

LEA LINES

Village & Church news for the Parish of Lea

SORRY TO REMIND YOU FOLKS BUT - CHRISTMAS ISN'T FAR AWAY !!

This year's Craft Fayre and Soup Kitchen will be held on



**Saturday November 26th at Lea Village Hall. Free admission, Raffle, Produce stall
Come and do all your Christmas Shopping and have a delicious lunch all in one go!**

From 11.30-3pm

All proceeds to Lea Church

Please phone Rose on 750334 for more details



**Calling all Lea children
Could YOU design a Christmas Card for the village?**



This year's Village Christmas Card will be in aid of Noah's Ark Trust, the children's bereavement charity and if you are 12 or under, it could be your design on the front!!

We need an A4 size picture which will be voted on by visitors to the Craft Fayre in November.

There will be a prize for the winner!

Just bring your pictures along by 11.00 am on the morning of the fayre, not forgetting your name, phone number and age on the back !

For more info phone 01989 750808



Faster broadband - make your voice heard

major survey has been launched in our parishes and market towns to help bring high-speed broadband to rural Herefordshire.

With the support of Government funding to improve broadband in rural communities, work is expected to begin in south Herefordshire next year, and will then be extended throughout the county.

Local Broadband Champion volunteers are being recruited to help engage their local communities. In the coming weeks questionnaires will go out to thousands of homes and businesses to gather evidence on demand for superfast broadband. Or you can do the survey online at www.fastbroadband4herefordshire.org.uk.

Cllr Graham Powell, broadband champion for project partner Herefordshire Council, said: "These questionnaires are crucial to the process of bringing superfast broadband to Herefordshire. We urge every household and business to complete and return them." To become a broadband champion for your rural community, contact: Graham Powell grahampowell@herefordshire.gov.uk or Fast Broadband4Herefordshire organiser David Sheppard david@davidsheppard.com

Don't miss h.Energy – sustainable Herefordshire week! 15-23 October 2011

70 'low carbon events' will be taking place all across the county involving community groups, households, schools, farms, businesses, council departments and GP surgeries. All are opening their doors to members of the community who are interested in finding out about renewable energy, energy efficiency, local food production, and sustainable building. There is also a big showcase event at the Courtyard Theatre on the Monday (17th October) featuring Alys Fowler from Gardener's World and Andrew Simms from the new economics foundation. We hope you can come along! More information, including the brochure is available at www.herefordshirenewleaf.org.uk or contact dave@herefordshirenewleaf.org.uk

The next meeting of Lea Parish Council will be on Wed. 2nd Nov. at Lea Village Hall. Any items for inclusion in the next edition should be with the editor by 20/11/11

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LEA SHOW 2011

This year's Lea Show was held in the sunshine on August Bank Holiday Monday with an excellent attendance !

There was lots to look at, see and do for all the family.

The Lea Residents Association would like to say a huge thank you to all who gave their time helping out and supporting the Show.

AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 22nd October at Lea Village Hall, starting at 2pm.

Refreshments and delicious home-made cakes available.

Proceeds in aid of local cat rescue and re-homing organisation 'HELP FOR CATS'.

For donations of items to jumble sale please ring 01989 750500 or 01989 565271. We could collect if necessary.

AN EVENING OF SONG

Saturday 8th October, 2011 at 7.30pm

At Hope Mansel church

with the Drybrook & District Male Voice Choir and guest artiste.

Tickets £6 to include a glass of wine and nibbles

For tickets please ring Fiona Leathart on 01989 565271

or Lyn Dixon on 01989 563990



LEA CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Events & notices

There will be one of Joan Caton's famous Table Sales on Saturday 29th Oct. at Lea Village Hall from 2-pm Refreshments available phone 750387 for more details



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The service this year will be on November 13th at 10.50 am
The collection will go to the British Legion Poppy Appeal
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

THE STEAM-UP HELD LAST MONTH AT KEEF ENGINEERING RAISED A TOTAL OF £2,270 WHICH WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE AND LEA CHURCH.



THANKS GO TO ALL WHO HELPED AND GAVE THEIR TIME!

We welcome into the Church by baptism Ada Savidge, Robyn Lynch and Archie & Charlie Neville
God Bless you little ones!



Recently married at Lea were

Matthew Beasley and Rachel Burford on 20th August

Ian Newitt and Charlotte Jenkins on 27th August

David Hickman and Lynda Jinks on 10th Sept

Congratulations to you all !!

With sadness we record the passing of Pearl Morris and Lesley Hatch recently. Our sympathies go to all family and friends at this sad time.



Please note there will be a slight alteration to Church Services in January See the next Lea Lines for details

Letter from Neil

Dear friends,

One of the miniscule snippets of knowledge that I retain from the little Greek I did at school is the fact that we owe to Homer the timeless simile, 'like that of leaves is a generation of men' scattered by the wind but renewed with the coming season. By the time you read this, the leaves will be blowing to and fro, and I suspect that as so often, the cold of autumn will bring funerals anew, even as the new children at school shout from the playgrounds with the glee of the coming generation. As Christians we do not share the bleakness of the pagan poet; the departed are not gone, but rest in the peace of Christ until he return, and nothing shall be lost. But in the eyes of the world each generation passes, and we are compelled to respond to the reality of our loss, and I should like to comment a little on some of the aspects of how we do so.

Because this is such a sensitive issue, I should like to stress that I am only making general comments, and also that at the time of writing I have no particular recent funerals in mind (I have only taken one since July anyway). I entirely respect that for every funeral a series of individual choices must be made, giving due regard to the wishes of the deceased as far as they were known, and the needs of the family, and I shall continue to be happy to help families as they decide in whatever way they wish to lay their dead to rest. What I will say without hesitation is what I say regularly, that everyone should think about their own funeral, decide what they want to happen, and either tell their relatives or write it down. Nothing is more straightforwardly comforting to the grieving than being able to fulfil the wishes of the deceased faithfully: by contrast, many express disappointment if they feel they do not know what to do.

In relation to the practice of funerals, my concern is that there is a growing tendency to avoid (or even evade?) the more 'physical' traditional expressions of departure at funerals. Mercifully, we do not experience the detachment common in the United States, where the body is removed by the undertakers and cremated without ceremony, before a memorial service at which the departed is only present in words. But my belief is that the sight of the coffin in church or crematorium, the wrench at the closing of the curtains or the lowering into the grave, tear-jerking as they may be at the time, are valuable moments in the necessary grieving, 'the price we pay for love'. We English are not given to wailing and keening, and are happiest back at the pub or hall afterwards once we have a cup of tea or pint and a sausage roll, and are back into the lightness of everyday. But the solemn moments of a funeral are there to let us acknowledge the truth of our loss, and also, in my words at any rate, to point through them to the depth of our hope that in Christ all shall be well.

Neil

Lea Evensong Services

There is a service every Wednesday at 5.30 pm. Neil will endeavour to take this short service most weeks whenever possible. If you would like to speak to Neil, this is usually a good opportunity

Church Services for October & November

October	
2nd Oct.	HARVEST FESTIVAL & Family Communion 9.30am
9th Oct.	Holy Communion 8.00am
16th Oct.	Parish Communion 9.30am
23rd Oct.	Children's Church 10.00am
30th Oct.	Benefice Communion at Lea 10.30am
To be a special celebration of 400 years of the Authorised Version of the Bible	



November	
6th Nov.	Family communion 9.30am
13th Nov.	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.50am
20th Nov.	Parish Communion 9.30am
27th Nov.	Children's Church 10.00am

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