

The Littleton Link



December 2025 & January 2026

Dear All

Welcome to the December & January edition of The Littleton Link.

At the time of writing we're just coming out of our first really cold snap of the winter. The birds in our garden are seeking out the seeds and berries the plants have been producing over the summer months. When we get to the 21st of December we reach the Winter Solstice, giving us the shortest day and longest night. Then the days start to get gradually longer again. Before we get there though there are more 'shooting stars' to look out for as the Geminid meteor shower reaches its peak on the night of 13/14 December. This time we might be lucky to see some, as the moon does not rise until 1am.

Within the pages this month, there are dates a plenty for your diary and updates from our regular contributors. Hopefully you'll find something to interest you and to get involved in.

Whatever you get up to this season I hope that you have a good Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Kind regards,
Mary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 3 Dec	Wednesday Club Bingo	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Fri 5 Dec	Littleton Juniors FC Christmas Bingo	6:30 for eyes down 7:30pm	Village Hall
Sun 7 Dec	Celebrating Santa	3 to 4pm	St Nicholas Church
Tue 9 Dec	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Fri 12 Dec	Community Carol Singing	6pm	St Nicholas Church
Sat 13 Dec	South Littleton Christmas event	4:30 to 6:30 pm	Scout Hut
Wed 17 Dec	Wednesday Club Carol Service	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Thur 18 Dec	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Sat 20 Dec	Christmas Bingo	7 for 7:30pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Tue 23 Dec	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Wed 7 Jan	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Tue 13 Jan	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Thur 15 Jan	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Wed 21 Jan	N&M Parish Council meeting	7 pm	Village Hall
Tue 27 Jan	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 4 Feb	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Sat 21 Feb	Village Hall AGM	10am	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 February edition is Fri-23-JANUARY

NOTICEBOARD

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.



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



Celebrating Santa

St Nicholas Church, North & Middle Littleton
Sunday 7th December 2025 3-4pm

We Invite the community to come together and learn all about our beloved Santa Claus.

Who was Saint Nicholas?
Why does Santa wear red and white?
Why do we have chocolate coins at Christmas?

Best Dressed Santa

While the real Santa is toiling away with the elves in his workshop, we thought we'd show our support by dressing up like him. Families are encouraged to wear a Santa hat or even the whole costume. We will award a prize for the Best Dressed Santa

Christmas Decorations

We'll be decorating the church for the special occasion and we'd love your support.
If you have any spare decorations, please feel free to come along and deck the halls with us.

We'll have refreshments available, please bring cash.'

Enquiries via email to stnicksactivitygroup@gmail.com

Littleton FC Juniors would be delighted if you could come & join us for a festive night of fun & games at the Village Hall 🙏
Lots of great prizes on offer along with lots of festive cheer



The poster is for a Christmas BINGO event. At the top, the word "CHRISTMAS" is in large red letters, and "BINGO" is in large, colorful, circular letters. Below this, the date "SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER" is written in red. A list of activities and prizes is provided, including a BINGO main book, cash flyer, kids stand up bingo, a raffle, and refreshments. The event is open from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Littletons Village Hall. At the bottom, it states that all proceeds support Littleton FC Juniors, with logos for U13 Youth, U10 Girls, and U14 Youth. The background is blue with white snowflakes and Christmas trees.

CHRISTMAS

BINGO

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

- BINGO MAIN BOOK £10
- CASH FLYER £5
- KIDS STAND UP BINGO
- RAFFLE
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
(TEA COFFEE & SOFT DRINKS)

OPEN 6:30PM / EYES DOWN 7:30 PM

LITTLETONS VILLAGE HALL
WR11 8LJ

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT:

U13 YOUTH U10 GIRLS U14 YOUTH



Community Carol Singing

**North and Middle Littleton
Friday 12th December 2025, 6pm onwards**

We invite the community to come together and sing Christmas carols. The whole family, including dogs, are welcome.

We'll start and finish at St Nicholas Church, taking a walk to sing outside the Village Hall and The Ivy Inn.

What to bring

Torches, warm clothing, cash donations and festive cheer.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

We'll be serving mulled wine and mince pies in the Church after our festive singing.

Enquiries via email to stnicksactivitygroup@gmail.com

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Many, many thanks to everyone from the Littletons, including our WI Members, who gave so generously to our annual appeal.

Diane from Caring Hands was delighted with the response.

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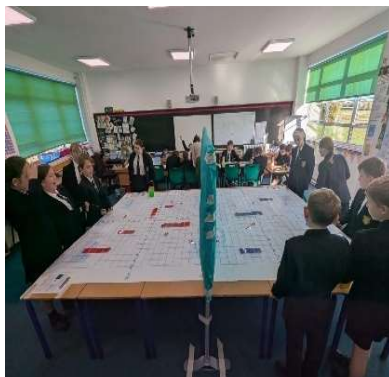
Blackminster Middle School - Come And See For Yourself

Blackminster Students Get to Grips with Maths!

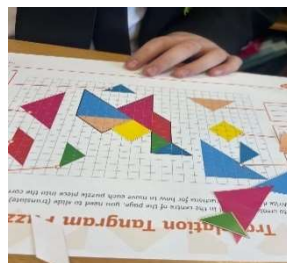
Just before half term, Year 6 students at Blackminster Middle School enjoyed a whole day of maths-related activities.

Our theme was "position and direction", and students took part in several activities during the day, including a giant game of battleships and even becoming their own shapes that were reflected and translated in all sorts of directions.

The day ended with a whole-year group quiz in the hall - students were highly competitive and there was a real sense of excitement. The day was brilliantly supported by our Year 7 and Year 8 Maths Ambassadors - students who volunteered to share their knowledge and skills with Year 6.



Maths is fundamental to many aspects of life outside school, as well as progression in lots of school subjects. We're delighted to be able to give our students this sort of fun experience of the subject - a perfect example of our school values of Aspiration and Excellence!



LITTLETON BOWLING CLUB

The winter bowling season is in full swing at Littleton Bowling Club. We are running morning, afternoon and evening leagues as well as a knock out cup, member competitions and friendly matches. If you are looking for something to do on those cold, wet winter days then why not think about joining our club?



We have 2 full length rinks (see one of them above) and welcome anyone over 10 years old who would like a taster session. We will be running longer beginners courses in February before the outdoor season commences in April.

In addition to bowling, we hold a variety of social events. We recently held a quiz night and will be holding our very popular Christmas Bingo event on **20th December, at 7pm for eyes down at 7:30 pm**, followed by a Burns Night celebration at the end of January.

Feel free to come along to the club on a Wednesday evening from 7pm if you would like to give bowls a try. All you will need to bring is flat soled shoes to wear on the rink.

For more information or to put your name down to attend the Christmas Bingo event please contact Alison Williams, Secretary on 01386 830591 or email secretary.littletonbowls@gmail.com

LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

Members celebrated the 54th birthday of the club with an excellent lunch prepared and delivered by the Round of Gras. This was followed by birthday cake and a cup of tea before members went home. Thank you to all those who contributed and a special thank you to Graham and Mary for their part in the organisation of the event.

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.

Future meetings:

Wednesday 3 December – Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 17 December – Carol Service

Wednesday 7 January – Welcome to the new year

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. Whilst some of us can stack the chairs we really struggle with the big heavy tables. It would probably only take an able-bodied someone about 10 minutes, if you feel you could help?** Helpers to serve tea would also be welcome.

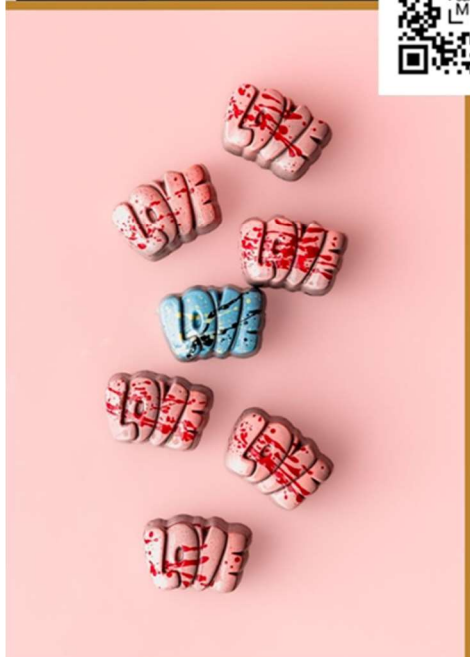
We're open to anyone who may be lonely or seeking a bit of company. We're here for 2 hours, normally once a month. Come on in and take a look..., you'll be welcome to join us as a guest for a cup of tea, biscuit and a chat.

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

Mary or Graham 01386 830273 or Marion Brighton 01905 909125



We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Thank you for
supporting us in 2025!

Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year 2026!

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NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Resignation: Due to work commitments Councillor Sarah Powell has resigned from the parish council. Our thanks go out to Councillor Powell for her interest and work carried out on behalf of the parish during her term of office.

Co-option: The necessary notification has been registered with Wychavon District Council.

Neighbourhood Plan: Information is still being collated for this.

VA Signs: The first check on the data from the signs is very disturbing. Some of the readings are well in excess of the 30mph restriction. Drivers are requested to take adhere to the speed limit and recognise the danger of speeding through a village.

Play Area: The new swing seats are now in place and the equipment has been repaired.

Verge Grips: These have been cleared which means that water should now run freely into the ditches.

Bus Shelter: (North Littleton) The condition of this to be examined for discussion at January meeting.

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, Sandra Jackson, John Taylor and Marsha Wilkins

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

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

SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

As we welcome the shorter days of December and January in South Littleton, we're delighted to bring you an update of what's been happening and what we're looking forward to in our community.

First we're looking forward to our annual **Christmas event**, up on the Rec at the Scout Hut on **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. It's always a lovely way to start the Christmas season, and we hope to see you there!

Earlier in November South Littleton Parish Council had the pleasure of hosting a fantastic networking event for local Councillors, Chairs and Clerks from across our neighbouring parishes of North and Middle Littleton, Bretforton, Offenham, Honeybourne, Badsey, Pebworth and Cleeve Prior.

Around 30 councillors, chairs and clerks joined us at Littleton Football Club (LFC) for an evening of conversation, collaboration, community spirit, and of course snacks! It was the first time in many years that we've all had the chance to come together in one place, and it truly was a brilliant evening.

A huge thank you to Lucy Bird, Wellbeing Officer at WCALC, for joining us and giving an inspiring talk on wellbeing initiatives and how we can best support our communities. We'd also like to thank Hannah Robson from Worcestershire County Council for her support of this event and Judith Ciotti and Mark Ward of WDC for attending. A huge thanks also goes to Mark Wilcox from LFC for his warm hospitality and use of the venue.

We are rich in experience across our parishes, and it was wonderful to see everyone sharing ideas, building connections, and discussing how we can work more closely together in the future. We'll certainly be holding these gatherings more regularly, there is lots to look forward to!

And here are a few reminders:

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/>

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 18 December 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@southlitleton.org.uk.

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive season.

South Littleton Parish Council

Shannon Cawood – SLPC Chair

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

Councillors: Sally Ashwin, Shannon Cawood, Debbie Jones, Roger Jones, Hannah Robson, Helen Quigley-York, Victoria Sevier, Tim Ward

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Honeybourne Village Hall

Jan Film Night





Saturday 17th Jan
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Refreshments and Raffle on the night
Tickets available online at
www.honeybournevillagehall.org

It's time to say goodbye. When Mary finds herself at the centre of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

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Honeybourne Bereavement Café

An opportunity to meet others in a similar situation offering mutual support and friendship within a safe place.

When: 1st Saturday of each month

Time: 9.30am-11.30am

Where: The Gate Inn

Honeybourne, WR11 7QJ

Free of charge, inc. refreshments



We are also offering a 7-week Bereavement Journey Course, dates to be confirmed.



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A very Random quiz

1. What is the capital of Austria?
2. Who wrote Romeo and Juliet?
3. What is the tallest mountain in the world?
4. In which year did the Titanic sink?
5. How many sides does a hexagon have?
6. What is the largest planet in our solar system?
7. Which country is known as the Land of the Rising Sun?
8. What is the smallest country in the world by area?
9. How many colours are there in a rainbow?
10. Which organ in the body is responsible for pumping blood?
11. What is the capital city of Canada?
12. What is the fastest land animal?
13. Who was the 1st President of the United States?
14. What is the longest river in the world?
15. Who was the 1st female Prime Minister in the UK?
16. What is the largest desert in the world?
17. How many bones are in the human body?
18. What is the largest mammal in the world?
19. What type of animal is a Komodo dragon?
20. What bird is known for its ability to mimic sounds, including human speech?
21. How many legs does a spider have?
22. What is the name of the cowboy in *Toy Story*?
23. What is the longest running animated series on TV?
24. In which year did the Beatles release *Hey Jude*?
25. What is the highest point of Jamaica?
26. France Lynch is a village in which English county?

Avonvale River Action Group



Restoring our beautiful River Avon

Our beautiful river is full of pollution. Avonvale River Action Group aims to restore our river to health so that it is a thriving home for wildlife and a safe environment for us all to enjoy.

We carry out testing along the River Avon for both chemical and bacterial indicators of river health, from Bidford through to Eckington. Our results are collated by The Angling Trust and Surfers Against Sewage and form part of their national databases of citizen science data.

If you're interested in finding out more or volunteering with us please take a look on our website at: <https://avonvaleriver.org/> or send us a message at: info@avonvaleriver.org



The Boobage Support Group

Location:	The Fleece, Bretforton, WR11 7JE
Date:	The first Friday of every month
Time:	11am to 12:30pm
Group Leaders:	Victoria & Penny
Email:	vickylyndon60@gmail.com pennyanne69@gmail.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service normally visits the Littletons on the **4th Tuesday** of the month. Weather permitting the next scheduled visits will be on **23 December & 27 January** 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



Find out more online:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

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



The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 2026

Will take place from 23 to 25 January.



Sit back, relax and watch your garden birds for an hour. Whether you're a newcomer to watching birds or a regular, everyone is invited to participate. All sightings, or not, they all count and you may even get some surprises!

In 2025, over 590,000 people took part and this time you could be with them. Simply go to the website and, from mid-December, register to take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Then on the day, you just spend an hour watching the birds in your garden, from your window or in your local park, and tell the RSPB what you've seen. If you see very few birds or none at all, that's also really useful information, so do let them know.

To find out more visit: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Answers to quiz – questions 1 to 10

1. Vienna
2. William Shakespeare
3. Mount Everest
4. 1912
5. 6
6. Jupiter
7. Japan
8. Vatican City
9. 7
10. Heart

LITTLETONS WI

Our Annual meeting in November began with a greeting from our President and a welcome to Sally Grainger who joined us to oversee the voting of our Committee and President. This was also an opportunity to thank members for their support throughout the year in particular Margaret Potter for her work with the 75th Anniversary Bunting project and Kevin Clifton who puts out and packs away all the tables and chairs for us every month. Pam Cole was also thanked for her time running the raffle as she steps down for a well earned rest, with Benita thanked for her generous provision of raffle prizes.

We were then joined by Diane from Caring Hands in the Vale who was very thankful for all the donations collected from members and village residents.

Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. The competition was something to show peace/love with Annette E the winner having made a beautiful stuffed heart decorated with lace and embroidered with a message reflecting our resolution this year.

Our next meeting will be held on **9 December** when we will be enjoying a delicious supper.

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

Answers to quiz – questions 11 to 15

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LET'S TALK ABOUT WASTE

Fancy a takeaway this season?
Think you're doing your bit in recycling the containers? Or perhaps not!
Cardboard, paper and some plastics can be recycled. **But** you must ensure all the containers are clean and free from food



before you place items into your **Green** bin.

Food waste, grease and non-recyclable plastics need to go into your **Black** bin.

By following these simple guidelines, you can ensure that your takeaway packaging is disposed of responsibly, contributing to a cleaner environment.

Recent waste analysis shows that 35% of the average black bin in Worcestershire was food waste and out of this nearly 70% was classed as 'avoidable'. This means it could have been eaten in some form. Over 40% was still in its packaging, so people are throwing away whole, unopened bags of salad, vegetables and bread.

How about making a New Years Resolution to cut your waste? For more information and tips take a look here:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/lets-waste-less>



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LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

Hummel Herefordshire Midland Football League

Premier Division

Sat Dec 13	Away	Clee Hill Utd	ko 2:30 pm
Fri Jan 9	Away	AFC Kempsey	ko 7:45 pm
WFA Sat Cup			
Sat Jan 24	Away	AFC Kempsey	ko 2 pm
Sat Jan 31	Away	Bromyard	ko 3 pm

These fixtures are subject to change and you will note there are no fixtures during the Christmas holiday period.

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?

There have been some changes to your local policing team and the area they now cover.

Your local Neighbourhood Police Officers are PC Alex Prentice and PC Shaquille Lakin. Your local PCSO's are PCSO Jasmine Hill, PCSO Lee Stirling, PCSO Kyle Westwood and PCSO Karen Kempton. The email addresses for each of them are first.surname@westmercia.police.uk

The team is known as the Evesham and Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team. The team have 2 Facebook pages, 'Evesham Police' and 'Pershore Police'. Please follow these 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 and Pershore 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 for further information: <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!

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.

Rogue Traders

We are aware of reports within our rural villages of rogue traders. Rogues Traders involve uninvited doorstep calls, poor quality or unfinished work, unnecessary repairs, pressure tactics and demands for upfront cash and targeting elderly and vulnerable residents. Rogue traders can be very convincing, often quoting low prices but later demanding more money. Some may even insist on contracts being signed. Please protect yourself and others.

- Ask for ID before letting anyone in
- Check credentials, including a permanent business address and phone number
- Ask questions, request references, and see examples of work
- Don't sign anything on the spot – get at least three written quotes
- If in doubt, ask them to leave

The simplest way to stay safe:

Do not engage with doorstep sellers. Politely ask them to leave.

If you have concerns or spot suspicious activity, report it to us and to Trading Standards.

Answers to quiz – questions 16 to 26
16. Sahara
17. 206
18. Blue Whale
19. Lizard
20. Parrot
21. 8
22. Woody
23. The Simpsons
24. 1968
25. Blue Mountain Peak
26. Gloucestershire

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

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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.



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.southlittletonchurch.co.uk





East Vale and Avon Benefice

Services for December 2025

7 th December 2 nd of Advent	9.30am Offenham Eucharist	11am Badsey Eucharist 11am Cleeve Prior Eucharist	
14 th December 3 rd of Advent	9.30am Bretforton Morning Praise	11am South Littleton Eucharist	4pm Offenham Christingle Service and lighting of The Tree of Light 6pm Cleeve Prior Carols by Candlelight
21 st December 4 th of Advent		11am Offenham Eucharist 11am Cleeve Prior Morning Praise	4pm Badsey Carol Service 7pm Bretforton Carol Service
24 th December Christmas Eve	3.30pm South Littleton All Age Carols and Crib Service 4pm Offenham Carols and Crib Service 4pm Bretforton Crib Service 9pm Badsey Christmas Eucharist 9pm Cleeve Prior Christmas Eucharist		
25 th December Christmas Day	9.30am Bretforton Eucharist by Extension 9.30am South Littleton All Age Eucharist		
28 th December First of Christmas		11am Benefice Eucharist Offenham	

Date	Service	Time	Location
11-Jan	Eucharist	11:00 AM	St Michael's, South
25-Jan	Morning Praise	9:30 AM	St Michael's, South

From the Parish Registers – October 2025

Baptisms	
Badsey	Jade Davis
	Will Smith
	Courtney Smith
	Sarah-Lee Smith
	Andrew Hemming
	Ammy Hemming
Bretforton	Alanis Bilbrough
Funerals or committal of ashes	
Badsey	Genevieve Barrard
	Donald and Anita Hartwell
Bretforton	Rita Payling
Offenham	Margret Spiers



Benefice
Messy Church

18 January

4.00pm to 6.00pm
Barn at The Fleece
Bretforton

Free Fun for Families
Crafts Activities Fun Games
Free Tea

Please book for catering purposes

Contact pennyanne68@gmail.com 01386830367

Our church year starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent which is 30th November and this year we are in year 'A' of our three-year cycle of readings. In 2026 we will focus on Matthew's Gospel as we go through our daily readings.

Matthew's Gospel begins with the words 'An Account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham'. It continues for 17 verses setting out who came before and (more importantly) who Jesus' ancestors were. The Christmas story of the Baby born in Bethlehem doesn't come in until chapter 2 and there is no mention of a stable! It is important to Matthew and his readers to recognise the lineage of Jesus.

I am sure if we did our ancestry line it wouldn't be as extensive or as noble. But we all have a family line and at this time of the year we may be thinking of how we will be spending our Christmas and maybe who with.

Some of you come from families that include everyone in your Christmas celebrations and the house bulges with people from every generation. Some of you take it in turn as to who it is that hosts Christmas this year and *sometimes* it is "Whose turn it is to have Great Aunt Maud this year?" It is tricky to get it right on occasions. After all, preparations for this special time probably started weeks ago - we know the adverts started in November.

Some are not so fortunate to belong to a family and will spend Christmas alone, some will not have the money to provide the masses of gifts that others are fortunate to receive. This year in our Benefice we have collected for Caring Hands in the Vale and shoe boxes to Ukraine which will give Christmas gifts to those we may never meet. Thank you to all who have contributed to making someone's Christmas

more joyous and thank you those who will give up their Christmas day to provide a meal for someone.

As you sing the carols proclaiming this special child whose lineage is undisputed, I do hope you enjoy time with your families and maybe a Great Aunt Maud this Christmas time. I wish you all the best of Christmas times.

Margaret Pye LLM

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

✚ St Michael's Church, South Littleton 100 Club

Registration Number: 23/04626/LOTLIC



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Dear(current number(s))

We are now collecting subscriptions for 2026. Your support is very much appreciated! Over £12,500 paid out in prizes so far!

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£25 per year per number buys the chance to win **cash prizes** and **helps keep our church open**. 50% is paid out in monthly prizes and 50% goes to Church funds.

Contact name

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2025 winners

77, 47, 34, 51, 26, 23, 34, 4, 27, 52, 26, 10.. you next year?!!

For information on St Michael's please visit our web site at:
www.southlittletonchurch.co.uk

Blackminster Middle School - RE day

Blackminster Middle School students are enjoying something a little new this year. Each half term, we will suspend the timetable for a day and have an entire day of learning about different world faiths. This half term, students undertook a range of activities based around three Big Questions –

- Year 6 thought about "Why do Hindus want to be good?";
- Year 7 found themselves considering "What does it mean for Christians to believe in god as a trinity?"; and
- Year 8 spent the day learning about "Why Christians believe Jesus was god on earth".

It was a great day, with lots of different activities (including a dance workshop), and really showcased our school values of Respect and Community.

We're looking forward to more Deep Learning days later this year, including trips and outside speakers. Learning about different religious faiths is an important part of enabling our students to live successful lives in the modern, interconnected world.



Flying the Union Jack Flag

A while ago a reader sent in an email regarding flying the Union Jack flag. The sender was shocked to see the flag being flown upside down and wondered whether a short reminder in The Link might have an effect.



There are strict rules regarding the flying of our flag. No1 is that it should be flown correctly and with respect. It has a specific way that it should be flown and that is that the half nearest to the flagpole should display the wider diagonal white stripe above the red diagonal stripe. Flying it upside down is considered disrespectful. It should never be flown if it is worn, damaged or soiled.

This ties in somewhat with our remembrance services as our brave servicemen and women would have served our country and flag with pride. The following pictures were taken by Richard Herborn for the South Littleton Remembrance Displays.



Editor information

Entries and enquiries for the next Link should be sent to Mary Keeling at:

littletonlinkeditor@gmail.com

Deadline for February entries is Friday 23 January

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