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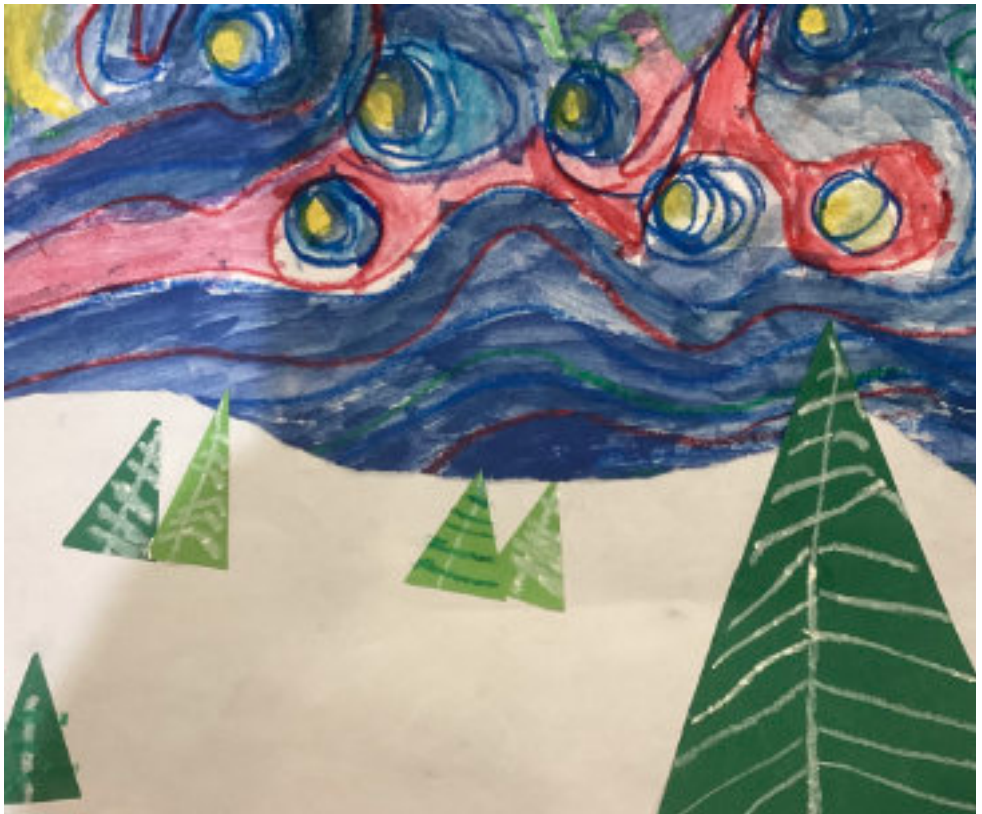
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## EDITORIAL

As I come to the end of my first year on *The Chimes*, I am pleased with the progress we have made. We now have a full complement of sub editors and editors, we have new software which we hope will make preparing each issue much easier and we have a wider circulation, thanks to our management team, supporters and distributors. Now it is up to you our readers to give us your support too.

Throughout these pages are numerous suppliers and trades people who are known to many of us for their good work in the villages. We hope to feature more of them in our editorial coverage in issues to come. Indeed, one of them is featured on our centre pages in this issue. Someone who has set up in business in the locality and has built up a customer base locally through word of mouth and then through advertising within the community. They advertise here because they know they are reaching an excellent target audience, and that people will pass on recommendations to their neighbours.

So if you do use one or more of the advertisers in *The Chimes* — as indeed I have done on several occasions in the past — do mention the publication when you meet up with them. Remember that they keep us going financially, because this copy comes free to you and their support is vital as we progress into 2025.

A very Happy Christmas to you all!

**Peter Coulson**

Cover picture: *Christmas*, by Blake in Oak Class (Year 6), Lea School

## A VIEW FROM THE HILL

### Lonely Nuthatch?

Now, at the end of October, I have commenced feeding the wild birds after a summer's lay off. Various types of tit soon showed up, including the long tails which are my favourite, to take my offerings. After a few days I noticed an absence of nuthatches, normally one of the first breeds to show up. Then a day or two later I noticed one feeding upside down on the peanuts. Hurrah! A few days later I concluded there to be only one nuthatch. Rather odd as they have always previously come as a pair. But it has remained as being a single bird which begs the question why? Last winter I wrote of a nuthatch on my feeders with a damaged claw, had it died and left its partner on its own?



I tried to find out if nuthatches pair for life, but I was unable to find anything on this. So I have a lonely nuthatch to keep me company for the winter — or will its luck change and a partner come along? I await with interest to see what develops.

**Peter Lockwood**

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### UPTON WINS COUNTY W.I. OF THE YEAR

Upton Bishop W.I. has won the coveted Paddy Ariss Trophy as Herefordshire Women's Institute of the Year and received the Award in October. More of their news on page 45.

*Pictured (left to right):  
Frances Lawford -  
President of UBWI;  
Jacqui Woodhouse -  
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Herefordshire Federation  
of WIs; Margaret Simcock  
- Chairwoman of The  
Herefordshire Federation  
of WIs; Caroline Miller -  
Treasurer of UBWI*

### LINTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY – PROGRAMME

**4th December: Gillian White:** The Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear

**5th February: Andy Moir:** Dendrochronology and dating of timber-framed buildings in Herefordshire

**5th March: Chairman's Lecture: Ernst Zillekens:** Bess of Hardwick

**For further information please contact Ernst Zillekens:** [ldhschair@gmail.com](mailto:ldhschair@gmail.com)

### MULTI-LINGUAL VENTURE FROM NEWENT CHORAL

Newent Choral Society will be venturing into Ukranian, Lithuanian and Polish for their Christmas concert at St Mary's Church, Newent on **Saturday 7th December** this year! They have even enlisted the help of local native speakers to help with pronunciation for the carols which will form part of the concert, together with well-loved extracts from *The Messiah* and have chosen to start at 3pm instead of in the evening to allow more people to travel in the light. Tickets cost £12 on the door and under-16s are, as is customary, admitted free.





## ROB THE RAINMAN

October's total was 89.3mm and this was... just about average and, after September, we'll settle for that. The rain was spread pretty much throughout the month with three dry spells of only 3 to 4 days each time. The 5th to the 20th saw the majority of the rain with 70.5mm. When it wasn't a wet day there was still a lot of dull, grey weather about although there were sporadic periods and even days of lovely October sunshine. Overall it was mild but there was a slight overnight frost on the 11th

and there was also the first named storm of the season – Ashley. But this was a very northern affair and just gave us a breezy day with a bit of rain.

The wet started in October last year and so let's look at the year from then up to this September. Normally we would expect about 730mm (29 inches) of rain during this period but we had 50% more than that with 1116mm (44 inches) with eight months exceeding their average rainfall by 20% or more – in fact a lot more in six of those months. Even in the dryer months, in particular June and August were quite dry, there were a lot of the dull, grey lowering skies about so that it never seemed "dry". So a difficult year of weather; hoping for better, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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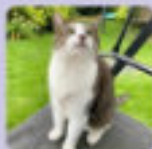
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# ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS



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## Church News

### Christmas Tree

Families and friends come join in on **Saturday 14th December** at 11am to help decorate our Christmas tree. Refreshments provided.

### Carol Service

We'd love to see you on **Wednesday 18th December** at 6.30pm for our Carol Service, with traditional carols and readings, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

### Thank you

We would like to thank Dave Aubrey for giving his time freely in cutting the new Churchyard hedges and the Aston Ingham Explorers, Scouts and Cubs for supporting, and parading their flags at the Remembrance Day Service at St John the Baptist Church.

### Village Praise

On the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10.30am, Nic Walker leads our friendly, relaxed service, followed by refreshments.

### Aston Ingham Church

Is open every day in daylight hours, for anyone who would like to find a quiet space, away from the hustle and bustle of life, while admiring the beauty of the Church.



## Village News

### Another great speaker for the W.I.

This month, Paul Evans came to entertain us with Anecdotes and Recitations. Paul began with William Wordsworth's famous *Daffodils*, followed by Stanley Holloway's *Albert's Return*. He then changed pace completely with a humorous poem entitled *The Grandparents' Lament*: *'Please parents take your children home before I do them in'* for grandparents whose patience has run thin!

Paul used different accents, fabulous changes to

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his pitch and tone and kept us entertained with thought provoking and humorous anecdotes, recitations, poems and readings. Paul researched monologues during Covid and realised they often have a moral message which he shared with us during the afternoon.

The hour flew by, and we all left having thoroughly enjoyed our time in the company of this wonderful orator.

### Pop-Up Pub

The Village Hall Pop Up pub is going from strength to strength, providing an opportunity to have a relaxed drink and a chat around the topics of the day with friends old and new. The bar takes cash and cards and if you catch her at a quiet moment, Tania will offer a table service where she brings the drinks to you!



A range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available along with a selection of nuts and crisps so come and support a local initiative to bring the village closer together.

The next pub is on the **14th December** and you would be more than welcome to join us. We pop-up again on **11th January**.

### Burns Night comes to the Village Hall

On **Saturday 25th January 2025**, the Aston Ingham Village Hall will once again be presenting our homage to Robert Burns in the form of an evening of food and drink and, for those who manage not to overindulge in the meal, some optional Scottish Dancing.

Ken, our resident kilt owner, will recite the *Address to a Haggis* as the Haggis is paraded around the hall. He will also take on the unenviable task of trying to corral the enthusiastic but generally uncoordinated dancing at the end of the evening.

Our excellent cooking volunteers will provide us with plates overflowing with Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, followed by an outstanding selection of home-made desserts.

This is one of the highlights of the Aston Ingham social calendar and is always a sell out, so avoid disappointment by getting your tickets early and come and join us for a fabulous evening. Everyone leaves having eaten well, laughed a lot and planning to come again next year.

### Planning for 2025 Supper Clubs

The next Supper Club talk will be on The Great Train Robbery on **Saturday 8th March 2025** at 7pm. More details in the February edition of *The Chimes*.

# ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

## Forthcoming Events at the Village Hall

What's On	When	Details	Contact for information
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December and Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January, both at 11:30am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Country Dancing	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January both at 7pm	Come and polish up your moves ready for Burns Night! If you'd like to join us, you'd be most welcome. Any age, ability, or gender. No partner needed.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham WI	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 12noon	Bring and Share Lunch with musical entertainment, a Christmas quiz, plenty of chat & laughter & of course a little drink. All are welcome at our meetings. Members: Free Non-members £3. Refreshments available.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January both at 2pm	All welcome, you don't have to crochet but we have a teacher on hand if you would like to learn. £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Christmas Coffee Morning	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am	Mince pies, sausage rolls, and mulled wine await alongside the usual charity cards, books and puzzles. There will be three Christmas hampers being raffled.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December and Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January both at 2pm	If you'd like to join us, please just come along you'd be made very welcome. We are a very friendly group and our bowling is non-competitive.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham WI	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January at 1:45pm	The speaker will be Fraser Gunn on the History of lighthouses. Members: Free Non-members £3. Refreshments available.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January at 2pm	All welcome, you don't have to knit, just come along and join in the natter. £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Book Club and Coffee Morning	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January at 10:30am	Charity cards, books and puzzles available whilst you enjoy your drink, cake and good company.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham Reading Group	First Saturday of every month 09:30 – 11:00am	Our book for January is <i>The Remains of the Day</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro. No book for December, but we do meet to finalise our 2025 book list and share some Christmas drinks and nibbles.	Jan Falkiner 07899 728346

# ASTON INGHAM & KILCOT NEWS

## General Village Information

To book Village Hall Events please contact Janet on 01452 830556 or 07340 078520. We now have a bar at Village Hall events and we take cards as well as cash.

## This months 100 Club results

Many thanks to all of you who have joined the 100 club to support the village hall. Winners of our October draw were £16 – P Jenkins, £12 - J Cannock and £6– J Stephens. New members welcome. Please contact [juliaaskew2@gmail.com](mailto:juliaaskew2@gmail.com)



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**NOVEMBER MEETING ATTENDED BY** Cllr M.Pettit ( Chair), Cllr C. Yates, Cllr N.Smith .T.Griffiths ( Lengthsman) **APOLOGIES** – Cllr A-M Johnson and Cllr J. Whatley

**HIGHLIGHTS** from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th November 2024:

**1 Aston Ingham Parish Council – Vacancies** Our search for a Councillor is now into its sixth month. We'd love to hear from anyone who might be seeking more information about the role in this Council which aims to develop and improve existing facilities in the Parish. We certainly can't be as effective without a full complement of volunteers.**2 Clerk Resignation:** Sadly our Clerk Emma Donovan is leaving in December. We will be supported by our Hereford Branch of Local Councils (HALC) in recruiting Emma's replacement.

**2 It's Budget Time!** In preparation for our draft budget 2025/26 we have identified some key projects which we aim to complete next financial year. Our budget sub-committee meets at the end of November to finalise the draft which should be available for consultation in December.

**3 Lengthsman - linked updates.** Terry Griffiths and his Team have completed their first maintenance visit to the Parish, listing jobs by C-road numbers Our immediate task is to communicate to the parish, locations by road name.

Cllr Whatley will be liaising with Terry regularly as we go forward.

Drainage Grant : Terry reports Parish Councils are beginning to receive their Grants so we expect to hear shortly. Public Right Of Way Grant Application is completed. Terry is meeting with our Footpaths Officer Richard Potter for additional clarification.

**4 Aston Ingham bespoke Flood Alerts** Our Flood Group will shortly be offering local Flood Alerts to parishioners who wish to sign up. The Alerts are linked to our range of sensors placed around the Parish which monitor volume of water runoff from the surrounding hills.

**5 Road resurfacing** By the time you read this bulletin the C road from Aston Crews to Lea will have been resurfaced. This is part of an £8 million planned expenditure across the county by Herefordshire Council.

**COMMUNITY ACTION – SPEEDWATCH-** excellent monitoring of traffic continues. See Speedwatch entry.

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** — Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm.

*This report is an abbreviation of the Draft minutes. For a more detailed account and complete minutes when approved, please visit [www.astoningham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.astoningham-pc.gov.uk) or email [clerk@astoningham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@astoningham-pc.gov.uk)*

## RECTOR'S LETTER



Happy Christmas!

At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Christ our King but what is his kingdom like? We have had lots of elections recently, imagine if the candidates are debating on television. Each needs to persuade the voters that theirs is the only way ahead. One talks of more police on the streets and stricter controls at borders. He paints a picture of a country under siege, needing to protect its people. His rival speaks of new technologies transforming healthcare, of the growth of the economy. She paints a picture of a country that is open and optimistic. You would think they lived in different places. They do not seem even to be speaking the same language.

Jesus and Pontius Pilate do not speak the same language. Pilate is a Latin-speaking Roman. Jesus' language is Aramaic. No doubt Pilate has translators, and in any case will have picked up some Aramaic in his years as Governor of Judea. But the literal language barrier is not the problem when Jesus is brought before Pilate after his arrest. The two of them live in different worlds. Pilate is a citizen of the empire of Rome. Jesus is a citizen of the kingdom of heaven.

"My kingdom is not from this world," says Jesus. It is not about running a country or indeed an empire. It is not about structures and politics. It is not about absolute rule, however benevolent. Rather, it is a vision of what might be, a hope for something beyond the realities of the human exercise of power and control. It is about what can happen if it is God who is truly Israel's king.

We are in a slightly better position than Pilate to understand Jesus' kingship, because we know what Jesus said about the kingdom. We know that the kingdom is a place where those who are lost and alone are searched out and found, however long it takes. Where the smallest and humblest are just as important as those who are rich and confident. Where those who have done wrong are welcomed with open arms. Where judgement is replaced by forgiveness, and hatred met with love. Where no one needs to hide, because all are welcome just as they are. There is no power-hungry despot in charge, but a king who is willing to die for his people.

Christ invites us to live in this kingdom now, by adopting its values and praying for it to be a reality on earth as in heaven. We are invited to trust that one day we will fully enter the kingdom, and meet the king. When we do, will he be seated in glory on a throne? Or will he, perhaps, be kneeling before us, ready to wash our feet?

**David Howell**



# GORSLEY NEWS



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

## **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. 100 Club winners for November are: Don McKenzie - £25.00; Dorothy Hillier - £10.00; and Sue Bailey - £5.00

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## **GORSLEY COMMUNITY SHOP**

This Autumn we have noticed that our shop is very dependent on the weather and with the last couple of months being so wet, we have had fewer customers through the door. Please help us by telling your friends and family that we are open; that we have free parking, a friendly team of volunteers and a good range of products; and we ask for your continued support throughout the winter months.

If you've been in the shop lately, you will have noticed that we have some exciting Christmas products on offer, including our well stocked Christmas Hampers. We make these hampers to order, so please call in to order yours as early as possible. We are also taking Christmas orders for bacon, sausages, sausage meat etc. to be delivered by our butcher John Pritchard just before Christmas. Please ask for details.

The Post Office staff are ready to help you with all your Christmas mailings and can advise you on the best way to send your packages. We sell One for All gift cards, redeemable in many outlets and online; and don't forget that we are your local bank for cash or cheque deposits and cash withdrawals.

The last posting date for 2nd class is **Wednesday 18th December** so remember to get your cards in the post before then.

Christmas Closures - The shop and Post Office Counter will be closed on

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Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Friday 27th December. The shop will be open from 9 am–11 am on Wednesday 1st January 2025. There will be no PO counter this day. All other days over the Christmas period will be normal hours.

The directors, staff and volunteers wish you all 'A Very Happy Christmas' and look forward to seeing you in the shop again soon.

## **100 UP AT GORSLEY HALL**

For the first time in its history Newent & District Probus Club has a centenarian among its members and to mark the occasion, Chairman Fraser Gunn welcomed Geoff Thomas who kindly agreed to give a presentation on "One hundred years of change".



Geoff entertained members with his tales of growing up both pre-war and in the 2nd World War and what life was like without the consumer goods, the foodstuffs and the technology that we enjoy and sometimes take for granted today. He emphasised how much cleaner the environment is today and how much of the drudgery has been removed from modern day living. Afterwards he and his colleagues enjoyed a selection of specially baked birthday cakes, and he was wished many more birthdays to come.

Newent Probus Club meets twice monthly at Gorsley village hall to hear talks from a variety of speakers. It hosts regular monthly pub lunches plus quizzes, skittles matches and the like.

New members are always welcomed, and details can be obtained from the club secretary

Kelvin Ashby on Newent & District Probus Club ([newentprobus.com](http://newentprobus.com))

## **BINGO**

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

## **GORSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Please see the copy of our Christmas programme in *The Chimes* for details of services and events over the Christmas period.

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

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## **CHRIST CHURCH GORSLEY**

Special birthday celebration — At the end of October our church family celebrated Reverend Roy Chivers' 90th birthday. A beautiful cake was shared afterwards and our special love and thanks go to Roy and Eileen for their decades of service to Christ Church.

Please note that our Carol Service will be on **Saturday 21st December** at 4 pm with mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

## **GORSLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**

We are a group of people who enjoy gardens and gardening. In autumn and winter, we have talks and demonstrations from gardening experts. 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 01989 780760 or email us on: [Gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:Gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is on **Monday 20th January** at 7.30 pm in Gorsley Village Hall. This is our annual Seed Swap and Quiz followed by complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits. There is an entry charge of £3 for visitors and non-members.

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# LEA NEWS



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## NEWS FROM LEA CHURCH

Hello everyone and Season's Greetings to you all! I hope you are all on your way to having an organised and well-planned festive season! Don't forget, with all the preparations, to take a little time out for yourself! A quiet moment with a cup of tea, or a walk along a country lane, just to get your equilibrium back and recharge yourself! If you want some quiet time away from everyone, don't forget the church is open during the day. You are more than welcome to go in and have a quiet moment with your thoughts.

We are getting ready for the Advent season and then Christmas, with our Advent Carol Service on **Sunday 1st December at 6pm**. We will be serving refreshments after the service and hope to have the Benefice choir joining us (this will not be a communion service), then our usual services for the next two Sundays. Then on **Sunday 22nd December** we will be holding our Carol service, this time in the church rather than at the village hall. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service. Then on Christmas Eve, we will be holding our Midnight Communion Service to welcome in Christmas and the birth of our Saviour. This service starts at 11.30pm. All are welcome to come and join us for any service, we would love to see you and celebrate with you.

As you know, last year in Advent, someone took our 3 angels which we used as part of the Nativity scene and for the window displays. If you do happen to know where they are and you don't want them anymore, we would be delighted to have them back! Just leave them in the church, no questions asked!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year, see you in February!

God Bless

**Marion Martin**

## AUTUMN TERM AT LEA CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy term for Rowan Class! (Years 3 and 4). The children have loved their topic about the Romans. We also enjoyed celebrating Harvest at Lea Church. Two of our school governors led an event called "Experience Harvest", which was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about not only why

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Christians celebrate Harvest, but also how we can all help to support the natural world in the autumn.

During the day, we worked in groups to create bug hotels to provide homes for bees and other minibeasts, bird feeders to feed birds who do not migrate in the autumn, leaf stacks, to help us remember the variety and colours of autumn leaves and sunflower collages to remind us that each year, nature produces new seeds for the next year.

Over the term, the children have learned so much about the Romans; including the different countries the Romans invaded, the effects Romans had on Britain, and still have on Britain in 2024. To end our topic, we went to visit the Roman Fortress and Baths in Caerleon. This was an unforgettable experience, which gave the children the opportunity to see real-life Roman exhibits, try on Roman armour and see the size of the barracks that Romans would have lived in during Roman times!

Many pupils in our class have also completed extra-curricular homework about the Romans and have created their own Roman bread, Roman shields, mosaics and Roman numeral times-tables!

If you would like to come and visit us at Lea CE Primary School and Gateway Lodge Nursery, please contact Rachel Gwilliam in our office, to arrange a visit, either by calling on 01989 750296 or emailing [admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk)

## LEA PLAY AND CHAT

Play and Chat have just celebrated 3 years of fun and friendships and continues to run as a free group **Friday mornings 9.00 - 10.30am** at Lea Primary School Hall, my thanks to Mrs Vines and her staff who all make this possible. We have been painting pumpkins, creating bonfire pictures, catching bubbles and now counting down to Christmas and would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and look forwards to 2025. Contact Carolyn 07765 555588 or just drop in.

## LEA VILLAGE HALL

Hello everyone, here we are nearly at the end of another year. We have had a very good year at the hall with several new groups using the hall on a regular basis and a steady flow of outside bookings. This is very good to see.



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We were so sad to lose our dear friend Anne earlier in the year and she is greatly missed. Another blow was a fire safety inspection that stirred up a "hornets' nest", but with due diligence we are striving to become up to date with new regulations, albeit at a considerable cost, but of course it is essential that we comply and everything is in good order.

We have a visit from The Rain or Shine Theatre company planned for **Sunday 12th January** with their winter production of *Murder most Wilde*. Tickets are £18.00 for adults, £10.00 for children, this includes a post-Christmas type delicious buffet to be enjoyed after the show. Doors open at 3.30 for 4.00pm. Tickets can be booked online or please call me on 07812 730869. It will be a fundraiser for the hall, but firstly it is a really fun time and a great get together.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you all for your support.

**Jacky Hopkins**

## **LEA VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW**

1st- Maureen Savage, 2nd - Di Brice, 3rd - Emma Matchette

## **LEA CAFÉ**

### **WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER FROM 10am AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Our December coffee morning will have a bit of a Christmas theme going on! As well as the usual coffee and cakes there will be mulled wine and warm mince pies, including Rosie's gluten-free versions. Hopefully with a few Christmas songs too.

As always there is no charge for entrance or refreshments. Contact me, Gill Davis on 01982 750442 if you'd like a chat before coming or need a lift, or email [gilldavis55@hotmail.com](mailto:gilldavis55@hotmail.com)

## **LEA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Don't miss the LRA's family friendly **New Year's Eve party** in the village hall! All Lea villagers and friends are invited. Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start and there will be a fun filled evening for all ages. There will be kids' party games, Karaoke, a disco and Bingo. Please bring your own party food to share and the bar will be open from 7pm till late offering beer, lager, cider, gin, wine, prosecco, mulled wine and soft drinks.

There are a few tickets left for the party, so if you would like to join the fun, contact Andrew Beechey [beecheybonus@gmail.com](mailto:beecheybonus@gmail.com) Tickets are only £5 for adults, £2 for children and include a welcome drink of punch or a soft drink.

## **LEA LUNCH CLUB**

The Lea Lunch Club is looking forward to its Christmas lunch event which, once again, is fully booked, and the start of the New Year's events on **29<sup>th</sup> January**. We are now almost always fully booked, so please ensure you let me know in good time if you can't come so we can allow someone else to take the place. To change your booking or enquire about a new booking, please call Nicky on 07718 065946.

## **JANUARY RELAXATION IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

The village hall is to be the venue for a post-Christmas afternoon of relaxation from 2-4.30pm on Saturday 18th January. Alex, our local yoga teacher, says this will be "A relaxing afternoon of gentle yoga to awaken your body and soul, followed by a Soothing Sound Bath to melt away stress and bring deep

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relaxation. A great idea for a Christmas present for your loved ones." Contact Alex on 07729 712881.

### LEA GARDEN ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

As we head for winter, would you like to think about growing some of your own produce next season? Why not join us at Lea Garden Allotments, a small group of gardeners committed to "growing their own" and enjoying the fresh air, open space and like-minded company.

There are a couple of plots still vacant which are cleared and ready to start, either as a whole plot or split for a half plot, depending on your needs and time available.

Contact Dawn or Graham for more details, or to arrange a visit and view the available plots. Email [leaallotments@gmail.com](mailto:leaallotments@gmail.com) or phone or text Dawn on 07990 660314 or 01989 750379



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## **Parish Clerk:**

Lea Parish Council was pleased to welcome Neil Barrington as Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer at the meeting held on 30th October. Neil is fully qualified and it is anticipated that he will prove to be a real asset.

## **Financial Matters:**

During October the Lea Parish Council accounts with Lloyds Bank were closed and from now on all banking will be with Unity Trust Bank. During the October meeting it was agreed to approve a donation of £3000 to St John Baptist Church to help with churchyard maintenance following the forced cancellation of the Steam Up, which as a rule generates significant income for the church.

## **Flooding:**

Gladly, work has started on a remedial scheme designed to prevent further flooding of the Squires Meadow houses with frontages along the A40. The work is being carried out by Bell Homes.

## **Footpaths:**

Self closing gates provided with grant aid from Herefordshire Council are now ready for installation by the Lengthsman.

## **Drainage:**

Lea Parish Council has been advised that Drainage Grant funding applied for has been successful and the Lengthsman has been awarded the task of completing the various works by 31st March 2025.

## **2025/26 Budget:**

The Lea Parish Council budget for the 2025/26 financial year is being developed and must be submitted to Herefordshire Council in January. Parishioners are very welcome and indeed encouraged to put forward viable suggestions of items for consideration. These will be most welcome by the Finance Committee.

## **Website:**

You may or may not be aware that the original Parish Council website was entirely lost prior to the development of the current website. The old website contained valuable data and images, all of which were lost. The current website has the capacity for the inclusion of relevant images and other data. You are most welcome to send items in for consideration, to the Clerk.



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# Giving art a fresh look

The modest little shed with its curved roof set back from Stoney Road in the middle of acres of orchard farmland is highly deceptive. Inside is a sophisticated climate-controlled workshop where Kelly Robinson, known as 'Kel' to everyone around, demonstrates her skills in picture framing.

After a career in the hotel business, Kel moved with her husband to Rose Cottage in 2012 and encouraged by her brother took over a framing business based in Woolhope some nine years ago when a family member retired.

She relocated it to Kilcot, but the shed was cold and damp and the roof was collapsing — hardly the best

place for sensitive prints and paintings or ornate woodwork. With hard work from her family and local craftsmen she restored the building, built benches and stands to prepare the frames on, installed proper air conditioning and heating, good lighting and mainly by word of mouth — and of course by regular advertising in *The Chimes* — built up a highly successful framing enterprise in the succeeding years.

Now, local artists, collectors and businesses as well as numerous residents, call on her services, either to frame newly acquired works or to re-frame existing paintings which have not been done well. And it is not just traditional works of art that are framed: people ask for magazine covers, special cards, family photographs, jewellery and necklaces to be displayed in such a way that they can be eventually unmounted if required at a later date. This means very careful use of fixatives and sealants — it is not just a question of 'glueing and banging.'

Framing also involves a variety of techniques, from woodworking to paper and glass-cutting. Kel has benefited from established artistic ventures in the area such as **h-Art**, the Herefordshire-based annual art festival and exhibition



## IN THE FRAME

*Ancient on the outside, modern on the inside – Kel's orchard studio in Kilcot*



which causes local artists to have greater opportunity to exhibit their work and therefore need framers more. So there are a lot of repeat customers but also newcomers who may not know what they are looking for. "There is a great deal more to correct choice of frame and mount than many people realise at first," says Kel. "They come in thinking its a simple choice and then after half an hour realise that it can make a huge difference. But just like the art itself, everyone's ideas differ and I try to give them a choice of styles and sizes I think will work."

Talking of "huge" — Kel's current work includes a 2 metre by 2.4 metre canvas rolled up next to her workbench, which will only just accommodate it. "I need some extra muscle power for a job like this," she jokes. In fact, she also plays cricket for Aston Ingham Ladies and that keeps her fairly fit.

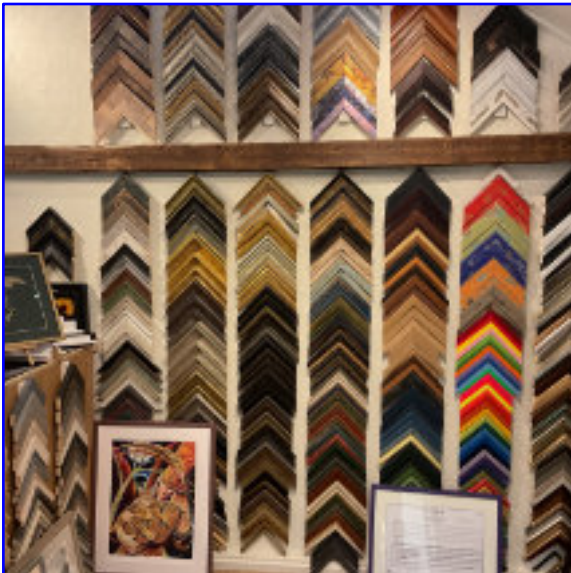
Her weirdest framing job? Mounting a World War II anti-Nazi toilet roll with

pictures of Hitler on it! And framing a championship boxing belt for a client in America. But, she insists, she doesn't do football shirts. "It's too time-consuming for me and too expensive for the customer. There are specialists to do that. Anyway, I already have a four-week waiting list. Good framing is not an overnight job."

Looking at the excellent work she does, it's not surprising.

**Peter Coulson**

*Left: A selection of the vast range of picture frames at Orchard House Framing*





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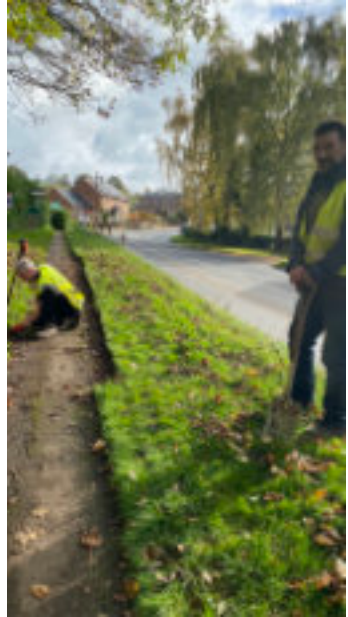
For those Lea residents who frequently walk the A40 footpath from the crossroads up towards Lea Lines, you may have noticed a big improvement recently. The footpath had slowly grown over in the last decade, making it really difficult to walk from Lea Villa Park down to the traffic lights, without using the grass verge. Now

that is a problem for those in wheelchairs or on mobility scooters, as without a level surface to traverse, the user gets painfully thrown about or accidents happen.

The Parish Council contacted a local charity EnviroAbility, based in Ross, who sent out their "Can Do Crew" for a day's paid work experience, to improve the

footway, and what a great job they did. That path is now taken back to the wooden edges, not seen for years. Consequently, it is so much wider. The guys also cleared around and under the seat and tidied the area by that waste bin.

You may be interested in the Can Do Crew for odd jobs around your home or garden. Anyone can hire them. For those who have never heard about the Can do Crew, here is some basic info: EnviroAbility provides people from disadvantaged groups with real work opportunities and experiences, that is both valued and visible to the larger community. They offer services that local people want, and otherwise would not be available. The Can Do Crew help with any jobs around the house or garden, and are appropriately supported by trained staff. Contact them on **01989 763388**, or look at their Facebook page for other activities and projects.



*On the job*



*Before...*



*After...*

**Angela Kirton**



*The Northern Lights were visible over Linton on 10th October as this spectacular photograph by Roger Davies shows. Roger was also the winner of our September issue caption competition and wins a free ticket to the Gorsley panto 'The Sugar Tump Fairy'. Well done him!*

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# LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS



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## 6th ALMA SANTA RUN Sunday 1st December starts at 12.30pm

You may be reading this issue just in time to kickstart your Christmas with this scenic fun run for the whole family with truly wonderful views over the local area. The course will again follow a circular 1.8-mile route around Linton and Linton Hill. The car park, start and finish are both at the Alma Inn (HR9 7RY). **FREE ENTRY**- just turn up in seasonal attire & jog — or even push!!! The event will not be timed and runners can proceed at their own speed. A jug of ale for the first Santa home and a mince pie for all finishers! Spectators and dogs on a lead are most welcome. For more information please contact Gemma Evans at the Alma (01989 720355) or Roger Davies on 0777 1812 793.



## NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

### CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING AND LIGHT SWITCH-ON

Get your Christmas Season off to a great start with the Blessing of the Christmas Tree & Light Switch-On at 5.30pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, finishing with a few carols outside, around the brazier. The event will also include refreshments, crafts, and a chance to buy your Colbalt Christmas cards. The church will be candle lit and decorated ready for the season so do come along. This is a joint event by Village of Linton Trust (VoLT) and St Mary's.

### ALL-AGE SERVICE

The **All-age** on **8th December** will take the form of a **Christingle Service**. Christingle Services began in the Moravian church in 1747 but have more recently been used by the Children's Society as an opportunity to focus on their work. It involves sweets, candles and oranges so what's not to love? Everyone welcome. Start at **11.00am**. Collection in aid of the Children's Society.

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# LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

## CAROL SERVICE

The Linton Village Carol Service is at **5.30pm** on **Sunday 15th December**. This will include readings, poems and singing carols in a candlelit church. Mince Pies and refreshments afterwards.

## CRIB SERVICE

For many the Crib Service marks the start of Christmas. It will be at **4pm** on **Christmas Eve**. There will be a rehearsal earlier in the week for narrators and main parts but you can just turn up. Please feel free to come dressed as your favourite character from the Christmas Story. Angels, Stars, Shepherds, Donkeys, (even lobsters), are very welcome!

## CHRISTMAS DAY

The Christmas Communion Service will be at **11am** on Christmas Day. Even if you are not able to come to a service over Christmas please try to visit St Mary's. It is open during daylight hours and is sure to be beautifully decorated for Christmas, as we are blessed with many talented flower arrangers.

## BIBLE BRUNCH

Bible Brunch will resume on the **12th of January**. Each session starts with real coffee, bacon butties and chocolate croissants at 10:30am before moving on to the discussions and videos. In 2025 we will be continuing a series on Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome which has the added bonus of some lovely footage filmed in Rome. In January we look at **Devotion** – How can we live full on for God?

## CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT

Work has been going on behind the scenes to update St Mary's church to make it more fit for the twenty-first century without losing the character and charm of the church. Over the last year the organ has been moved to be closer to the congregation and a large mobile monitor displays hymn words and ensures the church notices are accessible to all. New radiant heaters are now on order and we hope to have them installed early in 2025. Plans to introduce water, toilet facilities and some more flexible seating are progressing.

For up-to-date news on St Mary's Church please go to the website:

[www.lintonvillage.com/st-marys-church](http://www.lintonvillage.com/st-marys-church)

## CLIMATE CHANGE LIBRARY AND RECYCLING OPTIONS

With the end of the Sustainability and Recycling Café, it is planned that a corner of St Mary's will host the Climate Change Lending Library as well as serving as a collection point for the hard to recycle items such as stamps, pens and cards.

## MUSIC AT LINTON CHURCH 2025

**Saturday 26th April** Fanfare for Easter: Organ Recital by Stephen Power B.Mus.

**Saturday 14th June** Octavo choral ensemble perform a mixed programme of choral music.

**Saturday 4th October** Ypotryll - three musical talents present medieval music - song and instrumental - from the 13th to 15th centuries.

(All events begin at 7pm) Please put these dates in your new diaries!



## LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

### SACRED FUNK 4TET FROM THE IFA YORUBA CONTEMPORARY ARTSTRUST AT LINTON VILLAGE HALL



#### **Funky, ancient, music - Friday 6th December 7.30pm start**

Sacred Funk 4tet plays ancient, spiritual music that has journeyed from West Africa to the rest of the world. Including musicians from different genres and generations, the 4tet features: Lekan Babalola - Percussion, Kate Luxmoore - Clarinet and Bass Clarinet, Reuben Reynolds - Guitars and Josh Vadiveloo - Bass. Their combination of musical experiences and influences come together to create a vast range of sounds and grooves that will transport you across the African Diaspora, from jazz, funk, reggae, and folk to classical, son, rumba and highlife!

'Sounds of Highlife' explores the sounds of West Africa by reinterpreting songs by High Life musicians such as Ambrose Campbell, E.T. Mensah, and Victor Olaiya.

# LINTON & BROMSASH NEWS

Highlife is a music genre that started in present day Ghana in the 19th Century. It's mix of African polyrhythms with melodies of western jazz, created a feel-good music that influenced the afrobeat and afrobeats that we hear today. 'Sacred Funk 4tet' are currently touring their new album 'Tales of Orisa'. Having played to full houses at The African Centre and Vortex Jazz Club, London, as well as Shambala Festival during the Summer they have now been invited to play at The Havana Jazz Festival, Cuba in January 2025.

We hope you can join us. Do bring your work/yoga/tai chi/ Brownie/football/ tennis gang for a fantastic night on your doorstep amongst good friends and neighbours! Enjoy!

***"That was incredible, they are really fantastic musicians and I would bring my friends to a gig like this. I even cried during the first half; it was very moving." J aged 17yrs***

Adult: £15.00, Child: £7.00, Family: £37.00 (Supported by *Arts Alive*). Tickets make a great seasonal gift and are available by emailing <https://artsalive.co.uk/live-performances/show/checkout/?id=14149>

Unusually, we start this event a little later at 7.30pm, so there is plenty of time to treat yourself to a meal at the Alma, Roadmaker or Pennyfarthing, and to get drinks beforehand as well. There will be an interval, and our usual bar, with bottles of champagne selected by our own local sommeliers, Fiona and Jim, for that early seasonal fizz!

[The Sacred Funk Quartet \(@sacredfunk4tet\) • Instagram photos and videos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?veZwKi_UYhxMs)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?veZwKi\\_UYhxMs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?veZwKi_UYhxMs)

## **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - Saturday 14th December 10am-12.00noon**

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy toasted crumpets, hot fresh coffee and wonderful cakes. There will be opportunities to buy seasonal gifts, Christmas cards, planted pots, and festive wreaths. Christmas raffle as well!

## **LINTON VILLAGE HALL AGM Saturday 25th January 10am**

All welcome to come and hear about the village hall. Coffee and biscuits provided.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**MARA** will be coming to Linton on 28th February 2025. Further information to follow. Doors open 6.30pm event begins about 7pm. Interval and cash bar. Tickets Adult £12, Child £6 (U18). Family £30. (2 adults+2 children) Look on the *Arts Alive* website for further details and for tickets which will be available nearer the time.

## **WALK ON WEDNESDAY – AN UPDATE**

Claire Dale writes: We meet 10am at Linton Village Hall on the first two



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Wednesdays of the month. Subsequent weeks of the month we meet 10am at Gorsley Village Hall. Approx walk, 3-4 miles. Tea, coffee & biscuits provided on completion of the walk. Any further information required contact Claire Dale on 07484 623709.

## **VOLT - VILLAGE OF LINTON TRUST- COFFEE MORNING**

Please join us on Saturday 4th January in Linton Village Hall from 10am-12 noon for a coffee morning and photography exhibition showcasing photographs



of Linton "Now & Then". Enjoy freshly brewed coffee and home made cake while you look out for your house among the photos! The exhibition will feature pictures from collections taken in 2024, 2013, 2002 and a number of historical photographs.

Usual stalls, raffle and surprises! Calendars featuring Roger Davies's photographs will be available to purchase or order.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

### **A MESSAGE FROM LINTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

The Committee would like to wish you, *The Chimes* reader, a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year, and to thank everyone who has helped and supported the committee and the hall by contributing their enthusiasm, time and energy to help in so many ways. It is much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at the hall next year!

Happy Christmas!



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 me - my details are in the heading of this section. PHOTOGRAPHS are very welcome to illustrate news reports and should be a minimum of 300 dpi for the magazine or less for the website. Events included in *The Chimes* will be limited to a 2-month in advance cut-off. If beyond this, please resend. Thank You

**John**

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# LINTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(Covering Bromsash, Gorsley and Linton)

The Parish Council has welcomed Chris Creswell as a new Councillor. There is one Councillor vacancy remaining, and if you are interested in joining please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Rich Hunt, via e-mail: [pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pcclerk@lintonpc-herefordshire.gov.uk) or telephone: 07763 793695.

Progress is being made on addressing the danger to life posed by the speed of traffic passing through Gorsley on the B4221. Parish Council and community representatives met Herefordshire Council (HCC) and Balfour Beatty (BBLP) officers on 29 October to present the case for a reduction in speed limits and other actions, including clearer road markings, better signage and safety barriers.

HCC are facing serious financial constraints, but the recruitment of additional traffic management officers has improved the processing of traffic regulation orders (TRO) which address the speed limits for traffic on specific roads. The backlog is diminishing and at the current rate of processing, it is estimated that the request for a TRO on the B4221 in Gorsley will be processed in six months. This does not guarantee a reduction in speed, but the case for Gorsley is strong.

The Parish Council and Geardown For Gorsley will produce a plan with objectives that will include a table of options approved by HCC and BBLP. This can inform Parish Council funding decisions and efforts to enlist external financial support from organisations with community response budgets.

The Parish Council has installed a Speed Indication Device (SID) at the east end of Gorsley to monitor and record speeds, and several "Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles" signs to deter such vehicles from using lanes off the B4221.

All the plots on the Gorsley Allotments are now taken.



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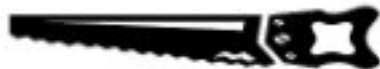


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# UPTON BISHOP NEWS



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## AT THE CHURCH:

Vicar - David Howell 01989 568736

Church Warden - Jane Ayres 07989 572356

The church is open every day - a quiet space for all to enjoy.

Dogs are welcome in the churchyard on a lead, but please clear up after them.

**Wishing everyone in the village a very happy and blessed Christmas from us all at St John the Baptist's Church Upton Bishop.**

## SUNDAY SERVICES in the church. All Services at 10.30 unless shown otherwise

### For DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday **Mattins**

4<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 **BCP Communion** followed by  
**Prayer Group**

8<sup>th</sup> **Communion**

15<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm **CAROL SERVICE** the church will be lit by candlelight for this celebration of traditional Christmas music and readings.

22<sup>nd</sup> **All Age Communion**

25<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS DAY Communion** with  
 **blessing of the crib**

29<sup>th</sup> **Benefice Service at Linton**

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

### For JANUARY

There will be no BCP Communion in January  
**5<sup>th</sup> Mattins – Epiphany** We are considering a visit to the Hereford Cathedral to join their Epiphany celebrations (there may be camels) Please let us know if you would be interested.

**12<sup>th</sup> Communion**

**19<sup>th</sup> Communion**

**26<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship**

Be assured of a warm welcome at these services which are suitable for all ages.

You don't need to be a regular church attender to join in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.


## AT THE MILLENNIUM HALL:

**THE UPTON BISHOP CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 7th December, 10am.**

In aid of church funds. Teas, Cakes and Produce, Tombola, fabulous Christmas Hamper Draw, Bric-a-Brac, (call Diane on 780 400) crafts, games for all the family and of course a visit from Father Christmas. None of this is possible without your help. All contributions are very welcome: for the Tombola (Tracy 07803 756508), Hamper Draw (Lindsey 07885 388663), Cakes and Produce (Jane 780383) and mince pies for teas (please bring them on the day). For more information call Olivia 07496 685960.

## FOR THE YOUNG:

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

LEGO@UB CLUB is taking a break until **Saturday 1st February.**

## **FIT AND ACTIVE:**

**KEEP FIT CLASS Tuesdays, 10-11am.** Call Jane Fray 01989 780383 or Michaela Johnson 07706101164.

**INDOOR SHORT-MAT BOWLS Tuesday 15th October, 7- 9pm,** £2 per person includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All abilities very welcome. Call Dave Powell 07794 429090 or just come along!

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

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

## **SOCIAL:**

**SOCIAL AFTERNOON** We are not meeting in December but we look forward to seeing you for a get together on **Monday 20th January, 2.30-4.30pm.**

## **UPTON BISHOP WI NAMED AS 'HEREFORDSHIRE WI OF THE YEAR.'**

At the Annual Conference Meeting in October, Upton Bishop WI won the 'Paddy Ariss Trophy' for Herefordshire WI of the Year (see photo page 5).

At the age of 105, ours is the oldest group in the county. We are part of the largest women's organisation in the country that offer endless opportunities to make friends and to make a difference to your life and to your community. The W.I. now has a forward-thinking structure and attitude, is full of interesting people and has a huge variety of opportunities for learning, entertainment and self-development.

Upton Bishop WI has a busy programme of events, recent ones included a Clean Rivers campaign, metal detecting, competitions, playing host to an international best-selling author, an antiques expert and Guide Dogs. We still make terrific jam and cakes and will have a go at any craft challenge you send our way.

In November we had a talk about 'Apples & People' plus a cooking competition for dishes containing apples. Our Craft & Chat group have been making stitched cards, Dorset buttons and a Remembrance poppy wreath for Upton Bishop Church.

December will be very festive as we each make a Christmas floral arrangement, and share our buffet and Secret Santa. Although we don't have a monthly meeting in January, our Walk & Talk group have planned to meet. We're back in February when we compete for best dried/artificial floral arrangement and have a floral theme for the evening.

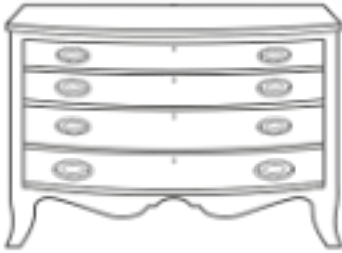
New members are always welcome on the second Tuesday of each month, 7-9 pm at The Community Hub, St, Mary's Garden Village. Contact 01989 569881 [Upton\\_Bishop\\_WI@herefordshire.org.uk](mailto:Upton_Bishop_WI@herefordshire.org.uk).

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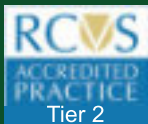
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# UPTON BISHOP NEWS



## **COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

*A bumper crop of apples from gardens and the Community Orchard gave villagers the chance to enjoy two apple pressing parties and collect the delicious juice. Look out next year for your chance to join in and sample the 2025 vintage.*

**QUILTERS** 3rd Thursday of the month, 2-4pm. Call Sue Jones 07505 977 944  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN UPTON BISHOP!**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has been involved in village life in 2024. Your contribution, large or small, is valued and appreciated by the whole community.  
**SYMPATHY** to the Revd David Howell and his family on the death of David's father.

**BEST WISHES** Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is not too well, or who is undergoing or waiting for treatment at present.

## **UPTON BISHOP NEWS**

### **THE CHURCH**

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 10th November, we gathered to remember and give thanks for the sacrifice of those young men of our village who gave their lives for our freedom in two world wars. Robin Boon laid our poppy wreath and read the names on the war memorial before we observed two minutes silence. Olivia read a moving letter from a WW2 bomber pilot to his wife, and the Rev Brian Phillips gave a very interesting talk on the wider effects of war. A collection of £143 was taken for the Royal British Legion.

### **THE MILLENNIUM HALL**

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

### **HIRING THE HALL**

There is space in the diary for new events so, if you have an idea, please go online to book a date: <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Scheduler/View/13123?startRoom=0>

Unfortunately, we are going to have to review charges for hiring the Hall in the near future, as these have not altered for a number of years.

### **UPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL (UBPC)**

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



# UPTON BISHOP CHRISTMAS FAYRE



MILLENNIUM HALL

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

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# UPTON BISHOP NEWS

A UBPC meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th November in the village hall. Six councillors, the clerk and twenty members of the public, including the Ward Councillor attended.

**Planning Applications:** the PC OBJECTED to application 241664 for land at Upton Bishop Fishing Lake, HR9 7UH and submitted a 7-page document with a detailed argument supporting the objection. The PC made NO COMMENT on application 242402 for 17 Powell Croft, HR9 7UZ.

The PC confirmed the intention to produce a policy to enable decisions on planning consultations to be undertaken between meetings when necessary.

**Finance,** the PC reviewed their financial position confirming a balance of £239589.59 in the PC accounts. They also confirmed the finalisation of the 2023/24 audit and agreed to adopt an updated set of Financial Regulations.

**The next Parish Council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm.



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Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
<b>01<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Advent Service</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Mattins</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Jeremiah 33. 14-16.	1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end.		Luke 21. 25-36.
<b>08<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Mattins</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Malachi 3. 1-4.	Philippians 1. 3-11.		Luke 3. 1-6.
<b>07<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>LINTON</b>	<b>Blessing of Christmas Tree @</b>		<b>5.30 p.m.</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Village Praise</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>03<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Zephaniah 3. 14-end.	Philippians 4. 4-7.		Luke 3. 7-18.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>ASTON INGHAM</b>	<b>Carol Service @</b>		<b>6.30 p.m.</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>All Age Communion</b>
<b>04<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Micah 5. 2-5a.	Hebrews 10. 5-10.		Luke 1. 39-45.
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>		<b>11.30 pm</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 9. 2-7.	Titus 2. 11-14.		Luke 2. 1-14.



# DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Date	Aston Ingham	Lea	Linton	Upton Bishop
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>		<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>		<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 52. 7-10.		Hebrews 1. 1-4.	John 1. 1-14.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>BENEFICE SERVICE @ LINTON</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>			
<b>Readings</b>	1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26. end.		Colossians 3. 12-17.	Luke 2. 41- end.
<b>05<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Mattins</b>
<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 60. 1-6. 1-12.		Ephesians 3. 1-12.	Matthew 2.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Bible Brunch @ Village Hall</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Baptism of Christ</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 43. 1-7. 21-22.		Acts 8. 14-17.	Luke 3. 15-17.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Village Praise</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>02<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 62. 1-5.		1 Corinthians 12. 1-11.	John 2. 1-11.

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