

The Littleton Link



October 2025

Dear All

Welcome to the October edition of The Littleton Link.

Did you manage to get a view of the Blood Moon in September? Or any part of the eclipse? Unfortunately, here our view was obscured. In October though we might get a chance to view the Orionids Meteor Shower, which peak around 21-22 October. The full moon occurs on 6 October so that means, with the darker skies, we might get to see more of the meteor shower.

This month is also Halloween. Please remember that pumpkins are not just for decorating – you can eat them too and they make delicious soups, muffins, traybakes and all sorts of lovely things.

This month we've got more events for you to participate in and mark dates in your diary. I hope that you'll find something of interest within the pages. Whatever you get up to this month, keep safe and healthy.

With kind regards,
Mary

Cover: Snoozing or digesting? I couldn't make up my mind – he was sat there a good 5 minutes, rocking back and forth! (Mary Keeling)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 1 Oct	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Sun 5 Oct	Pet Service	3pm	St Nicholas Church
Sun 12 Oct	Bulb Planting	10am	Scout Hut
Sun 12 Oct	Bulb Planting	10am	Withy Trees Road
Tues 14 Oct	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Wed 15 Oct	N&M Parish Council meeting	7 pm	Village Hall
Thur 16 Oct	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Fri 17 Oct	Tennis & Pickleball Club Musical Bingo	7 for 7:30 pm	Pebworth Village Hall
Wed 22 Oct	Halloween Octoberfest	11am to 2pm	Freedom Day Centre
Tues 28 Oct	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Wed 5 Nov	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Sat 15 Nov	Offenham CC Quiz Night	7:30 to 10:30 pm	Offenham RBL Club
Sat 29 Nov	Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre	11 am to 3 pm	Village Hall
Sat 13 Dec	South Littleton Christmas event	4:30 to 6:30 pm	Scout Hut

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 November edition is Fri-17-Oct-2025

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Friday 3rd October

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Blackminster Middle School is holding an Open Evening on October 2nd. The evening will start with an address in the main hall by Headteacher Ms McQuone. Parents and children will then be able to visit the facilities and talk to students and staff.

For anyone with children in Year 4

or Year 5, the event is a valuable opportunity to see just what it is that makes our local middle school such a special place for children aged 10-13 to learn and thrive.

Anyone who has missed the Open Evening and would still like to visit is encouraged to contact the school - the lovely office team will be pleased to make an appointment for you to visit the school and meet senior leaders. The email address is office@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk

INTERESTED IN GROWING YOUR OWN?



A few half plots are now available on the South Littleton allotments at approximately £30 per half plot per year. There are additional fees for 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



LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

For our September meeting we helped Edna celebrate her 100th birthday and admired the card she had received from the King and Queen. We handed over all the goodies collected for the Teams4u



Christmas



Shoeboxes and participated in a bit of our own fundraising, with Graham encouraging members to finish off the remains of our Spring tombola and by guessing how pom-poms and sweets were in the jars.

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 1 October – Harvest (bring money for birthday meal)

Wednesday 5 November – Our Birthday celebrations (bring items for Christmas Bingo and Tombola stall)

Wednesday 3 December – Christmas Bingo

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 or Graham 01386 830273 or Marion Brighton 01905 909125

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service normally visits the Littletons on the **4th Tuesday** of the month. The next scheduled visit will be on **28 October** 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@worcestershireshire.gov.uk

NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Dogs on leads: All parishioners/dog walkers are requested to have their dogs on a lead when using public footpaths. It has been reported that there have been occasions recently when dogs have not been under control and are encroaching on private land. Dogs must also be kept on a lead when near livestock or wild animals. Only people who can fully control a dog should walk it.

VA Signs: These are now in place but unfortunately drivers are not respecting this warning on Cleeve Road.

Parking - 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.

Overgrown vegetation: We are once again at the time of year when hedges/brambles encroach on our footpaths and roads. Please can all residents check both sides of their hedges – inside and outside their gardens – and cut the overgrowth back.

Trees: A survey has taken place on the condition of trees in the ownership of the parish council. Some of these require work to be carried out in the near future.

Verge Grips: These require clearing. It is proposed to have this work completed before the winter.

Bus Shelter - North Littleton Crossroads: Following the latest damage this has now been removed for safety reasons and will not be replaced.

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 15 October, 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

A promotional graphic for Richard Wilson Handyman & Home Services. It features a man with a beard and a blue shirt on the left. The background is white with various tools (saw, pliers, wrench, screwdriver, etc.) arranged around the text. The text reads: "RICHARD WILSON", "HANDYMAN & HOME SERVICES", "07947 300624". Below this, a blue box contains the text: "If you need a hand with those jobs that you've been meaning to get to, or a project looks a bit of a handful to tackle alone, please give me a call, or drop a text. I'd be happy to have a chat about how I can help you. Local, friendly, tidy, and trustworthy."

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SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

As we welcome the crisp days of autumn in South Littleton, we're delighted to bring you plenty of news and updates to keep you informed about all that's happening in our community.

Summer BBQ – A Huge Success!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Summer BBQ. The weather was kind, and it was a brilliant afternoon. Special thanks go to the **Lockdown Layabouts** for their fantastic entertainment, the **Littletons Bowls Club** for running the bar and opening up their facilities for residents to have a go at Bowls, and the **Littletons Tennis and Pickleball Club** for their brilliant activities and tea/coffee offering. We're also grateful to the **WI** and the **Freedom Day Centre** for



showcasing the wonderful work they do in our community. It was such a success that we're already planning for next year. **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 5 September 2026.**

New Speed Limits in Place

Please note the new 30 mph limits now in effect:

- The whole of Bennetts Hill and Long Hyde Road
- The Evesham Road (B4510)

Data from our new Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) has been passed to Worcestershire County Council (WCC), who will work with the police to monitor any concerning speed patterns.

Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Traffic

As always, we are aware of the increase in HGV traffic and recent incidents, particularly along Main Street. We continue to report these issues, and they remain a priority for our County Councillor, Hannah Robson, who is escalating the issues. Please remember we have no enforcement powers as a Parish Council, the best way to help is to

REPORT, REPORT, REPORT:

- Operation Snap (upload dashcam footage of dangerous driving):
<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap>
- Worcestershire County Council highways reporting:
<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/report>

If you do report something, please also send a copy of your reference or ticket number to clerk@southlitleton.co.uk The more evidence we all send, the higher the priority for action.

Horse Rider Safety

We're also keen to support horse rider safety. The British Horse Society has a very useful incident reporting app for horse riders/owners: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/go-riding-and-learn/record-an-incident/incident-report-form/>

Street Maintenance

Wychavon District Council has a new online weed reporting form: <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/parking-and-fines/street-cleaning/weed-reporting-form>

For other street maintenance issues, please visit:

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/parking-and-fines/street-cleaning>

Neighbourhood Plan

We're starting work on a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. A village survey will be coming soon. Please do take part so we can ensure the plan reflects residents' priorities.

Lengthsman Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lengthsman in the village. Please contact Sean Arble at clerk@southlitleton.co.uk for further details.

SAVE THE DATES

Village Bulb Planting Morning – Sunday, 12 October, 10 am

Join us at either the Scout Hut or the top of Withy Trees Road for a community bulb planting session. If you can, please bring spades, gloves, or bulb planters.

Christmas Event at the Scout Hut – Saturday, 13 December, 4:30–6:30 pm

Come along to the Scout Hut for a festive bap, mulled wine, mince pies, crafts, and treats for the children. We'll be raising funds for the Air Ambulance, so please bring along any cash donations you'd like to make.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 16 October at 7:30 pm at the Bowls Club**, our new regular venue. Everyone is welcome to come along, share your views, and hear the latest village news. We'd love to meet you.

Don't forget, we would love for you to get involved, share suggestions for village improvements, or volunteer for community working parties – if you're interested, please email clerk@southlittleton.org.uk.

Wishing everyone a wonderful October

South Littleton Parish Council

Shannon Cawood – SLPC Chair

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LITTLETONS WI

Our September meeting started with a minute's silence in memory of our dear member, Mary Hilton, who passed away recently. Mary will be greatly missed by all.

We were very pleased to welcome Avril Pulley and her very able assistant (husband Ray). Avril shared memories of her time working for Royal Worcester making flowers starting at age 17. During her time working there, she collaborated in pieces made to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee which included a Daffodil, Thistle, Shamrock and Rose. Avril moved on to making and decorating wedding cakes with some photographs shared that showed off her beautiful creations. Now Avril is using a Japanese air-drying paste and demonstrated how to make primroses, roses and fuchsias interspersed with amusing anecdotes.



October's meeting takes place on the 14th when we will be making Christmas themed crafts.

For more information about The Littletons WI please visit our website at: <https://thelittletonswi.wixsite.com/home>

Treasure Trail at St Nicholas' Church



On Sunday 7th September, in spite of a rainy start, 42 intrepid people participated in the St Nicholas Treasure Trail.



Teams set off with clue sheets and maps to be rewarded with prizes on return to the church. There were welcome refreshments and activities for the children and it was wonderful to see so many bring a sense of fun and life into this beautiful church. It was lovely to welcome passing walkers who stayed for coffee and cake.

Thank you to the volunteers who baked the delicious cakes and biscuits, the talented “quiz masters”, the team who cleaned and polished beforehand, the generous donation of prizes and all those who gave freely of their time and help in any way. Mostly, thank you to everyone who came along, it was brilliant to see you all.

We raised almost £80 which all goes to the upkeep of the church, but more than this, these events are there for anyone to come along and be welcomed.

There is a Pet Service on the 5th of October at 3 pm at the church to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your pet or a special soft toy for blessing, although all can join in even if you don't have a pet. We will also walk to the Farm Animal Sanctuary and bless their animals, followed by refreshments in the church. We are looking forward to seeing you all and in the meantime, please let us know if you have any ideas for future events – it would be good to hear from you.

Contact us at: stnicksactivitygroup@gmail.com



**The Boobage
Support Group**

Location: The Fleece, Bretforton, WR11 7JE

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LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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Premier Division

Sat Oct 4	Bromyard Town	Home	ko 14:30
Fri Oct 10	Hereford Pegasus	Away	ko 19:45
Tues Oct 14	UDA Glos	Away	ko 19:45
Sat Oct 18	Welland Firsts	Away	ko 14:30
Tue Oct 21 (HFCup)	No details of fixture		
Sat Oct 25	Clee Hill Utd	Home	ko 14:30
Nov 1	Pershore Tn 88 Dev	Away	ko 15:00

Littleton have had an encouraging start to the 2025/2026 season. Their current position being top of the premier division of the Hummel Herefordshire League.

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.

Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the 'Rural North' area?



Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers?

Your local Neighbourhood Officers are PC Alex Prentice, PC Ben Trowman and PCSO Luke Harris, all based out of Evesham. 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 Police' Facebook page. Please follow Evesham Police to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are.

Drop-In Sessions and Neighbourhood Matters

Drop-in sessions are held weekly around the patch. If you have anything you wish to discuss, please pop along to one of these sessions. These sessions are advertised on the Evesham Facebook page as well as Neighbourhood Matters. 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. Take a look at the website: <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> for further information.

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!

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.

A festive poster for a Christmas wine and cheese tasting event. The background is a deep blue with white snowflakes and stars. On the right, two champagne flutes filled with bubbly are wrapped with a gold ribbon. In the bottom left corner, three blue Christmas ornaments with gold caps sit on a bed of white snow. The text is arranged on the left side of the poster.

Christmas WINE & CHEESE TASTING

Indulge in the spirit of Christmas with an exquisite wine & cheese tasting experience presented by Waitrose Wine Specialist John Williams. Join us for an evening filled with the finest wines, delectable cheese and heartwarming cheer.

 **Saturday, 29 November 2025 at 7:30pm**
Honeybourne Village Hall,
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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 (term-time only) / Craft (evening)
Thursday: Craft (morning) / Table Tennis
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Date	Service	Time	Location
12-Oct Homelessness Sunday	Harvest Eucharist	11:00 AM	St Michael's, South
	Taizé	7:00 PM	St Nicholas, N&M
26-Oct Bible Sunday	Morning Praise	9:30 AM	St Michael's, South

Information from St Nicholas Church at North & Middle

St Nicholas Church is available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms. Before all bookings a dedicated team of volunteers make a thorough clean of the facilities.





St Nicholas Churchyard – St Nicks Activities group would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to the churchyard volunteers. Back in September the tidy-up group had a very successful morning in the

churchyard and it is looking so much better already. We’d also like to say thanks to Blanche for the refreshments and to Marcus for dealing with all the cuttings. We hope to make this a regular event and will advise in due course the next date. If anyone would like to join us please contact Sandra on 01386 830709.

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



From the Parish Registers – August 2025

Baptisms	
Bretforton	Ronnie Cowley
	Amelia French
Weddings	
Badsey	Lyn Kent & Mark Williams
	Eloise Cox & George Tustin
Funerals	
Bretforton	Robert Bewsick
S Littleton	Pamela Mary Hilton
N&M Littleton	Duncan Brown





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Loved and valued – a letter from Trevor Burton

I often walk around our village pushing my granddaughter in her buggy. Sometimes she walks and is quite determined to go 'that way'. We often meet other people and my granddaughter loves to say 'Morning'. One day while we were out her shoelace came undone and she tripped over it. Whilst consoling her, a lovely young mum came along and did the shoelaces up.

There is a Fare Share shed in Badsey where food is dropped off. Occasionally, I have the privilege of collecting the food. I am grateful for those who help me unload my car. People come to the shed and conversations start. One Friday, I had not put the food out, and I saw someone with several empty bags walking away, rather sad. My thoughts weren't very nice towards him but God spoke to me and challenged me to run after him and let him know that I was about to put the food out. At the shed, he opened up and told me why he needed the food. This made me see him in a different light.

Once a month I work the night time economy in Evesham as a Street Pastor. Some people go out for enjoyment others have no choice but to be out. Occasionally, because of the nature of the environment, incidents happen and we engage and help people. Subsequently we are thanked and people share their situations. As Street Pastors we go out there because we value those we see on the streets. As a result they often allow us to pray with them.

Badsey church uses their building to run a Stay and Play 'Drop in' every Monday during term time with toys, music (and a free cuppa). It is wonderful to see grandparents, mums and dads coming along with

their children. It gives them the opportunity to get out of the house. My granddaughter has changed so much, interacting with the other children. The children and grandparents (and parents) are valued, and the adults receive support when they share their struggles.

I often walk around the village praying. I meet and have conversations with people. Whilst praying I was challenged by God to write this article. You may not believe in God. There was a time I didn't, however, I have faced tough situations in my life but I can testify how God has stepped into my life and revealed to me His love for me in tangible ways. This has happened especially after allowing someone to pray with me.

On Wednesdays at Badsey church we have a churchyard group from 10am. It doesn't matter if you're not into gardening, it is a time for meeting others to chat and share. There are a lot of issues going on in the world, and political challenges for us in this country. We all face upheavals in our lives and we grieve and struggle dealing with these issues. You are welcome to come along to talk to others about these or anything else over a coffee. We are a bunch of ordinary imperfect people who value each other and love to spend time with each other. It is a hub for connection, reflection and shared experiences. If you need it, some of us are happy to offer support and pray with you.

Trevor Burton (Badsey)

PS We have similar coffee and chats on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Cleeve village hall, and monthly 1st Sunday afternoons in Offenham church)

Jo Fielding Priest in Charge, East Vale & Avon Benefice

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The LITTLETONS WI will be holding their annual food bank collection in November, in aid of Caring Hands in Evesham. The food bank are pleased to collect any non-perishable food items, particularly:

Tinned goods – vegetables (especially potatoes), tomatoes (plum or chopped), fruit, rice pudding, fish (tuna, sardines, etc), meals in a tin (ravioli, meat balls, stews, hot dogs), meats (ham, chopped ham, pork, corned beef)

Cupboard goods - Instant mashed potato, jams, marmalade, rice, cereals, long-life milk, pasta sauce

Toiletries (no aerosols) - roll on deodorant, bubble bath, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, toothpaste

With Christmas approaching Caring Hands are hoping we will also add a few 'goodies'. This could be in the form of any of the following: selection boxes, tubs of chocolates (Celebrations, etc), Christmas pudding, chocolate log, nuts, chocolate orange, mint chocolates, mince pies, cheese/Ritz crackers, Pringles/crisps, pickles (onions, beetroot, etc), tinned ham/salmon (ideally food items should be dated later than 25/12/25)

If anyone throughout the villages would like to donate to this worthwhile collection please drop your donations in to the boxes in the porch at **NUTHURST, SCHOOL LANE, MIDDLE LITTLETON** or **the LITTLETONS VILLAGE HALL** between Saturday 1 and Monday 10 November.

Thank you

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



Thursday: available to book

Friday: available to book



If you're looking for a local venue with kitchen facilities please email

littletonscoutenquiries@yahoo.com for availability and costs



Tree of Light 2025



Remembering a loved one this Christmas

In December the Evesham Rotary Tree of Light will once more be lit as a beacon of love and remembrance. Since 1999 this fund-raising project has enabled people to remember loved ones whilst donating to charity and well over £300,000 has been given to charitable causes.

If you would like to donate to the Tree of Light this year please go to:

www.eveshamrotaryclub.org



Remembering Loved Ones

The names of your remembered loved ones will be published on our website, in the Evesham Journal newspaper and in the Book of Remembrance displayed in the Evesham Library.



Serving the Community

To remember your loved ones and to donate please go to the website where you can complete the online form.

OR

Download a form and post it to Evesham Rotary, PO Box 400, Evesham WR11 9GP

www.therotaryclubofevesham.org.uk



Get ready to dress up and dive into two days of spooktacular fun at our Farm Animal Sanctuary! We're inviting families of all ages to join us for a Halloween-themed event packed with excitement, treats, and plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy.

Prices: Adults: £5 / Children under 14: £7.50 (includes a full goodie bag!) This is a fantastic opportunity for a great family day out, filled with fun, laughter, and Halloween spirit. Don't miss out on making some magical memories with us!

Note: We are an outdoor farm sanctuary, so come dressed warmly and ready for a day of outdoor adventure.

We can't wait to see you there!

Bretforton Amateur Dramatics - BAD Theatre

Our forthcoming offering is Gaslight – a thriller by Patrick Hamilton. Taking place at [Bretforton Theatrebarn](#) on 13- 15 November.

Tickets can be purchased from www.bretfortongrange.org, from Bretforton Community Shop or via 07947 462387.

For more information visit our website at: <https://badtheatre.co.uk/>



**Offenham Cricket Club
presents**

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 15 November 2025

**Venue: Offenham Royal British Legion Club
Time: 7:30pm until 10:30pm
(Bar opens at 7:00pm)**

Trophy, Bar, Fun, Raffle

£5 per head

To book a team (max 6 people per team)

**Call Debbie or Andrew on
01386 442844 / 07598 794917
OR EMAIL: akharrison63@gmail.com**

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HALL
CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT
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NOVEMBER
FROM 11AM TO
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COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL CRAFTERS AND YOUR LOCAL
VILLAGE HALL

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES AND TO BOOK A
TABLE CALL SHOSH ON 01386 832073**

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**Don't forget to put your clocks
back 1 hour on Sunday 26
October**

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