



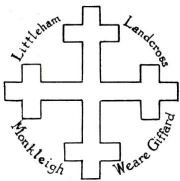
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Coffee & Craft Mornings first Tuesday of every month Monkleigh V.Hall
Coffee Morning Weare Giffard V.Hall every Thursday 10:30 -12pm
Pop-in mornings Littleham Village Hall Thursdays 10:30 - 12:00

Sat 6th Jigsaw Puzzle Swap. W.Giffard Village Hall
Sat 6th Film club. Littleham V.Hall "One Life" 6:30 for 7pm (See P.14)
Sat 6th Takeaway breakfast rolls. W. Giffard V.Hall 10 - Noon (P.21)
Mon 8th Friends Together Lunch 12 for 12:30pm W.Giffard V.Hall
Sat 13th Knit and Natter W.Giffard V.Hall 10 - Noon (P.24)
Sun 14th 6pm Choral Evensong at St Swithun's Littleham
Fri 12th Race Night Littleham Village Hall 7:00pm (See P.15)
Sat 13th Weare Giffard Park Spring Clean 10:00am (SeeP.23)
Wed 17th Bideford Music Club St Mary's Bideford 7:30pm (See P.8)
Thu 18th Weare Giffard Film Club "No time to die" 7:30pm (See P.22)
Fri 19th Bingo. Littleham Village Hall. 7:00pm (See P.13)
Sat 20th Quiz Night Monkleigh Village Hall 7:30pm (See P.19)
Fri 26th Friday Club. Littleham Village Hall 2:00pm (See P.12)



ADVANCE NOTICE MAY

Monday May 6th Bake-Off and Vintage Tea. Littleham V. Hall 3:00pm
(See P.13)

May Crosslet

NOTE: Deadline for contributions: ***10th April***

Please send your emails to: andrewtregoning@btinternet.com

Or phone ☎ 01237 479459

Dear All,

I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Easter. I'm sure a lot of you are still celebrating with family visiting. My family came in Holy Week, because the week after Easter they are getting two new chicks which will have to live in the kitchen for a while to keep them warm and get them used to being handled by the children. Great excitement!

The Church season of Easter runs for 7 weeks until Pentecost on May 19th. It's the time of year when Churches review the previous year and look forward to the coming 12 months. At their APCMs, they will be electing Church Wardens, PCC members, Secretaries and Treasurers etc. But there are always plenty of other jobs to do. So if you're looking for something that is not so time-consuming and doesn't require too much commitment, how about helping with coffee after services, the occasional flower arranging, a bit of church cleaning, joining the bell ringers or the 4 Parish choir, or helping keep the churchyards looking great? (We are Giffard urgently needs churchyard volunteers now that Bernard has left.)

As we are now in an inter-regnum (between vicars) the pattern of services will stay the same and will be covered by clergy from St. Mary's – one of the blessings of being part of a Mission Community. So we will be delighted to welcome Claire, Robin, Kevin, Madeline and Alan at various times over the next months.

On the back of the magazine, you'll find a list of all the services for the month. If you haven't tried some of them, you might like to 'give them a go'. There's Taize at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month, and in both April and May, there will be Choral Evensongs at 6pm on the second Sundays.

Meanwhile, I hope that by the time you read this, (I'm writing at the beginning of March!) the weather will have improved and be warmer and drier. I think a lot of us are longing to be able to get out into our gardens or walk our dogs without both us and the dog needing a bath when we get back!



God bless.

Sarah

APCM Dates

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings are when the PCC and Churchwardens for each parish are elected. They are open meetings and any members of the public are free to attend. This year our APCM dates are as follows:-

Tuesday April 16th Landcross 1.30 pm in the Church
Tuesday April 23rd Littleham 10.30 a.m. in the Church
Wednesday May 1st Weare Giffard 10.30 am in the Church
Monkleigh - tbc

Next 5 Parish Choral Evensong



With Annual General Meetings at church in mind...

It was not an accident that 17 of the 36 parables of our Lord had to do with property and stewardship. - William James Dawson

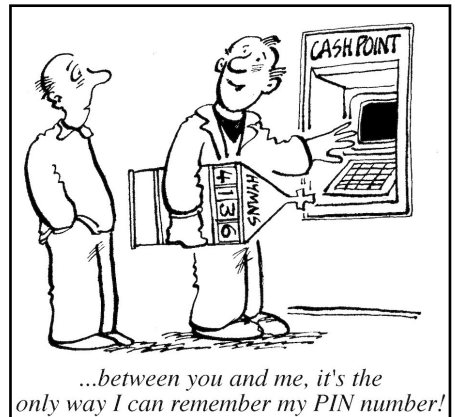
Don't stay away from church because there are so many hypocrites. There's always room for one more. - A R Adams

With the coming General Election in mind...

Common sense isn't. - Anon

There are two sides to every question, and a politician usually takes both. - Anon

A politician thinks of the next election, a statesman of the next generation. - Anon





Torrington Rotary Club

Our club welcomes Torrington's Mayor, Cllr. Doug Smith, to our meeting on Tuesday 21st May at our usual venue, Torrington Golf Club. We're looking forward to hearing the latest Council news about town activities, fairs etc. Our club meets for dinner at 6.30pm (£15 for main course & dessert) and non-members are very welcome. Rotary is about friendship as well as fundraising for local (and overseas) good causes, so our social club nights are always fun and entertaining. Please email Mel Butler smell19@hotmail.com if you'd like to come along. Our other meetings in April and May are on Tuesday 9th April, Tuesday 23rd April and Tuesday 7th May.

Following the success of the inaugural 'Open Gardens' event last summer, when we raised over £1000 for the Bickford Centre, we're working again this year with Torrington in Bloom and RHS Rosemoor for a second 'Open Gardens Day' this summer – Sunday 16 June. Entry will include free admittance to RHS Rosemoor too.... But we need your help! Our charity this year will be Torrington Foodbank, so if you'd like to help us and have a garden, large or small which could be open to the public, please contact our President Stephen Saywell for further details :-

stephenhsaywell@hotmail.com.

4P Choir dates

April

- 5th Practice for Evensong Littleham 2.30pm
- 12th Practice for Evensong Littleham 2.30pm
- 14th Choral Evensong Littleham 6pm service. Practice 4pm



From the Parish Registers

Nothing to report this month.

Families are welcome to send in a full obituary for a loved one.

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Bideford Music Club

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Come and take advantage of an opportunity to hear the bassoon given centre stage.

2 singing opportunities for 2024 at The Plough Arts Centre

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Heartsong: First Sunday of the month (not Aug or Sept) 2pm - 4.15pm
'Heartsong' is a brand NEW monthly harmony singing group on the first Sunday of the Month, at the Plough Arts Centre with the inspirational Alison Whittall (former leader of Ploughcappella). With a candle in the centre and compassion in our hearts, we are invited to sing together a cappella in a way that is both powerful and restful. Join Alison in songs of peace, freedom & joy.

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Life on the Yeo – Otters and a Mink

Rob Reed



Over the fourteen years that I've lived in the valley I've seen otters some 6 times, but much more frequently find their evidence – droppings otherwise known as scat. Last year for a number of weeks there was an accumulation close to a large ash tree undercut by the river's flow by our garden - I guess a temporary holt though I never caught sight of him.



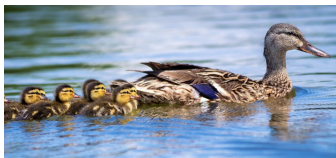
But first the American Mink. It must be stated mink are an invasive species recklessly released from mink farms and a registered pest and by law if caught must be "dispatched". Now I've always had a sneaking admiration for mink having watched them hunt in Iceland and Scotland. However when it comes to having one on *my* river, eating *my* birds and *my* fish!!! (well to be more accurate Charlie Withecombe's as he gave permission to fish from his banks – many thanks Charlie). One year I repeatedly saw a mink, once with an eel (please note an increasingly threatened species) as long as itself. The little critter was well aware of my presence but equally aware of that he was much more in his element than I and showing utter contempt for me! Mink really are cocky characters. A few days later I was by the river and there he was again, in and out of the water and the rocks (well, dumped concrete debris from repairs to the Bideford Long Bridge to be precise). I watched him and he watched me then continued his business, occasionally casting a glance to check where I was – cheeky devil!

The last time I saw the mink I was fishing and he was moving upstream of me – I let him move upstream hoping that he hadn't wiped out the trout. To my surprise when not only did he return downstream but, I kid you not, ran right over my foot! Well I had been standing heron-like, rod in hand. I attempted to give chase with my landing net, but as I said, he was in his element and I was not. Fortunate really, as otherwise he'd have made a right old mess of my prized net and probably a worse mess of my equally prized right hand! For not only are mink confoundingly cocky they're also pretty ferocious! Any way that was the last of saw of the mink – I'm guessing that he tried tangling with the much larger otter – and otters don't much care for competition on their patch. Saved from the moral dilemma of admiration and justified wildlife law by probably my favourite wild creature.

It's a funny thing that the sight of a mink makes most fishermen see red, but the sight of an otter sends us weak at the knees (well, these days anyway), despite being much larger with an appetite to match. So onto some treasured "ottery" moments.

The first I recall was when I was sitting by the river with Cathy and her old dog Tubby. I remember seeing a broad brown head and sinuous tail swimming upstream towards us and me stage whispering "OTTER". I took my eyes away for a moment to grab Tubby's collar on the off chance that he had the unexpected wit to know what an otter was and fancied taking on the role of the Devonian otter hound. And that was it – the big male otter did a Houdini – not even a ripple to show where he'd been. Later that year I saw him (well likely the same one given how territorial they are) swimming down river – this time I had a camera handy and managed a couple of not very good photos. Of course once he'd sensed me and carried on downstream completely underwater preventing any better pictures.

A few years later I was standing in the garden admiring the view up the valley when I noticed large swirls in the river beneath me – wow I thought, that's a large fish! Then I saw them – a mother and kit fishing in the back water. Round about that time I was wading up upstream near the house, caught a couple of small trout and was feeling pretty chipper. Then a swirl and an otter emerged onto the concrete blocks dumped on the bank and ran upstream. To my amazement the trout continued to rise, seemingly undisturbed by their nemesis.



One of most interesting sightings that Mari and I saw was a couple of years ago. We were enjoying the view of a duck and her many ducklings when a large dog otter appeared – the mother duck went ballistic – making a right old fuss, flapping and playing wounded to distract the otter from her easily taken brood. To our surprise the otter completely ignored the vulnerable youngsters and continued to determinedly plough upstream through the riffles – we thought that he must have had something else on his mind - and it wasn't food!

My most exciting encounter was last year. I was wading upstream where there is a large pool discharging into a deeper narrow stretch of faster water. A large bow wave appeared on the pool – my first thought was "I'd never be able to land that fish" when I noticed a trail of bubbles – OTTER!! It turned downstream towards me – when it was just a couple of feet from me (no exaggeration!) it stuck its head out of the water, saw me (with the usual look of surprise that otters always have) panicked and disappeared in a cloud of sediment and that was it. A youngster but old enough to have been abandoned by its mother. The highlight of the day, well month!

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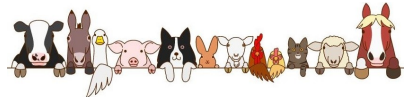
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LANDCROSS

Services this month:-

This month's Taize service is on Thursday April 4th at 7.00 pm.

Celtic Communion is on Sunday 14th April at 11:00 am

Do come and join us if you can!

April

Who?!

Seen in a West Country church: Whenever I see a little church, I always pay a visit. So when at last I'm carried in, the Lord won't ask 'Who is it?'

Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

LANDCROSS & LITTLEHAM



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Following on from our Brunch in March, the next exciting event is:



FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 7.30

BYO tippie or buy your own from a selection in the bar.

Tea/Coffee and nibbles provided

And next: Why not spend an idyllic bank holiday Monday savouring some proper, very local home baking?

Bake Off and Vintage Afternoon Tea Monday 6th May 3 p.m.



A free to enter competition serving three tiers of homemade bakes, cakes and goodies for 6 people. One savoury tier (sausage rolls, quiche, sandwiches/rolls etc), one tier of 6 scones plus jam and cream, and a sweet treats tier (cakes, biscuits, mini desserts). The baked items must be completely made from scratch, sandwich fillings can be bought and jam may be homemade or purchased. Food can be presented on 3 tier plates or on stands of your own design. Entries will be judged, prior to guests arriving, by experienced aficionados Morris Poole and Patricia Smith.

Tickets to savour these delicious Bake Off entries on tables of 6 **must be pre-booked.** Tickets for children under 12 are £5, and adult tickets are £7.50 or £10 with an added glass of chilled prosecco. Book early to avoid disappointment.

To register your baking entry or to book dining tickets please contact: Debbie at the Meadows debjen@duck.com or Shauna at Lark Rise shaunapalmer@btinternet.com

FETE - Saturday 6th July 1.30. A good selection of stalls and attractions have already been booked. Please note, we will not be having a bric- a- brac stall this year, but please start saving books, plants, bottles and tombola items. Of course, your delicious cakes will be most welcome. To enable us to provide as many stalls and attractions as possible, we need manpower. If you could spare half an hour or more on the day, this would enable us to share the load. Also, the loan of gazebos would provide much needed shelter to our willing helpers.

LITTLEHAM FILM AND SOCIAL CLUB



March's film was a spectacular assault to our senses. The audience enjoyed the musical "Wonka" with the talented Timothee Chalamet and Hugh Grant.

Our April 6th film is "One Life" – Starring Anthony Hopkins and the brilliant Helena Bonham Carter - A thought provoking and very moving film, based on the true story of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton as he looks back on his past efforts to help groups of Jewish children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia.

As always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 6th April. £15 subscription pays for the whole season's films until December 2024 or pay in 3 x instalments of £5.00, after which all films are free - £1.50 per film. A well-stocked Bar, a glorious raffle, free tea, coffee and biscuits in the interval, £1 ice creams, tall seats on the back two rows and a warm welcome will greet you. Come early if you like to sit in the front and benefit from the sub-titles. Hoping to see you on 6th April, Sue, the Film Committee and our Wonderful Volls (**07716855079** or **07425392731** for more information).

Grass Cutting Rota for St Swithun's

During March as the grass tends to start to grow quickly, depending on the weather, anybody who can make it is welcome to join myself Alf, Steve and Andy to make a start.



April 2024 Wilf Smith Alf Lee Geoff Pengelly
Steve Whinney Andy Longstaff

My thanks to everyone for volunteering to go on the Rota, if you are unable to take your turn please exchange with someone else on the list or contact me.

The Mowers, Strimmer and everything else connected are now in the new Shed at the top left side of the Churchyard. Please check oil level on the Rotary Mowers before starting.

I shall be keeping the two stroke mixture available let me know however if it's getting low please

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LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist chapel on the 14th April with Mr. D. Watson and on the 28th April with Mrs Potter at 10.30 am

100 Club March Winners!

The March draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on March 15th drawn by Tricia Footman

The results were as follows:-

First prize	60 Sandy Craske
Second Prize	73 Emily Cox
Third Prize	44 Peter Headon



Race Night
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Race Night Friday April 12th

“And they’re Off!”

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There will be a raffle, bar and burger van on site and canapes are provided for free.

It should be a great evening. Bring your friends and enjoy an evening at the races all in the comfort of the Village Hall! *Andrew*

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL.

Dear Residents

The Council welcomed Luke Batty as a new Member of the Council at its meeting on 7th March. Luke lives in Landcross and will fill the vacancy for this Ward. There remains a vacancy to represent Littleham.



The Council will be arranging the Annual Parish Meeting (this is not a Council Meeting but a meeting of residents) towards the end of May. Hopefully we will get a senior Devon County Council Highways Officer to talk about the budget difficulties and the future strategy to improve the condition of our roads. More information when this has been confirmed. Kind regards

David Edwards (Clerk to the Council)

tel: ☎ **07527441577**

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Information on the Council can always be found on its Website: littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk

Prostate Cancer Testing Station

Unfortunately the uptake on this hasn't been sufficient to take the idea forward.

Thursday Mornings

The Thursday Morning Get -Togethers continue at 10.30am at Littleham Village Hall. If you fancy borrowing a book or DVD, or having a natter and a cuppa, we'd love to see you. *Tricia*

What headstones are for

In the 1950s, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, visited the church of Scotland in Dumfries. As she was walking through the graveyard after the service, she asked the Lord Provost who was with her, why the headstones were so large? He replied "To hold them doon, Ma'am."



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or any of the choir members

MONKLEIGH



Hello from The Bell Inn, Monkleigh

As spring pokes its head round the corner and the garden starts to take up more of our time, we also have some fun activities planned for April to enjoy! Here are some dates for your diaries:

Sunday 31 March – our big fat Easter Sunday quiz! Starting at 6pm, a bit of quizzing fun with an Easter theme. Teams of up to 6 people, £2 per head entry.

Saturday 6 April – carvery and music bingo. Finish the Easter holidays in style with our carvery and music bingo night! Just £20 per head for your meal and 3 games of bingo, with cash prizes from £50 to over £100 for each game! Booking is essential, as we always fill up. You can also just come for the bingo at £6 per head, but please let us know you're coming.

Wednesday 10 April – a wine tasting quiz with our local supplier Sovereign wines. For just £20 per head, you will get to sample 9 wines whilst answering questions about them, with the winner taking home a bottle to enjoy! Hosted by Patrick, who will also share his knowledge and expertise as we go along. Snacks to help soak up the liquid will also be provided!

Wednesday 17 April – monthly pub quiz from 7pm. Teams of up to 6 people, £2 per person entry.

Saturday 27 April – another of our popular carvery and music bingo nights!

There will likely be more to add to the dates above, so watch our socials and website for more information. Don't forget as well our regular Chatty Cafes on Saturdays, half price steak nights on Thursdays and movie nights once a month on Sundays.

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Problem

I don't have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it.

Beyond

I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

Age

Everyone else my age is an adult, whereas I am merely in disguise. -

Monkleigh Village Hall News

Just a little update from the hall.

As you may be aware our tabletop sale fell on the worse day ever as the heavens opened, and the Rain lash down! so although our stall holders braved the weather most of the potential customers stayed indoors. Nonetheless a few items were sold, and the hot rolls and drinks went well. So, a really big thank you to that came along. We will give it another try very soon.

Coffee and Craft Mornings



Our craft and chat mornings are well underway on the first Tuesday of every month. Please do join us with your craft of choice, or if not for crafting then just for a cuppa and a natter. We meet at 10am in the hall. The morning is free, we just ask for a small donation for any materials used. If you would like any more information, please ring:-

Penny on ☎ **07929734757**
or Lyn on ☎ **01237 429012**



Quiz Night- 20th April – 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

This is not Mastermind! Just a fun and social quiz.

✦ £4 per person with teams of up to 6. There will be a Chilli Super to purchase and of course a raffle, and we hope lots of laughs. BYOB.

Please book with Lyn on ☎ **01237 429012**

Save the date: Eco Fair – 8th June, more details to follow

We have a couple more events in the planning stages, one of which will feature our newly revamped and heated skittle ally. more info to follow as the events get finalised.

Last but by no means least we have to say goodbye to our secretary Penny. We would like to thank her for all she has done on the committee. Stay safe and well,

Monkleigh Village Hall Committee

Monkleigh School



Thursday 7th March was World Book Day. We celebrated this day by dressing up as a favourite character or bringing in our favourite book.

We had lots of amazing characters in School including Staff.

Not sure we found Wally!

Tracey Wilson PE lead

Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)

Tel: ☎ 01805 623269

Monkleigh Mobile Library Timetable 2024

Wednesday Jan 10 Feb 7 Mar 6 **Apr 3** May 1, 29 Jun 26
Jul 24 Aug 21 Sep 18 Oct 16 Nov 13 Dec 11

Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Monkleigh	Village Hall	13:45	14:15



Rolled

From a church magazine: "The restoration of the churchyard was finally completed by the resurfacing of our driveway. The following Sunday, the church wardens praised everyone who had helped, and gave special thanks to the vicar and his wife who had rolled in the gravel."

Those typos in the church newsheet...

The church's AGM will be held on 22nd April.

While the pastor is on holiday, massages can be given to the church secretary.

More sinners wanted for the choir.

WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Weare Giffard Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall AGM will take place

on Wednesday 17th April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come and along, whether on the committee or not, but if you fancy joining the team and helping out you'd be more than welcome. Many thanks *Kev Richards Chair WGVH.*

Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery March results

Village Hall Lottery was not drawn in March . Two lots will be drawn at The Breakfast Rolls on Sat 6 April. All welcome

Breakfast Roll Ladies



Plates

Weare Giffard Village Hall has lots of large pretty plates left over from previous functions such as the Queen's Jubilee. If you would like them back, please contact a committee member or phone Jenny on :-

☎ 01237 479594.

Jigsaw puzzle swap

Jigsaw puzzles will be available to swap at the breakfast rolls on 6th April.

If you would like to bring a puzzle to swap with our stock and even bring it back to swap for another puzzle the following month and so on you are welcome. If you don't have a jigsaw puzzle to swap you can buy one for a donation.

Tracy Lees

Takeaway/Eat in Breakfast Rolls

Saturday April 6th

10 till noon

Weare Giffard Village Hall



Weare Giffard Film Club



Thursday 18th April, 7.30pm start



April's film; No Time To Die (PG 2011) Calling James Bond fans!

After leaving active service, James Bond has decided to lead a peaceful life in Jamaica. However a call from an old friend triggers a treacherous confrontation where Bond sacrifices all in the name of love. The cast stars Daniel Craig, Rani Malek, Lashana Lynch and Lea Seydoux.

No Time To Die is supposedly Daniel Craig's fifth and last Bond performance and he definitely gives it his all. No Time To Die is most certainly star studded and action packed.

We are Weare Giffard Film Club and we meet each month in our village hall. Doors open 7pm onwards. Entry is £5 per person or free if you have paid a £15 annual membership.

For membership information details contact maryrichards@live.co.uk

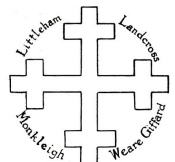
Barton Farm Concert

Barton Farm are hosting a concert by the Rolling Stones Tribute Band on July 13th to raise money for 5 different charities. Don't forget to keep the date!

Friends Together Lunches - Weare Giffard

Our next lunch is on Monday April 8th 12 o'clock for 12.30.
All welcome and please bring your friends as well

More information from Pat on ☎ **01237 424917**
or Jen on ☎ **01237 479594.**



Weare Giffard Park Spring Clean

Hello, as the weather is starting to improve, we are working on getting Weare Giffard Park into great shape for the summer ahead.



As well as the planting of some new trees this weekend - one of which has been kindly donated by the Weare Giffard WI - we will be doing a Spring Clean on Saturday 13 April from 10am.

Refreshments will be provided, and we have some equipment for people to use, but it would be great if you could bring any rakes, strimmers, buckets, cloths and (hand) hedge trimmers. Even if you don't have the above, no matter as there are plenty of jobs to do. The main things to sort out are the car park, banks of the stream, bridge, balance beam and play equipment.

Please let us know on the Facebook pages for Weare Giffard Community or Weare Giffard Park and Recreation if you can help out, so we have an idea of numbers for the refreshments on the day.

Many thanks, *Austen - Chair - Weare Giffard Park & Recreation*



“LAST OF THE SUMMER WALKS”. WEARE GIFFARD

I am toying with making this the last year of offering these history walks of Weare Giffard, partly my age and partly thinking there may not be a demand. However, I am happy to float the idea that I would be prepared to offer 2 or 3 walks, covering the central village and Annery Kiln area (not Sea Lock), but with prior ‘registration of interest’. These short walks would be over the late Spring /Summer period, usually either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and lasting around 2 hours, with a small donation towards The Weare Giffard Oral History Project (more on that in a future Crosslet!).

So at this stage, I would ask anyone who would like to attend one or more of these walks, to ring me expressing an interest, and if sufficient numbers, I would attempt to find a date/time to suit most, if not all. If required, I can also send you more details of each walk.

So please do ring me – Keith Hughes ☎ **01237 475168**, and at this stage simply to express your interest, without commitment. If out leave your name and Telephone contact number please.

	<h3><u>Knit and Natter</u></h3> <p>Saturday April 13th 10 till Noon £4 includes drink, cake, raffle Weare Giffard Village Hall</p>	
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Monday Jan 22 Feb 19 Mar 18 **Apr 15** May 13 Jun 10
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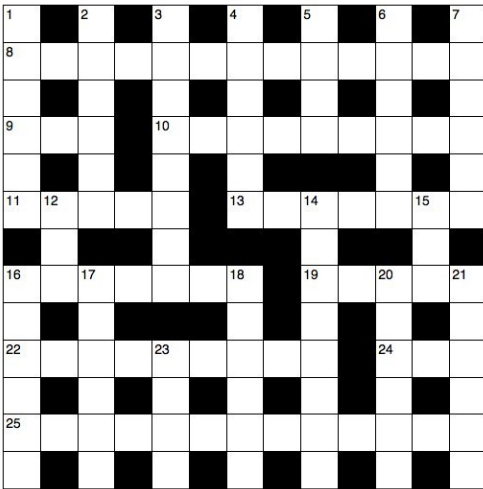
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Weare Giffard	Village Hall	9:30	10:00



Our pastoral visiting team 2024

If you would like a visit from one of our friendly team members or know someone who does then please call Sarah Cordingley
☎ **01237 471441**

April Crossword



ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

**Answers in May
Crosslet**

DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Crossword Solution March

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Sty. e.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

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	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal Service Time	9.30 am	11 am	9.30 am	11 am
Thursday 4th April				Taize *7.00pm April Saltmarsh
Sunday 7th April 2 nd Sunday after Easter			Morning Praise Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1: 1 – 2:2 John 20: 19 - end	
Sunday 14th April 3 rd Sunday after Easter				Celtic Communion Acts 3: 12 – 19 1 John 3: 1 – 7 Luke 24: 36b - 48
Sunday 21st April 4 th Sunday after Easter		Parish Communion Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3: 16 – end John 10: 11-18	Parish Communion Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3: 16 – end John 10: 11-18	
Sunday 28th April 5 th Sunday after Easter		Morning Praise Acts 8: 26 – end 1 John 4: 7 – end John 15: 1 - 8		Holy Communion Acts 8: 26 – end 1 John 4: 7 – end John 15: 1 - 8

Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist chapel on the 14th April with Mr. D. Watson and on the 28th April with Mrs Potter at 10.30 am

**Need to talk? It doesn't matter if you attend church or not,
we are here for you.**

Contact the Team Rector, Rev'd Claire on 01237 475765