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EVENTS DIARY

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

Sat 2	Village breakfast	Burmington VH	09.00
Sun 3	Organ Recital	Barcheston Ch	15.30
Thurs 7	Country Market	WI Hall, Moreton	10.00
Fri 8	Harvest Service	Whichford Ch	10.30
Sat 9	SW7 Men's breakfast	Wolford VH	08:00
	Coffee Shop	The Hall, Stourton	10.30
	Social Saturday	Long Compton VH	11.00
	Flower Show AGM	The Hall, Stourton	19.00
	Xmas Gift fair	Whichford	10.00
Sun 10	Remembrance Day Service	Long Compton Ch	10.50
	Remembrance Day Service	Wolford Ch	10.50
	Charity pub quiz	Red Lion, Long Compton	19.30
	Connect Meeting	Long Compton VH	15.00
Tues12	Cameo Lunch Club	Burmington VH	12.00
Weds 13	Military and Naval Soc	The Hall, Stourton	19.30
Thurs 14	Country Market	WI Hall, Moreton	10.00
Fri 15	Feel Good Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
	Movie night	Brailes Picture House	19.15
Sat 16	SW7 Women's breakfast	Wolford VH	08:30
Sun 17	Big Sunday lunch	Burmington VH	13.00
	Service	The Chapel Long Compton	15.30
Weds 20	Comptonians	Long Compton VH	12.30
	Parish Council Meeting	Burmington VH	19.00
Fri 22	Carers4 Carers	Kineton VH	10.30
Sun 24	Stir Up Sunday	Burmington Ch	10.30
	Charity pub quiz	Red Lion, Long Compton	19.30
Weds 27	The Hall AGM	The Hall, Stourton	19.00
	District Garden Club	Long Compton VH	19.10
Thurs 28	Country Market	WI Hall, Moreton	10.00
Fri 29	Xmas Market	Wolford VH	16.00
Sat 30	Bingo	The Hall, Stourton	19.00

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EDITORIAL



Welcome to the November edition of The Link and buckle up because Christmas is coming at us fast and this edition is packed with events starting with a couple of Christmas markets later this month. I'm sure I'm not the only one who gets the winter blues as soon as the clocks go back and the view from the window becomes endlessly wet, grey and miserable, so some events to look forward to can only be a good thing. I was talking to a friend recently who uses a natural light lamp to help counteract the effects of winter but personally, I dream of a winter trip to the Caribbean! I'll put that on my Christmas list and hope.....!

I'm ashamed to say that despite living in a dark skies village of astronomical importance, I missed completely both the Northern Lights and the comet last month, so I am grateful to Danielle Herbert who did get up from the sofa and was able to supply the truly spectacular photo on the months front cover.

If you would like to publicise a Christmas event in The Link please note the copy date for the December edition which will mark my two-year anniversary as Link editor! Time flies!

Sara Billins



Cover photograph: Northern Lights over Long Compton by Danielle Herbert

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Dates for the diary for November

7th and 14th November – Christmas food samples will be available to buy and try before you order. Don't forget to pick up an order form.

Our craft section had steadily grown throughout the year and we have a lovely selection of unique Christmas gifts.

07933 141410 / mimcountrymarket@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

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

Please visit one of our dementia friendly cafes locally

Tuesday from 10.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday from 2pm - 4pm

Thursday from 10.30am - 12.30pm

Friday from 10am - 12 noon

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



Shipston on Stour CV36 4QG

Wellesbourne Village Hall CV35 9NH

Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 0DS

Tysoe Village Hall CV35 0SE

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



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

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



Carers4Carers

Our monthly meeting is at Kineton village hall on Friday 22nd November from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Come along and meet fellow local carers over coffee, tea, and biscuits. Christmas is on the horizon and so we'll be crafting some simple decorations that you can use at home or send to a friend.

Friday, 13th December: There will be a festive feel to our meeting with mince pies and music.

Feel free to bring your loved ones along - they can join our Companionship Group while we meet. We look forward to seeing you there!

For further details about our carer support group or help with transport arrangements, contact Gillian on 07947 893504, kcarers4carers@gmail.com, or see our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024



It is time once again to invite everyone to contribute to this year's appeal which commences on Friday October 25th and continues until Saturday November 9th.

As an alternative to cash donations, a QR code will again be available to use with smart phones.

This year's Armistice Day falls on Monday November 11th when the national two minutes silence will be observed at 11:00am.

Please look out for our collectors and support this most worthy appeal.

David Whately- District Appeal Organiser

The poster for the Cotswolds Distillery Christmas event features a warm, festive background with a stone fireplace, a clock, and Christmas decorations. On the left, several bottles of Cotswolds gin are displayed. On the right, a hand holds a bottle of Cotswolds gin. The text is centered and reads:

Come & join us for a
FESTIVE SHOPPING EVENING
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER FROM 5-9PM
Cotswolds Distillery, Whichford Road, Stourton, CV36 5EX
UNMISSABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT OFFERS WELCOME
.....
DRINK & TREAT
.....
ENJOY A MEAL AT THE STILL HOUSE CAFE FESTIVE
.....
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Christmas Trees

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Wreaths

Christmas Lights

Gifts

Wellness

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Craft Beers

Woodfired Pizzas

Hot Food

Cakes

Wine & Bubbles

GROVES YARD
MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD
OX7 6JP



CAMEO members are mourning the recent deaths of four cherished members: Doreen Fox of Willington, Lesley Rawlings of Stourton, and Beryl

Aston and Jane Holder of Burmington. The last three named were founder members of CAMEO in 2007.

It is hoped to provide brief obituaries of Doreen, Lesley and Beryl in the next Link edition. All were bright sparks in their different ways, who contributed greatly to CAMEO meetings over the years. They will greatly missed.



The photograph of Doreen Fox was chosen as typifying the lively spirit possessed by all these ladies, all in their 80s and 90s at their passing.

Next CAMEO Lunch meeting - 12th November at 12:00 noon for 12:30 pm in Burmington village hall.

Please book with Brenda Fitch on Tel: 664313.





2024-25 SEASON



THE RED LION CHARITY PUB QUIZ

What you need to know...

- Quiz starts at 7.30 (ish)
- Teams of up to 6 people (£2 entry fee per person)
- Each quiz supports a different charity
- Book a table to guarantee seats for your team
- There is a raffle with great prizes at each quiz

@redlionlongcomp

Quiz dates & charities

10.11.24	- Hospitality Action
24.11.24	- Cotswold Dogs and Cats Home
08.12.24	- Lawrence Home Nursing
22.12.24	- Banbury Young Homeless Project
05.01.25	- Acorns Primary School PTA
19.01.25	- Bridewell Garden MH Recovery
02.02.25	- Refuge
16.02.25	- Long Compton Sports Club
02.03.25	- Shipston Home Nursing
16.03.25	- Chipping Norton Lido



Happy Birthday!

November 2024



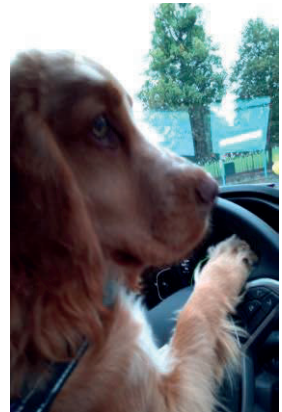
Claire Fifer-Flaherty	Long Compton	13
Matthew Clarke	Burmington	13
James Allen	Long Compton	18
Esme Willow McCutcheon	Cherington	13
Sebastian Matthews	Whichford	9
Emilie Ada Lamb	Long Compton	17
Leah Dudfield	Stourton	11
Harvey Joshua Streets	Whichford	16

Pet of the Month



Thanks to Karen for nominating this month's puppy pin up. Lovely Goldie is a six-month-old cocker spaniel and new pup on the block in Long Compton.

Goldie sports a cream bib, a jaunty Mohican haircut and an adorable sprinkling of freckles on his nose. Already accomplished at the steering wheel Goldie can hold his own with his older chums and will, of course, do



anything for a treat.

Do you have a pet you would like to see featured as Pet of the Month? Send a photo and short bio to editor@swlink.org.uk

Save the Dates

Sat Dec 14th	Winter Gathering	Burmington
Sat Nov 9th	Whichford and Ascott Christmas Fair, 10:00am-11.30pm, Berry's Orchard, Whichford	
Sat June 21 st 2025	Summer Fete	Barton on the Heath

INFO LINK

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

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

Local Catholic Church Services

Chipping Norton

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

Stow-on-the-Wold

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

Shipston and Brailes

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

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

Chipping Campden

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

Local Quaker Meetings

Local Quaker Meetings for worship:

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

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

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

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

Local Congregational Services

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

Chair Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778 Sec/Treasurer Sally Franklin

PARISH PEOPLE

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)

	<i>Barcheston St Martin</i>	<i>Barton-on-the-Heath St Lawrence</i>
Churchwardens	David Hodges 07767840857	Walter Sawyer 684755
Secretary	Alice and Tom Murray 238755	Vacancy
Treasurer	David Cleave 666002	Mandy McPherson 674734
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Churchwardens	Michael Macdonald 662483	Roger Maycock 686404
Secretary	Graham French 239032	Paul Levitch 686353
Treasurer	Stuart Walsh, 07870 154425	Sherry Gasson-Barker 686420
	<i>Long Compton St Peter and St Paul</i>	<i>Whichford St Michael</i>
Churchwardens	Jill Kirby 684923	Sophia Corlett 684369
Secretary	Zoë Wrigley 650404	Mandy James 684479
Treasurer	John Nye 684363	Jenny Scrivener
	<i>Wolford St Michael and All Angels</i>	
Churchwarden	John Wrench 674389	
Treasurer	Ann McKenna 674009	

Parish Councils

Parish	Chair	Clerk
Barcheston	David Sutton	Lindsey Walker (663567)
Barton-on-the-Heath	James Coker (674601)	Julia Hicks
Burmington	Robert Hutchings (661496)	
Cherington	Philip Townsend (686529)	Sara Cole (686250)
Long Compton	Simon Bing (684827)	Sam Weller (684897)
Whichford	Ed Law	Nicky Aldenton
The Wolfords	Pippa Lines (01608 674035)	Elizabeth Gilkes (684336)

CHURCH NOTES

The Poem 'Jesus of the Scars' was published in 1919 following the horrendous experience of The First World War. Written by a minister named Edward Shillito it speaks of our need, as broken and wounded people, to have a God who has himself been broken and wounded.



Jesus of the Scars by Edward Shillito

*If we have never sought, we seek Thee now;
Thine eyes burn through the dark, our only stars;
We must have sight of thorn-pricks on Thy brow,
We must have Thee, O Jesus of the Scars.*

*The heavens frighten us; they are too calm;
In all the universe we have no place.
Our wounds are hurting us; where is the balm?
Lord Jesus, by Thy Scars, we claim Thy grace.*

*If, when the doors are shut, Thou drawest near,
Only reveal those hands, that side of Thine;
We know to-day what wounds are, have no fear,
Show us Thy Scars, we know the countersign.*

*The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak;
They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak,
And not a god has wounds, but Thou alone.*



Giggle Tots

Baby and Toddler Group

At Wolford Village Hall

Thursday Mornings

10:00-11:30am

Come and join us for fun, friendship and playtime.

For all care givers with children 0-4

(Term time only)

more information Kim Petty 07949949215

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CONNECT

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

Come to

Long Compton Village Hall

Starting October 13th. 3-4pm

(2nd Sundays of the month)

Refreshments provided

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

For more details, please contact
Kim Petty, kimpetty@btinternet.com 07949949215

HELP!

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

Kim 07949949215

SW7 Men's Breakfast

Wolford Village Hall

Saturday 9th November 2024 at 8am

Roger Simpson

Keeping

The Main Thing



The Main Thing

Full English Breakfast £10.00

Book Now

Roger Maycock 01608 686404 rmaycock287@btinternet.com

Nick Jackson 077990 57475 tamjackson52@hotmail.com

Paul Field 07976700763 epfield@gmail.com

SW7
Women's
Breakfast

Saturday 16th November at 8.30

Wolford Village Hall

David Bracewell

*Where is God in
Our Broken World?*

RSVP

Liz Maycock 01608 686404

lizzymaycock@gmail.com

Sarah Scotter 01608 686303

sarah.scotter@hotmail.com

Breakfast @ £12 per head

STIR UP (the Christmas pudding) SUNDAY

**St Barnabas' &
St Nicholas' Church
Burmington**



**"STIR UP
SUNDAY"**

**Sunday 24th
November
10.30am**

Join us at our
special
Family Service
conducted by
Sarah Parton
With Honor Fenton
on guitar

Come and help the
children stir up,
cook and sample
their
Christmas pudding.

Join us afterwards for
refreshments.

Stir Up Sunday is a fun service in which children are invited to make a Christmas pudding.

First, the children put the ingredients into a mixing bowl and then take the bowl around the church and ask each person to stir the mixture and make a (private) wish. Once well and truly stirred, the mixture is taken out of the church and cooked before being brought back into church – flaming as per tradition – for everyone to taste!

Sarah Parton will lead us and Honor Fenton will be leading us in singing. Refreshments will be available after the service.

Do join us in the fun on Sunday 24th November

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CHURCHES – SW 7 - Seven Parishes ~ One Church

November 2024 CHURCH SERVICES						
SW 7 Sunday Worship	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burrington	St John the Baptist Cherington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael & All Angels Wolford
3 rd November All Saints	9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)				4pm GAP Informal Service (BD)	10:30am CW Holy Communion (BD)
10 th November Remembrance	10:50am Remembrance Service (CLW)			10:50am Remembrance Service (AW)	10:50am Remembrance Service (BD) 3pm Connect at the Village Hall (BD/KP)	10:50am Remembrance Service (RS/LM)
17 th November 2nd before Advent		9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		10:30 CW Holy Communion (BD)	4pm GAP Informal Service (BD)	
24 th November Christ the King			9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		10:30 CW Holy Communion (BD)	

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BD = Ben Dyson/LM = Liz Maycock/AW = Anthony Wells/CLW = Clare Wells/RSt = Richard Stevens/ KP = Kim Petty
BCP = Prayer Book/CW = Common Worship/GAP = Informal Service

I never, ever, thought it would be possible to have another back end like 2023. Well, here we are, the same, if not worse. I wrote last time that by the beginning of October I would have news of lots of winter corn drilled, good seed beds and my mind at ease. We did take the opportunity to start drilling in the 3rd week of September and in very dry conditions planted around 100 acres of wheat. All looked good with some rain forecast for the weekend coming. Well, rain it did and from a Sunday evening to the following Monday afternoon. Dan's weather station recorded 117ml of rain - that's around 4 inches in old money, followed by a dose of a further 50-odd-ml the following day. I was pleased we drilled that much, but we have a lot more to do. The rain soaked the ground to saturation point and wheat lying in water rots. The fact it was so dry to start and most was

on ploughed land means it will hopefully survive.

This morning, Dan and our agronomist, Chris, found most still in the land of the living, but the rain keeps on coming. Normally when it's drilled, it is quickly sprayed with what's called a pre-emergence that controls blackgrass – a plant which grows amongst the crop, and which contaminates the

eventual grain harvest, significantly reducing its value. Dan did get some done, if we can't do the rest, I fear it will put back many years of keeping the ground clean with a low seed burden.

All this rain kicked off on the day of the village Harvest Festival, we all went off to church and then to the village hall for a nice lunch. My mind goes back to earlier times in the parish, when the church and the following supper were full, as it was an evening service. George Pratt, as master of ceremonies, guest speakers and most local farmers and their staff were all in attendance. Back then, a lot more of the village people worked on the land or had in the past. I guess if there wasn't a harvest at all in this country, enough could be sourced from abroad.

A week ago, Dan and Claire travelled up to Claire's village in Staffordshire to attend the funeral of a close friend of hers. Her family has farmed there on the



same two farms since the late 1890's and long may it continue. Claire's brother Tom, I think the fifth generation of the family to farm there, was blessed with the birth of a baby a few weeks ago, so there may even be a sixth to follow.

Claire brought back with her, what is to me, a wonderful piece of social history. Her family predecessors around the beginning of the 20th century kept amazing records of everything they bought, sold and grew, writing down the daily work each of the staff did all throughout the year. I spent most of yesterday reading pages and pages. It is not fiction, or a story, it is real; every day, every field and what every person was doing. It was then a true mixed farm and it still is today – arable, sheep, cattle and poultry.



Claire has contacted the Museum of English Rural Life at Reading University, to see if they are interested in having the ledgers, diaries and other records for the purposes of historical research. I've always intended to go and look forward to a grand

day out when we hopefully go to drop them off. I know many years ago a local agricultural dealer called Mr Archie Fitt from Little Tew had two very old wooden ploughs –they were taken there and displayed. I remember seeing them before they went –massive heavy things with elm mould boards, iron shears and coulter, and great wheels like cartwheels. One came from Tew and one, I was told, came from Tysoe. It was ploughs like these that put up all the ridge and furrow work that southern Warwickshire and local areas were famed for long before the enclosure of Long Compton in 1812. I still have the indentures of the enclosure of the land we have at the Mill. There's three parts to it – first the act itself, second the people who undertook the work, and the last describes the area enclosed.

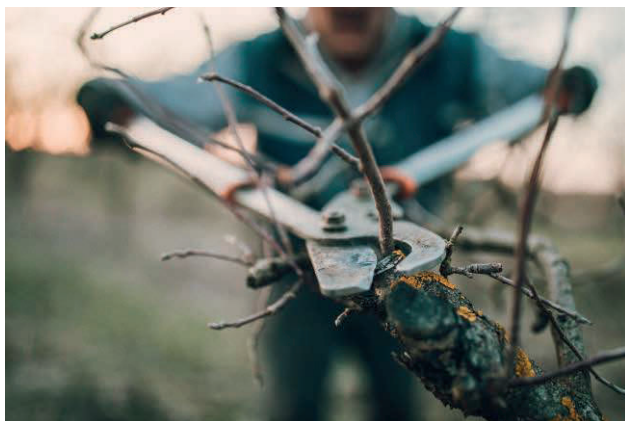
I hope by the time of the next Farming Notes I'll have green fields of wheat and beans, all sown. As I've written before, you have to have a plan, but often it doesn't always work.

John 'Tufty' Richardson

GARDENING NOTES

Editors: Margaret Welsh
and Miranda Arnold

November is sometimes considered as the worst gardening month, being damp and rather drear. Many plants are in decline, but you can still find beauty in the silhouettes of the trees and the pronounced shapes of the evergreens. Several herbaceous plants hold on to their blooms, roses may continue to flower if it is not too cold and flowers of winter shrubs start to appear e.g. winter jasmine and viburnum "*Dawn*." It is the month to prepare for winter and to anticipate spring.



Check that any young trees are securely staked but loosen any tight ties. Cut out dead or diseased wood and remove any crossing branches to prevent rubbing in the wind. Tie in and prune rambling roses while the young stems are still pliant and can be laid horizontally. This slows

the sap and helps to produce more roses next season. Remove one in three of the older stems to be replaced by the growth of new ones. Also complete the pruning of blackcurrants, redcurrants and gooseberries if you have not already done so.

Bare root trees and roses can be planted now. Water them when they arrive and plant them when the soil is not waterlogged or frozen. They can be heeled in temporarily until the weather is suitable. They should establish well especially if the roots have mycorrhizal fungi applied and compost is added to the planting hole. Bare rooted whips of native hedging plants can also be planted now.

Raise planters onto "feet" or bricks to help with drainage. Bring in from the garden citrus trees and tender plants such as fuchsias and pelargoniums to protect them from the frost. Protect tender bulbs e.g. nerines and agapanthus with a layer of mulch about six inches in depth. This may also protect some dahlia tubers but to be sure of their survival, lift them after the foliage has been blackened by the first frost. Cut back their stems to about two inches, clean the

tubers by removing the soil and cutting off the fibrous roots. Make sure they are dry and there are no damaged tubers and store them in a cool, frost-free place.

Early November is a good time to plant tulip corms in the garden. Wait until the temperature has dropped because they are prone to tulip blight or "tulip fire" which is more likely to occur in warmer weather. Plant them to a depth of two times the height of the corm. There is still time in early November to lay turf if the soil is not saturated or frozen.

By late autumn compost heaps are likely to have built up with cut back herbaceous foliage, grass cuttings and pruning material. Ideally it is

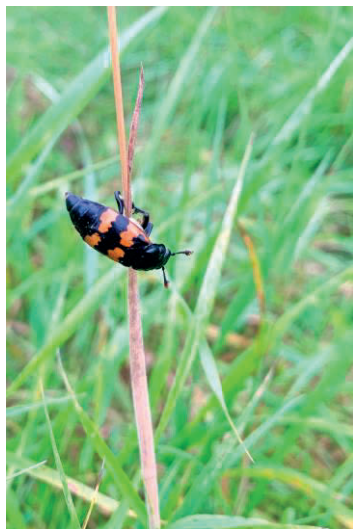


recommended that there is a mix of 25-50% of green material and the rest brown. The latter includes dead leaves, prunings (finely clipped or shredded) plus cardboard. Keep the heap moist to speed up the decay but cover it with porous material to retain the heat. Try to turn the heap from time to time to mix the contents and it should be ready to use after 12-18 months.

Other jobs that can be completed this month include cleaning seed trays and pots ready for their use in the spring and cleaning out bird boxes because they are often used for winter shelter.

Margaret Wels

One of the joys of having a new puppy is watching their playful exploration of their new world. One of the less endearing elements is remembering that they do it all with their mouths. Bella has quickly cottoned onto the tasty treat of fresh equestrian dung and any frustrated commands of '*don't pull*' are lost to her straining the lead to breaking point, while metaphorically tucking a bib into her collar and breaking out some utensils. So, I have to make sure that wherever she is rooting around isn't potentially harmful. But, this has its upside – I now check the ground a lot more often.



Which is why I encountered an interesting beetle clinging to a grass stem. All black apart from jagged red splotches on its flanks, the sexton beetle, or burying beetle, leads the sort of life that isn't for everyone. Corpses are its thing, usually small rodents or small dead birds, and they can detect them from over a mile away using special sensors. When a body is located the beetle sends out a powerful pheromone to attract a mate and together, they work quickly to cover the corpse with a secretion that will both slow down the decomposition and reduce the scent that might attract fellow scavengers. If necessary, they will then move the body to a suitable place where they slowly excavate the ground underneath,

creating a chamber into which the corpse finally sinks. At that point, the female lays her eggs nearby and after personally feeding her larvae for a few days after hatching they are left to devour the corpse. Why are they called a sexton beetle? Well in years gone by the church sexton was basically the odd job man and one of his tasks was, you guessed it, digging graves.

For birdwatchers October is an exciting month. Around 20% of the world's birds are migrating and some of them don't end up where they intended. This year has already seen a notable 'fall' of yellow-browed warblers scattered along the east coast, with a handful making it further inland. Breeding in the taiga forest of Siberia and wintering in southeast Asia, these tiny and beautiful *Phylloscopus* warblers are always worth seeing if an opportunity

arises. So, when a report of one at Varsity Close in Moreton popped up on the birdguides.com website I decided I ought to check it out. Unfortunately, despite scouring the area and getting some odd looks from the locals I didn't locate the bird. So, I went home and walked Bella instead, but something told me to take my binoculars.



We'd almost completed our usual circuit when, while passing through a small stand of trees on a footpath at Sutton, I heard a strident 2 syllable call that made me stop and look up. Unbelievably, that sounded like a yellow-browed warbler...surely not?! It took a while to locate the bird with the naked eye and at that point I was presented with a dilemma. Binoculars need two hands, and a dog lead needs one. Fortunately, Bella didn't wander off too much when I dropped her lead, so I was able to get some good and sustained views and was shamefully over excited to see that I was right. The call, combined with 2 clear wing bars and the strong thick yellowish supercilium (stripe above the eye) confirmed my suspicions. It was a classic autumn yellow-browed warbler and probably constitutes around the 15th record for Warwickshire. Happy days!

David Sewell

Acorns School News

After a rather wet September and a few early challenges to overcome with the weather, the term is going swimmingly at Acorns! The children are enjoying the new additions to the playground, a large skip of wooden blocks to encourage creative, practical play and some blackboard easels for drawing and playing games.



Across the school, pupils are learning the new routines of their classrooms and many are showing exemplary behaviour, consistently demonstrating our 3Bs: Be ready; Be respectful; Always do your best.

Gaining confidence and developing independence are important characteristics and through our approach to wellbeing and recognising emotions, we are on our journey of supporting children to grow into mighty oaks throughout their time with us.

In Little Acorns (Nursery and Reception), children are enjoying this half term's project: '*Me and My Community*' and have shared all sorts of lovely stories about starting school, themselves, families and some favourites such as the Alfie stories by Shirley Hughes and the stories of *Old Bear* by Jane Hissey.

In Class 1, children are building on their early years learning in the topic '*Childhood*', during which they have enjoyed looking at timelines and researching old toys and games.

Class 2 children are busy delving into the Stone Age and Bronze age for their '*Through the Ages*' project and Class 3 are focussing on ancient Chinese dynasties in their '*Dynamic Dynasties*' topic.

On Friday 27th September, the school community gathered with Reverend Ben Dyson for this year's Harvest Festival. The singing was beautiful and the children performed superb poems and recitals with confidence and clarity; we were very proud. Thank you to everyone who joined us to create that sense of belonging in our community and for your donations to the Shipston Food Bank. Thank you also to Ben for leading a lovely service.

In other areas of school life, Years 3 and 4 have entered the local cluster schools football tournament, with the rain holding off long enough to allow play! They represented the school excellently, demonstrating our values and good sports personship: showing an understanding of fair play and respect. Overall, the team came 5th in the competition; thank you to everyone who played, to the parents for transporting the children and to Pacey from Onside for coaching the children.

At the time of writing, children in Years 5 and 6 are preparing for their tournament along with a separate girls' team for later in October. Good luck to all participants.

Open Mornings

This November, we open our doors, every Tuesday morning (from 9:30am – 10:30am) to invite prospective families into our school; this may be for new Reception starters for September 2025 or for mid-year moves. Please book your appointment for a tour of the school by telephoning or emailing.

The applications process for Reception 2025 opens on 1st November 2024 and the closing date is 15th January 2025. Our admission criteria is on the school website and we are able to take children from neighbouring counties such as Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, in addition to Warwickshire. Telephone: 01608 684654

Email: admin2639@welearn365.com Website: www.acornsprimary.co.uk

Vacancies:

We have vacancies for two Community Governors to help set the direction and ethos of our school and be a valuable part in the future success of Acorns Primary. If you know anybody who might be interested, please ask them to come and talk to me (Mrs. Young) or to contact Gary Stokes, our Local Academy Council Chair via the school email address admin2639@welearn365.com. To ensure that the Local Academy Council is properly balanced, these positions

cannot be filled by any of our current parents as all of our Parent Governor positions are full.

Please view DfE Teaching Vacancies and/or our school website for further information on our current vacancies. If you know of anybody who may suit any of these roles, please encourage them to phone school to book a visit and find out more about these positions.

Brailes School News

It was lovely to welcome so many families and members of the community to our Harvest Festival in St George's Church at the start of October. Our thanks to the school community for the generous donations to the Shipston Foodbank. We are so proud of all the pupils' efforts: the fabulous singing by the school choir, brilliant story telling of the Little Red Hen by Reception, collaboration and clear communication from Rabbits and Owls classes to present choral poems and Harvest letters and critical thinking, citizenship and insightful awareness of our wonderful world in the harvest reflections and prayers written and shared by the children in Badgers class.



October has been a busy month with our first cluster sporting events taking place. Children have also been taking part in a range of after-school sports clubs such as football, multi-sports, hockey, dodgeball and many sporting activities, teams and groups out of school, such as martial arts, fencing and riding. Well done to our Y5/6 and Y3/4 football teams, and KS2 girls football team who represented the school brilliantly with courage, determination and tremendous team spirit in the recent sports tournaments.

Each class has become immersed in curriculum learning, building and expanding knowledge in the Develop stage of learning. As part of the

'*Childhood*' topic, Rabbits class have loved exploring and playing with toys from the past, a visit to Banbury Museum and have shown brilliant oracy skills reporting news stories about 'Lost Toys' from the class key text. Owls class have developed fantastic skills drafting, rewriting and performing free verse poetry.

Badgers class have demonstrated excellent collaboration and research skills to learn about the Shang Dynasty.

To encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation, and in response to parent and pupil voice in the homework survey in Summer 2024, Brailes School is offering the Junior Duke Award scheme to all children in Years 3-6 this year. There is a separate award for each year group. Each award is aimed at helping children to learn a large variety of life skills as well as broadening their horizons and understanding others' cultures. Each of the awards has a selection of challenges and, in order to complete an award children need to choose and



complete 10 of the 14 challenges. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco Awareness, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and budgeting. All children will have the opportunity to complete the First Aid challenge in school this year, but most of the challenges will require a

good deal of time and effort out of school with friends and family. We have been delighted with the high numbers of children who are taking part in the award and look forward to sharing and celebrating the children's learning and achievements with the school and wider community over the coming months.

Open Mornings

There are two further opening mornings on 19th November and 26th November (from 9:30am – 10:30am) to invite prospective families into our school; this may be for new Reception starters for September 2025 or for mid-year moves. Please book your appointment for a tour of the school by telephoning or emailing. The application process for Reception 2025 opens on 1st November 2024 and the closing date is 15th January 2025. Our admission criteria are on the school website and we are able to take children from neighbouring counties such as Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, in addition to Warwickshire.

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VILLAGE NEWS

BARCHESTON WITH WILLINGTON



2024 ORGAN RECITALS



3rd November: Rory Moules (The Oxford Oratory)

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

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

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

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

Barcheston Concerts.

NB, We regret to inform you that the piano/violin concert that was scheduled for 7:00pm on Saturday 23rd November at Famington Farm has been cancelled.

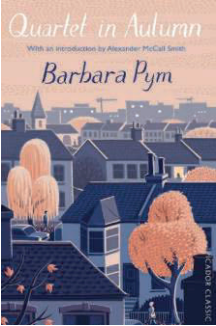
VILLAGE NEWS

Barton-on-the-Heath

Editor: Cathryn Aitken



Book Club



We found much to talk about when meeting to discuss '*Quartet in Autumn*' by Barbara Pym.

This fairly prolific author has proved more popular now than during her lifetime, though she was championed by other authors such as Philip Larkin and eventually got a nomination for the Booker prize for this novel.

It concerns the 'small' lives of four work colleagues who are lonely, but only meet in their office. Pym depicts lives of '*genteel poverty*' in the early 1960's as they retire, but captures many subtle details and quirks, which make us smile and help to lift the otherwise dark subject. It proved a very good subject of conversation.

Next time will be on Sunday 10th November at 5.30pm, when we will talk about '*The Women*' by Kirsten Hannah. Happy reading!

Gillian Cathie

Barton Fete

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE



VILLAGE NEWS

Burmington

Editor: Graham French



Village Breakfast

Saturday 2nd November 9:00-11:00 am

Come and join us for a full English and get your weekend and month off to a great start for just £6.00.

Please book with Robyn on 07966849149. All dietary requirements catered for.

Scarecrow Festival and Tabletop Sale

Saturday 21st of September was busier than usual in the village as we hosted a Tabletop Sale in the morning. Visitors were able to get refreshments at the Village Hall and search a wide selection of sale items on tables throughout the village. Many thanks to all who helped set up the event in addition to those who participated or visited. We hope to do this again and we hope too for finer weather when we do!

In the afternoon, we marked the conclusion of the third Scarecrow Festival with a trophy presentation to the winner of this year's vote. The theme of this year's event was "*Nursery Rhymes*." Ideas almost literally rained down on the contestants, across a wide web of installations that have chimed with villagers and passers-by alike.

As you can see, all the scarecrows were imaginatively designed with beautiful details and witty touches that must have taken many hours to complete. The winner was determined through an open vote, counted on the day of the sale. A huge 'well done' and 'thank you' to everyone who put in so much effort to enter. We had lots of votes again this year, so we would like to also thank everyone who took time out to support their favourite and vote.

There were two clear favourites:



The winning scarecrow this year was designed by Robyn Sutton, entitled Hickory Dickory Dock. A close second place went to Justine and Stuart Clarke for Dir. Foster. Third place went to Irene Clarke for her Little Miss Muffet.

Congratulations to all!

Neil Johnson

Editor's note: and many thanks from all of us in the village to Neil for all his enthusiasm and energy in organising the scarecrow festival and tabletop sale this year.

BURMINGTON PARISH MEETING

BIANNUAL MEETING

To be held

Wednesday 20th November

7.00pm Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

www.parish-council.com/BurmingtonParishMeeting

Big Village Sunday Lunch– Sunday 17th November 1.00pm
Menu

- Roast leg of pork
- Turkey and all the trimmings
- Lentil roast with lashings of gravy
- Crispy roast potatoes and Yorkshire puds,
- Roast parsnips, braised carrots, cauli cheese, broccoli
- A variety of home-made desserts will be available

It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a Sunday roast without having to do the washing up! Please book with Robyn on 07966849149



VILLAGE NEWS

Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



Village Lottery September Draw

1st Tony Wells £80, 2nd Harriet Granville £45, 3rd Liz Harwood £30.

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

Averell Kingston aap.kingston@gmail.com 07984 003675

Coffee Shop

November 9th 10:30am-12 noon

The Hall, Stourton, CV36 5HG

This month its Dick Mazz's Famous Full English Breakfast , along with coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cake.



Susan Needham the Community Outreach Officer will be there chatting about the work Act on Energy does.

Come along and meet new friends or catch up with old ones.

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

Christine Dudfield

Christmas Greetings in support of St John the Baptist Church

We are running the Cherington and Stourton Christmas Card Amnesty again this year. If you would like to make a donation and are already on the Christmas Greetings List, which will be distributed with the December Link, we will assume that you wish to continue. If you would like to be removed or wish to be added please contact Pam Brookes on 07989644614 or Sherry Barker on 686420.

Alternatively, you can email us on nsl_barker@hotmail.com

Replies by the 5th November would be helpful.

Pam Brookes and Sherry Barker

Brailles Picture House

We are very sorry to have cancelled our October screening but we had staff shortages. However, November is up and running although title change. There will not be a December matinee this year

Friday 15th November - 'What's Love got to do with it' - (Comedy) Doors open 7.15pm for 7.45pm start

Zoe is a documentary film maker who uses a dating app that only delivers an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs. For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour, Kaz, the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. as Zoe films the hopeful journey to many a stranger, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to find love.....

Cast : Ahazad Laifit, Lily James, Emma Thompson, Sajal Ali, to mention a few

January 2025

A tribute to Maggie Smith date and film in discussion

NB We are in need of a projectionist or two, to allow David and Chris the odd evening off, we are a small happy team.

We look forward to seeing you

Deirdre and Team

The Hall AGM

Will be held in The Hall on Wednesday 27th November at 7:00pm. Please put the date in your diary.

There are so many regular things on at The Hall, we hope you have discovered some of them?! All those leading weekly activities would be delighted to welcome new faces, so check our diary online and on The Hall noticeboard.

A few other things on this month:

Mini First Aid training session on Sunday 24th November: 07849 128460

Christmas Family Prize Bingo, with bar, Saturday 30th November, 7:00pm

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops, Nov 29th and 30th and Dec 7th
elainesflowersltd@hotmail.com

Brenda Cowen (Secretary)



Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

Dates for your diary are Fridays 1st and 15th November 2:00pm to 4:00pm at The Hall.

There will be a Christmas Family Prize Bingo on Saturday 30th November at The Hall, doors open at 7:00pm, eyes down at 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there with your children and grandchildren.

On Friday 13th December we will be having a Christmas themed tea party at our Social Afternoon.

For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.

Vanessa Compton



The inaugural meeting of the

***Feldon Valley Military and
Naval History Society***

will take place at
The Hall, Pinfold Lane, Stourton

*on Wednesday, **13 November 2024***
at 7.30 pm

wine and nibbles
all welcome

contact: Peter Stoddart
at: petercstoddart@gmail.com

Lesley Marie Rawlings 1932 -2024

Lesley was born at Queenstown, New Zealand in April 1932. Her immediate family were second and third generation immigrants who had arrived, during the nineteenth century.



She grew up in Southland and Central Otago, part of an extended family who worked on the railways and ran hotels, one of which in Ranfurley was home to Lesley and her two younger sisters during her teenage years. After attending St Hildas College in Dunedin Lesley trained as a nurse.

In April 1957 at the age of 25 and newly qualified, she and her friend Gay, a teacher, set off to see England and have an adventure before settling down in their chosen careers. Four weeks later their ship docked at Tilbury and Lesley spent the next two years enjoying the life, working among other things as a nurse, a window dresser in Oxford Street and hop picking in Kent.

In the final weeks before leaving for home she found herself working as a nanny with a family in Padstow, Cornwall. It was there one day that she spied a handsome chap sailing into the harbour with his pals on their way to the Scilly Isles. They met again that evening at the local dance when Cupid's arrow must have been let loose, it struck home and within weeks Vinney proposed, they became engaged and five months later were married, thus her return to NZ was put on hold.

Vinney and Lesley set up home in Kenilworth where Vinney's family had an engineering business. Here they raised three sons and enjoyed a hectic life. Lesley quickly integrated with her in-laws and husband's friends, loving the challenges of young motherhood; she learned to drive and could be seen ferrying the children around town in an old Austin Seven that Vinney found in Exchange and Mart. She took woodwork classes at the local school, joined the PTA and helped with counselling at the Family Planning Clinic as well as meeting the needs of a busy husband and growing boys.

In the early 1970's the family relocated from Kenilworth to an old farmhouse down a rough track at Avon Dassett. Here Lesley turned a rather cold old house into a wonderful family home for Vinney and her boys. She then went on to create a vibrant garden full of wildlife and colour. Inspired by nature and her surroundings she took up painting, joined the local art group and enjoyed friendships that lasted for many years. She and Vinney were regular churchgoers and became involved with the parish council. When time allowed Lesley also nursed some of the village elderly, brightening their days with her cheerfulness and spirit.

She and Vinney eventually became grandparents to thirteen grandchildren and great grandparents to four, each of whom became happy recipients of their love and kindness over the years

Lesley went back to New Zealand only twice. Once following the death of her mother in the mid 70's and again, this time for a few months, with Vinney in 1988. It must have been tough at times being so far from home and family but if it was, Lesley never grumbled. Always an avid letter writer she maintained regular correspondence with her parents, siblings and wider family. She also encouraged her boys to do likewise which made things very easy for them when they were old enough to visit their cousins, aunts and uncles in the years to come.

Having decided somewhat reluctantly to downsize, Vinney and Lesley re-located to Stourton in 2007 where they began the final happy chapters of their lives. They brought with them a lifetimes experience of love, life, community and gentle involvement with friends and neighbours. Stourton in turn embraced their kind nature and provided the safe anchorage that they both appreciated and deserved.

Lesley was a valued and committed member of the local church and was a regular participant at the Burmington Cameo Lunch Club and a keen member of the local Bible study group. When Vinney died in 2022 it was the village community that individually and collectively put their arms around Lesley and cherished her until it was her own time to go.

Our family acknowledge and understand this and wish to thank you all so very much.

Richard Rawlings (Lesley's Eldest Son)



Well, it has certainly been a busy October at the Village Hall. We held our legendary quiz night at the end of September and a big thanks to Simon Bing, quizmaster, for his challenging questions and never-ending patience as always! *'Could you just repeat question 3 again, please? And then question 4?'* We had 11 teams booked for the quiz and another 16 extra people turned up on the night; luckily, we had plenty of cheese to go round. We started the evening with the ever-popular Heads and Tails game to get everyone in the mood. The winning team had three members of the Village Hall Committee on it... just saying! The wooden spoon was also awarded... you know who you are!

The Jazz Evening was the perfect way to unwind on a Friday. Attracting people from Shipston-on-Stour and Moreton in the Marsh. It had a relaxed atmosphere and everyone there enjoyed the music, humming or singing along and dancing in their seats. It was an evening of mellow tunes with stories told between to link the music and explain the inspiration behind the original pieces. Our thanks go to Ian Millar and Dominic Spencer for their stellar performance.



Join us for
Social Saturday
9th November 2024

11am - 1pm

Long Compton Village Hall

Free entry - savouries - cake - chat

*Talk by Jennifer Read, Police Community
Support Officer, Shipston on Stour*



As usual we will have Social Saturday on 9th November and we are delighted to confirm that the Christmas Tea Party will take place on 7th December in place of the usual Social Saturday. Thank you so much to Pat Miller and her helpers who, once again, will be in charge of providing us with a wonderful array of culinary treats. Don't forget to book your tickets early as tickets sell out as quickly as Pat's hot cakes! To order your tickets contact Mo at lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk or see the adverts for details.

To work off all those Christmas excesses, we are going to be running a beginners yoga class in January for your wellbeing. More details coming soon!

Long Compton Village Hall Committee



Join us for festivities at our

Christmas Tea Party

3pm - 5.30pm, Saturday 7th December

Long Compton Village Hall

Sandwiches, cake, scones and mulled wine

Carols and entertainment

Christmas raffle

Tickets £12—Hurry as places are limited

To book call Mo Read on 07814 802814



100 Club

The October Draw was done at the Village Hall Social Saturday on 12 October and the winners were:

1st: Mr and Mrs Griffiths	2nd: Mr and Mrs Battle
3rd: N Gardner	4th: Mo Read

Chris Galloway 684234

Long Compton Chapel

Our Whist Drive on 28 September had to be postponed until 5th October as the intensive storms once again found the main chapel room and kitchen waterlogged despite our preventive measures!



We currently have two dehumidifiers in the chapel and it looks like it has snowed inside as we sprinkled bicarbonate of soda all around to absorb the smell of damp carpet! Seems successful!

The next Whist Drive is on Saturday 23 November at 7:00pm.

The collection box in the Stores has raised a further £20 for Macmillan Cancer Support bringing the total to £457.

Sadly, we have had to take the difficult decision to

restrict access to the chapel car park and now only those using the chapel will have access. The surface condition has deteriorated to a critical level and we presently do not have sufficient funds for resurfacing. We have worked out that there are over 10k movements per annum with the school traffic alone and the surface cannot cope with that. We hope that this measure will ensure that the surface doesn't get any worse.

The Katharine House Hospice aluminium can and tinfoil collection bins are now at the entrance to the Car Park.

Our next Service will be on Sunday 17 November at 3.30pm.



Sally Franklin 07870 545431/Elizabeth Gilkes
07791621778 longcomchapel@hotmail.com

Comptonians

We shall meet on November 20th at 12:30pm at the Village Hall for a Christmas Meal.

Margaret Welsh 684238



Long Compton with Barton-on-the-Heath

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 10th November 10:50am

Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by
church service

St Peter and St Paul Church, Long Compton

All welcome



Long Compton Church Community Coffee

During the winter months (November to March) we will be continuing to meet, not in the church, on the 1st Wednesday of the month, but in people's homes around the village.

Please contact Liz Bradnam on 07975 678625 for more details.



Long Compton and District Garden Club

November 27th Quiz and Social Evening

Seasonal drinks and snacks will be provided.

January 22nd Wall shrubs and climbers

Speaker: Walter Sawyer has gardened in Oxford for the last 44 years, at the Botanic Garden, Head gardener at Wolfson College and superintendent of Oxford University Parks Department. Walter's talk will tell us how best to use walls, fences, pergolas etc. to grow plants to enhance your garden.

February 26th The gardens of Japan

Speaker: Glyn Jones is former head gardener of Highgrove House, Hidcote National Trust and Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, he is currently helping the owners at Colebrook House, to develop their new, exciting Cotswold garden. Glyn has travelled in Japan extensively and will share his knowledge of the plants he observed growing in their natural habitat, planting styles and other things Japanese!

March 26th Alpines in the wild and cultivation

Speaker: Diane Clement has been visiting the Alps for over 40 years observing where and how these specialist plants grow and learning how we can adapt our gardens to grow them here. Diane is an exhibitor and AGS judge. She has a wide range of plant interests, hepaticas, cyclamen, bulbous and woodland plants which she grows in her shady Wolverhampton garden. Her talk will contain lots of first-hand practical advice.

April 23rd A year in the gardens at Adwell House

Speaker: Colin Roberts has been head gardener at Adwell House near Thame for the past 15 years. The garden at Adwell extends to about 4 acres and has year-round interest. Colin is a member of the Professional Gardeners Guild and was their vice-chairman for the south of England.

All welcome, please do come and join us!

Annual membership £14, guests £4 per meeting

Meetings held at the Long Compton Village Hall

**Doors open at 7:10pm for a 7.30 pm start Contact: Julie Reardon
julielcdgc@gmail.com**

VILLAGE NEWS

Whichford and Ascott

Editor: Melanie Arnold



The Reading Room Draw

The winner for October is Helen Hitchman

Jenny Scrivener



AWARDS-WINNING AUTHOR OF FAYOZ
JAMES MACDONALD
LOCKHART

WASP
presents

An Evening With Award-Winning Author, James Macdonald Lockhart

James will be giving a talk about his new book, *Wild Air: In Search of Birdsong* – talking about the songs, sounds, behaviour and habitats of a range of birds, from seabirds in the Hebrides to skylarks in Whichford.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to this special event on

Thursday 12th December 7pm
The Kiln Shed, Whichford Pottery

Suggested project donation £5 on the door
R.S.V.P. The secretary cbottine@gmail.com

Remembrance Day in Whichford

The Remembrance Sunday service is at 9:00am on Sunday 10 November at St Michael's Church, Whichford and will be led by the Reverend Ben Dyson, accompanied by trumpeter Jacob Smith, with organ music by Julian Grimshaw.



The service will be followed at 10.50am by the Laying of the Wreath at the Village War Memorial with an informal gathering of villagers.

Sophie Corlett, Churchwarden

Whichford & Ascott Christmas Gift Fair

Saturday 9th November 2024

10am to 1.30pm

For Fabulous Christmas Shopping!



MEG RIVERS CAKES
CHUKKA BELTS
BOUTIQUE WELLBEING
THE WARDROBE
INDIAN BLOCK PRINTING
UIG SALMON
HUNTER'S MOON
MUGS, JUGS AND MORE
SOPHIE'S CUSHIONS
NICOLA LOADES
MR. PORTOBELLO
JOANNA FORSYTH-FORREST
DEEZ COTTAGE PRODUCTS
BRANCHE D'OLIVE

CHRISTMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS & GIFTS
MEN'S SOCKS, BELTS & BOXERS
NATURAL PLANT BASED SKINCARE & TREATMENTS
VINTAGE AND NEW DESIGNER CLOTHING
INDIAN BLOCK PRINTING KITS
SCOTTISH SMOKED SALMON & HAMPERS TO ORDER
SCENTED CANDLES, DIFFUSERS & BATH PRODUCTS
OVENPROOF, DISHWASHER & MICROWAVE PROOF TABLEWARE
BEAUTIFUL CUSHIONS TO BUY AND ORDER
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SILK DRESSES, JUMPSUITS & PJs, MEN'S SHIRTS, KAFTANS, BLANKETS
LADIES & MEN'S WOOL & SILK SCARVES FROM INDIA
CARDS, JIGSAWS, ADVENT CALENDARS & WRAPPING PAPER
FRENCH FRAGRANCES, DIFFUSERS, SOAPS

SHELDONS WINE CELLARS - POP UP CHAMPAGNE BAR, GIFTS, WINES & SPIRITS

**PLANTED BASKETS, CHRISTMAS WREATHS TO ORDER
HOME MADE JAMS, JELLIES, CHUTNEYS, VINEGARS AND MUCH MORE**

Wonderful Raffle Prizes

Entry £5 includes homemade mince pie and coffee

**By kind invitation of Colin & Sophie Corlett
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The Friends of St Michael's Church

VILLAGE NEWS

The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club

The October winners were as follows;

1st Gill Ablewhite 2nd Charles Hobbs 3rd Murphy family

Many congratulations to the above. Please let me know if you would like to have more shares as the club is still short of 100 shares. Of course, multiple shares do increase the chance of winning! All proceeds go to help with the upkeep of the village hall.

James van Helden

New Multi-purpose Waste Bin in Little Wolford



Following a request by The Wolfords Joint Parish Council, a new waste bin has now been installed in Little Wolford. The bin is located on The Green, near the driveway leading to the village hall. This is a combined multi-purpose bin, which can be used for dog waste and general rubbish. Please do make use of the bin and encourage others (including walkers and dog owners) to use the bin, helping to keep Little Wolford beautiful, clean and tidy. While out and about, if you happen to spot any litter, such as cans, bottles, crisp packets etc., along the roads and verges, then please feel free to pick them up and put them in the shiny new bin. Thank you.



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Thank you to all those who provided donations for Shipston Food Bank we must have had a record number of donations this year which will be much appreciated by the Food Bank

Finally, a big thank you to Sarah and her team of flower arrangers who made the church look so beautiful with all the wonderful autumn flowers and to everyone who brought food for the Harvest Buffet. Such an incredible spread which quickly disappeared!

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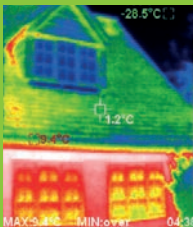
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