

# The Littleton Link



**June 2026**

Dear All

Welcome to the June edition of The Littleton Link.

Whilst writing this there are young Starlings in the garden and they are competing with Blackbirds for the purple berries that are available on the Mahonia. Mahonia is an evergreen shrub with leathery, spiny leaves and fragrant, vibrant yellow flowers that bloom in late autumn and winter, making them an ideal food source for late and early flying insects, the bees in particular love the plant.

Now we've almost reached mid-summer, with the solstice taking place on 21 June. Events are happening within our villages with lots of things on offer to tempt you to, hopefully, get involved with village life.

We've got 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, be that volunteering or simply attending.

Kind regards,  
Mary

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 3 Jun	Wednesday Club	2 to 4 pm	Village Hall
Sun 6 Jun	Willow Tunnel maintenance	10 am	Recreation Ground
Tues 9 Jun	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Sun 14 Jun	North & Middle Littleton Summer Trail	11am - 3pm	St Nicholas Church & N & M Littleton
Wed 17 Jun	N&M Parish Council meeting	7 pm	Village Hall
Thur 18 Jun	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Tues 23 Jun	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Fri 26 Jun	Sports Day Summer Fayre	3 to 4:30 pm	Littletons 1st School
Sun 28 Jun	N&M Litter Pick	10 am	Village Hall
Sun 28 Jun	Grand Opening of Courts	2 pm	Littletons Tennis & Pickleball Club
Wed 1 Jul	Wednesday Club	2 to 4 pm	Village Hall
Fri 10 Jul	Freedom's Anniversary Party	10:30 to 3 pm	Bretforton Community Club
Sat 11 Jul	Strawberry Cream Teas	2:30 to 4:30 pm	Scout Hut

The Littleton Link is also available online on both Parish Council websites

**Deadline for entries for July edition is Fri-19-June**

# LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our May meeting recognised VE Day with members enjoying a Fish and Chip lunch followed by tinned fruit and tinned cream. A quiz, where all the answers were forms of drink, followed. It got us all thinking! Tea and biscuits were then served to round off the afternoon.

We'd like to express our thanks to the Round of Gras for delivering the delicious Fish and Chips.

## **Future meetings:**

**June 3**            A talk by Vale Landscape Heritage Trust

**July 1**            Afternoon tea

**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 and welcome both men and women to come in and take a look and join in. 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



NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON

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# LITTLETONS WI

Our May meeting was to do with the Resolution that was chosen last year by the organisation, 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'.

Chris Rowling from Newcross International came and gave us a very informative talk about CPR and the many ways that all of us can help, even if we are not able to give CPR ourselves.

He gave a demonstration on how to do compression and then with a defibrillator.



Members then had the opportunity to have a go if they wanted to do so.



Afterwards there was tea, cakes and other goodies, prepared by the members. Everyone had a lovely evening.

The competition, 'Something to do with this year's resolutions', was won by Fiona, with Cynthia second.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 9 June** at 7 for 7:30pm when Nicky Newcombe will be with us to show us all the Art of Singing.

**Advance Notice:** Our September meeting will be an open meeting, where non-members are welcome. We will have Simon Gulliver from the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust to give us a talk on the Secret Lives of Trees.

Donations at the door, if you would like to attend please contact us on [littletonssec@wfedwi.org.uk](mailto:littletonssec@wfedwi.org.uk) for catering purposes.

## Blackminster Middle School takes to the water!

Our school values are Community, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence - and our Year 6 students have been showing those values (even more so than usual!) over the last couple of weeks.

Students sat their Key Stage 2 SATs exams in English and Maths over four days. They have worked so hard since September to make sure they demonstrate their knowledge, and to make themselves, their First Schools and us proud. On the Friday, once the exams were over, we decided to kick back a little and enjoy a day of bell-boating. What a lovely way to round off a busy week with their friends and teachers having fun and building their teamwork skills!

If this balance of hard work and fun is what you'd like for your child, please get in touch with us. We have a few spaces in all three of our years in September.





**Littleton School PTFA** are still looking for donations of raffle or tombola prizes for the **Sports Day Summer Fayre** to help raise funds towards the school. If anyone has any gift sets or unwanted presents or they would just like to donate, we would be very grateful. Please drop off all donations to the school office or email us at [Littletonsschoolfriendsassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:Littletonsschoolfriendsassociation@hotmail.com) to arrange a collection.

Thank you,  
Friends of the Littleton's School, Farm Lane, South Littleton, WR11 8TL



## North & Middle Littleton Parish Litter Pick on Sunday 28 June

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.

**Thanks are extended to all those people who took part in the North & Middle Littleton Parish Litter Pick in April, especially Marcus and Susy Taylor for their help, use of their Land Rover, for moving the rubbish and taking away the larger items. It was good to also**



**have the help of two teenagers.**

**The next village litter pick will be held on Sunday 28 June between 10 am and 12 noon.**



THE **IVY** INN  
NORTH LITTLETON

**Sunday 21st June**

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# While waiting for your kettle to boil, you can have your say on policing...

Got a spare few minutes? Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion has launched a short consultation to give you an opportunity to have your say on the Government's proposals to create 12 'mega police forces'.

As this could be the biggest shake up to policing in six decades, the PCC wants to make sure you can share your views on this change. He will share the public response directly with the Government to consider in their review.

The consultation **closes on Monday 15th June**. Have your say by visiting the West Mercia PCC website - [www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk)

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# **NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Items discussed at the May meeting**

At the commencement of the meeting Councillor Jim Haywood was re-elected as chairman and Councillor Martin Burge vice chairman of North and Middle Littleton Parish Council.

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

**Village Survey:** This is included within this edition of the Link. Parishioners are requested to complete this to inform the parish council of their suggestions for the future wellbeing of the community.

**Telephone Kiosk – Middle Littleton:** Discussions are taking place regarding the future of this kiosk.

**Parking in School Lane:** There is a continuing problem with vehicles being parked on the roadside. Vehicle drivers are requested not to pull on to private driveways when using School Lane.

**Bench – North Littleton:** A new seat has been placed on East Side.

**Litter Pick:** This was again successful with work being focused on the land at the top of Old Lane. The next one will be held on **Sunday 28 June, meeting at The Village Hall at 10 am.**

**HGV transport:** Concern was again expressed regarding the number of large vehicles using Blakes Hill/Pebworth Road. This to be reported to Worcestershire County Council.

**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 [clerk@northandmiddlelitleton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northandmiddlelitleton-pc.gov.uk)

**Parish website:** <https://www.northandmiddlelitleton-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 17 June 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)



# **SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

As we move into June, the Parish Council has continued to focus on community projects, local partnerships and plans for the months ahead.

## **SOUTH LITTLETON RESIDENTS SURVEY**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Residents Survey – we will be publishing the feedback in the next edition of the Link.

## **PARISH NETWORKING EVENT**

On Monday 18 May, we were delighted to host our second local Parish Council Networking Event, following the success of our first gathering in November 2025.

We were pleased to welcome representatives from North and Middle Littleton, Badsey and Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton Parish Councils, along with Judith Ciotti and Matthew Winfield from Wychavon District Council, and Hannah Robson representing both Wychavon District Council and Worcestershire County Council.

It was a really enjoyable and worthwhile evening, filled with good conversation and productive discussion, and we are already looking forward to the next one.

A huge thank you goes to Offenham Parish Council and Offenham Village Hall for providing the venue.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 20 May and provided an opportunity to hear updates from local organisations.

We were delighted to welcome representatives and reports from Evesham Sea Cadets, St Michael's Church PCC, Littleton Bowling Club, the Littleton Link, the WI and Littletons Wednesday Club, each of whom shared interesting and valuable updates on their work within the community. Special thanks also go to Hannah Robson and Judith Ciotti for their informative updates on District and County Council matters.

**Evesham Sea Cadets**, who have been based in South Littleton for the last 35 years, spoke about the wide range of opportunities they offer young people, including sailing, windsurfing, powerboating, rock climbing, camping and music, alongside nationally recognised qualifications and training. They also shared the positive news that cadet numbers have increased significantly over the last year.

**Littleton Bowling Club** reported that membership remains strong, with players joining from both the Littletons and surrounding villages. The club continues to offer year-round bowling thanks to its two indoor rinks and shared exciting plans to host a Bowls England celebration match as part of their upcoming 80th anniversary celebrations.

**Hannah Robson, District and County Councillor**, provided updates on a number of important local issues, including Local Government Reorganisation plans, expansion of Worcestershire's On Demand Bus service, the introduction of free bus travel for veterans, planning activity across the district, proposals linked to Honeybourne railway station, and ongoing concerns around speeding, large vehicles, road safety and highway maintenance. Residents were also reminded that funding remains available through the Divisional Fund for local community projects.

**The WI** shared details of their varied programme of activities, which includes craft sessions, speakers, wellbeing initiatives, a lunch group and

a shared book club with Honeybourne WI. They also continue to support Evesham Food Bank through their annual collections.

**The Littletons Wednesday Club** highlighted their long-standing role within the community, welcoming adults of all ages to their monthly meetings at The Littletons Village Hall, while the **Littleton Link** encouraged residents to continue contributing articles and photographs to the parish magazine.

**St Michael's Church PCC** shared updates on regular church services, links with Littletons First School, visiting bell ringers and plans to reinstate the gate between the churchyard and the Recreation Ground.

**The Parish Council** also reflected on what has been a productive year for South Littleton, including environmental improvements, new playground equipment, successful community events and the strong response received to the recent residents' survey, which will help shape future priorities for the parish.

You can read the full reports on our website – link on the main page.  
[www.southlittleton.org.uk](http://www.southlittleton.org.uk)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – WILLOW TUNNEL MAINTENANCE**

We are looking for volunteers to help with maintenance work on the willow tunnels on **Saturday 6 June at 10:00am.**

If you are able to help, please email the Clerk before 15 June so that we can confirm numbers in advance.

Any support would be greatly appreciated; thank you!

## **COMMUNITY BUILDER**

The council is currently exploring the introduction of a **Community Builder** role, aimed at strengthening connections across the village and

and supporting residents of all ages.

Working in a flexible and responsive way, this paid, part-time role would focus on bringing people together, supporting local activities, and helping to reduce isolation. This could include informal support for residents, helping to organise small community gatherings such as coffee mornings, and improving communication across the parish.

The role would also look to encourage volunteering, identify local skills and community assets, and support ideas or initiatives that help enhance village life. By working closely with residents and local groups, the aim is to build a stronger, more connected and inclusive community.

If you are interested in hearing more about this, please email [clerk@southlitleton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southlitleton.org.uk).

## **WELCOME**

We welcome David Wootten to the Parish Council. David was co-opted on at the May meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 18 June at the Bowls Club**, starting at **19:30**.

Wishing everyone a wonderful month ahead.

## **South Littleton Parish Council**

**Chair:** Shannon Cawood

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

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



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**North and Middle Littleton  
Parish Council**



**The June edition of *The Littleton Link* includes a separate questionnaire for residents of the parish to complete. The questionnaire is part of the parish Neighbourhood Plan.**

**This questionnaire is your chance to shape the future of the parish. It will only take a few minutes to complete.**

**The closing date for completing the questionnaire is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026.**

# NOTICE BOARD

## Polish Scout Camps in Littleton in the 60s/70s/80s

I am looking for the right person to contact regarding some historical events in the village. I am part of the Polish Scouts in the West Midlands which have been running for over 75 years following the outbreak of WW2.

In the 60s, 70s and 80s, Mr. A. Wolski had some land in Littleton on which he organised many scout meetings and camps. I was wondering if anybody remembers this person or perhaps which land/house/farm this was?

Our scouts also had camps on Anchor Hill for 2-weeks in 1975 and 1976.

Any information would be very helpful and much appreciated!

Kind Regards,

Franek Czech [franek.czech02@gmail.com](mailto:franek.czech02@gmail.com)

Polish Scouts District Commissioner for the West Midlands region

### Quick quiz

1. How many valves does a trumpet have?
2. Standing 130 feet long and 42 feet wide (external measurements) what local building is this?
3. What is a common name for Mahonia?
4. What name is given to the full moon in June?
5. Which former member of the Rolling Stones was born on 2-Jun-1941?



Bretforton Silver Band

## New Brass Players Wanted!

**Bret Prep Training Band** is seeking new members to join their friendly Sunday morning rehearsals (10:30am to 11:15am).

We are especially looking for cornet players, but all brass players (approx. Grade 3+) are welcome. Instruments can be provided for free.

We are also recruiting for **Bret Set Go**, our group for absolute beginners, which meets at 10am. Come and join a sociable local hobby and perform at great local events like the Pershore Midsummer Brass and the Bretforton Village Proms!



Interested?

Please contact Laura for more information: [laurahunt24@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laurahunt24@hotmail.co.uk) or take a look on our website at <https://www.bretfortonsilverband.com/>

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## 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.



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**Scouts**  
1st Littletons

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

Cubs are aged 8 to 10 ½ and meet on Tuesday's at 6:30 to 8 pm at The Scout HQ, Long Hyde Road, South Littleton, WR11 8TH.

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)

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## LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

After a competitive season Littleton finished in third place in the Hummel Herefordshire Football League. As yet we have not been notified of the league Littleton will play in next season.

Friendly fixtures are being organised before the beginning of the 2026/2027 season and these will be advertised when known.

We will be promoting the club during the closed season and look forward to volunteers joining the existing group who work tirelessly for the club.

Youth teams were also playing this season under the umbrella of Littleton FC. Their home fixtures have been 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.

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



## The Local Team

The team have had some changes. Your local Neighbourhood Police Officers are PC Alex Prentice, PC Shaquille Lakin and PC Eve Marshall. Your local Police Community Support Officers are PCSO Jasmine Hill and PCSO Lee Stirling. Please feel free to contact the team via email, [eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:eveshamrn.snt@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.

## Speed Enforcement

TruCam has officially arrived in Evesham, Pershore and the surrounding villages. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Officers are now fully trained and equipped to use this speed enforcement device as part of ongoing efforts to keep our communities safe.

### *What you need to know:*

TruCam is used to detect vehicles exceeding the speed limit

Offences are recorded digitally

Data is downloaded automatically

Anyone caught speeding will receive a ticket by post

## 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.



Open weekends continue each Saturday and Sunday throughout June  
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## THE LITTLETONS VILLAGE HALL

School Lane, Middle Littleton, WR11 8LJ

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Tuesday: Table Tennis / U3a Quilters on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday: Parents & Toddlers (term-time only) / Craft (evening)  
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# BENEFICE OF EAST VALE AND AVON VILLAGES

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.southlittletonchurch.co.uk](http://www.southlittletonchurch.co.uk)



Date	Service	Time	Location
14-Jun	Eucharist	11:00 AM	St Michael's, South
14-Jun	Taize	7:00 PM	St Michael's, South
28-Jun	Eucharist	9:30 AM	St Michael's, South

## From the Parish Registers – April 2026

<b>Baptisms</b>	
Badsey	Alessia Humpston-Wilks
South Littleton	Aria-Rae Lovell
<b>Weddings</b>	
Offenham	April Keitley and Kudakwashe Kumire
<b>Funerals or committal of ashes</b>	
Bretforton	John Thornton
Cleeve Prior	Elizabeth Bury

## 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 **23 June** at the following times:

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



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

June brings warm days and our gardens are a buzz with bees and butterflies as the flowers are in full bloom. It is a time when we gardeners can take our time enjoying things but as our summers get warmer it may be a time that we spend watering our gardens more. We are urged to be more aware of the world and its natural resources. Water is very important not only for our gardens and crops but for some areas of the world it means survival. We take it for granted that we have clean water coming from our taps, but we know that isn't the case elsewhere in the world.

When I lived in Zambia you could smell the rain before it came. We went months without rain, but it was SO welcome when the rains did come. It was so very hard the rainwater filled the 6ft storm drains in minutes, and the thunder and lightning were spectacular and scary at times. The parched orange earth sprouted with new flora which was often spectacular and heavy with scent attracting the insects.

I follow a photographer from Derbyshire on social media, and she posts some wonderful scenes from my home county. Recently she posted a picture of a wood with a stream running through it and she recorded the sounds along with that scene. You could hear the blackbirds singing and the sound of the stream passing over the waters bed, it was so calming, and reminded me of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, 'He makes me lie down in green pastures and He leads me by still waters.'

There are many references to water in our bible. From Noah and the flood to Moses' story of being found by the River Nile and then the crossing of the Red Sea. In the first Psalm there is reference to 'Streams of Living Waters'. In the story of Jesus at the well when the Samaritan woman came to fetch water, He refers to himself as the Water of Life. When Nicodemus wants answers to his question of 'how can an old

man be born again', Jesus answers 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God'. Water was offered to travellers in Jesus' world to cleanse before entering a house. Jesus was often by the large lakes of waters when events like feeding the crowd with fish and bread, or when the disciples got into trouble in their boat and Jesus came to their rescue. There are references to washing away our sins. Jesus stood in the Jordan to be baptised with water in the Jordan (there is a wonderful window in St Leonard's church showing this) and water is used at every baptism. We use the phrase springing to life when someone changes their ways.

Water is still as important to us now as it was in past times. It is such a wonderous world and from insects to humans we are interdependent on each other, and we all need water to survive.

Each season is worth rejoicing but as you water (hopefully) sparingly this June take some time to reflect on the water you are using, and how important it is both physically and spiritually to our lives and this world we live in.

***Margaret Pye***  
***LLM with East Vale and Avon Benefice***

1. 3
2. Middle Littleton Tithe Barn
3. Oregon grape
4. Strawberry Moon
5. Charlie Watts

**Answers to quiz**



FREEDOM DAY CENTRE

**JULY 10<sup>th</sup> | 9<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY!**  
TIME: 10.30-3

ALEX CRAWFORD  
MAGICIAN

**PARTY  
GAMES**

**KARAOKE**

CHRIS BEARD  
SINGER

**DISCO**

**FREE  
BUFFET**

**TOMBOLA**

**RAFFLE**

**VENUE:**  
Bretforton Community Club  
60 Main St, Bretforton  
Evesham WR11 7JH



## **STRAWBERRY CREAM TEAS**

**Cost: £5 for Adults / £3 for Children**

**When: 2:30 to 4:30pm**

**Saturday 11 July**

**Where: The Scout Hut**

**Long Hyde Road, South  
Littleton**



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# A gardener's guide to Bird Nesting Season



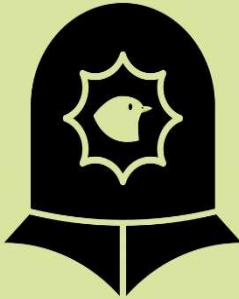
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Wildlife Trust



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

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