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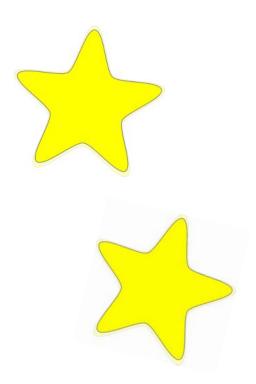
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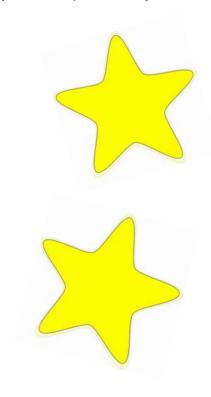
I really wanted to wish you all a very merry Christmas but it's still November, and there are rules...

So instead I need to thank everyone that helps, every month, with the magazine and the deliveries. I couldn't put the village news together without each of you, so THANK YOU, specially to Liam, Ellie, Charlie and Noah, Jon, Mrs Miller and Mrs Lootes for delivering the magazines.

In no particular order (and I am so sorry if I have missed you out!), thank you to:



Steve Bullen
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Rev Scott Watts
Nicola Hogan
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Noah Booker
Liam Hulbert
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This month's cover is by Suzy Taylor and shows the Honeybourne Cubs at their Remembrance Parade.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!!** 

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The last date for articles for the January issue is 23rd December.

#### Friends of Honeybourne School (FOHS) – Parish News Submission November 2017

#### Friends of Honeybourne School (FOHS) Christmas Fayre

You are cordially invited to attend a Christmas Fayre, arranged to take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 4:30 to 6:30 at Honeybourne Primary Academy School. Entry to the fayre is free so why not come along, take a look, get in the festive spirit and stock up on Christmas goodies? You can expect to see:

-Stalls selling gifts, goodies, decorations and sweet treats with a Christmas theme.

- Two tombola stalls (one for children and another for adults)
- A Raffle including a Murder Mystery for two with dinner bed and breakfast at selected UK venues,
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  - Entertainment by the children of Honeybourne Primary Academy
    - Refreshments and mince pies

If you'd like to run your own stall for a small fee of £5 then we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Alison Hilton (FOHS Chairperson) on 07513 123001 or <a href="mailto:friendsofhoneybourneschool@gmail.com">friendsofhoneybourneschool@gmail.com</a> for details.

This is a perfect opportunity to start your Christmas shopping, pick up a few Christmas bargains and support a local cause so please do come along to support the school, it will be fantastic to see you there.

All proceeds raised by FOSH at the event will contribute towards funding events and activities for Honeybourne Primary Academy School. In previous years, funding has been used to pay for coaches to take the whole school to the pantomime and other trips and lots of other extras such as playtime equipment. All of which have benefitted the school and its' pupils.

If you are interested in joining the FOHS committee or have fundraising ideas and suggestions then please do contact Alison Hilton on 07513 123001 or friendsofhoneybourneschool@gmail.com



#### **Honeybourne Parish Council News**

#### **Nigel Huddleston MP to Help with Parish Matters**

Mrs. Julia Luff attended the November council meeting on behalf of Nigel Huddleston MP and received members questions and concerns on the following matters:

- The total lack of traffic calming measures deployed by Worcestershire County Council throughout the county
- The County Highways officers' negative attitude to applying traffic calming measures when requested to do so
- The local police being reluctant to carry out speed enforcement in the village
- The lack of police enforcement on the continuous mud deposits on Bretforton Road
- The lack of Network Rail's progress in the handover of the land at the access to Stephenson Way
- The lack of Network Rail's progress with creating an extra car park on their own land at Honeybourne Station to relive parking in Stephenson Way.

Julia confirmed she would bring all the matters to the attention of Nigel and he would respond back to the council on the progress with each matter of concern.

#### **Parish Precept**

At the December 12th Parish Council meeting the council will be considering the finance group's budget recommendations for the 2018-19 financial year. The budget recommendation, once agreed, will enable the parish precept to be considered and agreed. Anyone wishing to make comments or question the council are welcome to attend and address the council in open forum



Your Parish Councillors
Wish All Parishioners
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

#### **Village Traffic Speed**

To gain positive data on traffic speeding the Council commissioned three devices for speed recording. Council considered the data received for the speed monitoring throughout the village and noted the 85th Percentile speed at the three-monitored locations as:

Weston Road just inside the 30mph zone 46MPH Stratford Road at No 55 34MPH Buckle Street at The Elms in the 60mph zone 48MPH

The council has agreed to request the Safer Roads Partnership camera van and the police to take enforcement action on Weston Road and Stratford Road at the appropriate times which are recorded in the speed data information. The data set information will be sent to as evidence of a speeding problem. The data will also be sent to Nigel Huddleston MP as the council raised the speeding problem with him via Julia Luff.

#### **CCTV**

The new Recreation Field pavilion will be fitted with external CCTV cameras to monitor and record all activities around the Recreation Field including the MUGA, car park, main gate and the

pavilion area.

The Parish Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings, which are held in the Village Hall and commence at 7.15 pm. Residents are welcome to speak on any issue of local concern during the Open Forum before the start of the meeting.

Clerk John Stedman

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For up to Date Council information Visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish and then link to Honeybourne

#### BRETFORTON GARDEN CLUB

2nd November 2017

Everyone was welcomed by Barbara especially the new members. Club notices were dealt with efficiently and members encouraged to think about joining the committee in the new year.

Alison has been working hard to establish next year's programme and she has managed to secure a visit to see the snowdrops at their peak in February at Painswick Rococo Gardens. members were asked to declare their interest as a coach may be booked if numbers dictate. We are all intrigued to find out more about the BIG DAY OUT which she has organised for next year. Watch this space!!

Our speaker for the evening was Tom Price from the Cheltenham Orchid Society. He was surrounded by many different species of orchids and even though some were not in bloom at present we could see the different form and leaf shapes. He was incredibly knowledgeable and shared his experience of growing orchids with us. This widened our understanding of the 25,000 species and their hybrids which form this the largest flowering plant family. He explained that broadly orchids fell into three main categories dictated by the temperature zones which they need to thrive. He went on to give valuable information about how to help the plants rest and re-flower.

It would appear that many of us kill our orchids with kindness but to help us Tom gave good advice on feeding regimes and the surprising use of ground cinnamon to protect them. Since he has over a 1000 thriving plants, we listened intently. We now know our cymbidiums from our dendrobiums and philodendrons. We will have a chance to see them all in flower at the Cheltenham Orchid Society's show next March. Tom has invited us to go along as we could even purchase some of the rarer ones there.

Our next meeting is the Christmas social in December and we wish all our members who aren't able to join us on that evening a very early but very sincere Happy Christmas. Then back in the memorial hall for January as usual on the first Thursday of the month.

Anyone interested in joining us at Breforton should contact Barbara Jenman at barbjenman.bj@gmail.com or check the website for more details.

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Honeybourne Railway Club Brick Walk, Honeybourne, Evesham, WR11 5PG Tel 07732 383880

Hello and Merry Christmas from all at the Railway Club! Here are the events in December:

- \* Friday 1st December Prize Bingo 8pm
- \* Saturday 2nd December Cash Bingo 8pm
- \* Friday 8th December Cash Bingo 8pm
- \* Saturday 9th December Members' Christmas Party with music from Bobby G. Please put your names on the list on the board by 2nd December. This is a free party with music. Raffle Prizes are welcome. Bar prices are as usual. 6.30 for 7pm start.
- \* Friday 15th December Grand Christmas Prize Bingo and Grand Draw. If anyone can sell books of tickets for us that would be great. 6.30 for 8pm start.
- \* Saturday 16th December Cash Bingo

Happy birthday Kodi Sam Pay. Have a nice party.

- \* 22nd December Cash Bingo 8pm
- \* 23rd December Prize Bingo 8pm
- \* Boxing Day afternoon family disco (free entry) 2.30 5pm
- \* 29th December Prize Bingo
- \* 30th December Cash Bingo

My 31-track rock'n'roll album and Album 10 with 23 tracks are now available at £5 each. All proceeds to the Air Ambulance. I have now reached £1000.

Thank you, and have a nice Christmas.

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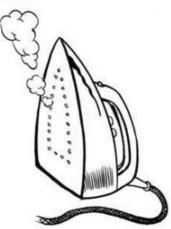
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#### Letter from the Vicar

#### The most wonderful time of the year?

"Ha!", I hear some of you cry. "It was all very well for Andy Williams to sing about Christmas being 'the most wonderful time of year'. He didn't have to do all the things that I've got to do between now and 25th December!"

For many, Christmas is stressful. Diaries are groaning under the strain of concerts, school plays, church services, office parties, family and friends arriving and departing, shopping, meal preparation and so much more besides. For others, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time. Some will spend it alone. For some, it will be the first Christmas without a loved one, or after a sad or painful life event.

In spite of these very real situations, I still believe that Christmas really is 'the most wonderful time of the year' – not because, in the words of Andy Williams's song, of "jingle belling, parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting, or much mistletoeing", fun though all of those things may be. No, I believe that this really is 'the most wonderful time of the year' because of this message, spoken by an angel to some shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks,'

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."

Luke 2: 10-14 (ESV)

God, in Jesus Christ, becomes one of us. He feels pain and sadness. He walks with us in and through our brokenness. There is no 'fake news' here, only Good News – especially for those who find Christmas and the New Year difficult. Emmanuel – God with us.

There are numerous services taking place before and during Christmas, to which you are warmly invited. However you come – happy or sad – you are welcome. On behalf of everyone at your parish church, I wish you and yours a peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

With love,

Scott Revd Scott Watts Team Vicar

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Monday 20th November Catherine Clark give a very informative and enjoyable talk 'My Life With Hats'. We all now know the best way to wear a hat correctly, the benefits of getting professional advice on style, colour and shape which would best suit us for the special occasion was greatly appreciated.

The evening proved to be very enjoyable, please look at our Facebook site for some lovely pictures of the evening.

The competition which was for a favourite hat was won by Hilary Collins

Our next meeting on Monday 18th December, at 7:30 Honeybourne Village Hall Speakers: Chloe Lees- 'Festive Fables'

This will be fun packed evening, festive music, special raffle prizes, a festive supper and plenty of laughter.







Please come along, you will be made to feel very welcome check us out on facebook honeybeeswi or www.honeybeeswi.wordpress.com

Honeybourne Village Hall

Christmas Prize Bingo

Monday 18th December

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES ST. ECGWIN'S CHURCH HONEYBOURNE

Friday 15th December - Christingle Service - 4.30pm

Tuesday 19th December - Carol Service - 7.30pm

Christmas Eve - Crib Service - 2.30pm - Midnight Eucharist - 11.30pm

Christmas Day- Holy Communion - 11.00am



#### Rotas for Services – Honeybourne – December 2017 Due to the change in the benefice please check all times/venues during month with notice board

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Sunday December 10 <sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Evensong 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	T Banks	L Dunbar	Minister	Advent	A Taylor N Hopkins A Banbury
Sunday December 17th 11.00am Communion 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	M Edwards S Matthews	M Edwards	M Edwards	Advent	T Banks
Sunday December 24 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Crib Service 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	M Miller	M Miller	Minister	M Miller	S Matthews D Griffiths
Sunday December 31 <sup>st</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion Christmas 1	Benefice Eucharist in celebration of the Patronal Festival for St Ecgwin at Honeybourne				M Miller

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CHURCH NEWS October/November 2017

> Deaths – Mrs Joan Hayball Marriages – Rob and Sarah Dunbar Baptism – George Joseph Miller

Dear Friends

A very big thank you to everyone who came and supported the Christmas Fayre on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, your kindness in helping us raise funds for the Church is much appreciated.

The Crib Service falls this year on a Sunday which is Christmas Eve at 2.30pm. To make this a special service if your little ones would like to dress up as Crib characters we would love to have them in Church.

So to all budding Angels; Shepherds; Wise Men and of course Sheep bring your Mums and Dads along to our Crib Service.

Details of all services within our team churches will come to all in the Christmas Card.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas

Mary Miller Churchwarden - 01386 831998

#### A Two-mile Circular Walk with a picnic spot

This route is clearly signed Sturdy shoes or boots are recommended.

Start at The Gate Inn, cross the Weston Road (TAKE GREAT CARE) and walk up High Street to the Thatched Tavern. Turn left alongside the Thatched Tavern into China Corner and walk straight on until you pass through the narrow gap opposite, between the houses. This leads onto a cul-de-sac. Follow the footpath straight ahead through the houses until you reach the end of the houses. Turn left and walk around the fenced culvert to the footpath signpost on the Weston Road. TAKE GREAT CARE when crossing this road. This is a very fast road, and visibility is not very good. Over your first stile. This path leads through a woodland area before reaching the next stile. Once over this stile, turn right and follow the edge of the field (headland) to a way-marker post in the corner of the field where you will turn left, continuing to follow the headland.

Across another stile, then continue straight on to the wooden bridge. Cross the bridge and continue along the headland in the same direction until you meet the next wooden bridge with a stile. Just before the bridge you will notice a bench to your right that is a lovely spot to enjoy a picnic, but please be sure to take all of your litter home. Here you can truly appreciate the peace and tranquillity of the countryside.

Once over the stile, then follow a 2 o'clock direction, to the left of the first telegraph pole, to the metal gate leading onto the bridge. Over the bridge (where you can see another bridge and fencing installed by the local hunt). Immediately turn right and through the gap in the fence, then immediately turn left down a narrow path that runs between the disused railway and open fields (do not go up onto the old railway bed). Take time to admire the view of St. Egwin's church in the distance. Continue along this path to the end where you will turn left and up onto the Mickleton Road. At the road, again taking GREAT CARE, turn left and walk 150 yards to the next stile on your left. Cross the stile to enter the field. Walk in the direction of the church following the way-markers directing you through four more stiles, and into the churchyard. Take the path opposite the church porch, and into the next field. This leads you over a gated bridge, and then through a gate on to the Weston Road. Turn right and you are back at The Gate Inn.

We hope you have enjoyed your walk today, and that we have whetted your appetite for a variety of future walks during 2017\* using the Public Rights of Way (PROWs) in the Parish of Honeybourne.

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#### HONEYBOURNE MOVIE NIGHTS

A great time was had by all at the opening night of Honeybourne Movie Night. Everyone enjoyed the superb quality of the screen and sound of the film, Pirates of the Caribbean.

In the interval refreshments were served including local icecream which proved to be very popular, a raffle was also held with the first prize being two free tickets to a future film.

Our next film which will be SPIDERMAN HOMECOMING will be shown on Saturday Dec 9th at 7.30pm .Come and enjoy.

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#### Honeybourne Wednesday club

The Honeybourne Wednesday club met on 1st November when there were 35 members present. After the distribution of birthday cards for the month the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Christmas Raffle was not held this month which is usual; it will be held during the December meeting when members are asked to bring prizes around the value of £3.00 and not for the trolley raffle.

Win then circulated taking names, money and choice of menu from those going on the Bowling outing on Wed 8th November .Pick up at Honeybourne at 10.30.

Entertainment was Andy Pedrick on how to plant bulbs and plants. He then sold flower arrangements to the ladies. A vote of thanks was given by Peggy Miller.

We all need to be in good voice for the carol singing and visit from the vicar in the December meeting, and don't forget to bring your Christmas cards so that they can be distributed.

I wish to say a big thank you to the very kind local Honeybourne businesses who donated prizes to a raffle held one Sunday in October in aid of Action on Poverty, a locally based charity which builds the self-reliance of some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world www.aptuk.org.uk

So a huge thank you for:

A private Hatha Yoga session with Nikki (a special thanks as she also collected many of the prizes!)

A voucher from Jasmine Palace

Ceramics from Honeybourne Pottery

A voucher from Bella Hair

A voucher from the Indulgence Beauty Salon

A bottle of wine from Premier local shops.

Kenyan hand made cushion covers.

Lorna's Mum's cake - and all the other delicious dishes people kindly brought. (and a Hot Air Balloon Flight was also won)

We raised £200, the equivalent of providing apprenticeship training to eight young people – who have no skills, no hope and no future – and setting them up for life. Or kick starting a revolving loan scheme for 20 people who will start tiny businesses to feed and educate their families. The same fund will then be loaned to others when its repaid....the long term impact on people's lives is what I do it for, so a real heart felt thank you!

Alex Daniels

# Free Bus To Tesco Thursdays, 10am Leaving from Dudley Road.

# Church Christmas Fayre 25th November 2pm Honeybourne Village Hall

Please send any contributions to the Honeybourne Village News to magazine@honeybourne.org.uk by 23rd December.

Interested in ballet classes locally?
The village hall is hoping to get funding for ballet barres and a mirror so that classes can start in January or February.

Our RAD trained teacher Nikki will be offering classes for children aged 4+ and adult classes including beginners.

Please contact either the Honeybourne Village News (magazine@honeybourne.org.uk) or Nikki Cook (nikki\_cook@hotmail.com) to discuss further.

#### Interested in hiring the Village Hall?

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#### News from your District Councillor & County Councillor Alastair Adams December 2017

#### Dear Residents,

As I am writing this, I am enjoying my first piece of Christmas cake in a warm room whilst outside is cold and rainy. Living in England we see our changing seasons, and with them different activities and traditions. I love this time of the year for the mince pies, the carol services, the school plays, the Christmas dinner with friends and families, and those wintery walks and the roaring fires to get warm. So let me wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. My next report to you will be in 2018!

#### Improvements to the Railway infrastructure

Around £53million is being spent by the County Council and its partners on rail improvements up to 2019 including stations such as Kidderminster, Worcester Parkway and work already completed at Foregate Street in Worcester, Malvern Link and Bromsgrove. Also improved parking at Honeybourne Station is now been identified as a priority.

#### **Rural Community Hall Wi-Fi Funding**

Rooftop Housing are offering to provide the opportunity for more people to go online and enjoy the benefits of the internet by funding the installation of free Wi-Fi into community venues/village halls.

#### **Superfast Broadband**

Work has continued all month in laying new ducting for the fibre optic cable to bring Superfast to Ullington. So soon hopefully residents in these areas will be able to sign up for Superfast Broadband.

#### Blue Badge inspection

Officers from our Parking Services team, along with our Civic Enforcement Officers, recently completed a week-long operation as part of a county-wide crackdown on the misuse of disabled persons' Blue Badges in the district. With close to 10,000 badges issued in Worcestershire alone, demand for parking in disabled bays is high. Blue Badge misuse is a serious offence that can result in a maximum fine of £1,000, as well as withdrawal of the badge.

#### **Highways**

- 1. Street Cleaning the manager responsible for street cleaning (carried out by WDC but funded by WCC) visited the Littletons Division and agreed to use the machines to sweep the kerbs to remove the detritus and dead grass and weeds. Particular attention was given to Birmingham Rd and Shinehill Lane. He will review the schedule in these rural areas and may increase the frequency to help clear the weeds and grass from growing along the kerbside.
- 2. The Hub has revised their telephone procedures to make it easier to be used residents phoning in to report Highway problems and other issues. The preferred communication is for everyone to use the Report It website (address below) but there are times when you want to talk to a human person, and now you can! Tel 01905 765 7653.
- Pedestrian Crossing Honeybourne

At the request of a resident, I have started a conversation with County Hall to look at installing a pedestrian crossing in Station Rd near the footpath exit from Westbourne and near the junction

with Shepherds Walk where the kerb stones are already dropped. This is a long term project as funds need to be found to build it, but I do think it is a welcome addition to the village.

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\_it Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as "a thousand words" so always take a photo where possible.

#### Long Marston Airfield Garden Village – Draft Framework Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document -Public consultation - Thursday 19 October to 5.00 pm Friday 1 December 2017

This development of 3500 new homes in Warwickshire will probably have the biggest impact on our area of Worcestershire over the coming twenty to thirty years. Although this development is in the next County this shouldn't stop you having your say. It will affect transport, schools, work, congestion, health care, and much more. You cannot stop these houses being built as they either have planning permission already or are in the Stratford District local plan, but you can influence everything else. So I have strongly recommended that the Honeybourne Parish Council consider the impact on Honeybourne of this new development and write up a list of demands. For example, a cycle route from the new development to Evesham could be one request to minimise cars driving through your village, investment in our school to deal with the extra demand, improved bus service, etc. There is no guarantee that Stratford or WCC will incorporate these demands, but there is a chance that by flagging them up to all the authorities at this stage, monies will be allocated to the requests...... The public consultation document can be viewed on the Stratford District Council's website at

www.stratford.gov.uk/lma-spd

It is also available to inspect at the District Council offices - Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6HX and at Stratford-upon-Avon Library. This is a public consultation so views from residents are also welcome. Responses can be made via an on-line comment form using the link above, or by downloading a form and emailing it to policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk, or by post to:

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or handed in at the Stratford District Council offices in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Whichever of the above methods you use, I would recommend you copy your response to, The Planning Dept, Wychavon District Council, Elizabeth Drive, Pershore WR10 1PT and to Highways Network Development, Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Rd, Worcestershire WR5 2NP. These are your local councils, and they are statutory consultees, so can fight your corner and re-inforce your points to Stratford District Council, and Warwickshire County Council.

#### **Divisional Fund**

If you run a local Community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting me at adams.pebworth@gmail.com

Your District & County Councillor, Alastair Adams can be contacted on adams.pebworth@gmail.com or mobile 07725 979 277 or www.alastairadams.org

#### **SportHoneybourne**

www.sporthoneybourne.org.uk is the website where you can quickly find your favourite sports and exercises.

Local clubs and classes are all listed, so you have direct access to view their activities. Also, the latest national news feeds are available here for most popular sports.

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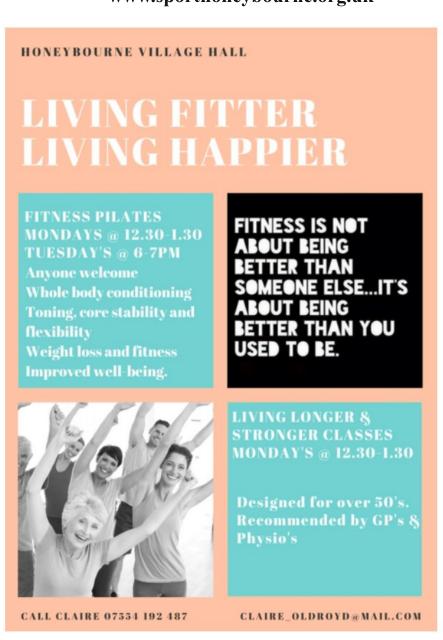
Or is it Basketball? If so, enter the website and select "Ball", and then select "Basketball"

Anything missing? What will you do today?

Maybe set a Personal Best (PB), however short or slow. We can all do just a little more to improve our health and fitness.

Need help or support? Contact Steve who will be only too pleased to help in any way.

www.sporthoneybourne.org.uk



#### **Honeybourne Junction**

#### By Richard Parker & John Copsey

Apart from the "Achilles", the passenger engines were all four-coupled designs, but goods 0-6-0s were also still quite common on passenger duties. The outbreak of the Great War in August 1914 had little initial impact on regular services, though military specials – passenger and goods – were now rather more in evidence than in peacetime. As the conflict gathered pace. The shortage of men and materials began to have an effect, and by late 1917 the London express had been reduced to two each way, with another two services conveying through coaches (by Northern trains from/to Oxford); two called at Honeybourne. Local trains between Worcester and Oxford had been reduced to three daily. Cheltenham line trains were seven each way, and Stratford eight or nine, some of which continued to work through to Moreton, Evesham or Worcester. Traffic had largely returned to normal by around 1921, although was not by any means at its interwar peak.

London express passenger traffic had fully recovered from the wartime restrictions, and very largely comprised through trains rather than attached through coaches. Only one each way was formed on other services; the 8.45 a.m. Paddington to Fishguard Harbour slipped a pair of coaches at Didcot for Malvern, which were added to a couple more non-corridor coaches for the fast run onwards, whilst the 4.5 p.m. Wolverhampton portion was attached to the 6.42 p.m. Leamington express at Oxford. By this time, "Saints" took the fast London trains between Worcester and Paddington. Almost entirely composed of corridor stock, with three each way conveying dining and buffet facilities. Two expresses in each direction called at Honeybourne, though connections from the Stratford and Cheltenham lines were not always convenient – the routes via Leamington or Gloucester (and Kingham) were primarily utilised for their through coaches, although the 4.45 p.m. Paddington still slipped at Moreton for Cheltenham, and Honeybourne was served by the coaches on the way.

The authors and publishers (Great Western Railway Journal) have very kindly given their permissions for these extracts to be republished in Honeybourne Village News.

The January magazine is likely to be delivered later than usual, around the weekend of 6th January due to Christmas and other festive family activities.



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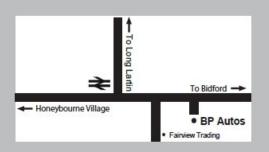
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Here are the details of the local police officers. The non-emergency number is 101 anywhere in the UK.

Police officer: Julie DeParis - julie.deparis@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Police Community Support Officer - Pete Davey

peter.davey@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Tel 0300 333 3000, Voicemail 01905 725763

PSCO Bradley Sansom - bradley.sansom@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Tel 101, ext 3408

#### Other useful contacts:

**Village Hall Lettings Secretary,** for regular bookings call Rita on 01386 640696 or Sylvia on 832215 for one-off events

Honeybourne Sport and Recreation Field - John Stedman, Tel 01789 773 999

## Honeytots Parent and Toddler group

welcomes new people

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Find us on Facebook- Honeytots

Contact Nicky Hope and Natalie Gaffney

#### **UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Honeybourne & District Scout Group consists of:

#### **BEAVERS**

Beavers meet on a Wednesday evening at Honeybourne First School from 6.00pm to 7.15pm, for boys & girls aged from 5yrs 9mths to 8 yrs

Contact: Sally Perkins 01386 833915

#### **CUBS**

Cubs meet on a Wednesday evening at Honeybourne Village Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for boys & girls aged from 7yrs 6 mths to 10 yrs 6 mths

Contact: Jayne Richmond on 01386 831515

#### **SCOUTS**

Scouts meet on a Thursday evening at Pebworth Village Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm for boys & girls aged from 10 yrs to 14 yrs

Contact: Lynn Clements on 01386 833238 or 07950 791610

#### **SEA CADETS**

**Evesham Sea Cadets and Marine Detachment** 

meet Monday and Thursday evenings every week at 7.00pm until 9.30pm for young people aged between 10 years to 18 years.

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#### Mobile Library Time Table: Library visits on the 4th Friday of the month.

Grove Avenue: 12.05 - 12.20 Lower Westbourne: 12.25 - 12.40

Perrie Drive: 12.45 - 1.00 Weston Road: 1.05 - 1.15

LUNCH Village Hall: 1.45 - 2.00

#### Honeyangels

Honeyangels meet every Tuesday at 10am in the church. We have a few songs, a story, a collection, a drink and cake while the children play with toys and mums or dads chat.

For more information contact Sylvia Matthews on 01386 832215

#### H-BUG Cycle rides in Honeybourne Everyone is welcome

Saturday 25th November Family cycle ride

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Saturday 2nd December Aspire to cycle 10 or 20 miles

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Saturday 9th December Challenge Hills cycle ride

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