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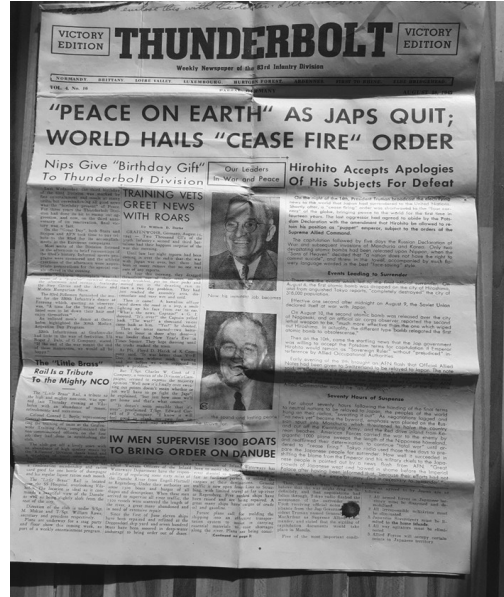
# FORUM

September 2025



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## Events Round Up



Photos; Billingsley celebrates Sue's talk; Sue, Phil and Frank (now on the electoral roll) at Billingsley, VJ Day as viewed by the newspaper of 83<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, US Army.



### Highley Table Tennis Club get the Double

Highley Table Tennis Club have this year, for the first time in its 18 year history, been crowned champions of both the Telford Table Tennis League and the Kidderminster League Division Two, with the Kidderminster team also winning the Hunt Cup. The teams are captained Rob Powell and Mel Mitchell respectively, who will play in the Premier divisions in the coming season starting in October. The teams play from Highley Seven Centre where the manager Jack Noakes and his staff, together with councillor Alison Palmer, have shown massive support and have been instrumental in the teams' success. The club's continued growth means a second team in both leagues will be introduced next season. Players meet for practice every Saturday for two hours from 10 am and new talented players are always welcome.



Don't forget to send your photos of any events which have taken place in and around the villages. Please make sure that you have permission from anyone in them and their agreement for the pictures to be published. - Ed.

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## What is Normal?

Well, summer is nearly over, and things are getting back to normal. But what is normal can be different for each one of us.

When we think back to our childhood— our ‘teens’, and then as we go through our midlife crises and into our retirement years, *normal* takes on a different meaning with each season. How often haven’t we said in conversations with younger generations, “I remember when .....” and reminisced on the things we thought were good because they were the norm then? Even as a relative new-comer (we’ve only lived here for 35 years!) I can remember the days when the village had the two doctors’ surgeries, the Llyod’s bank, the Welfare Hall, the Whittles bus garage etc. Some of you will remember much further back to when there was a cinema where Highley Garage now stands and many other shops which have long gone. Top End, or Garden Village, was its own place, separate from Highley and of course we cannot forget the Pit with the numerous characters who worked at it. I still remember the days when, long retired, they used to congregate and sit on the wall near the old library/ police station or along by the Costcutter.

For me, growing up in London, normal was a world away from Shropshire. The tempo of life seemed frantic and yet it pales into insignificance when we compare it to London today. I am sure that most would agree that they can keep it ‘down south’ and leave us to enjoy what we have here. We have so much to be thankful for and yet we can so often forget that what we have is built on the lives and efforts of the generations that have gone before us. Back through the centuries families struggled and yet whether they were rich or poor they considered their existence to be normal; it was how everyone lived.

Sunday was the day when routine included church— Sunday best was the order of the day— with Sunday School being the grounding in faith for the children. Anyone who remembers those days will recall being told of Noah and his Ark, with the animals going in two by two and the exploits of Daniel in the lion’s den from the Old Testament and the birth of Jesus and the Easter story from the New Testament. Those stories have stayed with us. You might also remember the story of Jonah, who was thrown overboard from a boat in the midst of a storm, was consumed by the fish for three days and then spewed out onto the beach. Jonah prayed, “when my life was in turmoil I remembered you Lord and prayed to you”.

So many times over the past years people have remembered that we can pray to God. When Covid was rampant, prayer was the thing that so many turned to when their world was in turmoil. When we feel at our lowest ebb it is often the thing we turn to when we have tried everything else and at those times it seems to be a normal thing to do. Prayers of thankfulness are also just as normal. How often have we heard someone say, “Thank God”, when some catastrophe has been averted. Yes, thank God in the moment — but don’t then forget him.





I am often encouraged by verses from Philippians 4 which tell us,

“Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again rejoice. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”.

With prayer, we may not always get the answer we want, but that is the time to thank God that he has answered and then to make prayer a normal part of our lives.

**Keith Smith**

## *Prayer for September*

Heavenly Father,

September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us.

In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, encourage us to receive it confidently and expectantly.

Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can! In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## *Get Ready—it's Shoebox time!*

Each year St Mary's Church sends as many shoeboxes as we can, stuffed full of small gifts and toys, to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child—also known as the Shoebox Appeal. We recognise that many children throughout the Third World do not have possessions of their own and the receipt of a shoebox filled with gifts and toys is something beyond their wildest dreams.

If you are interested in joining in with this, pick up a leaflet from St Mary's Charity Shop or St Mary's Church, which will give you all the details. Completed boxes can be given to Rev'd Val Smith (01746 861966) who will ensure that they are delivered to the Collection point.

More about this next month, or come along to Allsorts at 2pm in the Parish Hall on 2nd September, when we will be making up some examples.



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## St Mary's Highley

It's hard to believe that the summer has drawn to a close and we are now fast approaching Autumn.

We hope that you have had a restful summer break and are ready for the next season. September is Harvest-time, so look out on the weekly sheet for more information about when and where Harvest services will be held.



Schools will also be returning, so please do pray for the children in our village, both those at Highley School and also those moving on to, or already attending, secondary school. There are plenty of pressures on our young people today as they navigate the next few years in education.

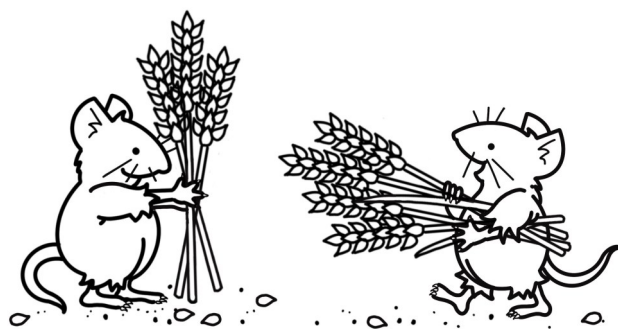
Home groups will also be resuming. Again, look out for information about when and where or contact the Group Leaders (page 36).

Good News! Coffee mornings have gained another venue and will now also be held at Richard and Gillian Law's home, rotating around with Alun and Gill Rees and Clive and Sue Williams, on the second Tuesday of the month. Do come along and join in with the chat along with a cup of coffee or tea. (You might even find a biscuit or two!)

It's also time to start planning your Shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child's Shoebox Appeal. As usual, we shall be gathering shoeboxes filled with small gifts, for children in Africa, South America and Europe who would otherwise not receive gifts at a time when the rest of us are celebrating Christmas. It is a good way of sending the love of Jesus to bring some happiness and joy into otherwise quite deprived lives. (See page 5 for more details or come to the Allsorts meeting on 2nd September at 2pm in the Parish Hall, where Rev'd Val Smith will be talking about it and bringing some examples.)

### From the registers

**Baptism:** 03 Aug 2025 Wilfred Smallman



## Chelmarsh News

It has been an early Harvest this year. We are very grateful for our farmer's work and God's bounty, providing for all of us once again even in this hot, dry season. Our prayers are with the farmers when they start to work the ground ready for winter crops.

### Harvest Festival

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. If you can spare anything from your garden to help with this job, fruit, vegetables, flowers, please bring them in to church at 10.30am (ish), or if you feel like helping to decorate, you will be welcomed with open arms!

The Farmer's Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, with the supper to follow on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm for 8pm in the Village Hall. As last year, the cost will be £12.50 per person and please remember to bring your own drinks and glasses. Coffee and tea will be served after the meal. If you would like to attend, please ask one of our church members. As always, half of the money raised goes to help St Peter's in its parish work, the other half will be given to an appropriate charity decided by the PCC. There will also be a Service of Harvest Thanksgiving on the following Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am.

The next St Peter's Chelmarsh 100 Club draw will be held at the Harvest Supper.

### Ride and Stride

This will take place on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2025. Sponsor forms are now available in church. This is the Shropshire Historic Trust's annual fund-raising event which supports grants for small rural churches facing major repair bills to preserve their legacy buildings. This event is open to anyone to join in, on a bike, a horse, walking or in the car, all you have to do is just visit a few local churches and be sponsored to do so. Quite a few churches provide drinks and cake or biscuits when you visit them, including St Peter's in Chelmarsh. So, get yourself sponsored and visit some of the beautiful churches around us. Afterwards, please return the forms to Barbara or Glenys together with the money you have raised. Thanks for taking part!

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## Which milk is best?

Plant-based milk drinks, including soya milk, oat milk and almond milk, have soared in popularity in recent years. But how do these compare with cow's milk?

A recent report from the nutritional experts who advise the government says that vegan milk is not 'nutritionally equivalent' to cow's milk.

The Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) and the Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment has also warned that the vegan alternatives to cow's milk often have a higher amount of sugar.

The report suggests that nutritional concerns might be "lessened" if people instead go for the unsweetened soya, oat and almond milk drinks, and if those drinks were to be fortified with vitamin A, riboflavin, vitamin B12, calcium and iodine at similar levels to those found in cow's milk, and also with vitamin D.



### *St Mary's, Billingsley*

We had an excellent turnout for our August evening service, when our former treasurer, Sue Bates, came over from Audlem to tell us about a trip she and husband Phil had made to Easter Island. The changing patterns of religious faith on Easter Island make an interesting comparison with what can be seen in the Old Testament. Our final evening service this year will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, when we celebrate Harvest Festival; there is also the 8am communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month all year.



We have also marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the Second World War on VJ Day, 15<sup>th</sup> August, with a ringing of the church bells just after the national 2 minute silence at 12 noon. We also had a nod to VJ day at the Easter Island service; one local institution showed "The Battle of Britain" that day; at Billingsley, as speaker Sue is a retired geography teacher, we selected an extract from "Bridge over the River Kwai" to conclude the service. We also have a US Army newspaper from VJ day on display in the church from the late Bob McConnell, lent by Ellen his widow.

August is the month when most of the renewals for the 100 Club go out. Tickets cost £4 a month and are entered into monthly draws; the money from the club is divided between prizes and the upkeep of the church, churchyard and community events. This year it has paid for resurfacing of the path to through the churchyard to the porch. Please support us if you can as this money really helps our finances; our next project is new heating in church. We will also be walking for the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September; details to be arranged but please contact me ([d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk)) if you are interested in joining us.

### *St Bartholomew's, Glazeley*

We are looking forward to our August service when we celebrate St Bartholomew, the saint to whom our church is dedicated. St Bartholomew features only in lists of Jesus's disciples recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke; a total of four mentions in the entire Bible. John, in his Gospel, makes no mention of him but he does record a Nathaniel, who might be the same person, with Nathaniel being the first name and Bartholomew being a family name. His actual festival in August 24<sup>th</sup>, so we have to commemorate him on



the nearest Sunday when we have a service. The new church was rededicated on St Bartholomew's day 150 years ago, although we had our celebrations in June as that was easier to arrange. We have no idea why Bartholomew was chosen for Glazeley; sometimes it was simply that the saint whose day was closest to when the church was finished was picked and perhaps that happened here. At any rate, it provides us with an excuse for a celebration after the service.

Next month festivities continue with our harvest festival, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September. By this time we also hope to have new heating in the church; we are very grateful to the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust for a grant towards this. In turn, we will be supporting the Trust's Ride and Stride on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The church will be open and all visitors are welcome. We also hope to resume the monthly breakfasts at the Down in September; date to be announced but contact myself or Marion Corfield for details ([d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk), [marion.corfield@talktalk.net](mailto:marion.corfield@talktalk.net)).



# James the Least of All

## On hymns—ancient and more ancient

From The Rectory

St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

So, your church does not bother with hymnbooks but uses one of those hideous screens which are invariably strategically placed to obscure the altar. I suppose I am not bothered, as wherever you placed it in your converted cinema, it could never spoil its architectural aesthetics.

In my - fortunately limited - experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but wrong verse, or the right hymn and right verse, but all upside down. In any case, the turnover from one verse to the next always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started. This means that the congregation, having been silenced for lack of words, is then faced with the challenge of singing two lines at double time.

When we decided to move from *Hymns More Ancient* to *Hymns Slightly Less Ancient* some years ago, our Sunday attempts to 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord' threatened to get lost in the noise of battle.

Colonel Wainwright was happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. Very keen on smiting is the Colonel; under his command, the Midianites wouldn't have stood a chance. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies wanted those they had sung at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thine's or 'wouldst's. Then a vicious rumour started that the new hymnbook might even offer hymns written in the last 50 years. At this, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village (and church).

Eventually we reached the perfect solution: we did nothing. Instead, Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. But there was still a crisis to come: her young (and radical) niece decided to add a note in the front of every copy. It suggested that if the page for the hymn you wanted was missing, then you could share with the person sitting next to you. Of course, no one has done that yet; it would be an experience almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace.

And so, we struggle on with our *Hymns More Ancient*, whenever we can find the words. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

*Eustace*

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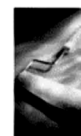
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## *Smile lines— Your Choice*

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts 15 minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

## *Letter from Westminster*



Parliament has now adjourned for summer recess. It is a useful opportunity to spend more time in South Shropshire, with no legislation passed during this period. To kick it off, I was delighted to meet residents who attended the latest in my 'Meet Your MP' series of events. This time, it was held at the Market Hall in Cleobury Mortimer. I also caught up with local representatives from West Mercia Police, who I am working with to keep our communities in South Shropshire safe from crime and anti-social behaviour. My next surgery will be **3<sup>rd</sup> October – Bridgnorth – Advice Surgery**

Having personally experienced childhood bereavement, I am proud to support Bridgnorth funeral director John Adams' inspirational campaign on grief education, which is now being added to the RSHE guidance. I know from my own experience how much of an enduring impact childhood bereavement can have. I also know just how many others in South Shropshire feel the same way, with almost 2,000 having signed his petition. I welcome this necessary change, which will deliver better outcomes for our children, and their families who are dealing with death and grief.

Following its success in Bridgnorth, I was delighted to launch my Shop Local campaign in Ludlow. Market towns across South Shropshire have unique strengths and needs for support. My survey seeks to identify these so that I can campaign for funding and support that will enable them to thrive. I was thrilled to receive over a thousand responses to my survey in Bridgnorth and I have already had a similar response in Ludlow. This is all part of my plan to unleash rural prosperity, including by supporting our high streets. I have called for urgent tax reform to support the survival and growth of the hospitality sector, which employs over 3,000 people locally.

Our local pubs are proven spaces for fostering social connection and tackling loneliness, especially in rural areas like South Shropshire. Earlier in the year, I urged Ministers to continue the last Government's support and funding for community ownership. I am disappointed that the Government chose not to reinstate the Community Ownership Fund when it published the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill. This scheme provided £150 million to help residents take ownership of locally valued assets at risk of being lost, including The Crown Inn in Newcastle on Clun. With 560 pubs having closed so far this year, I will continue to call for more dedicated funding for community ownership and for ways to unleash rural prosperity.

I was delighted to recently complete the final exercise of my involvement with the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. The scheme aims to foster better quality debate around matters of defence by exposing members of the scheme to first-hand experience of life in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force. With global tensions high and the potential for the breakout of conflict seeming to grow by the day, it is more important now than ever for our representatives to arm themselves with the knowledge they need to properly defend our country.

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***Stuart Anderson MP***



## The Forum



I'm writing this month's article not from Highley but from a train in Slovakia! Fortunately I'm being kept up to date with everything which is going on by Highley Parish Council Clerk Alison Palmer and Vice Chair of the council Tracy Pinches. I was saddened to hear of the theft of two of our hanging baskets. They look so good this year in the favourite colours of our late Clerk Ella Preston so it's a real shame to lose two.

On a more positive note it's great to see the alleyway next to the phone exchange being resurfaced after so many years of deterioration and the route between Vicarage Lane and Rhea Hall has also undergone a bit of an upgrade. This work is in addition to the recent focus on pot holes following a meeting with Shropshire Council's Head of Highways and to the streetlight repairs. I'm pleased with the progress over the summer and the conversations I have had with the Head of Highways have been positive so I'm optimistic for the future!

I will be back in the village after my holiday and I'll return to the head of the table chairing the next meeting of Highley Parish Council in September. We've got a lot going on with a variety of significant planning applications, a new police sergeant (who I'll be meeting in September) and a renewed interest from Shropshire Council on how they interact with Town and Parish Councils, I'll be meeting the Deputy Leader of the council to discuss it soon.

I hope all the residents of Highley and the surrounding area have had a lovely summer, have enjoyed the weather and haven't suffered too much from the heat. I'm certainly looking forward to it cooling down a little!

Tom Quinn

Chair – Highley Parish Council



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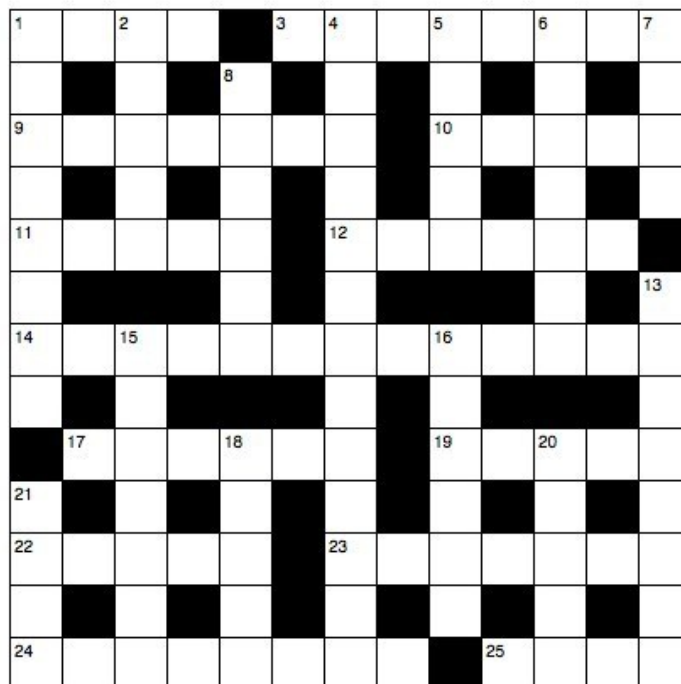
### Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

### Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

## Crossword



*Answers on page 33*

## Poetry Corner

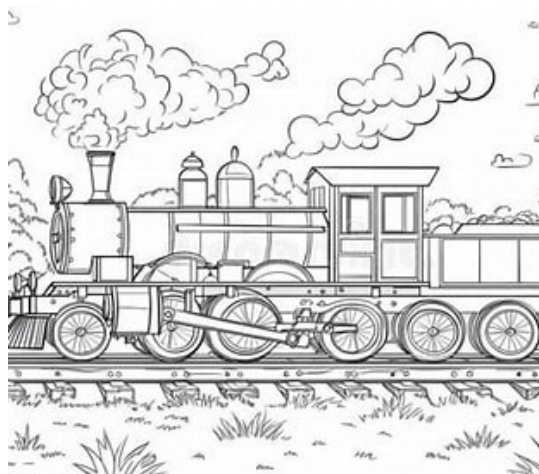
Look towards the distant Clee  
My fellow Christian friends  
The county's fields around them gleam  
In sunlight and in rain.

Years have passed since Cromwell's march  
Rode over the firm old sod,  
For well has the land fiercely held,  
Looked down upon by God.

Gaze proudly on my dear friends  
And let your kindling mind  
Drink in the spirits of higher thoughts  
In this our changing times.

In the shadows of recent years  
When Highley and Alveley pits were open  
When men with real grit worked  
Has sadly gone back to nature.

In the distance a train might be heard  
As it travels along its tracks  
Going down to Kidderminster  
And later coming all the way back.



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## *News from Shropshire Council*



**Sharon Ritchie-Simmons**

**County Councillor for Highley**

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Hello from me, your County Councillor.

At the July Full Council meeting, I voted against the proposed biochar pyrolysis plant in Ludlow. With the Council under serious financial pressure, I couldn't support investing millions in an unproven scheme with no clear return. I spoke in the debate to challenge the business case and highlight better uses for public money. All Reform UK councillors voted against the proposal.

Here in Highley, I've continued to follow up on the ongoing odour issues linked to the Severn Trent site near Netherton Lane. I visited the area again this month and met with officers. Severn Trent has installed odour monitoring equipment and cleaned the wet wells. The next phase includes pipe cleaning from the school to Kinlet View and repairing a damaged manhole cover on 24 July. Fingers crossed this finally solves the problem.

Pothole repairs are set for Monday 28 July, with teams focusing on the worst areas reported by residents. Major patching on Hazelwells Road is scheduled for 29–30 October, with refreshed road markings on Woodhill Road due on 30 October.

These are the local, practical issues people talk to me about most – and I'll keep doing all I can to get results for Highley.

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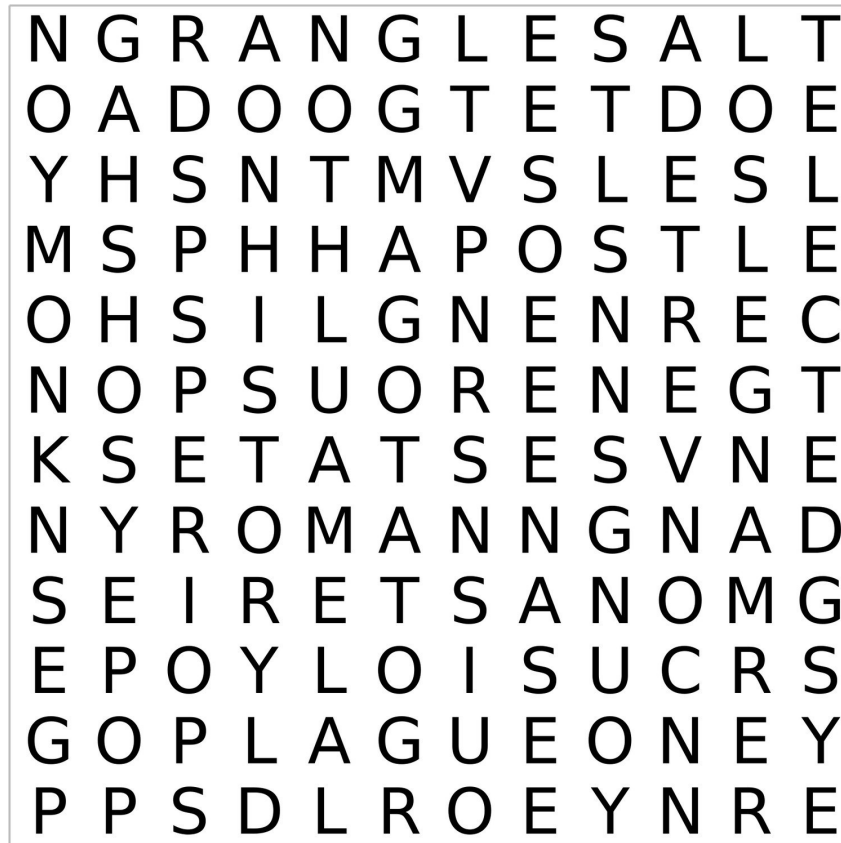
### *Did you spot many butterflies this past summer?*

The wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation is deeply worried about our butterflies. Or rather, the lack of them. It seems that more than 80 per cent of our species have declined sharply in number since 1970s.

Each summer sees the Big Butterfly Count, when the public is encouraged to send in the number of butterflies they have seen over a short period of time. Last year saw the lowest number of butterflies spotted in the count's 14-year history. Even the familiar species like the small white, common blue and small tortoiseshell had their worst summer ever. And a record number of saw no butterflies at all.

Butterflies have been hit by climate change, the use of pesticides, and damage to their habitats. The drought this summer will have been bad news for their caterpillar offspring, which need growing plants to feed on.

## Wordsearch



In September we remember St Gregory the Great (54-AD—604AD). . He is well worth remembering, because he also changed the course of history in the British Isles. The son of a very rich Roman senator, Gregory converted as a young man, and then sold his vast estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome. He gave generously to the poor and became a monk.

Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, "They are Angles." Moved with compassion for these despised men, he replied, "They are not Angles, but angels!" After being elected Pope, he sent Augustine to England, in 596AD and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

<b>GREGORY</b>	<b>CONVERTED</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>ANGLES</b>	<b>HISTORY</b>
<b>YOUNG</b>	<b>MONK</b>	<b>PLAGUE</b>	<b>SON</b>	<b>ESTATES</b>
<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>POPE</b>	<b>ROMAN</b>	<b>MONASTERIES</b>	<b>SLAVES</b>
<b>SENATOR</b>	<b>GENEROUS</b>	<b>ANGELS</b>	<b>APOSTLE</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>

Have a go at Sudoku — answers on page 23



Easy

	8		9		1			
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	1	4			6		2	
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## UCB Word for Today

### *How to get along with Others*

**All of you be of one mind...love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous.'**

**1 Peter 3:8**

Put yourself in the other person's shoes and try to see things from their point of view. That's one of the great keys to working with clients, pleasing customers, sustaining a marriage, raising children, pastoring people, helping those who are less fortunate, etc. Live by this Scripture: 'All of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous.'

Try to look beyond yourself, your own pursuits, and your own world. When you decide to reflect upon an issue from every possible angle, a) look at it in light of another person's history, b) find out the interests and concerns of others, and c) lay aside your own plan and try to see what others see. That's a powerful thing because it means you are truly connecting with them.

If you join in any kind of group or team activity, you know how vital it is that each person sees the whole picture and not just their own part. Anytime a person doesn't recognise how their work fits in with that of their teammates, then the whole team suffers. The better a team member grasps the big picture, the greater their potential to work with the team.

Getting along with people and working with them requires effort: getting to know their needs, their goals, their hurts, and their struggles. That's what Jesus does with us. The Bible says that He can 'sympathise with our weaknesses' (Hebrews 4:15 NKJV). To follow in His footsteps, you must endeavour to do that with others.

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## All in the month of August

It was:

1,100 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 925 that England gained her first ever king. He was Aethelstan, King of the Anglo-Saxons (924-927) and then King of England (927-939). Aethelstan was grandson of Alfred the Great, and 30th great-grand uncle to Queen Elizabeth II.

200 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1825 that the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

175 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1850 that California was admitted as the 31<sup>st</sup> state of the USA.

100 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1925 that Laura Ashley was born. The Welsh designer and business-woman was known for her traditional printed fabrics, soft furnishing and women's clothing. Co-founder (along with her husband) of the Laura Ashley textile company and chain of shops. (Died in 1985 when she fell downstairs, aged 60.)

Also 100 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept that Peter Sellers, actor and comedian was born. Best known for the Goon Show, and as Inspector Clouseau in the Pink Panther film series. (Died 1980.)

90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1935 that British driver Malcolm Campbell set a new world land speed record of 301.13 mph in *Bluebird* at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. First person to break the 300mph barrier.

80 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1945 that V-J Day (victory over Japan Day) took place. Representatives from Japan signed the formal instrument of surrender on board the US battleship *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

75 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1950 that Italian racing driver Giuseppe (Nino) Farina became the first-ever Formula One World Champion after winning the 1950 Italian Grand Prix.

70 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1955 that Kenneth Kendall became the first newsreader to appear on screen in the UK, reading the *BBC Television News*.

Also 70 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 1955 that Britain annexed Rockall, an uninhabited granite islet in the North Atlantic, to prevent the Soviet Union from placing surveillance equipment there to spy on Britain's secret nuclear missile tests.

Also 70 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1955 that Britain's first independent TV channel was launched. ITV ended the BBC's monopoly.

Also 70 years ago, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1955 that Bird's Eye frozen fish fingers went on sale in the UK.

60 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1965 that Albert Schweitzer, German-born French theologian, philosopher, organist, physician and missionary doctor to Africa, died. Winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize.

50 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1975 that Dougal Haston and Doug Scott became the first Britons to reach the summit of Mount Everest. They were also the first climbers from any nation to conquer the south-west face.

20 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2005 that the evacuation of all Israeli security forces and Israeli civilian settlements from the Gaza Strip was completed. Israel had occupied the Gaza Strip for 38 years.





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## Highley Companions

Hello everybody,

I hope you are enjoying these summer months whether on holiday enjoying days out relaxing at home, pottering in your garden, looking after grandchildren OR you might just be trying to find some shady place to keep cool on these swelteringly hot days. Some of us prefer it to be quite a lot cooler and its so difficult for those with breathing problems. Thank goodness we have fans!!

Our Companions, (yes, we meet throughout the summer months ) have had some lovely sessions with us. We had Adrian come to entertain us and he provided some unusual percussion instruments. It was great fun introducing mini bells in time to the guitar, although we didn't always get the timing right!

Ukes on the Edge visited us again giving us chance to do lots of singing. Oh, how our Companions love to sing along to the music! This year their fee goes to the Multiple Sclerosis Hydrotherapy Pool in Wolverhampton, which is their charity for the year—a cause close to my heart, as my sister had the disease for 40 years. They joined us for a lunch of sandwiches and homemade cake. A lovely time.

We also had a music quiz with photos of bands and solo singers, which Mandy had printed up and it was so interesting to see how many were remembered! Thanks Mandy for doing this.

Some great news, we have had three new members join us and they really seem to be enjoying themselves. Do you know of anyone who might like to come along too? My details are below.

Going back to talking about the "hot days", we provided everyone with some lovely ice-cream which everyone enjoyed and we would like to thank the Highley Community Food Project for providing us with some lovely fresh fruit to go with the ice cream. Thanks Lesley for arranging this.

Lots going on next month and I can't wait to share it with you.

**Elaine.**

If after reading my article you or anyone you know wants to learn more, please ring me on 07870262944 for a confidential chat. We do have our leaflets in the pharmacy, doctors , library at the Severn Centre. Please note that we do encourage someone to stay with their family member if they wish to for the first few sessions until they have settled in.



## Answers to Wordsearch (from page 18)



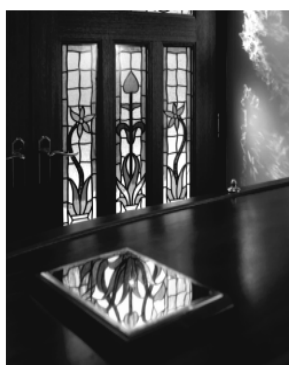
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8	7	3	2	1	9	6	5	4
9	5	2	4	6	3	7	1	8
4	6	1	7	5	8	2	3	9

Easy

7	4	2	8	9	1	3	6	5
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### **Save water for everyone - Karen**

Since the beginning of the dry weather, we've been keeping a bucket of water near the sink. If we have old water from water bottles, or cold water from the hot tap, or water from washing fruit or vegetables, we transfer it to the bucket and then use it to water the plants in the garden that are struggling.

Another way to reduce water consumption, albeit indirectly, is to delete all your old emails. You can store the really important ones in folders, but you are likely to never even look at the majority ever again. They will be stored in the cloud, or a data centre, which uses masses of electricity and vast quantities of clean water to cool the servers. Delete your data, and reduce your footprint. Simple!

### **Is your bank green enough? - Richard**

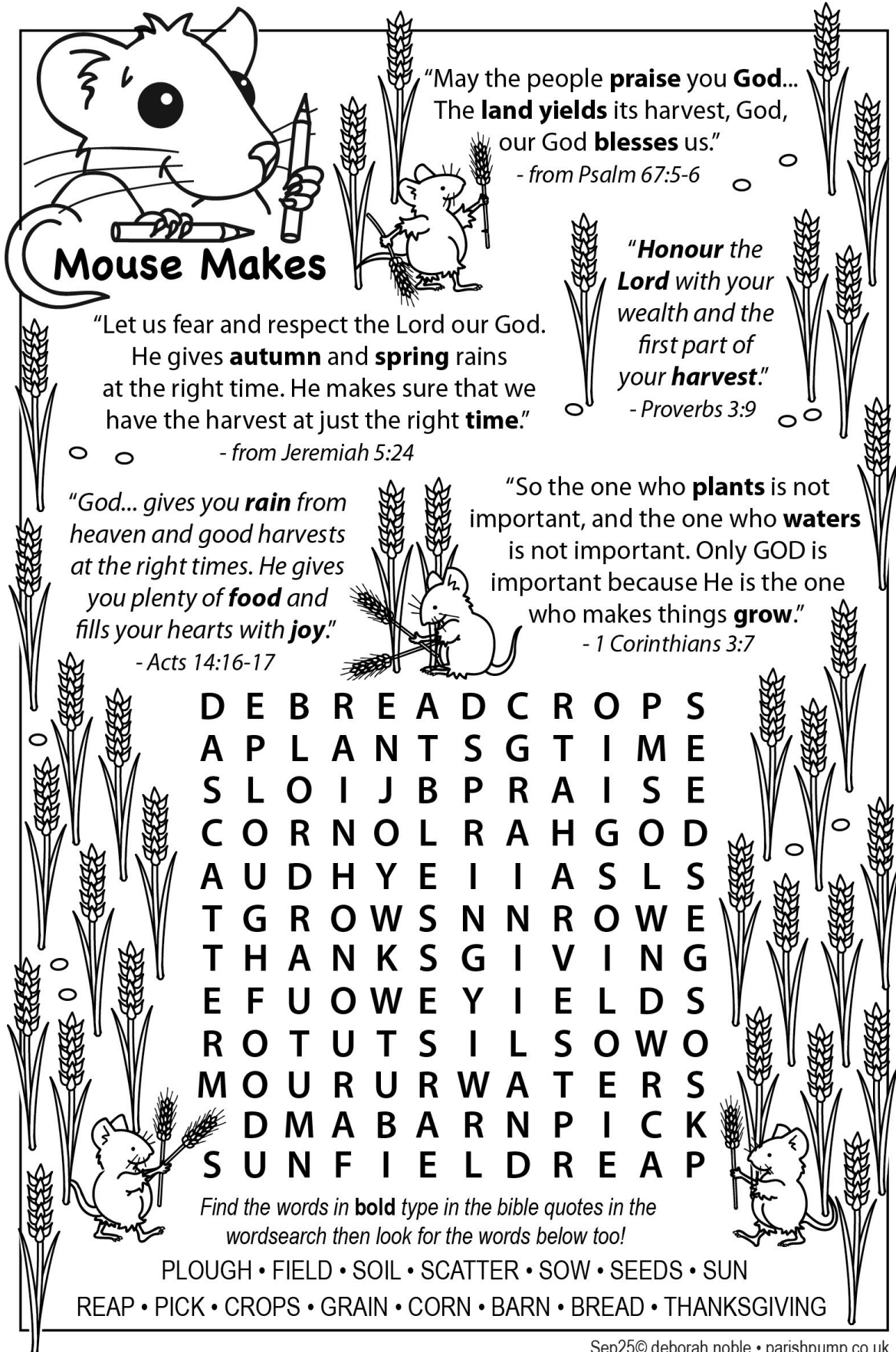
Make your money matter. Making your pension green can be 21 times more powerful at cutting your carbon footprint than giving up flying, going veggie and switching energy provider ([makemymoneymatter.co.uk](http://makemymoneymatter.co.uk) 2025). So many pension providers, building societies and banks still invest our money in fossil fuels and deforestation, and exhibit an extraordinary lack of commitment to the 1.5 degree goal. If you want to tackle the climate crisis, then have a look at where your bank or your pension fund invests their money. Change them if you are not happy! It is a lot easier than it used to be. Once you have opened your new account, provide your old account details and a date for the switch, and everything else will be transferred.

### **Help our hedgehogs - Carina**

Hedgehogs are one of the UK's favourite mammals, but sadly their numbers have declined by 30-75% since 2000 (Wildlife Trust 2025). They are now listed as vulnerable to extinction in Britain, which is awful and like so many species, they need us to give them back what they had! The foods they eat (like beetles and worms) are in decline, and roads, fences and large areas of open land are making it more and more difficult to survive.

### **How can you help?**

Make your garden as wild as possible. Bushes, log piles, ponds and longer lawns with wildflowers will encourage more invertebrate wildlife, and more food for hedgehogs. If it's really wild, they may nest there. Swap a fence for a hedge, or make sure your fence has a 5 inch square hole for a hedgehog to get through. Talk to your neighbours and see if they can connect up to your garden for a hedgehog highway.



**Mouse Makes**

"May the people **praise** you **God**...  
The **land yields** its harvest, God,  
our God **blesses** us."  
- from Psalm 67:5-6

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.  
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains  
at the right time. He makes sure that we  
have the harvest at just the right **time**."  
- from Jeremiah 5:24

"**Honour** the  
**Lord** with your  
wealth and the  
first part of  
your **harvest**."  
- Proverbs 3:9

"God... gives you **rain** from  
heaven and good harvests  
at the right times. He gives  
you plenty of **food** and  
fills your hearts with **joy**."  
- Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not  
important, and the one who **waters**  
is not important. Only GOD is  
important because He is the one  
who makes things **grow**."  
- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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Children's Sunday Groups	Revd Angie Forster		860230
Friday Event	Mrs. Rachel Williams	the-friday-event@hotmail.com	862875
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Cricket Club	Mrs Denise Goulden		861031
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Highley Community Project	Emma Aspin	hcprojectshrops@gmail.com	
Highley Colliery Band	Dave & Lisa Burge		862018
Highley Companions	Elaine Moore		861431
Highley County Primary School	School Office	(Tanya Mathers)	861541
Highley First Responders	Claire van Aswegen	claire.vanaswegen@gmail.com	861580
Highley Medical Centre	Dr J Tatton	Highley Medical Practice, Bridgnorth Road	767121 (option 0)
Highley Mini Minors Toddler Group	Emma Aspin		07752207828
Highley Minors Childcare Centre		Severn Centre	860005
Highley Parish Council	Alison Palmer, Parish Clerk	clerk@highleyparish.co.uk	07496821159
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Highley Miners Welfare Football Club	Alex Edwards. Club Secretary	secretary.hmwfc@outlook.com	
HMWFC: Mini Kickers (ages 4-6)	Alex Edwards. Club Secretary	secretary.hmwfc@outlook.com	
Housing Support Officer	Contact Star Housing		
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**NOTE: TIMETABLE:** If you know of a more up to date version of this timetable, please email the Editor.

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Kidderminster to Bridgnorth via Habberley, Bewdley, Highley, Chelmarsh

### New Route and Timetable from 20th April 2025.

#### Monday to Friday

(except Public Holidays)

Kidderminster Bus Station	0615	0730	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
Kidderminster General Hospital	0623	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0628	0743	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843
Bewdley, Load Street	0639	0754	0854	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1554	1654	1754	1854
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	0647	0802	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1702	1802	-
Highley, Bache Arms	0706	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	-
Chelmarsh, Church	0715	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830	-
Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	0729	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744	1844	-

#### Saturday

(except Public Holidays)

Kidderminster Bus Station	0615	0730	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
Kidderminster General Hospital	0623	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0628	0743	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843
Bewdley, Load Street	0639	0754	0854	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1554	1654	1754	1854
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	-	0802	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1702	1802	-
Highley, Bache Arms	-	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	-
Chelmarsh, Church	-	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830	-
Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	-	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744	1844	-

#### Monday to Friday

(except Public Holidays)

Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	-	0655	0755	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755
Chelmarsh, Church	-	0709	0809	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609	1709	1809
Highley, Bache Arms	-	0718	0818	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	-	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Bewdley, Load Street	0625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bark Hill, Merricks Lane	0626	0745	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0638	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
Kidderminster General Hospital	0644	0806	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1706	1806	1906
Kidderminster Bus Station	0654	0816	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716	1816	1916

#### Saturday

(except Public Holidays)

Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	-	-	-	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755
Chelmarsh, Church	-	-	-	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609	1709	1809
Highley, Bache Arms	-	-	-	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	-	-	-	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Bewdley, Load Street	0647	0747	0847	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bark Hill, Merricks Lane	0648	0748	0848	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
Kidderminster General Hospital	0706	0806	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1706	1806	1906
Kidderminster Bus Station	0716	0816	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716	1816	1916

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### Regular Events

<b>Severn Strollers</b>	Mondays (not Bank Holidays) Severn Centre 10:30 / 11:00 (Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)
<b>Women's Institute</b>	Tuesday Severn Centre
<b>Badminton Club (Seniors)</b>	Tuesday 19.00 SC
<b>Housing Support</b>	Community Room, Rhea Hall, 9-12noon Mon—Friday 862442
<b>Highley Bowling Club</b>	Richard Green 01746 861052

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#### Black bins:

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Boden & Son (Milk Delivery)	28			Second Sense Hearing	21
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Highley Minors	29	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cost Cutter	13	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	That's Nice Creations	20
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10	Irena Foot Clinic	31	Tele - Satt Aerials	10
Edwards A J Decorating Services	28	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	33
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	17	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals) Ar-	25	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	31		
Arc Tree Care	31	Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	28		
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**2nd September Rev'd Val Smith**  
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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Journal workshop – 2 hours - £25

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Craft and chat session – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a fee)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Ocean themed Mixed media canvas workshop – 3 hours - £30

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October – shop closed

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Craft and chat session – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a fee)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Vase/water pot workshop – 2 hours - £25

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Shop closed

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Craft and chat session – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a fee)

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Paint your Own moneybox – 1.5 hour - £6

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Attending the Severn Valley Railway craft fayre at the Engine House

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Wizards hat workshop – 2.5 hours - £25

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## Church Services in September 2025

Sunday 7th September	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 14th September	9.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary's Church, Highley
	6pm Evening Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
Sunday 21st September	10.00am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Glazeley
	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 28th September	8am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
	9.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am All Age Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 5th October	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley

*Please check times on weekly sheet for when Home Groups resume for the Autumn*

There will be a coffee morning on the second Tuesday of every month. Do join us for a drink and a chat between 10 am and 12 pm. Please see the Weekly Sheet for venue or ring Gill (862077 for venue.



### Mid-week Groups

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7.30pm** contact Liz and Mervyn Re-starting in November

**Wednesday Prayer and Study Group** 11am—1pm held in Parish Hall unless notified otherwise.

**Wednesday Zoom 7pm** Contact David Poyner email d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk

**Thursday evening Prayer Meeting @ St Mary's Church** Contact Canev Clayton for details

**Friday Event Youth Club 7.30pm** @ Parish Hall (term-time only) contact Rachel Williams

**Friday Night Prayer 9pm** Zoom contact David Poyner as above

### For enquiries regarding Weddings, Christenings, Funerals or Churchyard memorials

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