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Concerts & Events at Leominster Priory

FRIDAY 14 JUNE 11AM - 12.30PM TALK & WORKSHOP Bringing nature into your home With Janelle Quitman. £5 FRIDAY 14 JUNE 7PM CONCERT Creative Collaboration Celebrating Ella Mary Leather & Vaughan Williams. £10 SATURDAY 15 JUNE 10AM - 4PM THE BIG STITCH-UP Community stitching and weaving day for all ages. FREE SUNDAY 23 JUNE 7PM CONCERT Tapestry of Sound Medieval vocal music sung by Border Voices. FREE FRIDAY 28 JUNE 7PM - 8.30PM TALK & FILM People & Permaculture with Chris Evans of Applewood Permaculture, £5 SATURDAY 29 JUNE 12.30PM - 3.30PM FAMILY DAY Creations on the Green Art activities for families. FREE SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2.30PM WALK Riverside Walk A four mile walk (2.5 hours), led by Walkers Are Welcome. FREE SUNDAY 30 JUNE 7PM CONCERT Haydn's Creation Leominster Choral Society & Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra. £16 TUESDAY 2 JULY 10AM WALK Celebrating Creation Led by Walkers Are Welcome. Gentle one hour walk. FREE WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 7PM CONCERT Organ Recital With world renowned organist David Briggs. £15 FRIDAY 5 JULY 7PM THEATRE Herefordshire Folk NOW Marking Ella Mary Leather's 150th birthday, £5 SUNDAY 7 JULY 6PM SERVICE Deanery Choral Evensong Celebrating creation with local choirs. FREE MONDAY 8 JULY 7PM - 8.30PM WORKSHOP Gamelan A practical introduction to the Javanese Gamelan Orchestra. £10 FRIDAY 12 JULY 2PM - 3.30PM TALK & WORKSHOP Attracting Pollinators to your Garden with Janelle Quitman. £5 SATURDAY 13 JULY 7PM CONCERT Gamelan Music and Dance With Oxford Gamelan Society. £15 SUNDAY 14 JULY 4PM SERVICE Creativity in Our Community With singers from local choirs. FREE MONDAY 15 JULY 7PM TALK & WORKSHOP Patches of Light With stained-glass expert Rob Walker. £8 TUESDAY 16 JULY 9.30AM - 12.30PM WALK 'Reforesting the Soul' Quiet walk with writer Canon Dr Andrew Mayes. FREE

















FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

Greetings to all our readers. I hope you are all enjoying the signs of warmer weather finally arriving!

We are pleased to be starting a new regular feature this month: News from Dan Hurcomb, our Councillor. He will keep us updated on the issues he is addressing on our behalf.

Thanks to everyone who came to our drop-in session on 27 April. It is good that most of our contributors have now met Lynne, and she is pleased to know the faces behind the names and looks forward to getting to know you better. I hope that the few contributors who weren't able to come will find another opportunity to meet her. Lynne is now volunteering in the shop on Friday mornings from 11.00 - 1.00, so why not pop in then to say hello?

We were also grateful for the ideas and suggestions that many of you brought to the meeting - we have made a list and will be considering them all over the months ahead. Do use the suggestions box in the church, or email us, for any new suggestions.

Donations to the newsletter are still coming in - about 20% of households have contributed generously, and we are very grateful.

We haven't been sent quite so many photos recently, so when you are out and about, do take some photos and send them in to us at the email address below.

Hetty

To send in articles and news **items**, **please e-mail us at: newsletter@yarpole.org**Or leave in the box at the shop

The deadline for all submissions is **THE 10th OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH**

There is no newsletter in January or August

ADVERTISEMENTS

To place a commercial advert in The Parishioner, please email newsletter@yarpole.org and we'll send you more information

Prices start at £5 for a 1/8 page ad

We also print small ads for parishioners for which we suggest that a small donation is left in the yellow collection box in the shop.

The Parishioner on audio disk

The Parishioner is also available as an audio disk for parish residents with sight problems. If you'd like to receive it in this format, or know someone who would, please let us know at newsletter@yarpole.org.



Adverts are not read out in the audio version; here are contact details for some services:

Electricians: KC Electrical 07446 130883; Ian Mackay 07736 303297 or 07396 578662

Gardening: Shaun Yapp 01568 780929 or 07876197770

House cleaning: Pristine Clean 07733194057

Oven cleaning: Oven Wizards 01885 400337, 07817 477850 Chimney sweep: Phil Mundy 01568 780417 or 07837 935102

Firewood: Pete Merriman 01568 780414; Steve Mantle 07980 775838; Dave Ward 07866 441154

Mobile hairdresser: Dawn Goodwin 01568 770387

Foot health: Stacey Gardner 01568 368306 or 07540566871

Osteopaths: Leominster Osteopaths 01568 610610

Solicitors: Gabbs 01568 616333; Norris Miles 01584 810575

Funeral services: Victoria Allen 01584 879035; Oak Tree 01568 250030

Plastering and damp proofing: Daniel Newman 07701 097 897

Handyman: Simon 07846 259549

Stay in touch: Yarpole WhatsApp Group

Enjoy chatting and sharing photos with members of our community via the Yarpole Whatsapp group. We now have well over 100 members! To join this group, please message Katie Daniels 07786515922 with your mobile number.





Calling Facebook Users

To get Yarpole news on Facebook, search for 'Yarpole Community'. See what's on! See what matters in Yarpole! Contribute to the page.

Like us and become a friend.



Yarpole Welcome Packs

If you are aware of new residents who have moved to the parish, don't forget to inform Sue Langley to be sure they receive a pack. Email susanmarylangley@gmail.com.

Don't miss out on what's happening!

To be added to the events mailing list, email events@yarpole.org.

WHAT'S ON





MIDSUMMER BBQ

19.00 to 22.30 on Saturday 22nd June 2024

Come and join us for a great MidSummer BBQ in the Hall garden (subject to the weather!)

Enjoy a MidSummer feast of Burgers, Sausages, and vegetarian options, with salads and baked potatoes.

All topped off with Fresh Strawberries and Cream.

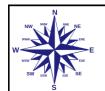
There will be Music and Dancing and a Raffle with great prizes.

A Licensed Bar will operate throughout the evening

Bring your friends and let's make a night of it

Prices are just £12.00 per person

Tickets are limited so **book now** through Jill Grant tel: 780250 or mobile 07531599700, Amanda Hordern on 07470246405 or by e-mail to David Rackham on davrack@aol.com to reserve your place.



Walking Group

We meet regularly on the 2nd Friday and 4th Sunday of every month, normally at 10:30 by the church.

June walks: Friday 14 & Sunday 23

All are welcome to join our walks but please phone to check details, if you are not on the email list.

Contact: Viv 782271 or seiftonbatch@gmail.com

CAR TREASURE HUNT

- 2 June 2024
- 10.00am meet at The Bell, Yarpole
- Ticket price £12 pp
- Price includes a ploughman's lunch
- Minimum 3 people per car
- Enter your classic car and earn an extra point



Negotiate around the villages solving the clues and gathering items along the way.

We are restricted to 12 cars—so get yourselves into gear and enter your team.

To book call into the village shop for your entry form.



Police Community Support Officer meetings

Our local (Leominster) PCSO Steph Harper aims to visit the Gallery Café every 5 weeks on a Wednesday at 11.00.

Her next visit, all being well will be on **Wednesday 19 June**. Join her in the café for a coffee and a chat.

Pete Lloyd

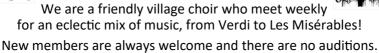




THE BIRCHPOLE SINGERS

St. Leonard's Church

Wednesday evenings 7.10 - 9.30pm



Do come and join us!

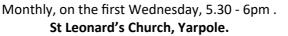
Contact: Steve Walter, stevewltr7@gmail.com Tel: 07791490439



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Christianity Explored course

Monday 10 and 24 June, 8 July, St Leonard's, 7.30pm Sessions start with coffee and cake, followed by a talk and discussion For more information: Oliver Elphick at olly@lfix.co.uk or telephone 515303



Orleton Evergreens Outings 2024

June 27: Visit to Dr Jenner's House, Berkeley & Slimbridge Wetland Centre
This visit now only £18/£20

July 25: Return visit to National Memorial Arboretum

Coach fare + land train £17/£19

August 29: Georgie's Canal Cruise, Penkridge, Stafford

Coach fare + 2h Fish & Chip Cruise £35/£37 Max 28—open to members first

We are very grateful to Orleton Parish Council for granting us £500 to cover the coach cost to Berkeley & Slimbridge

THANK YOU VERY MUCH OPC!



All welcome (non-members £2 extra)

Please contact Sue Turner for further details:
sue.a.turner@gmail.com Phone 01584 831324







Saturday 22 June, 7.30. St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. KCS Summer Concert.

Music from the medieval period to the present, with Handel, Brahms, Gershwin, Chilcott and many more....

Tickets £15 (<16s free) from:
www.trybooking.com;
Salty Dog (Presteigne);
Border Bean (Kington);
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Information on FB &
www.kingtonchoral.org.uk



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SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2024, 11am to 4pm KINGSLAND MILLENNIUM GREEN AND CHURCH

Admission by donation to be split between St. Michael's Hospice and Kingsland PCC

Arts Society lectures

Lively and interesting illustrated lectures on arts-related topics at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, 2.15 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Lectures from nationally recognised experts take about one hour.



Next meeting on **Wed 19 June 2024**The Whole Art of the Book - Dominic Riley.

Visitors are welcome, paying £8.00 on the door. Membership, which buys you eight lectures and reduced fees for outings and study days, costs £45.

More information: https://www.theartssocietytemevalley.org.uk/ For help with transport contact: Membership Secretary Jeff Walker on **01694 781489**



First Saturday of the month 10.00 - 12.00 (last repairs). Next session: 1 June Online bookings open two weeks before: https://leominsterepaircafe.org.uk Leominster Community Centre, Church Street, Leominster, HR6 8NJ Refreshments available

Mechanical, household, electrical, toys, furniture, sewing repairs & tool sharpening For more information email: repaircafeleominster@googlegroups.com

Or find us on Facebook.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTICES

Turning out of the top of Green Lane

Calling All Drivers,

I am requesting your thoughts, comments and experiences of turning out of Green Lane onto the B4362 at Cockgate. Frightening isn't it?

A lot of excellent work has been done by Phil Welch to make clear how dangerous this junction is. Highways have taken note, but no action is planned.

They won't react until there is a KSI figure to consider. What's a KSI figure? The letters stand for KILLED or SERIOUSLY INJURED. Horrendous isn't it?

As you all know, it's derestricted, 60 mph is legal, it's a blind junction from the right, the traffic gets busier, and the practice of opening the window to listen for traffic is becoming useless with the increasing number of electric vehicles.

SO, please bombard me with your comments, thoughts and experiences whilst joining the B4362. Has anyone turned right there?

I will discuss your responses with Phil, the Parish Council, Highways, the Police and try to get something done.

Thank you all.

Kind regards,

Pete Lloyd

pete.lloyd89@gmail.com

Church Plant Stall

Thank you to everyone who supplied many plants when the plant stall reopened, not forgetting those of you who bought them.

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YARPOLE COMMUNITY SHOP

June 2024



Lazy BBQs

With summer barbecues and longer evenings now being enjoyed it seems a good moment to remind all that you can have meat from Quarry Farm delivered to the shop for your convenience. Quarry Farm delivers every Tuesday and Friday morning so if you ensure that your request is in with us by midday on the day before then it will be delivered here to save you a trip out while you could be kicking back and relaxing.

Please, though, do ensure you make your Quarry Farm booking through the shop - as if you go through Quarry Farm direct we will just get a bumper delivery and not know who has ordered what!

You can either ring the shop on 01568 780148 or email: yarpoleshop@mail.com

A continental touch from not very far away too

Don't forget we are now stocking Shropshire Salumi's wider range of salamis and salumis.

And don't forget to keep drinking in hot weather

All of the above perfect for serving with a chilled drink - purchased at your local village shop of course!

We also stock a wide range of local beers and ciders, wine, soft drinks and cordials.

Very local apple juice from Woodfield Orchard in Bircher is very popular as a non-alcoholic alternative - and it is rumoured that it accompanies a grilled sausage from Tudge butchers (freshly delivered every Friday) rather well!

All in all you can enjoy a very low food miles summer!

A big shout out

To the Men's Shed group for giving up part of the Bank Holiday weekend to redecorate the shop interior. And a further big shout out to all the other people who helped prepare for the redecoration and put the shop back together again afterwards.

It looks fantastic! Thank you.

More exciting shop interior news at the AMM.

Sorry but no grants this year.

Having received the accounts back from our accountants they confirm our expectation that the shop made a very small surplus this year and so regrettably there will be no community grant funding available to consider at the year's AMM.

The important thing is, though, that the shop remains resilient and has been able to absorb substantial increased costs.

More details at the AMM.

Which brings us to a final reminder that the AMM is on Thursday 6 June at 7pm in St Leonard's. Everyone welcome but if you are a shareholder/member please do try to come along to support us and ensure we are quorate for the meeting.

Refreshments will be available afterwards and as an added inducement this year a small shareholder draw will take place after the meeting - a draw for shareholders not the chance to win a shareholder!

Jon & Rowena

SHOP AND POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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Website: www.yarpole.com



GALLERY CAFÉ

We are very sorry to have said goodbye to our lovely Café Manager, Sarah. It has been a great year and we will try to build on the links and networks that Sarah has put in place. But she will still volunteer at

Tasty Tuesday, on the second Tuesday of the month, so do pop in to see her there.

We are really enjoying our Tasty Tuesday events with our customers who are so supportive. For June we are planning another treat! It will be on <u>Tuesday 11 June at 1pm</u>. Places will be limited so please book early.

Main course:

Steak pie with vegetables and a vegetarian option.

Dessert:

Eton Mess – as it's June!

 ${\tt £12.95}$ for a main course and hot drink

£14.95 for both courses and a hot drink

Please inform us of any allergies; we are happy to cater for individual needs where possible. To book please email: gallerycafe@yarpole.org, call the café during opening hours on 01568 780594 or drop in to see us in person. There will be a booking sheet on the tall cupboard.

Thank you

Anna Morley

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You don't need a main course to enjoy our **Deluxe Whippy ice-cream** in a classic cone or as a sundae pot.

We've also teamed up with a number of dealers bringing a great range of salvage items and garden accessories as well as a number of artists and crafts professionals.

Open Wednesday to Sunday 9.30am to 5pm (Saturday and Sunday 4pm close)

YARPOLE EDUCATIONAL TRUST



Any young person aged less than 25 years and living in the ancient parish of Yarpole (Yarpole, Bircher, Bircher Common, Croft, Bicton) may apply to the charitable trust for a grant.

The trust may assist eligible candidates with fees and costs associated with secondary and tertiary education as well as with initial professional training. Support can be given towards a wide variety of needs such as:

- * tuition fees
- * tools & equipment
- * course books & software
- * costs toward school/college trips or independent travel of an educational nature.

The trustees meet three or four times a year to consider applications. Applications should be received three months before the grant is needed, although urgent cases will be considered.

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CHURCH MATTERS

New Service

On 16 June and on every third Sunday of the month, there will be an additional Sunday afternoon service at St Leonard's Church Yarpole. The Service will be held at 4:30pm and will be a Celtic CROFT WITH YARPOLE liturgy service. All are welcome.



Please also note that the service on 30 June will be a Team Service held at Kimbolton.

Floor in St Michael and All Angels, Croft

Please be aware that due to issues with the floor in the Nave this part of the Church will be closed to visitors. However the services held on the first Sunday of every month will go ahead as normal.

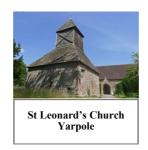
People and conflict

Listening to the news this week about the conflict in Gaza and views of others around the world, it is clear that there are strong views about the people on both sides. Sadly these views often manifest as negative attitudes towards specific national, religious or cultural groups. Unfortunately, actions of aggression by Hamas and the government of Israel are being attributed, by some, to all Palestinians and all Jewish people. As a consequence, there is a danger that innocent people will become the target of discrimination, vilification and violence. The reality is that it is rarely the ordinary people on any side who are responsible for instigating war. It is usually those in positions of power who make the decisions that start and maintain conflict. Being mindful of this I try to pray for people from all sides who find themselves in situations of conflict, such as Palestinians, Israelis, Ukrainians or Russians to name a few.

> Dear Lord help us to remember the ordinary people who are living and suffering in areas of conflict. Help us to recognise that often they are powerless to control what is happening around them or to change the actions of those who are in power over them. Help us not to judge others, but to love all peoples regardless of race, religion or nationality.









St Michael & All Angels Church Croft Castle



Job Vacancy/ies: Catering Supervisor & Café Administrator (could be combined to create one post)

The Gallery Café is at the heart of our community, offering a safe, welcoming place for everyone. We need to recruit either one or two people to help keep our café running smoothly. The Catering Supervisor (minimum 8 hours/week) will be responsible for preparing and serving lunches on Thursdays and Fridays, with additional other days occasionally, including our monthly Tasty Tuesday lunch. The Café Administrator (6 hours/week) will be responsible for all the paperwork and record-keeping, and some of the work could be done at home. These two jobs could be combined to make one position.

To find out more, please visit www.stleonardsyarpole.com where you can download a job description and an application form. For an informal chat, please contact Andrew Praill (enmorevet@outlook.com), Sue Russell (suetrustee@btinternet.com) or Gordon Ewing (gordon.ewing@me.com).

If you know someone who might be interested, please pass this advert on to them. The deadline for applications is Friday 21 June.

More opportunities with St Leonard's Management

Four people have agreed to become Trustees: Sebastian Bowen, Gordon Ewing, Stefano Street and William Talbot-Ponsonby. Between them they have great depth and breadth of experience, and we're delighted to welcome them on board. HOWEVER — you will notice that there isn't a single woman on the list, so that when the existing Trustees retire in August we won't have any female Trustees. We would very much like to hear from any women potentially interested in becoming Trustees. Please contact Andrew Praill (enmorevet@outlook.com), Gordon Ewing (gordon.ewing@me.com) or Sue Russell (suetrustee@btinternet.com) for more information.

As well as being a Trustee, Sue has been the Booking Secretary for seven years, and she will be standing down this summer. The Booking Secretary is responsible for keeping the online bookings diary updated, liaising with hirers and keeping the Treasurer informed about what invoices need to be sent out. It's not an onerous job and can all be done in your own time at home: all you need is a computer. If you think you can spare just a couple of hours a month please contact Sue on suetrustee@btinternet.com.

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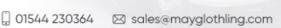


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PARISH HALL



June 2024

Programme of Regular Weekly Activities

Mondays	Zumba	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Yoga	7.30 - 8.30pm
Tuesdays	Glyn Whiting Art Class	10.00am - 12.00pm
Wednesdays	T'ai Chi	10.00 - 11.00am
	Art	2.00 - 4.30pm
Thursdays	Pilates	10.45 - 11.45am
Fridays	Bowls	7.30 - 8.30pm

Other Events in June

Tues 4 June	Yarpole Group Parish Council meeting	7.00 - 9.30pm
Sat 22 June	Parish Hall Summer Evening BBQ	7.00pm
Fri 28 June	The 4 Cs	11.00am - 12.00pm

To make a booking please contact Amanda Hordern 01568 701996 / parishhall@yarpole.org. Or go to www.yarpole.com and click on 'Church & Parish Hall Bookings' to book online.

If you are interested in joining one of the classes, please email Amanda who will put you in touch with the class organiser.



Don't forget that books can still be taken out from the Parish Hall Library whenever the building is open for an event. Just sign the book and there is no time limit.

DVDs and blu-rays of recent Flicks films are also available to borrow.

Reminder of Future Dates For Your Diary

22 June - Midsummer BBQ . See page 5 for more information

28 September & 23 November – Flicks & Food (dates are subject to confirmation)

14 December – Christmas Party with a bring & share buffet

PARISH HALL



June 2024

YARPOLE PARISH HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 7.00 PM at Yarpole Parish Hall

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies for absence
- 3. Approval of minutes of AGM held on 17 May 2023
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2023 AGM
- 5. Chair's report for 23/24
- 6. Treasurer's report on financial accounts for 23/24 and acceptance of accounts
- 7. Election of committee members
- 8. AOB

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and thank you for all your support throughout the year.

Jill Grant & Hall Management Committee

200 Club

The winning numbers for May were: 20 £50, 146 £20, 117 £15, 31 £10

WIN £50
& other prizes

Thank you for all your support with the 200 Club over the past year and well done to all the winners that we've had. Subscriptions finish at the end of June, so if you would like to renew or take out a new subscription to join us from July '24 – June '25, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Subscriptions remain at just £12 for the year, with a prize draw each month. You can pay by BACS — sort code **40-28-13**, Account no. **81438298**, Yarpole Parish Hall Management, or by cheque or cash. Please see the separate flyer with all further details.

Your subscriptions are invaluable to help support the running of your Parish Hall and remember, 50% of all money collected is given back in prizes drawn each month.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Jan Tandy – Lottery Administrator for the Parish Hall & everyone on the Parish Hall Management Committee



Yarpole Group Parish Council

The Yarpole Group Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Councillor Ian Salmon was elected as Chairman and Councillor Duncan Grant as Vice Chairman.

The Council agreed various arrangements for the upcoming year. Membership for key working groups, including Finance, Community Meadow, and Neighbourhood Development Plan; administrative tasks such as online banking signatories and the selection of an Internal Auditor, and dates for Parish Council meetings. Please note it was agreed that these should start at the earlier time of 7pm.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023-2024 was agreed and signed prior to submission to the External Auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP. The unaudited version will be available on the website before the end of June and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit published before 1 October.

Three planning applications were considered, an objection made to P233174 Land adjacent to Maunds House, a comment on P240848 highlighting a dangerous junction (B4361/U92618) and support for P240960, installation of an air source heat pump in Yarpole.

A response from the Parish Council to consultation on the Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 was agreed. It is available on the website at:

https://yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk/consultation/

If you would prefer a copy by email, please let me know. Based on the number of services available in the village, Yarpole has been designated as a Service Settlement with Environmental Constraints and scheduled to accommodate a further 15 dwellings between now and 2041. The Parish Council believes this level of development is untenable in nature for the reasons described in its response and appears contrary to Herefordshire Council's vision and objectives for the future of the County.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 4 June 2024 at Yarpole Parish Hall. Residents are encouraged to sign up on the website to receive copies of agendas and are welcome to attend meetings.

Maggie Brown, Clerk. clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk



News from our County Councillor

Firstly, let me start with apologising for how long it has taken me to submit a piece for your wonderful newsletter. I hope to make this a regular feature and update you where I can on matters across the county. You can also catch me at the monthly Parish Council meetings (2nd Tuesday of the Month) where I am always happy to take questions and answer queries, or contact me via email or phone. (Contact details below).

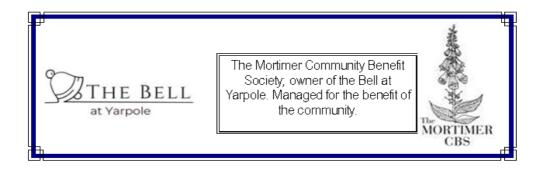
As I sit to write this column, the weather has taken a turn for the better and I hope that this will be the start of a good summer especially for those of you whose livelihoods depend on it. Wet weather has a number of impacts on the County and one, which I am sure you will all have noticed, is the devastating effect that heavy rainfall can have on our highways network which has deteriorated at a staggering rate this winter. Action is planned on this with the highest level of investment in our highways since 2019 (£38 million) and nearly £12 million more in the highways budget this year than last. The benefits of that investment will start to be seen in the coming months. Investment alone is not enough however and simply carrying on with the status quo would not have delivered the level of change or progress we all want to see. Therefore, I was very glad to see Herefordshire Council issue a termination notice to Balfour Beatty which will see their current contract end in May 2026. I am sure that residents will welcome the news that we are seeking to improve the current arrangements and if you have any thoughts on this please do email me.

Away from highways the top issue in my inbox locally is, perhaps unsurprisingly, planning. Recent events have demonstrated that enforcement in Herefordshire is nowhere near where it should be and I am assured this is being reviewed as a priority. My role as a Ward Councillor is to comment on planning on behalf of the local community and, where there is strong local feeling or a compelling reason to do so, refer applications to the Planning Committee for further consideration. I can only do this where residents who are for or against an application make their views clear to the council by commenting on the application during the consultation window – please do this where you can because it really can make a difference.

Cllr Dan Hurcomb

Email: dan.hurcomb@herefordshire.gov.uk
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NB to comment on a planning application go to: www.herefordshire.gov.uk and click on 'Planning Application Search' under the Planning and Building Control heading. Ed.



Many of you, by now, will have met Christina Andrews who has joined Team Bell. She will work as Bar Manager alongside Graham, and take us forward on the next stage of our journey.

We have achieved so much since taking over the pub in December, and as we move into the summer months, we have already greatly extended our opening hours.

We are also looking to employ additional staff to reduce the workload of our wonderful volunteers, but that will increase our costs.

Our aim is to make The Bell a sustainable business. Unfortunately, we are not, as yet, making a profit, due, in part, to substantial costs involved in replacing and maintaining equipment. However, we will continue to strive to achieve this aim.

As ever, we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported The Bell, whether it is visiting for food and drink, or volunteering your time. Positive reviews are extremely important for us, so if you had an enjoyable visit, please leave a review on Tripadvisor or Google to help promote the pub. But, if you do have any issues relating to The Bell, please do speak to one of the committee, so that we can look at ways to improve our service.

Moving forward, our themed event evenings and folk music nights continue to prove popular and we will continue with these on a regular basis.

The bar is now open from 6pm Tuesday - Friday and from midday on Saturday and Sunday for drinks. Food is currently available on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Keep an eye on the website or Facebook page for details of our full opening hours.

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Talk Community: We are delighted that Nic Treece will be our Talk Community

Champion, to form a link to source grants, access facilities and develop the Hub at
the Church, Hall and Café

The 4Cs continues to flourish with our guests and helpers having a lively session of Chat, Company, Coffee and Cake on the 4th Friday of each month, 11.00 till noon, Parish Hall.

Friday 28 June

Janet Knight and Linda Finney will give us some tips on flower arranging. They decorate the church on a regular basis, using their creative skills to wonderful effect.

Friday 26 July

Ruth and Oliver Elphick will share with us their experience of renovating a house in France.

Friday 23 August

A coffee morning to share our personal stories with our friends, over coffee and cake.

Friday 27 September

Sue Russell will let us into some of the secrets of her successful gardening experiences.

Friday 25 October

Gordon Ewing will give us a look behind the scenes of the Titanic disaster of 1912, unfolding some of the personal tragedies behind the headlines.

Friday 22 November

William Talbot-Ponsonby will reveal the secrets of the Mappa Mundi, the incredibly precious, ancient and rare map of the world housed in our own Hereford Cathedral in its own special building.

Friday 6 December

A Christmas theme to today's meeting.

If you need a lift, ring Val 780807 or Avis 780874 All welcome!



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June 2024

Dear friends

As I write this I'm about to embark on a four-week period of interim study leave to complete (God willing) my PhD thesis. By the time you read this, we'll know whether or not I have succeeded! The work focuses on one of the seven deadly sins, not necessarily the most popular of topics when the idea that human beings might be sinful creatures in need of a Saviour has rather fallen out of favour in our society. Even more obscurely, the sin I'm writing about is the one most people have never heard of: acedia. It's most often translated 'sloth' which is usually associated with laziness, and laziness isn't normally seen as much of a sin. An annoying characteristic, maybe, but not a sin. But as I've studied this topic over many years (too many years; I've often felt like my own case study in acedia) I've come to realise it's far more complex than that, and may even be the prevailing sin of our time, all the more insidious because we've largely forgotten it even exists.

Acedia, according to the early theologians I've been reading and engaging with, is a toxic combination that occurs when desire and anger become disordered. It makes us either withdraw into inactivity or hide in restless over-activity, in an effort to avoid engaging with God, or with fellow human beings, or with the tasks God has given us to do. That's why I'm suggesting this is the hidden but very real sin of our time. One theologian calls it the container of all other vices because it triggers the other deadly sins. So, far from sloth being almost trivial, it appears it's potentially lethal for our spiritual lives, if left unchallenged. But, thanks be to God, it needn't be. Like any other sin with which we battle, acedia has been overcome by Christ on the cross. In our individual lives and struggles against sin we can know God's grace, forgiveness, and strengthening in the daily battle against the sins we know all too well and this sin of acedia, whose name we may never have heard of but now may recognise. Recognising it is the first step in overcoming it. I love the deeply realistic means of grace which our ancient predecessors in faith suggested as prescriptions for those suffering from acedia. They were written more than 1500 years ago, but could have been written yesterday:

First, pray short prayers, not long ones. The mind can wander and fall prey to acedia when praying long prayers.

Second, set yourself a short task, and don't get up or do anything else until you've completed it.

Third, physical work. That can snap us out of an acedia attack in the mind.

Fourth, try a warm bath (yes, really!). That one's a bit less practical if acedia strikes while you're at work.

Fifth, the one that usually makes people sigh in startled relief: tears. Because tears break down the shell that acedia has built around the soul, and bring healing.

I could write a lot more on the subject, which is just as well as I have 80,000 words plus footnotes to hand in, so for now I must bid you farewell for a few weeks as I stop procrastinating and get on with the work of writing about acedia and how, by the grace of God, we may overcome it.

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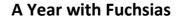
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ORLETON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



On 30 April ODGC welcomed Gareth Davies. Member of the British Fuchsia Society, fuchsia exhibitor, Chairman of the Usk Valley

Gardening Association, National Rose Judge and member of the Rose Society UK.

Gareth divided fuchsias into three categories, hardy, half-hardy which are cut to the ground but will regrow if the crown is protected, and tender varieties which require frost - free conditions.

Gareth's year begins in autumn. The plants are defoliated, tipped out of their containers and reported in fresh compost in pots just large enough to accommodate them. They are cut back to a neat framework and kept between 5 and 10 degrees Centigrade to promote slow growth.

In February or March cuttings are taken and planted in a mixture of compost and perlite and fed with a weak liquid feed. Bottom heat is beneficial. They are potted on and the sideshoots nipped out with tweezers, aiming for balanced growth. A balanced feed is used until they flower when a high potash feed is applied.

Upright varieties like Garden News may be grown as standards by nipping out all the sideshoots apart from the top few and allowing the plants to flower in their second year.

They make excellent container plants and associate well with bedding plants. Trailers such as Eva Bjorg or Dark Eyes look good in hanging baskets.

The club was treated to a stunning slideshow of fuchsias from Gareth's own garden and the showbench.

Ghislaine Arundale

On Tuesday 25 June, former director of Oxford University Botanic Garden and Chelsea Gold medal winner **Timothy Walker** will present a talk: **What have plants ever done for us?**

Doors open at 7.15 pm. Plant stall and raffle. The speaker starts promptly at 8.00 pm. Non-members welcome at £2.50 per person including a drink. Annual membership £15. www.orletongardeningclub.co.uk.



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THE CURIOUS GARDENER

Red for danger

If you grow lilies in your garden you will probably be familiar with the pesky lily beetle. Brilliant scarlet in colour, they show up against the green lily leaves like the proverbial daisy in a coalmine. They're not native to this country: they were accidentally introduced from Asia. The first established colony was discovered in 1939 in Surrey. Over the following decades they spread further and further across the country, until by 2002 they were reported as far afield as Glasgow and Belfast. At the time of writing the weather has warmed up, and I'm now beginning to see the first adults of the season on our lilies.

The adults lay their little orange eggs on the underside of the leaves. The eggs hatch out a week later into leaf-munching larvae. After a couple of weeks, during which they will reduce your lily leaves to skeletons, these drop off and pupate in the soil, and after a further two or three weeks the new adults emerge.

The small tawny larvae have a hideous defence mechanism against predators: they coat themselves in their own poo. Picking off the slimy, poo-coated maggots is a simply revolting job. Scooping them off the leaf in a piece of tissue will protect you from the nauseating experience of handling the excreta-covered maggots. At least they sit still, which makes them an easy target. Trying to catch the adults is another matter. They're very sensitive to movement and as soon as they glimpse your hand closing in they drop off the leaf and fall to the ground, landing with their legs in the air. As their undercarriage is black they're impossible to see when they're lying prostrate on the soil, and they stay there playing dead until you've given up and gone away. I find the best method is to cup my hand under the leaf before attempting to trap the beetle. That way there's a chance I may catch the little devils as they throw themselves off.

But even if I eliminate all the beetles currently in my garden, others will appear. The adults can fly, and they can detect lily plants by smell, so new beetles will inevitably move in from elsewhere. Once a beetle has found its host it emits a pheromone which attracts more lily beetles to the plant. I may win the occasional battle, but I won't ever win the war.

Sue Russell

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Digital Voice – the end of traditional telephone landlines.

On 30 April Geraint James, speaking on behalf of BT, EE and Plusnet, spoke to a full parish hall about the proposed changeover from landlines to digital telephones. Geraint gave a detailed presentation about the change and answered many questions from the audience. By the end of December 2025 the whole telephony network will change from landlines to digital, which



means in practice, connecting a telephone to your hub/modem rather than the traditional wall socket. This transfer has enormous implications for the whole country, including the police, bank cash machines and, of course, personal telephones. The current copper wire network is simply failing due to its age and the increasing lack of key parts. It is over 100 years old in many places.

The changeover process, from a customer's perspective, will be simple, and we will be able to keep our existing telephone number and current internet provider if they provide a digital telephone service. We simply move our telephone from one socket to another. Geraint explained some benefits of a digital telephone: the quality of the signal is better and it can block 'scam' calls more readily.

However, The new system is dependent on a stable electricity supply. If there is a power cut, customers will have to use their mobile phones to contact people. The problems arise if, as in our parish, the mobile phone signal is poor.

There are in fact five groups of people who are thought to be potentially at risk from the new service: those with no mobile signal; people over 75; those with additional needs; people with a landline only (no broadband); and those using healthcare pendants. For these five groups, the changeover will be delayed until later in the process. They will still have to transfer by 31 December 2025 but by then it is planned that new products will be available to ensure that no-one is disconnected. Geraint showed the audience a battery pack that BT will offer to its customers in these groups to give them up to 4 hours power in the event of a power cut. Ofcom only require providers to offer one hour's power. It will be for each internet provider to offer its customers a battery or device to ensure that they can access one hour's power as a minimum should they be without mobile phone signal. The purpose of the battery is to power the modem/hub so calls can be made and the internet be accessed.

Geraint also explained that there are plans to extend the range of mobile phone signals but these will require large masts which often face local opposition. He also discussed the fibre option for a faster internet service, which for us means the Gigaclear 'pots' which have been laid throughout the parish. Geraint finished by seeking to reassure the audience that no-one will be disconnected without an alternative service made available. He acknowledged concerns about the change, about the use of batteries, of the length of some power cuts as well as eligibility for membership of the five vulnerable groups. With regard to this last point, he said information is being gathered from a range of services, including local authorities, phone providers and customers themselves if they respond to the letter they receive regarding the changeover.

Adam Scott

For more information: If you are a BT Customer, go to bt.com/digital-voice.

Or get advice from your own phone company.



Hello everyone. Welcome to another edition of 'Lisa's Book Nook'. I have been on something of a non-fiction binge during the first half of the year. In fact, only two of the books I have read so far in 2024 have been fiction, which is an all-time low for me. They just haven't been holding my interest like they usually do. However, the flip

side is I have read some wonderful non-fiction books in recent months, most of which have been historical biographies. I therefore want to share a few of them with you today.

The White Ship by Charles Spencer - Let me start by saying this wasn't exactly what I thought it was going to be. I was expecting a biography all about the infamous White Ship disaster of 1120 AD, in which the heir to the throne of England was killed. However, it is actually a biography of King Henry I, but that is in no way a bad thing, as he tends to be a monarch who gets somewhat neglected. This book is extremely well-written, and it is clear a lot of research and care went into it, in order to bring the life and reign of Henry I to life. The author's knowledge and passion for the subject shines through on every page, and the result is an entertaining and highly engaging read. It also highlighted just how little I had previously known about Henry I, and I was delighted to come away with a much deeper knowledge and understanding of him. As historical biographies go, this is a good one, and it gives me much pleasure to be able to recommend it to you here.

Young Elizabeth: Princess. Prisoner. Queen by Nicola Tallis - Published earlier this year, this new biography of the early years of Elizabeth I is nothing short of phenomenal. Let's face it, most of us know about Elizabeth's life when she was queen, but fewer of us know much about her life prior to her becoming queen, as those years are often glossed over. This book changes all that. Combining beautiful, immersive writing with top-notch research, the author re-examines and re-evaluates all that we know about the early life of this incredible historical figure, beginning with her birth in 1533 and ending with her accession to the throne in 1558. As far as I'm concerned, this is one of the best historical biographies in many a year, and I wouldn't be surprised if it becomes one of the definitive biographies on Elizabeth I. It was a joy to read from the first page to the last, and I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Edward IV and Elizabeth Woodville: A True Romance by Amy Licence - Edward IV is another king who doesn't get the recognition or credit he deserves. The same is true of his wife, Elizabeth Woodville, whose reputation has been somewhat tarnished by rumours and speculation over the centuries. This fascinating biography brings Edward and Elizabeth out of the shadows and into the spotlight, and it is a wonderful book to read. Amy Licence has the most incredible writing style and through her skilful and realistic portrayals, Edward and Elizabeth literally sparkle with life, colour and vitality, as does the 15th century world they inhabited. The amount of research undertaken for this book is staggering and used to great effect by Licence to support her theories and arguments. She also has this amazing ability to pack loads of information into every page, including lots of nitty gritty details that you think are going to be uninteresting and surplus to requirements, yet she manages to make them utterly fascinating and integral to the story she is telling. I learnt a huge amount about Edward and Elizabeth from this book, and it was a pleasure being in their company. This is historical non-fiction as it should be done. If this subject matter interests you in any way, please give this book a try. You won't regret it.



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Summer Visitors

'Are you the chap who writes those things in the parish magazine? I was asked at a gathering in Spring. 'Could well be,' I confessed. 'Well I think you should write about swallows,' he said. 'What about them?' I was keen to know. 'All the mess they make!' But he disappeared before I could ascertain what actually concerned him, and he obviously didn't want the job himself.



We get swallows and house martins nesting too, and there is a little mess (I mean 'Birds gotta poo,' as I think the song goes) but it is easily dealt with. Just buy a power washer, connect the hose to an outside tap, plug the electrical cable into a socket, hand it to one of your staff, and away they go.

There is certainly no need to take it out on the nests by pulling them down, as some vandals do. Sir David Attenborough would have something to say about that, in the nicest possible way of course. These birds have flown 6,500 miles to build a nest, lay eggs, raise chicks, and get them airworthy for the return trip in the autumn. They deserve at least some respect, even admiration for their amazing behaviour. Anyway, I said I would think about it.

And I did, which reminded me what wonderful things bodies are: basically flesh and bone encasing a long tube, with appendages for arms, wings, legs or flippers, and a nerve centre – a kind of biological office – to top it all off. And isn't it amazing that you can shovel food in at one end of the tube – worms, plants, bits of dead sheep (I love a lamb chop) – and it gets broken down into ever-smaller bits until you're left with just molecules, atoms and electrons, which then provide the power to sustain the body and all its myriad tiny electrical and chemical operations, which happen gazillions of times a minute without you even noticing.

Birds don't have the advantage of being told what to eat or avoid by this week's famous nutritionist, they just know. Some beaks are better for grabbing insects, others for nuts or small mammals, as Darwin noted, but their food is broken down into its constituent parts, just as it is with us. Then they get rid of what's not needed – the poo (and the white parts of bird faeces, which is their equivalent of wee) – and that's it. End of.

Except not quite. There's no such thing as waste in Nature. Cow pats can be dried and used as fuel, horse and chicken manure are prized by gardeners, and where would dung beetles be without it? Humans just pump it into rivers, but that's another story. Some animal, somewhere, will make use of undigested leftovers, be it your dog on a walk or a swarm of flies. And whatever small traces remain are devoured by microscopic creatures until everything has been made use of. And those that eat poo, will themselves need to poo, and so the cycle continues.

Swallow poo can be a health hazard, of course, but it's a price we pay for enjoying their aerial acrobatics, and for their assistance in getting rid of hordes of summer insects. And we can hardly complain when our bodies operate along similar lines.

I bet he wishes he'd written this himself after all.

Jim Ainsworth

Maths Challenge - Cryptarithm

The term 'cryptarithm' was created in 1931 in a Belgian mathematical journal. A cryptarithm is the reverse of cryptology where numbers are usually substituted for letters. In a cryptarithm it is the other way round. So can you crack the code to these challenges using numbers instead of the letters?

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L=8, E=5, N=0, F=2, O=9, R=7, Y=6, S=3, I=1, X=4. Λ=2, C=5, N=6, D=7, M=1, O=0, R=8, Y=2. Λ=3, E=7, C=5, D=3, E=7.

SOLITARY BEES

A couple of weeks ago there was a flurry of excitement in Yarpole as, on a warm sunny day, villagers, making their way to the village shop and café, were greeted by bees toing and froing across the pavement in and out of the church wall. There were cries of "send for the bee lady" - (that's me by the way, as I have become affectionately known) — to identify what they were, nay are, as they're still there.

Upon first sight I did think they could be honey bees, but as I watched I quickly saw that (a) they were coming out of different holes in the wall and (b) they were very slow. So, panic over, a swarm of honey bees hadn't taken up residence in a cavity in the church wall... these were/are solitary bees.

So what are solitary bees and how do they differ from bumble bees and honey bees? First, let me tell you that in this country we have 270 different species of wild bees... 24 of which are different kinds of bumble bees, (which aren't solitary), and the rest are made up of solitary bees. Solitary bees are, as their name describes, bees that live and work on their own. They don't live in colonies, and make up over 90% of bee species found in Britain.

There is no queen or workers to help the solitary bee, the female works alone, building her nest either in the ground, in hollow plant stems, cavities in dead wood or in walls or bee hotels. Having said they work alone they happily live alongside each other as can be seen in the walls or holes in the ground. She lays and provides for a series of eggs that remain in their cells until they emerge fully grown the following year. The female eggs are laid at the back of the nest and the males at the front so they can leave the nest before the females and be ready to mate with her when she emerges. As they only live for a few weeks, it really is a race against time for them to ensure the survival of the next generation.

The most commonly identified solitary bees are the mining bees, the leaf cutter bees and the yellow faced bees. The bees in the church wall are in the first group, mining bees.

Mining bees are the largest group of solitary bees. The female typically builds her nests in holes in walls and underground. They collect the pollen on their back legs and can range in size from 6mm to the size of honeybees. The Tawny Mining Bee is the first of the solitary bees to appear in spring.

Leaf cutter bees nest in cavities in dead wood and bee hotels. They have strong jaws which they use to cut away at leaves, (they love roses), and they use the leaves to line their nests. These ladies don't collect the pollen on their legs, they have hairs on the underside of their abdomens which collect the pollen.

Yellow faced bees are often mistaken for wasps although they are considerably smaller. They live in hollow stems and cavities in walls and line their nest with abdominal secretions. They're more primitive than the others and swallow the pollen and regurgitate it when they get back to their nests.

So, while the honey bees prefer to be where there is plenty, i.e. in bushes and trees, the solitary bees are the ones that can be more readily seen on your garden flowers and wild garden meadows.

Oh... and one more important thing... solitary bees rarely sting!

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Thanks to all our photographers this month:

Front page: Christina Andrews - Northern light over The Bell on May 11th

 $\label{thm:common} \textbf{This page: Carol Clare - gnarled tree trunk, Red Oak Lane, with Bircher Common in background } \\$

Kate Griffiths - wild garlic in Leintwardine

David Cheshire - New on the menu at Quarry Farm shop - chicken in the basket!

Croff with Yarpole and Lucton Parish Church Services for June and July 2024



Date	Service	Church	Time
JUNE			
Sunday 2 nd June	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer	Croft	9:30
Wednesday 5 th June	Be Still	Yarpole	17:30
Sunday 9 th June	Holy Communion	Yarpole	9:30
Monday 10th June	Course – Christianity Explored	Yarpole	19:30
Sunday 16 th June	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer	Yarpole	8:30
Sunday 16th June	Celtic Evening Liturgy	Yarpole	16:30
Sunday 23 rd June	Themed non-liturgical service	Yarpole	9:30
Monday 24 th June	Course – Christianity Explored	Yarpole	19:30
Sunday 30th June	Team communion service *	Kimbolton	10:00
JULY			
Wednesday 3 rd July	Be Still	Yarpole	17:30
Sunday 7 th July	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer	Croft	9:30
Monday 8 th July	Course – Christianity Explored	Yarpole	19:30
Sunday 14th July	Holy Communion	Yarpole	9:30
Sunday 21# July	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer	Yarpole	8:30
Sunday 21# July	Celtic Evening Liturgy	Yarpole	16:30
Sunday 28th July	Themed non-liturgical service	Yarpole	9:30

^{*} First service of Fiona Honeysett as priest and of William Talbot-Ponsonby as deacon.

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