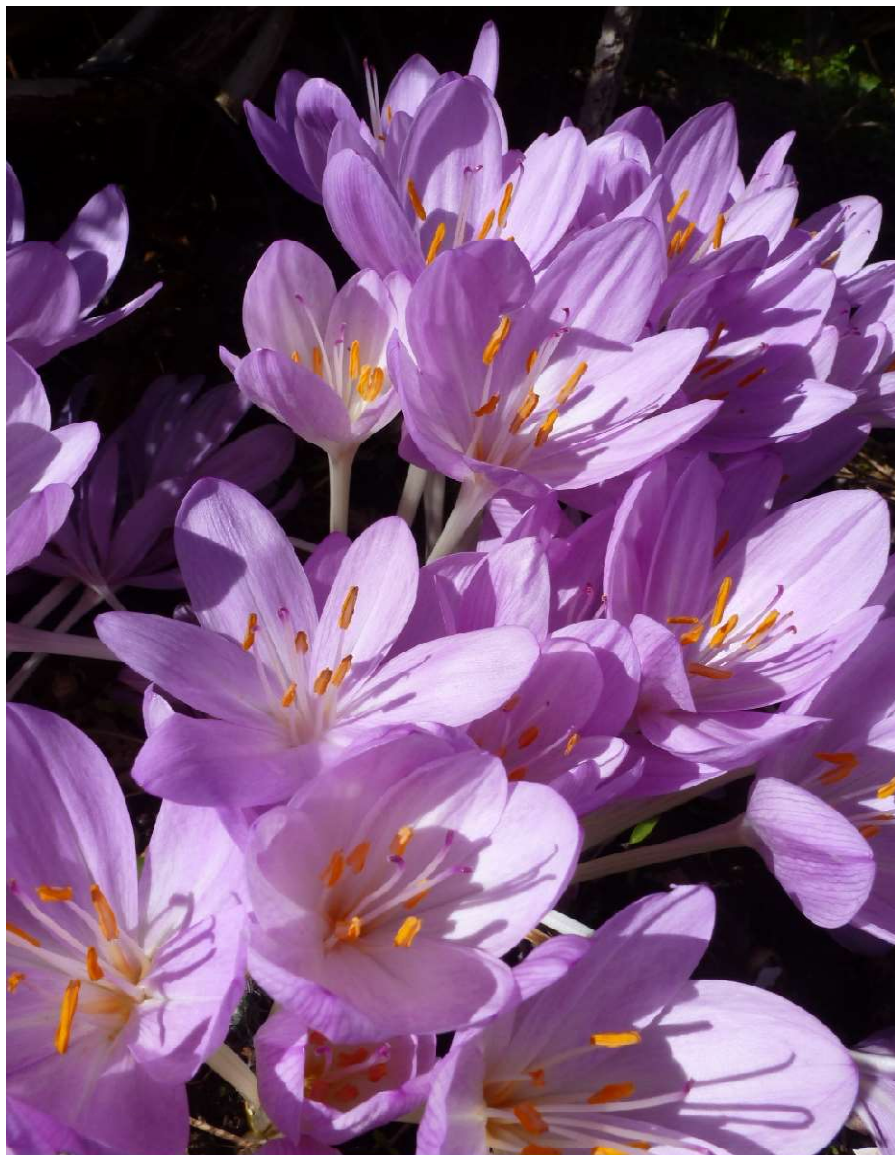


The Littleton Link



October 2026

Dear All

Welcome to the October edition of The Littleton Link.

This month we'll be treated to the Orionids Meteor Shower which peak on the night of 21/22 October. Although as they will best be seen in the early morning hours after the moon has set many of us may be fast asleep but we can always keep an eye out for any 'shooting stars' during the month.

Grown from 3 single Colchicum bulbs planted a few years ago these 'naked ladies' have really bulked up in our garden this year, we've never seen such a display before. Other bulbs, including the smaller autumn cyclamen, around the garden are doing the same thing. The foliage on these particular bulbs will appear in the spring time.

Within the pages this month, there are updates from our regular contributors and plenty of dates for your diary, from tidy-ups to quiz nights and other volunteering opportunities too. 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
Sun 4 Oct	Pet Blessing Service	3 pm	St Nicholas Church
Wed 7 Oct	Wednesday Club	2 to 4 pm	Village Hall
Sat 10 Oct	Churchyard Tidy-up	9:30 to 12 noon	St Michaels Church
Sat 10 Oct	Littletons Bowls Club Taster Session	10 am to 12 noon	Littleton Bowls Club
Tues 13 Oct	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Thur 15 Oct	South Littleton Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Littleton Bowls Club
Sun 18 Oct	N&M Littleton Litter Pick	10 am	Village Hall
Wed 21 Oct	N&M Littleton Parish Council meeting	7 pm	Village Hall
Tues 27 Oct	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Wed 4 Nov	Wednesday Club	2 to 4 pm	Village Hall
Sat 14 Nov	Quiz Night	7:30 pm start	Offenham RBL Club
Sat 21 Nov	Littletons Tennis & Pickleball Club Dance Night	7 pm	Badsey Remembrance Hall
Sat 28 Nov	Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre	11 to 3:30 pm	Village Hall
Sat 5 Dec	South Littleton Parish Council Christmas Event	4 to 6 pm	South Meadows

Deadline for entries for November edition is Fri-23-OCT



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LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

We welcomed Paul Jeanes from Teams4u Evesham to our September



meeting and handed over all the items that we and other generous villagers had collected for the Christmas Shoebox appeal. All the donations will this year be going to vulnerable children



and families in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.



Future meetings:

October 7 Harvest Bring and Buy (remember to bring items for Tombola too)

November 4 Our Birthday Tea (remember to bring items for Christmas bingo)

We're having another fundraising **Tombola at the Village Hall Craft Fayre on Saturday 28 November**, 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. Come on in and take a look.

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

Mary or Graham 01386 830273 or Marion Brighton 01905 909125

LITTLETONS WI

In September we were very pleased to open our meeting up to other WI's and to friends and the local community as we welcomed Simon Gulliver to talk to us about the 'Secret Lives of Trees'.

Simon began his talk detailing his lengthy career that began at Pershore College. He then took us back to 458 million years ago when the first algae started competing for light and began to grow upwards through to the trees that we see today, sharing photos of some of the oldest, tallest, heaviest and widest trees from around the world. Simon explained the differences between the hardwoods and softwoods and also how they work as a community hosting fungal partners, insects and plants. It was fascinating to hear how they 'listen' to the chemicals secreted by other trees when attacked or damaged that allow them to defend themselves. A comprehensive talk given with such passion and humour that the audience were enthralled.

Delicious refreshments were then enjoyed by all. The competition this month was something related to trees and was won by Lynne.



Our next meeting is on 13th October. Please contact our Secretary on littletonssec@wfwfwi.org.uk for any further information.

St Michael's Church

South Littleton



Help needed with Church Yard tidy

Also

**To help biodiversity bring the
children to fill the Bug Hotel and
Hedgehog Winter Home**

Saturday 10th October

9:30 to 12 noon

! Free drinks and cake!

ALL WELCOME



North & Middle Littleton Parish Litter Pick on Sunday 18 October

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



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



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

This is what we picked up last time



Bring your pet or soft toy along to the

PET BLESSING SERVICE

St Nicholas Church, North & Middle Littleton



Sunday 4th October 3pm

Whether its a dog, cat, rabbit, other animal or soft toy you keep for companionship, bring it to church to receive a blessing.

We'll also walk across to The Farm Animal Sanctuary to bless the animals there.

Refreshments will be available in the church after the service



FOOD BANK COLLECTION

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

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

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

Toiletries – shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, bubble bath, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, toothpaste, shaving foam, razors, sanitary protection, bars of soap

Household - Laundry Detergent, Cleaning Materials (antibacterial spray/wipes, liquid hand soap, dishcloths, washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, air freshener, furniture polish)

With Christmas approaching Caring Hands are hoping we will also add a few 'goodies'. This could be in the form of any of the following: selection boxes, tubs of chocolates, Christmas pudding, nuts, savoury items, all food items should be dated later than 25/12/26

If anyone throughout the villages would like to donate to this worthwhile collection boxes are available in **The IVY INN and The LITTLETONS VILLAGE HALL during October** or in the porch of **NUTHURST, SCHOOL LANE, MIDDLE LITTLETON** between Sunday 1 and Monday 9 November.

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SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE | OCTOBER 2026



WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome **Ian Broomhall**, who has joined us as our new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). We look forward to working with Ian over the coming months.



CLERK UPDATE

Ian has been busy getting to know the Council, councillors and the villages, while familiarising himself with the Council's systems and administration. He has been working through ongoing matters including the Brook and drainage works, and issues raised in South Meadows.

If you have any issues, ideas or concerns affecting the parish, please get in touch at clerk@southlittleton.org.uk or use the Reporting section of our website at southlittleton.org.uk and it will be looked into and followed up where appropriate.



ROAD CLOSURE – SHINEHILL LANE

Residents should be aware of a planned temporary closure of **C2009 Shinehill Lane**, between Orchard Close and Withy Trees Road, for carriageway resurfacing by Worcestershire County Council. The works are expected to last approximately **three days at some point between 5 and 16 October 2026**. A signed diversion route will be in place.

Please allow additional time for journeys and keep an eye on Worcestershire County Council roadworks information for the latest updates.



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer BBQ. It was fantastic to see so many families, friends and neighbours enjoying the sunshine together.

Special thanks to **Littletons Tennis & Pickleball Club** for the very popular taster sessions, **Food Genie Ltd** for keeping everyone well fed, **The Lockdown Layabouts** for the brilliant entertainment, and **Littleton Bowling Club** for opening their bar and greens.

Thank you also to **The Littletons First School** and **The Littletons WI** for their stalls, and to all the councillors, their families and everyone who helped with the preparation, running of the event and clearing away afterwards.

Days like that are such a lovely reminder of the community spirit we have in South Littleton. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did. **Same time, same place next year!**



LITTER AND DOG FOULING

We would also like to remind everyone to please help keep the village tidy. If you are using the park or walking around the village, please pick up any litter and, of course, always clear up after your dog. Unfortunately, dog fouling appears to be increasing, both in the park and along some of our main roads, so we would really appreciate everyone's help in keeping our shared spaces clean and pleasant.



CHRISTMAS EVENT

Looking ahead, our **Christmas event** will take place on **Saturday 5 December, from 4pm to 6pm**, at the Christmas Tree in South Meadows.

Please do join us for some festive cheer, with Christmas baps, mince pies and mulled wine on offer as always.



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Shannon Cawood
Vice Chair: Victoria Sevier
Councillors: Sally Ashwin, Debbie Jones, Roger Jones, Hannah Robson, Helen Quigley-York, Tim Ward and David Wootton.



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- 10:40 to 10:55 – North Littleton, The Ivy
- 11:00 to 11:15 – Middle Littleton, Village Hall
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NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Items discussed at September 2026 meeting

Neighbourhood Plan/Village Survey: There is a separate article in this Link regarding progress.

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

Parking in School Lane: This continuing problem with vehicles being parked on the roadside is causing serious problems with traffic using the highway. Drivers are requested to respect residents private driveways when using School Lane. The matter has been referred to Worcestershire County Council Highways department.

Hedges: There are still some overgrown hedges causing problems where they are encroaching on the footpaths and highways. Residents are requested to inspect all their boundaries and to cut back the overhanging branches and brambles. All debris should be disposed of appropriately and not by sweeping it into the road.

VA Signs: The data from these were discussed. Vehicles are still exceeding limits in the village. These are excessive and drivers are requested to reduce their speed when travelling through the parish.

Worcestershire County Council: The following have been referred to the council but as yet no response has been received.

- **Chevrons, Fish and Anchor:** It has been reported these and warning signs need to be replaced on the bend where the river is visible.

- **Pebworth Road, Verge:** This requires remedial work following works carried out for Solar Panels.
- **Pebworth Road, HGV traffic:** A request has been made for signs prohibiting large vehicles to travel from Pebworth crossroads through the village to Cleeve Road.

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

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 21 October 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**





North & Middle Littleton Neighbourhood Plan update

Firstly, a big thank you to all those parishioners who submitted a completed questionnaire during the June and July heatwaves. Also, a thank you to those parishioners who attended the 'Drop-In' session at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th September. Hopefully all who attended found the session to be both helpful and informative regarding the results of the questionnaire and the project's current progress and the steps ahead.

The results of the questionnaire have been analysed and the presentation data used for the 'Drop-In' session has been uploaded onto the Parish website here: <https://www.northandmiddlelitleton-pc.gov.uk/> It is well worth a look.

The next major step in creating the NP is the appointment of a project consultant. It is to be hoped that a consultant will be 'on board' by the middle of October and that funding for the project will then be forthcoming.



European Day of Languages at Blackminster Middle School

The European Day of Languages is celebrated across Europe each year on September 26th.

It's an important event at Blackminster Middle School, with students enjoying a whole day of language-themed learning.

Year 7 and 8 students took part in an online seminar with the British Council addressing the question "Where can languages take you?". All students took part in a treasure Hunt and Escape Room task, and also tongue-twisters and languages board games.

All students have taken part in a competition to design a poster on the theme "Languages Unite" – they have used artwork, symbols and quotes to reflect how languages bring people together and serve as a vehicle for reaching across linguistic and cultural divides.

With all that's happening in the world at the present time, we want to equip our students to be confident, capable global citizens, and the European Day of Languages is one way we do that.



LITTLETON BOWLING CLUB

Our summer season ended on a real high this year. We had 2 new winners of the men's and ladies singles competitions, a new winner of the maiden singles competition and a team of our bowlers, three of which had only started playing recently, won the Wychavon Parish Games bowls competition.

We now move indoors. We have 2 full length rinks (rink 2 pictured below) and run morning, afternoon and evening leagues as well as a knock out cup, member competitions and friendly matches. So, if you are looking for something to do as it gets colder and the evenings draw in why not think of trying indoor bowling?

Our first free
'Taster Session'
of the season is
being held on
Saturday 10th



October between 10am and midday. We welcome anyone over 10 years old and provide all equipment, although we do ask that you bring flat soled shoes to wear. If you enjoy the Taster, we will then follow it up with more training so that you can be playing full games within a few weeks.

In addition to bowling over the winter, we hold a variety of social events, bingo, quizzes and race nights as well as 'Club Nights' every Wednesday evening from 7pm, when the rinks are available for bowling and the bar is open. Please call in or contact Alison Williams, Secretary on 01386 830591 or email

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FUTURE EVENTS

****Wine and Cheese Night Event (Nov) – Date to be confirmed ☹**
Christmas Wreath class (Nov) – Date to be announced ☹**

New Tai Chi class – Wednesday evenings – 17:45 – 18:45

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pilates with Nicky 9am – 10 am ~	Yoga with Jae 10am – 11am	Pilates with Nicky 8:45am – 9:45am ~ Art Group 10am – 12:30pm	Coffee morning 9:30am-12:00pm Toddlers Group 9:30am – 11:30am ~ Embroidery Club 1 st Oct 9:30am – 1:30pm	Gentle Yoga 9:45am – 10:45	Zumba with Lesley 9.30am-10.30am	
		Wed Club 7 th Oct 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Senior Stretch Class 1pm-3pm			
Kids Theatre Group 3:45pm – 5:45pm				Healthy Worcestershire 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Movie Night 17 th Oct 7:30pm onwards	
WI 19 th Oct 7:00pm-10:00pm	Pilates with Nicky 6:00pm- 7:00pm	Tai Chi 5:45pm – 6:45pm Men's Pilates with Nicky 7.00pm – 8.00pm	Pilates with Nicky 6:30pm – 7:30pm ~ Life Drawing 15 th Oct 7:45pm – 10:00pm	Short Mat Bowls Group 7.30pm-9.30pm		

All classes require booking to attend.

WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES



Graham, Sandra, Marcus and Lee

The North & Middle Littleton Team in the Bowls Competition

Graham won a bottle of whisky for winning the 'spider', a charity bowl at the beginning of the game.

Thank you to our team for taking part. The weather conditions were not great but we had a very enjoyable day. Our result unfortunately didn't reflect our moments of brilliance. Well done.

Also in September North & Middle Littleton were in action in the 10-a-side Skittles Competition at Bengeworth Club, playing against Norton & Lenchwick. We all had a fun evening, meeting new people and putting faces to names, but sadly won't be repeating the experience this year as Norton & Lenchwick beat us 😞 Just for entering a team and turning up gains the parish points in the overall standings.

Hopefully, the Table Tennis entries will yield more points for us 😊



THE **IVY** INN
NORTH LITTLETON

Sunday 18 th October
at 7:00 start

THE IVY INN

Simon's

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



The Local Team

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.

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

Sign up to 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 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.

Dance Night



**Tickets
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Saturday 21st November

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FUND RAISER FOR OFFENHAM CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM

Saturday 3rd October • 3 PM • Offenham Church
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Before you tidy those hedges and shrubs this autumn, could you check for an old Blackbird nest?

Anna Jacques, a PhD researcher at the University of Birmingham, studying how climate change, urbanisation and human disturbance are affecting Blackbird breeding needs your help!

Anna is currently collecting old, completely abandoned Blackbird nests from gardens and green spaces across the UK for the next stage of her research.

The brilliant thing is that many of you may already have exactly what they need sitting unnoticed in a hedge or shrub! Something that might normally be removed during an autumn tidy-up and put in the garden waste could instead provide valuable scientific data.

If you're interested in taking part simply send an email to blackbirddetectives@gmail.com to find out more.



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 nd & 4 th
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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Please contact our Bookings Secretary on 07577 416681 for availability and costs.

LITTLETON HISTORY

The history of the riverside meadows and adjacent escarpment (from the Fish & Anchor to Cleeve Prior) consisting of 15 pages of A4 is now available.

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Churchwardens

Sue Jinks 01386 831533; Rob Johnson 01386 831504 - for general enquiries

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October & November services

All welcome!

Sunday 11th October	Harvest Festival 11am
Sunday 25th October	Morning Praise 9.30 am
Sunday 8th November	Act of Remembrance 10.45am
Sunday 15th November	Holy Communion 11am
Sunday 22nd November	Morning Praise 9.30am



Eco-Church Bronze Award



We are pleased and proud to have gained the Bronze Level award on our journey to live more sustainably and to care for our world. The award scheme is run by A Rocha UK, and recognises progress in energy efficiency, care of our churchyard, how we worship and what we teach about creation care, how we live, and how we connect with our community and world to care for and protect our planet and its people.

There's lots more to do!



ALL SOULS DAY
Monday 2nd November



St Michael's will be open all day. All are welcome to come in and light a candle, and pause to remember those they have loved and lost.

Our sister church, St Nicholas, Middle Littleton only has occasional services, but is open every day, and available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms.

After a long, hot summer, in which climate records have been falling like ninepins, and the rich clay soil around us is cracked and thirsty, September rain came as a relief. Not enough, of course, to ease much the dangerously low reservoir levels, but enough to see the grass start to flush with green again.

But the world around us is not in a good place. Wars that make no sense claim countless lives; 'natural' disasters become ever more ferocious and damaging because of human activity; the most powerful leader in the world is unpredictable and capricious, with global consequences; artificial intelligence is an approaching tsunami with outcomes we cannot predict; we worry for our children and grandchildren.

We have a new Prime Minister, and a new season of parliament, and there is perhaps a greater sense of both possibility and realism in the air. But there seem to be dangerously low levels of trust in the system, and more division in society than for many decades.

Our instinct, when things go wrong, is often to look around for who is to blame. Some of our politicians in this country and abroad, especially the more populist ones, have made a fine art of this. 'It's not us, it's them.' And the rhetoric of 'them' has a de-humanising effect on the target. Some of this blaming-outward is a deliberate strategy to deflect attention from what needs to be fixed or else to shrug off responsibility. Some of it may be about trying to feel safe in an uncertain world.

But each of us has a choice. We can choose to be a part of this unthinking, reflexive response to all that ails us, and always be scanning the horizon for a scapegoat. Or we can acknowledge that life is complex, reality is not just what we can see on the surface, that each

of us has a story to tell in which we are the main character, and that in the end, we have to work out how to weave these stories together into a big story which holds the value of everyone in it, in which everyone has a place.

In this country, we have a Christian heritage, which tells a bigger story – the story of a God who doesn't stand at a distance from our fractured and fearful world, but comes into it as the illegitimate son of a peasant woman, flees violence as a refugee, ends up brutally killed by a system whose power he challenges. A God who shares our vulnerability, our suffering, and our humanity, and in the end shows that love is more powerful than anything, even death. A God who gets it. Not judging us but being with us and telling us that every human is loved and has a value which cannot be earned or taken away.

Whether or not you share this telling of the bigger story, the one we gather around in our churches on Sunday, each of us can choose how we speak and how we behave, in order to create communities of kindness and hope; places where there is no 'us and them,' but only all of us, vulnerable human beings doing their best.

The grass does come back after the rain. Sometimes it needs a little help. We all need a little help at times. And we can generate that help by being communities in which small daily acts of neighbourliness and care are shared, and we look out, not only for those we know and like, but also for those who are strangers and newcomers, so that the 'them' become 'us.'

Bishop Olivia Graham

From the Parish Registers – August 2026

Baptisms	
Badsey	Eve Lathan Rory Clarke Miley Clarke
Bretforton	Morgyn Tinton
Weddings	
Badsey	Emma Pattison and Andrew Ogg
Bretforton	Millie Meadows and Michael Hill
Cleeve Prior	Adrienne Gormusoglu and Jason Allen
Funerals or committal of ashes	
Badsey	Bian Jelfs Joan Robbins Muriel Marshall Marlene Atkinson
Offenham	Moses Smith
South Littleton	Eileen Williams
North & Middle Littleton	David Rose





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 for availability and costs



The Boobage Support Group

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

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BADSEY
EVERY MONDAY TERM TIME

8:45am - 11am

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LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER 2026

Hummel Herefordshire Midland Football League

Premier Division

Sat Oct 3	Hereford Pegasus	Home	14:30
Sat Oct 10	AFC Worcester	Home	14:30
Sat Oct 17	Welland	Home	14:30
Sat Oct 24	Clee Hill Utd	Away	14:30
Sat Oct 31	Ledbury	Away	14:30

Having played seven games Littleton are top of the Premier Division, winning six and drawing one.

Boys and girls youth teams are also playing this season under the umbrella of Littleton FC. Their home fixtures are played at Blackminster Middle School on Saturday mornings. In addition we also have a reserve team playing at Littleton FC.

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.



**Offenham Cricket Club
presents**

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 14 November 2026

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

Trophy, Bar, Fun, Raffle

£5 per head

To book a team (max 6 people per team)

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

FIRE SAFETY: As you know, we're experiencing a very dry spell. We will need a lot of rain for vegetation to recover, which means even small fires can spread much more easily than usual. If you're planning a bonfire or BBQ, please take extra care. A little care goes a long way in keeping our villages safe.



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Complete your **FREE** online Home Fire Safety Check now!
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SCAN ME

If you're planning a bonfire:

🌿 Avoid hot, windy days – sparks travel fast.

👁️ Never leave it unattended.

🔧 Keep a bucket of water or hosepipe handy.

🏠 Light well away from houses, fences and hedges.

✅ Make sure it's completely out before you head inside.

And don't forget – smoke can drift and cause problems for neighbours, so please be considerate.

Take a look at the useful tips from HWFR too, and complete your **FREE** online Home Fire Safety Check at www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc

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