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## EDITORIAL

My name is Natasha Tresadern-Jones, and along with my husband Chris and our Dalmatian, Nico, we moved to Crow Hill, Upton Bishop, last June. You may spot us out walking Nico, or in our orange Lotus Exige! Since moving here, I've been keen to get involved in the community, including adding a Mug Exchange which works like the book and seed swaps.



I saw the callout for editors in Feb, Peter quickly replied, asking when we could meet and how soon I could get involved. I met him later that month, and we ended up chatting far longer than planned about his ideas for the Chimes and bringing some fresh energy into the team, which, at the time, was looking to grow. Sadly, that was my only chat with Peter. Following his passing, and with the team too small, I have jumped on board, working alongside the other editors to ensure the Chimes continues to thrive and support our villages. I've spent eight years in magazine publishing, producing the Lotus Drivers Club's Chicane magazine, so it's lovely to bring that experience closer to home.

**Tash T-J**

(Cover - Lavendar at Snowhill, Broadway - Editor taken in June 2020)

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 300dpi for the magazine or less for the website. Events included in *The Chimes* will be limited to a two-month in advance cut-off. If beyond this please resend later, Thank you.

## A VIEW FROM THE HILL

### Bird song

This Easter, my daughter and family came to stay with me from their home in London. They were amazed by the bird songs that they heard. They see birds in London, but do not really hear them, whereas here they were surrounded by all that the birds had to offer. This brought it home to me just how lucky we are to be living amid this beautiful countryside. I tend to take it for granted, often hearing birds but not seeing them, and not being able to identify them from their song, as my son-in-law can do. He was identifying species I hardly knew we had around us. Be thankful for what we have and look after it. We are very lucky to have what we do have.

Peter Lockwood



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## LINTON DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY- UPCOMING TALKS

3rd June 2026 - Clyde Hoare Living History: a willow-weaving demonstration  
1st July 2026 - Heather Hurley Railways of Herefordshire

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](mailto:rogerdavies1@sky.com) or the Secretary, Teresa Squires [sec.lintonhistosoc@gmail.com](mailto:sec.lintonhistosoc@gmail.com)

### The Ashbourne Family Saga

Last month, Edward was on his way to Togoland aboard the 'Prince of Baden'. What will he be expected to undertake on arrival in the African Colony, and how will he cope with the beautiful Russian Lady? Read Chapter XXXVI in the Chimes Online.

To access, go to [www.thechimes.org.uk](http://www.thechimes.org.uk), then select Extras, Info & Blogs, then Historical Blog.

Dorian Osborne



## ROB THE RAINMAN

April's total was 18.0mm, only about 35% of the average - the same amount we had last April. The main period of rain was from the 10th to the 17th, with only 5.3mm on the 11th and 8.6mm on the 15th being worthy of note. We actually had a period of April showers during this time; enjoying the lovely warm sunshine one minute and the next running for cover from the sharp downfall of rain or, at times, hail, soon over. Before that, we had Storm

Dave overnight on the 3rd/4th – very windy from about 10pm to 3am, but no rain. Also, there were some pleasant days following light early morning frosts. The “wet” period was over when high pressure took control for the rest of the month. This wasn't all nice as it brought an easterly wind over us, which at times was very brisk and still had a significant winter chill to it. But when this died down, it was very warm with temperatures in the high teens to (very) low 20s. What has happened to the cuckoos? None heard yet, which is a shame, as, whilst their parenting skills leave a lot to be desired, it is one of the sounds of our springtime. A lovely bluebell show, though, to follow that of the wild daffodils, but early once again.

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## CHURCH NEWS - COMMUNITY LARDER

Many thanks to those who regularly donate food to the box in the church porch for families in need.

## 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 at 5.30pm, a short service of Evening Prayer

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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## VILLAGE NEWS & EVENTS

### VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

I'm delighted to say that we have received more private donations as the team pushes toward the target. There is still time for anyone who would like to be part of this effort. Donations, large or small, are warmly welcomed and will make a real difference. Contributions can be made by bank transfer to Aston Ingham Village Hall (Sort Code: 60-83-01, Account Number: 20542755), and a donations box for cash or cheques will also be available at village events.

## A WARM WELCOME FOR THE NEWENT MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union has long been known as a force for kindness, compassion, and practical support both locally and across the world. Describing itself as one of the first women-led organisations, it has been transforming lives since 1876. Part of its mission statement reads: "For 150 years, Mothers' Union has supported communities



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worldwide. We want to see a world where everyone prospers; we actively pursue this through prayer and faith in action. Our movement seeks to bring about justice, challenge prejudice, and advocate change.”

An organisation that spends so much of its time helping others is, thankfully, able to enjoy a little well-deserved hospitality of its own each year. For more than 30 years, members of the Newent branch have made an annual visit to Aston Ingham Village Hall, where they are treated to a special lunch prepared by the wonderful ladies of the Aston Ingham Women’s Institute.

And what a treat it is! Anyone who has attended an event catered by the Aston Ingham WI will know exactly what to expect - delicious home-cooked food, beautifully prepared, and served in famously generous portions. The event has become a much-loved tradition, bringing together friendship, laughter, and community spirit around the table.

It is occasions like these that remind us how fortunate we are to live in villages where organisations continue to support and celebrate one another. Long may this happy partnership continue.

### TEDDIES AND TOYS START THEIR JOURNEY TO UKRAINE

A few months ago, support was requested for a heartfelt project led by the local Knit and Natter and Crochet Clubs - creating small comfort toys for Ukrainian children. The idea was simple but deeply meaningful: to provide children with a little companion to hold onto if they are called into air raid shelters, offering a small sense of comfort during frightening times.



True to form, the Aston Ingham community responded with tremendous generosity. Alongside beautifully knitted and crocheted teddies, residents also donated a wonderful collection of small toys, all given with love and kindness.

The donations will soon be making their way to Ukraine with Katie Fowler, who has been supporting Ukrainian civilians since the war began. Every few months, Katie travels out with much-needed clothing, food, and medical supplies, and she will be taking the village’s creations with her on her next visit in May.

It is a touching reminder that even the smallest gestures can make a very big difference. A huge thank you goes to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and donations to this very worthwhile effort.

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### ELLA TAKES ON DofE CHALLENGE

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme offers young people aged 14–24 the opportunity to challenge themselves, learn new skills, and make a positive contribution to their communities. Each participant builds their own programme by choosing activities that interest them, setting personal goals, volunteering for a good cause, and completing an expedition adventure.

One local young person embracing the challenge with enthusiasm is Aston Ingham's Ella Clayton. Alongside working to further develop her already impressive dancing skills with the London Studio Centre, Ella has chosen to support the Village Hall as part of her volunteering commitment.

So far, she has thrown herself into village life by helping to plan events, serving food, and tackling the inevitable washing-up duties at some of the hall's biggest events this year. Although only a set number of volunteering hours are required for the award, Ella has already gone well beyond what is expected and is always willing to lend a hand whenever needed.

Her next challenge will be her first overnight trial expedition, where she and her group will cover around fifteen miles across the Malvern Hills over two days. Carrying tents, cooking equipment, and everything else they need, the team will navigate using only a map and compass as they make their way between checkpoints.

We wish Ella the very best of luck with the expedition and congratulate her on the fantastic commitment and community spirit she has already shown.

### OPEN GARDEN

Garden lovers are in for a real treat this June, as The Knapp in Aston Ingham will be opening to the public in support of charity through the National Garden Scheme on Sunday, 7th June, from 11am until 4pm.

Set within an acre and thoughtfully designed with wildlife in mind, the garden offers a wonderful variety of planting styles and habitats to explore. Visitors can enjoy colourful cottage garden borders, striking prairie planting, a wildlife meadow, hazel copses, a productive vegetable patch, and a charming small orchard - all combining to create a beautiful and relaxing setting. Dogs are very



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welcome too, making it a lovely outing for the whole family. Refreshments including teas, coffees, cakes, and snacks will be available at the Village Hall, with proceeds going towards the Village Hall Restoration Fund. There will also be a plant sale, offering visitors the chance to take home something special for their own gardens, so don't forget to bring some cash. This promises to be a delightful community event and a perfect opportunity to enjoy a summer afternoon while supporting two very worthwhile causes.

### **THE MESNE SINGERS 10th ANNIVERSARY SUMMER CONCERT**

Music lovers are warmly invited to join The Mesne Singers as they celebrate a very special milestone with their 10th Anniversary Summer Concert on Friday 17th July.

The concert will take place at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church and promises to be a wonderful evening of music and celebration. Tickets are £9 cash on the door and will include a celebratory drink and nibbles. To mark the occasion, the choir will perform a selection of favourite pieces chosen from past summer concerts over the years, creating a programme filled with variety, memories, and musical highlights.

Over the past decade, The Mesne Singers have become well known for their excellent performances, and this anniversary concert looks set to be a fitting celebration of their achievement. A warm welcome awaits all, so do come along and help celebrate ten years of wonderful music-making.

### **CARDS 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 at 01452 830556 or 07340 078520.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

If anyone would like to join our cleaning rota, please get in touch with Janet at 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.

### **VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

March 1st Pam Missenden, 2nd - Gail Gooch, 3rd - Stephen Wheeler  
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**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 2nd June at 11:30am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Country Dancing	Friday 5th 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
Aston Ingham W.I.	Tuesday 9th June at 1:45am	The speaker is Analiza Jones - Handwoven bags from the Philippines. Hopefully, we will be encouraged to join in. Everyone is welcome.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Thursday 11th June at 2pm	This group meets on the 2nd Tuesday 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
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 12th June 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
Talk from Juliet Whatley	Saturday June 13th at 7pm	Juliet has spent years volunteering, and it has taken her across the globe. Juliet will talk about her experiences, and there will be a selection of excellent puddings available.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Ascot Ladies Day	Monday 18th June at 12:30pm	£15 includes a buffet lunch & a glass of Prosecco. It's the usual format, come along in your posh frocks & hats (not mandatory) start with lunch & then place your bets with our regular bookies & watch the racing. Both Ladies & Gents welcome. Prior booking essential	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 19th June at 2pm	All welcome, 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 26th June 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
Pop-Up Pub	Saturday 27th June	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
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## FUTURE EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Jul 11th	Summer Party before we close the hall for 6 weeks for hall repairs.		
Jul 18th	Pop Up Pub	Oct 10th	Quiz Night
Dec 11th	Sing along	Dec 18th	Christmas Coffee Morning

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Speed Indicator Device (SID) data 23rd Mar – 23rd April '26

SID is a device designed to promote compliance and measures the speed in the village. Inbound over this period, vehicles were more compliant by approx. 4% when compared to last month's data. Outbound vehicles, however, were less compliant by approx. 8%

Incoming vehicles			Outgoing vehicles	
4.40%	1,198	<b>Below 20mph</b>	1,071	3.20%
80.10%	21,820	<b>20-30mph</b>	20,809	62.30%
14.90%	3,973	<b>31-40mph</b>	11,146	33.70%
0.90%	236	<b>41-50mph</b>	353	8.10%
0.04%	11	<b>51-70mph</b>	19	0.06%
	27,328	<b>Total Vehicles</b>	33,398	

## A Message about Retrospective Planning Applications

Retrospective planning permission is the process of seeking approval for building works or changes of use that have already been completed without prior consent. You may secure planning permission retrospectively if your development is found to be acceptable under national and local policy. However, if permission is refused, it's very likely that enforcement action will follow, and you could be required to remove or alter the unauthorised works.

While it is not ideal to seek permission after the fact, retrospective applications are a recognised and lawful route. In fact, in some cases, councils encourage this step as a pragmatic way to resolve planning breaches. Just like any other application, your proposal will be assessed against material planning considerations. You are not more or less likely to have your proposal approved simply because the work has already been carried out. The Parish Council are consulted about all planning applications and strongly advises that you seek advice before attempting any changes to buildings or use of land; where possible, submit a Planning Application and wait for approval before going ahead.

**It's not too late to have your say.** If you missed the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May it is not too late to have your say about developments you would like to see in the Parish. In addition, if you would like to join a Working Group to Review the Neighbourhood Development Plan, please email Duncan, our Clerk, on [clerk@astoningham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@astoningham-pc.gov.uk) Maggie Pettit- Chair

## CONTACT US

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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: GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday 13th June, 2pm, Gorsley Village Hall, HR9 7SJ

Perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs and houseplants. Stock up your garden/greenhouse or window box at great prices. Plus delicious homemade cakes, tea and coffee from the Kilcot and Gorsley Women's Institute. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## GORSLEY 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.

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

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Treasurer, Sue Scregg: [suevillagehall@yahoo.com](mailto:suevillagehall@yahoo.com)

## EVENT: SHIPS AND GIGGLES

Ships and Giggles are coming to perform in the hall on Saturday, 26 September. Ships and Giggles is a sea shanty group, singing traditional, folk and maritime songs. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, £10 entrance fee and a cash bar. Tickets will be available at the Community Shop.

## 100 CLUB

The winners of the May 100 Club draw are: £25 - Roger Morris. £10 - John Summers and £5 - Jenny Facey. 100 Club Renewal: The Club runs from August to July each year, so the £12 subscription for the next year is due by 1st August. We will be contacting everyone in the next few weeks to ask you to transfer the money into the Village Hall bank account. We don't quite have the full quota of 100 players, so new participants are very welcome. If you would like to join, please get in touch with Sue, the Treasurer, at [suevillagehall@yahoo.com](mailto:suevillagehall@yahoo.com)

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# GORSLEY NEWS

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Can you believe June is here!? As the weather warms up, come into our shop to cool off! We will again have speciality Hillbrook's ice creams, ice lollies, refreshing drinks and more. As the sun comes out, so do the flowers. We are offering bunches of flowers available for purchase as well as ordering in advance, planted flowers, and other speciality items for this summer season. As a reminder, we are always looking for enthusiastic and community-minded volunteers to work alongside our wonderful team of volunteers and staff, as we continue to ensure a smooth running of our much-loved community shop. Could this be you? Enquire in the shop, or even give us a call or email [info@gorsleycommunityshop.co.uk](mailto:info@gorsleycommunityshop.co.uk) 01989 721233.

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## GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

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](mailto:gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com)

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# GORSLEY NEWS

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For full details of any of the services at Christ Church, contact [gorsleychurch@btinternet.com](mailto:gorsleychurch@btinternet.com) or look us up on the website:

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## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB – Welcoming New Faces

Now in its 49th year, the Newent & District Probus Club continues to offer a vibrant and welcoming space for retired and semi-retired men to stay connected, curious, and socially active. With Nigel Johnson stepping into his new role as Club Chairman, 2026 promises to be another exciting chapter in our long-standing tradition.



The Club brings together members from all walks of life - former lawyers, engineers, farmers, teachers, business professionals, and more - united by a shared desire to enjoy good company and stimulating conversation. We meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Gorsley Village Hall, for refreshments and a talk from an invited speaker. The club regularly hosts talks on a wide variety of subjects. Forthcoming topics include Unusual Operations during the Cold War, The Glosters at Waterloo, Richard Nixon - Crook or Statesman? and Pills, People and Pollution.

But there's more to Probus than just talks. Our social calendar includes everything from skittles and quiz nights to monthly pub lunches, outings, a summer garden party, and a festive Christmas lunch - plenty of opportunities to relax and have fun with friends old and new. If you're recently retired or simply looking for something new, we'd love for you to come along to a meeting and see what we're about. No pressure, just a warm welcome and a chance to find out if Probus is a good fit for you. For more info visit: [newentprobus.com](http://newentprobus.com) or Email: [kelvinashby@gmail.com](mailto:kelvinashby@gmail.com)



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## **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

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

## **KARATE**

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

## **BINGO**

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

## **PILATES**

6-week classes are held on Wednesday evenings at Gorsley Village Hall. Please contact Alex Hall for upcoming dates/further details:  
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## **YOGA**

Thursday mornings at Gorsley Village Hall: Mat Yoga 9.30-10.30am and Chair Yoga 10.45-11.30am. For more details and to book a place contact Jeni  
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# LEA NEWS



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## THE LEA VILLAGE STORES ARE MIDLANDS CHAMPIONS!

In the April issue, we reported that our wonderful village shop was a finalist in the Midlands section of the 2026 Countryside Alliance Awards. Well they won! Ours is the best village stores and post office in the Midlands! I am sure the whole village is as thrilled and proud as I am of our Lea Village Stores.



Having chatted with

Michelle and Mark, they were quite overwhelmed when they heard the news and are very grateful to all who voted for them and for all the messages of support and congratulations they have received since. They stress that they couldn't have done it without their team of staff who work alongside them to put all the love, care and attention to detail into the shop that make it a winner. The next step in the Awards process is for Michelle and Mark to complete a lengthy questionnaire all about their business and the role it plays in the community. They will then be attending the Awards Ceremony on 8th July at the House of Lords, when the announcement will be made of the Best Village Stores and Post Office in England. We wish them the very best of luck!

## NEWS FROM LEA CHURCH

Hello everyone and hope this finds you all well and enjoying the weather (as I write this it is glorious, but by now, of course, could be pouring!).

We now come into a small lull with church events, with Ascension and Pentecost now behind us, it's onwards to Harvest Festival!!! Our thanks go to the Drybrook Ladies Choir who gave us a great evening in the church with their songs and humour! Also, thanks go to Martin and Sarah Lowe who kindly held an Open Garden event for us at the beginning of June. That is our last fund raiser for a while, we will start again in September with a quiz night and go from there! Keep an eye on the noticeboards nearer the time. You may have noticed work being done in and around the church: we are having the slats on the window on the East side of the Bell Tower repaired, so hopefully no more flooding in there!



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## LEA NEWS

The PCC of St John the Baptist Church, Lea, wish to extend their utmost thanks for the funding we have recently received from the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust (HHCT). The funding will enable us to undertake the urgent repairs to the 14th century Bell Tower. Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust provides financial help with repairs, restoration and improvement to churches of all denominations. With their grants for essential repairs they help Herefordshire churches to help themselves to preserve the history and architecture that is unique to our environment. They also hold concerts within churches. More info: [www.hhct.co.uk](http://www.hhct.co.uk)

PLEASE NOTE - all services at Lea Church will now start at 9.30am from May - except Children's church which will stay at 10am. There will be an alternate service on the second Sunday of the month between Parish Communion (1662 BCP) and Matins, but still at 9.30am. Any queries, please ring Marion on 01989 750808. Keep safe everyone and God Bless,

Marion Martin Churchwarden

### SPRING TERM AT LEA CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy term for Rowan Class. The children have loved their topic about Rainforests; we have been discovering different types and locations of rainforests and their impact across the world. Year 4s have been heavily preparing and improving on their times tables knowledge for their national Multiplication Table Check, in which we are expecting a successful performance. Rowan class have also had their 2-week swimming block in which they attend swimming lessons every day for 2 weeks and the children have really enjoyed and progressed well during this period. If you would like to come and see us in action, either at school or Gateway Lodge Nursery, please contact Rachel Gwilliam, who can arrange an informal visit, calling 01989 750296 or emailing [admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk)

### LEA PLAY AND CHAT

At Play and Chat we have managed to have the doors open to enjoy outdoors play, we've been creative with our arts and crafts with lots of painting and sticking and we have planted sunflowers to grow at home. As we move on this term we will be making summer crowns and exploring ice cream!

Looking forwards to our annual PICNIC IN THE PARK Thursday July 23rd 11-2pm at Weston under Penyard Play Park, come and see Rob the farmer with his big tractor, Ross community police and Rachel the fantastic face painting lady (small charge). Everyone is warmly welcome, and if you enjoy a ramble we will be meeting at Beechenhurst in the Forest of Dean for a ramble and picnic on Friday 28th at 11am at the GO APE gate. Come along and join us on Friday morning 9-10.30am in Lea Primary School Hall. Everyone is welcome. Contact Carolyn on 07765 555588

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# LEA NEWS

## LEA VILLAGE HALL

Firstly, if you've recently been to a party/event at Lea Village Hall we have a rather nice item of children's clothing left inside, along with a grey hoodie, both size 11-12years. If they belong to your family, please contact me, before they are taken to a charity shop, Thank you. [Sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com](mailto:Sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com) or call 07817 473813



We are pleased to announce a new type of activity at the hall, called "Mama Moves". In their words "Its led by a qualified pre - and postnatal coach, the class is tailored to meet you exactly where you are - whether you're newly pregnant, recently postpartum, or further along in your recovery journey. Mama Moves is not just about exercise; it's about education, support, and community. You'll learn how to move well, understand your body, and build strength that carries through motherhood and beyond, all while connecting with other women on a similar journey". It's on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm. For more info contact: Claire Tracey Fitness on Facebook or call 07860 392473.

On other matters, looking ahead with improvements at the hall we are hoping to have the car park relined during the school summer holidays, and also to have disabled parking bays put in. We are currently raising money to proceed. Once underway, this will also include the original "No Parking" along the entrance road by the houses, plus the marking of the speed bumps and hatching to indicate the area where emergency vehicles should park. This may affect your current parking habits, and a reminder will be in place when all is complete.



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## LEA NEWS

Bookings at the hall are looking good in the next few months, and I'd like to thank residents both in Lea and surrounding areas for using our facilities more regularly in recent months. Your endorsement to us will allow further improvements with financial security being the key to our future. Thank you.

Sylvia Nicholls, Chair of Lea Village Hall

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

### REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS AT THE HALL

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

Tuesdays: Mama Moves 3.30-4.30pm; 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 6-7.30pm; Let's Talk Spanish 10am and 3pm

Fridays: Friday Painters 9.30-12noon

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AT THE HALL

First Wednesday of the month: Lea Café 10-11.30am

Last Wednesday of the month: Lea Lunch Club (bookings to Nicky Keef 07718 065946) Regular monthly Bingo on Wednesdays: 17th June; 15th July from 7pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm.

### 100 CLUB

Winners for April: 1st Prize £25-Di Brice.

2nd Prize £10-Marion Martin. 3rd Prize £5-Gwynneth Beard

### LEA CAFÉ NEWS

Places for our annual trip on Wednesday June 3rd filled up very quickly so unfortunately there are no spare seats. The coach will pick up firstly from Lea Village Hall at 8.45am and secondly from the entrance to Lea Villa Park a few minutes later. We will visit Corsham Court & Gardens, then Lacock all followed by an afternoon tea in Box. We aim to be home around 4.30-5pm. There will be the usual bingo, quiz and singing nonsense on board and we look forward to an enjoyable day out.

The July Coffee Morning will be back to normal on July 1st from 10am - all Lea residents very welcome. Contact me, Gill Davis, with any questions: 01989 750442 or by email at: [gilldavis55@hotmail.com](mailto:gilldavis55@hotmail.com)

# 25 YEARS OF LINTON FESTIVAL

When Linton Festival returns to The Alma Inn from 19th to 21st June, it will mark twenty-five incredible years of live music, great beer, and an unmistakable festival spirit. What began as a simple idea to host a few local bands one evening has grown into a much-loved three-day celebration, welcoming thousands of visitors, attracting international artists, and raising over £150,000 for local charities.

Like many great ideas, Linton Festival started in the pub! When Dave Cherrington bought a CD of The Producers, a group of locals were keen to see them live. But they couldn't justify the trip to Dorset. So instead, The Producers came to Linton. With the support of the landlords Graham and Lin Webb, an event was organised at The Alma featuring several bands. And just like that, Linton Festival was born. It was the first proper real ale and music festival of its kind in the South-West Midlands Area.



The founding group were Graham Webb, John Smith, Chris and Hilary Orme, Dave and Chris Cherrington. A makeshift stage was quickly assembled by Chris, John, Graham and Kevin Eckley, using little more than a tarpaulin and copper pipes. Over the years it endured wind, rain and the occasional near-miss with the roof. Parts of that original stage still stand today.

In those early days, bands brought their own sound systems, and the stage was lit by fairy lights. Graham was finally persuaded to invest in a proper sound setup and professional lighting, which followed soon after, which were vital as the festival grew.

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<i>Landlord</i>	A classic, strong pale ale. Four times CAMRA's beer of the year. ABV 4.3%
<i>Badger Best</i>	A fine, malty bitter from the Hall and Woodhouse Brewery. ABV 4.0%
<i>Celestial Steam Gale</i>	A pale, medium strength ale from the Freemaners Brewery. ABV 5.0%
<i>Butty Bach</i>	Voted "Beer of the Festival" at Cardiff for the past two years. ABV 4.5%
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# MUSIC, COMMUNITY & MEMORIES



Over time, the committee has evolved with far too many people to mention individually, but special thanks go to Lin and Tom Welch, Rob and Jackie Dale, Rick and Patricia Kurcharski, Bob and Liz Muncey, and Stephen Lewis. A major turning point came in 2011, when a new directorship - Dave Long, Dave Lambert, Mike Bertenshaw and Paddy Smith - brought fresh ed shape the festival into what it is today.

Despite its growth, Linton Festival remains entirely volunteer-run, powered by an incredible network of people working behind the scenes, from marketing, ticketing and programming, to marshals, camping crews, signage and backstage teams. The Linton Village Hall team also deserve a special mention for keeping everyone fuelled with their much-loved breakfasts!

There are others without whom the festival simply couldn't happen. Nick Jones has generously provided fields for camping, site access and backstage areas, whilst Chris Goulding has made parking possible year after year. And of course, heartfelt thanks go to our sponsors for their continued support and the local community for their patience!

The festival has shone a light on the sheer talent within the local music scene. Now it welcomes artists from across the globe. Over the years, legendary performers such as Ruby Turner, Suzi Quatro, Wilko Johnson, Walter Trout and Geno Washington have graced the stage, alongside rock icons including Bernie Marsden of Whitesnake and Peter Green of Fleetwood Mac.

This year marks not only Linton Festival's 25th anniversary, but also its final event at The Alma. To celebrate, organisers are pulling out all the stops to make it a fitting finale to a remarkable chapter. The 2026 line-up reflects that ambition, with three outstanding headliners: Dark Side of the Wall (Friday), delivering an unforgettable Pink Floyd tribute; King King (Saturday), bringing their multi-award-winning blues-rock sound; and The Magic of Motown (Sunday), closing the weekend with soul, sparkle and nostalgia. It's a carefully curated bill featuring artists you'd normally see headlining their own shows.

After twenty-five years, Linton Festival remains a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together. Here's to the final chapter at The Alma, and to celebrating everything that's made it so special.

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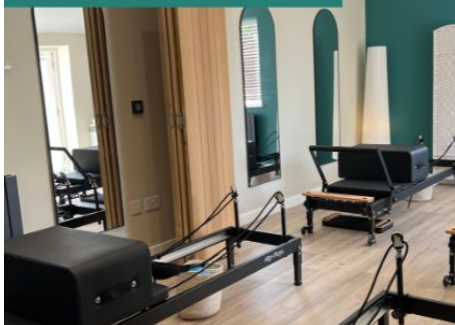


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## LEA NEWS (continued)

### LEA LUNCH CLUB

The lunch club meets again on Wednesday 24th June at 12.30pm in the village hall. We have 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.

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### LEA FRIDAY PAINTERS

Join us at our regular Friday morning meetings at the village hall, starting at 9am. 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](http://www.theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Anyone in the parish can contact the council by e-mailing [clerk@leaparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@leaparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 29th July 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.

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# LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS



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## AN APPEAL FROM ROGER BARNES

Within the parish of Linton and Gorsley, there is a small charity which annually distributes cash payments to deserving people resident within the parish. In order for the successful administration of the charity to continue into the future, there is an urgent need for volunteers to come forward and replace the three current trustees, all of whom are advanced in years. The roles are not time-consuming, involving very simple record keeping and, currently, visiting seven people once a year. For further details, contact Roger on 07340 685333.

## BAT SURVEY: WATCH THIS SPACE!

During 2026, a county-wide survey is being organised by the Herefordshire Mammal Society (HMS) in order to identify the species and habitats of the various bat species living in this area. While seventeen species of bat breed in the UK, it transpires that Herefordshire has never before been surveyed to see which species are to be found locally. For this purpose, HMS has set up a dedicated Herefordshire Citizen Bat Team to coordinate the survey, and Julie Houston and Roger Davies have been earmarked to lead the survey in the Linton area. Although precise timings are not yet known, please note that on one evening this summer a "bat walk" will be held in the Linton area around dusk from the Village Hall. It will use bat echo-detectors provided by HMS and use AI to help identify the specific bat species. Date and time to be confirmed. Full details concerning bat identification will be provided to all attendees. For more information, please speak to Julie Houston or Roger Davies via [Rogerdavies1@sky.com](mailto:Rogerdavies1@sky.com)

## THE LINTON FESTIVAL 2026 - THE ALMA

Situated in the delightful natural amphitheatre at the rear of the Alma, this lovely event is very much a community effort. As always, there is excellent live music from highly regarded bands and equally excellent food and real ales. Magic of Motown, King King, and Dark Side of the Wall will feature prominently in the programme. The Festival, the last in Linton, is variously described as "friendly", "intimate", "well organised" and "unbeatable". What is more, it is a non-profit occasion that supports local charities and organisations. Full information about the event (including lineup, tickets, prices, camping arrangements and much else) can be found on the official Festival website at [www.lintonfestival.org](http://www.lintonfestival.org)

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## LINTON VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S COMING UP

**LVH THANKS TO LMF.** We are once again preparing to take part in the wonderful Linton Music Festival, which is a brilliant weekend of excellent music, and we thank the festival committee and everyone involved in this event for again enabling us to raise funds for the village hall through our truly amazing breakfasts, served in the hall on the weekend mornings (all welcome), and wonderful homemade cakes and hot drinks served from the Cake Tent on the festival site. We are all looking forward to another unforgettable event, and thank all our volunteers and cake bakers for their help and support.



## VILLAGE HALL BREAKFASTS

From 8am until 11am on Saturday and Sunday, the Village Hall will be open and serving cooked breakfasts to festival goers, visitors, passers-by and local residents. Breakfast includes free-range local eggs, bacon, sausage (from local butchers), beans, toast and marmalade, with plenty of tea and coffee for £10. Cards and cash accepted.

## VILLAGE HALL TEA & CAKE TENT - CALLING ALL CAKE BAKERS

Throughout the festival, the Village Hall team will be serving delicious homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and cups of tea. We are seeking cakes for the festival Cake Tent! If you would like to showcase your favourite cake to a very appreciative audience, then please let us know!! Contact Carol on 07811 012593, she will be delighted to hear from you.

## AULINE-JEAN MELBOURNE 'HOLLYWOOD' FRIDAY 31ST JULY

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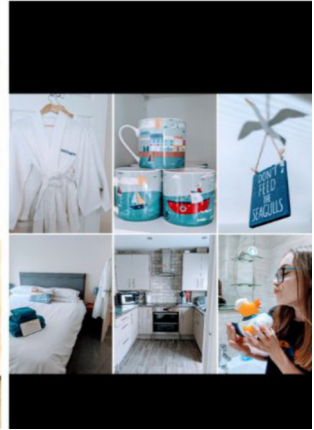


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**Patsy Gamble - Sax/Vocal**

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**Keith Thompson - Guitar/Vocal**

### GMT FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

A collaboration between 3 seasoned musicians for an evening of intimate acoustic music featuring original songs, music and chat. 7pm start, 6.30 doors.

**Patsy Gamble:** saxophone/vocals. A long-standing member of the Keith Thompson Band, and together they have performed all over the UK, Poland, Switzerland, Germany, etc. She has also recorded with many artists, including Mick Jagger, Paul Weller, Suggs, Jasper Carrott and others.

**Muddy Manninen:** Guitar. Best known for his ten-year stint with Wishbone Ash. After settling in Gloucestershire, he has made two solo albums and collaborated with several artists and continues to delight audiences with his stylish guitar playing.

**Keith Thompson:** Guitar/Vocals. Keith and this band have repeatedly toured in Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Poland, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the USA & UK and appeared at several major festivals in Croatia, including Baska International Guitar Festival, Umag and Kastav Blues Festivals. Also performed on the folk circuit with the Jigantics for six years. Tickets £12 from [LVH@lintonvillage.com](mailto:L VH@lintonvillage.com)

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## BIBLE BOOK CLUB

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## THIRD SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR REFUGEE WEEK 21ST JUNE

Refugee Week is the world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. We will be marking the week in St Mary's with a thought-provoking display of images of refugees and an interactive prayer station as well as using Refugees as a theme for our Third Sunday worship. Do call into the church at any time to see the display and contribute your own prayers.

If you are in Hereford Cathedral, it may be possible to see the results of The Hereford Prayer Beads project, a project which has involved schools, churches and other groups in showing empathy and prayer toward those affected by armed conflict, displacement and migration. The resulting beads, created with modular origami, contain the thoughts and reflections of hundreds of children and adults.

## ADVANCE NOTICE CADENZA - SATURDAY 4TH JULY 7PM

We are lucky enough to welcome Cadenza to St Mary's on Saturday July 4th. Cadenza is a Gloucester-based chamber choir that will present a mixed programme of choral and instrumental music for the summer, perhaps with an American flavour!

Cadenza was formed in 1992 at St Catharine's Church in Gloucester. Now with just ten singers, they will take us on a musical journey from the sixteenth to the 21st century, featuring compositions by Thomas Tallis, Gerald Finzi, Kate Rusby, Billy Joel and Charles Villiers Stanford amongst others. Also included are poetry readings, instrumental interludes and a homage to July 4th! Free admission and refreshments: retiring collection.



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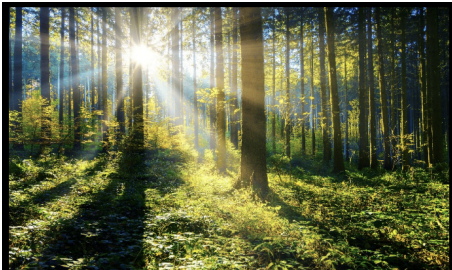
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# LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

## LINTON (SOUTH) PC REPORT

The Chair of the Parish Council (PC) presented the council's annual report for 2025-26 at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 May. The reduction of traffic speed within the parish remains a priority for the council. Statistics gathered from the SIDs in both Gorsley and Bromsash show that the devices continue to have a positive impact on speed reduction, albeit with some alarming exceptions where very high speeds have been recorded. Thanks are due to Councillor Bertenshaw for the numerous maintenance activities he has carried in keeping the SIDs operational.

A revised solution to the flooding issue on the B4224 near Bromsash House has been implemented by the Roads Lengthsman, and this has proven to be largely successful. The PC notes with concern that the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Linton and Gorsley will carry only limited weight in planning decisions from July 2026 as the Plan will then be over 5 years old. Unfortunately, work on the generation of an updated plan cannot realistically begin until a new Herefordshire Council Local Plan is in place. Work on this new Local Plan is yet to commence.

The PC continues to maintain the Gorsley allotments. Councillor Williams has taken the lead on this and has instigated several changes to improve both the interactions with allotment holders and the general condition of the site. A highly successful 'Greener Living Show' was organised and run by the PC's Climate Change group. With leading experts and suppliers from Herefordshire and north Gloucestershire, the event showcased the very best advice and products across many aspects of Home Energy.

The PC finances remain healthy, and its fiscal management procedures were approved by internal and external audits under the Annual Governance and Accountability Return process. The annual precept has been raised from £14,400 to £16,500 to cover the significantly increased cost of essential services and supplies, as well as the anticipated withdrawal of grant funding to produce a revised Neighbourhood Development Plan. The budget for this fiscal year features continued provision for road safety and parish property care projects, and the PC is again participating in the HCC grant schemes for roads, drainage, and footpaths.

There are two vacancies on the PC which can be filled via co-option. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk, Rich Hunt, e-mail [pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk) or telephone 07763 793695. There is also a vacancy for a Public Footpath Officer (PFO) for the Linton area.

See the following for more details:

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/hbsi43dj/a\\_guide\\_to\\_public\\_rights\\_of\\_way\\_parish\\_footpath\\_officers.pdf](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/hbsi43dj/a_guide_to_public_rights_of_way_parish_footpath_officers.pdf).



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# LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

## LINTON PARISH COUNCIL LITTER PICK

The inaugural Linton Parish Council Litter Pick was held on the 18th of April. We had approximately thirty litter pickers spread over the three sites in Gorsley, Linton and Bromsash who generously gave of their time in a great community effort. We were blessed with perfect weather, and a large pile of litter was collected, which was then taken away by Herefordshire Council. In addition to the litter picking, it was a great social event with much chat, tea and cake consumed.

All involved agreed it was a worthwhile event and should be repeated later in the year. Thanks are also due to all of our friendly helpers who served teas and cake, and acted as stewards, to Herefordshire Council who loaned out the litter picking kits, to the village shop who donated free of charge some treats for the kids, and to Gorsley Village Hall and Castrees Garden Centre for the use of their sites.



## THE LINTON POUND – AN UPDATE

As the site is not legally in the ownership of any person or organisation, before taking any next steps, it is our plan to obtain advice from Herefordshire Council on the bureaucratic processes we need to follow to do some work on the site.

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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 June are shown on page 59. June 28th-Special Choral Evensong at 6pm for our Patronal festival with visiting choir

Why not give Evensong a try? Patronal Festival for St John, June 28th – Afternoon tea followed by choral evensong with bells and visiting choir from St Mary's Ross-on-Wye.

Choral Evensong, often described as a "jewel" of the Anglican musical tradition, is a church service of evening prayer, characterised by its focus on music and its tranquil, reflective atmosphere at the end of the day.

The modern form of evensong traces its roots back to 1549, when the first Book of Common Prayer was published, and its long evolution brings with it a powerful sense of connecting the present with the past, of tapping into something much greater than ourselves. As we come together in our church building at the end of the day, we connect with the countless people who have worshipped in this same way and in the same place over hundreds of years. Everyone is welcome. You do not need any particular religious belief to enjoy the choral music and experience the peace of the service.

## CHURCH NEWS

At last, we have some heating again in the church. Mark Gooch has done a great job of fitting under-pew heaters to the front four rows on each side, which gives out a balloon of gentle warmth to the people sitting there. With these and our heated cushions, we can now make a good number of worshippers comfortable, just in time for summer! But British weather being what it is we were glad to use them during May.

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We also have new bell ropes on order, and we hope you came to hear the fantastic peal in May when a band of expert ringers gave our bells a full workout.

## BINGO NIGHT

More fun and games in the Millennium Hall, along with delicious fish and chips. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, ran the raffle, helped with the tidying up and joined in to make it such a successful evening. We raised just over £340. The money went towards the cost of under-pew heaters.

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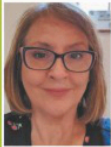


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## **UPTON BISHOP WI**

### **APRIL MEETING**

We were delighted to greet members who have been absent recently for medical reasons. We also welcomed some new members to our midst.

Our speaker for the evening was local caterer, Caroline Bennett. Caroline runs her own catering business called Country Made and is well known throughout our area. We were interested to hear how she began cooking with her mother, who was herself an excellent cook, and later trained at the Cordon Bleu school in London. However, she had worked in a different field altogether for some years before becoming a cook and then starting her business.

The dish Caroline chose to demonstrate for us is one of her most requested desserts, lemon posset, made with just three ingredients. Afterwards, in true Blue Peter fashion, she produced lemon possets made earlier, chilled and ready to eat. We agreed that it is a delicious, light and refreshing pudding, and we all now have the recipe and the newly acquired confidence to make it.

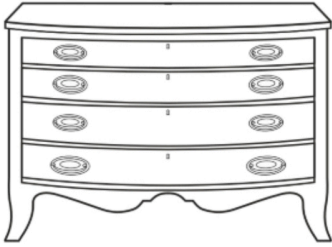
### **MAY MEETING**

The National WI Annual Meeting is to take place next month, so with that in mind, we opened the meeting by discussing this year's resolutions and conducting a vote.

After completing the rest of the month's business, we moved on to the activity for the evening, which was crochet. Knitsey, the group that organises the knitted street decorations that we see in Ross, has asked UBWI to contribute to a bee wall that is to go on display near the public library later on this year. We were asked to help with this by contributing crocheted flowers, and Knitsey supplied us with yarn and patterns for this. Some members, who cannot crochet yet, made use of a video to learn the basics, whilst others began learning the "magic ring" technique. The accomplished crocheters quickly produced several flowers, and we hope to continue this at home.

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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, entry donation of £5, cake and 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](mailto:Upton_Bishop_wi@herefordshirewi.org.uk)

### UPTON BISHOP NEWS 200 CLUB DRAW FOR MAY

Terry Jones £100, Les Tomlin £20, Victoria Morgan £10, Lilah Wainman £5

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** – Very many congratulations to Carys Major and Harry Blake, who were recently married at Upton Bishop Church, and also to Lulu Bailey and Tom Dixey, who had a blessing ceremony at the Church.

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Six councillors, the clerk, and ten members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting on May 6th. Mark Rusby was elected as chair, and Mike Tyers as vice chair. The minutes of the March and April meetings were approved. The ward councillor's report is on the website. Under the website update, tribute was paid to Chris Burgess for his fifteen years running the pub, saving it from closure and providing a community service during covid.

Council approved the delegation arrangements, the clerk's pay and contract standing rule and the working groups and appointments for 2025/26. The councillor's attendance record for the last year and the standing orders were noted. The code of conduct was reviewed, and councillors were reminded to check their Register of Interests is up to date. The financial regulations were reviewed and readopted. Arrangements with other local authorities and organisations and representation on outside bodies were noted. There is no change to the asset register, and insurance arrangements will be discussed in June. Subscriptions and memberships were approved. The following policies were noted – complaints, freedom of information and data protection, press and media and expenditure under s.137 LGA 1972. Document retention and disposal, and employment policies were adopted. The policy forward plan was agreed. Future meetings will be held at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month.

The annual Parish Meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, May 26th. The clerk's report on the query regarding the ownership of the allotment sheds was considered. There is no evidence to suggest that the sheds or any other assets on the allotments are owned by the Parish Council. The Council is not accepting ownership, and its insurers have been notified as a precaution. There will be a further report at the June meeting.

The lengthsman has been clearing road signs, cutting grass and maintaining bus shelters. Landowners with footpaths have been contacted for permission for maintenance to be carried out. The footpaths officer contacted the relevant Herefordshire Council official re the issues with the bridleway at The Crews.

The Council has £35,765 in the bank, and all invoices were approved for payment. Grants for drainage and footpath maintenance, and the first tranche of the precept, have been received. The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7.00pm at the Millennium Hall.

Any parishioner can contact the UBPC at [clerk@uptonbishop.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@uptonbishop.gov.uk)  
Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

## RECTOR'S LETTER



A very big thank you to all those who supported Christian Aid Week last month. Your generosity makes a big difference.

You might like an avocado chopped up in a salad. Or you might choose to cut it in half and scoop out the delicious green flesh with a spoon. Or perhaps you enjoy a guacamole. What you might not know is that the avocado tree is related to the laurel family. Or that its fruit is actually a large berry that contains a single large seed.

The mere fact that you know what an avocado is, and could probably buy one in a shop close to you without too much difficulty, shows that most of us come from a generation privileged to be able to take the supply of food for granted. On the flipside, however, the use of food banks has grown exponentially in the UK in recent years, and, shockingly, malnutrition in children is no longer a thing of Victorian slums. The cost-of-living crisis has exacerbated the problem, and far too many people can never even consider buying an avocado.

In 2012, the United Nations Secretary-General launched the Zero Hunger Challenge to inspire a global movement towards a world free from hunger and malnutrition. It consists of five elements which, taken together, can end hunger and build inclusive and sustainable food systems. They are: to work towards sustainable food systems; to end rural poverty; to eliminate the loss or waste of food; to enable all people to access adequate food and healthy diets; to end malnutrition in all its forms.

Christians believe there is something greater than our human, bodily needs. That is not to make light of the misery of food poverty, bodily hunger and malnutrition. It's a shocking statistic that there is more than enough food produced in the world to feed everyone on the planet, yet as many as 783 million people still go hungry. Many Christians and church communities do as much as possible to alleviate hunger, both at home and abroad – whether that be through charitable giving, organising fundraising events or setting up and running food banks.

We are all hungry people. No matter how strong our faith, we're all looking for something to sustain, nourish, feed and energise us – something that will fill and satisfy us. The problem is not that we are hungry, but the kind of bread we eat, and it is the work of a lifetime of faith to find it.

David

# CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
<b>7th June</b>	Evensong	Family Communion	Parish Communion	All Age Worship
1st Sunday after Trinity	4.30 pm	9.30 am	11.00 am	11.00 am
Readings	Genesis 12. 1-9    Romans 4. 13-end.    Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26.			
<b>14th June</b>	Parish Communion	Holy Communion	Bible Book Club	Parish Communion
2nd Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	<b>9.30 am NEW TIME</b>	10.30 am	<b>11.00 am NEW TIME</b>
Readings	Genesis 18. 1-15.    Romans 5. 1-8.    Matthew 9. 35 thru 10. 8.			
<b>21st June</b>	Village Praise	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	Parish Communion
3rd Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	9.30 am	11.00 am	<b>11.00 am NEW TIME</b>
Readings	Genesis 21. 8-21.    Romans 6. 1b-11.    Matthew 10. 24-39.			
<b>28th June</b>	Parish Communion	Children's Church	Communion Service	Evensong
4th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	10.00am	11.00 am	<b>4.30 pm NEW TIME</b>
Readings	Genesis 22. 1-14.    Romans 6. 12-end.    Matthew 10. 40-end.			

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