

Bushley News

May 2025

The Voice of the Village

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What a wonderful few weeks we have just experienced. Not so long ago the hedges and trees were bare, the roadsides were devoid of flowers, the skies were grey. But within a few days the first signs of a green awakening heralded the arrival of spring.

Hope was in the air but despite this hope the reality of life is never far away. With President Trump behaving in a most strange way 'over the pond' and new political voices in this country lending confusion to an already difficult time for all, with wars raging in far off places what can we make of it all?

The muffled tolling of the village church bells brought us back to reality, the reality that as life proceeds so we must say farewell to the past and to those who have given so much to the community. And the community of friends and neighbours, which is so important at these difficult times, has been much appreciated. Let us move on with nature and the ongoing cycle of life. Eds.



St Peter's Church, Bushley, Worcestershire

The View from the Pulpit



Dear Friends,

Whenever you set out on a journey, what essentials do you take? When I was training to lead groups in the mountains, having quality walking boots and socks were important, whilst having good navigational skills, plotting thoroughly a route using a map and compass. Checking the weather, stocking up on calories before you set off, having a broad first aid knowledge; the ability to lead others whilst having those skills to manage and cater for all potential risks and weather conditions.

Who and what have acted as a compass or direction of your life's journey? On our recent Lent course, we reflected on our faith, our relationship with God and how that has given us direction in different situations. During Lent, we have reflected on the journey towards Easter.

We are all in need of nourishment, not only to sustain our bodies but also our souls. It is finding those things that provide us with long-lasting nourishment. In our relationship with God, we can find it through nature, the arts, silence, worship, walking, prayer and being in fellowship with others.

Jesus can shine as a light for us when surrounded by darkness in our lives and we can also shine a light for others too when we come alongside others on their

life's journey.

Are you looking for the right balance in your life? At times, we can all struggle with anxiety or a lack of confidence. In Psalm 18.2, it says: 'The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.'



In these precarious times, it is important to have hope and to be encouraged. So many times, we have self-doubt. What are we striving for and towards? What fulfils us? What will happen next?

What are the essentials for our daily lives? We can be cleansed and renewed by God's pouring waters of grace, love and mercy. We can step out each day refreshed, renewed, cleansed and ready for the day that lies ahead.

A Prayer by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-45)

God of the day and of the night:

In me there is darkness,

But with you here is light;

I am lonely, but you do not leave me;

I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;

I am restless, but with you there is peace.

In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;

I do not understand your ways,

But you know the way for me;

Now and forever. Amen



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Services at St Peter's Church, Bushley, are held on the first Sunday of every month.

Next services: **08:30 on Sunday 4th May**, then **08:30 on Sunday 1st June**.

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

For details of the Benefices of Berrow and Longdon:

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

Rev'd Julie is Retiring!

Terrible news for us here in the benefice, but wonderful for Julie and Bob to be able to look forward to having more time to spend with family, with friends – and maybe even with each other! As they depart for a new life in Pershore – so not too far away, thankfully – we thought it would be lovely to do something to mark Julie's almost 11 years of amazing ministry in primarily Berrow Benefice, but with the addition of Longdon Benefice for her final eighteen months with us.

Her final service will be held on Sunday 29th June at 11am at St Faith's Berrow – the same Church where she was licensed as our priest on 1st September 2014 – how time flies! There will be a bring and share lunch afterwards at Berrow Village Hall and we are doing a collection so that we can give to her and to Bob – they are such a team – a token of our grateful thanks for all that they have both done to enhance and sustain the life of the Church within our communities – in particular the way they have both given so generously of their time, talents and hospitality to all. If you wish to make a contribution the banks details are as follows:

Account Name: Eldersfield PCC

Sort code: 30-91-87, Account code: 00421437.

Please use Julie as your reference.

Alternatively, cash or cheques may be given to Doug Braund or myself.

Mark Tayllor



In Touch with Nature

17th of April, I should have voted for Handel's "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" in Classic FM's Hall of Fame. She has arrived and was sitting exercising and preening, having just completed her epic journey from southern Africa. The female Swallow identifiable as an adult lacking the long tail streamers of the male. A nervous time now as we await the singing male's return.

Is there insect food for these global travellers? The Spring has been too dry and dare I say cold, certainly overnight; these conditions don't suit insect production. Two thirds of our insects require fresh water or wet ground to reproduce. There are plenty of Bees of all common species busy, even the over wintering butterflies Peacocks and Brimstones, are there more or have we seen more because we have had more sunshine to enjoy outside? Though I've not seen a Small Tortoiseshell, we released a Peacock that had hibernated behind the boots in the Back Hall. Last year's rain has brought an abundance of Lady-smock but where are the Orange Tip butterflies to take advantage? They've over-wintered as chrysalises.

Bird song, not my strongest subject once away from the more common species, but we have had a male Black Cap shouting out his loud song. Other warblers have been in the garden but not singing just feeding in the trees. The local Robin, Song Thrush, Blackbird and Wren all singing their proclamations. What will the "Dawn Chorus" provide I wonder?



Male Blackcap

I must echo Theresa's warning when strimming, Hedgehogs are very vulnerable when sleeping under hedges, just check before you trim. Another risk is when plants are protected from birds and butterflies with netting, check regularly for trapped fauna.

There was surviving Frogspawn in the garden pond, now busy Tadpoles; the pond has no liner in an effort to make it as wildlife friendly as possible, but it has meant needing to keep it topped up from the Well. The village pond on the "Green" is currently just a puddle, Climate Change, may be, but cricket usually brings the rain.

Every year, without failure, I am amazed by the leaf burst colours of the trees on the "Green", so many different shades of green, lasting just a week or two. I found an Oak tree with apples on this Good Friday, Oak Apples are produced as a gall, a reaction to the Oak Apple Gall Wasp laying eggs on buds, the galls remain soft and eventually wither and fall, unlike the Marble Gall that is very hard and remains on the twig even after the wasp has emerged through its flight hole. There are lots of different galls on Oak trees, most causing no harm to the trees, the apple is the most

attractive, rather like a bauble on a Christmas tree.

Best sighting, a Barn Owl flying through the garden, or was it the granddaughter and a Muntjac staring each other out?

Martin R

Wildlife In and Around Bushley

Near St Peter's Church

A mother duck and 10 ducklings have been spotted. Please keep your speed down when driving through the village in the hope of no car casualties.

Tewkesbury Fields Care Home at The Oxhey, Katrina Perry

The staff got a very lovely surprise recently to find that 'Daphne Duck' had returned for the sixth year running to lay and hatch 10 ducklings!

Despite lots of activity in the central courtyard from residents, Daphne came back to her safe space as she has done every year previously. Tewkesbury Fields is proving not only a safe place for our residents, but as Daphne has demonstrated, the perfect haven for the local wildlife.

General Manager Edrienne Baluyut said, "It is such a beautiful sight to see them all safely wondering around the courtyard, and residents are delighted to have such a close up view, we have spent most of the weekend watching them." They will be safely relocated to the river at the back of the home over the next few days.

Dawn Chorus Walk, Ben Perry & Martin Roberts

A lovely walk was had on Sunday 4th May, starting at the Village Hall at 5:30am. There was good company and lots of wildlife seen and heard. We did see Wood pigeon, Pheasant, Mallard, Canada goose, Heron, Herring gull, Kestrel, Blue tit, Raven. Heard by iPhone app (tech helped us realise how many unfamiliar birds we have), Wren, Robin, House sparrow, Blackcap, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Whitethroat, Reed bunting, Skylark, Cetti's warbler, Sedge warbler, Jackdaw, Swallow, Starling, Songthrush, Nuthatch.

Special thanks to Martin and his vast knowledge and so good at sharing with us. Thanks to Kate, Edith and Jack for their help with breakfast (the bacon and sausages were very welcome and delicious) and to everyone for coming. £50 was raised for the Church and Village Hall which is nice. We are fortunate to live in Bushley and I'm as guilty as anyone for not taking the time more regularly to enjoy. Will definitely do it again, possibly at Bushley Green next time and/or an evening walk.

EXTRA: Hafren, the cuckoo has returned to Longdon where it was tagged last year. Hopefully we'll hear/see it around Bushley very soon.

Mowing

Well, that's what my grandson called it. He's now grown up with children of his own so no doubt he has progressed to "mowing" as the term for that perpetual summer job.



someone to trim them; just a total mess as well as hideously noisy.

Then of course there is the question of edging and tidying; yes to some - it certainly makes things look cared for. But in other

places; wildness prevails.

Our volunteer group at Pershore was talking about mowing, it seems on the whole to be a male job. Hilary, who lives on her own, hates it. "It's like outdoor Hoovering," she said. I used to find it therapeutic when I got in from work, mindlessly going up and down as a sort of unwinding of the day. We did have help in the garden in those days, so it was a job that didn't fall to me too often.

On our big field at the back we get the chaps to miss large patches for a month - that way we enjoy the wildflowers, and the different texture of two different heights of grass. You can't call it lawn!

I had to remind the groundsmen to leave the daffodils for now, so that the bulbs can replenish underground ready for next year.

Nowadays my knees are giving up so I'm lucky that having three areas to mow I can do them on different days. There's been a lot of talk about "No-Mow May" and even "leave the grass long for the summer." But that leads to various other problems, like ants making anthills to that when you do eventually mow you get bare patches where the mower skims the top off.

Everything is greening up most wonderfully and things are vibrant with colour. Tomato seedlings coming up in the greenhouse; Cosmos ditto, as well as other seedlings burgeoning.

My friend Phil has been mowing too; with his tractor on Pageant Meadow as we prepare for Armour and the Abbey, a small living history and horse Fest. His horse King will be there, but before that he will be writing his Secret Diary about an urban myth. Someone told me that equine statues tell you how the rider died; all four hooves on the ground; died peacefully in bed. One hoof up; wounded in battle; up on rear legs died in battle. Hokum. King will be suitably scornful no doubt.

Meanwhile back to the tasks at hand; yet more clearing of weeds; yet more cutting



Anthill

I do have two patches that are left until September but they are not too large and I can deal with them with a scythe. Made the terrible mistake one year of getting

back, yet more rescuing and potting up Tree Peony seedlings. And watering; I never water lawns; except for the patch with a hidden drain cover underneath, grass is very forgiving and will come back. So, watering the pots and hanging baskets, vegs and any new planting.

I noticed that one of the silver birches on our patch was looking sorry for itself; given it a couple of buckets, some encouraging words, and weeded round the base.

I saw an oak seedling in my garden; better get that potted up - although they tend not to do well; much better if they fall or are squirreled (or Jayed) into a place where they can be happy and thrive as nature intended. It's how woodland should regenerate.

Penelope Tubbs

Bushley Parish Council Update



The Bushley Parish Council (BPC) **Annual Open Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 15th May**, at **18:00** in **Bushley Village Hall**. All parish councillors will be present, as will your District Councillor (Jennie Watkins). Villagers are invited to attend and to raise any questions or suggestions they may have, to help improve our community. Refreshments will be provided and the meeting is expected to last less than an hour. This meeting will be followed by the Annual Ordinary Meeting (typically just Councillors), starting at 19:00.

Villagers are reminded of the **road works on the A438** between the Mythe Bridge and the turning for Bushley, **scheduled between 19th May and 6th June 2025**. The road will closed for **ONE DAY** within the above window, for resurfacing work. There will then be subsequent closures (as required), for a few hours in the following days for sweeping and white lining. The road will not be closed constantly for three weeks but only intermittently within that period, for short durations.

Planning Reference M/25/00492/FUL:

Erection of cabin for holiday let use to replace redundant lambing shed.

Planning Reference M/25/00496/CAN:

Undertake tree works, as detailed on application form and any accompanying information.

Vaughan Latter (BPC Chairman)

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View from the Saddle



Further, Faster, Higher!

That is the 'mantra' of the Dear Leader, now he's fully embraced the many energy-saving functions of his new electric bike. However, for those in his Team that remain on mechanical bikes (or who turn off electric assist), this athletic ambition can sometimes create 'issues'. As was the case in

late March, when the Dear Leader had us embark on the longest round trip of the year (some 46 miles) to the **Anchor Inn at Epney**.

The Anchor has many qualities - its position overlooks the Severn estuary and so wildlife is all about; its cellars are stocked with well-kept Wye Valley ales; and its pub fare is competitively priced. To be honest the distance of the ride was the lesser problem, as the route was largely flat alongside the Sharpness Canal; it was the punishing 15 mph head wind we faced on our return journey that did for us. Cyclists hate head winds more than they hate rain or even cold, as you can buy clothing to deal with those problems.

cycling law #5

**THERE WILL BE A
HEADWIND IN
BOTH
DIRECTIONS.
ALWAYS.**



Then later April, the Dear Leader again chose to test the stamina of his men by having us cycle up the vertiginous hill from the Red Lion at Wainloade, to Norton village on the A38. While speeding down that particular incline has been a regular highlight over the years, to do the same in reverse has only been attempted once before in the long history of the Bushley Bikers, when their legs were younger and lungs more efficient. The results were decidedly mixed and for those wearing heartrate monitoring watches, somewhat alarming too!

Our ultimate destination was the never before visited **Clavell and Hind Brewery Taproom at Elmstone Business Park**. It turned out to be a real find offering indoor and outdoor seating aplenty and on-site brewed Golden Ale; Pale Ale; Bitter and Stout. Sadly, a visit the evening before by 40 plus motorcyclists, had completely wiped them out of any food until after 14:00. Accordingly, after just a single pint we sadly retreated to the nearby Gloucester Old Spot which found room for the 8 of us; and we found room for at least 5 of their excellent locally made steak and ale pies.

The glorious weather of early April made the 30 mile ride around Bredon Hill in week 3, a joyous affair. Stopping briefly at Great Comberton to enjoy the view over the Vale of Evesham, it put us in mind of the exceptional spring that accompanied the many tragedies of Covid -19 lock down, some five years ago. But even that sad memory could not dampen an otherwise ebullient mood created by the excellent lunch served

at the **Star Inn, Ashton-under-Hill**. The blade of beef was meltingly good and the luxury fish pie were both cited as being particularly outstanding (... should you go there, look out for the two meals for £15 deal).

Circling back through slow lanes and yet slower footpaths across open fields, we traversed from Beckford through to Aston on Carrant before dropping down into Tewkesbury, to stop at Studio 22 on Barton Street (opposite the Museum). A charming artist studio space, it was hosting a retrospective exhibition by local artist Ardyn Griffin (a long-time friend of the Dear Leader). Starting her art teaching career at Bredon School in 1956, Ardyn now lives in a nearby parish and is described by another gallery that exhibits her work as *'a multi- talented artist with a rich imagination inspired by her garden; using plant motifs, people and animal forms to create exquisitely painted boxes and playful papier mâché' sculptures...'*. The Bikers were warmly welcomed by Helen (the Studio owner) and Ardyn, though our eclectic, ill-matched cycling gear could not really be said to help the creative vibe of the otherwise enchanting art displays on show!

Happy and safe cycling.

Vaughan Latter

Queenhill WI Report, April 2025 Meeting

The majority of our members like to travel to interesting places; most of us enjoy hobbies such as birdwatching; several are fond of walking and exploring different environments, but none of us can compare with our speaker Christine Armstrong and her husband.

In a very interesting talk, Christine told us of her five-week-long backpacking trip to Argentina, followed by five weeks cruising around the islands, birdwatching. We were full of admiration for her ability to pack for five weeks with just a small rucksack and using local buses for journeys up to 22 hours! What a special trip with so many fascinating tales to tell.

If the talk made us think of our own holidays, so did the sunny weather we had been enjoying for days. The afternoon ended with the usual delicious tea, good conversation and raffle.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th May from 2.15 to 4pm at WI Hall when we are eager to invite our friends and neighbours to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a delicious 1940s Tea Party, a raffle and a fascinating talk 'The £2 that Changed My Life' by Lynne Hackles. On this special occasion we ask our visitors for a £5 entry fee that will go towards the upkeep of our hall. For more information about this please email sarah.mcdermott@btinternet.com.

Doreen Small

Jottings of an Urbanised Retired GP

Supplements and Vaccines

I always enjoy Ogden Nash's little rhymes which seem to be full of common sense, such as the wings being on the bird in last month's BN rather than being 'on the wing'. Here's another I rather like:

The cow is of the Bovine ilk

One end is 'moo', the other milk.

A silly rhyme but so true – and only slightly to do with this month's Jottings. Do we really need to take supplements to keep us healthy, and are vaccination supplements important? This thought brings me back to the [cow](#), since Edward Jenner used the word Vaccination to describe how he used the serum from cowpox lesions to protect his patients from smallpox (Latin: vacca = cow). There is no doubt that smallpox vaccination is an effective means of protecting patients from what was a deadly disease. The vaccine was also instrumental in removing smallpox from the world. This must be counted as one of the most successful preventative programmes in the history of Preventative Medicine. Prevention is better than cure!



For those over the age of 75 who have received an invitation to have a booster Covid vaccine, some may wonder if yet another jab is really necessary. The answer must be 'Yes' because there is still a lot we don't know about Covid. What was so alarming in the early days of the pandemic was that what appeared to be just another winter virus turned out to be a really dangerous bug. Many who caught the virus had devastating damage to lungs and vital parts of the body and some died, which took the medical services by surprise. The longer term effects are still being investigated and no straight answers are available for why Long Covid affects some but not all. So, it seems only sensible to recommend that if you are offered a booster, take it. Some protection may remain from previous jabs but the effectiveness does wear off leaving one vulnerable to a full blown attack. There are a number of vaccines – for flu, shingles, whooping cough, measles and rubella, to name but a few. They all prevent these conditions very effectively and are to be recommended.

But does the human body need all the 'Supplements' that are so freely advertised? I am sure that they can make one feel better. But is this a 'placebo effect', where if you believe it will do you good it will boost your wellness feeling? Most are recommended as additions to substances that we do need in very small amounts. A mixed diet will supply these. If one's diet is very restrictive, such supplements may be sensible. But for general use they probably do no more than boost your wellbeing (and reduce your hard earned cash). We do know that

excessive intake of Vitamins or rare elements can cause side effects. We should all take a mixed diet. We are, after all, omnivores, meaning that we can survive on a healthy mixed diet without the need of artificial supplements – unless they are vaccines!

Andrew Crowther


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80TH ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday 7th May from 12.30pm

**Come and join us at Tewkesbury Fields
for our Street Party**

Join as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day with live
music entertainment and a Street party in our gardens!

There will be food and refreshments for everyone to enjoy!

Booking is required, please call on 01684 850 311

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View from between the Bears



Spring has sprung! Lots of dry weather and some warm days too; the forecast says we will have temperatures in the mid to high 20'sC. Now here's a thing; Fahrenheit was the perfect scale for weather temperature; 100 was the hottest regularly recorded and 0 was the lowest. I know where I am with Fahrenheit; 40 is jumper and jacket; at 55 I might shed the jacket if I'm working; at 70 I might be down to shirt sleeves; beyond that, look away! I still tend to convert Centigrade to Fahrenheit in my head; 16=61, 22=72, 28=82 for quick reference. Why a weather scale needs to be based on the boiling point of water beats me.

A lot of work has been done on the land, taking full advantage of the rapidly improving ground conditions. Most arable crops are in the ground, with the exception of maize which doesn't like too much of a frost. Potato planting is coming to an end after having the easiest time for quite a few years. The irrigators will be out before long I'm sure after such a dry start. There's plenty of life in a seed potato, but when they grow about 6 inches out of the ground they need plenty of water, either rain or pumped on. They often apply about 2" of rain each time and would repeat every 2 weeks if needed. That's pretty much double what a 'normal' season would supply naturally.

Anyone lambing last month has had ideal

conditions to move ewes and lambs out to pasture. Lambs can stand chilly nights [we've had a few of those] if they are dry and well fed, and, in the main, they are romping away.

Nothing says 'Spring' more than a field of young lambs gambolling about. The grass and arable crops are growing well as the soil temperature rises, though, inevitably, a bit of warm rain would be welcome, not enough to make the spud men happy though please! That would be too much for pretty much anyone else.

A 'first cut' of silage is pretty much imminent on dairy farms. High quality winter feed is important for milk production, several light cuts produce better quality, high protein silage. In combination with maize silage made later in the year, this comes close to a complete diet for cows

President Trump has well and truly 'thrown a cat amongst the pigeons' with his threats of trade tariffs on imports to the US. Our negotiators [I don't think the PM can get too involved] have a real balancing act to achieve if a 'deal' is to be done. The US are keen to export meat to us, including chlorinated chicken and hormone treated beef not allowed to be produced in the UK or Europe. The UK is keen to keep exporting cars and drugs [legal ones!] as this amounts to about a quarter of the £60bn total exported to the US annually. The US is also the third biggest export market for food and drink from the UK, significant since exports to Europe dropped by a third after Brexit. So the dilemma for the negotiators is closer

ties to Europe, risking higher tariffs on exports to the US, or closer ties to the US, with the many concessions they are likely to insist on. Neither sounds very appealing to me and a large number of the farming community, who fear their interests could well be secondary.

This follows the sudden closure for applications to the Sustainable Farming Initiative [SFI] last month, so there is some sort of precedent here to worry about. A survey has shown that only 54% of farmers had signed up to the scheme, 40% were in the process of preparing applications when the scheme closed. Additionally, only 4.5%

said they had achieved all they wanted to in the scheme, over 90% wanted to apply for additional options within the scheme.

Bright yellow fields of Oil Seed Rape are a bit of a rarity this year as difficult ground conditions last autumn and the continuing threat from Cabbage Stem Flea Beetles (CSFB) stopped a lot of fields being established. Now there is a warning that brassicas included in some of the mixtures in SFI options could be a 'bug hotel' for CSFB. Nothing's ever straightforward is it!

Tim Perry

Bushley Cricket Club News

A good night was had by those who came to the Gardeners' Question Time. Reg was on good form and gave us comprehensive answers in his amusing style.

Good attendance at the Bluebell Walk, despite the rain in the morning, saw about 70 enjoy the walk and the tea that followed in lovely sunshine.



Grateful thanks to all who attend our events and to the small army who provide cakes, scones and sandwiches, much appreciated by all present.

Cricket matches have already started on the Green, early this year as the pitch is dry enough for a change!

Details available on the Facebook page. Tim Perry

Get Involved With More Bushley Community Activity

Jason Kinghorn is starting the **St Peter's Church mowing rota** for **2025**. Thank you to those already on it and if anyone else could assist, he will add you to the rota. The grass needs cutting every 2 weeks, so you'd probably get two slots each a year. Please private message Jason on 07971 084096 if you can assist.

Open Farm Sunday is due to take place on **9th June**. Ben Perry is planning a farm walk offering to villagers touring crops and the cattle, in aid of the church. More details to follow in due course.

Working with Nature to Reduce Flooding: Solutions for Our Community



CEG invite you to a talk by Jacob Loughran, Catchment Restoration Officer with Severn Rivers Trust.

Join us for an informative talk on how we are using natural processes to address flooding challenges. Extreme weather patterns, storms and heavy rain have led to excess water running off farmland, flooding roads, and entering homes and businesses. Jacob will share practical and natural solutions that he is implementing around the river Teme, including the creation of farm ponds and wetlands, 'leaky dams', tree planting, and other innovative approaches to land and water management.

Discover how landowners, volunteers, and communities can work together to reduce flooding, enhance landscapes, and create a more resilient environment. The talk will also showcase the wider work of Severn Rivers Trust, highlighting ways you can get involved in our efforts to protect and restore local rivers.

Castlemorton Parish Hall
Thursday 29th May at 7:30pm

Entry £2:50 cash, with tea or coffee and biscuits provided.

This event is sponsored by Castlemorton Parish Council

Community Café

First Thursday - Monthly - 10.30am - 2.30pm

We know the importance of supporting our local community. So we welcome you to come along and enjoy a chat and complimentary refreshments. We will be offering the following;

10.30am - 12pm: Selection of Homemade Cakes & Refreshments.

12.30pm - 2pm: Selection of Homemade Soups & Crusty Bread. Followed by a selection of deserts.

Please call to book a table.

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Your Guide to Activities in the Village (See Notes below)

Specific/Monthly Events:

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Thurs	1st May	Elections	All day	Village Hall
Thurs	1st May	Community Café	10:30 - 14:30	Tewkesbury Fields
Fri	2nd May	First Friday	19:00 - 23:00	Cricket Club
Sun	4th May	Dawn Chorus Walk	05:30 start	Village Hall
Sun	4th May	Church Service	08:30 - 09:30	St Peter's Church
Wed	7th May	VE Day Celebration	12:30 - tbc	Tewkesbury Fields
Tues	13th May	Tewkesbury Flower Club	13:00 - 16:30	Village Hall
Tues	13th May	Bushley Village Hall Meeting	19:00 - 21:00	
Thurs	15th May	Parish Council Open Meeting	18:00 - 19:00	
Thurs	15th May	Parish Council Ordinary Meeting	19:00 - 21:00	
Tues	20th May	Craft Club	10:00 - 12:00	

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

Day	Dates	Event	Time	Location
Mondays	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May	Community Gardening	10:30 - 12:30	Community Garden
Mondays	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May	Bowls	19:00 - 21:00	Village Hall
Wednesdays	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th May	Pilates	09:30 - 10:30	Village Hall
Thursdays	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May	Hand Bells	18:30 - 19:30	St Peter's Church

Note 1

For further details contact either Jason Kinghorn: 07971 084096 or Rachel Perry: 07594 853620.

Bushley Village Hall website: Bushleyvillagehall.org.uk

Note 2

Craft Workshops are open to all. It helps if people book in advance but it's not essential. For details, contact Lesley: 07920 2604668.

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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