



All Saints' Church Parish Magazine

# LEEK WOOTTON LINK

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the April issue of *The Link*, and may we say thank you to all those who have gradually been getting around to making a donation towards the cost of the magazine.

We should also thank publicly those who voluntarily get *The Link* out to you each month, for ten months of the year. Some of the distributors have been walking their patch for a very long time, and once the parcel arrives from the printers, the entire exercise of distribution now works like clockwork!

Those who lead the various groups and charity committees within the community keep us well informed and then there are readers who, when something 'clicks', kindly submit items to us.

However, there is one person who has absolutely no reason to feel obliged to contribute, and yet Norman Rogers provides us all with a challenging quiz every month, which we get to 'do' only just in advance of the rest of you! Thank you very much Norman.

*Helen & Lesley Eldridge  
The Editorial Team*

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## FROM THE VICARAGE

### “Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!”

Easter Day may be past once we enter April this year, but the Easter Season is only just beginning. The yearly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is not a quick affair - we keep it going for seven weeks, right up until the day of Pentecost which, this year, will be May 19. More about that next month but, for April, forget ‘Fools’ and ‘Showers’, and join in with us (or at least tolerate us!) being ‘Fools for Christ’ and rejoicing in the ‘Showers of Blessing’.

This season means so much to me. It was the Sunday after Easter, 45 years ago, when I first understood just what it all meant as I experienced a deeply personal and both physical and spiritual encounter with the Risen Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. About seven years earlier, as a young teenager becoming disillusioned with the church, with life in general, and certainly with myself as a person, I had said to God, *“If you are real, you know where I am.”* I didn’t cut myself off from church entirely - Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve remained important - but life centred on playing Bridge, learning how to be - and then being - a computer programmer, and trying to get over the effects of the bullying (mainly psychological) that I suffered at secondary school. If anyone saw the recent episode of Death in Paradise, I certainly understood the portrayal of the long-lasting emotional damage caused by such school bullying.

But a chance encounter on a train a few years later with an old friend from infant school, while I was travelling to work, led to a string of events which ultimately got me to be a regular spectator at Billericay Town Football Club where a group of teenagers, a few years younger than me, ‘adopted’ me and, through their friendship and patience, drew me to their church for Easter Day and then, the following week, to a gathering where church youth groups from around the area came together for worship, teaching and fellowship. I felt so uncomfortable - this wasn’t what I thought church was like: they were really enjoying themselves! But I was stuck in the middle of a row of people so had to stick it out, though I was not engaging with it until the moment when the speaker said rather suddenly, *“there are some here who are closed to the love of Christ, and I pray that they will open their hearts”* - POW! Who moved first - me, or Jesus? Either way, I had an amazing sensation like being hit by a wave which, rather than knocking me over, just flowed straight through me, and I heard a voice in my mind gently saying, *“I know where you are, and I am real.”*

The rest, as they say, is history, but I knew the truth and it’s why, throughout the Easter Season, I rejoice - and have fun - leading the Easter greeting in our acts of worship. These words aren’t just part of the liturgy - they are words of life, and words of truth about my friend who had stayed with me, unseen, through my darkest times and, when I was ready, helped me to find real purpose in life and life-long friendships built on his love.

My prayer is that, over the years and maybe in the years still to come, I might have been used by God to help someone else discover the glorious truth that, *“Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!”*

*Jim Perryman*



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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

## CHURCH SERVICES / EVENTS FOR APRIL

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.

### Wednesday, 3 April

8:45pm Compline Online - *Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY*

### Sunday, 7 April

9:00am Holy Communion (CW)

10:00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting, *preceded by the brief 'Vestry' Meeting for the election of Churchwardens*

### Wednesday, 10 April

8:45pm Compline Online - *Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY*

### Sunday, 14 April

10:00am Holy Communion + MOSAIC - *Livestreamed on Zoom*

### Wednesday, 17 April

10:30am Midweek Holy Communion

### Sunday, 21 April

10:00am All Age Worship - Faith and Life - *Livestreamed on Zoom*

### Sunday, 28 April

10:00am All Age Holy Communion + MOSAIC - *Livestreamed on Zoom*

**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](http://www.cv35.uk/lwzoom), **OR** use the Zoom Cloud Meeting App with Meeting ID **645 991 3128**. The Passcode is **110720**.

## **Emmaus** (Luke 24:13-32)

In the breaking  
of the bread  
Our eyes were opened,  
We knew Him then.  
The Lord was with us in  
Emmaus,  
There was no doubt.  
He was alive and with us,  
The scriptures  
made sense.  
What a difference!

But thinking back  
To that journey –  
To the grief that  
overwhelmed us,  
The discussions,  
disagreements  
And debilitating  
disappointment –  
A different opening  
of the eyes,  
We never *were* alone.

Before the word  
and bread,  
Because of the word  
and bread  
He was there,  
He is here,  
Always,  
Walking with us.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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**LEEK WOOTTON MU**

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**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

## RUNNING LONDON MARATHON 2024 ON 21ST APRIL RAISING FUNDS FOR MOTHERS' UNION

Paula Waters, a member of our Leek Wootton MU Friendship Group is fund raising for two long-term MU projects; supporting women and helping their families.

Last month there were details about the local project, the **Away from It All (AFIA)** holidays, breaks and trips programme for families in the Coventry and Warwickshire area.

### This month some details about the overseas project, the **MU Central Literacy and Savings Programmes in Burundi.**

This programme focuses on empowering women through training facilitators to lead local women's literacy and financial education initiatives. The impact of this programme has been remarkable - it has brought about gender equality, increased participation of women in decision-making processes, and transformed families' lives. As a result of these programmes, 78% of families can now afford higher education for their children, while 96% can afford health insurance.

Paula says, *"I am truly inspired by the work that Mothers' Union does every day to make a positive impact on the lives of women and families worldwide. But they can't do it alone - they need our support.*

*"That's why I'm reaching out to you today with an ask - please consider making a donation towards my fundraising efforts for MU. Your contribution will go directly towards supporting these vital projects that are changing lives.*

*"Together, we can make a difference!"*

If you'd like to support Paula, her JustGiving page is at:

**[www.justgiving.com/page/paula-waters-1707572702323](http://www.justgiving.com/page/paula-waters-1707572702323)**

### A Prayer

Dear God,

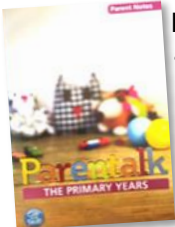
We're excited for Paula and grateful that she's taken up the challenge, as a way of helping women and their families.

We pray for her good preparation, as well as safety and strength for the marathon day.

Amen

## PARENTALK – THE PRIMARY YEARS

For those who may be interested in sessions coming up in the first half of summer 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.

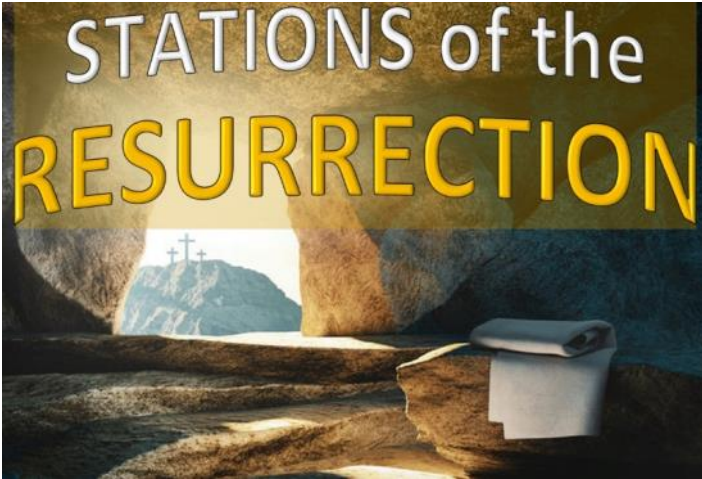


### Key topics -

- The busyness of family life
- Understanding children's 'Love Languages'
- Communication
- Setting boundaries
- Preparing children for the outside world
- The importance of family time

If you or your friendship group are interested contact Felicity on 07773 079447

## Easter Sunday, 31 March - Easter Saturday, 6 April



**An invitation to follow, on boards around the churchyard,  
or by scanning QR codes around the Pavilions estate,  
15 Stations of the Resurrection  
which depict key events of the 40 days from Easter Sunday.**

It is an opportunity to walk with the Disciples  
as they encountered the Risen Jesus and, perhaps,  
to allow yourself to encounter him too along the way.

*The churchyard trail begins in Church  
at the Easter Garden by the Font',  
and the Pavilions trail begins at the lamppost near the playground,  
where there will be a plan showing where to find the QR codes.*

## 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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## CATHEDRAL ORIGINS

The name Coventry may have originated from the word 'cofa', which is now cove, an early English word for valley, and tree may refer to an oak which was considered to be sacred. An early known spelling is Couaentree. A recorded history shows a seventh century convent founded by Osburga, which was sacked in 1016 when Mercia revolted against King Canute. However, he restored the nunnery once his place as monarch was secure.

A charter was granted to Earl Leofric and his wife Godiva in 1043 to establish a Benedictine Abbey, and Coventry began to flourish. The monastery was enlarged and by 1220 it stood high on a hill in the centre of Coventry. Holy Trinity and St Michael's, with its 300-foot spire, were also built. In the fifteenth century Henry Tudor gave thanks at St Michael's for his victory over Richard III at Bosworth Field.

The monastic community prospered, but in 1538 Henry VIII ordered the dissolution of the monasteries and the building fell into decay. However, centuries later its neighbour St Michael's became a Cathedral when the new Diocese of Coventry was created in 1918.

The Three Spires of Coventry, St Michael's, Holy Trinity and Christ Church (of which, sadly, only the spire remains) are an uplifting sight and a testament to the skills of our medieval ancestors.



## SOLD OUT

Upon investigating the musical events scheduled at the Cathedral in April, I have discovered that two popular disco events are fully booked, and the *Finding Nemo* craft morning is also sold out. Hopefully, a fuller music programme will be available in May.

There is no news on the website yet about the return of the Monday lunch time organ recitals. Hopefully, more news next month.

## NEVER MIND THE MUSIC. HOW ABOUT A GUIDED TOUR

There is so much to discover about the fascinating history and architecture of both the old and new Cathedral buildings, as well as the artefacts, many of them gifts, on display inside. You will receive a detailed description of them all from a knowledgeable guide and you can bring a group, large or small, 2 or 20. To find out more just Google **Guided Tours of Coventry Cathedral** and complete the form.

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# LEEK WOOTTON & GUY'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 6 March 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall. Discussion included the following:

## COUNCILLOR JOY MORGAN

The first item of business was the co-option of a new Councillor, Joy Morgan. A resident of Leek Wootton for nearly 30 years, Joy has already been actively involved in the community for many years, with the Church, Mothers' Union, Macmillan and the WI, as well as initiating a support group for widows.

Joy's interest in local government has been piqued by the recent issue of the development at Woodcote (Police HQ) and her regular attendance at the Public Inquiry to follow the appeal process, *"The Parish Council can only function if local residents play an active part and the paucity of attendance at the Planning Inquiry suggested to me that there is a severe shortage of local residents prepared to get involved in local government decision-making. As a local resident, I cannot expect others to step forward if I am not prepared to do so."*

The Council is pleased to welcome Joy and the value she will inevitably bring to its ranks, and looks forward to working with her.

**The Council has two remaining vacancies and is keen to fill these roles; at full capacity it will be better able to support the community. If you take an interest in any aspect of our community, whether it is something you think you could do better, or an idea you have for improvement, please get in touch. Contact the Clerk at [clerk@leekwootton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@leekwootton.org.uk)**

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly is a meeting of the parish electorate. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council, although it will be organised by the Council. The purpose of the meeting is to give the Parish Council, and other local organisations an opportunity to let local residents know what they have been doing over the past year. The meeting is also an opportunity for electors to have a say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish.

In Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe we collate and present reports from local organisations in a written format, in order to keep proceedings moving. We also have a speaker and an open forum, which gives electors an opportunity to raise issues or ask questions.

For the 2024 Assembly the Parish Council we will not have a speaker, but the forum will be looking at the subject of the development at Woodcote and outcome of the Appeal [as yet unknown] and what the next stages of the planning process may be. For the agenda, see page 19.

## DEVELOPMENT AT WOODCOTE

At the time of the meeting the Council was still awaiting the Planning Inspector's report/decision.

## LEEK WOOTTON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

On 6 March a new lamp post was installed to light the north east part of the car park. The existing lamps were also replaced with LED lights. This completes Phase II of the car park refurbishment project.

Preparations for the Biodiversity Project are under way, with the Parish Environment Group and Scout Group being involved. The project will include a wildflower meadow, installation of bat boxes and sparrow terraces, and planting new native trees.

## FIBRE TO THE PREMISES [FTTP] BROADBAND

Some time ago the Parish Council attempted to establish a project to improve the broadband provision with BT Openreach in Leek Wootton. This proved a challenge to just establish the parameters of the project as Openreach repeatedly drew massive areas, including many addresses that are outside of the Council's jurisdiction. The last time the Council attempted to restart the project it was advised to wait until the conclusion of Project Gigabit and the Department of Community Media and Sport [DCMS] review of the gigabit voucher scheme.

The Council is aware that there are many residents who continue to experience issues and is now revisiting this project to investigate the best way to proceed.

## TRAFFIC SPEED

The Community Speed Watch group now has 4 sites approved for observation sessions. If you are interested in joining the Community Speed Watch group, please contact the Clerk.

The Council has no further news on the progress of the 20mph zone outside the school. Similar schemes are being rolled out at schools throughout the county and this may take a number of months to be completed.

## COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

- A resident raised the issue of litter around the sliproad to the A46, southbound after the Gaveston roundabout. In addition to the general litter, are the discarded WCC Highways 'easels', which they appear to treat as disposable. The condition of this area has been raised with WCC Highways and WDC Contract Services and this should be cleared by the end of March.
- Concern was expressed about the condition of trees in a number of places around the parish, particularly following a couple of incidents of falling trees and branches. Whilst March to August is bird nesting season and hedges and trees cannot be cut back, property owners should be aware of the condition of trees and the potential risk of a falling tree or branch to the public.
- Following a resident's complaint, posters have been placed around the Recreation Ground to remind dog walkers to bag and bin dog waste - the Recreation Ground is a community recreation space and leaving dog faeces where there are football pitches marked out is not acceptable - it is a health hazard! The PC would like to thank the community-minded people who not only clear their own dogs' waste, but other people's dogs' waste when they see it.

## DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Our District and County Councillors attend Parish Council meetings and on this occasion were keen to relay information about the WDC Household Support Grant,

to which families and households in Warwickshire can apply, whether they use prepayment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of a bill. Residents are invited to contact the local welfare scheme team for confidential discussion.

To find out more about various schemes for cost of living support in Warwick District and how to get in touch with them, please visit:

[www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20845/cost\\_of\\_living\\_support](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20845/cost_of_living_support)

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 3 April 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday, 10 April at the Church (see page 19).

*Minutes of all Parish Council meetings, when signed, are published on the website at [www.leekwootton.org.uk](http://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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Congratulations...

...to Sharon and Martin Renshaw on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in March



and

Congratulations to Joan and Graham Stevens on becoming Great Grandparents to baby Noah

Also... our Quizmaster extraordinaire, Norman Rogers celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in March by getting a round in at The Anchor!



From the

## Parish Registers

Sunday, 3 March 2024

The Baptism

of

**Bruin Lucas Joseph Simms**

and

**Ophelia Margaux Simms**





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# THE LINK QUIZ

By Norman Rogers

(answers on page 43)

## More Musicals

Name the musical from the songs and clues:

1. You had to follow the Yellow Brick Road to find this person in 1939. '*Over the Rainbow*'. Made a star of Judy Garland.
2. Smash hit 1950 film with wonderful songs by Irving Berlin. '*They Say Its Wonderful*', '*I Got the Sun in the Morning*', '*Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)*', '*Doin' What Comes Natur'lly*' etc etc. Set in the old west it starred Betty Hutton and Howard Keel.
3. Probably the biggest smash hit movie of all time. '*Climb Ev'ry Mountain*', '*Edelweiss*', '*My Favorite Things*', etc, etc. Made a huge star of Julie Andrews, no need to say any more.
4. 1961 film set among the teenage gangs of New York, adapted from Romeo and Juliet. '*America*', '*I Feel Pretty*', '*Maria*', '*Somewhere*'. Music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Starred Natalie Wood and George Chakiris.
5. Set in a 1920's Mid-West crime ridden city, this musical tells of the gangs and political corruption rife at the time, (nothing has changed). The 2002 film starred Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renée Zellweger and Richard Gere. '*All That Jazz*', '*Razzle Dazzle*', etc.
6. Another smash film hit of 1958 based on the Rodgers and Hammerstein 1949 stage musical. Starring Rossano Brazzi and Mitzi Gaynor. Set in World War 2. Loads of smash hit songs including '*Some Enchanted Evening*', '*Younger than Springtime*', '*There is Nothing Like a Dame*', '*Bali Ha'i*', etc.
7. Another huge hit film of 1978. Summer holiday romance set in USA. My daughter drove me mad by playing this over and over again even ten years later!! Starred John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John and Stockard Channing. '*Summer Nights*', '*You're the One That I Want*', '*Hopelessly Devoted to You*', etc.
8. 1964 film version of George Bernard Shaw's 1913 stage play Pygmalion. Starred Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. '*Wouldn't it be Lovely*', '*I Could Have Danced All Night*', etc.
9. Another hit 1954 American film set in 1850s Oregon. The plot is about settlers looking for wives in the Old West. Lyrics by Johnny Mercer, the musical was more renowned for its brilliant dance sequences. Starred Howard Keel and Jane Powell. '*When You're in Love*', '*Bless Yore Beautiful Hide*', etc.
10. This is the longest running stage musical ever on Broadway and second longest behind Les Misérables in the West End. The original 1986 show with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber starred Sarah Brightman and Michael Crawford. Set in the theatre world of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Paris. Biggest hit was '*The Music of the Night*'.



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Category 3	Fri, 6:00-11:00pm Sat & Sun	By arrangement	£16.00 ph	£22.00 ph

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### BOOKING INQUIRIES TO MRS S FEWTRILL

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# Leek Wootton Village Hall Regular Users

Organisation	Contact	Activity Times
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<b>Kenny Art Group</b>	Barbara Kenny e: skbk267@yahoo.co.uk t: 01926 852413	Wednesday 1:30pm
<b>Leamington Spa &amp; District Twins Club</b>	Elizabeth Daniels e: liz.daniels86@gmail.com m: 07872 900312	Tuesday 10:00am
<b>Leek Wootton Beavers and Cubs</b>	Jo Elsy e: mail@jelsy.myzen.co.uk t: 01926 854623	Monday 5:30pm
<b>Leek Wootton Brownies</b>	Hazel Turner e: leekwoottonbrownies@hotmail.com m: 07970 908073	Tuesday 6:00pm
<b>Leek Wootton Guides</b>	Hazel Turner e: leekwoottonguides@hotmail.com m: 07970 908073	Tuesday 7:30pm
<b>Leek Wootton &amp; Guy's Cliffe Parish Council</b>	Helen Eldridge e: clerk@leekwootton.org.uk m: 07464 017573	First Wednesday of each month 7:30pm
<b>Leek Wootton Village Hall Committee</b>	Genny Wilson e: genny@klasinski.co.uk m: 07921 132079	Wednesday every 3 months 7:00pm
<b>Line Dancing</b>	Annie Murray e: anniedanceuk@aol.com t: 01926 864554	Tuesday 1:45pm
<b>Maria Textile Design</b>	Maria Manuel e: mariathomastextiles@gmail.com t: 01926 853794	Monthly on a Friday 9:30am
<b>Leek Wootton Toddler &amp; Baby Group</b>	Janet Jackson t: 01926 258264 e: toddlers@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk	Thursday 10:00am
<b>Viva Theatre Arts</b>	Claudia Temple e: claudia-temple@hotmail.com m: 07977 493563	Friday 4:00pm
<b>Leek Wootton Women's Institute</b>	Lesley Kirkwood w: <a href="https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/wi/leek-wootton">https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/wi/leek-wootton</a> m: 07855 518315	Third Tuesday of each month 7:30 pm

# LEEK WOOTTON SPORTS CLUB



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Church Teas kindly run by the school PTFA  
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**The Parish Summer Fête**  
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**FACEBOOK.COM/BABY & TODDLER GROUP - LEEK WOOTTON**



**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14**

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HILL WOOTTON ROAD, HILL WOOTTON**

Warwickshire County Council **has made** a Temporary Traffic Order details as indicated below:

**Effect of Order** Hill Wootton Road closed to vehicular traffic

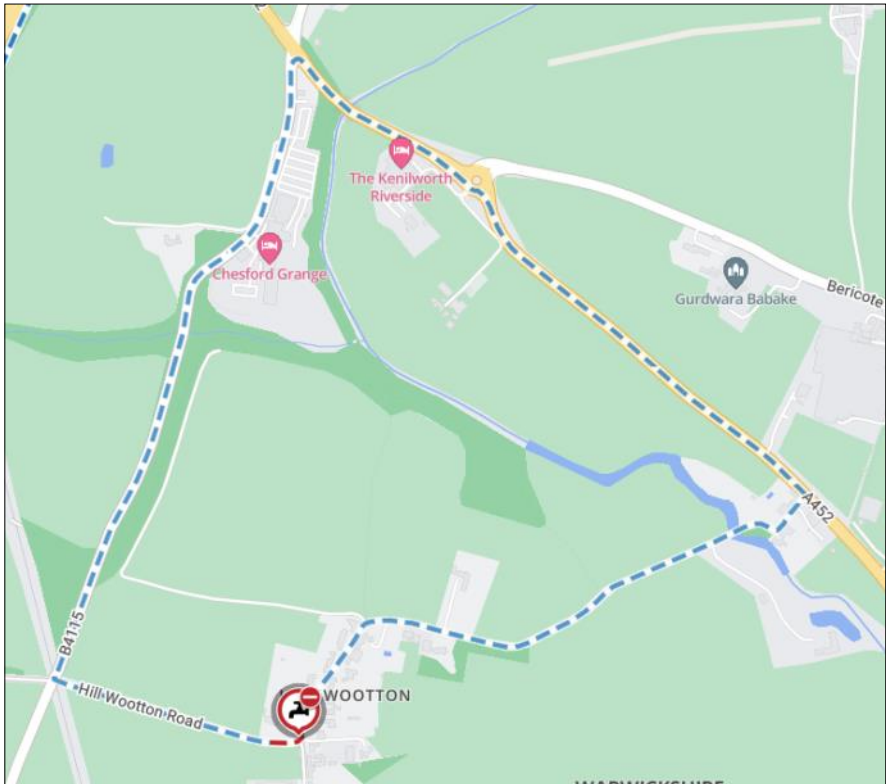
**Reason for Order** To enable works for the installation of a sluice valve

**Order Effective From** 23 April 2024

**Anticipated Completion Date** 25 April 2024

**Access & Diversion** Shown below

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**S Duxbury, Assistant Director of Governance & Policy,  
Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL**

**19 April 2024**

# Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Annual Parish Assembly

Wednesday, 10 April 2024  
at All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton  
7:00pm

The Annual Parish Assembly is a meeting of the parish electorate. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council, although it does organise it. The meeting is to give the Parish Council, and other local organisations an opportunity to let local residents know what they have been doing over the past year. The meeting is also an opportunity for electors to have a say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish.

**THERE WILL BE NO SPEAKER THIS YEAR  
THERE WILL BE AN UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT AT  
WOODCOTE, THE PUBLIC INQUIRY AND THE FUTURE OF THE SITE**

**● ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ●**

## AGENDA

1. Introduction & Welcome
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2023  
Available online at [www.leekwootton.org.uk/2023/03/31/annual-parish-assembly-22-march-2023-draft-minutes](http://www.leekwootton.org.uk/2023/03/31/annual-parish-assembly-22-march-2023-draft-minutes)
- 2a. Matters arising from minutes
3. Report on 2023/24
4. Public Forum
  - 4a. Development at Woodcote  
An update on the planning progress for the potential development at Woodcote following the Public Inquiry
  - 4b. Open Forum  
An opportunity to ask local Councillors questions or raise concerns about any issue affecting the community
5. Closure of meeting

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# LEEK WOOTTON GARDENING CLUB

Secretary : Steph Jones    e : [lwhsociety@gmail.com](mailto:lwhsociety@gmail.com)



## AGM - Leek Wootton Village Hall



*l-r: Brian, Angela and Ron*

It was with much sadness that we said farewell from the Gardening Club to Brian Melling, Angela Guest and Ron Guest at the AGM in March. They have been a part of the Horticultural Society and now the Gardening Club for over 20 years, Brian as Chairman and Angela as the Show Secretary. Ron has been exhibiting his dahlias for many years and can remember the Show taking place on the fields that are now the Hamlet and Tidmarsh development.

We would like to thank Brian for his leadership and Angela for her smooth running of the Annual Show each year, it is appreciated by us all.

A copy of the minutes of the AGM will be posted on the website.



### 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**.



Kenilworth Library & Information Centre will be holding a  
**HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP** on Thursday, 18 April at 10:30am

Join our woodland journey

# Avon Wood Open Day

Saturday, 18 May 10am-4pm

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Learn about its history and how it all came about

Find out what opportunities there are to participate in this local woodland project?

Avon Wood is an exciting new woodland project in Leek Wootton. Come along on 18 May and find out more.

There will be guided tours at 10am, 12am and 3pm, but you are most welcome at any other time of the day to walk around.

★ Entrance to the wood is on the B4115/Coventry Road (which runs from Chesford Grange to the A46 Gaveston Roundabout) approx 325m (355yds) from the Gaveston Roundabout on the south-east side of the road



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## Every Plant Counts! Go Native!

Plant native hedge, tree and flower species and see the wildlife increase in your garden.

## No Mow May

Avoid mowing all or a part of your lawn in May, or longer if possible. We would love to know how you get on.

Please send us your photographs of the flowers that take advantage of not being mown and bloom in your lawn.

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# CANCER RESEARCH UK LEEK WOOTTON

Secretary : Diane Wilson

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## Jean and Jim's 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 is 'Jean and Jim's Big Breakfast' event. Chat with friends and neighbours and enjoy a fabulous breakfast and refreshments. Please note the slight change in times of the event.

## The Philosophy of Charles Schulz

**A resident received this from a friend and shared it with us; the following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.**

You don't have to actually answer the questions; just ponder on them. Read it straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies... Awards tarnish... Achievements are forgotten... Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
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In a last-minute change to our programme, the talk at our March meeting was '**Hands of Genius**', given by Graham Short. A Birmingham lad, Graham is considered one of the most talented artists in the world, his completed masterpieces being collected by fine-art enthusiasts and housed at some of the world's most desirable homes, galleries, and museums. Graham has completed just forty-eight pieces in his lifetime, and he only produces four items per year, which seems a very small number until one understands that Graham is a micro-engraver; his 'signature piece' - completed in 2023 and the one he wants to be remembered for - is an engraving of The Lord's Prayer on a speck of gold inside the eye of a needle!



Image: [www.graham-short.com](http://www.graham-short.com)

An entertaining and fluent speaker, Graham described to us his unconventional modus operandi - working under a microscope through the night when traffic vibration outside his home is eliminated, and taking a cocktail of substances to lower his heart rate so that his hands remain steady. His talk was peppered with amusing anecdotes of 'the great and the good' he has met during his life in the art world, as well as the story behind his project of November 2016 when he engraved Jane Austen's portrait on four new £5 notes and spent them in small locally owned businesses across Great Britain. This project, like much of Graham's work, attracted media interest around the world.

Perhaps the most thought-provoking aspect of Graham's talk was his reference to his English teacher who encouraged Graham and his friends to dare to think differently to make their mark on the world. With Jeff Lynne, Ozzie Osbourne and Jasper Carrot among Graham's peers at school, Mr Jennings' words clearly had an impact on more than Graham alone!

### NEXT MEETING:

Our meeting next month will take place on Tuesday ,16 April at 7:45pm at the Village Hall when wildlife photographer Nick Martin will make a return visit to Leek Wootton to talk on '**A Photographer's Britain**'. Nick's last talk, based on photographs of birds in the Inner and Outer Hebrides, was inspiring so this is one not to be missed. Ladies do come along and join us if you would like to hear Nick and see his wonderful photographs yourselves - as always, a warm welcome awaits you!

*Joy Morgan*

### **International [...& local...] Women's Day**

The Warwickshire featured Sue Wood, resident and founder member of the Health Club, on its Facebook page on World Women's Day (8 March). You can still read the article at:

[www.facebook.com/warwickshiregcc](http://www.facebook.com/warwickshiregcc)



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# KENILWORTH PROBUS I CLUB

Chairman : Brian Wilson

Hon Secretary : Mike Cheeseman t : 852976

The Club met on Tuesday, 18 March at the Sports Club where, after a short Club Business session, the meeting moved on to the talk by Hazel Carter entitled **'Life's Good - it's the disease that's the problem'**.

When Hazel's husband, Alan, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), the most common form of motor neurone disease (MND) it was, of course, devastating news, but it did not stop the couple in their tracks. With short-term life expectancy and no hope of a cure it spurred them on to take that already planned lifetime dream holiday to Vietnam, other holidays around the UK and to enjoy numerous social events, while Alan's body started to fail. He died in Hazel's arms in 2019.

Hazel's talk took us through the difficulties she faced caring for Alan and how help was forthcoming. How their love for each other kept them strong. She shared her private thoughts and feelings and tips she learnt from the experience. When Covid struck in 2020, she was newly widowed but turned to her diaries and wrote a book telling her story, which she has published and sells for charity with all proceeds going to the MND Association, Marie Curie and Myton Hospices.

Hazel is now a Board Trustee of the MND Association, a volunteer for Marie Curie and in March 2023 she was a finalist for the Inspirational Women Award and won Inspirational Author Award from the Ladies First Professional Development network, for her book. In 2022 she donated a kidney to her brother to help save his life and they both enjoy good health today.

Her talk was very well received and numerous members of the Club purchased her book, which if any reader is interested can be ordered at:

<https://lifegoodbook.co.uk>



## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the AGM and a **'This is your Life'** with John Kennard.

*Kenilworth Probus I 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.*



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This year's event will feature **Children's Landscape Artist of the Year 2024** run by local artist Jan Rawnsley. Creative children can participate and enjoy the afternoon. Feel free to contact Jan to book in advance (e: [jan.rawnsley@sky.com](mailto:jan.rawnsley@sky.com)) or just come on the day.



This year will also see the return of the uplifting **Pop Voices** choir. Be entertained by Anya and the choir. They welcome people of all ages to sing group songs, develop confidence and meet new friends.

That's not all. Check out:

- the **Environment Group** and hear about their latest projects
- **Closer Look at Nature** with forest fun for kids
- **Ramblers** will share the pleasures of walking
- **Slava Knit** will have needles, yarn and beautiful creations on hand
- **Hill Wootton Clay Club** will tell you all about clay pigeon shooting
- **The Leek Wootton Artists' Group**

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Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Parish Council looks forward to hosting this event



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## LEEK WOOTTON HEDGEHOGS

Contact: Sally Ellis

m : 07771 996952



There has been a steady trickle of hogs through our doors since the beginning of the year as well as our overwintering patients – around 100 – thankfully not all with me! We have been extremely thankful for our wonderful team of foster carers who have looked after hogs as they slumbered their way through most of the winter, although not all of them decided to hibernate, taking some of the pressure off the main rescues for a while.

As the weather starts to improve, we are managing to get those who are ready for release back out to their homes. There has been a steady increase in activity at feeding stations and many reports of huffing noises

around the garden as the males and females meet up for the first time in a while!

If you have stopped putting food out for them, now is a good time to start again as they will need access to supplementary food until their natural food sources get established. As you may have read before, contrary to popular belief, slugs and snails (in abundance at the moment it seems) are not part of a hog's regular diet. But, if they are the only food sources around, they will eat them. The trouble is that slugs and snails carry a natural parasite that will transfer to a hog and make them very ill. These parasites are a significant cause of our admissions throughout the year, especially in the spring and autumn. Dried kitten biscuit is the best food to put out for them.

As you go about in the garden, please be aware that there will be hogs in their natural nesting spots - under log piles, in the bottoms of dry hedgerows and in thick bundles of leaves and other debris. If you come across a hog, please cover it back up with the nesting materials and leave well alone. Hogs will also rest and make nests under sheds, outbuildings and piles of wood so if you are considering any renovations, please look out for them.

You may also be tempted to do some strimming. If you do, please check the areas for any wildlife before you start as, sadly, we see so many nasty injuries

as a result of them.

Whilst most hogs will have coped well over winter, things that may concern you if you do see a hog are:

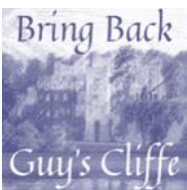
- Out during the day (dawn and dusk are OK though)
- Looking skinny/thin
- A significant and visible dip behind the head
- 'Walking high on their legs' - rather than sweeping along low to the ground
- Being pestered by birds
- Flies buzzing around them
- Covered in lots of ticks (more than 10 is a concern)
- (grey/blue/white 'lumps' sitting between the spines and around the face)
- Wobbly or limping
- Going round aimlessly in circles
- Obvious signs of injury

If you have any concerns about a hog please contact me or one of my colleagues (see our contact list on the website [www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org](http://www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org)).

More information can be found on our Facebook page - Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue and at [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)



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## The Guy of Warwick Pub & Kitchen Opens


The Guy of Warwick Pub & Kitchen in Castle Street, Warwick, opened with much pomp and ceremony on 20 March. Formerly named Jambavan, and retaining its chef, the new styling has been undertaken in collaboration with *The Guy of Warwick Society*, whose aim is to keep alive the stories of Guy of Warwick and to promote research into the sites, life and times of England's legendary hero.

Find out more at <https://guyofwarwickpub.co.uk> or [www.facebook.com/theguyofwarwick](https://www.facebook.com/theguyofwarwick)



## All in the month of April

200 years ago, on 19 April 1824, Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died, aged 36, of sepsis/fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire.

 175 years ago, on 10 April 1849, American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

125 years ago, on 29 April 1899, Duke Ellington, American jazz/swing pianist, composer and orchestra leader, was born.

100 years ago, on 17 April 1924, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios (MGM) was founded when Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and Louis B Mayer Pictures merged.

Also 100 years ago, on 23 April 1924, the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.



90 years ago, on 3 April 1934, British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud.

75 years ago, on 4 April 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

Also 75 years ago, on 7 April 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific opened on Broadway.

60 years ago, on 15 April 1964, twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

50 years ago, on 6 April 1974, the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song



Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

20 years ago, on 1 April 2004, Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

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# LEEK WOOTTON SPORTS CLUB

## Membership Notice

Please note that your 2023 membership has been extended from 1 January 2024 until the date of the next AGM, scheduled for 19 April 2024, at no extra cost.

We will, at the AGM, notify you of the 2024 revised membership fee. Your membership will take effect from the 1 May 2024.

Thank you.



## BINGO AT THE SPORTS CLUB

COME ALONG FOLKS IT'S A FULL HOUSE

WEDNESDAY 3RD & 17TH APRIL  
8.00 TILL 10.00PM

## Your Club needs you!

Leek Wootton Sports Club sits at the heart of our community. The community that we love. Whilst we continue to grow, we need your help!

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who can 'lend a hand' in the following areas:

- Event planning and organisation
- Bar / catering work
- Maintenance (and a little general DIY!)

If you would be interested in helping in any of the areas listed above, please have a word with a member of the committee who will be happy to provide more details.

Alternatively, please feel free to email below and we will contact you. Thank you.

[harry.wilson@me.com](mailto:harry.wilson@me.com)



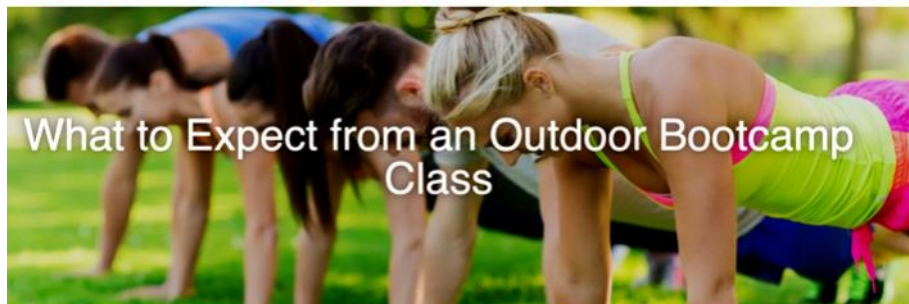
## BOOK YOUR SKITTLES NIGHT

IT'S THE PERFECT SPOT FOR A QUIRKY NIGHT OUT WITH FRIENDS. WE OFFER A FANTASTIC RANGE OF DRINKS THAT ARE PERFECT FOR KEEPING YOU HYDRATED WHILE YOU AND YOUR PARTY ENJOY A FEW HOURS OF GOOD-OLD FASHIONED FUN.

TO BOOK EMAIL -  
[HARRY.WILSON@ME.COM](mailto:HARRY.WILSON@ME.COM)

OR CALL - 07973 661218

# LEEK WOOTTON SPORTS CLUB



What to Expect from an Outdoor Bootcamp Class

**Join our fitness sessions at the Sports Club, from 6.00pm every Friday evening (regardless of the weather) to 7.00pm. Just drop in, pay £5 for the hour and have professional Bootcamp trainers lead the sessions which are aimed at any adult, male or female, regardless of current fitness levels.**



# LEEK WOOTTON SPORTS CLUB



## CHESS CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT  
FROM 5.30 TILL LATE  
ALL AGES AND ALL  
LEVELS



## SLAVA KNIT - WITH ANNA

BE INSPIRED BY ANNA'S COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL  
KNITTED JUMPERS AND ACCESSORIES.  
FEEL FREE TO JOIN THIS FRIENDLY KNITTING GROUP  
AND DISCOVER NEW IDEAS OR BRING YOUR OWN  
PROJECTS TO WORK ON.

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME.

EVERY FORTNIGHT WEDNESDAY 3RD & 17TH APRIL  
6PM TO 7.30PM

EMAIL ANNA ON [ANNACHEPAUK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANNACHEPAUK@GMAIL.COM)

Or just call on 07432 296222



## 'Young at Heart'

This wonderful vibrant group was started in 1999.....24 years ago by Jenny Kimberley and Hillary David. In the beginning, with 12 members it has now grown to 18 members. And what a group of ladies they are..... their average age they said was 21 and 3/4. They have recently welcomed another senior club member Roy Joiner into their fold.

So come along for tea, cake and wonderful company in the Function room every Monday afternoon 2 - 4pm,

## BRIDGE GROUP



GENTLE BRIDGE GROUP PLAYING ON WEDNESDAY  
MORNINGS 10AM - 12AM  
(PLEASE BE SEATED BY 9.50AM). NO PARTNER  
REQUIRED. COFFEE/TEA PROVIDED. PRIZES AWARDED

EVERY WEDNESDAY £2.50PP

CONTACT DAVID ON 07887 855086

FREE PARKING BY THE CLUBHOUSE OFF QUARRY CLOSE,  
EASY ACCESS

3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH APRIL

**JOIN  
NOW!**



**THE WARWICKSHIRE**  
BY THE CLUB COMPANY

## **THE WARWICKSHIRE**

Set in the beautiful Warwickshire countryside, our club offers members superb facilities in comfortable surroundings with attentive and knowledgeable staff close at hand.

- 2 x 18-hole championship golf courses
- 9 hole par 3 course
- Driving range
- Modern & spacious gym
- Over 120 classes per week
- Pool and wet spa
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- Family activities, crèche & teen gym
- Conference & Banqueting
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**TO FIND OUT MORE, BOOK A TOUR OR TO JOIN CALL US ON 01926 622577  
OR VISIT [WWW.THEWARWICKSHIRE.COM](http://WWW.THEWARWICKSHIRE.COM)**





LWFC



# Leek Wootton Junior Football Club



## LEEK WOOTTON U6 (Sch Yr. 1)

..... are looking for additional players to help build their squad in preparation for entry into the Mid Warwickshire League next season 2024/25 at U7 age group.

The team are currently training on Saturday mornings which will continue through the summer. The new team will start their footballing journey with this well-established Club, renowned for creating a confident playing style in a positive and enjoyable atmosphere.

**Parents can contact our Development Manager Conrad Pope for details via the following;**

**Email: [info@conradpope.co.uk](mailto:info@conradpope.co.uk)**

**Tel Mob: 07836734222**

**Players must register prior to attendance.**

Matches next season will be played on Saturday mornings with training moving to an evening mid-week.



## DEFIBRILLATOR

Located on the exterior west wall of the Village Hall, facing the sports field, Leek Wootton War Memorial Recreation Ground. **Call 999 for access & instructions**

## BUS SERVICE

LEEK WOOTTON



**IndieGo PLUS** demand-responsive transport service operates from 6:00am to 7:30pm Monday to Saturday (no service on most bank holidays).

Book your ride by downloading the free **IndieGo PLUS app**, available from Google Play or the Apple App Store. Using the app allows you to quickly see your closest meeting point, book and pay for your ride, and track your vehicle in real-time. Rides can also be booked by telephone on **01926 895559**. Telephone lines are open from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

**Download the app:** Search 'IndieGo PLUS' on your favourite app store

**Call the call centre:** 01926 895559

**Find out more about the service at:**

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/indiegoplus](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/indiegoplus)

## THE LINK

Leek Wootton Link is published ten times a year, monthly (doubles: July/August, December/January) free of charge, although all readers are invited to make an annual donation towards the magazine.

Submitting Articles or Letters for Publication :

Articles and photographs should be submitted by email to: [link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk](mailto:link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk), or they can be hand delivered to 30 Hill Wootton Road (Please note: the Editorial Team reserves the right to shorten or edit any material that is submitted for publication).

The deadline for editorial submissions for the MAY issue is:

**FRIDAY, 19 APRIL**

Advertisements for *The Link* or for [www.leekwoottonchurch.co.uk](http://www.leekwoottonchurch.co.uk):

The magazine accepts advertising on a monthly or annual basis. For more information about advertising rates, please contact [link.ads@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk](mailto:link.ads@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk) or call **Jim Perryman** on **01926 850610**

Advert submissions are due:

**1 WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Other ways to read *The Link*

If you would like to be added to either the email or postal distribution lists, please contact [link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk](mailto:link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk)

The Link is now published on issuu and some back issues are available to view at:

<https://issuu.com/leekwoottonlink>



# OUT & ABOUT IN LEEK WOOTTON & GUY'S CLIFFE

See main articles for further details

On now until Sunday, 14 April

## The Fastest Cars in Britain: Easter at the British Motor Museum

[www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk)

## Easter Adventure Quest at Kenilworth Castle

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle)

Monday, 1 April

## April Fools' Day

## Easter Fest 2024

10:00-16:00 at The Parade, Leamington Spa

Wednesday, 3 April

## Bridge Club \*

09:50 for 10:00 at the Sports Club

## Slava Knit \*\*

18:00 at the Sports Club

## Parish Council Meeting

19:30 at the Village Hall

## Club Bingo Night \*\*

20:00 at the Sports Club

Thursday, 4 April

& Friday, 5 April

## Coffee & Bonio® Morning

09:00 at All Saints' Church

Friday, 5 April

## Chess Club \*

17:30 at the Sports Club

## Fitness Session \*

18:00 at the Sports Club

Sunday, 7 April

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

10:00 at All Saints' Church

Wednesday, 10 April

## LW&GC Annual Parish Assembly

19:00 at All Saints' Church

Tuesday, 16 April

## Kenilworth Probus I Club

see page 29

## Leek Wootton WI

19:45 at the Village Hall

Friday, 19 April

## LW Sports Club AGM

see page 37

Saturday, 20 April

## Warwick Retail & French Market

09:00-15:00 at Warwick Town Centre

Sunday, 21 April

## London Marathon

[www.tcslondonmarathon.com](http://www.tcslondonmarathon.com)

Local story: see page 5

Tuesday, 23 April



## St George's Day

## Trivia: Moss

After the recent winter weather, there is no shortage of moss, on roofs, in some lawns, but did you know this 350 million year old plant has no roots, no flowers, no seeds, no vascular system and a bizarre reproductive cycle? As well as birds lining their nests, it has been used to dress battle wounds for centuries.

## Christmas Trees

Whilst it turns out the Christmas Tree collection service that we included in our Christmas issue did not collect in Leek Wootton this year 😞, their efforts raised **£48,840** to be split between *Myton* and *Pass The Smile*.

Following discussion with organisers, we hope to be included next year!

## THE LINK QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. The Wizard of Oz | 2. Annie Get Your Gun | 3. The Sound of Music | 4. West Side Story | 5. Chicago | 6. South Pacific | 7. Grease | 8. My Fair Lady | 9. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers | 10. The Phantom of the Opera

# MARCH IN PICTURES...

Please submit your photos to [link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk](mailto:link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk)

Image: Barry Meatyard



← Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden has suffered its greatest deluge of flooding since work was started on its restoration 10 years ago, 28 Feb

LW U8 WOLFPACK → is flying high this season. Initially in the Guy League the boys were quickly promoted to the top Avon League, 2 Mar



Image: LeekWoottonJuniorsFc

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← Not looking good for ENGLAND this morning...but great to see LEEK WOOTTON being represented out in INDIA! 9 Mar

Image: CountryParks



“We had a great time → making some new friends this evening! 🤝🤝”, 5 Mar

← A cutting from the 250-year-old Cubbington Pear Tree felled to make way for HS2. It's now growing proudly in the courtyard at Ryton Pools Country Park, 6 Mar



Image: LWhrowniesguides

Image: Teresa Castellino



← The Parish Environment Group have been involved, preparing for the Avon Wood Open Day in May, as...

surveying a lovely old willow for → possible inclusion in the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory - it had a 4.6m circumference, 22 Mar



Image: Teresa Castellino