

PARISH NEWS
November 2024



Priors Hardwick - Wormleighton - Priors Marston

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Dear Reader,

Christine was pleased to get some feedback from last month's gardening column, so many thanks to those who responded. This month, there is an article on the men named on the War Memorial in Priors Marston. For a copy of the original, longer version, please contact me. As ever, your ideas, suggestions and feedback are welcome.

Helen, Editor. hlnmnzs@gmail.com

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**PRIORS MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL
VILLAGE COMMUNICATION**

If you would like to be added to the village email list, to keep up to date with village news, or are new to Priors Marston and would like a copy of the Parish Plan, please email the Clerk, emma@priorsmarston.org

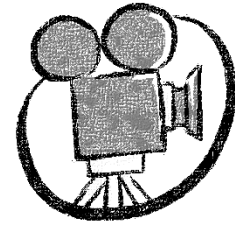
The Parish Council also has a Facebook page - please find us @Priors Marston parish council.

www.priorsmarston.org



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Film Night at The Priors Hall



Friday 15 November

The Dressmaker

Year of Release: 2016 Certificate PG-13 Running Time: 1 hr 53 mins

Doors Open at 7:00pm

Film starts at 7:30pm

Comedy drama in which a woman from a small town in rural Australia finds success abroad in the world of fashion. Having left under a cloud of accusations, she returns to her home town armed with her sewing machine and haute couture style to transform the local women and exact sweet revenge on those who did her wrong.

Cast includes: Kate Winslet, Judy Davis, Liam Hemsworth and Hugo Weaving

- **Free tea, coffee and biscuits are served in the interval but please feel free to bring your own refreshments.**
- **There is no charge for admission, but there is a collection box for voluntary donations towards our costs.**

If you have any questions or wish to receive e-mail updates

Contact The Priors Cinema Team at:

priorscinema@gmail.com

You can also call Lee Robinson Tel: 01327 263268

I'm worried about how I will manage without the Winter Fuel Payment. What can I do?

On July 29th the Government announced that the Winter Fuel Payment - of £200 for those aged 65-79, and £300 for those aged 80 or over - will be restricted to those people in receipt of Pension Credit – so what is Pension Credit and who can claim it? **It is estimated that up to 880,000 households are entitled to Pension Credit but not currently receiving it.**

Pension Credit

Is a means tested benefit which is paid to help with the cost of living, it can also bring entitlement to additional financial support, including housing benefit, Council tax support, and winter fuel payment. Pension Credit can be backdated by up to 3 months (subject to meeting qualifying criteria).

The deadline to claim to be entitled to this year's winter fuel payment is 21st December 2024

To get help making a claim

You can get further information and make a claim by calling the Pension Credit Hotline: 0800 99 1234

You can check if you are eligible for Pension Credit using the Pension Credit calculator here

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator>

If you believe you are entitled to Pension Credit you can claim online here

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim>

If you require further advice or help to make a claim you can call Citizens Advice on

0808 250 5715 or visit one of our drop-in sessions. For further details of our opening hours visit

www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk



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advice**

**South
Warwickshire**

Kay & Bradshaw Educational Foundation

Have you left school, got an apprenticeship, going on to further education, off to Uni? Maybe we can help you.

The Kay & and Bradshaw Educational Foundation, or, as it is more commonly known, 'Keys Charity' exists to provide financial assistance for the promotion of education, including social and physical training of persons under 25, who have a parent or parents residing in the parish of Priors Marston.

In these uncertain times, we know students need all the help and support they can get, and Keys Charity can assist with the purchase of course books, tools and equipment for a trade or profession, cost of a field trip or training course, music and arts in fact anything connected to education.

Over several years, many young people from the village have benefited from its assistance.

Our next meeting will be held in November, but the trustees will look at all applications as they are received. If you would like to make an application, please write to any of the trustees, Malcolm Monkhouse, Dot Brown (priorsdot@gmail.com), Elaine Forsyth or Sue Benson together with your details and receipts for any books or equipment that you have purchased.

We are waiting to hear from you!

Dot Brown

Secretary

priorsdot@gmail.com

Priors Events Committee

Did you know there was an Events Committee for Priors Marston?

Hope you checked out the Launch Party on 12 October!!!

Did you know we need people like you to help us?

We are looking for people who can lead, organise or teach the following, can you:

- **Run Drama Groups for children?**
- **Run Amateur Drama for adults?**
- **Run an Adult Choir?**
- **Organise a History Group?**
- **Facilitate an Art Group?**
- **Facilitate a Craft Group?**
- **Run a Chess Club?**

If you feel you would like to give some of your time and have a skill or an interest you would like to share, please contact a member of the Events Committee or Dawn on [dagosing70@gmail.com](mailto:dagosling70@gmail.com)

HELP BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Coffee and Chat!

The Priors Hall, Priors Marston

Thursday 7th November

10am – 11.30



Festive C&C !

Thursday 5th December

10 am – Noon

Seasonal refreshments

*Bring an item for the raffle &
Something Christmassy for the Food
Bank!*

11.11.11 – TIME TO REMEMBER

It is almost the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when the guns grew silent in 1918 marking the end of the Great War of 1914 – 1918 ('the war to end all wars'), when we celebrate the lives that were lost together with those who have perished in the various conflicts around the world and wonder why it was not 'the war to end all wars'.

In Priors Marston, we meet around the war memorial on The Green which lists the names of the residents of our village who signed up to fight for their country and did not return. The memorial was built in 1922 by workmen who were constructing Edward Master's house on Byfield Road then called Villa Nova and now Marston House.

The memorial simply lists the names of those who died, not mentioning their date of birth, date of death, rank or regiment as most war memorials do.

The memorial lists 11 names, 7 of whom served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, which ran recruitment meetings on The Green at the start of the war and was our local regiment, having been based in Warwick from 1873. During the First World War, it raised 31 battalions consisting of 47,500 men of whom 11,500 died during the four years of conflict.

These seven were:-

Frank Moore who lived at The Mill and was one of the first to enlist at a regimental recruiting meeting on The Green in September 1914. He was a Private in the 2nd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment and landed in France on 17th July 1915. He was killed in action on Saturday 2nd September 1915 in the Battle of Loos and his name is listed on the Loos Memorial in the Pas De Calais. His body was never recovered and he has no known grave.

Robert Baldwin who lived in a now-demolished cottage that backed onto the south churchyard wall, died of natural causes whilst still under training with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Jim Smith from the Old Manor Cottage was killed in 1916. His brother also 'joined up', survived the war and came safely home.

Harry Burbidge who lived at the south end of The Orchards, which was then a row of terrace houses, was also killed in France in 1916.

Arthur Parker of Westwood Downs, Keys Lane did not make it to the front, but was killed during the 10 weeks of training that took place in England before the soldiers were posted to the front.

Tom Coling of the Bakery caught pneumonia in the trenches whilst serving in France and died of the disease.

Edward (Eddie) Henry Cornish was born in January 1892 in Forest Gate. By 1911, he was living at Weddington House in Bishops Itchington, where he was a page. His parents, Henry and Caroline Cornish, were living at Lark Rise, Priors Marston when he enlisted as a Private in 11th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment in August 1914 at the Rugby recruitment office.

Eddie was killed on 23rd April 1917 aged 23. He died in what is known as the Battle of the Scarfe, part of the Battle of Arras, south of Gravelle. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial, together with 34,798 more British dead. His mother Caroline moved to Sulgrave, Banbury following the death of her husband Henry.

The remaining four names :-

Harold Olorenshaw was a civil servant living in London in 1915 and so joined the London Rifles. His country home was Westwood House in School Lane, Priors Marston. He was born in 1889 and had three siblings. The family was living in Northfield Farm on the Shuckburgh Road between 1891 and 1901. He enlisted in the London Rifles on 2nd September 1915 and married Muriel Wood of Colwyn Bay on his first leave. He was rapidly promoted to corporal and then to lance-sergeant in the 5th Battalion London Rifle Brigade. On 1st July 1916, he took part in the Battle for Eck Trench, a German stronghold in Gommecourt, France. Sergeant Olorenshaw was wounded, taken prisoner by the Germans and moved to La Cateau in Nord Par De Calais. He died of his wounds on Tuesday 18th July 1916. On that one day, 1,336 British soldiers died. Harold is buried in the La Cateau Military Cemetery in Northern France. His wife Muriel was living in Priors Marston at the time of his death.

Amos Bull was born in Priors Marston to James and Bertha Bull. He enlisted as a Private (service number 12069) in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry at their recruitment centre in Banbury. At the time, he lived at Hill Farm and was an engine shed cleaner at Woodford. He died of gunshot wounds to the back and abdomen on 6th June 1916 at age 21. He has a grave in the Lijssenthoek Military cemetery in Belgium together with 10,786 other British dead.

Thomas (Tommy) Hart, whose parents were Thomas and Ann Hart, was called up in 1918 to the Royal Field Artillery as Gunner Hart, but later transferred to the Labour Corps. This was a unit, formed in 1917, for men not healthy enough to serve at the front and undertook manual work for the army both in the UK and France. By the end of the war, the Corps consisted of some 380,000 men. Tommy died in 1920 from a disease (possibly TB) caught whilst on active service and he has an official War Grave in the southwest corner of the graveyard in Priors Marston.

Phillip Earnest Lea was born in Priors Marston in 1894 to George and Ellen Lea, who were smallholders living in St Leonard's Cottage. He was called up in 1917 to the Coldstream Guards and became Guardsman 21364 Lea. He was killed, age 25, by a sniper on 27th August 1918, during the Second Battle of the Somme. On that day, his battalion was ordered to attack a 1500 yard front near Croisilles including Banks Trench. They began the attack at 7am, but met stiff resistance, eventually forcing the enemy out more than 12 hours later allowing the battalion to achieve their objective. However, success came at a heavy cost of 344 casualties, including Guardsman Lea. He is buried in the Croisilles British Cemetery in the Pas De Calais.

Howard Tissiman (with thanks to the late Alan Flint)

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This is edited from the longer article Howard contributed. If you would like a copy of the full version, let me know and I will send you a copy (Ed).



POPPY APPEAL 2024

PRIORS HARDWICK

The opportunity to donate to this appeal will be available at any of the October / November church services or from your usual volunteers:

either Isobel Davies or Mark Suddens

Arrangements have been made for the ordering of wreaths, so they are available for the November Act of Remembrance.

Should you require a wooden cross for a grave, please contact Isobel or Mark, for other information please contact me.....

Margaret Ingman, Honorary P.A.O. for Napton & District

The Poppy Appeal Campaign runs from October 17th to November 9th.

Poppies will be available from the Priors Hall at Lacey's Hairdressing salon.

PRIORS MARSTON & HARDWICK WI

Wednesday 20th November 2024

7.30p.m.

Venue: The Priors Hall

Floral Christmas Craft by Michele Ratcliffe

We will get the opportunity to create a wonderful Christmas arrangement under the guidance of Michele Ratcliffe. Bring along extra foliage and adornments for your creation.

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At our September meeting, we visited The Greenacres Rural Enterprise Centre at Staverton. Heather Wilson gave us a detailed talk on how Greenacres came about. Heather had worked in education and realised very soon that some children cannot learn simply by being in a classroom. These students need practical hands-on learning and this started Heather on her journey to establish Greenacres. Many hours have been spent by the whole team fundraising and trying to get grants. The students thrive here with practical learning in cookery, vegetable growing and learning how to communicate with people. On the site there is a Willow Weaving workshop, craft shop and of course the Greenacres café, all well worth a visit for anyone.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Contact: Jane Cowen 07979 550202
 Fiona Spencer 01327 263423



THE PRIORS HALL

New committee members are needed. If you are interested, please email Lee Robinson at priorscinema@gmail.com

LATEST NEWS Solar panels have been installed on the Hall roof and Wi-Fi has been installed on the premises. New chairs have been purchased and are in use.

The Priors Hall serves Priors Hardwick and Priors Marston. It is available for meetings and functions. Please contact Barbara Harvey, 01327 260709, info.thepriorshall@gmail.com, to book, or for more information. The hire rate is £20.00 per hour, with a village rate of £15.00 per hour. Hiring for longer periods is possible, subject to availability - the rates depend on precisely what is required. Two local businesses are based in offices at the Hall, as well as hairdressing and post office.

Current activities include:-

Lacey's His and Hers Hairdressing: Tuesday to Saturday, by appointment, 01327 263330 and 07733 102564.

Post Office: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 - 4.00 pm, 01327 261743.

Play Group: Wednesday mornings. eleanorwakeford@outlook.com

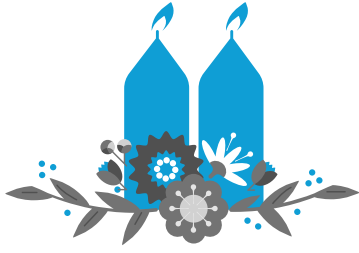
Women's Institute: Meet on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm.

Coffee & Chat: Meet on the first Thursday of the month, 10.00 - 11.30 am.

Film Nights: Film nights are on the third Friday of the month, from September to May, at 7.30 pm. priorscinema@gmail.com Lee Robinson, 01327 263268.

Badminton, darts, short mat bowls and table tennis equipment are available for use. The hall committee is always pleased to hear from people with ideas for new activities and events.

Air Ambulance: A clothing bank is situated in the car park of The Priors Hall, for donations.



“CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT”
WITH THE LADIES CHOIR
‘SOUTHAM MELODY MAKERS’

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024

AT 6PM

ST LEONARD’S CHURCH, PRIORS MARSTON, CV47 7RR

**ALL WELCOME TO SING ALONG OR JUST LISTEN, IT’S UP
TO YOU**

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

**ALL DONATIONS APPRECIATED AND GO TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF
ST LEONARD’S CHURCH**

FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS FOR BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON, FENNY COMPTON AND NAPTON WARD

Community Climate Change Fund

The Second Phase of the Community Climate Change Fund (CCCF) is now open. Expressions of interest may be made up until Friday 17 January 2025.

The following groups will be able to apply for grant funding through the CCCF:

- Town or Parish Councils
- Formally constituted charity and community groups

The CCCF will consider funding projects which meet one of the following criteria:

- Projects which result in a direct reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Projects which build resilience to the impacts of climate change
- Projects which will result in research enabling access to more significant funding applications

A total of £55,863 will be available to successful applicants. Please email climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk for further information.

Road Diversions

Lately, work to install new sewers (and thus unrelated to HS2) has closed the Welsh Road just outside Southam, with consequent diversions affecting our villages. The full closure is due to finish on 28 October then 3-way lights until mid-November.

We pressed for a meeting with HS2 and their contractors EKFB about the continuing, planned and confusing road closures around Southam, Priors and Wormleighton. This took place earlier at the end of September with Nigel, a County Councillor and the MP. HS2 seemed to be listening and have gone away to review what they intend. We also asked that the diversions and road closure around Southam and the associated signage should be looked at.

New Customer Access Terminal

The District Council has been working to improve access for residents. Whilst many people can use the internet and phone, sometimes face to face enquiries and discussions can help. For people who live nearer to Stratford town, there are service desks for residents to talk to customer service advisors, in-person. This has not been convenient for residents here. The Council has now installed a 'Customer Access Terminal' in Southam Library, where local residents with enquires can talk

face to face to an advisor over a screen linked to the offices in Stratford, avoiding the need for a long trip. Enquiries relating to council tax, benefits and housing can now be dealt with locally in Southam. Operational hours are:

- Monday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Tuesday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Wednesday – CLOSED
- Thursday - 09:30 - 16:00
- Friday - 09:30 - 16:00

You can still call the council on 01789 267575 or email info@stratford-dc.gov.uk and if you do have a smart phone or tablet, download the Stratford District Council App.

Police

There was a recent public police liaison meeting on the subject of speeding. There was concern about levels of enforcement, lack of speed cameras, coordination with highway measures, data availability and general resourcing. These are issues that have cropped up at Parish council meetings from time in villages across our patch. The Police 101 telephone response times came in for criticism.

Whilst noting the previous topic, by coincidence, other news items have emerged. Firstly, the Police and Crime Commissioner has announced they will look at average speed cameras across the county. There was also the unexpected announcement during the month of the decision by Chief Constable Debbie Tedds to retire with immediate effect. Deputy Chief Constable Alex Franklin-Smith will fill the role on an interim basis.

Secondly, the Police and Crime Commissioner has also announced a survey. Some of us have been of the opinion for some time that our area is under-resourced, especially in respect of accounting for our rurality. We hear a number of other concerns, so we would encourage people to take part please. The announcement is as follows:

Warwickshire Police and Crime Plan Survey 2025 - 29

The Warwickshire Police and Crime Plan Survey 2025-29 is now live, and we are keen to hear your views. We encourage you to complete the survey using the link or QR code below and also ask you to share amongst your colleagues, service users, family and friends, as the response will be key to building an effective plan that reflects what matters most to the people of Warwickshire. For more information, please

see: <https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/shape-the-future-of-policing-in-warwickshire-public-survey-now-open/>

To access the **short online survey** – which should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete – please follow this link:

bit.ly/warkspcc

Or alternatively you can scan the QR code:



Knife Crime

A new virtual reality programme will be used across Warwickshire to educate young people on the realities of carrying a knife and how they might become pressured into doing so. The knife crime programme specifically helps young people explore the dangers and potential consequences of "carrying" without "telling" them what to do.

A launch event took place at the end of September, which Natalie attended, and saw a number of statutory organisations, including schools and community groups come together to experience the programme first hand.

The programme is available for delivery for free in all schools, youth organisations and clubs within Warwickshire. To find out more in Stratford-on-Avon District please email alyssa.davies@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Keys Lane

I understand from highways officers that the water running down Keys Lane is an issue on the schedule to be addressed in November and they are liaising with the Parish Council.

Government Planning Reforms and the South Warwickshire Local Plan

Both Warwick and Stratford District Councils have responded to the Government's Consultation on reforms to the planning system. There is a great deal of technical detail (Stratford's response ran to 91 pages), but one main concern is that our local plan process is not thrown out and much time and money wasted. At the present time, it looks like that won't happen as long as we adhere to the timetable we have set, which would see the plan submitted to the government in summer 2026.

Nigel Rock
nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Natalie Gist
Natalie.gist@stratford-dc.gov.uk

FROM THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Our Services

A double Baptism!

Two great-grandchildren of Mrs Liddy Wilson who used to live in St Mary's Close, Seth and Faye, were baptised by our Area Dean Rev Andy Batchelor, on Sunday 13th October. Almost 70 people attended this wonderfully happy event. The children had chosen 3 hymns which they all knew very well and we had a really good sing. Our Baptisms Register, which dates from 1898, records the baptisms of the children's mothers, grandmother and great-grandmother! And the brass ewer (huge jug!) from which the water was poured into the font is dated 1890.

Harvest Festival

Later that same day, we held our Harvest Festival Service and again the church was full. The handbell ringers played some well-known hymn tunes, ending with the "We plough the fields" as an introduction to the service and from then it flowed seamlessly through the order of service, with various people leading and the congregation responding positively and firmly each time. We sang lustily the well-known harvest hymns accompanied as usual by Dr Gerard Hyland on the organ. In all, almost 70 people attended and then enjoyed refreshments afterwards. The collection amounted to over £300, from which we shall send a donation to the Farming Community Network for which we prayed in our prayers of intercession. Our very grateful thanks go to the handbell ringers, those who decorated the church, who provided, served and cleared up after the refreshments and to all who took part in any way to make this such a happy village event.

November Services

In addition to our routine services in November, we shall be holding our service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on the village green at 9.00am on Sunday 10th November. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the village and the Last Post will be sounded. Our monthly service of Evensong will be held at 5.00pm around the same subject.

The church building

We now have a new set of chairs for the community area at the back of the church, together with a rack on which to store them and, below, a box containing cushions as the seats are a bit hard!!!

Regarding the next stage of Project Enable, meetings are now being arranged with Severn Trent, the contractor who would lay the connecting pipe into the church, JMT Engineering of Ladbroke, and our architect Bryan Martin. We shall then need to involve the Diocese for a Faculty to begin the work.

And, while on the subject of the building, many thanks to all those who clean the church and do flowers week by week throughout the year: your efforts are very much appreciated!

The Churchyard

Continued thanks to those who have been cutting the grass and made the churchyard look so welcoming to all who come here. The Visitors' Book has had more entries than usual recently, and it's interesting to see the wide range of locations from which they've come. Almost all record a comment of appreciation.

Donations in the phone box

Once again, many thanks to those who leave items week by week. They are enormously appreciated at the Food Bank, who continue their busy routine week by week.

Used Stamps

Not quite as many this past month, but rarely a week goes by without at least one or a few appearing in the box inside the phone box! Thank you to those who bring them!! They do get to the right place.

Margaret Clarke for the PCC



Wormleighton Harvest Lunch

Many thanks to all those who attended the Harvest Lunch at St. Peter's Wormleighton on 6th October. It was a pretty drizzly, damp day outside, which made it all the more special to step

into the warm, welcoming atmosphere of the church.

Beautiful flowers in myriad autumn colours adorned windowsills, tables and plant stands, bringing our glorious surrounding countryside into St. Peter's. An array of casseroles and sides was offered for lunch as well as the most delicious and, it has to be said, totally indulgent puddings.

Over and above all of this, friends and residents of Wormleighton, both new and longstanding, were able to take a couple of hours to enjoy each other's company and spend time together as a community. In so doing, we filled the beautiful church we are so privileged to have at the centre of our village with chatter, laughter and friendship.

We are so grateful to everyone who cooked and brought along dishes to share, created beautiful flower arrangements and provided crockery, cutlery, gifts and the like, all of which contributed to a very successful day in which £420 was raised and will be applied to the upkeep of the church. A wonderful time was had by all.

The Bridges Group Church Services

November 2024

BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship

THE BRIDGES GROUP	<u>3rd November</u> All Saints White	<u>10th November</u> REMEMBRANCE Red	<u>17th November</u> 2 nd Before Advent Red	<u>24^h November</u> Christ the King Red
PRIORS HARDWICK	Morning Worship 9.00am	War Memorial 9.00am Evensong 5.00pm	BCP Holy Communion 9.00am	
PRIORS MARSTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	Three Villages War Memorial Service 10.45am	Morning Worship 10.30am	
WORMLEIGHTON		War Memorial Service 10.45am		Morning Worship 10.30am
NAPTON	CW Holy Communion 10.30am	Remembrance Service In the church 10.45am	CW Holy Communion 10.30am	Evensong 5.00pm
STOCKTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	War Memorial Service 10.15am moving to Church for 10.45am	Bereavement Service 4.00pm	CW Holy Communion
LOWER SHUCKBURGH		War Memorial Service 10.45am		BCP Holy Communion 9.00am

The Bridges Group of Parishes

Notices

Programme for Children and Youth

Create & Play: Tuesday mornings from 9.30 - 10.45am (term-times) in Stockton Church - for further details, contact: Deborah Dutton on 01926 819016 or deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com

Babies & Toddlers Group: Monday mornings from 9.30 – 11.00am (term-times) in Napton Village Hall - for further details, contact: Helen Eadon on 07811 010440

Messy Church – now on 3rd Sundays of the month at 4.00pm, venues to be confirmed.

Mid-week programme for Adults - Home Bible Study Groups

The following groups meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. If you would like to join, please contact the Vicar or a Group leader:

Every Wednesday at 8.00pm in Stockton	Wendy	01926 812694
1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 2.30pm in Stockton	Jan	01926 817991
Every Thursday at 8.00pm in Napton	Julia	01926 811476
Weekly (day varies) at 7.30pm in Napton	Angie	01926 812225

Social get-togethers

Knit & Natter: Mondays at 2.00pm in Stockton Church	Jan	01926 817991
Knit & Natter: Mondays at 2.00pm in Napton	Jayne	01926 813227

Parish enquiries

For initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals and graveyard matters etc., please contact Susan, our Group Administrator, on 01926 812383 or email: admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk. Please note that Susan works part-time, but she will get back to you as quickly as she can.

See elsewhere in the magazine for details of other church activities & events or visit our website: www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk

PRIORS HARDWICK VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE MEETING

The next Priors Hardwick Village Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Church on a date in January to be decided.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

There is now a now copy of the collection dates on the Village notice board

FOOD BANK

Non perishable and 'in date' items may be left in the telephone box, in Priors Hardwick. Toiletries are also welcome. Donations are taken to the Food Bank at Southam, which is open on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) between 11.00 am and 1.00pm. The Food Bank is run and regulated by THE TRUSSELL TRUST, which provides emergency food and support to people in crisis.

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The Royal National Institute of Blind People

Boxes for collection of used stamps are in the church at Priors Marston and in the phone box at Priors Hardwick. They are clearly labelled. Please leave your stamps singly or 'in bulk'. The box in Priors Hardwick is emptied every day.

WEATHER JOTTINGS SEPTEMBER 2024

One glance at the grid will confirm what we all knew was likely to be the final result of September rainfall this year. In Priors Hardwick, it was the wettest month this century and since I began my records in 1998. It was in fact the dreadful floods all around this area in April that year, which prompted me to report the weather in the magazine. The centre of Leamington was badly flooded and some friends of mine who lived in Cubbington had to be re-homed elsewhere for several months until their home was fit again for human habitation. The total rainfall that month was 154mm, but it didn't hold the record for long. July 2007 yielded 160mm but in August 2004 we had already received 168mm.

The total for September 2024 was 231mm! Most of that fell from late afternoon on Saturday 21st – very heavy rain, which continued through the night – with thunder – and only relented to light drizzle through most of Sunday. It then rained heavily through Sunday night and all through Monday 23rd. At 10.00pm on that evening, I had to brave the weather to empty my rain gauge as it was ready to overflow – 56mm –over two inches – since that morning! The total for those two and a quarter days was 156mm – just a bit more than for the whole of April 1998! But this time flooding, in this area, was much less of a problem. Perhaps WCC Highways Department have made some lasting improvements to the drains!

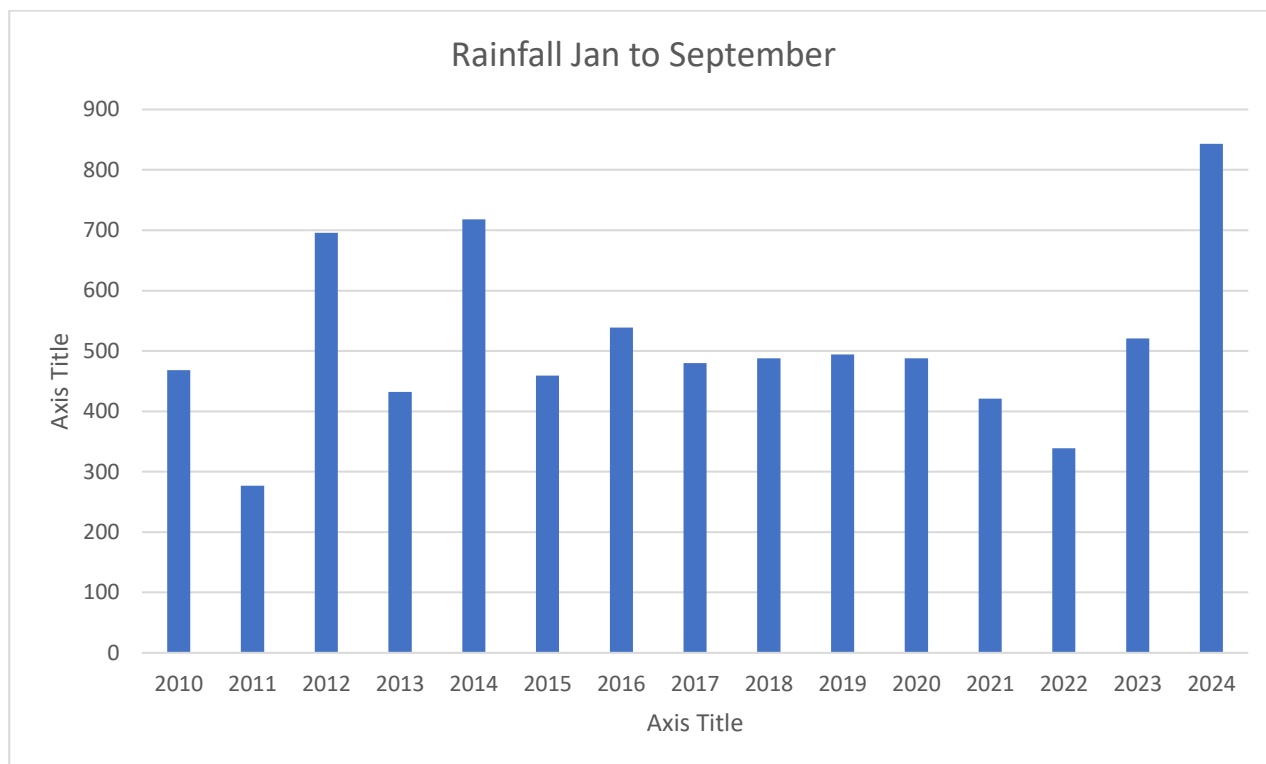
Average rainfall for September from 1998-2008 was 70mm; from 2000 – 2022 it was 54mm. So this year, we've had over 4 times the average for this century! In 2011 the total for the whole year was 396mm!

The first half of the month brought 25mm of rain, with one very heavy storm on the evening of Thursday 12th resulting in a double rainbow. Even the two wettest days brought only 6mm each. The last week of the month brought 50mm – just below the average for the whole of September so far this century – but it didn't seem extreme!!

Temperatures for the month were generally above average, beginning with 22°C and 23°C on the first two days, then dropping for a couple of days to 17°C and 18°C, before recovering conveniently for the weekend of 7th and 8th. There was another brief reminder of summer between 14th and 18th, with

some lovely weather, but nevertheless, only 18°C. There was a frost on Friday 13th and again, on Friday 27th, but only visible on grass verges at 7.00am!

Margaret Clarke



ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, PRIORS MARSTON Flower Rota



3 rd /10 th November	Sue Smith
17 th /24 th November	Ivana Evans

If you would like to help with cleaning, we meet on the first Saturday of every month at 10.00am in St Leonard's, to clean the church, enjoy coffee, biscuits and a chat.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PRIORS HARDWICK Cleaning/Flower Rota

3 rd November	Elaine Hacker/Elaine Hacker
10 th /17 th November	Angela Darbshire/Joy Redfern
24 th November	Ann Ukleja/Ann Ukleja



GARDEN JOTTINGS FROM BRIDGE NURSERY

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

I understand that the pronunciation of some plant names can cause a bit of difficulty for many people. It's not helped by 'experts' changing the names which can cause confusion, but plants such as delphinium, rhododendron and chrysanthemum are often used with confidence because they are familiar. Here are a few examples of how to say some of the names without any embarrassment.

Verbena bonariensis (bon-ar-ee-en-sis)

Euonymus (you-on-ee-muss)

Cotoneaster (cot-own-ee-ass-ter)

Helianthemum (heel-ee-anth-ee-mum)

Meanwhile, there is plenty to do if the weather allows it and for you to get some fresh air and vitamin D.

Plant garlic, sow broad beans, take hardwood cuttings, sow sweet peas but keep them away from mice, rake up leaves and add to the compost bin or fill plastic sacks (with added holes in) so they can rot down, lift dahlias and store in a frost-free dry place, plant indoor bulbs such as Narcissus Paperwhite for an amazing scent, finish planting tulips, plant any bare-root trees and shrubs. And you thought it was time to 'put the garden to bed'?

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