

Your Village News - And What's on! Hamstall Ridware Parish Magazine



**HAMSTALL RIDWARE
VILLAGE FETE**

An afternoon of fun and games for all the family

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
1.30-4pm

**FEATURING DYNAMIC FLYING DISPLAY BY AIRBORNE FALCONRY
AND COUNTRY, FOLK AND BLUES BAND, BIG STONE GAP**

Attractions include:

- ❖ Falconry Display
- ❖ Live Music
- ❖ Bar & BBQ
- ❖ Bouncy Castle
- ❖ Vintage & Classic Vehicle Display
- ❖ Tea Tent, Homemade Cakes & Preserves
- ❖ Plants, Craft and Bric-a-Brac, Games & Puzzles Stalls
- ❖ Games & Family Fun

BIG STONE GAP

📍 **St Michael & All Angels Church**
Hamstall Ridware WS15 3RS

**Falconry
display
& FÊTE
20 June**

**Big Church
clean**

**Parish
Council
Open
meeting**

**Open
gardens
and local
events**

June - July 2026

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Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

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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

Welcome to the fête edition of our parish magazine. A huge amount of work by Val Richards and her team has gone into preparing for this year's fête, and we're very lucky to have Rory of Airborne Falconry giving a display and also presenting the newest member of their team! As always prizes, produce, and plants and volunteers are needed: see pages 8 and 9. New this year: don't forget to look out any unwanted puzzles and games (p9).

We are also very grateful to the parish council for now making available the draft minutes of their meetings in time for the magazine, so this issue contains both the March and May minutes. Congratulations to Neil Roobottom on his election as Chair. Do note too that there is an open meeting, to meet with the parish councillors, to be held in the pub gardens, on 22 June, from 6:00 pm (p22).

Please note A correction to the service rota for this coming Sunday, 31st May: the benefice service will now be in Mavesyn and not in Hamstall as earlier advertised.

Other news: the churchyard working party has resumed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month through the summer: everyone welcome, see page 9, where also there are details of the big church clean on 30 May.

We have 3 pages of events in neighbouring villages (11,12 & 13) including two open gardens and a walking group.

On page 14, the British Legion are calling for volunteers to help with poppy sales and the Scouts have a vacancy for two youth leaders that could suit someone doing their Duke of Edinburgh award (p17).

We have a report from the flood support group on page 16, and one new advertiser, a gardener and landscaper (p26)

This month we have included (p12) the regular events timetable from Hill Ridware village hall. Is this useful? We 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 also contact the editor if you would like to have a copy of the magazine routinely emailed to you. To advertise in the magazine, contact the editor.

Copy date for the August - September magazine is Thursday 16 July.

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UNITED BENEFICE OF KINGS BROMLEY, THE RIDWARES and YOXALL
June - July 2026. Everyone welcome at any of our services

	Hamstall Ridware St Michael & All Angels	Yoxall St Peters	Kings Bromley All Saints	Mavesyn Ridware St Nicholas
May 24th Pentecost	10.30 am Service of the Word	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	5.00 pm Holy Communion
May 31st Trinity Sunday	10.30 am United Benefice Service, St Nicholas Mavesyn Ridware			
June 7th Trinity 1	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	5.00 pm Holy Communion	10.30 am Morning Prayer
June 14th Trinity 2	5.00 pm Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion		
June 21st Trinity 3	10.30 am Holy Communion	5.00 pm Holy Communion	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion
June 28th Trinity 4	10.30 am Patronal Festival and Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's, Yoxall			
July 5th Trinity 5	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	5.00 pm Holy Communion	10.30 am Morning Prayer
July 12th Trinity 6	5.00pm Evening Prayer	10.30 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Fellowship Group	
July 19th Trinity 7	10.30 am Holy Communion	5.00 pm Holy Communion	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion
July 26th Trinity 8	10.30 am Service of the Word	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion	5.00 pm Evening Prayer
August 2nd Trinity 9	10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Mavesyn Ridware			
August 9th Trinity 10	10.30 am Benefice Morning Prayer at St Michael and All Angels, Hamstall Ridware			

There is also a 30-minute service (check website), usually a said communion, at 10.00 am Wednesdays at Yoxall and at 10.00 am on the first Thursday of the month at Kings Bromley

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS – HAMSTALL RIDWARE

June - July 2026. 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 & preceding 6 days: 10am to 6pm BST (4pm GMT)

DATE	BELLS & GREETING	SIDESMAN (& unlock week before)	COFFEE	READERS	(week before)	
					CLEANERS	FLOWERS
May 24th Pentecost 10.30 am	L Carter S Elsom	P Carter	P Carter L Carter	P Carter J Burgess		-
May 31st Trinity Sunday 10.30 am	P Carter C Smart	J Ferguson (opening church and preceding week)			L Carter L Leigh	-
June 7th Trinity 1 9.00 am	C Smart -	D Rudge	S Elsom M Elsom	C Smart D Rudge		S Elsom
June 14th Trinity 2 5.00 pm	J Ferguson -	D Leigh	-	J Ferguson P Carter	S Elsom S Bostock	-
June 21st Trinity 3 10.30am	S Elsom S Bostock	C Smart	J Ferguson C Smart	S Elsom S Bostock		-
June 28th Trinity 4	-	M Elsom (opening church and preceding week)			V Richards J Berriman	V Richards
July 5th Trinity 5 9.00am	C Smart	D Rudge	C Smart	C Smart D Rudge		-
July 12th Trinity 6 5.00pm	J Ferguson	P Carter	-	J Ferguson P Carter	P Carter C Smart	L Carter
July 19th Trinity 7 10.30am	P Carter L Carter	J Ferguson	P Carter L Carter	J Burgess C Smart		-
July 26th Trinity 8 10.30am	L Carter P Carter	D Leigh	L Leigh D Leigh	D Rudge P Carter	E Riley J Parker	L Leigh
August 2nd Trinity 9	-	C Smart (opening church and preceding week)				-
August 9th Trinity 10 10.30am	J Burgess D Rudge	M Elsom, week before J Ferguson, Sunday	J Burgess G Burgess	J Burgess J Ferguson	S Elsom S Bostock	P Barlow

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: June: E Riley, J Parker; July: L Carter, L Leigh

From our Rector, the Revd Jeremy Brading

Sunday 28th June is a cause for celebration, for several reasons. For one thing it marks the patronal festival of St Peter's Church, Yoxall. As with all patronal festivals, this is an opportunity to give thanks for the parish church's witness over the past year and to pray for its future. Come along to St Peter church, Yoxall and join us.

Another cause for celebration, is that this Feast of St Peter (celebrated on the 28th June), also marks the anniversary of my ordination, 24 years ago in the cathedral of the Diocese of Manchester. When I arrived, I was conscious of following in the footsteps of countless others in history, as well as those like me, being ordained deacons elsewhere in the world. As for priests, often they are ordained on the day before (ie in 2026 on Saturday 27th June), so that they can celebrate their first Mass in their training church.

For me my ordination was of course memorable, but it also brought a sense of relief having travelled through a long period of discernment. During my ten years discerning, there were times in that when I did indeed feel God was calling me to ordained ministry. Yet there were other times when, despite acutely retaining this sense of calling, that I did not feel comfortable to attend my local church. Thus oddly enough, I felt called to ministry in a church that I did not feel able to attend. Subsequently I have put this uncertainty down to insecurity in my faith arising from my undergraduate studies in theology. I suspect more challenging to my faith was having to process the death of my father at 49 years of age. That experience taught me that doubt is the first step in faith in Jesus; indeed doubt keeps you honest.

Prior to ordination, the final part of discerning was courtesy of a 3 day interview - the Selection Conference. I recall it being a very tiring experience, not least because I felt that I had torpedoed my only prospects. Prior to the selection conference, candidates were advised to rehearse answers to oft used questions. One such innocent enough question: 'what was is your favourite film' ? By then I had ruled out Reservoir Dogs etc. and instead had opted for Star Wars. My reasoning being that this film had an obvious light v darkness or 'goodie - baddies element'. So much for planning. Instead I blurted out, Martin Scorsese's film, 'The Last Temptation of Christ' (1988), which had made quite an impression on me as an undergraduate. Unfortunately it was also a film that I believe the Church of England tried to ban. Not good for an interview with said Church!

The controversy surrounding the film arose from expectations that it would follow directly in the tradition of Jesus of Nazareth (1977). Yet this clumsy assumption is mistaken, as the opening credits indicate. Rather the film was an exploration of how the call to humanity and the call to divinity grow in presence in Jesus. As the Council of Chalcedon (455) taught, they cannot merge as a mix of both. As followers of Jesus, this a model Christians are called to follow, as St Irenaeus of Lyon taught: "For the glory of God is the living man, and the life of man is the vision of God."

Revd Jeremy Brading

Parish Priest of Kings Bromley, the Ridwares & Yoxall

Dates for your diary

Churchyard Working Party 5 - 7pm (&every 2 nd +4 th Tues)	Tuesday	26	May
Community Café in Church 10.30am – 12.30pm	Thursday	28	May
Staffordshire County Show,	Wednesday 27 and Thursday	28	May
Big Church Clean, St Michaels and All Angels 9.30 – 12.30	Saturday	30	May
Take A Break Café, H R Village Hall 10.30 - 12noon (1 st Tues)	Tuesday	2	June
MU meeting, St Peters Church Yoxall, 1.45pm	Wednesday	3	June
150 yrs of MU: St Peters Church Yoxall, 10-4	Saturday 6 th & 1-4	7	June
Yoxall Open Gardens 11.30 – 4.30pm	Saturday 13 and Sunday	14	June
Tents etc for Fête from 6pm	Thursday	18	June
Hamstall Fête, 1.30 – 4.30 pm	Saturday	20	June
Kings Bromley Open Gardens 11.30 -4.30pm	Saturday 20 & Sunday	21	June
Parish Council Open meeting in Garden of Shoulder 6pm	Monday	22	June
Community Café in Church 10.30am – 12.30pm	Thursday	25	June
Hill Ridware Scarecrow trail	Saturday 27 and Sunday	28	June
Community Fest, Village Hall, Hill Ridware 11am – 4pm	Sunday	28	June
Exultate Deo, Holy Angels Church, Hoar Cross, 7pm	Sunday	28	June
Henry Chadwick Party, school sports field, 3.30pm-6pm	Tuesday	7	July
Hamstall Ridware Parish Council, Shoulder, 7.30	Monday	13	July
Copy date for the August-September magazine	Thursday	16	July
Beatus Concert, All Saints, Kings Bromley 7.30 pm	Friday	17	July
Community Café in Church 10.30am – 12.30pm	Thursday	23	July
Kings Bromley Fête, Showfield, 12noon – 4pm	Saturday	25	July
Menafest, Hill Ridware	Saturday	25	July
Treasured Vehicle Day, Showfield – 11 - 4pm	Sunday	16	August

Bold – selected one off events

Abbots Bromley and Yoxall GP surgery training closures

The next dates when the Surgeries are closed pm for staff training are Thursday 11 June & Tuesday 14 July.

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 4, 18 June; 2, 16, 30 July; 13, 27 August.

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 1,10pm to 2pm at Henry Chadwick alternate Fridays. The next dates are 29 May; 12, 26 June; 10, 24 July; 7, 21 August.

Hamstall Ridware Village Fete

Saturday 20th^h June 2026 1:30 to 4pm

We'd appreciate help in advance for:

- Thursday 18th June from 6 pm - erection of tents, chairs and table collection – just come along to the church field

Prizes and produce

Please drop off prizes for the Grand Draw & Tombola and Bottle stall *well in advance to:* -

Grand Draw: Glenis Turner, Laburnum Cottage, Blithbury Road

Tombola: The Allens, Olde Shoppe Cottage – 504481

Puzzles and Games: Caroline McLachlan, Mission Cottage, Blithbury Road 07917 135166

Bottle stall: Donations of full bottles to Val Richards, The Garret, Manor Yard

And from June 17th (not before please):

Bric-a-Brac & books: (in good condition); No second-hand clothes this year, please

Lucy & David Leigh, The Mill House, Yoxall Road – 504352

Linda Windley, 14 Blythe View, Lichfield Rd. - 504343

On the day please:

Plants & home-grown produce - to John Ferguson, and helpers.

Cakes, Jams & Chutneys - Sindy Bostock, Mary Meddings and team on the stall

Cakes and sandwiches - Liz Carter and Jo Berriman in the tea tent

Do get involved if you can!

It is a great village occasion and raises much-needed funds for our lovely church.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Don't miss the captivating and dynamic display by Rory of Airborne Falconry. The display will showcase the speed, agility, and precision that make these birds legendary.



Hamstall Ridware Village Fete 20th June TOMBOLA PRIZES REQUIRED PLEASE!

Please look in your cupboards for GOOD AS NEW unwanted gifts including bottles of booze, full jars, tins, toiletries, toys



Please bring your unwanted gifts before June 12th to:
Shani & Chris, Shoppe Cottage, Blithbury Road, The Green, Hamstall; Tel: 07507 965613



PUZZLES & GAMES STALL
at the *Village Fete*
20 JUNE

Have you any unwanted puzzles or games tucked away at home?
We'd love your donations for our brand-new **Puzzles & Games Stall!**

Please look out any:

- Jigsaw puzzles
- Board games
- Card games
- Children's games
- Brain teasers and similar items

Donations can be left with **Caroline McLachlan**
07917 135 166
At Mission Cottage, Blithbury Rd
Please put inside the white front door behind the gate



PLANT DONATIONS
For the *Plant stall*
CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

WE WOULD LOVE DONATIONS OF PLANTS, HERBS AND SEEDLING FOR OUR STALL AT THE VILLAGE FETE

PLANTS
HERBS
SEEDLINGS
CUTTINGS

Plant stall

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PLANT STALL ON THE DAY OF THE FETE (20th JUNE) OR BEFORE TO CAROLINE MCLACHLAN AT MISSION COTTAGE WHO HAS KINDLY AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM. IDEALLY, ADD PRICES TOO!



Church Cleaning
"Keep The Church Clean"

Big Church Clean – Saturday 30 May

An invite to anyone to help give the church a bit of a freshen up before the fête on the 20th of June. Come along Saturday 31 May 9.30 – 12.30 Refreshments provided! and help give our beautiful church a Big Clean

I will bring some cleaning tools and ladders but please do also bring your own favoured items. Liz Carter

Churchyard working party Tuesday 26 May 5-7pm

Call to all gardeners - We are keen to get the churchyard spruced up in time for the forthcoming wedding! And the fête on 20 June. All gardeners are invited to join in our next Churchyard working party from 5 – 7 pm this Tuesday 26 May (and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday thereafter). No need to stay the full 2 hours!

Bring your favourite gardening equipment - tasks include weeding, mowing, strimming, brush cutting, hedge trimming. For more info contact John Ferguson (07709 889 001)



A Thank You from Brenda Perkin's family

Peter, Angela and Annabelle and family wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support at Brenda's memorial service on 19 April. The help from Jeremy Brading, John Ferguson, and Chis Smart and Michael Elsom with organising the service and playing the organ, and to everyone for supplying refreshments, flowers and doing everything that went into making the day run smoothly was greatly appreciated.

The collection in aid of the Church Brenda loved made over £235, as well as a further cheque to the British Heart Foundation.

Our Thanks Again

Albert Kenneth Barlow

It's with great sadness that we as a family have to tell you all that dad "boo" passed away on 13 May peacefully in Burton hospital. We will post funeral arrangements once we know details.

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Mr & Mrs Ian Barlow - 08/05/26

Ian & Alison would like to thank all villagers and friends for their kind wishes and generous donations on the occasion of their wedding.

As many of you may know they were both widowed and have been given another chance of happiness.

Over £4000 has been raised for cancer research which is very dear to them both as Ian lost his Wife Mary to Pancreatic cancer and Alison lost her Husband Andrew to a brain tumour. Added to this Alison was herself diagnosed with Breast cancer last year, so these donations are so gratefully received.

Thank you to you all. Xx

Community café: St Michael and All Angels Church 4th Thursdays 10.30am-12.30; Next dates: 28 May, 25 June, 23 July, 27 August.

The community café continues to thrive with new faces every month.

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



Yoxall Open Gardens

Yoxall Open Gardens on **Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June** 2026. 8 gardens opening: four for the first time.

N.B. earlier opening time this year - 11.30 - 4.30 with a barbecue lunch being served from the outdoor kitchen at Polly Rose, Back Lane, Hadley End.

Forest View are opening their horticultural plot: sign opposite the farm shops.

There is a vintage tractor display at Corner House Farm, and some vintage cars at Wheelwright Cottage

Five gardens are within walking distance of the car park at Corner House Farm, DE13 8PF. Or start at Whitewood Lodge, Sich Lane DE13 8NS.

Money is being raised for St Giles Hospice and for Barton and Yoxall Lions. Tickets are £5 per adult, valid for both days. Children are free. Well behaved dogs welcome. We have disabled access and toilets. Tickets can be bought from any garden on the day.

For further info, contact Sophie 07712 628083

Kings Bromley Open Gardens 2026

The Open Gardens event will be held again this year, on **Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June** 12-5pm. There will be 12 gardens taking part around the village and will include The Richard Crosse School and The Bowling Club, plus a flower display in All Saints Church. The Royal Oak will also be involved. We are pleased to welcome three new private gardens this year.

Tickets, costing £5 per adult (children free), will be valid over both days and will be available on the day from Richard Crosse School, any Open Garden (look for the balloons!) or the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available at the Village Hall, the Bowling Club and at the pub. Plants will be on sale in many of the gardens.

Please come along to support this, with all profits divided between The Richard Crosse School PTA towards the school outdoor space and St Giles Hospice in Lichfield.

Other Kings Bromley Events

BEATUS CONCERT with 'Bubbles & Nibble's – 7:30 Friday 17th July in Church

This 14-voice a Capella choir directed by James Foulds sings a very wide range of music and are well-known in our area. They will be bringing us an evening of light music 'From Across the Pond' and the programme will include items from Broadway, folk songs, modern classics and Spirituals from composers like Gershwin, Billy Joel, Jerome Kern, Mancini, Eric Whitacre and others. Advance tickets £10 including interval 'Bubbles and Nibbles' from Judith Berry 07547 422833.

KINGS BROMLEY FETE – 12 until 4pm Saturday 25th July on the Showfield.

TREASURED VEHICLE DAY – 11 until 4pm Sunday 16th August on the Showfield



Lichfield Cathedral Chamber Choir

Conductor: Martyn Rawles

Exultate Deo

A mixture of sacred and secular music for a summer's evening



Sunday 28th June 2026, 7pm
The Church of the Holy Angels,
Hoar Cross, DE13 8QS

Bar available

Tickets: £15

Bank details:-

Account: PCC Hoar Cross

Sort Code: 30-91-47

Account no.00307254

Please enter surname and number of tickets

Bookings: please pay by bank transfer and email Rachel Major (see below). Pay on the door: by cash, card or cheque.

Under 18s free

Contact Rachel Major: rachelmajor138@gmail.com



Join us, Join in

In June Mothers' Union will celebrate the 150th Anniversary since its founding in 1876. St. Peter's church, Yoxall will be holding an exhibition showcasing the life and work of Mothers' Union in 84 countries throughout the world. All day Saturday 6th June and Sunday 7th June, following morning service.

Refreshments will be served from 10 – 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday

Drop in and visit us as we celebrate the life changing work that is still going on today

Hill Ridware Village Hall: timetable of regular events

Monday:	Coffee Morning (Warm Space initiative)	10-12 noon
Monday:	Pilates class with Katie (45 mins length)	6pm & 7pm
Tuesday:	Tai Chi class with Debbie (60 mins)	6pm
Wednesday:	Tai Chi class with Debbie (60 mins)	09.30
Wednesday:	Hatha Yoga class with Tricia (60 mins)	17.45
Wednesday:	Zumba class with Jeanette (45 mins)	7pm
Thursday:	Coffee Morning & Post Office (till 11am)	9 - 12noon



Community SPIRIT

Scarecrow Trail

27th - 28th June 2026



Theme:
No theme

www.mavesynridwareparishcouncil.gov.uk/scarecrow-trail-2026



COMMUNITY FEST!

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE • 11AM - 4PM

VILLAGE HALL



LIVE MUSIC FOOD & DRINKS GAMES & ACTIVITIES LOCAL VENDORS

— FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! —
— ALL ARE WELCOME! —

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INSPIRING WOMEN
THE RIDWARES

Fancy a short walk in our beautiful countryside?

June Monday's = 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Meet @ the Village Hall @ 10am

Weather permitting!
Sensible footwear required ...
Enjoy a cuppa in the Village Hall afterwards.....



Any questions? Message Lorraine Wilson

Thank you for your support for the Royal British Legion and the 2025 Poppy Appeal

The Yoxall & District Branch raised £13,000 – well over our previous best of £4,000.

In Staffordshire alone the Legion casework team, with its extensive experience, worked with individuals and their families to achieve the best outcomes possible, issuing almost £200k in grants covering over 400 cases. We want to recognise and thank our donors and members for their support and helping to share the great work that RBL Recovery Services delivers. Your continued support ensures that those who could benefit know the RBL is there for them.



Poppy Appeal volunteers are vital in enabling us to support our Armed Forces Community through thick and thin – ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten.

Can you help us beat last year's total?

Please call Peter Valentine on 07813 686556

or

Yoxall.Secretary@rbl.community

The Legion's Recovery Services' prime purpose is the clear and consistent route from referral and assessment through to programme engagement and onward support. It delivers high-quality, person-centred pathways that help individuals rebuild their confidence, independence and wellbeing, wherever they are on their recovery journey. A key part of this is the evidence based Multi Activity Courses run at The Battle Back Centre, soon to be extended to 2 other locations. Development continues with courses across sport, adventure training and the arts, so enabling beneficiaries explore new interests, passions and progress through their recovery journey.



Local dog walker finalist in Midlands Animal Star awards



We were pleased to learn that Jolly Dog Walks founder, Victoria Cartwright, was recently named a finalist in the Midlands Region Animal Star Awards 2026 for Dog Services Of The Year. Based locally, her mission is to provide safe, reliable, and enriching countryside dog walks filled with fun, care, and adventure, and personalised care for every dog.

Victoria has built strong relationships with clients and their pets. As well as plans to expand services and welcome more local dogs to the Jolly Dog Walks family, she is also preparing to commence canine instructor training, further to support dogs and their owners. See her advert on the back page of this magazine.

An advertisement for 'Take A Break Cafe'. It features a white cup of coffee with latte art on a saucer. The text on the advertisement includes:

Take A Break Cafe

Tuesday
2nd June,
7th July,
4th August &
1st September

1030 - 12 noon
The Village Hall,
Hill Ridware

All Welcome!

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WIDENING
THE REWARDS

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**



For forthcoming events, please see posters in the pub, "A" boards outside and Facebook

Don't forget –

Wed – Sat Lunch – Open from 12-2pm for lunchtime meals

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!



News from Kings Bromley JAZZ CLUB and CREATIVE ARTS PARTNERSHIP



As the weather improves, and the sun shines a lot more, so our activities lessen until Autumn

approaches. Nevertheless, plans are being laid to meet the expectations and hopes that have grown over the years.

Kings Bromley Jazz Club (KBJC)

After another successful launch-pad for students from Birmingham University Music School in March, we have just had our '26 Jazz Festival spread over two days. We enjoyed a sell-out community event on the Friday evening when our Village Harmony choir performed with the Lichfield Aspire Community Jazz Band. On the Saturday the Birmingham Royal Conservatoire associate Luca Ginassi provided a guitar masterclass and helped us to fulfil an ambition to involve young people in our activities. Three other bands performed during the day as well as the Wayside Serenaders from Lichfield.

On October 14th the Burton Big Band will perform for us. Then, on 11th November, we will have the return of the hugely popular Jake Leg Jug Band with a range of appealing and popular music interspersed with witty banter and entertaining chat. This will be our third birthday party as well. See you then, we hope, so keep a look out for our publicity as well as marking the dates in your diary.

Kings Bromley Creative Arts Partnership (KBCAP)

Season One ended in March with a hugely successful event looking at Ralph Vaughn Williams – the man and his music. This was presented by John Francis, chair of the international RVW Society supported by a vocalist and pianist from the Birmingham Royal Conservatoire.

KBCAP was never intended to be a group just providing events but, in the coming year it hopes to provide something focusing on antiques and their popularity on the TV. Its main plan is to draw local groups together and share what they do and then support and develop their growth.

They are hoping that individuals will want to share their creative interests and creative passions with fellow residents and neighbours.

Keep your eyes on the publicity as plans emerge. The first might be a "Music Box" event around Christmas time !!

Flood Support Group

In liaison with the Parish Council, the Flood Support Group continues to work closely with the Environment Agency, Staffordshire County Council and other local representatives on flood prevention and drainage issues within the parish.

Despite the continued engagement of local MP, Dave Robertson, with South Staffordshire Water, the latter has unfortunately not been willing to reconsider its position regarding the controlled release of water from Blithfield Reservoir prior to a named storm. Nevertheless, the Group remains in regular contact with Mr Robertson's office and, with its support, will be reviewing the Government's proposed reforms to the national water system to better understand how these reforms might enable them to improve flood risk mitigation.



Top end BEFORE construction

Most encouragingly, the recently completed embankment repairs performed as intended during periods of heavy rainfall earlier this year, providing reassurance that the measures already implemented are having a positive effect.

Some issues remain unresolved in the centre of the village. A full camera survey of the older drainage systems is scheduled to take place before the end of the summer, to identify any blockages



Top end AFTER construction

or collapsed pipework. The FSG has also requested that the drain off Bancroft Lane in Nethertown be included in the survey, following earlier recommendations that checks be made to ensure jetting has successfully kept the drain free from root intrusion.

Our attention has also been drawn to the village's silt traps, which play a crucial role in maintaining the effectiveness of the surface water drainage system. These are currently full and need clearing to a depth of at least two feet. Unfortunately, no funding is currently available for this work, so we would be extremely grateful to hear from any volunteers willing to lend a hand with shovels and practical assistance in the coming months!

The annual drain cleaning programme has recently been carried out by Staffordshire Drains. Owing to a large quantity of debris and silt within the system, it was unfortunately not possible for them to visit every drain within the allocated time. Subject to available funding, a second visit is planned for the autumn, ahead of the winter weather, with priority being given to the outstanding drains.

Finally, to facilitate its use in the event of flooding, a number of volunteers have cleared the public footpath along the raised walkway parallel to Yoxall Road. Blackthorn, brambles (and litter) have all been removed, together with some low-hanging branches near the stile adjacent to Hamstall Fishery.

Lucy Leigh 07702 812801 lucy.leigh@ci-bcp.com

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

We are so excited to have opened Squirrels for our younger members. Just the second Squirrels to open up in Burton District, so its early days for everyone. But so far, so good! It's a great term to be starting as they can get out and about lots in the lighter nights. The first few meetings have been getting to know the new Squirrels and settling them in. On the WhatsApp parent group we had fantastic feedback from the parents a couple that made me smile - ... had a fabulous time, he wants to come to Squirrels each day! ... loved it, he asked if he could stay longer! Squirrels have been learning what Scouting is all about, a discussion on Fairtrade and a meeting dedicated to St George – the patron saint of Scouting.

And back to our other sections who have had an equally exciting first few weeks of the summer term. Beavers have made boats out of margarine tubs in one meeting and then another meeting they met at the stream at the side of Jacksons Bank to float them. All floated well and they had great wet fun! Along with a Minecraft evening and one at Branston following the pickle pot trail, its been a great start.



Cubs have had an international food night, they have also followed the pickle pot trail and have had a sticky session making junk models out of cardboard boxes, yogurt pots, milk cartons and actually Just anything else they brought in! Over the past three terms each of the Cub packs have visited either Beacon Park or Branston Waterpark once each term. The purpose was to walk the same route each time and see what is different each season. They have seen leaves falling in the autumn, the new life emerging in the spring and the fantastic bloom of the summer flowers.

Our Scouts have had an archery night, also an international food night, an evening taking apart engines and the most popular was a chip shop survey in Lichfield. We visited 4 chip shops in Lichfield and rated their chips for fluffiness, crispiness and value for money. They also had to rank them for cleanliness, service and portion size.

All the sections are looking forward to camps and sleepovers in the coming months, we are hoping for great weather! We now have less than 15 weeks until our summer camp in Switzerland. We are all getting very excited!

We have a couple of vacancies for young leaders. So if there is anyone that needs to volunteer for their DofE, then please get in touch

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

Here Comes Spring at the County Showground

Some of our members enjoyed listening to some inspirational speakers at this year's event, including Charlotte Almond, CEO of Staffordshire Women's Aid, told how, in their 50th year, their services are still needed. A WI member who survived domestic abuse gave her story. A short film was hard-hitting - domestic abuse can and does affect women of any age.

Sarah English explained how the Staffordshire History Centre looks after archives and asked for help in stitching bags for their historic maps.

Historian Dr Gareth Williams aka Charles II, amused and enlightened with his account of how the Merry Monarch got his nickname and the connections he had with Staffordshire.



Julia Bradbury, broadcaster, took us through her career and showed how important work/life balance, health and nature are to her: In particular, how her approach to her own health changed following her cancer diagnosis.

Julia was a bundle of energy on stage, accompanied by her sister, who acted as interviewer, asking Julia questions to keep her on track. She encouraged us to walk backwards to strengthen knees

and hips and had the audience on their feet, dancing enthusiastically.

Our April meeting

Karen introduced our guest speaker, Nikki Hawkins, who gave us a fascinating talk on her career as a Fish'n'Chip Shop Judge.

Nikki began her career working in hotels, initially in Pitlochry, Scotland, before moving south to work in the De Vere chain hotel in Bournemouth. She has also worked with Bird's Eye and has worked with chefs in 20 regions across the UK.



She took us through the complete process of judging fish'n'chip shops. The first round involves mystery diners, the second round is a thorough assessment of everything from fridge temperatures to batter recipes. Ten shops will get through to the final round. In this round, celebrity guests are invited to taste the fish'n'chips. A very interesting talk with lots of insights!

The St George's Day Tea



After lots of preparation we were ready to welcome our guests to a sumptuous St George's Day afternoon tea. The hall was beautifully decorated by our WIST team (the W I Support Team) with colourful bunting and lovely table ware.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers among our membership who turned out to prepare the fantastic teas for our guests.

Once again W I members had come up

trumps, baking fabulous cakes for our trade table and dozens of scones for the tea. There was a wide range of jams, marmalades and chutney's along with some really lovely craft made by our crafty ladies.

The hall was packed with friends and neighbours enjoying a sing-along after tea. Song sheets had been provided, and everyone joined in.

Kent (WIST team member) once again had provided the quiz. All the questions related to England. Lots of discussion was generated with some friendly competition between different groups. Finally, the raffle was drawn, leaving many guests weighed down with prizes to take home. All in all, a wonderful day filled with community spirit.



Ridwares WI Dates for your diary.

- Monday 11th May: - Walking Group with Lorraine
- Wednesday 13th May: - Craft Group
- Tuesday 19th May: - AGM and cheese and wine evening.
- Saturday 6th June: - The Big Lunch
- Sunday 28th June: - Community Fest/Scarecrow Trail
- Saturday 25th July: - Menafest

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.

From Minutes of HRPC meeting Monday 2nd March 2026

(See page 22 for minutes of May meeting)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Mycock Clerk

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 2+ members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr Keith Vernon

The meeting it was opened to the public for 10 minutes, areas covered were: -

- Flooding
- Potholes and state of the village roads
- Hedges going out of the village toward Yoxall
- Visit by highways and Cllr Higgins on 16th March 2026 for flooding, all councillors were invited to join, if available.

The main meeting then started.

Matters Arising from the last Minutes: Green house Farm- Cllr Higgins confirmed it was in the hands of building control. There is now scaffolding around the area.

Flooding Update: The village has experienced rainfall over the last few months but no impact to the village, some drains may still be blocked in the village and may need addressing.

Finance: Approval of adding councillors to the Natwest bank account, to action internet banking. Cllr Tina Buchanan, Cllr Neil Roobottom, Cllr Michael McNelis, Cllr Simon Moore and Cllr Ella Riley. - Cllr Graham Roobottom is the only one left on the banking mandate at present.

Balance at the bank:

- Current Account January 30th 2026 £5,436.13
- Reserve account January 5th 2026 £1,549.62

Appointment of Auditor: It was agreed to appoint Kim Squires as external auditor for 25/26 financial year

Grass cutting: The council agreed to award the grass cutting contract to Mr James Windley for the April 26 - October 26 season. £2,100, All agreed.

Also request for a price for coppice work on the tree on the triangle by the church

Drain Cleaning: The annual drain cleaning was completed the best they could and it was found several drains were more silted than before. Not all the drains on the list were completed in the time scale. Due to council funds a further call out will not be possible until later in the year.

Drains still an issue, outside the Leigh's house, outside Mr Carters, Nethertown, outside Mr Roobottom's Cowley Hill farm

Cllr Higgins said that she could approach highways to see if anything could be done to help clear the remaining drains, also possible to mention this at the meeting on the 16th March

Also the council could apply for the community grant towards funding, but the highways should do the drain cleaning as general maintenance.

Grant Applications: The grant awards have been withdrawn until further notice due to funding.

Approval of Documents: Documents approved and adopted:

Hamstall Ridware Publication scheme
Model Standing Orders
Financial Risk Assessment

Drone work: Drone work of the village during excessive rainfall has been recorded, this will be available for viewing on the council website via a link hopefully.

Potholes: The council encourages everyone to still report as many as possible.

The council expressed its concerns regarding the repairs of very large potholes and general state of the roads along all accesses into the village and questioned Cllr Higgins as to when we can expect them to be addressed.

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We welcomed Liz and Roger Cresswell to our May meeting. They both volunteer as Stewards at Lichfield Cathedral and gave us some insights into the work they do there.

Lichfield has a good reputation among other Cathedrals for having the smartest Stewards, all are expected to wear smart black suits, the men having a special tie and women a scarf, which is lovely, but difficult to wear as it is very slippery! There are around 50 Stewards currently, men and women.

Liz and Roger spoke of the extent of the role – we are all familiar with seeing them on duty at services - but they are also called on to work at some concerts and events and during major festivals, particularly Christmas and Easter, they are much in demand.

Stewards are invaluable in helping with the smooth running of the Cathedral and with patience, diplomacy, diligence and a sense of humour they ensure people feel welcome and comfortable. They answer many questions, the most frequent being 'Are there toilets in the Cathedral?' - 'No, as it is a medieval Cathedral', but they are directed to excellent facilities just down the road in the Close.

Stewards also have First Aid training and are trained to deal with all manner of emergencies, including terrorist attacks. Mostly visitors are pleasant, but there is the odd belligerent one who feels they should have better seating, all dealt with calm and patience.

It was so interesting hearing of the 'behind the scenes' life of the Cathedral, and we all thought we should look on the role of Steward in a different light in future.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd June at 1.45 p.m. when we shall be making preparations for the upcoming exhibition. We look forward to welcoming people to the exhibition weekend.

Liz Binsley

From Minutes of HRPC meeting and AGM Monday 11th May 2026

THOSE PRESENT: Cllr Neil Roobottom; Cllr Simon Moore; Cllr Tina Buchanan; Cllr Michael McNelis; Cllr Keith Vernon.

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Mycock Clerk

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 2+ members of the public

Opened to residents for 10 minutes:

There is concern that some of the silt traps at the top of the village by the church have not been emptied, the council explained that funds at present didn't allow for another visit at the moment and we could possibly address this later in the year..

1, Election of Chairman

The clerk took the chair and asked for proposals for the chairman position, A proposal of Cllr Neil Roobottom; Proposed: Cllr SM, Seconded: Cllr MM.

Cllr Neil Roobottom holds office for the next year.

The council expressed their thanks to Cllr Tina Buchanan for doing a sterling job of holding office for the past year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

The chairman asked for a proposer for the position of vice chair.

Cllr Tina Buchanan; Proposed by Cllr NR, Seconded by Cllr SM

APOLOGIES: Cllr Graham Roobottom; Cllr Ella Riley; Cllr Janet Higgins

Flooding Update: The Flood Support group reported to the council on MP Dave Robertson's continued engagement with South Staffordshire Water. It was reported that, unfortunately they have not been willing to reconsider or amend the position set out in their letter to him dated 4th February.

The bund had done its job during a wet spell we encountered.

Also the group carried out works on the footpath by the fishery.

Letter from Resident: Letter from resident regarding the state of the roads and the verges, all accesses in to the village are poor with either pot holes or the verges damaged with vehicles driving up the banks and layby's are covered in mud and ruts
Letter to Cllr Janet Higgins requested removal of the exposed kerbs on Blithbury Road going out of the village.

Place in the parish magazine, driving with care (to be arranged, Ed)

Correspondence: Letter to request the old telephone box/Defib be repainted: - to be placed on the next agenda

- Current Account £13,077.31
- Reserve account £1,553.16

Approval of the Annual Governance and accountability Return: The accounts were presented. They are unaudited and require internal audit: check spend for the year £6,537.89. Proposed: Cllr MM, Seconded: Cllr TB

Approve council data audit policy: Proposed : Cllr MM, Seconded: Cllr SM;
Review next year

Potholes: Keep reporting the potholes, to be added to the letter to Cllr Janet Higgins.

Open Meeting: Open meeting date is **22nd June 2026** , 6pm at the Shoulder of Mutton.

Defibulator checks: Cllr Tina Buchanan, checked the defib after it was deployed and reported back to the ambulance hub who then changes its status to active again.

Add to next agenda for ways to raise money for funding maintenance

Hanging Baskets: A kind resident has offered to plant up the main boxes and village green hanging baskets

Next Meeting Dates

22 June 2026 Open meeting in garden of Shoulder of Mutton 6pm

13th July 2026

14th September 2026

9th November 2026

11th January 2027

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This term we've been busy with sporting events - taking part in competitions with other local schools. Our teams have progressed through to the finals in dodgeball and football, which is a credit to all the children involved. Teams have also taken part in a netball tournament and cross country races. Practice for the school's sports day is in full swing! Which is always a day full of excitement.

Visitors to school include a local author, Catherine Owen, who spent time in each class reading her new book and talking to the children about writing and her book being published. Year 1 and 2 were particularly keen to ask questions and tell her about the work they have been doing about the plastics and pollution in our seas.

We had a fantastic day celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday and VE Day which fell on the same day. The weather was perfect for our street party on the playground.

Jo Marsh, a flautist with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, visited as part of the orchestra's 80th birthday celebrations and her aim to visit 80 schools this year. She played a piece of music in a special assembly, which had been written for her just for the occasion.

We are holding our annual Party in the Park on the 7th July from 3.30pm until 6pm on the school's sports field. Bring a picnic and drinks; there will be a food stall, ice creams, music and fun for all the family - all welcome to come along and join us.

Vicki Barnes, Headteacher

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: Squirrels (4-5 years), 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	
Ridware Arts info@gallery-ridware.co.uk		01889 504 102
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) https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/9081 (Blithe) /2104 (Trent at K B)		03459 88 1188
Environment Agency (Lichfield 24hr) floods, sewerage etc		0800 807 060
Gas escapes		0800 111 999
Electricity faults		0330 123 5008
Scams etc – call Action Fraud		0300 123 2040
Community Police: To report an incident or contact your local officer please ring 101 (ext as collar no) or leave a voice message	or	0300 123 44 55
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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)		
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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. Remaining 2026 sessions: 28 Jul (to be confirmed); 22 Sep; 27 Oct; 24 Nov. 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/squirrels All sections open to boys and girls. see previous page.

Squirrels (4-5 years) Wednesday in St Peters School, Yoxall 5pm – 5.45pm

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. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 5pm. in summer months only. For further info, contact John Ferguson 07532 299 080

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 page

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

June 1926: American actress Marilyn Monroe (Some Like It Hot) was born in Los Angeles California and British actor Lionel Jeffries (Chitty Chitty Bang Bang) was born in Forest Hill London.

July 1926: The US Army Air Force was created and the US Distinguished Flying Cross was authorised... The first greyhound racing track in Britain opened in Manchester and English comedian & character actor Bill Pertwee (Dad's Army, You Rang M'Lord) was born in Amersham, Bucks.



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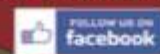


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