



# The Berkeley Arms

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**Merry Christmas**  
and a **Happy New Year**  
from Kumar, Rani & everyone at the  
**Berkeley Arms**

## CHRISTMAS at the BERKELEY

Christmas is a special time. Whether you have a faith or none, it's a time for being together, for happiness and for joy.

The village pub is at the heart of the community at Christmas and the Berkeley Arms is proud to be the beating heart of the village of Wymondham.

Whether you visit the pub regularly, or occasionally pop-in at Christmas, you'll receive a warm welcome when you walk through the door.

We're open throughout the Christmas and New Year period for drinks and food including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day.

Don't miss the live music and Big Ben on the big screen on New Years Eve! See in the New Year in style! And it's **FREE!**

You can find full details of our opening times over the Christmas and New Year period elsewhere in this months Newsletter, together with details of when we're serving food.

Finally ... THANK YOU for your continued support throughout 2023. We look forward to 2024!

# NEW YEARS EVE



## SMOKESTACK

## SMOKESTACK BLUES

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE ROCKING  
AND TRADITIONAL BLUES

**PLUS WATCH BIG BEN CHIME MIDNIGHT  
ON A 20 FOOT WIDE SCREEN!**

# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

We're open as follows over the Festive period ...

## **Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 December**

Drinks from 12noon to 3.30pm and 5.30pm until 11pm

Food from 12noon to 2.45pm and 5.30pm to 9pm

## **Thursday 21 and Friday 22 December**

Drinks from 12noon until Late

Food from 12noon to 2.45pm and 5.30pm to 9pm

## **Saturday 23 December**

Drinks from 12noon until Late

Food from 12noon to 9pm

## **Sunday 24 December : Christmas Eve**

Drinks from 12noon until Late

Sunday Lunch from 12noon to 5pm

Christmas Eve Dinner, available from 6pm until 8.30pm

## **Monday 25 December : Christmas Day**

Drinks from 11am until 4pm

Christmas Day Lunch at 12noon, 1pm, 3pm and 4pm

## **Tuesday 26 December : Boxing Day**

Brunch from 10am to 11.30am

Drinks from 11am until 7 or 8pm...ish

Food from 12noon to 4.30pm

## **Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 December**

Drinks from 12noon until 11pm

Food from 12noon to 2.45pm and 5.30pm to 9pm

## **Saturday 30 December**

Drinks from 12noon until Late

Food from 12noon to 9pm

## **Sunday 31 December : New Years Eve**

Drinks from 12noon until 1am

Sunday Lunch from 12noon to 5pm

New Years Eve Dinner from 6pm until Early!

## **Monday 1 January : New Years Day**

Brunch from 10am to 11.30am

Drinks from 11am until 7pm

Food from 12noon to 5pm



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

*This content has been provided by Terry Brown, Clerk to Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council, on behalf of the Council.*

### Parish Council News - December 2023 / January 2024

First and foremost a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all parishioners from your Parish Councillors.

And now ... Traffic!!!

Hopefully everyone will have noticed the newly installed Village Gateways which, together with the Vehicle Activated Signs, might encourage motorists to behave responsibly on the roads in the Parish.



Might!!! But efforts to mitigate our traffic nuisances will be an enduring feature of Parish life.

You might want to have a look at <https://leicestershirehighways.org.uk/traffis-schemes/#traffic-calming> to see what Leicestershire Highways are suggesting as possible steps for improvement.

And then come along to the open meeting at Wymondham Village Hall on Monday 12 February at 7pm to take all ideas forward.

Also you might be interested in:

*"(Melton Borough) Council seeks local views on Climate Change. Strategy The proposed strategy... provides a plan to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions throughout the whole borough and adapt to our changing climate by considering a variety of different aspects such as transport, housing, waste, the local economy as well as protecting nature and the natural environment...."*

The full article can be seen at <https://www.melton.gov.uk/your-council/news-and-awards/news/climate-change-strategy-consultation/>

and: Melton Borough Council is working in partnership with other Leicestershire Authorities to deliver the government Home Upgrade Grant to eligible households in the Borough.

The first Parish Council meeting in 2024 is on Monday 8 January at Edmondthorpe Social Club. See you there?

All the dates and venues of the 2024 Parish Council meetings are available to view on the Parish Council website.

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# Christmas Quiz - Where in the Village?

Can you name the location where each of the following images were captured in the village?



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## CHRISTMAS PARTYS

Great fun was had again this year at our "Older Person's" and Children's Christmas Partys. Look at those smiles!

We were delighted to welcome Stripey Wipey to the Berkeley again to entertain the children who also received gifts from Father Christmas!



# FROM THE PEN OF THE PARISH PRIEST

**How well do you really know the Christmas story? Like, do you know the stories that make up the nativity come from only two of the Gospels in the Bible?**

Only Matthew and Luke have anything to say about Jesus' birth. And do you know that the little detail of Mary arriving in Bethlehem on a donkey isn't actually in the Bible? It comes from a book that never made it in, called the Infancy Gospel of James.

The Bible wasn't compiled instantly. In fact, the Gospels were written some thirty to forty years after Jesus died and came back to life. It took a good bit of time to decide which books would be included and which books not. So there



were enough of other texts floating around to help add little flourishes and dramatic touches to the story so many of us know and love. These texts contain some rather beautiful moments, like this one from the Infancy Gospel of James, where Joseph has popped out of the cave for a bit of a breather, leaving Mary to the hard work of giving birth to Jesus. As he looks around, he notices the whole of creation has stopped:

*'I looked up into the air. With utter astonishment I saw even the birds of the sky were not moving. And I saw sheep being driven, but the sheep were standing still. And the shepherd lifted up his hand to strike them, but his hand remained above them.'*

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

*This content has been provided by Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council.*

### Vehicles Speeding through Wymondham

The Parish Council would welcome ideas and suggestions to help tackle this perennial problem. Additionally the PC would like to gauge the interest in forming a village "Speed Watch Group".



To discuss these matters you are cordially invited to a meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Monday 12 February, 7.30 to 9pm.

At a time of flurry and bustle, we sometimes fail to stop and pause and let the wonder of Christmas fill us.

The Church has been complaining for years that Christmas has lost its true meaning. One saint, Gregory of Nazianzus, who died about 390 ad, complained even back then that people were making merry with feasting and dancing. But perhaps the Church would have been better to encourage the celebrations, while also encouraging folk to find time and space to wonder at a love so great that God himself would be born as one of us.



Rev'd David Cowie

So I wish you every blessing. I wish you all the joy in the world as you celebrate this Christmas. But I also wish you the blessing of wonder as you hear the story unfold once more. And I invite you to come and be part of the wonder that unfolds as we tell the story of God's love in our church buildings. j

*David Cowie  
Parish Priest*

Services in Wymondham Church

- 11:00 am | Sunday 3rd December | Holy Communion
- 11:00 am | Sunday 10th December | Morning Prayer
- 11:00 am | Sunday 17th December | Holy Communion
- 6:00 pm | Sunday 24th December | Carol Service

## Just for LAUGHS

One Sunday morning as everyone was filing out of church, the vicar noticed a seven-year-old boy staring at the war memorial.

He went over to stand beside him. "Good Morning, Johnny", he said. "Have you noticed our memorial before?". Johnny shook his head. "Who are those people?" he asked, pointing at the names engraved on the stone plinth.

"Well son, those are all the people who have died in the services". Soberly, they stood together staring at the memorial a bit longer and the Johnny whispered: "Which service? The 11am or the 6pm?".

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How come you never hear about the 10th reindeer, Olive? You know "Olive the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names!"

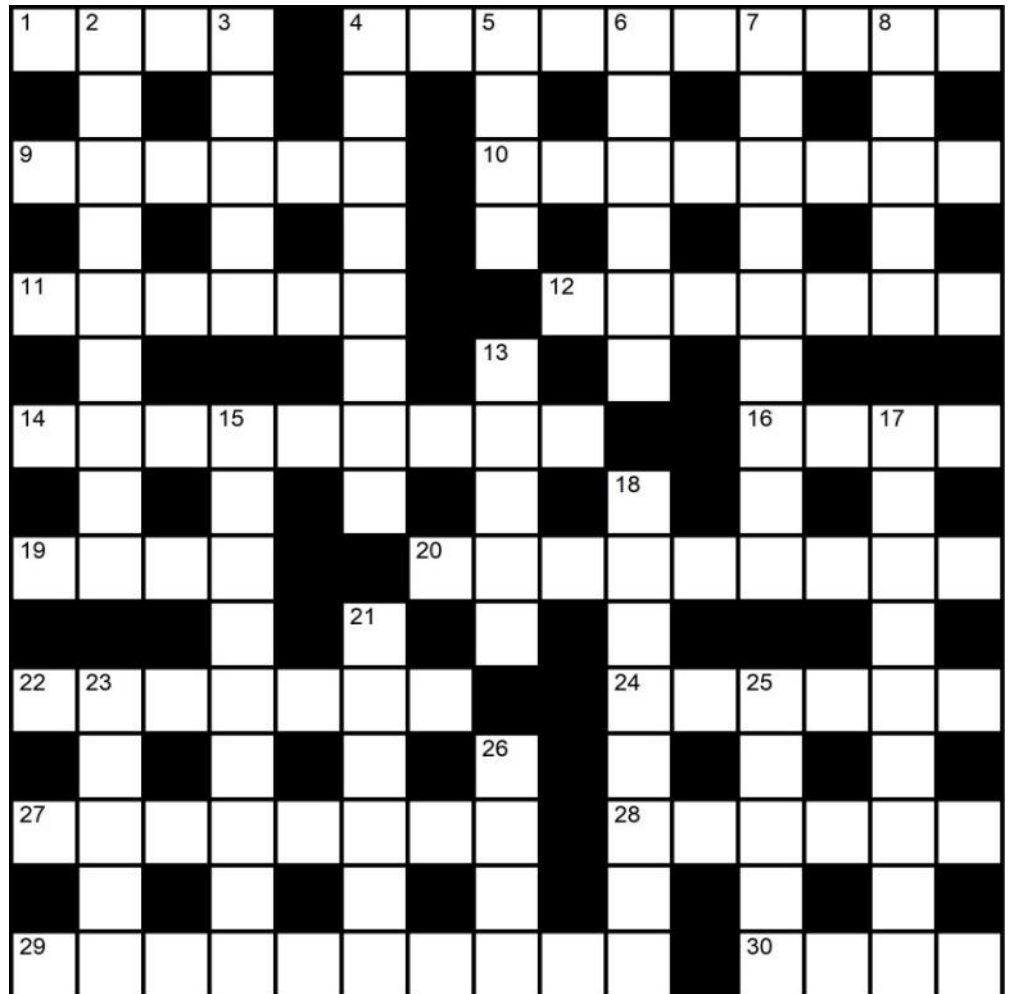


# THE CROSSWORD

Our "I need time on my own over the Festive period" Crossword. Enjoy!

## ACROSS

- 1 Ozone-destroying chemicals (4)
- 4 Committee leader (10)
- 9 Insolent (6)
- 10 Ultimate net value destroyed (8)
- 11 Indian independence advocate (6)
- 12 Hitting the horn (7)
- 14 Life story (9)
- 16 Kind of seaweed (4)
- 19 Common type of residence (4)
- 20 Its practitioners look up (9)
- 22 Tendered (7)
- 24 Lifts (6)
- 27 Loss of traction (8)
- 28 Loosened (6)
- 29 Overstate (10)
- 30 Cleanse (4)



## DOWN

- 2 Developmental (9)
- 3 Covered with a sealing substance (5)
- 4 One who might have a guest for dinner (8)
- 5 In the sack (4)
- 6 Staggered (6)
- 7 Frank (9)
- 8 Once more (5)
- 13 Treasure holder (5)
- 15 Lab animal (6,3)
- 17 Without bounds (9)
- 18 Cinema distributed share-out (3,5)
- 21 Threaten (6)
- 23 Cartoon cat (5)
- 25 Accompanying (2,3)
- 26 Not fully developed software version (4)



## Alone over the Christmas and New Year period?

Christmas is a time of happiness and great joy but it can also be a tough time for many, a difficult time. If you're alone at any time over the Christmas and New Year period, or are with others but feeling lonely, pop to the pub. It might seem a difficult thing to do but 'just do it'. When you arrive, head to the bar and ask for Dave. We'll enjoy a beer or coffee with you for as long as you're here.

Alternatively, if you're comfortable online, log onto 'X' (formerly Twitter) and search for #joinin. Sarah Millican, comedian, will be there along with a lot of other lovely people for chat and company.





## GIN of the MONTH

Caorunn (say it 'ka-roon') recommend a slice of red apple in place of the more traditional lemon or lime. Is it just a gimmick, we'll let you decide. How ever you chose to enjoy it, it's our Gin of the Month for December..

Distilled in Scotland on Speyside by Inver House Distillers, it proudly upholds the tradition of great gin being Scottish.

Alongside the traditional botanical line up in gin including juniper and coriander, Caorunn also includes the ancient Coul Bush variety of apples, rowanberries, bog myrtle, heather and dandelion.

Single : £3.60, Double £6.90



## IT WAS IN THE PAPERS!

Local News from December 1861, 1906, 1935 & 1986.

From the *Saint James's Chronicle* ... Tuesday 31 Dec. 1861  
**ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE** - The following preferments and appointments have recently been made ... Rectories - Rev. H. W. Lott to the rectory of Wymondham, Leicestershire.

From the *Grantham Journal* ... Saturday 15 Dec. 1906  
**NOTICES** - Lost, on 5th, from Paddock in centre of Village, One White Welsh EWE - Arthur Johnson, Wymondham.

From the *Leicester Daily Mercury* ... Monday 30 Dec. 1935  
**DANCE** - The annual carnival dance organised by Mr. H. Bolton in aid of Leicester Royal Infirmary was held in Wymondham Village Hall. It is expected that over £8 will be realised.

From the *Leicester Daily Mercury* ... Saturday 27 Dec. 1986  
**WI** - At their annual meeting, Wymondham WI reviewed a busy year which had included a gliding session, rounders matches and raising money for the Denman College Appeal and for medical equipment. Mrs Jenny Weston was re-elected president and, after the business, some party games were organised.

# Just for LAUGHS

Why is Christmas Day just like another day in the office?  
You do all the work and the man in the fancy suit gets all the credit!

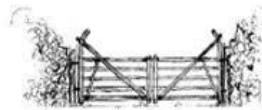
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# BOOK REVIEW - A CHRISTMAS READ?

Participants in "Books at The Berkeley" have kindly agreed to write a book review for The Berkeley Arms Newsletter each month. Please contact us if you could do the same.

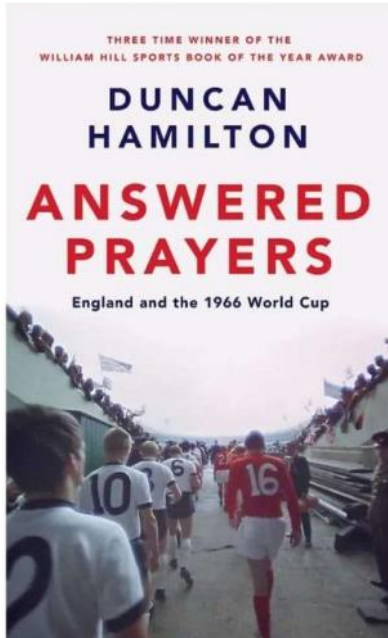
## Answered Prayers

By Duncan Hamilton (Published 2023)

"This book will be catnip to footie aficionados but also to those interested in the 1960s" \*

This is a 5-star book, comprehensively researched, brilliantly written and absorbing.

Answered Prayers provides at last, a full account of English football's greatest achievement and the failures that followed it. We see the institutional inability to appreciate Sir Alf Ramsey and his players, who were taken for granted: the political machinations of the blazered fools who ran the Football Association; the shortsighted blunderers of the Football league.



At the centre of the book is Alf Ramsey and the eleven players who won the World Cup in 1966. It chronicles Alf Ramsey's playing career, including his 32 caps for England, his hugely successful managerial career at Ipswich Town and then as manager of the England national team.

The 1960s was a different world to today. Football players did not spit continuously, did not simulate fouls and they did not surround the referee and abuse him. They travelled to league games on the bus or by train, they walked to and from the grounds mingling with the fans and they had a pint after the game in the local pub with the fans. Today that sounds just incredible.

Alf Ramsey was totally dedicated to football, to his country and his players. He was completely focused and hard-working, a man of principle, possessing excellent football knowledge. Although he lacked charisma, he was an extremely good man manager and loved by his players. In this book he and the players come out of it extremely well. The FA do not.

The manner in which Alf Ramsey, in particular, and the players were treated after the World Cup Final is very difficult to comprehend.

There are some fascinating commentaries on individual players. For example, Nobby Styles was a practising Catholic. He was a totally different man off the pitch than on it. Away from the pitch he was a reserved, quietly spoken family man. On the day of the World Cup final, he walked to church and prayed that he and England would win. The author quotes words attributed to St Theresa of Avila:

More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones.

I suppose in modern speak it would be: Be careful what you wish for.

Read this book. You don't need to be a football fan to appreciate it. I loved it.

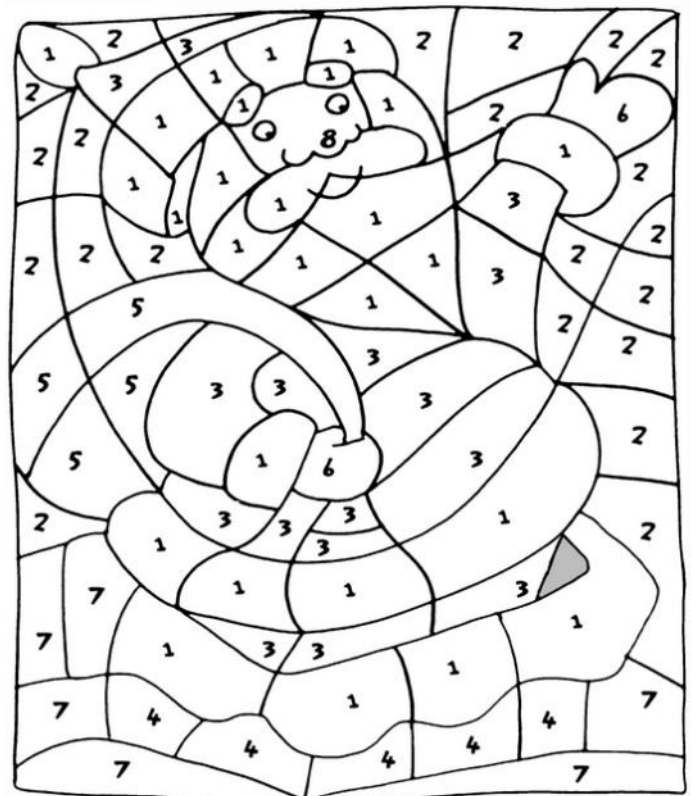
Duncan Hamilton is an award-winning football author. He has won three William Hill Sports Book of the Year prizes and has been nominated on a further four occasions.

\*Source: The Guardian



## COLOUR by NUMBERS

Relax with a Christmas Colour by Numbers.



1 = White, 2 = Dark Blue, 3 = Red, 4 = Orange, 5 = Yellow, 6 = Green, 7 = Brown, 8 = Pink

# MIDLAND AND GREAT NORTHERN JOINT RAILWAY

*This content has been provided by Andrew Bubb, Amateur Industrial Archaeologist...*



I am an Amateur Industrial Archaeologist specialising in Dismantled Railways. The difficulties in explaining what we do are that we all do something different and that the people we are explaining to have been overcome by boredom within a few minutes.

The project I am working on is researching the M&GNJR between Saxby and Bourne. Once I have obtained all access rights I will be walking the track bed and taking photographic evidence of what remains of the line.

Apart from the quarry at South Witham the track is almost intact. This is because although it is very unlikely a railway company has a right to operate a railway on its original track at any time. So it could buy back the track in the future making building on the track very risky.



Wymondham has by far the most interesting buildings of the entire line. I hope to look in a series of articles at a different aspect each month starting now with the Goods Yard.

For such a small village and only one siding the goods yard is surprisingly large. The goods shed has ornate brickwork. Both these factors suggest that Wymondham was important to the railway company. The goods shed, weighbridge office and platform on which the cattle pens once stood still remain. Built in the 1890s and used by the railway into the 1960s these are the only buildings of their kind on the line to definitely survive. There appears to be a building at Bourne that could be a weighbridge office but this has not been verified. The goods shed would have housed non-perishable goods awaiting the next goods train to leave whilst the weighbridge office would have been used by the railway agent to weigh freight cattle sheep etc and sell space on the

next train to leave. Passenger traffic does not seem to have been huge and freight was the line's major earner.

The goods yard is earmarked on the Edmondthorpe and Wymondham Neighbourhood Plan for housing. I fully support this as I feel it only right that land such as this are put to good use. The unique nature of the goods shed and the weighbridge office however should I believe be preserved within the development for future generations.

In order that this can be fully considered I have applied to Historic England for the Goods Shed and the weighbridge office to be registered as Listed Buildings.

Listing would prevent them being demolished or altered and would preserve them for the future. As no planning application has been made for the housing development and the buildings are not therefore at risk at present Historic England cannot commit resources to look into their listing now. If however they become at risk in the future then steps will be taken to protect them.

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**WARNING :** All former railway land and buildings are private property. Just like present day railway tracks, dismantled railways can be hazardous and hazards are not always apparent. Please stay away.



## ULTRAFIBRE BROADBAND

After a concerted effort by the staff at OpenReach to muster support early indications are that Wymondham and Edmondthorpe met the goal to be prioritised for the installation of Ultrafast Fibre Broadband.

# openreach

With so much becoming reliant on fast access to the internet for movies, information, data and communication in both the business world and in the home access to ultrafast full fibre broadband will become more and more critical in the future.

If it all goes ahead, on schedule, the village will have access to 1Gbps full fibre broadband by the end of 2024. A major achievement for the village.





# A WALK FOR CHRISTMAS

**This Twixmas (Google it!), why not stretch the legs and blow away the cobwebs, with a 5.5 mile walk from the pub across mixed farmland towards Buckminster?**

Starting at the pub head along the main road towards South Witham. Take the first footpath off to the left immediately after passing the houses at Park Cottages - the last buildings on the left as you leave the village.

From there the path is well marked and you'll pass Mount Pleasant Farm, one of the Buckminster Estate farms, and Coston Covert, a small wood, before meeting the B676 road between Buckminster and Coston.

Take the track to the right which will take you past another

wooded area and then across the road between Sewstern and Wymondham.

Shortly after take the footpath to the right which will take you back over the Wymondham to Sewstern road towards the village.

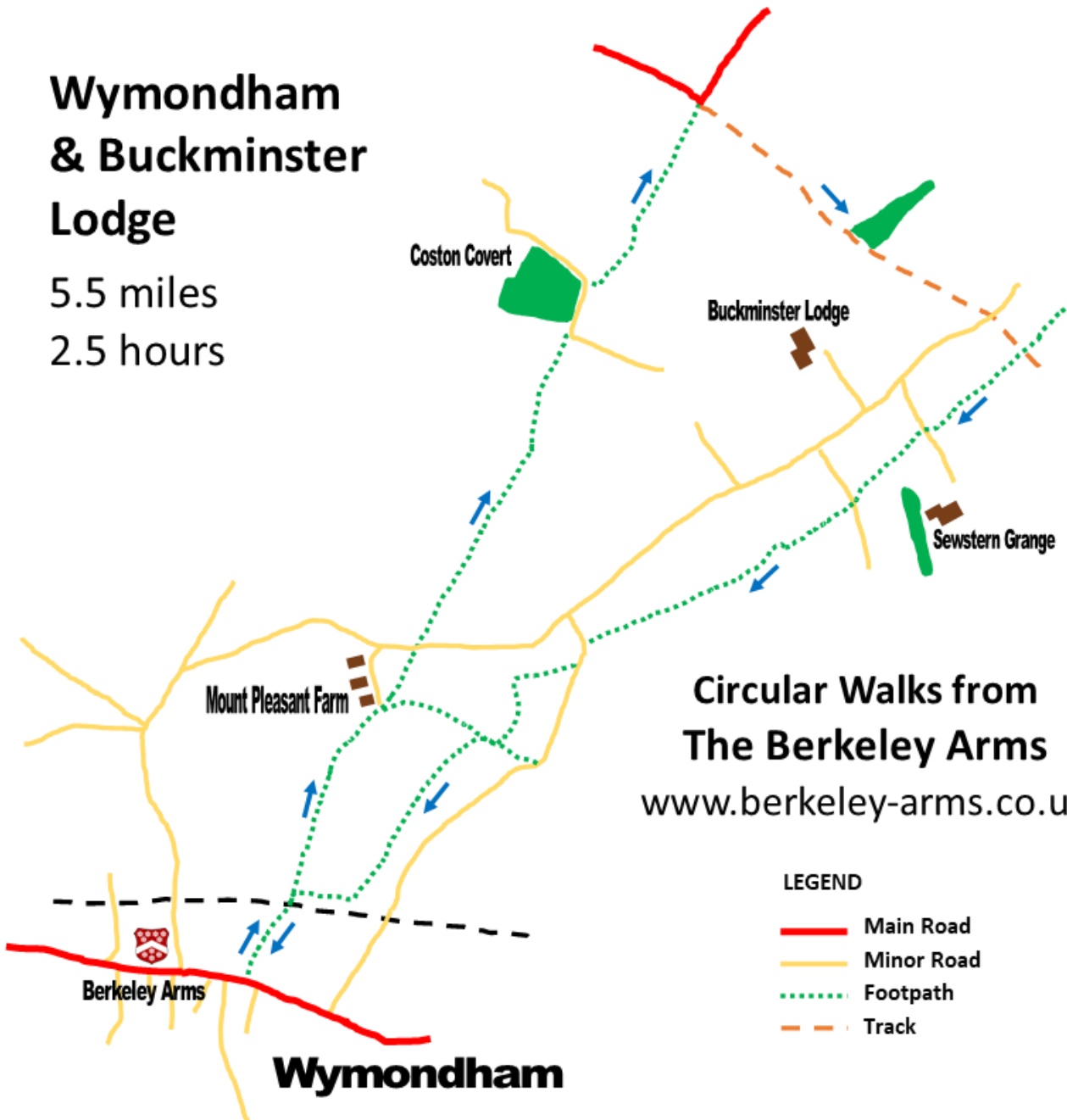
As you approach Wymondham once again you'll follow the embankment which used to carry the M&GNJR line between Bourne and Saxby. An impressive structure that served the village until it's closure in 1959.

Once back in the village warm yourself in front of the pub's roaring fire whilst enjoying a drink and promising yourself you'll walk more often in 2024!



## Wymondham & Buckminster Lodge

5.5 miles  
2.5 hours



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### LEGEND

- Main Road
- Minor Road
- Footpath
- Track

## RECOLLECTIONS of FOOTBALL in WYMONDHAM (PART 2)

*Recollections of football in Wymondham contributed by Anthony "Kit" Kitson ...*

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**Football in Wymondham – a few memories from the 1960s and on. I've been meaning to write some blurb about the Wymondham football team for many years and here, finally, I've stopped tweaking my FPL fantasy team (again) and hit the keyboard.**

On another memorable occasion we played a "friendly" against our old enemy Casterton at home on a pre-season Sunday and Derek was having a match out of goal. Casterton had some good players, including identical twins. Their captain was a useful, tall, old fashioned bustling centre forward, and his wife was Casterton's biggest fan - a one woman, 120 decibel rent-a-crowd. However, she was not the classiest woman in the world and bawled out her contempt when one of our forwards missed a sitter.

Classy Casterton wife: "Ha ha ha, what a miss. They're all <insert juicy Anglo Saxon expletive here> useless!"

Derek: "He wouldn't have missed if he'd been shooting at your mouth".

Absolutely everyone on the pitch was in stitches with laughter – including the woman's husband.

We'd have a Nesbit coach for the away matches and we'd have most of the players and few stalwart supporters – the most regular of whom was Bonnie Naylor, the nearest we had to an unofficial manager. Geordie Howden and Ben Naylor would often come along too as our rather taciturn rent-a-crowd. On one trip I was given a 1925 half-crown in my change for the fare ..... they're quite scarce and I still have it to this day. The oppo were usually RAF Stations like Luffenham or Cottesmore, other villages like Ridlington, Braunston, Pickwell or our perennial arch enemies, Casterton. We also played against Ashwell Prison and they usually had a strong team, occasionally including some excellent footballers from the Football League who were having a holiday at Her Majesty's pleasure.

Apart from Derek, the great characters in the team were Reg (I take no prisoners) Crabtree, Boeey Naylor, Ron "Spud" Murphy and the Tyler brothers from Stapleford. Despite the modest

standard we had some excellent defenders like Graham Hickman who used to play at right back. He's still the local decorator of choice, but has now emigrated to Edmondthorpe. As well as bog standard journeymen like me, we had some very skilful players too, such as winger Tony "Lenny" Hunter and a little Irish wizard called George Stephenson – who I think was in the RAF when he played for us. Nevertheless, the best player of all to play for us was a home-grown Wymondham lad: Fred Bottom.

Fred usually played up front but could play anywhere. Not very tall yet very good in the air, fiercely competitive, fast, skilful – he had it all. He didn't play for Wymondham for very long because he was soon snapped up by bigger and better teams. While at school he was selected to play for North West Leicestershire. Wymondham FC ceased to be in the 1970s but many years later I had the pleasure of playing with him again when Harwoods had started playing just across the road from Manns Farm and literally a stone's throw from our house on Kirks Lane.

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***The third, and final part, of Kit's recollections of football in Wymondham will follow next month.***

*Christmas Greetings from*

**Market Overton Free Church**  
Meeting in Market Overton Village Hall

**Christmas Coffee Hour**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am

**Carol singing round the village**  
Starting at 6 pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
*Meeting outside village hall*  
*More details on Facebook*

**All Age Carol service**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.30 pm  
*Refreshments afterwards*

**Christmas Day Praise**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am

*Join us to celebrate Christmas*

www.mofc.org.uk

*Wishing you peace at this season*

**Just for  
LAUGHS**

What do angry rodents send each other at Christmas?  
Cross-mouse cards!

What do you call a girl with decorations on her head?  
Christmas Carol!

## KIDS CORNER



### Christmas Anagrams this month! Enjoy

Can you rearrange the following to form words linked to Christmas?

TEEBHMLHE \_\_\_\_\_

ELABUB \_\_\_\_\_

ICNEM IPE \_\_\_\_\_

RKCECRA \_\_\_\_\_

MOWANNS \_\_\_\_\_

LYHOL \_\_\_\_\_

SETRENPS \_\_\_\_\_

YETRUK \_\_\_\_\_

### MEET BERKELEY BADGER

We've hidden Berkeley Badger elsewhere in this month's Newsletter. Can you find him? Good luck!



## RUTLAND QUIZ LEAGUE



**Our efforts during November and December in the Rutland Invitational Quiz League begun to bear fruit, but then it fell!**

Tuesday 7th November saw us competing against Oakham RFC Nomads at home. Scoring 53 points we narrowly missed beating our highest score and lost the match to their 85pts.

The following week we ventured to the Lord Nelson in Oakham. We were up against the team one ahead of us in the league (second from bottom!) but only managed to field a team of 4. We led after the first few rounds but then had a disastrous first round in the second half. Chasing the lead for the rest of the competition we finished a disappointing 65 - 61 losing our best chance of our first win in the league.

Week 3 of the month rapidly came around and we were at home facing the Cheese Hounds - one of three teams based at the Stilton Cheese in Somerby. Our score remained about average at 50pts but we lost the match 94- 50.

The final fixture of the month was an away match against the Collyweston Wibbets.

Unfortunately on this occasion we could only muster a team of two and took the decision to concede the match.

The following week, when we were scheduled to play away at the Wheatsheaf in Oakham we didn't manage to field a team at all and so we ended the first half of the season on a bit of a low.

The League starts again in January, if you'd like to join us in our endeavours (we could really do with the support and it is good fun, honestly!) then call us on 01572 787587 or message us on social media. There is no commitment, pick the weeks you can take part, and ignore the rest!

Thank you to Gillian, Issac, Jackie, Jade, Lynn, Mark, Nick, Sue and Will for competing in November's matches.

### LEAGUE TABLE

Team	Points
1 Boat Inn	22
2 Stilton Cheesewrights	20
3 Black Bull	18
4 Whissendine Wanderers	17
5 Catmose Owls	16
6 Oakham RFC Nomads	15
7 Exiles	14
8 Collyweston Wibbets	14
9 Cheese Hounds	10
10 Wheatsheaf Hunters	8
11 Wheatsheaf Langham	6
12 Stilton Cheese	5
13 Lord Nelson	3
14 Berkeley Arms	0

  
**Becky & Chris Blyth**  
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## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

### Backgammon at The Berkeley

Every Wednesday, 7.30pm at The Berkeley Arms  
John Hamlen

### Books at the Berkeley

1st Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at The Berkeley Arms  
Lynne 07786 998962

### Church Bell Ringing

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm at the church  
Martin Hansen 07540 850858 martinhansen1954@gmail.com

### Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday, 10am to 12noon in the Village Hall  
Jenny Weston 01572 787284

### Edmondthorpe Social Club

01572 787636

### Roots to Wings, Nursery, Pre-School, Out of School

01572 787334 www.roots-to-wings.co.uk

### St Peters Church, Wymondham

Rev'd David Cowie revd.david.cowie@gmail.com  
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### Wymondham Allotments Association

Christine Teasdale or the Parish Council

### Wymondham Area Sports and Social Partnership

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### Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council

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### Wymondham CofE Primary School

01572 787658 www.wymondhamprimary.org

### Wymondham Players

Jenny Weston 01572 787284

### Wymondham Village Hall

Jenny Weston 01572 787284

### Wymondham Women's Institute

2nd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Village Hall  
Marion Lewis 01572 787594

## WYMONDHAM W.I.

### Wymondham Women's

Institute are on the look out for new members. The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7.30pm, for 7.45pm, in the Village Hall.



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*This content has been provided by Wymondham Women's Institute ...*

The Women's Institute, that sounds so old fashioned these days, but I can assure you that we are anything but. In our case the word 'institute', means a society or organisation to promote literature, science, art and education. Founded in England, in 1915 in Llanfair, Anglesey, Wymondham were not far behind forming on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1924.



It is therefore our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday next year and we will be celebrating this on February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. We will be having an open afternoon with hot drinks and, of course, refreshments. In the evening we have a brilliant speaker and this will be open to anyone over the age of 16 years. The evening event, for non-members, to be booked through Marion on 01572 787594 for us to cater for everyone. More details later.

Our January meeting takes place in the Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 for a 7.45pm start. June Brown will be talking to us about the history of Teddy Bears. If you have an old bear, bring it along for her to take a look at. As usual the fee for guests is £6 to include refreshments.

## ADVERTISING

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Newsletter, please contact us via email at info@berkeley-arms.co.uk or by 'phone on 01572 787587

Rates for advertising are as follows ...

Size	Height x Width	1 Month	6 Months
Full Page	280mm x 195mm	£40	£200
1/2 Landscape	135mm x 195mm	£22	£110
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1/4 Portrait	95mm x 135mm	£16	£80
1/4 Landscape	195mm x 70mm	£16	£80
1/6 Square	95mm x 95mm	£10	£50
1/8 Landscape	95mm x 60mm	£7.50	£37.50

POST OFFICE

## MOBILE POST VAN

The Post Office Mobile Van visits Wymondham, parking opposite 55 Main Street, on Monday 12.30 - 14.00 & Thursday 11.30 - 13.00.



It's in Market Overton, parking on Main Street, on Monday 15.00 - 16.00 & Friday 14:30 - 15.30.

# WYMONDHAM VILLAGE HALL

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## SKYLIGHT

In association with National Theatre Live, Wymondham Village Hall Community Cinema presents Skylight on Thursday 18 January at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Licensed bar.



National Theatre Live provides access to sold-out productions from the National Theatre and other West End productions in your local area.

**National  
Theatre  
Live**

Our first screening in the Village Hall is a hard-hitting Olivier Award winning drama captured LIVE at Wyndham's Theatre, starring Bill Nighy and Carey Mulligan. On a bitterly cold London evening,

schoolteacher Kyra receives an unexpected visit from her former lover. As the evening progresses, the two attempt to rekindle their once passionate relationship only to find themselves locked in a dangerous battle of opposing ideologies and mutual desires.

Don't miss this great opportunity to see live theatre performance on the big screen in Wymondham! Tickets are priced at £12pp.

Book your seats now at TicketSource...  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-village-hall>



## BURNS NIGHT

We're celebrating Burns Night at the Village Hall on Friday 26 January. Make a note in your diary, further details to follow.



## WIFF WAFF (aka TABLE TENNIS)

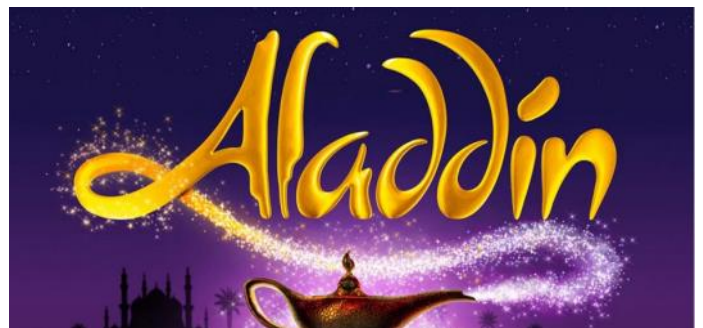
Did you know that the Village Hall hosts recreational badminton twice a week? Well, they're now considering the possibility of expanding their sporting provision to include table tennis.

Do you play table tennis? Have you played table tennis in the past? Would you welcome the chance



to play table tennis in the village? If you would then please contact Ian at [ianstevenson9@googlemail.com](mailto:ianstevenson9@googlemail.com)

## WYMONDHAM PLAYERS



After the huge success of Cinderella in 2023, Wymondham Players have started planning for next year's show! Featuring some legendary actors from last year, and a few new ones, we can tell you that 2024's Panto will be Aladdin!

Performances will be on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm, Friday 8th March & Saturday 9 March, both at 8pm. Tickets will be available in due course but note the date in your diary!

## COFFEE MORNING

Every Tuesday morning, between 10am and 12noon, there is a Coffee Morning at the Village Hall. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet, chat, catch up and meet new friends. There's always a warm welcome, whether you're new to the village or you've lived here all your life. See you there!



## LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We're happy to list businesses based in Wymondham and Edmondthorpe that provide a service to those living in the villages and their surroundings. Please mention the Berkley Arms when calling any business from our list. If you would like your business included please don't hesitate to contact us.

**AJ Computing** for all your IT needs, repairs, upgrades  
07900006729 [www.aj-computing.co.uk](http://www.aj-computing.co.uk)

**Ann Bladon, Piano Teacher** LRAM qualified, DBS registered  
07895 055751

**Becky B & C Herbs and Spices**  
[www.beckybandc.co.uk](http://www.beckybandc.co.uk)

**Ben Leaver Gardening** HND (Hort)  
07800 834636 [www.forgetyounotgardens.co.uk](http://www.forgetyounotgardens.co.uk)

**Frenchvines**, French wines, champagne, artisan cheeses, charcuterie, bread and chutneys from across the UK  
01572 787389 [www.frenchvines.co.uk](http://www.frenchvines.co.uk)

**Jane Knight Reflexologist**  
07976 458239 [www.jkreflexologist.com](http://www.jkreflexologist.com)

**Move those Paws** Dog walking and sitting  
07841 681398 [movethosepaws@mail.com](mailto:movethosepaws@mail.com)

**Old Bakery Antiques**, Antiques shop  
01572 787472 [www.antiques-atlas.com/oldbakeryantiques](http://www.antiques-atlas.com/oldbakeryantiques)

**Rob Gosling**, Handyman, garden clearance, laying wooden flooring, decorating, flat pack furniture assembly  
07507 414150

**Ruby Fragrances**, Handmade, eco and sustainable candles  
07908 061897 [www.etsy.com/shop/rubyfragrances](http://www.etsy.com/shop/rubyfragrances)

**Ruby Paws**, Dog walking and pet sitting  
07908 061897 [ruby-paws@hotmail.com](mailto:ruby-paws@hotmail.com)

**T J Kennedy Garden & Landscape Design**  
07726 334501 [www.tjkennedy.design](http://www.tjkennedy.design)

**Viking Painting and Decorating**  
07775475470

**Wymondham Art Gallery**  
01572 787863

**Wymondham Chimney Sweep**  
07807 390348 [www.wymondhamchimneysweep.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamchimneysweep.co.uk)

**Wymondham Cleaning Company (Window Cleaning)**  
07491 576117

**Wymondham Sparks**, Firewood supplier  
07453 370088 [www.wymondhamsparks.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamsparks.co.uk)

### Wymondham Windmill

Wymondham Windmill Tearoom and shops are based around a 200 year old windmill. Partially restored the mill provides a superb view of the unspoilt countryside. Together with the Tearooms, Woodland and the Boutique Shops, is a unique visitor attraction.

01572 787304  
[www.wymondhamwindmill.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamwindmill.co.uk)

At the windmill you'll find ...

**Clothes in the Attic**  
Pre-owned, stylish and unique fashion  
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**Melinda Designs** Fashion Accessories and Homewares  
01572 787856 [www.melindadesigns.co.uk](http://www.melindadesigns.co.uk)

**Rutland Willows**, Hand-made willow sculptures  
01572 720741

**Windmill Tea Rooms**, Vintage designed tearooms  
01572 787304 [www.wymondhamwindmill.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamwindmill.co.uk)

**Windmill Wheels**, Custom bike builds, fitting & servicing  
01572 787720 [www.windmillwheels.co.uk](http://www.windmillwheels.co.uk)

**Wood Boutique**, Quality, handmade, bespoke furniture  
01572 787337 [www.thewoodboutique.com](http://www.thewoodboutique.com)



## ROADWORKS

**WYMONDHAM** - Traffic controls on Melton Road on Tuesday 16 January 2024

**WHISSENDINE** - Station Road closed from Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 January 2024



## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS 1) CFCs, 4) Chairwoman, 9) Brazen, 10) Eventual, 11) Gandhi, 12) Beeping, 14) Biography, 16) Kelp, 19) Semi, 20) Astronomy, 22) Offered, 24) Hoists, 27) Slippage, 28) Untied, 29) Exaggerate, 30) Wash

DOWN

2) Formative, 3) Sized, 4) Cannibal, 5) Abed, 6) Reeled, 7) Outspoken, 8) Again, 13) Chest, 15) Guinea pig, 17) Limitless, 18) Art house, 21) Menace, 23) Felix, 25) In tow, 26) Beta

## BUS TIMES

### R2 Rutland Flyer - Melton Mowbray to Oakham

The R2 Rutland Flyer passes through the village, Edmondthorpe and Teigh, on it's route between Melton and Oakham. The service is operated by Centrebus [www.centrebus.info](http://www.centrebus.info)

#### Melton Mowbray to Oakham - Monday to Saturday ONLY

Melton Mowbray Windsor Street (Stand W3)	07:00	09:15	11:30	13:45	16:05	17:10	18:10
Wyfordby Top (opposite)	07:06	09:21	11:36	13:51	16:11	17:16	18:15
Saxby Corner (opposite)	07:08	09:23	11:38	13:53	16:13	17:18	18:18
Wymondham, opp Sycamore Lane	07:12	09:27	11:42	13:57	16:17	17:22	18:21
Edmondthorpe, opp The Old Rectory	07:14	09:29	11:44	13:59	16:19	17:24	18:24
Teigh, opp The Green	07:17	09:32	11:47	14:02	16:22	17:27	18:27
Market Overton, opp Black Bull	07:20	09:35	11:50	14:05	15:32	16:25	17:30
... then Barrow, Cottesmore Sun Inn, Cottesmore Army Base, Greetham, Exton, Burley Green to ...							
Oakham, adj Huntsmans Drive	08:00			14:44	16:10		
Oakham Bus Station (adjacent)	08:05	10:10	12:25	14:50	17:00	18:05	18:54

#### Oakham to Melton Mowbray - Monday to Saturday ONLY

Oakham, opp Huntsmans Drive				14:45	16:10		
Oakham Bus Station (adjacent)	08:10	10:20	12:35	14:50	16:15	17:10	18:10
... then Burley Green, Exton, Greetham, Cottesmore Army Base, Cottesmore Sun Inn, Barrow to ...							
Market Overton, outside Black Bull	08:46	10:56	13:11	15:32	16:51	17:46	18:46
Teigh, adj The Green	08:48	10:58	13:13		16:53	17:48	18:48
Edmondthorpe, adj The Old Rectory	08:51	11:01	13:16		16:56	17:51	18:51
Wymondham, adj Sycamore Lane	08:54	11:04	13:19		16:59	17:54	18:54
Saxby Corner (outside)	08:57	11:07	13:22		17:02	17:57	18:57
Wyfordby Top (outside)	09:00	11:10	13:25		17:05	18:00	19:00
Melton Mowbray Windsor Street (Stand W3)	09:05	11:15	13:30		17:10	18:05	19:05

## MARKET OVERTON COMMUNITY SHOP

themarketstore in Market Overton is a community run shop that offers a whole lot more than you'd expect of a village store. Staffed by volunteers it's well worth a look when you next need a 'quick shop' and more!

- Fresh local breads
- Local meat products
- Local beers and ciders
- Fresh locally baked cakes
- Cards and stationary
- Artisan chocolates
- Fresh fruit and veg
- Sandwiches
- Excellent wine selection
- Dry cleaning
- Cards and stationary
- Takeaway hot drinks
- Lottery
- Frozen foods
- Ice cream
- Newspapers and magazines

The store is open ...

Monday to Friday	07.30 to 17.30
Saturday	08.00 to 13.00
Sunday & Bank Holidays	09.00 to 12noon

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## WYMONDHAM HERITAGE TRAIL



In 2015, the Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Civic Society created the Wymondham Heritage Trail leaflet which offered a guided walk around the village taking in it's historical sites.

Occasionally we'll reproduce excerpts from the leaflet, which is no longer in print.

### THE HUNTERS ARMS

This Grade II listed building was formerly a pub, The Hunters Arms, which closed in June 1997. In the 18th Century it was the home of Mrs Frances Pawlett, who did much to establish the reputation of Stilton cheese. Her recipe produced a quality cheese of much higher standard than some others being produced in local dairies. She and her second husband William Pawlett, who also had a good head for business, marketed the cheese well. They supplied Cooper Thornhill, the landlord of the Bell Inn at Stilton on the Great North Road, with considerable quantities of Mrs Pawlett's own recipe cheese.



Mrs Pawlett died a wealthy woman on Christmas Eve 1808 at the age of 88. The inscription on her slate headstone (which can be seen in the churchyard not far from the church door) reads: 'Remember to Die', as she had outlived her son and most of her close relatives, who could have expected an inheritance.

### OLD CROWN COTTAGE

Halfway along Nurses Lane, at No. 12 is Old Crown Cottage. This was brought by the Church Wardens and overseers as a poorhouse in 1778 for £21.

**We'd love to hear from you!**

**... contact us via email, social media or the 'phone using the info. to the right.**



## SCOTCH EGGS



**The Berkeley Arms Chorizo and Black Pudding Scotch Egg is possibly the most popular dish on our menu. Certainly the most popular starter.**

We often joke that, when we take it off the menu, "locals burn cars in the street"! OK, it's

not exactly the Paris Riots but we definitely 'know it' if it's isn't on the menu for a short time.

The ingredients in a Berkeley Arm's Scotch Egg is a closely guarded secret and it's possible that they change occasionally as fresh ideas and ingredients come-to-hand. They're also seasonal and currently include venison.

Google 'the history of Scotch Eggs' and you'll be surprised by the many claims for their origin! Some claim they originated in Whitby in the early 19th Century and were originally coated in fish paste rather than sausage meat!

Fortnum and Mason also claim they made the first sausage meat coated Scotch Egg in 1738 . Coating a boiled egg in sausage meat and then bread crumbs proved to be a popular food that could be taken as sustenance on long journeys.

Another theory asserts that the Scotch Egg evolved from northern India's *nargisi kofta* (an egg covered in minced meat and served with curry) which returning soldiers and others introduced to England.

There's are also a suggestion they aren't "Scotch" Eggs at all but were originally called Scorch Eggs, being cooked over an open flame.

An interesting variation on a Scotch Egg is a Manchester Egg, a pickled egg coated in sausage meat and black pudding. Maybe the Berkeley Arms Scotch Egg is a cross between a Scotch Egg and a Manchester Egg?!

Whatever your thoughts on the origins of a Scotch Egg we suspect they will remain a popular dish on our menu for some considerable time to come!

### The Berkeley Arms

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