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EVENTS DIARY

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September (VH = Village hall; Ch = Church)

Sun	01	Long Compton Ch Lych Gate open	14.00
Sun	01	Informal Service, Long Compton Ch	16.00
Sun	01	Beneficial Book Club, Barton VH	17.30
Mon	02	Whist Drive, Ebenezer Chapel, Long Compton	
Mon	02	Brailes Mechanical and Craft Society, Brailes VH	19.30
Tue	03	Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club, VH	14.00
Wed	04	Wolfords WI, Wolfords VH	19.30
Thurs	05	North Cotswold Farmers Market, The Hall, Cherington	18.00
Sat	07	Great Rollright Market, Great Rollright VH	09.30
Sat	07	Full English Breakfast, Burmington VH	10.00
Tue	10	Photographic Exhibition closes, Long Compton Ch	
Tue	10	Long Compton and District Walkers depart Red Lion car park	09.30
Tue	10	CAMEO lunch club, Burmington VH	12.00
Wed	11	Compton District History Society	
Thurs	12	Long Compton Book Club	19.00
Sat	14	Bard's charity cycle ride and walk	
Sat	14	Willington and Barcheston Fete, College Farm Barn	10.30
Sat	14	Long Compton Social Saturday, VH	
Sat	14	Guided Tours of Burmington Manor, from	10.00
Sat	14	Brailes Picturehouse, <i>Bohemian Rhapsody</i> , VH	
Sun	15	Burmington Harvest Festival Service, Ch	11.00
Sun	15	Drop in Chapel and Tea, Ebenezer Chapel, Long Compton	
Sun	15	Informal Service, Long Compton Ch	16.00
Tue	17	Fosseway Cafe Orchestra, Stretton-on-Fosse VH	10.45
Tue	17	Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club, VH	14.00
Tue	17	Cherington Seniors Club Autumn Show, VH	14.30
Wed	18	Long Compton and District Garden Club, Trip leaving from VH	10.00
Thurs	19	Rural Cinema, <i>Fisherman's Friends</i> , Wolfords VH	19.30
Sat	21	Coffee Shop, The Hall, Cherington	10.30
Sat	21	A Space For Peace, UN International Day of Peace, Shipston Ch	11.30
Wed	25	Shipston and District Literary Society, The White Bear, Shipston	19.30
Thurs	26	Comptonians trip, leaves Long Compton	12.00
Sat	28	Long Compton PCC, Church tidy up	10.00
Sat	28	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Ebenezer Chapel	10.00
Sun	29	Whichford Harvest Service, Ch	10.30
Sun	29	Cherington Harvest Service, Ch	10.30
Sun	29	Informal Service, Long Compton Ch	16.00

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EDITORIAL

LINK Talk – Spotlight On...

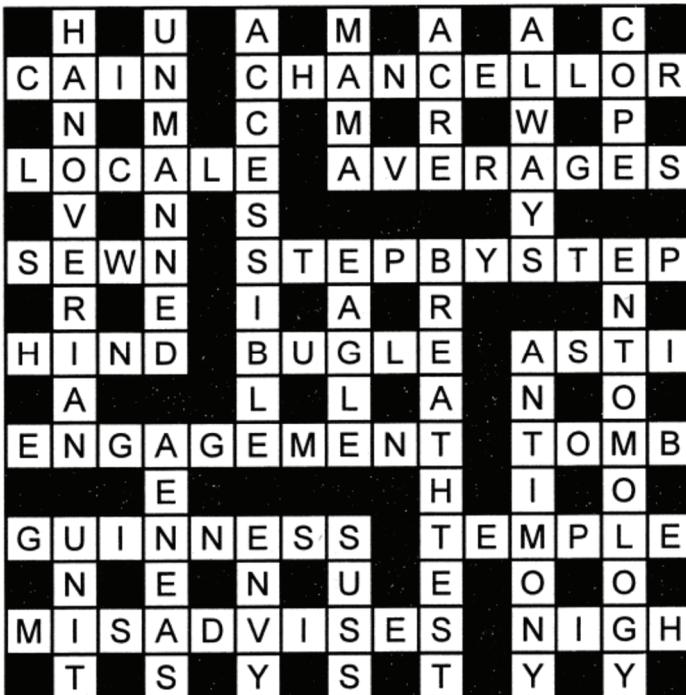
Would you like The LINK to spotlight your particular organisation? Provided there is sufficient interest, we will be starting a series of Spotlight pages on local organisations. It may be that your particular group already has reports of its activities in The LINK, but this would be your opportunity to expand on the reporting of what you do and how you fit in to your local community.



Please submit a summary of your activity to my editor email address, around 450 words, possibly with a photograph or two and we'll make it into a spotlight page for you. There will be one a month if I can have sufficient quantity - and quality!

Keith Murphy, editor@swlink.org.uk

The LINK Crossword



The Solution to the August Crossword

Spotlight on CAMEO

The CAMEO lunch club details usually appear on the Burmington pages as the club meets in Burmington village hall. This month, as they are keen to emphasise that membership is across the SW7 Benefice, we have promoted their activities to these editorial pages.



CAMEO - SW7's lunch club



The CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Lunch Club, still going strong 13 years after its first meeting in 2006, is inviting new members. The Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The next Lunch Club meeting will be held in Burmington village hall on Tuesday 10 September at 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Come and join us.

All are welcome: most villages in the Benefice are represented in the membership. A charge of £4 is made towards expenses. Please bring your family, friends and children. Transport can be provided.

Please book with Brenda Fitch - Tel: 664313

You might be tempted by the typical menu we had at our August meeting:

Main course: Chicken breasts wrapped in Parma ham. French and runner beans, peas, carrots and new potatoes- all grown in our cook's garden

Puddings. (Ah, the puddings!) Raspberry roulade, boozy fruit trifle, lemon meringue and strawberry and blueberry pavlova.

Please note - all dietary needs can be met.

Warwickshire Mobile Library Service

The Mobile Library will be visiting the following villages and locations on the dates shown:

Barton - Malt House 12.10 – 12.25	Sep 19, Oct 10, Oct 31, Nov 21, Dec 12
Willington - Brook Cottages 11.00 - 11.30	Sep 6, Sep 27, Oct 18, Nov 8, Nov 29, Dec 20
Great Wolford, Fox & Hounds 10.00 – 10.20	Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 9
Long Compton, Crockwell St. 10.50 – 11.10	Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 9
Long Compton, Back Lane 11.15 – 11.45	Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 9
Little Compton, Old Post Office 11.55 – 12.25	Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 9
Cherington, The Hall 14:00 – 14.30	Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 9
Sutton Under Brailes, Washbrook Place 14.45 – 15.00	Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 9

Fosseway Cafe Orchestra - Welcome Morning

The Fosseway Cafe Orchestra (Shipston-on-Stour U3A group) will be hosting a welcome morning for new members on Tuesday 17 September, at Stretton-on-Fosse village hall, GL56 9QX.

We play a wide variety of music, mainly classical pieces. Our players are normally Grade 4-7, but we welcome anyone who can play 4 reliable notes. If you learnt to play a musical instrument at school or later in life and would like to play pieces with others, we

would welcome you with open arms and help you revive your musical skills. If you are interested in finding out more about the orchestra, why not come and join us on the 17 September? We extend a warm and friendly welcome from 10.45 am onwards for coffee and an opportunity to observe a typical rehearsal session.

Averell Kingston

A Space for Peace Saturday 21 September UN International Day of Peace



Come and participate for any length of time in reflection and prayer for peace and reconciliation in the world

11.30 am to 1.00 pm
St. Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour

Children welcome - Light refreshments will be available
Led by Quakers

Guided tours of Burmington Manor

This 12th Century building is one of Britain's oldest in permanent residency.

Tours - Saturday, 14 September
10.00 am, 11.30 am,
2.00 pm and 3.30 pm

Bookings essential with Michael Macdonald - Tel 662483. All donations in aid of Burmington Village charities.

All from SW7 very welcome.



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.

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.

	Long Compton Lych Gate Opens; 4 August, 1 September - 2.30 pm (Cream Teas available in the church)
14 September	Barcheston with Willington Fete
22 -24 Nov	Christmas Tree Festival, Long Compton Church
23 November	Whichford & Ascott Christmas Fair, 10.00am
07 December	Jazz Concert, Long Compton Church

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. Tel: 01608 685259

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

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

LOCAL QUAKER MEETINGS

Broad Campden, Friends Meeting Hse, Broad Campden, Worship Meeting: Sunday at 10.30 am

Ettington, Friends Meeting Hse., Old Halford Rd, Ettington, Worship Meeting: Sunday at 11.00 am

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

Shipston on Stour, Worship Meeting last Thursdays (not Dec) in St. Edmund's Church, 2.30 pm

PARISH PEOPLE

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 Whichford
 Great Wolford
 Little Wolford Parish Meeting

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*Happy
Birthday!*



September Birthdays

4th	Benjamin Payne	Burmington	11
4th	Olivia Johnston	Great Wolford	10
10th	Oscar Rutherford	Cherington	15
10th	Charlie Bygate	Willington	17
15th	India Mauveen Spencer Sewell	Stourton	10
22nd	George Bygate	Willington	13
22nd	Lucy May Andrews	Barcheston	11
24th	Gabrielle Duck	Great Wolford	13
28th	Jack Chapman	Whichford	14
30th	William Hunt	Burmington	18

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CHURCHES – SEPTEMBER 2019 CHURCH SERVICES

SW7	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burmington	St John the Baptist Cherington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whichford	St Michael & All Angels Wolford
September 1 st Sunday after Trinity	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) 4pm CW Informal Service (with kids groups) (SPA/BD)	10:30am BCP Morning Prayer (SPA)	10:30am CW Morning Praise (BD)
September 8 th Sunday after Trinity	<i>(Support Burmington)</i>	4:00-6:00pm Youth Bible Study (Village Hall)	9:00am BCP Holy Comm (SPA)	10:30am CW All Age Service (BD)	10:30am CW Village Service (SPA)	9:00am BCP Holy Comm (BD)	<i>(Support Burmington)</i>
September 15 th Sunday after Trinity	<i>(Support Cherington)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	11:00am CW All Age Harvest Service (BD)	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (SPA/CLW)	<i>(Support Barton)</i> 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)
September 22 nd Sunday after Trinity		6pm BCP Harvest Evening Prayer (SPA/LM)				10:30am CW Benefice Communion (BD/SPA)	
September 29 th Sunday after Trinity	<i>(Support Burmington)</i>	<i>(Support Whichford or other)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion* (BD)	10:30am CW All Age Harvest Service (BD)	4:00pm CW All Age Service (BD/SPA)	10:30am CW Harvest Service (SPA)	<i>(Support Cherington or other)</i>
October 6 th Sunday after Trinity	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) 4pm CW Informal Service (with kids groups) (SPA/BD)	10:30am BCP Morning Prayer (SPA)	11:30am CW Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch (BD)

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,

God and Money

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

These words were spoken by Jesus as part of his most famous sermon, The Sermon on the Mount, recorded for us in Matthew's Gospel. It's surprising when you read the teaching of Jesus just how much is devoted to the subject of money. Jesus talks about money more than almost any other topic. And he does this because he knows what a powerful hold money can have over our lives.

In the above quotation Jesus personifies money as being like a master, a master who tries to rival God. And much of Jesus's teaching about money is aimed at showing us what a poor master money is. Jesus repeatedly warns those who have lots of money about the spiritual danger it brings. Having wealth says Jesus, can lead us to forget about the needs of others, and even more seriously can cause us to forget about God. If we build our lives around being comfortable and well off, then we actually miss what real life is all about; knowing and loving the God of the universe as our Father.

When asked how much money was enough one of wealthiest men of all time J.D Rockefeller is reported to have replied 'just a little bit more'. That captures something of the addictive quality that money has. But even if we are able to reach a point where we are satisfied with our level of wealth, there's still the reality of death to contend with. Money cannot help us in the face of death, and we cannot take our money with us through death.

Money is a poor master for those who have lots of it. And it's equally poor for those of us who don't. If we're not well off, then making money our master will only lead to worry. Do I have enough money to provide for my needs and the needs of my family? Do I have enough money to survive the current political uncertainties? Will I have enough money when I retire? Money is a poor master however much of it we have.

But God is different, says Jesus. God is a better master than money. Unlike money God doesn't demand more and more and more. Instead he satisfies our desires for meaning, hope and belonging. Unlike money God sets us free from worry as we learn to rest in his loving care for us. Unlike money God isn't defeated by death but has himself defeated death and offers life to all who come to him.

Money is not bad in and of itself. It makes a good servant but a poor master.

In the coming term we're going to be exploring some of these issues at our informal services on Sunday afternoon. Why not come and join us? We'd be delighted to welcome you. Informal services will be held at Long Compton Church, 4.00 pm, on 1, 15, 29 September and 6 October.

Ben Dyson (Pioneer Minister)

Deanery News

This is the first time I'm writing to you all with the Area Dean 'hat' on. At the end of June, Jill Tucker relinquished that role after 10 years. We are hugely indebted to her in this Deanery for the way she has faithfully served us and helped us to build up a strong, supportive Deanery. In June, the Synod met to celebrate both her ministry and our life together as we shared some of the good things that are happening in our churches. We heard from every Benefice about how individual churches and groups are working to grow healthy churches, committed to God's mission in this place. The evening was a real success and there are plans to share more resources at future Synods, both to encourage and to equip us.

As I pick up the reins of Area Dean, the role will evolve as it fits around my pattern of work. Do please feel free to contact me with suggestions, questions, comments etc. – and exercise plenty of patience as I learn the ropes!

This month we also say goodbye to Reverend John Horton as he retires from the Stourdene group. Over the years he has served God faithfully there alongside other clergy and laity, and also through vacancy. We wish him and Liz well, assure him of our prayers and hope that it won't be too long before we see him back in the Deanery on occasions, for one reason or another.

Our next Deanery Synod meets on Tuesday 15 October in Brailes Church, at 7.30 pm. Reverend Canon Richard Cooke will be speaking about Matthew's gospel (the lectionary gospel for 2019 - 20). It's an open meeting, and Richard is always deeply engaging, so do come if you are able.

Reverend Sarah Edmonds, Area Dean (sarah_edmonds@btconnect.com)

Link to Hope - Shoebox Appeal 2019

Once again, it's that time of year when I make a plea for you to consider supporting this very worthwhile project. Could you manage to fill a shoebox with simple items suitable for all members of a family or for an elderly person? Perhaps you could do this together with some friends and neighbours. Leaflets which include all the details and a list of suggested contents (e.g. flannel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, small new toys and games, razors, tape measure etc.) are available from all churches in the Benefice or from me. Please try and ensure that your box is full and does not rattle! If you have some suitable items but not enough to fill a box, I would be grateful if you would put those items in the collecting box in your church or bring them to me before 31 October.

Each box should be wrapped and have a list of its contents taped to the outside, together with £3 towards the cost of transporting it to its destination in Eastern Europe.

Can I please ask you to take any completed boxes to any of the churchwardens in the Benefice by Friday 25 October or to bring them to the Benefice service at Great Wolford on Sunday 27 October. Alternatively you can drop them in to me at the address below at any time up until 31 October. For further information, give me a call, pick up a leaflet or visit the charity's website (www.linktohope.co.uk).

With many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Sue Bradley, Long Barn, Burmington (661635)

Benefice Informal Services – Autumn 2019

Long Compton Church

1 September	Cash Values: Treasure in Heaven (Luke 12:22-34)
15 September	Cash Values: The Love of Money (1 Timothy 6:6-10)
29 September	Praise Service: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)
6 October	Cash Values: A Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)
20 October	Hot Topic: Are there many ways to God? (John 14:1-9)
3 November	Jesus is Coming Back: Stand Firm to the End (Mark 13:1-13)
17 November	Jesus is Coming Back: Be on Your Guard (Mark 13:14-27)
1 December	Jesus is Coming Back: Keep Watch! (Mark 13:28-37)



INVITATION

To a Series of Lunch-Time Talks and Discussions for Women
The Old Forge, Stourton House 12.30 pm
STORIES FOR OUR TIMES (The Parables of Jesus)



10 Oct 2019	The Prodigal Son Luke 15: 11 – 32	Guy Napthine
14 Nov 2019	The Wise and Foolish Virgins Matthew 25: 1 – 13	Ursula Simpson
9 Jan 2020	The Wedding Banquet Matthew 22: 1 – 14	Andrew Dow
13 Feb 2020	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18: 9 – 14	Ben Dyson
12 Mar 2020	The Parable of the Sower Mark 4: 1 – 20	Jane Smith
9 April 2020	The Parable of the Tenants Luke 20: 9 – 19	Penny Frank
14 May 2020	What's Your Story? Sarah Scotter and Pam Brooks	

Simple lunch provided - donations please

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2 – 4 pm

**Saturday
September
14th 2019**

Bard's Walk
An 8-mile walk with
beautiful views.

Bard's rides

Bike rides round the
wonderful South Warwickshire
countryside, with a route for
gentle family cycling (18 miles)
and a 40-mile route for
enthusiasts.

Online Registration, Cycling or Walk
Adults: £15, Juniors (12-16 yrs): £6
Family/Group of up to 5: £38

On the day Registration, Cycling or Walk
Adults: £18, Juniors (12-16 yrs): £8
Family / Group of up to 5: £42

Start times

40-mile Challenge Cycle Ride:
Starts 9.00am (Newbold Village Hall)

18-mile Family Cycle Ride:
Starts 10.30 (Newbold Village Hall)

8-mile Walk:
Starts 10.30 (from All Saints Church, Honington)

Breakfast and Refreshments
from 8.30am at Newbold-
on-Stour Village Hall.

Finish and Barbecue for
cyclists and walkers, plus
friends and families, in the
grounds of Honington
Hall from 1pm to 5pm.
Cash bar for soft drinks
and barbecue food.

Free Parking

Sign up now!

More information: bardsride.co.uk
Registration: bardsride.co.uk/signup

bardsride.co.uk

Have a great day out and help preserve our architectural heritage for future generations. Proceeds to the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust and local churches designated by participants.



Acorns Primary School and Brailes C of E Primary School News

Farewell to the Classes of 2019

We say goodbye to two fabulous groups of pupils at Acorns and Brailes who have had a super time in Year 6. They have been excellent role models for the younger children, whilst producing academic work of a very high standard all year round.

At Acorns, our outgoing Year 6 children acted, danced and sang brilliantly alongside their Year 5 classmates in the production of *The Keymaster* and their *Best Bits* slideshow proved what amazing curriculum we offer, plus the wide range of sporting, musical and social experiences our children have been given.



Under the calm, clear direction of Mrs. Smith, all the children in Badgers class at Brailes shone in the end of year production, *Moses*. This was an entertaining, boldly executed retelling of a significant story which is important to the Christian and Jewish faith and brought to a close the end of our Egyptian topic *Pharaohs*. The singing by all the performers was stunning with the audiences attending both performances feeling the passion of children acting brilliantly in role as their characters. Well done to all Badgers children and a big thank you to everyone who collaborated to make this production such a success.

Camp Outs

Year 6 at both schools were treated to the end of year traditional camp out experience. At Acorns the children camped in the Orchard, eating together, playing cricket, swimming in the giant paddling pool, cycling round our new track and simply spending quality time with each other before moving on to secondary schools. At Brailes, the children made the most of the Forest School area, along with playing nostalgic games with the Reception toys, trikes and bikes before retiring under canvas!



The children were a pleasure to be with. Thank you to every member of staff who made this special occasion possible. What wonderful memories our staff create for the children.



The Jolly Postman

Class 1 at Acorns have enjoyed working with Mrs. Roberts from Calypso Kids again this year and have made lots of wonderful art pieces in addition to their fabulous musical compositions. This term, the children focused on traditional tales, writing lyrics and then performing *The Jolly Postman*, which was a mix up of fairy tales with a twist at the end. They performed proudly upon our Acorns stage and it was brilliant to see so many budding performers coming through the school.

Farmers' Market

Class 3 held a Farmers' Market during the last week of the academic year as the culmination of their *Allotment* topic from the Spring term. The children and teachers were particularly pleased with the potato and pea yield. The painted pebbles were a big hit; pupils really enjoyed making them at Forest School. The fresh lemonade Class 3 made and sold at the Summer Fete was also a huge success, raising over £80; this money was put to great use – the class purchased a twelve-foot paddling pool for the whole school to use during School Council Activities Week.



Competitive Spirit

It was another lovely day and a fantastic turnout of spectators to watch Acorns children take part in a carousel of sporting skills followed by running races and relays, egg and spoon and sack races. Congratulations to Whichford House, who were the overall winners for the second year in a row. Well done to all the parents and family members who took part in our novelty races and many thanks to the parents who provided refreshments.

Many congratulations to Gillett who have won the Brailes School Team Point Trophy for this school year as the team who have earned the most team points over the year. The final totals were: Bishop: 3,279, Sheldon: 3,348, Gillett: 3,627.

There was real competitive spirit between all three teams this year right up to the final week. Congratulations to Sheldon Team who were winners of Sports Day at the start of July and Bishop team who won the Spelling Bee and Pancake Races earlier this year.



As our year group numbers continue to grow, Brailes governors and staff have decided that all children in Year 6 will become prefects from September 2019. There will be one Team Captain and one Sports Captain for each team, which staff and pupils will vote democratically to elect in team elections.

Nursery Building

Our Nursery building project will finally commence in the summer holidays. All tenders received in April were significantly over budget combining the funding from the government and Local Authority. We have recently received a tender which is still over budget, but affordable with additional funding from our own school reserves, which trustees agreed to in July. Demolition of the existing Nursery building will commence after the August bank holiday!

Brailes Wraparound Care

Wraparound after school provision will continue to be provided indefinitely at Brailes C of E Primary School from September 2019. This will be a school-run provision with Caroline Perkins who is employed by school with familiar Onside Coaching staff employed by Nick Hibberd from Onside Coaching.

3.15 pm – 4.30 pm	£5	3.15 pm – 5.30 pm	£9
3.15 pm – 5.00 pm	£7	3.15 pm – 6.00 pm	£12

A light tea will be provided between 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm. In the 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm session each day, there will be different activity options for families to choose from, which need to be confirmed at the time of booking. Daily activity choices will change each half term and will be shared with parents in advance. The club activities for Autumn (3 September - 24 October) are:

Monday: Forest School Team Building Skills
Tuesday: Multisports
Wednesday: Arts and Crafts

Thursday: Tag Rugby
Friday: Cooking

There will also always be a 'Choices Club' option each day between 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm, which can be chosen by families on some or all of the days between this time when bookings are made. Choices Club activities available each day include: colouring, drawing, reading, board games, construction, Sylvania Families, completing homework, top trumps, outdoor play.

All bookings for wraparound care need to be booked online in advance for a half a term block using the Onside Coaching online booking page <http://www.brailescfeprimary.org.uk/after-school-care/>. There will be limited spaces available for *ad hoc* bookings. Bookings cannot be made via the school office.

Admissions for September 2019

Acorns Primary School has a few places available for Nursery and Reception classes for September 2019. For Nursery admissions from the age of 3, please speak to Mrs. Wixey or Mrs. Weatherhead in the Acorns school office - 01608 684654 or email admin2639@we-learn.com. At Brailes Nursery, please contact Mrs. Bennett on 01608 685253 or email admin3014@we-learn.com.

Reception applications for Acorns Primary School must be made through the home Local Authority:

If you live in Warwickshire, you can apply online for a place at Acorns Primary School or Brailes C of E Primary School:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>

In Oxfordshire, you can apply online for a place at Acorns Primary School or Brailes C of E Primary School:

https://admissions.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ccenterprise_admissionsonline/

For Gloucestershire, you can apply online for a place at Acorns Primary School or Brailes C of E Primary School:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>

Both schools have a small number of spaces available in other year groups. Applications should be made to Warwickshire Local Authority.

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A few weeks ago, there sprang up in a bare patch in our garden a plant bearing large furry basal leaves. It was not in our way, but we vowed to dig it out sometime - and of course we didn't. Then suddenly, from the leaves there started to spring a stalk, which grew and grew and grew to a height of four feet. Then from this, there appeared a flowering stem growing a further thirty inches, and bearing bright yellow flowers. And there it stands, in glorious isolation on the edge of a garden border. The plant is mullein or verbascum, and belongs to the same family as foxgloves. Alternative names given to it have been Aaron's rod and Our Lady's candle. But from where did it arrive? Well, there is another plant growing in the front garden of a house across the road from ours. The juice of this plant was once boiled, strained off and used to cure colds and coughs. And meanwhile from the gravel path nearby has sprung its little brother already standing about two feet tall. Will this grow to the size of the older plant? We shall see.

Of all the birds we see in these islands, the swift has to be the most remarkable. Flying from distant Africa it only ever ceases to fly when it nests. In all other activities it eats, sleeps and mates in the air. Although it is a summer migrant bird resembling the swallow and the house martin, it does not belong to the same family. Its diet of insects means that it has no need to land and perch in search of other food. If you are wishing for an attractive bird song you will find that the swift does nothing but a screaming call as it dives about in the air. In fact, it was once known by countrymen as 'the devil bird' because of its unattractive screech. Swifts though are believed to mate for life and each guards the nest vigorously. Mating too occurs on the nests. It often leaves by the end of July for its return to Africa, but I have not yet heard of any research about whether it stops for refuelling with food en route as do many other migrant birds. It must however take some time for feeding on its trip, so perhaps it pauses in its flight where there is an abundance of insects in the air.

But whilst we are lost in admiration at the achievements of all migrant birds coming to us from as far distant as Madagascar, our admiration must surely be boundless when we consider the achievement of some butterflies which travel almost as far. For here we have a seemingly delicate creature weighing only a few grams braving the challenging elements to achieve their purpose. A recent television programme gave us an insight of the migration of the painted lady butterfly. It seems that it leaves home in North Africa for our shores but not entirely to find food and breeding places but because of the attentions of a fly there which lays its eggs in the caterpillars of the painted lady. This fly's progeny subsequently chews its way out of the caterpillar and thus reduces the numbers of painted ladies in that area. Consequently, the butterflies take off for elsewhere. They stop en route in Spain and France, producing eggs and caterpillars there. So the butterflies that reach our shores are in fact the grandchildren of those, which originally flew out of Africa. This is a beautifully coloured butterfly, and I have heard that thousands have made for these islands, getting to Wales and the North and to Scotland. Unfortunately I have yet see one, but I suppose there is still time.

And now for the mystery of the thieving mouse. I should tell you I keep my bird food in a large black plastic box, and in this is another round plastic box containing the sunflower seed and which is secured by a firmly placed lid with a lip. But the other day I went to obtain some sunflower seed and opening the box in which it is contained beheld a small mouse within. It immediately jumped out of the box - in itself an achievement as the box is deep and smooth sided. Clearly though, it did not wish to extend our acquaintance. But how, I ask, did it get in there? There is a hole in the corner of the large outer box containing the smaller one. But the lid to this inside box is firmly fixed. And how did it know the seed was in there? Did it smell it or see it through the semi-transparent plastic? I see all breeds of mice have Latin names but even with my scant knowledge of this language I'm sure none translate into 'stealers of seed'. It will have to remain a mystery unless in the unlikely event of my catching it in the act of getting in. But it is welcome to the tiny bit of seed it might take.

Tony Partridge

Highlight on Hedgehogs - September

I'm happy to report that in August I had several sightings of hedgehogs in the garden – and what's more, each time there were two together; a whopping great male, and a much smaller female. On one of the nights in question, I was sitting out watching for meteors (it was during the Perseid meteor shower) when I heard them grunting at each other and crunching noisily on the chicken-flavoured biscuits in their special hog feeding station. I do, incidentally, feel rather sorry for the cat, who looks on in frustration at his biscuits being used to top up their feeder nightly.



Anyway, I went down to the end of the garden to watch them more closely. The male was pretty determined and spent over an hour and a half circling the female, nudging her and rubbing against her. She, on the other hand, kept pushing him away with her snout and giving him an occasional headbutt before wandering away, only for him to trundle after her and try again. I don't think she was all that impressed or interested.

This reminded me I'd read that the month of September often brings a second litter of hoglets. Mature females may have mated for a second time in August and find themselves with a nest full of hoglets again thus repeating the events of the last couple of months. However, with their natural diet becoming scarcer as autumn approaches, late litters struggle to gain the fat reserves and body weight which are necessary for a successful hibernation. Underweight hedgehogs won't survive winter, so September is vital for them to feed well.

I'm quite impressed – perhaps my clever little female hedgehog knew this and was taking evasive action.

Do remember if you find a sick or injured hedgehog you can help by ringing the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for advice and the details of a local carer on 01584 890801, or in an emergency call St. Tiggywinkles 01844 292292.

Louise Turner

GARDENING NOTES

Editors:

Margaret Welsh, Long Compton Garden Club

Miranda Arnold, Whichford Amateur Gardener

In September the lush summer growth starts to fade and needs cutting and composting. This will keep things neat and tidy but many of us may want to keep seed heads for their attractive features and for feeding birds over the winter. Areas of long grass and log piles are havens for frogs which will help keep down pests such as slugs and snails. A balance is needed between caring for wildlife and good garden hygiene practices.

Compost heaps are invaluable in recycling organic waste and the rich compost produced helps to add nutrients, earthworms and other invertebrates to the soil improving soil structure. As leaves begin to fall, do remove them from beds and borders but leave some to protect invertebrates. Any diseased material should be removed. For example, rose leaves may harbour spores of black spot or rust and should not be composted. Prunings of diseased wood which has coral fungus or canker should also be disposed of or burnt. Domestic compost heaps rarely reach the temperature required to kill spores of such diseases, nor will they kill weed seeds, so again do not put these onto the heap. Remember to disinfect secateurs or loppers after dealing with infected plants.

At the start of autumn we're often urged to resuscitate lawns after 'the summer pounding'. This year, unlike last year, we have not suffered from a prolonged drought, but lawns always benefit from scarification, aeration with a fork and a top dressing of autumn feed. September is the month for starting to plant spring bulbs. If you want to naturalise some into your lawn, such as snakeshead fritillaries or daffodils, throw the bulbs up into the air and plant them where they land to make them appear more natural. It is not too late to sow biennials such as wall flowers and sweet williams in pots ready for planting out next March.

September is about planning as well as growing. If beds are full, divide summer flowering perennials and plant offcuts elsewhere. At the end of the month plant out container grown evergreens provided conditions are cool and moist. Prepare planting sites for deciduous trees and shrubs by digging well and incorporating organic matter. For tender plants like hardy fuchsia, take a few semi-ripe or soft wood cuttings, pot up and root indoors as insurance against any lost in the winter cold.

Harvesting fruit and vegetables continues. Choose a dry spell to finish harvesting onions and dry in the sun for a few days or if wet, in the greenhouse. String up or hang in cloth bags. Over-wintering onion sets can be planted ready for early summer. Lift main crop potatoes as they mature. Left in the ground too long will risk them being eaten by slugs. Dry on the ground for three hours or so before storing in a cool, dry place in stout paper bags or hessian sacks. Cut down canes of spent summer flowering raspberries but enjoy the fruits of autumn fruiting varieties and cut them down in February.

Hopefully we will have a pleasant, mild passage into autumn but as it gets cooler, especially in the evenings, be prepared to bring indoors any houseplants which have spent the summer in the garden. Finish feeding shrubs in containers so that they don't put on new growth vulnerable to frost. Enjoy your garden whether it be an Indian summer or a more typical English variety.

Margaret Welsh

Farm Fresh Milk Available from Long Compton

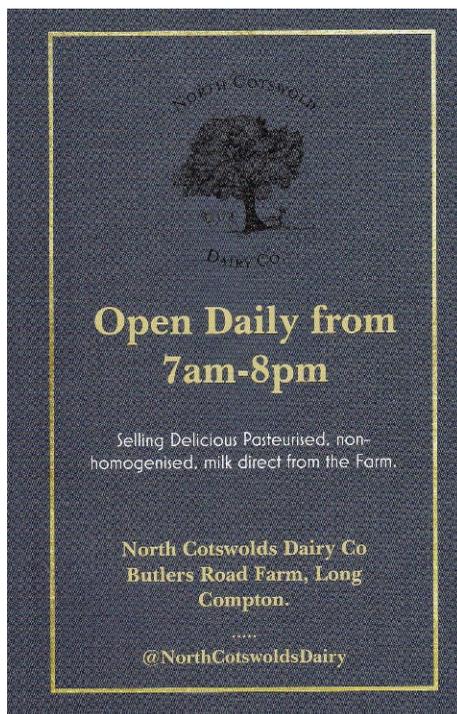
Pete and Emma Ledbury have just started selling fresh milk direct to the consumer. Pete and Emma, who farm at Butlers Road Farm, in Long Compton have been selling fresh milk since May this year. The farm is a little out of the village; turn off the A3400 opposite Long Compton village hall, then at the first left hand bend go straight on out of the village for about one mile up a narrow lane until you pass the farm on the right-hand side. You can also approach from the Great Rollright road, turning down into Long Compton. It is well worth the drive, or very pleasant walk from the village.

The whole milk is dispensed through a vending machine into either re-useable glass bottles which you buy or plastic supermarket type bottles. You can take your own container as long as it will hold at least one litre and is 'bottle' shaped so that it can fit into the filling area of the machine. Once the container is in the machine, steam clears the milk lines and then the programmed amount of milk is released. Very easy, the machine takes coins or cards and sells in either 1 or 2 litre quantities.

The milk is from their herd of pedigree Holstein (black and white) cows who graze the surrounding fields. The milk comes from the parlour every other day, unlike more commercial milk which will probably be four or five days old before it gets to the shelf. All the milk goes through a pasteuriser so everything they sell is pasteurised and safe from any pathogens, but it is not homogenised, so you still get the cream rising to the top. They are also selling delicious milk shakes and fresh eggs. Emma is hoping to go into semi skimmed, cream and butter shortly.

Before opening to the public, Stratford Food Standards department tested all the equipment and practices to check everything met the food hygiene regulations and like all food establishments, random tests will be carried out periodically to check that the standards are maintained.

Pete and Emma run a closed herd, meaning that they do not buy in any animals and just use animals bred from their own cows as replacements. They are milking around 60 cows, calving throughout the year meaning they have a steady supply of milk rather than peaking in either the spring or the autumn which happens with either spring or autumn



calving herds. Unfortunately, they have recently lost about 25% of their herd to TB, which is very upsetting, particularly as they have lost some family lines completely so that years of careful breeding have disappeared. The other downside of having a TB reactor detected is that they are not allowed to sell any animals off the farm, so calves that would normally go on to beef rearing farms such as ours, have to stay on the farm putting a strain on the amount of grazing and feed that is available plus the financial cost of not being able to sell animals. The most recent TB test was clear so fingers crossed, the next one coming 60 days later will also be clear and they are able to start moving the non dairy stock off the farm in a more normal way.



Long Compton herd on its way home

Lynn Mathias farms at Manor Farm in Great Wolford

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A Postscript for Music in July

An unusual and delightful concert took place in St. Martin's on Saturday 13 July, a little too close to the copy deadline for me to achieve the August LINK. Sam Brown and Nathaniel Mander, each with international careers on their respective instruments, the lute and the virginals (early keyboards) gave us a very enjoyable evening of early music: played in duet or as solo, in melancholy or lively mood. The composers included, amongst others, Dowland, Purcell and, perhaps the less well-known, John Blow.

In addition, Sam and Nat gave us a witty, informative commentary about the instruments which provided the musical accompaniment to the lives of courtiers and 'gentlefolk' from the sixteenth to early eighteenth centuries.

We learned about the importance of improvisation from a basic theme or 'ground'. Several of these featured in the programme, their popularity causing them to be written down at some point, with titles such as *My Lady Neville's Ground*, by William Byrd.

The weather held up for refreshments outside the church, taking advantage of a pleasant summer evening. Once again, thank you to all who came along and those responsible for the organisation of another well supported sociable, musical treat in our fortunate parish of St. Martin's.

Dianne Smith

The Mystery of the Tuffery Tombs

At our Carol Service in St. Lawrence, Barton-on-the-Heath last Christmas Eve, we met the Mills Family from Bishampton, near Pershore. Three nabresina stone gravestones by the path leading up to the church commemorate their ancestors, the Tuffery Family. They were leaning and covered by plants. Around Easter we found someone had been digging in the Churchyard and the stones had been removed. Two months later they were reinstated, at dead of night, presumably



to avoid burial charges, but as Churchwarden I established these had been properly paid, more than fifty years ago. In addition, there was a plate inscribed to a 'beloved Aunt'. The latest name was of someone who died in 1962. Could she have been Rita Mills' Aunt?

I have just discovered from the Burial Register this must have been Frances Ruby Tuffery who died in 2004 aged 91 and so was not mentioned in the survey published in 1989. Rita Mills told me the family had farmed at Shirley's Farm (now Dover's Farm) from early Victorian times until 1960. They also ran a taxi service using a pony and trap to Moreton-in-Marsh, taking passengers to and from the station and bringing shopping back to the village. She promised to show me pictures of their Farm Sale but as yet, these are still in her attic.

Hamish Cathie

Easy No Bake Cheese Cake

Ingredients

250g digestive biscuits (or ½ gingernuts and digestives)	284ml double cream
100g butter melted	2 teaspoons grated lemon
1 vanilla pod (or 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract)	¼ cup lemon juice
600g cream cheese	2 tablespoons cornflour
100g icing sugar	
For the topping -	400g punnet raspberries or strawberries
	icing sugar

1. To make the base, butter and line a 23cm loose-based tin with baking parchment. Put the biscuits in a plastic food bag and crush to crumbs using a rolling pin.

2. Transfer the crumbs to a bowl, then pour over the melted butter. Mix thoroughly until the crumbs are completely coated. Tip them into the prepared tin and press firmly down into the base to create an even layer. Chill in the fridge for at least 1 hour to set firmly.
3. Slice the vanilla pod in half lengthways, scrape out the seeds using the back of a kitchen knife.
4. Place the cream cheese, icing sugar, cornflour, lemon juice and rind and the vanilla seeds/extract in a bowl, then beat with an electric mixer until smooth.
5. Tip in the double cream and continue beating until the mixture is completely combined. Now spoon the cream mixture onto the biscuit base, starting from the edges and working inwards, making sure that there are no air bubbles. Smooth the top of the cheesecake down with the back of a dessert spoon or spatula. Leave to set in the fridge overnight.
6. Bring the cheesecake to room temperature about 30 mins before serving. To remove it from the tin, place the base on top of a can, then gradually pull the sides of the tin down. Slip the cake onto a serving plate, removing the lining paper and base. If the cheesecake is still not completely set, put in the freezer for a short time before serving.
7. Pile the strawberries or raspberries onto the cake and sieve a little icing sugar on top.

Karyn Sassella

Beneficial Book Group

We enjoyed meeting to talk about *The Savage Garden* by Mark Mills. This was described as a perfect summer read. The combination of a Tuscan grand house and renaissance garden and mysteries to solve, plus forays into art and literature made for a great novel. The group felt that the book was well written but for some, the characters portrayed had lacked depth.

Next time will be on Sunday 1 September at 5.30 pm in the village hall when we will talk about *Can You Hear Me* by Elena Varvello.

Happy reading!

Gillian Cathie



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Cameo Lunch Club's Diamond Wedding Celebration

The August CAMEO meeting was honoured to celebrate the Diamond Wedding of popular members, Barbara and Dr. Brian Hudson. We learnt of their remarkable lives: of Barbara's work with some of the UK's first computers in 1954 (little more than a decade after Bletchley Park's pioneering launch in the field) and of Brian's career as a nuclear physicist. They first met in a youth group in their home city, Derby, but it was on a first visit to Stratford that Brian proposed to Barbara – in front of Prince Hal's statue in Bancroft Gardens. They married on 22 August, 1959. After gaining his PhD, Brian's career included posts at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment



at Harwell, secondment to the Danish Atomic Energy Commission, (they packed all of their worldly possessions in a tiny Morris Traveller estate and drove off to Copenhagen) and the offer of a professorship at a New Zealand university. They have two sons and four grandchildren with whom they will celebrate their anniversary at a family party – memorably in sight again of Prince Hal's statue in Stratford. Their celebratory cake was cut and they were toasted by their CAMEO Lunch Club friends at the Club's meeting in Burmington village hall on 13 August.

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Lottery Winners for June and July

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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 am – 12.00 noon)

Steve Allkins

Brailes Mechanical and Craft Society

On Saturday 13 July our annual coach outing departed Brailes at 9.00 am with only two spare seats available on Martin's of Tysoe coach. We headed South towards Gloucester and the very busy Docks area noted for its Victorian warehouses that are now listed buildings. On arrival, we were met by the Gloucester Docks receptionists to process the paperwork and outline what was available for us to do and see.

What we needed was some quiet time to ponder and plan our day over a nice cup of coffee and something to eat. Apart from the shopping experience, we had options of guided tours, which many of us participated in so we could fully appreciate the historical importance of the area. The pre-arranged boat trip on the canal, with the informative skipper telling us all about the area, the prominent buildings around us, and his many comments bringing a smile to our faces.

There are three major warehouses on the west side of the Victoria Dock, all built for William Partridge. His business included that of iron merchant, and the storage and transportation of goods by water. The warehouses were built to rent out, mainly to corn merchants and the first was known as Mr. Partridge's warehouse, but as others were built it was necessary to give them all names. The Victoria warehouse was built in 1849, then in 1851 the Albert warehouse was built, and finally in 1861 the Britannia warehouse was constructed, and in all cases the warehouses were built for corn merchants to store and handle grain movements.

Over the years they have been re-developed for many other uses, such as milling grain into flour, storage facilities, and many offices, with others converted into apartments. It was a day to relax providing you did not overspend in the shopping malls with the numerous designer shops, and the inviting cafes, but made time to explore the various museums.

With no meetings planned for August, we look forward to Monday 2 September and a talk by Richard Denning on *Life in AD 600*. Quite different to what we are experiencing in the 21st century! Come and hear what it is all about in the warm atmosphere of Brailes village hall at 7.30 pm, with the annual membership being only three pounds.

Harry Upson

St. John The Baptist Church

Our celebration of harvest festival will be at 10.30 on Sunday 29 September.

Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as non-perishable items suitable for our local food bank, would be really appreciated. Please drop these off at the church by Thursday 26 September, for inclusion in the harvest display.

And now ... calling all children of our villages for Saturday 28 September. This year Annie Parmenter and Lucy Cumberland will be helping children to create harvest displays of their own. This will take place in the church between 2.00 and 4.00 pm on Saturday 28 September. Parents, please come with your children, bringing along whatever you can spare from your garden in the way of fruit, flowers, greenery or vegetables - I will do my usual ring round, but if you could keep the date and time free that would be great. Many thanks.

Sarah Scotter

Flower Show 2019

Another successful show! The weather was kind and visitors were treated to a real variety of entertainment - from falconry to face painting, vintage tractors to Victoria sponge there really was something for everyone.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the organisation and running of this year's show; your support is invaluable, and the show can't take place without the generous donation of time and effort from so many people.

I have a few items of lost property collected from the show field after the event, including assorted plates, a bread knife, 2 square cake boards and a dog bowl. If you think you might be missing any of these items, please get in touch.

Helen Beaumont, Secretary – 686586

Thanks

I would like to thank the team of flower ladies very much indeed for doing such a superb job on my behalf for Sarah Owens' wedding on 13 July. The flowers were absolutely gorgeous in both the church and village hall.

Many thanks.

Susie Dockar-Drysdale

Brailes Picturehouse

Our line-up for September through November:

Saturday 14 September - *Bohemian Rhapsody*

Saturday 19 October - *Mary, Queen of Scots*

Saturday 16 November - *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*

Possible future titles – *Dumbo, The Aftermath, Wild Rose, Downton Abbey and Red Joan*

Deirdre Carney

Cherington Stourton & Sutton Under Brailes Seniors Club

Tuesday 17 September will be our Chatterbox & Autumn Show in the hall from 2.30 – 4.00 pm. So, come along and display your flowers and vegetables. There will also be the very popular *Coloured Picture* competition. Details will be delivered to members shortly. We will have our usual raffle and a delicious tea will be served.

A fish & chip lunch, to include a pudding and tea or coffee, is planned for 12.30 pm on Wednesday 9 October at the Cherington Arms. Details will be delivered to members so please put the date in your diary! Looking forward to seeing you at these two events.

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12 December - Christmas Lunch
29 January - *Letters in Shakespeare plays and the practice of letter writing in the early modern period.* Lawrence Green
26 February - *Life and Times of John Masefield (as a pupil at Warwick School)* Gervald Frykman
25 March - AGM
29 April - *Social and political satire in Gilbert & Sullivan* Bernard Lockett
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Long Compton Village Hall Fete

The August Social Saturday was rather a dull day, weather-wise, but that didn't deter folks from turning out for burgers and bangers in a traditional British indoor barbecue! Things return to normal in September with a choice of a hot meal, soup and cake. There will also be a selection of stalls to browse, a raffle, the 100 Club Draw and, of course, people to chat to. A great way to pass the time on a Saturday.



The August Bank Holiday was the date for our third Bank Holiday Boules event of the year. This is open to anyone who wants to turn up and take part and has proved to be popular. Although it had not yet taken place at the time of writing, I am going to report that the weather was fantastic, the BBQ was put to good use and the winner was pleased with their cash prize.

The village hall is looked after by a group of volunteers who would be very pleased to welcome more folks from the community. If you fancy getting involved by doing the washing up or catering on a Social Saturday, helping out at events or even joining the Committee, please do get in touch.

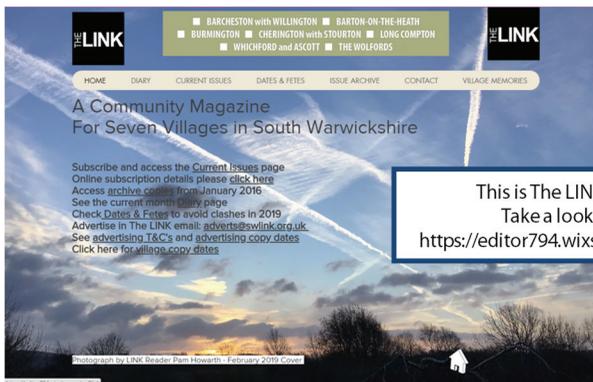
Mo Read on 684130, 07814802814 or lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

Compton District History Society

We start our new season with the AGM on Wednesday 11 September. This short meeting will be followed by a talk from Bill Cook on *The Commotion Time*, when in 1549 rebellions broke out all across southern England culminating in a battle very near to Long Compton.

Don't forget that the Lych Gate will be open again on Sunday 1 September, 2.00 – 5.00 pm if you would like to come and browse our collections.

Diana Cook 684771



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Garden Club

Following on from an interesting talk by Ann Chambers, about her family home, Kiftsgate, some of the Garden Club visited the garden in July. Our trip was well timed as the roses were spectacular. The famous Kiftsgate rose especially has grown out of all proportion and made a wonderful display spreading down most of one of the walks. The rosa mundi also put on a good show in the herbaceous border along with many hidden gems and old familiars, thalictrum delavayi, astrantia major, lily and delphiniums to name just a few. The water garden was a haven of peace and on a hot day the bench in the shade was a welcome place to watch the beautiful water feature. Going down through the yellow border to the North border one catches a glimpse of the lovely views over to the Malvern hills and then it opens up to reveal the pool and the full vista. Retracing our steps, we rested in the summerhouse which again provided welcome shade, a delightful breeze, and more views, before returning to the main house for tea. We all agreed that Kiftsgate, although smaller than some other gardens, is a very special and interesting place to visit.



Daryl Morley

Long Compton and District Garden Club Trips 2019



Wednesday 18 September



Midsummer House (am)

Owners previously at Mill House and brought many plants to this new garden.

Lunch at Cotswold Plough in Clanfield

Radcot House (pm with afternoon tea)

Approximately 3 acres of dramatic yet harmonious planting, pond, fruit and vegetable cages, grasses and unusual perennials and sculpture.

Start from LC Village Hall 10.00 am - £18

To book your place please email lesleyroberts46@gmail.com
or call Lesley on 01608 684 545 or Anthony on 01608 684 337

All welcome

Long Compton Parish Council

Community Volunteering

It is all too easy to always expect that someone else is responsible, but this year it has been very heartening that a number of residents have taken a very proactive approach in helping to value and care for the community. This has taken many forms from offering to run a litter pick, to notifying and offering to attend to various small maintenance tasks around the village and at the recreation ground.



So, if you see something that needs doing please also consider if it is something you could help with and if in doubt, contact the Parish Clerk for advice.

Further good news is that we have a new Councillor but there is still space for one more to bring the Council up to the full complement of eight.

Parish Clerk - Elizabeth Gilkes, 01608 684336

Comptonians

Last year we visited the Leamington Centre of Guide Dogs for the Blind and heard about the breeding and rearing of the puppies. On Thursday 26 September we shall have a follow up visit to the nearby training centre and will hear further about how the puppies which have been selected as having a suitable temperament for guiding are socialised, get experience and are trained for their work. It should be an interesting visit.

The coach will leave from the usual pick up places at 12.00 noon.

If you would like to join us on the third Wednesday of the month, usually at 2.00 pm, you would be most welcome. Contact us if you are interested.

Margaret Welsh 684238

The Friends of Long Compton Church

Our 2019 Photographic Competition was even more popular this year and we are delighted to announce the winners below. You will be able to see the photographs in the exhibition in the church until Tuesday 10 September.



- Overall winners (a tie)** - Robert Bracher (Gateway to Spring)
Colin Lamb (The Joy of Spring)
- Adult (Over 16)** Winner - Colin Lamb (The Joy of Spring)
Runner Up - Lucy Shadbolt (And so it Begins)
- Juniors (Under 16)** Winner - James Allen (Three in a Row)
Runner Up – Amelia Upward (Cotswold Calves)
- Those with distinctions** Winner - Robert Bracher (Gateway to Spring)
Runner Up - Robert Bracher (Glorious Blooms)

The village quiz, despite having one or two really difficult things to identify, was completed by four teams with a tie in each category.

U12 Ben and Ray Hart and Natalie and Daniel Kench
Adult Paul and Charlotte Field and The Allen Family

We are now working towards the Christmas Tree Festival in November. All village groups, societies and businesses are invited to take part. If we have not spoken to you and you would like to be involved, please get in touch.

Upcoming events are: 22-24 November – Christmas Tree Festival in the church
6 December – Jazz concert, Emily Smith (note change of date).

Our information and contact points:
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www.friendsoflongcomptonchurch.com

Sue Klatt, Chairman: @friendsoflongcomptonchurch

Long Compton PCC

The PCC is holding a church and churchyard clean up session from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm on Saturday 28 September. This is an annual event when we give the church a really good clean and tackle some jobs around the churchyard to try and keep it tidy for the benefit of everyone using and visiting the church. In previous years the Friends have been a huge help joining in and we would love to see members there again this year.

Any help with broom, secateurs, duster or mop is very welcome, bring your own tools/equipment if you can. Just an hour during that time will help get the job done and get the church and its surroundings looking tidy. Refreshments will be provided, and it is a sociable occasion!

Thank you very much.

The Ebenezer Chapel

Ebenezer Chapel

Congregational Church – Butlers Lane, Long Compton

Harvest Festival

Sunday 6 October 3.30 pm

Minister: Rev. Marion Hartwell - Long Compton Community Choir - Organist: Bridget Tiffin

Please join us for Refreshments after the service

Harvest Supper: Friday 11 October 7.00 pm - Supper and Entertainment.

Tickets from Sally Franklin 01608 684739

The Ebenezer Chapel continues to welcome a variety of new activities and visitors. In August it was the venue for a Gong Bath, Whist Drive, Table Top sale and Drop-in Chapel.

Gong Baths are a form of relaxation while listening to music generated from these amazing planetary gongs – alternative spiritual musical harmony. We hope to schedule them on a regular basis



Future Diary Dates are:

- 2 September – Whist Drive
- 15 September – Drop in Chapel Tea and Chat
- 28 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 6 October – Harvest Festival
- 11 October – Harvest Supper with Entertainment
- 19 October – Table Top Sale



Harvest is always a popular service and we look forward to welcoming a good congregation to the service on 6 October for which all donations of produce and help decorating are welcomed. Arriving by bike as did Jean Haine in 1953 is not essential. This year members are reviving the traditional Harvest Supper (Friday October 11). We are fortunate to have secured a popular local singer, Arthur Taylor, to provide added entertainment. Please contact Sally to book as space will be limited.

Work to the Manse is complete and a family has now moved in. Chapel members have turned their attentions to refurbishment of Chapel itself and are in process of applying for grants for website funding and the major refurbishment works required to improve and update the Arden Room and kitchen.

A volunteer has kindly offered to assist in curating the Chapel archives by preparing a photographic/artistic record so we will also have some interesting artistic interpretations of various aspects of chapel from a creative perspective.

More information can be obtained from longcomptonebenezerchapel@outlook.com
Sally Franklin (684739 / 07870 545431) or Elizabeth Gilkes (684336/07791 621778)

Text **TEA EQD4** to **70550** to donate £5 to this coffee morning. *Costs £5 + your standard network charge.*

LET'S CHANGE LIVES WITH EVERY SLICE

10.00am **AT** 1.00pm

Long Compton
EBENEZER CHAPEL
Butlers Lane

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

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Pat Miller - Artisan Jewellery

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Contact: Sally 01608 684739 / 07870 545431

Compton Creatives

We meet monthly on the third Monday, and occasionally at other times for workshops and outings. New members are always welcome.

Contact caroline.nixon@btinternet.com or jhburras@yahoo.co.uk

Long Compton & District Walkers

Although a few walkers were missing from our monthly amble, we still managed to number 18 before setting off to Woodstock for a walk along the Glyme valley to Wootton. It is surprising how quickly the sights and sounds of the A44 are lost, as soon as a footpath is taken through the water meadows by the Black Prince pub. A gentle climb out of the town gave us some open views eastward and walking was easy and surprisingly dry after all the recent rain.

Our leaders had even managed to find a coffee stop that provided seats for the weary, before we just skirted Wootton and tackled the one 'small incline' that our leader had warned us of, which was short and sharp. Apart from a few sheep we failed to spot any wildlife, which has been the pattern of the last few walks, but perseverance is the key. On returning to Woodstock, the last field we crossed had a well-defined path across it, which was lined either side by multi coloured hollyhocks in full bloom. It was a very unusual sight and much commented on and photographed. Apparently they were planted by the local residents, presumably to brighten the route, which they certainly did. Unfortunately, the field is designated for housing development and soon they are likely to be only a distant memory.



Lunch awaited us at the end of our wander, promptly served and welcomed by everyone. Thank you to our leaders for planning the walk and for introducing us to a different area.

The next walk will be on Tuesday 10 September to an as yet unknown destination! We will meet as usual in the car park at the Red Lion at 9.30 am.

Jan Treadaway 684553

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 are especially welcome.

Adrian (684024)

Long Compton
book club

Next meeting – Thursday 12th September 7.00-8.30pm

we will be discussing

After Such Kindness by Gaynor Arnold

As always, all welcome

Contact: Sue Klatt 01608 684813 or sueklatt@gmail.com

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 jordanlboswell@hotmail.com

The 100 Club

The August draw was held at the Social Saturday in the village hall on 10 August. The winners were:

1st Prize - 230	David Wills	3rd Prize - 118	Yvette Jaquiss
2nd Prize - 16	Janet Livingstone	4th Prize - 222	G Austin

The next draw will be held at 12.00 noon at the Social Saturday on 14 September in the village hall. Come to the hall to have a cup of coffee and watch the draw – better still, stay for lunch.

Chris Galloway 684234

Bridge at the Village Hall

There is a proposal to start a Bridge Club based in the village hall. The aim will be to play friendly bridge, probably Chicago, perhaps building up to Duplicate in due course. It is hoped that we will be able to run a beginner's class as well.

There will be a meeting for all those interested in the hall on Tuesday 24 September at 7.00 pm. We will discuss the format of the club, timings, frequency, subscriptions etc. and will welcome input from anyone with club experience, experts and beginners alike!

Please come if you can or let us know if you have any thoughts.

Chris Galloway 684234, Ann Lattimore 684540

VILLAGE NEWS

WHICHFORD AND ASCOTT

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Nature Encounters



Whilst clearing climbing vegetation from around a redundant satellite dish I was almost knocked off my ladder by a collared dove exploding from her beautifully hidden and shaded nest. Whilst pretty much all our birds have finished nesting, pigeons and doves continue well into autumn thanks to their ability to grind up grains and seeds into 'pigeon milk', a complete liquid feed for their young. So bear this in mind if pruning high hedges, shrubs or small trees, or even dismantling an unwanted satellite dish!

Patrick Fox

Whichford & Ascott Christmas Gift Fair

Saturday 23rd November 10am – 1pm
in aid of St. Michael's Church
An exciting variety of over 20 stalls* for
fabulous Christmas shopping.

Entry £5: includes home-made mince pie and coffee
Wonderful raffle prizes
Christmas wreaths to order

By kind invitation of Andy & Sally Birtwell
Holycombe Holistic Retreat Centre, Whichford,
CV36 5PH

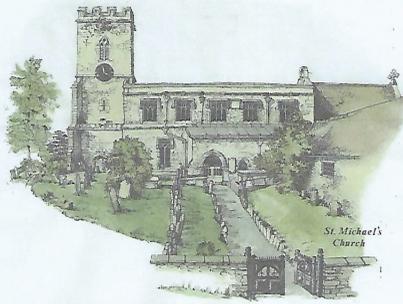
* Please bring cash & cheques as some stallholders
may not take cards



The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to John Round who is the winner of the August Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener



St. Michael's Church, Whichford

Harvest Service

September 29th

At 10.30am

Followed by Refreshments!

The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club

There is no 100 club draw this month and the next draw will take place during September. The club has helped to provide much welcomed funds for the upkeep of the village hall for the past two years and many thanks to all who have brought shares in the club.

Please let me know if you would like to buy shares in the club as this would be greatly appreciated to maintain the village hall.

James van Helden - jamesvanhelden@btconnect.com, 674244



The Rural Cinema in The Wolfords
presents
'Fisherman's Friends'
Cert: 12A (1 hr 52m)

A fast-living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen. He becomes the ultimate 'fish out of water' as he struggles to gain the respect of the unlikely boy band and their families who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he's drawn deeper into the traditional way of life, he's forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means.

Directed by Chris Foggin

With Christian Brassington, Daniel Mays, James Purefoy, Noel Clarke, Tuppence Middleton

Thursday 19 September 7.30 pm
Little Wolford Village Hall

Tickets (including free coffee and biscuits) £4.

The Wolfords WI

The next meeting will be held at the Wolfords village hall on Wednesday 4 September at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Paul Thompson whose talk is entitled *Keep the Home Fires Burning*.

Find out about life on the home front as Mrs. Thompson manages without her husband or servants, involves herself with the newly formed WI, women's suffrage, and rationing.

Visitors are always welcome, please contact Roz on 684223 for more details.

Bingo and Fish and Chips Supper



Saturday 12 October at 7.00 pm
Wolfords Village Hall

£11 per person

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13	17	43	48	67

A really good friendly night out with a first-class fish & chip supper and cash prize bingo. Bring your own drinks and we'll provide glasses.

Don't fancy joining the bingo? Then we do take away fish & chips for £7.50 per person. Ring us for details.

in aid of St. Michael & All Angels Church Maintenance Funds

To book contact:

Janet Piller (674 396), John Wrench (674 389), Ann McKenna (674 009)

The Wolfords Village Hall - Over 60s Table Tennis

We have started an over 60s Table Tennis Club in the Wolfords village hall which meets every Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

Anybody over 60 is welcome to join regardless of ability. Equipment provided but you can also bring your own. This is fantastic for fitness, mobility, balance, spatial awareness, social wellbeing and has been documented to slow down the onset of dementia.



All in the SW7 area are welcome. Contact Tom Baker - 07834 525893

Great Rollright - Great Market!

Friendly Local Market & Café

Start your weekend with a delicious cup of fresh coffee and a tasty bacon roll or traybake.

Browse local seasonal produce,
handmade crafts and gifts.

1st Saturday of each month
Great Rollright Village Hall
9:30am - 12:30pm

Chairman's Corner

Kicking up a Stink

In August, there was a distinctly unpleasant odour, which persisted for more than a week. The eye-wateringly pungent pong was probably due to the surrounding arable land being replenished with fertilizer and/or organic matter. Venturing outside was an assault on the senses (well, at least one of them), and doors and windows had to be kept firmly shut. Still, it goes with the territory when living in the lovely Cotswolds countryside.

Determined not to let the nasty niff spoil a warm sunny afternoon, I attempted to neutralise it by mowing the lawn. Amazingly, for a while, it worked. The aroma of freshly cut grass must be one of our most favourite scents. We associate it with long summer days and weekends relaxing or playing in the garden. It's not such a pleasurable experience for the manicured turf though. Apparently, the aroma is caused by the release of chemicals, signalling that the grass is in distress or under attack.

It's quite fascinating how certain smells can evoke specific memories, moods or reactions. This is known as the Proust phenomenon. Few would argue that when walking past a fish and chip shop, the waft emanating from inside can be irresistible, even when not feeling remotely hungry. Similarly, our digestive juices are stimulated when our olfactory system detects the cooking of bacon – whatever the time of day, I can't imagine that many would turn down the offer of a bacon sarnie (vegetarians excepted, of course).

Some of us find that the fresh earthy scents of a forest or woodland can be comforting and invigorating, especially after it has been raining. The technical term for this precipitation-induced smell is petrichor. We also feel a sense of calm and well-being from the fragrance of pine trees – this is no coincidence. These trees exude airborne compounds called phytoncides, the primary purpose of which is to deter insects and pathogens. Studies have shown that breathing in phytoncides can help to reduce stress hormone levels and assist the immune system by their potential anti-bacterial and anti-viral effects on the body.

Whenever the unusual combination of citrus peelings and cigar smoke hits my nostrils, I am transported back to family gatherings at Christmas when I was a youngster. While male relatives lit up their festive coronas, I would tuck into a bowl of satsumas. As a non-smoker, I still find the whiff of a good cigar rather pleasant.

Continuing with the smoky theme, there's something satisfying about the smell of wood smoke - it seems to bring out our primal instincts. We love to gather around a cosy log fire, sharing food, drink and stories, or simply being mesmerised by the flames.

If catching just the merest hint of suntan lotion, especially if its ingredients include coconut extracts, we are put in a more contented frame of mind – we are instantly reminded of past beach holidays, poolside cocktails and exotic trips abroad.

Our sense of smell is truly remarkable. It's certainly not to be sniffed at.

Simon Lewis-Beeching, chairman@swlink.org.uk

UN International Day of Peace is Saturday 21 September. I would have like to have used John Lennon's *Imagine*, for I believe that his words have much to teach and inspire us. Unfortunately, due to copyright restrictions, this is not possible for our small publication.

Fortunately, one of our readers has produced a poem for me with no such limitation on copyright. Kit Humphrey's *On Hearing the Bells in Coventry* has peace at its heart and it draws from a location that was historically within our own county of Warwickshire.

On Hearing the Bells in Coventry

The old cathedral sits aloof
With toothy tower and absent roof.
Its nave has puddles brimmed by rain,
And silent walls all cracked with pain.
An open window spans one end,
And sawn off columns to earth descend.
Its bells for Reconciliation ring,
For Peace, not Hate that War doth bring.

Brave they are who sit and stare,
And contemplate the lack of care,
For gentle people forced to fight
And what they lost to save what's right.
Fought to right those awful wrongs,
And paid the price with moonlight's bombs.
Its bells for Reconciliation ring,
For Peace, not Hate that War doth bring.

'Coventried', goes the name,
When people died from air raid flame.
It marked a turn up of the wick,
To long and bloody, not short and quick.
Rebuilt cities tell the tale
Across the globe, of war's travail.
Its bells for Reconciliation ring,
For Peace, not Hate that War doth bring.

Kit Humphrey



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 more recent 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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