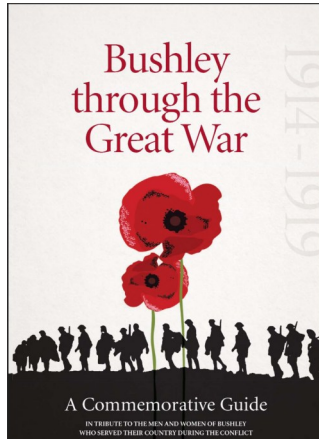


# Bushley News

November 2025

*The Voice of the Village*

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Remembrance Day 2025 will be observed on Tuesday, 11th November, marking 107 years since the end of World War I.

This solemn day honours the sacrifices of military personnel from the United Kingdom and Commonwealth nations who served in global conflicts. At 11 a.m., a two-minute silence will be held nationwide to reflect on the courage and loss of those who fought for peace. The red poppy, inspired by “In Flanders Fields,” remains a powerful symbol of remembrance. Ceremonies, including wreath-laying at the Cenotaph in London, unite communities in gratitude and reflection, reinforcing the enduring importance of peace and service.

There will be a BCP Service of Holy Communion, with Act of Remembrance, held at 8.30a.m. on Sunday 9th November at St Peter’s Church and there is an extensive commemorative guide to ‘Bushley through the Great War’ available in the church or [online](#). Thanks must be given to all those in Bushley and beyond who have served for the good of the country. If only war and conflict was not something which still needs to be contended with in this day and age.

## Notes from an Improper Vicar

First of all, the bad news – another round of advertising for a new vicar, and another total lack of any applicants – or even enquiries. So folks, apologies, but you're stuck with me for another few months it seems. The post will be re-advertised in the New Year, and we'll be keeping everything crossed for an Easter gift of stupendous proportions.

The good news, the really lovely news, happened to me this morning when, in the absence of a proper vicar, the improper vicar got to attend Pendock School Harvest Festival. And what a joyous time we all had. The songs will not be as you or I would remember them.... Cauliflowers fluffy and Cabbages Green, the Harvest Samba (as an inveterate Strictly fan I could almost hear Anton's Saaambaah) and to finish off a good old action song – Big Red Combine Harvester – they were brilliant. And the themes which the children had come up with and illustrated were all about thanksgiving, gratitude, sharing, generosity and community – it was so heartwarming and inspiring and each and every child was involved and gave it their all, with poems and pictures and a bible reading and a prayer at the end – a-maz-ing!



And at the end, they announced that they were doing a Reverse Advent Calendar again this year. This may be a new idea to some of you, but throughout November, there is a list of items, 1 for each day of the week, like an Advent Calendar – but instead of getting something – a picture, a nice bit of chocolate – or coffee or alcohol in the more adult versions – you give something – or rather collect it and bring it into school. We're talking everything from cereal and tea bags through toothbrushes and ending up with the more Christmassy items like mince pies and Christmas cake or pudding. The idea is to stock up the foodbanks well ahead of Christmas so that all those families struggling to put food on the table can enjoy a little Christmas cheer – and the school children, teachers and families get to live out their harvest theme and generously share all that they are grateful for with their communities. Items can be dropped at Pendock School or Pendock Cross Church – and just a reminder that you do now have a foodbank collection basket in St Peter's itself.

I was sadly away for the Bushley Harvest celebrations, so missed the puds in the pews – genius idea – but I shall return in good time for Remembrance and for our benefice service at St Peter's on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, which marks the start of Advent with Bishop Robert Patterson. Do please come along if you are able to share in that sense of generosity, hospitality and community which the PCC are working so hard to foster and to cultivate.

With every blessing to you all  
Rev Anthea Elston

Next St Peter's Church services at Bushley:

**Sunday 9th November, 08:30, BCP Holy Communion, with Act of Remembrance, Sunday 30th November, 10:30, Benefice**

Please support the community's local church if you are able.

*Benefices of Berrow and Longdon details:*

<https://berrowlongdon.org.uk/>

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **BUSHLEY VILLAGE HALL**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Will take place in the Village Hall at**

**7.00PM, TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THIS  
MEETING AND LEARN HOW THE VILLAGE HALL  
IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUR VILLAGE**

**[www.bushleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.bushleyvillagehall.org.uk)**



## View from the Saddle

Well, Autumn has arrived and with it the possibility (probability) of forsaking those summer shorts for the rather more appropriate long cycling trousers and accompanying thermal underwear. But not quite yet - we've been fortunate on the last three rides to have been blessed with wonderful Indian Summer weather - pleasant sunshine and calm windless conditions - perfect for a group of ageing cyclists (see later) seeking to maintain a modicum of physical and mental fitness.

So, to the travelogue. First ride took us to the New Dawn Pub at Norton on the A38 towards Gloucester. The usual route through Tredington, Stoke Orchard, Staverton and Down Hatherley. Then the dreaded A38 (nightmare) to Norton and the New Dawn. A lovely pub/restaurant - very clean and efficient and the food first class, although something of a budget buster (again, see later). The ride down Wainlodes Hill afterwards is quite something - although 35mph on two wheels can be quite scary.

The Village Inn at Twynning was our next port of call and it's always so interesting taking in the view of Bredon School/Pull Court on the way through to Upton, Strensham and Twynning. The Village Inn is a pub and the food is ok - huge TV screen in the far corner not so good, so not much more to say about that one.

The Star at Ashton Under Hill was next - round the Bredon Hill through the Combertons and Elmley Castle - a lovely ride through lovely countryside. Only four riders on this occasion as two decided to abandon us for a spot of globetrotting - they surely missed their Thursday ride though. Didn't clock the mileage on the first two rides but the last one was about 28 miles.

Anyway, enough of the travelogue - this brief look at our penchant for cycling hopefully provides interesting background info. The Bushley Bikers - the group, generally six of us, has been cycling together for somewhere approaching twenty years and during that time has clocked up many thousands of miles and worn out several bikes. The current average age is around 77, though taking only the three oldest cyclists in the group the average age racks up to about 82. Not bad. But as those ages increase, so the distances we travel tend to become



Electric bicycle

rather less exhausting. Slight guilty admission here though - four of the six current regular cyclists (me included) have succumbed to the allure of the electric bike - the benefits are so rewarding that the question is how long will it be before the remaining analogue bikers go down that route too. Watch this space.

We have all spilt blood at one time or another in pursuit of our search for fitness (and a decent pub) though fortunately no serious crashes or accidents (bar one many years ago). We do our best to try and keep to country roads and lanes - the amount of traffic on the trunk roads when we do have to use them can be truly unnerving. We do occasionally get abused by irate motorists as they pass us in their desperate hurry to get somewhere and, on one occasion, were subjected to the unfortunate exhibition of a passenger mooning out of the car window - not a pretty sight! And another not pretty sight which, from a bike, we unfortunately see too much of is the amount of rubbish thrown into hedgerows and verges. Paper, plastic, bottles and general detritus. Why do these people do it? Do they have no respect for themselves and the countryside?

Mini rant over and on a slightly lighter note, it is interesting to see how, over the years, creeping inflation has affected the cost of our Thursday outings. We used to reckon that £15 was about the going rate for a pub lunch and a couple of pints of beer. This has been gradually increasing over the years and it is now expected to be more in the order of about £25, though budget busters can increase this even further. We're not complaining though, ok, we've been soaked, frozen, flooded and punctured but we pedal on regardless and hope to continue to do so for a few years more. Uptonman

**Bushley Belles**



After an unexpected and sudden recall of our Belleplates, Bushley Belles have rallied together and raised £999 for our own second-hand two octave set.

This is an amazing achievement to raise such a large amount within one week and is testament to our group's generosity and commitment.

We have been practising for our performances in December and will use our own Belleplates for the first time in our practice on 23rd October.

Please come and support us at the Bushley Christmas Tree Festival when we will give a mini concert at 11am on both Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December in the village hall. Let the festivities commence! Lesley Hirons

## View from between the Bears

I heard an interesting comment on television about running a farm, which stated, “A farm is run by the sun, the rain and the wind.” Although it was a re-run of Downton Abbey, hardly a current events programme, it struck me as still very true. Last month was a good month for farming; the rain a month before has kick-started grass growth, and warm, dry weather has allowed animals to graze without damage to the sward. Cultivations on arable fields have progressed onto planting and rolling without hindrance from bad weather and crops are establishing well. Rolling after planting is often not possible, but helps deter slugs and allows ‘pre-emergence’ sprays to give more effective weed control. Crops are growing well and it is being recommended that ‘forward’ rape crops would benefit from being grazed by sheep. Benefits include reduced disease pressure, evening out crops and reducing the dreaded Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle larvae. Before straw stiffeners and shorteners became available, we would sometimes roll wheat crops in the



spring to do the same, and in grandfather’s day they would have grazed forward crops too, if ground conditions were suitable.

I mentioned last month the problem facing farmers coming to the end of Countryside Stewardship environmental agreements and the inability to renew or replace them. The Farming Minister, Dame Angela Eagle, has announced a year delay in terminating these agreements offering ‘much needed clarity’ for the future of these schemes. It has been greeted by many as ‘too little, too late’ as some farmers have already taken advantage of the good conditions to return land to production in view of the uncertainty of the future funding for environmental projects. Long term projects need long term thinking and commitment.

With a government budget looming, farmers are planning a day of protest over the changes to Inheritance tax to be introduced on farms from 2026.



‘Day of Unity’ inheritance tax tractor protests planned

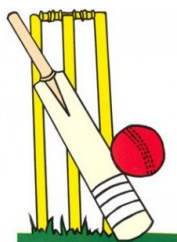
A nationwide 'Day of Unity' tractor 'go slow' is planned for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November amid fears for the future of family farms being passed down the generations. Farming groups warn of damage to the wider rural economy and the potential for long term risk to Britain's food security if this tax is not re-considered. Previously mentioned Dame Angela says, "The announcements have been made and the situation will be as it was announced." Very sympathetic, not!

Despite the dry summer and shortage of winter fodder, it seems that there is an over-production of milk amounting to about 2 million litres in the UK. Dairy farmers are typically contracted to supply either liquid milk for bottling, milk for manufacturing butter, cheese and milk powder, or a combination of the two. Liquid milk contracts are more secure and will likely face price cuts of a penny or so per litre, but other contracts could be cut by 5 or 6 pence a litre, eliminating profits and putting dairy farming into loss. In the last 20 years or so the number of dairy farms has fallen by about 2/3rds from 20,000 to 7,000, while milk production per cow

has risen by about 20%. This is largely due to better breeding and feeding; large herds tend to have food brought to them, rather than walking some distance to grazing fields, resulting in less waste. Consumption of milk and milk products has declined, but only by a small amount, so in many respects dairy farmers are victims of the industry's efficiency. Beef prices have remained high, due to a tight supply situation, a consequence of the reduced number of calves coming from fewer dairy cows. The price of lamb is high, in part due to the price of beef. Lamb numbers can increase in a shorter time than cattle, because of the speed of production, conception to carcase in a year or so compared to 3 for cattle.

The changing of the clocks back to GMT heralds the start of winter as far as I'm concerned. I don't particularly like it but didn't like staying with BST in the late '60s either. I wish we would put the clocks forward in February instead of March to give us lighter evenings in early Spring.

Tim Perry



## **Bushley Cricket Club Events**

**Friday 7th Nov, 19:30:** First Friday bar open.

**Tuesday 11th Nov AGM, 19:30:** Come and find out what the club has been up to and support the club through the winter before play resumes in 2026.



# Jottings of an Urbanised Country GP

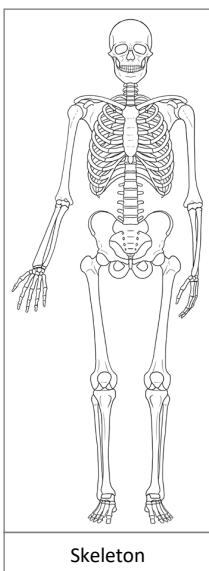
## Bad Backs

Is there such a thing as a 'Bad Back'? Those who suffer from back pain will agree that there is. What causes backs to give their owners so much grief? And is there anything that one can sensibly do about a bad back? It all depends on why the back is aching.

First a simple anatomy lesson. Early hominids (our predecessors) walked on all fours and their backs were mostly in a horizontal position, similar to chimpanzees today. Their spinal bones developed to support this pose. We then stood up and the bones and muscles that make up the spine stayed much the same but had to adapt to the new position. We now have to support an upright column of vertebrae in the neck and chest areas, and five larger bones in the lumbar area. These are held together by clever interlocking pieces of bone, tough sinews called ligaments and muscles that run the length of the spinal column. This set-up must be strong, stable and yet flexible enough so that we can bend and stretch.



Many people do not take enough exercise to keep their weight down and the muscles of the spine strong. Many athletes stress their spinal columns so much that they damage the muscles and joints. So, either way, backache can be caused by too much strain on the joints between the vertebral bones. This irritates the cartilage lining of joints and this backache comes from inflammation of these joints. The muscles near to an annoyed joint can go into protective spasm, which is a common cause of short-lived acute backache. Anti-inflammatory pills (NSAIDs) such as Ibuprofen will ease this pain. If the cartilage lining the joints wears out, the pain comes from osteo-arthritis of these joints. This more chronic type of pain can be eased with any painkiller, starting with Paracetamol and working up into the NSAIDs, but try not to resort to opioids such as codeine.



Skeleton

Occasionally the bony structure of the vertebrae cannot withstand the pressures put on them and they break. The break need not be more than a crack but it will be painful. Most fractures of spinal bones will heal in time, but it may take 2 to 3 months to cease hurting. This sort of problem can only be diagnosed with an Xray or a scan. Sciatica is caused when a lumbar vertebra itself, or the joints between the vertebrae, or a disc between vertebrae,



collapses. This squeezes the sciatic nerve as it emerges between these structures and heads off down the leg. The brain registers this as pain in the leg but it is caused by irritation to a nerve at the spine.

Investigations for bony pain can unfortunately be the first indication of more serious problems. Perhaps the most common is osteoporosis, the thinning of the bony structure as one grows older. This weakens the bones causing pain or fractures. More seriously, prostate or breast cancers can ‘metastasise’ to bone. This is the situation where individual cancer cells break off from the primary growth, spread round the body in the blood stream and lodge in bones. The swelling from cancer in the bone can itself be painful but can also cause inflammation around the site of the metastasis. Fractures may occur in the weakened bone.

Back pain as a reason for inability to work comes next in frequency after mental health problems. Most backache is the result of the spine having to carry extra weight and the strength of the supporting muscles has not been maintained. But as in so many cases, given time most backache will settle. If it doesn’t or seems to be getting worse, seek advice.

Andrew Crowther

## Congratulations to Award Winners Susannah and Olly

The prestigious Forecourt Trader Awards supported by Booker Retail Partners as principal sponsor, were held at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The Ledbury Road Service Station won two awards for their forecourt shop: Best National and Best Regional Winner for the Midlands and East of England up to 4mlpa (4 million+ litres per annum) area. Owners Susannah Moffat and Olly Arnold received their awards in London and we wish them congratulations for twelve months of hard work!

For more information about their journey, please visit: <https://forecourtrader.co.uk/news/new-entrants-to-forecourt-industry-overcome-adversity-at-former-disused-site/701301.article#toggle>



Left: Ledbury Road Services

Right: One of two Forecourt Trader Awards





## In Touch with Nature

Autumn, another dry spell, and just now the 19th of October the rain has returned; arable fields will be delighted as I see most are now planted. A walk up through Sarn Hill wood and pleased to see the planted Oaks and Wild Cherries having survived the drought, also the tall guards have protected them from the Roe deer's thrashing antlers. There is a small stand of tall Norway Maple the leaves of which were providing a spectacular show of colour. Next, a brief look into one of the long disused pits or quarries where soft lias limestone was extracted then burned further down the hill towards the A438 in a kiln, for use as a fertiliser on the land. Towards the exit from Sarn Hill the footpath has become overgrown and gaining access to the original route on to Massey farmland was difficult. {Obvious reason we need a Footpath Officer}.

Another walk provided a rare Bushley sight, a small flock of Lapwings, about twenty were feeding or perhaps just resting on the Maize stubble above Yeandley farm by Moss Green. Just beyond on the bank where the Turkey Oaks are and above the field planted with grass flew a couple of Skylarks, always see them here if anywhere. The only chance of breeding success there next year will be if the grass is made into hay.



Lapwing

We have had some winds and from the luxury of the conservatory I watched as a leaf held by it's stem in the gossamer of a spider's web, was being spun with every gust in just one direction, then strangely during a lull the leaf hung motionless, never unwinding? In the garden we have a species of cotoneaster that bears inviting red berries in the Autumn, these are usually eaten off the tree by Blackbirds, but this year they have obviously ripened earlier and fallen to the ground, such a dearth of food available. There are still birds visiting the garden, Blue and Great Tits, families of Long Tailed Tits inspecting twigs and branches whilst calling to keep in touch with each other. Goldfinches calling in generally just to drink and bathe. The most prominent garden feature this Autumn has been the prolific fruiting of the fungi Honey Fungus, the main body still feeding on the wood of previously killed trees.

Mast years happen with trees like Oak and Beech irregularly but when they do almost all trees throughout the country produce a large crop of seed, how is this action co-ordinated? Did the Wood Wide Web exist before our own World Wide Web?

Best sighting, the Lapwings. Martin Roberts

## **Bushley Parish Council Update**



**Roadworks:** The recent road closures at Church End were for emergency repairs and no advance notice was given by Worcestershire Highways department. So thank you to those closest to the works, for keeping the village aware of their progress on the Community WhatsApp Group.

However, the Clerk has now received advanced Notice of further road closures in the same location (Church End) for utility works by Severn Trent starting on 26th November, anticipated to last for 2 days. Alternative access to homes north of St Peter's church will need to be made via Green Street.



**Fireworks:** Bredon School have written to the Clerk, advising they will be holding a Fireworks Night on Thursday 6th November 2025, in the school grounds. The school are inviting villagers to join the event. The gates will be open from 5.45pm and there will be refreshments available. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Bredon School - Casey Benson ([bensonc@bredonschool.co.uk](mailto:bensonc@bredonschool.co.uk)).

**Remembrance Day Service:** The Parish Council would like to pass on their thanks to the Craft Group for the Poppy Wreath to be used at the service on 9th November.



**Footpath Officer:** Would you like to volunteer to be Bushley's Footpath Officer? The Footpath Officer is a volunteer who is appointed to assist in the maintenance and improvement of the public rights of way network within the parish. The Footpath Officer is expected to regularly survey all of the paths within Bushley, waymark the routes, carry out minor vegetation and minor repairs. There are also optional duties to the role such as carrying out more extensive clearance and maintenance, providing advice to landowners and leading guided walks. The role would require a minimum 12 days a year commitment. If you are interested in the role please email [clerk@bushleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bushleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or for further information visit the following website:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/environment/countryside-and-leisure/public-rights-way/public-rights-way-volunteering>

**Daniel Hinde**

Bushley Parish Council Clerk

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<https://bushleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

## Greenish and Flattish

I have just been reading Anna Pavord and was struck by her comments on lawns; for her, if it's greenish and flattish she's happy. She dislikes monoculture and prefers a lawn to have daisies and clover and self-heal. I concur with her prejudices completely and have no wish for a flat monotony of just green.

Oh, I can admire those who have immaculate lawns but it is just not me. And save us from plastic grass please.

For much of the Summer the lawn was brownish and bumpy. Most has come back and is growing well, just the crop marks underneath of old structures, in my case drain covers 5 inches below the surface from redundant buildings.

Soon be time to book the annual service but not until the Autumn job of the lawn mower; picking up leaves.

For me, with a fairly large garden, grass is essential to break up the spaces and acts as a foil to the beds, the pond, the paths and the patio. I have friends with small gardens who have no grass; but then again, they have no young children who need that space to play.

Grass in its myriad of subtle greens in a (cough, cough,) varied lawn is a beautiful foil to the colour in the beds and the texture of the bricks and stonework.

But I have been re-reading the book about Derek Jarman's garden at Dungeness. Strange part of the world, the fifth quarter, the largest shingle expanse except Cape Canaveral on the planet.

So, his background colour is formed from the various coloured stones which he assiduously collected on his perambulations to the shore; greys and whites, blacks and tawnies. Sea-worn brick to provide red. Garlands of those magic pebbles that you find with holes through the middle and a strange assortment of driftwood and pieces of ironwork—some of them left over



'Hagstones'

from the war. Dungeness is an Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) so restricted in what you can plant; but the existing fauna of Dungeness is very interesting, Viper's Bugloss, Sea Kale, gorse, wild roses and much, much more.

I too—as I have mentioned before—have a “Derek Jarman experience”. My shed is black with yellow eaves and window which echoes the colour of his cottage. I



am sure he would find my lobster door knocker a naff abomination. On the roof is a metal seagull, a present from a neighbour, which looks with beady eye and a disapproving tone at all the jobs I haven't done. Nestled in a small bed of pebbles under its windowsill are two glass fishing net floats.

Those pebbles have all come from my own garden where there are slightly too many. I collect the particularly pretty ones and the "Devil's toenails" – fossils of Gryphaea.

Round my sundial too I have a few pretty pebbles hiding the rather rough cement that joins the bricks of its plinth. (Or pilth as a local garage talked of when my Father called in with his 1904 Lanchester. "Nice car, mister, if I bought it I'd put it on a pilth..").

Strangely, the pebbles have been scattered which happens from time to time. I blame the pheasants which come in flocks, 16 yesterday.

Let's hope that when we have the shooting parties the nuisance that has plagued us for years will have abated. At least 6 of the 8 properties here, all the garages and 7 people have been hit— oh and 1 dog, and a car left marked. Despite numerous complaints we have had no joy in stopping this. We do not object to Country Pursuits, we don't object to the noise, but being peppered with shot is the outside of enough.

Penelope Tubbs

## **Bordeaux or Burgundy, and Beyond** **A Wine Talk and Tasting**

**Saturday 22nd November, 18.30 start**

Bushley Village Hall

Event will be led by Sam Sandbach who holds a Diploma from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust ([WSET](http://www.wset.co.uk)).

Sam has 45 years professional wine trade experience.

Tickets £20 (50% refundable against the purchase of first dozen).

Contact Sam by email at [sam@ledburywine.co.uk](mailto:sam@ledburywine.co.uk) or tel. 07970 797949.

## Queenhill WI Report, October 2025 Meeting

After a successful Summer visit there, Queenhill WI members were very happy to welcome Philip Collins as our speaker on the subject of Sudeley Castle. Once the business meeting was completed, we were keen to hear Philip's talk. He is an excellent speaker - and those of us whose hearing is not perfect were grateful for someone who spoke clearly and audibly as well as knowledgeably.



Historical Image  
of Sudeley Castle

We enjoyed hearing a comprehensive account of the history of Sudeley Castle from the earliest times. It was a lovely mixture of lighthearted and entertaining stories about interesting people and their lives, and fascinating details of significant events in the past. There was so much that we don't usually get to hear about or read in guide books. What a treat!

Our meeting ended in the usual way with good food and conversation, raffle and competition items and plenty to look forward to next month.

Next month our meeting begins at the earlier time of 2pm on Thursday 13th November at WI Hall (WR8 0QZ). Neil Faram will talk about Upton Railway Bridges. There are many of us who know too little about our local area - perhaps you, too, would like to know more. You would be most welcome to join us. Doreen Small



**Thursday 20th November, 7:30pm, Castlemorton Parish Hall**

### **The Ballad of Wallis Island** (12A-2025-99mins)

Every once in a while the filmmakers come up with a real humdinger. This film follows Charles (Tim Key), an eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island and dreams of getting his favourite musicians, McGwyer Mortimer (Tom Basden & Carey Mulligan), back together. His fantasy turns into reality when the band-mates and former lovers accept his invitation to play a private show at his home on Wallis Island. Old tensions resurface as Charles tries desperately to salvage his dream gig. At the heart of the film is Tim Key's extraordinary performance.

Tickets £5 on the door. Avance booking, call Beth 01531 631503/ Malcolm 01684 833297 or email [mortonmajestic@gmail.com](mailto:mortonmajestic@gmail.com).

Licensed Bar / Refreshments / Ice creams, [www.castlemortoncinema.co.uk](http://www.castlemortoncinema.co.uk)





**St Peter's Church, Bushley,  
1st Ever CHRISTMAS TREE  
FESTIVAL**

**10am-4pm, 6th &  
7th December 2025**

The church will be full of  
trees, twinkle and music.

The village hall will be full of  
craft, bells and food.

If anyone is willing to help,  
we need the following:

- \* Cake, cake, cake!
- \* Volunteers for tea/coffee,  
help with car parking etc.

Or just come in, join the fun  
and spread the word.

**Contact: Kate 07878 749464**

**by call or message.**

Many, many thanks.

The Tree Team

## Castlemorton Environmental Group

**Thursday 27th November, 7:30pm, Castlemorton Parish Hall**



### **Composting, Organic Gardening & Waste Reduction**

Talk let by Nina Shields, an experienced gardener and composter, who volunteers for Garden Organic and Lets Waste Less.

Composting is a simple way of reducing the amount of waste you send for disposal, while building soil health, benefitting wildlife and boosting plant growth. Nina will set out the key steps to producing good compost, the principles of organic gardening, and will explain some other ways you can reduce waste from your household and recycle effectively.

Entry £2.50 cash, with tea/coffee/biscuits provided.



## ***THE BUSHLEY DIARY: November 2025 Activities in the Village***

### **Specific/Monthly Events:**

Day	Date/Month	Event	Time	Location
Thurs	6th Nov	Community Café	10:30 - 14:30	Tewkesbury Fields
Fri	7th Nov	First Friday	19:00 - 23:00	Cricket Club
Sat	8th Nov	Yoga	09:00 - 11:00	Village Hall
Sun	9th Nov	BCP Church Service	08:30 - 09:30	St Peter's Church
Tues	11th Nov	Tewkesbury Flower Club	13:00 - 16:30	Village Hall
Sat	14th Nov	Glos. Society of Illustrators	09:30-16:30	
Tues	18th Nov	Craft Club	10:00 - 12:00	
Tues	18th Nov	BVH AGM plus Meeting	19:00, 19:30	
Sat	22nd Nov	Wine Talk & Tasting	18:30 - 21:30	
Tues	25th Nov	Bushley Parish Council	19:00 start	
Fri	28th Nov	Forget Me Not Café	14:30 - 16:00	Tewkesbury Fields
Sat	29th Nov	Private Meeting	12:00 - 16:00	Village Hall
Sun	30th Nov	Benefice Church Service	10:30 - 11:30	St Peter's Church
Sun	30th Nov	Private Party	10:00 - 14:00	Village Hall

**Weekly Events** (please check directly with organiser ref. bank/school holiday times)

Day	Dates	Event	Time	Location
Mondays	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	Community Gardening	10:30 - 12:30	Community Garden
Mondays	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	Bowls	19:00 - 21:00	Village Hall
Tuesdays	4th, 11th, 25th	Ladies Martial Arts	18:45 - 20:15	Village Hall
Weds	5th, 19th, 26th	Pilates	09:30 - 10:30	Village Hall
Thursdays	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Yoga: Contact Louise 07968 187008	09:30 - 10:30	Village Hall
Thursdays	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Hand Bells	18:30 - 19:30	St Peter's Church

#### **Note 1**

Bushley Village Hall website: [Bushleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://Bushleyvillagehall.org.uk).

Contacts: Jason Kinghorn 07971 084096/Rachel Perry: 07594 853620.

#### **Note 2**

Craft Workshops are open to all. Helpful to book in advance.

Contact: Lesley 07920 260468.

**Note 3:** The mobile library visits Bushley on the first Monday every month.

Time	Location
09:45—10:00	Village Hall
10:05—10:20	Tewkesbury Fields Care Home

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