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THE NEWSLETTER FOR WIGMORE, LEINTHALL STARKES, ELTON AND PIPE ASTON

How would **you** adapt our 1000 yr old St James' church to make it usable to a much wider sector of our community, tourists, historians, educationalists and many others?
Hear some proposals and make your views known.....

ON
Mon
22nd June
7pm
Wigmore Village
Hall

Refreshments
included!

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MORTIMER MEDICAL PRACTICE

MORE NEWS FROM YOUR PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) -

May

The Annual Patients Survey - After last year's disappointing response, your PPG decided to hand deliver as many as possible - 1,800 to be exact! Thank you to all those volunteers who helped and241 of you that completed and returned them, also 39 online. The queries and ideas gathered will be considered in detail. Further information will be shared at a later date.

Some confusion is still occurring over which number to ring for out of hours medical help. OUT OF HOURS you can ring your usual surgery number - it will then automatically be picked up by 111, who will collate and connect you to either TAURUS OR PRIMECARE.

In an Emergency you still ring 999

Please remember your PPG is happy to find out the answers to any queries you may have, these are of course dealt with on your behalf anonymously.

Wigmore reps: Igor Hamilton-Kennaway

Email: igorkennaway-lightningconductor@hotmail.co.uk

Sophie Plant 01568 770383 & Angela Preece 07958 626796

The St James' Centre CIC

Following from the front page, a Community Interest Company (CIC) has now been established and registered with Companies House.

This is a not for profit organisation and the founding members are Jill Fieldhouse, Fran Rhodes, Bridget Thomas, and Bryan Casbourne.

At an inaugural meeting recently, Jill was elected as Chair with Fran as the Treasurer.

The initial task of the CIC is to manage the adaptation of St James and ensure that all the necessary permissions have been obtained together with the essential funding. The total amount of funding is likely to be very significant and a number of different funders have been approached. Discussions continue on this subject.

Hereford Council have offered some helpful funding advice (alas though no money!).

Any resident who has an interest in this project and can offer time as a volunteer is welcome to contact Jill on 01568 770140. There is a brochure outlining the project and this can be obtained from the editor.



**‘A Brush with the Stars’
7.00pm Friday June 19th, 2015
St James’ Church, Wigmore**

**£10.00 per ticket inc. a glass of wine
Numbers are limited and so
booking is essential**

Trained at the BBC, Pauline Boulton spent 25 years as a leading make-up artist in the television and film industry. She has received a prestigious BAFTA Award and two BAFTA nominations as well as an ‘EMMY’ nomination during her career.

This is a real opportunity to hear about life behind the scenes ... the research, pre-production and special effects make-up including prosthetics. And of course the drama behind the camera is often more exciting than that on screen - the ‘Hollywood Stars, the producers, the actors and the tantrums! The talk will be illustrated with photos and film clips and of interest to all ages.

Please call Jill on 01568 770140 to book. A fundraiser for St James’ Church.

Oil ordering group.

I have been running a central heating oil ordering syndicate for three years for the area around Wigmore and neighbouring villages. Approximately every three months I ask the members of the group if they wish to place an order. The order is then assembled and about eight suppliers contacted to obtain the best price. The members are then informed as to when and from whom the oil will be supplied and at what price. There is no charge for this service as I benefit from this as well as the group members. The group has over fifty members now and I am usually able to secure a very good price. The latest order delivered only last week was priced at 35.8 pence per litre plus VAT. I just need to know your name, address, phone number and email. I also need to know if there is somewhere close to the oil tank that a tanker can offload to. I generally place orders at the beginning of February, May, August and November. I send an email to members about two weeks prior to ordering to request your requirements. Not everyone places an order on each occasion but I normally get around a third or more of the group ordering (Please note that the minimum order that oil companies will supply is 500 litres). Please email me if you are interested in joining this scheme. My next order will be at the end of July.

Victor Harnett. Tel. - 01568 770445 email. - victorharnett@btinternet.com



Wigmore Primary Fundraisers
present

Ready, Steady, Cook

At Wigmore Primary Summer Fete

Saturday 20 June 2015

1-4pm

at Wigmore Primary School, HR6 9UW

come along and join in the fun,

Ready Steady Cook

with chefs from

The Oak, The Castle and The Lion

Games

Home-made refreshments

Children's Cooking competitions

Cake stall, Raffle, Tombola

and lots more....

Everyone Welcome



Wigmore Parochial Charities

Wigmore Parochial Charities are made up of five annual payments, connected to local plots of land in the parish. Payment is made by the current owners or lessees of the land.

The five payments are as follows:

- 1, Bequest in the will of William Allen in 1658 on land in Wigmore, of two pounds annually to the poor in bread money
- 2, Bequest in the will of William Allen in 1658 on a second piece of land in Wigmore, of twentyfive pence in bread money
- 3, Bequest in the will of Henry Hughes on land in Leinthall Earles, of one pound thirty five pence in bread money
- 4, Salwey Cochram bequest by will in 1774 on land at Wigmore Grange, of four pounds annually in bread money
- 5, Annual rent on land at Deerfold and Wigmore under the 1822 Enclosure Act, currently sixty pounds.

Those amounts, bequested by will, cannot be altered.

The last distribution of bread was made in 1976, with a few sporadic payments of small amounts in cash thereafter, the last being made in 1991.

The trustees, currently R. Griffiths and B. Mason, report to the Parish council annually at the Parish meeting.

The trustees of the charity suggest that in these days of the Welfare State, not to mention privacy and discretion, it is not appropriate to have anyone deciding who in the parish is 'poor' and worthy of a charitable gift of a few pounds.

There is a small amount of money in the fund about £1400. The trustees welcome any suggestions on how to use this money to benefit parish residents.

Please reply to:
Wigmore Parochial Charities,
c/o Jenny Johnson, clerk,
Osbourne House
Ford St
Wigmore
HR6 9UW
or email jenny5johnson@gmail.com

Wigmore and District Gardening Club

The weather has been cold for so long now, that we gardeners have become a really hardy breed. We had a coach trip to Glansevern Gardens near Welshpool on 6th May and in spite of torrential rain we explored this beautiful garden with its lake and grotto, and saw kingfishers, nesting swans and Canada goslings. Luckily, they also have an excellent 'Potting Shed Café' with a log-burner, where some members spent quite a lot of time!

Our car trips this year have included the lovely Weir Gardens in Hereford with their abundant spring flowers and the idiosyncratic Ralph Court Gardens which have a 'round-the-world' theme.

We have had three fascinating talks so far this year on such diverse topics as The Alhambra gardens, medicinal herbs and the most recent from the head gardener of Hergest Croft, Stephen Lloyd, on their extensive rhododendron collection which included colourful slides and much practical advice.

By the time you read this, we will have held our annual plant fair, which we hope will have been as successful and well-attended as usual, as some of the profits always provide donations to local charities. Any leftover plants will be on sale at Bury Court Farm in the village, whose beautiful gardens will be open to the public on 24th May.

Our next evening meeting is on Thurs June 18th and will be held at Aulden Farm, HR6 0JT, at which there will be a charge for refreshments. Our next car trip is to The Riverside Gardens at Aymestrey, meeting at the village hall at 1.30.

New members are always welcome. We normally meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 in Wigmore Village Hall and our car-trips usually leave the village hall at 1.30. We are a very friendly bunch of locals, of all stages of expertise, from the utter beginner to those who open their gardens for charity! Just come along and join in or phone Ken and Merilyn Wade 01568 770605

Mortimer Village News

How would you like to become a guest editor for the next edition of Mortimer Village News?

You would help decide which articles, pictures, and comment go into that edition.

Access to a computer in any form (with Word) is essential and if you have access to Publisher that would be useful but not essential.

If you would like to have a go, then please contact the editor.

Seven Stars Dance Awards

Each term at Seven Stars Dance, awards are presented to students who have worked hard in class and improved their skills. The winner of the Ballet Award for the Spring Term was Meg Hamar Plant who is currently working towards her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 2 ballet exam. Wilbur Sheppard won the Special Achievement Award for some very enthusiastic work in the Junior Dance Club class.



Meg Hamar Plant



Wilbur Sheppard

Classes are held every Monday during school terms from 3.45p.m. – 6.45p.m., starting with Junior Dance Club at 3.45p.m., Grade 1 Ballet at 4.15p.m., Grade 2 Ballet at 5.00p.m., Grade 1 Tap at 5.45p.m. and Senior Dance Club at 6.15p.m.

Please contact Sophie on 07962 103005 / 01568 770383 for more details.

Our community web site

We are looking for someone to help us in keeping our community web site up-to-date. It involves not more than an hour per week.

Information will be sent to you by email for inclusion on the relevant pages.

We will arrange for you to become familiar with the web software and provide any software that may be needed.

If you are interested then please contact either Linda Henry or the editor of this newsletter.

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Funding for the parish

A quiet'ish quarter for the parish in respect of further funding for projects.

The village hall has received some £3000 to help towards the renovation of the rear of the village hall roof and improve access in readiness for a proposed new IT room.

We are continually changing our range of products and produce— why not call in and have a look.

Court Farm at Tillington are now coming on stream with their great range of fresh veg and fruit.



In many cases it is picked the same day as we receive it.

Mortimer Country Stores Your community shop

CLAMS cakes are back in the shop and we have increased the range of Swifts bread.

Finally if you would like to offer an hour or two volunteering, Alison would love to see you!

The Winds of War

The winds of war keep blowing in
all those soldiers that lost their lives
that must be sin

They kept rising from the trenches
knowing they were going to die
no time to be scared no time to ask why?

The winds of war never cease and no one
seems to want peace
when all the evil deeds are done
I hope we can start loving and caring
for each other. Surely that's the only battle
that needs to be won?

Spring time

When the birds begin to sing
and the flowers start to bloom
when the cuckoo sings his springtime
tune

Butterflies flying with such grace
looking to the flowers
all at nature come to life
in the longer daylight hours

Loneliness

Loneliness is that empty feeling in your
heart
that makes life so hard to bear
knowing that all it takes is someone to love
you
and know that they care

As the words from a song Its great to be
single but hell to be lonely
that lonely feeling hoping that you wont
be that one and only

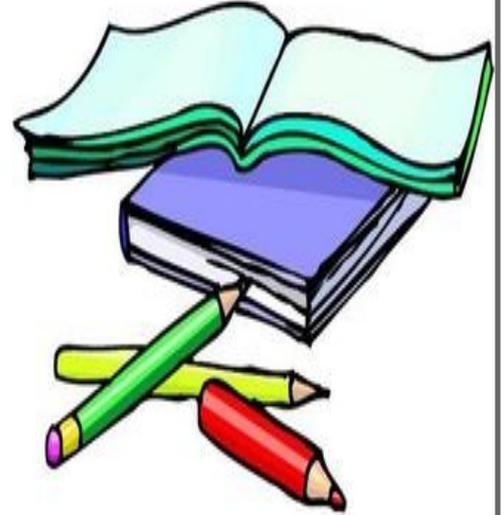
Loneliness cant kill you but sometimes
breaks your heart waiting to find that some-
one special so that loves journey can start

All three contributions by Kevin Davies

Do you have some heart reaching poems or
prose you would like published here?
If so please forward to the editor.

Please endeavour to keep any contributions
to a max of half a page.

Writers Corner



Your parish councillors are:

Wigmore

Anne Gilbert – 770750

Bryan Casbourne – 770155

Kevan Perkins – 770060

Vacancies for 2 additional councillors

Leinthall Starkes

Graham Probert – 770543

Vacancy for 1 additional councillor

Elton

Vacancy for 1 councillor

Pipe Aston

Clare Major – 770588

County Councillor

Carol Gandy – 780583

Parish Clerk

Linda Henry – 01584 878865 – note new tel no.

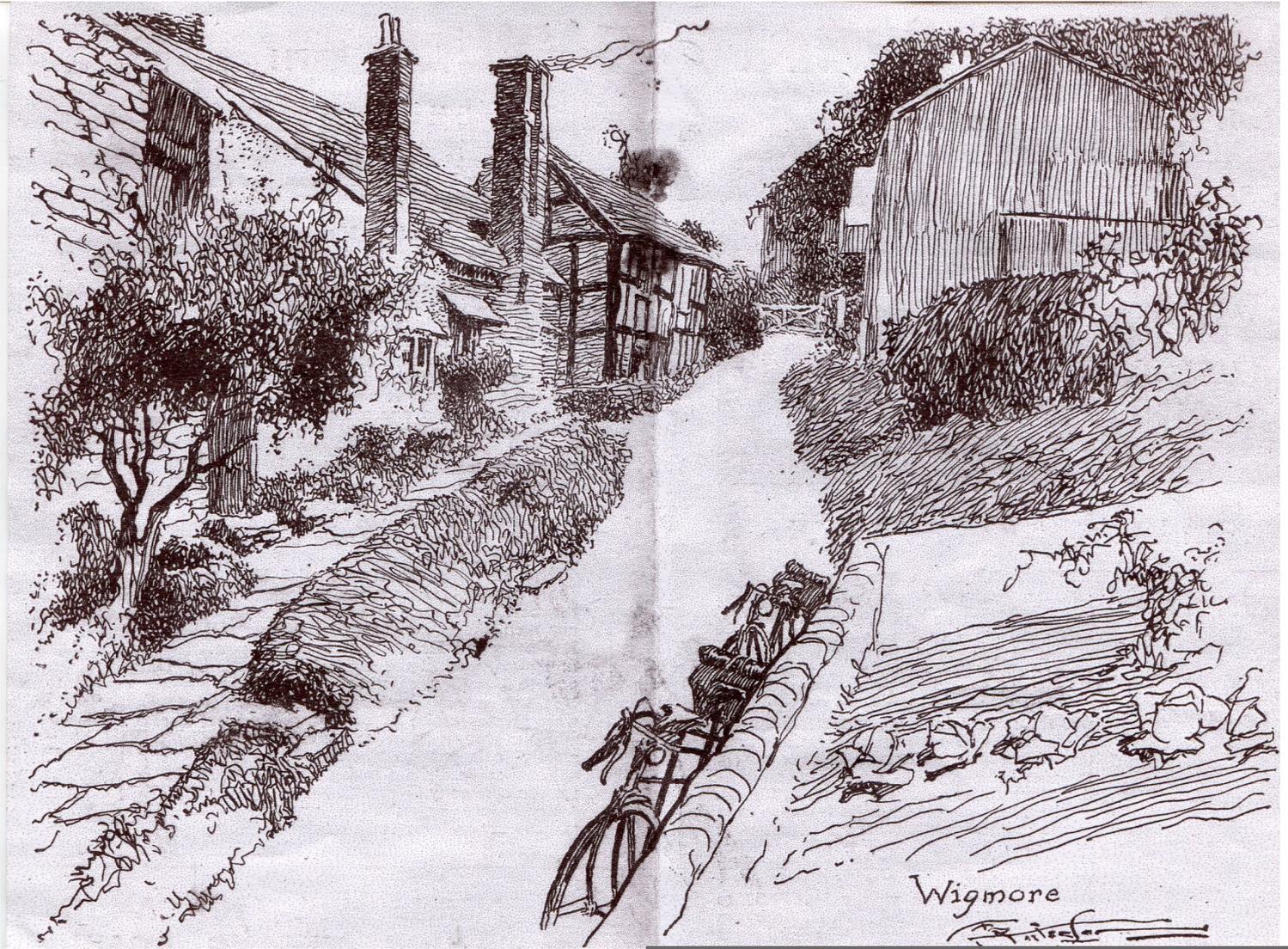
Email: linda-henry@live.co.uk



Don't forget the Wigmore Show
on Sat 3rd October in St James
church and the village hall.

You can get more information
from Ken Wade on 01568
770605

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Mobile Post Office @ Wigmore

Now adjacent to the community shop

Monday	11.00 to 12.30
Tuesday	15.00 to 16.00
Wednesday	no attendance
Thursday	14.00 to 15.30
Friday	10.30 to 12.00
Saturday	10.30 to 11.30

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Another image to add to the book Wigmore—Then and Now. This first appeared in the magazine Cycling on 8th May 1952

Picture courtesy of Alvin Smith

Wigmore Voices

We are actively looking at another book about our village—this time it will be based on interviews with residents, family photos, and memories from our past heritage.

So if you have any stories you think should be “on the record” and may be of interest to others please contact the editor.

We will also attempt to recreate the photo on the cover of Wigmore Then and Now—but in our more modern setting. Again if you would like your children to participate please let us know.

Wigmore Group Parish Council

Date of Election: 7 May 2015

To: The Clerk of the Parish Council

REPORT ON THE RESULT

I, the undersigned, being the Deputy Returning Officer, do hereby report that the election was duly held on the above date, and that the following persons were elected parish councillors:-

NAMES OF PERSONS ELECTED DESCRIPTION (IF ANY) HOME ADDRESS IN FULL

Halfway House, Pipe Aston,
Ludlow, SY8 2HG

Major Clare Suzanne

6 Bury Court Park, Wigmore,
Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6
9US

Casbourne Bryan Robert

Oakhill Farm, Wigmore,
Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6
9UH

Gilbert Anne Frances Independent

41 Kings Meadow, Wigmore,
Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6
9UY

Perkins Kevan Frederick

(TWO VACANCIES)

Bramley House, Leinthall
Starkes, Ludlow, Shropshire,
SY8 2HP

Probert Graham John

(ONE VACANCY)

If you require the full notices you can obtain these from our parish clerk, Linda Henry.

Community Speed Watch Request



This scheme has been set up by the Police to encourage drivers to reduce speed through communities and thus reduce the incidence of accidents. The Wigmore scheme has been running for approaching a year and has unfortunately detected some drivers exceeding the thirty miles per hour speed limit. The scheme entails members of the community, having been trained, using a radar speed gun which is supplied by the Police, in designated positions in the village. The aim is to deter speeding and is not to gleefully catch people breaking the law. Anyone caught speeding receives a letter from the Police as any penalty can only be given if a Police officer is present at the scene of detection. Three people have to be present in the team carrying out the Speed Watch duty. There have been many villagers stating that there are too many vehicles exceeding the speed limits, and this is a request for more people to come forward and help with the sessions so that a rota could be set up to share the load. Can anyone interested in joining please contact the coordinator of the Wigmore scheme named below. A training session can be set up by the Police for volunteers.

Vic Harnett 01568 770445 Email victorharnett@btinternet.com

St Michael's Hospice Open Gardens 2015

Kingsland

A variety of ten gardens will be opening in Kingsland in support of St Michael's Hospice

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June

11.00am-5.00pm on Saturday and 2.00pm-5.00pm on Sunday

Ticket price includes entry to all of the gardens and are valid for the two days of opening

Refreshments will be served at The Old House and at The Methodist Chapel



NEW!

www.mortimervillages.co.uk

Our brand new community web site is up and running.

Remember this is a **community web site** enabling us to communicate more easily with our residents—it has been redesigned and made simpler to use and will have the facility to be edited by individual groups on their respective pages.

If you run or organise a community based group in our parish and would like a dedicated page then please let either Linda or the editor know.

Any emails from the contact page will go straight through to a named person thus assisting us to respond in a prompt manner.

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Mid Summer Musical Medley

At the lovely
'Church in the Fields'
St Mary Magdalene
Leinthall Starks

Saturday 27th June 2015
at 7.30 pm

Sax in the Styxs – saxophone quartet
Musical Paws – woodwind trio
Jane Nelson – flute

Ticket Price £7.50 incl. cheese and wine
Tickets - phone 01568 770239
Proceeds in aid of
Leinthall Starks Church