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October 2026



HARVEST AT ST MARGARET'S



Sunday 11th October • 3.30pm

St Margaret's Church, Broomfield

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home!**

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**Sunday 11th October
3.30pm**

A graphic for the Harvest Festival poster, featuring pumpkins, sunflowers, and wheat.

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From the Editor



Well, here we are already in October!
It hardly seems possible that I am already putting together my second issue of the Magazine.

As I settle into my new role as editor, I'm really enjoying discovering all the wonderful things happening within our community. As the seasons change and the evenings begin to draw in, there is something rather lovely about this time of year. The leaves are beginning to turn, the gardens are taking on their autumn colours and, before we know it, we will be reaching for the jumpers and putting the heating on! (much to my husband's dismay!)

Putting together the September edition was a new experience for me, and I have really enjoyed discovering just how much goes on within our community. There are so many people who give their time, organise activities, support local events and quietly do their bit to make Leeds and Broomfield the special place it is. One of the things I hope this magazine can do is bring some of that together in one place — giving everyone the opportunity to find out what is happening, share their news, celebrate our community and perhaps even discover something they didn't know was going on right on their doorstep.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the September issue, whether by sending in an article, photograph, event information or simply offering encouragement. It really does help to make the magazine what it is. Please do keep your news, photographs, memories, events and stories coming. If something is happening in Leeds, Broomfield or local communities that you think our readers would enjoy knowing about, I would love to hear from you.

This month also sees the introduction of a new feature in the magazine. Each month, I hope to chat to someone who has been part of our village community for many years, finding out a little more about them, their memories of village life and what makes Leeds or Broomfield special to them. I'm delighted that our first interview is with our village pub landlord, so do have a read and get to know the person behind the bar a little better!

Enjoy this month's magazine, and thank you for your continued support.

Pauline

MAGAZINE MATERIAL

Please email copy for the magazine by 12th of the month to the Editor, Pauline Silk.

Email: pauline.silk@hotmail.co.uk

Did you know that the school year is based on the agricultural season? Children went back to school when their labour was done at the end of harvest. Autumn was also a time of celebration and thanksgiving for all that God has provided, commemorated nowadays as harvest festivals in our schools and churches.

The Bible mentions harvest time, and the sharing of food with feasts and celebrations, but it also tells of lack of rain, drought and famine. We seem to have been through all those in the last nine months, except mercifully for the lack of food, but instead we have a glut of strawberries, Kentish cobnuts to look forward to, and bananas and chocolate all year round. What more can one want?

Chapter 12 of the Book of Exodus tells the story of the time when God's people left Egypt; trekking through the desert, they kept complaining about the lack of everything. Although it must have a real heartbreak to leave their familiar surroundings, they had flocks and herds, a great deal of livestock; the Egyptians had given them articles of silver, of gold, and clothing. Still they yearned for the fish they ate in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. (Numbers 11: 5)

Psalms 105 sings that God "spread out a cloud for covering, and a fire to give light at night. They asked, and He brought quail and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock, and water gushes out; like a river it flowed in the desert." Although they had every material goods, they wanted more.

What we all need is the fruit of the Spirit which is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23). Can this be truly achieved? Hear the Lord Jesus say, "Do not worry saying, what shall we eat, what shall we drink or what shall we wear, [...] but seek first the Father's kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:31-34). Accept his invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest". (Matthew 11: 28). Come and find out at our Harvest services in Otham, Langley, Broomfield and Kingswood.

May you feel abundantly blessed by the Lord God now and forever,

Christine

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Church Services in October

Service readings can be found at: www.churchofengland.org

Date	Time	Church	Service
4 Oct		Services	Harvest or Trinity 18
	9.30am	Otham	Holy Communion / Harvest Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Leeds	NO SERVICE
	11.00am	Langley	Morning Celebration / Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Kingswood	Harvest Celebration
11 Oct		Services	Harvest or Trinity 19
	9.30am	Otham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Langley	Morning Celebration
	11.00am	Kingswood	Methodist – Morning Celebration
	3.30pm	Broomfield	Harvest Thanksgiving
18 Oct		Services	Trinity 20
	9.30am	Otham	Morning Service
	9.30am	Leeds	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Langley	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Kingswood	Baptist– Morning Worship
25 Oct		Services	Last Sunday after Trinity or Bible Sunday
	9.30am	Otham	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Leeds with Langley	Café Church - at Leeds
	11.00am	Kingswood	Morning Service

This Month's Duties

St Nicholas	
Reader	Maria Watson
War Memorial	Mrs J Dabbs
Brass & Silver	Vacant
Flowers	Helen

St Margaret's	
Reader	Mrs Judi Taylor
Church Cleaning	Mr & Mrs Bowman-Taylor
Flowers	Beryl Andrew

Parish Administrator

If you need help with dates for church weddings, 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



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LEEDS CASTLE

October is always one of my favourite times of year at Leeds Castle. The first autumn colours are beginning to appear across the Estate, the mornings have a definite chill to them and the gardens and parkland gradually take on a completely different character. After such an extraordinarily hot and dry summer, the change of season feels particularly noticeable this year.

Our Sublime Sculpture Trail continues into the first few days of October and has brought some wonderful contemporary artworks into the gardens and grounds. This year's theme is wellbeing, exploring the relationship between art, nature and personal wellness. It has been lovely to see visitors taking their time to discover the sculptures within the landscape and, hopefully, finding a few moments to pause along the way.

October Half Term sees the return of Horrible Histories to Leeds Castle, this time with Silly Ghosts and Ghastly History. The trail delves into some of the stranger beliefs and stories from our past, with royal ghosts, witchcraft, medieval superstitions and plenty of gruesome history along the way.

Some of Leeds Castle's own remarkable women feature in the story, including Eleanor of Castile and Joan of Navarre, who was accused of witchcraft by her stepson Henry V and imprisoned here at Leeds Castle. Catherine of Aragon also makes an appearance, so there is a strong connection between the fun of Horrible Histories and the real history of the Castle. Live performers will be bringing the stories to life throughout the half term period.

Once Halloween is behind us, things move very quickly towards our winter season. Our Fireworks Spectacular returns on 7 and 8 November and is always one of the biggest weekends of the year at Leeds Castle. Preparations are already well underway for another spectacular show against the backdrop of the Castle.

And, incredibly, Christmas preparations are also gathering pace. This year Wallace & Gromit will take over the Castle for A Cracking Christmas Caper, which sees the famous duo called in to investigate the mysterious disappearance of the Leeds Castle Diamond. Visitors will follow the investigation through the Castle and encounter some familiar faces along the way, including the notorious Feathers McGraw. The experience opens on 21 November and runs throughout the festive season.

Before all of that, however, there is still plenty of autumn to enjoy. October is a wonderful month for a walk around the Estate and we hope you will have the opportunity to enjoy the changing colours before the excitement of winter begins.

With best wishes
Helen Bonser-Wilton
Chief Executive

Leeds Parish Council minutes

Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Greef and KCC representative Linden Kemkaran.

Declaration of Interests

There were none declared.

Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

The contractor has returned to reshape the Christmas Tree, and it has been completed to a satisfactory standard, albeit the lights are not working. Cllr Bernini to ask Jason, The George landlord, to check them out.

The Parish Council Facebook Page has now been set up with the Clerk, which will enable her to publish meeting notices, information and other PC updates as necessary.

The hire agreement for the annual Playing Field has been reviewed and issued to the football club, Loose Lions, together with the invoice for the 2026/27 season.

The Playing Field tree surgeon inspection remains outstanding. Members were asked whether they were aware of any suitable local contractors who could be approached to undertake the inspection and provide a quotation for any necessary works. Cllr Bernini to action.

Public Participation

Three members of the public attended to voice their concerns over the increase in traffic, in particular overweight lorries travelling through the village, as well as speeding. There was also a concern that there is no safe crossing of the road for pedestrians or schoolchildren.

Cllr Bernini explained that the lack of volunteers precluded the setting up of a speed watch and that he was in touch with the KCC Highways Improvement Team about finding solutions to the problems raised.

Highways Matters

The Highways Improvement Plan has been submitted. Cllr Benini is awaiting a response.

There is a need to identify overweight vehicles travelling through the village. The weight limit of 17.5T is defined by wheel axles, not physical size, and if the village can provide volunteers, a lorry watch could be set up to provide the data needed.

Clerk's Report

Two Tommy silhouettes have been purchased, and the PC is of the view that these are best located on the grass area in front of the Village Hall. The Clerk is to seek permission from the VH committee.

The date for the Parish Conference 2026 is 16th September; Cllr China will attend, representing Leeds PC.

Chairman's Report

The chairman voiced his concern relating to the current water situation and, in particular, the need to get bottled water, as and when needed, to older residents, particularly those who don't drive, given where SEW locate bottle stations. There is a need to identify such residents among the residents of Leeds so that, when the water is disconnected, they are not left stranded.

Financial Matters

The financial statement and payments were approved.

Report from KCC Councillor

Cllr Kemkaran did not attend, and no report was available.

Report from MBC Councillor

Both Cllr Gill Fort (Leeds) & Cllr Gary Cooke (Langley) attended, and both explained the outcome of the MBC Local Plan recently issued. It included a call for sites, along with a map identifying land either side of Leeds Village, but no mention of a relief road.

It was agreed by all councillors present that professional help was needed to determine what action may be needed by the PC, and, to that end, the Clerk was asked to obtain further information and associated costs.

The PC were advised that new Unitary proposals, when implemented, would not change the Parish Council situation.

Both MBC councillors would endeavour to reinstate the money (£800K) which had been destined for the new Leeds & Broomfield Cricket Pavilion, which has been removed by MBC, and let it be known that the LPC are fully supportive of this action.

Parish Maintenance

The verges in Lower St have been cut back.

If you, the residents of Leeds, see the need for any maintenance work, please contact the Clerk with the location, a description, and, if possible, a photograph.

Leeds Playground, Playing Field, Tennis Courts & Pavilion.

The areas have been inspected by Safe play Playground Services Ltd, and a to-do list, along with costs, was provided. Cllr China will seek alternative costs.

Street Lighting

No reports of lights not working, but if a light near you is deemed faulty, please report it to the Clerk, providing the number stamped on the support pole. Now that the nights are starting to draw in, we need all the street lights working.

Emergency Plan – Wildfires

An email submitted by a resident highlights the need for concern and awareness following the excessive temperatures experienced in the last few months, and the fact that the village is surrounded by large areas of fields and woodland. Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed in more detail at the October PC meeting.

Date of next meeting

The next PC meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th October at 7 pm.

If you have a complaint or, indeed, a compliment, please do come along and join in during Public Participation.

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Meet the Villager: Jason Tharp

Behind the bar at The George Inn

For our very first “Meet the Villager”, it seemed only right to start with someone who has been part of Leeds life for most of his life.

Jason Tharp is a familiar face behind the bar at The George Inn, but his connection with the village goes back much further. From village football and cricket to the panto and, of course, running the village pub, Jason has seen plenty of changes — and collected a few stories along the way!

Jason, where did you grow up?

I grew up in Langley, but I spent most of my time in Leeds. Most of my mates from school lived here, so I was always around the village.

What do you remember about Leeds when you were growing up?

It was a real village community. We had a youth club and there were several shops, including a little paper shop opposite The George and another further up the village. Peter Shearing ran the post office and was also a plumber, physiotherapist and played football for the village!

There were two pubs too — The George and The Ten Bells.

You played football for the village?

Yes. I played for Langley and then Leeds. If you lived in the village, you played for your village team. It was just part of growing up.

I played for Leeds for a few years and actually broke my leg playing for them one Saturday afternoon!

I might have had a few beers before the game...



And how did you end up behind the bar at The George?

Well... I tried drinking it dry a few times!



My wife had worked here previously and, when the previous landlords decided to leave, she came home and said, “What about if we take it on?”

I said, “What the hell do I know about running a pub?”

And the rest is history! I’ve been here nearly 13 years now.

You’re also a familiar face at Leeds & Broomfield Cricket Club.

I joined when I was 13, so this year is my 46th year at the club. I even played a couple of times this year.

I used to play every Saturday and Sunday, but I don’t really have the time now — and I’m probably not fit enough anyway!

I’m blind as a bat, so I can’t catch the ball!

You’ve also been involved in the village panto.

Yes, I’ve been roped into that for about four years!

Do I enjoy it? It's alright!

But it's about keeping the community and traditions going. And it's good for the pub too —

I'm not sure people come because I'm in it though. They probably come to see how bad I am!

What do you love about Leeds?

It's the community. People still know each other and, when something needs doing, people get involved.

There are people litter-picking, helping clear the church and supporting village events. It's probably the best I've seen the village for a long, long time.

That's what makes a village a village.

Do you have a favourite Leeds memory?

The big snow of 1987!

The snowdrifts were seven or eight feet high in places. Cars were completely buried and the road from the church towards The George was almost impossible to get through.

I remember a farmer coming down in a tractor with a snowplough. He was clearing the road when suddenly... CRUNCH!

He'd hit another buried car! He apparently smashed into several.

I don't know which farm he came from — it definitely wasn't Tom's. And if it was, he never owned up to it! 😊

And finally, what might people not know about you?

My stepdaughter Grace is a professional cricketer. She's captained the England Under-19s and England A. She hasn't had a full England cap yet, but hopefully one day she will.

So there's definitely some cricketing talent in the family!

A few facts about Jason

⚽ **Village football:** Leeds & Langley

🏏 **Cricket:** 46 years at Leeds & Broomfield CC

🎭 **Panto:** 4 years and counting

🍺 **The George:** Nearly 13 years

❄️ **Memorable moment:** The great snow of 1987



Thank you to Jason for being my very first "Meet the Villager".

It was lovely hearing his memories of Leeds and what makes our village community so special.

Would you like to be featured in 'Meet the Villager'?

I'd love to hear your story.

Contact me at pauline.silk@hotmail.co.uk or 07917 105460.

Welcome the Harvest home!

We welcome you and your family to join us at St. Margaret's Church, Broomfield for our Harvest Festival Service, celebrating the pinnacle of the Farming Year and all the good things that have been given to us over that time.

Surrounded by all the autumn fruits, flowers and vegetables decorating the beautiful Church, we will hear all the traditional songs and readings that make this time of year so special.

At the end of the Service there is the opportunity to take some of the produce home, for a donation to Broomfield Church funds.

Sunday 11th October at 3.30pm —
come along and help us
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Open Events for prospective Reception parents for admission September 2027

Tours will take place with the Head of School, Mrs Steer, on the following dates:

Friday 25th September @ 2pm
Monday 28th September @ 11am
Tuesday 6th October @ 1:30pm
Wednesday 14th October @ 11am

Friday 23rd October @ 10am
Wednesday 4th November @ 1:30pm
Friday 20th November @ 2pm
Tuesday 24th November @ 1:30pm

We are delighted to invite prospective parents to visit our wonderful school. During the tour you will have the chance to see the classes in action, meet our teachers, see the fabulous grounds and hear about our close links with the local community. We do limit to 4 families per tour.

Booking is required, please call the school office on 01622 861398 or email office@leedsandbroomfieldkentsch.co.uk



Online applications to KCC for Reception 2027 must be submitted
by the deadline 15th January 2027.



Leeds & Broomfield Primary School

We completed our school year with a leavers' service at the church for Year 6. The service was led by our Year 5 pupils and included paintings of the Year 6 pupils, completed by the Year R pupils, as well as poems from pupils in Years 2–5. The Year 6 pupils shared their favourite memories of Leeds and Broomfield.



Smarika's leavers speech :)

I would like to start by thanking everyone that has helped me through the year. I have made amazing memories in the past that I know i can't relive. But I enjoyed making them. I have made many great friends whom I am extremely grateful for. There are many amazing people here, I hope they all have a wonderful time here like I did. I really enjoyed my time here but I'm also excited to go to secondary.

I also thank all teachers and staff for helping me. I will miss the laughs I had. I know this'll probably be the last time we're in the room together as classmates and I hope i get to meet my friends again.

I want to give a special shoutout to all my friends in badgers and squirrels. I can't thank you guys enough for all the times you helped me smile even if it seemed impossible to. And I'm also thankful for the teachers who helped me get the opportunity to meet all these people here. Even if I will miss all the happy times dearly, in the end, I'm just happy that I got to enjoy them.

Edie

I have had an amazing time at Leeds and Broomfield and I have met so many amazing people who have helped me along the way . I will miss all of my friends and I hope they all have the best time at secondary . I will also miss all my teachers .

I have made many great memories, especially on residential. I loved residential because I got to be with my friends .

I am sad to be leaving but I am excited to go to secondary school and I know I will make many friends .

I don't know where to start. I've got so many memories. One my favorite is the first residential because we did raft building which was my favorite activity . My favorite activities for the second one were kayaking and Harrison's rocks.

Another few trips were kent life and the reservoir . Last year I also went to young voices ,we were singing the songs all the way there.

I've made some amazing friends who i will never forget and some even better memories.

Frankie leavers speech

I have had an amazing time at leeds and broomfield i will miss the teachers and i will miss my friends Ronny funny kind competitive at football and the fastest in the school, Frannie silly funny and all ways tries to help, Leo kind good goal keeper and smart, Olly quite but kind Alfie helpful kind smart and george kind fast a good freind my favorite thing about leeds and broomfield was when `we done the camp out and we was playing hide and seek it and me, Alfie, Frannie, and Ronny won because the teachers gave up it has been a fun expereince at this school .and im exited for my new school lenham and the football team

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Thank You, Humphrey

Humphrey has been the Distribution Organiser for the magazine for many years, dating back to the late 1990s. His wife, was involved with the magazine as editor, and when she was no longer able to continue, Humphrey took on the responsibility of organising the distribution.

Since then, Humphrey has coordinated the delivery of around 480 copies each month, working with a team of volunteers who deliver the magazine throughout the village and surrounding areas, including Wykeham Grove, Backstreet, Kingswood, Broomfield and Leeds Castle, as well as to local households, organisations and collection points.

Now aged 80, Humphrey has decided it is time to retire from his role. After so many years of dedication and commitment, we would like to say a huge thank you to Humphrey for all his hard work in keeping the magazine distribution running and ensuring it reaches our community each month.

Humphrey will oversee the October distribution before handing over the reins from November.

We wish him a very happy and well-deserved retirement!

**Could you spare 2 days a month?
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Update from Helen Whately MP



Helen Whately MP at Leeds Castle, one of the oldest castles in Kent, built on the site owned by Anglo Saxon chief, Led or Leed who built a wooden structure on two islands in the middle of the River Len.

Did you know Kent is widely known as England's oldest county with roots going back to the fifth century when it became an early Anglo Saxon Kingdom?

But our proud history and identity is now under threat by the Government's plans to abolish Kent County Council, Medway Council and all the Borough and District Councils including Maidstone and Swale to create just four councils in their place. The Government cares nothing for our heritage or identity – it's an abomination.

Kent as a county has real clout with the Government. With over 1.6 million residents behind it Kent County Council is guaranteed to have the ear of Government. That matters when it comes to opposing Operation Brock and standing up to the Mayor of London when they want to increase our rail fares for example. But it looks like the Government is so scared of Kent they have decided to destroy it.

The reorganisation plans say nothing about a Mayor for Kent or strategic authority for the county. We are just to be broken up into four parts with no single voice to represent the two million residents of Kent and Medway. Four small councils just won't cut it in the same way, and we will suffer as a result.

Meanwhile, other counties and regions are getting Mayors with extra powers, and extra money. Kent risks being overlooked and left behind.

Even if we do get a mayor someday, it's going to be too late - after Kent County Council has been disbanded and split into the four new councils. This is madness. Any savings made from the reorganisation will quickly disappear.

Despite questioning the Government and raising this in Parliament, I still don't have an answer about their long-term plans for Kent. So, I have taken this up directly with Andy Burnham.

Follow me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HelenWhatelyMP/> for more updates and let me know your views on the future of Kent.

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

Best wishes, Helen



helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk / 0207 219 6472

A Big Thank You from LADS! 🎉👏

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the LADS Open Day on Sunday 6th September, especially all the new faces who joined us and found out a little more about our group.

It was a fantastic day and a great success, with lots of interest and enthusiasm from people of all ages. It was wonderful to see so many new faces and to hear people asking about getting involved.

We're now looking forward to welcoming our new members and can't wait to get started on our 2027 pantomime – Cinderella! 🎩✨

Here's to an exciting year ahead – and the magic of Cinderella! 🧚‍♀️

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Date	Event
3rd	Leeds Village Litter Pick - 10am (see page 11)
6th	School: New admission 2027 tour- 1.30pm (see page 16)
8th	Leeds W.I. Meet: Village Hall - 7.30pm
9th	Soul Night - The George Inn - 7-11pm (see page 15)
10th	Leeds & Kingswood Scouts Quiz Night: Langley Village Hall - 7.30pm
10th	Leeds Quiz Night : Leeds Village Hall - 7.15pm (see page 22)
11th	Harvest Festival Service - St Margaret's Church - 3.30pm
13th	Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall - 7pm
14th	School: New admission 2027 tour-- 11am (see page 16)
15th	Craft & Natter: Village Hall - 11am
23rd	School: New admission 2027 tour-- 10 am (see page 16)



Halloween in Our Villages



Dear Villagers,

Halloween is coming! To help make the evening fun and welcoming for everyone:

♥ Taking part?

Place a pumpkin, decoration or Halloween sign outside your home. You could also chose to leave wrapped sweets outside or hang them on a fence or hedge.

🚫 Not taking part?

Please leave your outside light off. If it must be on, display a note saying: "Not participating in Halloween – thank you".

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 A reminder for families

Please only visit homes that are clearly taking part, respect people's property and decorations, and take just one or two sweets if they are provided.

Please share this with neighbours, family and friends. Let's make it a fun, safe and considerate Halloween for the whole villages!

Happy Halloween! 🎃 🍁 🧛 🧛 🧛 🧛 🧛

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