

The Littleton Link



March 2026

Editor's letter

Dear All

Welcome to the March edition of The Littleton Link.

Well, where to begin this month as it feels like March kick starts the year as we come out of the darker months of winter. The night skies are changing too. Venus and Jupiter will be visible all month long, given clear skies. The month starts off with World Book Day, followed by World Maths Day, then from 9 to 18 March it'll be National Science and Engineering Week. On 20 March, the Spring Equinox is also World Storytelling Day.

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.

If you've got a picture you think might make a good front cover please use the contact details on the back page.

Kind regards,
Mary

Cover: Spring bloomer (Mary Keeling)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 4 Mar	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Fri 6 Mar	World Day of Prayer	2:30 pm	St James, Badsey
Sun 8 Mar	N&M Litter Pick	10 am	Village Hall
Sun 8 Mar	Walnut Tree planting	1 pm	Rec, Long Hyde
Tue 10 Mar	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Sat 14 Mar	Offenham Cricket Club Quiz Night	7:30 pm	Offenham RBL Club
Wed 18 Mar	N&M Parish Council meeting	7 pm	Village Hall
Thur 19 Mar	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Fri 20 Mar	Tennis & Pickleball Club Quiz Night	7:30 pm	Pebworth Village Hall
Tue 24 Mar	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Wed 25 Mar	Churchyard Tidy-up	10 am to 12 noon	St Nicholas Church
Wed 1 Apr	Wednesday Club Easter Bingo	2 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/N&M Littleton

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 April edition is Fri-20-MARCH

PIZZA POP-UP Friday 13th March



Pre-orders open 5 days before event: www.plushpizza.co.uk

Littleton Scout Hut - 5:30 to 8:30pm



North & Middle Littleton Parish Litter Pick on Sunday 8 March

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.



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NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan: This is being progressed.

VA Signs: It is concerning that drivers continue to ignore the signs and speed through the parish. Drivers are requested to take notice and adhere to the speed limit and recognise the danger of speeding through a village.

Trees: The poplar on The Pound is to be reduced in height. A replacement tree on the play area in Manor Road is to be investigated.

Fish and Anchor Dangerous Bend: No response had been received to the parish council request for suitable warning on this bend of the potential danger with regard to the river.

Litter: A parish litter pick is being organised on **Sunday 8 March**. Details in separate item on page 5.



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 18 March 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

NOTICEBOARD

Are you planning an event in The Littletons? North, South or Middle? Perhaps you're a Littleton based organization but your event isn't actually going to take place in The Littletons? Whichever one applies we'd love to hear from you.

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.

SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

As we step into March, 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 Our first community event of 2026 will be walnut tree planting on **Sunday 8 March at 13:00 on the Rec (Long Hyde Road)**. Do come along if you can, and bring gardening gloves if you have them. If you're interested in joining this or future volunteer working parties, from planting schemes to other local projects, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Your support really helps keep our village looking its best.

Next Meeting

Our Next Meeting is on **Thursday 19th March 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@southlitleton.org.uk

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

Littletons Tennis & Pickleball Club

QUIZ NIGHT

PLUS Raffle
LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

BAR available

Fund Raiser

Friday 20th March 2026

Venue: Pebworth Village Hall

Chapel Rd, Pebworth CV37 8XA

Quiz starts promptly: **7.30pm**

Teams: Max 6 people

Tickets: £15

To Include a ploughmans supper



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SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 8PM



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theyellowinn@yahoo.com**

Blackminster Middle School Welcomes the Slater Cup

Blackminster staff and students were delighted to welcome Will



Trenholm and Kirill Gotovtsev from Gloucester Rugby who came to talk to students about the Slater Cup.

The **Slater Cup** is a trophy awarded to

the winner of the match between Gloucester and Leicester Tigers twice every season in the Premiership. It's named after Ed Slater, who was formerly captain of both clubs. He was forced to retire in 2022 after being diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. The next Slater Cup match will be played on March 28th at Villa Park, and £1 from every ticket purchased will be donated to the charity 4Ed, going directly to support those living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Students have all received vouchers for discounted tickets, and we are hoping that lots of our families will take this opportunity to see two of the country's top clubs.

Blackminster has taken part in the Project Rugby scheme for the last two years with coaches from Gloucester Rugby. The club says 'Playing

regularly builds more than players; it can help shape lives. Playing makes children braver and more determined, resilient, healthier and happier. Rugby helps young people grow in confidence, find their voice, and realise their potential – on and off the pitch. The award-winning programme was created to introduce as many young people as possible to rugby so they can reap the many benefits of playing the sport. From fair play to teamwork, listening and learning, rugby teaches essential skills they will take through life. It builds respect, discipline, determination and integrity’.



We're delighted that all of our Year 7 and 8 students have had the opportunity to take part in the sessions and learn about the game - it's all part of our commitment to helping our students to widen their horizons and try new things.

We look forward to seeing some of our students becoming the rugby stars of the future!

THE LITTLETONS VILLAGE HALL

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Saturday 21 February

The Chairman, Michael Duce, presented his annual report detailing notable events which had taken place throughout the year. The hall continues to be a well-used village resource providing a venue for a variety of voluntary and commercial users and individuals. Fund raising events are our two Craft Fayres, which take place in April and November. These provide a shop window for local artisans and crafters whilst offering opportunities for social interaction. The village hall also hosts a Macmillan Coffee Morning in September each year.

The success of any organisation is predicated by the energy and commitment of its officers and members and the chairman thanked the whole committee for their dedicated work throughout the year, especially Helen Cole (Treasurer), Claire Taylor (Bookings Secretary), Ken Baker (responsible for the smooth running of the hall on a day-to-day basis), Shosh Goldstein (Craft Fayre organiser), Mary Keeling (Minutes Secretary) and Viv Sherlock (Caretaker & Cleaner).

Overall it had been a year of consolidated growth and steady improvement.

The next AGM will be held on **Saturday 27 February 2027** when we will be seeking new committee members to continue the good works.



ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON

Notice of new fencing in St Nicholas churchyard

Following recent inspections over the last few months, we discovered that there is now serious danger of injury from masonry falling from the tower and from loose roof tiles. The cost of repairs that would be needed to make everything safe is currently estimated at over half a million pounds, which is far beyond our accessible funds.

We currently have some temporary plastic barriers on the ground near the base of the tower, but we have been instructed to replace these with rigid Heras fence panels which must be placed at a greater distance from the tower.

St Nicholas has not held regular services for a number of years and with neither PCC, nor churchwardens, the income of the church has fallen far below what is needed to keep the church viable as a place of regular public worship. We will be holding another community meeting later in the spring to outline the options for our much-loved and beautiful building. If you would like to see the inspection report or Diocesan Inspection review summary please get in touch with me by email at revjo.eastvale@gmail.com so that I can send you the information. A copy of the latest set of accounts will be available for inspection in the church as soon as they have been audited and passed by the independent examiner. Please be assured that most of St Nicholas churchyard is still open for access and for burials/interment of ashes. The church interior remains safe to visit.

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LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our February meeting had been earmarked as a Beetle Drive but as, due to illness and other commitments, numbers were low it is Beetle for March instead. All present though had an enjoyable afternoon chatting over a cup of tea and cake.

Future meetings:

- March 4** Beetle drive (bring prizes for bingo)
- April 1** Easter Bingo (bring items for tombola)
- May 6** Fish & Chip Lunch

We invite all adults to attend our meetings. We're here for just 2 hours per month for anyone seeking a bit of company and a chat with someone different. Come on in and take a look. We have no age restrictions on attendees. **Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm.** 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. **But we'd also really appreciate some help putting it all away again, could you help us?**

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

Mary or Graham 01386 830273 or Marion Brighton 01905 909125

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LITTLETONS WI

Due to ill health, our February speaker was changed at the last minute. Fortunately, our very talented member, Annette Emms, stepped forward and delivered an amazing presentation.

Annette talked through her creative journey from home sewing to City and Guilds then into a teaching role. She shared her fascination for parish churches which ultimately led to her work on Myths and Legends with her fantastic 'Book In A Box' creations. A very inspiring evening with members then enjoying lovely refreshments.



The competition was as planned, a favourite musical item. Sally was first with a t-shirt worn during school choir days with Lynne in second and Sue in third.

Our next meeting is on **March 10th** when Alan Tutton will be giving a talk entitled 'Skeletons in the cupboard-Family history talk'.

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



LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

FIXTURES FOR MARCH 2026

Hummel Herefordshire Midland Football League Premier Division

Sat Mar 7	Kington Town	Away	3pm
Sat Mar 14	Kington Town	Home	2:30pm
Sat Mar 21	AFC Worcester	Away	2:30pm
Fri Mar 27	Worcester Utd	Away	7:45pm
Tues Mar 31	UDA Glos	Home	7:45pm
Sat Apr 4	Bromyard	Away	3pm

Due to the extreme wet conditions no fixtures have been played.

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.

Visiting the Farm weekends will



**hopefully
start
again in
April**

We're looking forward to opening to the public soon. If it ever dries up, that is. At the moment, you'd need a boat to navigate the Sanctuary. Let's keep our fingers crossed for some good weather.

Starting again in the weekend of 18 & 19 April, 10am until 3:30pm, we hope to welcome you to come and spend the day at Manor Orchard Farm and meet our 600+ rescued residents. Wander through the sanctuary at your own pace, say hello to the pigs, sheep, goats, cows, chickens and many more – each with their own story and personality.

Our team will be around to introduce you to the animals and share a bit about who they are and how they came to be with us.

You're welcome to explore the grounds, find a quiet spot for a picnic, and take as many photos as you like. It's a relaxed day – no set route or schedule.

Every ticket helps us care for the animals who call this place home. It's a lovely way to spend a few hours outdoors, and the kids (and adults) tend to leave with a favourite.

For more information visit our website at:

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

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 'Persore Police'. Please follow these to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are. For drop-in sessions keep up to date with our whereabouts by signing up to Neighbour Matters at <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!

Popping out of the house? Here are some tips to protect your property whatever the season:

- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes!
- Keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening
- In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- If you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night
- Set your burglar alarm

- Make sure the side gate is locked
- Lock your shed or garage

Going away?

- If you're off on holiday and wish to post anything on social media, make sure your posts aren't public and that they're only seen by your friends – you don't want potential burglars to know your house will be unattended!
- Leave lights and a radio on a timer to make your house appear occupied but don't leave your lights on all day!
- Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Consider asking your neighbours to close curtains after dark
- If your driveway will be empty – you could also ask a neighbour to park on there to deter burglars from breaking in
- Remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries – you don't want these piling up on your doorstep!

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THE LITTLETONS VILLAGE HALL

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- Monday: Table Tennis
Tuesday: Table Tennis / U3a Quilters on 2nd & 4th
Wednesday: Parents & Toddlers (term-time only) / Craft (evening)
Thursday: Craft / Table Tennis
Friday: Available for booking up to 5:30pm / Pilates from 5:50pm
Weekends: Available for booking

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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.southlitletonchurch.co.uk





East Vale and Avon Benefice

Services for March and April 2026

	9.30am Service	11.00am Service	Other Services
1st March 2nd Sunday of Lent	Badsey Morning Praise	Cleeve Prior Eucharist	
Friday 6th March World Day of Prayer			2.30pm Badsey World Day of Prayer Service
8th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Bretforton Eucharist	South Littleton Eucharist with baptism	
15th March Mothering Sunday	Offenham Eucharist	Badsey Eucharist Cleeve Prior Morning Praise	7pm Cleeve Prior Lenten Taizé
22nd March 5th Sunday of Lent	South Littleton Morning Praise	Bretforton Eucharist	
29th March Palm Sunday		Offenham Benefice Eucharist	
30th March Monday of Holy week			7pm Cleeve Prior Compline
31st March Tuesday of Holy Week			7pm Badsey Compline
1st April Wednesday of Holy Week			7pm South Littleton Tenebrae
2nd April Maundy Thursday			7pm Bretforton Maundy Thursday Eucharist
3rd April Good Friday			12 noon Offenham Benefice Meditation
4th April Easter Eve	NO SERVICES IN BENEFICE – VIGIL AT CATHEDRAL		
5th April Easter Day	Offenham Sunrise Service South Littleton Easter Eucharist	Easter Eucharists: Cleeve Prior Offenham Badsey Bretforton	
12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter		South Littleton Benefice Eucharist	
19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	Offenham Morning Praise	Badsey Eucharist Cleeve Prior Morning Praise (followed by APCM)	7pm Bretforton Taize
26th April 4th Sunday of Easter	South Littleton Morning Praise	Bretforton Eucharist	



**St Nicholas Churchyard Needs Your Help -
Wednesday 25 March 10:00 to 12:00**

Come and join our Working Party to cut down briars, ivy and to tidy graves that are obviously not being attended to. Appropriate footwear to be worn and gardening gloves. If possible bring secateurs, pruners, small saws and bags to put the rubbish in (power tools not necessary). Tea and biscuits to be provided. Not

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.



From the Parish Registers – January 2026

Baptisms	
Badsey	Louie Magee
Funerals or committal of ashes	
Badsey	Steven Pedrick
	Susan Cole
Offenham	Robert Dixon
	Jean Jephcott
	Jacobus Boers

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

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



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**The Boobage
Support Group**

Location: The Fleece, Bretforton, WR11 7JE
Date: The first Friday of every month
Time: 11am to 12:30pm
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From the Vicar: 'Save the Date'

March is the month when we feel that Spring is really here. After the weeks of endless rain in January and February, the daffodils are out, and the birds are singing away in the trees and hedges each morning. Our wedding couples are well into the countdown to their big day, after our annual info session held on Valentine's Day last month.

In March, the church calendar reminds us that we are still in the season of Lent, but we **celebrate Mothering Sunday (15th March for those of you needing a reminder to send a card!)** on our way towards Easter (**5th April**). We think of it as a day to remember the people who have mothered us, showing love and care – and it is a really good day to say thank you to them, in any way that we can. At the time of writing, tickets are still available for Offenham **Church's fabulous Afternoon Tea on Sunday 22nd March.**

But Mothering Sunday is not only about our own mothers. It is also a reminder for many of us that the work of mothering is done on a much larger scale within a community. When doors are opened, and a warm welcome and a safe space is offered to anyone who steps inside, then conversations can begin, and connections can be made. Friendships can grow stronger, and we can feel that we really belong. We are blessed with some beautiful old church buildings which are much-loved, and you can see the towers as landmarks from every direction in the Vale. But as I often say at of our special services, the church is more than just the walls and roof, more than the bells or the altar. The core of the church is its people: congregation, wardens, me, and anyone else who wants to be there.

There is so much happening beside our Sunday morning services! Most days a volunteer unlocks your church door and locks it again each

evening. This means that anyone can pop in during the day, certain of finding a safe, calm, peaceful space where you can breathe, think, meditate, or pray. We have a **termtime Monday morning Baby & Toddler** group at Badsey church where our lovely volunteers' welcome participants for a toy-filled play session, and a cuppa, ending with some singing. **Wednesday mornings** see friends gathering for a chat and some coffee at Badsey again (**1st & 3rd Wednesdays in Cleeve Prior** village hall downstairs). Badsey also has a coffee morning on the **first Thursday** of each month, very popular ever since it started last year. **Bretforton Men's Breakfast** is held at the Fleece with bacon butties and a speaker on the **first Saturday**, and **Offenham** church holds **Time for Tea** on the **first Sunday afternoon** of each month. The friends of **St Nicholas N & M Littleton** hold special events throughout the year for fundraising through family-friendly events. Still others are on hand for our services (Sundays, weddings, funerals, christenings) as welcomers, readers, tea-makers, cleaners, etc. Why? Some do it because it feels like a natural way to put their faith into action – it is what loving your neighbour can look like when you get out of bed on Monday morning. Some lend a hand because this is a way of building our community and keeping our villages such great places to live, or simply to show kindness.

Whatever the reasons, we love what we do and hope to carry right on with this work of welcoming/mothering/hospitality/community building/celebrating in future. We would love to see you at any of our events (and any offers of help more generally in future would be very much appreciated) – but whatever you have planned, let's be thankful for our mothers/those who mothered us along the way, and enjoy the sunshine. God bless you in all that you do in our community.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT WASTE

Got some perfectly good vegetables lurking in the back of the fridge looking a bit soft? They might be too tired for a salad, but they are absolutely perfect for the slow cooker!

When you're making a sauce, stew, or chili, just chop those tired odds and ends (onions, peppers, carrots, celery) and toss them straight into the pot. The low, slow



heat will melt them down, deepening the flavour of your sauce without anyone noticing they were

ever looking sad! Then, if you've made more than enough for one meal you can put another portion in your freezer for another day.



For more information on reducing food waste and making your freezer your friend visit <https://www.letswasteless.com/foodsavvy>
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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 for availability and costs



RECIPE CORNER

Here's an idea for a simple homemade pizza

8 oz. Strong Bread Flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp Fast Action Yeast

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Salt

1 tbsp. Olive Oil

100 ml Lukewarm Water

Put all ingredients into a mixer fitted with a dough hook. Bring it all together into a ball. Leave

in a bowl covered with a dry tea-towel until doubled in size. Heat your oven to Gas 7 (or equiv) and prepare a baking tray by rubbing a butter paper over it, then dusting with flour. Roll your dough out to fit your baking tray, then apply toppings of your choice. We use a tomato based sauce then top with whatever is available in the fridge, sliced mushrooms, sliced salami or chorizo, olives and mozzarella. Cook for 20 mins and enjoy!

As an alternative if you haven't got any bread flour or yeast then a 'cheats' version of the base can be made with 8 oz of SR Flour and 2 oz. of butter rubbed in and mixed with enough milk to bring the mixture together. Cook at Gas 6 (or equiv) for 20 mins.





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



"I will give you rest, come"

Friday 6th March 2026 at 2:30pm

**St James Church, Badsey
Church End WR11 7JZ**

Please join us at the Church in Badsey for this service prepared by Christian Women of Nigeria. All are welcome – women, men, and children.

Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for the World Day of Prayer. In this service they call all to come closer to God and find rest in him. The service shares the stories of 4 women, and we are invited to unite as one people in both prayer and action.

The World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns, and prayers. Preparation for the day is vast. The service begins with the writing country and theme being chosen a number of years earlier. Once written it goes to the international committee in New York for translation and dissemination to the national committees in 120 participating countries. From there it is adapted and shared locally, culminating in gatherings in hundreds of churches every March.

This day is a powerful demonstration of global solidarity. It begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. It truly is a worldwide day of prayer!

For more information about the World Day of Prayer, please see their website: www.wwdp.org.uk

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour on Sunday 29 March!