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VALENTINE'S DAY



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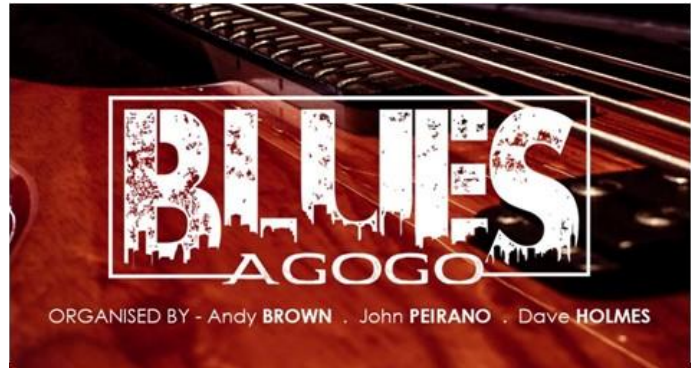
Valentine's Day falls on a Wednesday this year. Why not treat a loved one with a Valentines meal at The Berkeley? But ... who was Valentine and how did he become linked to overpriced chocolates, rip-off roses and cheap soft toys ... sorry, love?

Valentine was a Roman martyr who may, or may not, have inspired Valentine's Day. Who was he, or she? In fact there are at least a dozen St Valentines including a Spanish hermit and a woman - Valentina! Sensibly the origin is most likely that of a Valentine preaching in Rome in the 3rd Century who was martyred in 269AD on ... yes, you guessed it ... February 14th.



But where does all the love come from? Well, not from 269AD, that's for sure. St Valentine was originally the patron saint of plague sufferers and bee keepers - hardly romantic. It was Geoffrey Chaucer, that well known English poet (who's not a martyr) who used, shall we say, a bit of poetic licence to make the link between St Valentine and the art of love. His poem "*Parlement of Foules*", written in the late 14th Century makes the first connection.

Over 500 years ago, shortly after the publication of Chaucer's poem the sending of amorous notes to loved ones on Valentines Day 'took off'; all without the aid of social media! Those industries that benefit from the tradition, of course, have encouraged it's growth ever since. With one exception! Our Valentine's Day menu is priced in the same way as our regular a la carte menu good value, delicious, wholesome food cooked with Valentine's Love.



Blues A GoGo returns to the Berkeley Arms this month and we can't wait! If you love the traditional or contemporary sound of the Blues this is one not to miss!

Whether you play an instrument, can sing or simply enjoy great music then come along on Friday 9 February. Andy and the Blues A GoGo team will make you more than welcome.

The evening kicks off around 8pm but why not enjoy dinner or a drink before the music starts?



Friday 9 February
From 8pm

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Its described as having an aroma of fresh juniper, followed quickly by coriander and a complexity of flavours including hints of citrus mixed with oriental spices.

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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 - February 2024

Help please ...we need another Kevin!
After many years of dedicated service Kevin Spiers is leaving the Parish Council. If you are keen to make a difference to the Parish then please come and join us. Details of the application will soon appear on the noticeboard for a decision at the March Parish Council meeting Monday 4th March.



But in the meantime please contact any of the Councillors to ask about the opening (without canvassing!!)
Keen readers of the minutes of the January Parish Council meeting will have seen that the Council is in the process of collating information from all Parishioners affected by the recent flooding to then make a response to Melton Borough Council.



If you were affected then please contact the Clerk asap and by 23rd February at the latest. Pictures of damage most welcome.

Last could the final few please make their payment for allotment rents by January 31st.

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday February 5th at Edmondthorpe Social Club.

Terry Brown, Parish Clerk
wepc.clerk@yahoo.co.uk
01476 516366

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Friday 19 April, 9pm

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We look forward to welcoming you to The Berkeley Arms

Just for LAUGHS

A crab walks into the pub and says "I'll have a beer, please, but if I'm not satisfied with it, I'd like to be compensated with 10 bottles of champagne." The bar tender replies "Why the big clause?"

HIGH SPEED FIBRE



We're on the cusp of getting the go ahead for Openreach to install ultrafast full fibre broadband to the village but they need everyone who pledged their voucher to validate them. Check the email you received from Openreach when you pledged your support and follow the link in it to validate it.

If you haven't pledged your support already then you can still do so at www.openreach.co.uk/connectmycommunity.

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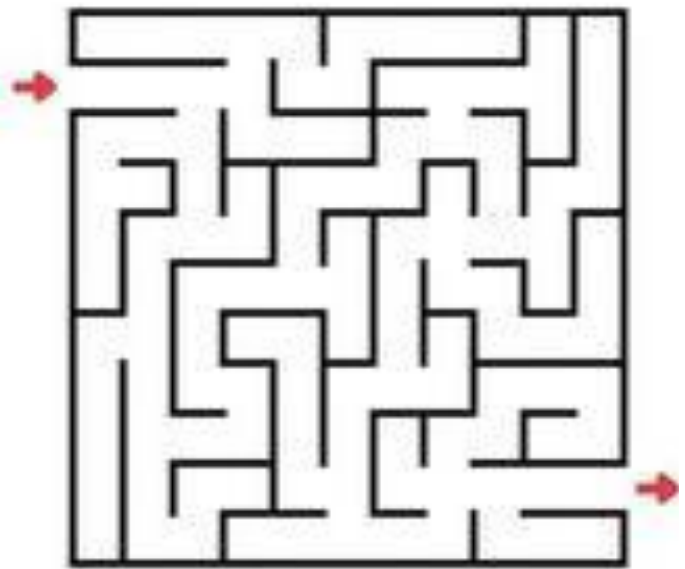
fibre broadband sooner rather than later.

Remember all you are pledging is to take up ultrafast full fibre broadband, when it's installed, with a provider of your choice.

KIDS CORNER



An amazing maze for you this month!



MEET BERKELEY BADGER

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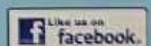


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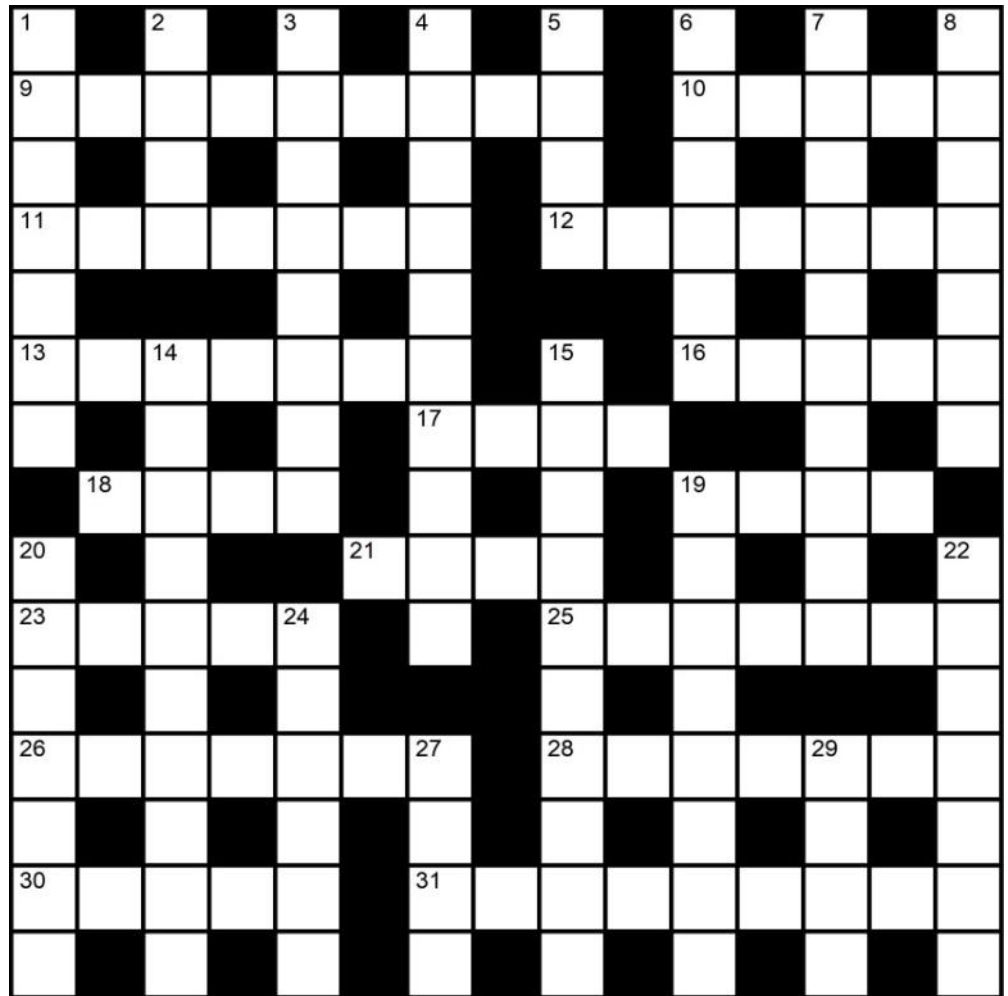




THE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 9 Kind of lung tube (9)
- 10 Bicycle-wheel component (5)
- 11 Cheshire port sounds like a grain smugglers' haven (7)
- 12 Audited (7)
- 13 Pay film out to boost (7)
- 16 Wide scarf (5)
- 17 Croquet surface (4)
- 18 Winner of five straight Wimbledon (4)
- 19 Mid-sized settlement (4)
- 21 Finishes (4)
- 23 Shun (5)
- 25 Sustain (7)
- 26 Willingly obedient (7)
- 28 Owls (7)
- 30 Rustic (5)
- 31 It opens during the fall - you hope! (9)



DOWN

- 1 Be in air craft west of France (7)
- 2 Former German capital (4)
- 3 Ladling out (8)
- 4 One of several theme parks around the world (10)
- 5 Coalition (4)
- 6 Negative liabilities (6)
- 7 Unnamed individual (3-4-3)
- 8 Western extremity of the Isle of Wight (7)
- 14 Headland (10)
- 15 Variety of beet (5,5)
- 19 A-one (3-5)
- 20 Prospector's strike (3-4)
- 22 Stored away (7)
- 24 With skill (6)
- 27 Circuits (4)
- 29 Israeli statesman --- Barak (4)

IT WAS IN THE PAPERS!

Local News from February 1871 and 1882.

From the *Grantham Journal* ... Saturday 11 February 1871

CHURCH BELLS - The bells of this church, six in number, have frequently enlivened the ears and hearts of the parishioners, and through continued practice during the winter months the ringers have made great progress, and too much cannot be stated in their favor. We trust the parishioners will do all in their power to encourage them to continue this ancient harmony, and ere long the peal of bells in Wymondham will vie with most, if not all, in the county of Leicestershire.

From the *Driffeld Times* ... Saturday 18 February 1882

INQUEST - At Wymondham Leicestershire an inquest has been held on the body of George Shelton, aged five years, son of a labourer, and resulted in a verdict of manslaughter against the mother. At the post-mortem examination no trace whatever of food could be found in the stomach, death having resulted from starvation and neglect. The mother said her husband only earned 8s or 9s a week, and there were several children to maintain. She knew the deceased had had no food, but he had shared what they all had, and she would rather die than go to the workhouse.

RECOLLECTIONS OF FOOTBALL IN WYMONDHAM (PART 3)

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

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.

Note for local historians: *Wrights Lane is incorrectly named! It was always called Kirks Lane when I was a lad and my dad said that it was only called Wrights Lane because Horace Wright just happened to be around on the day when the bloke from the council was conducting a road nomenclature survey. Horace was always full of his own self-importance and I always imagined the conversation between them went something like this:*

Bloke from Council: "Excuse me, sir, do you know what this lane is called?"

Horace (with puffed up chest): "It's always been known as Wrights Lane"

Bob Kirk had been in our lane much longer so if you've managed to get Station Road changed to Butt Lane let's have Kirks Lane back, please.

We had a much more exclusive and private changing room when playing for Harwoods:– an old covered railway wagon, a bit like a modern day shipping transport container, with holes. My Dad used to wander over to watch us play, and in one match against Pickwell I remember gesticulating wildly for the ball as Derek Naylor took a corner – I'd been left completely unmarked at the back post. Derek sent over a peach of a cross and even I couldn't miss. Dad was far more impressed with the precision of the cross than my header. We drew 3-3.

That field opposite Manns Farm was the scene of an annoying injury for me. We had an important cup match on the Saturday but on the preceding Thursday I carelessly allowed a heavy crowbar to drop across my foot. I felt the pain immediately but I was obsessed with football and more concerned about missing the cup match. On the Saturday I bandaged up the foot and hoped for the best. After 20 minutes I put weight on my foot and felt the crack – end of match for me, a broken metatarsal and out for 2 months. About 20 years later I borrowed <insert another juicy expletive here> crowbar from dad and would you believe it I nearly allowed it to break my foot again, but this time I pulled my foot out just in time. Fool that I am, I have again recently borrowed said crowbar from Woodbine Cottage again but I now give it the respect it deserves. Famous last words.

After a few matches for Harwoods, Fred asked that I might like to join him at Frisby, so I spent a couple of years there when I was a single parent in Melton but, sadly, I never played for any Wymondham team again.

I played 5-a-side until I was 55 but I came out of retirement a few of years ago to play in a vital high level match: my teacher daughter Amy's Parents v Teachers 5-a-side charity match. It was 0-0 at full time so it was decided by penalties. In the penalty shoot-out I gave their goalie "the eyes", he dived the wrong way and I scored in the opposite corner. We still lost 3-5. I'll settle for that as a good way to finish, but I'll always cherish those early days with Wymondham much more. Wymondham is in my blood and it remains a very special village to me.

WYMONDHAM PLAYERS

It's just over 5 weeks until the Wymondham Players take to the Village Hall stage for this years panto. Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is! Codie Chapman takes the lead role with an accomplished supporting cast which, it goes without saying, includes a few surprises!

Tickets are selling fast with limited availability for Thursday and Friday and a sell out for Saturday evening.

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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.

Seventy Times Seven : A True Story of Murder and Mercy

By Alex Mar (Published 2023)

This book tells the true story about a murder in America in 1985 and its aftermath. It is also about the power of forgiveness.

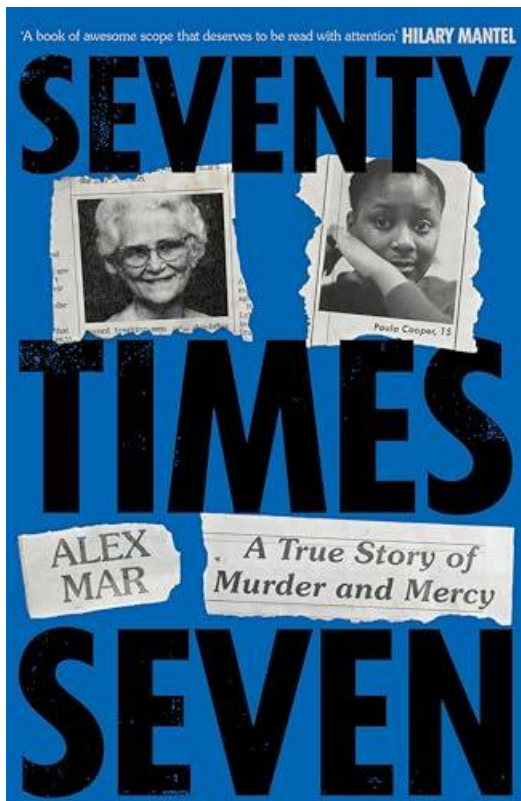
In Gary Indiana, Mrs Ruth Pelke, aged 79, was murdered in her own home. She was a religious lady, well known locally as a bible teacher. The crime was shocking not only because of the extreme violence used but also because the offenders were four teenage girls.

The girls went to the house intending to steal from Mrs Pelke. They gained access to her house by deception. They knocked her door and asked Mrs Pelke about giving bible lessons. She let them in whereupon she was violently assaulted and stabbed to death. The girls stole 10 dollars and Mrs Pelk's car. All were quickly arrested and charged with the murder.

The age of the girls ranged between 14 and 16 years.

The Public Prosecutor for the county, Jack Crawford, was a visible

aggressive prosecutor. He was extremely ambitious. He did not like plea bargaining. He had brought in a more aggressive use of the State's habitual offender law (three strikes law) which automatically added 30 additional years on a person's prison sentence regardless of the seriousness of the third offence. He supported the death penalty and was determined to pursue this penalty and did so in this case. In the 10 years that Crawford was the Public Prosecutor his office requested and received the death sentence 17 times.



Subsequently, the girls were sentenced as follows:

- Denise Thomas aged 14, imprisonment for 35 years
- Karen Corde aged 16, imprisonment for 60 years
- April Beverley aged 15, imprisonment for 25 years
- Pauline Cooper aged 15, sentenced to death (the Judge had assessed that she seemed to be the "dominant personality" in the crime)

It's quite something for a 15-year-old to be sentenced to death by the electric chair. Pauline Cooper was immediately moved to the death row facility within the Indiana adult women's prison and segregated from the general prison population. She was the youngest person ever to be on death row in Indiana. She spent almost all of her time in a cell for 23 hours a day.

Sometime later, the grandson of the victim, Bob Pelke, who had been very close to his grandmother was on a night shift at work when he had what could be described as almost a religious-esque revelation. He was still grieving the loss and was certain that his grandmother would have forgiven her killers and she wanted him to do the same. He set about doing this against the wishes of the Pelke family. He wrote to Pauline Cooper on death row and made his view known publicly. The publicity led to national and international attention resulting in petitions being raised and interventions for the death sentence to be commuted.

Bill Pelke joined a group canvassing for the abolition of the death penalty and for years travelled the country to raise awareness and demonstrate against the penalty. Over the years he wrote to Pauline Cooper in prison hundreds of times and visited her a number of times

There were appeals to and landmark Supreme Court decisions along the way. Use was made of psychologists to evidence that studies into the criminal culpability of adolescents showed their decision-making capability is diminished, they are less able to resist coercive influence and their character is still undergoing change. Evidence from brain scans in studies showed differences between adolescent and adult brains. The brain, once thought to develop only up to the age of twelve continues developing until the mid-twenties.

In July 1989 the Indiana Supreme Court heard an appeal in Cooper's case and decided she should not be executed. The Justices' decision was unanimous at 5 – 0. Her sentence was commuted to 60 years imprisonment.

In 2004 The US Supreme Court heard arguments in the case of Roper v Simmons that would determine the fates of 72 individuals sentenced to death for crimes committed when under the age of 18 years. The decision of the Court, by a



RUTLAND QUIZ LEAGUE



We're on a roll ... as far as fielding a team of 6 for each match is concerned! And our performance is getting better week by week!

Our first post-Christmas match was at home against the top of the league team "The Boat".

When we played them away at the start of the season we didn't fair too well and our fortunes didn't change when they came to the Berkeley, losing 52 - 107.

The following week, 16th January, we travelled to "The Stilton Cheese" at Somerby. After finding an alternative route to avoid the road closure through Burton Lazars it was a delight to find they had 5 ales on the bar, 2 permanent and 3 guest. A pub to visit again we thought! A turn out of 7 players meant we, for once, comfortably managed to field a full team! Unfortunately our performance wasn't as good as the beer, or our numbers, and we finished down 76 - 56. A score above 50 again was a comfort.

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	Points
1 Boat Inn	30
2 Stilton Cheesewrights	24
3 Black Bull	24
4 Whissendine Wanderers	23
5 Catmose Owls	22
6 Oakham RFC Nomads	21
7 Collyweston Wibbets	18
8 Exiles	16
9 Cheese Hounds	12
10 Stilton Cheese	11
11 Wheatsheaf Hunters	10
12 Wheatsheaf Langham	8
13 Lord Nelson	5
14 Berkeley Arms	0

Tuesday 23rd saw us at home again, this time against the "Wheatsheaf" from Langham. With a full and capable team, and the Wheatsheaf being only two places ahead of us in the League, we sensed the possibility of our first win. Both teams agreed the questions were particularly challenging but we increased our score again, despite losing 58 - 71.

Our final match in January was away against the "Catmose Owls" in Oakham. Despite being somewhat higher than us in the league we fared well taking a lead in the first round which we maintained through to the eight round! We were pinching ourselves, could we finally win a match? Alas it was not to be and the evening finished with a win to Owls at 71 - 67, our highest score so far in the League and our closest finish! Onwards and upwards!

Thank you to Elaine, Gillian, Issac, Jackie, Lynne, Mark, Nick, Tony and Will for competing in January's matches.

If you'd like to join us in our endeavours (we could really do with the support and it is good fun, honest!) 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!

majority of 5 – 4, was that the Eight Amendment of the US Constitution forbids the death penalty being imposed on those under 18 years at the time of their crime.

There will always be strongly held views on both sides of the capital punishment argument. This book is well researched and well written. It is thought provoking, it educates and enhances the debate surrounding the death penalty. It highlights the complexities of the US legal system, public opinion on the subject and the political agendas/ambitions of those holding legal public offices and political offices.

At the time Paula Cooper was charged with the murder there were about 1,400 individuals on death rows across the US, 41 of them under the age of 18 years. In 1994 there were 2,890 the highest number in the country's history.

In 2013 Pauline Cooper was released from prison after serving 28 years. She began her reintegration into society and started to build a life for herself. HOWEVER, there is twist in this story.

Footnote:

Jack Crawford was interviewed by the author during the making of this book. He is in his early 70s. Ironically, he is now against the death penalty. He said he had "evolved" and gave two reasons for his change. He also said "If you're in politics you want to win and you have to be sensitive to what you think people want. And people wanted a hard line on crime – they wanted a very hard line. Is my job to represent what people think or is my job to lead them to what they should think? I don't know".



Alex Mar is an American journalist, writer and a documentary film maker. Her work has appeared in a number of publications including the Guardian, the Times Book Review, and the Wall Street Journal

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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

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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

Claire Bennett-Madge 07970181107 clairepittsy@hotmail.com

Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council

Terry Brown, Parish Clerk wepc.clerk@yahoo.co.uk

Wymondham CofE Primary School

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Wymondham Players

Jenny Weston 01572 787284

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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

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

WYMONDHAM VILLAGE HALL

COMMUNITY CINEMA

This content has been provided by the Wymondham Village Hall committee.

Our first National Live screening on Thursday 18 January, was a spectacularly successful event with a capacity audience creating a very special atmosphere in the village hall. Bill Nighey and Carey Mulligan both gave captivating performances and, as with the best dramas, there was much humour alongside highly charged, passionate dialogue. Staging, camera-work and sound quality were all excellent too, contributing positively to the whole experience.



DEAR ENGLAND

In association with National Theatre Live, Wymondham Village Hall Community Cinema presents Dear England on Friday 22 March 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.

Dear England is a new play by James Graham, directed by Rupert Goold

**National
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Starring Joseph Fiennes as Gareth Southgate in this gripping examination of nation and game.

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

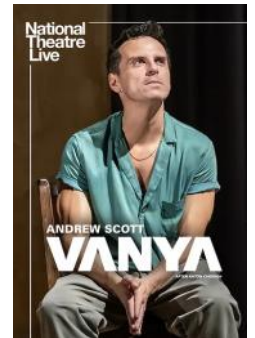
Book your seats now at TicketSource... <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-village-hall>



VANYA

The third National Theatre LIVE presentation will be Anton Chekhov's Vanya, adapted by Simon Stephens, starring Andrew Scott. It's scheduled for screening on Friday 19 April at 7.30pm. Tickets will go on sale on 23rd March.

Make a note in your diary!



VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

Did you know on the 3rd Sunday of the month there is a Quiz in the village hall? Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Team entry is £5 and the Village Hall Bar is open from 7pm.



For further information contact Ian via ianstevenson9@googlemail.com

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!



CROSS WORD SOLUTION

Across: 9 Bronchial, 10 Spoke, 11 Runcorn, 12 Checked, 13 Amplify, 16 Stole, 17 Lawn, 18 Borg, 19 Town, 21 Ends, 23 Avoid, 25 Support, 26 Dutiful, 28 Hooters, 30 Rural, 31 Parachute.

Down: 1 Iberian, 2 Bonn, 3 Scooping, 4 Disneyland, 5 Bloc, 6 Assets, 7 You-know-who, 8 Needles, 14 Promontory, 15 Swiss chard, 19 Top-notch, 20 Pay-dirt, 22 Stashed, 24 Deftly, 27 Laps, 29 Ehud.

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Rocks by Rail opens for the first time in 2024 on Easter Sunday 31st March.

There'll be an Easter Bunny Hunt and the chance to take a ride in a steam hauled brake van.



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

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
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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.

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THE VILLAGE HALL

Construction of the Village Hall was financed through local fundraising. Colonel Grenfel of The Rookery, Rookery Lane, was the chairman of the fundraising committee. Events to raise money included a Gala Fête held by Colonel Gretton at Stapleford Hall, a collection at the annual meet of the Cottesmore Hounds on the green in the village and considerable donations from a great many villagers.

The hall, built in a traditional style, was opened in 1928 by Colonel Gretton of Stapleford Hall. It was originally lit by large gas lamps that had to be lowered every time they were lit. The water came from a well remaining from a row of cottages that were originally on that site. This well is still there, under the floor, about 1 metre in front of the stage.



John Gretton,
1st Baron Gretton

The use of the hall was stepped up during World War II,



when there was a huge influx of British and American soldiers and airmen and also Land Army girls. Regular dances were held in the hall to

boost morale. Many romances were probably generated in this atmosphere. It was also used for some time as a classroom annex by the old primary school next door. Today (2015) it is used by Wymondham Players, the Badminton Club and the Village Hall Committee for films and shows etc.



BURNS NIGHT

We celebrated Burns Night at The Berkeley on Friday 26 January (yes, we know, a day late!) and what a celebration it was!

David was kind enough to get the evening off to a great start with the sound of bag pipes playing at the front of the pub - you may have heard them across the village.



Kumar had prepared a selection of Scottish themed dishes which started with Cullen Skink, a thick soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions. It was delicious!



After piping the haggis around the inside of the pub John, as is tradition, addressed the Haggis with the words of poet Robert Burns.

The Haggis, Neeps and Tatties main course went down well

and many commented it was the 'best haggis they had ever tasted'!



If you didn't fancy the thought of haggis then Balmoral Chicken and Venison Hotpot also figured on our Burns Night menu alongside some traditional Berkeley Arms

favourites from our a la carte menu.



To finish the meal many chose the uncontested King of Scottish desserts ... Cranachan. If you've never heard of it, it's a mix of

raspberries, cream, oats and whisky and tastes simply delicious.

Thank you to David and John for making the evening just that extra bit special and to everyone who joined us. Why not look out for other themed evenings later in the year?

We'd love to hear from you!
What do you think of the Newsletter?
Which parts do you enjoy?
What would you like to see more of?

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