



All Saints' Church Parish Magazine

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the March issue of *The Link* and thank you to everyone who has already promptly and generously made a donation to the ongoing production of the magazine. If you're interested, we've put together a little further information on the magazine (page 13).

There is again a good deal of news and information contained within these pages and we trust that it helps to keep you all abreast of life in our community.

Two years on, we have benefitted

greatly from Ukrainian exiles living with us and this spring and Eastertide, when renewal and new life is all around us in nature, we hope for change in their country and in other areas of conflict around the world.

Work is under way to improve our small corner, with the Environment Group's efforts at Avon Wood (page 21) and on the memorial area of the Recreation Ground, and there is much to do together.

*Helen & Lesley Eldridge
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Cover Image: The figure of Justice as depicted in the Coventry Tapestry...



FROM THE VICARAGE

What's Wrong With The World?

The story is told that, in 'The Times' newspaper at some point in the early years of the twentieth century, the 'Letters to the Editor' column invited letters on the topic of 'What's Wrong With The World?'

The writer, G K Chesterton apparently sent in a very short letter in reply:

"Sir, I am."

I always find that a very sobering story in that, like many people, I find it so easy to see the big things that are wrong with the world, and the mistakes of world leaders, but can sometimes miss the fact that I can be just as guilty of making the same mistakes. The only difference is the magnitude of the consequences. My greed and self-centredness might not have the impact of causing wars between nations or have much impact on the poverty experienced by millions, but they have the same root as the greed and self-centredness of a dictator who lines their own pockets at the expense of the population of their nation - or who covets a neighbouring nations wealth or influence and invades or seeks to destroy it.

Jesus explained such hypocrisy as trying to take a speck of sawdust out of your brother's eye when you have a plank in your own! (Matthew 7.3-5).

Most of this month, we are in the season of Lent. Then we move towards Holy Week and Easter as the month concludes. Have you given up, or cut down on, something for Lent? God revealed to the prophet Isaiah what he wants us to give up - and what he wants us to take up instead:

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?*

*Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.*

*Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.*

*"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,*

and your night will become like the noonday." (Isaiah 58.6-10)

It is so easy to 'point the finger' at someone else, but maybe someone else is pointing their finger in my direction - or yours.

The good news for you, me, and even those who are the cause of the biggest problems in the world, is that Jesus allowed all the fingers to be pointed at him. Is this the greatest injustice in history? That the only person who ever lived a totally good and self-less life, had that life cruelly ended by being punished by his own Father - God Almighty - for my sins, your sins and everyone else's sins, past, present and future? Or is it the greatest act of love in eternity? That Jesus freely and willingly chose to take from us the oppressive 'yoke' of sin and death, being the only one who could, as he was the only one who had not earned that yoke for himself.

What's wrong with the world? I am.

What's right with the world? Jesus is.

The proof of this was seen that first Easter morning - the tomb, supposedly the place where the ultimate victory of death was to be seen by the presence of the dead body of Jesus, the Son of God, turned out to be empty apart from the carefully folded graveclothes which had been unable to contain the source of eternal life. Not a tomb that was broken into, but one that had been broken out of, as the power of love and life was shown to be far stronger than the power of hatred and death - so much so that he even had time to leave the place tidy!

So let us all stop pointing the finger at what we see to be the faults of others, and instead let us point our fingers to direct one another closer to the one who has freed us to live life in all its fulness, now and for eternity.

HAPPY EASTER!

Jim Perryman



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES / EVENTS FOR MARCH

Most 10:00am Sunday services will be 'hybrid' with a live stream, enabling the housebound, the holidaymaker, or anyone else who is not able to attend in person, to still be part of the congregation. Some other services will also be available in this way.

Sunday, 3 March

8:45am Holy Communion (CW)
10:00am All Age Worship with Baptism – *Livestreamed on Zoom*

Sunday, 10 March

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10:00am MOTHERING SUNDAY PARADE SERVICE – NOT LIVESTREAMED
with Scouting and Guiding Groups

Sunday, 17 March

PASSION SUNDAY

10:00am Holy Communion – *Livestreamed on Zoom*

Sunday, 24 March **PALM SUNDAY, start of Holy Week**10:00am Holy Communion + MOSAIC – *Livestreamed on Zoom*Wednesday, 27 March

10:30am Midweek Holy Communion for Holy Week

Thursday, 28 March**MAUNDY THURSDAY**7:00pm Agapé Meal and Communion in Church
followed by the 'Stripping the Altar' ceremonyFriday, 29 March**GOOD FRIDAY**

9:00am All Age Worship *followed by*
 9:30am Walk of Witness - part 1: All Saints' - St John's, Kenilworth
 10:15am Walk of Witness - part 2: St John's - Abbey End
 10:45am CTKD Open-Air Service at Abbey End *followed by*
 Walk of Witness - part 3: Abbey End to Abbey Fields
 11:35am CTKD Prayers at the Cross in Abbey Fields *followed by*
 Refreshments at Abbey Hill United Reformed Church
 2:00pm One Hour Meditation on the Cross *at All Saints' Church*

Saturday, 30 March**EASTER EVE**

7:30pm Service of Light - lighting the Paschal Candle

CLOCKS CHANGE OVERNIGHT (forward one hour)Sunday, 31 March**EASTER DAY**10:00am Easter Celebration with Holy Communion – *Livestreamed*
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

TO JOIN US ON ZOOM, EITHER follow the 'LIVESTREAMS' link on the menu of the church website, where you will also find the order of service for the day, **OR** use the link: www.cv35.uk/lwzoom, **OR** use the Zoom Cloud Meeting App with Meeting ID **645 991 3128**. The Passcode is **110720**.

Cheese & Wine Evening at the Village Hall

We are holding a Cheese and Wine Evening at the Village Hall on Saturday, 18 May at 7:30pm when we will be sampling wines from some of the countries in which Christian Aid operates. Who knew India makes wine?

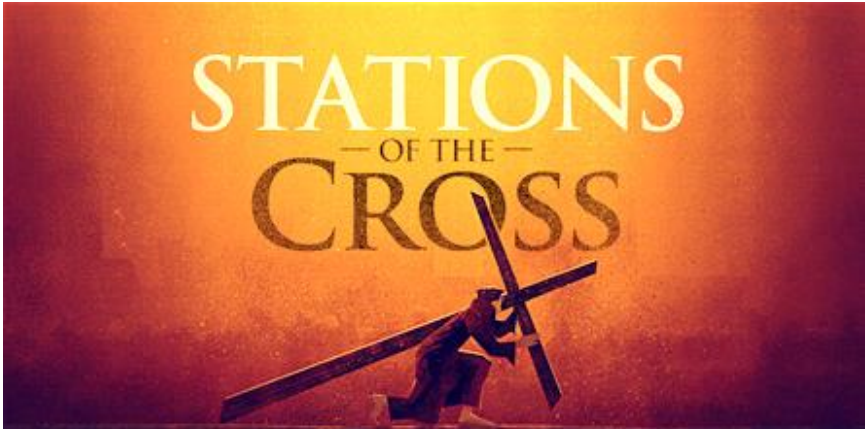


Come and join us for what will be an opportunity to learn a little about these vineyards and taste some unusual wines.

Tickets are £20 per person and can be purchased via the QR Code below or by cheque payable to 'PCC Leek Wootton Parish' with name and address to:

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Over 18s only



Palm Sunday, 24 March - Holy Saturday, 30 March

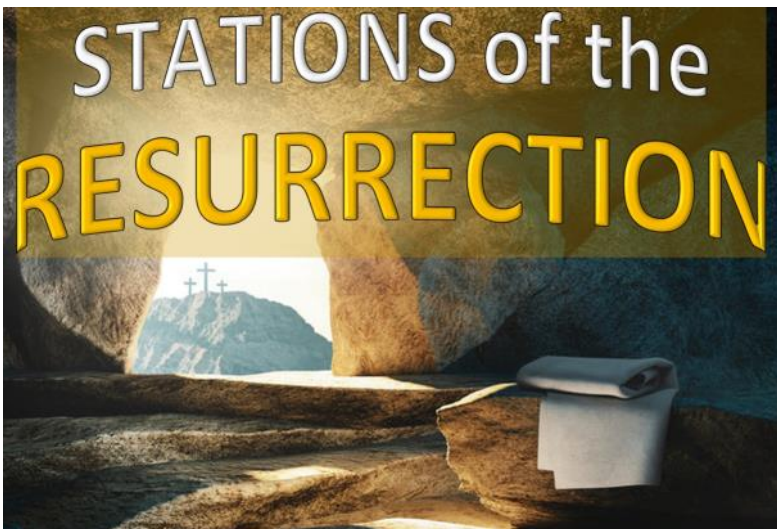
An invitation to follow, on boards around the churchyard, or by scanning QR codes around the Pavilions estate, 14 Stations of the Cross which depict the events of Good Friday, with a 15th station added on Holy Saturday, 30 March.

It is an opportunity to walk with Jesus along the way of the cross, to reflect on the events of that day and consider the relevance for our own lives.

The churchyard trail begins at the start of the path by the entrance to the Church car park, and the Pavilions trail begins at the lamppost near the playground where there will be a plan showing where to find the QR codes.

Easter Sunday, 31 March - Easter Saturday, 6 April

The trail routes will change to display the





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LEEK WOOTTON MU

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Make a Mother's Day 2024

Each year for Mothering Sunday, Mothers' Union launches an appeal offering gifts to buy for or in memory of a special mother. The 2024 gifts will empower women around the world, giving them their voices, rights and helping to turn the tide of gender inequality. These **Gifts of Dignity** include the setting up a savings group in Tanzania, through to helping women gain independence by starting their own businesses in Papua New Guinea. It is a special way to bless a mother, auntie, caregiver or grandmother, as well as to reap the benefits for another mother and family (www.makeamothersday.org).



London Marathon 2024

Raising funds for Mothers' Union

In running the London Marathon, Paula Waters, a member of our Leek Wootton MU Friendship Group will be fund raising for two long-term MU projects; supporting women and helping their families reach their full potential through experiences and education.

One is the MU Away from It All (AFIA) holidays, breaks, and trips programme for families in the Coventry and Warwickshire area. The project can provide a much-needed break for those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life and many families have experienced healing in their relationships by spending quality time with each other through this programme.

Next month there will be details about the overseas project and for Paula's JustGiving page.



Away from it all

Parentalk

The Primary Years

For anyone interested, look out for sessions coming up next term. Parentalk provides parents, grandparents and carers with the opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges they face, as well as looking at valuable principles and easy to apply techniques throughout the parenting journey.



A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Lord, on this special day set aside for Mothering,
we thank You for our mothers
and for all who fulfil the role of mother.

We thank You for the dignity, high calling
and honour You give to mothers and mothering.

Equip all mums with love and courage
to meet the demands of this age.

May they enjoy wisdom and grace in
meeting the opportunities of each day.

Protect them. Guide them.

Comfort them. Strengthen them.

May all who serve in 'mothering roles' know
your peace as they live and work for others.

Adapted from Make a Mother Day 2024 Resources

Share the journey with Christians in the Holy Land this Lent
Hear the latest challenges facing the small
Christian community in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel

Will their light go out ?

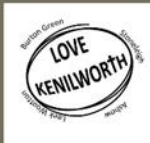


A Lenten reflecton and update by Peter Rand MBE

Wednesday 13th March

6.30 for 7pm to 8.30pm

Join in prayer for their future.



Free

St Francis Parish Centre
Warwick Road
Kenilworth CV8 1HL

 FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Peter's up to date knowledge is based on personal connections from his 14 years as Vice Chair and Trustee of Friends of the Holy Land, a national ecumenical charity based in Kenilworth.

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An initiative from Love Kenilworth - Churches Together in Kenilworth and District



CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WITH CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KENILWORTH AND DISTRICT

Churches Together in Kenilworth and District (CTKD) is the grouping of Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and United Reformed churches in the town of Kenilworth and the villages of Ashow, Burton Green, Leek Wootton and Stoneleigh.

For more information on the ecumenical events, and links to the websites of individual fellowships, see the website www.lovekenilworth.uk.

CTKD GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS AND OPEN-AIR SERVICES

The annual CTKD Walk of Witness will take place on Good Friday morning. It consists of four specific sections.

- 1. 9:30am Walk from All Saints, Leek Wootton to St John's, Kenilworth**
This follows the 9:00am service of All Age Worship. Refreshments are available on our arrival at St. John's. A small cross is carried on this section of the walk. Each walker is encouraged to carry a Palm Cross.
- 2. 10:15am Walk from St. John's, Kenilworth to Abbey End**
This begins the official procession with a group of volunteers carrying the large cross. Each walker is encouraged to carry a Palm Cross. This year, other converging processions will begin from various different churches.
- 3. 10:45am United Open-Air Service in Abbey End (Market Place)**
Through scripture, song, drama, testimony, preaching and prayer, the message of Christ on the Cross is proclaimed in the heart of Kenilworth.
- 4. c 11:20am Walk from Abbey End to Abbey Hill**
We enter Abbey Fields by the war memorial and walk to the far end of Abbey Hill where the cross is placed in the ground and we share a short time of worship and prayer, ending around 11.45am. Refreshments are then served in the Church Hall of Abbey Hill United Reformed Church.





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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL MATTERS

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Martin Williams, Chairman of the Friends of Coventry Cathedral, writes in his newsletter of the two statues standing in the now large open space in front of the Cathedral. One in place for nearly sixty years and one unveiled just last month.



The oldest, *The Coventry Boy* by Philip Bentham, looks towards the Cathedral, his Apprenticeship Certificate in one hand, a spanner in the other, paying tribute to the industrial engineering heritage prevalent in the city in the 1960s. It was donated by The Coventry Boy Foundation, which was created by one of the city's greatest benefactors, Alfred Harris. Mr Harris was the only benefactor, and The Foundation also funded, amongst other projects, the Graham Sutherland Tapestry, as well as paying for the French weavers to come over to view their handywork on the eve

of the Consecration in 1962.

The new statue, *The Phoenix Tree* by George Wagstaffe, symbolises the evolution of Coventry and draws on the sculptor's experiences of the Blitz. To him, the sculpture is about rebirth, demonstrating how the city built itself up from ruins and became the City of Peace and Reconciliation. He said "... things do crumble, do fall away, do break up and out of that can come something greater, something good."



MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

LIGHT, AIR, SPACE

Thursday, 7 March, 7:00pm-8:00pm, [The New Cathedral](#)

BCMG's wind trio perform a select programme of music, from Coventry's own Jonathan Harvey and Brian Ferneyhough, alongside pieces from Hans Abrahamsen, Sir Harrison Birtwistle and BCMG oboist Melinda Maxwell.

DARK SIDE OF THE MOON AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Saturday, 9 March, 8:00pm-10:00pm, [The New Cathedral](#)

Experience the full *Dark Side of the Moon* album, along with other Pink Floyd hits. The concert is in aid of the **Resounding Hope Organ Appeal** by a group of musicians who came together last March and who have performed at a variety of diverse venues.

Tickets online for £25.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL CHORUS' GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

Friday, 29 March, 6:00pm-7:30pm, [The New Cathedral](#)

The Chorus will present a selection of beautiful and inspiring motets for Good Friday, reflecting upon the Easter themes of love, sacrifice and hope.

Tickets - contact Jill Pacey on tickets@coventrycathedralchorus.com / 01676 532436. £20 in advance, £25 on the door.



LEEK WOOTTON & GUY'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 7 February 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall. Discussion included the following:

DEVELOPMENT AT WOODCOTE (POLICE HQ)

The Public Inquiry into the appeal by CALA homes on application W/22/1877 concluded with a final meeting on 4 February 2024 via Zoom. The closing sessions dealt with Conditions and Section 106 agreements and closing statements. The Inquiry was officially closed on 6 February, when CALA submitted its written closing statement.

All parties now await the Planning Inspector's judgement.

LEEK WOOTTON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

Hopefully, the Parish Council will shortly be appointing a contractor to install additional lighting in the car park.

The Parish Environment Group presented its ideas and initial plans for the biodiversity area. To some extent the first year will involve observation of the main meadow area, but planting yellow rattle to limit the grass growth, wildflowers on the edges and naturalised woodland planting in the wooded area will go ahead. There will also be wildlife friendly log piles and a bug hotel. The Scouts will be involved in the project, and if you are interested in being involved, contact environment@leekwootton.org.uk.

RECRUITMENT

The Parish Council is pleased to have had a candidate come forward for one of the three vacancies currently on the Parish Council and hopes to co-opt them at its meeting in March.

It is still looking for people who would like to join a friendly group of people that are working to improve the parish. If you are interested, please contact any of the Parish Council, or the Clerk at clerk@leekwootton.org.uk.

DOG WASTE

Dog fouling on the Recreation Ground was discussed and it was agreed that a poster campaign would be useful. The Recreation Ground is a multi-user space, not a dog park, and dog faeces is a hazard to all using the space.

The PC is aware that a number of diligent people pick up after other people's dogs, for which we are very grateful. However, it remains a fact that Leek Wootton has ample provision of dog waste bins, strategically placed for most convenience – please ensure you BAG and BIN your dog's waste or take it home to your own black bin.

TRAFFIC

Hill Wootton Road has once again experienced congestion. This was not notified to the PC in advance, because they were emergency works. WCC Highways has confirmed that National Grid was carrying out emergency works to repair a high voltage cable fault. It appears this was an evolving situation, as only traffic lights were in use, whereas a full road closure may have been more sensible. This route is popular with dog walkers and concerns were expressed to WCC Highways that the closure of the footway caused pedestrians to have to walk in the much reduced carriageway.

Works in March as shown on one.network include:

- 4-6 Mar Warwick Road (either side of The Elms) – WCC Highways to dig down and investigate gully
- 24 & 28 Mar Ashow Road (Stoneleigh side of Leamington Road), diversion in place while WCC Highways carries out roadway patching

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

The PC has had the area where an old tree was felled near the junction of The Meadows and The Hamlet, cleared of weeds and grass seeded – this was a one-off investment by the PC to improve the area, because no other Council or Department would take responsibility. WCC Forestry has also now planted a new tree to replace the old. Hopefully, this will see the area much improved for the neighbouring residents.

The PC is currently tendering for new grounds maintenance contractors.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 6 March 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall.

Minutes of all Parish Council meetings, when signed, are published on the website at www.leekwootton.org.uk. Any local issues can always be raised at meetings under Public Question Time or by contacting any of the Parish Councillors or the Clerk, details of whom are listed on all noticeboards, the Parish Council website, in the Parish Directory and the Bulletin.

From the

Parish Registers

11 February 2024
The Baptism
of
Remy Nico Brian Atkins





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It has been a month now since we launched the annual donation appeal and we have been, as ever, overwhelmed by the response, which is in line with the rate of returns we have observed in previous years (about halfway, with further donations continuing to come in throughout the remainder of the year). As ever, we have also really enjoyed reading your kind notes and comments enclosed.

One comment we have received is that our readers do not really know how the magazine is funded and we have been asked to provide some more information.

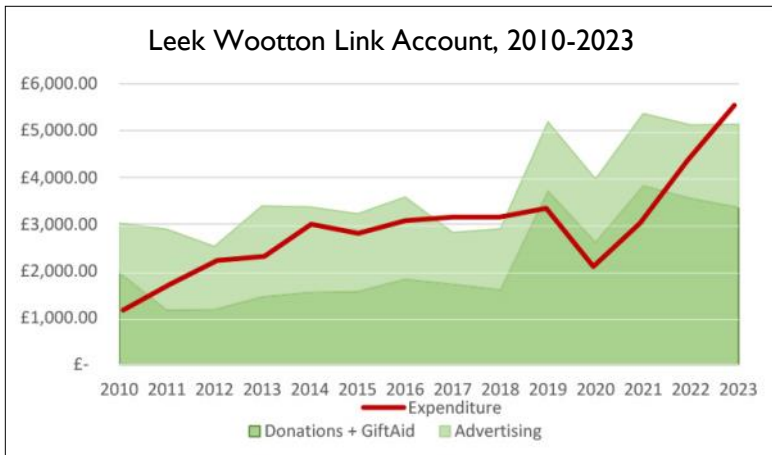
The following information is based on the 2023 Appeal:

Income	Advertising		1773
	Donations	2920	} 3364
	GiftAid reclaimed	444	
			<u>5137</u>
Outgoings			5583

The printing cost of each issue varied between £450 and £585 (the number of pages was between 40 and 52 and the number printed was increased in June to include The Pavilions, Kenilworth, which falls within the Church parish).

The mean average cost per household for 10 issues per year is £8.20.

Regarding the Donation Appeal, 2023 saw 153 donations received, which is 26% of the hard copy circulation. Donors were, as always, incredibly generous, giving an average of £17.25 per donation, but when you recalculate this across the number of issues delivered, this equates to £4.46. This income is topped-up with advertising fees.



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We offer the use of the Function room and for smaller occasions the Snug. The Function room is suitable for a wide range of uses including:

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THE LINK QUIZ By Norman Rogers

(answers on page 39)

Great Musicals on Film and Stage

Name the musical from the songs and clues:

1. Rodgers and Hammerstein's first smash hit. Stage, 1943, Film 1955 starring Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones on her screen debut. A romance set in Mid-West USA about Cowboys and Cattle Ranchers. *'The Surrey with the Fringe on Top'*, *'Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin''*, *'People Will Say We're in Love'*, and the title song.
2. Rodgers and Hammerstein's second show. A smash hit on stage (1945) and film (1956). The film again starred Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones. A tragic romance set in Maine USA. *'June Is Bustin' Out All Over'*, *'You'll Never Walk Alone'*, *'If I Loved You'*.
3. My favourite musical, set in the Paris Riots of 1832. From Victor Hugo's book, the 2012 film had an all-star cast including Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway and Eddie Redmayne. *'I Dreamed a Dream'*, *'Bring Him Home'*, etc.
4. Based on another Rodgers and Hammerstein stage show this 1956 film set in 19th Century Siam, starred Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr. *'Whistle a Happy Tune'*, *'Hello Young Lovers'*, *'Getting to Know You'*, etc.
5. A Lerner and Loewe 1958 romantic film set in the Belle Epoch era in early 20th Century Paris starring Lesley Caron, Louis Jourdain and veteran Maurice Chevalier. *'Thank Heaven for Little Girls'*, *'I Remember it Well'* and the title song.
6. This 1950 stage play and 1955 film which starred Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando as Skye Masterson and Jean Simmons, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser was set in New York's gambling community. *'Luck be a Lady'*, *'Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat'* and *'If I Were A Bell'*.
7. Smash hit of 2017 this musical starred Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron and Rebecca Ferguson. Set in America's early 20th Century showbiz scene it's a loose biography of P.T. Barnum of circus fame. *'It's Me'* and *'Never Enough'* sung by Loren Allred.
8. 1967 'Flower Power' Broadway hit, probably the first Rock Musical. It's theme of sex drugs and rock n roll, anti-Vietnam War and nudity caused a sensation when first released. *'Aquarius'*, *'I Got Life'* and *'Good Morning Starshine'*.
9. This Andrew Lloyd Webber musical premiered in



Deen van Meer



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London in 1981 and on Broadway a year later and was a smash hit in both. It was based on a poem by T.S. Eliot. The Song 'Memory' sung by Elaine Paige rocketed her to stardom. The original 1981 cast also featured Wayne Sleep, Sarah Brightman and Bonnie Langford.



10. This Lerner and Loewe 1951(stage)and 1969 (film) was set in the time of the California Gold Rush. The Film starred Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood and Jean Seaberg. 'I Talk to the Trees' and 'Wand'rin' Star' (Marvin).



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11. Andrew Lloyd Webber / Tim Rice musical following the life and death of a South American dictator's wife first staged in 1978 in the West End. Originally starring Elaine Paige and David Essex. 'Don't Cry for Me Argentina' and 'You Must Love Me'.



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12. This musical, adapted from a 1920's cartoon character was first staged on Broadway in 1977 and the West End in 1978. It tells of a little orphan girl's search for happiness from an orphanage to being adopted by a millionaire. 'It's The Hard Knock Life' and 'Tomorrow'.

More of the same next month.



LEEK WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL

TODDLER & BABY GROUP

A warm welcome is extended to parents, grandparents, and carers.

Baby area, crafts, mat and ride-on toys, music, and activities for all age groups from baby to pre-schoolers. Also fun outdoors in our woodland play area.

Just turn up and join us for a friendly and relaxed morning.
£2 per family. Bring your own snacks.



THURSDAYS (TERM TIME) 10-11:30AM

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Skittles Evening with Fish & Chip Supper

Thursday, 21 March @ 18.30 - Leek Wootton Sports Club – Tickets £15.00

Do you have your tickets yet?

Don't miss out on this great evening of socialising with friends, a game of skittles, with Fish & Chip Supper from St John's Fish Bar, and raffle prizes - purchasing your refreshments from the Bar of the Sports Club.



Tickets may be purchased from Kay Wakeman (t: 851670)

The Big Breakfast

Friday, 10 May @ 09.00 until 12.00 - Leek Wootton Village Hall - Donations on the Day



A date to look forward to in the CRUK calendar, our annual parish 'Big Breakfast'. Chat with friends and neighbours and enjoy a fabulous breakfast and refreshments. Please note the slight change in times of the event.

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Secretary : Steph Jones e : lwhsociety@gmail.com



AGM - Leek Wootton Village Hall

This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday, 13 March at 7:30pm, all are welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Annual Show & Fete

Saturday, 17 August - Leek Wootton Village Hall

After the school hosted us for last year's Show, we are back to our normal venue, in the Village Hall for 2024. The new schedule will be advertised on the website and paper copies will be available nearer to the date.

The photographic categories for this year's Show will be *Wildlife in my Garden* and *Daily Life in Leek Wootton*.

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AVON WOOD

Join our Woodland Journey



Avon Wood is a project to create a new biodiverse woodland in the parish. Situated off the B4115, the 32-acre site is a former agricultural field bordering the river (see www.avon-wood.co.uk). 18,000 native broadleaf saplings were planted five years ago and are now well established, and there is ample evidence of nature reclaiming the site. 40+ species of birds and 12 of butterfly have been catalogued, and foxes, badgers, otters and deer are regular visitors.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The next phase of the project will need broader involvement from the community, firstly to help with basic maintenance - the plan is to schedule days when groups of volunteers can tackle tasks ranging from collecting redundant deer guards, to re-staking wind damaged saplings, and in due course planting bluebells.

Secondly, we're also looking for specialist help, naturalists to fully catalogue flora and fauna and to document how soil and food chains are recovering, and educationalists who can turn such data into learning materials and experiences, particularly for younger generations.

INTRODUCTORY OPEN DAY

Saturday, 18 May 2024

All residents are invited to visit the woodland in all its springtime glory on Saturday, 18 May to learn more about the project, and if you want to get involved (no obligation) how you can help.

For more details contact Teresa Castelino (teresa.castelino@gmail.com) of the Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Parish Environment Group, or David Harding (dcih@icloud.com) in the first instance.

Leek Wootton Village Hall Regular Users

Organisation	Contact	Activity Times
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Kenny Art Group	Barbara Kenny e: skbk267@yahoo.co.uk t: 01926 852413	Wednesday 1:30pm
Leamington Spa & District Twins Club	Elizabeth Daniels e: liz.daniels86@gmail.com m: 07872 900312	Tuesday 10:00am
Leek Wootton Beavers and Cubs	Jo Elsy e: mail@jelsy.myzen.co.uk t: 01926 854623	Monday 5:30pm
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LEEK WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL

Booking Secretary : Sigrun Fewtrill

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Leek Wootton Village Hall Committee Meeting Wednesday, 24 January 2024

The quarterly meeting began with the opening and sharing of a box of chocolates – the perfect option in *Dry January!*

The Committee discussed a series of good news items, including bookings for the Hall being at a high level, with weekends fully booked with parties until May, and importantly some savings had been achieved for essential service contracts, and remedial maintenance.

Unfortunately, at the same time some problems were reported; a growing list of costly maintenance issues, rubbish bags not being taken away by Hall users – the Hall does not have refuse collection - and the Hall being left a little untidy after use. Plus, an ever-increasing number of lost property items being left at the Hall.

The Village Hall employs a cleaner to attend twice a week, with a valuable team of volunteers attending on a Friday, but essentially, we rely heavily on the Hall being left in a tidy state after use. If anyone encounters any issues, then please let Sigrun know on the above email.

Back onto the good news; there are two events for your diary! The Committee will be hosting a **Fun Family Summer Barbecue** on **Saturday, 20 July!**



and a **POP-TASTIC 60's/70's**

night on Saturday, 30 November!

More details will be published in The Link, but in the meantime please put those dates into your diary!

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 April at 7:00pm.

Magazine Cover Image

The figure of Justice on the cover is from the centre and upper part of the now 500-year-old Coventry Tapestry, which hangs in its original place in the Great Hall of St Mary's Guildhall. As a part of the recent restoration and renovation of the Guildhall, the tapestry was removed, cleaned and relined by specialist conservators and it is an incredible centre piece in a building steeped in history.



If you haven't visited recently, it really is an interesting place to go... **[Eds]**



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Please take home all belongings, as the Lost Property Basket will checked on a regular basis and items not collected after a period of time, will be removed.

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BOOKING INQUIRIES TO MRS S FEWTRILL

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This month we changed venues and played Skittles at the Sports Club. We obviously needed more practice as our skills and technique were sadly lacking! Despite this it was a good evening enjoyed by all. We had a challenging quiz for teams to complete whilst waiting to bowl, and it was a lively evening and a good opportunity to socialise.



For next month's meeting, on 19 March, we will be returning to the Village Hall when we will be having a talk from Myton Hospice.

Sue Robbins

On Thursday, 22 February, 10 WI ladies boarded a train to Birmingham. The weather was cold and wet, but our spirits were high as we made our way to the Hippodrome to see the ballet, Sleeping Beauty. The ballet was spellbinding, with Tchaikovsky's wonderful music and dancers in fabulous costumes.



The day was finished with a meal at Browns restaurant near the Bull Ring, followed by a safe journey back to Warwick. The day was lovely despite the weather and the ballet is well worth the effort of going to Birmingham.

Thanks to Sue for organising the outing.

Ros Commander

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KENILWORTH PROBUS I CLUB

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Kenilworth Probus I met for its regular meeting at the Sports Club on Tuesday, 20 February. The first item was one minute of silence in memory of a member, Brian Williams, who passed away unexpectedly earlier this month. After a short amount of house business, attention turned to the speaker's talk which was entitled "Orthodontics - The Science of Moving Teeth".

Barry Hayes a recently retired Orthodontist and Lecturer at Warwick University briefly related his career, including the five years to qualify as a dentist followed by three further years to qualify as an orthodontist. He then talked of the history and indications of attempts to move teeth having been found from archaeological digs of ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman sites. He also illustrated attempts made by the French in the 17th and 18th Centuries using leather, but nothing further had been tried until the modern methods we know today from the 1970s. His talk then moved to the way an orthodontist operates, how moving teeth is limited to 1mm per month, how the wires are fixed to teeth and how the tensions required to move the teeth are estimated.

It was a most interesting and educational talk, well received by the members.

NEXT MEETING:

The Club next meets on Tuesday, 19 March when Hazel Carter will be talking about "Living with Motor Neurone Disease. Life's Good - it's the disease that's the problem". The April meeting will be the Club's AGM.

Kenilworth Probus 1 Club is a gathering of retired or semi-retired gentlemen who have generally held positions during their working life in professions and businesses and get together once a month to hear talks on a wide range of topics, enjoy a good chin-wag over a drink at the bar, possibly followed by lunch together to continue discussions at The Anchor and occasional visits to places of interest including local factories etc.

Any readers living within a reasonable distance of the parish who feel that one morning, once a month, in the company of like-minded men and learning about a variety of subjects, sounds of interest contact Mike Cheeseman, Club Secretary, 01926 852976.

Easter Events

Easter Craft Fair

Sat, 30 Mar, 10:00-16:30 at Warwick Visitor Centre, Court House, Jury Street, Warwick

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Now, the garden is producing lots of fruit and vegetables again, this time for local food charities. Not always an easy task, but the volunteers and the charities have become a strong team.

Jude, one of the lead caterers at the local night shelter, said: *"We really appreciate the regular donations of fresh produce we get. Our guests may occasionally be a bit wary of some of the things we give them, but we've also had a lot of converts to roasted squash and parsnips!"*

The main aims of the Garden are to honour its original horticultural purpose and to develop it for community and educational benefit. Currently work is progressing to restore the impressive glass peach house, while other volunteers are preparing for another busy season growing and picking fruit, vegetables and flowers.

The garden is open throughout the year, and in 2024 will be co-hosting World Bee Day, when there will be a range of activities, refreshments and stalls as well as a great display by Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers.

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LEEK WOOTTON SPORTS CLUB

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Charity Quiz Night

A Charity Quiz Night was held at Leek Wootton Sports Club on Saturday, 17 February and a good time was had by all!

A big THANK YOU to Sandra and Tottie for organising a great evening, ably assisted by helpers Barb and Bob. Thanks also to Andy for producing the delicious half-time catering.

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See main articles for further details

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St David's Day

- Every Friday -

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From 17:30 at the Sports Club

LWSC: Outdoor Bootcamp

18:00 at the Sports Club

- Every Monday -

Young at Heart

14:00 at the Sports Club

- Every Wednesday -

LWSC: Bridge Group

10:00 at the Sports Club

Wednesday, 6 March

Parish Council Meeting

19:30 at the Village Hall

Wednesday, 6 & 20 March

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18:00 at the Sports Club

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Sunday, 10 March

Mothering Sunday

Wednesday, 13 March

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18:30 for 19:00 at St Francis Parish Centre

LW Gardening Club: AGM

19:30 at the Village Hall

Sunday, 17 March

St Patrick's Day

Tuesday, 19 March

Kenilworth Probus I Club *(see page 27)*

Leek Wootton WI

19:45 at the Village Hall

Wednesday, 20 March

PCC Meeting

19:30 at All Saints' Church

Thursday, 21 March

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Sunday, 24 March

Palm Sunday

Friday, 29 March

Good Friday

Sunday, 31 March



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18 Feb: Toads on the move on Woodcote Lane. Please report any alive or dead toads you see and drive carefully when using the lane at night →



Image: Teresa Castellino

← Works on Hill Wootton Road again, 13 Feb (see page 12)



Image: Harry Wilson

→ 'Seen in the village', 7 Feb



Image: Tom Commander

← Warwick Half Marathon was well-supported again in Leek Wootton [Inset: Kenilworth Runners' No. 1 Supporter!]



Floods again at Blackdown, 9 Feb →

Warwickshire Police could not resist a humorous jibe at the driver, saying: "BMW do make some wonderful cars but what they don't have on sale for your everyday motorist is an amphibious vehicle you can nip to town in"



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↑ As well as all the rain and flooding, there has been some beautiful weather in February

Snowdrops as Guy's Cliffe →



← The Guides celebrate 'World Thinking Day', 20 Feb



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