

# St Lawrence, Stratford sub Castle Parish Magazine June 2026

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Revd Suzie releasing a teddy from the church tower.  
*(No teddies were injured during their daring skydives)*

More photos of the Community Weekend  
are on page 23



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## Church duties for June

### Flower Rota

7<sup>th</sup> Lynne Pender  
14<sup>th</sup> Lynne Pender  
21<sup>st</sup> Carrie Walsh  
28<sup>th</sup> Carrie Walsh

### Church Cleaning Rota

1<sup>st</sup> half: Ted & Veronica Uren  
2<sup>nd</sup> half: Jenny Stone & Jane Miller

### Church Opening:

7<sup>th</sup> Andy Baxter  
14<sup>th</sup> Rhod Morrison  
21<sup>st</sup> Steve Mayall  
28<sup>th</sup> David Mills

### Coffee/Tea Rota

7<sup>th</sup> Heather Balston & Judy Villiers  
14<sup>th</sup> Carole Long & friend  
21<sup>st</sup> (*No 10.00 service*)  
28<sup>th</sup> Glenys & Peter Westmacott

## Magazine Preparation for July

Editors: David & Heather Balston

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## Dates for your June Diaries

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Library, Castle Keep, 11.00 - 11.25
- 6<sup>th</sup> Free Guided Walk, Devenish Nature Reserve 14.00 see p29
- 7<sup>th</sup> Stratford Summer Café, 14.30 - 16.30 Reading Room see p28
- 10<sup>th</sup> Stratford Guild, Social Evening. Reading Room 19.30 see p31
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ladies Together - at 9 Castle Keep 10.00 see p33
- 12<sup>th</sup> 50's & Beyond, Conservative Club 18.30 - 21.00 see p37
- 14<sup>th</sup> Stratford Open Gardens - 14.00 - 17.00 see p25
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, Castle Keep, 11.00 - 11.25
- 20<sup>th</sup> Free Prostate testing. St Francis Church 11.00 - 15.00 see p34
- 21<sup>st</sup> 'Race for Life' Road closures 10.00 - 14.00 see p34
- 25<sup>th</sup> Garden Club, AGM/Social Evening at 9 Castle Keep 19.30 see p29
- 29<sup>th</sup> Free Guided Walk, Avon Valley Nature Reserve 14.00 see p29

### Defibrillator

In case you need to access the defibrillator urgently, please  
use the code C123X

## **The Revd Suzie Allen writes:**

I am reading a book at the moment. It's called *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. It is one of those books that is an easy read, but you don't want to read it quickly. It is full of wisdom and has a depth to it, that makes you want to read it slowly and carefully (absorbing and reflecting on the nuggets of treasure you are discovering). Perhaps you have a book like that on your shelf?

I am presently in the section of the book that is reflecting on something called a Rule of Life. This may be something you have come across before, or something totally new and alien. It explains that the word 'rule' in Latin is interpreted as a 'straight plank of wood'. Although there is dispute about it, one theory is that in the ancient Mediterranean it was a word used for a trellis in a vineyard. So, a structure of support to the vine (offering a frame to lift it from the ground, support it and help it flourish, ultimately helping it bearing more fruit). The vine of course is a metaphor Christians are familiar with – in the bible we hear of Jesus described as the 'vine' and his followers as the branches.

A Rule of Life, if we think of it in terms of it being like a trellis, whoever we are (Christian or not) – serves to help us grow, flourish and be a support in life. (So we might think of a rule that we might consider could be something like 'Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself' (a quote by Confucius) for instance).

Now I can almost hear you all groan – what is she on about? Is she recommending we add something else to our lives that will allegedly help us when it just adds to an already busy life?

Well, if you were to carry on reading the book it reflects that we all, already have a Rule of Life – it is what we fill our lives with (what we prioritise). So, a question for us to ponder on this summer maybe what is it that I am filling my life with (that occupies my time and energy)? Is it good, life-giving, soul-nourishing, building-up kind of choices and ways of life, or things that are impacting our well-being for the worse, creating a person that is not us, overwhelming us or alienating us from people around us? For instance, do we let our mobile phones consume us (allowing social media to lead us to compare ourselves with others) allowing it to dictate how we view our self-worth? Do we love shopping so much that we spend money that we could spend wisely in other ways? How do you spend your

days? Weeks? What are your everyday practices? Are they life-giving? Do they help us become better people? Do they help us grow (in knowledge and understanding... in depth as a person)? Once we ponder on this we can maybe agree some changes that may not be huge but have significant impact on us for the better, such as 'I will only switch on my phone after I have spent time with my loved ones', or 'I will ensure I rest doing absolutely no work for one day a week'.

I wonder where your thoughts will lead you if you give some time to this? Why not observe yourself over the next few days, noticing how you are living your life... do you like what you see? Who you are? Do you need to make changes?

Every blessing,

*Revd Suzie*

## **CANCELLED SERVICE - SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

Due to the road being closed for The Race for Life  
the 10.00 service is CANCELLED.

BUT - There will be a service of Holy Communion at 6.00pm.  
Please join us then.

*Jeff Long, Churchwarden*



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*"Building a brighter future"*

## **JDMSS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30**

**at St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury SP1 3PN**

**To be followed by a light sandwich lunch \***

*\* Please let Jenny JDMSS Sponsorship Assistant know if you plan to stay for lunch/have any allergies. Tel: 07765 952854*

## June Services at St Lawrence

### 7<sup>th</sup> Trinity 1

#### 10.00 Parish Communion

##### Streamed

Readings:

Romans 4: 13-end

(Sue Thomson)

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

(Barry Goldsmith)

Intercessions: Jo Harrison

Celebrant and Preacher:

Revd Sandra Williams

### 14<sup>th</sup> Trinity 2

#### 10.00 Together in Worship

Reading:

Matthew 9:35 & 10: 8

(Gwynneth James)

Intercessions: Suzette Sheppard

Officiant & Preacher:

Revd Suzie Allen

#### 18.00 Evensong

Readings:

1 Samuel 21: 1-15

(Susan Carey)

Psalm 45 (Officiant)

Luke 11: 14-28

(Jenny Pankhurst)

Intercessions: Colin Reed

Officiant & Preacher:

Revd Suzie Allen

*Streamed services are only available to those who have requested a link. If you would like to attend a service online please contact  
Jim Platt  
[stlawstreaming@gmail.com](mailto:stlawstreaming@gmail.com)*

### 21<sup>st</sup> Trinity 3

*No Morning service*

*- cancelled due*

*to road race.*

#### 18.00 Holy Communion

##### Streamed

Readings:

Romans 6: 1b-11

(Chris Lush)

Matthew 10: 24-39

(Sarah Wilson)

Intercessions: Judy Villiers

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Suzie Allen

**Lay Pastoral Assistant** is available for pastoral care  
Jenny Stone - 07511 226828

## June services at St Lawrence *continued*

### 28<sup>th</sup> Trinity 4

#### 08.00 BCP Holy Communion

Readings:

Romans 8: 18-23

Luke 6: 36-42

(Ted Uren)

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Suzie Allen

#### 09.45 Breakfast Church

in the Reading Room

(The story of the mustard seed)

with Lisa & Andy

#### 10.00 Matins

**Streamed**

Readings:

Deuteronomy 15: 1-11

(Heather Balston)

Psalm 52 or 53

Acts 27: 13-32, 33-end

(Joy James)

Intercessions: Priest

Officiant & Preacher:

Revd Gale Hunt

### Forthcoming Weddings at St Lawrence



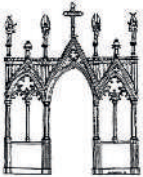
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Sarah Hannaford & Joseph Pasquier	13.30
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Laura Vokins & Scott Ragley	TBC
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Lucy Moors & Phillip Ireland	13.00

Please pray for these wedding couples as they begin this new chapter in their lives.



**Morning Prayer  
in the Reading Room  
on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 09.30**

**Evensong**



**All are welcome at St Lawrence Church  
for our Evensong Service  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 18.00**



**The BCP Communion Service**  
All are welcome at this traditional reflective service  
**at 08.00 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
in the St Lawrence Chancel

## **Celtic Spirituality**



At St Francis Church the next Evening Communion service from the Iona Community will be on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.** There will be singing, silence and symbols to express our faith in a simple and short service. All are very welcome to attend.

A reminder that the church is open for core hours from 10am to 4pm.  
You may find it open outside these hours, depending on the opener.

# St Lawrence Church Calendar - 2026

School Leavers Service	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 09.00
Patronal Festival	9 <sup>th</sup> August 10.00
Wedding of Sarah Hannaford & Joseph Pasquier	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 13.30
Wedding of Laura Vokins & Scott Ragley	28 <sup>th</sup> August TBC
Wedding of Lucy Moors & Philip Ireland	12 <sup>th</sup> September 13.00
Juba School 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary service St Francis	27 <sup>th</sup> September 10.30
Harvest Festival	11 <sup>th</sup> October

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## APCM

The St Lawrence Church APCM was held on 17 May 2026, where those in attendance approved the 2025 minutes, received annual reports on a wide range of Church based activities within the village, such as for the Reading Room, the flowers team, The Friends, and the magazine. It was noted we have an updated electoral roll of 72 (an increase of one). Financial updates highlighted reduced parish share commitments, a disappointing investment performance (but with plans on how to improve), and an improvement on the year-to-date balance in comparison to 2025. The meeting expressed thanks to outgoing volunteers, celebrated growth in Breakfast Church with at least three new families, and reaffirmed commitments to safeguarding and community engagement. The session closed with prayer.

## Key Elections

### Churchwardens:

- o *Elected unanimously:* **Jeff Long** and **Chris Lush**
- o Suzie thanked outgoing warden **Sue Thomson** for her extended service.

### Deanery Synod Representatives:

- o *Elected unanimously:* **John Walsh** and **Ted Uren**

### PCC Members:

- o Stepping down: **Carole Long** and **Joy James** (both thanked for their service)
- o *Elected:* **Nigel Afford**, **Sue Thomson**, **Jim Platt**, **Gwynneth James**

*Pending confirmation:* **Heather Balston**, **David Woollatt**

If anyone wishes to receive the reports in full, please email [ella.liversage26@gmail.com](mailto:ella.liversage26@gmail.com) or Rev Suzie Allen [revsuzieallen@gmail.com](mailto:revsuzieallen@gmail.com)

## Jean de Garis takes his leave of St Lawrence



Revd Canon Jean de Garis has been the incumbent of the St Francis and St Lawrence benefice for the last seven years. Although Revd Suzie Allen is the priest in charge at St Lawrence, Jean has been in overall charge and as incumbent he 'owns' St Lawrence church and churchyard for the duration of his incumbency. He regularly took services here and will have become familiar to many in Stratford sub Castle.

On 30<sup>th</sup> April Jean retired from the ministry. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April was his last service at St Lawrence so the congregation took the opportunity to say farewell with a small gift and card presented to him by the Revd Suzie. Jean's wife Sue was in the church for this occasion.



Afterwards there were drinks on the lawn outside the church where Jean handed back the master key to the church to Chris Lush.



We wish Jean and Sue a long and happy retirement.

*Jim Platt*

### Christian Aid

The total sum donated in the Christian Aid envelopes which were distributed with the May magazine, was £855. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Thank you too to anyone who gave online, using the Christian Aid website.

*Jenny Stone*



## An old friend returns

Many of us remember Joe Flick's first visit to Stratford sub Castle in 2015. For those who don't know him, Joe is an aboriginal rights campaigner in Australia. In 2014 a member of the church congregation, Helen Rowe, researched the life stories of all the service people buried in the churchyard's Commonwealth war graves. The results of her research were published online. Joe read through this work and recognised that one of them, Joseph Knight, was an aborigine.

Joe came over here in 2015 and with the help of our priest at the time, Revd Tessa Mann, organised a service for Joseph Knight in our church, with representatives of the Australian High Commission, our MP and the then Mayor of Salisbury among the dignitaries present. Joe was very emotional when he found out that Joseph had been treated exactly the same as the other people in the war graves. Every year his name is read out with all the others on Remembrance Day and children from the school place posies on the graves of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers on Anzac Day. This recognition would not have been afforded to him in Australia where native peoples were largely ignored. Joe also spoke to the school about Joseph Knight and the difficult life of many indigenous Australians. He presented an Aboriginal flag to the school which is on display in the school hall. Revd Tessa promised that the flag would fly over the church on every Anzac Day - and it has.



Joe Flick has come back to St Lawrence once or twice since 2015 and we were delighted to welcome him to our service on Sunday 3 May 2026. After the service he invited the congregation to join him at Joseph Knight's grave. He gave a very moving speech reminding us that the contribution of indigenous soldiers who fought in the Australian Army, including Joseph Knight's brother, were not given the recognition they deserved. He quoted an example of one indigenous soldier who had taken out three of four German machine gun posts in WW 1 before he was killed by the fourth. A white soldier took out the fourth position and got a Victoria Cross (the highest level of merit).



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The indigenous soldier who had taken out three gun posts was awarded posthumously the DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal).

He became emotional when he recalled his first visit to Stratford where he met Yvonne Fox then 100 and also Kirsty and Roger Dudin whose daughter in law was brought up on the farm where Joe used to go fishing. When you consider the size of Australia that was an amazing coincidence. He was clearly very touched at seeing the Aboriginal flag, which he had given in 2015, flying on the church tower.

Joe shared with us that he was getting tired and was not sure if he would come back again. It was increasingly difficult for him to campaign for indigenous rights. He told us about concerted booing at the recent Anzac services in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth when indigenous elders, often veterans themselves, spoke.

He then turned towards Joseph Knight's gravestone and paid his respects to Joseph, tapping a number of times on two sticks in the traditional indigenous way.



All in all it was a very moving little ceremony to have witnessed.

*Jim Platt*

**The Australian Aboriginal flag** is an official flag of Australia, symbolising the identity, unity, and land rights of Indigenous Australians. Designed in 1971 by Luritja artist Harold Thomas, it features three distinct colours:

- Black represents the Aboriginal people of Australia;
- Yellow represents the sun, the giver of life and protector;
- Red represents the red earth and the spiritual relationship to the land.

## St Lawrence Church Anzac Service

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026, children in years 5 and 6 from Stratford Sub Castle Primary CE VC Primary School attended the Anzac Day service at St Lawrence Church. The children from our school have been going down to the church to honour the fallen soldiers for over 100 years.

The McClean family came over from Australia to participate in the service. Captain James McClean, who is in the Australian Armed Forces, wore full uniform as a wreath bearer, to honour his predecessors.

The children laid spring flower posies on the graves while Mrs Jane Wilson read out the names of the late soldiers and nurse. Pearl, Theo T and Ellie Howes made the posies, with the help of Carole Long, who is a governor and volunteer at our school. The service was led by Revd Suzie Allen in traditional cassock and cotter.

Darcie, Henry and Rose had the amazing opportunity and proud honour to be the flag bearers, along with Dexter who read clearly and confidently in the service. We are very grateful for all the participants who took part in the service to remember the sacrifice that was made for us.

*“I loved how significant this service was for the Australian and New Zealand people, and how I got to take part in this wonderful service.”*  
- Pearl, Year 6

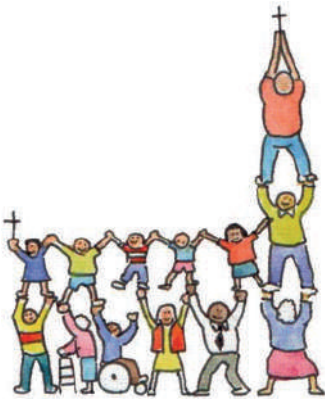
*“Everyone was very silent and respectful during the two minutes silence. I also liked how there was an Australian armed forces soldier.”*  
- Immy, Year 6

*“I liked that a lot of people made the journey from Australia just to see our school do the service”.*  
- Elliot, Year 6

*“I liked how there was an Australian soldier there to tell us the history of the armed forces coming over to England to fight in the war”*  
- Alexis, Year 5

So, a big thank you to all that participated in the service, and we hope you can come next year.

*Written by Alexis & Rose (Fox Class)*



## Families and Children at St Lawrence

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10.00 Together in Worship**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**09.45 - Breakfast Church**  
**(The story of the mustard seed)**  
**in the Reading Room**

### Breakfast Church - June



Join us for Breakfast Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at



09.45 in the Reading Room as we explore the **Parable of the Mustard Seed** and discover how big things grow from small beginnings.

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and activities that will help us explore the story - everyone is welcome! Come ready to see how even the smallest faith can **make a huge difference**.

*Lisa & Andy*

### NGS Open Gardens at Little Durnford Manor SP4 6AH

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 5pm. Extensive grounds and wildflower meadows, walled gardens, vegetable garden, water garden, lake with islands, river walks, labyrinth walk, terraces. Plant sale. (*House not open.*)

See the animals including camels, alpacas, llamas, pigs, pygmy goats, donkeys, horses, ponies and sheep - all grazing next to the gardens.

Home-made teas in cricket pavilion - in aid of St Lawrence Church.

Admission £5, children free.


## Children's Corner

I spy with my little  something beginning with J

- the month after June	J _ _ _
- another name for a Wren	J _ _ _ _
- a pudding that wobbles	J _ _ _ _
- first month of the year	J _ _ _ _ _
- a cartoon character (Tom & ?)	J _ _ _ _

What do all your words have in common? (Answers on p17)

Find the path the ladybird needs to follow to reach the flower.



The image shows a large maze with a ladybird on the left side and a yellow flower on the right side. The maze is composed of black lines forming a complex path. The ladybird is positioned at the top left corner of the maze, and the flower is at the bottom right corner. The maze is designed to be a challenge for children to find the correct path from the ladybird to the flower.

## Beavers visit to St Lawrence Church



Nineteen Beavers and their leaders from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Salisbury Beaver Colony were welcomed to St Lawrence by Revd Suzie on Monday evening 11<sup>th</sup> May for a special tour of the church. Beavers are part of the Scout Association and range in age from six to eight years. Their visit was arranged as part of their learning for the 'Faith' badge.

There were some confined areas to visit so the Beavers were split into small groups, each group beginning their tour in a different part of the church. Revd Suzie and Sophie Ferguson led tours of the nave and chancel. Helen Lucas demonstrated the organ and some smaller hands (with permission) tried out the organ keys. There was delight at the sounds that resonated around the church from the organ pipes.



In the ringing chamber Captain of Bellingers Alison Clayton, accompanied by Maureen Frost, explained with the aid of a small wooden model, how the bells are rung by pulling down on the bell ropes. Every Beaver was given the opportunity to toll the lightest of the six bells. Then after climbing very carefully up steep stairs into the clock chamber, each group was shown the approximately 300 years old clock mechanism by Bob Winson. The Beavers were now high up in the tower, just the other side of the wall from the one-handed clock dial and they were able to see daylight through a tiny gap in the wall.



Each group listened to the quiet steady tick-tock-tick-tock of the clock's pendulum but then as the Beavers' visit was drawing to a close, the last group in the clock chamber was treated to the experience of the clock striking very loudly seven times on the tenor bell hanging in the bell chamber immediately above their heads!

There is currently a waiting list to join the Beavers - for more information, please contact Emma Turner [emmasquire@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emmasquire@yahoo.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing that the Beavers have successfully completed their Faith badge awards.

*Rosemary Winson*

## Breakfast Church - April



Our April Breakfast Church gathered around the theme of forgiveness, inspired by the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. As we shared food together, we explored what it means to receive forgiveness and how we might pass that grace on to others.

We brought the parable to life through a range of activities. A reflective sensory pathway helped us think about how holding onto hurt can feel heavy, and how letting go can bring a sense of freedom. We used building blocks and magnetic tiles to create models of barriers (such as walls and gates) and then transformed them into bridges and open doorways, symbolising how forgiveness can open up new possibilities and restore connection. Whilst another group discussed why forgiveness can be difficult and what might help us practise it in everyday life.

The session closed with a short prayer, reminding us that we are all held in God's generous love and invited to share that same grace with others.

*Lisa & Alex*

### Salisbury Foodbank

Jenny Bolwell was invested as the 765<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Salisbury on 10<sup>th</sup> May and has named the Salisbury Foodbank as the Mayor's chosen charity for 2026-2027. The new Mayor said:

*"I strongly believe in its work. The aim is not only to raise funds but to increase awareness and reduce the stigma. There's no shame in needing help".*

### Answers to Children's Word Quiz (see p15)

July; Jenny; jelly; January; Jerry.

All the words start with J and end with Y.

## St Lawrence Church Porch Giving Basket

There is always a box in the porch of St Lawrence Church. Please feel free to add donations for both the **Foodbank** and **Alabaré** at any time. They will be collected and delivered to the appropriate charity.



Thank you so much for your latest donations to the Foodbank which amounted to 93.5 kg and were gratefully received.

The following items have been requested this month:

Long Life Fruit Juice	Rice Pudding or custard
Biscuits	UHT Milk
Tinned Vegetables	Toilet Paper
Tinned Fruit	Sponge Puddings
Tinned Meat/Meals	Coffee
Tinned Potatoes	Chocolate

*Heather Platt*

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## Alabaré thank you

I delivered five bags of food and toiletries plus a soft blanket to Alabaré in May, for which they are very grateful. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.



*Carole Long*

### **Food**

Tinned Meals - stews, mince etc.  
Tinned soups/baked beans/vegetables  
Coffee, tea, sugar  
Long Life Milk, Cheese/Butter  
Pasta sauces  
Cooking sauces (sweet & sour,  
black bean, casserole type)

### **Toiletries**

Deodorant  
Sunblock  
*(no other toiletries  
requested this month)*

### **Clothing**

Hats, gloves, scarves  
men's coats

## A powerful vision led to 150 years of Christian Care for Families



2026 marks 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in Old Alresford by Mary Sumner- a young vicar's wife with a powerful vision. She dreamed of women, regardless of class or status, coming together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the church. In 1876 she invited 30 young mothers to begin meeting regularly for support and encouragement. From that small flame of an idea and her passion for the role of women in bringing about a better society, a global movement was born.

Today 150 years later Mothers' Union has grown to 4 million members in 84 countries and our mission is to work with people of all faiths and none, to develop communities and advocate for positive change. We have



representation at the UN and in UK Government and we speak out against injustice, challenge prejudice, domestic abuse and gender bias. We create safe spaces for conversation and run practical skill-based programmes - all helping to build stronger, more resilient communities.

Locally, in the Diocese of Salisbury, we run a Virtual Baby programme in nine senior schools, we have provided over 500 baby blankets over the last two years for the neonatal unit in SDH, knitted blankets and clothing for Ukraine, trauma and baptism teddies locally. At Christmas, under the Angel Tree project, we give around 100 gifts for the children of prisoners at Erlestoke Prison and we support Salisbury Women's Refuge with gifts and donations year round. AFIA (Away From It All) is a holiday scheme providing low-cost holiday accommodation for needy families. Our Diocesan MU holiday home at Rockley Park in Poole is available April-October and is fully booked in the holidays this year. Our Sherborne Group recently sent sewing machines out to Melanesia and Harnham MU have raised over £1000 for a plough for Torit, Sudan.

MU global programmes include literacy and savings groups, parenting and resilience training, domestic abuse awareness campaigns and Seeds of Hope. These initiatives are rooted in local communities - we listen first then respond with practical faith-led action.

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Every day, globally, our members carry out thousands of quiet acts of service that bring hope and healing. Mothers' Union today reflects the diversity of the modern world. Our Christian movement continues to evolve, welcoming people of all backgrounds and identities. 150 years of courage, care and community - so why not join us?

You can find out more at [mothersunion.org](http://mothersunion.org) or contact our Diocesan Office on 01722 333402 or Carrie Walsh on 07970 284 629. Branches near Stratford sub Castle are in Woodford, Laverstock, Harnham and also at St Francis Church.

We are holding a Service of Celebration at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am and you are most welcome to join us. There will be a small exhibition about the MU in St Margaret's Chapel between 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June.

*Carrie Walsh, Trustee  
Mothers' Union, Diocese of Salisbury*

## **Salisbury Soroptimists' Annual Bra Collection**



Last year we collected over 5000 bras!

Many thanks to those who kindly donated. Can we do better this year?

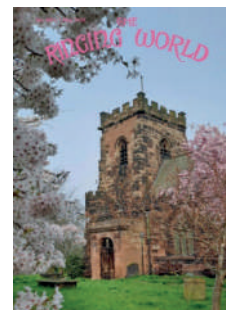
Pink collection bins around the city including Five Rivers Leisure Centre  
**and in the porch at School House, Stratford Road SP1 3LL**

**Collections from 1<sup>st</sup> May until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**We work with Zabra – Afreebra initiative  
who distribute our bras in Africa.**

**They are re-used by women who would otherwise not afford one.**

## The Voice of the Church



*The letter below was published on 1 May 2026 in **The Ringing World** - issue no. 6001 p387, a magazine for bellringers that has been published every week since 1911.*

SIR, – I have always regarded my copy of *The Voice of the Church* as rather special. I quote from it if ever I have to make a presentation on ringing.

I had the book to hand the last time I was involved in an experience evening called ‘A Very Short Introduction to Ringing’, for the local Tangent group. Showing 100 primary schoolchildren, in ten small groups, the belfry of St Lawrence Stratford sub Castle last year I purloined the title and hoped that, if they learned nothing else from their church visit, they would remember that bells are the voice of the church.

On several long-gone occasions I remember slipping in a comment at Central Council regional gatherings, or meetings of PROs and Comms people, along the lines of, “We need to start talking the same language as the church,” or, “We need a proper theology of bellringing.” It seemed to me that fewer problems would arise between ringers and church authorities if we understood what the other side was trying to say. And once Christopher O’Mahony took charge of the CCCBR he picked up the idea and ran with it. Christopher referred the idea to Canon David Grimwood. David lives close to where my daughter (now a curate) lives so we had a little chat. I handed over a few relevant bits of paper that I had assembled and David explained why one vicar I know insisted that you can never have a theology of ringing. “Not all priests are theologians,” he said.

From then on things evidently began to happen, the Clerical Guild got to work and the result was this extremely useful little book. To Christopher, David and the rest of the team I am very grateful.

Last Sunday Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury, was taking Evensong at the church where I ring. Andrew is Lead Bishop for Church Buildings. He wrote the review that appears on the back page

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of the book. At the end of the service I asked him if he would sign my copy, which he kindly did.

“Do you know,” he said, “I don’t think I have ever seen a copy of this before!” Well, I wasn’t going to give him mine, was I? My copy now bears the words ‘Ring out with joy’ alongside his autograph. I reckon that makes it unique as well as special. But I think he does deserve his own *The Voice of the Church*.

MAUREEN FROST Salisbury, Wiltshire

*Ed: Bishop Andrew’s copy must have gone wayward, as we do have a record of sending him one when the booklet was published. We’ll replace it now. Thanks to Maureen for the reminder that it is a very handy speaking aid, especially with Bell Sunday in just a couple of weeks.*

## **This Magazine - thank you for your Donations**

We are most grateful to all those who have contributed to the magazine fund following the article on p22 of the May magazine.

Thank you all very much.

*The Magazine Team*

## **STOP PRESS - COMMUNITY WEEKEND**

Whilst the magazine was being finalised ready for printing, we were able to include a photo on the front cover and some on the opposite page, taken over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May.

There were many images available to choose from and these provide only a snapshot of the event. More images have been uploaded to the village website [www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk](http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk)

## Community Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May

A fine and settled sunny weekend was the perfect setting for the displays and demonstrations by individuals and Groups in the churchyard, in the Reading Room, and inside the church (where it was pleasantly cool).



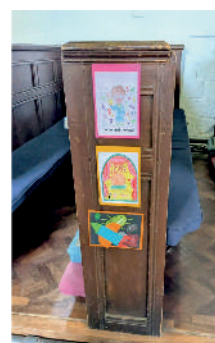
*Image left: A teddy's eye-view from the tower.*

*Image below: The Scouts BBQ*



**'Four Seasons & special occasions'** was the inspiration for the beautiful flower arrangements on every window sill and ledge in the church. This one was aptly labelled *'Heralding the start of summer'*.

The ends of the pews were decorated with artwork by pupils of Stratford School on the theme *'Inspiring Heroes'*.



Welcome shade for the Sunday 'Songs of Praise' service.



## Stratford sub Castle Summer Sunday Café 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (2.30pm to 4.30pm)



What a great start to our summer season with a fantastic turnout for our May café and record-breaking proceeds of £635 being donated to Wilton Riding for the Disabled. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support us.

We do hope that you will join us again for our June café at the Reading Room where there is ample car and bicycle parking. If the weather is kind to us, you can take advantage of sitting outdoors in our garden, as well as indoors, to enjoy one of our cream teas, savoury cheese alternative or delicious homemade cakes. (Assistance dogs only inside but other dogs on leads are welcome in the garden area, where we have water and treats for them.)

As always, we will have our popular seasonal garden & kitchen produce stall, and our pre-loved book stall. (**Note – Cash payments only please.**)

Proceeds from our June café will be donated to **Guide Dogs for the Blind**, whose service pairs blind or partially-sighted individuals with specially trained dogs, predominantly bred in-house rather than sourced externally.

**Next month** our café will be on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, with proceeds being donated to the Mother's Union - Virtual Baby project.

To keep you up to date, café information is available in the monthly Parish Magazines or on our village noticeboard, or at any time on our village website [www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk](http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk) (under Groups).

**CONTACTS** – for anyone wishing to donate books or produce:

BOOKS	BRYAN JENNICK	Tel: 07546 365616
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We all look forward to seeing you again at one of our great summer Sunday cafés.

*Barbara Mayall Café Co-ordinator*  
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## **Stratford Guild 13<sup>th</sup> May 'The Pearly Kings and Queens - The other London Royal Family'. Presented by Terry Ereira**

I had planned to write up Ian Budniak's talk on the Spanish succession, but a last-minute health issue prevented Ian from attending. As always (and being a Londoner) Terry rose to the occasion and presented an interesting history of the Pearly Kings and Queens of London, and he didn't need a microphone.

Henry Croft, an orphan born and raised in St Pancras workhouse in 1861, left at 13 years of age and became a road sweeper and rat catcher. Growing up in the St Pancras area, Henry became familiar with the many market traders (costermongers) who plied their trade in the streets and he was impressed with their community spirit. Costermongers mainly traded in fruit and vegetables and like any gathering of traders there was always going to be conflict of one type or another between themselves or the local authorities. They recognised the importance of having a spokesman, a 'King' to represent them, to maintain the peace between traders and to stand up against the authorities.

When we look at today's market traders in Salisbury, clearly there are plenty of characters amongst them and it was no different in the 1800s. To attract custom a trader would decorate the seams of their trousers, caps and pocket flaps with pearl buttons. The more buttons they had the more successful the trader was; it is said that this is where the term 'Flash Harry' comes from.

While 'mudlarking' on the banks of the Thames, Henry found a vat of mother-of-pearl buttons and decided to sew 60,000 onto his suit to out-dress the costermongers and thus he became the very first 'Pearly'. His pearly suit attracted public interest enabling him to collect funds for his beloved orphanage, hospitals and the homeless.

His fame grew and 1875 he drafted in local costermongers and their wives to help him and they became the 'Pearly Kings & Queens' sometimes referred to as 'London's shimmering Cockney royalty'. Over time, the buttons developed into symbolic patterns and designs that represent charitable values, personal history, and community pride. The patterns act as a language to be read, often highlighting their role as working-class street traders raising money for charity.

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By 1911 there were 28 pearly families, one for each London borough, forming an organised pearly charitable society in Finchley, North London, that still survives to this day.

Henry Croft died on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1930 from lung cancer in St Pancras workhouse and was buried at St Pancras Cemetery in East Finchley. His funeral cortège stretched for half a mile and the procession included a horse-drawn hearse, 400 pearly kings and queens, bands, musicians and charity representatives.

Today, the heart and soul of the Pearly Kings and Queens lies in their charitable work and their mantra is **“If I can help, I will”**.

Terry had planned to show us several video clips, but technology seemed to get the better of us on the night. However, if you would like to view the clips on the internet, please visit the following sites. You might have to wait for the brief adverts to play through and then click on skip to take you to the clip. The first clip does not have sound:

<https://youtu.be/4Gyv8TR8eVE/>

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-london-66916583>

<https://youtu.be/DVuSJxCvZyA>

Thank you to Terry Ereira for standing in for Ian Budniak at short notice and we wish Ian a full and speedy recovery.

The next Stratford Guild meeting will be our social evening on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the Reading Room. Please contact Terry Ereira to get your tickets tel: 01722 501480 or email: [tandc.ereira@ntlworld.com](mailto:tandc.ereira@ntlworld.com)

*Steve Mayall*

## **Film Matinees for the Over 60's**

The Charity 'Silver Salisbury' includes in its programme of events a free showing of a 'feel-good' movie on the first Tuesday of every month at the Everyman Cinema, 17 Endless Street, SP1 1DP. Doors open at 12.30 for complimentary tea or coffee and films start at 13.00. The film on 2<sup>nd</sup> June is 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. It is not necessary to book but for more information telephone 01722 515767.

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## Stratford sub Castle Garden Club

Our meeting in June will be different! This year it will take the form of a Social and AGM and will be held at the home of Judy & Charles, 9 Castle Keep at 7.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

This will be an evening for you all to talk together – how does the club get more Committee members? We will definitely need a new Programme Secretary – a Chairman and Secretary would also make life easier for all!

The programme for 2026-7 is all booked. Could you join the committee? Talk about future speakers you would like – Any topic can be discussed – your support is needed for the club to continue.

The AGM will be fitted in somewhere! Tea & Coffee will be provided.

**So do note the venue – don't go to the Reading Room!**

*Jeff Long – Programme Secretary*

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## Free Guided Nature Walks

A few folks have already signed up for my Guided Walks, but plenty of spaces are still available.

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Devenish Nature Reserve, Little Durnford**

Starts 2pm and is expected to last about 2 hrs. This will include a steep climb up approximately ninety steps. Meet in reserve carpark SP4 6AJ.

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Avon Valley Nature Reserve**

Starts at 2pm and is expected to last about 2 hrs. Taking a more-or-less flat route, the walk has been organised as part of the *Safer Salisbury* week of nature related events. Meet by the Avon Valley Information Board between the footbridge and Five Rivers Leisure Centre.

Both walks are free, but if you let me know you are coming, it helps me prepare properly. Let me know, or ask any questions, on [RNDeath@hotmail.com](mailto:RNDeath@hotmail.com)

*Richard Death*



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robbarclay1@googlemail.com

## **Stratford sub Castle - Open Gardens**

So of course, you will all have saved the date:

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - 2pm – 5pm**

There are a total of eight beautiful village gardens for you to view, including one that has not opened before!

There will be Cream teas/cakes, Tea and coffee will be available.

**Tickets: Adults £5.00 - under 16's Free** are available from each garden - each Open Garden will have balloons at the entrance.

There will be a notice on the green at the entrance to Castle Keep - stating that tickets are available at no. 1 and no. 9 – and on the green at the entrance to St. Lawrence Close, advising that tickets are available at no. 10 Lawrence Close.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

*Jeff Long*

### **The Guild Summer Social Evening**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
7.30pm in the Reading Room**

**Tickets £10 available from Terry Ereira: Roselea, Stratford Road  
01722 501480 Email: [tandc.ereira@ntlworld.com](mailto:tandc.ereira@ntlworld.com)**

### **Salisbury Armed Forces Day Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 4pm**

Salisbury's City Council's annual Armed Forces Day is a community event to honour and celebrate our Armed Forces. Activities for families in Salisbury Market Place and Guildhall Square include free workshops, military displays and army charity stalls. There will be Street food and music throughout the day.

## Stratford Sub Castle Local History Group

**Are you interested in local history?** My interest started when I was young. Why is that road named that? Why is that building named that? Who were these people that they are named after?

Stratford sub Castle and its surrounding parish has a rich history ranging from Bronze Age barrows through the Iron Age hill fort of Old Sarum, the creation of a Roman trading post, Saxon settlers and Viking raiders, the building of a Norman castle and the first signs of “sub Castle” dwellings, to the Pitt family and its “rotten borough” label.

Whilst a lot is already known about this area, the social history of the people who have lived here in more recent times is just as important, therefore, we need to record as much as possible now, in order to maintain our history for future generations.

With that aim in mind, some 15 years ago, a few residents started to gather in ephemera that had been collected by mainstays of our village, some over many decades, because it was felt that any papers they had about their life and the history of Stratford sub Castle should be preserved, rather than be lost once individuals passed away. This initiative led to the idea of setting up a Local History Group.

Since then, the collection has grown massively, with contributions received from living and recently deceased villagers. Now we have the not insignificant task of recording that data, which we want to keep in its individual collections providing snapshots of social history, culture, and daily life. So far, we have managed to catalogue over 700 items, but we need more helpers to join us in this task. In fact, there are many different kinds of help we are looking for:

- Those who have lived in the village for many years could help identify people in photographs.
- People with basic PC skills could input data into our cataloguing database.
- Anyone with a general interest in local history might enjoy going through our collection and help to identify and organise it ready for others to catalogue.

## *Local History Group - continued from previous page*

All of these tasks can be done from the comfort of your own home, with a periodic get together with other group members to discuss progress and plan the way forward. With more new members we could also expand our activities to include small research projects and/or local history walks and talks.

**Are you the one we are looking for?** If so, please contact me for more information and a 'sneak peek' of our collection. Maybe you are featured in it. Maybe you have ephemera you could contribute to our collection.

*Barbara Mayall*  
01722 411337

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## **Ladies Together**

A group of 10 ladies (with ladies from St Lawrence and Hope churches), met on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May for a short, guided tour of houses in the Close. Did you know that the choristers at the Choral School (then No 54) were given a cow in the 16<sup>th</sup> century so that they could have fresh milk each morning? And did you know that the telephone box at the High Street entrance is a listed building? With thanks to Glenys Westmacott for a very interesting tour.

**Next meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10am** at 9 Castle Keep, Stratford Sub Castle. Generously hosted by Judy and Charles Villiers, Judy will give the group a guided tour of their beautiful garden. Refreshments in the garden afterwards.

Contacts: Glenys: 01722 697309                      Jan: 07919 050798  
Jane: [jane.e.miller@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.e.miller@btinternet.com)  
WhatsApp/text Jane: 07932 180903

### **New residents**

We welcome Margaux & Christian Metson and their very young son Darcy, who moved into St Lawrence Close a few months ago.

## Free Prostate Cancer Testing

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer), but it can often be treated successfully if identified early. The *Lions Club of Salisbury and District* in conjunction with *The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust* has organised our third FREE testing day.

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 11:00 - 15:00**

A FREE Prostate Cancer Blood Test at **St Francis Church** on Beatrice Road is being offered to men 40-85 years old.

**Register for the test** by going to <https://sdlc.mypsatests.org.uk/>

Contact the office if you have any questions while registering, at 01926 419959 or contact Lion John Smith at [john@mitrecs.net](mailto:john@mitrecs.net)

## Cancer Research 'Race for Life' - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Expect road closures and delays around Stratford sub Castle for the annual 'Race for Life' organised by Cancer Research. *Note that the morning service at St Lawrence has been cancelled.*

Runners, walkers and joggers have a choice of two circular routes both starting and finishing at Hudson's Field. The 10 km race starts at 10am taking participants to Middle Woodford: a shorter 5 km race starts at 11am.

There is still time to take part in the event (or maybe sponsor someone else). Details here: <https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/>

## Studio Theatre Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 19.30



A double bill of two one-act plays by Noel Coward, helmed by Linda Hayman and Sally Marshall. Taken from Coward's 'Tonight at 8.30', '**Hands Across the Sea**' is a light drawing room comedy of very bad manners and '**Still Life**' is the one-act play that inspired the iconic weepy, '*Brief Encounter*'. Tickets from Salisbury Information Centre tel: 01722 342860 or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/studiotheatresalisbury](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/studiotheatresalisbury)

## Village Website



Here is a taster of the wide variety of news and information that was added to the village website during May.

**“Were they swifts or swallows that I saw?”** That question from a regular reader was quickly followed up by other residents who shared details of their own sightings and nest sites.

**‘Ode to Mary King’** written by a visitor to the May Stratford Summer Café. Here are the first few lines:

*“If Mary King could pause from tatting lace,  
As in her photograph, and through the glass  
Her gaze extend, we’d see across her face  
Benevolence and joy and pride....”*

The Ode was published alongside an image of the photograph that had inspired its writer – the image of Mary King that hangs on a wall inside the Reading Room. And that seemed an opportune time to provide a link to another of our webpages - **the History of the Reading Room** with details of Mary King’s involvement in its founding.

The website has been following the **Salisbury River Park Project** since 2022. A copy of the latest Newsletter from the team was posted in the News section. There are many interesting photos of progress to date.

A new programme of **Wellbeing Walks** from Victoria Park and Five Rivers Leisure Centre suitable for those recovering from illness or surgery, or anyone who lives alone and wants to get out and meet new people, was added as a new post. There are walk dates through to August.

An example of what can be provided as a heads-up at short notice – news that the **R12 bus timetable** and pick up points in Salisbury would change due to the Mayor Making Ceremony on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

To read any of these articles in full, go to [www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk](http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk) and choose ‘News’ from the menu.

Contributions to the website are always welcome.

Rosemary Winson  
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**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 3pm  
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There will also be live music, a theatre performance in the Salberg Studio and family friendly backstage tours. All while the café is open to keep everyone fuelled for fun. Details: [www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk)

## 50s and Beyond

We hope to see you at our coming events. The events are open to all, so feel free to invite a neighbour or friend!

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9:00pm**

We are joining Salisbury Dancers UK at a **Dance session to Disco and Club tracks** from the 60's to the 00's at the **Conservative Club, 41 Devizes Rd, Salisbury, SP2 7AA**. There is no fee for first time visitors. The fee for return visitors is £5. A cash bar is available and all profits go to Salisbury Hospice & Cancer Support.

Contact Gordon Slack at [copsewood02@btinternet.com](mailto:copsewood02@btinternet.com) or 07708 835303 for any questions and to confirm your attendance.

We are a St Francis based fellowship and service group, focused on people 50+ in age. The events are open to all. To find out more or to be added to the email distribution list, contact [kris@richardson.net](mailto:kris@richardson.net) or any of the organisers.



**Community Show**  
**'Bake, Grow, Make, Show'**

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026**  
**St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury**

*Do you enjoy baking? Got a good holiday photo? Have you been growing vegetables? Taken up a new hobby? Fancy having a go at flower arranging?*

**Then have a go, all abilities and ages welcome**

Schedules will be available July 2026 from  
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## The Community in Stratford sub Castle

Listed below is the wide range of activities that are available to all, wherever they live. Each organisation welcomes new members.

The **Friends of St Lawrence Church** (Registered Charity no. 1063271) raises funds for the upkeep of our historic church and grounds through the sale of tickets for events and Gift Aided subscriptions.

**Contact: Rosemary Winson (Membership Secretary) 01722 325183**

The **Garden Club** is open to everyone interested in gardens, gardening and plants. It is especially useful if you are new to the area.

Details: Last Thursday in the month September to June (ex December) 19.30 in The Reading Room. **Contact: Rob Barclay 07867 655642**

The **Stratford sub Castle Guild** is a friendly group of men and women who meet to hear talks on an eclectic range of subjects.

Details: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month September to June 19.30 (except January & February 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 14.00) in The Reading Room.

**Contact: Jenny Stone 07511 226828**

The **History Group** came about partly because of the wealth of material left by long-time residents which needed cataloguing. But the rich history of our parish is a fertile topic for further research and talks are arranged from time to time.

**Contact: Barbara Mayall 01722 411337**

Join the **Bell Ringing** team, an activity that stimulates the brain, helps keep you fit and makes a glorious sound.

Details: Practice nights Mondays. 19.30 - 21.00.

**Contact: Alison Clayton (Bell Ringing Tower Captain) 01722 446634**

Come along to our **Summer Sunday Cafés** in The Reading Room and meet up with neighbours for tea/coffee, cakes and a chat. Better still, volunteer to help. All proceeds to local charities.

Details: Once a month, May to September plus a Christmas Special.

**Contact: Barbara Mayall (Café Coordinator) 01722 411337**

The **St Lawrence Flower Team** is a friendly group of flower arrangers who decorate our (St Lawrence) church in a sustainable way.

**Contact: Carrie Walsh 07970 284629**

Details of the above can be found on our informative **Village Website:**

[www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk](http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk) which features up-to-date Local News incl road closures; Bin collection dates; Planning Applications; Local Events; Lost & Found; Photo Albums; Walks & Local History. **Contact** [sscvillagewebsite@gmail.com](mailto:sscvillagewebsite@gmail.com)

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