

# The Littleton Link



**April 2026**

Dear All

Welcome to the April edition of The Littleton Link.

We have a spring garden and, where over the winter months there have been many bare patches, now the garden is full of lush green growth and beautiful yellow and blue flowers. The miniature daffodils, which don't fall over at the merest breath of wind, have been blooming in groups. The grape hyacinths, a welcome sight for the early pollinators, move around the garden as if by magic, setting up new clumps. The rhubarb has benefited from all the rain and its rhubarb crumble time here.

Up in the spring skies the night of 22/23 April will see the peak of the Lyrid meteor shower. Although you will have to be up either really late or really early as they put on their best show after the Moon has set.

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

Kind regards,  
Mary

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 1 Apr	Wednesday Club Easter Bingo	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Tues 14 Apr	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Wed 15 Apr	N&M Parish Council meeting	7 pm	Village Hall
Thurs 16 Apr	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Sun 19 Apr	N&M Litter Pick	10 am	Village Hall
Sat 25 Apr	Spring Craft Fayre	11am - 3pm	Village Hall
Tues 28 Apr	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Wed 29 Apr	Churchyard Tidy-up	10 am to 12 noon	St Nicholas Church
Wed 6 May	Wednesday Club	1:30 to 4pm	Village Hall
Sat 15 May	Gordon Giltrap Concert	7pm	St Nicholas Church
Sun 14 June	North & Middle Littleton Summer Trail	11am - 3pm	St Nicholas Church & North & Middle Littleton

The Littleton Link is also available online at:

<https://www.southlittleton.org.uk/> &

[https://www.northandmiddlelittleton-pc.gov.uk/Littleton\\_Link.aspx](https://www.northandmiddlelittleton-pc.gov.uk/Littleton_Link.aspx)

**Deadline for entries for May edition is Fri-17-April**

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## North & Middle Littleton Parish Litter Pick on Sunday 19 April

A Community event – meet at The Littletons  
Village Hall at 10am



Suitable footwear and  
clothing to be worn. All  
equipment will be  
provided.



All parishioners interested in keeping their village clean and  
tidy are invited to attend.

**The North & Middle Littleton Parish Litter Pick in March  
yielded at least 15 bags of rubbish, a wheel cap and a  
crumpled road sign**



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all those  
who turned  
out. We  
hope to see  
more of you  
this month





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# NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

**Co-option of new councillor:** Following the resignation of Councillor Powell, a new councillor, Councillor Fernandez was elected.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** This is being progressed.

**VA Signs:** During discussion concern was expressed regarding the high speeds that have been recorded.

On Cleeve Road a vehicle leaving the village was recorded at 83 mph and another one entering the village was recorded at 80 mph.



Speeds recorded on Blakes Hill were over 60 mph and 70 mph respectively when entering and leaving the village.

These are disturbing figures and we ask all drivers to adhere to the speed limit of 30 mph throughout the villages. **30 mph is the limit – it is not the target** and neither are the pedestrians, horses, tractors, cyclists and other road users. Will it take a serious accident before people start to drive within the limits? Please think carefully before pressing the accelerator.

**Trees:** The poplar on The Pound has been reduced in size.

**Litter:** A successful litter pick took place in March.

Thank you to all those who took part in this onerous task. The next litter pick will take place on **Sunday 19**

**April.**

Details in separate item on page 5.



**Telephone Kiosk – Middle Littleton:** It has been established that this has been adopted by the charity Community Heartbeat Trust. Discussions are taking place regarding the refurbishment of the kiosk.

**Parking in School Lane:** There is a continuing problem with vehicles being parked on the roadside and on the kerbs. This is causing problems for all users of the road, residents with driveways (whose drives are being used as turning points and passing places) and footpath users. These concerns have been reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

**Littleton Link:** The parishioner who has been organising the distribution of the Link has expressed a wish for assistance. Is there a willing volunteer who has a spare hour monthly? If you think you could help please contact the Clerk on 01905 909125 for more information.

**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](mailto:clerknmlpc@outlook.com)

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

**Parish Councillors:** James Haywood, Martin Burge, Ian Jones, Sandra Jackson, John Taylor, Marsha Wilkins and Paul Fernandez.

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

## INTERESTED IN GROWING YOUR OWN?

There are a few half plots now available on the South Littleton allotments. The rent is a modest fee of approx £30 per half plot, per year, plus insurance and water. Although located in South Littleton the

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

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

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



## 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](mailto:vickylyndon60@gmail.com)  
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# SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

As we enter April, we would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome to the start of what we hope will be a brighter and milder month. With the promise of longer days and warmer weather just around the corner, it's a lovely time to look ahead to all that spring brings to our village.

## We'd Love Your Help

We always welcome your ideas and suggestions, so please do get in touch at [clerk@southlitleton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southlitleton.org.uk) Our first community event of the year was Walnut Tree planting in March when five new trees were planted on the Rec. These have been planted with the future in mind, as sadly, the wonderful trees we currently have won't last forever. By planting now, we're helping ensure the Rec continues to have beautiful trees for generations to come. A huge thank you to our councillors and local residents who gave up some of their weekend to volunteer and help plant them.



**Post box Upgrade:** Our village post box is currently out of use while it's being upgraded as part of a new Royal Mail initiative that will allow it to accept shoebox-sized parcels as well as letters. In the meantime, all post can be taken to the Village Shop, and the team there will make sure it gets sent on its way.

## Next Meeting

Our Next Meeting is on **Thursday 16 April 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.

Wishing everyone a wonderful month ahead.

## South Littleton Parish Council

**Chair:** Shannon Cawood


**Clerk:** Sean Arble – [clerk@southlittleton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southlittleton.org.uk)

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

## Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Photography Competition

This year's photography competition is now open for entries. Do you love wildlife photography? Perhaps your favourite wild spot is your own garden or a hidden corner of your local neighbourhood. Maybe it's one of our nature reserves or a peaceful spot where you walk. We're looking for the best of Worcestershire's wildlife and wild places to feature in our 2027 calendar. 12 lucky photographers will win a full page in the calendar as well as a copy of the calendar itself. The cover photo will be put to a public vote.

**The deadline for entries is Thursday 9 April 2026.**

Read our top tips and terms and conditions via our website 

<https://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/photography-competition>

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**Sunday 19th April**

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**St Nicholas Churchyard Needs Your Help -  
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just for the people who've got loved ones lying here, the Working Party needs more members to help keep on top of things. So if you're after a bit of a workout come along and keep us company. We look forward to meeting you.



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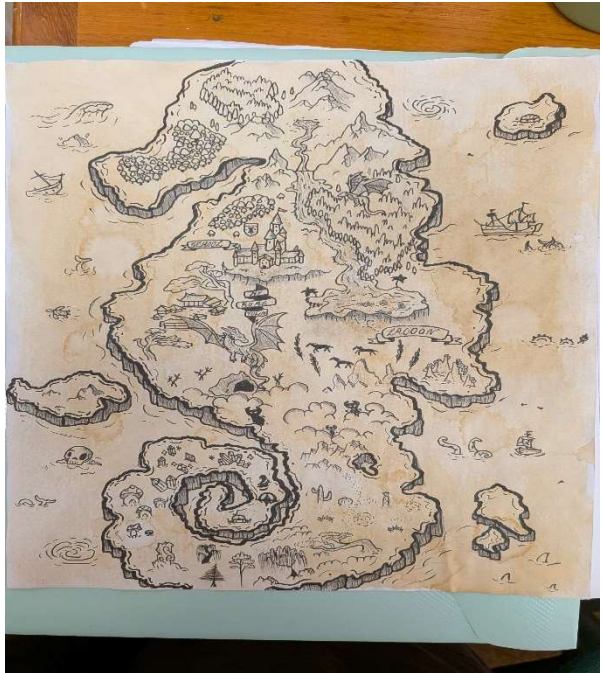
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# Blackminster Middle School supports children's mental health

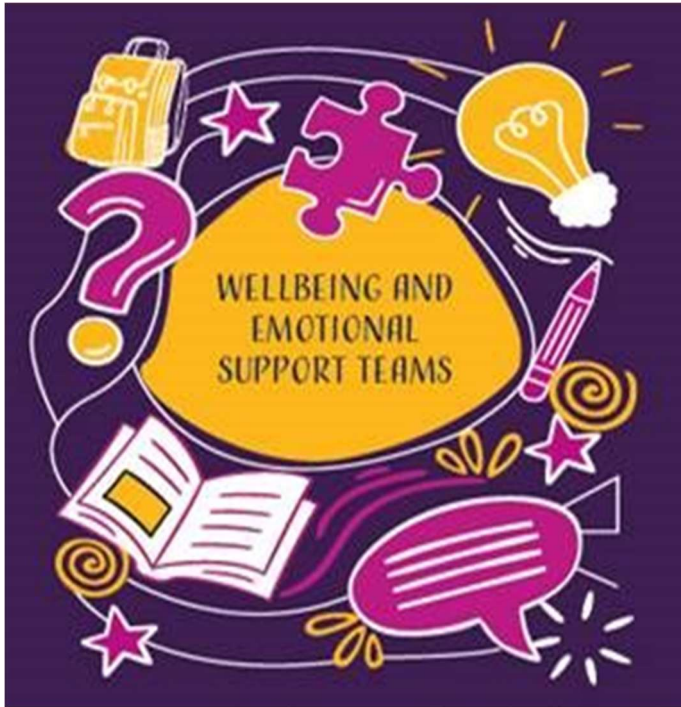
At Blackminster Middle School, supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students remains one of our key priorities. Recently, we marked Mental Health Awareness Week with a range of activities designed to encourage open conversations and promote positive wellbeing across the whole school community.

The week included a successful bake sale, which raised nearly £130 for Children in Need, demonstrating both generosity and community spirit among our students. We also hosted drop-in sessions in our SEN hub, giving pupils a safe space to talk and seek support. Creativity played an important role too, with an art competition that saw Laura L awarded first place and Evie K as runner-up. Both entries were celebrated for their thoughtful reflection on the important theme of "Belonging". The picture is Laura's winning entry - isn't it beautiful?!



In addition, assemblies throughout the week focused on raising awareness and reducing stigma around poor mental health, helping

students to better understand their own emotions and how to support others.



We are also pleased to be working with WEST (Wellbeing and Emotional Support Team), who are running sessions with students to explore how we can further improve mental health support within our school. They will soon be offering workshops for students, staff

and parents, as well as one-to-one sessions for pupils through school referral.

Alongside this, we continue to provide ongoing support through our trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), school counsellor, and targeted interventions such as Zones of Regulation.

By fostering a supportive and open environment, we aim to ensure every child feels heard, valued and equipped to thrive academically, and in their mental and physical health.

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***Friday to Saturday***

***10:00am to 11:00pm***

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# LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

There were more of us in March - we were still missing some members due to illness and other commitments – but we had enough to play a game of Beetle. The highest scorer was Eileen and the lowest Doreen. It was a fun afternoon full of chat and play, followed by tea and cake.

## **Future meetings:**

**April 1** Easter Bingo (bring items for tombola)

**May 6** Fish & Chip Lunch (final orders by 15-Apr)

For our **April** meeting we'd really like it if some visitors would come in and save us from all the chocolate that we've previously brought along to make up Bingo prizes. We don't mind if you've never played Bingo before, we welcome all adults to attend our meetings. Please come along and join in.

We're having another fundraising **Tombola at the Village Hall Craft Fayre on Saturday 25 April**, so are looking for goodies to go on our stall and then for customers to come along and support us.

**We're here for just 2 hours per month, on the first Wednesday, in the Village Hall from 2 to 4pm.** We're here for anyone seeking a bit of company and a chat with someone different. We have no age restrictions on attendees. The 2pm start is emphasised to enable organised activities to be on time and we finish by 4pm so we can get home in the daylight and enjoy any evening activities.

We would like to express our thanks to the Parent & Toddler group who meet on a Wednesday morning for generously putting tables and chairs in place for us. It is really appreciated.

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

Mary or Graham 01386 830273 or Marion Brighton 01905 909125

## NOTICEBOARD

**North & Middle Littleton WhatsApp Group** - if you live in North or Middle Littleton and would like to join the WhatsApp Group please send your number to [karenevans1966@icloud.com](mailto:karenevans1966@icloud.com)



Someone has left a pair of wellingtons and a spade by my gate in Arrow Lane. A notice was put on the local WhatsApp Group but no response. Are they yours? Do you know who they belong to? Please ring on 01386 830709 to arrange collection.



Bunch of keys found in the play area by the swings beside The Littletons Village Hall on **Thursday 19 March**, contact the Editor for more details.

I have an unfinished modern tapestry to happily pass on. It is on a frame and includes wool and stitch design. If you're interested please contact Di Wilson on 01386 830159



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**Tickets available on the night or online at**  
[www.honeybournevillagehall.org](http://www.honeybournevillagehall.org)

The cinematic cultural sensation returns with the epic conclusion to the untold story of the witches of Oz.

Elphaba and Glinda are now estranged, each living with the consequences of their choices. Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo), now demonized as The Wicked Witch of the West, lives in exile, continuing her fight to expose The Wizard. Meanwhile, Glinda (Ariana Grande) has become a glamorous symbol of Goodness, basking in the perks of fame and popularity.

As the angry citizens of Oz rise up against the Wicked Witch, Glinda and Elphaba must reunite and truly see each other - if they are to change themselves, and all of Oz. Bring home the adventure and prepare to be changed... for good.

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## LITTLETONS WI

At our March meeting we welcomed Alan Tutton and his wife Shirley from the Badsey Historical Society.

Alan gave a talk entitled 'Skeletons in the closet' whereby he shared information gained through research using Parish records, Land records and other useful sites relating to his family. From a DNA site, it was suggested his history began with the Jutes from Denmark settling on the Isle of Wight. Alan was able to trace ancestors back to ownership of a farm and smithy near Godshill. One of his relatives was transported to Tasmania for theft eventually settling there and raising a family whilst another was committed for murder of a step grandfather after being left with no food! A most interesting evening enjoyed by our members.

The competition was a family heirloom or picture which was won by Lou (made by her Gt Grandmother when she was 5!) with Shosh in second place and Dee in third.

Our next meeting is on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** when Mariusz Luczakowski from ChoColours will be giving a demonstration on working with chocolate.

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





# LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

## FIXTURES FOR APRIL 2026

### Hummel Herefordshire Midland Football League Premier Division

Sat Apr 4	Bromyard	Away	3 pm
Tues Apr 7	UDA Glos	Home	7:45 pm
Sat Apr 11	Hereford Pegasus	Home	2:30 pm
Tues Apr 14	Welland	Home	7:30 pm
Fri Apr 17	Ledbury	Away	7:45 pm
Fri April 24	UDA Glos	Away	7:45 pm
Sat May 2	Clee Hill Utd	Home	2:30 pm

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](mailto:littletonfc@outlook.com) who will be pleased to help.

## PLEASE CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

At Scouts 1<sup>st</sup> Littletons, we really need some extra help at Cubs to join the team who bring all the great activities, games and skills for life to young people.



**cubs**

  
**Scouts**  
1st Littletons

If you have a young person who'd like to come along too, then they'd be made very welcome

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Please get in touch to find out more about how you can help. We'd love to hear from you. Call us on 07774 667074 or email us at: [heretohelp@scoutshw.org.uk](mailto:heretohelp@scoutshw.org.uk)

Take a look on our website for more information:  
<https://www.scoutshw.org.uk/>

# Visiting the Farm weekends start again from Saturday 18 April



In the first week of March, we received a call asking if we could take in a little lamb who was just 12 days old. She had been rejected at birth, which is when her previous rescuers were contacted to see if they could help. They realised they could no longer provide the right environment for her. Like other sheep, lambs aren't meant to live in a house. They then reached out to us.

We were delighted to assist, and her devoted rescuers made the 100-mile journey to bring little Boo to us. She was a sweet little lamb, very cheerful and quite chatty, clearly showing that she had been loved and well cared for.

She has adjusted wonderfully at the Sanctuary. The other sheep often come by to say hello and lie next to her pen for companionship. She is truly a joy to have at the Sanctuary, even if she does take up a lot of our time.



We can't wait to start welcoming visitors from April 18th.

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

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



## Your Local Team

The team is known as the Evesham and Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team. The team have 2 Facebook pages, 'Evesham Police' and 'Persnore Police'. Please follow these to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are.

Your local Neighbourhood Police Officers are PC Alex Prentice and PC Shaquille Lakin. Your local Police Community Support Officers 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](mailto:first.surname@westmercia.police.uk). Karen will be leaving the team shortly as she'll be taking up a new role within West Mercia.

## 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/ring/text individual officers if a crime has happened, this needs to be reported officially through the correct channels.

## Lambing Season – Important Notice to Dog Owners



We've been visiting farmers and rural businesses across the area, putting up new signage to raise awareness around **livestock worrying** and to help keep our farming communities safe. Now we're in lambing season, we are reminding **all dog owners** of their responsibility to help protect our rural communities. Sheep worrying remains a significant and recurring issue in our area, leading to serious injury, the loss of livestock, and considerable emotional and financial impact on local farmers. To prevent further incidents, we ask all dog walkers to strictly follow the guidance below:

- **Keep your dog on a lead when walking near livestock.** Even well-trained dogs can act unpredictably when their instincts take over.
- **Remain on marked footpaths and stay vigilant.** Sheep may be present in fields even when not immediately visible.
- **Ensure gardens are secure if you live near farmland.** Dogs escaping, particularly overnight, can cause extensive harm before being discovered.

**Sheep worrying is a criminal offence.** We will take positive and proportionate action against dog owners whose animals are found to have chased, harassed or attacked livestock.

### For livestock owners:

Please report all incidents of sheep worrying to us at the earliest opportunity. Prompt reporting allows us to gather evidence, identify animals involved, and take the necessary enforcement action.





## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday: Parents & Toddlers (term-time only) / Craft (evening)  
Thursday: Craft / Table Tennis  
Friday: Available for booking up to 5:30pm / Pilates from 5:50pm  
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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 who can be contacted on 07561 823135 (WhatsApp & phone) or 01386 339669. Please 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, on [eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com](mailto:eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com) For more details visit the Benefice website: [www.eastvaleavon.com](http://www.eastvaleavon.com) where you will also find all the services available.

## **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.southlitletonchurch.co.uk](http://www.southlitletonchurch.co.uk)



## From the Parish Registers – February 2026

<b>Baptisms</b>	
Offenham	Lilah Gouldsbrough
<b>Funerals or committal of ashes</b>	
Badsey	Susan Cole
Offenham	Jacobus Boers

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library service normally visits the Littletons on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** of the month. The next scheduled visit will be on **28 April** 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](mailto:mobilelibraries@worcestershireshire.gov.uk)

**Cogitations from Cleeve.....**

Everything is growing!! Those extra hours of daylight, extra hours of warmth and gentle breezes all contribute to active spring life. As you watched the tips of trees gradually becoming greener, what were the clouds doing?

How often do we look up, stop and watch the clouds? If all we do is a quick glance, it may seem that nothing is moving up there. But wait, there is movement, there is change – almost imperceptibly but yes, there is definite movement. For many people, both during Lent and Ramadan, there has been that time to stop, to wait, to watch what is happening in God's world as well as in our own lives.

In fields and gardens, flowers, vegetables and weeds too, are sprouting - in our lives there are good things happening quietly, slowly – but also broken things are staying broken, families split apart as relationships sour and past difficulties seem insurmountable.

It happens across countries too – old hatreds continue to fester, newer hatreds grow and it all seems beyond any of us to change.

That was probably how the disciples of Jesus felt on that long ago Passover week. What had begun with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amidst a joyful crowd had turned into an ugly near riot, an illegal trial. And cruel execution. It was the end.....

No, No, No. Jesus had told them of his death – and of his rising again, but it was beyond them to grasp such an idea. They had to go through that desolation and despair of seeing their beloved Master destroyed. Yet..... there was life, a new life, Jesus met Mary Magdalene in the garden. The marks of his death were still there but it was her living Lord - Go, tell the other disciples, I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. And she did, and they told others..... and somebody told us, so we too can learn how to experience the love and power of the risen Christ in our lives today. We can read the accounts in the New Testament part of the bible, in the Gospels of

Matthew and John. In the book called the Acts of the Apostles, we can read what happened next. Thanks to modern technology we can read it in different languages, wherever we are in God's world.

And in God's world today, good things ARE happening, women and men ARE learning how to live and work together for the common good. Families and communities ARE beginning to be reconciled. New life can come to each of us, gently, quietly, as we stop, look and listen to God at work in his world today through people who have discovered how to draw near to God and how to live for Him. We too are invited to work with God so that His Kingdom of Love and Peace comes.

May God bless us and enable each of us to get on with it – together.

***Rev Mary Godin***

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT WATER WASTE



Do you remember all that rain we had over the winter months? It seemed that almost every day it rained. Last year we had a feature about water butts and it's well worth revisiting, considering the long hot summer we then had. We came very close to a hose pipe ban and many water butts ran dry. But if you don't have one on your premises you have no hope of collecting all that

lush, life-giving nectar. As we know from last year water is a precious resource so it's important we look after water all year round. Did you know that in an average year, your roof collects enough rainwater to fill a water butt 450 times. And you can use that rainwater for your garden instead of treated tap water. A lot of plants, especially in those in pots, prefer rainwater in preference to tap water. When you put a sprinkler on to water your garden plants most of the time you're watering fences too. Plants benefit from being watered directly and this is where your saved water comes into its own. Water butts collect rainwater from your house roof and your shed or garage too, offering an environmentally friendly way to water your garden during dry months. But their benefits extend beyond that! By capturing rainwater, water butts also help to reduce strain on drainage systems during heavy downpours, potentially preventing flooding. Rainwater is a natural nutrient-rich resource and a valuable asset for your home and garden. If you've got a bird bath in your garden, the birds prefer to bathe in rainwater too rather than tap water.



## To get the most from your water butt try these tips:



- Use your water regularly so your garden has the freshest rainwater all year round. Keep a watering can under the tap and make sure to refill it every time.
- Make sure the lid is tightly fitting to keep your water clean.
- Check that your tap and pipes are clear of debris, especially during the winter months.
- If you can, empty your butt before storms or heavy rain.
- You can find water butts for sale at most local garden centres or you can purchase them online.
- If you've bought one already and have not yet got it fixed up, now is the time to sort it out and let your plants grow to their full potential.



### LITTLETON SCOUT HUT

Long Hyde Road, South Littleton

Current regular activities include

Monday: **Scouts** 6:30 to 8 pm

Tuesday: **Cubs** 6:30 to 8 pm

Wednesday: **Beavers** 6 to 7:15 pm

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

[littletonscoutenquiries@yahoo.com](mailto:littletonscoutenquiries@yahoo.com) for availability and costs



## WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES (WPGA)

### The dates for this year's events are:

- Sun-28-June** - Rounders at Badsey
- Sun-05-July** - 5-a-side Football at TBC
- Mon-13-July** - Cross Country at Hampton Ferry
- Sat-18-July** - Bellboating at Pershore Playing fields
- Sun-26-July** - Pétanque (French Boules) at Waterside
- Sun-13-Sept** - Bowls at TBC
- Sat-26-Sept** - Angling at River Avon, Evesham, Hampton Ferry
- Sun-04-Oct** - Senior Table Tennis at Wallace House
- Sun-04-Oct** - Junior Table Tennis at Wallace House

The dates for the knock-out events – Crib, Ladies & Men's Darts, Pool, Dominoes and Skittles will be announced later.

One of the key aims of the Wychavon Parish Games is to foster community engagement and there are a variety of ways that you can become involved with the games, by participating in the games themselves or supporting them. Maybe you'd consider joining the committee? If you would like to get more involved please contact Sue Collins (Secretary) or Doug Langdon (Chairman on 07900 312775).

All participants have to live in the parish they are representing. If you're interested in participating get in touch with your Parish Clerk to find out who your Parish Organiser is as entry forms have to be returned by 1 June.

For more information about the Parish Games take a look at their website: <https://wychavonparishgames.org/> or find them on Facebook at:

[Wychavon Parish Games - Home | Facebook](#)

# A gardener's guide to Bird Nesting Season



**Surrey**  
Wildlife Trust



Season runs from March-August, but  
some birds nest earlier or later



Avoid cutting your shrubs, hedges  
and trees during this time



All wild birds are protected by law,  
including gulls, pigeons and crows



Birds may nest in trees, shrubs,  
hedges, ivy, roofs and eaves

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# Vale Landscape Heritage Trust Caring for the beautiful Vale....

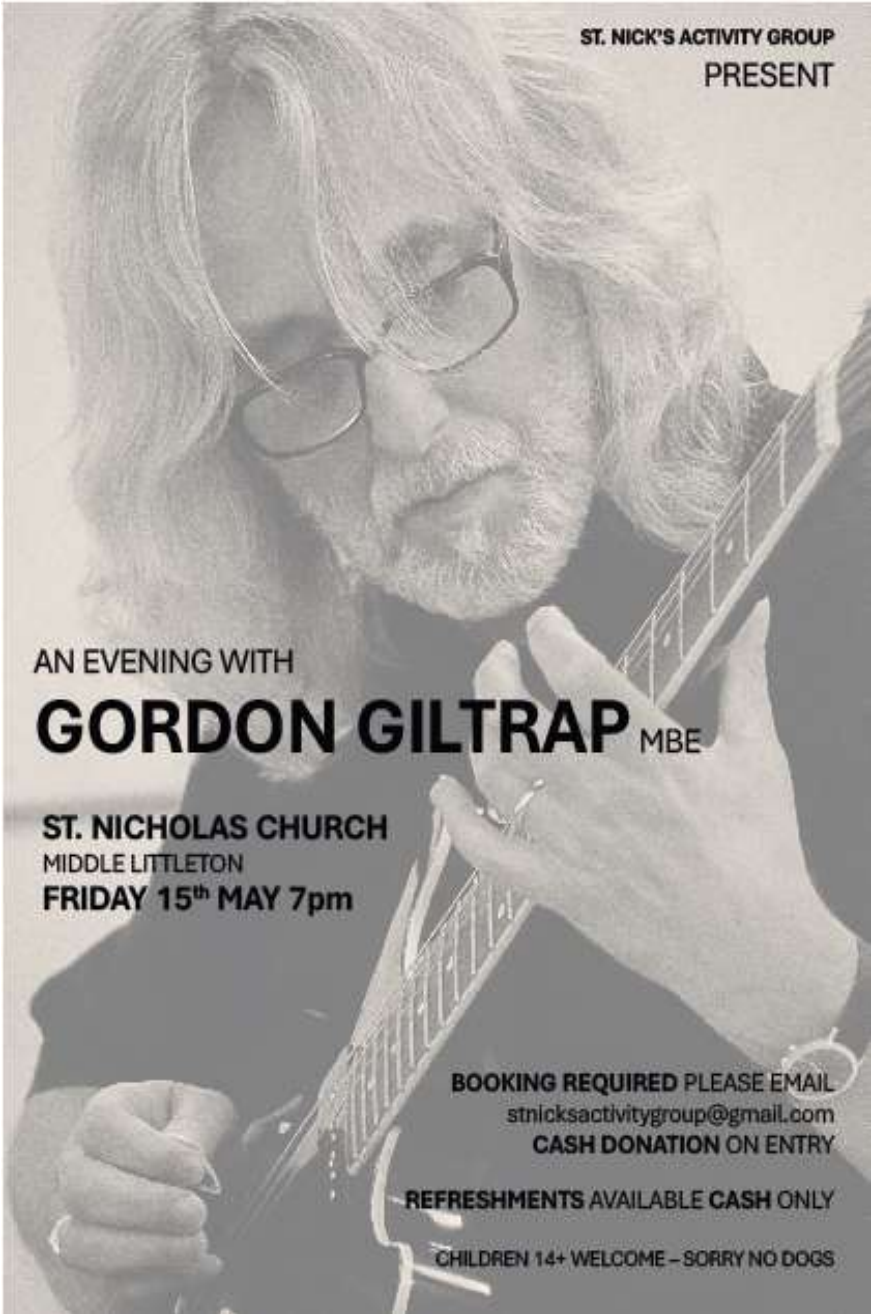
You have seen Cherry Plum, you have seen Blackthorn, but have you seen Plum blossom yet this year? 🤩🌳🌸 WE HAVE! 😄 Earlier this week your Land & Development Manager, Gary, was out at North Littleton Community Orchard when he spotted several of the young Plum trees had burst into blossom! 😊 This is great news for the increasing number of invertebrates that are out with the warmer weather and that rely on such food sources! 😊🐝🐌🐛🦋

Photo by Gary Farmer



If you're interested in becoming a volunteer with us please take a look at our website: <https://valetrust.weebly.com/>

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**ST. NICK'S ACTIVITY GROUP  
PRESENT**

**AN EVENING WITH**

**GORDON GILTRAP** MBE

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH  
MIDDLE LITTLETON  
FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 7pm**

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### **Deadline for May entries is Friday 17 April**

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