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# EVENTS DIARY

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## February (VH = Village hall; Ch = Church)

Sat	02	Great Rollright Market, Great Rollright VH	09.30
Sat	02	Grand Book Sale, Burmington VH	10.00
Sat	02	Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist, Tysoe Ch	
Sun	03	Barton Beneficial Book Club, Barton VH	
Sun	03	Red Lion Charity Quiz Night, Red Lion, Long Compton	19.30
Tue	05	Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club, VH	14.00
Wed	06	WOLFORDS WI, WOLFORDS VH	19.30
Wed	06	Cherington and Stourton Garden Group, The Hall	20.00
Thurs	07	North Cotswold Farmers Market, The Hall, Cherington	18.00
Sat	09	Full English Breakfast, Burmington VH	10.00
Sat	09	Social Saturday, Long Compton VH	11.00
Sat	09	Quiz + Fish and Chips, Wolfords VH	19.00
Sat	09	Amazing Musical Extravaganza, The Hall, Cherington	19.30
Mon	11	Parish Councillor Event, Stratford	18.30
Tue	12	Long Compton & District Walkers, depart Red Lion car park	09.30
Tue	12	Cameo Lunch Club, Burmington VH	12.00
Tue	12	Wolfords VH AGM, VH	19.30
Tue	12	Deanery Synod, St. Edmunds Ch, Shipston	19.30
Wed	13	Long Compton Book Club	19.00
Thurs	14	SW7 Benefice Lunch time talk for Women, The Old Forge, Stourton House	12.30
Thurs	14	St. Valentines Dinner, Long Compton VH	19.30
Sat	16	The Coffee Shop at The Hall, Cherington	10.30
Sat	16	Brailles Picturehouse, <i>King of Thieves</i> , Brailles VH	
Sun	17	Long Compton Ebenezer Chapel, <i>Chapel &amp; Tea</i> event	15.30
Sun	17	Red Lion Charity Quiz Night, Red Lion, Long Compton	19.30
Tue	19	Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club, VH	14.00
Wed	20	Comptonians, New Year lunch, Long Compton VH	12.30
Thurs	21	Rural Cinema, <i>The Children Act</i> , Wolfords VH	19.30
Tue	26	Flower Show Committee meeting, The Hall, Cherington	19.00
Wed	27	Long Compton and District Garden Club, Long Compton VH	19.30

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## 2019: A year of culture

Politics is turmoil. As a nation, we seem divided left, right, and centre. As someone who works in local government within the M25, I've managed to turn a surprising blind eye to the gory details of everything happening, only knowing the bare minimum and laughing my way through it with bad political memes and Twitter Moments. This is because I'm far more comfortable focusing on what unites, rather than what divides.

As opinionated as I am, I know where my happiness lies in times of uncertainty. It's in the things that connect people together en-masse: culture, music, art, dance and everything in between.

This year, I've found myself in the middle of such a celebration: the first ever London Borough of Culture. Waltham Forest, the London Borough that I have called home for the past two years, was awarded this prize from Sadiq Khan last year. Following in the footsteps of the City of Culture prize, the London Borough of Culture award is a grant designed to celebrate everything that makes London London – its people.

I don't know when or how it happened, but I currently find myself working on the communications for Waltham Forest's year of culture. We launched 2019 with a huge opening event over three nights in early January, Welcome to the Forest, which aimed to celebrate the past, present and future of the borough, with light installations, music mash-ups, street performers, films and so much more.



**Waltham Forest Town Hall illuminated for the launch event**

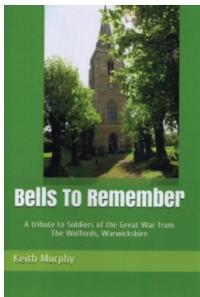
There's no denying that London has its fair share of awful crime rates. Unfortunately, Waltham Forest is within that statistic, and sadly, during the days running up to the opening event, a teenager was murdered on the streets of Leyton. Knife and gang crime has been a top priority for Waltham Forest in the last two years, with additional £800,000 being added to a £2 million yearly resource put towards tackling these issues.

Nothing can ever make up for a loss of life. Welcome to the Forest, however, brought people together in a way that only music, dance, art and culture can. The cohesive and bonding effects of such endeavours cannot be underestimated.

This should not be confused with ignoring drastic problems, whether political or personal, but my suggestion for the coming year would be to partake in the things in life that unite. All we have in this world is each other, anyway.

**Caroline Murphy, editor@swlink.org.uk**

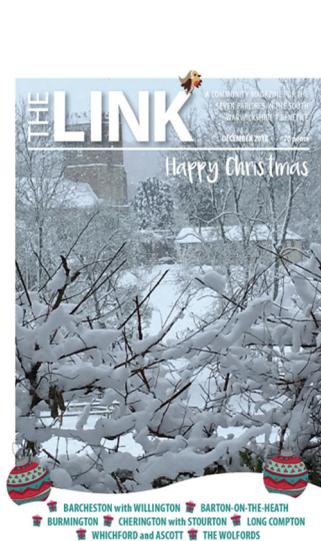
## LINK Talk



The 'Bells to Remember' project in Great Wolford has now been completed and the bells have been rung on the centenary for each of the soldiers on the Wolford memorial. To read of the soldiers and the bells that were rung, please consider a purchase of the booklet *Bells to Remember: A tribute to soldiers of the Great War from The Wolfords, Warwickshire*. The proceeds from this will be divided between The LINK and St. Michael's and All Angels church. Please do consider a purchase at £10.01 from <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1726883213>. If you would like me to order you a copy, please email me and I can do this for you.

## Vote Results for your Favourite 2018 Cover

The votes have been cast and the winner is – August, with 29.0 % of the vote. Congratulations to Andreas Klatt for supplying the winning photograph.



**December – Second**  
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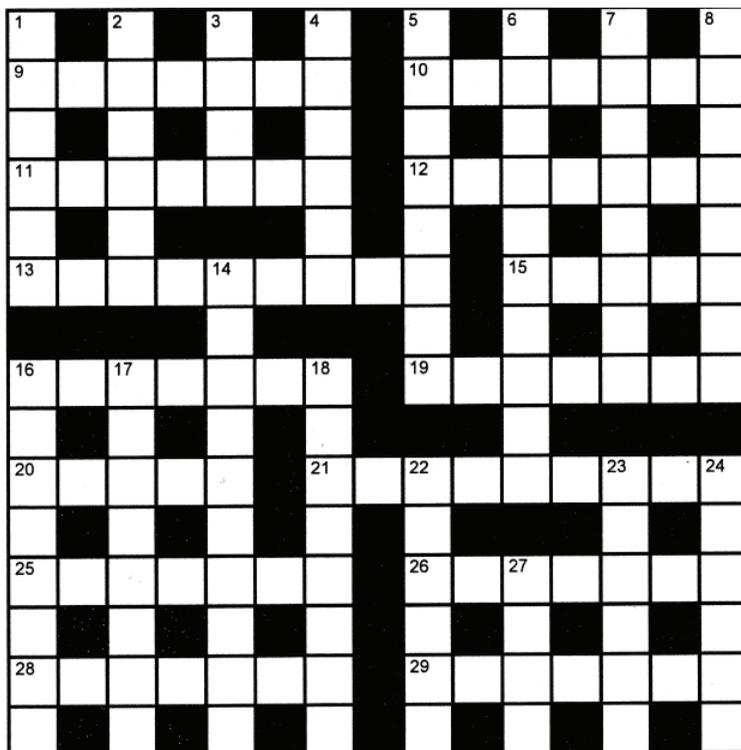
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**September – Third**  
**12.9 % of the vote**  
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# The LINK Crossword



## Across

- 9 Dreadful chorale for a dreadful disease. (7)
- 10 Mixed caviar for sheer geed. (7)
- 11 The largest city in Canada. (7)
- 12 Foot of a pig or horse. (7)
- 13 The answer is in another place. (9)
- 15 Be sorrowful , remove the head and behold a white bird. (5)
- 16 Used by trawlermen. (7)
- 19 A big mug could get this answer. (7)
- 20 Nothing in evil to speak about. (5)
- 21 12 and a half p in old coinage. (9)
- 25 Try to contain everything in a sort of onion. (7)
- 26 Don't bother to answer. (3,2,2)
- 28 Away from land. (7)
- 29 Brought to public notice. (7)

## Down

- 1 A low cutter. (6)
- 2 Traditional country-dancing. (6)
- 3 Could be a scarlet runner. (4)
- 4 She danced for Herod. (6)
- 5 The most distant. (8)
- 6 It's to do with the most famous Corsican. (10)
- 7 She reigned for 64 years. (8)
- 8 Saw-edged. (8)
- 14 Rehash stew lad run from the urge to go from place to place. (10)
- 16 Mathematical problem for a group of soldiers. (8)
- 17 A sprightly clue. (8)
- 18 Islander could be anti-thai. (8)
- 22 Pay attention to a silent arrangement. (6)
- 23 A double reed musician. (6)
- 24 The simpleton likes his pasta. (6)
- 27 Sounds like a noisy dog. (4)

*Compiled especially for The  
LINK by our good friend,  
Campden John*

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### DATES AND FETES

Please send us the dates of all your significant 2019 social events (i.e. events which will attract more than 100 people), be they fetes, garden parties or concerts. By listing them, we can help prevent date clashes between major events and disappointing attendance figures for all concerned. Please be sure to check this list before you plan a new event.

14 February	St. Valentine's Day Dinner at Long Compton Village Hall - 7.00 pm
27 February	Long Compton and District Garden Club - 'Life after Snowdrops'
02 March	Congregational Church Whist Drive
13 March	Compton and District History Society - 'A History of Morris Dancing'
01 June	Cherington Stourton and Sutton Village Tennis Tournament
03 August	Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Country Fair and Flower Show

***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 Monday to Friday, 9.30 to 3.15 pm and 8.30 am to 12.15 pm on Saturday and Sunday. It is closed on Bank Holidays.***

### LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

***Chipping Norton***, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 26 London Road, Mass on Saturday evening, 6.00 pm and Sunday morning, 11.00 am. Tel: 642703

***Stow-on-the-Wold***, Our Lady and St Kenelm, 5 Back Walls, Sunday 9.00 a.m. and Our Lady Help of Christians, Station Road, Bourton-on-the-Water Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m. Tel: 01608 674354

***Brailes/Shipston/Kineton*** Masses: *Saturday* - Vigil 5.00 pm at SS Peter and Paul, Brailes. *Sunday* - 9.00 am at Our Lady and St Michael, Shipston and 11.00 am at St. Francis of Assisi, Kineton.

***Chipping Campden***, St Catharine's Lower High Street, Sunday masses: - Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m. Sunday 10.30 a.m. Tel: 01386 840261

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### LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Minister Marion Hartwell attends to conduct seasonal services. For details of these, and interim services and events, contact Secretary Sally Franklin 01608 684739 or email longcomptonebenezerchapel@outlook.com

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### LOCAL QUAKER MEETINGS

***Broad Campden***, Friends Meeting Hse, Broad Campden, Meeting for worship: Sunday at 10.30 am.

***Ettington***, Friends Meeting Hse., Old Halford Rd, Ettington, Meeting for worship: Sunday at 11.00 am.

***Sibford***, Friends Meeting Hse., Sibford Gower, Meeting for worship: Sunday at 10.30 am.

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 Great Wolford  
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*Happy  
 Birthday!*



February Birthdays

20th Isobel Bygate

23rd Rowan Thompson

Willington

Cherington

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**SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CHURCHES – FEBRUARY 2019 CHURCH SERVICES**

<b>SW 7 Sunday Worship</b>	<b>St Martin Barcheston</b>	<b>St Lawrence Barton</b>	<b>St Barnabas &amp; St Nicholas Burmington</b>	<b>St John the Baptist Cherington</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul Long Compton</b>	<b>St Michael Whichford</b>	<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels Wolford</b>
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (SPA)	<i>(Support Long Compton or Wolford)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston or Whichford)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion* (BD) 4:00pm CW Informal Service (with kids groups) (BD/SPA)	10:30am BCP Morning Prayer (SPA)	10:30am CW Morning Prayer (BD)
February 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	<i>(Support Burmington)</i>	4:00-6:00pm Youth Bible Study (Village Hall)	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (SPA)	10.30am CW All Age Service (BD)	10:30am CW Village Service (SPA)	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	<i>(Support Burmington)</i>
February 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	<i>(Support Cherington)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (SPA)	10:30am CW Family Service (BD)	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	4:00pm CW Informal Service (with kids and youth groups) (SPA/BD)	<i>(Support Cherington or Burmington)</i>	10:30am Ecumenical Service at Little Wolford Village Hall (SPA/CLW)
February 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>						10:30am CW Benefice Communion (BD/SPA)	
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	<i>(Support Long Compton or Wolford)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston or Whichford)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion* (SPA) 4:00pm CW Informal Service (with kids groups) (BD/SPA)	10:30am BCP Morning Prayer (BD)	10:30am CW Morning Prayer (SPA)

SPA = Stuart Allen/BD = Ben Dyson/LM = Liz Maycock/AW = Anthony Wells/CLW = Clare Wells/BCP = Prayer Book/CW = Common Worship/\* = No Hymns

# SW7 BENEFICE CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

## New Year's Resolutions

I don't know whether you've made any New Year's resolutions for 2019? (Or whether you've managed to keep them!) Many people make resolutions to give up alcohol, eat less chocolate, or do more exercise. After the many meals and parties of the festive period, we're generally conscious of the need to look after our bodies.

But what about our spiritual health? Jesus famously said, *What good is it for a person to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his or her soul?* In other words, you can be as fit, beautiful, rich, and fulfilled as you like, but if you die without being ready to meet your Maker, what's the point?

For centuries people have found Jesus' teaching has revitalized and satisfied their souls. It has given them renewed confidence, joy, hope, purpose and meaning. But today there is a growing scepticism about Christianity. After all, we're told that faith is believing something for which there is absolutely no evidence.

But whilst this may be true of other religions or beliefs, it is certainly not true of Christianity. As the playwright and author Dorothy L. Sayers once said, *the Christian God is the only God with a date in history*. This is because the claims of the Christian faith rest on events concerning a person who really existed, which were written down close to the time, and which can be compared with other sources of the same period.

So what can the average secular historian know for certain about Jesus of Nazareth? Actually, far more than you might think; there's more historical evidence for the life of Jesus than for any other contemporary figure. That is why I am offering you the opportunity to explore the historical evidence for Jesus Christ this year. During the month of March, I'll be running the popular Christianity Explored course. In each session we'll get to grips with the Gospel of Mark, the earliest biography of Jesus' life based on the eye witness accounts of one of Jesus' closest friends. Why not make it a resolution for 2019 to find out for yourself whether Jesus Christ is all that Christians claim he is.

Sessions will take place at 8 The Long Close Stourton (CV36 5HT) and will be held on the 6, 13, 20 and 27 March at 7.30 pm. If you'd like to book a place on the course, please contact me by email at [pioneersw7@gmail.com](mailto:pioneersw7@gmail.com) or by phone on 01608 685752.

**Ben Dyson (Associate Minister)**

## Deanery News

A reminder about the Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist. The Royal School of Church Music is hosting a repeat of last year's popular Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist on Saturday 2 February, this time in St Mary's Church, Tysoe.

This is an event to which anyone who enjoys singing is invited, to be part of a bigger choir to lead the worship at the Eucharist that rounds off the afternoon. Music is either familiar or very straightforward. Either individuals or groups are welcome, and there is no charge, although donations are invited. Tea will be provided. For more information please contact Patsy Howes, on 07747 046374 or p.howes41@btinternet.com.

Deanery Synod will be meeting on 12 February, at 7.30 pm in St. Edmund's Shipston. The theme of the evening will be *Giving Well, Living Well during Lent*, when we explore the concepts of greener living and living well during the 40 days of Lent, drawing on the experiences of members of Synod. Anyone who is interested in living in a more sustainable fashion during Lent, taking care of God's creation, is welcome to join us and share their experiences with us.

Finally, a note that the dates and venues of the Deanery Lent Services are as follows:

Tuesday 12 March	Ilmington	Tuesday 2 April	Tidmington
Tuesday 19 March	Alderminster	Tuesday 9 April	Burmington
Tuesday 26 March	Whatcote	Tuesday 16 April	Honington

In each case it is 7.30 pm. The theme for the series is *Saints of These Isles* – and the speakers will all be home grown!

Jill Tucker, Rural Dean



### INVITATION

To a Series of Lunch-Time Talks and Discussions For Women  
The Old Forge, Stourton House 12.30 pm  
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY



Thursday 14 February  
Discovering and Using our Gifts in God's Service - Nicola Coombs

Simple Lunch Provided - donations please  
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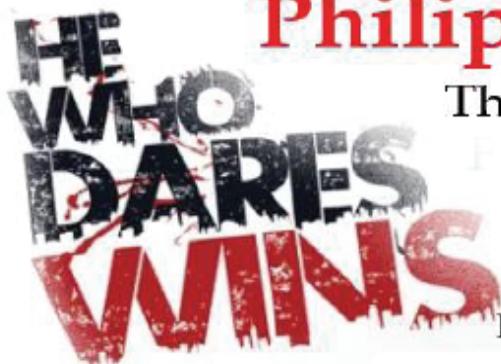


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# SW7 Men's Breakfast



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# SCHOOL NOTES

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## Acorns Primary School and Brailes C of E Primary School News Christmas Kindness



Over 100 pupils from the Stour Federation Partnership (Acorns Primary, Brailes C of E Primary and Shipston Primary) sang beautifully to open Shipston's Victorian Evening, forming a giant choir and accompanied by Shipston Town Band.

The Stour Federation Partnership participated in the 'Bags of Hope' appeal again this Christmas, where children and families chose to fill a bag with items they think a child in Syria would like to have, just like opening a stocking at Christmas. The response was even higher than last year with 234 bags being donated to send to babies and children who are in hospital in Syria. Shipston parent Vicky Flynn is delighted with the number of bags that were returned to Shipston Primary, Acorns Primary and Brailes C of E Primary School.



These bags of hope have now been shipped over to Syria and distributed in hospitals by the charity. Thank you to all the families that took part in this wonderful act of kindness and generosity.

## Green Screen Weather Reports



Using all they had learnt about seasons, cloud types, local weather and weather symbols, Class 1 at Acorns Primary were set the task of creating their own weather report. As this was quite a large challenge, they started by mind mapping everything they would need to complete our task. Over two weeks, Class 1 refreshed their memories on seasonal weather, symbols and made predictions for the weather. They wrote and edited weather report scripts and set up a pop up green screen weather studio and got to work. With the help of a few props and some editing using the Do Ink app, Class 1 produced their very own weather report fit for national viewing!

## Rockets

The finale to Class 3's *Stargazers* topic proved to be a huge success as the children's well-designed rockets took flight at Long Compton recreation ground. After being set the brief, researching existing products and deciding on the specification, children spent several of their *Innovate* lessons designing and making their rockets. The previous Rocketeers video (on the Class 3 page of the school website) was extremely helpful as it provided tips for the children following the completion of the project two years ago; the current Class 3 pupils used the 'lessons learned' well and made sure: their rocket fins were strong enough; they had the correct ratios of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar or air and water; their cork seals were tight but not too tight. The results were fantastic, just a few amendments were needed whilst at the park and the children were really thrilled with their achievements.



## Shining Lights

On Tuesday 20 November, Brailes C of E Primary School was one of the first schools in the country to be inspected under the new rigorous 2018 Evaluation Schedule. I am delighted that our school was graded GOOD.

Mrs. Childs is indeed a shining light in Christian leadership and our governors have shown courageous advocacy in all their decisions over the past few years - joining with the Stour Federation, opening a Nursery and offering Breakfast club provision. It is very pleasing that the strong partnerships that we have enhanced over the years with St. George's Church are recognised, that pupils are happy, hardworking and feel safe, and that staff are recognised as exemplary role models. It is a very strong report: Mrs. Childs, staff and governors all feel we are close to achieving the 'Excellent' grade and will be striving for excellence in the coming years.

Installed just in time for our inspection was our stained-glass window in the school hall, beautifully drawn by Mrs. Childs following input from pupils, staff and governors. The window depicts our school Christian vision and values with additional symbolism throughout the design. Thanks to our parent governors for installing the window.



## Author Visit

Owls class at Brailes School were very excited about a visit from an author they recognised from the playground! They were grateful for the opportunity to quiz parent L.L. Wiggins on her new book, *The Power of Three*, and enjoyed listening to an intriguing extract.

## St. George's Club

Throughout the Autumn term, the St. George's Club have been thinking about Christian Hospitality. God's two greatest commandments are to love God and to love others. Hospitality is an important part of this. It is all about welcoming everybody and making sure that there really are no outsiders.



The children were challenged to think of ways in which they could make both our school and church a more welcoming place to everybody. As a result of their discussions, the St. George's Club decided to make some cushions to give the children's area in church a more comfortable and friendlier feel.

Firstly, the children worked hard on creating a design for the cushions and then secondly, they carefully stitched on a variety of buttons and sequins to make the cushions

bright and textured. The result looks fantastic!

At the Advent family service, St. George's Club presented the *Welcome* cushions to the church. The children helped Reverend George Warner lead the worship by reading both the address and prayers. They were excellent ambassadors for the school, reading aloud clearly and with superb expression.

The cushions now sit brightly in the newly renovated children's area. Do look out for them next time you visit St. George's Church.



*Hillside Sunset* by Jenny Henderson of Great Wolford

## Livestock and the Environment

Writing this in *Veganuary*, I thought it might be interesting to assemble a few facts around the livestock industry. These largely relate to the cattle and sheep sectors as I have little personal knowledge of pigs or poultry. Around 65% of UK farmland is only suitable for livestock. In our case, a mainly arable farm, we have 30 acres containing an ancient monument and land protected by Historic England that can't be used for arable. The old permanent pasture supports many insects and plants, so we use no fertiliser and only spot spray pernicious weeds such as clumps of thistles or nettles. These are valuable wildlife habitats, but we have lots in the hedges and headlands. They need to be controlled on grassland or they will take over as animals will not eat them. This is an area with a good diversity of birdlife and insects as we know from a friends' farm which had the largest diversity of moths in the county. Other areas of the country where livestock predominate, tend to be on the west where rainfall makes arable farming difficult.

Grassland is a very good store of carbon and cattle and sheep are vital in the life cycle of many species such as the large blue butterfly and the dung beetle, the latter breaking down the cow pats into lovely organic material which goes back into the soil. On this farm we have lots of swallows which we are pleased to see every spring and they love the insects that follow the cattle. The swallows spend most of their time flying over the permanent pasture and much prefer it to the arable fields.

Cattle and sheep produce a lot of methane. Research is now being done into cattle feed to reduce the emissions, but a lot of the current evidence comes from the USA where animals are kept on large feed lots which is very different from the extensive farming common in the UK. Research from the Oxford Martin Programme points out that Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) persists in the atmosphere for hundreds of years. The current problem was started in the industrial revolution when coal burning really took off. Methane will disappear in a few years, so any reduction should have a quicker effect.

In this country many iconic landscapes such as the Lake District were created by livestock grazing. Without sheep, the land would revert to scrub which may be good in some areas, but I doubt anyone would want this everywhere.

Livestock are often blamed for increasing antibiotic resistance but in the UK there has been a big reduction in the use of antibiotics. The poultry sector has reduced by 82% and the pig sector has halved its use in the last two years. Prophylactic use of antibiotics is banned in UK cattle and sheep feed and the use of antibiotics in the UK is far less than overseas. In the US, cattle farmers use antibiotics in feed as growth promoters which is certainly not the case here.

We, like many people, now eat far less but better-quality meat than we used to. To try to ban red meat completely would not be good for the environment, nor probably the overall health of the nation.

# NATURE NOTES

Editor: Tony Partridge  
Tel: 684698

Readers with bird tables in their gardens will now see the blue tit with its blue cap, the great tit with the black streak down its middle and now and then we will have a visit from the coal tit, unlike the other two in appearance with its black head and white cheeks. But the visit we all hope for, is a that of the most charming of them all - the long tailed tits. Suddenly, you'll have a flock swoop down and devour the seeds and nuts and fat balls with a concentrated voraciousness. And then, as suddenly as they appear, they are gone. You may see them again another day, you may not.

The mystery is why they make these sudden sorties, from where do they come, how do they find our feeding stations and why do they not continue to come back on a regular basis? Who knows? But during their brief visits, they are a great pleasure to watch. Among all flocking birds they are the most family conscious, the flock you see will consist of mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. An interesting feature of their nests is that, where available, they will use a particular species of lichen, pieces of which when placed side by side act like velcro, and thus render the nest waterproof.

A few weeks ago I was travelling along a motorway and I noticed alongside the road a long line of silver birch trees. As there is nothing more boring than a motorway, I looked at them with interest. (I was not driving, by the way!) Why had these trees been planted? Was it because it was a rough long uncultivated area, where these would be best? More likely I think it was because it is a most attractive tree enhancing the view of the motorway. Easily established, it is small wonder that it is a favourite amongst many gardeners when wishing to plant trees in their own gardens. Bunches of birch twigs used to be collected and displayed to discourage evil spirits. The 'besom' brush is of birch twigs. As a boy, I devoured tales of adventures in North America, where Native Americans were said to travel down fast flowing rivers in birch bark canoes.

Trees growing on railway embankments often provide a pleasant view. But periodically the press have a joke at the expense of the railway companies, mocking their concern for leaves on railway lines. But it would seem that this is no joke and there is substance to their complaints. A coating is caused on the wheels when crushing certain types of leaves. This coating is akin to the non-stick coating on a frying pan. This can cause sliding, a serious risk to the moving train. Moreover, foliage can obscure signals, and growing trees can cause structural instability to railway foundations.

Readers of my Notes will, from time to time have read of my bemoaning the fact that I never see a kingfisher. So, last month I picked up my copy of The LINK, and settled down in a comfortable armchair to read it. What do I see greeting me on the front cover? Yes, a Kingfisher, mockingly greeting me as it stood on a branch, its prey in its beak. I suppressed a cry of pain for fear of upsetting the rest of the household, and quickly turned to peruse the interior of the magazine, and reviving my belief that, one day - yes one day, I shall stand on some streamside or river bank, and one of these elusive birds will come into my view!

**Tony Partridge**

# GARDENING NOTES

Editors:

Margaret Welsh, Long Compton Garden Club

Miranda Arnold, Whichford Amateur Gardener

February is a pretty dull month, I always think. Too early to really get going in the garden, and only a few things looking nice. And it can be extremely cold! The only good thing to say about it is that the days are getting a little bit longer and there are a few signs of new growth coming through.

So, it's a month in which you can be doing various tidying-type jobs, but also the joyous task of planning ahead for the spring and summer. For tidying, you need to cut back your winter flowering shrubs like mahonia and viburnum. Those shrubs which are grown for colourful stems during the winter, like cornus, need cutting back now too, to encourage further growth. Wisteria should be pruned now, cutting the summer shoots back to two or three buds. If you've got an explosion of snowdrops, it's the right time to lift them in the green, divide them, and replant (or give your spares to friends).

There are a few tasks in the vegetable garden. Start to chit your potatoes. I love seeing the little sprouts starting to show, and it makes me excited for the harvest. All the potatoes we grew last year were served, boiled, with lots of butter, salt, and parsley, for lunch at my nephew's wedding, which was marvellous. They were delicious. I had been growing them in potato bags, but this year we're going to build a new raised bed and grow them in that. This will make watering much much simpler!

Mulch your asparagus and artichokes to give them the impetus for good growth this year. Also mulch your rhubarb - and it's a good time of year to plant new rhubarb plants. Prepare your seed beds, by weeding thoroughly, and digging in some compost (or just spread compost on the top of the bed and let the worms do your digging for you). It's too early really to start sowing seeds; the light levels are not good enough, and you risk your seedlings becoming leggy and weak. Speaking personally, I find it very hard to resist sowing a few seeds, and always chastise myself later when they die.

Prune your apple and pear trees whilst they are dormant and mulch your fruit trees. When mulching a tree, clear a ring of grass around the trunk before mulching, and be careful not to mound up mulch against the trunk, or else the bark will decay. Don't forget to feed your fruit trees to ensure vigorous growth and fruiting.

Think about your summer containers, and consider ordering some summer-flowering bulbs, like lilies. If your containers are near your door into the garden, you'll get some amazing scents wafting in from the garden.

And, most exciting of all, it's a great time to be planning your vegetable garden and working out what you really want to eat later on this year. Think about your crop rotation, to avoid the build-up of pests and diseases. And consider companion planting to ward off certain pests and reduce your reliance on pesticides (we need all the insects we can get, what with the current insect apocalypse). We planted French marigolds near our tomatoes last year to prevent whitefly (in theory!). English marigolds, on the other hand, are useful to attract pollinators to your courgettes and cucumbers. You can use nasturtiums as a sacrificial crop to attract aphids and caterpillars away from vulnerable crops like beans and brassicas. Happy planning!

**Miranda Arnold**

## **The Council Minute Books of Barton-on-the-Heath.**

Barton Parish Council has decided to deposit their completed Council Minute Books into the archives of the Warwickshire County Record office. These range from the Minutes of 1935 PCC meetings to those of the Parish Council in 2018. Unfortunately, there is a gap from 1982 to 1996 where the Minute Book(s) are missing. The Minute Books will be accessible to the public for reference or historical research.

Already in the archives are earlier Barton council minutes on micro-fiche, or available on-line. Comparisons of current council minutes with minutes from the 19th century Barton Vestry meetings (a forerunner of the later forms of local government) make fascinating reading. For example, those from May 1851 record the agreement of the Rector Henry Guillemard and the Churchwardens to accept an estimate of £270 for the repair and major changes in the structure of St Lawrence Church, including removing the gallery at the west end of the church, removal of the door in the north side of the nave and other repairs and renewals. The Rector volunteered to pay any difference arising between the final cost and the income collected from a church rate raised to pay for the work, but the difference remains unrecorded.

The Vestry Minutes of 1853 record that Lewis Coates was appointed village constable with a salary of £8 9s. The position of constable had been debated with both Long Compton and Little Compton over whether one constable could cover all three villages, an arrangement with which Barton disagreed.

The Vestries of the 19th century appointed officers to administer the New Poor Laws of 1834. However, their actions were not always in line with the wishes of the poor. In 1854 an application for 'poor relief' was made by Caroline Childs, whose husband had deserted her and her children. The Vestry decided that she 'should have an order for the Union Workhouse'. The refers to the workhouse in Chipping Norton in whose 'Union' Barton was located. This was not exactly what Caroline Childs was hoping for.

One must wonder how in the future the public will compare the Council Minutes of 1935 to 2018 with the circumstances and government of Barton in the future. No doubt they will be puzzled why we recorded meetings on pieces of paper and perhaps why we needed meetings anyway. In Barton we currently not only print and sign Minutes before storing them in heavy folders, but we are also now saving the minutes in electronic form to duplicate the paper versions. Which form will last the longer? – Probably the paper versions, but that remains to be seen.

**Colin Maynell, Parish Clerk, Barton-on-the-Heath**

## **Nativity Scene at Rose Cottage**

We were reminded of the late Vic Charles when his Nativity Scene appeared outside Rose Cottage for Christmas. We thank Richard and Valerie Ward for its installation.

## Beneficial Book Club

We met last Sunday 6 January to talk about *All for Nothing* by Walter Kempowski.

In 1945 the German Army was retreating from the Russian advance. Germans fleeing the occupied territories in cars and carts and on foot. But in a rural East Prussian manor house, the wealthy von Globig family seals itself off from the world. Finally joining the great trek west, the family at last face the truth of the consequences of war.

*All for Nothing* is a devastating portrait of the German people as the Third Reich comes to an end. Despite the subject matter, there was much to find amusing and we all felt that this novel had been brilliantly written and translated. Walter Kempowski (1929 – 2007) was an important post-war writer and this book was a best-seller in Germany when it was published in 2006.

Our next time to get together will be Sunday 3 February and we will be reviewing *The End We Start From* by Megan Hunter. We'll also need two recommendations from everyone, so that we can choose books for the next 7 to 8 months. Happy reading!

**Gillian Cathie**

## New Year's Lunch

The village decided that there could be no better way to start the New Year, despite all the present political uncertainty, by having a village lunch on Saturday 12 January. Gillian and Hamish Cathie very generously offered the grand hall of Barton House as the venue and a team of seven (the Magnificent Seven), set about planning an Italian themed meal of anti-pasta, lasagne, a glorious choice of puddings (including hot bread and butter pudding but with Panettone not bread!) accompanied with a glass of



**Hamish Cathie and Elaine Hobday conduct the raffle**

Prosecco on arrival. The Magnificent Seven also decided to make the lunch a tribute to Maggie Pettifer who was much loved by the village and who would otherwise have made the organising committee led by Penny Mead into the Magnificent Eight. Elaine Hobday (an honorary Barton'ite from Long Compton) volunteered to run a raffle which was a noisy and fun interlude with Ben Seymour Smith entertaining guests with a series of mystifying conjuring tricks. John Castle was master of ceremonies, imposing Naval discipline wearing his old naval cap, by dividing the tables into naval 'watches' for the self-service courses.

It was an informal, fun, and tasty way to welcome in the New Year with the proceeds of the raffle and the small surplus from the tickets being donated to Research into Ovarian Cancer being carried by Oxford University, which was Maggie's chosen charity.

**John Castle**

### A Village Affair



St Martin's church was packed full on Sunday 16 December for our annual Carol Service and the christening by our Rector Stuart Allen of Harriet, daughter of John & Sally Weaver and granddaughter of John & Sue Peebles.

David & Phyllida Gardner delighted the congregation with a village choir made up of: Bella, Chris and Sarah Bourne, Doe Brookes, David & Jane Cleave, Graham Davies, Alice & Trevor Free, Wendy Holman, Roddy Llewellyn, Tom Murray, Dianne Smith and Christine Watkins. The choir was conducted by Phyllida and accompanied by David on the keyboard. The choir sang a Medieval carol *Lullay my Liking*, in an arrangement by Gustav Holst and a round based on Mozart's *Alleluia*. Aurelia Bailey opened proceedings with the solo in *Once in Royal David's City* and Alec

Banner gave a superb performance of Jeremiah Clarke's *Trumpet Voluntary*.

**David Hodges**



Vapour trails over Willington (Photograph by Pam Haworth)

### Full English Breakfast is being served at BURMINGTON VILLAGE HALL



The next date is Saturday 9 February  
10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Gluten free and vegetarian diets catered for  
Call Irene (661418) for details

### Christmas in Burmington



Father Christmas met a group of Burmington carol singers on his Christmas Eve travels. Both were given a spirited reception by the Village.

## Money raised at the Lecture on Syria

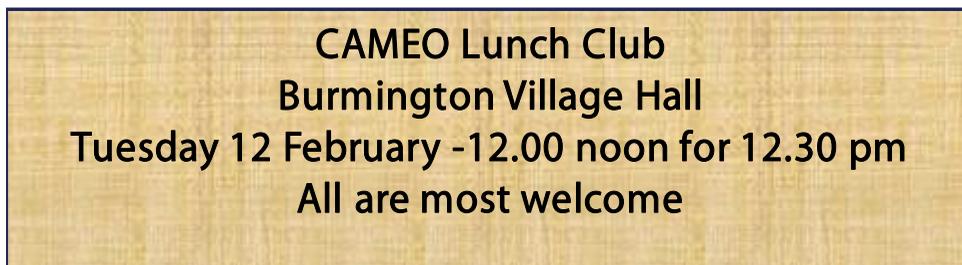
Some of you may remember the lecture on *Syria: Its glorious history from the Flood to Independence Day* which Yahia Al-Husseini, himself a Syrian refugee, gave in Burmington Village Hall on 10 November 2018.

After the lecture and exhibition of photographs, members of the audience very generously contributed £235 to help people in Damascus who had suffered from the civil war.

Yahia has just written to me to say that the full amount, which equals 125,000 Syrian lira, has now been distributed to displaced families without resources of their own through a network of his family members living in Damascus.

He thanks all those who so kindly contributed, and the organisers for giving him the opportunity to talk about the positive aspects of Syria and its fascinating history.

**Michael Macdonald**



## Cameo Lunch Club

At its January meeting, the Club remembered popular founding member Gary Evans, who died on Boxing Day, with prayers and in singing his favourite hymn to the tune Cwm Rhondda.

Celebrating our 11th Birthday - The next Lunch Club meeting will be held in Burmington village hall on Tuesday 12 February at 12 noon for 12.30 pm.

All are welcome: most villages in the Benefice are represented in the growing membership. A charge of £4 is made towards expenses and all dietary needs can be met. Please bring your family, friends and children. Transport to and from the village hall can be provided. Please book with Brenda Fitch on Tel: 664313



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On Friday 1 March from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm  
At Kenrene, Burmington

Any contributions of cakes (the yellower the better), raffle prizes and donations gratefully received.

Contact Irene Clarke (661418) or Justine Clarke (661892)



## Save the date...

# Burmington Village Fete

## Saturday 8 June 2019



# VILLAGE NEWS

## CHERINGTON WITH STOURTON

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### THE COFFEE SHOP at THE HALL Saturday 16 February 10.30 -12 noon



Come and enjoy a Bacon Roll & a cuppa and catch up with your friends in our lovely hall.

Would you like to spend a fun hour and a half and be part of our team of helpers if so please contact Christine Dudfield 686288 or Trisha Wilson 686279 to go on the rota. Look out for new things happening this year.

## Village Lottery

January 2019

1st	Stephen Glanvill	£80
2nd	Theo Borland	£45
3rd	Helen Beaumont	£30

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for your continued support. For more information on joining, please contact Steve Allkins or, better still, drop in on our third Saturday coffee mornings (10.30 – 12.00 noon)

**Steve Allkins**

## Flower Show AGM

At the Flower Show AGM in November, the distribution of profits to various groups in the three villages was agreed as follows:

Cheri-Tots £100 for storage of equipment; Playing fields £250; Cherington PCC £600; Seniors Club £100; Sutton PCC £200; Cherington Church Flowers £150; Acorns Primary School £200; An additional amount of ca. £200 for picnic tables for the playing fields.

In addition to the above, it was agreed to retain some monies to help towards reasonable start-up costs for any new group or society wishing to set up in The Hall. If you have a suggestion and would like to be considered for a small start-up fund, please put your application in writing to Helen Beaumont, Show Secretary, [helen@imbmanagement.co.uk](mailto:helen@imbmanagement.co.uk) (tel 686586). Applications will be considered at the next Committee meeting in February.

Planning for next year's show will soon be getting underway, new Committee members, fresh ideas etc are always welcome. The next Committee meeting is Tuesday 26 February, 7.00 pm in The Hall; contact Helen Beaumont, 686586, if you have any new ideas or would like to join the Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Helen Beaumont**

## **The Village Youth Club**

The Village Youth club is unlikely to start up again soon. We have a good snooker table to move on from the village hall. Approximately 2.3 metres by 1.3 metres in good condition. Available for a small donation to help cover the current storage charges. For more details and to arrange a viewing, please contact Harry Upson by telephone 01608 686323 or email at [handjupson@gmail.com](mailto:handjupson@gmail.com)

**Harry Upson**

# The Hall - 2019



For class information or to book please contact the providers.

For more information or to hire the Hall see [www.thehallevents.org.uk](http://www.thehallevents.org.uk), find us on facebook -The Hall Cherington Stourton Sutton under Brailes, check the notice board at The Hall entrance or message/call Lois on 07967 630880

## Gardening Group

The Cherington and Stourton Garden Group meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00 pm in the village hall. The 2019 year starts on Wednesday 6 February at 8.00 pm. It is informal and all are welcome to meet up and talk about current garden issues amongst other things, with a few interesting visits during the warmer months.

Want to know more! - then contact 01608686323.

Harry Upson

## Christmas Greetings Donations 2018

A very big thank you to all who gave to the above as we have raised the grand total of £1,013 for church funds.

Pam Brookes and Sherry Barker ( on behalf of the PCC )

## Brailes Mechanical and Crafts Society

Well, what a start to the New Year. Some 85 plus members filled the hall for our January meeting which certainly impressed our speaker, Roger Butler from Kineton, who spoke on *Canal History & Heritage*. As a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society he was well qualified to present a colourful introduction to the wonderful world of our inland waterways with dramatic engineering, unusual architecture, interesting landscapes, historic boats and lots of unusual and quirky features.

There is currently a 2,000-mile network of canals and 30,000 boats registered while 10 million people walk the towpaths annually, life slows down to a leisurely 4mph and if you are seen to watch the canal activity from the bridges or towpath you will be called a 'gongoozler' by the traditional boat people. Cast iron bridges 250 years old make ideal vantage points but there also many styles of brick built or even wooden swing bridges. Most boats seen today are leisure craft as industrial trade declined after the First World war when the railways and road transport developed, increasing speed and convenience. There has been a recent upsurge in trading boats as suppliers to boaters as quite a number now live on the canals much of the year. The traditional narrow boat, 70ft long by 6ft wide with only a very small cabin could carry a large quantity of bulky cargo but involved much physical work in loading and unloading and speed was limited by the number of locks and possibly ice in the winter.

This meant that many canals fell into disuse with lock gates collapsing and the waterways silting up, many being filled in to allow road construction or building. More recent years have seen a big upsurge in canal restoration and reopening with even lengths of new canal created. Pictures of new developments in run down industrial areas were very impressive as the canals were included in the overall planning.

Roger showed us many excellent pictures including the paintings on cabins and accessories traditionally featuring roses and castles now providing work for skilled artists. We also saw many different styles of bridges, various types of locks and pounds, and lock keepers' cottages particularly Barrel cottages only on the Stratford canal and round houses in Stroud. The engineering and brick buildings were fascinating, and our

members interest was certainly held throughout Roger's excellent presentation and I am sure this will not be his last visit to our Society.

**Mick Woods**

## A Date for your Diary – Tennis Tournament



This year's CSS Village Tennis Tournament will take place on Saturday 1st June. All standards welcome. Open to all current and past residents of Cherington, Stourton and Sutton under Brailes.

Tennis in the morning followed by finals and lunch at Stourton Farm House. For more info email [sally.clubley@braidholm.com](mailto:sally.clubley@braidholm.com) or ring 685190.

## Brailes Picturehouse

Saturday 16 February - *King of Thieves*

A true crime film about a band of misfit retired crooks who pull off a major heist in London's jewellery district, escaping with allegedly over 200 million pounds' worth of stolen jewels and money. When police are called to the scene and the investigation starts, the cracks between the eccentric gang members begin to show as they row over how to share the goods and become increasingly distrustful of each other.

Stars Michael Caine, Jim Broadbent, Tom Courtney, Charlie Cox and Paul Whitehouse

Future Line-up - March 16 *Colette*, April 27 *Mary Poppins Returns*

*Bar and Hot Supper available*



## A monthly market every 1st Thursday of the month

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### Village Hall News

It seems ages ago now, but I can report that the Vintage Tea Party was a sell-out with 60 happy villagers enjoying a fabulous tea with mulled wine to start, entertainment throughout, a raffle and the 100 Club Christmas Draw at the end. It was great to see the hall full of adults and children tucking in to the food whilst joining in with the Panto and singing the Christmas carols.



To fill the gap between Christmas and New Year, the hall opened its doors to welcome villagers to have tea, play games and chat (of course!). We had a scrabble match going on, dominoes games and even the challenge of completing a jigsaw before the end of the afternoon. This turned out to be impossible so next year we either need to start earlier or choose a jigsaw with fewer pieces!

The 2019 Social Saturday season started brilliantly in January with new stallholders and visitors joining the regulars, enjoying a hot meal, drinks and cakes and browsing the stalls. We hope to be able to welcome even more new faces again in February.

We hope to see you at our February events, the Social Saturday on the 9th and the St. Valentine's Dinner on the 14th - see separate adverts.

**Mo Read 684130, 07814802814 or [lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk)**

Long Compton Village Hall

## *St. Valentine's Dinner*

### *February 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm*

*Treat your valentine to a delicious 3 course meal in our romantic pop up bistro*

£15.00 per person, Licensed Bar

*For more details and tickets contact Mo Read 684130*

*Menu*

*Cotswold brie with herb mushroom filling, wrapped in filo pastry*  
*Salmon fillet with champagne sauce and basil salsa*  
*Heart shaped pavlova*  
*Handmade truffles and coffee*

*Long Compton Village Hall*



*Social Saturday 9 February 11am – 2pm*

*We serve delicious home-cooked meals, soup,  
home-made cakes and hot drinks.*

*Do pop in and join us!*



## Long Compton Neighbourhood Watch



Our local Co-Ordinator is Jordan Boswell, who would very much welcome reports of suspicious behaviour. Do let him know about anything that seems to you to be out of the ordinary. Your information might just be the little piece of the jigsaw that helps solve a problem. All calls and e-mails are completely confidential – your name will not be made public.

Contact Jordan on 07795 008998, or at [jordanboswell@hotmail.com](mailto:jordanboswell@hotmail.com)

## Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club

Meets at the village hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 2.00 – 3.30 pm.  
New members especially welcome.

**Contact Adrian on 684024 to learn more**

## The 100 Club

The Collectors/Sales persons are doing their rounds during the last week in January and in early February, and the first draw will be at the Social Saturday on 9 February. If you missed the collector, or have changed your mind about joining, please contact me and I will put you in.

If you join after the first Draw the cost reduces to £11 for the remaining 11 Draws.  
Good luck!

**Chris Galloway 684234**



# THE RED LION QUIZ NIGHT

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 7.30PM • *Motor Neurones Disease Charity*

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 7.30PM • *Warwickshire Air Ambulance*

## Compton District History Society

Christopher Fance gave an account of how he had used DNA, backed up traditional source material, to trace his family back to the mid-19th century and to uncover further links back to the late 16th century.

He started by explaining the three different sorts of DNA and how they can be used:

*Y*: passed down only in the male line.

*Mitochondrial*: passed down from mothers to both sons and daughters but only passed on by daughters.

*Autosomal*: inherited 50% from each parent, but least useful because traceability is quickly lost with the generations. DNA tests can be made for a different number of markers. The more markers, the fewer matches likely to be found but the greater the likelihood that matches will be relevant. Databases can then reveal potential matches to be followed up, which can be supplemented by traditional research tools, such as poll records, parish registers and registers of freemen.

Christopher had his DNA analysed with 37 markers and the database showed 6 possible matches. These he followed up and was able to confirm 4 of these from other records.

From a family photograph taken in 1911, Christopher already knew that the family owned shops around Malden and this linked with existing knowledge of his family genealogy. On a visit to Colchester, he found by chance that the 1826 general election poll records for Malden were held there. The poll records listed six men surnamed Fance, giving their addresses, from which Christopher could determine his line of descent. Fance is an unusual surname and, from registers of freemen, Christopher was able to get back to 1605 and an Edward Fance.

Of course, there are pitfalls which can obstruct and confuse. Y-DNA can reveal illegitimacy or adoptions, parish registers are often incomplete or missing and the spelling of names can change over time.

After the meeting, we all enjoyed mulled wine and mince-pies.

**(Richard and Netty Monk)**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 March when Michael Heaney will talk to us about the History of Morris Dancing.

**Diana Cook 684771**

### **Long Compton and District Garden Club**

**Wednesday 27 February at 7.30 pm**

**Long Compton Village Hall**

**'Life after Snowdrops'**

**A talk by Jim Almond, Alpine and Bulb Enthusiast**

**All welcome - Lesley Roberts**

## The Friends of Long Compton Church



We have a good mix of events coming up this year, starting with our popular *Talk and Supper* on Saturday 30 March, which is preceded by our very short AGM. This year our speaker is Nick Miller, an expert on Edith Cavell who was the World War I British nurse celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers in Brussels regardless of their nationality. She, along with Belgian and French colleagues, helped over 200 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium. She was arrested, tried and found guilty of 'assisting men to the enemy' and shot by a German

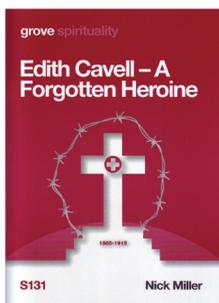
firing squad on 12 October 1915. Her death raised an outcry across the world.

On Thursday 30 May we will have a fun 'Call my Bluff' style cheese and wine evening in the village hall - details of this will be announced soon - and we are also hosting the *Photographic Competition and Exhibition* again this summer as well as introducing a *Christmas Tree Festival* which will be held from 22nd - 24th November in Long Compton Church.

The Friends of Long Compton Church present

# A talk on Edith Cavell

The WW1 British nurse celebrated for saving lives of soldiers from all sides. Nick Miller will talk about her life, how she was executed in Brussels in October 1915 for helping 200 Allied soldiers escape German-occupied Belgium. This largely forgotten heroine founded modern nursing in Belgium; her death raised an outcry across the world.



Saturday 30 March 7.00 pm  
Long Compton Church



Doors and Bar open at 6.30pm. AGM followed by Supper and Talk.

Early bird tickets £13 to March 23rd then £15 and on the door.

Under 16s accompanied by an adult £5.

Tickets from [friendslcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendslcchurch@gmail.com) or 01608 684813

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## The Friends of Long Compton Church

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Sue Klatt, Chairman

### Comptonians

We shall meet at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 20 February at Long Compton village hall for a New Year Lunch.

Margaret Welsh 684238

### Long Compton Ebenezer Chapel

#### A Congregational Church

January has been a month of prioritising plans for the Ebenezer Chapel. Firstly, filling the diary with a mix of faith, social, charity and community events. In February all are welcome to a Chapel + Tea on 17 February at 3.30 pm and it is planned to hold one on 3rd Sunday of each month when there is not a Minister led service. There will be a Whist drive on Saturday 2 March. Easter Communion will be on 21 April. On 23 June Ebenezer's will be supporting Shipston Proms desire to expand into the villages by hosting a concert.

Secondly the Members are currently putting in hand work to The Manse to enable re-letting. We have had a meeting with Acorns School to discuss car parking options and quotes are also being obtained on plans for renovation of the Arden Room and associated facilities.

The Ebenezer Supporters Group is now operational and if you would like more details of how to join, please either pick up a leaflet at The Shop or contact Sally (07870 545431) or Elizabeth (07791 621778). Further Information is available from: [longcomptonebenezerchapel@outlook.com](mailto:longcomptonebenezerchapel@outlook.com). Keep up to date with news via Facebook page.

## Ebenezer Chapel

Long Compton Congregational Church

Butlers Lane, Long Compton



## Chapel + Tea



Join us and socialize with Hymn, Chat + Tea (& Coffee too!)

Sunday 17 February – 3.30 pm

## Compton Creatives

We generally meet on the third Monday of the month. If anyone would like to join us, please contact either Caroline Nixon (684831) [caroline.nixon@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.nixon@btinternet.com) or Jane Burras (684518) [jhburras@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jhburras@yahoo.co.uk)

## Long Compton & District Walkers

Following a successful year of varied walks in 2018, the New Year started with an old favourite – Blenheim Park. Somehow, after all the activity over Christmas, it is very tempting to cover familiar ground, especially as it is almost certain to be reasonably dry underfoot.



15 walkers, determined to keep their New Year resolutions, which were only a week old, (not too much of a challenge), joined the Oxfordshire Way where it crosses the A44 and entered the park through one of the 'secret' gates. It was a reasonably mild morning with the bonus of an absolutely clear blue sky and we made good progress across the northern section of the park before turning south towards the lake and the palace. Pausing to retrieve a walking pole which somehow had been left propped against a gate (no names mentioned!), we continued and apart from some very healthy looking sheep, we saw little in the way of wild life or little evidence of the shooting parties which are usually heard, if not seen at this time of year.

We paused to look at Rosamund's Well, and then the enormous Cedar of Lebanon tree which featured in one of the Harry Potter films, *The Order of the Phoenix*. It is now well supported and strengthened, as it was in danger of collapse.

Everyone appeared to enjoy the walk and hopefully there will be an equally impressive turnout next time – Tuesday 12 February, meeting at 9.30 am in the car park at the Red Lion.

**Jan Treadaway 684553**

Next meeting – Wednesday 13 February 7.00 - 8.30pm

We will be discussing  
*Keeping the World Away*  
by

Margaret Forster

As always, all welcome

Contact: Sue Klatt 01608 684813 sueklatt@gmail.com

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**11 February 2019**

6.30 pm—8.30 pm

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- The County Officer of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)
- Experienced local clerks
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- The Chair of WALC



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### The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Melanie Arnold who is the winner of the January Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener

## Whichford & Ascott Crafts Morning

Every First Monday of the Month

At 10 – 11.30 am

In The Reading Room

(next Date 4<sup>th</sup> February)

Come and join us for Coffee, Tea and Cake. Our current venture is making some new hassocks (kneelers!) for the church. Materials will be provided. No expertise needed.

Diana Atkins 01608 684025 Sophie Corlett 01608 684369

### Nature Encounters

The diminutive scarlet elf cup fungus. Always guaranteed to brighten up the duller of winter days. They are apparently edible, but barely enough to satisfy an elf, and what would they use to drink out of?

Patrick Fox



# NORTH COTSWOLD MARMALADE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 23 MARCH: 10.00-12.00 noon

AT THE HALL, CHERINGTON  
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GUEST SPEAKER: KYLE ap SIMON  
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# VILLAGE NEWS

## THE WOLFORDS

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## The Wolfords WI

Twenty members and husbands enjoyed an excellent New Year Dinner at the Norman Knight in January and our thanks go to Gill Cotter for making all the arrangements.

Maggie Wood, retired Keeper of Social History for the Warwickshire Museum Service, will be the speaker at our meeting on Wednesday 6 February telling us of *Mr. Gayden of Brailles and other stories*.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Wolfords village hall, Little Wolford at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome. Please ring Sue Elliot 01608 674295 for further details.

## Quiz and Fish and Chips Supper



Saturday 9 February at 7.00 pm  
Wolfords Village Hall



A really good night out with a first class supper and a lively quiz.  
Come in a ready-made team or join up with others on the night.  
Bring your own drinks and we'll provide the glasses.

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Book now: £12.50p per person

Contact: Janet Piller (674396), Ann McKenna (674009) or John Wrench (674389)

In aid of St. Michael & All Angels Church, the Wolfords



## Save the date...



## Quiz and Supper Evening

(with hot supper incl. vegetarian option, licensed bar and raffle)

**Saturday 27 April – Wolfords Village Hall**

To raise funds for Imogen Murphy's World Challenge Venture  
in Borneo and South East Asia - July 2020

## Dr. Isabel ('Diz') Shirley, MB ChB FRCR, 1943 – 2018



Diz was brought up in a prefab in the Ayrshire coastal town of Troon. She was educated at the town's Marr College and, in 1961, encouraged by the family's GP, won a bursary to read Medicine at Glasgow University.

She married for the first time whilst a student but, shortly thereafter, married life and her studies were interrupted by a prolonged period of illness and hospitalisation. At first, the cause of her illness was unclear; only much later was sarcoidosis, a multi-system disorder of unknown aetiology, finally diagnosed. Diz graduated in 1969, and immediately headed South: whilst immensely proud of her roots, she felt she needed to escape what she saw as the bigotry and small-mindedness of south-west Scotland at that time. Postgraduate training in Obstetrics at London's University College Hospital (UCH) was curtailed by a further round of illness, and Diz reluctantly settled for a less demanding role as a local authority Medical Officer, with responsibility for the developmental assessment of pre-school children. Her daughter, Rowan, was born in August 1972; despite being brought up in London, Rowan followed in her mother's footsteps by reading Medicine at Glasgow University – a source of great pride to Diz.

In August 1973, Diz was tempted back to UCH to join a research team exploring the potential of a relatively new diagnostic tool, ultrasound. When this red-headed, human whirlwind arrived, I and the other team members didn't know what hit us: Diz had found her professional destiny! In a few short years we published many research papers, produced a textbook (of which, Diz, naturally, was first author) that was translated into several different languages, and launched one of the UK's first training courses in diagnostic ultrasound. Diz's diagnostic and counselling skills also became key elements of a regional prenatal diagnosis service. She went on to train in Radiology, gaining Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists in 1984. Diz continued periodically to suffer the effects of sarcoidosis, which by now had led to the early stages of pulmonary fibrosis but continued to pursue everything she did with her characteristic energy, enthusiasm and good humour.

Having gained her Fellowship, Diz accepted a Consultant post at The Hillingdon Hospital, a busy District General close to where she lived in West London. Whilst also undertaking her fair share of the general radiology workload, Diz wasted no time in putting Hillingdon 'on the map', nationally, as a centre for obstetric screening – the first outwith a major teaching centre. She continued to publish widely, was in demand as a speaker at medical conferences and sat on working groups convened to establish national standards for clinical practice and training in her specialist field. Diz was an early adopter of what were then new concepts in hospital practice in England – audit and medical management. She served as Clinical Director of Radiology, Divisional Director of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services, Caldicott Guardian and Associate Medical Director of her Hospital Trust; she certainly 'punched above her weight', and was hugely respected by all her colleagues, both medical and non-medical.

Throughout this time, she continued to suffer protracted periods of ill-health as sarcoidosis recurred.

Diz and I met again in 1995 at a reunion of the old UCH team; by this time, her marriage had sadly ended, and Rowan was shortly to graduate as a doctor. What I had dreamt of during the 1970s, but was then out of the question, now became a realistic possibility! In 1997 I acquired a cottage in Little Wolford, and in September 1998, we married in Wolford Parish Church; the evening ceilidh in a marquee in Long Compton was legendary. We moved permanently to Little Wolford in 2005, as Diz retired gradually, giving up one of her many hats at a time and throwing herself instead into the life of the local community and of Wolford Church. By then, she was also the proud grandmother of two wee Glaswegians, Ellie and Jack.

We had great travel plans for our retirement, but these were curtailed by the return, with a vengeance, of Diz's lung disease, which preventing her from flying and eventually required her to use supplementary oxygen. The side-effect of steroid treatment upon her immune system meant that the most minor infection put her at considerable risk, but she refused to live in a bubble and continued to enjoy concerts, the theatre, restaurants and art galleries. She also threw herself into the campaigning work of the British Lung Foundation (BLF): being qualified both as a doctor and as a patient, she brought fresh insight into living with a long-term lung disease, and gave inspiring talks to BLF staff, patient support groups, nurses undergoing specialist training and, memorably, The Royal Society of Medicine.

Diz died peacefully on Boxing Day, aged just 75, of a community-acquired viral pneumonia; in most people, the virus concerned would have caused only symptoms akin to those of a common cold. Throughout her life, Diz was courageous, passionate, compassionate, irrepressible and a role model for many. She had an integrity that took no prisoners if you failed to give of your best but, if you were in difficulty, personal or professional, she would be the first to offer love, support, encouragement and sound advice. Diz valued everyone, from whatever walk of life, and had time for everyone. She will be sorely missed by many.

**David Farman**

## **The Village Hall AGM**

The date for the village hall AGM has now been set for Tuesday 12 February starting at 7.30 pm and will take place in the Wolfords village hall. We do hope you will come as we welcome any feedback on the activities the committee has completed this year

If you would like to become a Trustee of the Village Hall and join the management committee, please contact me as new ideas are always very welcomed. You would be very welcomed by the existing Trustees to carry on with much needed support to maintain the village hall and take part in fund raising activities. We look forward to hearing from you.

**James van Helden (674244)**

## The Rural Cinema in The Wolfords

presents

### 'The Children Act'

Cert: 12 (2hr 12m)

Fiona Maye is an eminent judge in London presiding over ethically complex cases of family law. She has paid a heavy price for her workload, and her marriage to American professor Jack is at a breaking point. Fiona is asked to rule on the case of Adam, a brilliant boy who is refusing the blood transfusion to save his life. Adam is three months from his 18th birthday and still legally a child. Fiona visits Adam and their meeting has a profound emotional impact on them both.

Directed by Richard Eyre

With Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci, Ben Chaplin,  
Fionn Whitehead, Rupert Vansittart

Thursday 21 February 7.30 pm, The Wolfords Village Hall

Tickets (including free coffee and biscuits) £4

## The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club

The January winners were;

1st prize – Janet Pope 2nd prize – Jane Revere 3rd prize – Gill Cotter

Many congratulations to the above. Just a reminder to contact myself if you require any more shares in the club which will help with the up keep of the village hall.

James van Helden

## Great Rollright - Great Market!

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Start your weekend with delicious fresh coffee,  
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**9:30am - 12:30pm**

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*\* Please note there is no market in January*

During the Middle Ages, it was believed that birds paired in mid-February. So Valentine's day on 14 February became the day for romance and devotion. One of our greatest poets, John Milton, bought together two differing birds in his Sonnet, *O Nightingale that on yon bloomy Spray*.

Milton was born in 1608 in London. He was Secretary for Foreign Tongues and official propagandist for Cromwell so I suppose you could call him one of the first 'spin doctors'. This close association with Cromwell almost led to his execution in 1659. Fortunately for him, others who had influence with Charles II, spoke on his behalf and he was set free. This was indeed fortunate as without his release, the world would have never seen *Paradise Lost* and *Paradise Regained*.

### *O Nightingale that on yon bloomy Spray*

O Nightingale that on yon bloomy Spray,  
Warbl'st at eve, when all the Woods are still  
Thou with fresh hope the Lover's heart dost fill,  
While the jolly hours lead on propitious May,  
Thy liquid notes that close the eye of Day,  
First heard before the shallow Cuckoo's bill  
Portend success in love; O if Jove's will  
Have linkt that amorous power to thy soft lay,  
Now timely sing, ere the rude Bird of Hate  
Foretell my hopeless doom in some Grove nigh:  
As thou from year to year hath sung too late  
For my relief; yet hadst no reason why,  
Whether the Muse, or Love call thee his mate,  
Both them I serve, and of their train am I.



**John Milton 1608 - 1674**

Having just edited our Nature Notes this month, I see there is a bird that Tony Partridge is rather keen on seeing. John Milton's not available, arranging a kingfisher sighting may be difficult, but maybe one of our readers would like to put a kingfisher into a poem for his benefit? It seems to me to be the least we can do; please forward me any submissions in time for the March edition.

Please keep your poetry suggestions coming; writing them for us would be even better! Please be sure to submit your suggestions in good time bearing in mind that poems will often be protected by copyright and if this is the case, the publisher's permission will need to be obtained.

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