## Leeds & Broomfield Feb 2025

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Church and Village News

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#### **MAGAZINE MATERIAL**

Please email copy for the magazine by 12th of the month to the Editor, Judi Taylor. Email: juditaylor4@outlook.com



In 1582 a decree by Pope Gregory XIII decided that the 4th of October was to be followed by the 15th of October, in order to regulate the calendar to match as closely as possible the earth's year with respect to the sun. Also, the calendar length of the year was shortened by 0.0075 days to enable leap years to be better arranged. All this helped the calculation of Easter which must fall on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox.

We are now in the year AD 2025. AD stands for Anno Domini, Latin for "the year of our Lord" and of course somebody once decided that we would start the years again at the point of Jesus Christ's birth (or as close to it as they could work out — most scholars think that Jesus was born in about 6BC!). The secularisation of society means that this era is now known as the Common Era, or CE, and the time before the year zero is known as Before the Common Era, or BCE. I'll keep calling BC and AD, thank you. (Come to that, I still prefer pounds and ounces!)

When there is a leap year it is added to the end of February (as the shortest month in the year). February also has Valentine's Day, when lovers and would-be lovers send each other cards and romantic gifts, which is of course a commercial hijacking of the original feast day of St. Valentine. There were lots of early Christian martyrs called Valentine, and there are two who are celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni. Not many of us will be thinking of them come February 14 I suspect. It wasn't until the 14<sup>th</sup> century that romance came into the equation, courtesy of Geoffrey Chaucer's poem Parliament of Fowls. "For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate." This poem was written to honour the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia and the rest, as they say, is history.

Hijacking Christian festivals for commercial gain is not uncommon (the Easter eggs are already in the supermarkets and Christmas decorations will likely be on sale in October) but the goings-on works both ways! The date for Christmas for example was probably chosen to replace the day for celebrating the Roman Sun God, and as already mentioned Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon following the northern hemisphere's vernal equinox.

Long before Columbus sailed the ocean blue to discover the Americas, the Mayans had developed a calendar system known as the Long Count Calendar for measuring dates over periods greater than 52 years. This calendar started on the day they believed that their god created the world and ended on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2012. It measures 13 b'ak'tuns (period of 144,000 days) from the creation date. A b'ak'tun was an important period for the Mayans and they celebrated the transition from one to another with high expectation that something cosmic would happen. This has led to the suggestion (and in some circles expectation) that the world would end on that date (it didn't). Those predictions are entirely down to a misunderstanding of the way that calendar works but it's a great excuse to make a disaster movie or two.

The Bible, which Christians believe to be God's revealed word to us, tells us that this world will end only when God decides it will, and even then only after the Good News of Jesus Christ has been preached throughout the world. Even Jesus when he was on earth did not know the time appointed. And the ending of this world will usher in a new heaven and a new earth in which there will be no more pain or suffering and all will be made perfect. Now, that's a date to look forward to!

Many blessings,

Peter



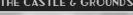


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Services	9.30am	Otham	Communion
	9.30am	Leeds	Morning celebration
	11.00am	Langley	Morning celebration
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist
9 Feb Readings	11.00am 4th before Lent Isaiah 6 1-13 1	Kingswood  Corinthians 15 1-1	Café church 1 Luke 5 1-11
Services	9.30am	Otham	Communion
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist
	11.00am	Langley	Morning celebration
	11.00am	Kingswood	Methodist celebration
	3.30pm	Broomfield	Afternoon celebration
16 Feb Readings Services	3rd before Lent  Jeremiah 17 5-10 Corinthians 15 12-20 Luke 6 17-26  9.30am Otham Morning service		
	9.30am	Leeds	Communion
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist
	11.00am 11.00am	Langley Kingswood	Communion Baptist celebration
23 Feb Readings Services	<b>2nd before Lent</b> <i>Genesis 45 3-11,15.1 Corinthians 15 35-38 ,42-50 Luke 6 27-38</i> 9.30am Otham Communion		
	11.00am	Kingswood	Communion
	11.00am	Langley	Morning Celebration
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist



## BRIEGES FRIENDS - CONNECTIONS - FOOD

## **Wednesday Night Themed Buffets**

5th February - Italian Night 12th February - For the Love of Food 19th February - Greek Night 26th February - Asian Fusion

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## This Month's Duties

## St Nicholas

Feb <sup>2</sup> Readers

**16** To be agreed 9.30am

Feb Church Cleaning

Mr & Mrs King

Feb War Memorial

Mrs J Dabbs

Feb Brass & Silver Flowers

**2/16** Mrs Ryan Mrs Gallihawk

St Margaret's

Feb 9 Readers

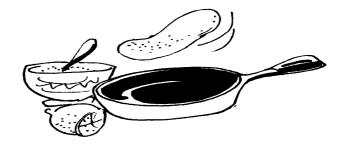
Dr C Oakland 3.30pm

Feb 9 Church Cleaning

Mr & Mrs Bowman-Taylor 3.30pm

Pancake Day

4 March





## **Leeds Mobile Library Dates 2025**

Good afternoon, I am contacting you with information on the Mobile Library that visits Leeds Village every other week. **Dates for 2025** are listed on the next page.

Timings: Leeds, Burgess Hall Drive 2.30pm - 3pm

The mobile library stocks a large range of fiction, local interest, large print, non-fiction and children books. It is free to join and this can be done onboard. All Kent library cards are valid onboard.

The mobile library is able to assist on board with e-books and audio books. Reservations can be collected from the mobile library free of charge.

With an email address I could send you the most recent calendar and attached a photo, perhaps for Face book, please let me know a postal address if this is required. There is also a link to a postcode search of the service: <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries">https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries</a>

Keep up to date with the service on our Facebook page Maidstone Libraries - Home Jo Woolgar, joanne.woolgar@kent.gov.uk Maidstone Mobile Library Customer Service Assistant

## **LEEDS MOBILE LIBRARY DATES 2025**

8 January

22 January

5 February

19 February

5 March

19 March

2 April

16 April

30 April

14 May

28 May

11 June

25 June

9 July

23 July

6 August

20 August

3 September

17 September

1 October

15 October

29 October

12 November

26 November

10 December

# LEEDS CASTLE

Happy New Year! Very much hoping you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to 2025.

It has been a challenging winter so far in terms of weather, with multiple storms and severe winds, leading to site closures for public safety. As you can imagine, this has been hugely frustrating for guests who have had their long-awaited Christmas family experiences disrupted. It is also a massive disappointment for our teams, who work so hard to create and deliver a magical Christmas.

Despite all the challenges, both the Nutcracker in the Castle and Christmas Lights Trail have been very well received by our guests, as has the Nutcracker workshop developed for schools by the Education team. Unbelievably, we now kick into preparations for Christmas 2025 – groups visitors book a year ahead! January is also the time to order themed Christmas shop stock for 2025, for delivery in November.

Light snow and the recent cold snap mean that the grounds and Castle are looking particularly beautiful. I always feel particularly sorry for the ducks and geese on site when the Moat freezes, as they get a nasty shock when they come in to land and end up sliding across the ice at speed!

You will be aware that Leeds Castle is well known for its Black Swan population, a non-native variety imported by Lady Baillie as part of her bird collection. Sadly, we have lost two successive cohorts of Black Swans since 2021, due to repeated outbreaks of the dreadful avian flu.

At the moment, we have one long term Black Swan and a recently acquired mate. Both of them have survived outbreaks of avian flu, so we are hopeful that they have acquired immunity and that their

eventual cygnets will also resist the avian flu. Fingers crossed for a healthy batch of cygnets this spring!

The Lakeside Lodges that launched last December have been extremely well received by our guests and have traded ahead of business plan in their first year. People are very much enjoying the panoramic windows over the Great Water, the peace and quiet and the abundant birdlife.

Focus now turns to 2025 activity. Soon it will be February Half Term, when we will be running an event with characters celebrating the return of the Boudin Secretaire (Writing Desk) to its home in the Castle. This item has been purchased with the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The event is included in the 12 month ticket.

Lots of marriage proposals are made over Christmas, so on the weekend of 25/26 January, we will be holding our Annual Weddings Showcase. This is an opportunity to see the Castle, Maidens Tower and other venues all set up for weddings and to discuss your own plans with our experienced staff. As well as the more formal venues, we can also offer more relaxed marquee weddings with six different category to choose from.

During January we are undertaking plaster repairs around the Castle Gatehouse, as well as work to the East Terrace to prevent water ingress into plant rooms.

Later this year, we will be starting the latest tranche of Castle Stonework Repair, along with some roof repair works. The conservation of ancient buildings is a never ending and expensive task, so, as a charity, we are now seeking external grants to help us with the huge costs of this essential work to conserve heritage for the future. Works will run from 6 October 2025 until April 2026.

Helen Bonser-Wilton, Chief Executive

## An update from your local MP Helen Whately

As I write, the assisted dying bill is making its way through Parliament. Many people have strong views on both sides of the argument. So, for this month's parish update, I thought it would be a good idea to write about this.

I am grateful to everyone who contacted me to share their personal experiences and views. I thought hard and read widely before deciding how to vote on the bill.

As an MP I want to make life better for people. I believe people should be free to make their own choices. But we should also look out for people. The world can be cruel. Not everyone is kind or good.

I support assisted dying in principle. I am lucky that my own experiences of death have not been traumatic, but I know about horrific deaths that no amount of palliative care could alleviate. I have heard from constituents who see a cruel death coming and have asked me to vote for assisted dying for their sake. In that situation I believe I would want the choice of assisted dying for myself.

Despite that, I voted against the assisted dying bill before Christmas because it was not good enough and the safeguards were not really safeguards. One flaw is the definition of Terminal Illness. This is much broader than it might at first appear. It could, for instance, include diabetes, and other diseases which quickly become terminal if someone decides to stop their treatment.

Another problem is the approach to mental capacity. The bill uses the approach in the Mental Capacity Act 2005 which aims to give people as much control as possible over living their lives. It errs on the side of maximising capacity because it was never intended for use when the question is about hastening death.

The bill does not properly safeguard against coercion. A doctor involved could be concerned a patient is being coerced. But if they denied the application for assisted dying, it could just be made to another doctor. No one is under any obligation to investigate whether coercion is occurring.

This law will not just affect those who want it. It will affect everyone, and particularly anyone who may be nearing the end of their life or living with serious illness or disability. The choice will be there whether you want it or not; the choice to continue to live or to opt for an early death. It will change our society and we must get it right. I will be looking to Kim Leadbeater and the bill committee to make the bill better before it returns for third reading.

There are more details on my website if you are interested at www.helenwhately.org.uk.

Best wishes Helen

## **News in Brief**

## Since my last newsletter I have:



Handled over 2,200 casework emails



Helped my constituents with nearly 1,300 new cases



Presented a new Bill to protect Grade 1 agricultural land for farming



Voiced GP's concerns over the National Insurance increase



Pressed Deputy PM on why Government is deciding Highsted Park application, not local councillors



Demanded an impact assessment on Winter Fuel Payments



(((191))) Secured reassurances on better broadband in Throwley & Wichling



Defended farmers by voting against the farm tax



Supported Small Business Saturday by visiting shops in Bearsted



Held my regular constituent surgeries to discuss difficult housing, benefits, and business issues, as well as lots else

## **Notes from Leeds Parish Council**

#### Welcome to newcomers to Leeds

Welcome to any new residents to the village. We hope that you will be happy here. Please don't be shrinking violets – come and support the village and its community in whatever way you wish.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from the Parish Clerk , Clls Greeff Ingram & Razzell.

### Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of previous meeting considered and deemed true. No interests declared.

#### Matters arising

No matters arising from previous minutes.

### Public participation.

No public attendance.

## Highway matters

Concern raised over lack of action on water leak on Foley Hill. Clerk to correspond with KCC Highways for action.

Concern raised over lack of give-away signs over bridge at the bottom of Penfold Hill. Clerk to correspond with KCC Highways.

Grit bins filled in Old Mill Rd & junction of Forge Lane & Old Mill Rd, it was assumed others on the Parish have also been filled.

## Clerk's report

No report as Clerk absent due to illness.

### Chairman's report

Chairman reported on meeting he had had with the schools headteacher Fiona Steer. Items discussed had been the marking out of bays in the church car park, safe access in and out of the car park for pedestrians & safety of pupils and adults when crossing the main road due to absence of a lollipop person.

Leaves on the pavements in the village, this apparently severe on Penfold Hill.

Fly tipping in Old Mill Rd and excess rubbish around the frontage of the Biffa site on the junction of OMR & the A20.

The Tennis Courts have now been locked with a combination padlock and anyone requiring access to play please contact the Parish Clerk.

A resident had complained about a householder in Farmers Close disposing of rubbish onto the sports field some of which food refuse which is having a detrimental effect on dogs eating it!

#### Financial matters

Budget discussed and an increase of 8.65% agreed by all Councillors present.

### Report from KCC Councillor

Cllr Cooke did not attend and no report received.

### Report from MBC Councillor

Cllr Fort advised that talks taking place around devolution of MBC & KCC councils.

#### Parish maintenance

Church car park pot hole repair, quote of £1250.00 received this deemed excessive, alternative quote/s to be obtained.

### Leeds Playground, field, tennis courts and Pavilion

Quotation received for refurbishment of the tennis courts, £30k for resurfacing, £17K for new fencing and £6K for adding five a side goals and basketball court. Investigative action to be taken to see if funding available. Awaiting cost of replacement low level barrier supports.

#### Street Lighting

No lights reported out. Please contact the Parish Clerk to report any concerns .

#### **Parish Events**

VE Day event planned awaiting further details from resident group.

### Items for next Agenda

Tennis Court funding, Church pothole repair, siting of memorial bench on sports field and pedestrian access for Church car park.

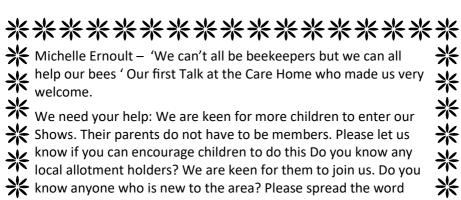
### Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11 February in the Village Hall at 7pm.



## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* % Sutton Valence Gardeners Associa-※※ 米 tio<u>n</u> Sutton Valence Gardeners Association held it's AGM on 24 No-米 vember 2024 and we reflected on the previous year and looked forward to 2025. February 2024 Talk - David Potter Talk about Cannabis -쌅 over 50 attended. This Speaker was recommended to us by one of our members and proved to be very popular. One of our members won the flower of the month with her splendid Iris tuberosa. March Talk – Steve Edney' The drought tolerant garden'. Steve told us a little about his and Lou's venture of 'No Name garden 'and the long border. Steve had been with us previously when he was with The Salutation in Sandwich. Good attendance. Flower of the month won by one of members with his daffodil - Rip Van Winkle a dwarf variety purchased from Suttons. Spring Show – 14 April Congratulations to the prize winners. We had a display from the SV Primary School one little boy en-米 tered the children's classes. Wonky Parsnip and Brogdale The Wonky Parsnip - Brogdale Farm In August a small group of members attended and we met Laura who gave us a talk on her passion. She runs a very small market garden single handedly (with a little help from her Mum!) We then all enjoyed a delicious lunch on site and then had a tour round Brogdale Collections National Fruit Collection Heritage Orchards and as it was plum weekend most of us went home 米 with a bag of plums Autumn Show – 8 September A magnificent Show with wonderful exhibits. The SV Care Home brought along some exhibits and a display for us to enjoy. Jo and her husband had a 'shed Sale 'and raised funds for MacMillan. Congratulations to the prize 💥 winners . October Talk A quick change to our advertised programme :

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We need your help: We are keen for more children to enter our Shows. Their parents do not have to be members. Please let us know if you can encourage children to do this Do you know any local allotment holders? We are keen for them to join us. Do you know anyone who is new to the area? Please spread the word and make sure you let them know about SVGA

## Programme 2025 start of the year

- 23 February Talk Ed Kyrke-Smith ('The Rebel Farmer')
- ※: Tuesday 11 February Visit – snowdrops- John and Carolyn Mil-米 len, Spring Platt -. £5 to include refreshments. Pre booking essential 01622 843383 or email j.millen@talktalk.net . Please car share
- Sunday 23 March Talk Talk and venue TBC
- \*\*\* Saturday 5 April 20% discount day for members at Rumwoods including 20% off in coffee shop. Don't forget to take your membership card with you!
- Membership is £10 per year and gives discounts at Millbrook Staplehurst, Rumwoods, Coolings The Potted Garden Bearsted and others
- Contact: suttonvalencegardeners@gmail.com





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## <u>St Nicholas, Leeds & St Margaret's,</u> Broomfield – Electoral Roll

The Church of England Parish Electoral Roll is revised every year, but every six years a new electoral roll has to be drawn up. The next occasion is 2025, so we will be doing this in preparation for the next Parochial Church Council (PCC) AGM in April 2025. As St Nicholas and St Margaret's are two churches in a single parish with a joint PCC, there will be a single Electoral Roll to cover both.

You may already be on the current Electoral Roll, or perhaps you are not aware you could be on it. As the 2025 Electoral Roll will be a new one, everybody who would like to be on it needs to make an application.

What is the Electoral Roll?

In the same way that being on the civic electoral roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and stand for election to the PCC (although you do not have to do any of these).

There is no cost to being on the Electoral Roll. It also does not make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding St Nicholas or St Margaret's as your spiritual home does that.

#### Do I qualify for the Roll?

- ♦ To apply for the Electoral Roll you must meet the following conditions:
- ◆ You must be aged 16 or over (though you can apply in the year you become 16 and your name will be entered once your birth date has passed).
- ♦ You must be baptised.
- You must be able to declare one of the following:
- ◆ That you are a member of the Church of England, or of a Church in communion with it, and live in the parish; or

- You are a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, do not live in the parish, but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months; or
- ♦ That you are a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.
- ◆ Can I be on more than one Electoral Roll?
- Yes you can. The only restriction is that you can serve on the PCC of only one parish.
- ♦ How do I apply to be on the 2025 Electoral Roll?
- Notices have been posted in both churches giving full information including the deadline for applications, which is 21 March 2025. There are application forms available near the church entrances (including by the south door at St Nicholas, which is open during the daytime most days).

You can also contact the Electoral Roll Officer to ask for an application to be sent to you by post or email. Please contact Judie Sweatman at church services, or on judie17@europe.com (please put Electoral Roll in the subject line), or leave her a note asking for a form at St Nicholas church.

JS

## Parish Administrator

If you need help with dates for church weddings or christenings or any other church services before a new Vicar is appointed, please contact our Parish Administrator Tracey Pavan on 07516 159879 or email <code>lbkchurches@gmail.com</code> and Tracey will endeavour to help.





## It's not what you think!'

We are a small, perfectly-formed, friendly group of local women, who meet in Leeds Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month.

Yes, we do eat cake. Yes we do drink tea. But we also laugh a lot, learn a lot and go out a lot.

## **Meeting Coming up:**

Thursday 13 February 2025 All welcome. Non-members: £4.50 7.30pm. Leeds Village Hall

Join our Facebook Page @LeedsWI Email us at: leedsvillagewi@gmail.com

Or call Susan Wenham on 07905 479870

## LEEDS CRAFT AND NATTER GROUP

WEDNESDAY 19 February 2025 LEEDS VILLAGE HALL 11am-1pm

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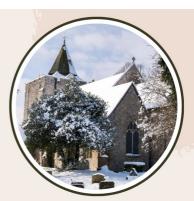
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- · Afternoon Tea
- · Winter fairs
- · Curry and Soul evening



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We need some more local support and therefore asking residents who care about Leeds and Broomfield Churches to join. Our charity was founded to raise money to help preserve the historic churches of these two villages and to prevent them from falling into disrepair.

We aim to raise money and have fun while doing it!

This is not a religious group. The charity meets once every three months in either Leeds or Broomfield Village.

## Join now

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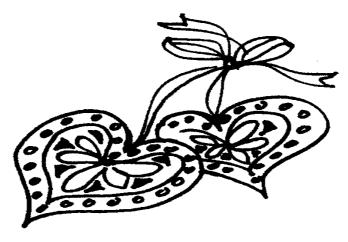
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