

All Saints' Church Parish Magazine

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Welcome to the October issue of The Link. full of news about what has been going on and what is to come.

Community Live! 2024 was a very happy pages 12 &13. reading their accounts of experience, and hope that they and on others will write for us again - different Christmas Party! (see page 35). opinions are good!

Our cover story this month,

highlighted by Jim in his letter and on page 6, is so relevant in the times that we are living through and trust that you will give the appeal your support.

Then you can begin to look ahead to Christmas!

and successful afternoon and three New cards (and just a few old stock) are 'Junior Reporters' tell us all about it on available to order (see page 37), there We really enjoyed will be Wreath Making Workshops on 1 the December (see page 14) and tickets are sale now for the Village Hall

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Well, now I've done it. My retirement is set in stone – no turning back!

I've had to sign a form that stated, "TO THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY

"I, the REVEREND JAMES EDWARD PERRYMAN, Clerk in Holy Orders, Incumbent of the Benefice of LEEK WOOTTON in the Diocese of Coventry, hereby resign irrevocably the said Benefice with effect from 31st January 2025"

The wording seemed a bit brutal but at least we all know where we stand now. The Diocese and the Parish can begin the, normally long drawn out, process of planning for the future of the ministry in Leek Wootton. Our excellent Churchwardens and PCC members will be working very hard over the coming months to ensure that the parish - which includes every resident whether you consider yourself part of the church or not - is properly cared for and prayed for during the 'interregnum', and that the future leadership of the church will best serve the mission and ministry that the people of this village and its hamlets need and deserve. They are in my prayers, and I hope they can count on the prayers of all who have faith - and the support and encouragement of everyone.

That means that there are four months to go for me as your Vicar, and I intend to be fully committed to the role until the final moment arrives.

But it is important that we maintain an outward focus as well as working out the practicalities of our own situation. There is a needy world out there, with many people struggling and suffering due to the inhumanity of others. We who are in this 'green and pleasant land', which has been enriched over past centuries by the exploitation of other parts of the world and the people who lived there, can at least now recognise a duty of care for those who are exploited in our world today. At our Sunday morning service on 15 September, we heard from Mr Peter Rand, who has for a long time been deeply involved in the locally based charity 'Friends of the Holy Land'. He opened our eyes to the desperate plight of the Christian minority there, especially those who live in Bethlehem. We hear a lot about the dreadful events and atrocities taking place on a daily basis in that deeply divided area of our world, but we hear little about the situation of those who are very much caught in the middle. There is more about this, and the challenge Peter has given to us as a church, on page 6.

I hope, as a community, that we can do something practical to help in a non-political way. There is no clear 'right and wrong' in the violence and suffering going on - well, no clear 'right' anyway! Only world leaders can influence the bigger picture, but each one of us can help make a positive difference to someone's life. Let us be irrevocably determined to play our part!

Jim Perryman



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES / EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Due to the rare occurrence of people recently taking advantage of our regular live streaming of Sunday services, the decision has been made to suspend this for now. However, we are happy to respond to a request from anyone who would wish to 'tune in' on a particular Sunday, provided you give us warning, at least by the day before.

Email admin@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk or phone the Vicarage

Wednesday, 2 October

8:30am 'Cuppa and Toast' to 9:45am

8:45pm Compline Online – Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY

Sunday, 6 October

8:45am Holy Communion (CW)

10:00am All Age Worship

Wednesday, 9 October

8:30am 'Cuppa and Toast' to 9.45am

8:45pm Compline Online – Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY

Sunday, 13 October

10:00am Holy Communion + MOSAIC

Wednesday, 16 October

8:30am 'Cuppa and Toast' to 9.45am 10:30am Midweek Holy Communion

8:45pm Compline Online – Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY

Sunday, 20 October

10:00am All Age Worship: Faith and Life

c11:15am PCC Meeting

Wednesday, 23 October

8:45pm Compline Online – Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY

Sunday, 27 October

10:00am All Age Holy Communion + MOSAIC

Wednesday, 30 October

Sunday, 3 November

8:45pm Compline Online – Livestreamed on Zoom ONLY

8:45am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am All Saints' Breakfast

10:30am All Saints' Celebration Worship

4:00pm All Souls' service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

TO JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING COMPLINE ON ZOOM, use the link: www.cv35.uk/lwzoom, OR use the Zoom Cloud Meeting App with Meeting ID 645 991 3128. The Passcode is 110720.

ALL SAINTS' / ALL SOULS'

www.covmu.org

LEEK WOOTTON MU



Contact : Janet Jackson e : mu@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING FOR

LEEK WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TODDLER & BABY GROUP

This group, which meets at the Village Hall is for families, is run by the community and is advertised in the *Link* magazine. Volunteers help by opening up for each session and occasionally, usually due to holidays, we call on others to take a turn. If you could help with this, please let Janet know. Thank you.

A Prayer from the MU Prayer Diary 2024

As the tides of time wash over the shores of my life, bless me with the joy of living.

As I sift through the shifting sands of my years, bless me with understanding.

As the seasons of budding and fruiting come and go, bless me with a thankful spirit.

Amen

KNITTING SCARVES FOR CHILDREN

Clothing Coventry's support for families as winter arrives means scarves for children would be gratefully received and a good pattern is: double knitting wool, size 8 needles, 40 stitches, garter stitch 1m.



COFFEE MORNING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR T4U SHOEBOX TRANSPORTATION

Saturday, 5 October, 10:30am, Stoneleigh Church

VIRTUAL MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, 10 October, 6:30-8:30pm. Details to follow.

MEMBERS CELEBRATION LUNCH -

'SERVING OTHERS THROUGH OUR DEEDS AND PRAYERS'

Saturday, 12 October, 12:30pm for 1:00pm - 3:30pm St Peter's Church Centre, Wellesbourne

Anti Modern-Day Slavery and The Clewer Initiative

Our MU Diocesan President recently organised a Zoom talk by The Rev Sue Foster, an Anti-Modern-Day Slavery Ambassador from Chichester Diocese.

Following this, it is worth noting that The Clewer Initiative is supporting Church of England diocesan areas to develop strategies to detect modern slavery.

Sue stated that according to Clewer, there are 122,000 men, women and children trapped in modern slavery in the UK, shared some of what she had learnt, and explained the many ways in which members can help by spotting the signs of modern slavery in our communities,

so that victim support can be provided.

Further info: https://theclewerinitiative.org.



COVER STORY:



www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

Around the West Bank, many Christian families are living in unhealthy or unsuitable housing as they cannot afford the work needed. Many people are living without a clean water supply due to the frequent water shortages.

The problem is acute in the old town of Bethlehem, where the water tanks located above the roofs are often rusted and full of cracks. Most of the Christians live inside the old city and along Star Street, the way that according to tradition was travelled by the Holy Family in search of accommodation and is the most affected area for water shortages. Running water is available as little as 2 days a month. When there is no running water, people have to rely on stored water or buy in supplies from a tanker. It can cost 10 times as much to buy in water instead of getting it through the tap, money that families do not have during the current economic climate. The tourism industry, on which the majority rely for employment, is decimated with the current security situation, and access to other work in Jerusalem is closed.

Friends of the Holy Land are working with local partners, Pro Terra Sancta, to improve the living conditions for people by replacing old, rusty and leaking tanks with new ones. They have also replaced old solar panels. Working solar panels mean that families can heat their water free of charge, which is a godsend when every Shekel counts. Through the installation of new water tanks, solar panels, new boilers, and the replacement of the damaged and harmful ones, the families have free access to clean water, improving their living, hygiene and health conditions in addition to saving electricity.

A secondary benefit from the projects is creating employment for other Christians and enabling apprenticeship opportunities to help young Christians learn the trade.

It costs around £900 to do the work required on each house. We are looking, as a parish, to fund as many of these as we can by the end of January. Will you partner with the congregation at All Saints' Church? For each nine households in this parish who can pledge £25 per month for the next four months, the life of a tenth household based in Bethlehem will be transformed - what a great Christmas present that would be for a needy family in the town of Christ's birth!

Download a form from the church website, where you can also hear part of Peter Rand's recent talk to the church about the project; or pick up a form from the back of church where you will also find other literature about the work of Friends of the Holy Land.





Continuing excerpts from

COVENTRY CAMEOS by Eric Benjamin Bramwell, 1977:

"Pilgrims came from all parts of the country, as they do today, to visit the Cathedral of Coventry. Only their mode of transport was different! They purchased little metal pilgrim emblems to wear on hat, or coat, and filed by the shrines ...

Bishop Limesey was probably attracted by the monastery's wealth for he soon despoiled the church, and it is recorded that he scraped five hundred marks of silver from the massive rood beams that supported the shrines. Further troubles befell the monks in 1143, when Sir Robert Marmion, ally of King

COVENTRY AND LICHFIELD 1183-1208

Stephen, robbed the priory and used it as his base against the stronghold of Coventry Castle, occupied by Earl Ranulf. This ended when Marmion lost his life in the trench fortifications.

Far worse misfortune was to follow, for Hugh de Nonant, bishop from 1188 to 1198, so incensed the monks that on one occasion they hit him over the head with a crucifix!

This Bishop Nonant, who detested the Benedictines, replied by pulling down and altering the monastic buildings to such an extent that the monastery became unrecognisable from its former appearance.

Then he expelled the monks ...

Nonant no doubt followed the usual Norman practice of eradicating all church buildings of Anglo-Saxon origin, then went on to complete the building of the great cathedral church of St Mary in the Norman style ...

CRAFT & FLEA

Saturday, 5 October, 10:00am-4:00pm

Shop SMALL and shop LOCAL in our authentic twist on the traditional craft market. £2.50 entry, under 12s FREE

LET'S TODDLE! TODDLER HANGOUT!

Wednesday, 9 October, 10:00am-11:30am

Do you have a toddler who is getting up and around? Come to Let's Toddle! Suitable for 18 months to 3 years. Let them explore the sights of the Cathedral and enjoy a selection of toys and books and a simple craft activity. Places are FREE but please book at: **events@coventrycathedral.org**



🛂 HEATHER SMALL AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Friday, 25 October, 7:00pm-10:00pm

British Soul Singer Heather Small (The Voice of M People) will be performing live with a full band. Support acts yet to be announced. Tickets £49.95, a standing only concert. Further information at: events@coventrycathedral.org

IBIZA PROMS IN COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Saturday, 26 October, 6:00pm-11:00pm

A musical journey to the White Isle with a 40 Piece Orchestra. Tickets £44.44, a standing only concert.



LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Monday, 30 September, 12:30pm-1:00pm

The last recital for this year, with Luke Fitzgerald from Coventry Cathedral. Free with a retiring collection in aid of the organ restoration appeal.

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LEEK WOOTTON & GUY'S CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council [PC] met on Wednesday, 4 September 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall. Discussion included the following:

COMMUNITY LIVE! 2024

The Parish Council was pleased with the turnout for the *Community Live!* event on 7 September, despite the persistent drizzle (quite a change from the blistering heat of the 2023 event). See Junior Reporters' Special on page 12.

The PC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups and visitors that attended and especially Steph Allison for masterminding the event. Despite stepping down as a Parish Councillor, Steph has retained the *Community Live!* Coordinator role – an event that was her idea, inspired by similar events that are held in French communities.

DEVELOPMENT AT WOODCOTE

The Council submitted an objection to the latest CALA application, for technical reasons, in August and is awaiting the next stage of the planning process.

Whilst not related to the current planning application, the future of 'The Lunch' woodland has become a topic of debate. The PC is concerned about the CALA plans for the future management of the small section that it has leased from the Police, as it feels the maintenance of such a piece of land would be onerous to any future residents' management company, especially considering its current condition. The PC Chair has written to the CEO of Warwick District Council and requested a meeting of the Police, District and Parish Councils to explore the possibility of bringing all or part of 'The Lunch' into wider public use.

Watch this space for progress reports.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE



<u>Playground</u> - Councillors undertook some tidying work on 26 August, removing low-hanging branches and raking the play bark back into place, prior to the annual safety inspection taking place on 18 September.

All inspection reports are posted on the PC website at http://leekwoottonandguyscliffeparish.gov.uk/your-parish/parish-amenities/playground/

<u>Community Speed Watch</u> – The PC is aware of an incident of Police response vehicles travelling dangerously through Leek Wootton, which has again been reported to the Police. The PC has recorded this incident, with the date and time, in an incident log. Please bear in mind that the Warwick Road is public

highway and Police response drivers are appropriately trained, but if you witness any incident of particular concern, please submit an account, with date and time, to clerk@leekwoottonandguyscliffeparish.gov.uk.

Parish Environment Group – The Environment Group, with the help of the Brownies and Guides, has been tending and sowing seeds on the biodiversity area on the Recreation Ground, ready for next Spring. The Gardening Club has also been involved, paying attention to the trees that are showing signs of distress, possibly from the landscaping changes, the extreme wet weather earlier in the year, or a combination of the two. The PC has provided seed and equipment for the Group.

<u>WCC Highways</u> – The jetting vehicle was in Leek Wootton at the beginning of September, clearing road gullies and the PC is awaiting the jetting report.

Road Closures - There are currently no road closures advised during October, with works on Hill Wootton Road scheduled 24-26 September (and ample signage in place) and future works in Woodcote Lane scheduled for 25-29 November, whilst the A46 and Birmingham Road (A4177) are affected by ongoing works. Information from: https://one.network/

STREET LIGHTS

As the nights close in, the condition of street lights is more noticeable. If you spot a street light that is not working, or malfunctioning, please email the Clerk giving the street name and the number on the lamppost and it will be reported. Thank you

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 2 October 2024, at Leek Wootton Village Hall.

Minutes of all Parish Council meetings, when signed, are published on the website at www.leekwoottonandguyscliffeparish.gov.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.

Warwickshire Police and Crime Plan Survey 2025-29

The Office for the Police & Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire has launched a survey to gather feedback from people living or working in Warwickshire on the Police and Crime Plan. The Office is seeking your feedback about the draft

priorities and to gather suggestions for how these can be implemented across Warwickshire in the future.

To complete the survey scan the QR code, or go to:

https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/ warkspcc



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nigel and Fiona, who were married on Friday, 30 August at St Nicholas Church, Warwick.

Nigel is a Lay Reader and Churchwarden at All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton, and Fiona is also a Lay Reader, licensed within the Diocese.



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Junior Reporters Special: Community Live! 2024

School children who attended the *Community Live!* event on 7 September were invited to submit their Junior Reporter reports and we print them here:

I went to the Community Live 2024 event in the village hall. It was brilliant. There were lots of different stalls. First I helped my mum set up the baby and

toddler stall. I visited the Pottery stall. It was lots of fun. I got a hand knitted keyring from Anna at Slava Knit. Then I watched some Scottish dancing. They were great. After that it was Pop Voices. They sang my favourite song. I loved them. I went to the art stall and helped with the painting of Leek Wootton.





I had a lovely time at the Hedgehog Rescue stall. I

made a wood house with my friend. I had a hand treatment at the beauty stall. I had to dip my hand in sea salt. Then I washed it in water. My hand was so smooth after. There were so many other fun stalls. I did a quiz too and learned lots of facts. Did you know there are so many things to do in Leek Wootton?

By Lily Jackson, Age 6 (Year 2)

Community Live 2024: Raining but Entertaining!

At Community Live 2024 there were lots of different groups. I spoke to the Gardening Club and Environment Group about growing vegetables and how to tell how old a tree is. They gave me a bag of daffodil bulbs and this has inspired me to plant them. Next I saw Warwickshire Police and we had an interesting chat about how they arrest people. The Girl Guides and Brownies were making fires but it started to rain so I enjoyed some lovely tealight toasted marshmallows with the Scouts under the gazebo. Afterwards, I learnt about the three types of clay used in making pottery at Iremia Pottery and I admired the pretty pots on display. There were lots of people singing in the Pop Choir; the music was fun and entertaining. Also I got a helping hand

sheet from the Ladakh and Tibet Society. This is a list of things that you can do to be a good person and have a happy life; for example, 'do the right thing'. My favourite bit was having a go at ringing the hand bells with the Leek Wootton and Ashow Handbell ringers and eating the delicious lemon cupcakes. My sister enjoyed The Three Little Pigs storytelling and building a straw house in Mrs Perryman's Closer to Nature club. I really enjoyed Community Live 2024 and I definitely want to come back next year.



By James de Wolf (Year 4)

On Saturday the 7th of September there was an exciting event called Community Live! It was at the popular village hall in Leek Wootton. The event was about advertising clubs in our village. I was there with my local Brownies and Guides

The reason I was there is because my Brownies and Guides were advertising our club. First when I was there we made seed bombs. Seed bombs are where you get some flour, soil and water, then you mix it all up. After that put any seeds you like in it, mix them all up and make it into a sphear. Finally you find a big enough patch of earth and throw them hard so they break and grow into plants/flowers.

After we had done that we made dampers. Dampers are bread on sticks. We made bread on sticks by making dough and put it on sticks. After that we put them on the fires in colander bowl. We did it like we were roasting marshmallows. When we did that we made pot noodles on the fire. Finally we made gooey chocolate in banana on the fire. My favourite one was the pot noodles.

There were other fantastically fabulous stalls too. Unfortunately most of them I didn't see because I was too busy. There was even scotish dancing and singing with a conductor! One of the best things was I was aloud a cup-cake from the cake stall.



If you are interested in learning more about Brownies and Guides contact our wonderful, amazing leader Hazel (Brown Owl).

By Holly Macmurdie (Year 5)

Holly submitted a beautifully handwritten report, but for the purposes of publication we have transcribed it here. Thank you all for your brilliant reports! [...Eds]





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Annual Show and Fête

Despite the bad growing season, we had many entries for the Annual Show and Fête on Saturday, 17 August. A number of people submitted their vegetables for fun and were the only entry in that class, so received the prize money! The children all won rosettes for their entries and the Dahlia section, as always, was superb, although Ron Guest from the Dahlia Society said members have struggled to grow consistent blooms this year.

Many visited just to catch up with old friends, enjoying refreshments in the sunshine. Thank you to all who helped with stalls, setting up and breaking down - your help was invaluable. We raised a total of £1,027.50, and at our next Committee meeting, will be looking to see where we can best support local causes.



Wreath Making Workshop

Sunday, I December @ Leek Wootton Village Hall

If you would like to join us for our popular wreath making workshop, please email: **LWHSociety@gmail.com** and specify which session you would like to attend (see poster opposite).

We look forward to seeing you.

Leek Wootton Open Gardens

Sunday, I June 2025



Does your garden have a wildlife vibe, maybe it has a formal border, or a pond, do you grow fruit or veg?

Would you be willing to open your garden to the community of Leek Wootton and Hill Wootton for one afternoon in June?

Leek Wootton Gardening Club is proposing to organise an event to incorporate open gardens in the parish in June 2025, alongside the regular Church teas.

If you are interested in being part of this day to raise funds for community projects, then let us know by emailing: **LWHSociety@gmail.com**.



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Over the end of the summer term, the children of All Saints' excelled themselves with some wonderful artwork, creating and painting tiles which were fired and glazed to become weatherproof. The artwork is now in pride of place within the garden.



with the challenge of adapting their original paper design to a different medium and making the tiles. Fundamentally, fun was had by children and volunteers alike!

I would specifically like to thank the staff at All Saints', Tricia Reeve for organising, and the Leigh Foundation for its grant.

September/October 2024

Hopefully, as the *Link* goes to print the third phase of the garden work will be well on its way. The cutting back of the overgrown holly and other shrubs on the right of the garden is planned now that the wildlife has vacated its nests.

Armed with many cutting/chopping devices, very heavy-duty gloves and the hire of a skip, the volunteers are ready for the challenge.

Going forward, the older bench will be refurbished and then there will be some more planting ready for the winter and next spring.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

A POP CONCERT





Come along and sing and dance to hits from the 60's right up to the noughties

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NSPCC

THE KENILWORTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Friday 18th October 2024

7.30pm

Kenilworth Sports and Social Club

Montague House, Upper Rosemary Hill, Kenilworth, CV8 2PA
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Tickets £7.50 & Raffle

For tickets contact Mary Robins 07887 661712

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CANCER RESEARCH UK LEEK WOOTTON

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Leek Wootton CRUK Fundraising Page and QR Code

To further support all the events that we do, CRUK has provided us with our own fundraising page and QR code. Any funds raised, via this route, will go straight to CRUK, but will be attributed to the fundraising efforts of Leek Wootton CRUK. It does mean that, should you be unable to attend any future events, it will provide you with a route to donate, should you so wish.



This page is new, and we hope to develop it further over time.

Please note this Fundraising Page (see above) is not for ordering tickets for any current or future events. Any tickets required, please continue to contact Kay Wakeman.

Afternoon Tea with Music



Friday, 25 October, 14.00 until 16.00 - Leek Wootton Village Hall Tickets $\pounds 17.50$ – to be purchased from Kay Wakeman - 01926 851670

Still time to purchase your tickets for this event. 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.

CRUK Talk

Thursday, 31 October 2024, 14.00 until 16.00 - Leek Wootton Village Hall (upstairs)

FREE Event - due to limited seats, please inform Diane Wilson on 07950 736272 if you plan to attend.

A representative from CRUK, Andrea O'Brien (Legacy Relationship Manager), will visit Leek Wootton to talk about the money we have all raised over the years, provide us with some examples of how the money has been used, and inform us of the latest scientific breakthroughs and research.

Friends of All Saints' Church

Handbag Donations

I am seeking donations of good condition and quality handbags to go on my stall at the Friends' Table Top Sale in November.

Donations drop-off point: 30 Hill Wootton Road (e: link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk)

Ros Commander





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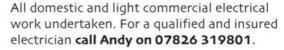
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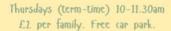
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Refusing to accept that summer is over Leek Wootton WI met for its September meeting on a beautiful warm evening.

We were treated to a great talk by a returning speaker, Dr Gillian White. This time we heard about the 1575 visit of Elizabeth I to Kenilworth Castle, which as you can imagine was not a very low-key event!

Mine host, Robert Dudley pulled out all the stops to impress his queen from "giant" musicians to mermaids and dolphins on the lake.

Gillian painted a wonderful picture, using written sources from the time, which certainly gave a new perspective and insight to the event.

Over the next month we have various activities programmed; walks, reading group, restaurant and theatre outings, as well as all the activities organised by our County Federation.

Once again, all are welcome. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 15 October at the Village Hall.

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KENILWORTH PROBUS I CLUB

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Kenilworth Probus I Club met for its regular monthly meeting at LWSC on 17 September. The meeting started with club business which included holding a minute's silence to remember Trevor Sanderson, a member from 2011/12 and Chairman for 2016/17. He will also be remembered by some in the parish as he regularly joined our church choir at Christmas time. He leaves a wife Pat and two sons Richard and James with their respective families.



The meeting moved on to a talk by Graham Short entitled 'Hands of Genius', which covered his career learning to be a copper plate and steel die engraver for the stationery trade embossed letterheads, invitations and business cards. He has his own business supplying such items for banks, royal palaces and perfume companies.

In 1970 he started to attempt to engrave The Lord's Prayer on the

head of a pin and finally

succeeded in 2010. This brought much publicity and fame, and he has gone on to produce numerous micro engravings on various minute items of gold or silver often set in the eye of a needle. He has engraved on the edge of medals, a 51-word poem on a 20mmx10mm pill, the smallest portrait of the late queen on a gold chip in the eye of a needle and a engraved on a speck of gold inside a message on the edge of a safety razor.



Portrait of artist IMW Turner, hollowed-out hair

To do this he has to work at night to avoid vibrations, slow his heart rate down and strap his arm to a fixed item of machinery and he works through an electronic microscope. This skill and the uniqueness of his craft has introduced him to royalty and celebrities of tv and stage. His talk on how he does this micro engraving was interspersed with stories of where this skill has taken him and was well received by all the members.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is to be at LWSC on 15 October and the speaker is to be Harry Wilson from Leek Wootton on 'The Moghul Emperors'.

Kenilworth Probus I Club welcomes retired, or semi-retired, PROfessional and BUSiness 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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We had a fantastic afternoon at the **Community Live!** event, when the Guides earned their Backwoods Cooking badge and the Brownies worked on their grow

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- 3. Born 1883, died 1946, he was hailed as the greatest economist of the 20th Century. Known as the father of macroeconomics, his theories influenced governments worldwide.
- 4. This American film star, started as a circus acrobat, but after the war he became a leading man in hundreds of films, including *From Here to Eternity* with Deborah Kerr, (a huge box office hit), *Elmer Gantry*, (won the best leading man Oscar), *The Bird Man of Alcatraz* and *Trapeze*.
- 5. This 33-year old pro golfer won a silver medal at the recent Paris Olympics. A Lancashire lad he has been runner up in 2 Majors and has won 7 European Tour titles.
- 6. This Australian girl was lead singer of The Seekers, a Group popular in the 1960s with hits like *I'll Never Find Another You*, *Georgy Girl* and *The Carnival is Over.*
- 7. This English actress, born in 1946, worked steadily on stage and tv for decades. She is best known for her role as Barbara Good in *The Good Life*, a tv series screened in the mid-1970s.
- 8. Glamourous sex symbol of the 1950s and 1960s, this American actress and model tragically died in a car crash in 1967 aged only 34. Her best-known film was *The Girl Can't Help It* in 1956. In *Promises, Promises* in 1963 she became the first American actress to appear nude.
- 9. This Wigan born Lancashire lad was the highest paid British entertainer throughout the 1930s and 1940s, making hundreds of records and appearing in numerous films and on stage. He was a comedian who played the ukulele and banjolele and sang comic songs like *When I'm Cleaning Windows*, and *With My Little Stick of Blackpool Rock*.
- 10. This black American singer, born in 1940, was extremely popular during the 1950s,1960s and 1970s. Among her biggest hits were *Walk on By, I Say a Little Prayer* and *Do You Know the Way to San Jose*.

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Leek Wootton Village Hall Committee Meeting

Monday, 9 September 2024

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The Committee gathered at the Hall on a warm September evening, to discuss the good news and 'not so good news'. Thankfully it was mainly good news, with the Hall enjoying a busy time because of many new booking enquiries. Positive feedback had been received from hirers about their booking experience and using the Hall for their event. We have Sigrun, Mary and the team of Hall helpers to thank for that!

Fortunately, the issue of rubbish bags not being removed is occurring less often following the introduction of a new 'Hirer's Checklist' being issued to guide hirers. Although there was an odd incident of lost property disappearing before the owner could return to collect their item!

Other items discussed included:

- No price increase for Parish Hirers!
- Whether to set up a bin refuse collection with WDC
- A review of the guotes received to refurbish the Hall floor
- A progress update of the 'endless' list of maintenance jobs

The Committee is organising a **Pop-tastic** party on Saturday, 30 November. So, if you like to party like its 1999 1979! and you enjoy 1970s music from ABBA to ZZ Top! then this is the event of the year for you! Check page 35 for details about ticket purchase.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the objectives of the Committee, or has some time available on four occasions per year and/or would like to help keep this valuable community facility in good order, then please contact Genny Wilson on genny@klasinski.co.uk.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, 5 December at 7:30pm.

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ALL SOULS' SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

Sunday, 3 November, 4:00pm



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If you cannot attend, but want someone specific to be remembered by the minister lighting a candle for them and placing their name on the altar, please send an email to <code>jim@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk</code> with the subject line "ALL SOULS" to pass on their name. It would also be possible to livestream the service on Zoom if requested.

The service in church will be a positive expression of faith and hope with thanksgiving - including some well-known hymns, some time of prayer and a short reflection on a passage of Scripture. The heart of the service will be that time of remembrance.

All Souls is a time to remember not with overwhelming sadness at what we have lost, but with gratitude for what we have known.

It is a time to express our continuing love for those who we no longer see in this world.

It is a time to remind ourselves of God's promises and to renew our Christian Hope of eternal life.

All Saints' Parish Breakfast Sunday, 3 November



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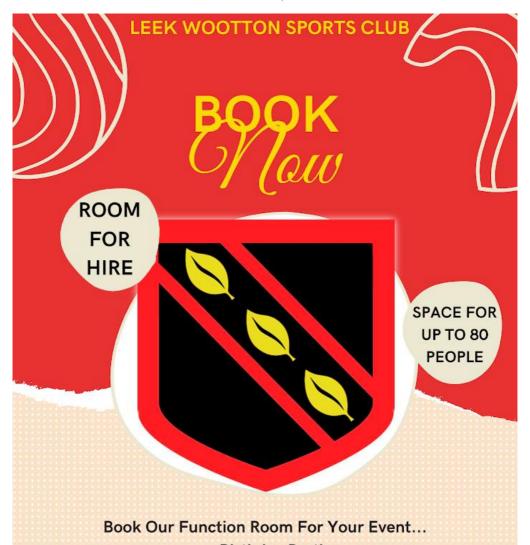
The curtain has fallen on yet another season and the Cricket Club has had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Whether it be Saturday league, Sunday friendlies, or midweek T20s, there's been some great cricket, and much fun had by all the Wootton cricketers.

The 1st XI finished 5th in the Premier Division of the Cotswold Hills League (CHL), showing the side is now a mainstay in the top tier. Club Chairman Sandeep Murthy finished the season with the most 1st team runs (479 runs @ an average of 34.21, with 3 fifties and 1 century), followed by Yash Sharma (418 runs @ 34.83) and Club Captain Barney Dillow (332 runs @ 30.18). Bowling wise, club legend Graeme Couchman finished with 26 wickets @ an average of 15.15 (with best bowling figures of 5-35), followed again by Sharma (25 wickets @ 12.08) and new signing Matty Edwards (19 wickets @ 15.26).

The 2nd XI narrowly missed out on promotion to Division One of the CHL (just one below the 1st XI) at the hands of Kineton 2s on the last day of the season, despite a brilliant 90 not out from Captain Mike Allison. The rise of the 2nd team, year on year since 2022, has been impressive and throughout the season, a wide number of players, including juniors, have stepped up and performed. That said, it was skipper Allison, with 523 runs @ 58.11 with 5 fifties, that topped the run charts again for the 2s. Shashank Rakesh (392 runs @ 30.15) and Andy McAvan (307 runs @ 43.86) rounded out the top three. On the bowling front, allrounder and Vice-Captain Zain Ansari took 20 wickets @ 12.65, with a best of 6-20. Sam Walton (16 wickets @ 13.75) and Venkat Bhaskar Sarma (15 wickets @ 11.75) the best of the other bowlers.

Away from league cricket, Wootton enjoyed many friendly matches throughout the season, with varying success. On a batting front, Elliott Haynes-Sorrell ended up the top run scorer across friendly cricket, despite missing the best part of two months with broken fingers! He made 349 runs @ 34.90, with a best score of 105 not out. Rakesh (303 runs @ 30.30) and Kash Choudhry (298 runs @ a Bradmanesque 99.33!) the best of the rest. Bowling wise, Tony Howe topped the charts with 23 wickets @ 21.87, with a best of 3-17, ahead of Ally Garman (21 wickets @ 16.05) and Sarma (16 wickets @ 14.94).

Overall, Rakesh pipped Allison to be the top runscorer in the Club for the season, racking up 696 runs @ 29.00, with a best score of 97 and 4 fifties, the last of which was achieved on tour to Bournemouth, in a game curtailed due to rain (more on that later!). On the bowling front, Garman took an impressive 43 wickets across all teams @ 16.60, with a best performance of 5-35. For the 2024 season, Garman had decided to bowl off spin following a hip operation last year, and it has paid handsome dividends, with his promotion to the 1s midway through the term, where he continued to pick up Premier Division wickets too. There will be an update from the Club following the end of season



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presentation night in November, so all award winners will be mentioned then.

As mentioned above, after three years of visits to Weston-Super-Mare, Wootton changed its tour destination to Bournemouth this year. In statistically one of the driest parts of the country, there was only 30 overs of cricket played against our Saturday opposition Fawley CC before the rain got too heavy, with Rakesh scoring 73 out of Wootton's sorry score of 119/7. Still, it didn't dampen the spirits of the tourists, and much fun was had by all who went. In probably what was a blessing, the Sunday game was called off the day before due to an unfit pitch, with many players feeling equally delicate! Still, despite the rain, Bournemouth was a hit, and places are already filling up for next year, with fixtures agreed in advance.

Away from playing but cricket related, Wootton's own Dan McKenzie was voted top panel umpire by clubs in the CHL Premier Division, with another Wootton umpire, Connor Bailey, voted third overall. It's great to see them do so well in their first season officiating in the Premier Division on behalf of the Club. Well done gents!

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all our sponsors this season. From Cassidy Group and Le Raj Spice to the many match day sponsors throughout the year, we very much appreciate the support.

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Tim Dart

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- 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

- Every 2nd and last Wednesday -**LWSC: Bingo Night** 20:00 at the Sports Club

> Wednesday, 2 October **Parish Council Meeting** 19:30 at the Village Hall

Saturday, 5 October Craft and Flea

10:00 - 16:00 at the New Cathedral

10-18 October (various dates) **Emergency Life Skills Training**



See page 29

Friday, 11 October Macmillan Coffee Morning 10:30 at the Village Hall

Saturday, 12 October CraftFest UK at Stoneleigh Park https://sites.google.com/view/craftfestuk/home

> Tuesday, 15 October **Probus Meeting** See page 25

Leek Wootton WI See page 23

Friday, 18 October **NSPCC: Splinter** See page 18

18-19 & 25-26 October Warwick Mop (Funfair)

Sunday, 20 October **PCC Meeting** c 11:15 at All Saints' Church

Friday, 25 October

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> Thursday, 31 October **CRUK Talk** 14:00 at the Village Hall (upstairs)

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 1 November All Saints' Day

Sunday, 3 November All Saints' Parish Breakfast 09:30 at All Saints' Church

All Souls' Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving 16:00 at All Saints' Church

Sunday, 10 November Remembrance Sunday

Monday, 11 November Remembrance Day

Saturday, 23 November Friends: Table Top Sale See page 33

Saturday, 30 November Village Hall Christmas Party See page 35

Sunday, 1 December **Wreath Making Workshops** See page 14

ENGLISH PLACE NAMES QUIZ ANSWERS From page 27

Kendal | 8. Jayne Mansfield | 9. George Formby | 10. Dionne Warwick 4. Burt Lancaster | 5. Tommy Fleetwood | 6. Judith Durham | 7. Felicity 1. HG Wells | 2. Charlie Chester | 3. John Maynard Keynes (Milton Keynes) |

Please submit your photos to link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk





7 The Anchor Inn's beer garden saw a number of improvements over the summer (lights and long tables), but perhaps next Sean needs to add a 'hitching post' for his equine customers?

↑ Castle Lake Explorers thanked everyone who supported them by buying tea and cake at Community Live! 2024

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→ Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden won First Prize in the Warwick Horticultural & Allotment Society's Annual Show for the Growers' Challenge Class, 3 I Aug

Beautiful start to the day, the seasons are definitely changing, and it makes for some spectacular sights if you're up as early as the Greenkeepers, 13 Sep





