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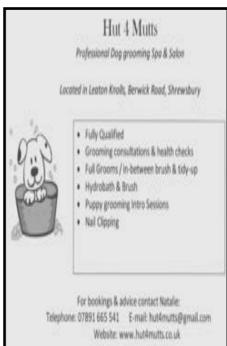
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June 2024



Welcome to the first of our summer issues! We hope you enjoy it. We're deeply grateful to all of you who have provided articles, adverts, delivered copies or who have just helped us along the way. Thank you!

Hannah Lins (Content Coordinator for this edition)

Could you be on the delivery team?

I realise that might put us in mind of a maternity ward! That's not what I meant... we are in need of a few more volunteers to help deliver the magazine through people's letterboxes. The magazine lands in Bornere Heath on the last Monday of the month, and the team meets the Methodist. Church Hall to count it into piles for distribution, and then off they go! It's a lovely team, and they would be so grateful for a little more support. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, do contact Jean Tierney on 01939 290058.

Would you prefer the mag to arrive by email?

If you would like to opt-out of a printed copy, and receive the mag by email instead, do get in touch (bomeremag@gmail.com), and make sure you let us know your address so that we can remove you from our delivery list. This will enable us to have a smaller print-run, which will help with costs and with the impact on the environment.



Our next edition will be July-August 2024, with a copy deadline of 16th June.

We now have a directory of contacts at the back of our mag, so please do look there for all other contact details.



I would like to say a very big "Thank You" to all my family for the wonderful surprise party and delicious food on the occasion of my 80th Birthday. Also I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and good wishes, especially to all my neighbours and my church family.

Fondest love to you all. Valerie R.

Leaton and Mission Churches

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Friday 21st June 2024

at

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Bomere Heath Village Hall

During May and early June we are refurbishing the bar area with kind support from the Man Shed and our volunteer group. We are still sorting out a few issues with the insurance claim for the toilets, Nigel our treasurer is working hard to get the final bits sorted and we have been promised a start date will be confirmed imminently.

The village hall is used regularly by a number of community groups and in each edition we are spotlighting a community group to let you know a little more about them. This edition spotlights Over 55's Yoga, held every Thursday, 10am - 11.30am. It is £7 a session and pre-booking essential, for more info call 01743 233 123.

For this particular yoga class I aim to provide my students with way to build and maintain physical strength, balance and flexibility. Alongside this, I aim to enable a good understanding of correct breath control and the right approach to stretching.

As the body ages we must work harder and harder to keep a healthy, strong body. Yoga answers that 'need' in so many ways, easing the body as it moves into the stiffening process of the gentle years!

This undoubtedly influences wellbeing. Most people begin to sleep better and feel mentally stimulated and enlivened by this steady training.

The class is very sociable, there is time for a cuppa and a chat most weeks!

Alison Clowes, Age UK Yoga Instructor

News from the Bomere Village Hall Volunteer Group

Since the last newsletter we've had a further Quiz in the Village Hall, one with a twist! A 'Songs from the Musicals' round with a live singer and a round which involved eating chocolate. What's not to like! As always it was well attended and great fun. It also put just under £350 in the hall funds. By the time you read this a Bingo evening will also have been held.

We've also been working hard to put together a calendar of events for the rest of the year. We've tried our best to make them as varied as possible. Some are tried and tested favourites like quizzes and bingo, others are a little different. We hope you like the sound of them and will give them a go.

We have a raffle at each of the events we put on in the hall. If you are able to donate a prize for future events it would be very much appreciated. Raffles are good fundraisers for us and really do help put money in the hall coffers. If you're able to donate a prize, then please contact Julie on 07867335296 or at julietidy@btinternet.com. The Village Newsletter team has, on our behalf, contacted their advertisers asking for raffle prizes. It's early days, but we've received some fabulous prizes.

We really would love more people to join our Volunteer Group. The more of us there are, the more events we could put on. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th June in the lounge of the Red Lion at 7.30pm. All welcome, please come along.

FUTURE EVENTS

Friday 28th June – Motown, Northern & Soul Night, featuring Studio 26 Soul & Motown Disco. Doors open 7.30pm, disco starts at 8. For more details & to book go online at: www.thelittleboxoffice.com/bhvh/

Save the dates

Friday 13th September - Family Bingo - "It's your Lucky Night!"
Saturday 26th October – Halloween Quiz
Saturday 16th November – Tabletop Sale.
Saturday 7th December – Live Music 'Helium Believer'

CHURCH SERVICES



Anyone is welcome at any of our services- we are here for you! Each one lasts about an hour, and our service times are below:

Date	Bomere Methodist Church the redbrick church at the top of the bank on Baschurch Road, SY4 3PN	Holy Trinity, Leaton the parish church- Berwick Road, SY4 3AP	The Mission Church the white building in the centre of the village- Shrewsbury Road, SY4 3PN	St John the Baptist, Albrighton the sandstone church opposite Albrighton Hall Hotel- SY4 3HP
2 nd June	10.30am	10.45am	No service	9.15am
9th June	10.30am	10.45am	9am	No service
16th June	10.30am	10.45am	No service	9.15am
23 rd June	10.30am@ Bayston Hill	10.45am	9am	No service
30 th June	10.30am	10.30am United Healing Service @ St Peter and St Paul, Fitz		

To find out more about the wider life of the local churches, go to our websites:

www.shropshireandmarches.org.uk

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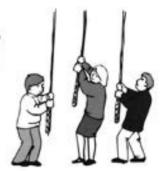
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BELL RINGING

Is there anyone out there who would be interested in learning to ring the bells at Leaton Church?

If there is please get in touch with Pat Hall on 01939 290637. It would be great to revive this tradition and have a regular team of ringers!



Stories from the Congregation

We are so blessed to have some amazing saints in our churches! Local folk who, for decades, have been wholehearted, generous and faithful members of the congregation- worshipping regularly, and helping with the activities of the church in the community. This month we hear from a long-standing member of the Leaton Congregation- David Fletcher (also long-standing of the Tennis Club!)- who shares his faith story and encouragements with us:

We might think that we have to take the initiative to find God. But those little thoughts that come to mind unexpectedly are not our doing, but are the work of God's Spirit within us.

God's ways are drawing us are infinitely varied, some dramatic some almost unnoticed. A friend of mine, who was an Army Major in bomb disposal in Northern Ireland, broke his neck playing rugby. In bed, in hospital, completely paralysed, he was surprised to find himself praying to God to either heal him or take him. To the utter amazement of the hospital staff, he was healed overnight. He also became a committed Christian overnight.

My own conversion came as a late teenager. Very low and depressed, I was led to pick up a Good News bible, given me two years earlier, and starting to read St John's Gospel, I was

filled with a wonderful inner warmth, which even sixty years later I remember so vividly. Millions and millions of Christians will have their own testimonies, everyone different, but in every case the initiative was God's.

Michael Cassidy, a well known writer, put the wonderful experience of suddenly experiencing God like this: "Sleep would not come to me. Instead, quite out of the blue, the spirit of praise came upon my soul. All seemed to be release. All seemed to be freedom... He seemed to be bubbling up from within, surrounding from without, ascending from below and descending from above."

As God patiently knocks at the door to our lives and we allow Him to come in, we are also able to tell the world of that wonderful life changing moment.

David Fletcher

EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESCOTT SURGERY PATIENT NEWSLETTER May/June 2024- THE FULL VERSION IS AVAILABLE AT https://prescottsurgery.co.uk/

Latest News from The Surgery – From Nick Storey, Business Manager and Jackie Jones, Chair,
The Patient Participation Group.

Important News from your Patient Group (PPG)

March and April remained very busy months for the surgery. Demand for appointments has remained high.

Dementia Action Week (DAW) takes place from 13th to 19th May. DAW is an initiative by the Alzheimer's Society. Prescott Surgery is a **Dementia Aware Practice**. There will be a **display on the notice board in the surgery** during Dementia Action Week highlighting the importance of 'acting on dementia' and 'getting a diagnosis', which is two key themes being promoted this year.

Jackie Jones, Chair - Prescott Surgery Patient Group

Important News from your Surgery

Advanced Nurse Practitioner (by Dr Guildford)

We currently have two ANPs (Advanced Nurse Practitioners), Iain and Louise, who have been seconded from Shrewsbury Primary Care Network (PCN) to work with us until November. Both of our ANPs will see patients with a wide range of conditions but there are some problems where seeing a GP is more appropriate and this is one of reasons why our reception team enquire about your problem before booking an appointment. Our GPs take it in turns to supervise the ANPs and so are on hand to discuss any concerns if needed.

Dispensary Update (by Nick Storey)

Prescription charges increased to £9.90 per item on 1st **May.** These charges apply to all patients in England who pay for their medication. If you pay for prescriptions and regularly order 12 or more items within a 12-month period, you should consider applying online for a **Pre-Payment Certificate**. The prescription charge is set by the Department of Health and all charges collected are sent to NHS England. The practice and dispensary receive no benefit.

The busiest times for collecting medication are Thursday and Friday afternoons. It would be a real help to the team if medication could be collected on other days of the week/times of the day.

Planning Permission Notice (by Nick Storey)

We are displaying notice of our application to carry out work on 3 trees at the rear of the surgery. One tree is diseased, one is dead and the third needs to be cut back due to its size. None of the trees are subject to a Tree Preservation Order but because we are within the Prescott Conservation Area, we must seek formal approval through the planning process before we can carry out any work.

The New Telephone System (by Jenni Green)

Following the implementation of the new phone system we are now able to monitor call queues, and how many calls are received into the surgery. The phone system is also linked to our patient medical records system, so when a patient calls in, their name and medical record will be readily available for the receptionist, so don't be surprised if we know your name when we answer the phone, although we still need to go through normal data protection processes and confirm your date of birth and if applicable, your address. Unsurprisingly, we have data to show that **between 8.30am and 10.30am the phones are very busy** with patients requesting urgent (same day), appointments. Can we therefore please ask that so **can we politely request that if you are calling for a routine appointment, test results or general enquiries to please phone after this time?**



Bomere Heath & District Parish Council is on Facebook -



www.facebook.com/pg/BomereHeathCouncil

BOMERE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

There is always an open invite to members of the public, should you like to attend as a member of public you are very welcome, but spaces can be limited. If so, please contact the clerk to book a space. Below are extracts from the Parish Council meetings at Bomere Village Hall on **Wednesday 11**th **April & 8**th **May 2024**

Community Events- The Parish Council has set aside funding to facilitate a **Community Event Committee** to host a Fete in 2024. There will need to be a group of about 6 core volunteers to be the committee and a host of others to assist nearer the day. The PC and existing committee has a blue print and a list of names and number of the key participants. Hopefully this will simplify the task. Should you wish to be involved, please contact the Clerk or the Chair. Unfortunately, we had no-one come forward to run an event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings on the 6th June



Police NEWS

We were joined by the WMP Rural North team. They gave an insight to some of the crimes and issues to be weary of. In April we were informed

that the Rural

Crime group **made 7 targeted arrests** following warrants being issued across the county involving 60 officers. This was largely possible due to intelligence provided by the public.

Follow WMPs story on the link to the Right. The Police have also raised concerns that there is a rise on **Wild Bird Egg and chick thefts for collectors**. This is an illegal trade and damaging to nature. Should you see or have any information, please contact 101 and quote "Operation Easter" Ideally with descriptions and vehicle Regs.



Planning - We reviewed several applications since the last publication. Full Feedback can be found on the Shropshire Planning Portal. In addition, in April we met residents from the new estate to the south of Bomere Heath to discuss the planning development proposals. We also met residents from Forton Heath to discuss WSP proposals for the road calming and proposed 40MPH zone on the Forton Heath Road in an effort to tackle speeding.

Finance – The PC has healthy finances, we have received the Precept from SCC of £24,421.00 2024/25. This is our payment to operate the PC from council tax contributions.

Youth Club- The group runs on Thursday evenings in Term time at the Village Hall in Bomere Heath. We are told that the group is currently running wit 16 members a session, with 68 on the roster so far this year.

Play Park- This month has identified that we need to carry out some maintenance at the Park in Bomere Heath. We will be engaging with some specialists to undertake the remedial works in the summer.

Ball Park/Older Childrens Play Space- The PC has agreed to start to undertake a feasibility study in reviewing our options and potential locations. We have been in discussion with a few landowners and hopefully the PC will be able to obtain some land and funding to make a much-needed provision. If you have this skill set or know someone that may be able to assist, please do get in touch.

The Parish Council are aware of the lack of the provision for teenaged children in the village. As a group, we always try to consider burdens on the Parish infrastructure and welcome ideas or support including help volunteering in several ways. EG

- Join the Parish Council, (please contact the Clerk).
- OR Support Local groups in the Village, including
- The Village Hall committee/ Café team
- The Youth Club run by SYA
- Or <u>Bomere Heath Scout Group</u> all who need support and help to stay running and any offers of time to help keep these groups afloat.

Foot Path Reporting- As the weather is finally turning for the better and it now feels like summer, we remind everyone that we have a tab on the website that is dedicated to Footpaths. You can Report issues, see the interactive map to find and walk footpaths and other useful information.

 $\underline{www.bomere + heath-district-parish-council-10134/paths-and} \underline{-footpaths}$

County Council Matters- Green Waste Consultation -Please see the proposals for Green waste & Charges and the management or Household Recycling Centres. www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/garden-waste-andhousehold-recycling-centres-consultation It is possible that council tax may rise by £1 per week to allow the current Green waste Bin collections to remain in place as they are today. To get to know about other consultations on our please look at the website budget, (next.shropshire.gov.uk/council-budgets-and-spending/ budget-202425/having-your-say), where you can also sign up for alerts on future consultations.



SCC listen to all the feedback we receive, including alternative suggestions so please do sign up and let us know your thoughts. Every voice matters.

The next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 7.30pm in Bomere Heath Village Hall.** We will post the agenda for this meeting on the website nearer the time. If you wish to have a comment read aloud on an issue, please contact the Clerk in writing and give 5 working days' notice so it can be placed on an Agenda. clerk@bomereheath.co.uk

Charity Fundraising Event

On 27th April we held a Charity Fundraising event in the village hall to raise money for Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and Midlands Air Ambulance Charity which was attended by our family and friends. The event was in the form of an Elvis Tribute act and once again Elvis put on a first class night of entertainment which had the Village Hall rocking. So far we have raised an incredible amount of £2,600 which will be equally divided between our chosen charities.

We are particularly grateful to our event sponsors Halls, RAC Climate Control Ltd, Caleb Roberts Insurance Services Ltd, ABP Meats, Nick Ward Agricultural Credit Broker and Moreland Potter Financial. We would like to thank the following companies for donating raffle prizes, Toni and Guy Shrewsbury, Maynards Farm Shop, Lakeland Stores Shrewsbury, Tanners Wines, Shrewsbury Prison Tours, Great Berwick Organics, The Royal Oak Coton Hill, Ludlow Gin Distillery, Ludlow Food Centre, L'occitaine Shrewsbury, Llangollen Horsedrawn Boats, Ludlow Brewery, Turtle Doves, Bookers Shrewsbury, British Ironworks Centre, The 1800 Womens Workout Gym, Imagine Spa at the Shrewsbury Club, The Castle Wem, Love Plants Salop Leisure and A R Richards.

It goes without saying that we are also extremely grateful to all our family and friends for supporting the event and helping organise it. Finally there is a possibility that due to a very kind benefactor, Andy Johnson of Hewlett Packard Enterprise the money we have raised so far might be Fund Matched and we are currently working with Andy to see what can be done. **Thank you everyone. Debbie and Clive Podd**



News from Bomere Heath School Grinshill Class – By Hughie and Andre

In Grinshill we have been growing plants, which is in our science lesson. We have learned about seed dispersal. We know that seeds travel by wind dispersal, animal dispersal and water dispersal. We also have learnt about pollination and plant reproduction.

In Geography we have been learning about the World, but with a focus on Italy. We have been looking at and completing maps to show the Italian regions, the physical and human geography and this week we have been looking at the weather and comparing it to Egypt, Mexico and the UK.

In art, we have been sketching, looking at different techniques, such as hatching, cross hatching, shading, blending and scumbling. In English we are learning about rivers across the World, The Amazon, The Nile and Yangtze River in China. We like the Leaping Tiger Gorge.

We have started work on the upcoming production, Hoodwinked, learning our songs. Also, we have been practising songs for the Trinity Day at the end of the month.

In French we have been talking about what a school day looks like in France. In computing we have been learning about Scratch. In Maths the year 3s have been learning about time, fractions and money and the year 4s have been learning about money, fractions and decimals. Also, we have been focusing on our times tables.

We are super learners in Grinshill!

Bomere Heath Cricket Club News

Summer has finally arrived after one of the wettest starts to a year in memory. Thanks to the Herculean efforts of our members, our ground is now fit for use again. This is not sustainable, and we have begun efforts to raise funds for much-needed drainage improvement work.







Our popular junior section relaunched on Friday, 10th and we now have Mav. almost 100 juniors involved. is This а tremendous achievement as we arow year on year. Thanks must go to our previous Junior Coordinator, Tenille Jackson, who laid the groundwork, and to Harry Bolland, who has stepped into her shoes and taken on the mantle.

The season has started well, with early victories for our 1st and 2nd teams, while our 3rd team has shown promise after last year's promotion.

Our Women's softball team continues to go from strength to strength, competing well in the Super 10's league and notching up their first victory recently in a nail-biting game against Whitchurch.

The club's renovations are mostly finished, with the whole clubhouse being painted and decorated, brand new ladies' toilets, and numerous other pieces of work to freshen up the venue. A massive thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make this a reality!



We would love to see more of you down at the ground enjoying our wonderful facilities. You can join as a social member for as little as £10 for the season, which also provides you with 10% off everything behind the bar, as well as discounts on venue hire. The club's social media pages are active, and you can find all of our fixtures and events online. However, pop down on Saturdays and you'll be sure to find cricket taking place as long as the rain stays away!



Pet of the Issue







Introducing Smoky...

She was rescued as a kitten and was in a bad way. She's now really healthy, lovely and the children she lives with adore her!!



Book Club News

The Bomere Heath Bookclub started in January 2020, we somehow kept it going through the pandemic and, gratefully, we are still here in 2024. We meet once a month in our village pub to discuss the book choice for that month. Each member chooses a book, and then leads the discussion. We've read everything from historic and crime novels, to time travel and biographical and autobiographical.

The bookclub gives you the chance to broaden your horizon and enjoy books you might otherwise not have considered. Apart from that, we're a friendly bunch of readers who enjoy an evening out to chat about books and having a drink.

- We meet every 4th Monday in the month
- (This year the club meetings fall on a Bank Holiday, but that's not a problem)
- At the Red Lion Inn in Bomere Heath at 20.00 hrs
- We are happy to welcome new members, and have a couple of places still available - for more information please contact Liz Payne on 01939-290494

Tales from the Vets, by David Jagger Daisy loves red leather!

The Welshpool road was deserted as we motored along towards the Severn Sisters, as I was brought up to call the Breidden hills. It was half past midnight on a late November morning. My father, in heaven driving his brand new white Jaguar 3.4 with beautiful red hide seats. His veterinary practice covered most of Shropshire and extended west to the Welsh border.

He had practiced from Shrewsbury since the war and I was in my third year as a veterinary student at Liverpool Vet School. I accompanied him on most of his night calls and on this occasion we had been called as an emergency to see a recumbent cow Daisy, who was due to calve and was comatose.

Father gave me his usual extensive dissertation on pre-parturient Milk Fever (depressed levels of blood calcium). Including all the old ways of treating it. One method being to connect a bicycle pump to each teat in turn and inflate. Highly effective and astute readers will be able to work out why!

We soon arrived at the lovely old farmyard of Mr Davies of Trefnant, which was on a slope of about 45 degrees down to the gate onto the lane. Father parked his pride and joy carefully out of the way next to the gate and climbed up to the cow shed leaving me to carry up all the necessary kit and medicines, some of which were on the back seat. I made an effort shut the door with my bottom and followed him up with full arms.

Father made short work of running 500 ccs of 40% calcium borogluconate into Daisy's jugular vein and she soon began to regain consciousness and we managed to deliver her calf without too much difficulty. Father always insisted that we should not make straightforward calvings look too easy so he performed the usual grunts and deep breaths with his arm up to his shoulder inside Daisy. We were just washing off and starting to congratulate ourselves when Daisy struggled to her feet and ignoring her lovely heifer calf staggered off through the cowshed door and tottered off down the slope and was soon enveloped in darkness. No worries, I had shut the gate as should all diligent veterinary students.

We were just chatting away of this and that when we heard an odd creaking and scraping noise. There are times when all country vets can show amazing acceleration and this father did. I followed more slowly with a sense of extreme foreboding. We were presented with Daisy's stationary bottom protruding from the Jaguar's back doorway. Her head and chest were comfortably supported on the red leather back seat. Quiet snoring could be heard. These are times like this when veterinary students learn important veterinary phrases to be stored for use on similar future occasions when qualified and in practice.

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Hobbies and Interests- Bookmarkers By Liz Payne

The oldest recorded bookmarker was given to Queen Elizabeth I in 1584.

"She was presented with a silk fringed bookmarker by Christopher Barker, who had acquired a patent as Queen's Printer in 1577" (A.W. Coysh "Collecting Bookmarkers"). They became much more available around the Victorian era, when they were used as advertising material, ie. from the big insurance companies, travel and rail companies etc, but also as greetings for Christmas, birthdays and Valentine's, and also as postcards. They were then made of paper or thin cardboard. They were always used in Bibles, embroidered by the lady of the house, and there are some lovely examples.

In times when books were very expensive, nobody bent the pages or laid them face down to mark their place in the book, they used bookmarkers. I have collected bookmarkers since the mid 1980s. I used to find them at Antique Fairs and in Antique Shops, Most



bookshops will have complimentary ones from the publishers, although one has to ask for them. Independent bookshops are the best places to find them, both here and across Europe. They are a particularly nice thing to collect, as one can often get them for free, they are easily displayed in a photo album, and don't take much space. They are also an unusual hobby to get the Collector's/Hobby badge for, by Brownies, Cubs, Scouts or Girl Guides.

My oldest ones are woven ones called Stevengraphs, after Thomas Stevens who introduced the Jacquard Loom. He experimented with the idea of producing multicolour pictures on his Jacquard looms. His earliest products (from 1862) were silk woven

bookmarkers. Some of mine date as far back as Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. I have included some photos of mine, so you can get an idea. I have only met one other collector of bookmarkers, which makes it quite a rare hobby, although nowadays they are commonly known as bookmarks.





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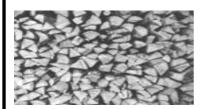
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