH NEWS

What a fabulous fete we had on September 5th. The sun shone, and a steady stream of visitors came through the doors of the Millennium Hall to spend their cash. They had plenty of stalls to choose from. There was a teddy tombola, cakes and produce, gorgeous handmade goods, a miscellany stall, a raffle, jigsaws, and lots of games, including golf chipping, tin can alley, and a washing-line lucky dip, to name just a few. When they had had enough of chancing their luck and parting with their pennies, there was a welcome cup of tea and cake.

A huge thank you to everyone who ran stalls, set up the event, tidied up at the end, donated goods and prizes, and to all the villagers who came and made it such a success. The happiest person at the fete was Rebecca, who would like to thank the kind gentleman who won this dog on the teddy tombola and gave it to her because she had really wanted to win it. Thank you.

Our traditional all-age Harvest Festival will be held on Oct 18th at 11am. The church will be decorated with fruit, flowers, and vegetables. Please bring gifts of tins and dried goods that can be taken to Ross Larder later. All are equally welcome to come along.

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Another of our popular Quiz and Sausage Suppers will be held on October 30th at 6.30 in the Millennium Hall. Tables of 4-6 players should book their tickets in advance for catering purposes/dietary requirements from Olivia 07496 685960

QUIZ NIGHT & SAUSAGE SUPPER	
	
30th Oct 6.30 in the Millennium Hall	Tickets £10 in advance from Olivia 07496 685960 or Jane 07989 572356

Christmas is fast approaching – pop these dates in your diaries

November 29th – Advent Service for the whole benefice at 10.30

December 13th – Christmas Carol Service at 4pm

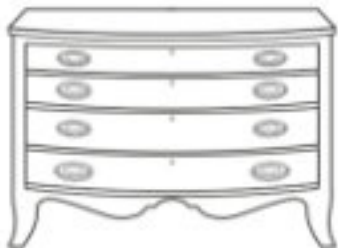
December 25th – Christmas Communion at 9.30 am

We will begin rehearsing Christmas music for these services, with the choir very soon. We are a very informal but enthusiastic group, and all are welcome to join us. Children are welcome too. If you'd like to sing with us (or perhaps play an instrument), please let Jane know at 07989 572356

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UPTON BISHOP WI September Meeting:

The WI's National River Action Week falls in September, and Upton Bishop had invited Steve Bryce to an open meeting to talk about the work of the Marine Conservation Society. Plastic waste has been building up over the last 60 years, and plastic litter that gets into a river will eventually end up in the sea, so our WI riverside litter-picks are very useful. The aims of MCS are clean oceans, better-protected oceans, and regenerated oceans. With the King as the patron, MCS has strong lobbying power. The society deals with all British waters, including the overseas territories, and Britain controls more seas than any other country. We all need to value the sea as it forms the lungs of the planet, absorbing 1/3 of all CO₂. It is important for transport, fishing, as a source of new pharmaceuticals, and great for recreation and well-being. Steve spoke about the importance of legislation. Beach litter-picks have shown that the ban on free plastic bags has led to an 80% reduction in carrier bags on beaches. Also, Scottish councils have at last begun to monitor sewage outfalls. Vapes are a more recent problem and are the current focus of lobbying efforts. Steve answered members' questions about sustainability. Whilst bottom-towed fishing is a huge threat to marine life, wiping out nursery areas completely, sustainable fish is available, and the good news is that all of Morrison's fish is sustainably sourced.

Our next meeting on October 13th is a talk by Carol Aitken on Hereford's Chained Library. This promises to be a very interesting subject, so it will also be an open meeting, and all non-members are warmly invited to come along - men included!

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm – 9pm at The Hub, St Mary's Garden Village, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7WP. New members are always welcome, with an entry donation of £5, cake, and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you. For details and to find out more about the numerous activities organised by the National and Herefordshire Federations of WIs, contact 01989 569881 or e-mail Upton_Bishop_wi@herefordshirewi.org.uk

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YOGA	Thursdays 9.30-10.30am	Yoga Flow - are open to all levels, to anyone able to get up and down from the ground with ease	
YOGA	Thursdays 10.45-11.30am	Chair Yoga - is suitable for anyone wanting to find more mobility	
BADMINTON CLUB	Thursdays 8-10pm	All ages and skills.	Steve Cracknell 01989 720577
LITTLE SWALLOWS	Friday mornings 9.10am, 10.40am and 1.15pm	Activities for under fives	Nicky 01989 780211 or littleswallows@hotmail.co.uk
QUILTERS	Thursday 15th Oct (every 3rd Thursday) 2-4pm	Beginners & experience quilters welcome. Each month is either a difficult project/workshop/guest speaker/quilting block. BYO sewing Machine accessories & tea mug. Subs are £4 per session £6 if all day workshop and a small yearly membership fee.	Sue Jones 07505 977944
TANGO	Friday 16th Oct (every 3rd Friday) 7.30-11pm	To join these dancers who love Argentine Tango, contact El Tango de la Gente.	Beryl Kirk 07743 778799 or bakirk@live.co.uk
SOCIAL AFTERNOON	Monday 19th Oct 2:30-4.30pm	We look forward to seeing you all for cake and chat.	No booking needed, just come along and join in.
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There was no meeting in September

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, October 6th

Any parishioner can contact the UBPC at clerk@uptonbishop.gov.uk Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

RECTOR'S LETTER



Harvest festival is still one of the most popular celebrations both in town and in the country. It may seem strange that we bring tinned goods to decorate our place of worship, but these can be a modern way of acknowledging our dependence on God. Harvest for all generations is a reminder that we rely on the basic humble elements of water, soil, and grain on which we all depend, and the fruits of which we should share with the poor at this time.

Can you think of a time when you saw that someone or a group of people needed some help or was worried about something? How did you feel? And what did you do? When Jesus talks to his disciples about the harvest and how there are not enough workers to gather it, what do you think he's talking about? Jesus knows that everywhere there are people who are looking for comfort and help, there are people who need to hear his measure of love.

Jesus tells his disciples to pray to the owner of the harvest to send more workers. Jesus is telling the disciples to pray to God to send them more people to join in their work, to follow Jesus, and to share his love with others. What do you think this means for us today? Sometimes we are the people who can help others, and sometimes we are the people who need help.

We who are the followers of Jesus today are called to help others. This might be a member of our family or a friend, someone at school or church, or out in our local community. It could be someone further away whom we know, or even someone we don't. When we see a problem, we are asked not to just feel sorry for the person who is sad, worried, ill, or struggling, but like Jesus, we are called to take some action to help.

So, this month, let us see what we can do to help others. Let us share God's love with one another and with compassion when others are looking for support.

Rev David Howell

CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
6th Oct	Harvest Festival	Harvest Festival	Parish Communion	All Age Worship
18th Sunday after Trinity	4.30 pm	9.30 am	11.00 am	11.00 am
Readings	Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9,12-20 Philippians 3. 4b-14. Matthew 21. 33-end.			
11th Oct	Parish Communion	Mattins 1662 BCP	Harvest Festival followed by lunch	Parish Communion
19th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	11.00 am
Readings	Exodus 32. 1-14 Philippians 4. 1-9. Matthew 22. 1-14.			
18th Oct	Village Praise	Parish Communion	Bible Book Club	Harvest Festival
20th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	9.30 am	4.30 pm	11.00 am
Readings	Exodus 33. 12-end. 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10. Matthew 22. 15-22.			
25th Oct	Parish Communion	Children's Church	Morning Worship	Evensong 1662 BCP
Last Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	10.00am	11.00 am	11.00 am
Readings	Deuteronomy 34. 1-12. 1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8. Matthew 22. 34-end.			

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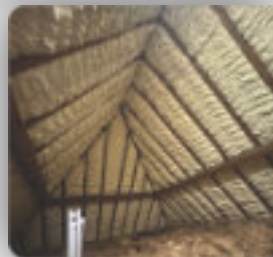
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