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EVENTS DIARY

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September Events Update (VH = Village Hall; Ch = Church)

Sun 1	Organ Recital	Barcheston Ch	15.30
Weds 4	Community coffee	Long Compton Ch	10.30
Thurs 5	Country Market	Moreton WI Hall	10.00
Fri 6	Jazz on the Lawn	Barton Hse, B on the H	18.00
	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 7	Sutton under Brailles Fete		14.00
	Village Breakfast	Burmington VH	08.00
Sun 8	Shipston Home Nursing 10k Run	Walton Hall	
	Wildlife Picnic	Tachbrook Hse, Cherington	12.00
	Picnic Concert	Long Compton VH	13.00
Tues 10	Cameo Lunch club	Burmington VH	12.00
	Bridge Club	Long Compton VH	19.00
Thurs 12	Country Market	Moreton WI Hall	10.00
	Giggle Tots	Wolford VH	10.00
Sat 14	Coffee Shop	The Hall, Stourton	10.30
Sun 15	Harvest service I and lunch	Burmington Ch/VH	11.00
	Macmillan Tea	Long Compton Chapel	14.00
Thurs 19	Country Market	Moreton WI Hall	10.00
	Comptonians	Long Compton VH	13.00
Fri 20-22	Shipston Song	Famington Farm, Barcheston	
Fri 20	Street Band	Townsend Hall	19.00
	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
	Movie: Boys in the Boat	Brailles Picture House	19.00
Sat 21	Table Top Sale	Burmington VH	
	Scarecrow Festival Awards	Burmington VH	12.00
Sun 22	Harvest service and lunch	Long Compton Ch/VH	10.30
Mon 23	Screen printing course	Long Compton chapel	10.00
Thurs 26	Country Market	Moreton WI Hall	10.00
Fri 27	Carers4Carers	Kineton VH	10.30
	Quiz Night	Long Compton VH	19.00
Sat 28	Whist Drive	Long Compton Chapel	19.00

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EDITORIAL



Welcome to the Harvest edition!

It's the month of terrifying encounters with giant wheeled and menacing tooth and clawed monsters looming over us on narrow lanes! I've been watching the comings and goings from my local farm (and farming Notes editor) often very late into the evening and know that this is the month when there will be a gentle rumble of combines in the distance and our lane will be strewn with golden straw for a week or two. Hopefully, it will be a decent harvest after the bad start to the season and hopefully we can squeeze a bit more sunshine out of the sky before we have to say goodbye to a summer in which we have been decidedly shortchanged of Vitamin D!

This edition is starting to fatten up with events, which I predict will continue through to December. There are harvest services of thanks taking place across our villages this month along with fun scarecrow festivals and the final smattering of fetes. So, do get out and enjoy the late summer before the jumpers come out of storage again and wellies become standard footwear.

Here's to a month of thanking all our local farmers and a few more sunny days to enjoy our beautiful countryside.

Sara Billins



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Campden Quilters 10th Anniversary

Patchwork & Quilting Exhibition



- Handicrafts & fabric sale
- Tea, coffee, cakes
- Trade stand
- Tombola
- Raffle to win this hand-made quilt! (cash only)

7th & 8th September 2024
10am until 4pm (free entry)

St James Church Rooms, Chipping Campden GL55 6JG


Proceeds from raffle to Sue Ryder Charity



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 ...bringing Shipston and the rural community together

Shipston Link runs scheduled local bus services, Tuesday to Saturday, from surrounding villages into Shipston Town Square, via the Medical Centre, plus weekly shopping trips to Banbury, Moreton-in-Marsh, Chipping Norton and Stratford-upon-Avon.



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For more information about our scheduled Services call the Travel Line on 0871 200 2233, or click www.shipstonlink.co.uk

Shipston Home Nursing

September sees two fantastic outdoor events, raising funds for hospice care at home.

Sunday 8th September is the Walton Hall 10k run / walk, starting and finishing in the beautiful grounds of Walton Hall near Wellesbourne. This event was postponed in April due to poor weather, so we are hopeful of some sunshine in September! Enter as an individual or gather a group of friends or colleagues to enter as a team. When you register you can also set up your own fundraising page which enables friends and family to support you and Shipston Home Nursing.

On Friday 20th September, we will be hosting our annual golf day at Feldon Valley near Brailes. It is a wonderful day in beautiful surroundings and includes coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, 18-holes of golf and a two-course lunch. There will also be drinks available on the course, a raffle and an auction!

Further information and to enter visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk or contact the fundraising team at fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

Kate Bamford Shipston Home Nursing





52 Sheep Street, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire. CV36 4AE

Townsend Hall, Shipston, presents...

Friday 20th September 2024

Doors Open 19:00 for 20:00

Fully Licensed Bar

Tickets £12.50 from

- o The Flower Shop, 3 Market Place, Shipston, CV36 4AG, 01608-544336, or
- o For online booking, visit ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall or townsendhall.co.uk



Richard Leach's
Street Band



Moreton-in-Marsh Country Market

***For everything homemade, home grown, home cooked and home crafted.
Every Thursday, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, WI Hall, New Road, Moreton in Marsh.***

All of the food we sell is cooked in the home, not processed in a factory, using locally sourced, seasonal produce and you can speak directly to the producers.

We also have some wonderful crafters with unique, creative products.

We have themed weeks featuring exotic cuisines, or focusing on a seasonal ingredient such as asparagus.

For more details of these, check out our social media – **Facebook, Moreton in Marsh Noticeboard, Shipston Noticeboard and Instagram.** We can also be contacted by email, mimcountrymarket@gmail.com or mobile, 07933 141410

A big thank you to all our customers for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming new customers.

Even the word "dementia" can be daunting...
but we believe it's better to get the practical advice
and emotional support you need as a family carer

Please visit one of our dementia friendly cafes locally

Tuesday from 10.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday from 2pm - 4pm

Thursday from 10.30am - 12.30pm

Friday from 10am - 12 noon

1st Tuesday of each month
from 10.30am - 12.30pm



Shipston on Stour CV36 4QG

Wellesbourne Village Hall CV35 9NH

Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 0DS

Tysoe Village Hall CV35 0SE

Compton Verney House CV35 9HZ
(contact us for entrance tickets)



talkdementia.uk

Advice and support for carers of loved ones
living with dementia in South Warwickshire

Contact Paul and Heather Dowler
Phone 01295 688376
Email talkdementia.uk@gmail.com



CAMEO Lunch Club

The next meeting will be held on 10th Sept at
Burmington village hall at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm.
Please book with Brenda on Tel. 01608 6643131

Our special lunch guest will be Carole Nossiter,
Chair of the Shipston Medical Centre's Patients'
Participation Group (PPG). This works closely with

the practice on a variety of projects and routinely facilitates communications
between the practice and its patients, including the regular newsletter, available
in the Medical Centre and on Facebook. Carole has been invited to talk after
lunch on the major issues, services and possible future changes faced by the
practice and the Ellen Badger development in particular. She has offered to take
our questions

Dennis Cumming



Group walks for Autumn

Thursday 5th September 10:00am Join some Tortoises from the Milton Hare (Easy: 5 miles, 2.5 hours)

Start: Parking on the field opposite The Hare in Milton under Wychwood OX7 6JW

A gentle figure of eight from Milton to Fifield return by different route.

Thursday 12th September 10:00am Around Brailes Hill (Easy: 5 miles, 2.5 hours)

Start: Brailes Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, Upper Brailes OX15 5AS

An easy walk with one incline rewarded with great views across this quintessential English countryside.

Thursday 19th September 10:00am FarmED and an Ascott Loop (4 miles, 2 hours)

Start: FarmED on the A361 near Shipton under Wychwood OX7 6BJ

A starting point with a café, a scenic walk along a rover valley and an interesting village to explore this walk has all the right ingredients for an enjoyable morning.

Tuesday 24th September 10:00am Apples, coffins and Salt (Moderate: 5 miles, 2.5 hours)

Start: St Mary's Parish Church Chipping Norton

This walk takes the well-trodden Salt Way from Chipping Norton to Salford and the lesser-known Coffin Walk to Over Norton.



Happy Birthday!
September 2024



Lucy May Andrews	Barcheston	16
George Bygate	Willington	18
Gabrielle Duck	Great Wolford	18
Olivia Johnston	Great Wolford	15
Benjamin Payne	Burmington	16
India Mauveen Spencer-Sewell	Stourton	15

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Sunday 8th September 2024
1:30pm-4:30pm
Chipping Norton Town Hall
Ages 10-18

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Cotswolds"

**SUTTON-UNDER-BRAILES
VILLAGE
FETE**

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Carers4Carers

Join the Carers4Carers monthly gathering at Kington Village Hall to meet with fellow local carers. Our next meeting is on Friday 27th September, from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. We're excited to have Jude Cranfield from Stratford District Council's Older People Team as our guest to shed light on social services. Come enjoy some refreshments, biscuits, and engaging conversations with local carers. Your loved ones are also invited to participate in our Companionship Group during the meeting. For further details about our support group or help with transport arrangements, please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com, or www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator

Save the Dates of the Summer Fetes

Sept 7 Sutton under Brailes

June 28 2025 Barton on the Heath

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The Post Office van is in the car park by the village shop in Long Compton from 9.30 -11.30 am Monday and Wednesday, and from 12.30 to 2.00 pm Tuesday and Thursday.

Shipston 'tip' is open - to book <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingshipston>.

Local Catholic Church Services

Chipping Norton

Holy Trinity, London Road. Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm. Sunday 11.00 am Tel: 01608 642703

Stow-on-the-Wold

Our Lady and St. Kenelm, 5 Back Walls. Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm. Sunday 9.15 am Tel: 01608 674354

Shipston and Brailes

Shipston, Our Lady and St. Michael, Darlingscote Road. Sunday 9.15 am.

Brailes, SS Peter and Paul, Friars Lane. Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm (for Shipston and Brailes Tel: 01608 685259)

Chipping Campden

St Catharine's Lower High St. Sunday masses: – Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm. Sunday 10.30 am Tel: 01386 84026

Local Quaker Meetings

Local Quaker Meetings for worship:

Broad Campden, Quaker Meeting House, GL556US - Sundays at 10.30 am.

Ettington, Quaker Meeting Hse, Old Halford Rd, CV377TH -Sundays at 11.00 am.

Sibford, Quaker Meeting House, Sibford Gower, OX155RX - Sundays at 10.30 am.

Shipston on Stour, in St Edmund's Church - last Thursdays (not Dec) at 2.30 pm

Local Congregational Services

Services at the Ebenezer Chapel, Long Compton every third Sunday at 3.30 pm.

Chair Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778 Sec/Treasurer Sally Franklin

PARISH PEOPLE

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)

	<i>Barcheston St Martin</i>	<i>Barton-on-the-Heath St Lawrence</i>
Churchwardens	David Hodges 07767840857	Walter Sawyer 684755
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Secretary	Graham French 239032	Paul Levitch 686353
Treasurer	Stuart Walsh, 07870 154425	Sherry Gasson-Barker 686420
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Churchwardens	Jill Kirby 684923	Sophia Corlett 684369
Secretary	Zoë Wrigley 650404	Mandy James 684479
Treasurer	John Nye 684363	Jenny Scrivener
	<i>Wolford St Michael and All Angels</i>	
Churchwarden	John Wrench 674389	
Treasurer	Ann McKenna 674009	

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Burmington	Robert Hutchings (661496)	
Cherington	Philip Townsend (686529)	Sara Cole (686250)
Long Compton	Simon Bing (684827)	Sam Weller (684897)
Whichford	Ed Law	Nicky Aldenton
The Wolfords	Pippa Lines (01608 674035)	Elizabeth Gilkes (684336)

CHURCH NOTES

Imagine you did a survey on the streets of Shipston asking people what the most important thing in their life was. What answer would come out on top? My guess is that by far and away the most popular answer would be 'friends and family.' Most of us, whatever else is going on, look to these close relationships to provide our life with meaning, happiness and fulfilment. This isn't just something that's confined to modern western societies. Throughout history and across cultures friends and family are consistently seen as being one of the most important aspects of what it means to be human. How can we explain this universal experience?



The Bible says that we value relationships because we were made by a God with love at the very heart of his being. Humans were made by God to reflect what he is like and so part of what it means to be human is to love others and be loved in return.

We know, of course, that finding and sustaining such relationships with friends and family can be very hard work. Our lives seem to be increasingly busy; many of us work longer hours giving us less time to invest in our loved ones. In the free time we do have, it's very easy to be distracted by screens and the constant influx of information, rather than engage in the sometimes tiring and messy business of relating deeply with one another.



CONNECT

Would you like to meet with other families in your community for an afternoon of friendship, fun, games and crafts and an opportunity to meet some of your local church family in a relaxed setting?

Come to

Long Compton Village Hall

Starting October 13th 3.00pm-4.00pm

(2nd Sundays of the month)

Refreshments provided

Connect is being organised by the

South Warwickshire 7 group of churches

Starting this October the SW7 group of churches is launching a new Sunday gathering called 'Connect', which will take place once a month between 3.00-4.00pm. Aimed mainly at families with children from across the benefice but open to all, 'Connect' is a place for the whole family to connect with other people and with the God who made us and loves us. It's an informal time with plenty of tea, coffee and cake, as well as crafts and activities for children. The first

meeting will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 13th October at Long Compton Village Hall. Why not take some time out of the busyness of life and join us then?!

You're warmly invited to Connect, but what is it?!

A place for the whole family to connect with people and connect with God in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

What will it involve?

Lots of tea, coffee and cake! Crafts and games, as well as a short 'thought for the day.'

Where and when will it happen?

The first Connect will be on Sunday 13th October from 3.00-4.00pm at Long Compton village hall. It will then be on Sunday 10th November and then every 2nd Sunday of the month at Long Compton village hall.

Who is running connect?

Connect is being organised by the South Warwickshire 7 group of churches.

For more details, please contact Kim Petty kimpetty@btinternet.com or

07949949215

Reverend Ben Dyson

Giggle Tots

Baby and Toddler Group

at

Wolford Village Hall

Thursday Mornings

Starting Sept 12th

10.00am-11.30am

Come and join us for fun, friendship and playtime.

For all care givers with children 0-4

(Term time only)

More information Kim Petty 07949949215

Organised by South Warwickshire Seen Churches

Serving our communities

HELP!

I'm looking for free, good quality toys to help start up a (non-profit) making Parent and Toddler Group.

Kim 07949949215

September 2024 CHURCH SERVICES						
SW 7 Sunday Worship	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burnington	St John the Baptist Cherington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whitchford
1 st September 14 th after Trinity					9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	10.30am CW Morning Prayer (BD)
8 th September 15 th after Trinity	6.00pm BCP Evensong (BD)		9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)			10.30am CW Holy Communion (BD)
15 th September 16 th after Trinity		9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	10.30 CW Harvest Thanksgiving (BD)		4.00pm GAP Informal Service (BD)	
22 nd September 17 th after Trinity					10.30 CW Harvest Thanksgiving (BD)	9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)
29 th September 18 th after Trinity		9am BCP Holy Communion Harvest Thanksgiving (BD)		10.30 CW Harvest Thanksgiving (BD)		

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It's started to drizzle with rain and I have just driven the combine down to our ground at the Mill. It's there ready to try our first bit of wheat to cut when the sun comes out.

In the last Farming Notes, I said I had no idea how the oilseed rape would turn out. The answer is not too bad, all things considered. We had around 1 ton per acre. If you exclude all the areas that the prolonged wet of the last winter took out, what was left was really OK. As I've said before, we don't put a lot of inputs into the crop, we use it as a good entry to the next wheat crop. It's also early to harvest and sold as soon as we can dry it. Dan delivers it himself to the grain store at Great Tew. Not knowing how much you are going to get; I wouldn't risk selling it forward on a fixed contract. One thing I do like about rape is that you get paid extra for quality, above the sale price. Ours turned out well above minimum spec, so we got an extra £10.20 per ton for the oil levels in the seed, £8.46/t for low moisture content below base spec and £7.25/t for little or no admixture of other plant seeds in it. On all other grain, we sell anything above minimum spec, and get nothing, if it is below spec, we get deductions – I think this should be addressed in the future as there is no incentive to grow better crops.

I may add that Dan didn't keep back any for seed, so for the next few seasons, we are giving up growing oilseed rape. The fields we had planned for next year's crop were on our heaviest soils, and the risk involved in trying to get another rape crop established didn't seem viable. I was interested to read in The Link that James Walton, next door, is trying borage for the first time and has installed bee hives to help with pollination. James's article was followed by a lot of interesting facts surrounding bees by Chris Paxford, I'd no idea the amount of work bees do to keep their hive together and make the honey we all love.

Dan took a couple of photos while in the combine cab with me, through the windscreen whilst I was cutting some rape on our top fields. I hope they come out. (see front cover) I also found a few photos that a student took of our first Massey 510 Combine in 1968. One shows me emptying barley into a home-made trailer with our first County 4 wheel-drive tractor on the front. The person sat on the side rail is my father, Percy Richardson. In the far distance, are the fields of Rob Harvey at Gottenham Farm. The tractor behind is a Ford 5000 we bought off my future father-in-law. I can remember as a little boy watching my father driving an old Fordson pulling a binder and my grandfather on the seat. I remember the family stacking up the sheaves, with Len Ilsely building and thatching the corn and hay ricks. We had our first combine in 1957, that was a



bagger combine, not like today's grain, handled in bulk. I used to ride on the bagging platform and, as I got older, taking off and tying up the bags. When I got into my early teens, I'd go off with a contractor bagging sacks on his combine all around the area where we lived. I must admit, I look forward to harvest and driving a combine with the comfort of a sound-proof cab and air conditioning, a lot different to the early days of heat, dust and areas of flat corn, often full of grass and weeds.

In my father's time, we still had what we call a sack dryer, which was a lot of hard work carrying sacks on and off it as each batch of 35 sacks got dry. It was suitable to dry special seed crops. He made quite a lot of useful money drying clover, kale, and grass seeds etc., at so-much a ton. We also had our own seed cleaner and dresser, with which he would clean all the above, often very valuable seed crops, weigh them up into new sacks and load up onto haulier's wagons. It often entailed moving one batch off and another on in the middle of the night. The manual work then was very hard compared to farm work now.

By next months' article, we hope to have finished harvest and begun drilling next year's crops. I will be able to tell you how well it has gone overall, in return for a year's hard work.

John 'Tufty' Richardson

GARDENING NOTES

Editors: Margaret Welsh
and Miranda Arnold

September has been described as the "Mellow Month" in the garden both in terms of the weather and the fact that most of the hard work is over and you can reap the rewards of your labour. Dahlias, Crocosmias and Rudbeckias are some of the plants in bloom at this time. Vegetable growers often have a glut of produce, including courgettes, squashes and sweetcorn. The latter is ripe when the tassels or beards turn brown. We may experience an Indian summer but equally there may be the first autumn frost so be prepared to fleece vulnerable plants outdoors and fruit or vegetables e.g. cucumbers in the greenhouse.



All your potatoes should be lifted by the end of the month before they get eaten by slugs. Leave them to dry out before storage in hessian or stout paper bags to keep them in the dark. Collect ripe apples and store unblemished ones in a cool, dry place. Pears can be kept in the fridge even until November. Spinach and other

greens such as rocket, lambs' lettuce and pak choi can be directly sown now and onion sets planted ready for harvesting in June or July.

Hardy annual flowers may also be sown e.g. nigella, calendula and iberis (candytuft). As the soil will still be warm, they will grow and strengthen before the winter sets in and should flower earlier than those sown in the spring. You can also start planting spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils and other narcissi. It is worth tidying areas where spring bulbs grow to avoid trampling on them as they emerge later. Look out for self-seeded biennials e.g. foxgloves and move them to where they will be seen to advantage,

Herbaceous perennials that have finished flowering can be lifted, divided and replanted keeping the strong, healthy growth. This should improve their flowering. As the weather cools, container grown trees, shrubs and climbers can be planted out into the garden. They should establish well while the soil is still warm but do water regularly.

Make sure that flowering perennials such as asters, Michaelmas daisies and Japanese anemones are well supported. Climbing roses can be pruned now. Cut back side shoots to 3 buds and tie in the main stems to supports.

In preparation for the winter rain, lawns will benefit from scarification to remove dead grass and moss and from aeration with a fork. Any bare patches can be repaired by seeding or by laying new turf. Water the ground during dry weather and protect seeded areas from the birds.

Perennials grown in containers may be given potash feed to help them survive the winter but do not give general feed as this will encourage new growth which is more susceptible to the cold. Allow container grown plants such as lilies and Agapanthus which need good drainage to dry out. Cut down on watering, stop feeding and place them in a non-heated greenhouse or in a sheltered area by the house. Pots of lilies may even be placed on their sides to prevent the rain getting into the crown. If the weather is cold or frost is forecast, bring pelargoniums or fuchsias into the greenhouse.

In September you are starting to prepare for winter but there is still much to enjoy in the garden.

Margaret Welsh

NATURE NOTES

Editor: David Sewell

Firstly, for the sharp-eyed among you it won't have escaped your notice that last month's notes on swifts were accompanied by a lovely image of an alpine swift rather than our common swift. These distinctive birds are a very rare spring visitor from Europe, they don't breed in Cherington! If anybody does see a large swift with a white belly locally, please do let me know.

Last week I found myself sitting in the departure lounge of Lands End airport watching the safety video and idly wondering if it was actually possible to fiddle about with a life jacket and then get out of the plane should it land on the sea. Either way, after one slightly hair-raising aborted take-off due to a 'fat seagull' that refused to get off the runway (pilot's description) we were eventually airborne and just as quickly descending onto the short runway on St Marys.

For the wildlife enthusiast Scilly is a bit special. A beautiful archipelago of low-lying islands some 30 miles out from mainland Cornwall, it has a temperate climate that enables palm trees and stick insects to thrive. More importantly, its geographical location on the very edge of the British Isles makes it a superb

place to hunt for rare birds that have overshot their migration routes; the chance of something unexpected is what draws me back there.

I wasn't to be disappointed. Once off the plane I turned my phone on and up pinged a message on the Scilly Isles birding WhatsApp group. '*American cliff swallow at Porthellick beach.*' With those few words I knew where I was going after dropping the bags off. Cliff swallows are super rare, what birders call a 'mega' or, if you want to delve even deeper into the murky world of twitching parlance, 'a crippler.' Casting my mind back I reckoned this was probably only the 13th record ever for Britain, ironically one that I'd already seen 25 years ago



in Hampshire, but that didn't matter, the old Scilly magic was weaving its spells again, and I set off to look for it.

Arriving at Porthellick beach I was faced with several hundred swallows wheeling in and around the beach, over the bay and amongst the adjacent pine trees. The sort of flocks that we're all used to as they gather ahead of moving out for the winter, fast moving and unsettled. I knew it would be amongst these somewhere but the sheer volume of birds, the speed at which they were circling and the

bright sunshine blowing out any details on the birds was making it a real challenge to see anything, let alone pick out a single bird. A strategy was required. Cliff swallows don't have the forked tail that our common swallows have, and I couldn't see any house martins in this flock. So, I started looking for the outline of a bird without a forked tail. It worked and after 30 minutes I was picking up the cliff swallow as it torpedoed past. A beautiful hirundine with a pale reddish rump, nape and chin and a distinctive creamy forehead. Fabulous!

My daily walks around Scilly were punctuated by hundreds of butterflies. Commas, speckled woods, red admirals, common blues...they were everywhere. Unlike here. It's been hard not to notice the dearth of these dainty creatures locally. Readers with long memories will recall my goal was to see a purple emperor in Whichford woods this year and I tried, I really did. I researched the very best time to see them, the best time of day, the best temperatures, where they would be in the rides, how far up, which trees were best, but to no avail. Several visits resulted in a couple of meadow browns and a comma. It looks like the cold and wet spring has had far reaching effects on our lepidoptera populations. Fingers firmly crossed that next year is better.

David Sewell

Acorns School News

Sports Day

A fantastic afternoon at Long Compton Recreation Ground was had by all children in July. The field events, consisting of long jump, javelin and speed bounce were a real success and children shone with their abilities and courage. Racing down the track was a highlight for all with sprint races, egg and spoon, sack and house relays. Kingstree lifted the trophy high for 2024, with Hidcote in second place and Whichford in 3rd place.

Well done to all the children for their determination and a huge thank you to Shaun Kench and all the helpers who enabled this event to take place. It is fantastic to be able to use the Recreation Ground instead of our Orchard as it allows children to challenge themselves with events such as javelin and longer distances for running.



Shipston Proms Primary Concert

This year, lots of children from Acorns performed in the Primary School Proms where talented young musicians from across The Stour Federation schools came to perform in front of a packed audience. We were treated to bin drumming, guitar and piano recitals, brass ensembles as well as a choir performance involving the whole audience.

Many thanks to the children who entertained us so wonderfully, to Charlotte Haines (Chair of Shipston Proms) for their support and to Mrs. Roberts for her work coordinating the event.

Active Travel Day

At the end of term, we held our Active Travel Day. This special day was organised by Acorns School Council as part of their work this year on sustainability.

With support from the Warwickshire Safe and Active Travel team, the children had a wonderful day filled with lots of exciting and educational events, including: a scooter safety assembly for Little Acorns and Class 1, cycle safety



workshops for Class 2 and Class 3 and a bling your bike session for each class. The children also had the opportunity to ride their bikes and scooters around a designated track.

To finish off a brilliant morning with our visitors from Warwickshire

County Council, we were presented with a Silver Level Safe and Active Schools Award in recognition of all of our work this year on road safety and active travel across the whole school.

Class of 2024

Class 3's production of *'I'm an 11-Year-Old, Get Me Out of Here!'* was a roaring success, with audience participation and belly laughs from all around! Huge congratulations to the children - they really did themselves proud - certainly, some budding actors and actresses! Thanks must go to Miss Taher for co-

wins £1500, which school can use towards some much-needed forest school equipment. Please help spread the word and remember us during the holidays!

Olympics

Our Olympic Celebration was a wonderful way to end a fantastic year of learning. We have enjoyed reading our special Olympic books to find out all about the world's largest sporting competition.

As part of the classes learning about the Olympic Games, reception children visited Feldon Valley to experience playing golf! Rabbits class have been learning about rhythmic gymnastics and have enjoyed creating their own ribbon routines in the hall and outside at playtime.

In English lessons, Rabbits children collaborated to write and perform poems about the Paris Olympics, which they shared with the whole school, along with the fabulous Olympic torches, in our own version of the Games closing ceremony during the last week of term. The Olympic theme has continued into



maths, looking at medal counts and investigating different combinations of bronze, silver and gold medals.

Owls class really enjoyed the Olympic focus on the history of the Games and its events. Children tried their hand at writing some engaging non-chronological reports

about events that they were most interested in, presenting some discontinued events at our closing ceremony.

In the final few days of term, Badgers Class transformed into 'Badgers Sport Production Company' and in only three days, created a TV show all about the Olympics. Children organised themselves into groups, researched their chosen area, wrote a script, created props and performed their presentation to the school with energy and enthusiasm! It was great fun, and we definitely have some budding TV presenters in our midst!

VILLAGE NEWS

BARCHESTON WITH WILLINGTON



St. Martin's
BARCHESTON

2024

ORGAN RECITALS



St. Martin's
BARCHESTON

1st September: Thomas Dilley (All Saints, Fulham)

6th October: Charles Matthews (St Catharine's, Chipping Campden)

3rd November: Rory Moules (The Oxford Oratory)

1st December: Colin Millington (St Mary's, Warwick)

**Recitals are on the first Sunday of the month (May to December) at
3.30pm**

Entry is FREE. Donations to St Martin's Organ fund are invited.

For details of these and other organ recitals please visit:
organrecitals.uk

www.stmartinsbarcheston.co.uk

Barcheston Concerts

2024

20 to 22 September

Shipston Song 2024 at Famington Farm www.shipstonsong.co.uk

***13 October**

A piano recital by Giulia Contaldo at Famington Farm at 3.30pm. Giulia took part in the masterclass weekend with Dame Imogen Cooper at Famington Farm in January 2024.

www.giuliacontaldo.com

***20 October**

A concert of cello and organ music at St Martin's Church, Barcheston at 3.30pm with

Moshe Friedman (cello) and Charles Matthews (organ)

***23 November**

Dorian Rambaud (violin) and Eve-Melody Salom (piano) will give a recital at Famington Farm at 7pm of classical, romantic and virtuosos works by Mozart, Dvorak, Bazzini, Vitali, Paganini, Beethoven and Chopin

Tickets and information for Shipston Song (20 to 22 Sept) will be available via their websites listed above. For tickets and information on all other concerts please email:

david@famington.co.uk

*NB concerts marked * are in aid of the Fabric and Organ Funds at St Martin's, Barcheston*

Tickets are not issued but entry is by donation. To reserve a seat please email as above.

www.stmartinsbarcheston.co.uk

BARCHESTON WITH WILLINGTON PARISH MEETING ADVANCE NOTICE



The next Village Meeting for Barcheston and Willington will be held on

Thursday October 10th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, Burmington.

This is an opportunity for you to keep in touch with Village and District affairs, to raise any concerns or opportunities you may have and to become part of the village discussion .

Points to be discussed will include: Matters arising at the last meeting including plans for the village Defibrillator, an update from your Local Councillors and village plans for Bonfire Night.

Please come and give your support. We look forward to seeing you all.

VILLAGE NEWS Barton-on-the-Heath

Editor: Cathryn Aitken



Book Club



It was a pleasure to meet and talk about '*Old Filth*' by Jane Gardam, a prolific novelist with many awards to her name.

'*Old Filth*' refers to barrister Edward Feathers. Filth refers to his career; '*failed in London, try Hong Kong.*' His is a sadly typical background. As a child of 'the Raj' he was sent 'home' as a small boy, away from parents and familiar surroundings in Malaya to bleak, cold and violent 'care' in Wales. The story of his eventual survival into early middle-age and his subsequent marriage to the redoubtable Betty is told here with most wonderful dialogue, descriptions and exceptional

characters, such that the reader is drawn in completely. This is a feast for those who enjoyed the book, as it is part of a trilogy, which we agreed we might explore in a further choice for the book group.

Gillian Cathie



all tickets include a glass of Barton rosé wine & there will also be a cash bar & ice cream for sale

tickets - either **£20**

bring your own picnic and blanket or chairs to enjoy the jazz from the stunning main lawn

or **£40**

premium tickets - for undercover seating & tables, and include a 12" stonebaked pizza (limited number of premium tickets)

- assistance dogs only
- free parking
- auction

Jazz on the lawn

featuring **HOT FINGERS**

tickets in advance only from helen@seymoursmith.co.uk

Friday 6th Sept 2024

at from 6pm

Barton House
Barton-on-the-Heath GL56 0PJ
nr. Moreton-in-Marsh



all proceeds to support the incredible work of Shipston Home Nursing

Registered Charity No. 1162586

This event is in memory of Hamish Cathie, creator of much of the fine garden at Barton House, and who sadly died last October. Shipston Home Nursing were simply amazing in the care they provided for him in his last few weeks.

enjoy an eclectic mix of early jazz, blues, swing, ragtime and string band music from the 1920s & 30s, together with a rare chance to wander around the beautiful 6 acre garden of this Elizabethan manor house

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SHELDON BOSLEY
KNIGHT



VILLAGE NEWS

Burmington

Editor: Graham French



Village Breakfast

We have our usual breakfast on Saturday 7th September.



Please note earlier time: 8.00-10.00 am.
Come and join us for a full English to get
your weekend and month off to a good
start. £6.00.

Please book in with Robyn on
07966849149.

All dietary requirements
catered for.

Burmington Tabletop Sale

We are planning to hold a Tabletop Sale in the village on 21st September. It's a
a great opportunity for a clear out.

Please contact me for details. 07818 424288

Neil Johnson

Burmington Scarecrow Festival

By the time this goes to print, Burmington will be holding its third Scarecrow
Festival.

This year's theme is Nursery Rhymes. Whether you live in our village or are
passing through we do hope you recognise some new occupants.

Voting for our favourites is open to everyone from 14th September - look out for
the ballot box at the Village Hall.

On Saturday 21st September from midday there will be cakes and drinks
available in the Village Hall while we conclude the voting and announce the
winner.

Neil Johnson



Family Harvest Festival Service

Our Family Harvest Festival service will be held in our church at 11am on Sunday 15th September.

You are welcome to bring harvest produce and tins/jars etc which will be distributed to the local food banks.

Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall

Whether or not you are able to make the church service, please do join us for Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12 noon. Offers of help/ food are welcome.

Please contact Sonia (01608 661459) for further details.

Proms/Family Picnic

On Friday June 21st the Shipston Shout choir sang a medley of Beatles songs as part of the Shipston Proms, held by very kind permission of Michael Macdonald, in his garden. We had a raffle, tombola, face painting and face glitter.

Profits went to St Barnabas and St Nicholas church, Burmington.



Obituary: Jane Holder



Jane Holder was born at the family farmhouse in Long Compton, in March 1930. Three years later, she and her parents moved to a farm near Bourton-on-the-Hill.

Life was tough in the years leading up to and during World War II. Jane, her younger sister Carol, and their mother were all involved in farm and gardening tasks. Jane learnt to milk cows drive a tractor and cut grass with a scythe. She kept hens and geese, selling the eggs for pocket money and learnt to make her own

clothes.

Jane attended half a dozen different schools, as well as being home tutored by a refugee academic from Czechoslovakia. She didn't like boarding school and was happier at home.

In her early 20s, Jane went to London for secretarial training, but soon had to come home to help her father as her mother was seriously ill. She worked the farm alongside her father throughout her mother's illness and after her death, as well as running the house and garden and supporting her sister.

When her father remarried, she moved to Charlton Abbots, near Andoversford, where she worked as estate secretary. Here, Jane created the first garden she could call her own. She invested in a greenhouse and started growing flowers and vegetables from seed, as well as acquiring cuttings and plants from friends and relatives. Her garden in Burmington contained many of these. She also built

a grass tennis court. In spare time she entertained her niece and nephew and played bridge.

It was here that she decided to address the gaps in her education, going to evening classes and ending up with a clutch of O and A levels.

In the late 1970's she left Charlton Abbotts for Oxford where she worked for a firm of estate agents, becoming increasingly involved in letting properties, something she much enjoyed.

She bought a house in a nearby village, acquired another greenhouse, created her second garden and becoming a pillar of the village gardening club.

When she retired, she moved to Burmington, where she spent some of the happiest years of her life.

Sarah Russell (Jane's niece)

Jane Holder's Life in Burmington

Jane was an incredible person with so many skills and talents. One of my earlier memories of her, when she moved to Burmington was of her laying her own concrete steps – at quite an advanced age.

Her knowledge and love of plants proved to be a valuable benefit not only to me, when she and her sister Carole worked on the Shipston Home Nursing Plant Sale but also to Burmington church and village more widely. Jane was consistently generous in encouraging villagers and flower arrangers to pick from her garden.

It was Jane who masterminded the wildflower meadow in the Manor Memorial Ground, years ahead of the time it became a fashionable thing to do and the meadow is a living memorial to Jane's service to our church. It's also very fitting that she will be buried in the Memorial Ground. She also advised on the shrubs in the churchyard for their suitability for flower arranging. For a time, she took on the responsibility for managing the churchyard, often mowing it herself at a considerable age.

Jane's commitment to Burmington was evident in the many years that she served as Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council. She contributed significantly as Sacristan and as a member of the PCC, frequently having very strong opinions about the ways in which things should be done! She also regularly cooked for the CAMEO lunch club.

Jane was a wonderful presence in the village and enriched the lives of her friends and neighbours with her generosity and friendship. She will be much missed.

Sonia Baker

VILLAGE NEWS

Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



Village Lottery January Draw

1st Roy Hawley £80 2nd Erica Jackson £45 3rd Eric Clubley £30.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you all for your continued support.
For information on joining the lottery please contact me

Averell Kingston 07984 003675/aap.kingston@gmail.com

Coffee Shop

September 14th 10.30am-12 noon

The Hall, Stourton, CV36 5HG

Bacon baps, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cake.

Come along and meet new friends or catch up with old ones. Bring and Buy in aid of playing field funds.



Thank you to everyone whos' offered to be on the rota to help out if there's anyone else who would like to be added or would be able to go on a cake making rota, please contact me on 07866127409

Christine Dudfield



Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

Social Afternoon dates for your diary are Fridays 6th Sept and 20th Sept 2.00pm to 4.00pm at The Hall.

For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.

Vanessa Compton

Local Gardener Comes Highly Recommended



This is what village life is all about when a neighbour pops round unexpectedly to cut her neighbours hedge which was very much appreciated.



We do hope this will be well supported by families from Cherington, Stourton, and Sutton under Brailes, but we need to have names and phone numbers of those who would like to attend.

Please contact Sue Williams 01608 686414 or Sue Rodger 07796 036813 to register your interest as soon as possible.

Sue Williams

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebration in the church will be held at the end of the month. As I write, the harvest was in full swing and hopefully those with vegetable patches are picking the fruits of their labours.

The flower team will be decorating the church ahead of the service. However, I would be grateful for donations of produce or store cupboard items to add to the display. Everything donated will be taken to a local food bank afterwards.

It is especially lovely if the children of our villages (parents please help) are able to bring something for the service. A basket of apples/pears perhaps, or a posy of flowers. These can be brought on the day, or between 10am and 12pm on Saturday 28th, when I will be at the church to receive them.

Sarah Scotter

Brailes Picture House

Friday 20th September - The Boys in the Boat

Doors open 7.15pm

True story about the University of Washington rowing team's inspiring journey to winning a Gold Medal at the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936.

The crew was made up of sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers. How these underdogs from the American West beat the odds and found hope in the most desperate of times - the Great Depression - showed the world what true grit really meant.

Cast - Callum Turner, Hadley Robinson, Joel Edgerton, Jack

Future Titles

Friday 18th October - One Life

Friday 15th November - Wicked Little Letters

Deirdre and Team

Cherington and Stourton Show

What a fantastic day - the weather was wonderful, so a record amount of people turned out to enjoy a successful and entertaining show. The move up to the hall has proved a good one (with lots of lessons learnt).



Photograph courtesy of hgerrard photography

The committee would like to thank everyone for their help and support during and after the show. It would not be possible to run the show without all the help so willingly given with setting up the field (and clearing up afterwards), door to door collections, ticketing the bottle stall, running stalls, running the teas and bar, selling raffle tickets and exhibiting produce and crafts.

Thank you also to the owners of the classic cars and tractors that

produced an exciting display and gave enjoyment to many visitors.

The main attraction was Dangerous Steve who put on a thrilling show. The exhibits in the hall were spectacular, and a colourful sight with fruit, vegetables,



Photograph by Tony Wells

flowers and produce together with art, craft, photography and the children's classes. Well done to everyone who entered and thank you for contributing to the excellent display.

If anyone would like to join the team, we would love to welcome you!

Lois Dudfield Co Chair 07967630880

Cheringtonandstourtonshow@gmail.com

"Congratulations Lois, Becky, Jim and all those involved in organising this year's show, with the move from church grounds to The Hall being a resounding success. From personal experience, I know what hard work it takes to run the show. I take particular pleasure in seeing a successful show in The Hall field, as this option was one of my arguments when Chairperson of The Village Hall Committee as to why we needed a new hall on a new site. Keep up the good work"

Tony Wells



Sunrise by Sue Rodger

Cherington, Stourton & Sutton-under-Brailes Village Hall

We are excited to have 2 brand new regular children's activities starting this month, as well as a new Yoga class time.

See www.thehallevents.org.uk/events/ for the diary of activities at the Hall.

Every Monday sees Mini Tennis Stars bringing 3 brilliant, skill-building tennis classes for 2-6 yr olds to The Hall. Agility, balance, co-ordination, as well as self-confidence and independence all benefit, and of course the classes are a lot of FUN!

3.30-4.00pm 2-3 yrs 4.00-4.30pm 3-4.5 yrs 4.30-5.05pm 4.5-6 yrs

Contact them on 07919 483783 / hello@minitennisstars.co.uk / www.minitennisstars.co.uk

Every Wednesday morning, babies and pre-schoolers can be entertained at Gurgle & Co's interactive developmental play sessions. With 3 times slots, babies from newborn up to 2.5-year-olds can enjoy age-appropriate fun, exploratory play sessions and benefit from these social sessions with peers. Sessions at 10.15am (walking-2.5), 11.20am (sitting up to new walkers) and 12.25pm (newborn to crawling)

For more info and to book visit: <https://gurgleandco.com/book/>

Evening Yoga session - Thursdays will see a new Yoga class time - starting on 19th September, Claire will be running a 7.30-8.45pm session every week (except Farmer's Market days), in place of the previous Thurs daytime. Monday morning at 9.15am continues. Contact Claire to book and for details: 07980 543437 / www.inspirehealthandwellbeing.co.uk

On **Monday 30th Sept the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens** are hosting a morning walk, convening at The Hall at approx 9.30am. A sociable walk, with an opportunity to find out more about the work the voluntary wardens are involved in locally.

Another chance to attend a **Mini First Aid training** session is coming on Sunday 29th September. Covering potentially lifesaving first aid skills appropriate for babies and children, up to 18 yrs. Ideal for parents, grandparents and carers. Book a place at:

<https://warwickshire.minifirstaid.co.uk/classes/open/17707>

Alternatively, on 29th, one of Helen's very popular creative fused glass workshops is running from 10-12, for info email hc90352@gmail.com or call 01789 417802.

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LONG COMPTON
Email: editor@swlink.gmail.com



Join us for **Quiz Night**

7pm, Friday 27th September 2024
Long Compton Village Hall

Enter a team of up to 7 people

Pay bar

Cheese sharing board

Entry £10 per head if booked in advance or £12 per head on the door

To book call Mo Read on 07814 802814 or email lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk



SHIPSTON TOWN BAND

PICNIC CONCERT

Conductor Alex Bland

Join Shipston Town Band for a picturesque picnic concert starting at 2.30pm – a perfect blend of brass melodies and outdoor charm. Pack your picnic and rug, revel in the tunes, and enjoy the licensed bar. Make memories under the open sky!

8TH SEPTEMBER 2024 | 1PM GATES OPEN

Long Compton Village Hall

Main Street, Long Compton, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 5JJ



Jazz in the Village

"Very cool music played in a magical atmosphere - this will appeal to jazz novices as well as hardcore enthusiasts." *Times Music Magazine*

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Ian Millar
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Dominic Spencer
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"Beautiful soaring magic! I was blown away by your show, just breathtaking!"

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LONG COMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Main Street, Long Compton, CV36 5JJ

Bar

Accompanied under 16s free

Fri 4th Oct 8pm £12

ticket sales number- 07814 802814

UK TOUR 2024

www.millarandspencer.co.uk

Comptonians

On September 18th we shall go on a river cruise at Stratford -on -Avon to include tea and cakes.

Coach pick up time is at 1.00pm at the usual pick-up points.

Margaret Welsh 684238

Long Compton Chapel

The Book Swap has been restored to the porch

Saturday 28th September: Whist Drive 7.00pm. £7.00 for play (with prizes), refreshments and raffle.

Monday 23rd September 10.00am to 4.00pm, : Alison Hulme is running a course on screen printing onto fabric. Tea and coffee provided (bring your own Lunch). The fee to cover materials is £65.00 Contact Elizabeth (office@gilkesenterprises.com/07791621778) to book or for further information. Owing to the space needed there is a limit on the number of people so please book your place asap!



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Macmillan Cancer Support

Tea and cake, stalls, raffle. All proceeds to the worthwhile charity. Donations of cake, prizes, gifts or TIME gratefully received!

The collection point for aluminium cans and foil in aid of Katharine House Hospice is located at the edge of the car park.

Our Café Church style services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 3.30pm, however Sunday 15th September will be our Macmillan Charity event so the next service will be our Harvest Service on Sunday 20th October at 3.30pm.

Sally Franklin 07870 545431 and

Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778 longcomchapel@hotmail.com



Join us for Community Coffee

at



St Peter and St Paul's Church, Long Compton
on

Weds September 4th from 10.30am to 12.00
and the 1st Wednesday of every month

All are very welcome,
Young, Old, Families, Dog Walkers and Newcomers to the Village.

St Peter and St Paul, Long Compton and the Village Hall

invite you to

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 22nd September 12.30pm

in the Village Hall

TICKETS £8.00 ADULT, CHILDREN FREE

The lunch will follow the 10.30am Harvest Service in church

**Tickets from Charlotte Field 01608 684923 or email
charlottefield0651@gmail.com**



Bridge Club

The Bridge Club will start again at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 10 September after the summer break, and thereafter on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Chris Galloway 684234

100 Club

The August Draw was drawn at the Village Hall Social Saturday on 10 August and the winners were:

1st prize:	Mrs Burrows	2nd prize:	Mr Rogan
3rd prize:	Nikki Graske	4th prize:	Alison Haine

Chris Galloway 684234



Long Compton and District Garden Club

AGM and *'Finding the Angle at Chelsea'*

With speaker Mandy Bradshaw

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 7:30pm, Long Compton Village Hall
Our evening meetings will start up again this autumn. Our first meeting will combine a very brief AGM followed by a talk from Mandy Bradshaw on *'Finding the angle at Chelsea'*

Mandy is a Cotswolds-based journalist, specialising in gardening. In 2018, she was named Garden Journalist of the Year in the Property Press Awards, a title that went to Alan Titchmarsh in 2019. Mandy's talk will give a behind-the-scenes glimpse of press day at Chelsea, the world's most famous flower show.

This will also be an opportunity to sign up for membership of the club and hear all about our programme of events for the coming autumn/winter season.

All welcome, please do come and join us! Doors open at 7:10pm

Annual membership £14.00, guests £4.00 per meeting

Julie Reardon, julielcdgc@gmail.com

Garden Club Visit Report

On August 8th, thirty-three Garden Club members visited the garden of Colebrook House in Blockley.

We were met by the Head Gardener Glyn Jones and his apprentice Grace. Glyn explained that the site of the garden was once a silk mill. The present owners had redeveloped the 3-acre garden over the last 5 years. This has included putting in hard landscaping. A broad terrace links the newly formed walled garden to the pool terrace and croquet lawn. The garden slopes down to the Blockley Brook. Glyn told us about an exciting new project which involves the development of the walled garden area. A large greenhouse is to be erected, the plants will be dug up and transplanted throughout the garden and new raised beds built which will be planted to represent different regions

e.g. Mediterranean, South American, arid zones etc.



The walled garden has 3 main raised beds surrounded by lonicera and lavender hedges. The top bed was for cutting flowers for the house and contained a beautiful planting of pastel-coloured sweet peas, nicotiana and antirrhinums and dahlias. The second bed of herbaceous perennials included phlox, scabious and monarda and finally there was a lovely bed of roses inter planted with cleomes.

Below this was a propagation area where, with the owners help, up to 8,000 plants are raised each year. At a lower level in the garden 3 to 4 tons of compost is produced per year and in addition about 10 tons is brought in. Glyn proudly told us that his compost reaches a

temperature of 74 degrees which will kill weed seeds. The owner keeps hens which also produce waste to help fertilise the garden. The grounds are irrigated by water from the brook.

We were told what was looking particularly good and left to wander freely around the garden. In the main border by the terrace there was a lovely display of hydrangeas, hollyhocks, crocosmias, rudbeckias and roses. On the terrace there were large planters with more roses and agapanthus. Continuing down to the brook we crossed a bridge festooned with wisteria and followed a winding path through a wildflower area. At the top of the bank there was a seat which gave a lovely view to the SE. The pool area was planted with cherries and planters contained lilies and white perennials. A spectacular vine covered a changing area by the pool.

We thoroughly enjoyed our 2-hour tour of the garden and we finished the morning by having a delicious lunch at the Blockley Cafe. We hope to visit the garden again when it is open in the spring for the NGS and has, we are told, a lovely display of bulbs. However, this may have to wait for a year due to the redevelopment of the walled garden.

Margaret Welsh

Long Compton book club

We have now introduced a waiting list for new members, in order to keep discussions manageable. If you would like to add your name to the list, please contact:

Imogen Brown 07710 129181 brownimogen@gmail.com

For those interested in reading along with us anyway, our September books are:

"Village News" by Tom Fort

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The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



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There is no draw in August and next draw will be in September. Please let me know if you would like to have more shares as the club is still short of 100 shares. All proceeds go to help with the upkeep of the village hall.

James van Helden

Proposed Neighbourhood Plan

The Wolfords Joint Parish Council is looking into the possibility of producing a **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)** to cover both Great and Little Wolford. When finalised a NP is a legal document that is considered along with other planning guidelines by the District Council when any planning applications are made. We are hoping we may be able to join with other adjacent parishes such as Barton on the Heath so as to cover a larger area and reduce costs. We believe there are grants available to help with these.

Residents in Great Wolford will remember we produced a Village Design Statement 2019 and also undertook a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) in 2020. A NP will build on the information we already have although we are expecting to have to produce a more up to date HNS to cover both Wolfords and any interested villages. The hoped for Dark Sky designation would also be included.

The WJPCS is hoping to set up a working group to produce the NP so we are looking for any volunteers who would be willing to put aside some time to help, especially if you have any professional expertise which might be of use. We have been advised that new guidelines for NPs are currently being drawn up and we should wait until these are available although it would be useful to have expressions of interest before then.

A NP should give a brief history and character of the area, a vision statement for the villages and our strategic objectives. It will also need to cover current and future employment, our local environment including important landscapes and green spaces, local water courses, light and noise and air pollution. It will also need to define the current built up area how to meet any future housing needs,

preservation of heritage assets and the conversion and re use of buildings. Limitations of the current infrastructure such as water, wastewater and flood risk as well as connectivity generally. Are our local amenities adequate and how could they be improved? These are some suggestions of what we would hope our NP would cover but this is very much a community exercise and other suggestions may come forward.

If you would like to take part please contact either the Parish Clerk clerk@thewolfordsjpc.co.uk or the Chair chair@thewolfordsjpc.co.uk

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The Fox and Hounds Pub Planning Committee Meeting



It has been a cause of great sadness that The Wolfords have been deprived of their pub, The Fox and Hounds, since it was closed in 2016. On 14th August, the Stratford planning Committee met to discuss the last (we hope) in a long series of planning application by the owners for change of use into a 6-bedroom house. Supporters of the pub turned out in force, there must have been around 60, and listened to arguments for an hour and a half – nail biting tension, interrupted by outbreaks of applause when they strongly agreed with a point made in support of retaining the pub. At the final vote, an overwhelming majority voted against the planners' recommendation that change of use was granted (there was only a single hand raised in favour). Greatly relieved, the crowd crossed the road for a celebratory drink before returning home.

Two of the more compelling reasons for retaining the pub were that there have been two recent offers to buy it at a realistic price, and the recent Advice Note passed unanimously by the Council, which recommends stronger protection for pubs. The latter was proposed by our Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins who has lent unwavering support in the campaign to save the pub.

Huge thanks to everyone who came to support as there is no doubt this has an impact on the committee members to see the overwhelming desire to have pub reopened again for the local communities.

Dark Sky Area

The Wolfords Joint Parish Council is looking to clarify the current situation on Dark Skys in this area.

The principle behind Dark Sky Status is to ensure that artificial light does not obscure the ability to view the night sky. This does not mean banning outside light, just ensuring that it is appropriate and downward facing.

The current parish council and the previous Great Wolford Parish Council have always tried to ensure that this principle is incorporated into any planning applications that it comments on. A Parish Dark Sky area may be incorporated into documents such as a Neighbourhood Plan and is already included in the Village Design Statement 2019 for Great Wolford.

The Parish Council is looking to update our status so that it covers both Great and Little Wolford and this may mean that in future there would be registered locations in both villages which meet the criteria for viewing dark skies. Suggested sites are the churchyard in Great Wolford and the Green or Village Hall in Little Wolford. Currently, Long Compton is registered as a 'Milky Way Site', the highest classification and it would seem likely that the Wolfords could receive a similar classification. If enough of the local parishes get involved with Dark Sky Status this area could become a Dark Sky reserve. If any of our neighbouring parishes are interested in joining with us please contact our clerk at clerk@wolfordsjpc.co.uk

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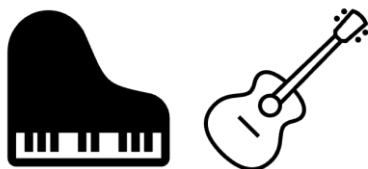
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