

The Littleton Link



June 2025

Dear All

Welcome to the June edition of The Littleton Link.

As I write this our garden is a humming mass of bees. We've got Cotoneaster and Pyracantha plants which are a mass of blooms this time around and the bees absolutely love them. One of the plants, however, seems to be having a rest this time around, but all the others are making up for it. Of course, come the autumn and winter all those flowers will have turned into berries to feed the birds.

Can you believe we'll be half way through the year this month? The summer solstice, or longest day, takes place on June 21 this year. June's full moon, named the Strawberry Moon, can be seen on June 11, just a few days before The Littletons annual Strawberry Teas event.

Whatever you get up to this month, keep safe and healthy.

With kind regards,
Mary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 4 Jun	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Tues 10 Jun	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Wed 18 Jun	N&M Parish Council meeting	7 pm	Village Hall
Thur 19 Jun	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Bowling Club
Tues 24 Jun	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Sat 28 Jun	Strawberry Teas	2:30 to 4:30 pm	Manor Orchard, SL
Wed 2 Jul	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Sat 6 Sept	South Littleton Summer BBQ	TBA	Recreation Ground

The Littleton Link is also available online at:

<https://www.southlittleton.org.uk/> &
https://www.northandmiddlelittleton-pc.gov.uk/Littleton_Link.aspx

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Saturday 28 June

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(near Littletons 1st School)

Farm Lane

South Littleton

**In Aid of St Michaels
Church**



South Littleton

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A gardeners guide to... **Bird Nesting Season**



The nesting season runs from March to August - but some birds nest earlier/later



Nests are often well hidden, so you might not know they are there



Birds may be nesting in your trees, shrubs, ivy, hedges, nest boxes, under eaves and on the roof



All wild birds, their nests & eggs are protected by law - this includes gulls, pigeons & crows



Do not cut back hedges, trees and other vegetation during nesting season - this risks disturbing nests



Trim hedges once a year in winter if needed - this gives wildlife the chance to eat any berries



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LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

We've now completed the 2024/2025 season and are looking forward to more football at Littleton in the future. Friendly fixtures are being organised for the period before the start of the next season and these will be advertised when known.

We'll be promoting the club during the closed season with a view to making Littleton Football Club a community hub. We hope to include junior boys and girls teams and to become a local meeting place for people to attend and enjoy. More information on this will become available during the coming months. Please contact us if you have an interest in such activities.

We'd like to extend a plea for volunteers to join the team who carry out the essential everyday tasks of the club to proceed in competitive football. These tasks are not onerous but to enable the club to flourish they are an important part of the structure of the club.

If you'd like to support the club in a financial way you can sponsor the team in many ways. This can be done by sponsors for match day balls, home games, players, pitch side advertisements. Your name/company would be promoted on a sponsor board.

For any information regarding volunteering or sponsorship please contact Marion Brighton on 01905 909125 or email littletonfc@outlook.com who will be pleased to help.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2025 by becoming part of a family friendly club striving to maintain sport in the villages.
Marion Brighton, Secretary, Littleton FC.

Please follow the Club on "Facebook" & "X" or email:

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LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB



For the May meeting members were joined by parishioners for the VE Day 80 Celebrations. We celebrated with a fish and chip lunch as a tribute to the courageous fishermen who braved the German U-

boats and the farmers and Land Girls who cultivated the fields to keep the country fed. This was followed by a ukulele group entertaining us and encouraging us to join in the singing. Before going home tea and cake was served. It was a pleasure to welcome guests for the afternoon to remember the significance of May 8.



We welcome all adults to our meeting which are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall from 2 to 4 pm. The 2pm start is emphasised to enable organised activities to be on time.

Future meetings:

Wednesday 4 June – in-house meeting. An opportunity to go through some old photos and recall memories, plus a small tombola.

Wednesday 2 July – in house meeting, possibly another fundraiser.

We would like to express our thanks to the Mother & Toddler group who meet on a Wednesday morning for generously putting tables and chairs in place for us. It is really appreciated. **But we're also in need of someone to help to put it all away at about 4pm.** Helpers to serve tea would also be welcome.

We're open to anyone who may be lonely and seeking a bit of company. We're here for 2 hours, once a month. Come on in and take a look..., you'll be welcome to join us as a guest for a cup of tea, biscuit and a chat.

If you would like any further information, please contact us:

Mary Hilton 01386 830763 or Marion Brighton 01905 909125

Littleton Craft Group Teddy update

Officers from the Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team have collected a new batch of trauma teddies. Littletons Craft Club have been busy again and have provided another 43 teddies for officers to hand out to comfort children involved in incidents. PC Prentice, PC Lane and Senior PCSO Kempton met with Pat Miller of Middle Littleton who had knitted 15 of them.

Officers carry these teddies in their kit bags and they can hand them out to whoever



they think may benefit from them. Within 10 minutes of collecting these teddies, the officers were diverted to an incident where 1 of the teddies was handed to a person in need. The rest of the teddies will be used by officers not only from Evesham but also across the local policing area, including Malvern and Pershore.

SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

We hope you've enjoyed all the delights of Spring and managed to get out and about our gorgeous village during the great weather we've been having. Below are some recent highlights and updates from the Parish Council...it's been a busy month.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our **Annual Parish Meeting**, held in mid-May, was a positive and engaging evening. We were delighted to welcome representatives from **HMP Long Lartin**, the **WI**, the **Littletons Bowling Club**, the **Littleton Link**, and the **Littletons Football Club**, each of whom shared interesting and valuable updates on their work within the community.

Special thanks to **Hannah Robson** and **Judith Ciotti** for their informative presentation on District and County Council matters, helping us all stay informed about developments affecting South Littleton and the wider area.

After the meeting, we were joined by **Downing Renewable Developments** who came along to answer any questions and tell us a little more about the proposed Solar Farm in Shinehill Lane. They are keen to engage with residents so please do get in touch with them if you have any questions or queries.

STAY CONNECTED ONLINE

We're pleased to announce that our **Parish Council website is now fully up to date**. Please visit us at www.southlitleton.org.uk for the latest news, updates, and information.

We also now have a **South Littleton Parish Council Facebook page**: Please follow us to stay informed about village news, events, and council updates.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Thank you to everyone who took part in our **litter pick at the end of April** – it was a huge success, and our village is looking all the better for your efforts!



WELLBEING PLANS

Looking ahead, plans are underway for **bulb planting and Hay Raking the Wildflower Meadow** later this year. We'll be sharing dates soon and would love your help with these initiatives. Keep an eye out for further details in the Littleton Link and on our Facebook page and website.

PLAYGROUND REPAIRS

Unfortunately, there has been some **damage to our playground equipment**. We are working hard to get this repaired as soon as possible – thank you for bearing with us. If you spot any issues, please do report them by emailing the Clerk at: clerk@southlittleton.org.uk

VE DAY CELEBRATION SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who supported the **VE Day event at the Freedom Day Centre** in May. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by many. We're especially grateful to those residents and councillors who kindly donated raffle prizes and cakes – your generosity made the day extra special.



SUPPORTING CLAUSE FOR A CAUSE

The Parish Council were proud to support the charity **Claus for a Cause** by opening our defibrillator boxes to include **emergency bleed kits**. These kits are a vital addition and could potentially help save lives in serious situations.

SUMMER BBQ

Don't forget to mark your diaries for the afternoon of **Saturday, 6th September**, when we'll be hosting our 2nd Annual BBQ & Band event. We're excited to announce that **The Lockdown Layabouts** will be back to entertain us again this year.

SPEED AWARENESS

Our VAS units are now fully operational and we have already noticed a reduction in speed around the village. Thank you to everyone for your support with this initiative.

In a change to our usual venue our next meeting will be held at **Littleton Bowling Club on Thursday 19 June, starting at 7:30pm.**

Wishing everyone a wonderful June.

South Littleton Parish Council

Shannon Mack – SLPC Chair

Clerk: Sean Arble – clerk@southlitleton.org.uk

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NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Before commencement of business Councillor Hannah Robson was congratulated on her success at being elected District Councillor for the Littleton Ward. Thanks were extended to the outgoing district councillor Alistair Adams who had previously served the Ward.

Councillor Jim Haywood was re-elected as chairman and Councillor Martin Burge vice chairman of North and Middle Littleton Parish Council.

Housing Needs Survey: A meeting has been held with Wychavon District Council. This survey is being organised and will take place in the autumn.

VA Signs: These will be in place in the near future.

Fitness Zone: The bench has been delivered and will be put in place as soon as possible adjacent to the Get Fit equipment.

Defibrillator Training: Training sessions are to be arranged.

Dog Waste Bin: This is now in place at the bottom of Blakes Hill.

Noticeboards: These are to be taken away for repair work to be carried out.

Litter Pick: Thank you to the two people who attended to pick up litter to enhance the village.



Street Lighting: As the parish is now part of the Worcestershire County Council lighting initiative, any street lighting issues can be reported direct to them. Either telephone 01905 763763 or the fault can be reported online via the county council website. The other alternative is to contact the clerk with the details of the fault and position of lamp.

Clerk: Marion Brighton clerknmlpc@outlook.com

Parish website: <https://www.northandmiddlelitleton-pc.gov.uk/>

Parish Councillors: James Haywood, Martin Burge, Ian Jones, Sarah Powell, Sandra Jackson, John Taylor and Marsha Wilkins

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 18 June, 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**



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LITTLETON BOWLING CLUB



We would love to invite you to come to our Bowling Club at Long Hyde Road, South Littleton to experience the art of lawn bowling; gentle exercise for all the family to enjoy (age 10 to 100+). We have bowling aids to help if you are less agile.

It is a sport that can be as competitive as you want: as well as friendly matches, both the ladies and men are in leagues, and once experienced you have the chance to play for your county.

During the winter we have two indoor rinks, where we run leagues against other local clubs. We have a great social side to our bowling with a fully stocked bar, and also run a variety of events throughout the year.

Our website is: www.littletonbowlingclub.org.uk

Facebook: Littleton Bowling Club

PLEASE CONTACT: secretary.littletonbowls@gmail.com for more details.

OVERGROWN HEDGES & VERGES

This is a problem that is raised in the meetings of both Parish Councils.

The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property, e.g. overhanging growth from a tree or hedge or vegetation that has been allowed to grow into the public highway. The 'public highway' is defined by law as consisting of any verge, footway, carriageway, bridleway, or footpath that is maintained at public expense and over which the public has a right of way.



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nappies. Excellent to warm up the heap are grass cuttings, but remember too much of that and you'll end up with a damp soggy mess, so you need to add in foliage trimmings and finely shredded paper and all those lovely peelings from vegetable and fruit, tea bags and crushed egg shells and veg and fruit gone well past use.

To find out how you can get a subsidised standard 220 or 330 litre bin take a look here: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/lets-waste-less/recycling/composting>

Air is also essential to the process so give it a good stir from time to time to create air pockets.



MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service normally visits the Littletons on the **4th Tuesday** of the month. The next scheduled visit will be on **24 June** at the following times:

- 10:40 to 10:55 – North Littleton, The Ivy
- 11:00 to 11:15 – Middle Littleton, Village Hall
- No longer visiting South Littleton due to lack of use



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St Nicholas Church update

Around 20 people came to the meeting at St Nicholas church in March to review the activities of the last year, to hear about the current financial situation, and talk together about the plans and ideas for the future of this church and its church yard within the community.



The Rev Jo Fielding (Priest in Charge) reassured the gathering that St Nicholas remains open, to welcome in any visitors, and those who are seeking a quiet place to pray and to find peace. There have been several interments of ashes in the churchyard, and the church remains open for occasional services; **any parishioner has the right to ask for baptism, or a wedding or a funeral at St Nicholas, and this continues to be true, even though we are no longer able to hold regular services on Sundays here.**

Jo thanked everyone who has worked to ensure that the church is opened up each day and locked at night, and those who have given time to clean, or get the church or church yard ready for special occasions. Following the meeting in March 2024, a lovely group of volunteers within the community formed an events committee, and they helped to organise several very special family-friendly events over the last year, including a history-themed trail around the church, village and Tithe Barn in September, a Christmas activity afternoon with a special focus on St Nicholas, and an Easter egg hunt just before Easter. It was great to see families joining in with the activities and finding out about the different stories and places across the locations. None of it would have been possible without the dedication and generosity of the committee members, to whom we are so grateful.

Claire Penny, the acting treasurer, presented some financial information which is available from Jo on request.

The total cost of keeping the building open in 2024 was £5,298 (£3,604 in 2023) – far exceeding the income for the year. No significant work was carried out on the fabric of the building, although the roof had to have some minor repairs, and some work carried out on the tree encroaching on the roof at the front of the church. It should be noted that although the church does have some funds invested, these are currently valued at £35,000; nowhere near enough to pay for the work that needs to be done on the tower or the roof.

We also heard an update from our Orthodox church friends who are hoping to start holding services at St Nicholas twice a month. They are currently meeting at Bransford church, but will move to St Nicholas once a formal Memorandum of Understanding/Licence to Occupy has been finalised and signed by appropriate representatives from the community, the Orthodox congregation and with Jo Fielding. This has taken longer than expected, but we hope to be able to get this sorted in the summer.

There is a very clearly expressed sense of responsibility and care for St Nicholas, and with the help of people in the community, it would be really great if we could work together to form a “Friends of St Nicholas” who could lend a hand with fund-raising, or who could be called on for the occasional church-yard maintenance session. We do need to get some income in if we are to continue being able to pay for the insurance and basic maintenance, even with some help with costs from the Orthodox congregation if and when they are able to start holding services there.

If you would be interested in helping to form a “Friends of St Nicholas” Group, or would like to help with the activities/events planning, please email Jo at revjo.eastvale@gmail.com

LITTLETONS WI

After our usual welcome and sharing of notices we were pleased to welcome Jacob and Jenny, two graduate engineers from the Environment Agency.

Their talk was very interesting and informative including statistics regarding flooding events locally and concluded with how the Environment Agency is helping with building of defences, alterations to bridges to improve water flow, maintenance of weirs, setting up extra pumping stations and storage ponds, and advising new builds with higher level power sockets, hard flooring and using first floor for living whilst ground floor use for storage/garaging.

The competition, which was an item related to a proposed resolution, was won by Lynne with Dee in second place and Sue in third. The raffle prizes were won by Mary, Natalie and Annette.

Dee and Sue were presented by Fiona with gift vouchers for attaining 100 points for competition entries.



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Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers?

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Engagements and Neighbourhood Matters

As you may know, we do frequent engagement sessions in each of the areas. We are always open to listening to the public if they believe the engagements with the public should be done differently so please let us know if you have any ideas. Engagement dates will be sent out in advance on Neighbourhood Matters and on Facebook. Neighbourhood Matters is a free service which allows you to receive updates regarding crime in your area and also allows you to message your local officer. For more information take a look at the website: <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>.

Please feel free to come to any session you see advertised, you do not have to live in the village to attend. If you know people who do not have access to the internet, please feel free to share the information. The more people who know about these drop-ins, the better! Some of the regular sessions we do are coffee mornings in the villages, outside village shops, in village halls (including car park), coffee shops, meetings with the local farmers and rural community and school visits. As we approach the summer, we are inundated with requests for events to attend so please let us know in advance if you can. We are more than happy to attend these if we are on duty.

Reporting Incidents

Please remember to report crime and any incidents via 999, 101 or on the West Mercia website. Please do not email individual officers if a crime has happened, this needs to be reported officially through the correct channels.

Crime Prevention

Please make use of the drop-in sessions provided by officers if you want crime prevention advice. Officers are able to address concerns and offer crime prevention advice, such as handout of leaflets around home security, CCTV, vehicle security, various signage for properties, shed/garage/bike security etc. We also have faraday pouches to provide to people who have keyless entry vehicles.



**Honeybourne
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June Film Night

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Wednesday: Beavers 6 to 7:15; Explorers
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Thursday: Parish Council meeting from 7:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of
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Wed	4 June	Welford
Fri	20 June	Eckington
Wed	25 June	Flyford Flavell
Wed	16 July	Temple Grafton

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic cricketers - players of all abilities are welcome, from beginner to expert. So, if you are at all interested, do please come along and join in the fun.

If you would like to know any more about the Seniors, please contact Gordon Smith on 01386 443151.

The Wake cricket family competition will be on Sunday 8 June. Junior coaching starts on 18 May for 8 weeks. We had over 30 junior members last year and hope for similar numbers this year.

Please call Steve Webb for more details on 07904 857366 or email:

Steve.aimeewebb@googlemail.com

Quick Quiz:

1. Which Coventry born inventor developed the jet engine?
2. The Lofoten Islands are part of which country?
3. In the UK what takes place on the 3rd Sunday of June?
4. What are the two Zodiac signs of June?
5. Found on every continent except Antarctica what braying animal has found a home in the Farm Sanctuary?

Extract of Report from Cllr Judith Ciotti and Cllr Hannah Robson, Wychavon District Council

We are encouraged throughout the year to see the involvement of residents in their villages through attending Parish Council Meetings or by taking an active part in local events, volunteering and also by contacting us individually by phone or email with questions or problems.

Planning matters take up a large proportion of Hannah's time. In South Littleton she has worked hard on applications alongside the parish council, getting the Shinehill Lane application for 24 first time homes refused, this was appealed, and we are awaiting the decision on this, and she will continue to oppose with the parish council any speculative applications. The adoption of a local Neighbourhood plan would strengthen immensely the ability to resist planning application, and we can't stress how important it would be to get a plan created. South Littleton has also seen 31 trees planted that look fabulous at South Meadows, along with the annual brook clearance that has been very much welcomed by local residents.

Along with monthly long planning committee meetings and casework that comes in from residents in the parish. Judith attends both the Licensing and/Member Conduct committee, which are both interesting and essential. She also deals with most of the housing enquiries and any bin issues.

Our casework which is made up of requests, enquiries and concerns from local residents within our ward covers a variety of areas such as housing concerns, planning issues support with applications or

concerns with them, dealing with refuse collection and public bin issues, speeding and road safety where we work with both the police and local highway authority, conservation area protection, and involvement with community projects such as tree planting, litter picking and celebratory events.

We're always present and available to talk in person, be emailed or called.

judith.ciotti@wychavon.net

hannah@southlitleton.org.uk

Phone: 01386 421077

INTERESTED IN GROWING YOUR OWN?



There are now 2 full plots, which could be halved, and 1 half plot available on the South Littleton allotments. The rent is a modest fee, plus insurance and water. Although located in South Littleton the allotments are open to residents of North &

Middle Littleton too and newcomers will be very welcome to this friendly and healthy pastime which our village is fortunate enough to rent from Wychavon under the Parish Council.

We are a happy bunch of diggers enjoying exercise, company and healthy fruit, vegetables and flowers.

For more information or to take a look please contact Roy or Di Wilson (Secretary, South Littleton Allotment & Garden Association) on 01386 830159 or 07946 474757 or email: dilesleywilson@me.com

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Bonnie and Bobby were discovered abandoned in a field, left to face a dire situation. At just one week old, their

survival odds appeared bleak without their mother. Fortunately, their caring rescuers had a connection with the farmer, who gladly allowed them to be rescued.



Rooster, found orphaned at only a few days old, struggled to walk properly on his front

legs and could only shuffle around on his knees. His kind rescuer did an amazing job nursing him back to health. By the time he was 4 weeks old, he was strong enough to find his forever home, where he would have other sheep friends to play with, and that's where we came in.

Rooster quickly adapted and showed us just how fast he could run, despite his legs still being a bit wonky, which certainly doesn't hold him back!



They have become the best of friends.

We are now open on weekends for visitors. Come by to meet Bobby, Bonnie, and Rooster.

For more information visit our website at:

<https://thefarmanimalsanctuary.co.uk/>

BENEFICE OF EAST VALE AND AVON VILLAGES

The parishes of North & Middle Littleton and South Littleton are both members of the United Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages. The Priest in Charge of the Benefice (Badsey, Bretforton, Offenham, The Littletons & Cleeve Prior) is the Revd Joanna Fielding. Jo can be contacted on 07561 823135 (WhatsApp & phone), 01386 339669, and at The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham, WR11 7EJ. Her day off is usually Fridays. Please do get in touch with Jo directly for any enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals across our group of parishes. Alternatively, you can contact our administrator, Faith Quin on eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com For more details visit our Church website: www.eastvaleavon.com where you will also find all the services available.

Date	Service	Time	Location
08-Jun	Benefice Pentecost Eucharist	11:00 AM	St Michaels, South Littleton
22-Jun	Morning Praise	9:30 AM	St Michaels, South Littleton

Information from St Nicholas Church at North & Middle

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Apr-25

Baptisms		Funerals	
Offenham	Lex-Mai Smith	Badsey	Jean Atkinson
			Mavis Keye
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Something Old, Something New.

Dear Friends: at the time of writing this, we have just celebrated VE Day, and the election of Pope Leo XIV has been announced. Did you notice the traditional ways in which these events are signalled? The multicoloured bunting wrapped around lamp posts and pillars, church bells being rung, and the white smoke rising from the chimney of the Sistine chapel in Rome, all sights and sounds that have been used to mark these extraordinary times reaching way back over the years. Of course there are innovations, new ways of doing things, new ways of thinking that bring fresh insights and interest – but it can also be good to have a sense of continuity, to know what is worth holding on to. This is true for us as individuals, for the friendships and relationships we build with each other, and it is true for our communities, organisations, and businesses.

I have also been spending quite a few evenings recently talking with couples who are getting married in one of our churches this summer. Each year we hold a “Wedding Information” event on the Saturday nearest to St Valentines’ Day, when we get all this year’s wedding couples together. It is always lovely to chat with them and get the ball rolling on arrangements for dates etc – and each time it is great to see the variety of people and the stories that lie behind their decision to get married and married in church.

Fast forward to about now, and the wedding prep conversations are in full swing. Before we meet, I email each couple a set of questions, and when we meet, they can tell me how they got on, as well as planning the actual wedding service during our meeting. The conversations are always interesting - and bring up all sorts of insights and stories that help me get to know them better, so that each service will be unique

and special - and exactly right for each couple. Some want to hold on to tradition with music, others go for a Spotify playlist on our Bluetooth system, or a poem written by a friend.

But each couple will use an almost identical set of things to tell me about their relationship. They tell me how they trust each other, how they often know what their partner is thinking, or feeling. They tell me how they have learned to give each other space when it is needed, how they know when to listen and when to speak, how they have grown to appreciate each other's skillsets and qualities, fitting together. I hear all this and think about the way that healthy loving relationships have worked like this over the centuries, for every generation. Times change, and bring new ideas, new ways of doing things, new ways of thinking, but it's always good to be able to keep hold of the things that hold us together, that enable us to know that we belong, that remind us of who we are and why we are here. In the words of the most popular Bible reading at a church wedding "Now faith hope and love abide, and the greatest of these is love."

We face change in our villages all the time, and some changes we worry about or protest, some we look forward to and celebrate. The old and the new rub up against each other, and we are always in the middle, picking our way through carefully, hopefully, with love.

God bless you.

Rev. Jo Fielding Revjo.eastvale@gmail.com Tel 07561823135

5. Donkey
4. Gemini and Cancer
3. Father's Day
2. Norway
1. Frank White

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The Littletons Village Hall

School Lane, Middle Littleton, WR11 8LJ

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