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■ WHICHFORD and ASCOTT ■ THE WOLFORDS

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

Sun 1	Organ recital	Barcheston Ch	15.30
Sun	Harvest Festival	Wolford Ch	11.30
Weds 4	Community Coffee	Long Compton Ch	10.30
Thurs 5	Country Market	Moreton WI	10.00
Thurs 5	Barch and Will PC Meeting	Burmington VH	19.45
Sat 7	Village breakfast	Burmington VH	09.00
Sat 7	Fab 4concert	Townsend Hall Shipston	
Sat 7	Artisan Gift Market	Long Compton chapel	14.00
Sun 8	Harvest service and lunch	Burmington Ch/VH	11.00
Tues 10	Long Compton walkers	Red Lion car park	09.30
Weds 11	Compton district history society	Long Compton VH	19.30
Thurs 12	Long Compton Book Club		19.00
Fri 13	Sounds Historical Concert	Burmington Ch	19.00
Fri 13	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 14	Coffee Shop	The Hall, Stourton	10.30
Sat 14	Social Saturday	Long Compton VH	11.00
Sun 15	Barton Book Club	Barton House	17.30
Sun 15	Harvest Festival	Long Compton chapel	15.30
Thurs 17	Cameo Club Lunch	Burmington VH	12.00
Weds 18	Comptonians lunch	Long Compton VH	12.30
Thurs 19	Country Market	Moreton WI	10.00
Fri 20	A Man Called Otto	Brailes Picture Hse	19.15
Sun 22	Sung Morning Prayer	Whichford Ch	09.00
Weds 25	Gardening Club	Long Compton VH	19.30
Fri 27	Carers for Carers meeting	Kineton VH	10.30
Fri 27	Salute to Trad Jazz	Townsend Hall, Shipston	
Fri 27	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 28	Mexican Fiesta	Burmington VH	18.30
Sat 28	Whist Drive	Long Compton chapel	19.00
Sat 28	Quiz and curry night	Wolford VH	18.30
Tues 31	Feldon Wildlife Group	The Hall, Stourton	18.3

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Dates for the diary for October

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October 5th – It's also Curry week for some great Eastern cuisine
October 19th – It's Chocolate week, hurrah! Look out for some great chocolate flavours.

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Diane and James have an excellent relationship with Peter Allen, who is the third generation of the Allen family, who served the local community and surrounding villages for over 90 years. Peter still cares very much about his family business and the local community, so he does still come out of retirement to help, if he is able to, when specially requested by families.

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Link Talk

Welcome to the October edition of The Link. The month when the clocks go back and we start to hunker down and dig out our winter jumpers!



Although we still have harvest events taking place across our villages, this edition already starts to have a whiff of Christmas about it; so, unless like me you are in complete denial, do take note of the dates for your diary that are starting to appear for December!

Happy reading and happy Halloween.

Sara Billins

Can you spare a few hours to help?

The LINK needs a new distribution manager for 2024.

After a commendable nine-year stint as a volunteer, Alan Holmes is standing down, leaving us in need of a new co-ordinator. The role involves collecting the magazine from the printers and ensuring they are organized and ready for collection by the village distributors. It doesn't take too long but is an essential role. Volunteering will ensure the continuation of what we believe to be a much-valued community asset across the villages in the SW7 Benefice.

Email editor@swlink.org.uk for more details



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Are you over 50 and unattached? Then why not join our welcoming social group? Make new friends and share the chance to visit a historic building, a gallery or museum, have a meal out, perhaps see a film, go to a concert or play, enjoy a relaxing country walk ...

We believe in "DIY": **events** are organised by members for members, so you can propose something you yourself would really like to do.

October events include *7th six choirs sing for charity, Banbury
*14th brass band concert, Hook Norton *29th Sunday lunch, Brailes

To find out more, visit www.meetup.com/single-file-north-oxon
and you can phone or text us on 07518 979722

Fused Glass Workshop

Sunday 12th November 2023 – 10am to 12pm

Come & join me for a fused glass workshop

The Cart Shed room at The Hall in Cherington

£30 to include materials and drinks

Suitable for beginners but also those wishing to further develop their skills. Items to make during the session include Christmas decorations or greeting cards, soap or trinket dishes, coasters, candle holders, free standing decorative panels, sun catchers etc.

If you are interested, please contact Helen by email hc90352@gmail.com or 07716 636367



We have a pair of pets this month; an unlikely couple; Otto and Georgie of Long Compton.

Otto is a 3-year-old cocker spaniel. **He is VERY** over excitable especially when he thinks he is going for a walk / training. Training consists of walking to heel, very occasionally sitting and waiting to be called, (occasionally playing granny's footsteps when he thinks you can't see him!)

When allowed he will cover 100yds in 5 secs and is always ready to find something somewhere. He always greets us with his rug/present in his mouth.



Otto occasionally lies in his bed for a quick daytime snooze.

Otto's chum Georgie the tortoise is also 3. Unlike Otto, George spends the day very slooowly moving round his pen munching French beans, (very choosy) and lettuce leaves (which must be gem) or fresh cucumber, he is obviously high born!!! George occasionally sticks his head out to be scratched, otherwise he basks under his lamp.

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



Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays



Brooke Sutton
Cody Sutton
Lars Voepel
Walter Johnston
Gilbert Johnston

Willington	18
Willington	17
Whichford	18
Great Wolford	12
Great Wolford	12

Carers4Carers

Friday 27 October 10.30am – 12.00pm noon: monthly meeting at Kinton Village Hall.

Come along and experience a relaxing hand massage from Anita, our award-winning therapist. There will be music and there is always plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits and time to chat and swap ideas.

There is no charge for our group. Your loved one will be welcome to join our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting.

For more information about our support group for carers, including help with transport to/from meetings, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or take a look at www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.



Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator

The poster is titled "The Bird Fancier's Delight" in a large, elegant, dark red serif font. Below the title, it says "17th & 18th Century music on an avian theme" in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. The main title is flanked by two illustrations: a small brown bird on the left and an owl on the right. The poster is framed by ornate, decorative scrollwork in green and red. At the bottom, it lists the performers: Heidi Fardell (Recorders, Baroque Flute), Mary Tyers (Recorders, Baroque Flute, Voice), Lynda Sayce (Theorbo, Lute, Baroque Flute, Recorders), and Alison Kinder (Viols, Recorders). The date and time are "Friday 13th October 7pm". The venue is "St Barnabas & St Nicholas church, Burmington CV36 5AG". Tickets are £15, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/soundshistorical or on the door. A small illustration of a bird is in the bottom right corner.



CHARITY No 522997

Spick and Span!

We've given the main hall floor a professional going over with a sanding down, re-applying sports court lines, and topping it off with a lovely polish - it's come up a treat! Spick and Span and ready to support your bookings as always.

For those keeping an eye on the proceeds from our jazz events for the stage lift delivery, it's on its way and we hope to report it'll be available for use in the next bulletin. Talking of which, our jazz programme continues in full swing and all proceeds will continue to be targeted at the list of maintenance and improvements required for the hall. Next up is Chris Walker and The Pedigree Jazz Band in their "Salute to Trad Jazz" on Friday 27th October. This promises to be another great evening out and tickets are available online at £12.50 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall, where you can bag your own table and seating, or for general availability seating from Clarke Electrical Services in town. And there's more in November (online tickets already released at above web address) and December – keep your eye on www.townsendhall.co.uk for details.

That's not all, we have some fabulous regular hirers for clubs (check out our web site above) and events. If this gets to you in time, you might still be able to get tickets for Cotswold Events "Fab 4" on Saturday 7th October – title speaks for itself! If you're missing a local cinema, check out the wonderful cinema evenings that the Stour Valley Lions put on at the hall, and if you like your brain cell(s) being exercised, U3A puts on some great talks.

For more, take a look at our website, www.townsendhall.co.uk and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Haydn Ward-Townsend Hall Trustee



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This removes the painful ordeal for your family or close friends, who often struggle knowing what you would have wanted. It can be healing and uplifting for them in their grief to know these are your words and wishes. Whilst this is still very much your life, you can leave your loved ones with your own treasured memories knowing you did it your way.

Please contact me for further details

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Wendy Veale - Celebrant

I am privileged to have lived within the Seven Parishes for over forty years. I may have pulled a pint for you when John and I once owned The Fox & Hounds in Great Wolford. I then established the Award-winning Old School B&B in Little Compton for fifteen years, showcasing a taste of Cotswolds hospitality, supported by other small local businesses. Following John's sudden death in 2019, then the horrors of Lockdown, I decided to change direction, channelling my energy, my life-changing experiences, and my empathy, to train as a Celebrant, still working within the community I love and know so well. Whilst I am independent, I work closely with our local funeral directors, bringing support and reassurance in those immediate days of loss through to delivering a bespoke Service of commemoration, telling your loved one's story - celebrating that life, so much loved. Please do feel able to contact me for further information.

With Best Wishes, Wendy



*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>.*

DATES AND FETES – 2023

18th and 19th November Burmington History Weekend

Please send us the dates of all your significant social events.
Please check this list before you plan a new event.

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 Frankli

PARISH PEOPLE

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)

	<i>Barcheston St Martin</i>	<i>Barton-on-the-Heath St Lawrence</i>
Churchwardens	David Hodges 07767840857	Hamish Cathie 674303
Secretary	Alice & Tom Murray 238755	Gillian Cathie 674303
Treasurer	David Cleave 666002	Mandy McPherson 674734
	<i>Burmington St Barnabas & St Nicholas</i>	<i>Cherington St John the Baptist</i>
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 & All Angels</i>	
Churchwarden	John Wrench 674389	
Treasurer	Ann McKenna 674009	

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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	Peter O'Kane (684888)	Sara Cole (686250)
The Wolfords	Pippa Lines (01608 674035)	Elizabeth Gilkes (684336)

SW7 BENEFICE CHURCH NEWS

On Saturday September 9, representatives of our seven parish churches joined Ben, Clare and Anthony Wells at Coventry cathedral. We witnessed and celebrated Clare being relicensed as a Lay Minister/Reader of our Diocese.

Coventry Cathedral is magnificent both as a house of God and for its architectural excellence.

Bishop Christopher presided and was full of grace, sincerity and friendship as always. He joined us for a delicious high tea after the service and his respect and encouragement laity who commit to officiating and working with clergy is apparent. We wish him well in his new post as Dean of Windsor Chapel serving the Royal Family and visitors.



As a benefice we are presently searching for an assistant vicar to share Ben's load. I, and many appreciate the clergy, readers and others qualified who help out taking services, being Ben's ministry team on joint and parish PCC meetings.

I served after being licensed by Bishop Colin at the cathedral in 2001 and retired from service presiding in 2021. Times move on, but my wish is that younger and retired Christians would step up to lay ministry training. You receive much more than you give, so it's a win-win!

Elaine Hobday

SW 7 Women's Breakfast
Wolford Village Hall

Saturday 4th November 2023 At 8.30am

What Matters Most and What Matters to You?

St Christopher's - More than just a hospice

Helena Talbot-Rice

*Come and hear from a Christian working in
palliative and end of life care.*

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RSVP

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Sarah Scotter. sarahscotter@hotmail.com 01608686303



Cherington harvest flower arrangement by Georgie Morris Photograph by Christine Dudfield

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

OCTOBER 2023 CHURCH SERVICES							
SW 7	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burmington	St John the Baptist Cherington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whitchford	St Michael & All Angels Wolford
1st October 17 th Sunday after Trinity					9am ECP Holy Communion (BD) 4pm GAP Informal Service (BD)		11:30am CW Harvest Service (BD)
8th October 18 th Sunday after Trinity	6pm Harvest Evensong (BD)		11am CW Harvest Service (BD)			9am ECP Holy Communion (BD)	
15th October 19 th Sunday after Trinity		9am ECP Holy Communion (BD/CLW)		10:30am CW Holy Communion (AW/CLW)	4pm GAP Informal Service (BD)		
22nd October 20 th Sunday after Trinity					10:30am CW Holy Communion (BD)	9am ECP Morning Prayer (BD)	
29th October Bible Sunday	10:30am CW Benefice Communion (AD)						



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BD = Ben Dyson/LM = Liz Maycock/WJ = Anne Vials/JP = Heather Parbury/AD = Andrew Dow/RS = Richard Smith/RS = Richard Stevens
BCP = Prayer Book/ CW = Common Worship/ GAP = Informal Service

Well, it's time to pen another article for The Link – it's September 5, and hot and sunny, a bit of a change to a month ago. I'm pleased to say that harvest was completed on the of August 22; I might say it wasn't the best harvest I've ever cut but on the other hand, it's far from the worst.

All the wheat turned out well, I guess on par with last year. There was little difference between minimum tillage, direct drill or conventional cultivation fields in the end. Coming to the beans, none were as good as they looked and talking to other farmers in the area, they all seem to have had the same results. It's noteworthy the minimum tillage bean crop was frankly awful, though we aren't sure why. Nonetheless, most which were pulled into ploughed ground with our own cultivator drill were best by miles. Dan did mention that if we were in a position of paying rent, the worst crops would have lost us money. We grow the beans as a break crop to be followed by wheat, since they do put some nitrogen back into the soil through their root structures. My old and now passed neighbour Rob Harvey from Whichford called beans a '*wish*' crop. When cutting them, you either wished you had planted more or wished you had planted none at all.

As I write, Dan is ploughing up all the oilseed rape stubbles. We do this because the rape is drilled straight into old stubble - by ploughing the rape stubble, all the trash is buried and all the soil is moved, ready to be worked down to drill with wheat. Dan has planted over 70 acres of oilseed rape, this year, he used our 'new to us' direct drill, on the heavier fields he subsoiled the stubble first to relive compacted soil from underneath without destroying the surface layer. I then rolled it, and Dan then drilled it into good seed beds. All emerged OK, but now the dreaded flea beetles are giving it grief and we now have nothing in our armoury to control them, so it is all down to a nice rain and the good Lord above.

Talking of that, we cut three sheaves of wheat for harvest festival – on cutting the last, Dan managed to cut his finger rather badly, which required a trip to Moreton MIU, a nice nurse applied glue and a dressing. Luckily, we got there just before the 7pm closure.

Last week I topped off the clover for the last time this year, we do this as if left it would fall down rot and kill out the crowns which should now hopefully overwinter and grow out again in the spring. It then can flower all summer until 15 August when it will be ploughed and sown with wheat and another area planted of clover planted to replace – working round the farm helping the bugs bees and

insects etc. The way farming is going at the moment, planting 'environmental' crops is gaining more and more appeal. We have several areas of wild bird mix plots or strips dotted around the farm, and as the summer draws to a close these look a picture now. They struggled in the wet then dry but the changeable



weather through July and August have them a boost – the sunflowers stand out and several other seed-producing plants will give quite a long succession of feed for wild birds, well into the new year.

Last week, I went with Diana to FarmEd – this is a recently planted farm called Honeydale Farm near Ascott under Wychwood. The owner, Ian Wilkinson is part of Cotswold Seeds at Moreton in Marsh, from whom we get most of our 'environmental' crop seed. Ian is

passionate about changing the way we farm, setting up many plots and larger areas with his clover and herbal leys that are good for the soil and the environment. We had one of the best cups of coffee I've tasted for years and very well priced to boot! I can't knock a thing he is doing, but feeding the world as it stands, I fear won't be possible with all of his methods. We have farming friends in Australia who have come over to visit twice in the last few years. They still use all the insecticides that have been banned here and in the EU for many years, often applying them by air, of all things. One of our previous prime ministers did a trade deal with them this year, but I fear we are far from being on a level playing field with them on many aspects of agricultural practice. Though at times I feel I'd be better not doing paperwork, recording everything we do for annual inspection, at least I think the public are eating something safer and more wholesome.

Still, moving on, if the weather and our plans work out, we should have all our autumn crops planted by mid-October. Most people used to say harvest home was the end of the farming year, I have always reckoned when I've finished drilling and tripped the drill out for the last time in the last point of the last field, I am done for the year and can relax. I find nothing better than looking round fields of winter corn or beans in full drill.

As always, I hope you find this of some interest, and you get to know a little of how a real farm works.

John Richardson (Tufty)

A Busy Summer Holiday

During the summer holiday extensive improvements were made to the school sites. At Acorns Primary a new hall floor was laid, along with new carpet in Class 2. Brailes School was awarded a substantial Condition Improvement Fund grant from bids submitted to the Education and Skills Funding Agency back in December 2022. A new perimeter fence, including additional car park fencing and automated entrance gates were fully funded by the grant to enhance safeguarding, which is just as well as no school budgets could afford such a project without substantial government support.



I was delighted to be invited to the official opening of the Shipston Museum at Old Clark House in August. The group, who have organised and fundraised for the museum, have done a brilliant job and the areas on display link well to our Cornerstones history topics. It's a real asset to the town and the schools in the Trust will certainly be using the museum to allow children to see artefacts and hear from experts. You can find out more about the Shipston Museum on their website: <http://shipstonmuseum.co.uk>

Back to School

After two highly successful staff training days, we've been excited and delighted to welcome children back to school for the 2023-24 academic year. Teachers and teaching assistants spent the first staff training day in September in their home schools focusing working on school improvement priorities for the 2023-24 academic year. On the second INSET day, all staff in The Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust (Acorns, Brailes, Kinton and Shipston Primary) joined together to celebrate the progress towards our strategic goals and learn about future Trust-wide initiatives for:

- Excellence for our children.
- Organisational health.
- Sustainability and growth

Our focus is firmly on building an ethic of excellence. The Trust value of *excellence* is the bedrock for everything that follows. Our fundamental responsibility is to give children the chance to be excellent.

We look forward to more schools joining the Trust this academic year. Our Trust website is www.thestourfederation.com

Children and staff have returned to school in brilliant form, building on from the excellent nationally published results at both schools in the summer. Our teachers have very high expectations of our children, and we will not compromise on our ethic of excellence every day - it's what every child deserves.

The success of our outgoing Year 6 children is down to ALL of the teachers and teaching assistants who have taught the cohort so consistently well on their learning journey, our excellent curriculum, high attendance levels, plus the mindset, character and learning behaviours of the children. In addition, thank you for the support from our office staff, and our caretakers, cleaners and cooks; not to forget the wonderful support they have received from our parents and carers. Success is a team effort.

Not only have our children shone academically this year, they have shone as human beings. All education contributes to character development: to the shaping of children's attitudes, beliefs and habits of mind. As educators, cultivating character is not an option as we are in the character-forming business!

Our 6Cs

Our Teaching and Learning Strategy draws upon (worldwide expert in whole system change in education) Michael Fullan's six Global Competencies for Deep Learning, research by the World Education Forum and a report on essential skills for the workforce of 2035. It aims to create 'future-ready' students, by delivering opportunities for children to develop:

- Character.
- Citizenship.
- Communication.
- Communication.
- Creativity.
- Critical Thinking.

Global Competencies are the skills and attitudes that students need in order to be successful in the 21st century. With rapid changes in the opportunities in the world today, it is essential to prepare our children for the future by making them more confident and self-directed learners.

The intent behind focussing on the 6Cs Global Competencies is to move educational experiences towards creating and using new knowledge in the world, aligning with the latter two stages of our Engage, Develop, Innovate, Express curriculum pedagogy: children can use and apply the knowledge they have learnt in the Develop stage in their innovate challenge and how they

showcase their learning. It connects pupils with the issues most concerning young people in the 21st Century, including sustainability, technology, entrepreneurship and mental health.

Open Mornings

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of families to our open sessions in November to show them round our wonderful schools, whether it is for new starters for Reception in September 2024 or mid-year moves.

Our open mornings at Acorns and Brailes are every Tuesday in November - 9.30am - 10.30am.

Please book your appointment for a tour of the school by telephoning or emailing. The closing date for reception 2024 applications is 15th January 2024. Our admissions criteria is on each school's website and we are able to take children from neighbouring counties such as Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, in addition to Warwickshire.

Acorns

01608 684654

Admin2639@we-learn.com

Brailes

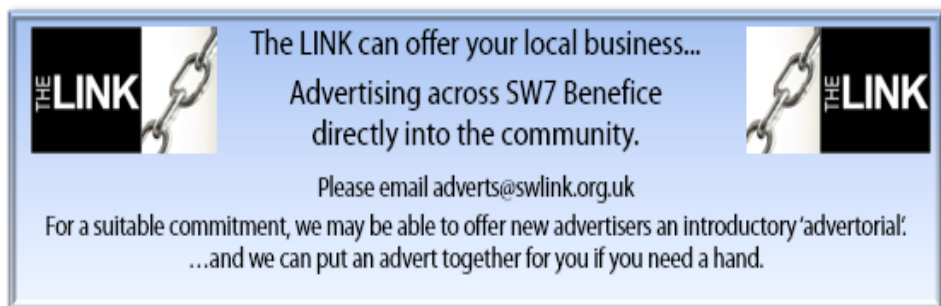
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admin3014@we-learn.com

Vacancies

Jobs at Acorns Primary School are advertised at
<https://www.acornsprimary.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

Jobs at Brailes C of E Primary School are advertised at
<https://www.brailescofepriamary.org.uk/vacancies/>



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Acorns Primary School



Open Mornings

Every Tuesday in November 9.30am - 10.30am
(by appointment only)

www.acornsprimary.co.uk

Part of the Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust with Brailes C of E Primary School, Kineton C of E Primary School and Shipston Primary School



Starting School in September 2024?

- Take a tour of the main school and our new Nursery/ Reception classroom, seeing teaching and learning in action.
- Meet pupils, staff and school leaders.
- Get advice on the Admissions procedure.
- Learn about our curriculum, facilities and wraparound care offer.
- Nursery places available from age 3.

Please contact the school office to arrange your visit.

Email: admin2639@we-learn.com

Tel: 01608 684654

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/acornshead>



Brailes Church of England Primary School

Open Mornings

Every Tuesday in November (9.30am - 10.30am)

(by appointment only)

www.brailescofeprimary.org.uk



Part of the Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust with Acorns Primary School, Kington C of E Primary School and Shipston Primary School



Starting School in September 2024?

- Take a tour of the main school and our new Nursery/ Reception classroom, seeing teaching and learning in action.
- Meet pupils, staff and school leaders.
- Get advice on the Admissions procedure.
- Learn about our curriculum, facilities and wraparound care from 7.50am - 5.30pm.
- Nursery places available from age 3.

Please contact the school office to arrange your visit.

Email: admin3014@we-learn.com

Tel: 01608 685253

Web: www.brailescofeprimary.org.uk

X: <http://twitter.com/brailesschool>

A hoped-for Indian summer did not appear apart from a hot week in early September. The rain which followed has meant that lawns have stayed green and foliage also remains green in the most part.

In October we hope for crisp if sometimes misty mornings, some sunshine during the day but cooler evenings. There may be early frosts so have fleece handy for more tender plants. Cut back perennial plants in borders as they die back but keep those plants in flower such as rudbeckia and dahlias as long as possible to sustain the bees. Also keep attractive seed heads which will also feed birds over the winter.

Dahlia tubers can be lifted and stored in a frost-free place once the foliage has been hit by the first frost.

Perennials can also be divided now and it is a good time to plant new shrubs and trees, especially evergreens, while the soil is still warm and damp. Areas that have been cut back should be weeded and mulched with compost.

Cuttings can be taken at this time of year. Root cuttings of plants such as papaver and anemone hybrids should be two to four inches, pencil thickness and potted just below the surface of the soil. Hard wood stem cuttings of fruit, e.g., gooseberries and currants, should also be of pencil thickness and length and put in the soil with the lowest bud about two inches above ground level.

In vegetable beds remove crops when they have finished producing and take out canes and other supports. Clean them before storage to prevent the spread of pests and disease. Leave the roots of peas and beans as they contain nitrogen fixing bacteria. You could remove the netting from fruit cages to allow birds in to eat any pests. Once tomatoes and other greenhouse crops have finished fruiting, remove their stems and clean and disinfect the greenhouse before moving in tender plants for the winter.

Rake up leaves from the lawn and make leaf mould by storing them in wire mesh containers or black polythene bags pierced with holes for aeration. Also, clear leaves from beds to help prevent the accumulation of slugs and snails.

Small plants may also get swamped by leaves which could cause them to rot. However, leaves can be left under hedges, shrubs and woodland to rot naturally and provide shelter for insects, spiders and amphibians over the winter.

Sweet peas can be sown in the greenhouse now if you want early flowers. Summer bedding in pots can be replaced with winter flowering pansies or violas and spring flowering bulbs. Lawns can be scarified to remove dead grass and moss, aerated with a fork and spread with autumn feed to strengthen the grass over the winter.

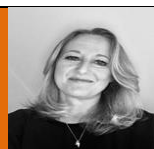
In the vegetable garden garlic can be planted, rhubarb can be divided and herbs can be potted up and brought indoors for use in cooking over the winter.

Margaret Welsh

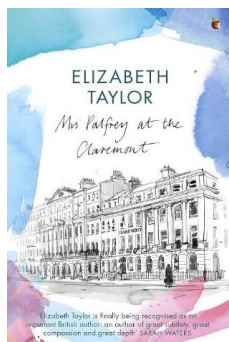
VILLAGE NEWS

Barton-on-the-Heath

Editor: Cathryn Aitken



Book Club



We enjoyed meeting to talk about '*Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont*' by Elizabeth Taylor. This sadly neglected novelist and short-story writer is hugely appreciated by those enjoying her elegant prose and gift for tragicomedy in everyday life.

Set in a 'genteel' hotel in Kensington, it is a story of loneliness laced with gentle bitchiness.

All in the group seemed to have enjoyed this light novel.

The date for the next meeting is Sunday 15 October at 5.30pm at Barton House. We will be talking about '*Lessons in Chemistry*' by Bonnie Garmus. Happy reading!

Gillian Cathie



Congratulations Julian Mathias on your 80th Birthday. Many happy returns.



St Martin's, Barcheston

2023 ORGAN RECITALS

3rd September:	Thomas Keogh (Holy Cross Priory, Leicester)
1st October:	Alexander Pott (Magdalen College, Oxford)
5th November:	Pavlos Triantris (St Alban and St Henry V1, Letchworth)
3rd December:	Daniel Moulton (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

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

BARCHESTON WITH WILLINGTON PARISH MEETING ADVANCE NOTICE



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

Thursday October 5 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, Barmington.

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

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

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



HARVEST SERVICE AND LUNCH

This year our Harvest Service followed by lunch at the village hall will be held on **Sunday 8 October**

Service is at 11.00am

Any offers to provide food dishes gratefully received.

Please contact Sonia Baker on 01608 661459



Mexican Fiesta



Come and Join us for a Mexican Fiesta Saturday 28 October

6.30pm for 7.00pm

£15 per head Vegan/ Veggie and GF options available.

To book please call Robyn on 07966 849149.

Scarecrow Competition



Burmington's second village scarecrow competition is well underway as we compile this issue. The theme this year - "Around the World" - has inspired villagers to look to literature, adventure, myths and national mascots for their themes. As you can see, all the scarecrows are richly decorated, with thoughtful and entertaining details aplenty.

A huge 'well done' and 'thank you' to everyone who put in so much effort to enter. Also, big thanks to everyone who has paid attention to the scarecrows while passing through the village.

The winner will be announced after voting on 23 September and photos of the presentation will be in next month's issue.

Neil Johnson

[And a massive thank you to you, Neil, for inspiring and organising the competition again this year.

*Nine scarecrows – not bad for a small village!!
(Village Editor)]*

VILLAGE BREAKFAST

Burmington Village Hall
Saturday 7 October



9.00am – 11.00am
(Please note changed times)

To book call / text Robyn 07966 849 149
Special dietary requirements catered for.
Please state when booking.

CAMEO CLUB LUNCH

Tues 10 October

Burmington Village Hall

12.00 noon for 12.30 pm

Please book with Brenda - 01608 664313



Phileas Fogg's World Tours



TinyTitanic



French Bird



HedgeCrow



The Everywhere Witch



Ho Ho Holiday!



Scare's Crow Place Like Home



Pierre La Garlick Seller



Juan Direction

GOING BACK IN TIME IN BURMINGTON A HISTORY WEEKEND AT BURMINGTON VILLAGE HALL AND THE MANOR

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November
10.00am – 5.00pm



An Exhibition of Burmington's History in the Village Hall (free)
Come and see what the village looked like in times gone by. Find out who lived in your house in 1842.

Tours of Burmington Manor

Did you know that parts of the Manor date from 11th century? Why was the Manor called an *Aisled Hall*?

Charge £3 per person charge (children free but, sorry, no dogs) for an hour-long tour.

Max 10 people per group (booking essential).

Tours at 11.00am, 1.00 pm and 2.00pm both days.

Please contact Sonia Baker on 01608 661459

Refreshments in the Village Hall

VILLAGE NEWS

Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



Brailles Picture House

Doors Open 7.15pm for 7.45pm start.

Friday 20 October *A Man Called OTTO*

Otto Anderson is a grump who no longer sees purpose in his life following the loss of his wife. Set in his ways, the grizzly widower has earned himself a reputation for being the neighbourhood irascible, unbearable old grump.

Stars: Tom Hanks

Future Titles

Friday 17 November *Citizen Kane*

Saturday Matinee 9 December *Matilda the Musical*

Deirdre and Team

Village Lottery: September Draw

1st Kerrith Carr £80 2nd James Walton £45 3rd Susie Dockar-Drysdale £30

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for your continued support. For more information on joining, please contact the new administrator Averell Kingston on 07984 003675 or aap.kingston@gmail.com

Steve Allkins



Hedgehog Houses

October is the month when hedgehogs start to look for a nice place to hibernate in our gardens. If you do not already have a hedgehog house, I have some locally handmade wooden ones for sale. They are all similar to the ones I sold at the coffee morning in the Spring, with an entrance tunnel and adjoining sleeping area. However due to the increase in the price of wood these houses will be £35 each, which is still considerably cheaper than any of the good wooden ones found online. To anyone who already has a hedgehog house or is considering buying one, the best thing is to site it under a hedge or bush, put a small amount of bedding, either hay or soft straw and some dried leaves in the sleeping compartment and leave a medium plant pot on its side by the entrance to the house, filled with hay and/or dried leaves so that the hedgehog has a supply of suitable bedding close by. It is always very exciting when you find the plant pot gradually emptying

and maybe a trail of bedding leading into the hog house! Remember also to continue leaving food and water out for hedgehogs all winter as they never fully hibernate and often wake for a snack during the cold weather. This is when many hogs starve and die as they cannot find their natural food source. On a very cold night last January I found a small hedgehog out eating the food I had put out for a stray cat! He was alert, so after bringing him into the house, weighing and checking him over (and giving him more cat food!) I released him and he happily returned to his bed for more sleep!

The next meeting of the Feldons Wildlife Group will be on Tuesday October 31 at 6.30pm at the Hall. We hope that all members of the group will attend the meeting, and we would welcome any newcomers who might like to come along and see if they would like to join us.

Sue Williams Co-Ordinator 01608 686414

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 on 686367 or Sherry on 686420. Alternatively, you can email us nsl_barker@hotmail.com

Replies by the 5 November would be helpful please.

Pam Brookes and Sherry Barker

The Cherington Arms

There has been speculation for a while now about the viability and future of the Cherington Arms, so I just wanted to let you know that I am in the process of buying it in order to preserve it as a village pub and prevent it being converted for residential use. That is my sole objective.

As I'm sure you know, the pub has been losing money and is in a very sorry state behind the scenes. This means that a significant investment is required simply to make it safe and comfortable for tenants to live in. I'm going to call that 'Phase 1' because I believe that it would be impossible to attract new tenants in its current condition. Therefore, unfortunately, it will have to stay closed until the work can be completed and new tenants found, although I'm hopeful that this will take less than six months.

After that, the pub would require a further and much larger sum to improve it and make it attractive and that may be a case of throwing good money after bad.

You don't need me to tell you that these are tough times for pubs. Over 150 were shut down in England and Wales in the first three months of 2023 and, in 2022, 386 pubs were lost for good (figures from the British Beer and Pub Association). So, while my aim is to complete Phase 1 and secure good tenants I really can't speculate at this point as to whether there will be a 'Phase 2', but at least we will still have a village pub.

I aim to provide regular updates over the coming months to keep you up to date about how it's going.

Martin Craddock

Coffee Shop

Saturday 14 October 10.30am-12 noon
The Hall, Stourton

Bacon baps, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cakes Come along and have a cuppa in our lovely hall, meet new friends or catch up with old ones.



There will be a bring and buy stall in aid of the village playing field funds and June Dunn will be there with her beautiful handmade gifts.

The Shipston-on-Stour safer neighbourhood team will also be there for a drop-in police surgery for local residents to have a chat with the team about any concerns they may have, crime prevention advice, community events and issues.

Christine Dudfield and Tricia Wilson

Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

What a great turn out we had for the Summer Family Prize Bingo held on Thursday 17 August. It was lovely to see children taking part and doing lots of winning. Thanks to George, Esme, Piper and Logan for joining us. Social Afternoon dates for your diary are Fridays 13 and 27 October and 10 November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

We have a Christmas Prize Bingo on Thursday 23 November, eyes down at 2.00pm. Then to round off the year on Friday 8 December we'll have a Christmas themed tea party from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.





Vanessa Compton

Standard Fordson

I purchased my first vintage tractor a Standard Fordson in 1989. It was built in Dagenham in 1942, the engine is petrol/paraffin, which basically means it has to be started on petrol then when the engine is hot it will run on paraffin. which is not subject to tax. It took me a few months to restore as I was an HGV driver at the time.

I have entered it in Moreton Show for many years and this year I'm so proud to have won Supreme Champion.

Here are the before and after photos:



Mark Dudfield

Long Compton Village Hall



The year trundles on and the seasons change but, no matter what else is happening, your Village Hall needs to keep ticking over. It costs around £11K annually to keep it running, which is not an insignificant amount. If you break it down into hired hours, it's over 10.5 hours a week, every week.

In addition to the everyday running costs, we're due to have the wooden floor sanded, repaired and re-sealed next month so that's another couple of thousand to be found. Luckily, we have regular hirers (THANK YOU ALL) for meetings, classes and gatherings of all sorts. They don't amount to 10.5 hrs/week, but they do take us some way there. The rest is down to Village Hall fundraising events and you guys. Please use your hall whenever you can, either by supporting an event or creating your own. It's well equipped and there specifically for the benefit of the community.

We're currently receiving bookings for December when extended families or groups of families book the hall so they can spread out and have a party with EVERYBODY all in one place. It's the perfect venue. It even has free Wi-Fi to keep the less enthusiastic members of the group happy.

If you want to get in touch, you can do so by calling or texting 07814 802 814, via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/longcomptonvillagehall> or email: lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk and I'll respond as soon as I can.

Mo Read Chair, Long Compton Village Hall

100 Club

The September Draw was done at the Village Hall Social Saturday on 9 September, and the winners were:

1st Prize: 39	Margot Haines	2nd Prize: 127	Mr and Mrs Wright
3rd Prize: 90	Kate Turner	4th Prize: 147	Stephen Sheffield

The next Draw will be done during the October Social Saturday.

Chris Galloway 684234



Join us for
Social Saturday
14th October 2023

11am - 1pm
Long Compton Village Hall
Free entry - savouries - cake - chat



Long Compton Chapel

The work at the Manse continues and we hope to have it back on the rental market soon after a comprehensive upgrade.

We have an Artisan Gift Market on Saturday 7 October 2.00-4.00pm. Talented Brailes artist, Mary Cole will be guest artist. Mary has plenty of subject matter as she and her husband run the popular daffodil, sunflower and pumpkin fields as a farming diversification. She works in all media but particularly likes the depth that can be achieved with monochrome.



Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 15 October at 3.30pm.

Whist continues on the 4 Saturday of each month at 7.00pm the next is on 28 October. We now get four or five tables and the evenings are enjoyed by

everyone who attends. Refreshments are available at half time! Come along and have a go, it's great to get your brain going and to be social with a group of interesting people.

Sally Franklin and Elizabeth Gilkes

@CHAPEL
Long Compton Congregational Church
Butlers Lane, Long Compton CV36 5JZ

**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY

15 OCTOBER

3.30pm

Please join us for Refreshments after the service.

Gifts of produce gratefully received, please leave at the Chapel
or Contact Sally 07870 545431 or Elizabeth 07791 621778
longcomptonebenezerchapel@live.co.uk

@THE CHAPEL
BUTLERS LANE, LONG COMPTON

**ARTISAN GIFT
MARKET**

DISPLAY & SALE

SATURDAY

7 OCTOBER

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Refreshments

TO TAKE PART / DETAILS CONTACT:
ELIZABETH 07791 621778 / SALLY 07870 545431
LONGCOMCHAPEL@HOTMAIL.COM

**Whist
Drive**

@THE CHAPEL
Butlers Lane, Long Compton

Saturday

28 October

25 November

7.00pm

BEGINNERS WELCOME

Raffle

Details: Sally 01608 684739 / 07870 545431

Long Compton and District Garden Club



Long Compton and District Garden Club
2023 /24 Programme
Long Compton Village Hall - 7.30pm



October 25	'Walnuts for life - not just for Christmas' and the Arboretum at Churchill and AGM Tom Tame grows walnuts on the family farm and will bring nuts and oils to taste
November 22	Making Christmas Decorations for the Church Tree Festival with seasonal drinks and snacks
February 28	Propagation (cuttings, plant division, sowing, composts) Robert Longstaff , trained by MAFF, TV and radio talks, practicing 'no dig' since 1981
March 27	The Healing Power of Plants - why plant-derived treatments are not an alternative but the real thing Timothy Walker ex-Director Oxford Botanic Gardens and lecturer in botany and plant conservation
April 24	Foraging in gardens, hedgerows, riverbanks and forests Fred Gillam lectures to many institutions and gives workshops on foraging

Contact Lesley Roberts 01608 684545 or lesleyroberts46@gmail.com or Anthony Wells 01608 684337

Compton District History Society

Our new season began on 13 September with the AGM followed by a talk from Bill Cook on the 1768 Election, a story of massive political corruption, which bankrupted three earls but was ultimately responsible for the rebuilding of Long Compton.

Next time, on 11 October, Stephen Wass is giving his talk on *Recent Archaeological Discoveries* at two of the county's fine stately homes, Packwood House and Baddesley Clinton.

The meeting will be held at Long Compton village hall at 7:30pm, as usual. Entrance £1.00 for members, Visitors £3. We hope to see you there.

Diana Cook 684771

Long Compton Walkers

As was all but inevitable, after over a week of almost unbroken good weather we met in rain for a walk between Chastleton and Evenlode (where, as the photo shows, we stopped for a much-appreciated coffee stop on the green). As the rain eased (but only briefly) and the temperature rose waterproofs were discarded (together with a mobile phone, happily retrieved) before being again needed as we got closer to the car park. We then negotiated the myriad road works around Kingham to arrive at the King's Head in Bledington where we were treated to an excellent lunch including, for many, the joys of devilled lambs' kidneys on toast.



Next outing is Tuesday 10 October -new recruits welcome -please contact Stuart Brown at scbqc1@gmail.com

Stuart Brown

The Comptonians

We shall meet at the Village Hall on October 18th at 12.30pm for fish and chips. All welcome

Margaret Welsh 684238



Family Fun Day Success!!

Sunday 3 September saw the first event for the new committee of the LCSC, and the sun finally shone! There was the usual Sunday cricket match, glitter tattoos, sweet cones, bouncy castle, sporting activities including a very competitive tug of war, and of course a bar and BBQ! It was great to see so many people supporting the event, which raised over £500 for the club. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it such a success.

Clubhouse Plans.....get involved!

As most of you will know, the clubhouse suffered burst pipes last winter which caused substantial damage. We are hoping to repair and renovate each room as and when funds allow –we will be starting with the kitchen and toilet areas. The plan is to replace the kitchen units, repairing walls, clearing mould and repainting. We will be holding a “tidy up” weekend on 30 September/1 October, so if you are able to spare some time or donate some materials, please get in touch via email or the Facebook page to sign up.

Cricket Results

Aug 20	LCCC 203-8 vs Moreton in Marsh152 all out	LCCC won by 51 runs.
Sept 5	LCCC 142-4 vs Swinbrook CC 140 all out	LCCC won by 6 wickets.
Sept 12	LCCC 93-6 vs President's XI 162 -8	President's XI won by 69 runs

Membership Subscription Rates 2023

Full Playing member (playing for a team registered to play at LCSC): £50

Nonplaying/Social Member: £25

Student or under 18 Member: £25

Non-Members are also welcome to sign up and can do so by completing the link below.

If you know anyone else who would like to be kept in touch with news from the club, please share the link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LCSC2023>.

Sean Kench

Long Compton
book club

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12 October 2023
at 7.00 pm

We will be discussing 'Anatomy of a Scandal' by Sarah Vaughan, and
'The Children's Block' by Otto Kraus

Contact: Imogen Brown 07710 129181 brownimogen@gmail.com



Join us for Community Coffee

at



St Peter and St Paul's Church, Long Compton

on

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

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



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

As November approaches it is once again time to remind everyone that the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal will soon be upon us. This year's appeal commences on Friday 27 October and ends on Saturday 11 November, which is also Armistice Day, when the national two minutes silence will be observed at 11.00am.

Our poppy appeal collectors will be out and about during this two-week period, hoping once again for your generous support.

David Whatley
Long Compton District Organiser



Whichford and Ascott

The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Josephine Henley who was the winner of the September Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener

St Michael's Church, Whichford

A sung morning prayer will take place at 9.00am on Sunday 22 October in Whichford Church. Do come to Matins including sung canticles and responses.

Sophia Corlett

Whichford and Ascott Flower Show and Fete

We were again delighted to welcome crowds of visitors to the village green on August Bank Holiday Monday to enjoy the afternoon's attractions.

Interactive entertainment and learning was provided this year by Simon Airey, accompanied by his cast of exotic animals. Children were thrilled to be able to handle them, from soft furry ones to snakes big and small and a huge hairy spider. The traditional Punch and Judy show also gave great opportunity for participation which could be heard all over the green.



Further entertainment was enjoyed with face painting, live music from local band Wired, the teacup roundabout and vintage vehicle display. There was plenty to refresh visitors from the delicious vintage teas, the pig roast, Mr.

Rosetti's ice cream and candy floss from the Sweet Stall. The green was also filled with stalls for shoppers and local interest groups, and dogs of all shapes and sizes paraded in the dog ring.

Entries to the Flower Show classes were up and the show marquee was a feast for the eyes showcasing the many talents in our local communities. A showstopper cake that would not have looked out of place in Bake Off and vegetables to rival those on Gardener's World.



Having a go at one of the traditional sideshows – coconuts, Aunt Sally or skittles - or taking part in the children's sports kept everyone on the green until it was time for the cups and prizes to be presented to the winners of the classes displayed in the show marquee and for the raffle to be drawn.

Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed to making the show such a success. There are so many tasks where we need help to make the show happen and give everyone a great afternoon, not to forget a big thank you to all our visitors who come to enjoy this traditional village event.

Our thanks also to Henry from Hook Norton Butchers for providing the pig roast and sponsoring the raffle and to Matthew Cheney of Aylesmore Farm for donating the milk for the teas.

Initial proceeds have been published on the village noticeboards and the final accounts will be presented at our AGM, date to be advised.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event again next year.



The Flower Show Committee

Whichford Christmas
Gift Fair

Saturday 11th November 2023
10am – 1.30 pm
For Fabulous Christmas Shopping!



Entry £5 includes home made mince pie and coffee

Wonderful Raffle Prizes

Berry's Orchard, Whichford. CV36 5PQ

In aid of St. Michael's Church, Whichford

Wichford
Ascott
Sustainability
Projects



Following on from our introductory piece in last month's Link, we have made a start on the creation of a wildflower meadow at Peckett's Piece, also known as Ascott Corner.

The aim is to cut and rake off the grass, thus providing space for the sowing of wildflower seeds. Seeds have been sourced locally to ensure that they will fare well here, and over the next couple of years we hope to see a wonderful show of native wildflowers swaying in the breeze, with all the accompanying insect life they will encourage. The edges of the triangle will remain mown so as not to restrict views of the road at the junctions.

Big thanks to those who made it down to help with the mowing and raking, and to those donating seed, and to all who managed to make it to our launch meeting on 28 September. Do keep an eye out for the next one.



Before and after the mowing and raking

VILLAGE NEWS

The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



Wolfords WI

It has been some lovely weather, but now it seems we have an autumnal nip. Our August walk had one of those beautiful days. We did the Oddington loop – an excellent stroll and thoroughly recommended! If you fancy it, the walk is in the Shipston Nursing Home walks book. We stopped off at Daylesford for tea and cake!



Supper club was at Chutney's in Shipston. Their food is great! See the happy faces in the pictures and shhh! yes, we did have an extra body!



Our September meeting was 'What my dad did in the war'. A fascinating talk by Alistair Price about a World War II hero father who was part of the Battle of Britain and an escapee from Colditz. He was consulted on the production of the Great Escape, so now, sadly, we know there never was the Steve McQueen motorbike drama.

We had an outing to the Tudor country house, Coughton Court, early September – one of those places close by which you never seem to get around to visiting. It is home of the Throckmortons (and has been for many generations) with lots of treasures to admire plus stunning gardens and extensive parkland.

As usual we will have Walking Club, Supper Club and Book Club running in September and October. We are adding Crafting Club to our mix, for all those talented, or, like me, not so talented people to devote some time to their favourite activities and/or learn something new, and/or get advice.

Our October meeting (Wednesday 4 October) is needle-felting with Creative Butterfly, aka Helen Cooper. Something new to try Wednesday 1 November is our AGM. That sets the scene for the following year.

We are a small group and would welcome any new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month 7.30pm Little Wolford Village Hall. If you would like to know more about us, come for a look-see, or if you would just simply like to join us, please contact Gilly on 07812 344 596 or gillyhd@hotmail.com

The Wolfords Village Hall

The Wolfords Village Hall AGM was not attended by any residents last month and the committee must communicate the current financial position so support from both villages must be given to maintain the hall as a community hub. The hall continues to be under used and income from hiring the hall fails to cover running costs which been impacted by the rising energy costs. This is not sustainable as the available financial reserves will run out eventually. A short fall of £800 is predicted despite funding raising events later this year. Please help us to use the hall and promote the hall as a venue. If we don't use it, we will lose it!

Having more committee members to help with the running and fund raising would be much appreciated and please let me know if you can help us. Thank you.



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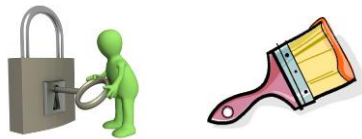
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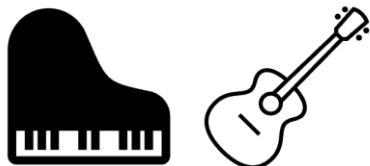
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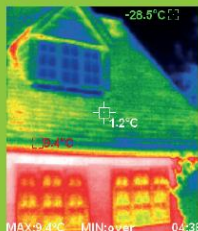
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