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Hamstall Ridware

Parish Magazine



Giant Advent Calendar
Christmas Cards
Big Church Clean
Concerts

October - November 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

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

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From the Editor

As the unusually warm summer comes to an end and the rain and dark evenings herald the arrival of autumn and GMT, we have a full magazine with many forthcoming events in the benefice.

In the run up to Christmas, Jude Burgess is again running the giant advent calendar (p8) and will be grateful for any donations of prizes. Equally after the success of last year's cards, John Ferguson is again planning to produce packs of church themed Christmas cards for sale. If you have any pictures that may be suitable, please contact him (p8).

Even though Wendy Mepsted has left for pastures new, the village Christmas card will also continue (see full details in December magazine). Our thanks to Rowena Wright who has kindly stepped in to compile it for us this year. We do need a volunteer to take over and help manage this Christmas card for the next few years. It has been a good fund raiser and most of the groundwork is already done. Rowena or I would be happy to talk to anyone interested and offer them support!

The community café on the 4th Thursdays of the month has proven very successful and Jo Berriman is hoping to run this through the winter (p9). She looks forward to more new people trying it out and sampling the company, cakes and coffee!

The new routine of giving our church a "spring" clean twice year is beginning to take hold, and Liz Carter is looking again for big clean volunteers for Saturday 29 November (p8)

Do see Steve Smith's updated advert, now on page 28. As many will know he is now able to undertake MOTs as well as all his other car fixing skills. Nikki has given us the future programme of special events at the Shoulder through to the New Year, page 14,15, though more events may be added for December in the next magazine. Deb Walker writes (page 17) in what may well be her last contribution to this magazine, that she has decided to close her gallery, but that she will continue to work at Blythe farm and see callers. It has been a pleasure to be able to show some of her paintings on these pages over the years and we wish her well in her new venture.

Finally, after years of managing and supporting our advertisers, Dee is relinquishing her role. If anyone could offer to help managing the necessary annual invoices, please let me know. We also need some more advertisers, especially a good taxi firm and a septic tank emptying company.

We again have our usual articles, for which again thank you to our contributors. For Food bank donations, see page 25. 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/ 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.

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To advertise with us, contact: Paul Carter 07710 293 230 pcarter@doctors.org.uk

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September 28th St Michael and All Angels	10.30 am Patronal festival and United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Hamstall Ridware			
October 5th Trinity 16	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Harvest Festival	4.00 pm Harvest Praise
October 12th Trinity 17	4.00 pm Holy Communion	10.30 am Harvest Festival	10.30 am Something com- pletely different!	
October 19th Trinity 18	10.30 am Holy Communion	4.00 pm Holy Communion	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Morning Prayer
October 26th Trinity 19	10.30 am Service of the Word	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	
November 2nd All Saints	10.30 am United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at All Saints King's Bromley 4.00 pm -All Souls - Benefice Prayers for the Dead at St Peter's, Yoxall			
November 9th Remembrance Sunday	3.00 pm Remembrance Service	10.30 am Remembrance Service	10.45 am Remembrance Service	10.45 am Act of Remembrance at Hill Ridware
November 16th 2 before Advent	4.00 pm Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	
November 23rd Christ the King	10.30 am Service of the Word	4.00 pm Holy Communion	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion
November 30th Advent Sunday	10.30 am United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Peter's, Yoxall			
December 7th Advent 2	10.30 am Patronal festival and United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Mavesyn Ridware			
December 14th Advent 3	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	4.00 pm Christingle

There is also a 30-minute service (check website), usually a said communion, at 10.00 am Wednesdays at Yoxall
 *Please check the KBHMY website calendar for the actual start time of these ceremonies.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS – HAMSTALL RIDWARE

October - November 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
September 28th St Michael A Angels 10.30 am	J Ferguson L Carter	C Smart	J Ferguson C Smart	C Smart J Ferguson	P Carter C Smart	
October 5th Trinity 16 9.00 am	L Carter -	P Carter	P Carter L Carter	P Carter D Rudge		L Carter
October 12th Trinity 17 4.00 pm	C Smart -	D Leigh/ P Carter - Sun	-	C Smart P Carter	L Carter L Leigh	
October 19th Trinity 18 10.30 am	P Carter C Smart	J Ferguson	J Burgess G Burgess	J Ferguson J Burgess		V Richards
October 26th Trinity 19 10.30 am	J Ferguson S Elsom	D Rudge	S Elsom S Bostock	S Elsom S Bostock	V Richards J Berriman	
November 2nd All Saints		M Elsom (opening church and preceding week)				
November 9th Remembrance Sunday 3.00 pm	J Burgess P Carter	C Smart	-	P Carter J Burgess	E Riley J Parker	J Parker S Allen
November 16th 2 before Advent 4.00 pm	L Carter -	P Carter	-	D Rudge C Smart		
November 23rd Christ the King 10.30 am	S Elsom D Rudge	D Leigh	D Leigh L Leigh	J Burgess S Elsom	S Elsom S Bostock	
November 30th Advent Sunday	-	J Ferguson (opening church and preceding week)				No Flowers Advent
December 7th Advent 2	-	M Elsom (opening church and preceding week)			P Carter C Smart	
December 14th Advent 3 9.00 am	C Smart -	D Rudge	J Ferguson C Smart	J Ferguson C Smart		

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: October: E Riley/J Parker; November, L Carter/L Leigh

From our Rector, the Revd Jeremy Brading

October is often the month when Harvest festival is celebrated. Reflecting this, 3 out of the 4 parishes that make up the benefice, are celebrating harvest in October.

Throughout the past twenty years of post-curacy ministry, my experience of harvest has predominantly been in rural parishes. Consequently, I feel some link to where a high percentage of the harvest comes from - the hard work of the farming community. Over the past year or so, I have chatted with a number of local farmers about their work and heard their thoughts about Jeremy Clarkson's most recent venture. I have also read Clarkson's book: *Diddly Squat - a Year on the Farm*. The book narrates the first year of Clarkson's time as a novice farmer, conveying too why the farm is called Diddly Squat. Putting aside Clarkson's marmite appeal, essentially this is the place of sheer hard graft, unpredictable challenges and the occasional joy of UK farming. All these sometimes conflicting experiences make the essential task of making a living, particularly challenging for our farmers. Therefore, at harvest, we should express our gratitude to the farming community for producing the food that we eat, and for the mental cost that many farmers battle with.

In the Christian tradition, farming and the harvest have been closely connected. The history of monastic communities, witnesses to this connection. As they do today, monastic communities sought to work closely with nature. Many continue to choose to leave in a sustainable manner, working in partnership with nature. Indeed the discipline of daily prayer that sustains monastic communities, is punctuated by work in the fields.

Nationally, the Church of England has played its part, reflecting the farming year in prayers and services. Plough Sunday at the beginning of January, marked the occasion when the fields were first ploughed. In May the Church reshaped the pagan tradition: Robigalia. The canine world was a very happy beneficiary of the Christian changes, because until then, dogs were sacrificed to propitiate Robigus - the deity of agricultural disease. Refashioned by the church as 'rogationtide', this period anticipated the Feast of the Ascension and where fields and crops were prayed for, in hope of a decent harvest.

These prayers for a successful harvest carried spiritual importance too. Familiarity with Jesus' parables concerning the harvest, calls to mind God's judgement on us all. Matthew 24 conveys the Jesus' parable of the wheat and tares. This parable tells that God will harvest us well, by sifting what to keep and what to destroy (the weeds). The parable of the sheep and the goats conveys similar meaning, in respect to which direction God will sift you. At harvest we think of God sifting us, and we note that it is wise to seek his mercy.

Revd Jeremy Brading

Parish Priest of Kings Bromley, the Ridwares & Yoxall

Dates for your diary

Mothers Union, St Peter's Church Yoxall, 2.30pm

Live music with Ashley Sherlock at Shoulder from 8pm

Autumn Concert, Harmony Choir, Mavesyn Church, 7.00 pm

RHS: AGM followed by "Great Haywood Past and Present"

Take a Break Café 10.30 – 12 noon (& every 1st Tuesday)

Kings Bromley Harvest Supper, KB Village Hall 7pm

Quiz Night at Shoulder,

Big Band at St Peter's Church Yoxall, 7.30pm

Mountain Song, Yoxall Parish Hall, 8.00pm

Community Café in Church 10.30am – 12.30pm

Kids Halloween Party at Shoulder, 6-8pm

Adult Halloween Karaoke & Disco Night at Shoulder

Fireworks at the Shoulder 7-7.15pm

RHS: "Anglo-Saxon Women"

Remembrance Sunday – Service at St Michaels, 3pm

Remembrance Evening at Shoulder

Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm at Shoulder

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Card Sale, Kings Bromley Village Hall, 10 – 12 noon

Bingo Night at Shoulder 7 for 7.30pm

Live music with Dan Firman at Shoulder from 8pm

Autumn Quiz with fish and chip supper, KB Village Hall, 7pm

Tudor Christmas at Cathedral 7.30 pm

Community Café in Church 10.30am – 12.30pm

Tinsel and Trimmings, Hill Ridware Village Hall 4.30 pm on

Big Church Clean 9.30am – 12.30pm

Wreath making at Shoulder

RHS: "Fools and Horses the Victorian Circus"

First Draw Giant Advent Calendar at Shoulder

Beatus Choir at St Peter's church Yoxall 7.30 pm

Cathedral Light Show

Monday 15 - Sunday

Carols in the Bar with Chanteuse at Shoulder

Wednesday 1 October

Saturday 4 October

Saturday 4 October

Monday 6 October

Tuesday 7 October

Saturday 11 October

Sunday 12 October

Friday 17 October

Saturday 18 October

Thursday 23 October

Sunday 26 October

Friday 31 October

Sunday 2 November

Monday 3 November

Sunday 9 November

Sunday 9 November

Monday 10 November

Friday 14 November

Saturday 15 November

Sunday 16 November

Saturday 22 November

Saturday 22 November

Wednesday 26 November

Thursday 27 November

Friday 28 November

Saturday 29 November

Sunday 30 November

Monday 1 December

Monday 1 December

Friday 5 December

Monday 15 - Sunday 21 December

Friday 19 December

Bold – selected one off events *RHS: Ridware History Society, for details, see page 16

Abbots Bromley and Yoxall GP surgery training closures

The remaining dates this year when the Surgeries are closed pm for staff training are 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 9, 23 October; 6, 20 November; 4, 18 December.

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 3, 17, 31 October; 14, 26 November; 12 December

Giant Advent Calendar



Once again, the Hamstall Ridware Giant Advent Calendar will be drawn in the Shoulder of Mutton every night from 1st December through to 24th December, usually at around 9.00 pm. Every day's draw will see someone winning one of the really amazing prizes, from experience days, meal vouchers, various bottles, vouchers from local businesses, home baking, floral displays and much more. Any non-winning tickets will go into a final draw on Boxing Day night.

Every penny raised goes to supporting our beautiful church, and tickets still cost £1 per draw, available from the pub or I will be selling door-to-door during November.

If you would like to donate a prize, please drop me a line at j.preston1@aston.ac.uk or call me on 07723 331055 and I will arrange to collect it from you. Thank you. Jude Burgess.

Hamstall Church Christmas cards

Following the success of our Christmas greetings cards last year we will again be offering mixed packs of 5 cards featuring festive scenes to be sold in support of the church. As before these will be available to buy at the Shoulder of Mutton pub in the village and in church.

If anyone has any church themed pictures that may be suitable for one of these cards, please contact either John Ferguson or Paul Carter. Full details in the next magazine.

Village Christmas Card

We are again planning a village Christmas card this year – more details and requests for messages will be published as usual in the December magazine, and Rowena Wright has kindly volunteered to help put the card together this year.

For this card too, if you have any seasonal picture that may be suitable, please send a copy to pcarter@doctors.org.uk. We are also looking for someone who could volunteer to take on the compiling of the greetings for this card for the next few years. If interested – a lot of the background work is already done - do let me know!

Paul Carter 07710 293 230



Big Church Clean – Saturday 29 November

An invite to anyone to come along and help give our beautiful church a Big Clean up - ready for Christmas

Volunteers with ladders and brushes and polish all welcome Saturday 29 November 9.30 – 12.30
Refreshments provided!

Liz Carter

Community café: St Michaels and All Angels Church 4th Thursdays
Next dates: 23 October,
27 November: 10.30 – 12.30.

The community café continues to thrive with new faces every month, which is great to see. We are hoping to continue through the winter months by using donations to purchase some heaters.



Do consider bringing along someone who might not be able to get there on their own. We look forward to welcoming you to the café where you can enjoy a hot drink and homemade cakes/ biscuits/ scones along with wonderful company. **See you soon.**

Jo Berriman

The Hamstall 900 year textile is leaving church again for the winter



In order to keep warm and dry for the winter the textile will be leaving church end October to early in November and will spend the winter again in the cosy and dry of The Shoulder of Mutton. As before, it is planned to be back in church from next spring. Further information from Val Richards on 07939 623 109

KINGS BROMLEY EVENTS

HARVEST SUPPER – Saturday 11th October 7pm at the Village Hall.

To revive the old tradition of a community meal in celebration of the harvest, there will be a hot chicken supper (with pudding) and 'home-grown' entertainment including the Village Harmony Choir. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets £10 from Judith Berry 07547 422833.

Please note that bookings close on 30th September.

INFORMAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Sunday 12th October 10:30 at All Saints Church. There will be a 'Warm Welcome' (come and see) to a different kind of short service involving children from the Richard Crosse School.

CARD SALE – Saturday 15th November 10 until 12 at the Village Hall.

Cards and wrappings for all occasions, and much more.

AUTUMN QUIZ with FISH & CHIP SUPPER – Saturday 22nd November 7pm at the Village Hall. Bring your own drinks, nibbles, friends and brains to the Autumn Quiz and Supper for a light hearted evening of general knowledge fun. Teams of 4. Tickets £10 per person including supper, from Judith Berry 07547 422833.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICES YOXALL

Sunday 9 November



Remembrance Sunday Yoxall

- 10:00 Participants meet at Yoxall Village Hall
- 10:15 Parade sets off for St Peter's Church
- 10:30 Remembrance Service and Silence at Church War Memorial
- 11:30 Parade returns to War Memorial at Yoxall Village Hall for laying of wreaths

Hamstall Ridware

- 3:00pm Remembrance Service at St Michael and All Angels Church

Tuesday 11 November 10:50am for 11am Armistice Day

St Peter's Primary School at Yoxall War Memorial



lest we forget

All are welcome

Timings approx

For more information please contact:
Michael Elliott – 07969 518215 or Peter Valentine – 07813 686556

You are invited to come along & join
with us to remember –

Ridware Remembers

Sunday 9th November
1045 am @ 'Tommy'
The Village Hall, Hill Ridware

There will be a Service of Remembrance,
including a Minutes Silence @ 11am

Tea/coffee & cake available after the
Service of Remembrance
Donations to the Royal British Legion please.



BEATUS

sing



A Feast of Festive Songs!



directed by James Foulds

St Peter's Church, Yoxall, DE13 8NQ
Friday, December 5th 2025 at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 include refreshments available from:
Diana Muir 01543 473455
Judith Rickard 01543 472682
Carol Sherwin 01283 813377

All profits towards the refurbishment of the kitchen



Car Parking available in the school playground



St. Peters Church Yoxall
presents

FORCE TEN
BIG BAND

Friday 17th October 2025
7:30pm

Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie & many more
plus music from Film & TV

Tickets £10 (including refreshments)
Available from
Diana Muir tel: 07880 704292
Ruth Lester tel: 07583 213037
All profits for church kitchen
refurbishment

Parking available at St. Peters School

MOUNTAIN SONG



*“Traditional Bluegrass and
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YOXALL PARISH HALL (DE13 8NF)

Saturday 18 October, 8:00pm

£13.00 (Standard)

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A Tudor Christmas

ALISON WEIR
AND
SIOBHAN CLARKE



LICHFIELD
CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 26
November 2025 at
7:30pm in Lichfield
Cathedral

Book tickets

Join bestselling historian Alison Weir and royal expert Siobhan Clarke for a festive evening exploring the rich traditions of a Tudor Christmas. Discover how carols, mince pies, mulled wine—and even Father Christmas—have roots in the 16th century.
<https://lichfieldcathedral.littleboxoffice.com/events/127436>

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
ANNUAL.....

Tinsel & Trimmings

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 6-30 PM

LEA HALL BRASS BAND ...
CAKES, CRAFTS & TOMBOLA STALLS...
OUR FAMOUS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
MULLED WINE & REFRESHMENTS ...

PLUS A VERY SPECIAL GUEST
FROM THE NORTH POLE

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THE RIDWARES

Take A Break Cafe

Tuesday
7th October,
4th November
& 2nd
December

1030 - 12 noon
The Village Hall,
Hill Ridware

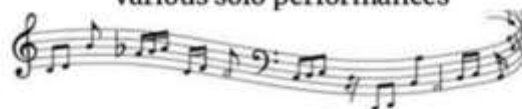
All Welcome!

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DISPOSING RIDWARE
THE RIDWARES

Autumn Concert

Mavesyn Ridware Church
Saturday 4th October
7:00 PM

Kings Bromley Village Harmony Choir
Various solo performances



Refreshments served
FREE ENTRY - Donations welcome

Proceeds will be shared between the church and funding
Charlotte's Borneo expedition in July 2026

Church Bat talk and walk evening

On Wednesday 18th September evening visitors to the church were treated to a special event led by Kelly Hopkins of Staffordshire Bat Group. Suitably fortified by a hot drink, cake and even bat shortbread we started with Kelly's talk which introduced us to the fascinating world of bats.

They are nocturnal hunters, living for up to 45 years of age who use different roosts through the year according to stages in their life cycle -

summer maternal roosts populated purely by females who care for their own and each other's 'pup' giving birth to just one a year, males roost alone or in small groups and use different locations through the summer and autumn until winter when bats return to hibernation roosts. All roosts are protected by law. (All UK bats are insectivorous but the only Vampire bats are found in South America. These live in large colonies where any injured bat unable to hunt will be fed by the colony and those who don't help might be evicted!)

As dusk fell, we walked through the churchyard using the Group's bat detectors which identified the hunting echo-location of several species - Brown long-eared, Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle and Noctule Bats (the largest in the UK).

A truly mesmerising evening!

Event ticket sales supported both the Bat Group and the church.

John Ferguson



Harvest Festival (21 September)

Once again, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers: thank you to all those who volunteered and for the beautiful fresh vegetables donated from the Barlow's farm in the village. The church looked truly splendid. We had a large congregation who raised nearly £90 in the collection for Christian Aid.

Afterwards the bring-and-share lunch raised just over £140 also for Christian Aid.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this event so enjoyable and successful.

Liz Carter



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**



It's getting round to that time of year again, when the nights draw in and the open fires are crackling away, sending heady scents of singed Pine and Oak wafting over the village. Here at the pub we will be lighting the lovely log burner in the bar when the sharp chill comes descending upon us and you're all invited to come and join us to share in the warmth & love! In the meantime, it's still warm enough to enjoy the garden for a couple of drinks or a snack, why not bring the pets too and take in the view, with the odd Spitfire, Lancaster or Chinook making an appearance on their way to & from the Arboretum.

We would like to thank each and every person who made a donation towards Nick's marathon run in April, between the JustGiving page, sponsorship, donations in the pots on the bar and gift aid claimed by everyone, his grand total is £6352.75!!!! The money raised has been donated to Bone Cancer Research Trust in memory of Ximena Howell from Hill Ridware. Nick completed the Marathon in 5hours, 59minutes & 12 seconds.

October

Saturday 4th – **Live Music with Ashley Sherlock** from 8pm

Sunday 12th – **Quiz Night** – test those brain cells & win yourself some Bubbly!

Sunday 26th – **Kids Halloween Party** 6-8pm - let the little darlings dress up and join in the fun & ghoulish games, have a dance and use up all that weekend energy! £2 per child, supper included.

Friday 31st – **Adults Halloween Karaoke & Disco Night** – Dress up if you wish and enjoy a carefree evening in the bar singing and dancing the night away!

November

Sunday 2nd – **Fireworks evening** - Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Bar, fireworks at 7-7.15pm

Sunday 9th – **Remembrance evening** – Table Quiz to raise money for the RBL Poppy Appeal. Memorabilia Welcome!

Sunday 16th – **Bingo Night** – Fun Bingo for all! 7.30pm Start, buy your cards between 7pm and 7.30pm.

Saturday 22nd – **Live Music Night with Dan Firman** – enjoy being entertained! from 8pm

Sunday 30th – **Wreath Making** – Nibbles and a Glass of Prosecco (or Mulled Wine) included. £30 per person. Please call to reserve, as places are limited. 01889 504488

December

Saturday 6th – Brunch **with Santa** - £12.50 per Child, 1 Adult per Child Free! Book between 10.30 and 12noon for a family Brunch Platter & present for each child.

Sunday 7th – **Tea with Santa** - £12.50 per Child, 1 Adult per Child Free! Book between 5.30pm and 7pm for a family Tea Platter & present for each child.

Friday 19th – **Carols in the bar** – join in and sing some Christmas songs and Carols **with Chanteuse Chamber Choir** 7pm start

Saturday 20th – **Brunch with Santa** - £12.50 per Child, 1 Adult per Child Free! Book between 10.30 and 12noon for a family Brunch Platter & present for each child.

Sunday 21st – **Tea with Santa** - £12.50 per Child, 1 Adult per Child Free! Book between 5.30pm and 7pm for a family Tea Platter & present for each child.

Wednesday 24th – Bar Bowls available only

Thursday 25th – Booked Tables Only, bar open for drinks

Friday 26th – 12-2pm, 7-10pm bar open for drinks, No food.

Sunday 28th – Open for Sunday Lunch! - Please book on 01889 504488 12-4pm

Wednesday 31st – **New Year's Eve Party!**

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!

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



Henry Chadwick Community Primary School

School Lane

Hill Ridware

Rugeley

WS15 3QN

Headteacher: Vicki Barnes

Tel: 01543 490354

Email: office@henrychadwick.greywoodmst.co.uk

<http://www.henrychadwick.staffs.sch.uk>

Hopefully everyone had a lovely Summer, the weather was good which certainly makes a difference!

We've said goodbye to our Year 6s, wishing them well as they move to their new schools and welcomed new families and their children into our Reception and Nursery class. Everyone seems to be settling nicely into their new routine.

The new academic year brings new opportunities - our choir singing at Young Voices 2026, visits to the Theatre, Amerton Farm, Birmingham Museum, Parliament and Packington Farm to name but a few.

We continue to have the support of an amazing PFA who are now planning a "Breakfast with Santa" Christmas event - all welcome to come along and join us in school on Sunday, 7th December: timings and ticket details will be available soon. Call the office for tickets 01543 490354.

And finally, if you're interested in your child attending our school, please call the office to arrange a visit - we would love to show you around.

Vicki Barnes Headteacher

Winter Programme 2025/2026



Monday 6 October: AGM followed by David Robbie - **Great Haywood, Past and Present, People and Places.**

David is a retired teacher from Fair Oak School and local historian with more than a passing interest in R R Tolkien. His most recent publication represents over 50 years of research and over 30 years of writing. He will endeavour to condense all this knowledge into a lively, informative talk with some humour and poetry thrown in. Great Haywood, he says was founded by Angles in the sixth century and recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. With its manor that included the adjacent estate of Shugborough and the ancient Forest of Cank, it became an important political, religious and commercial centre in the Middle Ages. He will speak of its involvement in the tumultuous events surrounding the overthrow of Richard II in the 14th century, the Wars of the Roses of the 15th century, Tudor intrigues in the 16th century, the English Civil War of the 17th century and the Jacobite Rebellion of the 18th century. He discusses the transport revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries and Great Haywood's location on four great highways of travel and trade. He will talk about the powerful nobles, influential politicians, fine artists and writers, a serial killer, Nazi war criminals and a large tropical reptile who all have had links to this village.

Monday 3 November: Berenice Wilson: **Anglo Saxon Women**

Berry's research is on Anglo-Saxon women 1050-1150ish. Using mostly the Domesday Book as her main source she is able to piece together the life stories, vignettes as it were, of the English women who managed to ride out the vicissitudes of the Norman Conquest with their landholdings still intact. Staffordshire exemplars include Godgifu of Madeley who held a quite substantial group of holdings around Moddershall; Aki's sister, who may have been a hermit or a nun at Stone; and last but not least to Lady Godiva who may have spent time in Kings Bromley.

Monday 1 December: Ann Featherstone: **Fools and Horses the Victorian Circus**

This talk provides a fascinating insight into the history of the Victorian circus: the buildings and tents, the feats and performances and the lives of the men and women who rode, tumbled and clowned in them.

A history of the hey-day of circus, in the Victorian era is one of high success and dreadful failure, of fires, falls and fabulous feats. Of horses, equilibrists, aerial acts and clowns, and the men (and women) who rode, tumbled, swung and gagged. Of 'Lord' George Sanger whose circus was pitched at Windsor Castle to perform for Queen Victoria. And Charlie Keith who invented the first iron circus. This talk provides a fascinating insight into this little known aspect of Victorian entertainment.

Monday January 12: Kent Parson: **One man's journey into the past; A tale of persecution, romance, massacre and shipwreck.**

Handsacre resident and keen family history researcher, Kent will share fascinating research into his 19th century ancestor, the Reverend and his 3x great grandfather Joseph Parson. It starts when the Rev. sails to India to take up a chaplaincy... It covers the Rev sailing to India to take up a chaplaincy and covers persecution, romance, massacre and shipwreck! He shares his discovery of an intriguing DNA discrepancy in the family. Kent will also provide a list of websites (in a handout) which might prove useful in members' research.

Monday 2 February: Vanessa Morgan - 'How to do Family History'

Vanessa worked as a genealogist for many years. Working for people as far afield as Australia and Canada, but also doing a bit of heir hunting. Also, a writer, she has written seven books for The History Press, local history and how-to family history books as well as true nineteenth century murder cases. Her talk will give some handy pointers for beginners researching family history and for those more advanced researchers. She will try to answer queries you may have. If anyone already has a specific question in mind, let me know and I will pass it on in advance of her talk.

Monday 2 March: Sally Roberts – Mary Adela Blagg – Cheadle's Pioneering Astronomer.

Sally, a member of the Cheadle Discovery Group became interested in one of the earliest female astronomers when she learned that she was living in Mary Blagg's house.

Mary was one of the first women to be admitted as a fellow of the royal astronomical society. A crater on the moon is named after her. A minor moon was named after her only a couple of years ago. She collated a lot of mapping, references, drawings etc to create one 'map' of the moon which was used for many years. She developed an improved formula for calculating the distance between a star and its planets (this was used until the 1960's) She lived her whole life in Cheadle, an unassuming woman who did not court celebrity but was nevertheless respected by her (male) colleagues and, surprisingly for the time, given due credit.

Meet in Hill Ridware Village Hall WS15 3RJ. 7.30pm for 7.45pm start, Tea/Coffee available. Non-members are welcome. £3 per visit. For information on how to join please contact: Membership Secretary: Helen Sharp 01543 490 874 or Chair: Roy Fallows: 07980 375 239. More information: www.ridwarehistorysociety.com

the gallery @ Ridware Arts

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After 17 years I have closed 'the gallery @ Ridware Arts' to concentrate my time on painting and working towards a major solo exhibition in Norfolk in 2027. Thank you to all who have visited and supported the gallery over the years. I am continuing to teach a very limited painting programme. If anyone is interested in this, please visit my website for details: www.walker-art.co.uk. The gallery space has returned to being my studio but I will still welcome visitors...because if I'm in, I'm open!

The painting above, "The bluest of things grey" was at the Mall Galleries in London for the annual exhibition of the Royal Society of Marine Artists, 18-27 September. Deb Walker

Foresters Scouts/Cubs/Beavers (see pp 24 and 25 for details)

The summer holidays seemed to whizz by, I thought I had lots of time to get all the paperwork sorted for the new term, contact the new starters, book venues etc and then suddenly September arrived!

We did squeeze 2 camps in, a week long one for the Scouts and Explorers in August and a family camp over the first weekend of September. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all. And we continued our fundraising, a burger stall at the Barton Teddy Bear festival.

At the teddy bear festival, the burgers, kindly donated by Paul Shum, were very popular. So much so that we had to go to buy extra supplies. The Co-op also did very well out of us as we made several trips for extra cheese, ketchup and napkins!

In August, we boarded a coach and went down to Norwich for our summer camp. It was an international camp with about 3000 Scouts, Guides and Explorers. Mainly the groups were from the UK, but we also met young people from Ireland, Netherlands and Estonia too. The theme was 'A Carnival of Fun' and each sub camp was named after a



carnival – we were Notting Hill. The weather was glorious, so the Scouts were able to fully take part in a huge range of activities that were available to them. All the activities were in zones – these were Bounce and Rebound, Festival of Velocity, Festival of Endeavour, Carnival Central,

Creative Corner and so much more, with evening entertainment too every night! A brilliant week with scouts going home bursting to tell their parents about everything they had done!

Every couple of years, we hold a family camp, a great weekend for parents see what a scout camp is all about, join in the activities and also to see what their children are achieving. Lots of daytime activities some of which included caving, abseiling, climbing, nerf guns, mini crossbows, archery etc and an inflatable for added fun! Friday night is campfire night, followed by hot soup and smores, and Saturday night we have a band come in for a barn dance, something that everyone enjoys no matter how old they are! The weather was generally fine for us, and we were very lucky, the last tent was down and the last activity completed just before the rain and a thunderstorm swept in!



We have just started the new term, again welcoming some new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We hope their Scouting journey with us will be enjoyable and fun!

Thank you, any questions about our Group please do get in touch.

Angela Burns, aburns@webbht.co.uk 07976 814523.

As there was no meeting in August Members met on Saturday August 9th together with Mothers' Union members from around the diocese in Lichfield

Cathedral for a service to commemorate Mary Sumner, we were joined online by members from our link dioceses around the world. Members throughout the world in 84 countries remember this date which is officially recognised in the Christian calendar.

The service was led by Canon Andrew who spoke warmly of the tremendous impact that the work of MU is having worldwide. Firstly, practical projects such as Literacy and Financial Development which has seen many thousands of women and girls, who would not normally receive an education, becoming literate and which has since morphed into Financial Development helping many of these same women start businesses which enable them to earn an income to support their families. He then spoke of the campaigning arm where members are working to bring about change in society for women who are affected by harmful situations. Domestic abuse is an ongoing campaign as is the fight against female genital mutilation, a practice still being performed in many countries. Supporting refugees and Church and Community Development enables people to take on responsibility for their own life journeys.

In Lichfield work takes place in many of the nine prisons in our diocese. Garments are knitted for premature babies and delivered to local hospitals. Families unable to afford a holiday are given breaks through AFIA – the Away from it all scheme - financed by members. We also have been knitting hats for farmers in collaboration with the Farming Community Network – the reason for this was a response to the huge number of mental health issues among farmers – each hat has a label sewn into it giving contact details for them to obtain help. Every branch often has its own local project involving working with families in their own parish.

Mary Sumner founded MU in 1876 and next year we shall be celebrating our 150th Anniversary. It is often said that the Mothers' Union is the church's best kept secret, as members continue to work quietly without making much fuss. However, this may change in 2026 as we gear up for a big celebration supported by our Patron, Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh who took on this role earlier this year following on from Queen Elizabeth.

At the conclusion of the service we joined together for a picnic lunch outside the Cathedral, joining the many families and children enjoying the Beach in glorious sunshine.

At our meeting in September we discussed our plans for our own celebration in 2026 and also for a family friendly Advent event which we hope will take place on Advent Sunday.

Water and Wells was the subject of a Quiet Day which some of our members took part in, held at St. Chad's Church, Lichfield in September. A wonderful relaxing and reflective day.

Our next meeting will be on 1st October 2.30 p.m. in St. Peter's church, all are welcome to join us.

Liz Binsley

Our monthly meeting

Our speakers for the evening were Dave & Marie Webb from the Rugeley Food Bank.

They started the Food bank 14 years ago in the Community Church in Rugeley, when a lady attended to see if there was any excess food that could be given to families in need on the Springfields Estate. So many families were in need that they needed bigger premises in Rugeley and the Trussell Trust gave Dave all the information that was needed to help them set up the Rugeley Food Bank



Dave & Marie work with around 15 volunteers who weigh and date all the food that is donated. A food parcel is made up to last around 3 days. Each family is given a time slot, and Marie gives the food that suits their needs.

During the Pandemic they had lots of food donated so Rugeley donated to other food banks. They get donations from various supermarkets. Tesco Rugeley is their main supplier. They appreciate all of the donations from Ridware WI. They also work alongside the Police, Prison officers and a Neighbourhood officer to help people in need. Rugeley food bank gave out 872 vouchers which fed around 2044 people. They also appreciate cash donations as sometimes they have to buy certain foods and other products in.

They gave us a few examples of what had happened to people and why they were using the Food bank, and how people end up in hotels with only a kettle in the room. They have also supported families with rent and debt issues.



Rugeley food bank also help families with furniture and other household items if needed.

It's not always people who are off work who use them. They've had working families that have fallen on hard times. It's such a shame in this day and age that these things happen, but thankfully, there are people like Dave & Marie and volunteers helping people in need.

WI members did not have a competition this month; instead, we donated items to the food bank, some of which came from our allotment.

Wednesday 10th September Churnet Valley Railway



On a glorious late summer's day, nineteen members set out on a grand adventure. We all enjoyed breakfast whilst riding a steam train on the Churnet Valley Railway.



Well, that was the plan; however, the steam engine was poorly, leaking one of her pipes. She was replaced with Sophie the diesel

engine but soon we were off riding through the lovely North Staffordshire countryside.

We were served pots of tea or coffee and fruit juice whilst we waited for our impressive cooked breakfast.

As the steam engine was broken, we were given free tickets to go back to ride the steam engine. We are now looking forward to a return trip.



This year marks the 110th Birthday of the Women's Institute. The Ridwares WI is marking this historic occasion by displaying our new banner in front of the village hall.

Ridwares WI Dates for your diary.

- Friday 3rd October, theatre trip to see Hairspray at the Lichfield Garrick.
- Saturday 11th October SFWI event: Literary Lunch with Shirley Mann.
- SFWI event: Seasonal Workshop Saturday, 8th November.
- SFWI event: Tuesday 18th November, It's Christmas County Showground.
- Saturday 6th December Trip to the Stratford Christmas Market.

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

Jane Austin Society of Mexico: visit to Hamstall - 19 September

Following on from the 250th anniversary celebrations of Jane Austen's birth, Hamstall is now truly on the map and last month we welcomed a group of Mexican visitors – (JASMX), hosted by John, Jo, Jack Barber and myself. They were delightful and thrilled with our JA connections.

Sarah Elsom



From Minutes of HRPC Annual meeting Monday 13th July 2025

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

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Mycock Clerk

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 5+ members of the public

We had several residents present with regards to the flooding/improvements.

The Chairman opened the meeting and allowed the public to speak

Discussion covered below

- Quote for drone work
- Impact down stream
- Drain River is half the size that it used to be
- Historic photos of the Mill show a pond area, which held water dating back to when the mill was in operation.
- Remodelling of the river further up stream

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

Correspondence/ emails Letter from a concerned walker who was chased by the water buffalo at Rough Park, asking if anything can be done

Email from Mr Chris Allen, asking the parish council to contact our MP, regarding asking the reservoir for a water release plan to help reduce water outlet during high rainfall

- This will be added to the next agenda

Co-option: The council agreed the co-option of Ella Riley

Casual Vacancy: The council agreed to proceed following the next meeting in September advertising the position.

Finance: Balance at the bank:

- Current Account @30th June 2025 £ 9,110.89
- Reserve account @30th June 2025 £1,537.34

Cheques	NET	VAT	Gross
Clerk salary March/April	455.24	0	
Payroll service	72.00	0	
Clear insurance	724.52	0	

Approve of Audit: Agreed to re approve audit and re submit.

Bank Account: Application must be re submitted to remove old councillors and add new councillors.

Drone Quote: Second quote is due in soon.

Modelling: The council has contacted 2 companies for quotes to re-model the river and up-stream, we will hopefully know more in time for the next meeting.

Concerns regarding slipping roof: The council is aware of a building in the village where the roof tiles are slipping off, this is quite dangerous and a worry as it's alongside a public footpath. Cllr Janet Higgins offered to take a look into it.

Storage area: May require a storage unit on the field for storing council items; it was felt it may be damaged or broken into. Clerk to look at prices.

Grant Applications/awards for this year: Due to funds, this year the council have capped the total spend/awards at £500

Note*

The village defibrillator needs a new battery and pads, some council members have donated a bottle towards a raffle being run kindly by Nikki in the pub, funds will go towards the costs estimated at £350 plus.

The Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Next Meeting Dates

15 th September 2025	Shoulder of Mutton	7.30pm
10 th November 2025	Shoulder of Mutton	7.30pm
12 th January 2026	Shoulder of Mutton	7.30pm

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Lichfield Cathedral's Festive Light Show is back!

Monday 15 - Sunday 21 December from 17:15



Enjoy a spectacular Christmas Light Show around the Close, and on the front of the Cathedral, listen to popular carols, and head inside to soak up the atmosphere of this special time of year. Includes after-hours access to the Christmas Tree Festival, Gift Shop and Crib.

To Book go to <https://lichfieldcathedral.littleboxoffice.com/events/129432>

Contacts and Information

Hamstall Village Websites:	see front cover
WI Karen Wakefield	01543 492 136
Shoulder of Mutton	01889 504 488
Hill Ridware Village Hall: Bookings: info@mavesynvillagehall.co.uk 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 (aburns@webbht.co.uk)	07976 814 523
Yoxall Health Centre (prescription repeats, yoxall.healthcentre@nhs.net)	01543 472 202
Yoxall Area Patient Partnership: yoxallareapatientpartnership@outlook.com	
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 518 215
Lichfield District Council	01543 308 000
On-demand transport , www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/linkupbus Call Mon-Fri, 9–5.	0808 134 6632
Staffordshire Highways department	01785 277 452
Staffordshire County Council, new number for all services Under 20s bus discount card: www.yourstaffordshirecard.info	0300 111 8000
Staffordshire Social Services: care services	0300 111 8010
South Staffs Water	0800 389 1011
Sewerage – Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444
Flood line (opt 1 code for Rugeley Trent 208013, Nethertown 308172)	03459 88 1188
https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/9081 (Blithe) /2104 (Trent at K B) Environment Agency (Lichfield 24hr) floods, sewerage etc	0800 807 060
Gas escapes	0800 111 999
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Staffordshire Safeguarding First Response Team:	0800 1313 126
Emergency Duty Service – Out of Hours:	0345 604 2886
NSPCC Helpline:	0808 800 5000
Child line:	0800 1111
Samuel Johnson Community Hospital, Lichfield	01543 412 900
Burton Hospital	01283 566 333

Recycling dump opening times (enquiries: 0300 111 8000)

Lichfield	BST	GMT
Wed-Fri	9.00-18.00	9.00-17.00
Sat, Sun, Spring & Summer Bank Hols	9.00-17.00	9.00-17.00
Mon, Tues, Christmas day, Boxing Day, New Year Day: Closed		
Rugeley	BST	GMT
Mon, Tues, Fri	9.00-18.00	9.00-17.00
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; 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 1st 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 4th 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. 1st and 3rd 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 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 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

October 1925:

Margaret Thatcher (born Roberts), former Prime Minister was born in Grantham... Angela Lansbury, famous actress was born in London and British actor Robert Hardy was born in Cheltenham... John Logie Baird successfully transmitted the first television pictures... Leeds City FC was expelled from the Football League due to financial irregularities... the Statue of Eros was taken away from Piccadilly Circus in London so that a new underground station could be built... the Lichfield Mercury recorded that William Henry Roobottom of Hamstall Ridware was fined 10 shillings for 'failing to give audible warning of approach.

November 1925:

Famous Welsh actor, Richard Burton, who later twice married Elizabeth Taylor, was born in Pontrhydyfen South Wales and English comedian June Whitfield (Terry & June) was born in London... Colin Mitchell, born in Croydon, was later famous for leading the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders in the Battle of Crater during the Aden Emergency... US film star Rock Hudson (b. Roy Harold Scherer) was born in Winnetka, Illinois & Robert F Kennedy, politician, was born in Brooklyn Massachusetts... English comedian Ernie Wise (b. Wiseman) born in Bramley and became part of the very successful Morecambe & Wise duo.

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