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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the September issue of *The Link*.

Well, it has certainly been a different kind of summer which, as we write, has not broken to give us desperately needed rain.

However, life has of course carried on and there are a number of stories within about happy and successful events over the past couple of months.

There is also a great deal of information about upcoming issues and events.

The *Link* magazine is delivered, one way or another, to every property in the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints' and in the civil parish of Leek Wootton &

Guy's Cliffe - there can't be any better way to share news and information with absolutely everyone in our community, than to use the magazine.

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Helen & Lesley Eldridge
The Editorial Team



THE LINK

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FROM THE PARISH

This month Christine Haines, Lay Reader, writes ...

Keep In Touch!

We were at a family birthday party during the summer to celebrate our son's birthday. He had invited lots of friends he had not seen for many years. Some were school friends, youth group friends, university friends and others were people who had played a part in his life through work, and the shared experiences of marriage and fatherhood. It was a joyful occasion and Andrew and I were also catching up with these people from years back, as well as meeting some of his new friends. As the evening came to an end there was the chorus of *"Let's keep in touch"*.

How easy it is to lose connections as we get involved with everyday living. Maybe we think about it at Christmas when we share news and the inevitable words on the cards will say, 'Let's keep in touch.'

Keeping in touch may be our aim but it is difficult to do. We may be geographically separated or physically less able to travel. The phone, internet and social media can help as more of us resort to these methods of keeping in touch.

As we put a value on human friends and a desire to keep in touch, so we may be thinking of ways in which we can keep in touch with God or perhaps remembering when we were a bit more in touch with God than we are now. May we all find our own ways to keep in touch with our heavenly Father as the autumn draws near and the evenings lengthen. Autumn may be a time of quiet reflection for you once the business of summer is fading and the packing cases and BBQs are put away for another year. If you need some ideas about how to keep in touch with God, do join us at All Saints' any Sunday at 10am. We would love to meet you, or reconnect with you, as together we learn more about our faith and discover the many different ways that help us to keep in touch with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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Prayer for our Vacancy

May God's blessing surround us each day,

As we trust Him to guide us and pray.

As our vacancy plays out,

Guard and keep us from doubt.

Give us hope,

Give us peace,

Give us love.

Amen.

All Saints' Parish Breakfast

Sunday, 28 September

Please come along on 28 September from 9:00am-9:50am and join in with our Parish Breakfast. This will be continental style with croissants, rolls, coffee, tea etc.



There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church or just let me know that you are coming.

Breakfast will be followed by our Harvest Festival Service at 10:00am where we will be joined by a choir from All Saints' school. At the service we will be receiving donations for the Warwick District foodbank.

Jonathan Kingston



Warwick District Foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network. It is supported by local churches, businesses, community groups, and individuals. The foodbank provides emergency food supplies and support to people in crisis in Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth.

At our Harvest Festival service on Sunday, 29 September, we will be seeking donations to support the foodbank as a sign of our thankfulness for all we enjoy, and our care and concern for those less fortunate. While these gifts may not be what we might see as 'traditional', they are meeting great need. According to the Warwick District Foodbank website, some things are 'most needed' and others they have good supplies of already, so here are their lists:

Most needed items include

Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Vegetables
Instant Mash
Long Life Milk/Fruit Juice
Tinned Custard
Jam
Tinned Rice Pudding
Crisps
Squash

We've got plenty of

Baked Beans
Tinned Soup
Tea
Cereal

We can't accept

Fresh fruit
Bread/Cake etc
Infant Formula Milk

We would love you to join us at our Harvest Festival service, and to offer your gifts there but, if you can't make it, please bring gifts to the church during the preceding week and leave them around the bottom of the font, directly opposite the main door. Thank you.

CHURCH SERVICES / EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER

8:45am Holy Communion (CW)
10:00am All Age Worship
3:00pm Summer Teas in the Churchyard

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

10:30am Midweek Holy Communion

SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

10:00am All Age Holy Communion

SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

9:30am Parish Breakfast
10:00am All Age Worship

Cheese & Wine Evening at the Village Hall



Friday, 17 October, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Last year's Cheese & Wine Evening, tasting wines from some of the countries in which Christian Aid operates, was a great success and this year we plan to focus on wines from Ukraine.

As before, the event will be held at the Village Hall and will be on Friday, 17 October, 7:30pm-9:30pm.

Tickets are £20 per person
and may be purchased via TicketTailor using this link
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COLLECTING ITEMS

Clothing and baby and toddler items continue to be needed for Coventry Clothing and Baby Godiva and a look at the websites show what's currently required.

Items may be brought to the Village Hall on Toddler Group mornings - Thursdays between 10:00 and 11:30am.

Thank you.



LEEK WOOTTON MU... continued

LEEK WOOTTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP AT *COMMUNITY LIVE!*



Residents say this group started in the mid 70s so we celebrate 50 years serving families in the community!

Celebrate with us by visiting the *Community Live!* Baby & Toddler play area. If you attended the group at any time over the years do share your memories with us and you may recognise one or two much loved, hardy and well washed toys!

VOLUNTEERING FOR LEEK WOOTTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We're now starting up again after the holidays so parents, carers and little ones can meet at our Village Hall and garden for a cuppa and play activities.

The group is run by the community, and you see it advertised in the *Link* magazine.

Volunteers help by opening up for a session and occasionally, usually due to holidays, we call on others to take a turn. If you could help with this let Janet know. Thank you.

*The MU team
which served
refreshments
for Bishop
Sophie's
Instalment at
the Cathedral.*



A September Prayer for Families

Dear God,

We pray for families at the start of the school year. For youngsters in our communities and others we know.

Some are starting at their school, some are in the final year, for all, there are changes and new experiences.

We pray for their families and school communities as they guide them, and may family members work together with the new challenges that come their way.

Amen

LEEK WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TODDLER & BABY GROUP

A warm welcome is extended to parents, grandparents and carers.
Baby area, crafts, ride-on toys, fun outdoors in our large garden.
Activities for all age groups from baby to pre-schoolers.

Thursdays (term time) 10-11.30am
£1 per family. Free car park.

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SOMETHING ABOUT THE TAPESTRY – the eyes of Christ

As you know, I often repeat information and stories from the Friends of the Cathedral newsletter written by its Chairman, Martin Williams. I haven't copied his whole article about the tapestry here, but I have been drawn to two facts in particular.

It is known that, dating back to ancient depictions, Christ's face would have different expressions on either side. For example, one side showing Him as the bearer of mercy and grace and the other side showing Him as the judge of unrepentant sinners. It is understood that Graham Sutherland was partly inspired in his work by ancient icons and if one now looks again at the Sutherland face of Christ you may clearly distinguish two different expressions – that Christ was both human and divine.

Another fascinating fact about our Cathedral tapestry is that the whites of Christ's eyes are not woven in wool, but in pure white silk, which catches the light from the windows.



Have you ever noticed this effect? Or the different facial expressions?

Staying on the subject of the tapestry, there is to be an exhibition in the Cathedral during the Heritage Open Days festival:

THE WOMEN WHO WOVE THE TAPESTRY - A MICRO PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

12 September – 21 September, Mon-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm | Sunday 12noon-3:30pm

A micro exhibition of archive photography of some of the French women who wove and brought Graham Sutherland's design to life.

Measuring 23 metres tall the tapestry at Coventry Cathedral is the second largest tapestry in the world. It was woven in one continuous piece by hand on a 500-year-old loom by women in France, using over 900 colours, at the factory of Pinton Freres of Felletin, near Abusson. The twelve weavers were occupied for over two years, and they were subsequently invited to the consecration of the Cathedral.

... and a workshop:

WEAVING UNDER THE TAPESTRY

13 September, 10:00am to 12:00noon

An opportunity to join a free weaving activity, using different materials - paper, card & recycled fabrics, working under the second largest tapestry in the world. Suitable for all ages, drop in and have a go!

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

Mondays, 12:30pm-1:00pm

Monday, 1 September	Ian Hockley
Monday, 8 September	Gary Desmond
Monday, 15 September	Gary Sieling
Monday, 22 September	Pavlos Triantaris
Monday, 29 September	Rachel Mahon and Prime Brass

A programme for each week's music may be found on the Cathedral website. The recitals are free with a retiring collection in aid of the organ restoration appeal.

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The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 2 July 2025, at Leek Wootton Village Hall. Discussion included the following:

RESIGNATION OF CLLR JONATHAN KINGSTON



At the start of the meeting the Chairman was sad to announce the resignation of Cllr Kingston before the July meeting, *"He will be sorely missed; he has been a great asset during his time on the Council and we wish him well."* Jonathan was co-opted on 5 July 2022. He will continue to work with the Community Speed Watch group and report its progress to the PC.

The PC now has 5 sitting Councillors and 3 vacancies – this is a worry as more responsibility is falling on fewer shoulders. In order to provide the service to the community that it would like, the PC really needs to have its full complement of 8 Councillors. If you are interested in supporting your community, please come along to a meeting - every meeting is open to the public to observe - meet the current Councillors and get an idea of what is involved... no pressure!

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY [CIL]

Following a request for feedback and ideas about how to spend CIL money received, the PC considered a number of ideas and decided to look into the cost of installing a step free footpath from the Village Hall to the Children's Playground and possibly around the perimeter of the grounds to the Sports Club. It will also explore whether low level lighting could be installed, to improve access to the Village Hall by residents to the west. This project is at an exploratory stage and will, of course, involve consultation with different parties before any works can take place.

Other ideas that were put forward included various traffic calming/monitoring measures, provision of more defibrillators, allotments, play equipment, other footpath and visual improvements throughout the parish. All have been recorded and, where there are alternative sources of funding or responsibility can be passed to the District or County Councils, these have been done. A number of ideas would require a larger 'pot' of funding or collaboration with other funders.

In the case of additional defibrillators [AEDs], for effective response to cardiac arrest, an AED should ideally be located within a two-minute brisk walk (four minutes there and back) from where it's likely to be needed. This ensures timely access for potentially life-saving defibrillation. The PC is therefore looking at alternative funding sources and is considering locations to fulfil the two-minute criteria. It has been in contact with residents in Hill Wootton to ask for their ideas for an installation location there.

With regards to the suggestion of a sandpit in the Children's Playground, the PC has previously taken advice on this and sandpits are not recommended for safety reasons because litter can be hidden there and cats and other wildlife can make use of them.

Improvements to the condition of the footpath W174 (at the rear of The Hamlet) are the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council Right of Way and this has been reported for their attention.

FUTURE OF THE POLICE ESTATE (‘THE LUNCH’, WOODLAND AND LAKES)

The PC has for many years been concerned about the condition and future prospects of ‘The Lunch’ (the woodland on Police land, north and south of Woodcote Lane). This was ‘brought to a head’ by proposals that the Police lease part of the north Lunch (at the rear of Waller Close) to CALA Homes to create a pedestrian access from the new development to the Recreation Ground and contribute to its green space quota.

The PC invited representatives from Warwick District Council, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and a company that specialises in public landscaping, for an exploratory meeting in August to discuss how the land might be brought into more public use. The group met on 5 August and, with representatives from the Police estates team, were able to walk through some of the land and inspect conditions for themselves. The meeting ended on a positive note that was very encouraging and the PC hopes to be able to bring more interested parties on-board in due course to put together a proposal for the Police that would improve the land for wildlife and the public.

COMMUNITY LIVE!

The Parish Council is again holding the *Community Live!* event on 6 September. This is an opportunity for residents to find out about clubs and things to do in and around the community. There will be a challenging assault course set up for kids, an art exhibition, a wee Scottish dance, tea and cake served by Explorers saving up for their next expedition, a demo beehive where you can spot the queen bee, people to chat with, and lots more. Please see pages 22 & 23 for further information.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Over the summer months there have been a number of events in which the PC has been involved with a view to increasing community engagement, including:

- **Community Speed Watch** carried out an early morning session on Hill Wootton Road, and recorded a number of vehicles travelling in excess of 40mph on this 30mph residential road.
- Formal Terms of Reference have been adopted for the **Parish Environment Group**, that clearly set out the aims and objectives of the group and its relationship with the PC. They may be viewed on the website at <https://leekwoottonandguyscliffeparish.gov.uk/your-parish/lwgc-environment-group/>
- The **Community Café** has been running on Friday mornings since the beginning of June. This is an experimental session organised by Cllr Joy Morgan under the Council’s Community Engagement remit. The response has been good, despite low-key publicity.

The café is not being run for profit, but for social/community reasons and is proving a popular meeting point for friends and also introducing people who don’t already know each other. Joy will be canvassing opinions in September as to whether this initiative should continue and in what form and where.

On VJ Day, 15 August, the café had a wartime theme and all donations received that day will go to *The Royal British Legion*.

- The Parish Council was pleased to see the school open its gates to the community for its **School & Community Fête** on 21 June, encouraging local groups like the WI to join in and contribute stalls. The PC understands the PTFA were thrilled with the funds raised.
- The **Emergency Life Skills Training** sessions in 2024 proved popular and two more sessions have been booked. The dates are:
 - Thursday, 16 October 13:15-14:45
 - Saturday, 25 October 10:15-11:45



There are still some places available, please visit the WI stand at *Community Live!* on 6 September, or contact Cllr Joy Morgan (for email address, see page 10). If you cannot make these dates, or have a group that would like to book, please get in touch, because extra dates may be added, if required.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

The PC has had an operational inspection of the Children's Playground undertaken as opposed to the annual RoSPA safety inspection. This is an inspection that looks at the condition of equipment and jobs that need to be done, with a view to then getting a quote for professionals to carry out the work. The PC was pleased that there were no high-risk issues but is looking at having a number of jobs undertaken, including dampers on the gates to prevent them from swinging too fast and buffers replaced in the overhead glider to stop the banging noise. Other, smaller jobs may be undertaken by the PC itself.

Further to a request made by residents on Woodloes Lane, a grit bin has been purchased for installation near the bridge over the A46. Installation will take place before the winter.

C/Cllr Ben Edwards has met with the Warwick District Council [WDC] Localities Officer to walk around the parish and discuss a number of maintenance issues, with a view to allocating responsibility appropriately.

Trees obscuring street lighting – this is Warwickshire County Council [WCC] Forestry responsibility to either remove or consult with landowners. This has been requested, but no time-frame for completion has been received to-date.

The land on Warwick Road between the WI Garden and Rockside is owned by WCC. Contract Services have attended to cut back at pavement level and overhanging trees.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, at Leek Wootton Village Hall.

Minutes of all Parish Council meetings, when signed, are published on the website at www.leekwoottonandguyscliffeparish.gov.uk. Any local issues can always be raised at meetings under Public Question Time or by contacting any of the Parish Councillors or the Clerk, details of whom are listed on all noticeboards, the Parish Council website, in the Parish Directory and the Bulletin.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Joanna Rose Tebby

Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, 23 June 2025 at 8:32pm, aged 69, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Joanna was surrounded by her loving family at her bedside at home. Deeply loved and dearly missed by all who knew her. She slipped away with the setting sun, carried on the wings of the night.

Congratulations...

To Cynthia and John Price who marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 21 August!



Finally, there were some whispers and, with a little research, we soon realised that there are a number of landmark birthdays happening this year. Some are for ladies, and we were always told that it's rude to ask a ladies age, so we have decided to send congratulations to everyone on their big 'O' birthdays!

You all know who you are!!

Congratulations

From the

Parish Registers

Saturday, 28 June
Thanksgiving for the Gift of
Oliver Gordon Pumphrey

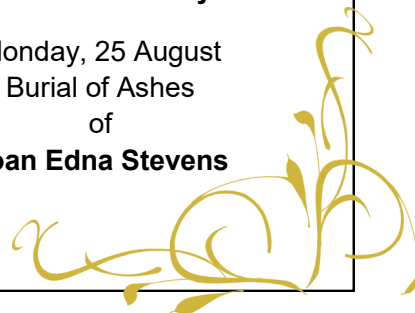
Saturday, 26 July
The Marriage of
Katie Louise McArthur
and
Charles Jeremy Ashley

The Baptism of
Ayrton Ray Butterworth

Friday, 1 August
The Marriage of
Alexandra Anna Rachel Keay
and
Behrad Barmayehvar

Friday, 22 August
Burial of Ashes of
Cian Jude Bailey

Monday, 25 August
Burial of Ashes
of
Joan Edna Stevens



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!



PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG
BAG IT! BIN IT!
In your black bin at home or in a litter bin



YOUR LETTERS

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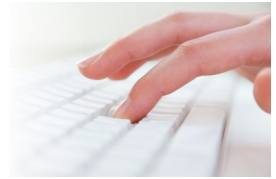


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That perennial problem is back; people not picking up their dog's mess or discarded poo bags, thrown into hedges and hung in trees has been raised by more than one contributor... and we agree, it is disgusting. [...Eds]

"Living in Leek Wootton is a good experience, it's a lovely village. We walk quite a bit around the countryside and one thing is spoiling it... Dog mess!

"If it's picked up it's hanging on a branch in a bag.

*"If it's not picked up it's a real hazard. The Tink-a-Tank is dog sh*t alley at the moment and every time I go that way I step on something disgusting. It's deplorable.*

"As a dog owner for most of my life, so far I'm a good one and a responsible one and I always had a spare bag, up until our pet passed away a couple of years ago. We're waiting to get another dog at the moment.

"Please, please can dog owners be firmly prodded."

Richard

For your information, The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Warwick District Council) Order 2011 requires owners to remove faeces deposited by their dog from any land to which the public have access in Warwick District and which is open to the air.

ATTENTION: DOG OWNERS

The Parish Council has received another report of dog waste being found in the Children's Playground. This is not acceptable.



LEEK WOOTTON CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IS "NO DOGS"

This is clearly signposted at every gate, but people continue to walk dogs through there between Quarry Close/Fields and the Rec, rather than via the Sports Club drive. The playground is, by nature, an open and un-policeable place and people are welcome to walk through, but even if you have always walked your dog through there on a lead, when there are no children playing or because you think no-one has seen you, PLEASE STOP! You may be responsible and do so without incident, but other people will think it is acceptable... it is not!

The Parish Council has received many compliments about the playground, including its feeling of safety for children. It is the only public space in the parish that has a restriction on dogs and YOU are trusted to respect that... that trust is currently being abused.

YOUR LETTERS... continued

To Absent Friends

"We have recently returned from Cornwall, where we called in on Paul and Jess Semple, to find Paul's parents, John and Brenda Semple in residence.

"We offered to send this photograph, and to let anyone interested know of their new address where they are running holiday lets four miles from Mevagissey, and six miles south of St Austell, presently in two cottages with more to come in future.

"They recently retired from farming at Goodrest Farm on Rouncil Lane to start this new enterprise in Cornwall."



Alan & Gillian Cockburn

**The website for Paul and Jess's holiday lets is
<https://levalsaahouse.co.uk>**

Know your Highway Code

"I cross the Woodcote Lane junction on foot all the time. Today, from The Anchor side, at approximately 10:00am, I glanced over my right shoulder and saw no car coming. I had taken two steps across the junction when a young driver racing around the corner barely missed me, and shouted obscenities whilst he was at it.

"Please, please can drivers like this young and enthusiastic problem driver be reminded that pedestrians ALWAYS have right of way. They are driving a tonne heavy killing machine and if they drive with such carelessness they can and will get caught out.

"I've noted the car, registration, and driver's description, recorded it and shared it with relevant people."



The following rule came into effect in January 2022: "Rule H2: New Priority for Pedestrians at Junctions. At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning."



JAN RAWNSLEY OPEN STUDIO - 2025 CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION !! RESULTS !!

During Jan's Exhibition in June/July, 22 entrants collected painting boards to take part in the **PAINTING COMPETITION** which was a



The Entries



The Winner

Charity Fundraiser for Coventry Haven Women's Aid.

The winner was **SIAN** aged 11 from Leek Wootton, for her landscape painting looking from a cliffside out to sea, for which she won a Swan bag and a canvas for her next project.

Highly commended was **THOMAS** aged 6 also from Leek Wootton for his beach scene.

The competition raised **£245** for the **Coventry Haven Women's Aid**.

Jan will run another Children's Painting Competition at Christmas.



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Annual Show & Fête

Saturday, 16 August

Although the summer was exceptionally dry and we expected significantly fewer entries, we were pleased with the turnout at the Annual Show. The Village Hall was busy as visitors enjoyed the exhibits and took part in various activities including tombola, skittles, golf and the auction of produce, where many found excellent bargains!

We were supported by local businesses: Hintons Nursery, The Warwickshire, Kenilworth Golf Club, Lyra Beauty, and The Anchor, all of whom supplied raffle prizes.

We would also like to thank all the friends and family members who helped out on the day.

Stuart Needham [below right] won awards for his sculpture based on Robert Burns 'Ode to a Mouse' [right]

↑ Aliens made from vegetable or fruit



Award winners: Ralph Handler [left] and Helen Johnson [right]



AWARDS & SPECIAL PRIZE LIST

The Jim Perkins Salver Stuart Needham
Best exhibit in the Show

Banksian Medal (provided by RHS)..... Jim Barr
Most points in Classes 1-36 (Floral, Fruit & Vegetable Sections)

The D S Mitchell Cup Peter Clubb
Most points in Classes 1-13 (Floral Section)

The Lady Waller Challenge Cup Jim Barr
Most points in Classes 14-36 (Fruit & Vegetable Sections)

The Elizabeth Bright Silver Challenge Cup Helen Johnson
Most points in Classes 37-52 (Floral Art, Craft & Household Classes)

The Charles Nettleship Memorial Rose Bowl Stuart Needham
Best exhibit in Classes 37-52 (Floral Art, Craft & Household Classes)

The Barry & Audrey Gillitt Salver Marie Jane Roberts
Best exhibit in Classes 10 & 11

The Children's Cup Ralph Handler
Best exhibit in Children's Classes (55-58)

The R L Jones Award Jim Barr
Most points awarded in the Show

The T K Meredith Award Peter Clubb
Best exhibit in Classes 1-13 (Floral Section)

The P J Wartnaby Award Rob Jones
Best exhibit in Classes 14-36 (Fruit & Vegetable Sections)

The Don Ellwood Award Brian Butcher
Best exhibit in Classes 41 & 42

The Fred Wilson Children's Awards
Best exhibit in children's classes (55-58) Ralph Handler
(up to and including 8 years)
Best exhibit in children's classes (55-58) (no entries)
(9 to 14 years)



PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

Class 53 'FRONT DOOR WITHIN THREE MILES'
..... Jonathan Kingston [left]

Class 54 'BLUE' Andy Farrow [see cover]

GOLF

Junior..... Oscar Legg

Adult ?* Adult Chris Mitchell

SKITTLES

Junior..... Ralph Handler

* With apologies to the winner of the Adult Golf, we have currently mislaid his name - after the Show many of the Committee went away on holiday and Steph did not get all the names recorded on the day... We did get a photo though [right].
Congratulations!



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CADDICK TO LAUNCH PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON NEW HOMES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES



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Caddick, a UK-owned family property developer, will launch a public consultation later this month on proposals for a residential-led development that includes a mix of new homes (including 50% affordable housing), a new community/retail facility, extensive public open space and land made available to the school for improvements to existing facilities.

The consultation will give local residents, stakeholders, and community groups the opportunity to view the initial proposals and share their feedback. Caddick is committed to engaging closely with the community to ensure the final plans reflect local priorities and respect the character of the village.

Caddick is particularly keen for local community interest groups to get in touch and share their views to ensure the plans deliver meaningful benefits for those who live and work in the area.

A dedicated consultation website - **caddickleekwootton.co.uk** - will go live on 9 September 2025 and remain open until 30 September.

Alongside the website, a Public Exhibition Event will be held in the Leek Wootton Village Hall on 26 September, from 3pm until 7:30pm.

For further information, Caddick can be contacted on **0800 080 3172** and **caddickleekwootton@devcomms.co.uk**.

A LONG, HOT SUMMER IN PICTURES...

Please submit your photos to link@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk



↑ All Saints' Academy, Leek Wootton's School & Community Fête, 21 Jun



Blink and you might miss it! Leek Wootton appeared on Midlands Today behind Rebecca Wood, 5 Aug →



The Warwickshire Members' Summer Festival, 9 Aug ↓↓



↑ Spotted: Kite flying at The Warwickshire, 8 Jul



Images: ↑ warwickshirecc

Images:  ChesfordGrangeHotel



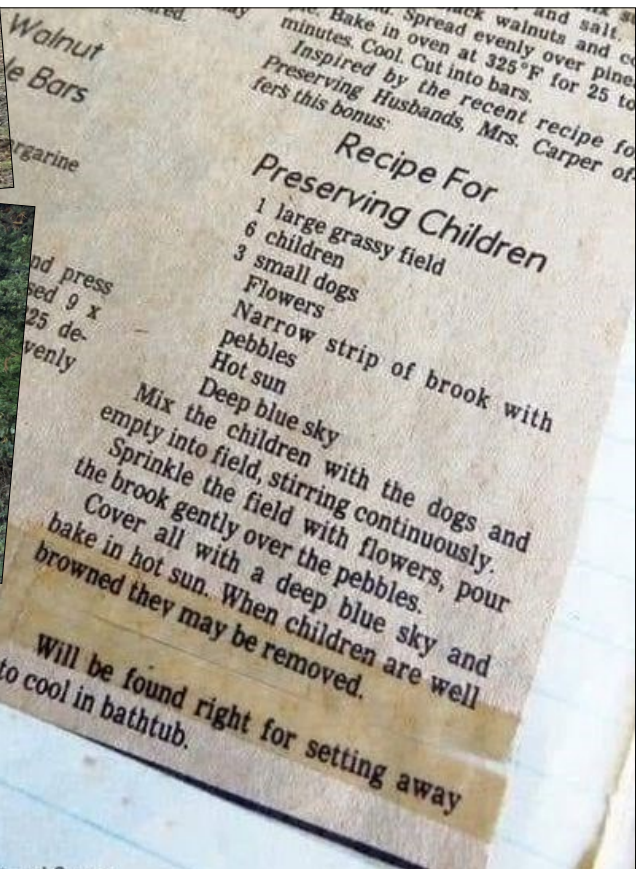
➡ Chesford Staff Family BBQ Party, 6 Aug



➡ 'Spider's Web Team Building Challenge' at Adventure Sports: Can your team make it through the web without getting "caught"?

➡ The Brownies had great fun den-building, 1 Jul

➡ The Guides went on a trail around the village, 8 Jul



Images:  LWBrowniesguides



Images:  adventure: Sports:warwick

Source: 'The Darling Dahlias and the Eleven O'Clock Lady' by Susan Wittig Albert

Ashow

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HARVEST FESTIVAL and LUNCH

Sunday 28th September

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12:30 pm - Harvest Lunch at Ashow Village Club

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Anne: 07724 234479 / annegregory2k@hotmail.com



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Booking Secretary : Sigrun Fewtrill

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Our current Treasurer will be stepping down at the end of December, and is keen to mentor their replacement. If you think this role might be of interest, and would like an informal chat to simply learn more, then please contact Genny Wilson on genny@klasinski.co.uk or m: 07921 132079.

← *What else does one do on a very hot Sunday afternoon except move all tables and chairs from the storage room to enable the room to be redecorated and to*

clean and fit all the chairs with new felt feet to protect the soon to be refurbished floor? Answer..... Go to the anchor?

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t : 511373

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Friday, 1 August

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Ros Commander



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Leek Wootton Village Hall Regular Users

Organisation	Contact	Activity Times
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Leek Wootton Beavers and Cubs	Jo Elsy e: mail@jelsy.myzen.co.uk t: 01926 854623	Monday 17:30
Leamington Spa & District Twins Club	Elizabeth Daniels e: liz.daniels86@gmail.com m: 07872 900312	Tuesday 10:00
Line Dancing	Annie Murray e: anniedanceuk@aol.com t: 01926 864554	Tuesday 13:45
Leek Wootton Brownies	Hazel Turner m: 07970 908073	Tuesday 18:00
Leek Wootton Guides	Hazel Turner m: 07970 908073	Tuesday 19:30
Leek Wootton Women's Institute	Lesley Kirkwood w: https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/wi/leek-wootton m: 07855 518315	Third Tuesday of each month 19:30
Bump2babyReality	Sally Seddon e: sally@bump2babyreality.co.uk m: 07960 323874	Wednesday 10:00
Kenny Art Group	Barbara Kenny e: skbk267@yahoo.co.uk t: 01926 852413	Wednesday 13:30
Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Parish Council	Helen Eldridge e: clerk@leekwoottonandguyscliffeparish.gov.uk m: 07464 017573	First Wednesday of each month 19:30
Leek Wootton Toddler & Baby Group	Janet Jackson t: 01926 258264 e: toddlers@leekwoottonchurch.co.uk	Thursday 10:00 (term-time)
Maria Textile Design	Maria Manuel e: mariathomastextiles@gmail.com t: 01926 853794	Monthly on a Friday 09:30
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CANCER RESEARCH UK LEEK WOOTTON

Secretary : Diane Wilson

m : 07950 736272



Afternoon Tea with Music

THANK YOU - **£964.30** raised at the CRUK Afternoon Tea with Music

What a wonderful summer's afternoon, chatting with friends and neighbours sharing a glass of fizz, refreshments, sandwiches, cakes and music on Friday, 18 July.

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated, and for your continued support of Cancer Research UK.

FUTURE EVENT:

Cancer Research Quiz

(in memory of Tony O'Toole)

Mid to end October 2025 | Leek Wootton Sports Club

Further details to follow.

Become part of community life

Support our parish events to raise funds for Cancer Research UK, by joining the Leek Wootton CRUK Committee. We usually run 2 to 4 events and attend 3 or 4 meetings per year. Please message me with your details and we can discuss further - Diane Wilson, m: 07950 736272

Leek Wootton CRUK Fundraising Page and QR Code



To further support all the events we do, CRUK has provided us with our own fundraising page and QR code. Any funds raised via this route, will go straight to CRUK, but will be attributed to the fundraising efforts of Leek Wootton CRUK. It does mean, that should you be unable to attend any future events, it provides you with a route to donate, should you so wish.

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I can't believe that the trees are already beginning to drop their leaves!

After a very, very sunny summer the gardening team has (just about) completed the hard landscaping of the garden and is now patiently waiting for a drop in temperature, and hopefully a bit more rain, in order to be able to finish off the planting.



The new bench is now in place, plus trellis, to provide some shade (again waiting for a drop in temperature to plant the requisite climber).

The former bench has now been repurposed and after a scrub and brush up it is in pride of place overlooking The Warwickshire, ready for walkers to rest their weary bones (and perhaps have a sneaky picnic of fruit cake with lashings of ginger beer!!!)



I am pleased to report that many residents have made use of the garden exchange shelves to share plants and produce. So, don't be backward in placing surplus apples, pears, etc on the shelves rather than let all that tasty fresh produce rot on the ground.

Remember too that local wildflower seeds are available on the shelves for scattering in your own gardens, which would help to support our wildlife and the environment.

Thank-you again to all the volunteers and supporters involved with the development of the garden..

Lesley Kirkwood
m: 07855518315



KENILWORTH PROBUS I CLUB

Chairman : Bob Mackenzie

e : probusleekwootton@gmail.com

The Club met for its monthly meeting at LWSC on 15 July where, after some Club business, we had a talk by David Fry from the Marton Museum of Country Bygones.



This museum is one of the very few remaining village museums in the country, containing bygones from rural life in that village and other communities in the area. It was developed from a collection gathered together by a George Tims who moved to Marton in 1954. The collection started in his house but in 1964, when it had outgrown the space available, he was offered the stables to the Vicarage. When the church

sold the Vicarage, he was offered a disused barn at a farm in the village. When developers moved into the farm they were required to provide a new building for the museum, and that is where all the exhibits are now located.

When George died in 2005 the future of the museum looked bleak but new trustees were appointed in 2009 and a group of volunteers worked hard to reopen the museum. Since then, it has opened every summer Sunday afternoon. The exhibits were fully catalogued (3,000), the building extended to

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provide storage for items not on display, the museum itself reorganised to properly display the exhibits, a gift shop created, and an attractive entrance and foyer constructed for the visitor attraction.

David Fry brought with him a number of smaller items from the museum to display and be identified, including an egg gender detector, massage roller, butter pat, turnip picker/knife, egg scales and various other mysterious artefacts from bygone days of rural life.



The Club met again on 19 August in the usual venue to hear a talk by one of our members, Andrew Mayfield, entitled 'Before the Box Boats'. This was a talk about his life as a merchant naval officer in the days when cargo ships had holds that were loaded with "loose" cargo, before containerisation became the norm. Andrew served with the P & O Line on its cargo vessels. These ships were around 500ft long, circa 70ft wide and had a capacity of some 500,000-cu ft. They had a crew of officers, engineers, trainee officers and Asian deck crew totalling some 50 or so personnel. The vessels were equipped with derricks for loading and unloading cargo and all navigation operations were done by hand, visual observation, brain power and with the use of paper charts and a sextant etc. Loading of the cargo was done manually to ensure that the ship remained stable, that the heavier cargo was lower in the hold and cargo for earlier off-loading was upper most in the hold. His talk told of some of his exploits in those far off days, now long gone.

Containerisation revolutionised shipping and because of size, simplicity of loading, reduced manpower and turn round time reduced costs by upwards of 80%. Containers vary in size from a few hundred 20 or 40ft containers to upwards of 20,000. There are also specialist carriers for gas etc and tankers for oil, grain, coal etc. It was very clear why shipping cargo had changed, together with modern navigation aids such as GPS, electronic charts and computers.

After his time as a marine officer, Andrew went on to university and into industry and IT. He is a volunteer business adviser to the Bishop of the Diocese of Tanganyika and has asked that his speaker's fee goes to the associated charity.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Club meeting will be held 16 September, with a talk by Andy McAvan on 'National Grid'.



Kenilworth Probus 1 Club welcomes retired, or semi-retired, PROfessional and BUSiness men. They meet once a month to hear talks on a wide range of topics and enjoy a good chinwag over a drink at the bar (possibly followed by lunch at The Anchor, to continue discussions), and occasionally visit places of interest, including local factories, etc.

If you would like to come along to a meeting and/or find out more, please scan the QR code or send an email to probusleekwootton@gmail.com.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Friends of All Saints' Church Leek Wootton



TABLE TOP SALE **£10 per table**

To book a table contact Jonathan Kingston on
jonkingston54@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday, 22 November
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Leek Wootton Village Hall

Refreshments Available

After a lovely summer break the ladies of the WI are looking forward to many opportunities for fun, outings and learning.

Our September speaker will be Anne Harrison whose talk is entitled 'Call me Auntie'.

Additionally, in the weeks ahead, our Warwickshire Federation is offering various events including a talk on the exploration of Saturn, a day out to Liverpool and a tour of St Mary's in Warwick.

Our reading group carried on over the summer and we are currently reading *The Only Story* by Julian Barnes, a remarkable read!

Please get in touch for more details or just come along and enjoy an evening out.

Hopefully we will see you at *Community Live!* on 6 September.



ADVANCE NOTICE:

Friends of All Saints' Church Leek Wootton



Advent / Christmas Music Concert Saturday, 29 November

The Friends of All Saints' are planning an Advent / Christmas Music Concert with *Royal Spa Brass* and the *Leek Wootton Handbell Ringers* on 29 November. This will be an evening of seasonal music, both Christmas carols and secular. Tickets at £10, to include a glass of wine, mince pie etc, will be available from 1 October.

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It's certainly been a summer to remember. It's not often that I'm hoping for rain, but despite everywhere being exceptionally dry, the garden volunteers are still providing plenty of produce three times a week for local foodbanks and the night shelter. Some of our volunteers also make up beautiful bunches of flowers – different to anything you get at a florist or supermarket ... and great value.

The Garden has hosted several successful events this year and there are more to look forward to ... **David's Adult Craft Day on 20 September**... not to mention our regular **Heritage weekend on 13 and 14 September** and **Barbara's special Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 26 September**. Please see the garden's website for more information: www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk

We're always looking for new volunteers, so if you feel you'd like to join a wonderful group of people who help with gardening, DIY, events, marketing and a range of other activities, let me know. We have recruitment days at various times during the year, but you can send me an email at any time.

I hope you've had a great summer.

Sarah Ridgeway (e : hintonsnursery@live.co.uk)



www.stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk

STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR



So happy to report that we finished our summer term on a high. On a beautiful summer's evening the choir performed music from the 60s and 70s to a full house, which raised just over £1,000 for the Music Man Project, a charity supported by our late Musical Director, Seb Farrall.

We start this term by welcoming our new Musical Director, Susan Morris, who has kindly agreed to take us on following Seb's untimely death. With so many of Seb's choirs seeking new leadership, we feel incredibly lucky that she has agreed to join us.

Sue has many years' experience and was indeed the MD of the choir at St Michael's Church in Coventry for over 25 years. She has also taught in the Performing Arts Service, Adult Education, leading choirs and teaching singing, ukulele, keyboard and performing arts to people of all ages as well as delivering KS2 Music Curriculum in primary education. Currently, Sue works freelance as a teacher of singing and piano and leads the choir for Myton Hospice which is made up of staff, volunteers and carers, who have performed all over the country.

We would also like to welcome new members to the choir. We are starting with a bumper number of over 40 ladies who come to Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (in term time) and enjoy good company and singing for the joy of it. If you are interested in giving us a try, visit our website on www.stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk

Pat Wightman



LEEK WOOTTON HEDGEHOGS

Contact: Sally Ellis

m : 07771 996952

Hello from the Hogspital!

Sorry it's been a while since the hogs got a mention here, but as usual it's been a very busy Spring and Summer. May and June were mostly made up of handfeeding multiple hoglets who had been admitted without their mums.



This time last year I was writing about the wet weather playing havoc but this year it's the hot and dry weather that has played its part and made it very difficult for mother hogs to find enough food and water for themselves let alone to feed their little ones.

As Autumn rapidly approaches and you tend to your gardens, allotments or communal areas, please consider leaving an undisturbed corner, a messy corner in a quiet, shaded spot. It's not just hogs that will benefit, but also frogs, newts and lots of insects. Log piles are a fantastic idea too. Did you know that if you want your slug population to be kept under control naturally you should encourage frogs into your garden! They are voracious slug eaters. Contrary to popular belief, slugs and snails are most definitely not part of a hedgehog's natural diet. They naturally carry microscopic internal parasites which will potentially make a hog very sick.



Halloween and Bonfire Night are on the horizon. Please make sure you recycle any pumpkins in the garden recycling bins rather than in the garden. Eating a large amount of vegetable matter can cause a hog to have extremely bad tummy problems and can quickly kill them. You may come across them rooting through windfall fruit, but it is the bugs that are in the fruit that they are after, not the fruit or vegetable. They are insectivores and much prefer a beetle or other creepy crawly.

I know not many people have bonfires in their gardens these days, but if you do, please check for wildlife at the base before you light it. Please also make sure



that any netting is stored away where wildlife can't get tangled up in it.

Remember, if you find a hog out in the day 'it's not OK' - please contact myself or one of the Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue team.

You should act quickly if the hog is wobbly, being pestered by flies or birds, sunbathing or if they are injured or looking thin (a dipped neck or shaped like a rugby ball rather than a football).

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LEEK WOOTTON CRICKET CLUB

Chairperson : Anthony Howe

LWCC Round Up

Another cricket season is drawing to its conclusion but there's been plenty to celebrate at Leek Wootton CC this summer, both on and off the pitch. There have been great individual performances, stunning team victories, and great developments behind the scenes.

On a cricketing front, first XI find themselves in the top half of the Cotswold Hills League (CHL) Premier Division, securing top level cricket for yet another season for 2026. Whilst there have been defeats to some of the lower ranked teams, there have also been stunning victories against top of the league sides too, showing how competitive the team has been. Sandeep Murthy has been the lead batter, scoring over 450 runs at an average of 41, with a top score of 99. From a bowling perspective, Yash Sharma and Sam Cox have taken the most wickets, with 25 each. One of the highlights over the past few months has been Andy McAvan's undefeated 104 to lead Wootton to a victory over Adlestrop in a tricky chase, his first century for the Club.

For the second team, 2025 has been a tough season, with availability issues throughout, but with a couple of games to go, the side is on the verge of securing CHL Division Two cricket for 2026. One victory from the side's final two league games will secure survival, thanks to brilliant victories over Woodbourne (by 1 run!) and previously undefeated Norton Lindsey 1s at home, where Wootton chased down 211 to win. It's not been an easy season, but the side has shown great fight towards the end of the year. Ever reliable skipper Mike Allison has been the main run getter for the side, scoring 427 runs at an average of just under 33. His best performance has been an undefeated 99 to lead his side to victory over Shipston on Stour, on his birthday! In terms of bowling, Devan Lota is the leading wicket taker and has claimed 15 at an average of 15.5.

In the midweek league, Wootton struggled to compete in their first campaign, winning just one of their 6 matches. Barney Dillow scored over 200 runs in the





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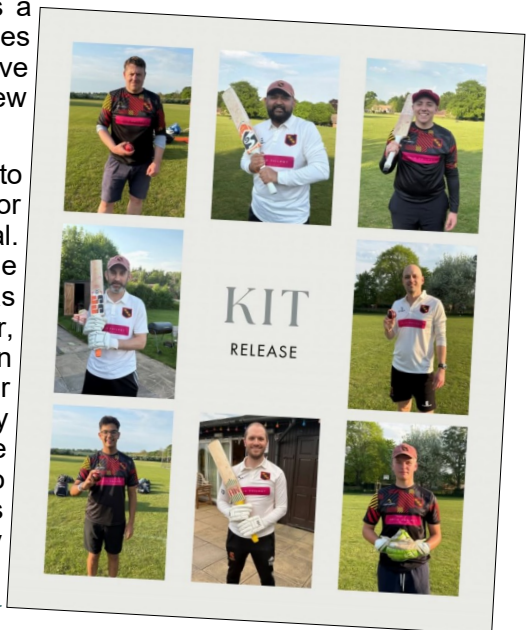


campaign, averaging over 50, whereas Desmond Fernando was Wootton's leading wicket taker with 7 victims. In Sunday cricket, Lewis Couchman was made Wootton's skipper, and his side has enjoyed some good victories during the year. At the time of writing, not all of the matches have been added to the Club website, but since the last update, there have been some standout performances, such as Arslan Awan's century against Bedworth, or Graeme Couchman's 4/20 against Stoneleigh.

There's much more to the Cricket Club than just the matches we play. Over the past couple of years, the Club has hosted Warwickshire youth matches at the War Memorial Recreation Ground and this year there were two fixtures; an Under 15s fixture against S Brown ANZAC EPP side from Australia & New Zealand, and a two-day fixture against Yorkshire Under 14s. Against the S Brown ANZAC match, Warwickshire secured a thrilling 1 wicket victory, chasing 211, in front of a large crowd at the Club. Our southern hemisphere friends were very complimentary of our ground, and the day was a big success. In the case of the Yorkshire match, the game ended in a draw, with young Warwickshire batter Najibullah Qani scoring 122 not out. The fact the Club has been asked to host these matches is a testament to the work that Elliott Haynes-Sorrell and Graeme Couchman have done on the ground over the past few years, so we thank them for their work!

Last but not least, it would be amiss to not mention our new shirt sponsor for 2025 - Julie Philpot Residential. Thanks to the kind sponsorship, the Club updated its playing kit and has joined forces with local supplier, Akuma. Julie Philpot Residential is on both our weekend playing kit and our coloured playing shirts. We are very happy with our new Akuma kit and we thank Julie for her support. We also thank our many matchday sponsors for the season - your help is greatly appreciated.

Tim Dart



For up to date information on the Club, please follow us at:
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REPEAT EVENTS

Every Monday

Bridge Lessons

10:00 at the Sports Club

Young at Heart

14:00 at the Sports Club

Every Wednesday

Gentle Bridge Group

10:00 at the Sports Club

Every Friday

Community Drop-in Café

08:30-12:00 at the back of Church

Friday Night Fitness

18:00-19:00 at the Sports Club

Monday, 1 September

Autumn Term Starts (Teacher Training Day)

www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Wednesday, 3 September

Parish Council Meeting

19:30 at the Village Hall

Friday, 5 September

Lloyds Tour of Britain Stage 4: Warwickshire*

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycletour

* Note: **Lloyds Tour of Britain Men** will not pass through Leek Wootton, or any Warwick District towns, but will go through Cubbington

Saturday, 6 September

Community Live!

13:00 at the Village Hall



Saturday & Sunday, 6 & 7 September **Leamington Food & Drink Festival**

<https://leamingtonfoodfestival.co.uk>

Sunday, 7 September

Summer Teas

provided by the Bellringers

15:00 – 17:00 in All Saints' Churchyard

10-12 September

James May & Oz Clarke's Charity Bike Challenge with Armonico Consort

www.armonico.org.uk/bike2025

12 – 21 September

Heritage Open Days

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Saturday, 13 September

The Sausage & Cider Festival

www.sausageandciderfest.co.uk/warwick

Sunday, 14 September

PCC Meeting

After morning service at All Saints' Church

Tuesday, 16 September

Kenilworth Probud I Club

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Leek Wootton WI

19:45 at the Village Hall

29 September – 5 October

Warwick Words History Festival

www.warwickwords.co.uk

Friday, 3 October

Macmillan: Big Coffee Morning

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Image: Genny Wilson



Two fire engines attended a garden fire in the Elms, gaining access from Hill Wootton Road, 11 Aug



Image: Jonathan Kingston



"My grandfather used to say that only very occasionally in your life do you need a doctor, a lawyer, or a preacher... But every day, three times a day, you need a farmer."

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New covers for the cricket ground

Visitors to the Community Café, enjoying coffee and biscuits, paused at 11am for a 2-minute silence on VJ Day to remember the fallen, 15 Aug