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The Poetry For Pleasure poem this month is by William Wordsworth, 'Lines Composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey, On Revisiting the Banks of the Wye during a Tour, July 13th 1798.' Bertie talks about his life as a so called 'working dog' Recipe of the Month is Raspberry Honey Flapjacks. The festival season continues this month with the Scarecrow Festival from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th June, followed by the Round the Downs Race on Sunday 29th June.



We have the usual Perennial Plantaholic article from Ros Bissell as well as our regular article from Gillian Herbert, in which tells us about the size of the last ewe to lamb. ECO News by Penny Bardsley talks about 'Insects as Pollinators', while Lanyon Bowdler look back at a successful Hereford festival. The winner of the Be my Neighbour quilt, featured on the cover of April's magazine was Janet Cronin.

The town's mayor, Cllr. Mark Franklin has had a very busy month, attending a number of VE Day celebrations and being re-elected as Mayor and Chair of Bromyard and Winslow Town Council. Our MP, Ellie Chowns, talks about the progress report from government's Climate Change Committee. Two articles from our district councillors Peter Stoddart and Clare Davies keep us informed of what is going on in the county.

The Local History Society has details of exhibitions taking place, how to use the society's research facility and of afternoon tea and visit to Thornbury Church. Bromyard Community Transport held it's annual dinner in the Falcon Mews on Friday 4th April where some of the volunteer drivers were presented with ten five year service pind. Bromyard Vets tell us about an interesting May at the practice. We have a very interesting article about the new Pope, Leo XIV and a local connection.

With articles from four local charities, Equine Market Watch, Longlands, Bromyard RBL and the Midlands Air Ambulance, Bromyard Football Club, Bromyard Cricket Club, Saltmarshe & District WI, the churches, St. Peter's Primary School, news from the villages of Edwyn Ralph and Pencombe & Little Cowarne, Probus, Bromyard Choral Society, there is something for everyone.

Pete Andrews - Editor/Layout.

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Bromyard Tourist Information

There have certainly been more visitors to the town and at The Heritage Centre with couples from The Netherlands and

Spain. A coach arrived from the Warner hotel in Holme Lacy with a party of around 40 from Lancashire, who were staying in the area for a week. One of the council's Planning and Economic Development Committee recommendations was for a monthly Bromyard Day to be arranged by an Events Co-ordinator to be employed by the council. They would liaise with tour operators and local attractions to produce, among other things, a day of activities and visits. We need to make better use of some of the town's assets like the Town Green and the Riverside Walk.

Bromyard has a great deal to offer and provides a good base for visitors, wanting to explore Herefordshire and the

surrounding area. The town is situated between Worcester and Hereford, Leominster is not far away and Ledbury, Tenbury, Malvern are within easy travelling distance, even Ludlow is not too far.

The festival/events season started on 3rd May with a well organised VE Day celebration at Kempson Players, closely followed by Party In The Park 4th May. The next one is the Scarecrow Festival which is always popular with families. Festivals always attract visitors to the town and with the return of the Bromyard Festival of Speed to the town and a 'Non-Competitive Hill Climb' on the Stourport Road, we should see large numbers of visitors descending on the town.

Our Facebook (Meta) group now has nearly 27,000 members (26,858 as of 27th May). It is a great source of useful information and a way to stay in touch and keep up to date with what's going on in Bromyard, go to: www.facebook.com/groups/bromyardinfo

Pete.

Bromyard Info Magazine

The magazine has sold well again in May, with very few copies left in the shops. Lamings is still our best selling outlet, Gladwins a very close second, just beating Morrisons Daily. Most of our outlets sell well and I know readers have their own special place to buy the magazine from and always ask when the next issue will be hitting the shops.

More readers are reading the magazine online (for free) at - <https://bromyardinfomagazine.org.uk> - as numbers have gone up again - the site has all back issues from September 2017. You can read your favourite community magazine on a PC/Mac, on a tablet and even on your phone as a flip book.

We would love to have your feedback, good or bad. Tell us

what you like about the magazine and items you would like to see as well as comments on articles that appear in the magazine. One reader asked recently if the What's On feature could be included. New contributors are welcome, as well as new advertisers.

Please email: magazine@bromyard.info or magads@bromyard.info

Please take note of the deadline dates as we cannot guarantee that articles or adverts received after the deadline will be printed. The deadline for the July 2025 edition is Monday 16th June.

Pete.

'Be My Neighbour' Quilt

'Be My Neighbour' Quilt

What an amazing response

Marie Turner donated the 'Be My Neighbour' quilt, which started a fundraising drive in aid of Bromyard First Responders.

Bingo nights and the raffle raised an amazing £3,000. In addition to the quilt, two more prizes were donated.

Richard from The First Responders drew the lucky tickets in Brew on 19th April 2025.

The quilt was won by Janet Cronin.

Pandora Bracelet won by Claire Smith and a Body Shop Hamper won by Dawn Trafford.



Conquest Theatre



Volunteers at the Conquest Theatre

The Conquest Theatre is open every Saturday morning from 10.30 to 12.30 for booking tickets; for seeing local councillors, or just for coffee and a chat. The four volunteers in the picture (from l to r), Janet, Anne, Julie and Heather (in front) can be found serving coffee and biscuits with a smile (usually!).



When you visit the Theatre for live entertainment on stage, films, Folk in the Foyer etc there will always be a welcome from our stewards who will see you safely to your seat, or serve you drinks from the bar or coffee bar. Not forgetting our projectionists hidden away in the lighting box (we do let them



Arts & Culture

out occasionally!) or our Koffee Klub members who can be found working hard on stage on Saturday and Wednesday mornings setting up or striking scenery. Also our wardrobe department ladies who look after the enormous amount of costumes for plays and for hire.

There was lots of help from Volunteers at Party in the Park on Sunday 4th May in setting up and striking the tent; manning the tent and handing out brochures all day. Pictured (l to r) Kaz, Bryan, Sal, Ian, Poppy and Lynne.



Others who helped but not pictured were Carol & Andrew, Vicky Hancock, Sally Warrington and Gill James. Also thanks to Graham and Jenny Shortland for a very welcome cuppa.

If you have some time to spare and wish to become part of a friendly group of people contact: conquest-theatre.co.uk/volunteer

Programme

Event cinema:

June 5th NT Live A Street Car Named Desire, 7.15pm

Films:

June 6th Gladiator II (15), 7.30pm

Live on Stage:

June 7th Fleetwood Machine (tribute band), 7.30pm

June 13th The Wild Murphys - The best Irish band to never come from Ireland, featuring Midi Murphy songs and stories, 7.30pm

June 14th Hereford Big Band - A night of Swing, 7.30pm

June 20th Folk in the Foyer - Mike & Rachael Fenton eclectic folk-based concert with autoharps and dulcimers, 7.30pm

June 28th Conquest Spotlight - The Silver Club, 7.30pm

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June 29th Conquest Youth Production - Alice in Wonderland, 2pm & 7pm

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Arts & Culture

It's that time of year again! - looking forward to the Ledbury Poetry Festival from 27th June to 6th July. This year the organisers have started a new monthly poetry book club, the first of which was on May 28th. The choice for this inaugural meeting was "Lobster" by Hollie McNish. If you have not read any of her poetry before, she is well worth investigating.



Her book, "Nobody Told Me", about the birth and first two years of her daughter's life, is very insightful and many young mothers would be able to relate to it.

Hollie will also be one of the

guests at the festival. All details about this wonderful ten day event are on their website. ledburypoetry.org.uk

Our June meeting will be on Wednesday 4th at 11am in the Falcon. The subject starting point will be "Place". Writing about place involves "creating a vivid picture and atmosphere through words". We live in a very beautiful part of the country which has been inspiration for many poets, not least of which

Poetry For Pleasure

is William Wordsworth. Many of us can recognise the thoughts and description in this poem with perhaps the longest title of any poem I have ever come across!

Lines Composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey, On Revisiting the Banks of the Wye during a Tour. July 13th 1798

Five years have past; five summers, with the length
Of five long winters! and again I hear
These waters, rolling from their mountain-springs
With a soft inland murmur. - Once again
Do I behold these steep lofty cliffs,
That on a wild secluded scene impress
Thoughts of more deep seclusion; and connect
The landscape with the quiet sky.
The day is come when I again repose

Here, under this dark sycamore, and view
These plots of cottage-ground, these orchard-tufts,
Which at their season, with their unripe fruits,
Are clad in one green hue, and lose themselves
'Mid groves and copses. Once again I see
These hedge-rows, hardly hedge-rows, little lines
Of sportive wood run wild: these pastoral farms,
Green to the very door; and wreaths of smoke
Sent up, in silence, from among the trees!

This is only part of this wonderful poem evoking place and will be well worth finding to read the rest.

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Friends of Edwyn Ralph Village Hall
Coffee Morning
 1st Saturday of the month
 10.30 am - 12 noon
Coffee, Tea, Cake
 Raffle and a large selection of books to browse. Optional mini bingo
Edwyn Ralph Village Hall, Wood Lane, HR74LY

Coffee Mornings:
 Next dates: 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August

First Saturday of the month. 10.30am – 12pm. Coffee, tea, cake,

affle, and mini bingo for those who would like to play. Wide selection of books available to browse.

Coffee with a Cop: Next dates: Wed 11th June 10am – 11am

Meet your local police officer and have a chat over a cuppa.

Cyber security talk: Tuesday 8th July 7pm. Learn how to browse the web safely with support from West Mercia Police.



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 3rd Wednesday of the month
 10.30am - 12.30pm
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 Enjoy a cuppa & some craft. £2 a session. (Occasional extra charge for demonstrations)
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Craft & Chat: Third Wed of the month, next dates 18th June, 16th July, 20th August 10.30am – 12.30pm. Relaxed craft

session, try some art or bring your craft to show us. Craft, draw, create, write and have a cuppa. £2 per session. (Sometimes extra cost for occasional demonstrations). (!!Please note 2nd Tues craft session is now paused for the Summer, more details later in the year)


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Midsummer Bingo:
 Sunday 22nd June.

Doors open 2.30pm, eyes down 3pm. GREAT PRIZES! Raffle, two free specials, refreshments, and colouring for the kids.



Midsummer Bingo!
 Sunday 22nd June
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 Doors Open 2.30pm. Eyes down 3pm
 Two free specials
 Free colouring for the kids
 Fabulous prizes & yummy refreshments!



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Salvation Army Clothing Bank: The clothing bank is available in The Village Hall car park.

Edwyn Ralph Village Hall Management Committee would like to

express our sadness at the passing of Margaret and Brian Edwards of Collington. Margaret and Brian volunteered for many years in our community including the village hall. Sending our deepest sympathies to the Edwards family at this very sad time.



Clubs

Community Cinema

The cinema is taking a break for the summer but will return again in September. Please contact Anne Pedder (annepedder@hotmail.co.uk) if you have any film preferences or recommendations. Also, feel free to join our new Facebook page - Pencombe and Little Cowarne Community Cinema for up-to-date information.

Gardening Club

The final meeting for this season of the Garden Club enjoyed a terrific talk from Brian Hall telling us about 'The Evolving Gardens at Lower Hope'. He spoke inspiringly about the journey towards an organic and sustainable garden and the results and challenges he has encountered, reflecting the joys and frustrations we all experience day to day in our own smaller gardens. It was a perfect note on which to close for the summer.

We do plan to visit the Laskett Garden at Much Birch on Thursday 19th June at 2.30pm This is an unusual and very personal garden which will be fascinating to see. The cost is £12.00 per person and they offer the Gardener's World 2 for 1 offer if appropriate to you. Tea and cake are available in the tearoom and there are also a gift shop and plant sales. There is a small carpark in the field opposite the entrance to the garden and if possible, it would be good if we can share transport.

If you would like to join us, please contact Susan Drew 07711 419292 or Janet?Legge? 07870 660782 as we will need to let the garden know our number prior to the day.

W.I.

The Pencombe WI will meet on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm for an evening of Colour with Elise Hughes from The House of Colour. This is quite a highlight where we will learn about using colour to suit our own skin type and style and make the most of our shopping experiences. Members Raffle £2.00. Guest entrance £5.00. Please contact Celia Barrett for further details on 01885 400204 if you would like to join us.

Pencombe Wine Club

The next formal meeting of the wine club will be on Thursday 25th September. Further details to follow nearer the time. New members are very welcome and if you would like to join us, please contact Sharleen Dobson 01885 400237 or Susan Drew 07711 419292 for further information or to join the mailing list. 🐶

The Pencombe Show Early Notice

The Show will return to the Parish Hall on Saturday 16th August. Entries will be taken from 8.00 – 10.00am on Saturday morning and this year you can pre-register your intent to enter by emailing showentries@pandlc.org.uk. You will receive your entry number by email to help streamline the process. BBQ Lunch will be available from 1.00pm and the Show will open at 2.00pm. The BBQ will continue throughout the afternoon along with teas and homemade ice creams and the licensed bar. We will have the usual stalls, side shows, games and raffle plus craft stalls. If you would like to request a craft table to sell your items, please contact thepencombeshow@pandlc.org.uk.

Keep up with the film diary and all the other community events at Pencombe and Little Cowarne Parish Hall via the digital newsletter. Email us at palcph@gmail.com and ask to be included on the mailing list.

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Bromyard Community Transport's Annual Dinner 2025

Bromyard Community Transport's (BCT) annual dinner this year was held at the Falcon Mews on Friday 4th April, an event that is an opportunity for the volunteers, their partners and the staff to come together to enjoy themselves and to have a good time.



As always, the food was plentiful and tasty at the Falcon and the evening unfolded with a picture quiz for a bit of fun.

Most of the teams got a full house which resulted in a draw to decide the winner and runner up!

The evening also included the presentation of long service awards to BCT's amazing volunteers, in the form of a minibus shaped clutch pin. A silver one for 5 years and a gold one for 10 years' service. The clutch pins were kindly designed and donated by Jonathan Woodcock of WCM&A Ltd in Stoke Lacy. Cathy Marsh presented the following volunteer drivers with a 5-year service pin, Ben Hiley, Bob Dallow, Graham Bull, Jamie Jacobsen, Jill Hardell, Jon Hughes, Kevin Mylotte, Mike Deakin, Jackie Matthews and Elaine Hall (BCT's office volunteer) and 5 volunteers with a 10-year service pin, Alan Heathcote, Graham Hamblin, John Pare, Lorraine Rushgrove and Sandra Gale. Julie Tench, our 'inhouse photographer' was snapping away taking numerous photos.

Following the presentations Julie got the raffle underway to end the evening. She had worked hard organising this and a big thank you goes to several businesses in Bromyard (noted below) who kindly supported BCT by donating raffle prizes. It was a great success and raised £121.



BCT's annual dinner celebrates a fantastic group of volunteers, but we always need more, so if you want to find out about




volunteering with Bromyard Community Transport, please ring 01885 488452 to speak to a member of the office team

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Weymouth, Saturday 14th June, £40

Barry Island, Saturday 28th June, Wednesday 30th July, £28

Afternoon Tea and Cabaret

Show At Studley Castle, Sunday 29th June, Enjoy a Bucks Fizz on arrival, afternoon tea and a cabaret/show, £50

Aberystwyth, Saturday 26th July, £36

Summer Ride Around with 3 course Carvery Lunch at The Plough, Far Forest, Tuesday 29th July, £40

Porthcawl, Wednesday 13th August, £36

Royal Mint Experience Tour with Cream Tea, Saturday 2nd August, £45

Coronation Street Studio Tour, Sunday 31st August, £75

The Tower Of London & VE Day Poppies and entrance to the Tower, Sunday 7th September, Adults £81, Seniors £74, Child £63

Harry Potter Studio Tour, Saturday 27th September, £95

1940's Weekend @ Bletchley Park, Saturday 27th September, £52

Abba Voyage @ Abba Arena, Sunday 26th October, £115

Holidays 2025

Dunoon- Gateway to the Scenic Sights of Scotland 5 days, 20th July from £695

Northumbria Coast & Farne Islands Cruise 4 days, 8th August from £375

Steam & Cruise the Lake District 5 days, 14th August from £585

Llandudno Tyndale Hotel 5 days, 21st August from £545

Babbacombe 4 days, September 19th from £299

Ireland – Killarney 6 days, Wednesday 24th September from £969

Warner's Midweek Variety at Lakeside Coastal Village, 13th October from £365

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The kit includes a spade, a fork, a hoe, pruners, a gardening kneeler, gardening gloves, a trowel & fork set and a watering can.

Email or post your answers (four from this month's magazine and four from next month's), which must include the page numbers, the article title and the word that appears at the end of the sentence next to the image.


Eg: Page 10 - Free To Enter Competition - Image

Answers to: competition2@bromyard.info or on a postcard to: - The Heritage Centre, 1 Rowberry Street, Bromyard HR7 4DU by Monday 16th June 2025

The winner of our April/May competition is P Sims who wins a refurbished Windows 11 laptop from FutureWebz

Congratulations!

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For your chance to win a £20 book token from Food For All, all you have to do is find this Scottie dog on two pages in the magazine! 

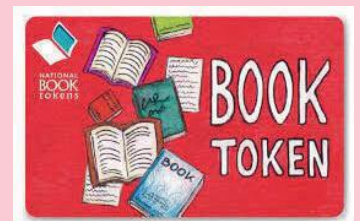
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Answers to: scottie@bromyard.info or on a postcard to: - Scottie Competition, The Heritage Centre, 1 Rowberry Street, Bromyard HR7 4DU by Monday 16th June 2025.

The winner of our May competition is Roy Thomas who receives a £20 Gift Voucher from Legges.

Congratulations Roy!



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Ellie Chowns



The Climate Change Committee's latest Adaptation Progress Report, published in April, should be a wake-up call for everyone in Westminster. It reminds us that more than six million homes and businesses are already in flood-risk areas, while heat-related deaths could exceed 10,000 per year by 2050 unless we step up our defences. Our patch of Herefordshire isn't immune:

we saw flooding in almost every month of early 2025, and the heatwaves and wildfires of 2022 reminded us that soaring temperatures can be just as destructive as storms.

What struck me most was the Committee's verdict that, despite clear warnings, our national adaptation efforts under successive governments have remained underwhelming. Drainage and flood defences are stretched thin, and measures to protect homes and farms from overheating barely register.

For our farmers, these challenges are already apparent. Extreme heat can wilt crops, stress livestock and complicate planting schedules, just as flooding can wash away fields and damage infrastructure. Yet this isn't an impossible puzzle.

North Herefordshire MP

Many farmers in Herefordshire already know what they need to make their land more flood-resilient and defend against extreme heat. Their practical know-how should shape any farming adaptation grants, ensuring schemes work on the ground rather than gathering dust in Whitehall.

We also need our homes and businesses to cope with heat. Retrofitting existing homes and buildings to stay cool when the mercury climbs, as well as ensuring all new builds are properly insulated and ventilated, will help shield our most vulnerable people from extreme temperatures. Ensuring flood resilience for homes in flood-risk areas must also be a national priority.

While some may still worry about the cost of adaptation, the report makes clear that doing nothing will cost us far more—in lost lives, lost homes, disrupted livelihoods and stretched public services. What we need now is a clear funding commitment from the government, ring-fenced for resilient infrastructure in homes and public buildings, and targeted support for farmers and rural households.

I'll keep pressing ministers to match our local determination with real action and resources. With practical, community-led steps and proper government backing, Herefordshire can become a model of climate resilience—ready to weather whatever comes our way.

Ellie Chowns

Bromyard & Winslow Town Council

Your Council

Planning & ED Committee 2 June
 The Council Chamber at 7pm

Properties Committee 9 June
 The Council Chamber at 7pm

Burial Committee 16 June
 The Council Chamber at 7pm

NDP Meeting 25 June
 The Council Chamber at 7pm

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Bromyard West Ward

District Councillor Clare Davies



This spring has felt strangely out of sync, not only do we not understand but neither do our plants, for example, my lovely lily of the valley, which I eagerly anticipate in June, bloomed early in May and has gone already. In our garden a dove family made their nest and produced two chicks. With joy, we have watched them over the last few weeks and seen them grow and leave the nest.

One symbolism of doves is that they represent peace, hope, love and new beginnings. I'm sure that there are many more symbolic meanings that you could list.

Below are five elements of my role as your District Councillor, which I use when writing my monthly update.

1. Responding to residents' queries and investigating their concerns: Updates related to ongoing work.

- **Kempson View, Old Road:** In the May 2025 issue of Bromyard Info, I proposed that I would visit some residents on Clover Terrace whose houses overlooked Kempson View. Over the last three weeks, I have spoken to three residents. They informed me that their properties were rented and gave me the contact details of the landlord whom I contacted. She was not concerned, stating that she had replaced the fencing at the rear of the gardens. I am yet to find out who owns the property and hope to be able to shed further light on what is happening with the development of this site.
- **Narrow Path from Winslow Road to Lower Thorn:** As a result of a number of complaints, this issue has now been forwarded to Bromyard and Winslow Town Council. Certain footpaths have been assessed by the Town Council under the resurfacing heading and hopefully this will be completed by end of the financial year.
- **Fly tipping:** I re-visited Flaggoners Green residents' car park, observing that neither the car nor the fridge have been removed. It has been suggested that I get in touch with residents in the vicinity who have permission to use this space.
- **Speeding:** The chairman of Bromyard 's Town Council Traffic Management Committee has agreed to take up the matter of speeding on Old Road with Hereford Council's (HC) Highways' Department. I will keep pursuing this with the committee's chairman and let you know of any outcome. Concerning the A44, I discussed further with my colleague the need for flashing speed limit and a suggestion was that we approach HC about portable vehicle activated signs (VAS). I will hopefully be able to update you about this in July's issue of Bromyard Info.

2. Knowing my patch and being aware of any problems:

- I continue to walk my patch regularly, talking to residents and observing features, such as overhanging trees, drains and fly tipping.
- I have contacted the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia re Bromyard residents' concerns about the lack of a visual presence of police in Bromyard, particularly after 8pm. I also wrote of the continued occurrence of drug abuse and anti-social behaviour of which a resident now has concrete evidence.
- As a result of concerns expressed by residents'

regarding their fears that their houses were inaccessible by emergency service vehicles, I approached a member of the Fire Services who confirmed that this was an issue due to a lack of car parking facilities in some parts of Bromyard. Any suggestions you have on addressing this would be welcome.

- Though not council related, occasionally I have to signpost residents re civil matters that are causing issues between residents.

3. Communicate council decisions that affect residents

- Councillor Mark Franklin was unanimously elected as Town Mayor for another 12 months. He proposed that I should continue as Deputy Mayor and I was unanimously elected.

4. Know and work with representatives of local organisations, interest groups and businesses.

- **Buttsfield House:** Re tenant of Buttsfield House who asked for my help with clarification regarding fire regulations and his need to store boxes which may be deemed a fire hazard. I spoke to him on 20.05.2025 regarding me visiting him to further address his needs.
- Some residents living in Buttsfield House are still unhappy about the poor state of the decor that was promised to be updated some years ago. I wrote to Platform Housing Customer Services about this, who suggested I spoke to the manager of Buttsfield House. I did this and the manager was extremely helpful. She will make a list of problems that she sees as pressing. As the local councillor for Bromyard West I will then liaise with Platform Housing about her findings.
- **Police and PCSOs:** I have met both PCSO's and discussed the continued anti-social behaviour in Bromyard, which I am also addressing with the Police and Crime Commissioner (see above).
- **Platform Housing:** This month I have not engaged with Platform Housing but I have followed up with them re the scaffolding issue that I wrote about last month. I am still awaiting a reply and I have, therefore, followed this up.
- **Bromyard Depot site:** I met HC officers (David Wright Head of Economy and Regen, Steve Holland Head of Housing Development and Roger Allonby



Director for Growth) to discuss the future development of housing and employment in Bromyard. In particular, proposals to bring forward development on the Bromyard Depot site. I hope to be able to share more about the exciting plans in the coming weeks.



5. Representation of views at council meetings.

A number of residents have been caused distress due to

leftover grass which, has spread over graves and headstones at the town's cemetery as it is not picked up after strimming by contractors. I raised the issue with the Council. Since then the Properties Manager of the Town Council has spoken with

the contractors and will be inspecting the cemetery after the next strimming.

In addition to the above, I have attended HC meetings in person at Plough Lane, made site visits on behalf of HC Planning Committee and taken part in a number of zoom meetings,

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Update from Herefordshire Council as at 19 May 25

Herefordshire Council's cabinet met on Thursday 1 May 2025, to approve the commissioning of both a food waste collection service and a garden waste service. Now that the decision has been made, work will now be undertaken to plan the rolling out of the service to the public. In addition at this meeting a decision was made to appoint a provider who will be

commissioned to do all consultancy and design work to carry out key infrastructure. By entering into such a partnership it will provide technical expertise that will enable Herefordshire Council to carry out major projects concerning highways.

Herefordshire Council has also been notified that its adult social services will be assessed by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), and rated sometime this year. The council has been put on notice for their visit, but exactly when this assessment will take place has not been specified. The type of assessment is a new one and the majority of councils are yet to go through this process. Furthermore, the council will be submitting itself to a 'peer review' in June. This is a process that is organised by the Local Government Association and involves critical friends who will assess how well a council is performing as a whole and provide constructive feedback on how it can improve.

I was very proud to participate in the recent VE80 celebration and the Party in the Park. Both events were very well attended including the Lord Lieutenant of



Herefordshire and his wife who enjoyed the VE80 celebration at which they met 102 year old Fleet Air Arm veteran Hugh Langrishe. The quality of the bands who performed at the Party in the park was amazing. I would like to congratulate Richie Palmer and his team for their sterling work in making both events such a success.

Herefordshire Council would like to invite all residents to comment and share their views on the future Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP5) which sets out our transport priorities for the period 2025 – 2041. Find out more and take part: orlo.uk/ZA4tu

Please remember to inform Herefordshire Council of the location of non-emergency pot holes, drainage issues and Public Rights of Way (PROW) issues using the Herefordshire Council website <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1>

For any emergency potholes please report them via the 24hour telephone number

01432 261800

Specifically in regards to the four Parish and Town Councils which make up the Bromyard Bringsty ward I have the following updates:

Bromyard and Winslow Town Council.

- On 29 April I met with one of the residents together with the Balfour Beatty Drainage Engineer and Locality Steward to discuss how to progress the issue, in regards to drainage at the bottom of the A44 bypass leading into Linton Lane. The Drainage Engineer agreed that he would conduct a further camera investigation of the main drain on the A44. However they also agreed that specifically in regards



to the area at the bottom of Linton Lane that the three drains and their interconnecting pipes will be replaced with a greater capacity pipe which will be connected to the mains drainage pipe on the A44. This work, they believe, will address the pooling of water in Linton Lane.

- The Highways Department and a local nursing home have now agreed where the highway signs providing direction to the nursing home will be placed. They should be installed in the near future.
- I have been in touch with the resident of Church Lane who contacted me regarding a tree suffering from ash die back that is adjacent to his property and have informed him that Herefordshire Council offices have put in place the actions to address this issue which will be carried out in the near future.
- I am also pleased that I have been able to get the white lines at the junction of Sherford Street and the A44 relined making the junction safer.

Brockhampton Group of Parish Councils.

- I am continuing to work with Bringsty Common Manorial Court to address an issue regarding grazing on Bringsty Common and also some issues in respect of dangerous trees on the common.

Whitbourne Parish Council.

- I was approached by a resident in respect to an overhanging tree affecting her use of her garden due to bird droppings and leaves. I have raised this matter with

Herefordshire Council Officers and await their response.

- A resident has approached me about a potential issue regarding car parking which I have forwarded to enforcement officers for their consideration.

North Bromyard Group of Parishes.

- The work in regards to the redesign of the crossing of the B4204 and B4203 at High Cross is continuing. I am in regular contact with the responsible officers and will update all residents as soon as I have anything of note to update you with.
- Late last year a resident made me aware of an issue with the heating in her Platform Housing home. I approached Platform Housing through Herefordshire Council Housing officers and am pleased to say that she has recently had her central heating upgraded and due to the delay in doing this has received compensation from Platform housing.
- I have also been informed of two elements of road resurfacing in the Parish. The first being the B4203 through Upper Sapey bends and the second the B4203 at Upper Sapey from the B4204 to Pouke Lane.

I am present at the Surgery in the Foyer of the Conquest Theatre on the first Saturday of the month from 10:30 – 12:00 for residents to meet with me in person.

It remains my pleasure to assist residents of the Bromyard Bringsty Ward with their Herefordshire Council issues and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email if you have any Herefordshire Council related issues.

If you wish to contact me, my contact details are:

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Announcements

Birthday

Special 90th Birthday wishes to Derek Williams



We hope you have a very happy birthday and enjoy celebrating, with all our love,
Sheila, Deana, Mervyn, Jack, Lisa, Alan and Ellie xxx

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Scarecrow Festival

Nearly here! 15 Years of the Scarecrow Festival.

Many thanks to all of you who have contacted Lynne and already entered your Scarecrow into the Festival. It's really not very difficult, simply contact Lynne, just to check that there are not already 6 the same as yours, and then off you go. If you are able to get your entry sponsored that's great otherwise just fill in the form (which can be down loaded from the website, or from Lynne. www.bromyardscarecrowfestival.com or orlynn@wilkinshome.co.uk 01885 488206.

Just to remind you that this year's theme is Games. It can be a board game an IT game, a ball game - it's entirely up to you. Please have a go, join up with your friends or neighbours and put one together. We would love to see some of our excellent pubs enter. You don't have to take part in the parade on the Friday evening (although it's well worth doing). Scarecrow building can take as little or as long as you like. One year we put one together in 20 minutes as its owner had forgotten to deliver it to us. We will look after your scarecrow for the weekend if that's what you wish - all the information is on the form. 

Here are just a few reminders: the festival will take place from Friday 13th June to Sunday 15th June. The Grand Parade will take place on Friday June 13th leaving from St Peter's Churchyard at 7.00pm and, after a tour of the town, will finish in the Churchyard where the entourages will be judged. There are four prizes of £50.

On Saturday morning the judges will be out to judge the Scarecrows, the prizes are: £75 1st prize, 2nd prize £50, 3rd prize £25 plus certificates for those who are Highly Commended.



Festivals

You can then enter the Name the Scarecrow Competition. Forms can be obtained from the kiosk outside the Leisure Centre between 11.00am and 5.00pm on both Saturday and Sunday. By working out the cryptic clues, the scarecrow's game can be identified. Forms need to be returned to the kiosk by 5.00pm on Sunday and as an adult you could win £50 and for the Children's competition a £25.00 book token. The children's competition runs alongside the adult one but with a set of different questions.

On Saturday evening we are pleased to host the Annual Scarecrow supper - no, you don't have to come dressed as one-unless you really feel you must! A delicious home cooked supper comprising of chilli, creamy chicken casserole, baked potatoes and salad. This will be followed by apple pie and fruit pavlova - with lashings of cream (if you feel the need). Please bring your own choice of drinks. The tickets are £12 and can be obtained from Lynne.

We would like to thank the Town Council who have given us a grant which helps to pay towards our insurance and the prize money. Any profit we do make is put into arranging next year's festival, any money over we use to help the Festivals Committee support and advertise the other events in the town. In the past we have paid for festival leaflets, new flags for the street and the town marquees.

We do hope to see you all over the weekend if you haven't made a scarecrow then come and cheer the parade along as it travels through the town on Friday evening. Have a walk around the scarecrows over the weekend. We would like to thank you for your support over the years. The theme for 2026 is..... you will just have to wait until Scarecrow weekend.

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Refreshments



Stalls





Prize Wrestling display



Entertainment



Festivals

Last month our focus in Bromyard Info was on 'Bromyard on Frome' explaining how pupils at QE can become 'Apprentice Citizen Scientists' under the guidance of CPRE as step one in encouraging local families to take ownership of the River Frome. This month our focus is on 'Bromyard Ring' where, over doubtless several years to come, opportunities will be created to improve local biodiversity.



A key part of the show will be the 'Towards 2050' pavilion where visitors will get the chance to quiz our experts on all manner of Climate Change and biodiversity issues. At 2pm the subject will be 'Bromyard Ring' and we are delighted to be able to advise that the discussions will be introduced by our local MP – Ellie

Chowns. There are several dimensions to this project including - possible routes of our long walk through the beautiful countryside surrounding Bromyard, the scope of each wildlife garden created along the route, who will carry out the work, what support – both technical and financial, might be available and how will it be coordinated and publicised. Once established, how will it be monitored to



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Bromyard MAD Show

ensure any need for maintenance is met. Several specialists on different elements will field your questions, but recognise this is very early days.

The start of several possible walks could be in the vicinity of the old railway station and information will also be available on the Linton Rail and Trail project. The concept of being able to follow the old railway up to its bridge under the A44 has been a dream for many years, but come along because the dream is getting ever closer!

But the show is not confined to 'Towards 2050'. There are stands to interest all age groups with arts and craft opportunities for the youngest from the Primary Schools to more earthy play at Green Trees along with Kids Kitchen to enable them to make their own lunch! An older age group will find practical ideas on the CLAN (Cultivated Learning and Nature) stand with a focus on a woodland environment.

All age groups will be able to contribute to success in the Family Challenge with a sports content for everyone from six to sixty. There will be a 'pub' quiz at lunchtime in the Towards 2050 pavilion with clues to solve all day spread over the huge 100m x 100m map in the middle of the showground.

Entry tickets are still (just) available at the Early Bird rates from the website so don't leave your decision to the last minute.

The kids will love it.

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PUZZLES

Codewords

CodeWords is a word puzzle where you need to fill in the words in the crossword-stye grid.

Each letter of the alphabet has been substituted for a number between 1 and 26. There are no clues but you are given one word filled in to help you on your way.

In this puzzle all number 10 squares will contain an 'M', all number 14's will contain an 'E' and all 24's will have an 'O'.

Have fun!

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Sudoku

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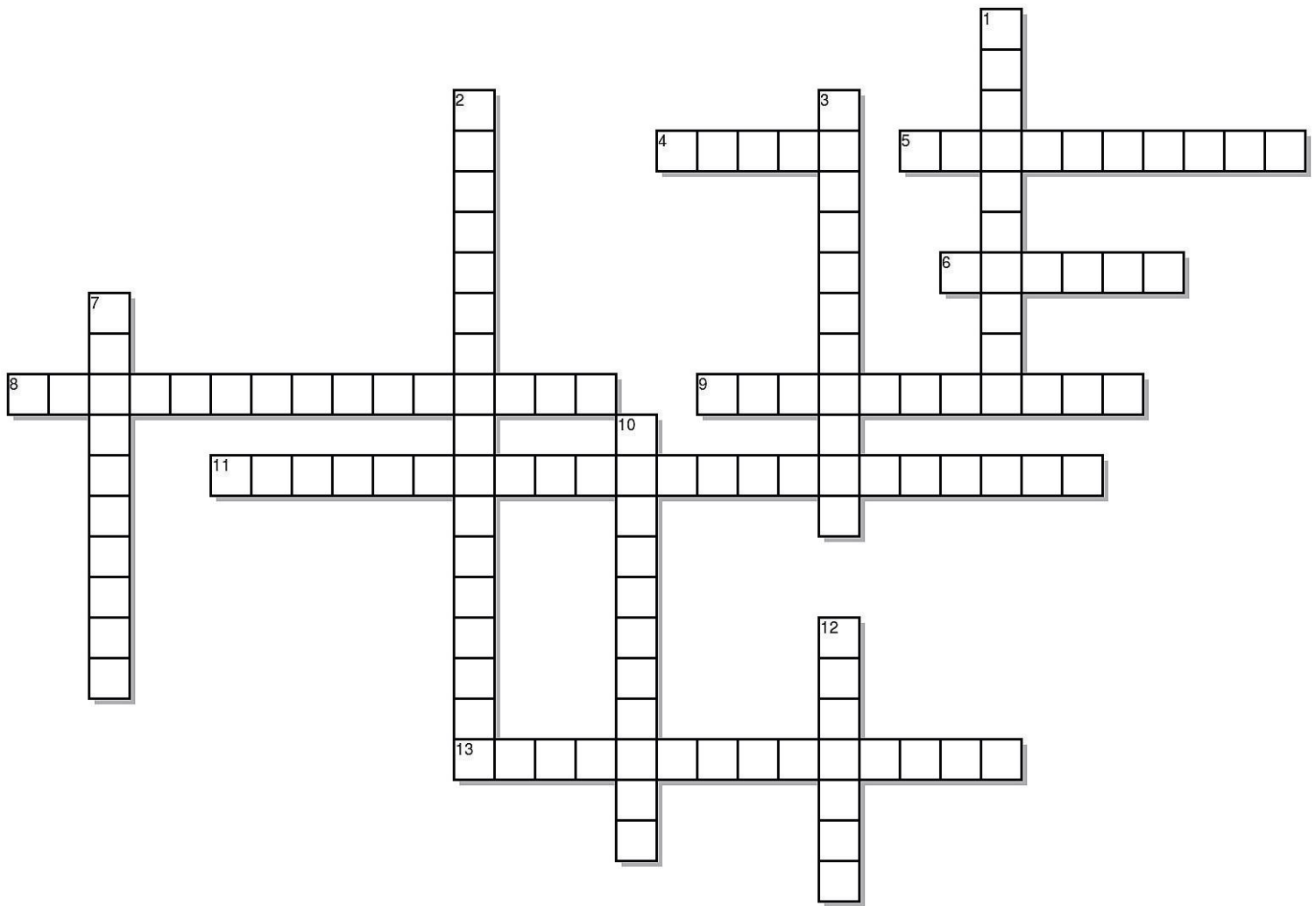
Sudoku is an easy to learn logic-based number placement puzzle. The word Sudoku is short for *Su-ji wa dokushin ni kagiru* which means "the numbers must be single".

Rules & Terms A Sudoku puzzle consists of 81 cells which are divided into nine columns, rows and regions. The task is now to place the numbers from 1 to 9 into the empty cells in such a way that in every row, column and 3x3 region each number appears only once.

A Sudoku has at least 17 given numbers but normally there are 22 to 30.

Mathematics A Sudoku is a logic-based and not a math-based puzzle. It is possible to make and solve a Sudoku puzzle with letters or even some symbols.

A little interesting point is that there are **6,670,903,752,021,072,936,960** possible Sudoku puzzles. So we can play umpteen Sudokus a day and there will still be new ones.



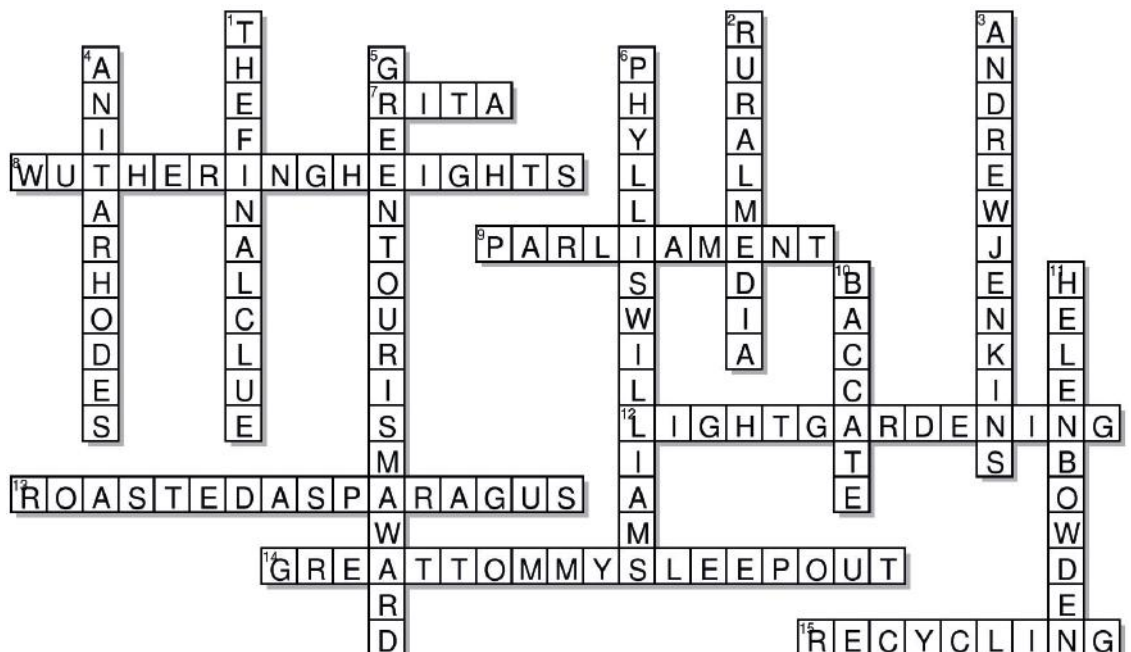
ACROSS

- 4. This is important at St. Peter's School (5)
- 5. Bertie has been one of these this month (7,3)
- 6. Microchipped tortoise (6)
- 8. Plant of the month (8,7)
- 9. Fundraiser for Kempson Players (7,4)
- 11. This months recipe (9,5,8)
- 13. Their base is next to the Post Office on Sherford Street (7,7)

DOWN

- 1. These will be on display around town for this festival (10)
- 2. Author of this month's poem (7,10)
- 3. A hard stiff leaf (11)
- 7. New leader of the Catholic Church (4,3,No.)
- 10. What bees and other insects are (11)
- 12. A real steady old-timer at Longlands (7)

May Crossword Solution



Wordsearch

Puzzles

- Insects
- Festivals
- Community
- Competitions
- Herefordshire
- Scarecrows
- Articles
- Elected
- Quilt
- Tintern
- Villages
- Gardening
- Birthday
- Meadow**
- Decorators
- Working
- Heroes
- Raspberry
- Month
- Flapjack
- Equine
- Comfort
- Fundraising
- Pollinators
- Football
- Interesting
- Society
- Opportunities

R **W O D A E M** T D T J G N Q G E T R D Y J V N
 A L B V X J G T N J Q R T E R Z B B M K K B B
 S N M P L M Z J J S E I T I N U T R O P P O K
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 B P J W K B N E L B R S R D Y B U D L N D T W
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 X T D L D N D E T N R J C B K R Y K O Q Y Q M
 W N Y T I J H L N K D Z N E W D V R B N Q R B
 Q R T K T J N B D Y T Z Y B D M T R Y P Q Q T

Find the words in the grid - across, down, diagonally, backwards or forwards - have fun!

May Wordsearch Solution

Puzzles

May Sudoku Solution

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

May Codewords Solution

15	9	3	22		9	18	6	13	26		14	
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The Mayor's Column

It has been a very busy but very enjoyable start to May. On the evening of Friday May 2, the Mayoress and I were very pleased to be the guests of the Mayor of Leominster at a concert in Leominster Priory by the Diversity Choir. This community choir, of perhaps 40 people, gave us a wonderful evening covering a wide repertoire. The choir included three wonderful soloists who each performed for us plus a spin off group – the Lower Deckers – who gave us marvellous and very spirited renditions of sea shanties. The evening finished with an audience sing along to popular tunes of World War 2 which I found very poignant coming so close to the 80th anniversary of VE Day.



The following afternoon found me at Party in the Park for the VE Day 80 celebration. I was pleased to be part of the party welcoming the Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, Mr. Edward Harley CBE, and his wife Victoria. Jon Weighill of Royal

British Legion, Bromyard, gave a short address quoting the words of King George VI on VE Day 80 years ago. The Kohima Epitaph was read out and a two minute silence observed. Following this, the Lord Lieutenant made his address and formally opened Party in the Park. The Lord Lieutenant was pleased to welcome the guest of honour, local veteran Mr. Hugh Langrishe, aged 102 and a quarter. The photograph shows Hugh chatting with the Lord Lieutenant.

Following the opening, a large crowd enjoyed a celebration VE Day celebration with musical accompaniment – singer Vicky and saxophonist Andy bringing us songs of the period.

On the following Tuesday afternoon, I was one of many mayors invited by the Mayor of Hereford to the opening of the Mayfair. Following welcoming refreshments, a considerable throng of us processed from the Town Hall to Cathedral Close for the ceremonial proclamation of St. Ethelbert's Mayfair. The rights to the fair, which date from the reign of King Henry 1, were originally granted to the Bishop of Hereford. By Act of Parliament in 1838 the Bishop's rights in the fair were transferred to Hereford Corporation with the Bishop to be compensated by an annual payment of 12 ½ bushels of the finest wheat or the money equivalent. So it was that, with the Bishop in period wig, we saw the symbolic presentation of the wheat and heard the fair proclaimed. In the photograph are Cllr. Stef Simmons, Vice-Chair of Herefordshire Council, the Bishop of Hereford, the Right Revd Richard Jackson, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford, Cllr. Kevin Tillett, and Mr. Henry Studt of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain.



On Thursday Morning, the 80th anniversary of VE Day, I was very pleased to attend a flag raising ceremony on the Town Green, including a short service of remembrance addressed by Jon Weighill of the Royal British Legion and me as Mayor. We closed with a blessing by the Vicar, Revd Philip Miller,

who is Padre to the RBL Bromyard Branch. A goodly crowd attended and together we honoured those who had served, and their families, and those who still do.

News From The Mayor

The VE Day celebrations continued on Friday at the over sixties lunch at the Falcon at which Mr. Hugh Langrishe was the guest of honour and for which a VE Day 80 cake had been baked. Hugh spoke movingly of his experiences with the Fleet Air Arm, being in the Far East on VE Day and reminding us that the war continued until VJ Day and beyond. Earlier that day, Ward Councillor Clare Davies and I attended a VE Day party at Whitegates. The party was in full swing as we arrived with marvelous entertainment from singer Ian James. A very brave member of staff – thank you Julie – tempted me out onto the dance floor and, I'm happy to report, survived the experience without damage to her toes!

At the Annual Meeting of the Council on May 19th, I was re-elected as Chair of the Council and Mayor for the coming year. It has been a great honour and a great pleasure to serve as Mayor, attending many events and meeting many wonderful people. I am very conscious of the honour my fellow Councillors have done me and I will do my very best to repay their confidence and to serve the residents of Bromyard in the year ahead.



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Home & Gardens

What an amazing time in the garden, one visitor summed it up rather well with just two words in the visitor book - 'just wow'. Some other visitors saw a Grasshopper Warbler in the garden; this small bird is a summer visitor and now quite rare being on the red list. The best way to recognise it is by its song which sounds like a grasshopper.



Yes I did say 'new project', I can't stop these ideas popping into my brain but I do think this is a particularly good one. We used to keep a few chickens and the chook house and pen are still in place inside the large area, about half acre, which I started planting two

years ago, before then it was fruit trees and rough grass. The chicken pen is as large as a lot of town gardens and contains a few small apple trees which I have left but removed the lowest branches. This area is dappled shade with a little deeper shade and several areas catch sunshine at certain times. It is also very sheltered and has moist but well-drained soil so perfect for a lot of things waiting to be planted out which are border-line hardiness or untested. It will be an exotic garden entered through a gated fence dripping with *Clematis Montana*, other climbers continue around the fence. I am not sure what to do with the chicken house, it seems in quite good condition so I may leave it as it is, or open one side for a seating area, or paint it in a medley of colours, or something else yet to come to mind.

The *Embothrium* (Chilean Fire Bush) is fabulous and I was pleased to see the *Paulownia* (Foxglove Tree) flowering well

Farming News



"She's either going to have the biggest twins ever or she's got the decorators in

and is having a gazebo built." This comment was directed at the last ewe to lamb, in full fleece and looking as broad as she was long, with an udder that would make a dairy cow proud. We'd heard from neighbouring farms that lambing had begun early and with a tranche of problems that are usually sprinkled through lambing. Uh, oh. We all have different breeds and different systems but we have soil, altitude and weather in common. Our flock followed the trend – we usually feel by the end of lambing that our eyeballs have been scrubbed with a pot scourer but this time it happened only six days in. Lambing usually swings between feeling like a sprint and like a marathon but this year it was a triathlon all the way.

The proposal to reintroduce an apex predator into the Kielder Forest - Missing Lynx – has left Northumbrian farmers perplexed as to why the proposers believe any predator would pursue speeding roe deer in preference to a helpless new-born lamb. The suggestion that farmers could use guard dogs to protect the sheep, as happens in Switzerland where lynx predation on flocks is common, has not included information on how to buy, train and feed the dogs, nor how, since Switzerland doesn't have the same footpath system as the UK, ramblers are to be protected from Grosser Schweizer

The Perennial Plantaholic

as is the *Davidia* (Handkerchief Tree). The *Rehderodendron* and *Xanthoceras* trees are both flowering for the first time.

As you know, Moors Meadow is now an RHS Partner Garden which is an honour and raises the profile greatly, this is also of benefit to Bromyard as it brings more visitors to the area. A good way to increase this even more is for you all to vote Moors Meadow Gardens as 'your favourite' partner garden, any member of the public can vote and you will be entered for a prize draw to win £100 gift voucher. All you have to do is go to www.rhs.org.uk/pgoty scroll down and click on 'Vote now for your favourite garden' and follow instructions clicking on 'West midlands and East Anglia' region, then scroll down to Moors Meadow Gardens and finish the very short details.



Plant of the month: *Cornus kousa* Miss Satomi (Japanese Dogwood) produces a blanket of rich pink flower bracts. In autumn the leaves will blaze a crimson-red colour. This beautiful shrub or small tree will brighten a corner of your garden be it in sun or part-shade and may grow up to 13ft (4m) although mine is barely half that after about 15 years or more. The only attention it requires is the removal of any damaged or rubbing branches in late winter/early spring.

Garden trivia: Sclerophyll - A hard stiff leaf.

From Moors Meadow Gardens. www.moorsmeadow.co.uk
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The View From Here 79

Sennenhunde standing 1 metre high and weighing 65 kilos.

The recent run of very dry weather added to lack of grazing on common land and the moors has led to over 400 wildfires in the first four months of the year. The National Trust's Head of Nature Conservation expressed his concern at the destruction of habitat and food, with vulnerable wildlife such as ground nesting birds, leverets, dormice and hedgehogs being "torched alive".

Guests staying in the farm holiday cottage amaze me with their lack of knowledge of how the food that keeps them alive is actually produced. Recent questions have included why we keep cockerels when they don't lay eggs and where deadstock is buried on the farm. The possible impact of new trade deals with countries whose standards of livestock husbandry and environmental care are far inferior to those of the UK had also passed them by. I hope I managed to clarify all those points.

The very old apple tree outside the kitchen window was clearly struggling last year so I removed all the mistletoe over the Winter and it appears to have recovered and, like most orchard trees, has been laden with blossom this year, but the low bee numbers following on from 2023's drought makes us suspect the tree won't be laden with fruit. I noticed the blossom was far less scented than usual, even on the hot days at the end of April. As a local farmer sagely observed, "We don't seem to have seasons any more, just weather."

Gillian Herbert

The Working Dog

Bertie's Bimble

Date for your calendar....21st June TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY

Well that's rubbish cos I goes to work every day and a load of me Spanul, Colliewobbles and Labradorus mates all works hard as well...my Sam, she has a dog friend at her place of works...that dog is named Bella, she is one of the aforementioned Labradoruses and is a yellow one... she's a bit like me cos she likes sticks and swimming and stuff but bigger....and a girl....and yellow....so actually she's nothing like Bert!



Anyhow this last month has been pitifully poor as far as Bert outings is concerned cos it's all been about walking that ginger pony, from the sanctuary where I works, all over the shop and down the lanes as well, and what's worse is that there are now TWO of them that is going to be walked out every day so that is straightaway doubling me workload but I notices not doubling me pay in chicken sticks!!! At this rate of walking ponies we is going to have to get us an 'office'

junior to share the load as I is middle-aged now and more into a desk job than this malarky!

I is also, this month, resisting the urge to bark about things political as I is told I must not show me leanings... I doesn't has leanings, I leans all over the shop, a bit like me Muvver when she's sniffed a cork from a wine bottle! Me Muvver doesn't drink halkahol! so she says! I hears different!

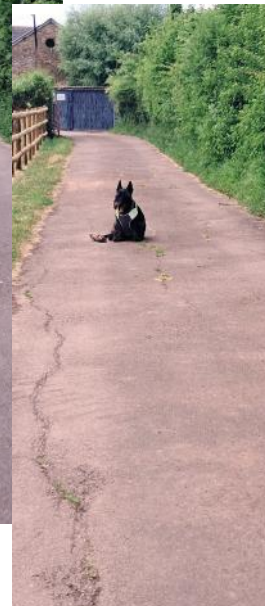
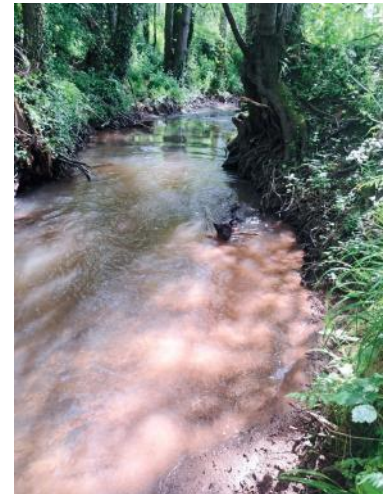
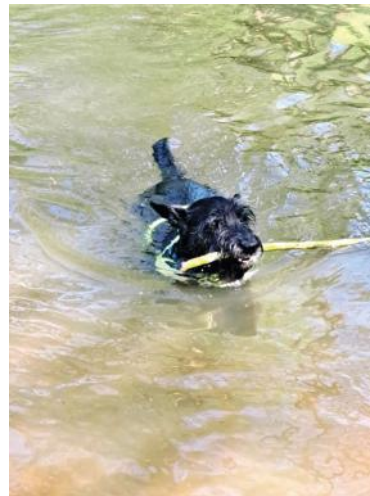
It's been hot and sticky weather and terrible news is that me big paddly pool is now broken so I is having to make do with a Chiwawa sized one! Rubbish!

I has spoken to me Muvver about this but so far she is cocking a deaf lug, as is The Other - and hims has got the biggest lugs so hims should have no problems hearing me plea for a new gigantic paddly pool! Doris and Chris has both said " Yeah Bert, we'll get you one" Well if they has then it's invisible cos I can't see it anywhere! Once again me work pay is not providing a good standard of living for Bert!

Luckily Doris and Chris has taken me to Hereford to the Victoria Bridge beach and I has dabbled in the river Wye but there is a bit of concern over water quality and, as I is a delicate being as well as precious to me Muvver , I has also been a regular at Stoke Lacy where the water in the stream is pure and clear...good enough! Mind you, with this long spell of hot weather and – as I type this - NO rain to bark of for well over a month we will be hard pressed to find any swimming places to fulfil me needs at all.

I has had a few lovely gentle walks at Brockhampton through them woods in the cool and also on them Downs above this town. I think I is slowing down a bit now but me Muvver has just announced that we are going to be off out and about again from July onwards so there may be more tales to tell a while yet be that on me paws or in me chariot what I spoke of previously.

There is two bright spots ahead for me though as in the first week, of this wonderful busting out all over, month of June I is



off to Saundersfoot for 3 days and I shall be in that sea no matter what the weather chucks at us! I is then back home in this Bromyard for about 3 weeks then I is off again to North Wales for another 3 nights by the sea...it's all go for me this month!

Bert.





June 2025

It was a real joy to be part of Party in the Park at the beginning of May, and to wander round and meet friends old and new.

And now we're in 'Flaming June'. In our churches we are looking forward to Pentecost, when we remember

God sending His holy Spirit on His disciples. We will be joining with St Joseph's on Sunday 8th June for a special service involving all the churches in Bromyard.

Pentecost is remembered as the birth of the Christian church. Not a building, but a gathering of believers, individuals with all their quirks and idiosyncrasies coming together to learn more about God's love, to worship, to pray, and just be with one another.

St Peter wrote:

As you come to Him, the living Stone ... you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house 1 Peter 2:4-5 (ANIV)

I love this image. When you look at a dry stone wall, there are stones of all different shapes and sizes, each one having its place in the wall. And each stone is as important as the next. This is true when we come together as 'church', the gathering of believers and enquirers. Each person is important, no matter where they are on their faith journey.

So I'd like to invite you to come along to St Peter, Bromyard, or St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy, whether you are a believer, or just would like to know something more about God and faith in Him. You are sure of a warm welcome (and usually good refreshments afterwards!).

We will also be present in the Scarecrow Parade, which starts and finishes at St Peter's this year.

God bless,

Rev Phil



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10:30am Gather

Wednesday, 4th June

10:00am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday, 8th June

10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday, 11th June

10:00am Prayers

3rd Sunday, 15th June

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Wednesday, 18th June

10:00am Prayers

4th Sunday, 22nd June

10:30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Come to the river

Wednesday, 25th June

10:00am Prayers

5th Sunday, 29th June

10:30am Joint Holy Communion @ Stoke Lacy

Stoke Lacy

1st Sunday, 1st June

10:30am Holy communion

2nd Sunday, 8th June

4:00pm PM Praise

3rd Sunday, 15th June

10.30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday, 22nd June

6:30pm Sanctuary

5th Sunday, 29th June

10:30am Joint Holy Communion

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10.00am High Mass SB Bishops Frome
11.30am Holy Communion SB Acton Beauchamp
6.00pm Choral Evensong SB Bishops Frome

Easter 7, White, Acts 16.16-34, Psalm 97, John 17.20-26

Sunday June 8th

10.00am Holy Communion SB Bishops Frome
10.00am High Mass
Fr David West Castle Frome
10.00am Matins Lay Led Much Cowarne

Pentecost, Red, Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 33.1-12, John 14.8-17

Sunday June 15th

10.00am High Mass
Fr David West Bishops Frome

Trinity Sunday, Gold or White, Romans 5.1-5, Psalm 8, John 16.12-15

Sunday June 22nd

10.00am Holy Communion SB Bishops Frome
10.00am Family Service
Lay Led Evesbatch
10.00am Holy Communion RA Much Cowarne

Trinity 1, Green, Galatians 3.23-29, Psalm 42, Luke 8.26-39

Sunday June 29th

10.00am Holy Communion RA Ocle Pychard
Trinity 2, Green, Galatians 5.1, 13-25, Psalm 16, Luke 9.51-62

Choir Practice takes place every Friday between 6.00pm and 7.00pm at Bishops Frome Church. The choir sings at every Sunday Service at Bishops Frome.

Also happening this month

Saturday 7th June 1.15pm Music Recital at Bishops Frome Church.

Piers Maxim, Director of Music at Great Malvern Priory, gives an organ recital. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Refreshments afterwards, and there are toilets available.

Saturday 28th June 6.30pm Dog Show and Summer Fete at Acton Beauchamp with a range of stalls and refreshments, all are welcome

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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.00am until 12 midday.

If you would like more details of any of our Services or of any event, please contact the Parish Office on 01885 490229, or email fromevalley@icloud.com

The Parish of Greater Whitbourne

Sunday 1st June

9.30am Holy Communion at Whitbourne

Sunday 8th June

9.30am Holy Communion at Whitbourne
11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Sapey

Sunday 15th June

9.30am Holy Communion at Whitbourne
3.00pm Evening Prayer at Edwin Loach

Sunday 22nd June

9.30am Holy Communion at Whitbourne
11.00am Holy Communion at Tedstone Delamere

Sunday 29th June

9.30am Patronal Service at Whitbourne

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday via Zoom at 9.00am.

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Choir Practice takes place every Friday between 6.00pm and 7.00pm at Whitbourne Church – the choir sings at every Sunday Service at Whitbourne, and at occasional Services at the other churches in Greater Whitbourne. The choir sings in 4-parts.

All Services at Whitbourne are Zoomed. Please ask Revd Preb Dawn Hyett for the links to Zoomed Services hyettdawn@gmail.com

Also happening this month

Saturday 7th June – 10.00am until 12 midday – Coffee Morning

Everybody is welcome to socialise and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with cake. This takes place in Ollie's Friendship Room, which is located at the back of the church. It is heated, there are comfortable seats and there are toilets

Tuesday 17th June – 2.00pm – Discover the Bible, at Gladstone House, Whitbourne – everyone is welcome, and each session is a stand-alone session

Friday 20th June – 12 midday until 2.00pm – Friendship Lunch at Whitbourne Village Hall. Details can be obtained from the Parish Office.

Monday 23rd June – 7.00pm – Film Night at Upper Sapey Church – everyone is welcome – free to attend but donations are welcome – the film is shown on a big screen, with decent sound – refreshments are available – the chairs are comfortable and there are toilets

Tuesday 24th June – 2.00pm – Worship Group, at Gladstone House, Whitbourne – all are welcome to a time of informal worship

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Bromyard Methodist Church



June is such a lovely month in our gardens and parks. Trees and shrubs are in their luscious leaf; roses are everywhere sometimes with a glorious scent; in the vegetable garden we have fresh lettuce and maybe tomatoes coming on. It really is the most loveliest time. As a newcomer to Bromyard in the dead of

winter, with my lovely house I inherited two substantial gardens, front and back, along with ponds, front and back. My nephew said 'Ooh look, you've got hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of tadpoles!' Hang on a minute, doesn't that mean there'll be hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of frogs? Frogs aside it has been the most wonderful spring this year, waiting to see what was going to come through. First of all were the Hellebores at Christmas, even before snowdrops and crocuses and then daffodils. Stunning yellow striped with red tulips were next, peonies are coming and Irises and lilies in the ponds. The garden seems to be reflecting the warm welcome I've received in Bromyard from so many people. 🐕

Of course the thing that everyone knows about gardens is that it takes a lot of work. As Kipling says: 'Our England is a garden and such gardens are not made by singing 'O how beautiful' and sitting in the shade'. In my case the work has involved a team of three chaps in high-viz and protective helmets who basically blitz their way through the garden. Hedges lowered and trimmed, huge overgrowth cleared, beds dug fences mended and many surprises unearthed. I can now see the lovely shapes that are there and appreciate the planning that went in by previous owners to make such beauty. And perhaps we can agree with Mrs Dorothy Francis Gurney who said, 'One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on Earth'. Although that reminds me of that old, old joke of a visitor to a garden who was in raptures over the beauty that God had created until the gardener said, 'Ay and you should have seen it when he had it all to himself!'. May you have many happy hours in this summertime in a garden. Now about those frogs.....

Wendy Werrell

Church News

On Pentecost Sunday 8th June We have our Annual church Meeting at 12.30pm with a Bring Your Own lunch, drinks provided. Always a happy occasion as we look back at the last 12 month but importantly look forward to the next year in our church life.

Our services for June 2025

1st at 10.30am Rev'd Martyn Sanders

8th at 3.00pm Pentecost, at St. Joseph's Church. Bromyard

No service at New Road we join in the joint, United Service at St. Joseph's Church, (Old Road Bromyard.) where we are all very welcome.

15th at 10.30am Stephen & Gillian Chowns

22nd at 2.30pm Rev'd Phil Warrey

29th at 10.30am Mr. Chris Knight

(We alternate mornings & afternoon: 1st & 3rd Sundays – mornings, 2nd & 4th Sundays - afternoons, 5th Sunday as advised).

We continue our 'WARM WELCOME' on Wednesdays with a change to summer timings from 10am to 12.30pm in the church hall, call in and enjoy a 'Cuppa' and a 'Bite to Eat' with good company and at no charge!

If you are interested in joining us, we would love to hear from you. You can make contact through the Methodist website at www.herefordshiremethodists.org.uk/bromyard

Or contact John Huddleston on 07981 859504

For those unable to attend we have Services streamed on YouTube each Sunday at 10.30am from either the Hereford or Ledbury churches. YouTube link; <https://tinyurl.com/HSELive>

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Church News

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Manifesting and Faith

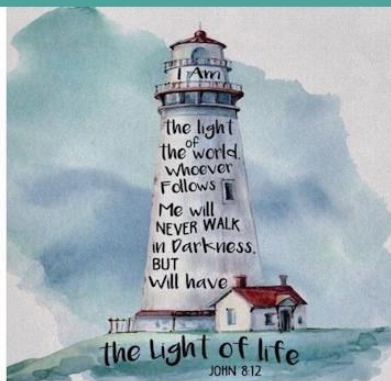
I expect that you have heard of manifesting. I came across it again recently and began to mull upon it from a Christian perspective. Manifesting is the idea that we can through believing cause a goal to be achieved or some desired object to be obtained. As I understand it, there are two primary elements to manifesting.

The first element is positive thinking. It has long been recognised that there is a benefit to this. Henry Ford wrote "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't - you're right" The Bible tells us that "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23.7). The proverb is primarily directed at hypocrisy but recognises the heart as the seat of our desires and actions. Proverbs 4.23 records "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. St. Paul wrote " Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." (Philippians 4.8) He also wrote however "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you." (Romans 12.3)

The second element is the "law" of attraction, the idea that through visualisation and focusing on the object that we wish to achieve, we can make it more likely or even cause it to happen. Now the Bible clearly states that God is "the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not." (Romans 4.17) Jesus told us that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19.26). Christians have good reason to believe in miracles and to believe that our prayers can be effective in changing situations and bringing forward what is to come. The writer to the Hebrews records "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11.1) However, where manifesting seeks to bring about what we want, the purpose of Christian faith and prayer is to bring about what God wants.

This does not mean that we should not pray for our own needs or those of others. Far from it - we are encouraged to do so and God is loving, gracious, kind and generous as may be found out by reading the Bible and spending time in prayer. However needs and wants are often different. There are some parts of manifesting theory which do not conflict with Christian faith and which some Christians may find helpful. The fundamental flaw of manifesting however is to believe that we can do it all without God, who has a great plan for our lives if we would but seek Him for it. God bless you.

Mark Franklin for Christians Together in Bromyard.



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The Lighthouse



It has been my privilege to grow up on our family farm, and spend a period of time as a shepherd.

I discovered that sheep have similar traits to us.

I learnt many valuable lessons, which helped me to come alongside folk who are struggling with what life throws at them.

During those years I met the Good Shepherd Jesus who also has given me an even greater understanding of life, but also He had become my Good Shepherd giving me guidance and protection.

We read of David in the bible, he started out life as a lowly shepherd, yet during those lonely hours on his own he discovered God to be his companion and Good Sheperd as described in the Psalm 23.

David found God his guide, protector and helper, vital lessons for when he became King of Israel.

You may be finding life lonely, we may be going through turbulent situations, health, relationships money, but Jesus is ready and willing to become your friend and guide, you only have to ask.

Jesus said – I am the way, I am the Truth, I am the life, No one comes to the Father except through me.(John 14:6)

Pope Leo XIV

Church News

On Thursday, 8th May 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected Bishop of Rome and took the name Pope Leo XIV. It was a swift election which took everyone by surprise.



He wasn't listed among the "favourites" before the Conclave that elected him. Pope Francis had died on Easter Monday, 21st April, so the Catholic Church had remained without a leader for just under three weeks.

Jesus Christ himself, of course, is head of the Church, which is his Mystical Body, of which all the

baptised are members, or as St Peter calls us "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5).

When it was announced from the balcony of St Peter's to the vast crowds below and relayed by the media to the whole world that he had been elected Pope, most of us were left asking, "And who on earth is he?"

My mind went back to 1985, when I first came across a young, newly-ordained priest in Chulucanas, the neighbouring parish and diocese to Tambogrande and Piura where I had been living and working in northern Peru since 1981.

Rob Prevost was an Augustinian friar from Chicago, who had come to live and work in Peru together with Bishop John MacNabb and his fellow Augustinians, great missionaries and

pastors, who helped and encouraged us in our own pastoral work, we Benedictine monks and they Augustinian friars in the desert, scrubland and mountains of the Department of Piura.

His surname is French, his father being half French, half Italian, and his mother was of Spanish origin.

Rob, with degrees in Mathematics, Philosophy and Theology, was sent off to do a doctorate and then appointed Professor at the Seminary (theological college) in Trujillo, while I was busy founding a monastery and teaching in the Seminary in Piura. In December 2000 I was elected Abbot of Belmont and so returned to England, whereas Rob went on to become Provincial, the Prior General of the Augustinian Order.

In 2014, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo, an important city halfway between Trujillo and Piura, where he served this large diocese until called to Rome by Pope Francis to head the Dicastery (office or department) for Bishops in January 2023 and later that year was created Cardinal. He served in Peru for 40 years and took Peruvian citizenship.

He tells us that he chose the name Leo in honour of Pope Leo XIII (reigned 1878-1903), author of the famous Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, which set out the social teaching of the Catholic Church and was the first Pope to enter into dialogue with the modern world.

I have no doubt that our new Pope, Leo XIV, will be an outstanding leader of the Catholic and Christian world. He has always been an avid sportsman and plays a good game of tennis. He's such a lovely chap, so easy to get on with, with a fine theological mind and a good sense of humour.

I think he'd feel very much at home in Bromyard!

Father Paul Stonham OSB.

St. Joseph's Church, Bromyard

Raspberry Honey Flapjacks

Recipe Of The Month

Make these easy raspberry honey flapjacks using just five ingredients. Serve with a cuppa for a perfect mid-morning pick-me-up, or freeze for a later date.

Makes 9-12 Easy Prep:10 mins Cook:25 mins

Ingredients

- 150g butter
- 150g light brown soft sugar
- 4 tbsp honey
- 300g porridge oats
- 100g frozen raspberries

Method

Step 1

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and line a 20 x 20cm baking tin with parchment. Melt the butter, sugar, honey and a pinch of salt in a pan. Once the mixture is bubbling and combined, stir in the oats.

Step 2

Tip the oat mixture into the lined baking tin and press down with the back of a spoon. Scatter over the raspberries, then lightly press them into the oat mixture. Bake for 25-30 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool, then cut into 9 or 12 flapjacks.



Charities



**Midlands
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Charity®**

Win £3,000 and Help Save Lives with Midlands Air Ambulance Charity's Summer Raffle

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity is inviting people to make a lifesaving difference in their local community by participating in its Summer Raffle which has now officially launched.

The charity's Summer Raffle offers participants a chance to win big, including a grand prize of £3,000. In addition, there are 16 other cash prizes to be won. Every ticket sold directly supports future lifesaving missions, enabling the charity's advanced clinical team to respond to the most critically ill and injured patients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year across Herefordshire.

Everyone who enters the raffle will have a chance of winning a prize, but every £1 ticket purchased will also help save lives.

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity

Emma Wood, head of fundraising and engagement at Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "During the summer months the days are warmer, the evenings longer and the sun is hopefully shining, but our crews remain on the frontline to provide advanced critical care to those most in need. By participating in our easy to enter Summer Raffle, you'll be making a vital difference to our essential pre-hospital emergency service, while also having a chance to win an incredible cash prize. Our charity does not receive any Government funding for our daily missions and relies entirely on support from the local communities we serve."

The Summer Raffle is open to anyone aged 18 and over. Each ticket costs £1 and entrants' unique raffle ticket numbers will be automatically entered into the prize draw. The closing date for tickets bought online is Wednesday 16th July and the draw will take place on Friday 18th July.

Terms and conditions apply. To buy a raffle ticket and help make missions possible this summer, please visit: midlandsairambulance.com/summerraffle

To find out more about Midlands Air Ambulance Charity's vital, lifesaving work, visit midlandsairambulance.com and follow the organisation on social media.

V.E. Events in Bromyard.

Since the Great Tommy Sleep Out in March, there have been three significant events in the town where the Bromyard Branch of



Bromyard Branch Royal British Legion

the RBL have been involved. On May 3rd the first day of the Kempson Players "Party in the Park", the volunteers organised a free afternoon tea in the marquee with refreshments made to rationing recipes. A branch Standard Party stood at the door welcoming the guests of honour,



local dignitaries and other attendees. This included our own branch member Hugh Langrishie - a former War II Fleet Air Arm Special Engineering Officer - who at the age of 102 was in great fork and thoroughly enjoyed himself. Jon Weighill the Bromyard Chairman oversaw the official event and then the party was entertained by period dressed singers.



May 8th, saw the town's official flag raising ceremony - hosted by the Town Council - for the 80th. Anniversary of V.E. Day. Only a small crowd was present being a work day but all the proprieties were observed under the watchful eye of the Chairman who took the salute and on this occasion I was the branch stand-in Standard Bearer. Our branch Padre Rev. Phil Miller gave the final blessing and then all involved moved into the Council Chamber for light refreshments.



Our final event took place the following day at the ever popular Friday lunch at the Falcon Mews where the main course offered us a wartime rabbit fricassee or steak and kidney pie. Thanks to the co-operation of the hotel staff we paraded the Standard and our Chairman recognised the service given by our long serving member Hugh Langrishie who spoke eloquently about his service in the Fleet Air Arm and pointed out that although it was VE day in Europe he, and many thousands of other service men and women were still at war against the Japanese in the Far East.

A two minute silence was observed followed by Reveille and the cutting of a special VE cake made by the hotel chef. A fitting end to a week of remembrance.

Roy Thomas.

Equine Market Watch (Sanctuaries) UK

Charity No.1114700 EMW Sanctuaries UK is a dedicated equine welfare organisation **"WE WILL NOT LOOK AWAY"**

Charities

May 25th, 2025.

A bit blustery today, sunny from mid-morning onwards though and when the wind dropped or out of it in a sheltered spot it was warm.

Eric had field time this morning from about 10.30am onwards which is when I went and liberated him as once again Sam and Marysia both did the work giving me another easy morning. I also gave Luya her metabolic tonic this morning, something she is on twice a day for the time being.

Sam and I went back to the yard together at around 12.30pm doing first of all the Sunday meals-on-wheels deliveroo!

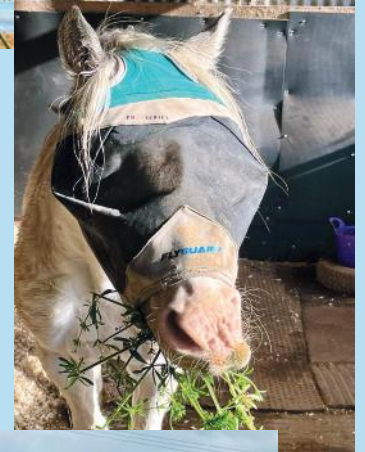
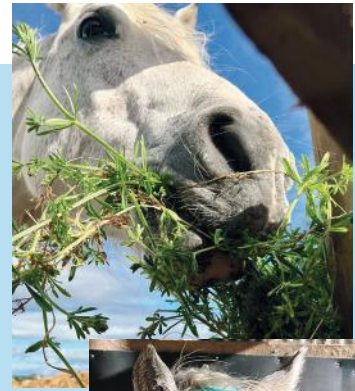
We decided to bring in Tico and Louie and do their usual health check, I tidied up a couple of hoof chips one on each pony, and Louie got some of that floooof groomed off him, Tico has mostly shed his by himself. They had a hedgeline picnic on the way back to their paddock.

Luya, because she is improving, got 'booted up' in make-shift random footwear! No matter because they worked for her. We also took her on a short walk letting her choose her shrubbage/herbage as she meandered gently along. We're still debating the hoof boot thing! her feet are (never have been) equal width to length and right now what fits one way won't fit the other...argh! I had a good search through set aside boxes of tack/equipment but only found one mediboot and that was a size 6! she needs a 4 by width but a 5 by length. We'll suss it out.

Once she was back on the yard we fetched Eric on to the yard as he'd been out plenty long enough, he is so much better today and will resume his daily marching again tomorrow.

Although Luya has been free to fraternise with Eric for days and days having the barn stable gate open and Eric free-ranging on the yard they don't seem to have liaised at all but today was uneventful even though they were close together...all is well
Meanwhile

Tomorrow morning is Bank Holiday and I have another morning off...what a lazy bones I am!



Read the daily blog at - <https://www.facebook.com/EMWSanctuaries>

Longlands

Something Scary Every Day

Many of our students come to Longlands with the belief that they are failures. (They probably are, in the classroom.) One of our aims is to help them develop resilience. A well-used mantra of mine is 'Do something scary every day'.



Patches with one of our older students.

For some it might be working with our ponies. They are brought in daily for care and attention. They are all very quiet and used to their routines, and even the most nervous students quickly gain confidence around them. We often reflect back with them, perhaps after only three or four sessions, that they have not only groomed and help tack up, but are actually riding, when only a short time ago they were reluctant to go near them.

The mantra doesn't just apply to students. It has taken me

weeks to get to grips with our new electric buggy. I find it rather scary, being almost silent and with instant acceleration.

I asked one of our competent students to make me do all the driving as we did the livestock rounds. Thanks to his supervision I'm feeling more confident, and can now venture out unsupervised.

I was surprised the other week when Laura, who is usually so willing and able with all the livestock, balked at helping to move a hatch of week-old bantam chicks, professing to "just not being very keen on all the flapping".

Back in her comfort zone she has started practising the Equine Facilitated Learning programme. She was working with student 'F' and Patches (a real, steady old-timer of a pony). F is very anxious about attending school. She is also very confident and experienced with the ponies. She was leading Patches around cones, with the pony walking in his usual unflappable manner. Laura then asked F to repeat the exercise while thinking of her school day. Patches instantly became very agitated, snorting and wound-up, for no apparent external reason – very unlike him. Repeating the exercise, with F's thoughts redirected to just leading the pony, he calmed down again.

Lots of food for thought and discussion there. Perhaps, working through the programme, Patches will help F build her confidence and face the scary thing called school.

Julia Evans

Law firm looks back at successful Hereford festival

“Inspiring, entertaining and emotional” - just three of the words used by supporters of a performing arts festival which brought hundreds of people together in Hereford.

Law firm Lanyon Bowdler, which has offices in Hereford and Bromyard, is one of the sponsors of HPA Fest and lawyers said this year's performances were outstanding.



Philippa Pearson, an experienced family lawyer at Lanyon Bowdler in Hereford, said: “We have sponsored HPA Fest for a number of years and it is always a wonderful few days.

“We not only support the event financially

but volunteer our time as well - a number of us are stewards to help the festival run smoothly and I coordinate all of the drama stewards too.

“I was delighted to be able to attend a number of events, and the level of performance from people of all ages - from young children to adults - was sensational.

“The festival does a wonderful job of providing a platform for people to perform in a wide range of genres, including choirs, speech and drama, strings and dance.

“Herefordshire clearly has a fantastic amount of artistic talent and Lanyon Bowdler is pleased to support HPA Fest which enables our performers to demonstrate their abilities so strongly.”

Staci Robinson, also of the family law team at Lanyon Bowdler in Hereford, said the festival was an inspiring event. She added:

“I went along to some of the performances with Philippa and was really impressed with the quality of the competition.

“Some of the musical pieces were really quite emotional and I am proud that as a firm we were able to support the event as a sponsor.”

HPA Fest took place over three days during March, with performances held at a variety of venues including Hereford Racecourse, Hereford Sixth Form College and Holy Trinity Church. The festival is organised by Encore, a charity specialising in providing opportunities for the arts in Herefordshire and the wider region, with classes for people of all ages and abilities - some designed specifically for those who just want to ‘have a go’ performing in front of an appreciative audience. Everyone gets instant feedback from an experienced adjudicator and, depending on the class, performances are scored with the chance to win a medal.

The festival welcomes schools, colleges, clubs, societies, community groups, workplaces, places of worship and individuals - people from all walks of life - to come together to share the joy of performing.

For more information about Lanyon Bowdler, which provides legal services to people and businesses across Herefordshire, visit www.lblaw.co.uk

Community News

Fundraising Event



On Thursday 15th May, 98 ladies enjoyed an evening of fashion at the Conquest Theatre. On arrival the ladies were given a glass of fizz, which was included in the ticket price, before heading to

the auditorium to take a seat.

The foyer was filled with many rails of clothes, with an opportunity to buy after the show. The compère introduced two models to the stage, wearing several different outfits. These were all high street names, at discounted prices.

During the interval there was an opportunity to look through the clothes and grab what you liked to try on later. The raffle was drawn, with some great prizes donated by local businesses



and people. The auditorium looked a bit like a jumble sale after this, with items of clothing hung over the backs of the seats. The show concluded and the chaos erupted, with people trying on outfits everywhere you turned. People queuing to pay with almost everyone going home with something.



place and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

A special thanks to everyone that attended and to the volunteers that helped on the evening.

We made £942 for the Kempson Playing Field Charity and the Conquest Theatre.

Watch this space, as we may be planning one for the autumn.

Fay Carr

It is that time of year when those of us who can afford it populate garden centres with, in the main, the hope of making our gardens easy to manage and stand out throughout the summer months. Maybe we add treating ourselves to tea or coffee at the time.

Whilst we are at the garden centre do our thoughts stray towards the insects that may assist with pollination during the summer months? Not necessarily!



When thinking of pollination, most of us tend to think of bees. Honeybees are mostly kept in managed hives, and are likely responsible for pollinating

between only 5-15% of the UK's insect-pollinated crops. That leaves 85-95% of the UK's insect-pollinated crops relying on wild pollinators. Worldwide species of bee, wasp, moth, butterfly, hoverfly, fly and beetle provide an essential service in pollinating crops. Around 80% of UK plants are pollinated by insects, including a large number of our crops. According to the Wildlife Trusts, In the UK bees pollinate £690 million worth of crops annually. Taking over this job ourselves would be difficult and time-consuming and would cost us an estimated £1.8 billion every year!

Whilst, it is often said that we have pollinators to thank for every third mouthful we eat the Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BCT) reported that, in 2024, British bumblebees experienced their worst year since the BCT started its monitoring campaign. Overall, the numbers of bees were down by more than one fifth, with one of our commonest species, the Red-tailed Bumblebee declining a staggering 74%! Not only do they pollinate our food crops, but they're also vital for the survival of other wild plants that support so much of our wildlife.

Action to promote pollinators in the garden:

- 1. Buy plants with purple flowers:** The colour purple is extremely attractive to bees and other pollinators because they can see it better than other colours. You can fill your garden or window box with purple-flowered plants like foxgloves, lavenders,

catmints, rosemarys, teasels, globe thistle and alliums are excellent pollinator plants. The RHS actually has a "Perfect for Pollinators" label which may help you choose the right plants for pollinators.

- 2. Don't use toxic chemicals in the garden:** Chemicals used to kill weeds, diseases and pests can damage the health of your garden, and all the life forms within and beyond it. Where possible, try to adopt natural gardening methods by encouraging helpful predators like ladybirds and hoverflies, which will keep aphids under control naturally.
- 3. Create a "wild corner" in your garden:** A patch of clover, dandelions and daisies isn't just a lazy gardener's excuse - it's a bee buffet! These wildflowers often provide more nectar and for longer periods than many cultivated blooms. Consider leaving a small area of your lawn unmown as a "wild corner" for nature.
- 4. Create Bee Hotels:** Many of our 270+ bee species in Britain are solitary bees that need safe nesting spaces. Create simple bee hotels using hollow bamboo canes bundled together, or drill holes (2-8mm diameter) into untreated wooden blocks. Place in a warm, south-facing spot for maximum occupancy!
- 5. Provide Water Sources:** Bees need water too! Create a shallow water dish with pebbles or marbles for bees to land on while they drink. Refresh regularly during hot weather to prevent mosquito breeding.

Penny Bardsley

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Saltmarshe And District WI



June is our Garden meeting and this year we're off to Sue's lovely garden hoping the weather stays fine and looking for chat and cake! That's on Wednesday 11th June and if you'd like more details then please phone Wendy on 01884 489342 or JJ on 01885 482347.

On a bright, warm day in May we were amused by the many quips, tales and stories shared with us by speaker David Withey, who'd come to us from Malvern. There was a good collection of novelty key rings to choose from in our competition and Angie won the raffle prize. Our meetings are very friendly and sociable and visitors are always welcome.

Deadline for the July edition is Monday 16th June



Bromyard FC once again hosted the local primary schools Golden Trophy event at their Bishops Frome ground, it was the 50th year of the competition and competing schools were St Peter's, Brockhampton, Bredenbury, Pencombe, Ashperton, Tenbury and Burley Gate/Bodenham. The event was attended by 17 teams in all, about 150 children, and was kindly sponsored by Bromyard Turkish Barbershop who donated a new trophy - the Player of the Tournament award.

As ever a great deal of work went into putting on the tournament; this year's tournament welcomed a new member to the club, Robert Jeffreys, who was responsible for the administration side of the event, manning the control point, contacting schools etc.

Refreshments on the day were provided by Steve's Superwhip who sold ice creams and cold drinks and also Alfie's Kitchen who were on hand with burgers and other food. Paul Geoghegan was master of ceremonies on the day.

The pitches were readied by club members and contractors Rob Wilkes, Sam Law and Hugh Davies made sure the ground was mowed for the tournament. The referees and score runners were provided by the club, mainly from the club's Under 13 and 14 teams.



- Bromyard's St Peter's School won the girls tournament after defeating Ashperton in another close game which was decided on penalties with the St Peter's goalkeeper saving three.
- Eryn Renton was awarded the player of the tournament which was decided by the Bromyard FC coaches present on the day, she represented Ashperton girls team.

Some of the players in the tournament were playing their first games and if anyone is interested in their children progressing to playing please get in touch with Bromyard FC via the contacts below

USEFUL LINKS: The club is always looking for new recruits and club members at all ages and can be contacted by email: bromyardfc@yahoo.co.uk or via our website www.bromyardfc.co.uk



- As for the tournament itself Brockhampton and Bredenbury played out the final with Bredenbury winning the competition for the first time ever with an extra time goal scored by Arthur Jeffreys who plays for Bromyard FC.
- The Plate Final was won by Ashperton A who beat Tenbury on penalties after a tight game.

Bromyard Football Club Monthly Prize Draw

A Community Club for all ages.

All members of the Club are very grateful for the support of Existing Members who join every time and New Members

We are a Club Formed to make sure Young People in the Bromyard Area can Play Organised Supervised Football within all the rules.

Joining Fee is £10 for 12 Months.

April Winners:

1st.	£30	Emma Jones
2nd.	£15	Woodrow & Audrey Davies
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Bromyard 1st XI have endured a difficult start to the season in WCL Division 1. At home to Himley 2nds, the visitors made 179 all out in 44.4 overs, debutant Farooq Azam taking 4-27 and Hugo Bernard Pullen 3-42. In reply, the other Bromyard debutant Daud Iqbal scored 34, but Bromyard were bowled out for 118 in 33.3 overs to lose by 61 runs. Away at Bewdley the home side made 216-8 from their 50 overs, before Bromyard were bowled out for 111 in 37.5 overs, Zac Bernard-Pullen scoring 39 as Bromyard lost by 105 runs.

A 70 run defeat followed at Hagley, the home side being bowled out for 189 in 37.3 overs, as Ed Reece took 4-41 and Dave Taylor 3-20, but Bromyard were all out for 119 in 36 overs in reply, Dave Taylor scoring 34. An 8 wicket defeat followed at Barnards Green 2nds in the WCL KO Cup, before Bromyard suffered a 132 run defeat at home to Brockhampton, the visitors scoring 278-8 from their 50 overs, Zahid Saeed taking 3-44 for Bromyard which included his 400th league wicket for the 1st XI. In reply, Bromyard could only muster 146 all out in 44.3 overs, Hugo Bernard-Pullen scoring 33. Finally, the 1st XI went down to a 97 run defeat at Bartestree & Lugwardine, the hosts being bowled out for 213 in 46.2 overs, Zahid Saeed taking 3-40, before Bromyard were bowled out for 116 in 37.1 overs in reply.

The 2nd XI have had a better time of it in WCL Division 5. Away at Coombs Wood 2nd XI, Bromyard were all out for 247 in 44 overs with Will Bolton scoring 82, Will Yarnold 37 and Ryan Hudson-Rawle 33, though the home side raced to 248-2 in 35.2 overs and an 8 wicket win in reply. At home to Bewdley 2nd XI, Bromyard were all out for 182 in 44.5 overs after a record last wicket stand of 72 between Manish Modi (29*) and Dan Mills (24). Bewdley were then bowled out for 139 in 41.4 overs as Modi took 3-17 and Will Bolton 3-20, Bromyard winning by 43 runs.

A 43 run defeat followed at home to Harborne 4th XI, the Birmingham based visitors being all out for 258 in 43.2 overs,

James Brown taking 5-47 for Bromyard, before Bromyard replied with 215-7 from their 45 overs, Dan Mills (58) and Manish Modi (54*) sharing another record stand, this time of 116 unbroken for the 8th wicket, and Nat Newitt smashing a quickfire 40. Away at Astwood Bank, 3rd XI, Bromyard suffered a 120 run defeat. The home side made 271 all out in just 35.2 overs batting first, James Brown taking 3-48 and Ryan Hudson-Rawle 3-53, before Bromyard were bowled out for 151 in 28.3 overs, Ryan Hudson-Rawle scoring 40. Finally, the 2nd XI won by 208 runs at home to Barnt Green 3rd XI. Batting first Bromyard piled up 303-7 from 45 overs, Steve Brotherwood scoring 82, Zain Zahid scoring 56 and Jamie Hudson-Rawle 39, before the 9 man visitors were all out for 95 in 29.5 overs, Mike Reece taking 3-18.

The 3rd XI have had a fine start to the season under new skipper Rory Bunting. At their new home ground Sapey CC, they lost by 56 runs to Barnards Green 4th XI in their first game of the season, the visitors being all out for 129 in 36.5 overs, Rory Bunting taking 3-19, Harry James 3-22 and Theo Hawkins 3-37. In reply Bromyard were all out for 73 in 24 overs. However, the 3rds won their second game by 5 wickets at home to Hanley Castle & Upton 2nd XI. Batting first the visitors made 165-8 from their 40 overs, Harry James taking 3-11, before Bromyard replied with 166-5 in 39 overs, Rory Bunting scoring 80 and debutant Simon Neve 39. Finally, the 3rds won again at Amigos Kempsey 2nd XI, Bromyard making 162 all out in 32.2 overs batting first, Stuart Anthony scoring 34 before the home side were skittled for 48 all out in 15.1 overs, Rory Bunting taking 5-21 and Harry James 4-23.

Junior training is now taking place every Friday night at the club from 6.30-8.00 for U11s, U13s and U15s, and the All Stars sessions for U9s will begin on 6th June, for which parents can sign their children up online:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/bromyard/Course/0c845531-c1e9-4988-a653-6be4288eded9>

An Interesting May at Bromyard Vets

May was the month we celebrated Veterinary Nursing by bringing awareness to what our Veterinary Nurses undertake on a daily basis. AND what better way to celebrate, than to let one of our RVN's write this month's article! (Hang on to your seats folks!)

This month we are focusing on interesting cases seen in practice...



Firstly, Archie, a very friendly tortoise who came in for a microchip! Tortoises are renowned for wandering and believe it or not, can cover some ground especially in the warmer weather. If you are wondering where microchips are placed in tortoises, it is their left hind leg. Archie was a very brave boy, he had glue placed where the microchip was inserted to help his leg heal quickly and offered some dandelions as treats, which he wolfed down.

Our next interesting case, Lilly, decided she would eat some string but didn't inform her owners! It was only when they noticed a long length of string hanging from her bottom, that

Pets & Animals



they released Lilly needed Veterinary help. A procedure called a Laparotomy was performed and more than a metre length of string was found throughout her entire intestines, which had caused her gut to concertina together! Poor Lilly!

We weren't able to pull out the string, even in sections. A gastrotomy was performed to remove all the remaining string and we found that the string had a large knot in it that was unable to pass through the pylorus (stomach exit).

Without this surgery, Lilly would not have made it and we are so glad to say that she has bounced back to her usual (if not a little feisty!) self.

If you notice anything usual or not quite right with your pet, we will always be happy to help, no matter how unusual the problem might be.....Afterall, we did write a travel certificate for a hamster this month too!

Bromyard Vets.

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Clubs and Societies



History Society News

Our building

The Bromyard & District History Society has its own base, which is next to the Post Office on Sherford Street. If you visit us, you will get a friendly reception and an explanation of the services offered by the Society. You will then be signposted in the right direction.

Downstairs houses the Exhibition Room, in which changing displays of local interest are staged. Our new exhibition, WW11 - 80 YEARS ON, is being launched here on Saturday 14th June at 10.30am.

Bromyard & District Local History Society

EXHIBITION

"WW11 80 YEARS ON"

The End of the War

at

THE LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

5 Sherford Street Bromyard

LAUNCH JUNE 14th at 10.30am

On May 8th 1945, World War II in Europe came to an end. As the news of Germany's surrender reached the rest of the world, joyous crowds gathered to celebrate in the streets of Bromyard, clutching newspapers that declared Victory in Europe, V-E Day. The Bromyard & District Local History Society will launch a new book which accompanies the new exhibition on at the Local & Family History Centre, Sherford Street. 10am - 2.30pm. The book is packed with local photographs featuring street parties and local servicemen and women and lots more. It will be available to purchase for £6.00 from the day of the launch.



Upstairs you will find the Research Room. If you are interested in researching the history, of your family, your house or parish this is the room for you. It houses many photographs and documents relating to family, trade and property, etc. which have been donated over the years and these are stored in our purpose built archive. Other records include the local newspapers, parish registers and censuses are stored on microfilm. (It may be necessary to book to make sure a machine is free when you visit.)

You don't have to do this on your own. Volunteers are available to support you:

- In accessing any material relevant to your research
- Retrieving items from our archive
- Copying or printing material for you
- Giving you any advice and support you want.

A research service is available if you can't visit in person, just email your requirements and a volunteer will get back to you.

Upstairs there is also our library. More about this next month.

Bromyard & District History Society

Volunteers needed:

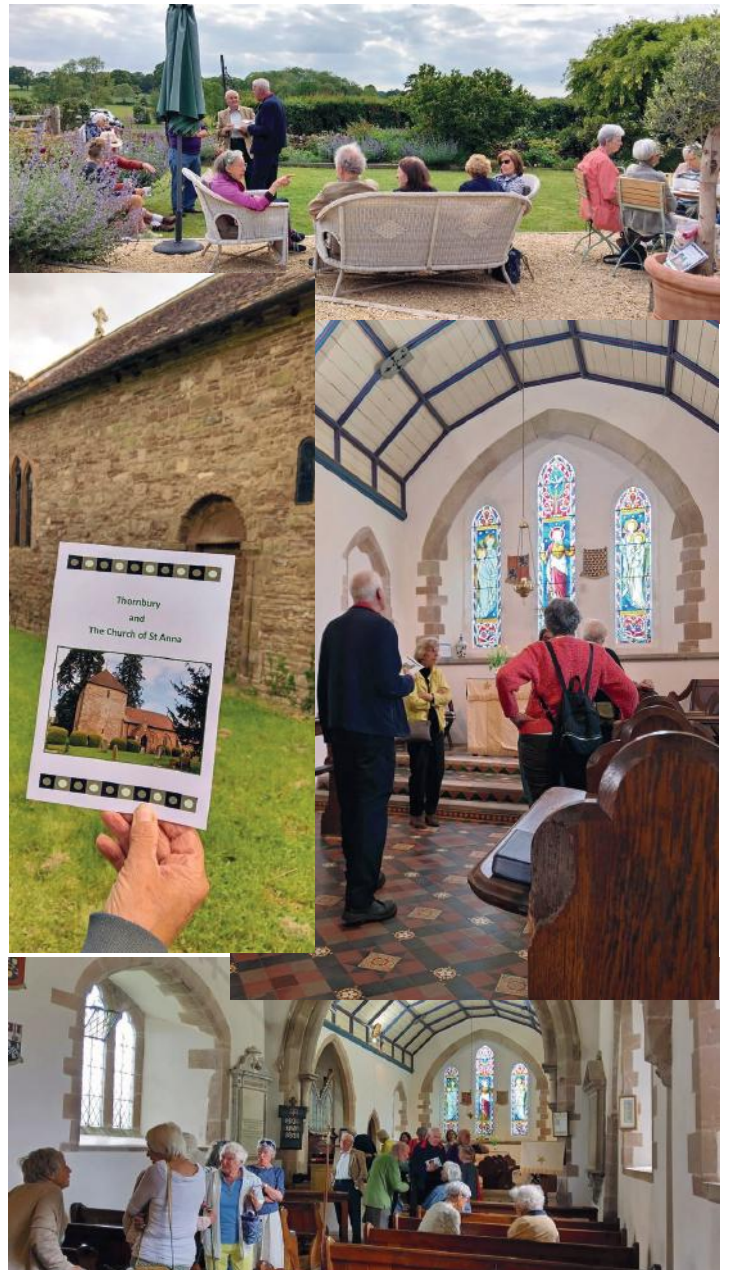
Vice-secretary: To take minutes at meetings if our Secretary is unavailable - perhaps only once or twice a year.

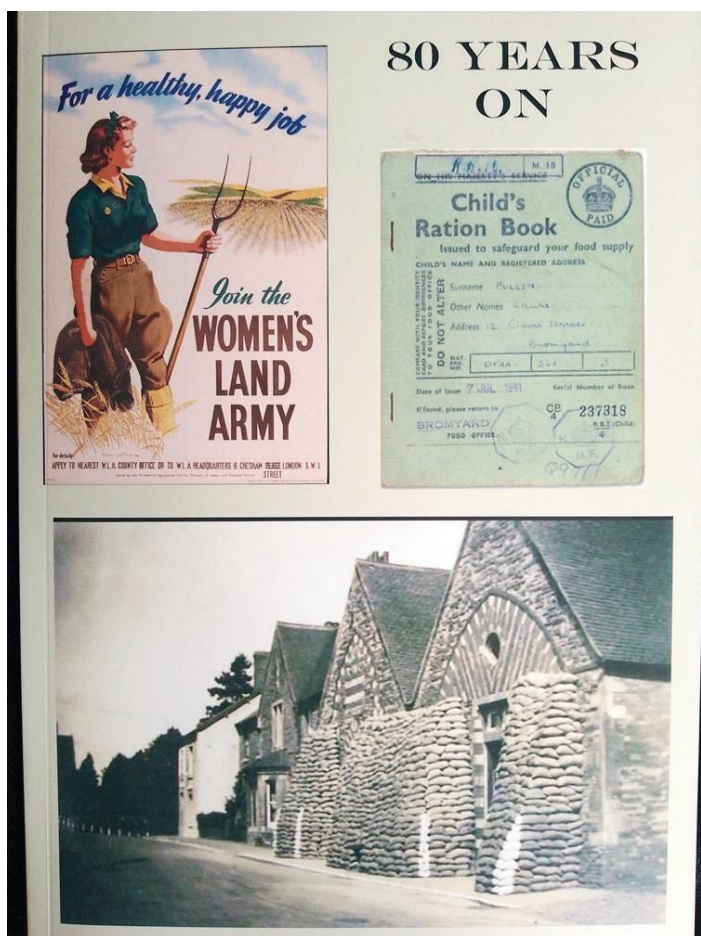
Theatre Projection Room: We are looking for a volunteer to assist in the theatre projection room for our monthly talks. Three talks in the Spring and three in the Autumn. Full training given. For more information please contact the Programme Secretary: programme@bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk

General Volunteers: At the History Centre, 5 Sherford Street, Bromyard (next door to the Post Office) and at our Broad Street shop. Contact info@bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk

Volunteer writers: This could be an occasional article or you could commit to two, three or quarterly articles a year. If this interests you, phone 07715 102078 or e-mail at pennyrbardsley@btinternet.com

Afternoon tea and visit to Thornbury Church: A huge thank you to Debbie and Peter for hosting the afternoon at Thornbury on Monday 19th May. The weather was glorious – warm and sunny but not overly hot. We had a wonderful turnout at the church for Debbie's talk after which a general discussion and Q&A ensued with much members' knowledge





Book Cover - 80 Years On

being shared. Tea and yummy cakes were served in the garden afterwards and hopefully a good time was had by all. We sold £24 worth of the new Thornbury Church publication and we raised a further £132 from donations which has been split equally between the History Society and St Anna's Church.

Joy Hoyle

Opening hours:

History Centre:

Thursdays: 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm.
 Fridays: 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm.
 Saturdays: 10.00am to 12.30pm.

History on Broad Street;

Monday to Saturday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday.
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Bromyard Choral Society



SUMMER CONCERT

Bromyard Choral Society is bringing its singing year to an end with a Summer Concert of lighter works including a musical trip around the British Isles and the four part version of Noah and His Floating Zoo by Michael Flanders and Joseph Horowitz. The concert will take place on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30 p.m. at St Leonard's Church, Cotheridge, Worcs. Conductor is Kate Cheetham and Accompanist is Tim Sidford. Tickets are £10 on the door (cash) including refreshments in the interval, or from the Society's Chairperson, Pauline Key Tel 01905 333526.

**Bromyard History Society
 Summer Programme 2025**

Visit to Much Wenlock – Thursday 12th June



Guided tour of Wenlock Priory, plus a visit to the town museum and the magnificent Guildhall. Car Sharing. Leave 9.00pm from the Conquest Car Park.

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Clubs and Societies

Bromyard Probus Club

Report May 2025

It being one of the warmest days of the year in full sun, Bromyard PROBUS Club members were happy to leave their hot gardens for the cool confines of the Falcon Hotel's restaurant, which they and their guest speaker filled to overflowing for their meeting on Tuesday 13th May. Assembling in the bar, members exchanged pleasantries, congratulations and commiserations as appropriate. There was considerable excitement in the air as member Hugh Nicklin of Stoke Lacy had just had his latest book, "Where the Deer Play", a new history of Bromyard published.

Our guest speaker, Jonathan Lester, Leader, Herefordshire Council escorted by Chairman John Davies took their seats at table while members sorted themselves out according to preferences: light or dark side, legroom, ease of access or escape while John opened proceedings with a short speech to welcome our guest and attending members and to offer apologies and status reports. Following their very good lunch, members settled down in their chairs for usual repose. Not this time! Jonathan Lester was not appointed leader and executive head of the Herefordshire Council for sonorous, somnambulant tones. On the contrary, he delivered an unscripted, no notes talk, supported by statistics which kept all members on the edges of their seats. Councillor Lester reviewed his personal progress from the parish level of local government to Ward councillor, taking in Chair of the Chamber of Commerce and Mayor of Bromyard which

cemented his credentials as a Bromyard man. He reflected on the service our late member and erstwhile Chairman, Peder Nielsen, had so freely given in supporting all the mayors of Bromyard over a period of some 17 years. Jonathan recounted how and why he is in his present position and elaborated on his vision. No punches were pulled. Challenges and prospective solutions were identified all in the context of the requirement for growth to achieve and maintain efficient and sustainable services. That "Local Government" is little understood by the public and at national political level is clear. Many services by their nature remain hidden to the public eye. Members were highly impressed by Jonathan's assertion that his vision as Leader is: "Delivering the best for Herefordshire in everything we do".

Concluding his tour d'horizon of Herefordshire Council's business, funding and distinct challenges, Jonathan fielded many interesting and lively questions with considerable aplomb. It just remained for our Chairman to thank Jonathan for his encouraging and very interesting talk, to wish him every success as Leader of Herefordshire Council and in his future life. Members showed their appreciation by a great round of applause and congratulatory comments. I for one, feel we are in very good hands.

Our next meeting will be at the Falcon Hotel on Tuesday 10th June.

John Roberts

School News

Wider Opportunities at St. Peter's and the Importance of Music

Music has always played a huge part in the life of St. Peter's School.



This term, we have seen the beginnings of 'iRock Music Lessons' at St. Peter's. Every Thursday morning, the school is filled with the sound of rock music, led by one of the iRock practitioners. Children are learning to play either keyboard, electric guitar, drums or singing and will eventually form their own rock band and perform to parents/carers and the whole school at the end of term. They even get to name their band!

On a Thursday afternoon each week, we are joined by visiting musician Bym Welthy. Bym currently works with Y5 and 6 pupils, teaching them how to play the steel pans and learning to read music notation. The children enjoy the warm-up games that Bym starts each session with; 'The Category Game' seems to be a firm favourite. The Y5/6 pupils are working towards a grand

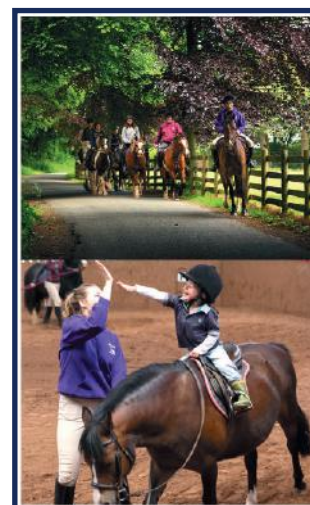


performance at the end of the Summer Term.

We are also joined each week by peripatetic music teacher, Hazel Landey, who offers woodwind and keyboard lessons weekly.

We look forwards to an Expressive Arts Week later in June when the children will gain experience working alongside more talented artists and musicians, broadening their own cultural experiences.

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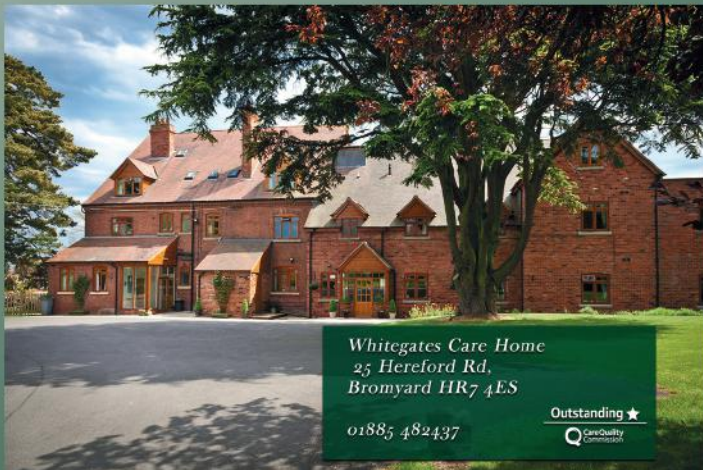
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