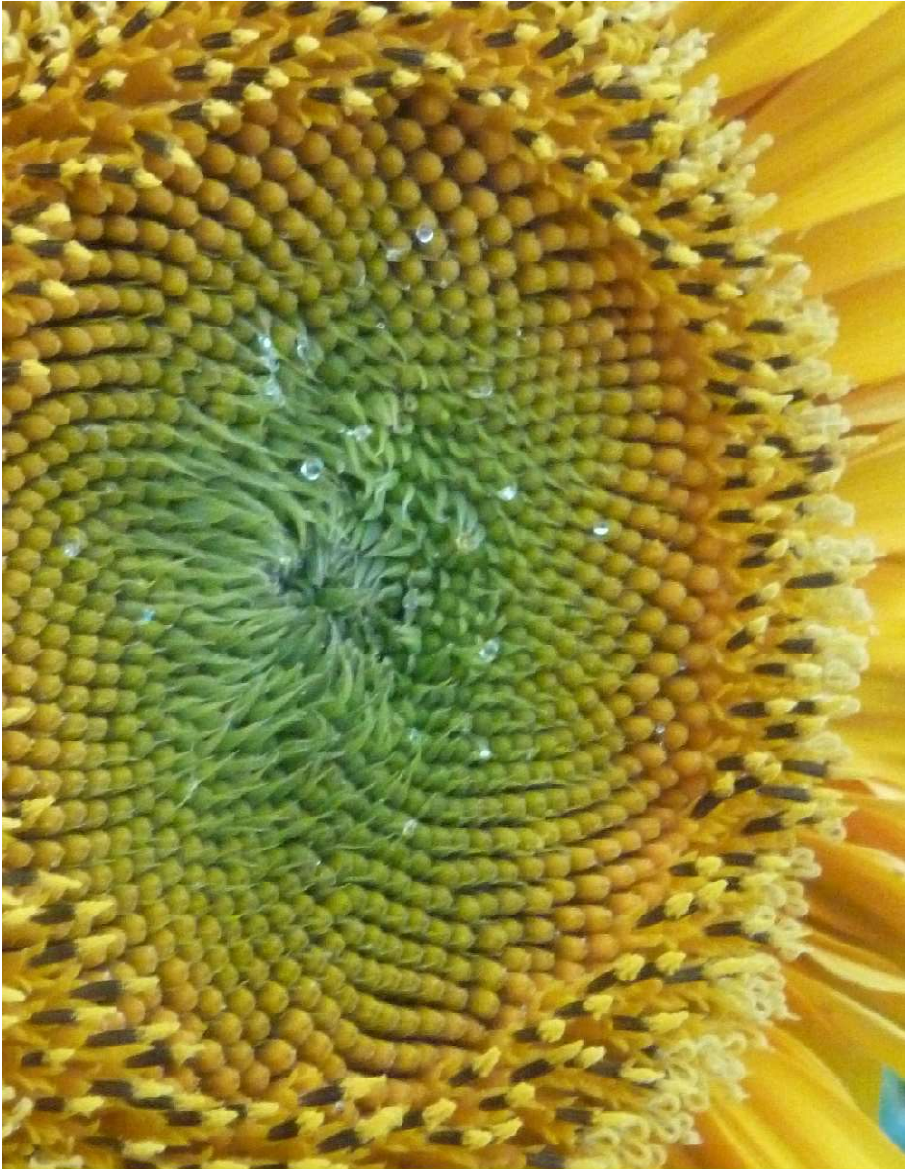


The Littleton Link



August 2025

Dear All

Welcome to the August edition of The Littleton Link.

Well, as you can see the giant sunflower has survived on all the washing-up water we've been saving for the purpose. With the winds we've been having the pot seems to constantly dry out. In another pot, this weekend, we have spotted some autumn cyclamen poking their heads up. The autumn cyclamen produces only flowers at this time of year (well, normally in autumn) with the leaves coming through the following spring.

Have you been reporting your butterfly sightings? You can take part on multiple days and record each day separately. Remember, even if you don't see any butterflies this should be included in the survey too.

This month we've another update from Blackminster school and an opportunity to get involved in village activities.

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

With kind regards,
Mary

Cover: Giant sunflower (Mary Keeling)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Day & Date | Event | Time | Location |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|--------------------|
| Wed 6 Aug | Wednesday Club VJ Day afternoon tea celebration | 2 to 4pm | Village Hall |
| Fri 15 Aug | Minutes silence for VJ Day | 12 noon | nationwide |
| Wed 20 Aug | N&M Parish Council meeting | 7 pm | Village Hall |
| Tues 26 Aug | Mobile Library | 10:40 to 11:15 | various |
| Wed 3 Sept | Wednesday Club Shoeboxes | 2 to 4pm | Village Hall |
| Sat 6 Sept | South Littleton Summer BBQ | 4 to 7pm | Recreation Ground |
| Sun 7 Sept | N & M Littleton Treasure Trail | 11 am to 4pm | St Nicholas Church |
| Tues 9 Sept | Littletons WI | 7 for 7:30 pm | Village Hall |

The Littleton Link is also available online at:

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

Deadline for entries for September edition is Fri-22-Aug-2025



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BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS READERS

Students at Blackminster Middle School work hard all year to improve their reading. It's such an important skill for future academic success for also for enjoyment outside of school. Each term we celebrate our readers in some way - it might be those who've met targets, or who've read the most words - this term we celebrated the students who have made the most progress in their Reading Ages during the course of the year.

We talked to our friends at Littletons Tennis and Pickleball club, and they were kind enough to provide a free Pickleball session for these students in the last two weeks of the term. The photos show the students at the club - what a perfect example of our school values of Aspiration and Community!

Our school still has places for students in Year 6-8 for September 2025 - if you like to visit to see us in action please contact head@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk to arrange a tour.





The 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan (VJ Day), marking the end of the second world war, is taking place on Friday 15 August.

Following Victory in Europe (VE Day) in May 1945, British and Commonwealth troops continued the fight against Japanese forces in Asia and the Pacific.

The dropping of two atomic bombs on Japanese cities – one in Hiroshima on 6-Aug and the other three days later on Nagasaki – resulted in enormous devastation, bringing the six year global conflict to a rapid end and introduced the ever-present threat of nuclear war. The human cost of the Second World War was overwhelming, leading to death and destruction for millions of people on both sides.

80 years on, we will come together as a nation to pay tribute to the British and Commonwealth veterans, the Second World War generation and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to secure freedom and peace.

National two-minute silence to mark VJ Day 80

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in a national two-minute silence at noon on Friday 15 August to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. A service of remembrance will honour and remember those who fought and died during the Second World War in the Far East at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire which will be broadcast live on BBC1 from midday. Government buildings and High Commissions across the globe will also be lit up on 15 August to commemorate VJ Day.

In The Littletons the Wednesday Club would like to invite members of the community to join them for an afternoon tea in the Village Hall on Wednesday 6 August, starting at 2pm.

Littletons Wednesday Club will be handing over their annual collection for the Teams4u Shoebox appeal at their meeting on 3rd September

If you'd like to get involved these are the sort of things that are needed. More ideas are available from the Teams4u website: <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-resources/> Items should be new, however pre-loved items in good condition are acceptable.

What can go in a Shoebox?

For boys or girls: Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, comb, soap & face cloth, stationery & paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date from June), a photo and message from yourself.



For The Home box: Candles, cooking utensils, plastic containers, tea towels, washing up cloths, hairbrush, small toiletries, bowls & cups, small decoration, soap, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks and underwear, jewellery, new makeup.

For anyone who would like to contribute something – be that a bar of soap or a tube of toothpaste (all donations are welcome) - you can find a box located just inside the Ladies cloakroom of The Village Hall and another box at Littleton Football Club. Both boxes will be available for donations when the facilities are open during August and early September.

SOUTH LITTLETON SUMMER BBQ

South Littleton Rec Ground on Long Hyde Road (near the playground)

SATURDAY

6

SEPTEMBER



The SLPC are sponsoring the BBQ, provided by local company FOOD GENIE.

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Littletons Treasure trail



Sunday 7th September 25
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from the church on the day.

This event is to promote
North and Middle Littleton Church,
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LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

FIXTURES FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

Hummel Herefordshire Midland Football League

Premier Division

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|-------------|-------------------|------|-------|
| Fri Aug 8 | Ledbury Town | Home | 19:45 |
| Tues Aug 12 | Worcs City Res | Away | 18:45 |
| Sat Aug 16 | Ludlow Town Res | Home | 14:30 |
| Sat Aug 23 | AFC Kempsey | Home | 14:30 |
| Sat Aug 30 | Ro Stars Hereford | Away | 14:30 |
| Sat Sept 6 | Worcs Utd Firsts | Home | 14:30 |
| Sat Sept 13 | AFC Worcs First | Home | 14:30 |
| Sat Sept 27 | Kington Town | Away | 15:00 |

Welcome to a new season. Our management team remains as in 2024/2025. We wish them every success for the 2025/2026 season. Youth teams are also playing this season under the umbrella of Littleton FC. Their home fixtures will be played at Blackminster Middle School on Saturday mornings.

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.

At our home games during August we will have a box available for Littletons Wednesday Club Shoebox appeal donations.

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:
littletonfc@outlook.com

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|  www.honeybournevillagehall.org email: admin@honeybournevillagehall.org | Aug WEEKLY TIMETABLE | | | | **Watch this space for our next Movie Night in Sept.** | |
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Pilates with Nicky 9am – 10 am – Fitness with Jae 10:30am – 11:30am | Yoga with Jae 10am – 11am | Pilates with Nicky 8:45am – 9:45am – Sheila's Art Group 10am – 12:30pm | Coffee morning 8:30am-12:00pm | | Zumba with Lesley 9.30am-10.30am | |
| | | Chair PT with Holly 12:45pm- 1:45pm – Wed Club 2pm – 4pm 1 st Wed in the month | | | | Yoga / Sound Bath 10 th Aug 2pm – 5pm |
| - | | | | | Healthy Worcestershire 2pm – 4pm | |
| | Pilates with Nicky 8pm- 7pm – Yoga with Natsie 26 th Aug 7:30pm – 8:30pm | Circuits with Jae 8pm – 7pm – Men's Pilates with Nicky 7.15-8.15pm | Pilates with Nicky 8:30pm – 7:30pm – Life Drawing 21 st Aug 7:45pm – 10pm | Short Mat Bowls Group 7.30pm-9.30pm | | |

All classes require booking to attend.

LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

For the July meeting we were severely depleted of numbers, with several members missing due to various health issues. For the lucky 9 who did attend Mary K had devised a very random quiz, with Roy achieving 16 out of 24 and receiving some biscuits as a reward. This was followed by refreshments and listening to Edna and Margaret recounting fascinating memories of times gone past.

At the time of going to print we have some very sad news. Our dear member Mary Hilton has passed away. Mary took the register at each session and had been the collector of funds for many years. She had been with Wednesday Club from its very first meeting over 50 years ago when she attended as a 'tea lady'. Mary is going to be very sadly missed by all who knew her and we pass on our sincere condolences to all her family and friends.

We welcome all adults to our meeting which is 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 6 August - An afternoon tea to celebrate VJ Day. To all members of the community reading this we'd like to invite you to come along too and join us.



Wednesday 3 September – our annual Teams4u Shoebox appeal reaches its conclusion. Plus fundraising.

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:

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**Wednesday 10th September -
Crown Meadow, Evesham
Drop-in between
11.30am - 1.30pm**



SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to August. Just a few small updates for you this month as we have been busy with the usual village maintenance and upkeep of our communal areas.

Connecting Us All

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, and please send in any local news or achievements to me at shannon@southlitleton.org.uk including as many photos as you can, we would love to share them.

Wishing everyone a wonderful August. We don't have a meeting in August, so our next meeting will be held at the Scout Hut on **Thursday, 18 September**.

Shannon Mack – SLPC Chair

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SKY WATCHING



We're now in the period when we should be in with a good chance of seeing shooting stars, or rather the Perseid meteor shower which takes place annually from 17 July to 24 August. The shower reaches its peak on the night of 12 August, into the morning of 13 August. The best time to watch is typically between midnight and dawn. So, if the skies are clear and its dry, get outside and see what you can spot.

NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Housing Needs Survey: This is an ongoing project.

VA Signs: Now in place.

Defibrillator Training: This was advertised on the Parish Council website and was due to take place on July 19.

Bleed Kit: There is a bleed kit within the defibrillator cabinet in North Littleton and a kit is to be placed in Middle Littleton.

Telephone Kiosk: The removal of the kiosk in Middle Littleton to be investigated.

New seat: A request has been received for the provision of a seat to be placed on East Side. This to be investigated.

Footpath, East/West Side: The removal of the overgrowth on this to be investigated. At present the hedge growth is causing problems for parishioners to negotiate the footpath.

Parking on School Lane: This remains a problem. Where possible parishioners are requested to park at the rear of School Lane to enable emergency/large vehicles to negotiate School Lane.

HGV Traffic: There have recently been movement of large tankers through the villages. It is understood these have been removing water waste from Kanes.

Overgrown vegetation: We are once again at the time of year when hedges/brambles encroach on our footpaths and roads. Please can all

parishioners check both sides of their hedges and cut the overgrowing hedge back.

West Side: The road on West Side has been resurfaced.

The Pound: The parish council have received comments regarding the growth of the wild meadow area. It is disappointing that due to the weather conditions this year the meadow has not been as successful as in 2024.

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 20 August, 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

THE BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

Started on 10 July and runs until 10 August.
For more information about how to take part
take a look here:

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>



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.



We're still in the nesting season for some birds so you need to be very careful about cutting back too much as you must not disturb nesting birds. Show your boundaries some love and get on top of the problem before it gets completely out of hand.



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To make bananas last a little longer buy them when they're green as they will ripen to yellow at home. But don't store them in the fruit bowl! If you do they will cause the other fruit to ripen too quickly and your bananas will also ripen before you want them to! Instead think about investing in a banana tree where they can hang about until you're ready for them.



LET'S WASTE LESS

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There are tons of delicious ways to use up those ripe bananas. Over-ripe, chocolate skinned bananas can be used in everything from banana bread and smoothies to banana ice cream and pancakes, the possibilities are endless. Mashed bananas give a moist chewy texture to cakes and muffins. EatWhatYouBuy [#FoodSavvyWorcestershire](#) Visit www.letswasteless.com/foodsavvy/recipes for lots of ideas and inspiration to use up those bananas.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service normally visits the Littletons on the **4th Tuesday** of the month. The next scheduled visit will be on **26 August** 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



Enquiries about this service should be made by contacting: TEL: 01905 822722 or emailing mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk


**The Boobage
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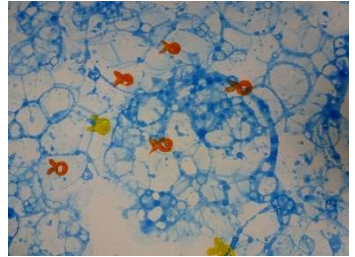
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LITTLETONS WI

Our July meeting revolved around a craft activity. Members were invited to produce a bubble picture using washing up liquid, water, paint and a straw. One suggestion was to create a hydrangea picture with some successful results.



The competition, which was an item over 100 years old, was won by Fiona with Gill in second place and Pam W in third. The raffle prizes were won by Dee, Dawn and Lynne.

In August, some members are meeting to partake in a cream tea.

Our next meeting at the village hall will be on **September 9th** when we welcome Avril Pulley who will give a demonstration of paste flowers.

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Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers?

Your local Neighbourhood Officers are PC Alex Prentice, PC Ben Trowman and PCSO Luke Harris. They can be contacted by email: alexandra.prentice@westmercia.police.uk, ben.trowman@westmercia.police.uk and luke.harris@westmercia.police.uk The Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team are actively now more than ever involved with our Evesham SNT Facebook page. Please follow Evesham SNT to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are.

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.

Vehicle Crime

Particular vehicles are being targeted which include the recent/new Ford Ranger Models and Toyota Hilux models, sometimes utilising the keyless entry on the vehicles. If you own or use one consider increasing the security of your vehicle. Options include keeping the keys in a faraday pouch, using a steering wheel lock or fitting a tracker to your vehicle. Please also consider the security around where you park your vehicle.

NOTICE BOARD

Are you planning an event in The Littletons? North, South or Middle?

Do you want to advertise it in The Link?

As soon as you've decided when it's to be please let the Editor know so that it can be inserted into The Link at least a month in advance.

That way everyone will have had a chance to view your event details and be able to attend if they so wish.

LITTLETON SCOUT HUT

Long Hyde Road, South Littleton

Current regular activities

Monday: Scouts 6:30 to 8 pm

Tuesday: Cubs 6:30 to 8 pm

Wednesday: Beavers 6 to 7:15; Explorers
7:30 to 9:30 pm

Thursday: Parish Council meeting from 7:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month, otherwise available to book

Friday: available to book

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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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LITTLETON BOWLING CLUB



At the beginning of July we held our annual Gala Day. 20 teams from around the county competed in this very successful event. A team from Welford were the overall winners of a cash prize. The day was so successful that we already have 14 teams signed up for next year's Gala.

If you would like to try lawn bowls and maybe compete in our gala in the future why not come along during the village BBQ to have a go (from 5pm as we have a match before then). We are based in Long Hyde Road, South Littleton just next the where the BBQ will be held. All you will need to bring is flat soled shoes. All other equipment will be provided.

We welcome anyone, regardless of age and ability into the club and, because we have indoor rinks too, we can play bowls all year round. If you are not able to join us on 6-September please contact Alison Williams, Secretary, on 01386 830591 or secretary.littletonbowls@gmail.com

Women's Rugby World Cup comes to England

England are the hosts of this year's Women's Rugby World Cup. The tournament is set to break attendance records and viewing figures as the Red Roses aim for trophy glory.

The competition kicks off on Friday 22 August when England take on the USA at the Stadium of Light, Sunderland. With 16 teams competing the tournament runs from 22 August with the final taking place at Twickenham on Saturday 27 September.

Inspired by the Red Roses' love of crochet as a team-bonding activity, they are calling on the nation to take part in a Yarn Art Installation project in a location close to them. The project is designed to inspire the next generation of female players and deliver a legacy for the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025. It's a great way for the nation to come together, painting the country red and white to show their support for the Red Roses this summer! To find out more visit: <https://www.englandrugby.com/> for patterns, including a Red Rose, a rugby ball granny square and bunting.

Quick quiz:

1. What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
2. What is the national flower of Japan?
3. Who was the first emperor of Rome?
4. What is the gemstone associated with August?
5. What is the largest mammal in the world?

The Littletons Village Hall

School Lane, Middle Littleton, WR11 8LJ

Current regular bookings for the hall include:

Monday: Table Tennis

Tuesday: Table Tennis / U3a Quilters on
2nd & 4th

Wednesday: Parents & Toddlers (**6 & 27-Aug**) / Craft taking a break

Thursday: Craft taking a break / Table Tennis

Friday: up to 5pm available to book (5:50 pm Trigger Point
Pilates / 7pm Pilates)

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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 |
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| 10-Aug | Benefice Eucharist | 10:00 AM | St Michaels, South Littleton |

Information from St Nicholas Church at North & Middle

St Nicholas Church is available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms



Information from St Michaels Church at South

For general enquires relating to St Michaels Church, please contact the Churchwardens Robert Johnson 01386 831504 or Sue Jinks 01386 831553. For more information on St Michael's please visit our web site: www.southlitletonchurch.co.uk



| Jun-25 | | | |
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| Baptisms | | Weddings | |
| Badsey | Luna Stanley | Badsey | Shannon Allcock & Daneil Taylor |
| | | | |
| | | Bretforton | Nicola Kingdon & Luke Cunningham |
| Funerals | | | |
| Badsey | Norman Young | Cleeve Prior | Stacey Smith & |
| Offenham | Christine Parkinson | | Jonathan Bannister |

- Quiz Answers:
1. Avocado
 2. Cherry blossom
 3. Augustus
 4. Peridot
 5. Blue whale

Dear Friends

Did you know that our churches here in the Vale have a special connection with a group of churches in the Halberstadt-Ost (near Magdeburg) area of Germany? I was so pleased to meet Pastor Susanne who came over especially for my licensing service when I first arrived in November 2024. The partnership between the two communities stretches back over the last 25 years. The original partnership between Worcester Diocese and the Area Bishop of Magdeburg, was renewed only a couple of weeks ago when Bishop Bettina from the Evangelical Church of Central Germany was a co-signatory with our Bishop Martin during a recent ordination service at Worcester Cathedral.

The local links have been built up and treasured with new and old friendships with each visit. Last year we hosted a large group of teenagers, meeting for a BBQ and games. Later this month I will go over with a group to get to know our German friends a little better. I am excited about the possibilities and making some new connections, but the trip has really got me thinking about who our neighbours are, and why it matters that we care about them.

How do you feel about **your** neighbours? What are you like as a neighbour? Sometimes our neighbour is the person next door – you've known them forever and their kids are as much part of your lives as your grandkids are of theirs. Or you aren't too sure of their names, but they have a yappy dog that always gets set off by passing horses or the postman. Neighbours come in all shapes, sizes, colours, and distance/nearness – people we know well, and people we have never met and never will.

All the major world religions have something to say about the importance of caring for our neighbours – either explicitly as in Judaism and Christianity – or more generally practising loving-kindness and compassion to people. Loving your neighbour sometimes feels easy – and sometimes feels like one of the hardest things we can ever do.

But whether you have any faith or none, the practice of loving your neighbour is one of the things that can make our world a much better and kinder place. Why? Firstly, because it reminds me that we are all connected; the things that we do, the choices that we make about how we live, not only affect our neighbours living next door or downriver from us, but also our neighbours on a Pacific island thousands of miles from here. Secondly when I try flexing that love and kindness muscle, it seems to have a dual effect – it turns my focus out from myself, (hopefully enabling me to become a better kinder, more loving person) - always a good thing – and it should also make it a bit easier for my neighbour to love me.

I think we forget sometimes how easy it is to lose those connections with each other - or how much we can gain from making and keeping up neighbourly relationships in the first place. There are lots of things that we do as individuals and as communities that offer the chance to build those connections - through our schools, or sports clubs, special events, volunteering. But if all that is too hard, even simply being aware of what is going on locally or further afield – and caring about the people involved - is all part of that work of neighbourliness. Including when you read the inside pages of this community magazine



Gott segne dich.....

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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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