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EDITORIAL

Well, what a shift in seasons! Where did summer go? As I finish putting this issue together, we're at the tail end of the first named storm of the season, Storm Aósten. It certainly feels as though autumn has arrived in a hurry this year! I hope you're all keeping warm and cosy as the evenings draw in and the leaves continue to turn.

We're still looking for anyone with an interest in getting involved with the wider Chimes editorial team. You don't need to be an expert or have any previous experience, just an interest in helping to make our community magazine the best it can be. Whether you have a little time to spare, enjoy writing, proofreading or helping bring local news and events together, we'd love to hear from you. It's a great way to get involved and help keep our villages connected.

And what do you think of the lovely photograph Amanda has shared with us for the cover? Amazing, isn't it! It's always wonderful to see our local area captured so beautifully. If you've taken a lovely photograph of our villages, landscapes, wildlife or the changing seasons, please send it our way. You never know, your picture could be gracing the front cover of a future issue of Chimes!

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes, shares their news and helps make Chimes a little snapshot of life in our local community. We couldn't do it without you.

-Tash

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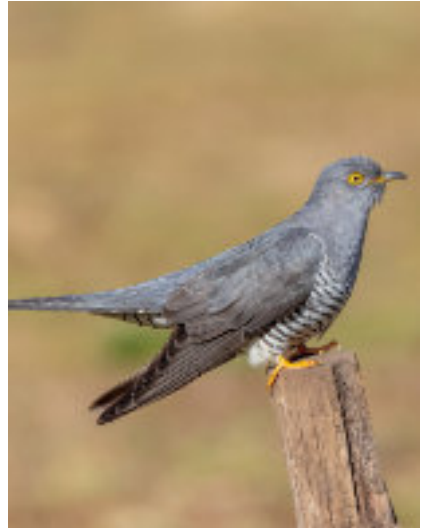
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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

MISSING

Another spring and summer have slipped by, again I have not heard a Cuckoo in this valley. Not only not here, but anywhere, to me, they have sadly gone away. Not only that, but I did not notice any Swallows flying about here. They have never nested near here, in spite of there being many old buildings and a stream for mud, but in balmy weather, they would come to feed. Then, on reflection, I concluded that I had not seen many Swallows at all. Are their numbers falling too? It is all rather sad, things one grows up with and expects, simply disappearing. Of course, we the humans are the ones responsible for the demise of the natural world.

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4th November Michael Fass - Wellington's Warehouse: The great military depot at Weedon Bec

2nd December Fiona Morison - A summer in colonial Simla

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

ROSS & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

All interested are welcome to attend an illustrated Talk by Angela Williams in the Larruperz Centre, Ross on Wednesday, November 11th at 7.00 for 7.30pm on '*The Women the War Turned Yellow - the Rotherwas Canary Girls*' Free for Members, £5 for visitors. For details, ring 07432 218552



ROB THE RAINMAN

September's total was 42.7mm, 70% of the average expected. After the excesses of the summer months, September was pretty normal. It was a rainy period up to the 18th, but with dry weather too. There was enough rain to reverse the outward signs of the summer drought, green grass again, and temperatures above average, although a few mornings had an autumnal feel. From the 19th, we had an 8-day dry spell, which was sunny

and continued the warm theme before the month went out on a wetter and very humid and warm period, with 13.3mm on the 30th being the wettest.

Finally, Upton Bishop has been a Met Office satellite for rainfall recording for many years. The present recorder (me) is finishing at the end of this year with no replacement in place to date. So if you fancy doing it (and this offer isn't limited to Upton Bishop – other parishes are included.) You can contact the Environment Agency, which runs it on behalf of the Met Office on 0370 850 6506 and ask to be put in contact with their Tewkesbury Office and Henry Cox, who is the Hydrometry and Telemetry Officer.

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CHURCH NEWS REGULAR SERVICES

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

OTHER SERVICES

Nov 8th at 10.50am - Remembrance Sunday
Nov 29th at 10.30am - Benefice Advent Service Upton Bishop
Dec 16th at 6.30pm - Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Dec 25th at 10.30am - Christmas Day Parish Communion
Churchwarden James Harding, 07749188185 daffodil.rose1968@gmail.com

VILLAGE NEWS & EVENTS

KNITTING A LITTLE COMFORT FOR CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

Our Knit & Natter group has once again been busy knitting dolls for children in Ukraine. These are not simply handmade toys. The dolls are intended to stay with children during some of the most difficult moments imaginable, when the air-raided sirens sound, and they must leave their homes or schools and make their way to underground shelters.

It is impossible for us to imagine what these children must be experiencing. Something as simple as having a soft, handmade doll to hold onto can, we hope, provide a little comfort, reassurance, and companionship at a very frightening time.

For our Knit & Natter team, knowing that something they have made with their own hands might bring even a small moment of comfort to a child makes all the effort worthwhile. It is a wonderful example of how a little time, some wool, and a lot of care can travel a very long way. And so, the needles will keep clicking, and the dolls will keep appearing! We're very proud of the difference our small group is making, one stitch at a time.



ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

COULD YOU LEND A HELPING HAND?

Our Village Hall is at the heart of our community, and like so many village organisations, it relies on a small team of volunteers to keep things running smoothly. We're looking for a new Treasurer to join our friendly team of Trustees.

The Treasurer's role involves looking after the Village Hall Trust's finances, including sending and following up on invoices, banking a small amount of cash from time to time, and preparing a short monthly financial report for the Trustees' meeting. The Treasurer also looks after submitting our annual accounts to the Charity Commission and recommends investment decisions.

This role only takes a few hours each month. You'll need to be comfortable with online banking and spreadsheets and be able to help the Trustees understand the financial implications of decisions we make. If you would enjoy playing an important part in supporting our village, we'd love to hear from you. Equally, if you'd simply like to find out a little more about what's involved, please get in touch with Janet Potter on 01452 830556 or 07340 078520.

COULD YOU HELP DELIVER THE CHIMES?

We're also looking for a few more Chimes magazine distributors. It's a really simple way to help out in the village. Each month, the magazines would be delivered to your door, and you would then deliver them to local households. Most distributors deliver to around 20 houses, so it's not an onerous job and usually takes about an hour each month.

If you could spare the time, we'd be very grateful for your help. It's a lovely way to support our village and make sure everyone receives their copy of the Chimes. Interested in helping or like to know more? Please contact Janet on 01452 830556 or 07340 078520. Every little bit of volunteering makes a real difference, and we'd be delighted to welcome some new faces to our village team!

WHAT ON EARTH IS A TWIDDLE MUFF?

This was the question I found myself asking in early October, when Janet Potter mentioned Twiddle Muffs in her submission for the Chimes. A quick Google later, and I was much better informed!

A Twiddle Muff, sometimes called a sensory or fidget muff, is a soft knitted or fleece hand warmer with lots of interesting things attached inside and out – ribbons, buttons, beads, zips and different textures. It gives the user something to explore and fiddle with, providing a soothing and comforting sensory experience.



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A festive poster for a Christmas Quiz. It features a blue background with a green border decorated with holly leaves and red berries. At the top, there is a small logo for 'The Chimes'. The main text is on a red banner that says 'Christmas Quiz'. Below this, on a green banner, it says 'Friday 3th December with Quiz Master Texas Watson'. Further down, it says 'Teams of 4-6 / £20 per team' and '19:30 start'. At the bottom, there is a red banner that says 'BOOK NOW' and 'COMPLIMENTARY NIBBLES'. A QR code is located at the bottom left.

A poster for a 'Sing Along' event. It features a blue background with a photo of a man sitting on a chair. The text is in large, bold, blue and red fonts. It says 'Sing Along With The Wedding Singer', 'Fri 11th Dec', 'Licensed Bar Raffle Inc.', '£15', '19.00', 'Puddings', and 'Booking essential call 07340078520'. There is also a small text at the bottom right that says 'Johns Legions Village Hall 1000 753'.

A poster for a 'Coffee Morning' event. It features a green background with a photo of a coffee cup. The text is in large, bold, red and green fonts. It says 'Aston Ingham Christmas', 'Fri 18th Dec', 'Coffee Morning', '10.30am', '£3', 'Includes Sausage Rolls Mince Pies', 'Amazing Hamper Raffle', and 'HR9 7LS'.

ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

Twiddle Muffs can be particularly helpful for people living with dementia, Alzheimer's, autism, ADHD and other conditions where sensory stimulation can be beneficial. The simple act of keeping busy hands occupied can help with relaxation, concentration, and reducing anxiety or restlessness.

And, most importantly, they really do make a difference. In September, Barbara Butcher and Janet took a selection of the Twiddle Muffs made by our Knit & Natter team to Hazelhurst Care Home, where Margaret Minett is being cared for. They were warmly received and much appreciated – a lovely reminder that the things our group creates are not just crafts, but useful and meaningful gifts for people in our local community.

The Care Home has already given us our next challenge: Christmas decorations! They have asked if we can knit decorations for their Christmas tree and to brighten up residents' rooms. Naturally, the Knit & Natter team are more than happy to rise to the challenge!

Fancy joining us? You don't have to be an expert knitter, and you certainly don't have to be able to knit complicated patterns. Whether you're an experienced knitter, a complete beginner, or simply fancy some friendly company while doing something creative, you'd be very welcome to join us.

There's something rather special about getting together, having a natter, sharing ideas and knowing that the things we make will go on to bring pleasure and comfort to someone else.

So, if you have a little spare time and would like to be part of something genuinely useful – come along and join the gang! You never know, you might even discover that Twiddle Muffs are your new favourite thing!

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.

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The history of Aston Ingham Manor reaches back almost a thousand years. The estate had belonged to Edward the Confessor before the Norman Conquest and subsequently became part of the lands of Ansfrid of Cormeilles and the barony of Cormeilles.

By the 13th century, the manor was in the hands of the Ingayn, or Ingan, family, whose name became attached to the village: Estun Ingan is recorded in 1242. The family evidently established a manor here, although the medieval manor house itself has long disappeared.

A particularly vivid glimpse of the medieval estate comes from an inquisition held in 1444 after the death of Robert Greyndour. Aston Ingham was then a manor worth £10 a year, containing a hall, chambers, kitchen, stable, byre and barn, together with arable land, meadows, pasture, woodland, rents and the right to hold a manorial court. Greyndour's widow, Joan, was entitled to one-third of the manor as her dower.

The manor eventually passed through several families before becoming associated with the Power family. By the 19th century, Captain Kingsmill Manley Power was lord of the manor. Interestingly, he lived principally at Hill Court near Ross-on-Wye rather than at Aston Ingham. Contemporary directories describe him as lord of the manor and list Aston Court as a working farm occupied by the farmer Samson Holder.

The present Aston Court developed from that farm. Herefordshire Council's conservation research suggests that around the turn of the 20th century, the old Court Farm was renamed Aston Court, its entrance was redesigned with a formal tree-lined approach, and the original farmhouse and adjoining structures were demolished. A new residence was constructed, marking the transformation from a working farm to a country house.

By 1914, Aston Court was the residence of Manley Power, and its gardens hosted a local garden fête in aid of the village school. The Power family continued to be associated with Aston Court into the 20th century.

Aston Court occupies the site and landscape of a much older manorial tradition — one which has shaped Aston Ingham's history since the Middle Ages. In the 1980s, Aston Court was divided into 10 separate apartments.

CHURCH CLEANING

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 3rd Nov at 11:30am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Country Dancing	Friday 6th Nov at 7pm	Our caller will be Andy. 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 10th Nov at 1:45am	The speaker will be Mike Aggleton on AA Milne & Winnie the Pooh. Everyone is welcome.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Thursday 12th Nov 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! £3 per person includes refreshments.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 13th Nov at 2pm	We have also arranged a friendly match with Aston Ingham Bowling Club on Friday, 20th November at 2.30pm at the Bowling Club. If you'd like to join us on either date, please just come along; you'd be made very welcome. We are a very friendly group, and our bowling is non-competitive. £3 per person.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Pop Up Pub	Saturday 14th Nov 7.00pm	After a fabulous turnout in September, we're back with the usual great selection of beers, wines, soft and zero alcohol drinks and snacks.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 17th Nov at 2pm	After creating another excellent display for the Village Hall foyer and more dolls for Ukraine, we will be turning our attention to knitting Christmas decorations for the staff and residents at Hazelhurst Care Home to hang on their tree or to decorate their rooms.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Book Club and Coffee Morning	Friday 27th Nov at 10:30am	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	Nov - Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan	Jan Falkiner 07899 728346

FUTURE EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL FOR YOUR DIARIES

December 11th Sing-a-long. The wedding singer back by popular demand. This will be a popular event, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

December 18th Christmas Coffee Morning

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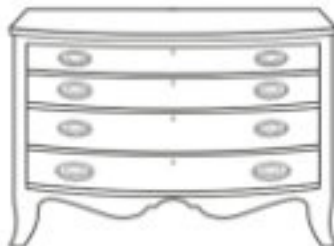
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ASTON INGHAM PC

After a short summer recess in August and two missed deadlines for Chimes due also to the calendared meeting in July, we hope you managed to catch up with two sets of Briefing Notes on our website, which would have meant you did not have to miss out on up-to-date Parish Council business. Below is the latest news following our September 29th meeting.

THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE OLD CHURCHYARD

Having been in communication with the Ministry of Justice and having received detailed guidance on the matter, the Parish Council voted unanimously to object to the closure on the grounds that there is burial space available, owned by the PCC/Church, on the other side of the B4222, named St John the Baptist Cemetery. In addition, the Parish Council has not been in receipt of the full application form from the PCC, which would have confirmed any additional motivation for closure, e.g., to potentially enable responsibility for maintenance to be transferred to the local authority. Full details of our criteria for Objection can be found in the Briefing notes on the website posted ahead of September's meeting.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS in the PIPELINE

- When the leaves have dropped, our Lengthsman and his team will carry out a Maintenance Visit to ensure that all drainage channels are clear.

- Work has been completed to erect the pole on the site of the second SID (Speed Indicator Device) to the West of the Village on the B4222 close to the School House. We plan to move the SID device shortly to capture traffic speeds coming from a second vantage point.

- We are arranging for a 'Plan B' to be implemented to control the runoff onto the road from Aston Court Farm. A specialist technician from Herefordshire Council, our Lengthsman Terry Griffiths, will be meeting shortly with members of the PC to discuss and submit an agreed alternative plan.

- Improvements to the footpath opposite the Village Hall towards Cowley Lane are being discussed to prevent pedestrians from walking along the road when the path is muddy and slippery.

- The Parish Council is discussing the siting of a new means of displaying notices with the Village Hall Committee. The structure, commonly seen in most towns and villages, will increase the capacity for PC information to be shared with Parishioners and Visitors to the area.

- Footpath Grant: members of the PC are completing a survey of our network of footpaths. This includes the access & condition of the specified legal route plus the state of stiles and finger posts. The PC will liaise with landowners where necessary. We will publish the completed survey on our website.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

We have been short of one Parish Councillor for several months, and now we are also advertising for a new Footpaths Officer. Please contact our Clerk or any member of the Parish Council for further information if you are interested in joining our Team.

GORSLEY NEWS



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW GORSLEY SUB-EDITOR

Hi, I'm Sally. I'm looking forward to taking over as Gorsley sub-editor from Laura, who is off to pastures new. You may recognise me from the Community Shop where I've been volunteering since moving to the village in 2024. I'm loving getting fully involved in Gorsley life! 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 using the details above.

EVENT: GORSLEY GOES CHRISTMAS CRACKERS!

Following the hugely popular pantomime held at the Gorsley Village Hall in 2024, the same team is currently rehearsing a Christmas Variety Special to be held at the hall on Friday 4th December (early evening), Saturday 5th December (early evening) and Sunday 6th December (matinee).

There'll be something for everyone, of all ages. This time we'll have an assortment of music, comedy sketches, singing, dancing, jokes, and obligatory outlandish costumes. We are pleased to announce that our endearing panto horse will be making a welcome return, as well as many members of the original panto cast.

Santa will also be with us in his grotto. Children will receive a free soft drink and a present. All profits will go to a nominated charity and to Gorsley Village Hall. We hope you'll come along and enjoy an uplifting start to Christmastime. There'll be a cash bar and a raffle.

Please call or text Jo on 07910 745730 for more information and to book. Tickets: £10 per adult. £5 per child. Family tickets (up to four children) for £30.

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GORSLEY NEWS

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Reminder from our Post Office staff... Christmas stamps are now in. Grab them while they are available. Are you sending parcels abroad this Christmas? If you can come ready to answer our parcel questions, this will greatly help processing times: what's inside, origin of items, etc. Don't forget to plan ahead and post early for Christmas. See you in the Shop!

- Paul Parker (Manager) 01989 721233

EVENT: GORSLEY GOFFS WREATH-MAKING EVENING

Join us for a cosy and creative evening of festive wreath-making at Gorsley Goffs Primary School! Whether you're a seasoned crafter or trying it for the first time, come along and make something beautiful to take home for the holidays. Your ticket includes all materials, a delicious mince pie, and a glass of mulled wine to enjoy as you create. Please bring your own secateurs and feel free to add a personal touch by bringing a decorative item of your choice. This event is open to everyone, so gather your friends and family and get into the festive spirit with us.

Date & Time: Friday, 4 Dec,
7pm Location: Gorsley Goffs
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GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Grass Consciousness:

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We will learn which grass to use in which locations and how to care for and maintain it. Roger will share his list of favourite grasses with us.

Entrance is free to members, £3 for visitors. No need to book - visitors are very welcome.

Talks / activities in the coming months are:

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

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On the 29th of November, we will hold a Cafe Church at 10:30 am with coffee and croissants. Please note that our Carol Service will be held on Saturday, the 19th of December at 4 pm. It is always a lovely, traditional time of carols and readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies! For further details of services, find us on the website achurchnearyou

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GORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Activities in the Village Hall

The hall is used on a regular basis by the Probus Club, the WI, and the Garden Club, and table tennis, karate, bingo, and pilates take place on a weekly basis. But we have space in the schedule for more!

What regular activities would YOU like to have in the hall?

We need your suggestions and, even better, if you know of any suitable instructors who might be interested in putting on classes in Gorsley, then please let us know, or ask them to get in touch. You can email with any ideas. suevillagehall@yahoo.com

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
KILCOT & GORSLEY WI	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	Every 4th Tuesday from 7.30pm	The cost is £5 for 6 games with a break halfway through.	
TABLE TENNIS & CROQUET	Wednesday afternoons from 2.30pm	we start with table tennis and, if weather permits, follow with croquet. The cost is just £2 and EVERYONE, all skill levels, are welcome!	
PILATES	Wednesday evenings 6pm & 7pm	ALL abilities are welcome! Each 6 week course always starts by revisiting and mastering the basic movements. Progressing over the weeks to add in more challenging movement variations or using some equipment.	Ales Hall alexhallphysiopilates@outlook.com
KARATE	Friday evenings 6.30pm	All Ages 5 and up, for more info contact Pam	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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NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Discover Friendship, Conversation & Community with Newent Probud Club
If you are retired or semi-retired and looking for a friendly way to meet people, enjoy interesting talks, and take part in a variety of social activities, why not consider joining Newent & District Probud Club?



The club brings together men from a wide range of backgrounds, including teachers, engineers, farmers, lawyers, and business owners. The emphasis is on friendship, conversation, and enjoying shared interests in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Members meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday, at 10.00am at Gorsley Village Hall. Meetings begin with tea and coffee, followed by a guest speaker covering a wide variety of subjects, including history, travel, science, and matters of local interest.

There is also a varied social programme, with members and partners enjoying pub lunches, outings, quiz and skittles evenings, as well as the popular summer garden party and Christmas lunch.

Newent Probud is non-political and non-sectarian, with friendship and fellowship at the heart of the club. If you are interested in finding out more, you are very welcome to attend one of the regular meetings as a guest, with no obligation to join.

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 newentprobud.com or contact the Club Secretary, Kelvin Ashby, at kelvinashby@gmail.com

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NEWS FROM GATEWAY LODGE NURSERY

With the new academic year upon us, we have welcomed lots of new faces to nursery and they have settled into nursery life beautifully.

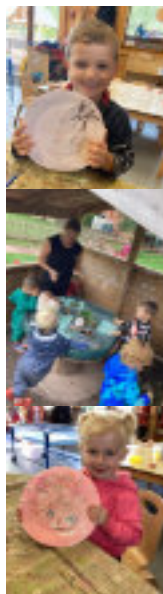
Our topic this term is 'All about me,' and we have been looking at what makes us all different. The children were able to look into mirrors at their facial features and recreate their own faces using paper plates and different materials. This has also continued outside with our forest school sessions using clay and lots of different natural resources to recreate their faces.

Parents have kindly sent in family and baby photos so the children can show their friends during show and tell. This gives the children an opportunity to talk about their loved ones and share life experiences.

Autumn is a favourite season of ours, watching the leaves and conkers fall from the trees, giving us lots of natural resources to use for craft activities, math, and imaginative play. This week we have enjoyed painting and printing with different shaped leaves and going on nature walks to see what we can find.

We have limited spaces available. If you are interested in sending your child to our nursery, please email

Jcornish@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk or phone Lea C of E Primary School on 01989 750296 for more information.



NEWS FROM LEA CHURCH

Hello everyone, I hope this finds you all well and keeping warm on these Autumnal days! We are starting to gear up for Christmas, and we kick off with our Craft Fayre and Soup Kitchen on November 14th at Lea Village Hall. Come and do your Christmas shopping early and have a delicious lunch at the same time! Please see the flyer for more details.

Also, on 28th November, we have a 'Weaving & Flower Arranging Workshop' at Lea Village Hall from 10am - 3.00pm, where you can create an arrangement using a willow-woven framework. You will also have the chance to make a reindeer and/or a Christmas tree. The cost is £35 to include flowers and foliage - but please feel free to bring extra if you wish. Coffee and tea is available all day, just bring a packed lunch. Please book this with me, Marion, on 01989 750808 or Rose on 01989 750267. The closing date for booking is 14th November. (We need to know in advance, so we can get the correct amount of

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flowers, etc) Tickets are limited for this workshop.

We will be holding our Remembrance Day service on 8th November at 10.50am at Lea Church. All are welcome, and the collection is for the Poppy Appeal.

On November 29th, there will be our annual Advent Carol Service at 6pm, with refreshments served afterwards. We do hope to see as many as possible there. A date for your diaries is also our Carol Service on 20th December again at 6pm, with mince pies and mulled wine served afterwards. We will also be holding our Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm. Why not come and start Christmas in style!

There has been lots going on in the church; by the time you read this, we hope to be have the east window on our bell tower repaired to stop water ingress. We have had our wonderful old chest restored and placed in its new home by the pulpit. We hope to get the lid propped open permanently for all to see inside. Our thanks go to our Fabric Officer, Bob Taylor, who has made great inroads into getting the church back into shape! He and his wife Annie have done some tremendous work in the churchyard too, for which we are truly grateful. Many thanks, Bob and Annie!

If you have any shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse organisation, please do let me have them by 10th November. Many thanks!

God bless all, Marion Martin,
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LEA PLAY AND CHAT

As we are well into Autumn, doing lots of crafts with Autumn colours and objects. To celebrate National Recycling Week, we sorted plastic and cardboard items into boxes. Following the half-term break, a lively singing session with Katherine's Tots in Tune awaits us. We meet Friday mornings in Lea School Hall 9.00 - 10.30am. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Carolyn 07765 555588

LEA VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB FOR SEPTEMBER

£100 prize - Jane Meadows 1st Prize £30 – Peggy Bowers 2nd Prize £20 – Tracey Ballinger 3rd Prize £15 – Val Stockings

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The second and third sessions of the FREE Digital Skills training are taking place at 10.00am on Tuesday, 3rd November, and Tuesday, 10th November. For enquiries, contact: sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com or 07817 473813.

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WE NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR INDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The village hall may have an opportunity to bid for funding to purchase equipment for indoor sports activities. If you have always wished there was a table tennis club or similar in The Lea, let us know. Any ideas are welcome, but the equipment should be for indoor use only. Our bid is more likely to be successful if it reflects the wishes of our village community, so send your ideas to sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com

What's On	When	Contact
YOGA	Mondays 2nd and 9th Nov 9.30-10.30am. Then: every Tuesday from 17th Nov 9.30-10.30am. Also Thursdays online 8pm	Alex Woodland 07729 712881 woodlandyoga3@gmail.com https://bookwhen.com/woodlandwellness
BROWNIES	Mondays, term time only, 5.45-7.15pm	Kelly Sharland leabrownies@btinternet.com
PILATES	Tuesdays, 6-7pm, trial block of 3 classes starting on December 1st	Katie Bakkara 07881 771300 info@ktbphysiotherapy.co.uk
SHORT MAT BOWLS	Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm	Merrion Attwood mda@merion.co.uk
LEA CAFE	First Wednesday of the month 10-11.30am	Gill Davis 01981 750442 gilldavis55@hotmail.com
THE LEA LUNCH CLUB	Last Wednesday of the month (except July, August, November) 12.30-2.30pm	Nicky 07718 065946
LET'S TALK SPANISH	Wednesdays, 3.30-5pm Thursdays, 3.00-4.30pm, term- time only	Martin Neicho m9rt1n@gmail.com
MONTHLY LRA BINGO	Wednesday 18th November	TheLeaLRA@outlook.com
60 PLUS KEEP FIT	Thursdays, 11.30-1.00pm	Deborah 07875 751890
FRIDAY PAINTERS	Fridays, 9.30-12.00pm	Di Brice 01989 750403

YOGA AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We are very lucky to have so many opportunities in The Lea to keep fit and healthy, which is important for people of all ages. Not only are we surrounded by public footpaths, but we are on the edge of the lovely Forest of Dean with its amazing network of cycle ways and footpaths.

In our village hall, we also have activities like Bowls, Pilates, and 60+ Keep Fit. But this article focuses on Yoga.

My husband and I have been attending Alex Woodland's Yoga classes since 2024. Alex teaches Hatha Yoga, which is excellent for developing your strength, flexibility and balance as well as teaching relaxation through breathing techniques. We were complete beginners at the start but have benefitted a lot by practising the various positions each Monday. Alex welcomes beginners and

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offers alternative techniques for those new to some of the more challenging positions. The NHS recommends Yoga as an exercise to develop strength, flexibility and balance, which is even more important as we age www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/how-to-improve-strength-flexibility/

Yoga is for men as well as women and for people of all ages, despite the stereotype seen online, where images of ultra-flexible young women far outnumber those of men or older people. Quotes from two of the regular male attendees at Alex's classes are here: 'For those men who think that yoga is mainly for women, you will find the benefits of yoga helpful when gardening, doing DIY, and playing with your young children or grandchildren'

'Liz and I are regulars at Alex's village hall yoga classes and thoroughly enjoy them. Classes are varied both in context and difficulty, with options to suit all abilities. As well as the enjoyment, we have both benefited from significant joint mobility. We both highly recommend yoga, especially Alex's classes' If interested, the first session is free – contact Alex on 07729 712881 or woodlandyoga3@gmail.com



LEA CAFÉ

Apologies to anyone who missed the October coffee morning - we had to change the date because it clashed with the school's harvest festival event. I am pleased to tell you that the next one will be back to normal on the first Wednesday of the month, so that will be Wednesday, 4th November, from 10am as usual in Lea Village Hall. Everyone who lives in the Lea is most welcome to come along - just drop in whenever you can and enjoy a coffee/tea, homemade cakes, and chat with your neighbours, it's all absolutely free, apart from the raffle if you want to buy a ticket. Any questions, contact Gill on: 01989 750442 or by email at: gilldavis55@hotmail.com

LEA LUNCH CLUB

The Lea Lunch Club doesn't have a November Lunch because we'll be busy planning our Christmas event, due to be held on Tuesday, 8th December. This special event is always oversubscribed so if you're a regular attendee, then please make sure you've booked your place in good time. Booking is always essential for all the lunches, so if you're interested in coming along, - if we haven't got immediate availability, we will put you on the waiting list. Please call Nicky on 07718 065946

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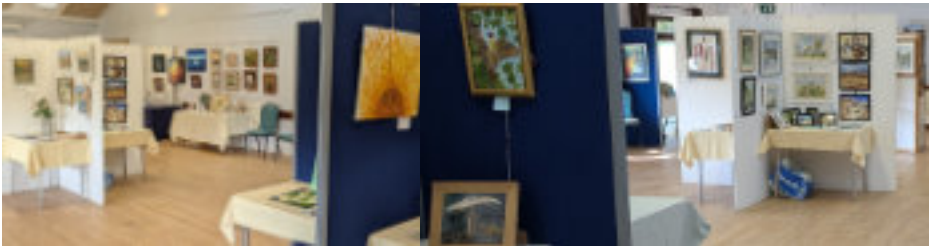
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LEA FRIDAY PAINTERS' ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



Lea Friday Painters held their annual art exhibition in early October at the village hall. The many visitors enjoyed viewing a varied group of drawings and paintings of local scenes as well as subjects such as wildlife, space, botany, and scenery from foreign lands.

Di Brice, who leads the group, has been a member for over 20 years, but it was a thriving art group before then, and so has a long history in The Lea. Di says that all abilities are welcome – you don't have to be a great artist to come and enjoy expressing your creative side. There is no formal instruction, but members share their tips and ideas whenever it is welcome.

If you are interested in joining the group but are unsure of what to expect, the best way to find out is by dropping in at the coffee break at 10.30am, in the middle of the regular Friday morning meetings at the village hall. You can chat to the members and see their work with no commitment or expectations. Meetings start at 9.30am and finish at 12.00pm. For any enquiries, contact Di on 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

A reminder that The Lea Parish Council 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. Contact Sandbag Store Keyholders:

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The highlight of our 50th anniversary was a Participation Cricket Week in August that saw matches every day, from Juniors and Women's to hosting the Gloucestershire Gypsies and plenty more. Over 70 members participated across the week, showcasing the breadth of cricketing talent across the club.

The main event saw AICC hosting the prestigious MCC for the first time in the Club's history with a charity lunch raising money for St Michael's Hospice. The sun shone on what was a truly memorable day as 170 guests took to the marquee overlooking the match and were treated to a superb guest speaker in former England Cricketer Geoff Miller. Guests included top Jumps trainer Kim Bailey (whose son Archie plays for Durham CC) and renowned sports psychologist Michael Caulfield, and as a result of AICC's efforts, we are very proud that St Michael's Hospice received £7,500.

Our final event of the year is the popular annual Christmas Quiz, in the Club House on Friday 4th December (a change of date so as not to clash with Gorsley School's Christmas Bazaar). Details are below, and it's £20 a team, open to all and always great fun.

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WHATS COMING UP' AT LINTON VILLAGE HALL

LINTON LUNCH CLUB

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.

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.

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY & COFFEE MORNING AT LINTON VILLAGE HALL

An exhibition of photographs of all the Commonwealth War graves and memorials of those named on the Linton War Memorial for both World Wars will be displayed in Linton Village Hall on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November from 9am until 4pm.

A coffee morning will also be held on Saturday, 7th November, starting at 10.30am in Linton Village Hall with donations in favour of VoLT (Village of Linton Trust). Those attending will, of course, also be able to see the exhibition photographs. For more information, please contact Roger Davies at email: rogerdaves1@sky.com or mobile 0777 1812 793

LINTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB WINNERS

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September

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Just a reminder that this year's "Santa Run" is taking place on Sunday, 6th December, starting at 12.30pm. The start and finish of this circular 1.8-mile fun run around Linton Hill is, as usual, at The Alma. It's free to enter, proceed at your own pace, and enjoy the outstanding views. All agree, it's a great way for the family to start the Christmas celebrations, and pets are welcome too on a lead! All are very welcome. See you on the 6th!

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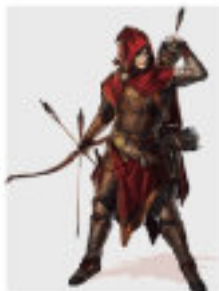




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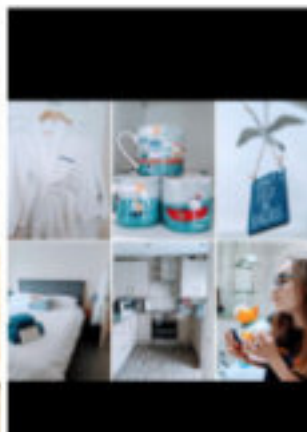
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LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH REMEMBERING

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 at the back of the church. If you are able to attend, you are invited to light a candle and place it around the font in a period of silence after the names have been read. All those known to us from the parish who have died or been laid to rest in the churchyard in the last six years will be remembered automatically. 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 should assemble in the churchyard from about 10:45am, in good time for the silence at 11am. We are grateful to all who take part in the music, readings, and laying of crosses. The service later continues inside the church.

QUIZ AND PUDDING EVENING

A highlight of the church events calendar is the Annual Quiz and Pudding Evening. This will take place on Saturday, 14th November, in Linton Village Hall. Tickets available from Ernst Zillekens at £8 a head; eh200@btinternet.com. Come on your own and join to make a team or reserve a table for your team!

BIBLE BOOK CLUB

Due to Remembrance falling on the second Sunday, Bible Brunch will move to Sunday, 15th November at Wren's Nest. During the session, we will be discussing the book we have read during the last month, with help from Tim Mackie of the Bible Podcast, and choosing a book for December.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Planning of events is well underway for the lead-up to Christmas, including:

The Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On,	6.30pm Monday, 7th December
including carols at The Alma,	5.30pm Sunday 20th December
Carol Service	4pm Thursday 24th December
Crib Service	11am Friday 25th December
Christmas Communion Service	

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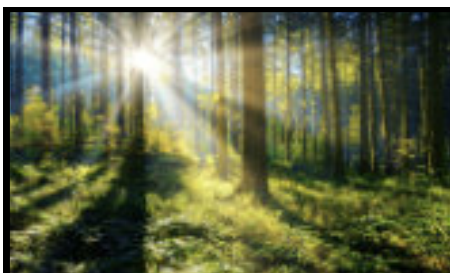
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LINTON (SOUTH) PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

(representing the villages of Bromsash, Gorsley & Linton in Herefordshire)

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, e-mail pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk, or telephone 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.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2026-27

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 Burtenshaw 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 Parish Council 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 five 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 council continues to maintain the 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 Parish Council's Climate Change group. With leading experts and suppliers from Herefordshire and north Gloucestershire, the event showcased the very best advice and products across all aspects of Home Energy.

Finally, a Community Litter Pick was held in April with around thirty enthusiastic litter pickers taking part across the three centres in Gorsley, Linton and Bromsash. A large quantity of litter was collected, as well as much tea and cake were consumed. Thanks are due to the litter pickers and to all the volunteers who supported the event as helpers.

UPTON BISHOP NEWS



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November brings us fully into autumn, and the church comes to the end of its year. The month is full of special services - looking back and looking forward.

November 1st is All Saints' or All Hallows' Day, celebrating all Christian saints and martyrs, hence the name for October 31st – Hallowe'en or All Hallows Eve. Our morning service on Nov 1st will be our usual all- age worship – a short, simple service for everyone and anyone, followed by coffee and an optional visit to the Moody Cow afterwards to carry on the conversations.



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November 8th Remembrance Sunday – 10.45am – the names of the fallen of Upton Bishop during the two World Wars will be read out, and we remember the sacrifice of servicemen and women in all conflicts.

November 14th/15th – Roof Repair Fund Launch Day

The church year ends on November 22nd with the Feast of Christ the King – a celebration of Jesus Christ as King of the universe.

On November 29th, Advent Sunday, the Church makes a new start and begins to look forward again, anticipating the birth of Christ. During the four-week season of Advent, we will consider the forerunners of Christ – John the Baptist, the Patriarchs, Prophets, and his Mother Mary.

A benefice Advent service at 10.30 kicks off our preparation for Christmas with candles and well-known Advent carols. All are equally welcome.

Christmas is fast approaching – pop these dates in your diaries
Christmas Fayre – Saturday, December 5th in the Millennium Hall
Advent Benefice Service -Sunday 29th November at 10.30am
Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 13th December at 4pm
Christmas Day – Friday 25th December - Communion at 9.30am

We have begun rehearsing Christmas music for these services, with the choir very soon – but it's not too late to join in - we're 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 07989 572356

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Fayre will be held as always at 10am on Saturday, 5th December. Father Christmas will be visiting at 11am. All donations will be very gladly accepted for Bric-a-Brac, Cakes and Produce, Mince pies, Tombola, Toys, Books, Jigsaw Puzzles, and of course, our Grand CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW. Please message via social media or on 07496 685 960. Come along on the day to browse among the stalls, do some Christmas shopping, and enjoy a cup of tea among friends.



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TEDDY AUCTION in aid of church roof repairs. Silent bids are now being accepted for our Teddy Auction. Will you send us a bid for Big Ted, Fisherman Ned, Trawlerman Eddie or Aviator Edward? The highest winning bids will be revealed at the Christmas Fayre, so make sure you have messaged a bid or dropped a note into the wall safe at the church (to the right as you come through the door). Don't forget to include the name of the teddy you are bidding for, your name and a contact number.



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UPTON BISHOP WI October Meeting:

Upton Bishop WI was treated to an excellent talk presented by one of our own members, Carol Aitken, on Hereford Cathedral's chained library.

Carol has been a volunteer there for some time and has amassed a wealth of information on the subject. She explained about the library's origins in medieval times. A book chest was then sufficient to protect the books, because books were very expensive and the cathedral did not own many. After the Norman conquest, wealthier, more educated men came to England. With a greater number of bequests, the number of books grew, and the Chained Library began. We were surprised to hear that many of the chains are medieval in origin and were made in Birmingham!



The Hereford Gospel is a manuscript book which is older than the cathedral itself. It is usually locked away in the archive, but when important clerics are installed, it is this book upon which they swear their oath.

In the 1990s a trust was set up to prevent the cathedral's treasures from being sold off and to keep them in Hereford. John Paul Getty donated £1 million to house the Mappa

Mundi, Chained Library and Hereford's copy of the Magna Carta. Carol was thanked by the members and applauded for a well-illustrated and most interesting talk. We then had our usual refreshments, raffle and a Christmas bring & buy sale.

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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THE MILLENNIUM HALL

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BADMINTON CLUB	Thursdays 8-10pm	All ages and skills.	Steve Cracknell 01989 720577
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SOCIAL AFTERNOON	Every 3rd Monday 2:30-4.30pm	We look forward to seeing you all for cake and chat.	No booking needed, just come along and join in.
INDOOR SHORT - MAT BOWLS	Every 3rd Tuesday 7-9 pm	£3 per person includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All abilities very welcome.	Dave Powell 07794 429090

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A Special Invitation

For ten wonderful years, you've been our Vicar,
Our guide, our friend, our faithful inspirer.
Through weddings and blessings, prayers and song,
You've been there to help us all along.

So now, dear Vicar, the bells will ring,
A special tribute, just for you, we'll bring.
With every chime and every peal,
We hope you'll know how much we feel.

At 2.15pm, please come and hear,
The bells ring out to celebrate you this year.
A special dedicated ringing, especially for you,
To mark ten wonderful years of all that you do.

But please don't leave when the ringing is through,
For we have another surprise waiting for you!
At 3 o'clock, the Village Hall will be the place,
With friends gathered there to greet you with grace.

There'll be laughter, memories, friendship, and cheer,
As we celebrate your wonderful ten years.
So Vicar, please join us - we hope you'll agree,
For this special celebration, with all of us, happily!

First, hear the bells ring at 2.15 on the day,
Then join us at 3pm, for a celebration our way.
The bells will ring, the welcome is true,
And this special celebration is all for you!

CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
1st Nov	Evensong	Family Communion	Remembering Service	All Age Worship & Remembering Service
All Saints Day	4.30 pm	9.30 am	5.00 pm	11 am & 4 pm
Readings	Revelation 7. 9-end. 1 John 3. 1-3. Matthew 5. 1-12.			
8th Nov	Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service
Remembrance Sunday	10.50 am	10.50 am	10.50 am	10.50 am
Readings	Amos 5. 18-24 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-end. Matthew 25. 1-13.			
15th Nov	Village Praise	Parish Communion	Bible Book Club	Sung Parish Communion
2nd Sunday before Advent	10.30 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	11.00 am
Readings	Zephaniah 1. 7,12-end. 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11. Matthew 25. 14-30.			
22nd Nov	Parish Communion	Children's Church	Holy Communion	Mattins 1662 BCP
Christ The King	10.30am	10.00am	11.00 am	11.00 am
Readings	Ezekiel 34. 11-16,20-24. Ephesians 1. 15-end. Matthew 25. 31-end.			
29th Nov	ARICONIUM BENEFICE ADVENT SERVICE at UPTON BISHOP 10.30 am			
Readings	Isaiah 64. 1-9. 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9. Mark 13. 24-end.			
1st Sunday of Advent	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at LEA CHURCH 6 pm			

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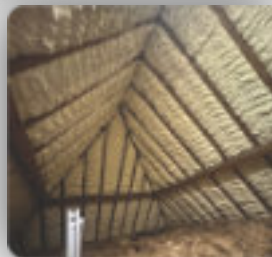
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