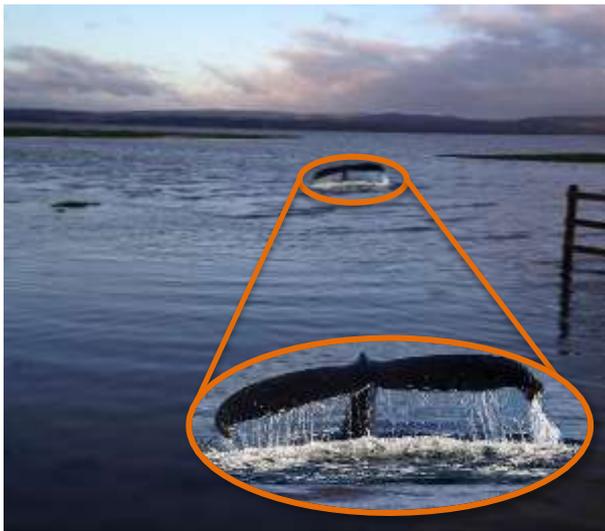




Surprise rare visitor to Littleton

There are times when it is really handy to have a mobile phone with a camera. This unusual sighting of a whale visiting Whale Wharf was captured during a recent high tide, but alas not in time for the Village Hall photo competition.



According to the Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU) these creatures can often be seen around the coast of Britain during their annual migration from the Antarctic to the Arctic.

From the tail flukes (see detail), SMRU identified it as a Minke whale – a smaller cousin of the Blue whale that was stranded in the Pill in 1885.

This one got away but sightings can be at any time from April 1st through the summer but are unusual this far inland or so early in the year and may be an indication of climate change.

Auctions speak louder than words

The annual village auction was a roaring success, raising a considerable £392 for the village hall.

Thanks to Martin Broomfield and John Collinson, along with the plethora of village hall committee members, who tallied the wins, organised the lots and modelled the quality goods on offer. Thanks also to everybody who donated goods.

As always it was nice to hold an event in the pub, with the friendly team at the White Hart offering great service amongst the auction commotion.



KEY CONTACTS

Bookings and hire: Kathleen Taylor 412087 <http://www.olveston.com/halls-and-meeting-rooms/littleton-village-hall>
Newsletter: Ricky Woodman-Povey 07506669770 rickywoodmanpovey@outlook.com
Village Marquee Hire: Geoff Gulliver 414947

Village Hall Committee

Carol Coles (Chair) 411906	Sally Birch (Vice Chair) 07796140260	Gill Jenkins 415739 (Minute Sec)
Amanda Stagg (Treasurer) 418637	Maureen Moras (PCC) 414259	Diana Bazeley 416144
Cathy Benjamin 411052	Steve Major 411720	Catherine Collinson 07944258162
Jackie Hughes 07533360004	Sheila Twidle 413005	Terry Folkes 430261
Tom Woodman-Povey 07943649799		

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Gardening Club –

Back by popular demand, the Gardening Club will be starting up in April.

The first meeting will be on Thursday 28th April at 7:00pm graciously hosted by Terry and Brenda Folkes at Willow Barn. If you can bring something to swap then do so but if not please feel free to just turn up.

If anyone is interested in hosting any other evenings during the year please let Catherine Collinson know.



Forthcoming events

APR 01	Community Coffee The next Community Coffee morning is on Friday 1 st April.
APR 05	Ladies Night, Girls Only Allowed, Only Girls Allowed... Whatever we are, join us on the first Tuesday of the month in The White Hart from 8:00pm onwards for a fun informal evening chatting about many a topic!
APR 07	Littleton ladybugs club From 10am-12midday Parents, babies & children welcome, £1 contribution per family Please come along for a chat and a cup of tea. Refreshments & biscuits will be provided.
APR 10	Spring walk to the Anchor Inn (Oldbury-on-Severn) Meet at the Village Hall at 11:00am for a leisurely Sunday walk to the Anchor Inn. After stopping for lunch or a few drinks the group will return to village together.
APR 28	Gardening Club Terry and Brenda Folkes will host the first evening of the season at Willow Barn. Bring along anything that you would like to swap.
JUN 25	CHANGE OF ORIGINAL DATE – Deconstructed Fête The deconstructed fête will now occur one week later on Sunday 25 June. Please update your calendar. More details to follow.

Next Month:

The theme of the 2016 Village Challenge (SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 24 September)

...watch this space!