

# Welcome to the Parish of Lighthorne

Welcome to Lighthorne. We are a very active and friendly parish and look forward to meeting you, and involving you in everything we have to offer.

This welcome pack introduces you to various groups with which you can get involved, and provides information about local services and amenities.



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Lighthorne is allowed up to six councillors, who are elected every four years. Interim vacancies can be filled by co-option. The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the village hall. These are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. There is always a slot early in the agenda for members of the public to raise issues. Councillors are supported by the Parish Clerk, who is the primary contact outside of meetings.

The Parish Council looks after various amenities including the playing fields, most green spaces and verges in the village, the playground, and the cricket pavilion. Their mission is to maintain and improve the environment for the community.

If you have access to the internet then the Parish Council web site is a good place to start. Just search for *Lighthorne Parish Council* and the web site will be top of the results. Don't worry if you don't have internet access – the village noticeboard carries contact details, notices of meetings, and meeting minutes, or contact our Clerk, **Laura Newberry**, on **01926 651916**, or email **lighthornepc@gmail.com**.

The web site, as well as providing a record of Parish Council meetings, finances, policies, and contact details for councillors, also has information about many of the groups that we introduce in this welcome pack.

## Getting involved with local groups

Lighthorne is blessed with several active groups with which you can get involved. They introduce themselves below.

**Allotment Association – Carol 01926 650333 – Maggie 01926 642828**

Would you like to grow your own vegetables, but don't have enough space in your garden? Why not come and join a small and friendly allotment group based beside the sports field at Lighthorne, alongside the Pavilion Café.



**Baby & Toddler Group – Tanja Rhys-Davies – tanja.rhys.davies@gmail.com**



The Lighthorne baby and toddler group runs on Tuesday mornings 10am till 12pm during term time in the village hall. A great place to meet local people and for little ones to build new friendships. There toys, a baby area and a craft area. Children are provided with snacks and drinks. Tea and coffee is also be available. The first session is free and then £2 per session, to help cover running costs.

**Bell Ringers – Nigel or Sally Dick – 01926 650078 – sally.dick100@gmail.com**

Hearing the bells ringing is a quintessential part of village life, and we are lucky in Lighthorne that we have a church with light bells that are ideal for learning. If you love the sound why not learn to ring them? We are a friendly and welcoming group, always looking for new ringers young and old. If you would like to have a go or find out more, contact Nigel or Sally or come along on practise night which is Thursdays at 7.15pm. Ringing is fun, it's a challenge but it can be addictive!





**Khalsa Cricket Club – Hardip Jheeta – [hjheeta@sky.com](mailto:hjheeta@sky.com)**

“How-Zat Umpire?” - Century or 5-fer, half centurion or a googly wobbler? We host all types of cricket throughout the summer season at Lighthorne - on the door steps of your new village settings. Fancy being part of the challenge in the Warwickshire league? We invite all ages and genders to come and join us. Checkout Leamington Khalsa Cricket Club on Twitter or Instagram.

Come join us and enjoy the flash of the bails or a big six over the clubhouse.

**Lighthorne Drama Group – Mike Smith – [mikeandcarol@quicknetuk.com](mailto:mikeandcarol@quicknetuk.com)**

Lighthorne Drama Group was formed in the 1960s with the aim of providing a focus for fun, enjoyable community endeavour, on-stage and off, and bringing together all age-groups in at least one major production a year, often in December, sometimes a pantomime, sometimes not. Since 2013 LDG has also organised the spin-off Lighthorne Festival of One-Act Plays in the week after the Spring half-term, which has since won national recognition.



**Film Club – Mary-Lorraine Hughes – 01926 650008**

An opportunity to watch a movie, eat, drink and chat. Typically on the last Friday of every month. Doors open at the Village Hall at 7pm for drinks from the bar. Movie begins at 7.30pm. At a convenient half way point we pause the film for “supper”, modestly priced hot sausage bap and maybe a pud, and of course more drinks. No booking: you just turn up. We have socially spaced capacity for about 40 people, sitting at tables. The films are generally relatively recent and are suitable for a wide audience. The entry charge is £2.50.

**History Society – Josette – 01926 651205 – [taitsmithy@btinternet.com](mailto:taitsmithy@btinternet.com)  
Caroline – [carolinereyno@gmail.com](mailto:carolinereyno@gmail.com)  
Web site – [lighthornehistory.org.uk](http://lighthornehistory.org.uk)**

Have you ever wondered what the village was like or who lived in your house a hundred years ago, or maybe you have an interest in history generally? Then why not join this informal and friendly society? Started in 2006 with the aim of encouraging interest in the history of Lighthorne and the surrounding, we have had talks on topics ranging from the Walton Hall Scandal to medieval food and guided tours around the village by a local archaeologist. We usually meet five or six times a year in the evening in the Village Hall. Membership is £5.00. No need to book, just come along, everyone is welcome.



**Lighthorne Ladies – Erika – [erikalilley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:erikalilley@yahoo.co.uk)**

Lighthorne Ladies is a group for women from Lighthorne and the surrounding villages. We meet each month to see friends, get to know new people, listen to interesting talks and join in with fun activities. Past events have included gin tasting (a popular one!), bread making, hula hooping, flower arranging and making origami decorations. We usually hold two socials throughout the year – a post-Christmas meal at The Antelope and a summer Pimm’s & Croquet evening.

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 8pm – either at someone’s house or in the Village Hall. We try to make the events informal, relaxed and entertaining, and provide wine and other refreshments. The annual membership cost is just £20, or you can join us as a guest for £5 per event.

**Lunch Club – Josette Tait – 01926 651205 – [taitsmithy@btinternet.com](mailto:taitsmithy@btinternet.com)**

We organise a monthly homemade lunch in the Village Hall on the last Wednesday of every month with a Christmas Lunch in December. It is a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. Do please come along. Everyone is welcome. Contact Josette for more information.



**Neighbourhood Watch – Jim Newberry – 01926 651916 – [jimnew2000@aol.com](mailto:jimnew2000@aol.com)**

Jim is our local coordinator. If you would like to sign up to the local scheme then register at [ourwatch.org.uk](http://ourwatch.org.uk)

**Tennis Club – Rosanne Mann – [rosannemann@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosannemann@hotmail.co.uk)**

Tennis at Lighthorne – All welcome! Lighthorne Playing Fields off Chesterton Road. Annual Membership £25.00 a family or £15.00 adult. Or you can pay Ben at the Pavilion Café each time you play at £10.00 per person.



**Lighthorne Folk – Rod Chaytor - [rod.chaytor@icloud.com](mailto:rod.chaytor@icloud.com)**

Lighthorne Folk was launched in 2015 with the aim of attracting top-quality music acts to Lighthorne Village Hall. In 2019 it further launched Lighthorne Folk Club, held on the first Monday of the month at the Antelope Inn – sometimes inside in its Upper Room, but by default outside under the Antelope Marquee – and featuring the best acts on the folk circuit from Coventry and South Warwickshire and beyond. In October 2021 some of those folk artists

have returned for an informal Ceilidh in the Antelope bar on the last Thursday of the month.

## The Village Hall

We are very proud of our Village Hall built in 1960 which is very much at the heart of the village.

It is where we come together as a village for celebrations, entertainment and a huge number of activities, but it is also a hall we are keen to share with you – you can join in our many activities and events or hire the hall for your own.



The amenity consists of a main hall with a capacity for 100, with a stage, toilets, a well-equipped kitchen, tables, chairs, a café-style annexe, a meeting room and parking. The hall is currently well used for a variety of activities: an outreach Post Office; regular hirings; parties; themed suppers and events; electoral voting; community meetings; wedding receptions; exercise and dramatic productions.

Lighthorne Village Hall is a charitable institution run as a non-profit organisation by a voluntary management committee.

For bookings, please e-mail [lighthornevhbookings@gmail.com](mailto:lighthornevhbookings@gmail.com) or visit our website at [lighthornevillagehall.org](http://lighthornevillagehall.org)

## St Laurence's Church



St Laurence's Church would like to welcome you to Lighthorne.

Whether you stop by the churchyard to experience its beauty, peace and tranquillity, explore the magnificent building dating from the late 13<sup>th</sup> Century (with rebuilding in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries) with its display of attractive stained glass dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, or join us for Worship Services, I'm sure that you would agree that St Laurence's Church is a very

special place indeed.

We are a friendly group of people who meet weekly for worship services. But this is not all that we do! We hope that you will join us at various fun and entertaining events that we host.

We are with you at every stage of your life offering Baptisms, Thanksgivings, Weddings and Funerals – just ask.

If you would like prayers to be offered please let us know.

To keep up to date you can read the parish magazine that will be delivered to your door, follow us on Facebook – search for 'Mid-Fosse Group', or visit our website at [www.midfosse.co.uk](http://www.midfosse.co.uk)

Our usual pattern (below) may change at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Sunday.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9:00am Morning Service – a traditional service with hymns.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00pm Evening Service – a service including hymns.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 8:30am Communion Service – a traditional Book of Common Prayer service without hymns.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:30am All-age Communion Service – a contemporary service with hymns and interaction.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. We meet at Lighthorne Heath Village Hall with the other churches within the group for an interactive All-age Communion service.

For more information, or for an informal conversation, please contact:

Rev Lynda Lilley. The Rectory, Church Lane, Lighthorne, CV35 0AR

Telephone: 01926 651735 – Mobile: 07747 846293 – Email: [vicar.midfosse@gmail.com](mailto:vicar.midfosse@gmail.com)

We hope and pray that you have a blessed time living in Lighthorne and look forward to meeting you soon.

## Local dining

**The Antelope – [www.theantelope-inn.com](http://www.theantelope-inn.com) – 01926 651188**

The first record of the pub dates from 1838. It is a beautiful quintessentially English building. It is built of squared coursed limestone with an old tile hipped roof, and has a real log fire, exposed beams and flag stone flooring.

Tom and Erika took over in July 2015, and since then we have always tried to give everybody that comes through the door a warm friendly welcome.

Serving fine wines, real ales and great seasonal tasting food, we think The Antelope Inn is the perfect place for business lunches, dinner with friends, Sunday roasts and hosting your special occasions.



**The Pavilion Café – Ben Thornton – 07768 195882**

Set in our sports field the Pavilion Café offers traditional English breakfast as well as cakes, teas, coffee and soft drinks. On sunny days enjoy the outside seating, and maybe take in a cricket match. A cosy wood burner welcomes you inside when the weather outside turns chilly. Available for private hire.

## Redlands Park Residents' Association



Redlands Park Residents Association was formed on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. The idea was to bring the residents together and provide events for all to join in. We have introduced a coffee/tea morning on one Sunday every month for members to get together for a couple of ours free of charge. A book and puzzle swap shop has also been started. Other social and fund raising events are planned, including raising money for a Defibrillator.

RPRA also act as a go between for Avon Estates who own the park regarding any problems that may arise with maintenance that is needed around the park.

Please contact Alwyn Knapton – **07880 898359** – [alknapton70@outlook.com](mailto:alknapton70@outlook.com)

## Local bed & breakfast

**Church Hill Farm – Sue Sabin – 01926 651251 – [churchhillfarm.co.uk](http://churchhillfarm.co.uk)**

Sue welcomes guests to the Sabin family farm, offering comfortable en-suite accommodation with fast and free wifi. Set up a quiet dead end road Church Hill Farm benefits from a network of footpaths.

Lighthorne, Warwick, CV35 0AR

**Redlands Farm – Ann & Richard Humphries – 01926 651241 – [redlandsfarmbandb.com](http://redlandsfarmbandb.com)**

Redlands Farm provides quality bed and breakfast in a traditional farmhouse, offering an outdoor swimming pool and a BBQ area.

Banbury Road, Lighthorne, Warwick, CV35 0AH

## Amenities

### Lighthorne play park

Children can enjoy our splendid play ground area immediately behind the Village Hall – fully fenced and gated – so safe for small people to roam free! It has been completely refurbished over the last years through fundraising, grants, and assistance from the Parish Council. It is a well used and greatly enjoyed village asset including swings, trim trail, roundabout, see-saw, multi purpose tower with slide, swirling seated roundabout, and a picnic table with benches.

## Services

### Outreach post office

There is no need to drive outside the parish for post office and banking services. Our outreach post office serves a number of more remote communities, and our slots are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:45 to 4:45pm, in the Village Hall. They can be contacted through Ettington Post Office on 01789 740657.

### Mobile library

The mobile library visits Lighthorne Village Hall car park approximately every three weeks on a Friday. Route information is available on the Parish Council web site, or contact the mobile library on 01926 851031.

### Bus service

Bus service 77/77A Operated by Johnsons goes from the bus stop in the village to Leamington Spa. The timetable can be found at [johnsonskoaches.co.uk/timetables](http://johnsonskoaches.co.uk/timetables)

## **Doctors**

Hastings House – [hastingshouse.org.uk](http://hastingshouse.org.uk)

Wellesbourne – Rivers Way, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9RH – 01789 840245

Kineton – Warwick Road, Kineton, CV35 – 01926 640491

Kineton Surgery – [kinetonsurgery.warwickshire.nhs.uk](http://kinetonsurgery.warwickshire.nhs.uk)

Kineton – The Old School, Market Square, Kineton, Warwick, CV35 0LP – 01926 640471

Tysoe – Main Street, Tysoe, CV35 0SE – 01295 680220

## **Dentists**

Brook House, Morton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9AR – 01926 651400

Langmans, 2 Willow Drive, Wellesbourne, CV35 9SB – 01789 840786

## **Vets**

S J Hales Kineton Vets Surgery, 1a Banbury Street, Kineton, CV35 0JS – 01926 641000

Avonvale Vets, 29 Warwick Road, Wellesbourne, CV35 9NA – 01789 841072 –  
[wellesbourne@avonvets.co.uk](mailto:wellesbourne@avonvets.co.uk)

## **Newspaper and milk deliveries**

Bishops Itchington News, 23 Chapel Street, Bishops Itchington, CV37 2RB – 01926 612387

Milk & More – Monday, Wednesday and Friday – [milkandmore.co.uk](http://milkandmore.co.uk)

## **Local shops**

The Village Shop, Leam Road, Lighthorne Heath, CV33 9TE – 01926 642346

Gaydon Village Shop, The Barn, Church Road, Gaydon, CV35 0ET – 01926 641805

## **Local petrol stations**

Gaydon – Esso – Banbury Road, Gaydon, CV35 0HA

Wellesbourne – Shell – Warwick Road, Wellesbourne, CV35 9LX

## **Local supermarkets**

Sainsburys Wellesbourne – Loxley Road, CV35 9JY

Co-op Wellesbourne – Loxley Close, CV35 9RU

Co-op Kineton – 3 Banbury Street, Kineton, CV35 0JS

## **Local Government**

### **Stratford District Council**

Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6HX

01789 267575 – [stratford.gov.uk](http://stratford.gov.uk)

Our District Councillor – Chris Mills – 01926 641309 – [christopher.mills@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:christopher.mills@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

Waste services – [stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling](http://stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling)

Planning – [stratford.gov.uk/planning-building](http://stratford.gov.uk/planning-building)

Sports & leisure – [stratford.gov.uk/sport-leisure-arts](http://stratford.gov.uk/sport-leisure-arts)

### **Warwickshire County Council**

Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4RL

01926 412277 – [warwickshire.gov.uk](http://warwickshire.gov.uk)

Our County Councillor – Chris Mills – 01926 641309 – [chrismills@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:chrismills@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### **Westminster Government**

Jeremy Wright, MP – Jubilee House, Smalley Place, Kenilworth, CV8 1QG

01926 853650 – [jeremy@jeremywright.org.uk](mailto:jeremy@jeremywright.org.uk) – [jeremywright.org.uk](http://jeremywright.org.uk)

## **Epilog**

We hope that you find this welcome pack useful, and that you take advantage of all that Lighthorne Parish has to offer. Please report any mistakes or omissions to the Parish Clerk.

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