

The Berkeley Arms

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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR at the Berkeley Arms



Whether it's a night out and a meal for a large party or a table for 1 or 2. Whether it's for a drink with work colleagues, family or friends or a celebration. It matters not.

The Berkeley has everything you need to make Christmas and New Year that extra bit special this year.

Further details about the Festive period appear throughout this issue of the newsletter.

To make a booking, call us on 01572 787587 or book online at www.berkeley-arms.co.uk

The Berkeley at Christmas, there's no better place to be.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We did it! Our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised more than it has ever done before and it's all thanks to you!

You're amazing you really are! Janine and Georgia opened the pub earlier than normal on Friday 26 September for our Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning and then you all made it all happen! More kind hearted folks than ever arrived with home-made cake, the coffee machine worked overtime and even more of you walked through the door to enjoy a sociable morning of coffee, cake and more cake!



When the crumbs had settled, a quick tot up revealed we, all of us, had raised almost £450, almost £100 more than last year! And then it happened - with a few more donations later in the day we raised £500! An incredible figure for a village pub in a small village called Wymondham!

We cannot thank you enough ... for the cakes, for your coffee drinking, for purchasing raffle tickets and so much more. Once again the villagers of Wymondham did what they do best ... demonstrating community, compassion and an enthusiasm to come together. Thank you.

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." - Helen Keller



PUB OF THE YEAR

We made it through to the final five pubs in the “Pub of the Year” category in the “Great Food Club Awards 2025/26” and we couldn’t be more chuffed!

The competition started back at the start of the year when you voted for us online to win the award. The five pubs with the most votes were then visited by judges before the winner was announced at the start of October.

Although we didn’t win the award this year we were pleased to receive a glowing report from the judges...

“ This is a genuinely friendly and buzzing pub, with locals at the bar and a great mix of groups and ages creating a lively, welcoming atmosphere.

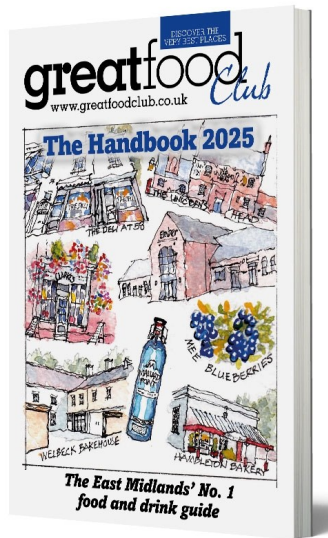
The landlord was attentive, personable and made us feel at home straight away.

Both food and drink were excellent – well-kept beer, carefully chosen wines and freshly prepared dishes that impressed across the board.

A strong sense of community runs through everything here. The pub hosts clubs ranging from book groups to backgammon evenings and even produces its own newsletter to keep locals connected.

Overall, it’s a vibrant, well-run pub that combines quality food and drink with a real commitment to its village community. “

If you’re wondering who did win, it was the Barley Mow at Bonsall near Matlock in Derbyshire. “ A one-room pub bursting with character a superb line-up of real ales and ciders, and an atmosphere that radiates fun and friendliness.” . Check them out next time your in the area!



PARISH COUNCIL

This months news from Wymondham and Edmonthorpe Parish Council has been provided by Nigel Hobson.

Wymondham Village Sign

The Parish Council recently invited Parishioners to help select a site for the new village sign. The most popular location is shown in this ‘mock up’ photograph (the actual post will be oak not black!).



Further consultation will now be undertaken before a site is finally selected, but we hope this uniquely designed and beautifully made sign will be a welcome addition to our village.

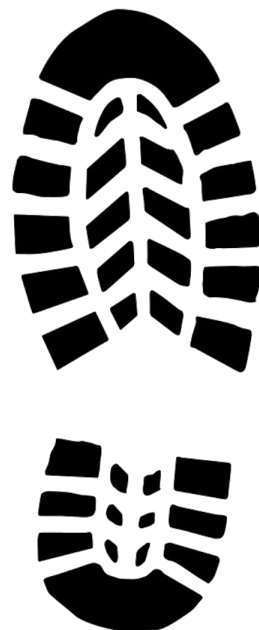
As always the Parish Council is pleased to receive comments. They can be contacted via the Parish Clerk Terry Brown, clerk@wymondhamandedmondthorpe.net

WYMONDHAM WALKERS

**Do you enjoy walking?
Would you be interested in
walking with others from
the village? Would you be
interested in re-starting a
village walking group?**

If you’ve answered YES to any of the above then come along to the Berkeley Arms at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 November to discuss possibilities and to ‘get-the-ball-rolling’.

Interested but not able to make the meeting? Please let Jackie know via email jackiewilson@hotmail.co.uk



THE FIGHT AT CRIBBS MEADOW



The picture reproduced to the left shows Cribb with his second John Gully and his bottle-holder Joe Ward and Molineaux whose second was Bill Richmond (also Black and formerly enslaved), and Bill Gibbons his bottle-holder. The man holding the stopwatch may be the referee John Jackson. It is believed that the print of the fight was probably painted by George Cruikshank living in London (b.1792 d.1878).

Molineaux hit with great power until Cribb broke his jaw in the 9th round, then knocked him out in the 11th about 20 minutes into the fight.

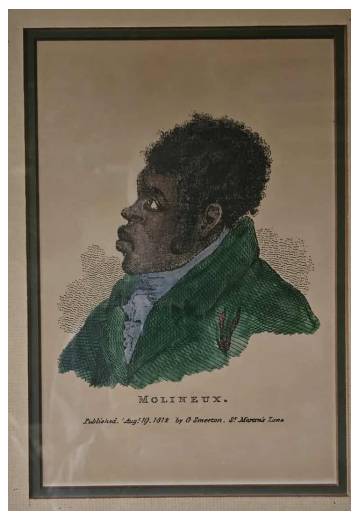
After more fights across England and Scotland, Molineux crossed to Ireland and

Cribb's Meadow is a small but intricate mosaic of diverse habitats, made up of grasslands, two ponds and a disused railway line, where scrub and mature trees are taking back the land, about 3 miles from Wymondham on the road to South Witham. A walk here is quiet and peaceful, but on Saturday 28 September 1811 it was far from either.

On that day a boxing match between English champion Thomas Cribb and African-American challenger Tom Molineux took place at Thistleton Gap, Rutland, on what is now known as Cribb's Meadow.

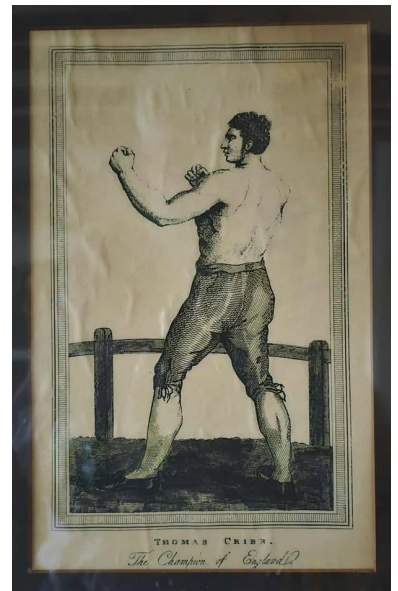
Molineux had crossed the Atlantic to pursue a boxing career and may formerly have been enslaved - disputed but it's popularly believed that he was born into slavery on a Virginia plantation. The two men had fought first on December 3, 1810 at Shenington Hollow, Oxfordshire, with Molineaux defeated after 35 rounds in a much disputed decision. Their return match, fought for a purse of 600 guineas at Thistleton Gap, attracted at least 15,000 spectators including many members of the nobility.

The walls at the Berkeley are adorned with pictures and curiosities connected with the area. Those that peak the most interest from visitors to the pub are, without a doubt, the three prints relating to the Cribb-Molineux fight.



fought until 1815. With problems from alcohol and time spent in a debtors prison, he died aged 34 on 4 August 1818 in Galway, Ireland.

Cribb lived to 66 years of age, retiring from boxing, setting himself up as a coal merchant (and part-time boxing trainer) and as a pub landlord (Union Arms, Panton Street, London) before his death in 1868 in Woolwich, London.



CRIBB'S MEADOW is a small nature reserve managed by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. It's open to the public - why not visit?

Fosse Lane, Sewstern

5 mins drive, 17 mins cycle, 3.5 miles

Sat Nav - LE14 2BP

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust - 0116 262 9968





PUMPKIN CARVING

Halloween means spiders, bats, ghost and ghoulies but, our favourite, carved pumpkins! It's time again to carve pumpkins at the pub and we can't wait!



Join us from 3pm on Thursday 30 October for pumpkin carving and a few other surprises! We'll provide the pumpkins, all you have to do is supply the idea to create a hairy, leery, scary carved pumpkin!

All welcome, we'll have plenty of pumpkins available but if, you're definitely coming along, please let us know! Call us on 01572 787587 or message us on Facebook.

CLERICAL DEPARTURE

Rev'd David Cowie is leaving the parish after a period of 8 years as its Priest-in-Charge.

It's been announced by the Bishop's Office that Rev'd David Cowie has been appointed as Rector in the Wigston Benefice in the Diocese of Leicester.



David took up the position of Priest-in-Charge of the High Framland Parishes and the South Framland Benefice in June 2017. Over the past 8 years he has built strong relationships with local primary schools and shown his support for the Berkley including lighting our Jubilee Beacon in 2022.

We wish David all the best in his new role and hope that he leaves Wyndham and Edmondthorpe with happy memories. There will always be a pint on the bar should you find yourself visiting the area.

David's licensing service will be conducted by the Bishop of Leicester, The Rt. Revd. Martyn Snow, on Monday 8th December at 7:00 pm. A venue is still to be confirmed.

WORD CORNER

Do you enjoy the written word? Do you have a favourite piece you'd like us to reproduce in the Newsletter? Email it to us at info@berkeley-arms.co.uk

THE BAD SALAD of WILLIAM ARCHIBALD SPOONER

Why do I always watch my birds?
I know that statement sounds absurd
but today I reached an all-time toe
when I received a blushing crow.

It's wetting gorse – and here's the crunch:
my conversation packs a lunch.
I'm not sure when all this began
but I think I need a plaster man

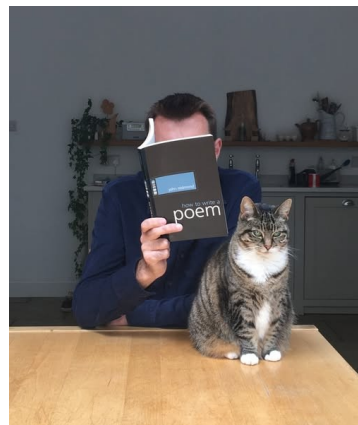
to help me when my stouth gets muck.
I should sit, perhaps, and bead a rook,
fight a liar, or flick some powers.
No, I think I'll go and shake a tower.

Brian Bilston

A bit about Brian Bilston ...

Frequently described as the "Poet Laureate of Twitter", Brian Bilston is a poet clouded in the pipe smoke of mystery. Very little is known about him other than the fragments of information revealed on social media: his penchant for tank tops, his enjoyment of Vimto, his dislike of Jeremy Clarkson.

In 2014 he became the first person to retain the title of Pipe Smoker of the Year [Poetry section] and, over the years, he has won numerous awards for cycling proficiency, first aid, and general tidiness. He won the 2015 Great British Write Off poetry prize for a poem disguised in a Venn diagram.



Just for LAUGHS

If anyone wants to sponsor me I'm doing a 0.0002km run to raise awareness for laziness.



CELEBRATIONS!

There's something truly special about gathering around a table at the Berkeley to celebrate life's moments — big or small. A meal at the pub has a way of bringing people together in a setting that feels both comforting and familiar. The soft buzz of conversation, the warmth of good food, and the friendly atmosphere create a space where everyone can simply be themselves.

When we celebrate at the Berkeley, it's not just about the meal — it's about connection. It's about raising a glass to the people who matter most, sharing stories that make us laugh, and pausing to appreciate how far we've come. There's a kind of magic in those shared moments — in the clink of glasses, the hum of background chatter, and the feeling that, just for a while, time slows down.

In the end, celebrating at the Berkeley reminds us that life's best occasions don't need grand gestures. Sometimes, all it takes is good company, honest food, and a welcoming place to sit together — and that's what makes those moments truly memorable.



The Restaurant



The Bar



The Snug



REMEMBRANCE

We'll be putting the poppies up around the village again towards the end of October.

Every year we lose one or two through damage and the odd one or two 'disappearing'. If you'd like to donate £5 to allow us to purchase more this year then please do so at the bar or by calling us on 01572 787587.

From the start of November we'll have Woodforde's Brewery's "Poppy Ale" on the bar and for each pint sold we'll be donating 50p to the **Royal British Legion**.

Enjoy a pint of ale from Norfolk's finest brewery and support the British Legion.



FIREWORK DISPLAY

We highly recommend the Bonfire and Fireworks in Castle Bytham if you're looking for a local display. It supports a community cause and admission is by donation only.

PLEASE DON'T BRING SPARKLERS
Discarded wires can harm grazing sheep

**Castle Bytham
Bonfire & Fireworks**

SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER

St Martin's Meadow

Bar opens & Bonfire lit at 5.30pm

Fireworks to begin between
7.00pm and 7.30pm

Cash Bar & BBQ

Beer ☼ Wine ☼ Mulled Wine
Hot Chocolate ☼ Soft Drinks
Soup ☼ Burgers ☼ Hot Dogs

**Entrance FREE but donations in the buckets
will be very welcome**



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS at the BERKELEY ARMS!

Get into the spirit for Christmas with a meal at The Berkeley Arms during December.

From Tuesday 2 December through until Christmas Eve inclusive, our Christmas Festive menu offers a mix of traditional dishes and classic Christmas favourites, all with that special Berkeley Arms touch that makes them so delicious. The Christmas Festive menu is available for bookings of any size, from 1 to 35 people, and for groups arriving without a reservation. Individual dishes are as priced on the menu.

We take a non-refundable deposit of £5 per person for bookings of 6 or more.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE MENU

To Start....

Pan Seared King Scallops Pea-Purée, Garlic Butter Sauce, Roasted Black Pudding £12

Crayfish and Avocado Cocktail Warm Local Bread and Butter £10

Grilled Goats Cheese and Roasted Beetroot Balsamic Reduction and Fig Relish £9

Soup of the Day Local Bread and Butter (V) £8

Venison, Chorizo & Black Pudding Scotch Egg Pineapple Salsa and Celeriac Rémoulade £8

Chicken Liver Parfait Balsamic Onion Jam and Toast £8

Parma Ham Wrapped Melon Roasted Walnut and Honey Mustard Drizzle £8

To Follow...

32-Day Dry-Aged 10oz Ribeye Steak Hand-Cut Chips, Grilled Mushroom, Tomato, Tender Stem, Roasted Tarragon and Garlic Butter £32

Oven Roasted Line Caught Halibut Supreme Sautéed Sea Vegetables, Straw Potato, Roasted Cherry Tomato, Tempura Prawns, Lemon Grass and Coconut Sauce £26

Slow Cooked Red Wine Infused Brisket of Beef Dauphinoise Potato, Sautéed Buttered Vegetables and Peppercorn Sauce £22

Slow Cooked Stuffed Belly Pork Roulade Chef's Choice Potato, Roasted Pakchoi, Apple Purée and Cider Jus £21

White Wine and Fennel Infused Slow Cooked Turkey Fondant Potato, Pork Sausage in Blanket, Roasted Carrots and Greens, Cranberry Sauce, Red Wine Jus £19

Traditional Beer Battered Haddock Hand-cut Chips, Minted Crushed Peas, Grilled Lemon and Tartar £18

Berkeley Arms Venison and Red Wine Pie Hand-cut Chips or Buttery Mash, Sautéed Vegetables and a Rich House Gravy £18

Berkeley Arms Hand-Pressed Rump Steak Burger Toasted Brioche Bun, Crispy Baby Gem, Tomato, Smoked Bacon, Grilled Red Leicester, House Slaw, Burger Relish, Onion Rings and Hand-Cut Chips £17

Cauliflower Steak Straw Potato, Cranberry Lentils and Onion Velouté (V) £17

To Finish

Traditional Christmas Pudding Warm Brandy Sauce £8

Chocolate and Raisin Sponge Vanilla Ice Cream or Custard £8

Bread and Butter Pudding Warm Custard or Salted Caramelised Ice Cream £8

Berkeley Arms Cheesecake of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream or Sorbet £8

Apple, Pear and Cinnamon Crumble Vanilla Ice Cream or Custard £8

Cheese & Biscuits Local Artisan Cheeses, Apple, Grapes, Chutney and Biscuits £12

All dishes are subject to availability. Please advise of any specific dietary requirement at the time of booking.

Book online at www.berkeley-arms.co.uk, or call us on 01572 787587



A drink at the pub on Christmas morning is a very special, traditional way to start Christmas Day, maybe after a walk around the village?

We're open from 11am on Christmas Day for drinks with Christmas Lunch from 12noon.

Why not join us this year? Experience a true sense of community, with the village pub at its heart.

Visit the pub this Christmas!



THE BERKELEY ARMS CROSSWORD

Something to exercise the brain cells and this month the clues match the grid! Apologies if it taxed you last month.

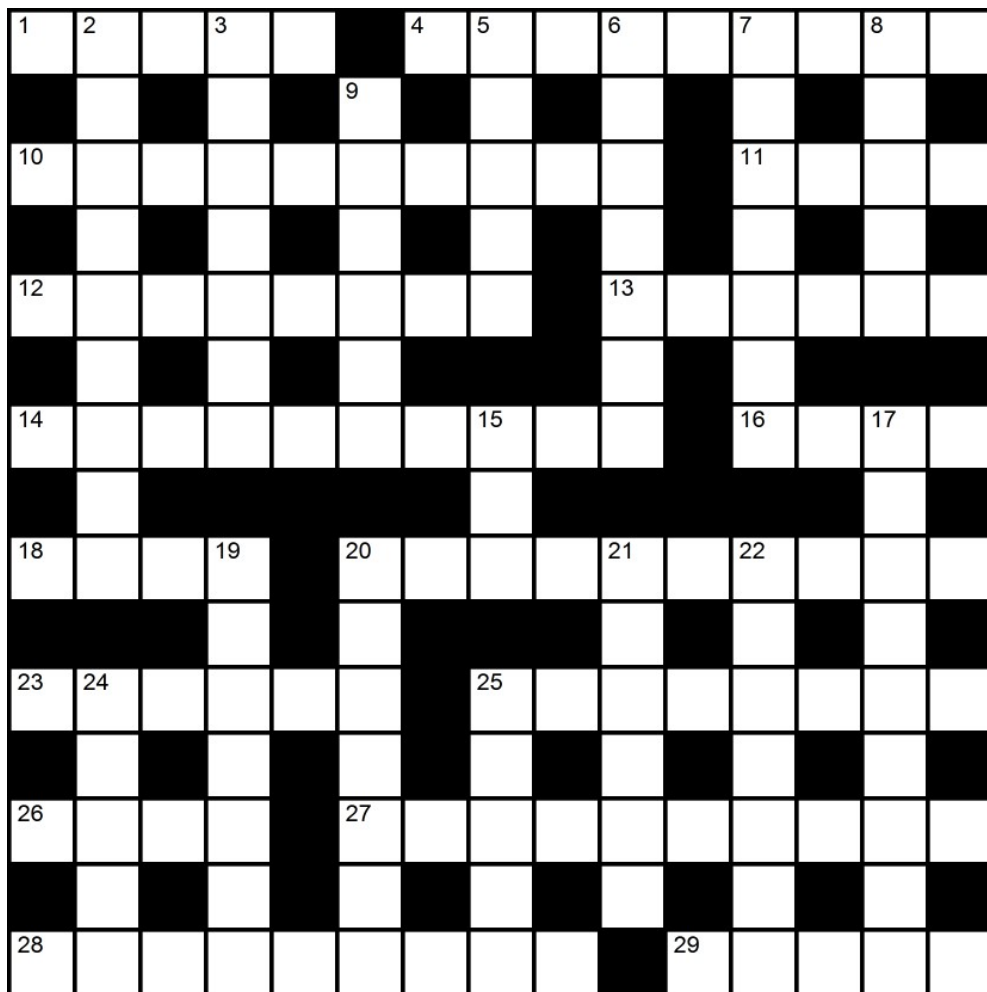
ACROSS

- 1 Scent (5)
- 4 Dutch canal city (9)
- 10 Lively interest (10)
- 11 Small margin (4)
- 12 Serious warning (3,5)
- 13 Animosity (6)
- 14 Tropical fruit (10)
- 16 Unspecified in number (4)
- 18 Singles (4)
- 20 Place to research (10)
- 23 Throughout (6)
- 25 E.g. Aldrin (8)
- 26 Knave (4)
- 27 Matrimonial lady-in-waiting (10)
- 28 Gun dog (9)
- 29 Customary (5)

DOWN

- 2 Weed (9)
- 3 Lift up (7)
- 5 Intended (5)
- 6 Hardens metal (7)
- 7 Christens again (7)
- 8 Item with exchange value (5)
- 9 Dozing (6)
- 15 Tennis high ball (3)
- 17 Salty cocktail (9)
- 19 Slacker (7)
- 20 Readable (7)
- 21 Subscriber (6)
- 22 Vacuum flask (7)
- 24 Long-continued practice (5)
- 25 Connected series of rooms (5)

Unsure? Answers on the back page



EAT for LESS, MORE OFTEN!

Did you know you can enjoy a two course meal at the Berkeley Arms for only **£20**, as part of our "Eat for Less More Often" promotion, or enjoy 3 courses for just **£25**?

"Eat for Less More Often" is available every lunchtime from 12noon until 2.45pm from Tuesday to Saturday. It's available on a wide selection of dishes from our a la carte menu



including all of your Berkeley Arms favourites!

Call us on 01572 787587,
Book online at
www.berkeley-arms.co.uk,
or simply walk in!

**Just for
LAUGHS**

The worst pub I've ever been to was called "The Fiddle". It really was a vile Inn!

THE PARISH CHURCHES

This content has been sourced from the Benefices website at www.framlandparishes.org



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

St Peter's Church, Wymondham and St Michael's, Edmondthorpe are ministered within the Benefice of South Framland and High Framland group of parishes.

Services take place across all churches in the group led by the Rev'd David Cowie, Priest in Charge.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 12th October : **The 17th Sunday After Trinity**

9:00am Holy Communion | Croxton Kerrial

10:00am Harvest Festival | Buckminster

11:00am Morning Prayer | Wymondham

Sunday 19th October : **The 18th Sunday After Trinity**

9:00am Holy Communion | Saltby

11:00am Harvest Communion | Wymondham

6.00pm Choral Evensong | Melton Mowbray

Sunday 26th October : **The Last Sunday After Trinity**

9:00am Holy Communion | Wymondham

11.00am Morning Prayer | Branston

6.00pm Harvest Festival | Coston

Sunday 2nd November : **All Saints Sunday**

9:00am Holy Communion | Branston

11:00am Holy Communion | Buckminster

Sunday 2nd November : **Remembrance Sunday**

9:00am Act of Remembrance & Communion | Saltby with Sproxtton

10:45am Act of Remembrance | Sewstern

10:50am Act of Remembrance | Knipton

10:50am Act of Remembrance | Wymondham

3.00pm Act of Remembrance | Croxton Kerrial

EVERY Tuesday : Night Prayer

9.00pm | via Zoom

Service dates for Advent and the Christmas period were not available at the time of printing but can be found at www.framlandparishes.org

CONTACT DETAILS

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Priest-in-Charge

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M: 07377 873837



Rev'd David Cowie

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Wymondham is a vibrant and supportive community. If you're looking for a new interest or the contact details for local services check below. If we've missed something ... let us know!

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, 10.30am 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

01572 789954 www.framlandparishes.org

Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation

01572 722903 www.sirjohnsedley.org.uk

Wymondham Allotments Association

Christine Teasdale or the Parish Council

Wymondham Area Sports and Social Partnership (WASSP)

Claire Bennett-Madge 07970181107

clairepittsy@hotmail.com

Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council

Terry Brown, Parish Clerk

clerk@wymondhamandedmondthorpe.net

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





PUB CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas is a special time. A time of joy, of happiness. A time when families, friends and community come together. Decorating trees originated in the 16th Century and is still a highlight of the magic of Christmas today.



We're decorating the pub's Christmas tree, and then switching on the tree lights, from 4pm on Saturday 22 November.

All are welcome to come along and help us in, what is, a mammoth task!

VILLAGE DECORATIONS



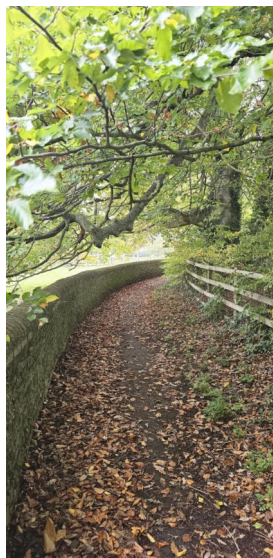
Every Christmas the residents of Colsterworth decorate the bare trees along the Colsterworth Nature Trail. If you've never seen it then it's worth a visit!

We were thinking wouldn't it be a

wonderful idea if something similar happened in Wymondham?

So, after we decorate the pub's Christmas tree on Saturday 22 November, we're going to take any spare decorations we have and decorate the trees along the path between the church and Sycamore Lane. We think it's called Cragg Lane at the Sycamore Lane end?

It would be great if you joined us with any left over decorations you have. Let's make the village even more magical this year!



£10 THURSDAY!

Most Thursday evenings during October and November we're offering one of popular pub classic meals for only £10!

Yes, you read that right! Enjoy one of our pub classics for only £10 on a Thursday evening until the end of November. One dish each Thursday evening will be available for only £10. It might be sausages and mash, it might be the pie! Check social media, or call us, each week to find out which is on offer this week.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

A couple of dates for your diary as we rapidly approach the festive season!

OLDER RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 11 December, between 12noon and 2.45pm

Complimentary main course for residents

of the parish of Wymondham and Edmondthorpe.

Pre-booking essential. call us on 01572 787587 or book online at www.berkeley-arms.co.uk



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 18 December, 3.30pm

Party food, Stripey Wipey and a visit from Father Christmas

Although the Children's Christmas Party is free-of-charge, please let us know you are coming!



TRICK or TREAT

We're open to Trick or Treaters on Friday 31 October. If you're planning on touring the village make sure you pop into the pub!

We'll have treats and maybe more!

It's great to see pumpkins outside homes around the village already this year! Can you guess where we saw these?



LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We're happy to list businesses based in Wymondham and Edmondthorpe that provide a service to those living locally. Please mention the Berkley Arms when calling any business from our list.

AJ Computing for all your IT needs, repairs, upgrades
07900006729 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

Ben Leaver Gardening HND (Hort)
07800 834636 www.forgetyounotgardens.co.uk

Frenchvines, French wines, champagne, artisan cheeses, charcuterie, bread and chutneys from across the UK
01572 787389 www.frenchvines.co.uk

Fyl Sparky, Electrician and Sound Engineer
07947 778154

Jane Knight Reflexologist
07976 458239 www.jkreflexologist.com

Move those Paws Dog walking and sitting
07841 681398 movethosepaws@mail.com

Oil Tank Company Ltd., Oil Storage Solutions
01780 782255 sales@oiltankcompany.co.uk

Old Bakery Antiques, Antiques shop
01572 787472 www.antiques-atlas.com/oldbakeryantiques

Rob Gosling, Handyman, garden clearance
07507 414150

Ruby Fragrances, Handmade, eco and sustainable candles
07908 061897 www.etsy.com/shop/rubyfragrances

Ruby Paws, Dog walking and pet sitting
07908 061897 ruby-paws@hotmail.com

T J Kennedy Garden & Landscape Design
07726 334501 www.tjkennedy.design

Viking Painting and Decorating
07775475470

Wymondham Art Gallery
01572 787863

Wymondham Chimney Sweep
07807 390348 www.wymondhamchimneysweep.co.uk

Wymondham Cleaning Company (Window Cleaning)
07491 576117



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 Tea-rooms, Woodland and the Boutique Shops, is a unique visitor attraction.

01572 787304 www.wymondhamwindmill.co.uk

At the windmill you'll find ...

Bellas Box
Quality products for you and your four-legged friend
07754 073130 www.bellasbox.co.uk

Clothes in the Attic
Pre-owned, stylish and unique fashion
01572 787856

Cromwell's Menswear
Casual, relaxed and stylish men's outfitters
01572 827079 www.cromwellmenswear.co.uk

Katherine Staples Clay and Studio Gallery
Pottery classes, gallery, ceramics, sculptures, commissions
07760 427758 www.katherinestaples.com

Kriscia Womenswear Women's clothing
kriscia.square.site

Melinda Designs Fashion Accessories and Homewares
01572 787856 www.melindadesigns.co.uk

Riding Simulator by Lucy McWilliam
Horse riding instruction on a riding simulator
07885 972142 www.lucymcwilliam.com

Rutland Willows, Hand-made willow sculptures
01572 720741

Windmill Tea Rooms, Vintage designed tearooms
01572 787304 www.wymondhamwindmill.co.uk

Windmill Wheels, Custom bike builds, fitting & servicing
01572 787720 www.windmillwheels.co.uk

Wood Boutique, Quality, handmade, bespoke furniture
01572 787337 www.thewoodboutique.com



Like your business to be listed here?

Email us at info@berkeley-arms.co.uk



DAHLIAS at the BERKELEY



We always make sure we have fresh flowers on dining tables at the pub and on the bar. They add colour to the pub and bring joy to those that see them.

Last month Kim offered to bring fresh flowers from her allotment to the pub in time for Sunday lunch and what a sight they were to behold. Vibrant, intense colour with a delicate look about them each was a member of the dahlia family and certainly brightened up an otherwise dull, at first, Sunday morning.

Thank you Kim, and Jonno, for such a wonderful gesture!



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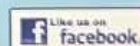
- Remote fill pipes installed
- Fuel pumps
- Free site survey
- Free estimate

Fast Friendly Service

01780 782255



Email: sales@oiltankcompany.co.uk





The Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation



Empowering Young Minds Since 1637

About Us

Are you under 25 and seeking financial support for your educational journey? The Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation is here to help!

Who We Are:

A charitable organisation dedicated to supporting the educational needs of young people in select areas of Rutland and Leicestershire.

What We Offer:

- Grants and bursaries for individuals and groups
- Financial assistance for a wide range of educational pursuits

What We Cover

- ✓ Formal education costs
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Private study
- ✓ Sports-related education
- ✓ Educational projects abroad
- ✓ Arts and music education
- ✓ Rural and agricultural skills

Eligible Areas

Wymondham, Edmondthorpe, Stapleford, Saxby, Freeby, Brentingby, Garthorpe, Coston, Buckminster, Sewstern, South Witham Parish, Thistleton Parish, Market Overton Parish, Teigh Parish, Whissendine Parish

Who Can Apply

- Individuals or groups aged up to 25
- Living in one of the eligible areas
- Seeking to further their education or career



Contact Us



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www.sirjohnsedley.org.uk



NEW YEARS EVE

New Years Eve is a spectacular affair at the Berkeley Arms with live music, Big Ben and a celebration second to none!

Start the evening with New Years Eve Dinner, available for bookings between 6pm and 8pm. Something extra special Kumar and his team create in celebration of the current year and the start of the new. Book now online at www.berkeley-arms.co.uk or call us on 01572 787587.

Party from 9pm with music from one of the best bands in the local area.

Watch Big Ben chime midnight on a 20 foot screen outside the pub with a mass rendition of auld-lang-syne! It's one not to miss!



WHISKY

We've refreshed our range of whisky this month!

Whether it's a single malt, Irish, bourbon or craft whisky that takes your fancy we have you covered! Malts from each of the Scottish whisky regions including lesser known distilleries and distillers editions.



CHILDREN'S CORNER



HALLOWEEN ANAGRAMS

Good luck solving these!

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BERKELEY BADGER

We've hidden Berkeley elsewhere in our newsletter. How many times can you find him? Answer on the back page!



LOOK OUT for information about Pumpkin Carving and our Children's Christmas Party elsewhere in this issue!

Anagram
Scribbles



SERVICE BUS TIMES

Bus services through Wymondham changed quite markedly at the end of March - much to the consternation of many local residents.

What had been a reasonable service for a village in East Leicestershire became a twice a day scheduled service in each direction with a Callconnect service at other times.

RCC RZ1 - Melton Mowbray / Oakham

The RCC RZ1 passes through the village, Edmondthorpe and Teigh, on it's route between Melton and Oakham. The service is operated by Rutland County Council who can be contacted on 01572 758138 or by emailing transport@rutland.gov.uk

Fares for the fixed timetable RZ1 service are £3 single and £5 return.

Melton Mowbray / Oakham - Monday to Friday ONLY

Melton Mowbray, Windsor Street	0700	1710	0915	↑	1704
Wyfordby Top	0706	1716	0910		1659
Saxby Corner	0708	1718	0907		1656
Wymondham, Berkeley Arms PH	0712	1722	0904		1653
Edmondthorpe Turn	0714	1724	0901		1650
Teigh Turn	0717	1727	0858		1647
Market Overton, Main Street	0720	1730	0856		1645
Barrow Corner	0723	1733	0853		1642
Cottesmore, The Sun Inn PH	0725	1735	0850		1639
Kendrew Barracks, Main Gate	0727	1737	0847		1636
Greetham, The Wheatsheaf PH	0734	1744	0842		1631
Stretton, Main Road	0738	1748	0837		1626
Exton, The Fox and Hounds PH	0751	1801	0825		1614
Burley Crossroads	0800	1810	0816		1605
Oakham Bus Station	0805	↓	1815	0811	1600

CALLCONNECT



Callconnect is a FREE (until 31 March 2026), on-demand bus service operated by Rutland County Council which includes Wymondham and Edmondthorpe.

The service operates Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm and on Saturday between 8am and 6pm. You can book your journey from up to 7 days in advance to as little as just 1 hours notice (subject to availability). The vehicles are wheelchair

accessible and can readily accommodate a pushchair or walker.

The Rutland Callconnect area is bounded by Stamford and Clipsham to the east, Oakham, Uppingham and Caldecott to the south and Melton Mowbray to the west. Rides can be booked via the Callconnect App or via the 'phone.



Download the app from your app store (search for Callconnect) or scan the QR code to get started.



Alternatively, to sign up and make a booking, call: **0345 234 3344**

MOBILE LIBRARY



Leicestershire County Council's Mobile Library visits the villages on the first Friday of every month. Between 09.45 and 10.15, it can be found in front of the Berkeley Arms. It then moves to the Social Club in Edmondthorpe between 10.25 and 10.45.

POST OFFICE

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.



The last open day at Rocks by Rail for 2025 takes place in October. Don't miss it!

Sun 19th October - Seasons Finale
"Take a Brake Van Trip Day"

Find them at Rocks by Rail, Ashwell Road, Cottesmore, Oakham, LE15 7FF
01572 868415
www.rocks-by-rail.org



WYMONDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Work continues on repairing the floor in the village hall after it's collapse at the end of the Summer.

With grants from the Parish Council and their own fundraising efforts, the village hall committee have pressed ahead with engaging contractors to repair the collapsed floor.

A lengthy process began in September, involving removal of the existing floor section, dry rot treatment and eventual replacement of a new floor the task in hand is not an easy or quick one and village hall events are expected to be affected for the foreseeable future.

ADVERTISING

We've received many requests from local businesses, wanting to support our efforts with this Newsletter, to advertise in it. 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

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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

WYMONDHAM W.I.

News from Wymondham Women's Institute has been provided by Kay Drake this month.

The Women's Institute in Wymondham celebrated their centenary in 2024 and continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

October Meeting

Our October meeting on Thursday 9 October will be held at Sewstern Village Hall - 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Our speaker is June Down who will be telling us about the "33 1/3 Revolution—all things vinyl". All ladies are welcome - visitors £6 which includes tea/coffee and cake.

November Meeting

The venue is to be confirmed for the meeting on Thursday 13 November depending on our village hall being available. Jed Jaggard, a medieval re-enactor, will be talking to us. As always, visitors are more than welcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Women's Institute's** first meeting in the UK took place in a small North Wales village in 1915, not in England as its "quintessentially English" image suggests, but in Llanfairpwll, Anglesey. This original meeting launched the WI, an organisation founded to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become involved in food production during World War I.

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! They're also looking for volunteers to help fundraise and work in the shop, why not volunteer?

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

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

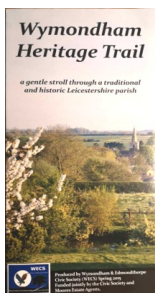
1A Main Street, Market Overton, LE15 9PL
01572 767948



Just for LAUGHS

A man goes into a bar with his small pet newt called Tiny.
'A pint for me and a half for Tiny please' he says to the bar tender.
The bar tender asks 'why did you name him Tiny?'
The man replies 'because he's my newt'

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 PRIORY

This grade II listed building can be best seen if you walk up Chapel Lane. It is not as old as it looks, however, as it is actually Victorian. It was built c1840, when some cottages along Back Walk, near the entrance to the church, were



Image : Jake Young : Historic England Archive

demolished. It is believed some of the stone decorative features used on the front of the house came from the old manor when it was pulled down. The plaque on the front is dated 1637, which coincides with the date of the old Manor House.

SHAMUS OBLIVION

We were thrilled to have Shamus Oblivion and the Mega Death Morris Men perform at the Berkeley recently. It was an amazing evening of live music performed to a packed house by an accomplished, energetic band many will remember from their performances locally over the years - particularly at the Noel Arms in Melton Mowbray.

At the end of the evening Mick, the bands front-man and accordion player, felt unwell. Sadly, we heard that he passed away early the following morning. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.



BOOK BOX

Did you know we have a Book Box in Wymondham? You can take a book from the box at anytime, enjoy reading it and then pass it on.

Gillian and Lynne, who look after the Book Box are currently looking for more books. If you have any books, in good condition, you no longer need please drop them safely at 2 Sycamore Lane or 57 Main Street. They'll then bring pleasure to someone else in the village.



Just for LAUGHS

"Poor old fool," thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink.

As they sipped their whiskys, the gentleman thought he'd humour the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?"
The old man replied, "You're the eighth."

CROSS WORD ANSWERS

Across: 1 Odour, 4 Amsterdam, 10 Enthusiasm, 11 Nose, 12 Red alert, 13 Enmity, 14 Pineapples, 16 Some, 18 Ones, 20 Laboratory, 23 During, 25 Spaceman, 26 Jack, 27 Bridesmaid, 28 Retriever, 29 Usual.

Down: 2 Dandelion, 3 Upheave, 5 Meant, 6 Tempers, 7 Renames, 8 Asset, 9 Asleep, 15 Lob, 17 Margarita, 19 Shirker, 20 Legible, 21 Reader, 22 Thermos, 24 Usage, 25 Suite.

BERKELEY BADGER There are 5 Berkeley's in this Newsletter!

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