

Leeds &
Broomfield

50p

June 2026

LEEDS BIG MOW!



Saturday 27 June

***Volunteers will be very welcome—
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at 10.00am
with suitable equipment,
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Church and Village News

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NORTH DOWNS TEAM MINISTRY

2026 FIFA World Cup

June features a number of special events including the Wimbledon Championships, which starts on 29 June, whilst locally there is the Leeds Big Mow on 27 June with a big thank you to all our volunteers. There is, however, something else happening.

I wonder if you are looking forward to 11 June when the 2026 FIFA World Cup kicks off in Mexico City? This time the tournament is co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada and features 48 teams that will be playing across 16 cities. The final will be held in New York, New Jersey at the MetLife Stadium on 19 July. It sounds a logistical nightmare to ensure the 104 matches being played are organised with the players, coaches and fans at the right place at the right time.

Of course, it's been a long time since England won the World Cup in 1966 which only those of a certain vintage will remember the goals from Geoff Hurst to clinch the victory at the old Wembley Stadium. England are in Group L with Croatia, Ghana and Panama, while the other home nation competing is Scotland, who are in Group C with Brazil, Morocco and Haiti. Sadly, Northern Ireland and Wales did not qualify.

According to Wikipedia, 'a football was first mentioned in 1485' and apparently even King Henry VIII ordered a pair of football boots! It was somewhat later in 1863 when the Football Association was formed in London, establishing the first standardised rules and separating the game from rugby.

Although football is not mentioned in the Bible, there are many verses that encourage teamwork, discipline and perseverance. One of my favourites is 'I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 3:14). A verse that encourages us to keep going in our Christian faith, like many footballers who profess the Christian faith.

Another great verse is 'So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him' (2 Corinthians 5:9). This is not so much about footballers pleasing their manager, or football fans shouting for their team, but to encourage us to please God wherever we are and whatever we are doing, whether on or off the pitch. Amongst all this activity, we mustn't forget **Father's Day on 21 June**. There are Services at **St Nicholas Church, Leeds (9:30am)** and **Kingwood Church (11am)** to which all are most welcome, especially Dad's!

I do hope you enjoy the World Cup and let's hope it will be a good tournament for all the teams, and their fans, that will be travelling long distances for the competition, not forgetting ourselves sitting at home watching on our wide screen TV sets.

With every blessing

Peter Roberts

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Reader/Licensed Lay Minister





Ibiza Rosé Festival

Join us on Saturday 13th June as we celebrate National Rosé Day in true Ibiza style at our Ibiza Rosé Festival.

For £49.50, you'll receive half a bottle of our delicious Rosé, along with a serving of traditional Spanish paella.

Spend the day relaxing among the vines while our DJ plays iconic Ibiza classics, creating the perfect summer atmosphere. Additional rosé, wine, and gin will also be available to purchase from our shop.

12pm-6pm | £49.50pp

Food & Drink

Your ticket entitles you to half a bottle of Rosé wine and a portion of our traditional Spanish Paella. Pizzas will be available to purchase on the day! (not included in your ticket price). Our friends, the Oyster Buoys will be there to fulfil all your oyster needs* *all other stalls' produce is not included in your ticket price.
Music Lineup

We're so excited to have the phenomenal DJ Matt Gill with us throughout the day, keeping the beats up with Ibiza Classics. You'll be up and dancing before you know it! Make sure you stay hydrated with our delicious wines.



This Month's Duties

St Nicholas

Church Cleaning

June Mr & Mrs King

War Memorial

June Mrs J Dabbs

Brass & Silver

Flowers

June Vacant Barbara

St Margaret's

Readers

June 14 Dr C Oakland

Church Cleaning

June 14 Mr & Mrs Bowman-
Taylor

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 *lbkchurches@gmail.com* and Tracey will endeavour to help

Church Services in June

7 June	Trinity 1		
Readings	Genesis 12.1-9; Psalm 33.1-12; Romans 4.13-end; Matt 9.9-13, 18-		
Services	9.30am	Otham	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Leeds	Morning Celebration with HC
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist
	11.00am	Langley	Morning Celebration with HC
	11.00am	Kingswood	Café Service
14 June	Trinity 2		
Readings	Genesis 18.1-15 [21.1-7]; Ps. 116.1,10-17 [or 9-17]; Romans 5.1-8; Matt.9.35-10.8 [9-23]		
Services	9.30am	Otham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist
	11.00am	Langley	Morning Celebration
	11.00am	Kingswood	Methodist – Morning Worship
	3.30pm	Broomfield	Afternoon Worship
21 June	Trinity 3		
Readings	Genesis 21.8-21; Ps. 86.1-10, [16-end]; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew		
Services	9.30am	Otham	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Leeds	Morning Celebration
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist
	11.00am	Langley	Morning Celebration
	11.00am	Kingswood	Family Service for Fathers' Day
28 June	Trinity 4		
Readings	Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-end		
Services	9.30am	Otham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Leeds & Langley	Café Church @ Leeds
	11.00am	Kingswood	Communion Service
	11.00am	Hollingbourne	Eucharist



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Or email Christine Oakland

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LEEDS CASTLE

At long last, it finally feels as though summer is beginning to arrive. After such a cold, wet and drawn-out winter, the recent sunshine has brought a huge change across the Estate, with the gardens and parkland suddenly bursting into colour and life.

The bluebells this year were particularly beautiful, while the tulips in the Culpeper Garden created one of the most vibrant spring displays we have seen for some time. One especially lovely photograph of the bluebells framing the Castle was even featured by BBC Kent and perfectly captured the atmosphere of the Estate at this time of year.

One of the most satisfying moments this spring has been seeing the final scaffolding come down from the Castle following the latest phase of Stonework repairs. After many months of careful conservation work, it has been wonderful to once again see uninterrupted views of the Castle across the moat, particularly now that the surrounding gardens are looking so colourful. The completion of the works also means the Castle has fully returned to its familiar backdrop for what is already proving to be a very busy wedding season.

The Easter holidays and May Half Term brought a real sense of energy back to the Estate after the quieter winter months. Families particularly enjoyed our Queens Joust and Horrible Histories trail during Half Term, which explored the wonderfully grim realities of medieval life through interactive challenges and activities around the grounds. It was lovely to see so many younger visitors engaging with the Castle's history in such a playful and imaginative way.

Inside the Castle, visitors continue to enjoy the Pilgrimage of Love exhibition exploring the story of Queen Eleanor of Castile. The exhi-

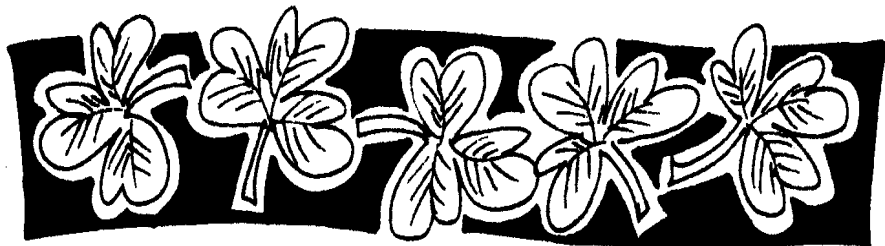
bition has prompted plenty of conversation and curiosity, particularly the opportunity to interact with our rather formidable AI Queen Eleanor, who is never afraid to remind visitors that she has important Queenly business to attend to. We are doing a lot of conference presentations across the UK on this, most recently at the Museums and Heritage Show, to showcase the leading-edge nature of this experience.

Elsewhere across the Estate, preparations are now underway for another busy summer season. Later this month we will host a special 1930's themed house party inspired by the glamorous gatherings once held here by Lady Baillie, while attention is also beginning to turn towards the Leeds Castle Concert in July, which will mark the final year of this much-loved summer tradition.

There is always something particularly special about Leeds Castle at this time of year. Whether visiting for a family day out, an event, or simply a peaceful walk through the grounds, we hope you will enjoy the Estate as it settles into summer.

With best wishes,

Helen Bonser-Wilton
Chief Executive



Leeds Parish Council Annual Assembly

Apologies

From Cllr's Grant & Greeff.

The Chairman's Annual Report was read out as follows:

Chairman's Annual Report 2025/2026

Good evening everyone and thank you for attending this year's Annual Parish Meeting.

On behalf of Leeds Parish Council, I am pleased to present the Chairman's Annual Report for the municipal year 2025/2026.

The past year has been another busy one for the Parish Council, with members continuing to work on behalf of residents and the wider community on a range of local matters.

Firstly, I would like to thank all Councillors for their continued time, commitment and support throughout the year .

Throughout the year, the Parish Council has continued to consider planning applications affecting the parish and submit comments where necessary to represent the views and interests of residents. Members have remained mindful of the importance of protecting the rural character of the parish whilst ensuring that local concerns relating to highways, drainage and infrastructure are properly considered. Highways and traffic concerns continue to be regularly raised by residents and discussed by the Parish Council. During the year, the Council has continued to report and follow up issues with Kent County Council Highways, including matters relating to speeding, road conditions, drainage, signage and overgrown vegetation.

The Parish Council has also continued to oversee the maintenance of parish assets and facilities. This has included general grounds maintenance, repairs and improvements throughout the parish. During the year, members approved works to refurbish the noticeboard outside the Village Hall and remove the noticeboard at Farmers Close.

The Parish Council continues to support the Leeds Playing Field as an important recreational facility for the local community. Regular inspections of the play equipment continue to take place to ensure safety

standards are maintained, together with ongoing maintenance of the playing field and associated facilities. The Council would also like to thank Loose Lions Football Club for their continued support and use of the facilities.

The Parish Council has also continued to support community events during the year. The annual Christmas event and lighting of the village Christmas tree once again brought residents together and proved to be a successful community occasion. The Parish Council would like to thank all volunteers and residents who assisted with organising and supporting local events throughout the year.

The Council has continued to support and maintain the village street lighting network, recognising the importance of lighting in helping to improve visibility and safety within the parish.

The Parish Council has also remained committed to maintaining open and transparent communication with residents. Parish Council meetings continue to be held regularly and remain open to members of the public, providing residents with the opportunity to attend meetings and raise local concerns.

As with many local councils, the Parish Council has continued to face rising operational and maintenance costs during the year. Members carefully considered the Council's budget and precept requirements to ensure services and facilities can continue to be maintained responsibly for the benefit of the parish.

Finally, I would like to thank residents, volunteers, partner organisations, borough and county Councillors for their continued support throughout the year.

The Parish Council remains committed to working on behalf of residents and continuing to support and improve the parish in the year ahead.

Thank you.

Bob China

Chairman

A written report was submitted by KCC Councillor Lindon Kemkaren comprising of the following –see overleaf :

KCC Councillor Linden Kemkar

Parish Council Report May 2026

Introduction — May 2026

Welcome to my May 2026 monthly report. May is a particularly significant month combining solemn remembrance with joyful celebration. On Thursday 8th May, we mark VE Day — commemorating the 81st anniversary of the Allied victory in Europe in 1945 and honouring the generation who secured our freedom. Later in the month, the late Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 26th May brings wonderful events across our division including the spectacular Queen's Joust at Leeds Castle.

This has been a productive month at Kent County Council, with continued progress on Local Government Reorganisation (although we are still none the wiser about the government's intentions — if any — for Kent), excellent news on primary school places, and the arrival of our new highways contractor from 1st May. As Leader of KCC, I remain committed to keeping our local parish councils fully informed. As always, please contact me with anything you would like me to 'take forward on your behalf'.

1. Reform UK — First Year: Delivering for Kent

As we approach the first anniversary of Reform UK Administration taking control of Kent County Council in May 2025, I am proud to report on the genuine progress our administration has delivered. We came into office with a promise to do things differently — to put Kent's residents first, deliver better value for money, and protect the services that matter most. After twelve months in office, we are delivering on that promise.

Strong Financial Management — In our first year we inherited the existing debt of £732 million in May 2025. I'm delighted to tell you that we have, in the course of our first year in charge, reduced KCC's debt by £142 million to £590 million, saving over £1 million in debt interest payments in revenue every year. We canceled £39.5 million of future spend against Net Zero whilst setting a balanced budget with no extra borrowing and increased investment in Adult Social Care, Children's Services, and Highways. Our Council Tax increase of just 3.99% was lower than 86% of comparable councils across England.

Protecting Community Services — A third of our libraries were threatened with closure under the previous Conservative administration. We have saved every single one of them. Country Parks, Community Warden and School Crossing Staff have equally been protected. These services were under genuine threat before Reform UK took control.

Education Excellence — 58% of Early Years settings in Kent are rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, 96% of pupils secured a place at one of their preferred schools. 48,000+ children with SEND are receiving support across the county.

Supporting Kent Business — We procured Kent's first ever Commercial Strategy, directed £55 million more in contracts to Kent companies, and provided enhanced support to 500 local supplier businesses. This is about keeping Kent's money working in Kent's economy.

2. Local Government Reorganisation

The Government's public consultation on LGR in Kent and Medway closed on 26th March 2026, with a decision expected during summer 2026 and new unitary authorities anticipated from April 2028. KCC's preferred option remains **Option 1A — a single unitary 'Kent Council'**, supported by three area assemblies. This delivers the fastest financial payback (3.3 years), annual savings of £69m, and cumulative savings of £457m over 10 years. It keeps Kent together and supports the less wealthy areas. There is a real risk with all the other options on the table that the east Kent coast will be split off from the rest of Kent and could face huge council tax rises to pay for the core services that residents depend on. I will keep all parish councils fully informed as the Government's response becomes clear.

3. Primary School Offers — Excellent News

Excellent news for Kent families — 98% of pupils have been offered one of their preferred primary schools for September 2026. This tremendous achievement reflects the hard work of KCC's Education team and the quality of our excellent Kent schools. Families who were not offered their first choice can join waiting lists by 30th April 2026, with appeals lodged by 18th May 2026. KCC will hold a second round of offers on 21st May 2026 for any spaces that become available.

4. Highways — New Contractor from 1st May

A significant milestone for Kent's Highways took place on Thursday 1st May 2026, when Kingway Infrastructure Services officially began its role as KCC's principal highways contractor under a new Highways Term Maintenance Contract. This

marks the start of a new era for Kent's roads and represents a major long-term investment in the quality, reliability and resilience of our highways infrastructure.

Ringway, a Kent-based business, replaces Arney, who have delivered highways services in Kent for over the past 12 years. Following a rigorous and competitive procurement process, Ringway was selected to deliver better workmanship, enhanced accountability, and improved value for money for Kent's council taxpayers. The new contract covers the full range of highways services including winter gritting, pothole repairs, bridge maintenance, drainage works, road markings, street lighting, and vegetation management across Kent's extensive 3,400-mile highway network.

Key improvements residents can expect include:

Faster repairs — Streamlined processes mean potholes, drainage faults and other highway defects will be fixed more quickly, reducing disruption to road users and improving road quality across the county.

Clear performance targets — Ringway will be held to account against measurable performance standards, ensuring consistently reliable service delivery and genuine accountability to Kent residents.

Better value for money — Transparent pricing structures mean every pound spent on highways is tracked and focused on delivering visible results that residents will see and benefit from in their daily lives.

24/7 emergency coverage — Round-the-clock response capability for emergencies, severe weather events and urgent highway safety issues, ensuring Kent's roads remain safe and accessible at all times.

As we have Ringway as our new principle highways contractor, better weather for works to be carried out also funds available in our budget for highway repairs I urge you to report potholes and defects that require attention, to report highway defects at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

If any issue you have reported in our division is not being progressed promptly under the new contractor, please contact me directly with the relevant reference number at linden.kemkaran@kent.gov.uk and I will ensure it receives the attention it deserves.

6. KCC Services & Campaigns

Forever Active Kent — Launched 1st April 2026, helping residents aged 50+ stay mobile and independent. Community groups can apply for grant funding for activity sessions. **Mental Health Grants** — The 2026 Kent & Medway Better Mental Health Fund offers grants from £500 to £10,000. Email suicideprevention@kent.gov.uk. **Family Hubs** — Free courses at <https://room.ly/Kyd-VfWw>. **Mental Health Support (24/7)** — Text SHOUT to 85258 or call 0800 101 0160.

6. Kent Tourism — Record Success

Excellent news for Kent's economy — Visit Kent announced an impressive 11% growth in overseas visits to the county in 2024, with 1.3 million international trips generating over £374 million for the local economy. Combined domestic and international trips totalled 86 million visits, generating £4.1 billion in revenue. This demonstrates Kent's status as one of the UK's leading tourism destinations, highlighting the importance of attractions such as Leeds Castle right here in Maidstone South East.

Many thanks,

Linden Kemkaran

Kent County Councillor — Maidstone South East Division

Leader of Kent County Council

KCC Reform UK Group

Email: linden.kemkaran@kent.gov.uk

Report given by the MBC Councillor Gill Fort in which she advised that the Local Government review was in favour of a West Kent Council incorporating Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells and that the outcome was expected from the Secretary of State next month.

A call for sites had been issued asking local landowners if they were prepared to offer land for development in and around the Leeds area.

The Annual Assembly was followed by the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

To elect a Chair man

Cllr China was nominated and seconded by all the Councillors present. Cllr China declared his acceptance of office.

To elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr Bernini was nominated and seconded by all the Councillors present.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Greeff & Grant.

To appoint Committees & representatives & outside bodies

These appointments as last year with the exception that Cllr China stepped down from attending KALC meetings.

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Participation

A representative from Ledian Gardens, Ellen Pearce, introduced herself and advised that the centre has a new manager Robin Trippick who is keen to get stuck in with various Parish events and explore opportunities for sponsorship / volunteering. Ellen also advised that phase 2 was now complete and that phase 3 was due to start shortly.

Two residents attended and voiced their concerns over the increase in overweight lorries and concern over heavy machinery removing trees behind Abbey Farm, further investigation required.

Tracie Carsland gave an update on Village Events and asked that the word put out about the forthcoming Village Fete on the 30 May on the sports field.

Highways Matters

Reaction to submitted HIP still awaited.

Cllr Razzell gave an update on the bus service and thanked the Clerk for writ-

ing to KCC transport for Kent objecting to the erosion and reduction of service 13/14.

Financial Matters

The financial statement and payments were approved.

The 2025/2026 accounts, audit and AGAR were considered and agreed

Planning Matters

The submission by Ledian Gardens for the installation of a new advertisement hoarding was discussed with the representative from LG Ellen Pearce, and the reason why it had been opposed by the PC. Ellen advised that she would come back with alternative suggestions.

Parish Matters

Cllr China advised that he and the PC maintenance contractor had viewed the trees at the Langley end of the Sports Field and could see no sign of danger to the public, Cllr Razzell agreed to take a look and report back.

The Christmas tree on the corner of Brogden Close was deemed in need of a good trim but this would require the removal of the lights on it, these then required certifying before being replaced, Cllr China to ask the street lighting contractor for a cost.

Cllr Razzell submitted a proposal for the Beautiful Leeds campaign. This an initiative that aims to enable local people to connect and look after their neighbourhoods on a voluntary basis. Please look on the Village website for more details.

Leeds Playground, Playing Field, Tennis Courts & Pavilion

A meeting to be arranged to discuss the use of the Sports Pavilion and football pitches, Cllr Bernini to arrange.

Street Lighting

No reports of failed lights.

Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.



Update from your local MP Helen Whately

"I used to walk my children to our village school but had to stop this after someone nearly hit my child's pram...and I've always hacked horses along lanes, but in the last 5 years I've had countless near misses due to drivers speeding."



Those are the words of someone who took part in my road safety survey which was prompted by a constituent who suffered a hit and run while out riding her horse. Thankfully, in this case both horse and rider were OK.

Nearly 500 people took part and over 80% told me they feel "quite unsafe" or "so unsafe that they no longer walk, cycle or horse ride on our country lanes".

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their experiences with me which I am using in my work to make our country lanes safer.

I will keep supporting the British Horse Society's Dead Slow campaign and press for driving safely on rural lanes to be included in Speed Awareness Courses to target drivers who have been speeding. I also want to see better promotion of the Government's THINK! Campaign for safer driving as more than half of the people who completed

my survey had not heard of it.

It's not just horse riders who feel unsafe on our roads, another person said:

"I worry walking my dogs as I've had a few near misses in the past. I've also had four car accidents on this lane over the years due to the speed of other motorists".

As our lanes become more dangerous, people who live in villages and in the countryside are bearing the brunt – whether that's literally being in accidents, or because the danger means missing out on the pleasures and health benefits of getting out and about by foot, on bicycle or horseback.

I'm no fan of traffic calming measures; what I want to see is better, more careful driving in the countryside. If you are interested in my work on this, please follow me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HelenWhatelyMP/> to see my latest updates.

As ever, if there is anything I can do to help you please contact me.

Best wishes

Helen

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Meeting Coming up:

Thursday 11 June 2026

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LEEDS CRAFT AND NATTER GROUP

WEDNESDAY 15 July 2026

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A hot drink and biscuits will be provided

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Jane Newsome 07508 559558

Leeds Village Hall

Can you help?

The Village Hall is an integral part of Leeds village community with regular classes, clubs and social events.

It is a registered charity and is run by a management committee made up of volunteers who organise the bookings, maintenance and general day-to-day running. The committee also organises events to raise funds for the continued operation of the hall.

We need more people to keep this precious asset going. Can you spare some time to help and get involved?

We meet every two months for an hour or so at the hall.

Without support, the Hall will not be able to continue offering its services to the community.

If you would like to help or want more details, please call our secretary

Sue Sinclair on 01622 863533 or email
leedsvh@gmail.com

Leeds Amateur Dramatics Society

Play and Picnic

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
2026**  
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-Yes this village event is back for 2026!

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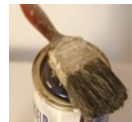
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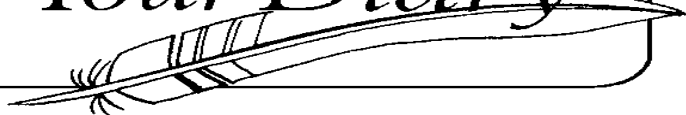
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11 W.I. Meet : Village Hall –7.30pm

11 *Football World Cup starts in Mexico City!*

14 North Downs Walk—see page 19

21 *Father's Day !*

27 Big Mow—See front page of magazine

29 *Wimbledon begins!*

July 15 Craft & Natter : Village Hall—11am



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