

# **Your Village News - And What's on!**

## **Hamstall Ridware Parish Magazine**



**Fete Report**

**Jane Austen Tea Party**

**Police pop up surgery**

**Ride and Stride**

**Harvest Festival 21 September**

## **August - September 2025**

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## **UNITED BENEFICE OF KINGS BROMLEY, THE RIDWARES and YOXALL**

Revised Service Rota from September 2023: Church Patronal Festivals will be United Benefice services. Everyone welcome at any of our services

	<b>Hamstall Ridware</b> St Michael and All Angels	<b>Yoxall</b> St Peter	<b>Kings Bromley</b> All Saints	<b>Mavesyn Ridware</b> St Nicholas
<b>1st Sunday in Month</b>	9.00am Said Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	4/5pm GMT/BST Said Communion	10.30am Morning Service
<b>2nd Sunday in Month</b>	4/5pm GMT/BST Said Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	
<b>3rd Sunday in Month</b>	10.30pm Holy Communion	4/5pm GMT/BST Said Communion	9.00am Said Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
<b>4th Sunday in Month</b>	10.30am Morning service	9.00am Said Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	4/5pm GMT/BST Holy Communion
<b>5th Sunday in Month</b>	Benefice service – to be arranged			

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## From the Editor

I start with apologies for the slightly late arrival of this magazine: hopefully it will be in all households in time to the first event mentioned!

We have had yet another successful fête, ably coordinated this year by Val Richards, see report on page 8. Thanks too to Robin Wain for his photographs and for the cover photograph this edition. Just over a month later we hosted a Jane Austen tea party, see page 9 which included tours of the church and grounds and for which we were blessed with glorious weather, see page 9. Thanks to the team of people led by Jo Berriman who worked so hard to make this event so successful.

John Ferguson reports on the latest repairs to our grade one listed church (p12). Coincidentally this September is the month of the Ride and Stride event. Do think of enjoying a day out travelling by whatever means you like, visiting churches and raising money for their continued preservation: page 11.

The first big event however is VJ day on 15 August, the celebrations mainly being hosted in Yoxall, including a big band at the Golden Cup from 3:00 PM, page 12.

The next is the celebration of 10 years with Nikki and team running our very own Shoulder of Mutton - on Sunday 24th August (p13). Definitely the place to be that day.

There is info on the community café and our Harvest festival and the Abbots Bromley horn dance on page 15. We have another reminder on the link up bus and a message from our latest PCSO on page 10.

We again have our usual articles, for which again thank you to our contributors. For Food bank donations, see page 21. If you know anyone who needs foodbank help do contact any member of the PCC. Donations, of food, toiletries and especially of cash are always appreciated.

A copy of this magazine is available on [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4451/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4451/) from a few days before delivery of the printed copies. Do contact the editor if you would like to have a copy of the magazine emailed to you.

Copy date for the October - November magazine is Saturday 19 July.

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# UNITED BENEFICE OF KINGS BROMLEY, THE RIDWARES and YOXALL

August - September 2025. Everyone welcome at any of our services

	<b>Hamstall Ridware</b> St Michael & All Angels	<b>Yoxall</b> St Peters	<b>Kings Bromley</b> All Saints	<b>Mavesyn Ridware</b> St Nicholas
<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 6</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Service of the Word	<b>9.00 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>5 pm</b> Evening prayer
<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Trinity 7</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>5.00 pm</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>August 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 8</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at All Saints, King's Bromley			
<b>August 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 9</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Peter's, Yoxall			
<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 10</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Hamstall Ridware			
<b>August 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Trinity 11</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at All Saints, King's Bromley			
<b>September 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 12</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Mavesyn Ridware			
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 13</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Trinity 14</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Harvest Festival	<b>5.00 pm</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.00 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion
<b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St Michael and All Angels</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Patronal festival and United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Hamstall Ridware			
<b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 16</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Harvest Festival	<b>4.00 pm</b> Harvest Praise
<b>October 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 17</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.30 am</b> Harvest Festival		

There is also a 30 minute service (check website), usually a said communion, at 10.00 am Wednesdays at Yoxall.

# ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS – HAMSTALL RIDWARE

**August - September 2025. For latest info see <https://kbhmy.co.uk/hamstall/>**

If you are unable to fulfil a particular duty, please arrange to 'swap' with someone else on the rota.

Sidesman/unlocking: Sunday and preceding 6 days: 10am to 6pm BST (4pm GMT)

DATE	BELLS & GREETING	SIDESMAN (& unlock week before)	COFFEE	READERS	(week before)	
					CLEANERS	FLOWERS
<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 6</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	S Elsom J Burgess	J Ferguson	J Burgess G Burgess	S Elsom J Burgess		V Richards
<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Trinity 7</b> <b>9.00 am</b>	C Smart -	D Rudge	P Carter L Carter	S Elsom D Rudge	L Carter L Leigh	
<b>August 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 8</b>		M Elsom (opening church and preceding week)				P Barlow T Gibson
<b>August 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 9</b>		D Leigh (opening church and preceding week)			V Richards J Berriman	
<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 10</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	J Burgess J Ferguson	C Smart	D Leigh L Leigh	J Burgess C Smart		L Leigh
<b>August 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Trinity 11</b>		P Carter (opening church and preceding week)			E Riley J Parker	
<b>September 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 12</b>	-	M Elsom (opening church and preceding week)				S Bostock
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 13</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	P Carter -	J Ferguson	-	P Carter J Ferguson	S Elsom S Bostock	
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>HARVEST</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	S Elsom S Bostock	D Rudge	S Elsom S Bostock	S Elsom S Bostock		All Florists
<b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St Michael A Angels</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	J Ferguson L Carter	C Smart	J Ferguson C Smart	C Smart J Ferguson	P Carter C Smart	
<b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 16</b> <b>9.00 am</b>	L Carter -	P Carter	P Carter L Carter	P Carter D Rudge		L Carter
<b>October 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity 17</b> <b>4.00 pm</b>	C Smart -	D Leigh	-	C Smart P Carter	L Carter L Leigh	

Thank you to everyone for helping with church services. Cleaning only alternate weeks but on call in blank weeks for a funeral or wedding if notified: August: P Carter/C Smart; September, V Richards/J Berriman

## **From our Rector, the Revd Jeremy Brading**

In 1953 whilst attending Her Majesty the Queen's coronation luncheon at Westminster Hall, Winston Churchill was reported to have remarked "study history, study history; in history lie all the secrets of state craft". To those engaged with 'statecraft' today, August carries with it two sobering moments for reflection.

On 15th August, VJ Day (Victory over Japan) day will be commemorated. In Yoxall, this will take the form of a commemoration thanksgiving service, gathered around the war memorial (6.30pm, 15 August). Whilst planning how to mark this important occasion, I found a photo of Australian servicemen celebrating the news of the Japanese surrender. They were looked forward etc returning home, because these servicemen were prisoners of war. They were incarcerated in a living hell on earth. Such was their experience as prisoners, that this photo shows these servicemen each with severed limbs. Whilst in the camps, evidently they had had to make their own rudimentary prosthetics.

The experience of these men and countless others like them, marks them as survivors of the manic 'total war' that Japan (and Germany) inflicted on the Allies. At the Potsdam Conference (July 1945), it was the lived experience of total war that convinced Churchill, Truman and Stalin to drop the atomic bomb. The first of these detonated over Hiroshima during the morning rush hour on the 6th August 1945. Thus the 6th August 2025, is the second date on which our global politicians should reflect over Churchill's point about state craft. The fact that Churchill's bust once again sits proudly in the Oval Office, may provide a vague source of optimism that this will happen - but only assuming that the current occupant is concerned with warnings from history.

For quite different reasons, the 6th August has always been a significant feast day in the Church. A Feast day, this date celebrates the transfiguration of Jesus, which in turn is recorded by the synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–13, Luke 9:28–36). Atop a mountain, Jesus appearance changes radically. This is witnessed by his inner circle of disciples: Peter, James and John, who see overwhelmingly bright rays of lights emitting from Jesus' person. Furthermore they witness the Old Testament figures Moses (representing the Torah or Law) and Elijah (presenting all the prophets) in conversation with Jesus.

This significance of this event, is that for the first time, Jesus' full divinity is made obvious. Further more, this promises something new concerning the possibility of a close relationship with God. Until this point in time, the biblical teaching of theophany dictated that any person looking directly at God, would die. What the transfiguration tells us is that through Jesus, we can be present in the midst of the theophany of God's overwhelming presence. We are able to look on one another differently, because our common ancestry in God is revealed in he person of Jesus. If we can demonstrate any learning at all from the events considered on the 6th and 15th August, then surely we need to redouble our efforts as a global society to look at what we share in common, and be thankful for those things.

*Revd Jeremy Brading*

Parish Priest of Kings Bromley, the Ridwares & Yoxall

## Dates for your diary

Take a Break Café 10.30 – 12 noon (& every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

Churchyard Working parties & each 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 5 pm

Ridware WI Annual Birthday Party, Pipe Ridware Church

National Oatcake Day at the Shoulder

National Fajita Day at the Shoulder

VJ day celebrations, War Memorial, Yoxall, from 6pm

VJ: Big Band at Golden Cup, Yoxall from 3pm

**Treasured Vehicle Day**, K Bromley Show field, 12 noon–4

Bacon Lovers' Day at the Shoulder

**Shoulder of Mutton 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 3pm...**

**Bank Holiday Monday:** Pub open all Day for drinks

**Police pop up Surgery**, Shoulder Car Park 3.15-5pm

National Dog Day, especially at the Shoulder

**Community Café in Church 10.30am – 12.30pm**

National Burger day at the Shoulder

**Abbots Bromley Horn Dance**

Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm at Shoulder

**Ride and Stride**

**Quiz Night at Shoulder, 7.30 for 8pm**

National WI day, Hill Ridware Village Hall, 10am – 12 noon

National Paella Day at the Shoulder

**Copy date for the October - November magazine**

Yoxall and district RBL trip: Cromford Mills & Crich Tramway

Decorating Church for Harvest Festival 9.00am – 12 noon

**Harvest Festival St Michael & All Angels 10.30 am**

**Community Café in Church 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Macmillan Coffee morning at the Shoulder 10.am to 2.pm

Harvest Supper KB Village Hall 7.00pm

Autumn Quiz with Fish and chip supper KB Village Hall

**Bold – selected one off events**

Tuesday	5 August
Tuesday	5 August
Wednesday	6 August
Friday	8 August
Saturday	15 August
Friday	15 August
Saturday	16 August
Sunday	17 August
Wednesday	20 August
Saturday	24 August
Monday	25 August
Tuesday	26 August
Tuesday	26 August
Thursday	28 August
Friday	29 August
Monday	8 September
Monday	8 September
Saturday	13 September
Sunday	14 September
Monday	15 September
Friday	19 September
Friday	19 September
Saturday	20 September
Saturday	20 September
Sunday	21 September
Thursday	25 September
Saturday	27 September
Saturday	11 October
Saturday	22 November

## Abbots Bromley and Yoxall GP surgery training closures

The remaining dates this year when the Surgeries are closed pm for staff training are Wed 24 September; Thu 16 October and Tues 11 November

**Mobile Library dates** (0300 111 8000 option 2) The mobile libraries are in normal service. Our nearest are Yoxall where Mobile 2 Route 4 stops at the Golden Cup from 9.30 to 10.30 and at Ferrers Road from 10.35 to 11.05 on alternate Thursdays. The next dates are 14, 28 August; 11, 25 September; 9, 23 October.

A different mobile library, Mobile 1 Route 10 visits Kings Bromley and Hill Ridware where it stops at Richard Crosse from 10.00 to 11.00 and Henry Chadwick from 1.20 to 2.30 alternate Fridays. The next dates are 8, 22 August; 5, 19 September; 3, 17, 31 October.



## Village Fête Saturday 7th June

Although the weather forecast for fête day was for storms, it didn't keep people away or dampen their spirits, and in the end, the weather was mostly good! and we sold over 240 programmes.



The dog agility and dog show drew a great crowd and was fun both for those on 2 legs and 4 legs. The musical entertainment provided by Big Stone Gap and The Chanteuse choir was amazing. The choir filled the church with people enjoying the beautiful voices and the country music had people



dancing and singing along.

Thanks go out to the tractor and vintage car owners for sharing their prized vehicles and the scouts who attended for the first time with their quiz.

Due to

our keen gardeners, we had a generous amount of plants to sell as well.

The fête is not possible without such a fabulous team of people, so congratulations one and all. Planning for next year's fête will start early in 2026 and we welcome anyone who is keen to

help in

anyway. This year's grand total is over £3500 with some monies yet to come in. Thank you everyone who helped us reach this amount, especially the visitors who support our event.

Val Richards



Photos Robin Wain





## Jane Austen Tea Party 12 July - 250th Anniversary



We were fortunate to have brilliant blue skies and the height of summer sunshine for our celebratory Jane Austen afternoon tea party, which included talks, tours and a display of Regency dancing attended by 100 guests (sold out!)

After a welcome and brief introduction in church, guests were divided into groups and enjoyed a talk by Emma Westwood from the Jane Austen Society West Midlands, a tour of the church and an elegant

afternoon cream tea.

It is widely believed that the Rectory here in Hamstall Ridware served as inspiration for the Parsonage at Barton in *Sense and Sensibility*, Jane having stayed with her cousin, the Rev Edward Cooper, Rector in Hamstall, for some six weeks in 1806.



Thanks to Jo Berriman and her band of Regency ladies who provided a spread of delicious homemade sandwiches, cakes, scones with jam and clotted cream, and tea.

The Lichfield Regency Dance Group provided a delightful touch to the occasion with

costumed demonstrations of period dances. Several guests even took to the dance floor themselves to join in the fun.

The event was not only a joyful celebration of Austen's enduring legacy, but also a tribute to the local history of Hamstall Ridware. It could not have taken place without months of preparation and we are deeply indebted to all the volunteers involved, for making it such a memorable and successful day.

Lucy Leigh; photos John Ferguson



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## Police Pop up Surgery

We will locate the Police van on the Shoulder of Mutton Car Park, Hamstall Ridware on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 3.15pm to 5pm**

We will be available to members of the public who would like to discuss any issues or simply just meet and greet us.

Do come and pay us a visit.

Regards, Maggie Griffiths, Lisa Anderson and Tracy Horton

## Link up bus - update!

The link up bus service pilot sponsored by Lichfield District Council has been extended until November from its original six-month trial which began in January this year. The bus is available between 9 am and 5 pm Mondays to Saturdays until the end of October and costs £3 or for children under 11 and seniors the service is free.

It can be booked up to 7 days in advance, using the LinkUp app or by phone on (0808) 134 6632.

It is an On-Demand bus service available for some villages in the district that lack their own scheduled bus service.

The bus is modern fitted with seatbelts, a large luggage area and charging points by each seat for mobile phones. If you register for an account and download the app providing a mobile phone number, on the day of travel you will get updates giving the bus's estimated pickup time and a text giving notice of the bus's imminent arrival.

The service is cheap and avoids the need to find and pay for parking in town or any other destination within the district. My first journeys were on schedule and convenient. Latterly the bus was quite late, albeit regular updates warned of delay.

The pick up in Hamstall is from the wooden bus stop in Lichfield Road and the set down in Lichfield is at the central bus station. It is a useful rural resource but is a case of **use it or lose it**. If you can make it work but haven't tried it yet, it's worth a go to save on travel costs, including finding parking and to enjoy the view while being driven by somebody else!

John Ferguson






## Meet Your New PCSO - Elaine Ford

Hallo, I am PCSO Elaine Ford, your new Police Community Support Officer covering your area from the **Lichfield Local Policing Team**.

I am here along with Lisa Anderson and Maggie Griffiths to support the community, tackle local issues, and help keep your neighbourhood safe.

Through **Smart Alert**, we'll keep you updated on:

-  Local crime and incidents
-  Crime prevention advice
-  Community meetings and events we'll be attending

I am looking forward to working with you and being a visible, approachable presence in your area. If you see me out and about, please don't hesitate to say hello!

Stay safe, **PCSO Elaine Ford**  
Lichfield Local Policing

## KINGS BROMLEY EVENTS

Treasured Vehicles Day – Sunday 17th August, 11am to 4pm

Due to its success in 2024, Kings Bromley Show Society will be staging another event on the Show Field. All Saints Church will have a fundraising stall selling jigsaws. Any unwanted jigsaws would be very gratefully received. Please contact Judith Berry – 07547 422833 – to arrange delivery or collection. Thank you.

Harvest Supper – 11<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – Village Hall

A fun evening with a hot supper and home-grown entertainment. Bring your own drinks & glasses. Advance ticket only £10.

Autumn Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7pm – Village Hall

Bring your own drinks & glasses. Teams of 4. Advance tickets only, £10 per person



**Join us to keep Staffordshire's historic churches and chapels open and looking beautiful for the future.**

Half of the money you raise for Ride and Stride goes to our church – the other half goes to the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling us to make grants to local

churches and chapels for repair and maintenance costs.

Choose your own route to cycle, walk or drive. See your church rep. for a list of churches open to welcome visitors

For further info /forms, contact Michael Elsom: [michael.elsom@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.elsom@btinternet.com) or 07949 126640





6pm Friday 15 August 2025  
at  
**The Village War Memorial**  
**Yoxall**

You are welcome to join us for a shared moment of celebration, the laying of a wreath to commemorate VJ-Day 80, the end of World War II and the lighting of The Lamp of Peace  
Followed by the Ringing Out for Peace at 6:15pm  
at St Peter's Church

Celebrate afterwards with some Fish & Chips –  
*the only food that wasn't rationed during the war.*  
They taste even better out of newspaper!  
Pre-book your Fish & Chips  
to eat-in or take-away by phoning  
The Golden Cup on 01543 472295



Remember the Big Band at The Golden Cup  
from 3pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Join the Yoxall RBL trip to



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Meeting at The Golden Cup at 9:00am for a bacon butty before  
departing by coach to **Cromford Mills** and **Crich Tramway**  
**Museum** returning about 6:30pm.

You are welcome to join us for supper in The Golden Cup



Tickets: £50 (exc supper)

from Mike Elliott 07969 518215

## Further Church Repairs

The church has recently completed further repair and restoration work to the masonry. This follows its categorisation as urgent within the five yearly survey carried out by the church architect last year. The work focused on the north aisle at both the western and the eastern ends. Heavily weathered stone – some of it probably original 14th century masonry – was cut out and replaced with local Hollington stone. Joints were set and pointed using traditional lime mortar. All this work comes at a cost however, and for both ends of the aisle the total bill on this occasion was £4500.

We were most fortunate in securing some help with the costs of this work from the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust\* who have been kind enough to help us in the past, and also Lasletts Charity. The latter is a Worcestershire-based charity, which includes Anglican parish churches amongst those it is prepared to assist.

Nevertheless, this essential work is a significant drain on church resources, which must now also look ahead to further essential work to the north eaves of the north aisle, and also to each of the North aisle buttresses. We are also glad to again acknowledge the skilled work of our mason, Paul Beardsmore.

John Ferguson

\*See notice of Ride and Stride page 11



# News from

**Opening hours: Mon-Thur 12-2.30; 5-11  
Fri 12-2.30; 4-11; Sat-Sun 12noon-11pm  
Food served: Mon-Sat 12-2; 5-8.30, Sun  
12-4 Please book for food on 01889 504488**



An exciting couple of months ahead including our **10th Anniversary Celebrations on 24th August**. So grab your diaries and jot down all the dates!

## August

Friday 8th – National Oatcake Day – Come and enjoy the various fillings, and sample some locally made Staffordshire Oatcakes accompanied by Blythe Bitters, Yoxall Ciders, soft drinks & Award winning Ales.

Saturday 16th National Fajita Day – Lunchtime & Evening, enjoy a Mexican delight with all the trimmings.

Wednesday 20th – Bacon Lover's Day – Indulge in some Tasty Bacon delights from the kitchen, 12-2pm 5-8.30pm

## **Sunday 24th – 3pm on - Shoulder of Mutton 10th Anniversary Celebrations!**

**Live Music - Games - Inflatables - Fancy Dress Competition  
Free Food from The Street Food Emporium Co.**

Monday 25th – Bank Holiday Monday – Open all day for drinks – Food at usual food service times

Tuesday 26th – National Dog Day – Bring along your 4 legged friend for a drink and a yummy treat.

Friday 29th – Burgers!!!! - National Burger day is here with a wide range to choose from, Vegetarian & Vegan too!

## September

1st -31st – It's Mushroom Month – Indulge in dishes made for munching! Book on 01889 504488

1st - 7th – Love Lamb Week – Celebrate Locally reared Lamb - available on our menu

Sunday 14th – Quiz time! Get your brain cells working for the summer challenge at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people. £2.00 per person. Just turn up! 8pm start

Friday 19th – Sail the Seas to the Costa Del Sol for National Paella Day & Talk Like a Pirate Day – me hearty! Various Dishes available 12-2pm 5- 8.30pm

Saturday 27th – 10am–2pm - Macmillan Coffee Morning - Come and raise some funds for a most deserving cause, just turn up for Cake, Coffee & Tea (and maybe something from the bar!)

## **Don't forget –**

Wed – Sat Lunch – 2 Courses for £12, 3 courses for £15

Every **Wednesday** is Steak Night, 2 Sirloins for £29 and a bottle of house wine £10!

Every **Thursday** is Pie night – all pie meals are £9.95! (note change of day!)

You can also book breakfast (8-9.45am) any day of the week, the night before on 01889 504488

Nikki and Team!



## Foresters Scouts/Cubs/Beavers (see pp 20 and 21 for details)

Well a little breather for a week or so after the term-end, but it doesn't last for long as we take over 30 scouts and Explorers off to Norfolk for summer camp for a week from 9<sup>th</sup> August. Then 3 weeks later our family camp with over 100 booked to come along. More about both of those in the next reports.



For this report, it was a very busy end to the term. Beavers have had a teddy bear's picnic in Beacon Park with a play on the playground, they have had a night of water games and a visit to the Little Hay steam railway. This little-known miniature railway opened up for us and all the Beavers got a chance to drive a little steam train – it was so much fun for them all and the team

there were so lovely and welcoming. We also held our annual Beaver sleepover – our theme was animals around the world, and the Beavers had great fun including making animal biscuits.

Cubs and Scouts all went to Swadlincote to do some tobogganing, tubing and the drop slide. It was great to do it in the light and sunshine. Previously we have been there in the winter when it's dark (and cold). The cubs have been on camp – a great fun time at Beaudestert, they built some twig rafts and tried to float an egg on them! They also put up hike tents, learnt about first aid at camp and went on a hike. One Saturday they had a day of activities at Walesby campsite which included raft building, paddleboarding, climbing, crate stacking and lots more!



Scouts have also been on the water with Burton Canoe Club – several had such good fun they are going back again to one of the open sessions. It would be great to see some of them join the club and enjoy it regularly. One sunny (fortunately) weekend they also built shelters of cardboard and then slept in them overnight! There were some great 'designs' and amazingly they were quite cosy too.

A huge thank you to all our leaders, helpers, young leaders and supporters for the past year. We couldn't do it without them. For most of them this is a period where they can relax and have a break from the weekly sessions, to recharge and be back full of enthusiasm in September! We will be welcoming new members to our Group, and also some will be leaving their current section and moving up – we hope they all

settle well and have lots of fun!

Thank you, Angela Burns, [aburns@webbht.co.uk](mailto:aburns@webbht.co.uk) 07976 814523.

## **Bat talk and walk** 🦇

Join us in September when Staffordshire Bat Group will give an evening talk in church followed by a walk around the church and churchyard to see bats out hunting. Date and time to follow. 🦇

John Ferguson

## **Community café: St Michaels and All Angels Church**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: (note corrected August date)

**Next dates: 28 August, 25 September, 23 October – 10.30 – 12.30.**

The Community café continues to be well supported. Do come along to meet others from the village – and some who come back specially for the occasion! – all welcome



## **Harvest Festival Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

It is our Harvest Festival on 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10.30am. We will be decorating the church on the Saturday, 20 September from 9am to 12 noon: Do come along and join us.

Also after the service on the Sunday, from about 12 noon, we will be having a **bring and share cold buffet lunch in church – all welcome.** If you would like to join us and would like to bring along a dish, do if possible contact me or put your name on the list in church so we can coordinate the offerings! Liz Carter  
0775 106 8181 [Lizcarter3010@gmail.com](mailto:Lizcarter3010@gmail.com)



## **Abbots Bromley Horn Dance Monday 8th September**

The Abbots Bromley Horn Dance, performed at the Barthelmy Fair in August 1226, is one of the few ritual rural customs to survive the passage of time. See [https://abbotsbromley.com/information/horn\\_dance/](https://abbotsbromley.com/information/horn_dance/)



## JULY

### Our annual skittles evening

We were very lucky with the weather, blue sky above and dry ground below for our annual skittles evening. This was at the Shoulder of Mutton in Hamstall Ridware.

We enjoyed a fabulous Buffet meal at half time. Two members of our WI Support Team, Kent and Bob did a sterling job looking after the skittles, placing them 'just so' after each bowl. Methinks there was a few backaches the following day.

The winning team were: - Michael, Lorraine, Gaye, Maggie, Kent, Chris, Mary and Sue.



### Our monthly meeting.



Due to circumstances beyond her control our booked speaker for the evening was unable to be with us.

Thankfully Kent Parson the husband of one of our committee members, was able to step in at very short notice. The room was packed, and we were all very grateful to Kent particularly as his interesting and informative talk was such a success.

Kent gave a riveting talk on some aspects of his family history involving his great, great, great grandfather.

He talked about how his great, great, great grandparents had met – a tale stretching to India in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and involving shipwreck, romance, persecution and massacre.

At next month's meeting we will have Karen Salt from Rudyard Flowers telling us about her journey into floristry.

### SFWI County Quiz night

Over 60 teams took part at the County Showground on Thursday 19th June.

Members had brought some wonderful picnics to share and decorated their tables with a very pretty 'Meadow' theme.

Our W I fielded two teams at this event, Congratulations go to Sandon W I, quiz winners who will hold the Knighton Challenge Shield. Gnosall Jam busters B Team were runners up and will hold the Val Smith Memorial Trophy.. It was a fantastic evening.



## Our village summer fete



Marianne all looked very smart in their black dresses, pearls and sunflowers.

The gentlemen in our WI Support Team too were very busy all day selling huge jugs and glasses of that oh so traditional summer beverage PIMMS.

This years' summer fete was simply superb. After lots of worry during the days leading up to this event in the end the weather was kind and our bottle in a bag stall did a roaring trade all afternoon raising funds for the church.

Many visited the stall time after time to buy more tickets. it helped us raise over £400.

The ladies above Lorraine, Carrie, Gaye and



## Our annual committee meal outing.



This year we chose to visit The Crown at Alrewas for our annual evening get together. We plan this treat soon after our AGM to enable any new committee members to get to know everyone in convivial surroundings, and of course enjoy some lovey food too.

We all had a great time enjoying some first-class cuisine, with such goodies as prawns and chorizo in garlic sauce, seabass, faggots, lobster, pork fillets and of course served with all the trimmings.

It was so pleasant just to be sociable together,

outside of committee meetings or members evenings. With no other demands on our time other than to just enjoy one another's company.

## Ridwares WI Dates for your diary.

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August Our Annual Birthday Party at St James Events Pipe Ridware
- 6<sup>th</sup> September SFWI Jodrell Bank Trip

CONTACT our Press Officer Kath Parson [kath.parson@gmail.com](mailto:kath.parson@gmail.com) for information on any item in this report. All events are in Ridware Village Hall. Visitors and prospective new members will be given a warm welcome. For further details please see our web site here <https://www.theridwareswi.online>

Kath Parson, [kath.parson@gmail.com](mailto:kath.parson@gmail.com)

## **From Minutes of HRPC Annual meeting Monday 12th May 2025**

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr Tina Buchanan (Chairman); Cllr Neil Roobottom; Cllr Michael McNelis; Cllr Simon Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Mycock Clerk

APOLOGIES:; Cllr Chris Allen; Cllr Keith Vernon.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 6+ members of the public

Welcome to our new elected councillors Cllr Simon Moore & Cllr Michael McNelis

Election of Chairman: Cllr Tina Buchanan: Proposed: Cllr NR. Seconded Cllr MM.

Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Neil Roobottom; Proposed: Cllr MM. Seconded: Cllr SM

The meeting was opened to members of the public

Items of concern:

- ❖ Council to be proactive not reactive
- ❖ Model work of the river
- ❖ Dog waste around the field, not been picked up by dog owners
- ❖ Contact details of the new councillor Janet Higgins
- ❖ Where works carried out looks untidy in the village

At this point most residents left the meeting and the council continued with the rest of the agenda.

### **Minutes of meeting of 13/3/25:**

- ❖ Note corrections to the March Minutes – Error on the arch number, should state the 2<sup>nd</sup> arch not the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ Correction to January minutes incorrect name of house- should be The Old Mill not the Mill House.

### **Flooding Update sent from Cllr CA**

Bund has been completed to required EA specifications

Further work to tidy up and erection of fencing

Nothing else to report

**Drone Work:** Quote for drone work received estimated for 2 visits and report, £ 500, further quotes to follow.

### **Finance: Balance at the bank:**

- Current Account @30<sup>th</sup> April £11,757.86
- Reserve account @31<sup>st</sup> March £ 1,537.34

Cheques	NET	VAT	Gross
Insurance	724.52	0	724.52
Clerk salary March/April	455.24	0	455.24
Grace consultancy	60.00	12.00	72.00
LDC services (dog bin collections)	207.79		207.79



## **Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return**

The Chairman covered the return with all council members Ref: May 2025

Total income for the year@31<sup>st</sup> March 2025                      £18,012.64

Total Spend @31<sup>st</sup> March 2025                                      £26,465.17

(includes the £9639.00 spend from funding for Nethertown works)

## **Election/3rd vacancy update regarding co-opting**

No by-election was called for the 3<sup>rd</sup> vacancy, now the council will co-opt.

Clerk to check with LDC on criteria

## **Passing places & Potholes:** Continue to report potholes on the website

Cllr Janet Higgins, is the new Reform Councillor and replaces Cllr Richard Cox.

During his time in office, Richard was a great help to the council and his wealth of knowledge will be missed. The council wishes Richard all the best.

## **Date for Annual open meeting for residents:** 21<sup>st</sup> May @ 6.30pm Shoulder Of Mutton

**Defibrillator:** The village defibrillator requires a new battery and pads; cost is estimated at £325.00 + VAT.

Council suggested holding a raffle and asking the pub if it was possible to hold a quiz to raise funds towards the maintenance.

Ask if the heritage group would donate.

## **Hanging Baskets**

Funds low this year, to try and maintain the baskets, seek donations towards plants.

## **Next Meeting Dates**

Open Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> May Shoulder Of Mutton 6.30pm	
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Shoulder of Mutton	7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Shoulder of Mutton	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Shoulder of Mutton	7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Shoulder of Mutton	7.30pm

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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## Contacts and Information

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WI Karen Wakefield	01543 492 136
Shoulder of Mutton	01889 504 488
Hill Ridware Village Hall: Bookings: <a href="mailto:info@mavesynvillagehall.co.uk">info@mavesynvillagehall.co.uk</a> or Yvonne Higgins	01543 492 829
Yoxall Brownies (7-10 years) Amelia Hill	07950 550 185 or Sue Pryde 07818 040 962
Yoxall Guides (10-15 years) Gill McKiernan	07836 629 904
Foresters Scout group: Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10 years), Scouts (10-15 years) at St Peter's School, Yoxall Angela Burns ( <a href="mailto:aburns@webbht.co.uk">aburns@webbht.co.uk</a> )	07976 814 523
Yoxall Health Centre (prescription repeats, <a href="mailto:yoxall.healthcentre@nhs.net">yoxall.healthcentre@nhs.net</a> )	01543 472 202
Yoxall Area Patient Partnership: <a href="mailto:yoxallareapatientpartnership@outlook.com">yoxallareapatientpartnership@outlook.com</a>	
Henry Chadwick Primary School, Headteacher, Mrs Vicki Barnes	01543 490 354
Ridware Rascals Play group	See entry in Regular Meetings and Events
Royal British Legion, Yoxall & District Branch Michael Elliott	07969 518215
Lichfield District Council	01543 308 000
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Samuel Johnson Community Hospital, Lichfield	01543 412 900
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Sat, Sun, Bank Hols	9.00-17.00	9.00-17.00
Wed, Thu, Christmas day, Boxing Day, New Year Day: Closed		

## Regular Meetings and Events

Further contributions to this page welcome: please contact the editor



**The Flower Club** The flower club meets approx. every four weeks. Meetings are at 7.30 p.m. in Hill Ridware village hall, cost £5 per session: bring along your own flowers. Full tuition given - beginners and more advanced flower arrangers welcome. Next sessions 23rd Sep; 28th Oct; 25th Nov; possibly 9th Dec.  
Contact: Karen Wakefield 01543 492136

### Ridware Rascals Playgroup for age 0-5 yrs

Fridays during term time 9.15 a.m. – 11.00 Hill Ridware Village Hall £3.00 per family per session – first week free; Drink & snacks for the children; tea & coffee for the adults  
Everyone welcome - mums/dads/grandparents/carers  
Just come along and join in! Contact: Carol Wilson 01543 492052



**Foresters Scouts/cubs/beavers** All sections open to boys and girls. Contact: see page 20.

Beavers (6-7 years) Tuesday and Wednesday in St Peters School, Yoxall 6pm – 7pm

Cubs (8 – 10 years) Monday in Kings Bromley Village Hall 6.15pm – 7.45pm

St Peters School, Yoxall: Monday 6.15pm – 7.45pm and Thursday 6pm – 7.30pm

Scouts (11 – 14 years) Yoxall: 7.15pm – 8.45pm Tuesday and 7.45pm – 9.15pm Thursday in St Peters School, and Tuesday 7.15pm – 8.45pm in the Village Hall

### Prayer Shawl meetings Yoxall Church: 10.30am – 12.00 2nd Tuesday of each month

**Mothers' Union** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month at 1.45pm in Yoxall Church for a short service. For more details contact: Liz Binsley 01543 472 761 or Julia Collinson 01543 473 866

**Hamstall Community Café** 4rd Thursday of month in church 10.30 – 12.30

### WI Take a Break Café


1st Tuesday of month: Hill Ridware Village Hall 10.30 – 12.00 noon - ALL WELCOME!

**The Ridwares WI Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 19.30 Mavesyn Ridware Village Hall. ALL women/girls welcome!** For further details contact: Karen on 01543 492136

**Post Office at Hill Ridware Village Hall** - every Thursday 9-11am  
**at Kings Bromley Village Hall** - every Tuesday 1-2pm

**Churchyard working parties** - All welcome. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 5pm. in summer months only. For further info, contact Michael Elsom 07949 126640

**Food Bank** Most needed remain toiletries, loo roll, instant mashed potato, tinned (sandwich) meat, tinned tomatoes, juice (long life) and squash, biscuits, children's treats, tinned fruit, pasta, rice, rice pudding and UHT milk or cash. Remember some people who need food bank help do not have access to cooking facilities. Please put any offerings in the Food Bank box at the back of Church or contact Liz Carter 0775 106 8181. For financial gifts to the Food Bank, see: <https://rugeley.foodbank.org.uk>

**Lichfield Repair and Share Café** Volunteer repairers will try to get your broken items repaired. Electricals, household, phones/computers, garden tools, keepsakes, clothing, etc. Learn new skills at our workshop sessions too. [lichfieldshare@gmail.com](mailto:lichfieldshare@gmail.com) or @lichrepaircafe on Instagram & Twitter & 

**Third Sat of each month**, 2-5pm Curborough Community Centre, Lichfield WS13 7NY

**First Sat of each month**, 10-1pm St Joseph's RC Church, Cannock Rd, Burntwood WS7 0BB

**Royal British Legion**, Yoxall & District Branch meets on 1st Wednesday of the month at 8pm in St Swithin's Room, St Peter's Church, Yoxall and afterwards in The Golden Cup. See too, Contacts, p20

**Lichfield Community Lottery:** Support Hamstall Heritage Group

- Tickets from only £1 per week • HHG get 50p from every ticket
- Cash prizes up to £25,000 weekly

<https://www.lichfieldcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/the-hamstall-heritage-group>

### Church flowers: donations or volunteers

New flowers are needed in church each 2 weeks except in Lent and Advent. If you would like to help, please contact Liz Carter 0775 106 8181 [lizcarter3010@gmail.com](mailto:lizcarter3010@gmail.com) who will be happy to guide you through what is needed, help or even arrange donated flowers for you.



## 100 Years Ago... by Chris Poole

### August 1925:

Mr W.F Jones of Hamstall Ridware advertised a 3 hp motor cycle in good condition for £12...Felice Bryant, American Pop songwriter and husband of Boudleaux (Bye Bye Love & Wake Up Little Susie for the Everly Brothers) was born in Milwaukee...Oscar Peterson, Canadian jazz pianist & composer was born in Montreal...Fess Parker, famed for his portrayal of Davy Crocket was born in Fort Worth Texas and English actress Honor Blackman (Goldfinger & the Avengers) was born in Plaistow... Plaid Cymru was formed on August 5th with the aim of disseminating the knowledge of the Welsh language.

### September 1925:

Herman Goring, later to become Adolph Hitler's chief advisor and commander of the Luftwaffe, was hospitalised in a psychiatric ward in Sweden during his addiction to morphine... the Australian government announced new tariffs that included preferences for British goods... Laura Ashley, Welsh fashion designer, was born in Merthyr Tydfil...English comedian and actor Peter Sellers (Dr Strangelove, Inspector Clouseau and one of the Goons) was born in Portsmouth...and British Radio Disc Jockey, Pete Murray, b. Peter Murray James, was born in Hackney London.

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