

# ETTINGTON AND FULREADY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## May 2026

*May arrives with its gentle promise: longer days, warmer sunshine, and that unmistakable feeling that the world is waking up again. It is the month that pushes us outdoors, inviting us to stretch our legs, breathe deeply, and reconnect with the nature that surrounds our villages. The hedgerows are greening, birdsong is louder, and the air itself seems to carry a little more optimism.*

*This is a wonderful time to get active, not just physically, but socially. If you have ever thought about getting involved in village life but were not sure where to begin, May is your moment. Trying something new does not have to be grand or intimidating. Join a group, lend a hand at an event, learn a skill, or simply show up and meet someone you have not spoken to before. Stepping outside your comfort zone, even just a little, can open the door to connection, appreciation, and the feeling that you are part of something bigger, that you belong.*

*Small acts of kindness are more than enough. A smile, a shared conversation or a helping hand, these gestures ripple outward. As the saying goes, what goes around comes around. When we give a little of ourselves, we often receive far more in return at some point.*

*Most of all, May reminds us to feel alive. To savour the privilege of living in a place where nature is not a distant idea but a daily companion. We are lucky to walk paths lined with wildflowers, to hear the wind in the trees, to fill our lungs with fresh air. Let's enjoy it fully, freely and with gratitude.*

*Here is to a month of warmth, renewal, and community spirit. May it inspire us all to step outside, reach out, and make a difference in ways both big and beautifully small.*

*Rennie, the editor*

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Dear friends,

Tiredness. We all feel tired sometimes. And actually, it's something that creeps up on us - so subtly, so unexpectedly that we don't even realise it. In fact - many, many people are chronically tired. Tiredness is a pandemic. Oops, there's that word again. We're tired of that, too. Tiredness is physical, emotional ..... even spiritual. People carrying around heavy burdens - and so many cry out "*Oh God, I need a rest*". But the last thing they expect is for God to answer. That's sad - because God wants to deal with our tiredness. I mean, actually deal with it. And just in case you should think that this is something new. That this tiredness and exhaustion is something that's exclusively related to the 20th Century. Have a listen to this, this is what Jesus said 2000 years ago. "*Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you'll find rest for your soul. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*" Carrying heavy burdens is nothing new. He wasn't talking to people burnt out by an industrial age. They were a simple agrarian subsistence economy. We all carry heavy burdens from time to time.

Greek mythology came up with Atlas. You've seen the picture of a man stooped over carrying the weight of the world on his shoulders. I guess that's how many people feel. The heavy burdens that Jesus was talking about, come in so many different shapes and sizes. I've carried a few of them around in my day and I'm sure that you have too.

Sometimes we're just plain working too hard and we need a rest. Or there are pressures at work or at home and it feels like we're living in a pressure cooker. And my hunch is that that's not how we're meant to live. Sometimes it's relationships, a particular person who's hurting us or who's betrayed us or who's ignoring us or who's fighting with us or who's trying to squeeze us into some mould into which we don't fit. Sometimes it's because we're trying to do things or to be things we were never meant to do or be. Sometimes the burdens about our self-esteem or self-worth. We compare ourselves with other people and we come up with a conclusion that we just don't match up. Or sometimes it's money problems, 'I've lost my job, I don't have a job'. Many people today can't even find the money for food. Those are real burdens. Sometimes it's a loneliness, that feels like a padded prison cell where we scream and no-one can hear us. Do you see how this list goes on and on?

So often these burdens are so hard to get away from and to put down and to rest from and I've come to the conclusion as the self-reliant individual that I am, I just can't do that on my own. Here's the thing, I believe, we don't have to. God wants to take our burdens, to give us rest. I believe that God hears our cries and is there for us. Remember Jesus' words "*Come to me all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.*"

*Rev'd Nicki*

<b>STOURDENE BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA - May 2026</b>					
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Readings/Notes</b>
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>  <b>EASTER 5</b>  <b>WHITE</b>	9.30am	Alderminster	Morning Worship	NC	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14  Times of Butler's, Alderminster & Newbold swapped for this service only
	9.30am	Halford	CW Communion	DJ	
	11am	Ettington	CW Communion	DJ	
	11am	Newbold	Morning Worship APCM	NC	
	11am	Pillertons	Morning Worship	AGP	
	5pm	Butlers	Evensong - APCM Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	NC	
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	10am	Newbold	CW Communion	NC	
<b>Sunday 10th</b>  <b>EASTER 6</b>  <b>WHITE</b>	8.30am	Pillertons Priors Village Hall	BCP Communion	NC	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
	9.30am	Butlers Marston	CW Communion	NC	
	9.30am	Halford	Morning Worship	AGP	
	10am	Ettington	Morning Worship	AGP	
	11am	Alderminster	CW Communion - APCM	NC	
<b>Thursday 14th</b> <b>ASCENSION DAY</b> <b>WHITE</b>	6pm	<b>TO BE CONFIRMED</b>	<b>DEANERY SERVICE</b>		
<b>Sunday 17th</b>  <b>EASTER 7</b>  <b>WHITE</b>	8.30	Ettington	BCP Communion	NC	Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11 John 17:1-11
	9.30am	Halford	Morning Worship APCM	NC	
	9.30am	Alderminster	CW Communion	DJ	
	9.30am	Butlers Marston	Family Service	AGP	
	11am	Newbold	CW Communion	DJ	
	3pm	Pillertons	ROGATION SERVICE followed by tea & cake	NC	
<b>Sunday 24th</b>  <b>PENTECOST</b>  <b>RED</b>	8.30am	Halford	CW Communion	NC	Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23
	10am	Ettington	Café Church	NC	
	9.30am	Pillertons	CW Communion	DJ	
	11am	Butlers Marston	BCP Communion	DJ	
	10 am	Alderminster	Morning Worship	AGP	
<b>Sunday 31st</b> <b>TRINITY</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	11am	<b>VICARAGE GARDEN</b>	<b>BENEFICE SERVICE &amp; BBQ</b>	NC	Genesis 1:1-2:4a. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

## ETTINGTON CHURCH, PART OF THE STOURDENE GROUP OF CHURCHES

Visit the **Stourdene website** at [stourdene.com](http://stourdene.com), where you will find contact information for all 6 Stourdene churches and information relating to life events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

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Contact **Revd Nicki Chatterton**, Rector of Stourdene, on email [chat2rev.nicki@gmail.com](mailto:chat2rev.nicki@gmail.com) or call **07769 871237**.

### Bible Book Club and Bible Study

The Bible Book Club will next meet **in Ettington Church on Tuesday, 5th May at 1.30 pm** to discuss Chapters 6 and 7 of the Dave Tomlinson book. The Bible Study group continues to work through the study book called 'Questions God Asks' and continues to meet every Wednesday evening in each other's homes at **7.30 pm**. Newcomers are welcome to join either of these friendly and relaxed groups. Contact Jane Evans at [janealisonevans@gmail.com](mailto:janealisonevans@gmail.com) or 07802 348309.



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# LEGO CAFÉ

**Ettington Church**  
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22nd February	26th July
22nd March	27th September
26th April	25th October
24th May	22nd November

**Fun for all ages!**



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### ETTINGTON MONDAY CLUB

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Our May meeting will be held on **Monday, May 11th at 2 pm** in the small hall of the community centre, when our speaker will be Arthur Ball, whose talk will be entitled Unst Final Frontier. It is about his visit to Britain's most northerly inhabited island, Shetland.

Visitors are most welcome at a charge of £3 to include refreshments. For further details, please contact Jackie Collins 07811579273 or Pat Beatty 01789740192.

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## Lent Lunch - A Wonderful Coming Together

by Steve Lowe

At the beginning of April, Ettington Church was delighted to host this year's Lent Lunch, and what a lovely occasion it proved to be. With over 50 people attending, the church was full of warmth, conversation and that unmistakable sense of community that makes these gatherings so special.

For those less familiar, Lent Lunches are a long-standing tradition in many churches during the season of Lent - a time of reflection leading up to Easter. They are typically simple meals, often of soup and bread, bringing people together in fellowship while also raising money for charitable causes. This year, we were proud to support Christian Aid, and thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised a fantastic £210.

Of course, "simple" is perhaps not quite the word for what was on offer! Guests were treated to an incredible selection of 14 different homemade soups - from comforting classics like leek and potato, to more adventurous options such as red pepper and lentil, pea and mint, and cream of mushroom. All were lovingly prepared by members of the congregation and friends of the church, creating something of a *tasting menu* experience (with many happily going back for a second - or even third - bowl!).

The soups were perfectly complemented by freshly baked bread, including delicious local sourdough from Midnight Bakery, which went down a treat.

All in all, it was a super event - generously supported, full of good company, and raising funds for a truly worthwhile cause. A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who made soups, helped organise, served on the day, or simply came along to enjoy it.

## ETTINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ettington Community Centre is a perfect venue for parties, business meetings, workshops and self-catering christening/baptism parties, weddings and wakes. With three differently sized rooms available, space can be configured to suit your needs flexibly.

The centre is served by superfast broadband, which is available throughout the building.

Regular classes include:

\*Cheeky Chimps Toddler Group \*Keep Fit/Fit Steps/Zumba/Pilates/Bounce Fit classes \*Ladies' badminton \*Mosaic classes \*Tai chi classes \*Brownies \*Monday Club \*Snooker Club \*Slimming World \*Rock Church



**For Ettington Community Centre bookings and enquiries, please contact Eva Lowe on 07975 682775 or email [booking@ettingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk](mailto:booking@ettingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk).**

**Tea Dances** with music to dance and sing to for all the different charities we support each year take place **in the main hall of the Community Centre every second Wednesday of the month from 2.30 pm. Next session is on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.** There's lovely CD music to sing to, listen to or dance to like Waltzes, Quicksteps, Cha Cha Cha and Rumba. It costs £5 per person, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Further details can be obtained from **Alan and Vivian** on **01789 204989** or by email to [ilov2getherdancing@hotmail.com](mailto:ilov2getherdancing@hotmail.com). **Everyone Welcome.**



### **Mobile Library in Ettington**

The van will continue to visit on a **Wednesday** and stop at The Chequers from 11:05 to 11:25. The date is **6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. For all enquiries or to renew books, telephone **01926 851031** or renew online at [Warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://Warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries).

### **Dial a Ride UBUS Service in Ettington**

UBUS dial a ride community transport service operates in Ettington and surrounding villages on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.30 am-2.30 pm. Travel locally and into Stratford-upon-Avon to go shopping, visit friends or attend social groups. To register with UBUS or for more information, please **call 01789 264491** between 8.30 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. Return journey fare from £6.00.



## **ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**



### **Parish Council meeting: developer to present plans for 40 new homes**

Before the May **meeting of Ettington Parish Council on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May**, Spitfire Developments will present their proposals for a development of 40 houses on Old Warwick Road to the Council. The meeting begins at **7.00 pm** at the Community Centre.

Residents are welcome to come along and observe the presentation. However, this is a presentation to the Parish Council - questions cannot be taken from the public at that stage.

The meeting will move directly into the regular May meeting of the Parish Council once the presentation is complete, which includes the usual public session where residents can raise matters with the Council.

**Please note:** no planning application has yet been submitted. The Parish Council cannot formally consider or respond to the proposals until an application is submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council, which is expected in the summer. Once submitted, residents will have the opportunity to make their views known through the formal planning process.

For further information, please contact the clerk at [clerk@ettingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ettingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

# Charity Plant and Home Produce Sales



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Ettington stall will be held at:  
Ettington Garden Cafe, Ettington  
CV37 7TB**

Additional stalls will be popping up in Barcheston,  
Brailes, Cherington, Great Wolford,  
Idlicote (on May 23<sup>rd</sup>), Kineton, Long Compton, Shipston  
Tysoe (tbc), Wellesbourne, Whatcote & Whichford

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### New Walk-In Blood Test Service at Ellen Badger Medical Unit

Residents of Ettington and the surrounding areas can now benefit from a convenient new walk-in blood testing service at the Ellen Badger Medical Unit in Shipston-on-Stour.

The service is available **Monday to Friday, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**, and does **not require an appointment**. Patients can simply attend during these hours, making it a quick and flexible option for those needing routine blood tests.

The unit is located in the original Ellen Badger hospital building (CV36 4AX) and is easily accessible. Many patients are already finding the service fast and efficient, with visits often taking just a few minutes. To use the service, patients must bring a **valid blood test request form** from their GP or healthcare professional.



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## Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership: Working Together for Healthier Rural Communities

The Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership (SHWP) continues to play a vital role in supporting residents across Shipston and the wider Stour Valley to live healthier, happier lives.

Now entering an exciting new chapter, SHWP is led by Kirsty Holder, recently appointed as Chief Executive. Kirsty brings extensive experience in community-based organisations and is focused on strengthening collaboration with councils, communities and local partners, while ensuring wellbeing and prevention remain at the heart of SHWP's work.



SHWP recognises that rural communities face distinct challenges - including limited access to services, transport constraints, patchy broadband and an increasingly older population - all of which can deepen isolation and loneliness. The Partnership's role is to listen, understand local priorities and work collaboratively to develop sustainable, community-led solutions.

Over the past five years, SHWP has built a strong foundation in Shipston on Stour, thanks to the dedication of Community Builder Rowena Webb, the Partnership's trustees and a committed team of volunteers. What began as a small, volunteer-led initiative has grown into a trusted local organisation, with popular and well-attended Community Hubs at the Ellen Badger Hospital offering seated exercise, practical demonstrations, social activities, and family support, including the Stour Toy Library.

Activities such as Pickleball and Indoor Curling have also grown in popularity - not only in Shipston but in Brailes and Ilmington - supporting physical wellbeing while creating friendly, welcoming spaces for connection and mutual support.

Building on this momentum, SHWP is now extending its work into surrounding rural communities. To support this, Claudine Pearson has joined the team as Rural Community Builder, working alongside Rowena to strengthen local connections and ensure rural communities are heard, supported and able to access the same opportunities.

Contact [hello@shwp.org.uk](mailto:hello@shwp.org.uk) or visit [www.shwp.org.uk](http://www.shwp.org.uk) for more information.

**Shipston Repair Café** - The Repair Café takes place on the second Saturday of each month.

Bring along broken or damaged items and have them looked at by friendly, skilled volunteers. From small furniture repairs to mending clothing and jewellery, the Repair Café is a chance to fix items, share skills, and meet others.

Light refreshments are available while you wait (£2).  
Items will be accepted for repair until 1.00 pm.

Saturday 9 May, Ellen Badger Hospital  
10.00 am - 2.00 pm



## A Dying Matters Event - "Everything You Are Dying to Know"

Saturday 16 May | 10 am - 2 pm | Ellen Badger Community Hospital

Join us for an open, supportive, and informative session that brings together experienced professionals to guide you through the essential elements of planning for later life and beyond, from managing your online presence and legal preparations to conversations around care and choice. Whether you're starting to think about planning ahead or helping someone you love, this event offers a safe space to learn, connect, and ask the questions that matter to you.

Free parking, with refreshments - and cake - included.

### Panel 1: End-of-Life Care, Q&A

Jan Flynn, Shipston Medical Centre; Anna Briggs, Shipston Home Nursing

### Panel 2: Let's Talk About Funerals - "What if...?" • "Can I...?" • "What happens to...?"

Rachel Locke, R Locke & Son Funeral Directors; Reverend Sarah Edmonds, St Edmunds Church

**DYING MATTERS**  
**Everything you are dying to know**  
... planning ahead for end of life  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 10am - 1pm**  
**The Ellen Badger Hospital, Shipston on Stour**

**Representatives from:**  
MIND  
R Locke & Son  
St Edmund's Church  
Shipston Home Nursing  
Shipston Medical Centre  
SHWP  
Sunrising Natural Burial Ground  
The Warwickshire Celebrant  
The Will Guys  
Tidy Mind Tidy Home.  
And others....

**Talks with Q&A**  
10.30am: **End of Life Care**, what to expect and how to plan.  
Jan Flynn SMC, Anna Briggs SHN  
11.30am: **Let's Talk about Funerals - funeral myth busting.**  
Rev. Sarah Edmonds Maguire,  
George Locke

**Free, 'drop in' event**  
**Free refreshments and parking**

What happens to my digital footprint after my death?  
What does the dying process look like?  
What is Power of Attorney and how can I organise it?  
How can I find bereavement support in the community?

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**R. Locke & Son** Generations of Care  
**SHWP** Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership  
**SMC** Shipston Medical Centre  
**SHIPSTON HOME NURSING** PALLIATIVE CARE AT HOME



Carers4Carers - your local support group for family carers. We usually meet on the fourth Friday of the month (except December when it's the second Friday) from 10:30 to 12 noon at Kineton Village Hall. Loved ones are welcome too – they can join our Companionship Group during the meeting.

**Friday 22nd May.** We'll be joined by Warwickshire Vision to learn more about what they can offer people living in Warwickshire who are sight-impaired. There will also be plenty of time for chat and refreshments.

For further details about our group or help with transport arrangements to/from our meetings, please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, send an email to [kcarers4carers@gmail.com](mailto:kcarers4carers@gmail.com), or explore our website [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk) (new website under construction).

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**ALDERMINSTER GARDENING CLUB** May meeting will be an afternoon visit on **Tuesday, 12th May, 2.30 p.m.** Beechhurst, 3 Warwick Rd, Southam.Cv47 0HN. Meet at the village hall 1.50p.m, to travel as a group or go straight there (easy to find). Cost is £9.00, includes refreshments, pay on the day, numbers needed week before, please call Gill on 01789 621053, visitors welcome.



# KINETON ART GROUP EXHIBITION

**Saturday 9th &  
Sunday 10th May**



**Open 10am - 4pm**

**Kinerton Village Hall  
Mill Street, Kinerton  
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**Free Entry**

**Tombola, Cake & Refreshments**



## Astronomical Society News *by Adrian Wakeham and Dave Benton*

The Stratford-upon-Avon Astronomical Society meets every first and third Tuesday at 8 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm) at Alderminster Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, especially beginners and those wanting to learn more. The first Tuesday is a Club Night; in May, that will be on 5th May, and the speaker on the third Tuesday, 19th May 2026, will be Dr Tim Pearce from Warwick University, with a talk called "Kuiper Belts Around Other Stars". Please note that the speakers usually start quite promptly at 8pm.

Each month one of our members, Adrian Wakeham, writes an article on aspects of astronomical observation.

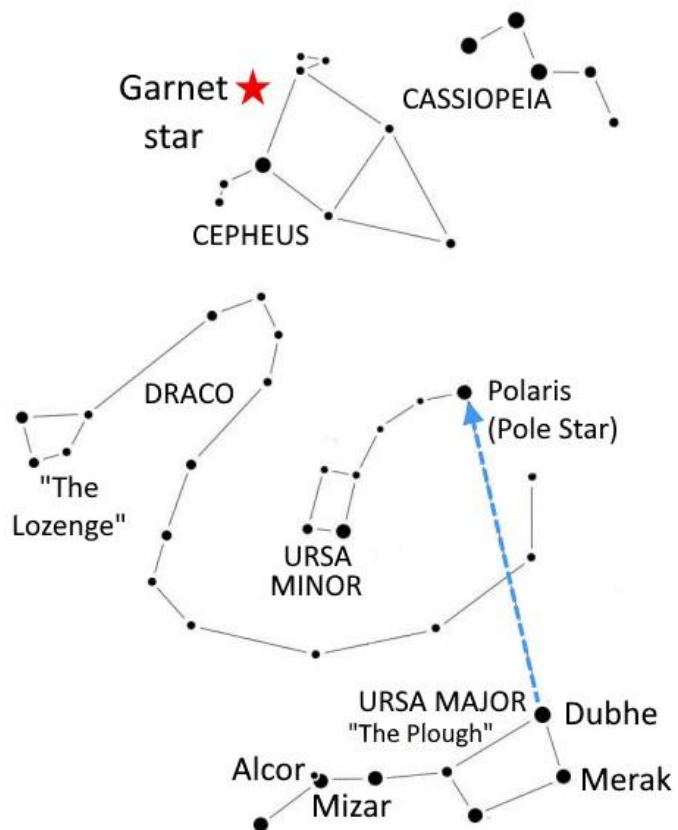
### The Circumpolar Stars.

The night sky has fascinated humanity for centuries, with its shifting patterns and enduring mysteries. Among the myriad of stars visible each evening, some never set below the horizon and are present throughout the year, offering a constant backdrop to our celestial observations.

The stars which are visible all year round are called Circumpolar Stars. The stars that make up these vary with your longitude (or which hemisphere you are in). In Warwickshire, we are about 52 degrees North in latitude, meaning we have 5 circumpolar constellations, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Cassiopeia, Cepheus and Draco. So they are visible all year round, yet they often get ignored. The Moon and planets don't pass in front of them either.

One star everyone can name, Polaris (the North Star), is to be found in this region. It is the 46<sup>th</sup> brightest star but easily visible to the naked eye, at 431 light-years distance. Its notoriety is its position, roughly above the North Pole. Well, it is at the moment. As the Earth is rotating on its axis, it wobbles (like a spinning top does), which is called precession. The North Star's position varies over a 12,000-year cycle, so it wasn't the pole star at the time of Jesus's birth!

Credited to Julia Waller, the club secretary



To find it, go to the Plough asterism (or the Big Dipper) in Ursa Major. The far side of it (opposite the handle) are the pointer stars Merak and Dubhe. Go north, 3 times that spacing, to reach the Pole Star.

Also, in the Plough, take a good look at the third star in the handle. With good eyesight or a pair of binoculars will reveal it's a double star. These are Mizar and Alcor. They are thought to be loosely gravitationally bonded.

The next major constellation is Cassiopeia, the 'W'. It is a good 'sighting' constellation. Below the first 'V' is Perseus, including the Double Cluster - a duo of star clusters. These are just visible to the naked eye but beautiful in binoculars. The second 'V' points to (2 ½ times that distance) a cloudy patch. This is the Andromeda Galaxy, our nearest galaxy neighbour at 2 ½ million light years. Again, this is best viewed with binoculars or telescope.

One of my favourite stars is to be found in Cepheus, which looks like a childish house shape between the pole star and Cassiopeia. Just below the baseline, is a dull, obvious red star. This is the Garnet Star, a red supergiant almost at the end of its life and about 2,900 light years away. It's huge and, if it replaced the Sun, it would reach out to Saturn's Orbit.

The final constellation to mention is Draco. It's large and stretches below Cepheus and between Ursa Minor and Ursa Major. Apart from the Lozenge, a group of 3 stars by Cepheus. It can appear a bit boring to be honest.

Club Nights offer more information on what to look out for each month. If it is clear we do some observing just outside the Village Hall, so please join us. There is no charge initially to come along and find out more, but if you do want to become a member then the fee is just £15 a year and it's free if you are in full-time education. For more details go to the website <http://www.astro.org.uk> or contact the Chair, John Waller [john.waller@astro.org.uk](mailto:john.waller@astro.org.uk) or on 07703 192188.

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**1. Question:** May is generally believed to be named after which Greek goddess of spring and fertility?

- A) Aphrodite
- B) Maia
- C) Hera
- D) Flora

**2. Question:** What is the traditional birthstone for May, representing love and success?

- A) Emerald
- B) Diamond
- C) Pearl
- D) Sapphire

**3. Question:** Which two zodiac signs fall in May?

- A) Aries & Taurus
- B) Taurus & Gemini
- C) Gemini & Cancer
- D) Taurus & Cancer

**4. Question:** In the Northern Hemisphere, which spring flower is considered the primary birth flower of May?

- A) Daffodil
- B) Rose
- C) Lily of the Valley
- D) Daisy

**5. Question:** Often observed on May 5th, Cinco de Mayo commemorates a Mexican military victory over which country in 1862?

- A) The United States
- B) Spain
- C) France
- D) England

**6. Question:** Which famous NYC skyscraper officially opened on May 1, 1931?

- A) The Chrysler Building
- B) The Empire State Building
- C) The World Trade Center
- D) The Flatiron Building

**7. Question:** "May the Fourth be with You" is a phrase associated with which global theme day held on May 4th?

- A) International Space Day
- B) World Book Day
- C) Star Wars Day
- D) Teacher Appreciation Day

**8. Question:** In Old English, May was sometimes referred to as *Thrimilce*. What does this name mean, and what is its benefit in the spring season?

- A) Three flowers
- B) Three days of rain
- C) Three milkings (cows could be milked three times a day)
- D) Three harvests

**9. Question:** In the United States, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. What was this holiday originally called?

- A) Veterans Day
- B) Decoration Day
- C) Freedom Day
- D) Patriot Day

**10. Question:** Which famous ocean liner began its maiden voyage in May 1969?

- A) The Titanic
- B) The Lusitania
- C) Queen Elizabeth 2
- D) The Queen Mary

Answers: 1. B, 2. A, 3. B, 4. C, 5. C, 6. B, 7. C, 8. C, 9. B, 10. C.

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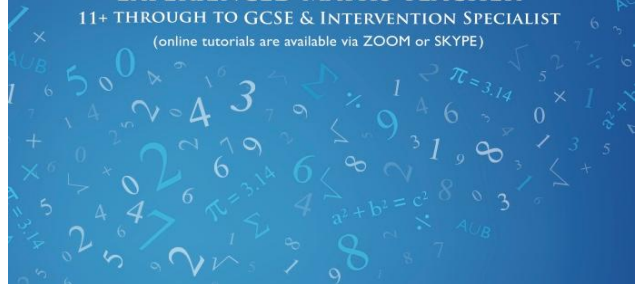


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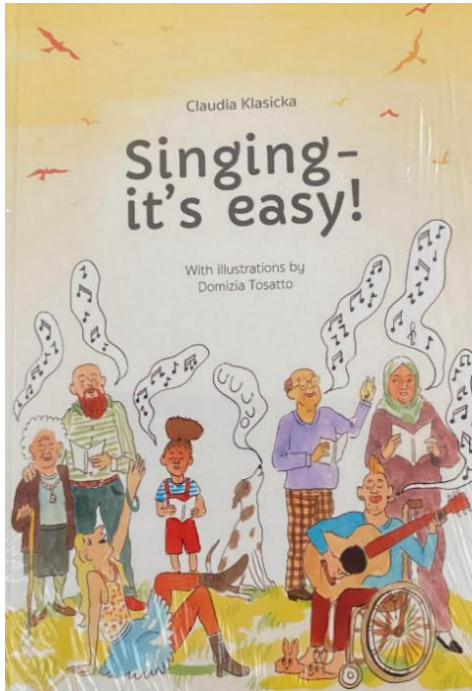


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