



# Hop Parishes News



**April  
2025**

**The Newsletter for the communities of:  
Ashperton | Bosbury | Canon Frome  
Munsley | Stretton Grandison  
Stoke Edith | Tarrington | Yarkhill**

# AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND SONG



In support of

St. Michael's  
Hospice



And St. John the Baptist Church, Yarkhill

AT 3.00 P.M. ON SUNDAY 27 APRIL  
AT THE LADY EMILY COMMUNITY HALL  
TARRINGTON, HEREFORD. HR1 4EX

With not just one - but **TWO** - Great  
entertainment groups:



The Fab. Sea Shanty Group

FISHMONGERS FRIENDS

Plus: The Harmonious

HEREFORD FOLK ENSEMBLE



Tickets £10.00 (including **TEA** and **CAKES** in the **INTERVAL**)

Available in advance from Julia - email: [juliasavagar@gmail.com](mailto:juliasavagar@gmail.com)

Or payable on the door - **ALL FUNDS** to go to

**ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE & YARKHILL CHURCH FUNDS**

LENT IS OVER,  
 DARKNESS ENDS,  
 LIGHT AND NEW LIFE,  
 FOR ALL OF US HAS COME



JOIN US ON EASTER EVE AT **7PM** ON  
**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BOSBURY  
 TO WELCOME EASTER WITH FIRE AND CANDLES AND  
 MUSIC AND JOY

## Bosbury Bowls and Tennis Club

Notice of A.G.M.

to be held on

Wednesday 9th April 2025 at

the Old School House, Bosbury



## BOSBURY SPRING JUMBLE SALE

We are delighted to announce that we raised £635 in the recent Jumble Sale in Bosbury Parish Hall, this is nearly double the amount raised in the previous year!! A great result that wouldn't have been possible without the help of our volunteers and all local residents who kindly donated unwanted clothes, toys and bric-a-brac and of course those who came to the event and bought these items!

All proceeds will go to the upkeep of the hall. Thank you to everyone involved and looking forward to next year!!

Parish Hall Committee





Bosbury and Coddington Group Parish Council  
are delighted to invite all parishioners to the  
launch event for the new Play Area

**This will take place at 2pm  
on Saturday 12th April 2025  
at the new play area site in Forge Bank.**

**Person cutting the ribbon TBC**

An Easter egg hunt is planned for all children  
attending the event.

Thanks to all the sponsors who made this possible.



ADHIṢṬHĀNA

Christine Allen



The Oak Inn — Sarah Hawkins — Anne and John May

# \* COFFEE MORNING \*

Saturday 26th April

Bosbury Parish Hall

10:00am to 12:00 noon

Everyone welcome, catch up with friends, family, and neighbours whilst enjoying a delicious drink and sweet treat.

Purchase from one of our regular tables:

Greeting Cards; Ceramics;

Cakes; Eggs; Cup Cakes

\* New Table – Indian Takeaway\*

"Coffee is the common in An's gold, and like gold, it brings to every person the feeling of luxury and nobility." - Sheik-Abd-al-Kadir



TABLES AVAILABLE - £5.00

Enquiries to Liz Clutterbuck 01531 640415

Proceeds to Holy Trinity Church, Bosbury







## “THE GREAT ESCAPER” Cert 12 2023

on Friday 25th April 2025

Biographical Comedy /Drama/War.

Starring Glenda Jackson and Michael Caine

**THE GREAT ESCAPER** is the true story of 89 year old World War II



Royal Navy veteran, Bernard Jordan who ‘escaped’ his nursing home to attend the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy, France in June 2014. Along the way, he was aided by strangers, made

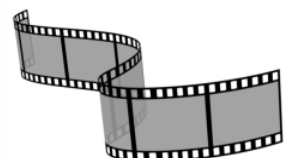
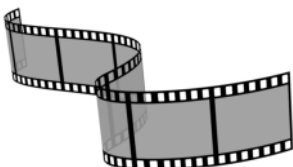
some new friends and said a heartfelt goodbye to a fallen friend. His "escape" made him international news.

*The Guardian* — — — — Caine and Jackson and their ineffable class give this film some real grit: it's a wonderful last hurrah for Jackson and there is something moving and even awe-inspiring in seeing these two British icons together.. \*\*\*\*

**Wine & Nibbles available on the night**

**Bosbury Parish Hall at 7:30pm**

**Entrance £6**



# INRI

Christ is central to Christian belief. He is the Son of God who came to the world to teach about love, forgiveness, and salvation. The cross is the symbol of Christianity, with Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection serving as the pivotal events. The term "INRI" is often inscribed on depictions of the cross, but what does it stand for and why is it significant?

## **Pontius Pilate**

In addition to the biblical writings there are other records that show that Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea between 27 and 36 AD and possibly beyond. As Governor, Pilate held the authority to sentence individuals to death. The Gospels portray him as a conflicted figure who, despite personal misgivings about Jesus's guilt, ultimately succumbed to the pressure of the crowd demanding Jesus's crucifixion. Pilate's involvement adds a layer of political tension to the event which hints at the complexities of Roman rule over the Jewish people.

The inscription "INRI" on the cross was decreed by Pilate and he ordered it to be placed above Jesus's head during the crucifixion. According to John it was written in three languages (Hebrew, Latin and Greek) and it stands for "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum" ("Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews").

## **Symbolism**

But what was in Pilate's mind when he ordered that inscription?

The usual view is one of cruel irony. Pilate's inscription was intended to mock Jesus and his own people that had handed Him over to be crucified. By calling Jesus the "King of the Jews," Pilate might have highlighted the tension between Roman authority and, as it would have seemed to him, the futile Jewish expectations of a Messiah.

But is that likely? Having publicly and symbolically washed his hands of the responsibility of an innocent man's death would he then inscribe His execution with ultimate sarcasm?

And of course, to Christ's followers it was not a sarcasm – he was King at his birth and at his death.

## **Legacy**

There are apocryphal accounts of Pilate turning to Christianity in later life. But in conclusion, the figure of Jesus Christ, the inscription "INRI," and the involvement of Pontius Pilate encapsulate the essence of Christian faith—a story of love, sacrifice, and the promise of redemption. The cross, with "INRI" atop it, stands as a timeless symbol of hope and salvation, inviting believers to reflect on the profound mystery of God's love made manifest in Christ.



## WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME ALL OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHO WISH TO MARK LIFE EVENTS IN ANY OF OUR EIGHT HOP CHURCHES

To enquire about baptisms, weddings or funerals

please contact Revd Mandy Williams

07780 586846 or [mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk](mailto:mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk)

## BOSBURY ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL NEWS

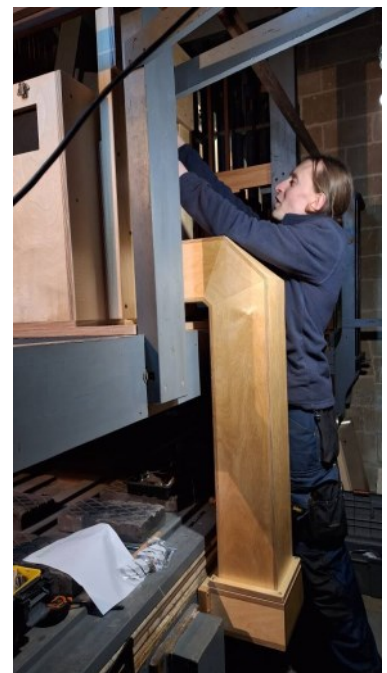
### THE NEW BLOWER

The blower has now been fitted by Nicholsons organ builders. It has a new purpose built case and some beautifully hand crafted wooden trunking to connect it up. This new blower will supply enough air to enable the organist literally to "pull out all the stops" without danger of the instrument wheezing and sounding out of tune. It means that the pedal notes will sound as you have never heard them before! We are very grateful to all those who have donated and given concerts and recitals to make this possible.

The next stage of our plans is the re-leathering of the huge bellows. These are the original 150 year old bellows and the leather is unsurprisingly beginning to show signs of wear. As part of this stage we intend to restore the original hand pump which was in use until 1948 and still functions. It is a fascinating historical artefact and could probably even be used in case of a power cut!

Any donations or pledges of whatever size which can help us support the organ restoration will be gratefully received by our Treasurer Rob Prestidge 01531 640995.

If you want to know more about Bosbury's historic church organ please visit the church where there are leaflets on display, and do come and hear it at one of our services or concerts.





# Music at Bosbury 2025

This year's concert series is being planned...**watch this space** for more details.

Dates for your diary

All concerts feature the legendary Bosbury refreshments!

**Saturday May 10th at 3pm**

**Conspiro Clarinets and Refugium Chamber Choir in lighter mood**

FREE concert with retiring collection in aid of the Herefordshire Music Fund and Bosbury Church

The Herefordshire Music Fund supports tuition for local young people whose families struggle to afford music lessons.

**Saturday June 14th at 3pm**

**Music for All**

is our concert of music for the Village and Friends given by the Village and Friends.

Come and share your favourite poem; singers and musicians welcome.

We need your talent! Contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

FREE concert; retiring collection.

**Sunday July 20th at 3pm**

**The Garrick Singers**

Hereford's choir for the over 55s present a varied programme of songs

Tea and Cake concert

FREE concert; retiring collection

**Saturday November 8th at 7.30pm**

**Folk at the Fold**

present A Celebration of Winter

Open mic first half - local performers welcome to share music, song, poetry.....

In Bosbury Parish Hall

**Sunday December 7th at 3pm**

**Vital Spark**

We welcome back the renowned West Gallery music choir with instruments to present a Christmas programme in jolly Thomas Hardy style.

## TRUMPET NEWS

A very successful and entertaining Quiz Night was organised by the Trumpet and District Agricultural Society on 22 February. Held in Lady Emily Hall, Tarrington, 18 teams totalling nearly 100 people enjoyed a Ploughman's Supper whilst being put through their paces by Quiz Master Tom Probert. The evening raised £930 which will be used towards running the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Trumpet Ploughing Match to be held on the first Thursday of October.

The Trumpet enjoyed a very good Skittles season with matches against The Big Apple, Escleyside Ploughing Society and Ledbury Ploughing Society. The season finished on a sad note with the death of our good friend Doreen Pocknall. Doreen along with her late partner Clarence, ran the Rushall Club for the whole of this Century and beyond. Always behind the bar with a welcoming smile Doreen was a legend. A true country woman, born in Rushall in 1928, Doreen lived there all of her life, working for many years at Westons and Hall End. A great supporter of the Trumpet, she could always be found at the Ploughing Match giving out glasses of Cider to the Ploughmen. Doreen was given a memorable send off at a packed Much Marcle Church. Westons Heavy Horses attended and she was given a Guard of Honour by past and present Trumpet Ploughing Chairmen. Doreen will be much missed by all.

Sunday 13 April will see the next Trumpet Tractor Run leaving Baddy Marsh Farm, Lower Eggleton. Registration is from 9.30 am to leave at 10.30 am, returning to Baddy Marsh for the traditional Fish and Chips. Put the date in your diary!

**Trumpet and District Agricultural Society**

**Tractor /4 X 4/ Run**

**Sunday 13th April 2025**

**£20.00 ENTRY**

**Starting from: Baddy Marsh Farm, Lower Eggleton, HR8 2UH**

**Registration, coffee & tea from: 9.30am**

**Leaving at: 10.30 am**



**Fish & Chip Vans serving food afterwards**

***All Tractors and vehicles must be insured and road worthy***

Ring 07813754873 for more information



Proceeds shared between the  
Parish Hall & Holy Trinity Church

# BOSBURY BLUEBELLS

*Bluebell walk in the grounds  
of Bosbury House*

by kind permission of Nat & Laura Hone

**Sunday 27th April 2-5pm**



**VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY,  
FUN DOG SHOW, TEAS & PLANTS STALL**

Admission Adults £5

Children under 16 accompanied by an adult free.

Free entry for drivers of cars more than forty years old  
included in the display.

## A Poem for April

With the temptation to go into spring cleaning mode, this poem came to mind!

### **Dust If You Must**

by Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and  
need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much  
time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to  
climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.



Dust if you must, but the world's out  
there  
With the sun in your eyes, and the  
wind in your hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go (and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust

### Munsley PCC

The AGM will be held on

Wednesday 7th May at 6.00pm at Munsley Church

Everyone is very welcome



### GRAVESTONE TOPPLE TEST 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Ashperton PCC are required to conduct an annual test of gravestones.

The Topples Test applies a controlled force to the memorial at a specific height, to ensure the gravestone is firm, that it does not cause a danger to members of the public.

**Please remember it is the family's responsibility to care for the grave.**

Ashperton PCC will carry out a test between January and March 2025, any memorial in danger of toppling will be laid down and the family contacted.

Mrs Freda Helme  
Churchwarden

Mrs Colleen Gardiner  
Churchwarden





# Ashperton Church Easter Lilies



**Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025      10:00am Parish Communion Service**

We are including Lilies in the Flower Arrangements placed around the interior of the Church to celebrate Easter.

If you would like a Lily or Lilies in memory of a loved one, please give your donation with name or names to:

Audrey Alford      tel .no. 01531 670903

## Ashperton 100 Club - March Prize Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Gittings	£50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lindsey Coom	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Freda Helme	£10
4 <sup>th</sup>	George Gardiner	£5



# The Garden in April



Now the spring equinox is behind us, I have really noticed how much lighter the evenings are - more time to spend in our gardens and there is plenty to do!

If you have a propagator or warm windowsill, now is the time to sow summer bedding, and Cosmos, Marigolds (French & African), Zinnias, Asters etc. They should germinate well and need pricking out in a couple of weeks to grow on but don't plant out until the risk of frost has passed, perhaps as late as the end of May. Sow sweet peas outside where they will flower or in pots.

You will have noticed your perennials starting to grow away; give them a boost with some fertiliser around the base, e.g. Blood, Fish & Bone and then put in some sticks or other supports for all the extra growth. Perennials such as Penstemon or hardy Fuschia can also have their old growth well pruned back to make space for new shoots at the base. While you have the secateurs out, towards the end of the month prune back the old flower heads left on Hydrangeas as frost protection, to about 3-4 buds, no lower or you risk losing flowers.

Will this be a Sunflower year? Sow seeds into separate pots of compost in the greenhouse / propagator or windowsill until planting out in May. Giant varieties are fun for children, but the smaller multi-headed ones are a cheerful smile of colour in the border.

Although daffodils are over now, a high potash feed e.g. tomato food, will give better flowering next year.

An important job is to protect the new shoots of Hostas, Delphiniums, Lupins and other tempting new growth from slugs and snails. Last year's slug attack was a nightmare; the garlic wash was washed off by rain as soon as I sprayed it, wool pellets didn't work, or grit or eggshells. Beer traps caught a few; if we have frogs, they were overwhelmed. The only things that helped were copper tape on pots of Hosta as long as there were no overhanging plants/bridges and circles of sheep's wool around Courgettes, Pumpkins, Beans etc. Let's hope this year is better!

## In the Vegetable Garden

As the soil warms up we can really get going sowing vegetable seeds: Parsnips, Beetroot & Carrot, salad crops, Peas and Potatoes. Sow Radishes in any gaps for an extra crop.

Get ahead with pest control and pinch out tips of broad beans before they're covered in black fly or spray with soapy water.

Sow Tomatoes, Chillies and Courgettes in pots, to plant out in late May or June. I will plant some Runner and French beans in pots too, as germination outside is often variable, so I can fill in the gaps.

Have you ever grown Asparagus? Now is the time to plant them if you want to start. Preparation is key! Soil should be well drained, no weeds or large stones, well manured or plenty of compost, in an open, sunny position. For bare root stock, dig a good trench (8" deep x 12" wide). Set on a small hump in the bottom of the trench and 18" apart. Cover with 3-4" good soil and as the plant grows, fill in the trench. Water and keep weed free!

Don't harvest in the first year to let the crown establish; cut down in Autumn, mulch well, fertilise the next Spring and only cut a very few spears in this second year. The following year there should be plenty and the crown can last up to 20 years. Enjoy!





# Herefordshire Growing Point

## OUTREACH WORKER NEEDED!



Do you have gardening skills? ✨

Are You creative & well organised?

Would you like to make a difference to someone's  
day?

Why not join our team....

We are looking for an outreach tutor to work  
flexible hours each month delivering horticultural  
workshops in care homes across the county.

For more information please call 01432 805705

[WWW.GROWINGPOINT.ORG.UK](http://WWW.GROWINGPOINT.ORG.UK)



# BOSBURY WI

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall**

**TALK: Travel to Armenia, Georgia & Azerbaijan with Penny Platts**



**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall**

**TALK: What is AI? with Prof Mark Whitehorn**

*This is an Open Meeting: all members of the public are most welcome*

*(entry is £4 for non-members)*

If you would like further information about Bosbury WI, who meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall, please contact the Secretary on 01531 641982. Visitors are most welcome.



You are warmly invited to...

## Bosbury Brew Cafe

**Every Tuesday  
@12:00 – 2:30pm  
In Bosbury Church**

Homemade Soup with Bread Rolls  
Toasted Sandwiches  
Cakes and Scones  
Tea and Coffee

Everyone Welcome  
Donations only!

## Bosbury 100 Club

### March Prize Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	64	C Cooke
2 <sup>nd</sup>	35	Peggy Sutherland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	19	P Matthews
	25	S Bosley
	79	C Minton

Paul Davies

100 Club Organiser





## A LETTER FROM LINDE

Dear Friends,

With so much continuous uproar in our world, what I've tried to do this Lent is to limit the amount of news I take in, and instead, do my best to create some still spaces each day. I don't always succeed but I have found this prayer/poem helpful in creating some time to be still & just to listen, putting aside the cacophony of life that clamors constantly for attention.

I hope it helps you too, as we move through Lent to the joys of Easter.

Warm wishes  
Linde

### Listening Day by Stephen Cherry 'Barefoot prayers : A meditation a day for Lent and Easter.'

Lord, let this be a listening day,  
Let me be attentive.

Start me with silence.

Let me put my ear to the breeze,  
the sky, the hum of traffic, distant work.

Let me connect with birdsong, irritating insect  
buzz,  
with school playground in the distance,  
river under bridge, rain on glass.

Let me read the off-stage sounds.  
Let my mind follow my ear.

Help me use the 'off-switch'.  
Ration my exposure to noise.

When I am listening to others, let me  
use my eyes, my heart.  
Let me hear tone of voice, inflection, hesitation.  
Give me the calm that wrinkles the  
stammering thought from the frightened tongue.

When music comes, let me  
enter into its texture, its depths.  
When there is singing, let me hear the soul.  
If there is applause, open me to its energy,  
delight and warmth.

When reading, slow me down, on screen or  
page, from book or report.  
Let me imagine the writer, in haste or in  
deep thought; rushing it off or editing care-  
fully and with sorrow.  
Give me some sense of what lies  
behind the passage I see.  
Let my eyes read between the lines,  
around the words, above  
and below the paragraphs.

Return me to silence again.  
Let me hear my footsteps, my  
heartbeat, my breathing.  
Let me hear your Spirit  
as it broods over all.

By Stephen Cherry 'Barefoot prayers :  
A meditation a day for Lent and Easter.'



## APRIL 2025 SUNDAY SERVICES

	6th April	13th April
	5th Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8 Psalm 126	Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Luke 19.28-40 Psalm 118.19-24
<b>Ashperton</b>	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 CW Parish Communion
<b>Bosbury</b>	6:00pm Evensong	11:00 CW Parish Communion
<b>Canon Frome</b>		
<b>Munsley</b>		9:30 Morning Worship
<b>Stoke Edith</b>	Joint Service with Yarkhill	
<b>Stretton Grandison</b>	9:30 BCP Parish Communion (joined by Ashperton)	
<b>Tarrington</b>	9:30 CW Parish Communion	9:30 CW Parish Communion
<b>Yarkhill</b>	11:00 CW Parish Communion (joined by Stoke Edith)	

### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Our service will be on Thursday, 3rd April at 6pm at Ashperton church

You are most welcome to join us for a service of prayer & reflection

Linde



### Bosbury Sunday Services

Our regular pattern of church services:

1st Sunday Evening Prayer (often sung Evensong) at 6pm

2nd Sunday Parish Communion at 11am

3rd Sunday Café Church at 9.45 for 10.30am

4th Sunday Sung Parish Communion at 9.30am

**Thursday Weekday  
CW Morning Prayer**

8:30am in Bosbury



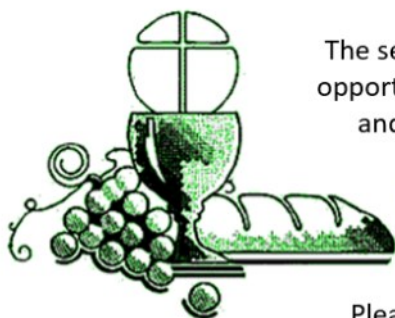
## APRIL 2025 SUNDAY SERVICES

	20th April	27th April
	Easter Day	2nd Sunday of Easter
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Acts 10.34-43</b> or Isaiah 65.17-25 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or <b>Acts 10.34-43</b> John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12 Psalm 118.14-24	<b>Acts 5.27-32</b> Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31 Psalm 150
<b>Ashperton</b>	10:00 Easter Communion	9:30 BCP Parish Communion
<b>Bosbury</b>	11:00 Easter Communion	9:30 CW Parish Communion
<b>Canon Frome</b>	Easter Communion	
<b>Munsley</b>	9:30 Easter Communion	
<b>Stoke Edith</b>	Joint Service with Yarkhill	
<b>Stretton Grandison</b>	Joint Service with Ashperton	
<b>Tarrington</b>	9:30 Easter Communion	11:00 Morning Worship
<b>Yarkhill</b>	11:00 Easter Communion (joined by Stoke Edith)	

## Weekday Communion

The Hop Churches hold a weekday service of Holy Communion in

**Tarrington Church**  
**every Wednesday Morning**  
**at 10am**



The service is followed by refreshments and an opportunity to spend time together with friends and neighbours from across the benefice.

**A warm welcome is extended to everyone**

Please get in touch with Revd Mandy Williams if you require further information or assistance.

07780 586846

mandy.milliams@hopchurches.org.uk



## TRAVEL THROUGH MORE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Date	Location	Time	Service
Monday April 14th	Bosbury	6:00pm	Compline—a short quiet spoken service
Tuesday April 15th	Bosbury	6:00pm	Compline
Wednesday April 16th	Bosbury	6:00pm	Compline
Maundy Thursday	Bosbury	7:00pm	Holy Communion commemorating the Last Supper
Good Friday	Tarrington to Yarkhill	1:30pm	Walk of Witness
Good Friday	Ashperton	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross
Good Friday	Munsley	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross
Good Friday	Bosbury	7:00pm	Taizé service - reflective chants, readings and silence by candle light
Easter Eve	Bosbury	7:00pm	To welcome Easter



There is no  
**BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH**  
 in April as the  
**3rd Sunday (20th) is**

**EASTER DAY!**

**Come & join us for a joyful  
 celebration**



### **NEW HOOPERS CLASSES!**

(Similar to Dog Agility but more accessible)

Classes starting near Bosbury  
 week commencing 21st April 2025  
 Wed/Thurs/Fri evenings or Sat morning  
 £70 for 6 sessions of 1 hour each

Come and try a fun, accessible sport  
 with your dog and build a magical  
 bond between you!

Contact: Julia Shimwell

[Caninemagic123@gmail.com](mailto:Caninemagic123@gmail.com) or

Tel 07854 037808

Also providing

Back to Basics 1-1 training

Tailored Dog Sport 1-1 training

# LOCAL SERVICES

## For a future free from Domestic Abuse

West Mercia Women's Aid are here to support you if you are living with domestic abuse

### Support for Women:

WMWA 24 hour Helpline: 0800 783 1359

Email: [helpline@wmwa.org.uk](mailto:helpline@wmwa.org.uk)

LiveChat: Available Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

### Support for Men:

Men's Domestic Abuse 24 hour Helpline: 0800 014 9082

Email: [mdas@wmwa.org.uk](mailto:mdas@wmwa.org.uk)

LiveChat: Available Monday – Friday 9:00am – 9:00pm

[www.westmerciawomensaid.org](http://www.westmerciawomensaid.org)



## Ledbury Food Bank

**Unit 1, Homend Trading Estate, Ledbury HR8 1AR (next to Ledbury Train Station)**

We are open 10am to 12 noon every Wednesday and Friday and 6pm to 8pm every Thursday evening.

### Contacts:

You can telephone us during opening hours on 07851 283092

Email—[FOOD@LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG](mailto:FOOD@LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG)

[www.LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG](http://www.LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG)

### Donate Food and Toiletries:

Donation trolleys are in Tesco, the Co-Op and One Stop. Also Ledbury Food Bank during opening hours, most churches, Halo Leisure Ledbury and Leadon Bank.

### Volunteer:

The foodbank is run entirely by unpaid volunteers who passionately believe that no one should go hungry, please email for further information.

## Bosbury Post Office

Bosbury Parish Hall, Ledbury HR8 1PX

The mobile Post Office sets up in the foyer of Bosbury Parish Hall every Tuesday afternoon between 15:00 and 16:45 providing the following key services:

Everyday Personal & Business Banking:

Cash Withdrawals; Cash Deposits; Cheque Deposits

Driving:

Vehicle Tax

Travel:

Foreign Currency – Euros Available

Travel Insurance

National Express – Tickets



# WE ARE FARMING MINDS



**We are Farming Minds** registered charity has been set up by farmers for farmers to tackle mental health in the farming community within Herefordshire.

## How can we help?

### 24 Hour Support Line:

We run a **FREE 24 hour Support Line 7 days a week** for farmers and their families within Herefordshire who are feeling distressed and need someone to talk to anonymously.

### Counselling:

We provide **fully funded counselling to anyone in the Herefordshire farming community** who may be in emotional distress.

### Training:

We offer **FREE mental health awareness training** to anyone living or working in or with the farming community in Herefordshire.

### Social Events:

We run a series of **FREE social events throughout the year** to break the isolation often felt by the farming community in Herefordshire.

### Befriending:

Befriending volunteers offer companionship and support to people who are isolated and lonely – they may visit you at home and/or phone for a regular chat. A befriender can offer conversation and a listening ear to those that need it.



'Taking the bull by the horns'  
to tackle Mental Health in  
the farming community

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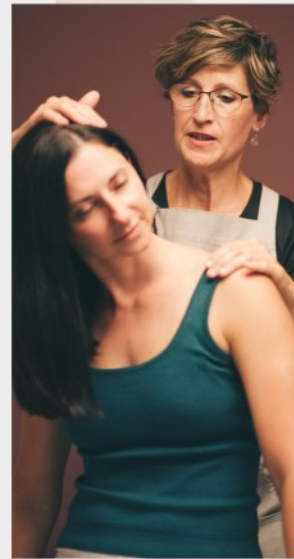
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Parish Council	Date	Time	Location	Meeting Schedule
Ashperton	29/05/25	7:30pm	Ashperton Village Hall	Bi-monthly on the last Thursday of the month
Bosbury & Coddington	03/04/25	7:30pm	Bosbury Parish Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	12/05/25	7:30pm	Munsley Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Stretton Grandison Group incl. Canon Frome	19/05/25	7:30pm	St James Church Canon Frome	Bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month
Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior incl. Stoke Edith	21/05/25	7:30pm	Risbury Village Hall	Bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month
Tarrington	12/05/25	TBC	Lady Emily Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Yarkhill	May TBC	TBC	TBC	Bi-monthly on a Tuesday

*Please check these dates with your Parish Council if you are planning to attend.*

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- If you wish to contribute to the next issue, it would be appreciated if you could ensure that these are sent in by the 15th of the month.
- To ask that you are sent the colour online version each month via a "blind" circulation list.

The newsletter is also published on the Holy Trinity church website, URL address below:

<http://holytrinitybosbury.org/wp/hop-churches-news-2/>



Herewith St. Michael's Hospice series of Open Gardens for this year with several new and amazing gardens to visit in 2025; alongside many regulars.

Bury Court Farmhouse (NEW) in Wigmore kicks off the series with a bang in just under a fortnight. *"Step into this enchanting three-quarters-of-an-acre garden, beautifully surrounding an historic 1820s stone farmhouse."* Pre-book your tickets for just £6 per person or turn up on the day for £7.50.

Other new gardens include Weston Hall, Garden of the Wind, Millfield House and The Vern, all of which add breadth and beauty to their well-established Open Gardens series.

Amongst regulars, they have Courts, Houses, a Rectory and even a Castle for you to visit, whether it's to seek planting inspiration, to view an unusual feature or to gaze at an unseen section of the River Wye or Lugg.

All the gardens are unique; and whether they encompass a sunken garden, deer park, walled garden or local river, they have all been handpicked especially for you to enjoy, whilst supporting St Michael's Hospice. Other features include shady woodland borders, ornamental ponds, a folly and a croquet lawn. You will have to visit them all to find out which feature is where.

They are also hosting two Open Gardens at the Hospice this year. Liam Beddall from David Austin Roses will be doing a talk and demonstration entitled "How To Get The Best From Your English Roses" in June; and July sees the return of last year's Classic Car Show. They are excited to announce that Richard Hammond and The Smallest Cog Team will be in attendance and will be bringing a selection of cars.

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**Easter Sunday Service**

**10.00am**

**Our Service of communion led by Reverend Michael Gallagher.**

**During the Service the Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Churchyard.**

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**Come and share the uplifting joy of Easter.**