



All Saints' Church Parish Magazine

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June issue of *The Link*.

We are now heading into early summer - not that the weather knows this! As we write we have had a few glorious summery days (enough for the muddy footpaths to almost dry out), followed by more rain ☔, wind and dull skies, but all will be forgiven on the next sunny day. ☀

June brings events inside and outside of the village; 15 June will be the Parish Summer Fête, which will be smaller than the last few years, because the

cricket ground will be in use, but this will give families an opportunity to perhaps enjoy a picnic and the sound of leather on willow.

Locally there is also the Lions Grand Show (8 June), Two Castles Run (9 June), Classics at the Spa (16 June) and Armed Forces Day (29 June).

In the British way of being preoccupied with the weather, we keep our fingers crossed that the sun shines and these events are a great success 🙏

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FROM THE VICARAGE

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains”

These are the opening words of Psalm 121, a psalm much loved by many people – especially those who love to walk in the hills and the mountains.

Maybe you have visited the Swiss Alps. I go regularly as part of my work. “Why does the Vicar of Leek Wootton have to go to work in the Swiss Alps?” I hear some of you saying! Well, many of you know that I am only part-time in my role as Vicar here. I have another job too, working as the ‘Short-Term Mission Manager’ for the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS), which is one of the mission agencies of the Church of England and is based in Coventry. In a previous post, linked with ICS, I was the full-time Chaplain of the English Church in Lyon, France, but in in my current part-time role, I am responsible for organising the teams of volunteers who offer to spend two or more weeks working among the English-speaking tourists, resort workers and local residents in various popular destinations in Europe. Just at the moment, the list of venues is fairly small but there have been many more in the past and we hope that there will be more again in the future. However, two places that are firmly established are the Alpine villages of Zermatt and Wengen. There, ICS established English churches long ago, and continue to maintain these

buildings as living churches throughout the summer and winter seasons – roughly 9 months of the year. Anglican clergy and lay ministers go as volunteer Chaplains to offer pastoral care, to share the Gospel message and to run services – and my role is to organise these teams, to recruit, to equip, to support them – and also to ensure the good state of the church buildings and the Chaplain’s accommodation. It is this latter part of the job which often sees me head out to Switzerland during the spring or autumn breaks.



The church in Wengen (St Bernard’s - above) was built in 1928 and so is nearing its centenary, and the one in Zermatt (St Peter’s - below) was built in 1870 and we celebrated 150 years there in 2021 [it was organised for 2020, but you may remember that something happened that year!] Set among the majestic mountains of the Jungfrau region and the Matterhorn region, thousands come each year from around the world to ‘lift up their eyes to the mountains’ – but our churches are there to give people an opportunity to understand the next part of the psalm more fully. This psalm encourages us to look beyond the hills and mountains – beyond creation – and to discover the caring love of the creator:

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.”

If you find yourself in one of these beautiful places, please take a moment to visit the English Church there,



and perhaps come for a Sunday service too. And ponder for a moment the 'Leek Wootton Link!'

Jim Perryman

For more information about the work of the Intercontinental Church Society, and the various English-language churches it is involved with around the world, see www.ics-uk.org



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES / EVENTS FOR JUNE

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.

Sunday, 2 June

8:45am Holy Communion (CW)
10:00am Holy Communion - *Livestreamed on Zoom*
3:00pm Church Teas *until 5:00pm*

Wednesday, 5 June

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

Sunday, 9 June

NO MORNING SERVICE (Road closures for Two Castles Run)
6:30pm Songs of Praise - *Livestreamed on Zoom*

Wednesday, 12 June

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

Sunday, 16 June

10:00am All Age Worship - *Livestreamed on Zoom*
11:15am PCC Meeting

Wednesday, 19 June

10:30am Midweek Holy Communion
8:45pm Compline Online - *Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY*

Sunday, 23 June

10:00am All Age Holy Communion + MOSAIC - *Livestreamed on Zoom*
6:30pm Taizé Worship *Churches Together in Kenilworth & District*

Wednesday, 26 June

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

Sunday, 30 June

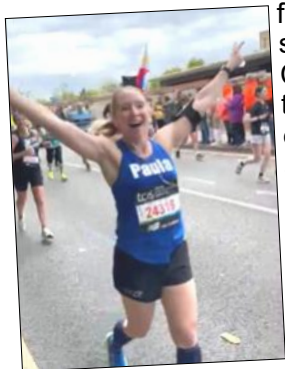
10:00am 5th Sunday Celebration with Baptism

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**.

London Marathon 2024

We are thankful to Paula for running and raising funds for MU projects, supporting women and helping their families.

After lots of preparation, alongside the training, running gear logos, banner making, plans for where Paula would look out for her supporters, and despite the cold north winds, it was a fun day! Paula seemed to keep her smile much of the way and on MU's Central and Diocesan Facebook pages there were many words of encouragement from around the world and locally!



Paula on her way



Janet, ready to cheer Paula on

Thank you to all who supported the fundraising so that families linked to Coffee Tots at the Wave in Coventry will be able to enjoy summertime day trips out, and women in Africa can be empowered through taking part in the Literacy and Financial training programmes.



Wednesday, 5 June, 7.30pm St John's Church Hall

Do you have questions about your health?

Come to an informal evening of chat about women's health with Dr Sarah Raistrick.

Thursday, 20 June, 2.00pm
St John's Church Hall

Strawberry Tea Fundraiser

for MU's 2024 'Summer of Hope' Appeal

£5.00 per head, book with Janet by Sunday, 16 June, and pay on the door.



A Family Prayer for Father's Day

Thank you God that our Dads are **big** [jump up]

Thank you God that our Dads are **smart**
[touch side of head with finger]

Thank you God that they **love** us [hug self]

And we love them with **ALL** our heart!
[hands on heart then outstretched]

From MU's resources for Father's Day

CATHEDRAL EVENTS

Sent from Coventry

Saturday, 8 June - Sunday, 7 July, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Chapel of Christ the Servant

Ever since I visited a Print-Fest in Cumbria I have admired the skills of linocut artists. This exhibition from Coventry-born artist Paul Catherall, depicts the iconic architecture of the city. A celebration of the pace-setting post-war architecture that made Coventry a city of the future.

Paul Catherall is well known for Transport for London poster art as well as for commissions from Penguin Books, British Airways, the Royal Shakespeare Company and English Heritage.

As well as the 'The Secret Diary of Henry VIII' on 7 June, and chamber music from the Academy of St Martin in the Fields on 21 June (see MAY Link for both), there will be:

Vivaldi Four Seasons by Candlelight

Saturday, 29 June, 7:30pm - 9:30pm, The New Cathedral

The Piccadilly Sinfonietta will perform Vivaldi's timeless classic, The Four Seasons, and other works by candlelight. The evening will include Mozart's Piano concerto in A major and the Divertimento in D Major. With leading virtuoso soloists under the direction of concert pianist Warren Mailley-Smith.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS in JUNE

Mondays 12:30pm - 1:00pm

- 3 June - Joshua Hales, St Anne's, Kew
- 10 June - James Thomas, Bury St Edmunds
- 17 June - Graham Eccles, Freelance
- 24 June - Angela Sones, Lichfield

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LEEK WOOTTON & GUY'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 1 May 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall. Discussion included the following:

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which is the equivalent of an AGM for the Council. First item on the agenda is always to elect the Chairman for the next year and Cllr Richard Coates was duly elected, with Cllr Paul Eldridge as Vice-Chairman.

Other business of the Annual Meeting included:

- Review of committees, groups or working groups
Cllr David Elsy joined the Finance Committee and the future establishment of a *LWWMRG Car Park Maintenance Working Group* was discussed, which will include representatives from the four stakeholder groups (this was not considered an immediate priority, as the car park will not require immediate maintenance).
- Review of Policy and Strategy Documents
The Council agreed to adopt the *NALC Civility & Respect Pledge*.
- Review of Councillors' Areas of Interest
Cllr Joy Morgan joined the Community Development Group and volunteered to have the school as an Area of Interest. Starting as she no doubt means to go on, Joy has already identified a need/want in the community for CPR training and is organising a session or series of sessions in the Autumn that will be open to all – watch this space for further information.

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The Parish Council's Community Grant Fund is a small fund for "not for profit" organisations or voluntary community groups to develop parish facilities and benefit residents (not individuals). Two awards have been approved so far this year (since 1 April):

- Leek Wootton Village Hall Ltd was given £96.98 towards solar lights for pedestrians
- Leek Wootton Cricket Club was given £300 towards new cricket nets

To find out more about the Community Grant Scheme go to www.leekwootton.org.uk/parish-council-business/lwgc-parish-council-grant-fund

DEVELOPMENT AT WOODCOTE (POLICE HQ)

The Council is still waiting for a decision following the Planning Inquiry, which finished in February, and has asked the Planning Inspectorate for further



information. The PI understands that Warwick District Council's recent adoption of the requirement for a Net Zero Carbon Development Plan Document [DPD] means that the applicant, CALA Homes, will need to provide a DPD before any approval could be given, causing additional delays.

BROADBAND

The Council has continued to try to get answers to the Community Fibre Partnership [CFP] questions from Openreach and eventually received a response that the original CFP that the Council was trying to negotiate was *“unable to secure funding”*. The Council does not believe this statement is accurate, because it immediately responded to the ‘final offer’ to say the address list was not correct – it included 130 addresses that were outside the parish, despite repeated efforts to compile a correct list. The response from Openreach in January 2023 was to *“revisit this when the project gigabit scheme [review] has concluded”*, but no further contact was received. Unfortunately the only suggestion from Openreach to revive the scheme was that, *“interested parties re-register their interest”*. However, following further research, the Gigabit Voucher Scheme is no longer available in Warwickshire, which is how the original scheme would have been funded; by interested parties ‘pooling’ their gigabit vouchers (up to £4,500 per premises) to fund the infrastructure project.

HOWEVER, all is not lost! In its frustration the Council contacted the Warwickshire County Council Portfolio holder for Economy following publicity surrounding a contract signed with CityFibre under the Government's national Project Gigabit rollout.

The Council has been informed that 283 dwellings within the parish are due to be upgraded to ‘gigabit capable’ connections through a Project Gigabit build programme that will be overseen by WCC and CSW Broadband. The Project Gigabit build programme has been drawn up between the Government's Building Digital UK [BDUK] and CityFibre, so WCC and CSW Broadband have no influence over the schedule. *“Between BDUK and CityFibre they have agreed that it makes logical sense for CityFibre to start their deployments from areas where they already have existing fibre exchanges. So, the first areas of Warwickshire to benefit will be parts of North Warwickshire and Rugby district where network will be built from CityFibre's existing fibre exchanges in Coventry and Rugby. This means that areas like Leek Wootton may not benefit for 2 or 3 years. It will be coming to the parish - just not yet.”*

The Parish Council does therefore not propose to re-register interest in a CFP with Openreach at this time. If you have any questions of the Parish Council on this matter, please contact broadband@leekwootton.org.uk; if you would like to find out more about CSW Broadband, or sign up for newsletters to keep updated, please go to www.cswbroadband.org.uk.

BIODIVERSITY SCHEME

Weed suppressant sheeting has been placed over part of the car park biodiversity area and the Parish Environment Group has been planting plug plants and tree whips according to the biodiversity plan. Working with the Guides and Scouts, there will be further activity including installing bat boxes, sparrow terraces and bird boxes. *Read more about the Big Help Out on page 11.*

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

The Council continues to liaise with WCC Highways regarding flooding and other condition issues as and when they occur, but is forever grateful for residents' assistance – **if you spot a pot hole or flooding problem on the public highway, please report it straight away** – either contact the Clerk (clerk@leekwootton.org.uk) stating the issue and location, or register the issue at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reporthishighwayproblem.

The condition of pavements throughout the parish were identified as a particular concern and the Parish Council is undertaking a survey, compiling a list of particular issues, to raise this with WCC Highways. If you wish to highlight a pavement problem near you, please send locations and photos to the Clerk.

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY HUB

WDC's Customer Service Operations have officially relocated to the Royal Pump Rooms 'Service Hub' in Leamington and will be open from Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, offering residents in-person support and advice on a range of Council services. There are also private areas available for one-to-one meetings

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 5 June 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall.

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the public. There are currently two vacancies on the Council – if you would like to make a difference in the community, please come along to a meeting and find out more!

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.



**Lend a hand.
Make a change.**



Leek Wootton
Cubs and Beavers

The Big Help Out

The Leek Wootton Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers will be joining in the **Big Help Out** on Saturday, 15 June at the memorial area of the Recreation Ground, which is being developed as a wildlife/biodiversity garden.

We will be building a bug hotel, putting up bird boxes, hanging feeders and planting wildflowers. We would welcome help during the afternoon from anyone who is interested and will gladly share details of how adults can volunteer more regularly, as well as how young people can join any of our units.



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Congratulations to **Joan Stevens** on her 80th birthday on Sunday, 2 June
 Congratulations also to Maureen & Mike Biggerstaff on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, 6 June

All Saints C of E (VA) Primary School now All Saints C of E Academy

When Jane Pain stepped down from her role as Chairman of School Governors and left the parish in 2003, she was presented with a delightful painting of pupils outside of the school building. It was the work of Roger Parris, a parent at the school at the time, who had run an art club for some of the pupils.

Jane and Simon were very fond of the painting, and it hung in their home in Cornwall until Jane's death last November. Along with her firmly expressed wish that her ashes be interred alongside those of her father in the churchyard in Leek Wootton, she wanted the painting to be returned to the school, and Simon and their daughters have now been able to fulfil both wishes. We are assured that the staff at the Academy have identified just the right spot for it!



From the Parish Registers

Wednesday, 3 April
 The Burial of Ashes of
Joan Hunt

Tuesday, 30 April
 The Funeral of
Audrey Haynes

Wednesday, 15 May
 The Burial of Ashes of
Jane Pain





#SALUTEOURFORCES

Saturday 29 June 2024



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ARMED FORCES DAY

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Community Event

Free children's activities | Free Indian vegetarian food, hot dogs and ice creams*
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Flypast from Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

*while stocks last

Saturday 29 June, 11am to 3pm
St Nicholas Park,
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For further information visit: warwickdc.gov.uk/armedforcesday



The Joy of Teddy Bear Parachuting

On 17 May the following post appeared on the Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Locals Facebook Group

"So... last Sunday we anxiously awaited Mummy Bunny's safe rescue from the tree following her traumatic parachute jump from the church tower, despite promises to our Granddaughter 'bunny will be fine' a few treats later via the tea and delicious cakes stall, and issuing of bravery certificates ...all was eventually forgiven!! Such a brilliant afternoon, it just had to be subject matter for my next painting!!"

Diane Shores

We have been in touch with Diane, who agreed that we could feature her painting here, and she tells us that prints and greetings cards will shortly be available to buy at *Castle Home Luxuries*, in Smalley Place, Kenilworth (near the clocktower) - she was on holiday at the time of posting and will organise this on her return [...Eds]



Image © Diane Shores

This is a delightful depiction of this very popular event, and gives us an ideal opportunity to thank Katie and Jonathan Kingston and the dedicated team that runs it.

In recent years organisers have handed over the Tea and Cake stall to the PTFA for its own fundraising. This year the parachuting alone raised **£148**.

See you all next year on the first Sunday in May!



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Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Parish
Summer Fête
Saturday, 15 June
2:00 - 4:00pm
at the Village Hall

This year the Parish Summer Fête will be in the Village Hall and garden. We will have all the usual stalls: WI Teas and bottles, water into wine, tin can alley, plants, skittles, books, chocolate tombola, country dancing display, PTFA, and stalls run by the Cubs, Scouts and Brownies, Environmental Group and many more.

Leek Wootton CC will be playing from 12:30pm on the field, so why not come along and enjoy a quintessentially English village summer afternoon?

Harriet's Mammoth Challenge

Dr Harriet McGrath, an oncology registrar in London, is currently taking on a mammoth challenge for charity in memory of her dad, Simon, who lived in Leek Wootton for nearly 30 years.

Harriet is cycling from London to Lati in Finland, a distance of around 1,250km. In Finland, she will then take on a 110km ultra marathon. She set off from Tower Bridge in London on May 12 and will be taking part in the ultra marathon on 25 May.

Harriet said: *"When I last raised money in memory of my Dad, I'd taken on a 250km run, which meant that this time I felt like it needed to be even bigger or somehow different."*



As well as being in memory of her dad, Harriet's challenge will raise money for the **Ruth Strauss Foundation**, set up by former England cricket captain, Sir Andrew Strauss, to raise awareness of the need for more research & collaboration in the fight against non-smoking lung cancers, an area of research Harriet has been involved in.

Read more at: <https://ruthstraussfoundation.com>

Follow Harriet's journey at: www.instagram.com/londontolahti

Donate at: www.justgiving.com/page/2024challenge



THE LINK QUIZ

By Norman Rogers

(answers on page 39)

All Things Welsh

1. What is the name of Wales in Welsh?
2. What is the approximate population of Wales?
3. Cardiff is the capital city and largest by population: which cities are second and third?
4. How many British Prime Ministers were born in Wales?
5. Wales has three National Parks; can you name them?
6. Rugby Union has long been the national sport. Wales has four professional regional district teams where the best players gravitate to, can you name them?
7. Before the Millenium Stadium (now the National Stadium), was built, where did the majority of national team games take place?
8. Football is also popular; which is the only Welsh club to have won the FA Cup? They beat Arsenal 1-0 at Wembley in 1927.
9. Who was the King of England born in Wales, who overthrew the reigning monarch in 1485, ending the Wars of the Roses and who started his own dynasty?
10. What are the three most common emblems associated with Wales.



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Saturday, 6 July
9:30pm
Moth Night



Sunday, 7 July
2:00-5:00pm

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Thank You - £1,734.68 Raised at Jean & Jim's Big Breakfast

WOW! What a wonderful amount raised at Jean & Jim's Big Breakfast. Thank you to all who attended, supported, donated and to all the fabulous volunteers, helpers and of course Jean, without which this event would not happen. Thank you again for your continued support for Cancer Research UK.



Afternoon Tea with Music

Friday, 25 October @ 14.00 until 16.00 - Leek Wootton Village Hall
Tickets £17.50 - purchased from Kay Wakeman - 01926 851670

Add a little sophistication to a Friday afternoon, join friends, family and neighbours for a glass of fizz, refreshments, sandwiches, cakes and music. Raise a glass and help support Cancer Research UK.

Four Generations

We have received this delightful photo from Piyush Patel of four generations of one family that serves the community in many ways, visiting Jean & Jim's Big Breakfast on Friday, 10 May.

Pictured are Eileen Clayton (right), her daughter, Steph Jones (centre), granddaughter, Megan Handler (left) and great granddaughter, Audrey (centre front).



Image: Piyush Patel

WI Community Garden

As the sun comes out the garden volunteers have "dug out" their secateurs, spades and loppers!

We are all delighted with the raised bed and how well our plantings have taken (right) as well as the appreciative comments.



It is also great to see how often the buddy bench is being used!

Nevertheless, there is more to do, and we are starting to clear the ground ready for stage 2. So, watch this space!

Lesley Kirkwood





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A selection of No Mow May flowers seen in Leek Wootton



Red tailed bumble bee
and
Cuckoo spit (frog hopper
nymph in protective white
frothy liquid)
both on
Common Catsear.



Meadow buttercup



Daisies



Columbine



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Once again, our members have enjoyed a very interesting and varied month.

Our meeting involved a fascinating and thought provoking discussion of the National Federation's Resolution regarding the shortage of NHS dentists and the NFWI's call to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists.

A highlight of this month involved a delightful visit to Cedar House Garden in Wasperton (<https://cedarhousegardens.co.uk/>).

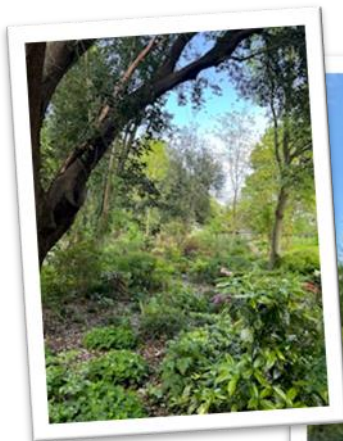
We were welcomed by the owner David Burbidge who gave us an introductory talk and then we were encouraged to explore the six-acre site independently.

Blessed with lovely weather, the afternoon proved to be a real treat.

If you would like to join the WI please get in touch with me. You will be made most welcome.



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KENILWORTH PROBUS I CLUB

Chairman : Brian Wilson

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The Kenilworth Probus I Club met at the Sports Club on Tuesday, 21 May. Following some Club business the Chairman, Brian Wilson, made a presentation to Mike Cheeseman, who retired as Club Secretary at the recent AGM, marking his many years of service, keeping the Club in good order.



We then had an enlightening talk by Andrew Mayfield, from Kenilworth, who is Volunteer Bishop's Business Adviser in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika (DCT) on 'Helping Women Subsistent Farmers in Tanzania'. After giving a brief rundown of his working career from the Merchant Navy through Massey Fergusson, Yale Trucks, DTi, and IBM to his recent retirement, he added that for the last ten years he had volunteered with the small *Fast No More* charity.

The charity works in the Diocese of Central Tanzania, which is an Anglican diocese covering an area of 400km x 300km based around Dodoma, with a population of 1m and 30 Vicars, in a dust bowl with subsistent farmers. *Water Aid* has provided standpipes for water, but it takes a 3 to 5 mile walk to collect wood for fires.



**Fast
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One *Fast No More* project is to persuade women farmers to give up 20% of their crop growing land to plant non-edible plants that can be used to fertilise the edible crop land. The effect of this policy increases the yield of the edible crops by double and if 40% is given up it can increase edible crops by 4 times. They are also encouraged to focus their planting to facilitate efficient watering.

Another scheme is encouraging Airtight Crop Storage to stop the loss of stored crops to insects. This scheme encourages the digging of a pit in the floor of their dwelling, lining it with heavy duty plastic and filling with the grain, covering with plastic and earth, thus suffocating the insects, and reducing losses by 30%. £50 is the cost of creating an Airtight Crop Storage unit.

The charity pays a trainee £375 per year, to train local farmers, who then in turn train others, resulting in upwards of 6,000 lives being improved.

Finally, there is a project to introduce 2-wheel tractor units to provide some simple mechanisation to help the women farmers. Each tractor costs around £3,000.

*Kenilworth Probus I Club welcomes retired, or semi-retired, **PRO**fessional and **BUS**iness men. They meet once a month to hear talks on a wide range of topics and enjoy a good chin-wag over a drink at the bar (possibly followed by lunch together, to continue discussions, at The Anchor), and occasionally visit places of interest including local factories, etc.*

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COMMUNITY LIVE! is a free event bringing together in one place local sports and social clubs and those offering nearby things to do so that you can find out more about what's going on and join in!

This year's event will feature **Children's Landscape Artist of the Year** run by local artist, Jan Rawnsley. Creative children can participate and enjoy the afternoon. Contact Jan in advance to book on jan.rawnsley@sky.com or just come on the day.



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

That's not all. Check out:

- **Scouts** - serve tea, cake and maybe ice cream depending on the weather!
- **Leamington and Warwick Beekeepers** - spot a queen bee + enjoy local honey
- **Leek Wootton Sports Club** - cricket, footie and Friday fitness
- **Hill Wootton Clay Club** - tell you all about clay pigeon shooting
- **Young at Heart** - get togethers for the over 60s
- **Baby & Toddler Group** - welcome parents and littlies to weekly play sessions
- **Scottish Dancers** - demo a dance
- **Ladakh and Tibet Society** - share chat and stunning photos
- **Leek Wootton Gardening Club** - share tips and welcome new members
- **Parish Environment Group** - learn about its latest projects
- **Closer Look at Nature** - forest fun for kids
- **Leek Wootton Focus Group** - discuss local issues
- **Ramblers** - share walking pleasures
- **Professional Beauty** - local skincare pros help you look and feel better
- **Slava Knit** - have needles, yarn and beautiful creations on hand
- **The Leek Wootton Artists** - weekly painting group here to chat
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Leamington Spa & District Twins Club	Elizabeth Daniels e: liz.daniels86@gmail.com m: 07872 900312	Tuesday 10:00
Line Dancing	Annie Murray e: anniedanceuk@aol.com t: 01926 864554	Tuesday 13:45
Leek Wootton Brownies	Hazel Turner e: leekwoottonbrownies@hotmail.com m: 07970 908073	Tuesday 18:00
Leek Wootton Guides	Hazel Turner e: leekwoottinguides@hotmail.com m: 07970 908073	Tuesday 19:30
Leek Wootton Women's Institute	Lesley Kirkwood w: https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/wi/leek-wootton m: 07855 518315	Third Tuesday of each month 19:30
Bump2babyReality	Sally Seddon e: sally@bump2babyreality.co.uk m: 07960 323874	Wednesday 10:00
Kenny Art Group	Barbara Kenny e: skbk267@yahoo.co.uk t: 01926 852413	Wednesday 13:30
Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Parish Council	Helen Eldridge e: clerk@leekwootton.org.uk m: 07464 017573	First Wednesday of each month 19:30
Leek Wootton Toddler & Baby Group	Janet Jackson t: 01926 258264 e: toddlers@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk	Thursday 10:00
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Update from the Chairman

Well, it has been just over a month since the club AGM – and what a month it has been. May is always an interesting time at the club with the change over from the Football section to the Cricket section marking a change in the seasons – even if it took a while for the weather to catch-up this year...

So, at least for now, we have had to say a sad “Farewell” to children’s Football on a Saturday morning. I know my son and his teammates, along with the players from the many other teams, will miss those matches.

However, the good news is that we have also said “Hello” to Friday evening Cricket training – so the kids still have every opportunity to enjoy sport up at the recreation ground.

The other Friday I was doing my usual stint coaching some of the Juniors when I looked around the ground and found myself smiling broadly. You might ask why? Well, let me explain what I saw:

- We had three groups of juniors (about 30 children aged 6 – 10) practicing on different parts of the pitch
- There were about 16 parents involved in the ‘Bootcamp’ fitness training with lots of laughter coming from there
- There were plenty of younger siblings and other children playing in the park
- The older children (11 - 14) were chatting and / or playing with friends whilst waiting for their training session to start
- And on the patio? I saw dozens of parents and other members of the local community all enjoying the sun and each other’s company

It really was an incredible sight and really brought home to me the special role that a club like ours can play in bringing people together. Our aim for this Summer (and beyond) is to provide as many opportunities like this as we can – the club is at its most vibrant when there is a real cross-section of the local community here.

To finish, I would just like to say that myself and the entire Committee have been really encouraged by our members’ response to the new membership structure with over 300 members having already taken up membership in the last month.

We have had a few unfortunate delays with getting the new electronic membership cards from our supplier, but I am glad to say that those teething problems are behind us and everything is now in hand. On behalf of the Committee I would just like to say thank you to all of our members for bearing with us.

We look forward to welcoming you to the club soon – as either a member or as a guest.

Andy McAvan
Chairman, Leek Wootton Sports Club



LEEK WOOTTON CRICKET CLUB

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The cricket season is finally here and Leek Wootton CC has thoroughly enjoyed the first month of action, collecting 10 wins across all teams.

Before the season began, Leek Wootton held well attended pre-season training sessions at Warwick School, with a mixture of familiar faces and some new players to the Club. Inclement weather threatened to derail preparations, but the season finally began in earnest with pre-season friendly victories over Warwick and Southam, in games that avoided abandonment. Club captain Barney Dillow's undefeated 72 against Warwick was the highlight of the preseason matches.

As is traditional, the Cotswold Hills League (CHL) began the first weekend of May and for 2024, Leek Wootton have teams in the Premier Division (1st XI) and in Division Two (2nd XI). This represents the best level the Club has achieved since it switched to the CHL in 2008 and the Club continued where it left off with both teams riding high in each league - the 1s are currently third in the Premier Division with two wins and a defeat, and the 2s are currently second in Division Two, with two wins and an abandonment. Key highlights include:

- 4/15 from Club legend Graeme Couchman and 62 not out from Sandeep Murthy against Exhall & Wixford for the 1st XI
- 47 and 2/18 from Club debutant Gabe Wild, 43 from Elliott Haynes-Sorrell, and 3/25 from Sam Cox against Lapworth for the 1st XI
- 45 from skipper Mike Allison, 61 from Andy McAvan, 4/24 from evergreen Ian Cox against Moreton-in-Marsh for the 2nd XI
- 94 from Matt Earl and 5/33 from James Dex against Woodbourne for the 2nd XI

It's not just about league cricket though and Leek Wootton have enjoyed Sunday friendly victories against Barford and Willoughby, and a thrilling last ball victory against Alcester & Ragley in a midweek friendly. Highlights include:

- 74 from Mike Allison and 3/9 from Elliott Haynes-Sorrell against Barford
- 42 from Dan McKenzie, 69 not out from Ally Garman, and 3/14 from debutant Ian Wilton against Willoughby
- 2/14 and 66 not out (which included 16 from the final over!) from new signing Matt Edwards

Last but not least, our under 10s collected a brilliant victory in their local derby against Kenilworth, securing a 7 run victory. We are fortunate to have so many juniors at the Club for our Friday night cricket training and it's great to see the next generation of Leek Wootton cricketers blossom.

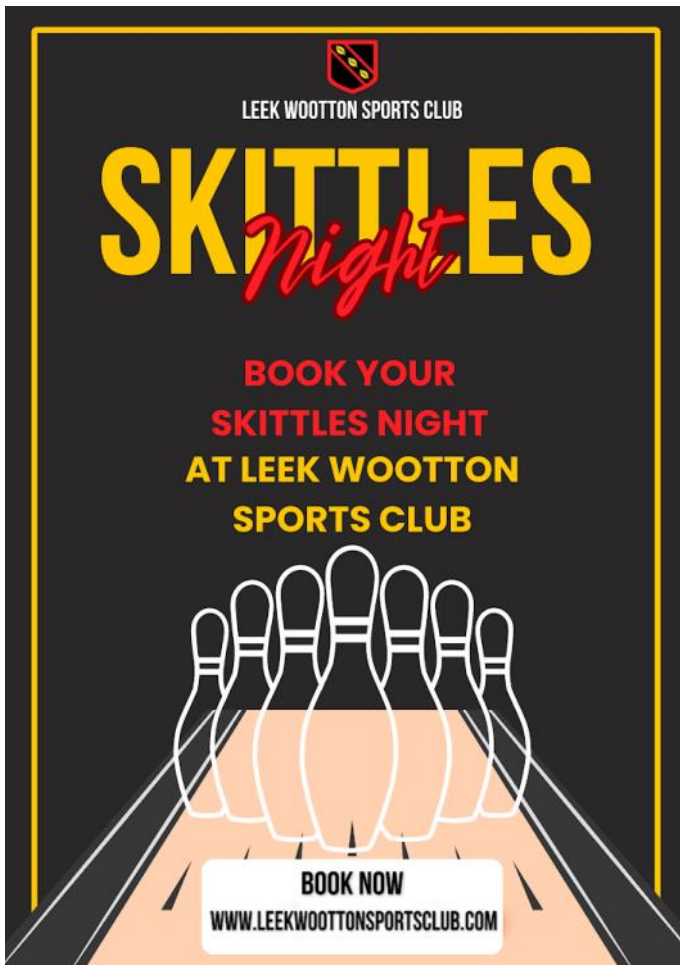
Away from the pitch, Leek Wootton has appointed Sandeep Murthy as its new Chairperson for 2024. He has been a stalwart of the Club since 2013 and we wish him well in his tenure. We also say thanks to outgoing Chairperson David Allison for his hard work since 2020.

Finally, the cricket team has been working hard to secure new training facilities at the War Memorial Recreational Ground to support the development of cricket in the community. We are fortunate to have a beautiful ground however the cricket nets are no longer fit for purpose, so we need to invest in new nets to secure opportunities to play for future generations of the Club. We are working with the relevant authorities to seek funding however we have also set up a GoFundMe campaign to raise much needed donations to help us to reach our target. Below is the link. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

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Tim Dart



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Young at Heart

14:00 at the Sports Club

- Every Wednesday -

LWSC: Bridge Group

10:00 at the Sports Club

- Every Friday -

LWSC: Chess Club

17:30 at the Sports Club

LWSC: Bootcamp Fitness

18:00 at the Sports Club

Wednesday, 5 June

Parish Council Meeting

19:30 at the Village Hall

Wednesday 5 & 19 June

LWSC: Bingo Night

20:00 at the Sports Club

Thursday, 6 June

D-Day 80th Anniversary

Saturday, 8 June

Kenilworth Lions Grand Show

12:30-21:30 at Abbey Fields, Kenilworth

Sunday, 9 June

Two Castles Run

www.twocastlesrun.org.uk

Wednesday 12 & 26 June

Slava Knit

18:00 at the Sports Club

Saturday, 15 June

The Big Help Out

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LW&GC Parish Summer Fête

14:00-16:00 at the Village Hall

Sunday, 16 June

Father's Day

PCC Meeting

11:15 at All Saints' Church

Leamington Rotary: Classics at the Spa

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Tuesday, 18 June

Kenilworth Proboscis Club

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Leek Wootton WI

19:45 at the Village Hall

Saturday, 29 June

Armed Forces Day

FREE Community Event

11:00-15:00 at St Nicholas Park, Warwick

29-30 June

Warwick Thai Festival

10:00-18:00 at Warwick Racecourse

Saturday, 6 July

Wildlife in the Churchyard:

Moth Night

21:30 at All Saints' Church

Sunday, 7 July

Wildlife in the Churchyard

14:00-18:00 at All Saints' Church

25-28 July

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Sunday, 28 July

Kenilworth Food Festival 2024

10:00-17:00 at Warwick Road, Kenilworth

A couple of Dad jokes for Father's Day:

How did one tectonic plate apologize to the other? ... "My fault"

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds

Fun Fact: The average speed of a raindrop is seven miles per hour



ALL THINGS WELSH QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. Cymru | 2. 3.1 million | 3. Swansea and Newport | 4. None. Lloyd George was Welsh and spoke the language but was born in Manchester. | 5. Snowdonia, Brecon Beacons, and Pembroke Coast. | 6. Cardiff Blues, Ospreys (Swansea and Neath), Dragons (Newport) and Scarlets (Llanelli). | 7. Cardiff Arms Park. | 8. Cardiff City | 9. Henry Tudor, Duke of Richmond, born in Pembroke Castle. He became Henry VII when defeating Richard III at Bosworth Field | 10. The Red Dragon, the Daffodil and the Leek

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← Teddy Bear Parachuting at the church, 5 May



Image: Janis Willisicroft



Brownies getting messy ↑ and the Guides enjoying Disc Golf →

← Looking for my teddy



← Created in Leamington Spa by Tim Robottom, this 7m-high mural reflects the Victorian architecture of nearby Shrubland Street Primary School. Funded by Art Friends Warwickshire

Avon Wood Open Day with 18,000 native broadleaf saplings planted in Dec 2018
Spindle Ermine (Yponomeuta cagnagella) moth larvae →

One of several vista through the wood gives a view of St Mary's, Warwick on the horizon →
↓ A damselfly



A raptor feeding station at The Warwickshire, spotted by a keen-eyed dog walker who has also spotted barn owls and red kites in the area ↓

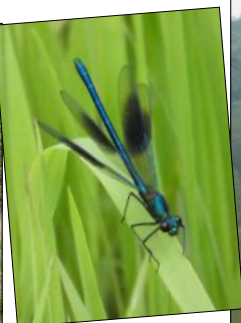


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↑ The Warwickshire celebrates its 30th anniversary with its new pin flags

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