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# Mortimer Village News

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

**MAKE A NOTE—  
6TH SEPT 2014**

**WIGMORE SUMMER FETE**

**VILLAGE HALL AND  
ST JAMES' CHURCH**

**SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS.....!  
(AND ON THE ENCLOSED FLIER)**

## News from:

### Wigmore

#### Summer Fete

#### Roses Pop Up Vintage Tea room

You may have come across this great idea at the Vinnalls in Mortimer Forest at the weekends.

We have asked them to come along to our fete on the 6th Sept and serve you with teas.

You have a choice of a cream tea or an afternoon tea and both of these offerings are at half price!

You may book a table at a specific time if you wish by contacting Roses Tea Room on 01547 540504 or 07944976563.

The reduced prices are £2.50 and £4.00 respectively.



### Leinthall Starkes

A reunion for past members of Wigmore and Leinthall Starkes WI is planned for Saturday, October 4th 2014 at The Castle Inn, Wigmore at 11am. Coffee and cakes will be available for £3.50. We would love to see as many past members as possible and if anyone has any old photographs or other memorabilia, please bring them along. Wigmore WI was formed in 1923 but was disbanded in 1998, due to dwindling membership, and by then it was called Wigmore and Leinthall Starkes WI. For further details, please contact 01568 770444 or 01568 770528.

As part of the Festival of Churches which this year runs from September 6 -21st, afternoon tea will be served at Leinthall Starkes Church on September 7th from 2 -5pm. Proceeds will be shared between Leinthall Starkes Church and Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust.

#### Coming soon!

Have you wondered what parish councils do and what responsibilities and powers they have?

In our next issue an explanation of their roles in our community and what they can and cannot do!

Fascinating reading!

## **Wigmore Summer Fete—Saturday**

**6th Sept 2014**

### **Wigmore Village Hall and Church**

#### **Village Hall**

Community shop and local produce displays

Children's face painting

Children's mask painting

School writing competition displays

Short story competition displays— a Kindle Fire to the winner

Roses Pop Up Vintage Tea Room—in VH car park

Neighbourhood Plan displays—your chance to comment

Kemble Housing—information

Rolling photo display of Wigmore—ancient and modern

In the evening a BISTRO supplied by the Castle Inn

Choice of two course meal with a drink for just £5—must be booked in advance—limited numbers!

Cash bar, music and a raffle

Limerick competition—winner gets a sitting for a portrait from Ivan Jones

#### **St James Church**

Bell ringing performance

Local craft exhibition

- Pottery - Leatherman—Stone carving - Lino Cutter
- Art Cards and framed prints

Climb the renovated bell tower and collect your Certificate!

Hunt the History competition for children

Refreshments available coffee/tea/cakes/savoury and soft drinks

Recital of 18th Century organ music by Igor Kennaway

Book launch—Wigmore Times

Prize Giving; school and short story competitions

Moon Carrot performances—remember them from last year?

- Victorian Punch and Judy and
- Guignol - French story with a few French phrases!



## Neighbourhood Planning

### Update—Aug 2014

- Grant application to cover cost of the NP process submitted—**GRANT AWARDED**
- A planning consultant has now been identified to assist in the compilation of the plan—initial meeting held—**CONSULTANT APPOINTED & FIRST MEETING held**
- A draft Plan has been compiled and is now being reviewed by the forum.—**COMPLETED**
- An open village meeting is scheduled for June 17th in the Village Hall with opportunities for residents to have a further say on issues such as housing, tourism, roads, community buildings etc—**DONE AND COMMENTS INCORPORATED**
- The draft Plan will be updated based on the open meeting outcomes—**UNDERWAY.**
- Residents will then have a further opportunity to review this Plan and suggest any final amendments on Sat 6th Sept in the village hall
- The parish council will discuss the draft document with the local authority
- An independent planning consultant will review the document
- If the document is satisfactory the LA will arrange a local referendum
- If the referendum outcome is positive then the plan will be accepted.

### ***h.Art Week***

*h.Art Week 2014 will take place from 6th to 14th September. Established some 12 years ago, h.Art is a prestigious annual event across Herefordshire, with a huge variety of art on show with at least 16 different media, 250 individual artists and 100 different venues across the whole county. With the vast majority free to visitors, h.Art promises a fun day out in one of England's most beautiful counties as well as the chance to go on the famous*

*h.Art Trail.*

*For more information go to*

*[h-art.org.uk](http://h-art.org.uk)*

## **Are you a creative writer? Fancy winning a Kindle Fire HD?**



Why not enter our writing competition on the 6th Sept as part of the Wigmore Fete taking place in the village hall and St James Church?

We would like you to imagine what the tower on the church might have seen during one of the following periods – 1320's during the lifetime of Roger Mortimer, or 1640's the time of the Civil War, or the 1900's during the Victorian era.

**But please note – not more than 500 words (approx 2 sides of A4).**

You may be as imaginative as you would like – we are not looking for an historical essay but a piece of creative writing.....!

There are two groups for entry – under 12 years and 12 years plus.

Prizes are –

under 12 years - a £25 voucher,

12 years and over - a Kindle Fire HD

All entries to be submitted to Bryan Casbourne either by email or in writing by Sat 30th August 2014. Alternatively they may be left in the village shop in the box marked COMPETITION ENTRIES.

**REMEMBER—closing date is Sat 30th August 2014**

# MORTIMER *Village News*

## Mortimer Stores

### WE NEED YOU TO HELP US IN THE SHOP

**We are actively seeking volunteers to help in the shop**

**We would like you to offer 2 hours per fortnight—there are regular slots available or if you prefer you can pick and choose from gaps in our weekly rotas.**

**Its fun, you meet lots of the locals, and its not difficult!**



Yes we do sell bread and veg,  
but do you know what else we  
do?



- Takes in your small parcels when you are out at work
- Orders things you would like to have but don't want to go into Ludlow or Leominster
- Sells tickets for local shows
- Offers a listening ear for those who would like a chat or a moan
- Offers you a coffee if you feel a little bit down
- Provides directions to delivery people who are looking for your hide-a-way cottage
- Keeps an eye on those older folk who may not be so nimble nowadays
- Carries your shopping home if it is a little too heavy
- Displays your favourite arm chair for sale
- Provides cardboard boxes for our local hoarders and movers
- Cuts up cucumbers if you only want a smaller piece!
- Special orders for meats and speciality breads.
- Free book exchange.
- More? Well you need to tell us what you would like to see.

**It is your shop—the community owns the shop and it is run on your behalf by elected volunteers.**

**If you would like something different please tell us—we are always willing to listen!**

## Community Speedwatch Scheme

These schemes are being set up to try to combat speeding in local communities. Groups of the general public will be trained by members of the Police and their support staff in the use of radar speed detection equipment. There is to be a group formed in Wigmore which will be the second started in this part of the West Mercia Police area. The first meeting for potential members of this group has already taken place and a date for the first training session has been set. The members of the group will monitor vehicles travelling through the village and then a report will be given to the Police regarding any excessive speeding observed. The Police will then write to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. Stronger action will be taken against persistent offenders. The main objective of this scheme is to deter speeding rather than just catching speeding vehicles. Signs will be placed either side of the locality of the operating group acting under the scheme, hoping that drivers will slow down in the future rather than be reported as offenders. Please note that statistics show that 90% of people given speeding tickets live within 10 kilometres of where they were caught, so remember it is locals who are likely to be involved.

**Please do not let it be you caught speeding.**

Victor Harnett (Wigmore Group Parish Councillor)



## Funding for the parish

A good month for the parish in respect of further funding for projects.

The Lottery Heritage Fund has approved our application for £7000 for the Wigmore Times—our book of residents' photos and memories.

Awards for All have provided £4650 towards our summer event to promote our Neighbourhood Plan and launch our Wigmore Time Line book.

## Wigmore Group Parish Council

The group parish council meets every 2nd Monday in the month (other than August) at Wigmore Village Hall. Why not come along and have your say about anything you would like to discuss about your village? The meetings start at 8pm and residents have their opportunity at the beginning of the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting you can always contact the parish clerk, Linda Henry, and ask for a topic to be included on the agenda, or you can write in. On some topics such as roads and speeding, you can discuss the issue but please do not expect a simple answer in reply. Many of these issues are outside the control of the parish but can be referred up to the county council or other authority.

## **New class for the Autumn Term at Seven Stars Dance**

Seven Stars Dance, which holds classes at Wigmore Village Hall on Mondays after school, are offering the chance to learn tap dance from September. Children (and adults!) are welcome to come along and have a go. The Autumn Term starts on Monday 8th September and the new timetable is as follows:

- 3.45 - 4.15 - Junior Dance Club (3 -5 years)
- 4.15 - 5.00 - Grade 1 Ballet
- 5.00 - 5.45 - Grade 2 Ballet
- 5.45 - 6.15 - Beginners Tap
- 6.15 - 6.45 - Senior Dance Club (6 years +)

All enquiries please to Sophie on 07962 103005 or sevenstarsdance@hotmail.co.uk

## **An explanation for the previous quiz question!**

OK so this last question was more difficult—we know there are residents who immediately spring into Google and uncover the answers before the ink has dried! So this time we deliberately omitted alternate numbers to fool the system!

The answer is that the numbers we showed are all in the sequence of pi—the ratio of the diameter of a circle to its circumference. A sequence of numbers that do not repeat themselves—at least within the first 1 million numbers! But then I'm sure you all knew that!!!

So the answer was—58 in the first sequence and 95 in the second one.

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## **Police information**

You can check local crime statistics by going to:

[www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

and inputting your post code for information on reported crimes in and around your area. Alternatively you can go to:

[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

for a wider range of information on policing activities in and around our county.

## **Your parish councillors are:**

### **Wigmore**

Vic Harnett – Vice Chair – 770445

Anne Gilbert – 770750

David Gardiner – 770446

Bryan Casbourne – 770155

### **Leinthall Starkes**

Graham Probert – Chair – 770543

Charles Poole – 07974772850

### **Elton**

Andrew Morgan – 07977140471

### **Pipe Aston**

Clare Major – 770588

### **County Councillor**

Olwyn Barnett – 01544 267289

### **Parish Clerk**

Linda Henry – 01584 878865 – note new tel no.

Email: linda-henry@live.co.uk

## Wigmore Baby and Toddler Group

is a fast growing group led by parents. We aim to provide fun based sessions where children can interact with each other, play games and learn from each other. There is also the opportunity for parents/guardians to get to know others, have the enjoyment of watching their young ones making friends and enjoy a refreshment.



The group was previously lottery funded which enabled the group to establish itself and get to where it is now. The whole group would like to thank Angela Stewart and Viv Jackson who worked very hard to get the grant accepted and purchase the new equipment.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all who supported our

fundraiser on 22nd March, where we raised an outstanding amount of £636.00. We also thank the school for allowing us to have a table at their midsummer fete, where we raised a further £32.00. All monies have purchased outdoor activities, arts and crafts equipment, puzzles and many new wooden toys to support the children with their motor skills.

Having the facilities within Mortimer Enterprise Centre enables us to have more than one session each week.

We are currently open;

Monday 1pm – 3pm

Thursday 1pm – 3pm

Friday 9am – 11 am

With the group growing there is the option to extend out to other days, when required on a demand basis.

Only charging £1.50 a session, with the additional bonus of paying only a £1 on a Friday if Monday and Thursday sessions were attended.

We have great facilities with;

Built in Ball Pit/ Soft Play Room/ Outdoor Swing/ Slide Equipment/ Ride on Cars/ Games/ Sandpit/ Art and Craft Equipment/ Baby and Sensory Toys/ Mega Blocks/ Large Lego/ Dressing Up Clothes and more.

We aim to provide all we can for the children to the best of our ability as parents. All are welcome from Bump to 4 years old.

# MORTIMER *Village*

## EARLY WEATHER WARNING ...

A reminder to all of you as the weather worsens toward the end of the year ...

If you live alone, do take the time to inform your neighbours of your movements over the winter months – this is just a precaution, but could be a life-saver. The number of a contactable relative could be made available in the event of an emergency.

If you have not seen a neighbour for a while, take the time to pay particular attention to some simple signs:

Do the lights come on at night? Do the curtains get drawn? Is the rubbish out?

There may be an accumulation of mail under their door, or more milk bottles than normal on their doorstep. If you have any reason to suspect that your neighbour might be in need of help, knock on the door to check that they are alright, don't assume that someone else is looking after them, or that they are spending time away from home.

You might be the person that saves a life ... or you may be the one needing help.

## IT courses

We now have broadband installed in the village hall and it has already been used by some local groups and residents. Courses on various aspects of the web and emails etc are now planned to start on the 17th Sept at 2pm in the village hall. These will be run by Herefordshire Council and hosted in Wigmore by CAMEO. If you are interested in attending then please contact our parish clerk, Linda Henry, who can provide you with more details. The courses are free to residents.

## SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, BOOK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!



"sensational guitarist" - Jazz Rag Magazine  
"he is a tremendously gifted young player" John Etheridge

"The standard of playing is stunning... 5/5" -  
Guitar Techniques Magazine

Supper with music by the Remi Harris Trio  
An evening at Wigmore Village Hall  
Fund raising event in aid of St. James  
Church, Wigmore

Numbers will be limited, so be prepared to  
book in advance.

Details on notice boards near you in  
October.

## Our village hall

We are always looking for ideas on how our village hall may be used for social events or meetings and welcome any suggestions.

If you would like to come and have a look at the hall with a view to booking, or would like any information about the above,

**please contact:**

**Jenny Johnson on 01568 770162**  
**email [jenny5johnson@gmail.com](mailto:jenny5johnson@gmail.com)**

## **Wigmore and District Gardening Club**

In spite of torrential rain, we had a most enjoyable car trip to Highnam Court near Gloucester on Wednesday 4th June. The head gardener gave us a fascinating guided tour of this huge and beautiful garden, which is being restored to its Victorian heyday by the current owner. We were able to eat our picnic in the orangery, where we were later served lovely cake and tea. This garden is often open to the public and if you are in the area, it is well worth a visit. If you're lucky enough to find Highnam church open as well, do go in. It is grade 1 listed as it is full of stunning Gothic Revival wall paintings.

Our evening meeting at Ashley Farm, Stansbatch, was well attended. This is a beautiful private garden created and tended almost solely by the owners. The garden is divided into many 'rooms' of different character and it was lovely to sit in their barn on a balmy summer evening drinking tea. We have also had two more visits: the first to Trentham Park near Stoke on Trent which is a vast garden leading to an enormous artificial lake. The house is derelict, as were the gardens, but the site has been bought by a construction company, who are financing the renovation of both with a shopping village on site. Once you drag yourself past the shops, the gardens are a revelation – as long as you like modern garden design. Rivers of grasses and huge prairie borders designed by Piet Oudolf lead to more formal and very colourful planting by Tom Stuart-Smith. Both are stunning. We also visited Mynd Hardy Plants at Diddlebury, whose part owner, Mark Zenick, gave us a passionate talk about Day Lilies (*Hemerocallis*) last year. Many of us went home from this sunny walled garden with our boots full of plants. All of these very different gardens are well worth visiting if you have the chance. (cont'd on page 12)

## **Treorchy Male Choir to return to Knighton.**

Following their sell out performance in 2012, the world famous Treorchy Male Choir returns to Knighton Community Centre on Sat. 13th September. This concert, organised by Knighton Rotary Club, will begin at 7.30pm and doors will open at 6.45pm. All the profits will go to charities including the Air Ambulances and local groups.

**Tickets cost £20, but are discounted to £15 if bought before 31 August, and are available from The Tower House Gallery in Knighton or from Kim Smith on 01547 540593.**

The Treorchy Male Choir was formed on October 16, 1946 under the baton of the immortal John Haydn Davies. Since then, Treorchy Male Choir has literally toured the world delighting audiences in places such as Australia and New Zealand, USA and Canada and across Europe as well as throughout UK. The forthcoming performance will feature a wide ranging selection of music together with songs by the Honorary Lady member of the Choir, Soprano Iona Jones.

## ***Annette Pearce***

***I can help you with gardening to interior and external painting.***

***I am Wigmore based.***

***You can contact me on 07532222101***

## **Wigmore Group Parish Council Parish Councillor vacancy**

As a result of the resignation of Sean Kyle there is a vacancy for a parish councillor within the group. The statutory notification period for applications has now expired and the parish council are now entitled to seek nominations direct from residents. Anyone chosen under this ruling would be a co-opted member of the council. If any resident is interested in joining the council or knows anyone who may also be interested then please pass your/their name to Linda Henry, our parish clerk. If more than one nomination is received then the council will decide by an internal vote, as to who is selected.

If you would like more information on the responsibilities of a parish councillor then please contact Linda who will be able to direct you to the appropriate sources.

## **Wigmore and District Gardening Club**

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Our next meeting is on Thurs September 18th, when our own members will give talks (illustrated we hope) on 'Gardens where I've been, Plants I've seen'.

New members are always welcome. We normally meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 in Wigmore Village Hall and our car-trips usually leave the village hall at 1.30. We are a very friendly bunch of locals, of all stages of expertise, from the utter beginner to those who open their gardens for charity! Just come along and join in or phone Theresa and Ian Barlow on 770313 or Joy Ardy on 770023.

## **Mobile Post Office @ Wigmore**

**(in the village hall car park)**

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

On the days the Post Office van is in the car park please ensure your car is not blocking the access for the van.

Remember the village hall car park is not a public car park. Access to the car park is at the discretion of the village hall committee.

## **Oil ordering group.**

I have recently placed another bulk order for central heating oil for the syndicate that I organise within the Parish, again at a very advantageous price. The syndicate has been running for a year now and oil has been ordered quarterly. If there are any other households within the area that would like to join, to take advantage of the reduced cost of central heating oil that bulk buying allows, please contact me. The syndicate is privately run by me, a Parish councillor, and is not sponsored by the council.

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