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# ORLETON VILLAGE MAGAZINE



February 2026

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# Orleton Village

## WHAT'S ON

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### Happy New Year from Orleton Village Hall

#### Dates for your diary...

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Ludlow Concert Band return to the Village Hall

#### The REGULARS Monday – Thursday ...

Orleton Toddlers	Every Monday morning 10-11:45am Contact: Bethan 07534 726222 or Charlotte 07964 981036
Orleton WI	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, October to March at 2:30pm Contact: Sue Copson <a href="mailto:susancopson934@gmail.com">susancopson934@gmail.com</a>
Tai Chi Rainbows	Every Tuesday 10:15-11:15am Contact: Rose Jacks <a href="mailto:jacks3@btinternet.com">jacks3@btinternet.com</a> Every Tuesday in term time 4:30-5:30pm Contact Kaye Harrison <a href="mailto:kayemharrison@yahoo.co.uk">kayemharrison@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Gardening Club	Last Tuesday of the month 7:30-9:30pm Contact: Monica 01568 613361 <a href="mailto:orletongc@hotmail.co.uk">orletongc@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Yoga	Every Tuesday evening 6:30-7:30pm (Commences again in September) Contact Rosie 07834 851656
Coffee Morning	Every Wednesday at 10:30am-12:00 (Closed in August) Contact: Cathy Hardwick <a href="mailto:cathy.hardwick@hotmail.co.uk">cathy.hardwick@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Library	Last Wednesday of the month at Coffee Morning 10:30-11:45am Contact: Sue Rogers 01584 831514
Sequence Dancing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month – 2-3pm Contact: Amy Whitby <a href="mailto:amyelwynwhitby@gmail.com">amyelwynwhitby@gmail.com</a>
Evergreens	Last Thursday of the month – 2-4pm Contact: Sue Turner <a href="mailto:sue.a.turner@gmail.com">sue.a.turner@gmail.com</a>
Craft Group	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 1:30-4:30pm (No sessions in August) Contact Sue Turner 01584 831324 <a href="mailto:sue.a.turner@gmail.com">sue.a.turner@gmail.com</a>
Table Tennis	Every Thursday at 7:30pm Contact: Geoff Lewin <a href="mailto:geoffnlewin@gmail.com">geoffnlewin@gmail.com</a>

#### Hall available for private bookings

Contact Barry Gandy 01568 780583 or [bookings@orletonvillage.co.uk](mailto:bookings@orletonvillage.co.uk)

To include your event or amend an entry in the Dairy,  
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All entries are, as far as we know, correct at the time of going to print.



## Orleton Good Neighbour Scheme

The Good Neighbour Scheme supports our community using a team of volunteers to help people who are experiencing difficulty in their own homes essentially, by just doing things that good neighbours do for each other.

**Contact Number 07467 535503**

**February 2026**

**FAMILY SERVICES**

**St George's Church**

**3pm Sunday 8 February:**  
**Drama-focused service**

**3pm Sunday 22 February:**  
**Craft-focused service**

Join us for a relaxed, informal afternoon service with familiar hymns and drama (8 February) and craft (22 February), followed by a light snack

## Editorial

February's meaning comes from the ancient Roman festival of purification called Februa, and is generally considered the last month of Winter, although often March has other ideas!

February is a bit of a doldrum – December has Christmas. January started with the New Year celebration. In March we start the buildup to Easter.

Poor old February does not appear to have much going for it but look closer. The snowdrops are already blooming. The green shoots of daffodils are already poking through the frozen ground ready to burst forth in glorious golden display later in the month together with crocuses of many colours.

Although February may be considered the last month of Winter, it may also seem to be the first month of Spring.

If you have content for the Magazine please send it to us. (Details on previous page)

We also welcome your comments and suggestions for improving our magazine

We will be publishing the following content:

- Reports of local activities
- Free adverts for events open to the community.
- Paid adverts from local businesses offering local services
- Free private for sale adverts

The last two categories will be limited as we do not want to swamp the magazine with advertising. Our production costs are low so only a few select adverts from local services or sale items will be accepted for publication.

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## Orleton Evergreens

Our February meeting is on 26th, 2:30pm, Orleton Village Hall when we have one of our favourite entertainers, Steve Hollinghurst, joining us to deliver 'Popular Songs'.

The subs remain at £12 for the year with the revised £4 entry, £6 for visitors.

Contact Sue Turner  
Sue.a.turner@gmail.com



## Orleton Church & Chapel News

After the celebrations of Christmas, January has been a relatively quiet time. In addition to the usual services and meetings, on 11th January, we had the joy of a Family Epiphany Service where we had a drama to Meet the Kings, followed by party games and a party tea. On 25th January, we celebrated Jesus's gathering of his disciples through craft activities (followed by more activities and snacks!). Moving into February, we see the start of Lent. Look out for details elsewhere in this issue of the Lent activities:

- Pancake Racing: Sunday 15th February, 3pm at The Maidenhead;
- Ash Wednesday service: 18th February, 6.30pm, St George's Church
- Lent discussion group: Wednesdays 25th February, 4th March, 11th March, 18th March, and 25th March, all at 7.30pm in Chapel



Details of our Easter services will be in March's newsletter, and on posters round the village.

Updates on our other activities, including an update on our Family Services, the Orleton History Group, Singing for Fun, Open the Book, food bank donations, and the 100 Club winners, can be found in our full newsletter, at: <https://stgeorgesorleton.org.uk/news/news>, and click on 'Church & Chapel News'.

## February 2026 Services & Times at St George's & Chapel

All are invited to join us in the Chapel for a short time of prayer and quiet reflection on Wednesday 11th and 25th Feb at 4.30pm.

Date	Time	Location	Service	Readings
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am	St George's	BCP Holy Communion	I Kings 17.8-16 I Corinthians 1.18-31 John 2.1-11
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	10.30am	Chapel	Holy Communion, led by Rev Denise Hargreaves	Genesis 1.1 - 2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34
	3pm	St George's	Family Service, Drama-focused	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday before Lent	11am	St George's	Common Worship Holy Communion	Exodus 24.12-18 2 Peter 1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	6.30pm	St George's	Ash Wednesday Service	Isaiah 58.1-12 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10 Matthew 6.1-6,16-21
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Chapel	Service led by Rev Neil Richardson	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11
	3pm	St George's	Family Service, Craft-focused	

**Coffee Morning**  
**Every Wednesday – Orleton Village Hall 10.30 – 12.00\***

*Pop along, meet your friends & make new ones too. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us, with toddlers. We have a small selection of toys for them to play with.*

*We have a good choice of freshly-baked homemade goodies including gluten & dairy free, all slices are currently only £1 each. Beverages including Fairtrade are £1 for a cuppa with a free refill.*

*\*Please note that we do not open throughout August, and we have two weeks off during the Christmas holidays.*

- Visiting Library – last Wednesday of the month
- A relaxed informal group with no membership fees
- Foodbank box for local foodbank
- We make charitable donations to local groups

*Are you a local group who would like to run a fundraising coffee morning? Please Contact our Chair Cathy Hardwick via email at [cathy.hardwick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cathy.hardwick@hotmail.co.uk)*

For further information about Church, Chapel, services or activities, or if you would like to get involved either socially or as a member of the congregation then please contact:  
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[teamvicarwest@leominsterteam.org.uk](mailto:teamvicarwest@leominsterteam.org.uk)

Rev Denise Hargreaves (Methodist Minister): 01584 318628, [dkah26@gmail.com](mailto:dkah26@gmail.com), Ludlow Church Office 01584 879233  
Also, why not check out the St George's website: <https://stgeorgesorleton.org.uk>.

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## Orleton Parish Council

There is no formal Parish Council Report this month. However, there was a very "interesting" meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January details of which may be obtained from any of the approximately sixty people in attendance.

At the time of going to press we understand that there have been significant developments subsequent to that meeting and there are ongoing matters which we hope will be covered by a Report from the Parish Council in the March edition of this publication

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## Orleton Art Group

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**For more information please email Larry Turner, [laurencepturner@gmail.com](mailto:laurencepturner@gmail.com) or Geoff Trotter, [geoffrey.a.trotter@gmail.com](mailto:geoffrey.a.trotter@gmail.com) Or telephone Larry on 01584 831324**



# Apperley Recreation Ground

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, the new pavilion on the Apperley Recreation Ground - the Rec – was officially opened by Roger Williams, one of the many volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the Rec in such great condition. In Roger's case, he has been working on the Rec for over 40 years and has spent 1000's of hours in our ever faithful tractor mowing acres of grass.



It was fantastic to see so many villagers at the opening, especially as the weather was not kind to us.

And it was especially heartwarming to welcome some old faces who had been involved in the purchase and creation of the rec from the very beginning, when the 11 acres of land were acquired from Fred and Margaret Apperley at a very favourable rate in 1988.

For at least the last 15 years it had been the aim of ORA to replace the old pavilion, which had been situated on the Apperley Recreation Ground for over 30 years, and was already second hand when it arrived in 1990. It had fallen into a very poor state of repair, and the wish was to replace it with a new, modern, fit for purpose pavilion.

When the current committee came together, in 2023, we were advised that the building may have to be demolished, if, by, 2028, we hadn't had it renovated as each winter it was further deteriorating.

Had that happened, then we would have faced a considerable bill to demolish and make good – money we didn't have.

So, we prioritised fund-raising and set about raising the £110,000 that we had been advised that we would need to complete the project.

Over the next two years – and after a lot of letter writing – we raised the money and we would like

to publicly thank the following organisations for their very generous grants

- o Clive Richards Foundation
- o Herefordshire County Council that allocated a portion of the S106 monies
- o Garfield Weston Foundation
- o CHIC (Communities and Housing Investment Consortium) Social Fund
- o Kingspan's Social Fund
- o Orleton Young Farmers
- o Richards Castle Soap Box Derby Committee
- o Orleton and District Junior Football Club

We had been joined, and hugely supported, by Oli Smith, an architect, and Andrew Houston, a project manager from HCC – both Oli and Andrew worked tirelessly pro bono to help us – it is no exaggeration that the Project would have been so much more difficult without them

We tendered the work and with Andrew and Oli's help, chose Sam Morris to do the work. Sam and his team were fantastic to work with, they went beyond what they were required to do, and they brought the build within budget – no easy task in today's environment.

We would also especially like to thank Claire Morgan, Claire Smith and Bel Beaumont who gave so much to this project.

And on January 18<sup>th</sup>, all the hard work came together as we opened the pavilion, which we hope will become a much used and much loved village resource for the next 40 years.



## Orleton Village Shop & Post Office

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## Programme 2026



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Tuesday 31 March Marion Stainton **Raised bed vegetable growing**

Tuesday 28 April Nicola Hope **Tales from the potting shed**

Sunday 17 May 2026 **Plant Sale**

Tuesday 26 May Timothy Walker **Scent in the garden**

Tuesday 30 June Alun & Jill Whitehead **Hidden gardens of Herefordshire**

Saturday 15 August **Annual Show at Village Hall**

Tuesday 29 September Bill Laws **Apples, pears and the Herefordshire Pomona**

Tuesday 27 October Pip Smith **In the bleak midwinter**

Tuesday 24 November Diann Dowell **The history of mistletoe**

**Visitors welcome to all talks £2.50**

Meetings take place at 8:00 pm on the last Tuesday of the month, mostly in **Orleton Village Hall**

Refreshments from 7:15pm

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## Orleton WI

WI had a demonstration of the art of decoupage by our President Sue Copson.

Decoupage the art of decorating objects with paper cutouts began in 12<sup>th</sup> century China evolving from Siberian felt art, and spread to Europe by the 17<sup>th</sup> century becoming a

vases, lamps and a small table showing how versatile this craft can be.

Orleton WI members then had the opportunity to try their hand at this craft, creating pretty vases using jam jars and paper napkins.

Our thanks go to Sue for showcasing this enjoyable craft.

popular imitation of expensive lacquerware called "lacca povera". It flourished in 18<sup>th</sup> century French and English courts and the Victorian era as a fashionable hobby, gaining widespread appeal with printing advancements and saw a revival in the 1960's DIY movement. Sue brought along some of the many items she had beautifully decorated including Christmas decorations,



## Forthcoming Event



On Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm, we welcome Amy Johnson from St Michaels Hospice Hereford, who will give us with an insight into the wonderful palliative care services they provide.

Visitors are always welcome and on this occasion we are inviting everyone to bring along a donated item for the hospice to sell for their



funds. Ideas include a household item, a book or item of clothing; all will be gratefully received.

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As the year from July panned out, OFMV continued to install new Orleton galvanised pedestrian gates, but the new independence now enabled the Volunteers to install steps and two new pedestrian gates for Yarpole Parish Council, and we're currently surveying additional work to undertake in our Orleton area, plus Richards Castle, Luston, Wigmore, Elton, Little Hereford

We are developing the 'Comberton Trail' with a substantial grant that we negotiated, plus developing the Herefordshire Trail with a Grant (we hope ☺) as it goes through Orleton to Richards Castle.

For the future we're looking into the 'Orleton Trail', 'Bircher Meander', 'Yields Hill Wander'

And everything takes time, enthusiasm and support from farmers, landowners, from our ten volunteers and anyone else who cares to join us.

For further details contact:

Martin Bradford on 01568 780151  
or email: [emimart@hotmail.com](mailto:emimart@hotmail.com)

## Orleton Pancake Race (and pancake eating!)

**Sunday 15th February 3pm  
at The Maidenhead**

**Join us for some 'flipping fun'  
Take part in a race, or watch  
Eat delicious pancakes  
Tickets £3**

Tickets available in advance from Orleton Village Shop (ticket price includes 2 stuffed pancakes and entry to either run in a race or watch)  
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## **Orleton Footpath Maintenance Volunteers**

A new year -time to reflect and look forward to a new set of challenges for us as villagers and volunteers.

A time of reflection 😔 is of course part of looking back on what we got done during 2025.

We installed a considerable number of galvanised pedestrian gates on Public Rights of Way, repairing many other stiles, clearing overgrowth, building steps up steep banks, repairing footbridges, installing finger marker posts.....and we finished the long job of refurbishing and upgrading our Orleton street name signs.

This last job started with 😡 vandalism (?inebriated) of the Millbrook Way sign opposite the Maidenhead. We replaced one broken metal post, broken back board and repaired the broken cast aluminium street sign. The result came out well and is there for us all to see.

We did such a good job 😊 that eventually we went on to complete/ refurbish:

- village access 'Orleton' sign
- the large gritstone mile marker by Comberton Farm
- cast iron milestone next to Portway Farm
- 19 cast aluminium street name signs
- six new (fabricated by us) fibreglass/stainless steel mesh street signs
- a part fibreglass repair to existing street signs.

All signs have been rubbed down, repainted and reinstalled on new backing boards, and of course the red phone box refurbished.

In mid July 2025 Orleton Footpath Maintenance Volunteers (OFMV) went independent from Orleton Parish Council and now report directly to the Herefordshire Council Highways Authority.



### **Orleton Coffee Morning needs you!**

Orleton holds a weekly coffee morning at our village hall on a **Wednesday morning at 10.30am–12 noon**.

We offer homemade bakes, hot drinks, and a friendly informal place to meet and chat.

We would love to welcome a few more folk onto our team of helpers.

*Do you have a favourite bake you may like to share with us?*

*Enjoy meeting and greeting folk, and maybe you would like to help at a session on an occasional basis?*

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



## **Ludlow Concert Band**

By popular request this impressive band is to return to Orleton Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> March with their wide repertoire of classics, big band numbers and popular music.

Tickets inc light refreshment from Orleton Village Shop & post Office £10 ( £12 on the door)

# NOTICE OF VACANCY

IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR for

## ORLETON Parish

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a casual vacancy is deemed to have occurred in the office of Councillor for the above Parish following the **Resignation of Veronica Bishop, Ron Gittings and Barry Rogers.**

Rule 5 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, provides that on a casual vacancy occurring in the office of parish councillor, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held if within fourteen days\* after the date of this notice (i.e. no later than **Friday, 13 February 2026**) has been given in accordance with section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, notice in writing of a request for such an election has been given to the proper officer of the council of the district within which the parish is situate by **TEN** electors for the parish.

If a request for an election is not received by the above deadline then the parish council will co-opt a person to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable in accordance with the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986.

If there is an election, it will take place not later than 60 days (excluding dies non) after the date this notice is published.

The proper officer is Paul Walker, Herefordshire Council, Electoral Services, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX

Clerk to Orleton Parish Council

Dated: Monday, 26 January 2026



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### Orleton Craft Group

Our February meetings are on Thursdays 5th & 19th, 1:30 to 4:30 or any time in between, at Orleton Village Small Hall.

Bring along any craft you are working on and enjoy a chat, tea and cake!

Sue & Diane  
[sue.a.turner@gmail.com](mailto:sue.a.turner@gmail.com)

## Orleton History Group

On 24th January, we were treated to an entertaining and fascinating talk from Janine Bryant on “Bitten by Pigs and Struck by Lightning: How Coroners Rolls can Expand our Knowledge of Life in the Late Middle Ages”. Look out for a full report in the next edition of Grapevine.

Our upcoming talks and events are:

**Saturday 28th February**, 2.30pm, St George's Church:  
The Medieval Chests of St. Georges' Church at Orleton: their Use, Significance, Construction and Conservation", by Rachel Sycamore, Furniture Restorer and Conservator. Rachel will talk about the two very unique and important medieval chests housed inside the church at Orleton. She will explain how they were made and why, and what their meaning would have been to the medieval church and its parishioners. Having recently carried out conservation on the two chests, Rachel will talk through her methods in preserving them both for future generations.

**Saturday 28th March**, 2.30pm, St George's Church: An overview of St George's Church history John Berry and Liz Mackay lead us through an overview of the twists and turns of the history of St George's Church, looking at how the architecture, religious, social and political contexts changed.

**Sunday 26 th April**, timings TBC: St George's Festival celebrations, with the traditional Mummers' play, morris dancing, games, and much more! Look out for publicity in future editions of Grapevine and round the village for more details.

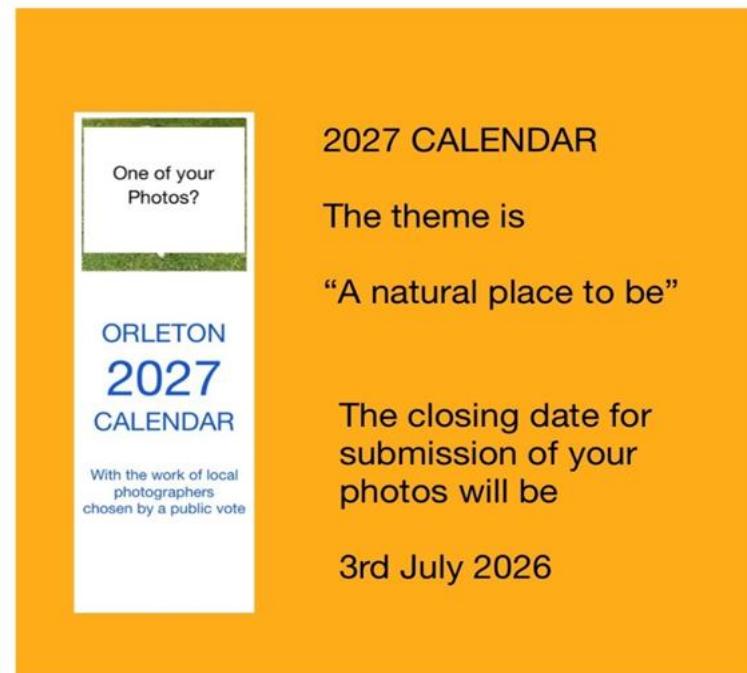
You can also read reports on previous talks at the history group page at: [www.stgeorgesorleton.org.uk](http://www.stgeorgesorleton.org.uk) (and then click on 'Orleton History Group').

If you would like further information about the group, please contact Liz Mackay on [e.e.mackay@gmail.com](mailto:e.e.mackay@gmail.com), or 07484 679671

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**Acquisitive Crime:** Acquisitive crime in rural areas often involves the theft of high-value equipment and machinery, such as tractors, quad bikes, and farming tools. Other offences in this category include the theft of fuel and livestock.

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**Equine and Livestock Crime:** Such as theft of animals, (horse) tack theft and livestock worrying.

**Heritage Crime:** Crimes that damage heritage assets, including lead theft from churches, damage to monuments, and illegal metal detecting.

The rural crime team work closely with safer neighbourhood teams like ours, to offer crime prevention advice and reassurance visits to our communities.

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# Quiz Night

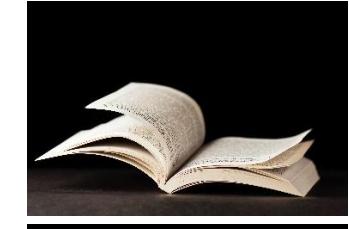
**Tuesday 11th FEBRUARY**  
**at 8.00pm at the BOOT INN**

**Hosted by**  
**DAN HURCOMB**

**Teams of up to 6 people - Entry £2 plus raffle**

**Please ring ahead to book your table**

# Open the Book



## Could you be a storyteller?

OtB is an exciting storytelling project where a group of people share Bible stories with the children in Orleton school on a Tuesday morning each fortnight. The stories are interactive and the children love to help deliver the 10–15-minute scripted Bible stories as part of Collective Worship. We are currently a small team made up of trained and safely recruited volunteers from our local churches and organisations who follow the Bible Society Open the Book Code of Practice.

A Bible story well told has the power to spark imagination, inspire exploration, give hope, create a smile, teach important lessons and connect generations.

We would love to hear from you if you feel you could join our group.

The children and staff make us SO welcome! Please contact the school directly.

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## Report from your County Councillor Dan Hurcomb

Congratulations to the committee and volunteers of the Recreation Ground on the opening of the new pavilion. A significant amount of time, effort and resource has gone into making it happen and I hope that it will become a cherished community facility in the years ahead.

The January Parish Council meeting was well attended given the topics up for discussion and I was pleased to be able to update residents on the progress that has been made on local issues over the past few months. Of particular interest was the proposed “flood alleviation scheme” which is now moving into a critical phase – I hope to be able to share more details in subsequent issues of this magazine.

Parish Councillors give up their time and energies for free to represent the interests of local residents and I would like to publicly thank former Cllrs Bishop, Gittings and Rogers for their dedication and hard work during their

time serving the community. I hope that the vacancies their resignations have created will be filled quickly so the Parish Council can return to normal service as soon as possible.

On a final note, in December I was asked to put forward roads to be considered for the 26/27 Highways Resurfacing Program. I can confirm that I have put forward Green Lane, Tunnel Lane, B4362 from Comberton to the Shropshire boundary, The B4361 from Portway to Ashley Moor turn, and Leys Lane (Ashley Moor). The budget is finite so there is no guarantee these will be done but they will be inspected as part of the request.

As always if you have any concerns, issues or would just like a chat then please do get in touch.

Dan Hurcomb  
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Should this prove popular it may become a regular event.

# Orleton Charity Quiz Nights

February 10th	Boot Inn
March 10th	Village Hall
April 14th	Maidenhead

May 12th	Boot Inn
June 9th	Village Hall

All proceeds go to support local organisations in Orleton Village or recognised National Charities.

**Special Event:** John Robbins Memorial Quiz at Orleton Village Hall on a Saturday evening. Watch for the date!

Teams of up to six members. 7.30 for a 8.00pm start

Pre-booking of tables at:  
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## Ash Wednesday Service

6.30pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

St George's Church

Everyone welcome

Join us for a reflective service as Lent begins



Music with a difference  
(unusual instruments & quirky songs)



Saturday 28th February  
7-00pm

St George's Church  
Orleton



Wine , soft drinks and nibbles



Entry is free with donations helping with the work of  
The St George's Community Association