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Keeping them in the picture

Willing volunteers who take time out of their busy lives to deliver the village magazines in and around Wootton Wawen accepting the editorial team's invitation and popped into Wootton Hall's sun lounge on a recent Saturday morning to chat and have a cuppa and a cake.

Many of them have been turning out ten times a year for decades and apart from two months during lockdown they continued delivering throughout the Covid epidemic – true heroes! But finding volunteers to cover for illness and holidays can be a problem



Back row (l-r),Tony Slatter, Margaret Wells, Cynthia Recardo and Joy Sheffield) (Middle row, Lynne Slatter, Judith Wright, Audrey Webb and new volunteer, Jim Springate Front row (l-r), Owen Greenock, Pauline Greenock, Mavis Harvey, Dot Popplewell and Wendy Calcutt

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Local lambs (Cover photo)

While out delivering some magazines I spotted these lambs basking in some rare spring sunshine and I couldn't resist snapping them!

Editor - Diane Buckley

Rival schemes face public quiz

Alternative schemes to meet the demand for "affordable" homes identified by a village housing needs survey will be displayed for Wootton residents to record their views on Saturday 25th May. The exhibition, with both developers on hand to answer questions, will be from 11.30am to 3.30 pm at Wootton village hall with the parish council anxious to hear opinions before considering either.

One scheme, using land next to Keyte Gardens, would provide 28 homes, half for rent or sale at discounted rates, the remainder at market prices, the profit used by the developer for its charitable work

The second project, for land behind The Dale with access proposed from Alcester Road, is for 29 homes, all but five larger properties being 2- and 3-bedroom houses or bungalows for social renting or owner occupation, plus a single one-bedroom home.

Those unable to attend can go to www.woottonwawen.org.uk to record views.

Early blooms

It has been confirmed by Yew Tree Farm that there will be no charity bluebell walk this May bank holiday due to still-soaked parking fields and slippery pathways.

The bluebells were also very early this year - with many already in full bloom by mid-April!

thought for the month

I am sure you have all survived the Choc Fest – the chocolate festival formerly known as Faster.

We have just celebrated the most amazing event in history by remembering the resurrection of Jesus Christ – we have eyewitness accounts that have changed people's lives for the last 2000 years because it was for real! Surely nothing can top that? But six weeks later at the start of this month is an even greater festival. It's not as popular commercially, which is possibly why it has become a bit of a forgotten date. It is on a Thursday; it is Ascension Day.

It is important because it is the day Jesus returned to heaven. After the resurrection at Easter, the risen Jesus appeared, walked, talked, and ate food with his followers. He was even seen by a large group of 500 people.

After some final instructions to his disciples; to wait in Jerusalem to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and then spread the gospel worldwide - the description of what happened next was brief.

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted, and a cloud took him out of their sight (Acts $1 \vee 9$).

The next verse of Acts is also important, and should not be overlooked:

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1 v10).

The brevity of the description doesn't change the importance. The rest of the New Testament details Jesus' completed work and ongoing ministry from heaven so that we can receive mercy and grace.

The ascension of Jesus was bodily and visible, as it was real. This was the fulfilment of his time on earth. The return of Jesus will be bodily and visible, as it will be real. We are to live in the light of this great hope as we spread the word and live for the risen, reigning and returning Lord Jesus.

John Burke

Our Lady and St Benedict Church

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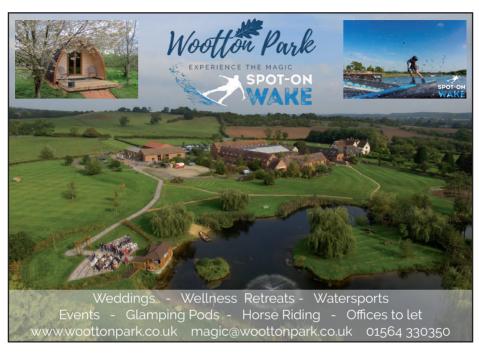
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church

Pioneering beyond the pulpit

In a break from traditional types of minister, a "rural pioneer" is being sought to fill the vacancy at St Peter's, Wootton Wawen, while also serving as priest in charge for Claverdon, Preston Bagot and Aston Cantlow, together forming the Churches of Arden.

To weigh up the territory, interested clergy have been invited to an "open day" on 1st May when three more vacancies in the Alcester Deanery will also be available to consider, being the churches grouping around Henley-Ullenhall, those on the Langley-Snitterfield-Langley axis and others covering Bidford to Temple Grafton.

Closing date for applications for the Arden group will be 7th June with interviews on 25th-26th June.

Setting out the concept for the four groups of churches the dean of Alcester, Revd Kate Mier, describes it is a "unique moment to think differently about how parish ministry is exercised."

She adds: "We seek four ordained rural pioneers, each of whom will lead the parish mission and ministry in their own benefice as well as contributing missional specialism to the whole deanery."

And in an introduction to the Arden group proposal she says: "We are exploring radical new ways of sharing ministry across ecclesiastical boundaries to develop a truly deanery-wide approach."

The intention is to enrich ministry, benefit the deanery and involve prioritising ministry among young people and encourage natural links across the parishes.

Among characteristics being sought is someone with a collaborative approach, a belief in encouraging the talents of people, having creative thinking and able to communicate with all ages.

In a profile of St Peter's and its parish illustrated with photographs, potential applicants learn of Wootton's mix of ages, its range of facilities, the variety of events hosted in Warwickshire's oldest church and the close relationship with the R.C Church of Our Lady and St Benedict.

Unsung and untiring volunteers

Many volunteers who keep St Peter's church attractive received compliments at the annual parochial church meeting including the flower arrangers, caterers, event organisers and the Haimes family who donated the Christmas tree, plus the cleaning brigade stepping in on the retirement of Pearl Humpage. Honourable mention was also made of Andy and Debbie Humpherson (pictured) who tend the pathway gardens while Derek Hill leads the grass cutting and expects to be in the churchyard tidying team on 15th June.



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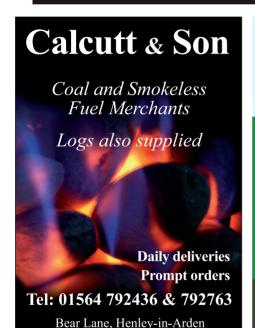
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Repair bills ahead for St Peter's

Another round of remedial work faces Wootton's 1200 year old parish church of St Peter, identified by the report of a five-yearly inspection by diocesan architect Stephen Matthews.

The list of defects was outlined by churchwarden John Wilkinson at last month's annual parochial church meeting and includes a need to treat woodwork infestation in several areas in the next 12 months and to draw up a programme for external stonework repairs.

Some urgent repairs have been carried out in the last few months and next to be tackled is removal of moss from the roof of the north door and attention to the south door. Over the next two years some roof pinnacles are to be checked, the integrity of windows and rainwater ducts examined, together with the roof of the lady chapel.

More costs appear likely before the next five-year inspection, due to the need for lime plaster repairs to the chapel's east and south walls and replacing unsuitable plaster on the north and east walls of the nave. Lead repairs to two east windows will also be needed.

Church authorities do not appear fazed by the revelations: "Areas of maintenance were identified as expected for a 1,000-year-old church," said Dr Wilkinson.

Future costs come on top of St Peter's having been hit by an "unmanageable" trebling of electricity costs due to the Ukraine conflict only partly offset by energy subsidies of £3,500.

As part of restricting consumption, use of storage heaters in the chancel and lady chapel, though left on for services, was heavily curtailed and the expected resultant humidity means "we need to face up to this problem and come up with a workable solution," the meeting was told.

Meanwhile the church's day-to-day accounts show that economies made during 2023 resulted in "significant strengthening of the general fund," limiting expenditure to £40,038, 45% being the contribution to the diocese, said treasurer Mike Cooney.

In addition income was up, collections by 25%, contactless donations using bank cards by 14% while a gift aid back payment raised that figure to £8,068 and total income to £59,323, including an anonymous gift of £10,000.

Towards capital costs of renewing the Saxon Sanctuary exhibition the Wagon Trust gave £10,000 in addition to its making a separate £10,000 gift.

Summing up his report and referring to arrangements for services while a new incumbent is awaited, Dr Wilkinson said: "St Peter's is a vibrant community of individuals united by a shared faith." Continued support and dedication meant, he added: "together we will navigate the interregnum with faith, resilience and unity."

Meeting parish ambitions

A hat-trick of major improvements is be celebrated by the church of Our Lady and St Benedict in Wootton, the latest being transformation of a 1970s single glazed leaky conservatory into a multipurpose community space.

All three projects undertaken in the last 18 months - the others within the church and presbytery - were made possible by donations, two of them including the conservatory renewal, made anonymously.



Following complete renovation of the presbytery last year using funds from a parishioner's bequest, earlier this year the chancel of the 120 year old church was redecorated and a new white ceramic tiled floor laid, setting off the altar.

The new room, provided with a separate area for smaller meetings, came into its own over the Easter period, those from St Peter's attending the Stations of the Cross service before Good Friday being invited there to take refreshments afterwards with members of the St Benedict congregation.

On Easter Day, too, the previously extensively glazed but tired facilities – now converted with traditional ceilings and decorated masonry walls set with numerous windows giving natural light – were well received.

St Benedict's priest Father Damian Nwankwo said of the new space, which will also host gatherings of various affinity groups including a book club said: "It's a wonderful addition to the church and to the meeting room we have in the presbytery."

Services at St Peter's

Date	Time	Reader 1	Gospel Reader	Intercsns	Preacher	
5th May	1100	CAFE CHURCH			Hilary Thomas	
12th May	1100HC	S. Steele	H. Thomas	L. Rayner	TBC	
19th May	PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY					
	1100HC	J. Wilkinson	Revd. J. Holden	S. Davies	Revd. J. Holden	
26th May	TRINITY SU	TRINITY SUNDAY				
	1100MP	D. Hill	G. Adams	A. Elliott	Norrie Moore	
2nd June	1100	CAFE CHURCH			Norrie Moore	
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As shown in the photograph opposite, the shoring has been put in place along the wall on the RC cemetery but unfortunately the traffic management must remain on the A3400 because the wooden shoring minimises the amount of useable pavement for pedestrians.



The lead building consultant

has met with the structural engineer who is finalising the design and completing the work schedule. After going to go out to tender, the winning bidder will be charged to complete the work as soon as possible.

Helpers needed for sprucing

Please keep Saturday morning 15th June free for St Peter's churchyard clean-up from 10am to noon. Bring your own favourite gardening tools and you will be rewarded with a ploughman's lunch of cheese and ham rolls and cider!

As it is a tidy-up all remaining Christmas arrangements and wreaths will be removed.

Hilary Thomas

Free tours may soon make a charge

As a domain name it was registered many years ago as saxonsanctuary.org.uk. And now, at last, it is active and usable to promote the exhibition which traces the millenniumlong story of St Peter's church and Wootton's village alongside a timeline of events in England's rich history.

Organised by St Peter's in conjunction with the Wagen Trust - a charity which raises funds for the church, its environs and events celebrating village life - the next monthly church exhibition morning tour on 11th May is bookable on-line, to be accompanied by one of four volunteer guides and a free guide book.

Wagen Trust secretary Sue Steele told the annual church meeting the website name was now in use. "We have kept it for many years waiting for this day," she said.

Comments from participants and the size of donations indicates people are happy with the tours, she added, and Mike Cooney, church treasurer, told the meeting there was a move to make a fixed charge for the tours in the near future.

As well as the trust helping with funding the recently refreshed exhibition, a trust member donated £10,000 towards the cost of repairing St Peter's tower clock. Part of trust income is derived from members of its 100 club paying £60 a year into a draw paying £100 as a prize and it is now open for more to join. **The winner of each month's draw is announced on p27 of the magazine**



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Top that thatch

The number of properties in the village with thatched roofs has declined over the years so it has been interesting to watch one of the few remaining ones being repaired. The property is the charming "Travellers Rest" on the A3400 which was previously a public house (shown right). It is grade 2 listed as having been built during the 1700's but there is a beam in the building that has the date 1588 carved in it so it is possible that parts are older and were added to in later times.

The owners of the property, both busy NHS medics, took it over five years ago and are very enthusiastic about its history and are keen to see that it is maintained properly.

Thatching may seem to be a dying craft but master thatcher lan Parkinson, who runs the company





from the Chipping Norton area, has a schedule of work running well into next year with three teams plus two apprentices. The thatch material is combed wheat straw which comes from a supplier in Devon that he has been using for the last twenty-five years so very environmentally friendly. Around five to six tonnes were used on this roof and the work took four weeks to complete.



It is traditional that the thatch is topped with at least one sculptural finial also made of straw. The previous roof had a peacock which has now been renovated and will adorn the roof of the children's playhouse. The new roof will have a cat near the chimney and some mice lower on the roof where they can be seen from inside the house.

However, the job was not without drama as during one working day, a car containing two men drew up at the drive, one man simply walked up and stole the company van with some valuable tools and materials on board

NB

A history of Traveller's Rest is part of the *Wootton Miscellany* display at the Wootton Archive Centre in the Oak Room at Wootton Hall. Assembled for the 27th /28th April open weekend event, it will continue to be available to view on Tuesday afternoons 2-4pm throughout the summer.

feature

Sheila, working mother of many parts



Wide ranging aspects of village life were represented at the funeral in April of a pillar of the local community, Sheila Brown (pictured left), who in more than 70 active years accrued experience in several companies, ran the business founded by her husband, and then dedicated her time to church life and as a volunteer with welfare organisations.

Along the way she brought up a family – daughter Deborah and son Simon - took pride in grand-daughter Ellie and was a valued member of the team which produces the Wootton Wawen magazine.

Her achievements brought glowing tributes. Canon Lawrence Mortimer, vicar of St Peter's when Sheila became churchwarden said "She was very much the mainstay of my incumbency because she had been parochial church council secretary so had a handle on everything going on in the deanery and diocese as well."

Echoing present churchwarden John Wilkinson that Sheila was the "backbone" of St Peter's, retired Steve Wiseman who was appointed churchwarden 25 years ago shortly before Sheila said: "I could not have done the job without Sheila's superior knowledge. She was the guiding light on conforming to all the official requirements."

Conducting the funeral attended by both Canon Mortimer and his successor Revd Terry Mason, the Revd James Holden said Sheila was "The very heart of the church ...with positivity, wisdom and energy."

Brought up in blitz-hit Nechells, Sheila became a bookkeeper at Combridges, a Birmingham stationers and publishers, and advanced via other firms before taking a job with Edward & John Brown, demolition contractors famed for knocking down the original Snow Hill station.

Sheila married John, who already owned a bungalow in Mayswood Road, Wootton, and they set up home in Henley and later returned to Wootton in Wawensmere Road, Sheila being "the strict but caring parent," Simon recalls. When forty years ago John died, Sheila continued running the company for a few years until negotiating its sale to owners who have ensured the original name survives.

Freed of those responsibilities, Sheila, a member of Wootton WI for many years who in 1982 contributed to its 60th anniversary cookery book, became an adviser with Citizens Advice Bureau and at Warwickshire Welfare Rights, moving to a bungalow in Snitterfield some 30 years ago from where she continued with her work for the churches.



Sheila pictured at home in Snitterfield

feature

Baking mum's Fairtrade win

Wootton resident and ITV Central News presenter in the West Midlands, Hannah Bechelet, (pictured right) made news herself when she entered a local competition aimed at promoting the cause of Fairtrade, currently marking 30 years of campaigning.

She settled her toddler twins and reached for blocks of Fairtrade chocolate to blend into a mixture with sugar, flour and other ingredients and entered her fresh-baked chocolate and Guinness cake to come out adult winner among dozens of entries from a variety of recipes using at least one of the 6,000 Fairtrade products now available to shoppers.



Hannah said: "I'm not sure about the flour, but at least it was good English milled and while I am not a shopper for whom it must always be Fairtrade, it is a campaign I have followed and thought this was an interesting competition among the friendly communities of Wootton and Henley where it is so lovely to live."

She chose the area on driving through to cover a TV job in Stratford and with her husband came to live in the area ahead of the start of the lockdown against Covid-19 in early 2020. Now with a family as well as a job, baking is very much for family consumption – plus, she says, baking for colleagues.

Originally from Hertfordshire, Hannah developed her home-cooking skills while sharing student accommodation at Sheffield University when reading history and politics. She then honed her skills when she moved to Jersey, so her win in the competition staged by Henley Co-op resulted from plenty of practise.

Simon Wood, the Co-op's competition organiser said: "The Co-op has supported Fairtrade from the beginning and continues to be a major retailer of Fairtrade foods. Fairtrade has made a difference and helped change the way producers source their ingredients and treat their suppliers, allowing the grower to produce in a sustainable way."

Driving a bargain



More TV exposure is coming up for Wootton, which in recent times has proved a magnet for producers of programmes on canals, character properties and curios.

The latest filming again features Sims antiques emporium at Yew Tree shopping courtyard where BBC antiques expert Catherine Southon drove in with film and sound recordists to follow in the footsteps of several earlier vintage hunters for the Antiques Road Trip series.

Catherine has her own dealership and auction house in Kent specialising in watches, jewellery and silver. Visiting Wootton Wawen for the first time, she picked out several unusual objects in Phil Sims recently expanded showrooms, hoping they will be sold for a profit as part of the programme's ethos.

Phil (pictured centre) with his wife Terri and Catherine (right) said: "Exactly what was purchased has to wait to be revealed on the programme but the visitors seemed fascinated by the range of collectables displayed by 60 dealers and they spent three or four hours choosing on a normal trading day and chatting to some of our many other customers."

Weekend to explore local crafts

On Saturday 18th May from 10am to 4pm and on Sunday 19th from 10am to 3pm the Warwickshire Artisans at Yew Tree Shopping Courtyard will be holding a CRAFT FAIR with outdoor stalls. There will be the opportunity to meet some of the artists in person and chat



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She described reflexology as a therapy that works through treating the person rather than the illness and how the deeply relaxing treatments can help relieve stress and improve mood and well-being. Charlie then explained how it had supported her through serious illness by helping her to relax which she felt had certainly enhanced her body's ability to heal.

April was busy for our WI as some members went to Coventry to hear the talented Lesley Smith become wartime spy Peggy Knight. More of us got together with Ullenhall and Henley WI members to improve our afternoon tea etiquette with Baroness Bolsover. Accompanied by some friends and family we also taxed our quizzing brains at the Aston Cantlow Club monthly quiz whose proceeds will be going to our chosen charity - Henley's Memory Café.

Many of us also attended former WI member Sheila Brown's funeral at St Peter's Church and mourned her loss but celebrated her contribution to Wootton's WI and the wider community.

The next meeting on 14th May will be an opportunity for members to discuss the National Federation's proposed resolution for 2024 which concerns dental health and the need to invest in the training and retention of dentists. A cheese and wine supper will help deliberations.

D. Buckley

Can you lend a hand? Wootton's 2023 successful Festival of Fun due to be repeated

next year, needs extra committee volunteers to replace half the team unable to continue due to time restraints.

If willing hands contact lead organiser John Johnson without delay he will flag up next year's event at the parish assembly of local voluntary groups in the village hall on 22nd May to lay



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the foundations before starting detailed planning in the autumn. "I do not want to go any further unless I can muster a strong committee," he declared. Contact John on mob 07979 245055 or email johnjohnson@johnsonscoaches.co.uk

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Offensive fencing faces bureaucracy

Proposals that Wootton should instigate a repaint of the eyesore metal palisade safety barrier installed each side of the railway bridge at the top of Wootton Rise (pictured) have been put on hold while Network Rail engineers consider a solution of their own.

Wootton's county councillor Ian Shenton suggested to regional Network Rail official Fraser Pithie that the parish council might be prepared to bear the cost

of an overpaint of the objectionable shiny silver finish with a colour suited to the rural environment.

If so a professional firm with public liability cover would be commissioned to ensure no claim could be made against Network Rail.



"It all sounds a bit bureaucratic but there are always risks and costs... so I am trying to find a possible route through," said Cllr Shenton.

Faced with this suggestion Network Rail has asked for the idea to be "paused" while its engineers continue to see what it can do to remedy the palisade appearance.

A storm in a planter

When is a boundary not a boundary? When it is too close to the border with the neighbouring territory! This is the conundrum still puzzling Wootton parish council months after a request from some residents of adjoining Preston Bagot to relocate the "Welcome to Wootton Wawen" planter placed on the grass verge at the village border on Pettiford Lane.

With Wootton steadfast in believing the welcome is in the place agreed with the highways authority and conforms to the ordnance survey map, there has been a further approach from Preston Bagot parish council for a rethink – and a tongue-incheek suggestion by Wootton parish councillor Peter Cornford that the solution is a duel on the spot between the two council chairmen.



The planter being installed in summer 2022 by nearby resident Lynne Rathbone (left) who volunteered to tend it, local manufacturer Paul Green (centre) and Andy Humpherson.

Preston argues it received no consultation before the planter appeared at the "complex" boundary, that it is too close to properties in its parish and that it would be better sited some distance back within Wootton land.

"We think it quite normal to locate boundary signs well away from a parish boundary," says the missive from Preston parish chairman.

With no proposition put for "pistols at dawn" the debate fizzled out amid mutterings about "discussions" but no indication of with whom.

New angle on display

After a process of elimination of other sites, highways officials at Warwickshire County Council have finally settled another issue which has been occupying Wootton parish council since last year. The new public noticeboard to replace the deteriorating one at Mayswood Road (shown) will be installed at the same spot, though slightly further back on the grass verge and at a different angle.



Roadside drainage which



did not always take the flow of rainwater during winter and springtime rains this year has prompted calls for Wootton and nearby villages to set up a method of removing debris from the gulleys intended to deal with downpours.

Now district and county councillor Ian Shenton is proposing paying to hire a gully cleaner and jetter for the day at intervals to improve situations which occur in long periods between local authority street cleaning schedules. But the cost is £1,000 a time and though he believes it is worth him covering the occasional cost from his £37,000 annual community budget, it will be best value for money if villagers ensure blocked street drains are reported to him as soon as seen without waiting for the next flood.

This will enable a list of trouble spots to be drawn up and a route for dealing with them planned so the machine and its operator work in the most efficient way. "The idea is all gullies in a particular location where we have reports of a blockage will be cleared on the same day," said Cllr Shenton, who already receives 60 emails a day on various subjects. "This is a trial. I have 10 parishes so this is potentially a big charge against my budget but I think it is worth doing."

Cash for communities

Another source of funding for not-for-profit community groups in Wootton and surrounding area has been revealed. A local community fund is run by the Co-operative Society and its retail business in Henley is the channel through which about $\mathfrak{L}2,000$ can be provided annually to each of two successful bidders from the store's catchment area.

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Banking by the books

A good time was had by all at The Chocolate Shed on 28th March by a dozen children who made their Easter chocolates with the help of Sally Daniel, assisted by son Elliott and Shed manager Tracy Baker.





WHAT'S NEXT?

We're working with Henley in Bloom and the schools to do a gardening-in-pots for children. Details from your school and the library.

Digital devices advice from CWCDA (Coventry & Warwickshire Cooperative Development Agency) attracted several visitors to get individual help at each of 6 sessions in the library on Wednesday afternoons in April thanks to WCC funding from the warm hubs network of WRCC. Thanks to Jacquie Holcroft of WRCC and Samantha Young of CWCDA!

Summer hours are back at Henley Library:

Wednesday afternoons we open from 2 to 6pm until the clocks go back again.

We'll report on the library's AGM of 30th April in the June issue. Plan to visit us at the Jubilee Gardens on Saturday 1st June to register for our summer events, join the raffle for a prize hamper of edible and potable delicacies and local author works and become a library *Friend* or *Volunteer*.

Meanwhile, we're happy to say that Lloyds TSB Bank will provide limited banking services at the library (behind the Methodist Church) on Tuesday mornings from 4th June. This will begin a trial period for the service.

Questions? Drop in, send us email at henley.community.library@gmail.com, check our Facebook page, or call us at 01564 794885 during library hours.

Judith Lindley

New formula quiz

There was a full house at the *Wootton Wawen Social Club quiz night* in April to raise money for the Hub, based in Henley in Arden. The Hub provides a range of sessions for young, old and parents with young families. Many people from Wootton Hall regularly use the senior citizens club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The club is very happy to support their valuable work for the community.

This month the social club hosts The Dodgers, a new group to the members, and a special cabaret night with comedian, Mal Rich and, an old favourite to the club, vocalist, Marty Elliott, who sings songs from The Rat Pack to the Beatles.

Our next quiz night will have a change of formula, giving everyone a chance of winning the top prizes.

Harry Duffin

diary

MAY

2 Thu Polling day (take photo identity) for police & crime commissioner. Village Hall 7am-10pm

4 Sat Sounds of Karen Carpenter. Wootton Hall Country Club 8pm

11 Sat Footpath Group's Blenheim Palace parkland walk. Lift-shares leave Village Hall 9am

Free guided tour of Saxon Sanctuary and St Peter's Church 10.30am - noon.

Introducing The Dodgers Band of five. Wootton Social Club 8.30pm

Sean Vegas as Elvis. Wootton Hall Country Club 8pm

14 Tue WI. Resolutions for 2024. Village Hall 7.30pm (p20)

18 Sat Warwickshire Artisans craft fair. Yew Tree shopping courtyard. 10am – 4pm (p18)

19 Sun Warwickshire Artisans craft fair. Yew Tree shopping courtyard. 10am – 3pm

20 Mon Monthly public meeting and annual meeting Wootton parish council. Village Hall 7pm

22 Wed Annual parish assembly for reports of community groups. Village Hall 7pm

25 Sat Public exhibition of proposed building plans for the village. 11.30am – 3.30pm Village Hall

Bank Holiday week-end skittles night Wootton Hall Country Club 7.30pm

Cabaret Night with Mal Rich and Marty Elliott. Social Club 8.30pm

JUNE

1 Sat Quizduko's new style quiz night. Wootton Social Club 7.30pm

Quiz for Henley Guild Hall roof appeal. Wootton Hall Country Club 7.30pm.



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