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As we near the end of harvest time, we thought we'd make this month's editorial a **harvest special** and celebrate local produce. There has been a great deal in the news lately about our changing climate and the effect this will have on British farmers. 78% of UK farmers have reported severe losses due to unprecedented weather, so – what can you do to support local farmers? Here are three suggestions.

Embrace seasonal produce!

We all have our favourite fruits and veggies, but eating with the seasons reduces pressure on farmers to deliver crops out of their natural growing times. Accepting smaller or oddly shaped produce also helps reduce food waste caused by weather stress.

Join a "Direct-from-Farm" Scheme

Joining a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) scheme or signing up for vegetable box deliveries from local farms provides growers with reliable, predictable income to plan their farming securely. You'll also hugely reduce your shopping's carbon footprint.

Buy from dedicated farm shops: Cut out supermarket middlemen by purchasing directly from farm shops, farmers' markets, and local independent butchers. This ensures a much higher percentage of your money goes straight back to the farmer.

Look out for produce grown locally! This includes:

Evesham Asparagus	Pumpkins
Beetroot	Broccoli
Squash	Apples

All the very best from the Honeybourne Village News Team.

Contact details for the HBVN:

Comments & contributions e.g. photo's around the village or area, jokes or puzzles , ideas for the Spotlight On... feature, articles, letters to the editor. editor.hbvn@gmail.com

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Deadline date for inclusions in 2026 is the 17:00hrs on 17th of the month

Parish Council News. Digital Phone & Broadband Switch-Over — and an Update on Local Government Reorganisation

You may have seen reports about the national move from old landline technology to digital phone lines (sometimes called the “digital switch-over”). Here's a quick explainer on how it works, in case it's useful. Providers such as BT, EE, Sky, TalkTalk and Vodafone all use the same underlying Openreach network, but each is moving its own customers across on a different timetable — so your neighbour may be contacted before or after you. Full fibre availability also varies street by street, which affects when and how you're contacted. Providers are working through customers in phases, generally starting with lighter landline users and moving on to those who rely on their phone more, with people who have registered additional needs, disabilities or a telecare service now being prioritised.

If you're offered an upgrade, you'll usually need to book an engineer visit; if full fibre isn't yet available in your area, your provider will discuss alternative options with you instead. The key message from providers is: please do respond when they get in touch. If they can't reach you by January 2027, your line may be moved automatically to a digital-only voice service to keep your phone working, even without broadband. More detail is on BT's website if you'd like to read further.

Local Government Reorganisation — where things stand

Following last month's joint letter from the leaders of Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon councils confirming the move to two new unitary councils (North and South Worcestershire, planned for April 2028), there has been a further development. On 7 September, the Communities Secretary announced in Parliament a review of the reorganisation programme. To be clear on where this leaves Worcestershire: the decision to split into North and South Worcestershire Councils was agreed by the government on 16 July 2026, and that decision has not been reversed or cancelled. However, Worcestershire is one of 14 areas nationally where the decision has been paused while the wider review is carried out — this follows legal challenges brought against the government's reorganisation decisions in some other counties, rather than any challenge specific to Worcestershire. A smaller number of other areas have had their decisions withdrawn outright, which is different from Worcestershire's position. There's no confirmed timescale for when the review will conclude. For now, local elections in May 2027 are still expected to go ahead on existing council boundaries rather than as elections to new unitary councils. Worcestershire CALC has also cancelled its planned 15 September briefing session for parish and town councils in light of the ongoing uncertainty, with the next update expected at a member event in November. We'll keep residents updated as things become clearer.

Heath Jobs Chair – Honeybourne Parish Council



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Car Headlight Etiquette

Now the nights are drawing in once again, there are several areas in Honeybourne where one lane/side of the road means cars will stop and let the other side continue through, we are in most occasions rewarded by the flashing of headlights as a thank you. Please please thank me by not flashing your headlights as with modern headlights becoming so bright it can be blinding when maybe 2-3-4 vehicles will all flash. I have to close my eyes anticipating the flash's coming.

A message to fellow villagers that it's ok not to flash would be so good.

I understand that the flash in most people's mind is a must to say thanks, let's see if we can flip the thinking and it's a must not to flash to say thanks.

Andrew Keen

Wednesday over 60s Club

At our September meeting we welcomed Neil Garner, Tower Captain, from St Peters Church in Pebworth, who gave us a brief history about the 10 Bells at the Church, the oldest of which dates back to 1707. We also learned the we are the only Country to ring the changes (make tunes using scales) rather than just striking the bell as does other Countries. We then went on to try our hand at playing tunes using hand bells, this was great fun trying to do this to time. If you are interested in becoming a member of Pebworth Bell Ringing Team, then please get in touch with Neil via the Pebworth bells website.

On concluding business matters we had our usual tea and cake and caught up with friends. Our next trip is in November will be to Worcester for Christmas shopping. If you are interested in coming along, then please call Pam on 07966 871862.

The Club meet on the first Wednesday of the month, our next meeting our will be on 7th October, at the Village Hall @ 2.30pm. New members are always welcome, so why not pop along, meet and make new friends, as always, we would love to see you.

Mobile Library Timetable

The **Mobile Library** on the 4th Friday in the month as follows:

12.05-12.20 Grove Avenue **12.25-12.40** Perrie Drive **13.15-13.30** Village Hall

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**Honeybourne
Parish Council and Village Hall**
invite you to

**Honeybourne's Christmas
Lights Switch On**

Date: Friday 4th December 2026

Time: 6pm – 8pm

At: Village Hall, Harvest Close

Festivities include:

Honeybourne Primary Academy Carol Singing

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There will be NO PARKING at the Village Hall for this event.



Christmas Tree Lights

Sponsor a light for a loved one

The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on at the Honeybourne Christmas Event on 4th December 2026. If you would like to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one, please contact Sylvia Matthews on 01386 832215 for details.

Complete the form below:

Name of sponsor	Amount	In memory of

A list of tree light sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be published in the January edition of the Honeybourne Village News, displayed in the Village Hall and on the Christmas tree.

Please hand your completed form, together with cash or a cheque made payable to Honeybourne Parish Council, to Sylvia Matthews

**All proceeds will help fund the
Honeybourne Christmas Event**



Darts Champions

The Gate Inn Darts team won Division 2 of the Stratford league after beating the Dog & Partridge to win their final match of the season. There were some impressive darts thrown with some great 180's by Craig Fletcher, Dave Brocks, Mike Elliott & Liam Elliott with Mike Elliott winning his game for the win.

The team would like to thank Matt, Sue & George from The Gate Inn for their continued support, here's to the new season in Division 1.



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Gardening Tips for October

October is a wonderful month in the garden. The leaves are turning golden, the days are cooler, and there is still plenty to do before winter arrives.

Clear up fallen leaves

Collect fallen leaves from lawns, paths and borders. They can be added to a compost heap or kept separately to make leaf mould—a wonderful soil conditioner. Remember to leave some areas of leaves where wildlife can shelter over winter.

Plant spring bulbs

Now is the perfect time to plant daffodils, crocuses, tulips, alliums and other spring-flowering bulbs. Plant them deeply enough to protect them from frost and give them a good start for next year.

Look after the soil

Add well-rotted compost or manure to empty beds. There is no need to dig everything over; simply spreading a layer on the surface allows worms and winter weather to work it into the soil naturally.

Protect tender plants

Move tender pots into a sheltered position or a greenhouse before the first hard frosts. Some plants may need fleece or other protection during particularly cold weather.

Tidy and prune carefully

Cut back dead or diseased growth, but avoid being too enthusiastic about tidying. Seed heads provide food for birds and hollow stems can provide valuable homes for insects through the winter.

Harvest and store

Lift pumpkins and squash before severe frost, and harvest the last of the apples, pears and late vegetables. Check stored produce regularly and remove anything showing signs of rot.

Think about garden wildlife

Keep bird feeders topped up and provide fresh water. A small pile of logs, leaves or stems tucked away in a quiet corner can provide valuable shelter for insects, frogs and other garden visitors.

Above all, enjoy the changing season. October is a good month to slow down, admire the autumn colours and start planning what you would like to grow next year.

Happy gardening!



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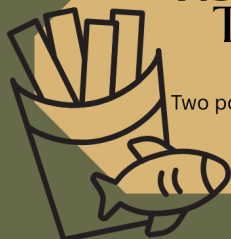


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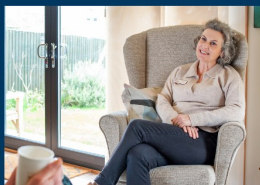
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****Christmas Wreath class (Nov) – Date to be announced ☺****

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		Wed Club 7 th Oct 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Senior Stretch Class 1pm- 3pm			
Kids Theatre Group 3:45pm – 5:45pm				Healthy Worcestershire 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Movie Night 17 th Oct 7:30pm onwards	
WI 19 th Oct 7:00pm- 10:00pm	Pilates with Nicky 6:00pm- 7:00pm	Tai Chi 5:45pm – 6:45pm Men's Pilates with Nicky 7:00pm- 8:00pm	Pilates with Nicky 6:30pm – 7:30pm ~ Life Drawing 15 th Oct 7:45pm – 10:00pm	Short Mat Bowls Group 7.30pm-9.30pm		

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Blood Donationfor pets!

While I was out walking my dog the other day, I got talking to a lady whose lovely dog had been very poorly and had needed a blood transfusion. I was proud to tell her that, in his younger years, my dog had given blood on several occasions. Like a lot of people, she said she had never thought about other dogs donating their blood, so I thought I would write a little article to publicise this to the good dog owners of Honeybourne.

The UK charity called Pet Blood Bank exists to help save the lives of pets in need by supporting vets by providing a blood service for pets, just like the one we have for humans. The charity run donation sessions at veterinary practices across the country where owners bring their much-loved companions to give blood. The blood is then taken to the charity's processing centre in Loughborough where it is separated into different products. It is then stored and sent out to vets when they need it. The charity operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure blood is always available.

Our rescue greyhound was registered with the Pet Blood Bank and had given many donations before we adopted him. We decided to continue to do this when he came to us and we took him along to sessions at the nearest donation session which was in Chipping Norton. Unlike human donors, our dog was not given tea and biscuits afterwards (neither were we!), but he was able to choose a toy to take home and he was given a very fetching bright red neckerchief to show he was a donor dog.

I would encourage you to read about the charity online and register your pet – the charity are gradually expanding their sessions across the UK. They need a minimum of 60 dogs to hold a session, so please ask friends to consider registering their dogs too.

By doing this, your dog can help to save the lives of up to four other dogs. Together, all the lifesaving dogs help to save thousands of lives every year. Who knows you may even receive the lovely personal appreciation of a friend whose dog has benefited from a donation?

For more info please see www.petbloodbankuk.org

Looking ahead to November - 'Ribbons for Remembrance'

In past years the 'crafty' folk of Honeybourne have got busy to create beautiful knitted and crocheted poppies that we have used to create the poppy 'swoosh' and the bands around the trees in the churchyard for Remembrance.

This year, we would like to ask for your support to create 'Ribbons of Remembrance' by looping ribbons onto the gates into the churchyard.

I'm sure you will agree that you don't need to be crafty to participate in this! Please save any ribbons you get until November - all colours/widths/lengths/materials are welcome. We would love you to participate by placing your ribbons to honour your loved ones and mark our Remembrance event.

Any Ribbons can be left in the Church Porch. Thank you.



Hello fellow residents of Honeybourne,

my name is Toby and I am 13. I have lived in the village my whole life, and I am currently in Year 8 at Chipping Campden School.

I have recently signed up for a self funded expedition to Ecuador and the Galapagos islands, leaving in July 2028, when I will be finishing Year 10.

Over the course of the month long trip, I will volunteer my time to the local communities, taking part in community building projects, wildlife conservation, and integrating into local life.

This trip is an amazing opportunity to explore and experience an entirely different way of living!

The village news have kindly agreed to let me share my journey with you at the start, during my fundraising, and after I have returned.

Some of you may know, I have found life pretty challenging at points, and a couple of years ago this concept wouldn't have even been an option for me. I have overcome a lot of difficulties, but these have taught me the importance of curiosity, compassion, community, and supporting people who are less fortunate. I love travel, and the opportunity to visit the Amazon rainforest and Galapagos Islands is amazing, and I am excited and ready for the hard work!

As mentioned, this is a self funded volunteering expedition, and with just over £6000 to raise, it is a daunting prospect, and I am turning to my friends, family, and local community to support me in getting there. This seems cheeky, because I am so privileged to have this opportunity, and I will experience some amazing stuff while I am out there, but I will also work hard, and hopefully bring something truly positive to the communities I visit. I will be hosting fundraisers over the next 18months to raise funds, such as quizzes, bingo, raffles etc, my first being a quiz on Friday 23rd October at Pebworth Village Hall 7pm. I will also be reaching out to local businesses for prizes and advertising etc. For those of you on Facebook, more about my journey can be found on my Facebook page "Toby G Ecuador 2028".

Whether you would like to follow my story, donate a raffle prize, attend one of my events, or simply tell a friend about this cause, I would be so grateful for your support in whatever form it comes.

Thanks for reading, Toby!



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Over the course of a month, Toby will volunteer his time to support local communities, taking part in community building projects, wildlife conservation, and integrating into local life.

This is a self funded expedition, and your support will help him make a real difference to the communities he visits.

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	11 th October Trinity 19	11.00 am Harvest Festival	11.00 am Family Morning Praise & Baptism	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)
	18 th October Luke the Evangelist Trinity 20		11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	11.00 am All Age Service
	25 th October Last Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am Family Service		10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
	1 st November All Saints' Day		9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)

Sidesmen, readers and intercessors at Honeybourne:

	4 th October	11 th October	18 th October	1 st November
Sidesman	Sylvia Matthews	Anne Magee	Teresa Banks	Sylvia Matthews
Reader	Elizabeth Rose	Lesley O'Connell Edwards	Anne Jones	Teresa Banks
Intercessor	Minister	Minister	Mike Edwards	Minister

Vicar's Letter October 2026 – 'A Harvest of Thanksgiving — and Honesty'

At this time of year, as we come to celebrate Harvest, our thoughts naturally turn to the abundance of God's creation: fields of crops, orchards heavy with fruit, vegetables from gardens and allotments, and the work of so many people who produce the food that finds its way onto our tables. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you — to God, to those who work the land, and to all whose labour enables us to be fed.

Yet this year, perhaps more than most, our Harvest thanksgiving needs to be accompanied by something else: honesty.

For many farming families, the past year has brought extraordinary challenges. Unpredictable weather, periods of drought followed by heavy rainfall, difficult growing and harvesting conditions, and the changing patterns of pests and disease have made an already demanding occupation even harder. Livestock farmers face the continuing threat of diseases such as bovine TB and Bluetongue, with the possibility of restrictions, testing, loss of animals and the disruption of carefully planned breeding programmes.

Alongside this are rising costs, fluctuating prices and financial pressures. The figures may be discussed in newspapers and farming publications, but behind every statistic there is a person, a family and a way of life. Long hours, financial uncertainty and the sheer unpredictability of farming can take a heavy emotional and physical toll. For some, there are painful questions about whether the farm that has been part of their family for generations can continue.

It is therefore important that our Harvest celebrations do not simply present a picture of overflowing abundance while ignoring those for whom this has been a season of loss or anxiety. Christian faith gives us permission to do both things: to give thanks and to lament. The Bible is full of stories of people who know what it is to labour and see little reward. The disciples on the road to Emmaus knew disappointment and confusion; the fishermen in John's Gospel knew what it was to work through the night and bring in empty nets. Yet in both stories, God meets people precisely in the midst of their uncertainty.

That is an important message for our rural communities today. We do not need to pretend that everything is straightforward, nor offer easy answers to problems that are genuinely difficult. Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is to stand alongside one another, to listen, to pray and to offer practical support where we can.

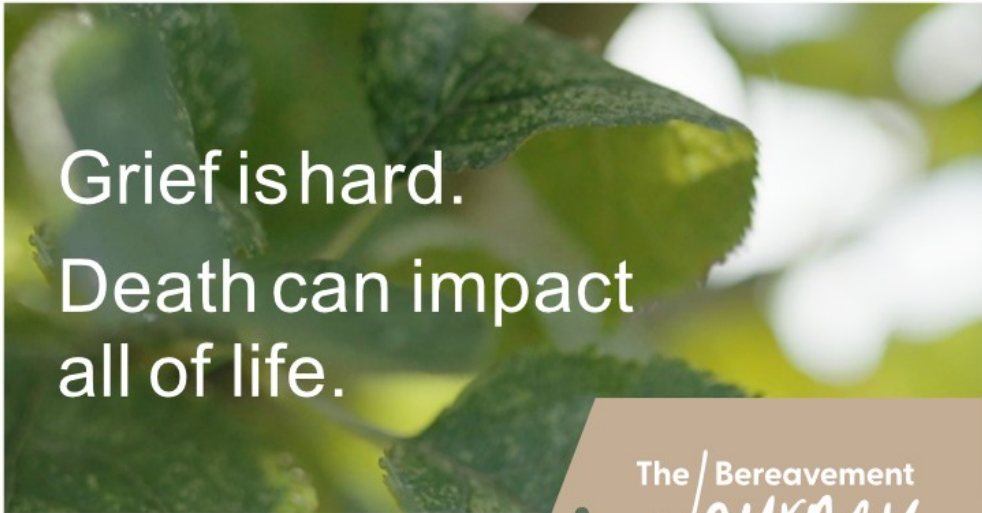
Harvest also reminds us how interconnected we are. The food we eat connects us not only with local farmers and growers, but with producers and communities around the world. We are dependent upon one another, and that dependence is something to recognise with humility and gratitude.

And finally, our Harvest thanksgiving points beyond the food on our tables to the deeper nourishment that God provides. At the Communion table, bread and wine remind us of God's generosity and of Christ's promise to be with us. Whatever uncertainties lie ahead, we are not abandoned.

So this Harvest, as we give thanks wholeheartedly, let us also make space for grief as well as gratitude, as we remember and pray for those who farm and care for our countryside. And let us hold fast to the hope that, even in seasons when the future seems uncertain, God's presence remains steadfast. With every blessing for this Harvest season.

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Garden lighting can make outdoor spaces safer, more attractive and easier to use after dark, but artificial light at night can also disrupt the natural rhythms that wildlife depends on.

Security lights, decorative LEDs, path lights and illuminated features may seem harmless in isolation, yet together they can contribute to light pollution in gardens, streets and neighbourhoods. For many animals and plants, darkness is not empty space: it is habitat. Wildlife has evolved around predictable cycles of day, night and seasonal change. Artificial light at night can interfere with navigation, feeding, breeding, sleep and migration. It can also change relationships between species, such as predator and prey or plants and pollinators. A light left on through the night may therefore do more than illuminate a patio; it can alter how nearby organisms move, feed and survive.

Nocturnal insects, including many moths, use natural light cues from the moon and stars to orient themselves. Bright garden lights can confuse this navigation, drawing insects away from feeding, mating and pollinating. Some become trapped circling lamps until they are exhausted; others become easier prey for predators. Because many night-flying insects are pollinators, excessive lighting can reduce pollination at night and may weaken the wider food web that depends on insects.

Bats are especially vulnerable because they rely on darkness for commuting, feeding and emerging from roosts. Some species avoid lit areas altogether, meaning a line of garden lights can act like a barrier across a flight route. Others may feed around lamps because insects gather there, but this can expose them to disturbance, competition and predation. Lighting near bat roosts is particularly harmful because it can delay emergence and reduce the time bats have to feed.

Artificial lighting can also disturb birds by extending their active period, encouraging early singing or feeding and disrupting rest. Migrating birds may become disorientated by bright or upward-facing lights. Amphibians can be affected when sudden security lighting changes their behaviour or exposes them to predators. Plants are not immune either: night-time lighting can interfere with seasonal cues, potentially affecting budburst, flowering, leaf-fall and the insects that rely on them.

Wildlife-friendly lighting does not necessarily mean removing every outdoor light. It means using light carefully, only where and when it is genuinely needed. Gardeners can reduce harm by fitting motion sensors, using timers, choosing warm-coloured bulbs, avoiding blue-rich white light, angling lights downward, shielding fittings to prevent glare and keeping dark corridors along hedges, trees, ponds and boundaries. Even small changes can restore patches of darkness that insects, bats, birds and other wildlife can use safely.

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