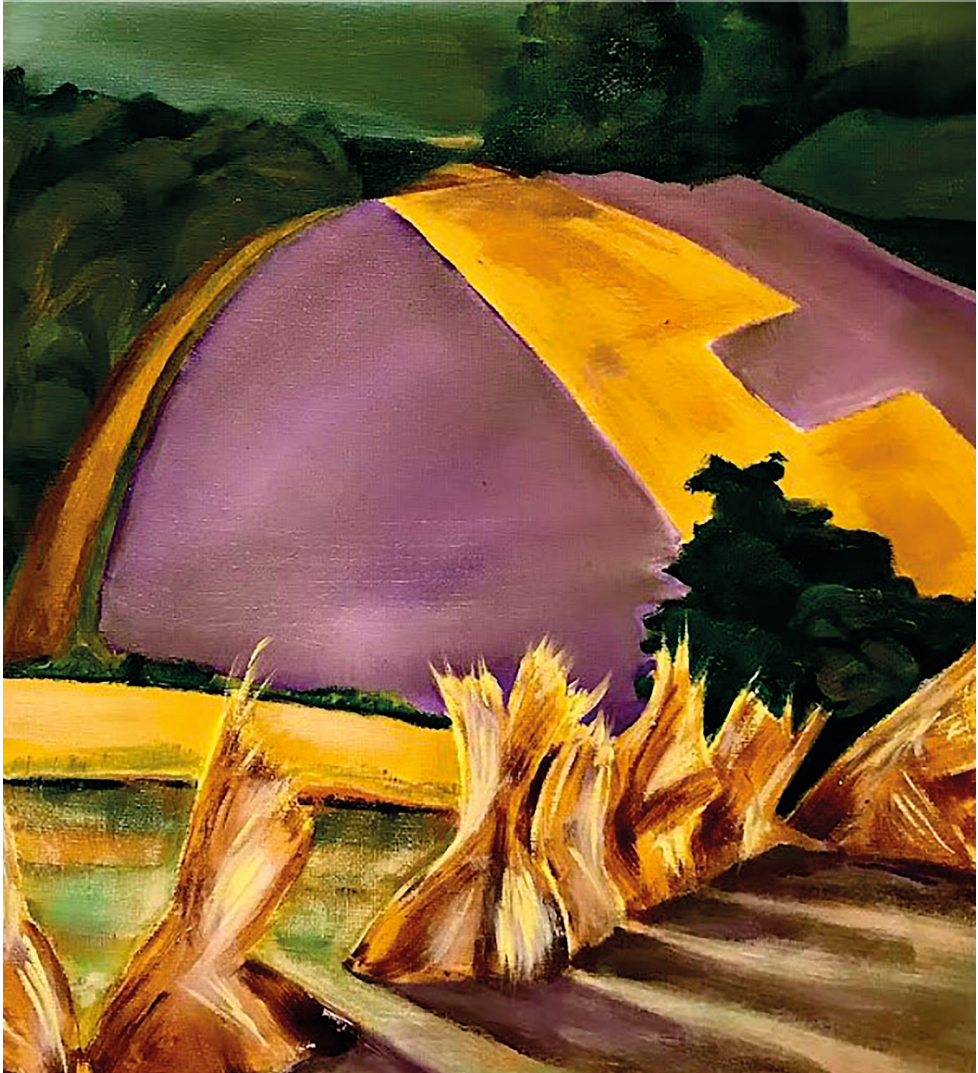


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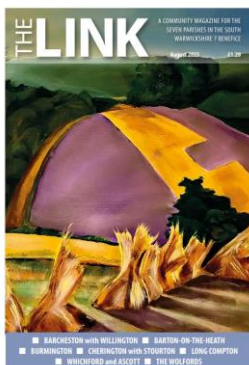
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August Events Update (VH = Village Hall; Ch = Church)

Weds 2	Community Coffee, Long Compton Ch	10.00
Weds 2	Wolford WI, Wolford VH	19.30
Fri 4	Feelgood Friday, The Hall, Stourton	
Sat 5	March for Ellen Badger, The White Bear, Shipston	10.30
Sat 5	Cherington Fair and Flower Show	13.00
Sun 6	Organ recital, Barcheston Ch	15.30
Tues 8	Cameo Club lunch, Burmington VH	12.00
Tues 8	Long Compton walkers, Red Lion carpark	09.30
Weds 9	Long Compton Garden club visit to Eythrope Gardens	
Thurs 10	Moreton Country Market, WI Hall	10.00
Sat 12	Social Saturday, Long Compton VH	11.00
Sun 13	Barton on Heath Book Club, Barton House	17.30
Weds 16	Comptonions Lunch, Long Compton VH	12.30
Thurs 17	Family Prize Bingo, The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Thurs 17	Moreton Country Market, WI Hall	10.00
Fri 25	Carers for Carers Coffee	10.30
Tues 22	Coffee morning, Wolford Ch	11.00
Weds 23	Wolfords Village Hall AGM Wolford VH	19.30
Sat 26	Burmington Scarecrow Competition Entry closing date	
Sat 26	Whist Drive, Long Compton chapel	19.00
Mon 28	Whichford and Ascott Show	13.30
Mon 28	Moreton Car Boot Sale	
Weds 30	Moreton Country Market, WI Hall	10.00



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Link Talk

School's out and a very happy holidays to all our junior readers. This issue is full of activities for you to get involved in over the summer break, so you are simply not allowed to say, 'I'm bored!!'. From fetes to demonstrations, collecting for Ukraine or clearing our your bedroom for the car boot sale there is plenty to keep you occupied.

I am often told that The Link has, shall we say '*a more mature readership*'; that may well be the case, but it need not be so. I know first-hand that our villages are full of young talent, So, if there are any young writers/artists/photographers/journalists etc. out there who would like to submit articles or artwork over the summer holidays it would be wonderful to hear from you and to showcase your work in the next edition. Get busy!

I also think it would be lovely to celebrate some weddings in The Link! So, if you are getting married this summer, either in any of our lovely churches or elsewhere do send in a photo; we would love to see them!

Sara Billins

Note: There are no Nature Notes this month. Tony Partridge hopes to be back for the September edition.



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Help for Ukraine

Many thanks to all those who have so generously supported appeals in The Link since Russia's invasion. Sadly, the need continues both on the front-line for the military, and for civilians in Ukraine and neighbouring countries hosting refugees.

Magdalena who set up the charity *Help & Hope 4 Ukraine* in the ex-Debenhams store in Banbury (worth a visit in opening hours to see the donated goods awaiting transport), tells me that food is presently top of the wish list for the troops and babies, especially tinned meat/soup, high protein food/drink, biscuits, sweets, chocolate, coffee, tea, energy drinks, sugar, LL milk, jars sauce + pasta/rice, baby milk/food, nappies, wet wipes.

Convoys of volunteer cars/vans go regularly to the border + monthly lorry into Ukraine when judged safe to do so! Volunteers always needed including in the Banbury hub to sort clothes and welcome visitors.

Erica Jackson (686273/07771636930)

Carers4Carers

Meeting: Friday 25 August 10:30am – 12 noon. We do not meet in Kineton in August but go out together informally for coffee. If you would like to know more details, please get in touch. 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



Happy Birthday!
August Birthdays



Thomas Collins

Long Compton

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Pet of the Month



Our August pet of the month is Indy, a 3-year-old cocker spaniel who lives in Long Compton with Penny and Derek Cookson.

Indy is seen here in his favourite chair and sporting the first prize red rosette he recently won in the male over 1 year category at the Long Compton community fete.

Penny says, *'Indy loves people and is very affectionate, he puts his head on my lap or Derek's lap and gives lovely long hugs. He loves having his photo taken! I'm sure he puts on his cutest face when my phone is out!'*

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

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We are an independent, family-owned and run funeral directing company, serving Moreton-in-Marsh and surrounding areas since 1928.

Diane and James Drury took ownership in June 2022, having previously been employees of the company, and having many years experience in the funeral industry.

Through this, and their own personal losses, they know that suffering a bereavement can be one of the most distressing and sad times in people's lives. Even though a death may be expected, it can still come as a huge shock and bring great stress and worry. Diane and James want you to know that you are not alone and that they will be there to support you throughout this difficult time.

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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For 125 years, The Ellen Badger Hospital served the community of Shipston and the surrounding villages with dedication and care. Now, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust have closed the hospital.

Based on complete plans for an integrated community hospital with primary (GP's) secondary (hospital with beds) and community nursing services, the local hospital charity donated £635,000 towards the project. The trust has now announced that the new hospital will not include beds and almost certainly not a medical centre, or anything else that constitutes a "hospital."

The local charity will be asking for the return of funds.

The population of Shipston has increased significantly in recent years and they need, and deserve, the new hospital they have been led to believe is on the way. The demonstration planned for Saturday 5 August is a chance for the local community to show the decision makers how important a proper hospital is to this lovely market town! The local community will keep on 'badgering' decision makers until they realise that a community hospital, with beds, is the best way to ease bed

blocking and improve health outcomes for the whole of South Warwickshire.

The demonstration will start from The White Bear at 10.30 am and will proceed to the site of the Ellen Badger Hospital. The march is to be supported by Dr Sarah Jarvis who believes that an integrated community hospital with beds is essential. We are hoping to have press interest in the march and so, to create a great photo opportunity, there will be a fancy dress competition and prize for the best dressed badger! So, dress yourselves up as badgers and, after the march, return to the car park behind The White Bear for judging and prize giving.

Please, please support the march. When the hospital has gone it will be too late to wish you had.

For further details please contact Alasdair Elliott alasdair.elliott@gmail.com

SHIPSTON NEEDS YOU
MARCH FOR BEDS
SATURDAY 5th AUGUST
MEET 10.30 AM - MARCH 11.00 AM
WHITE BEAR INN TO THE SITE OF THE ELLEN BADGER HOSPITAL



Polish those clubs and shine your golf shoes, the Shipston Home Nursing Golf Day is back, on Friday 15 September at Feldon Valley Golf Club in Brailes.

The charity's Feldon Valley Golf Day is a great event for golfing enthusiasts. The day begins with coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, followed by 18 holes with a 'Texas Scramble' start. There will also be on course refreshments, a two-course lunch, presentations, prizes and an auction.

Prices are unchanged from last year with entrance at £260 for a team of four (£65 per head) or £40 per head for Feldon Valley members.

For local businesses interested in supporting the event, there are several sponsorship opportunities available. Donations to the auction would also be gratefully appreciated.

This is the 16th year of our fundraising golf day which, thanks to the generosity of players and sponsors, has raised valuable funds for Shipston Home Nursing. For more information, please visit: www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk/events. Companies interested in entering a team or supporting the event via sponsorship, should email: fundraising@shipstohomenursing.co.uk.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our hospice at home charity. Please don't hesitate to drop me a line if you would like any further information about this event, or about Shipston Home Nursing.

Kate Bamford Fundraising and Communications Manager



Are you over 50 and unattached? Would you love to visit those gardens you've heard about, have a meal out, see a film, go to the theatre or a concert, but sometimes end up staying at home because you've no-one to go with?

Then making new friends through our Single File social group might give you the opportunity. As events are organised by members for members, you are able to propose something you personally would really like to do.

More details at www.meetup.com/single-file-north-oxon



Moreton-in-Marsh Country Market

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

Dates for the diary for August

- August 10th – Greek week** showcasing wonderful Greek food.
- August 17th –** continuing the European theme we will be focusing on classic **Spanish cuisine**
- August 30th –** we finish with food from across the Atlantic – **all things Caribbean!**

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A big thank you to all our customers for your continued support.

*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

Please send us the dates of all your significant social events.

Please check this list before you plan a new event.

Sat 5 August Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Country Fair and Flower Show.

BH Mon 28 August Whichford and Ascott Flower Show and Fete

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

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SW7 BENEFICE CHURCH NEWS

In my summer term assemblies at Acorns Primary School, I've been taking the children through the story of Jonah from the Bible. It's a fascinating story full of vivid scenes and powerful imagery.

Jonah, a Hebrew prophet, is tasked by God to go to the foreign city of Nineveh, to call them to turn from their wicked ways back to God. Jonah really doesn't want to go, and so boards a ship sailing in the opposite direction. God sends a storm after the boat and, in order to make it stop the sailors throw Jonah into the sea where he's promptly swallowed by a big fish. Three days later the fish regurgitates Jonah onto dry land, and God tells Jonah a second time to go to Nineveh. This time he does, warning the people there to turn from their wicked ways or face God's judgement. Astonishingly, the people of Niniveh listen; they turn back to God, who forgives them and relents from sending judgement upon them. Usually, this is where popular retellings of the story end, but in fact there's another whole chapter, devoted to Jonah's response to God's mercy.



I wonder what kind of things make you grumpy? The thing that regularly makes my blood boil is when I can't find my car keys when I need to get out of the house. It's intensely frustrating. At the end of the book, Jonah himself is grumpy; so grumpy in fact that he says he wants to die. He's angry because of God's mercy to the people of Niniveh. In the time of Jonah, Niniveh was the capital city of the Assyrian people. The Assyrians were the regional superpower, bent on creating an empire at the expense of smaller nations like Israel. They had a tremendously effective military machine and were a byword for cruelty; it's understandable why Jonah didn't want to go to Niniveh, they were enemies of his people and he didn't want to give them a chance to be forgiven. He wanted God's judgement to fall upon them, and so when God forgave them he was furious.

At the heart of the story, is the radical notion that God shows mercy to even his enemies, when they turn back to him. This picture of God's character is brought to its fullest expression when from the cross, Jesus prays about those who put him there "*Father forgive them, they know not what they do*" God's mercy to his enemies is both wonderful and challenging. It's wonderful because all of us by nature are enemies of God. We've all rejected him in more or less obvious ways; ignoring him or pushing him away. And yet, through Jesus, he still offers us mercy and forgiveness if we turn back to him. It's a wonderful facet of God's

character, but it's also challenging, because as enemies who have been shown mercy by God, God now calls us to show mercy to our enemies and to offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us.

Reverend Ben Dyson



**St Peter and St Paul, Long
Compton and the Village Hall**
HARVEST LUNCH
Sunday 24th September 12.30 am
in the village hall.

Tickets £5 Adult, Children under 12 FREE

**The 2-course lunch will follow the 10.30am Harvest Service in the
church**

**Tickets from Charlotte Field 01605 654923 or email
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Join us for Community Coffee
at
St Peter and St Paul's Church , Long Compt

On Weds August 2nd from 10.am-12.00



All are very welcome
Young, old, families, dog walkers and newcomers to the village

AUGUST 2023 CHURCH SERVICES							
SW 7	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Eaton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burrington	St John the Baptist Cherington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whitchord	St Michael & All Angels Wolford
6 th August 9 th Sunday after Trinity	9 am BCP Holy Communion (BD)						10:30 am CW Holy Communion (BD)
13 th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity			9 am BCP Morning Prayer (RS&LM)		6 pm Eversong (RS)	10:30 am CW Holy Communion (AD)	
20 th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity		9 am BCP Morning Prayer (RS&LM)		10:30 am CW Holy Communion (AD)			
27 th August 12 th Sunday after Trinity				9 am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	10:30 am CW Holy Communion (BD)		


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Reading for the Curriculum Week-STEM



All classes at Acorns and Brailles thoroughly enjoyed our Reading for the Curriculum week, where the children enjoyed three key texts, *Rosie Revere Engineer*, *Ada Twist Scientist* and *Iggy Peck Architect*. During the week, the children found out about the wide variety of jobs that both scientists and engineers do and the importance of the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in helping us to solve problems in our everyday lives.

Through continuous provision activities and adult directed tasks, the children in Little Acorns Nursery and reception engaged in a range of science and engineering activities. They particularly enjoyed designing and making vehicles using construction kits and junk modelling materials.

This week led beautifully into Acorns' topic, *Big Wide World*, which began with the children thinking about fantastic journeys. The children thought about different journeys they have been on when travelling in the UK and abroad, and the many different types of transport that they can use. They enjoyed using the vehicle sponges for printing, creating their own vehicle paintings and using the large construction materials in the garden. The reception children wrote their own stories about going on a journey, considering how they travelled and what they did when they arrived.

After thinking about different journeys they have been on and places they have visited, the children began to consider different habitats in the UK and around the world. They used globes and maps to help them think about what the climate might be like in different places and what kind of animals might live there. Finding out about different animals and their habitats, inspired lots of fantastic artwork, including animal paintings and masks.

To further develop their understanding and appreciation of different habitats closer to home, our reception children enjoyed a trip to Greystones Farm in Bourton on the Water, to explore the nature reserve managed by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. After an exciting ride on the coach, the children enjoyed a magical minibeast tour, following arrows to lead them on a journey through fields where they completed lots of mini challenges to help prepare for the minibeast party in the story *Twist and Hop, Minibeast Bop!* The children looked for eaten leaves, empty snail shells, objects to make musical instruments

and decorations for the party before going on a minibeast hunt where they collected woodlice, snails and moths. Each group recorded their findings to share with the class.

In Class 1, the children plotted Ada's feelings through the story and discovered that although she was very talented and inquisitive, she wasn't always happy and found persevering a bit of a challenge. Next, they followed Ada's example and completed a smell test. The children's guesses were brave and lots of children made links with things the smell reminded them of. It was a super task that showed the children to be adventurous, persevering and to manage their emotions when they didn't know the answer. Following that, the class recapped over *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and were set the task of designing an anti-squirrel bird feeder. It was a challenge, but the children's ideas were varied and imaginative!

Children in Class 2 also took on engineering tasks. The children designed their own vehicle which relies on sustainable energy rather than fuel or electricity; there were plenty of incredibly imaginative ideas shared; as well as conducting



an investigation to see what happens when cola and baking soda are mixed together. The children enjoyed watching a chemical reaction take place, it was a very exciting science lesson!

In '*Rosie Revere Engineer*' the main character designs and makes a helicopter. Squirrels class at Brailes were tasked to design their own boats. As part of their

research into this the Nursery and Reception children investigated items that might float and sink, learning that sinking and floating was not necessarily linked to weight or size, but related more to the shape of an object and forces acting upon it.

Abi Holloway, an ex-pupil from The Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust, who has just completed a degree apprenticeship in Applied Engineering with Prodrive, shared with Key Stage 2 children how she uses maths and science as an engineer, her journey and experience, the skills she has developed and the opportunities she has as an engineer.

Sustainability was a big focus during the week and we were delighted to welcome Alison from JLR who lead a whole school assembly on sustainability. This led into different activities to invent and design solutions to 'real-life' climate change sustainability problems related to science and engineering.



Architecture

Class 3 at Acorns have been working on a Design & Technology companion project - *Architecture*. They had lots of fun investigating different design features of classical Greek buildings - they were amazed at how strong traditional Greek columns and lintels were and used different materials to



discover how the shape and arrangement contributed to their strength and durability. Children have created their own 3D designs, using the online app SketchUp, which has culminated in them designing their own buildings, using what they have learnt from ancient Greek building styles. In computing,

children have spent time developing their programming skills. This term's task was to create a solar system simulation, using sequences of commands and different variables. It was quite the challenge, but their finished programs were very effective and recreated the planets and their orbit brilliantly.

Acorns Sing Up

On 28 June, all classes at Acorns came together in the hall to celebrate Sing Up Day 2023. This year, the theme was '*global voice and the things that connect us – the earth, the sea, and the air we breathe*'. Two songs were composed this year and we selected '*Blossom Out*', by a songwriter based in New Zealand. This song is a celebration of the earth and our connection to the natural world around us, featuring traditional Māori instruments and language. The song's clever lyrics encourage us to recognise our individual strengths, gifts, and uniqueness; to '*blossom out like a flower*' and '*stand strong like a forest*'. The children have really enjoyed learning this song and performed it beautifully. We now look forward to seeing the final 'Digichoir' and where we feature, alongside children from schools all around the world!

ALIVE 2023

Alive 2023 at Stoneleigh NAEC on 16th June was a great event organised by Coventry DBE for the family of church schools in the Coventry Diocese, which Years 4 and 5 attended.

Large inflatable balls were passed around the crowd when the countdown started. 3000 people were all singing '*World Changers*'. The singing and dancing continued for the whole of the morning, whilst we learned about how we can make a difference in the world, and how we can be world changers.



After the Praise Party, all the schools at the morning event, and those attending the afternoon event joined to together for a wonderful picnic outside. Back at school, we continue to discuss and reflect on what it means to be a World Changer and how with courage, compassion and curiosity can be world changers.

It's Sunday 2 July; another bright, breezy and dry evening – I hope you're finding my farming notes of some interest.

I walked round two fields of winter barley yesterday and found them ever closer to harvest. I wrote last time of dry weather and shallow rooting. This barley is a classic example; it dried out too quickly in the last few days of heat and drying wind. I'm not sure how it will yield, but it has lost a lot of former potential. The wheat still looks OK since it is the deepest rooting cereal, whilst oats are the shallowest. The oilseed rape looks ok, if a little sparse in places, but it is carrying plenty of seed pods. Nonetheless, it doesn't look quite as good as last year, but until the combine gets into it in the next month or so, we won't know how it will turn out for certain. The bean plants look to be reasonable but are best placed into ploughed ground rather than minimum tillage oilseed rape stubble from 2022, as some of this crop was. The fields planted in a very dry, cold February, into ploughed ground look really good at the moment.

Dan usually ploughs most of the land for cereals, but we are now trying something different. Last year we purchased a direct drill – this equipment plants wheat seeds into undisturbed stubble following the previous harvest. We tried 30 acres last autumn, direct sown with a drill into bean stubble – in the spring it looked the worst, now it is little different, but more blackgrass – an unwanted seed-bearing grass which contaminates the crop.

An alternative approach to direct drilling is min till – short for minimum tillage, which is where the ground is broken up by large rotating discs and then sown with a normal drill. It turns the soil over less than a plough, which can be beneficial for lessening the impact of certain insects which can damage crops and reduce competition from weeds. We now sow oilseed rape with a homemade direct drill, straight into stubble with our own seed to save on costs, if it fails, usually due to a dry late August and September, or insect damage, we still have time to try something else.

Two years ago, Dan, who is pretty good at welding, made a homemade bean drill, out of an old seeding unity from a scrap and a pig-tail cultivator we had been given years ago by a local farming friend. We made a power drive (PTO) shaft to drive the fan and attached a chain from a metering wheel to the seed delivery unit. The part which drops the seed into the soil was made by welding 'boots' which look a bit like a hoe or a trowel head to the back of the tines – prongs which dig into the soil, and pipes from an old seeder were used to direct

seed towards them from the delivery unit. Despite being homemade, it all worked perfectly drilling beans into ploughed furrows.

I also like to include a bit of history into my notes. The first corn I ever cut was in 1967, for what turned out to be my future father-in-law. I was allowed to cut the last field of about 12 acres. My father and I drilled this farm the next spring with about 270 acres of spring barley, but on the 17 June that year, a mighty thunderstorm flattened most of it, damaging the crop. In fact, by the time harvest that started on 8th August, some had molehills on top of it. As a novice of 19 years-old, it was a long, difficult harvest. I can remember finishing, cutting what is now a 3-acre wood on steep ground. I cut up the shallow side and down the steep side, essentially round and round, until I cut the last little triangle at about 2:30pm in the afternoon. Before combine harvesters had cabs, it was a filthy, dusty job. I remember throwing my cap in the front of the table, watching it go through and come out in the back with the straw. I can still remember the tears running down my cheeks in relief.



A few days later we went to cut some barley for a farm on the other side of the valley. We had watched for a while and no one seemed keen to cut it. My father called round and met what was to become a very good family friend – Peter Whittaker. I called in with the combine and a lovely young lady called Eileen met me. She asked what my name was – ‘John, I said’. She said there were too many Johns around here at the moment, ‘so I will call you ‘Tufty’’. It was quite fitting as I had a mop of curly hair. The name stuck, and I have always been called ‘Tufty’ or ‘Tuft’, for short – I really don’t mind at all. We worked together well, subsequently with children Bob and Lynn, and still do.

By the time I write for the next Link, God willing, the winter barley and oilseed rape will be cut and the wheat, beans and spring barley getting closer.

John Richardson (Tufty!)

During June gardeners were longing for rain to fill their water butts. July certainly provided a lot of rain but also strong winds which made it difficult to find weather in which it was comfortable to garden.



Photograph by Jonathan Watts

August is a good time to take cuttings of less hardy plants such as penstemons, dianthus and salvias. Remove shoots without flower buds and cut just below a node. Insert into well drained, moist compost and keep in a warm, light position, out of direct sunlight.

Summer fruiting raspberry canes can now be cut down to ground level and the new canes thinned, if necessary, fed with general purpose fertilizer and watered then mulched with garden compost. Blackcurrants fruit on new wood so the technique is to remove two to three of the older stems to the base. It is helpful to do it this month when the younger shoots are still green and can be distinguished from the darker woody stems. To maintain the productivity of

However, with the soil moistened, weeding is much easier, so try to keep on top of weeds while they are small. Also, continue with dead heading to improve the appearance of the garden and to encourage more flowers. If you cut back hardy geraniums to the ground, they will quickly produce more leaves and flower for a second time. This also applies to herbs such as oregano and the clippings can be dried or frozen for use in cooking. Lavenders can be cut back this month to keep them compact but never cut into the brown wood as they may die back.

When you are cutting back in the borders it is good to keep some seed heads, alliums for their appearance and phlomis, which gold finches seem to love, to feed the birds during winter. It is also worth collecting seeds for sowing next year e.g., nigella and poppies.

strawberries, runners can be planted into a new plot. They should ideally be replanted every three years or so.

In the vegetable plot, many of the crops may have been harvested but keep sowing salad crops while the soil is still warm and the seeds will germinate quickly. Crops which can be sown direct include oriental salad leaves, perpetual spinach and Swiss chard. Onions should be lifted when the leaves turn yellow and bend over. Dry them under cover for a few weeks before storing in a cool, dark, dry place,

Continue feeding summer containers to keep them flowering and tomato plants to maintain their fruiting. Regular watering of the latter is important to prevent "blossom end rot" which causes blackening at the end of the fruit.

House plants will also benefit from feeding...general purpose for leafy plants and potash rich for flowering plants.

Other jobs for August could include mowing down wildflower areas and removing the material to give flower seeds a better chance of germinating, and pruning of hedges once nesting is over.

Margaret Welsh

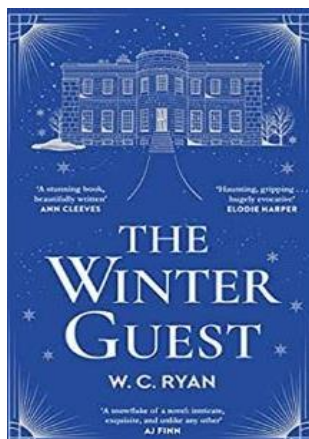
VILLAGE NEWS

Barton-on-the-Heath

Editor: Cathryn Aitken



Book Club



We enjoyed meeting to talk about *'The Winter Guest'* by W.C. Ryan. This is a beautifully written, atmospheric novel set in Ireland in 1921. The cold and dark penetrate the book. Many in the group enjoyed it, with some finding the characters confusing, but most having found this a great thriller.

We also discussed *'Glass Houses'* by Louise Penny. The author is an acclaimed Canadian novelist and this book is the 13th in a series about Inspector Armand Gamache and his home village of Three Pines, south of Montreal.

One very cold day a mysterious figure clad all in black appears on the village green and prompts much speculation, most intriguing of which is the idea of a type of debt collector known from ancient times as a 'Cobrador del

Frac'. Murder is discovered, vast numbers of characters appear and eventually a plot is uncovered, operating a Mafia-like drug smuggling ring to the USA.

Most in the group appreciated the book, which was well written and gripping. The numbers of characters involved lengthened the book and some found the timelines confusing.

The next time we will meet to talk about '*The Nebuly Coat*' by John Meade Falkner, 5.30pm at Barton House on Sunday 13th August.

Happy reading!

Gillian Cathie

Barton on the Heath Village Fete 2023

It was glorious weather for the fete on 17 June and the event was generously supported. Fete goers enjoyed listening to the fantastic live jazz band whilst shopping, playing games, crossing their fingers for the tombolas and

raffles, digging deep for the auction and deciding on what to drink and eat! An event that involved so many in the village in the organising, donating and executing. Thank you to all who helped, contributed and attended.

A perfect event and a perfect day.

VILLAGE NEWS

Contact the Editor

Barcheston with Willington

Barcheston Church - Recital Series 2023



Sunday 6 August: Donal McCann, New College, Oxford

Recitals will start at 3.30 pm and last about 50 mins.

Entry is free but donations are invited to St Martin's Organ Fund which is used to maintain the organ and fund future recitals and concerts.

Contact David Hodges: david@famington.co.uk www.stmartinsbarcheston.co.uk



Burmington's Irene Clarke wins praise from National Charity

The Head of Support Services at the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, Michelle Wilkins, attended Irene's annual coffee morning held in her home in Burmington to raise funds for the charity.



Michelle praised the support the Foundation had received from Irene, her family and friends, over the fifteen years from the first event she had organized in 2008 after the birth of grandson Bobby when he was diagnosed with a liver disease. She presented the Foundation's gold statuette and a bouquet to Irene.

Michelle told the packed gathering that Irene's coffee mornings and other family events had raised around £50,000 for the Foundation. She outlined the vital work of her Foundation in

supporting sick children and their families, in informing and educating healthcare professionals, funding research and raising national awareness, all dependent on public generosity. The gathering was moved by her account of the plight of four babies currently in Birmingham hospital recovering from liver operations immediately after birth. Irene's fifteenth coffee morning in support of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation was a great success and the final tally exceeded £1,300.

Irene thanked Michelle for her kindness in travelling from Birmingham to represent the Foundation and for her fine and moving brief on its work. She also thanked her many local supporters who had contributed so generously to this and earlier coffee mornings, with special praise for Pat Walker who had donated countless cakes and pots of her renowned marmalade and run her wonderful cake stall, a star attraction of the coffee mornings, each year for the past fifteen years.



Burmington's Parochial Church Council

The council presented Sonia Baker on her resignation as Churchwarden with a Whichford pot engraved with a message in grateful thanks for her many years of unstinting service to Burmington church as a Churchwarden and as PCC Secretary. She was also given a garden gift voucher.



The inscription reads: *'For Sonia with love and gratitude for all she has done over many years for the church and congregation in Burmington'.*

Village Scarecrow Competition

Theme: **Around the World**

Join in the **fun**, enter by **Aug 26th**

2nd Year!

For more info and/or to participate pls call or text **Neil 07818 424288**

Can you identify this object?

At CAMEO's July meeting in Burmington Village Hall our Turner prize winner, Phil Batsford, set members an intriguing puzzle. They were asked to identify the purpose of the object shown in the photo below.



The only clues he offered were that it was made at the Ballyhill brickworks in Brailles over 100 years ago and was patented by a Mr. Wilks. Apparently, it was not a great success since Phil believed his was one of only two in existence.

You are invited to send your answers to our Burmington Link editor who is offering a prize of a modern high-tech equivalent to the first person to provide an explanation of the

purpose and operation of this invention.

Lunch club members at July's meeting debated the object's use. The winner, who suggested that it might help in solving the puzzle if one had a classics degree from Oxford, is however better known in our company simply as the maker of excellent puddings.

Dennis Cummings

CAMEO Lunch Club

Next month's lunch will be held on Tuesday 8 August in Burmington Village Hall at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm. Please book with Brenda Fitch on Tel: 01608 664313

Grab a
Bargain!

Table Top
Sale



Burmington Village Late Summer Sale

Tea /
Coffee

Breakfast
Baps

Come & see
our
scarecrows



SAT 23rd SEPTEMBER

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

@ the Village Hall and around the village

VILLAGE NEWS

Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



Brailles Picture House

July & August - Holiday time

Our proposed Title line up: Fridays - Sept-November

Friday 15 September - Operation Mincemeat

Friday 29 October - A man called Otto

Friday 17 November - Citizen Kane

December date to be decided - Matilda - The Musical

If you wish to see a film again or have one that might appeal to our audience, please let us know.

Deirdre and Team

Village Lottery

July Draw

1st Alan Thompson £80 2nd Annie Lewis £45 3rd Alison Maxwell £30

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for your continued support. For more information on joining, please contact me 686293 or steveallkins53@gmail.com

Steve Allkins

Coffee Shop

We are taking a break in August but look forward to seeing you all on 9 September



Christine Dudfield & Tricia Wilson

Saturday 5th August 2023

1pm-5pm



CHERINGTON, STOURTON & SUTTON
COUNTRY FAIR & FLOWER SHOW

Church Grounds, Cherington CV36 5HS

*Classic Vehicles
Tractors, Motorcycles*

*Free entry to classic
vehicles including
passengers*



We are so excited to announce that the main attraction at this year's show is Savage Skills - Cycle Stunt Team. Come and be amazed by their stunts, tricks and jumps.

Cherington Flower Show Bottle Stall

I'm running this year's bottle stall and would be grateful for your donations of bottles. Please can you drop them off at The Paddock, Stourton or call me if you want them collected on 07866127409

Christine Dudfield



The newly formed Feldons Wildlife Group are in need of some specialist advice.

As a group, we cover the area of Cherington and Stourton which includes a stretch of the River Stour. Although we have all read '*Wind in the Willows*' and possess a little local knowledge, we are lacking any real expertise in relation to wildlife in

and around the riverbanks. Is there any knowledgeable, kind soul hiding somewhere locally that could give us a lead?

If you feel that you could help us explore this watery habitat, please contact me on 01608 686414. Thank you.

Sue Williams Chairman

Engagement



George Williams, only son of the late Doctor Graham Williams and Mrs. Sue Williams, has announced his engagement to Harriet (Hattie) Robinson.

The couple, who both work in London, met at Exeter University. They are currently on a twelve-month travelling sabbatical and George proposed on a Caribbean Beach in Colombia South America. They are currently in the USA but will continue to East Asia, Australia, and New Zealand before returning to plan a wedding in 2024.

Many Congratulations George & Hattie

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Advertising across SW7 Benefice
directly into the community.

Please email adverts@swlink.org.uk

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...and we can put an advert together for you if you need a hand.

Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

Dates for your diary, Friday 4 August and then the Summer Family Prize Bingo on Thursday 17 August, eyes down at 2.00 pm, please bring your children/grandchildren.

There are 3 dates in September, Fridays 1, 15 and 29.

For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.



Vanessa Compton



La Rochelle Acrylic by Stourton Artist
Colin Beckett

Long Compton Village Hall



Don't you just love the crazy British weather?! We went from sheltering in the cool of the building at the June Social Saturday to huddling in jumpers and raincoats at the July one. Luckily, delicious refreshments and lively conversation are welcome whatever the weather so the room was full of the usual buzz of activity on both occasions. If you haven't come along on the 2nd Saturday of the month, why not pop in? It's open to all and a great way to meet people, catch up on news or just shelter out of the rain/sun (delete as appropriate)!

We've been having a tinker with our logo and advertising (we just can't help it!) so you'll be seeing the fruits of our labours in the coming weeks. In the meantime, I hope you like the new Social Saturday advert here.

I'm pleased to report the recent Quiz and Cheese Fest was a success with 9 teams and a room full of folks tucking in while exercising their little grey cells. The winning team went off with half a dozen bottles of 'top quality brain tonic', while the booby prize chocolates were very democratically shared out amongst the team members. Indeed, we've had such a positive response to the event that we're planning to squeeze another one in before the Red Lion Quiz Season gets underway, poster below.

We're considering running a Bingo Night, so if anyone would like to help us out on that one, or if you'd be keen to come along, please do get in touch!

Mo Read Chair, Long Compton Village Hall

100 Club

The July Draw results are:

1st	19	Lisa Phipps	2nd	26	Mike Richards
3rd	67	Margaret Welsh	4th	192	Mr and Mrs Williams

The August Draw will be held on August 12.

Chris Galloway 684234



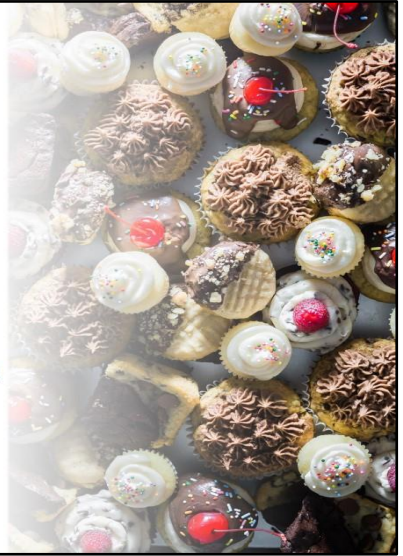
Join us for

Social Saturday

11am - 1pm, Saturday 12th August 2023

Long Compton Village Hall

Free entry - savouries - cake - chat



Join us for

Quiz Night

7pm, Saturday 30th September 2023

Long Compton Village Hall

Enter a team of up to 7 people

Pay bar

Cheese sharing board

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

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



The Comptonians

We shall meet at 12.30pm on 16 August at the Village Hall for a buffet lunch.

Margaret Welsh 684238

Long Compton Chapel

The Whist Drive was very well attended and with four tables, numbers are increasing. The August Whist is on Saturday 26 August at 7.00pm. All are welcome regardless of experience or ability!

At the community fete the chapel organised a flower competition generating nine entries which were very diverse considering each had the same flowers and props provided! A display of local art was well supported and very interesting. We also organised a car boot sale; the heat sadly kept many car booters away, but seven stalwarts came along and we thank them for that! We would like to thank all those who took part and Aldi who provided some of the flowers.



The Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 30 September 10.00am-12noon.

There will be an Art and Artisan Fair on Saturday 7 October at 2.00pm

In the middle of June our tenant vacated The Manse which is currently undergoing some improvements and will hopefully be available to a new tenant by the end of August. If anyone has an interest, we will be happy to put you in touch with the letting agents.



Whist Drive
BEGINNERS WELCOME
@THE CHAPEL, Butlers Lane, Long Compton

Saturday
24 June
22 July
26 August
7.00pm

Raffle
Details: Sally 01608 684739 /07870 545431



*SALE OF VINTAGE, ANTIQUE AND
HOME ITEMS,
plus handmade earrings and clothing*

16 September 1.00 – 5.00pm

Long Compton Chapel
(opposite village hall)

Parking available

Free entry

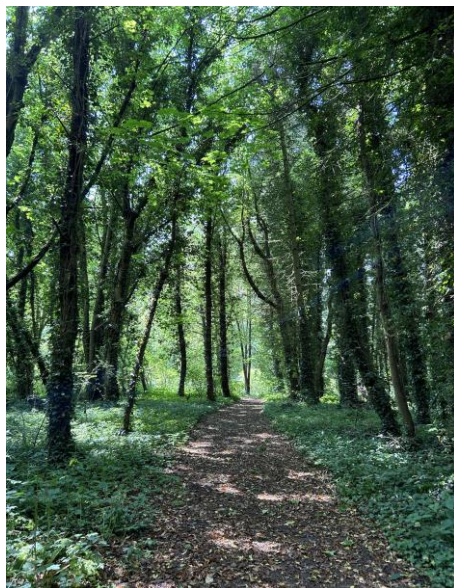
Sally Franklin and Elizabeth Gilkes

Long Compton and District Garden Club Visit to Evenley Wood Garden

A very warm Monday in June found our group exploring the welcome cool shade of Evenley Wood Garden near Brackley.



Set amongst the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, this 60-acre privately owned woodland garden contains a large and notable collection of plants, ranging from unusual trees and shrubs to a wide selection of lilies and other bulbs. The garden's unusual band of acid soil, in this otherwise predominantly alkaline area, provides the opportunity to cultivate plants such as rhododendrons, camellias, and magnolias, which would not ordinarily thrive in this location.



Sadly, we were a little too late in the year to see the magnolia and rhododendrons in their full glory, but we were treated to swathes of allium blooming in drifts through the dappled light of the woodland. Other treats included rambling roses (up to 300 in the wood) that have been encouraged to grow up through the tree canopy, lilies, including *Lilium* 'Evenley Jane', which was developed and propagated on site, azaleas, plus many others. A brook meanders through the wood and can be crossed at several points, a few of our members were lucky enough to spot some beautiful black and turquoise damselfly.

We also came across a mature magnolia with exceptionally large leaves, sadly we missed the blooms; a good excuse to return next spring!

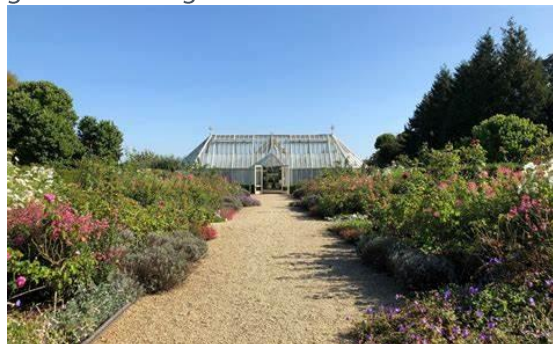
We completed our visit with a very enjoyable and social picnic in the beautiful woodland setting at Evenley followed by a visit to Buckingham Garden Centre to purchase more plants and boost our energy with tea and cake!

Julie Reardon

Next Visit: Eythrope Walled Garden at Waddesdon

Tour and lunch. Weds 9 August

Only open one day a week for private tours, Eythrope is a four-acre walled garden with glasshouses and orchard. Miss Alice de Rothschild, creator of



Eythrope, was a passionate and knowledgeable horticulturalist, renowned for her perfectionism and innovation. The walled garden at Eythrope was and is a productive garden, which supplied vegetables, fruit, herbs and cut flowers for her household, friends and family. Today, alongside the family,

produce is used in Waddesdon's restaurants, hotel and food markets. A working garden on this scale is rare in the 21st century and Eythrope is legendary in the garden world for the excellence of gardening and as a haven for traditional techniques that might otherwise be lost.

£45 (20% reduction for RHS members)

More details nearer the time. Car share encouraged.

If interested contact Lesley Roberts 01608 684 545 or 6@gmail.com

lesleyroberts46@gmail.com or Anthony Wells 01608 684337

Long Compton Community Fete 2023



Another year, another successful fete! Although sensibly some people kept themselves and their dogs out of the heat, numbers were only slightly down on last year. Everybody who was there were treated to music, children's entertainment, classic

cars, an array of food and drink, including cream teas in the village hall and stalls selling all manner of things. Sadly, once again, the RAF cancelled their flight-this year because of engine failure. Big thanks though to the army cadets whose help on the day was invaluable.

Thanks also to our sponsors:

- Chancellors Estate Agents
- Enlightened Windows
- Ergo Creative
- Hook Norton Veterinary Group
- Long Compton Village Store
- Unity Automotive, Tredington
- Unity Legal

and to K.J Millard for the use of a skip and to Chipping Norton Event Hire for marquee furniture.



The Fete was able to raise over £1,400 and we are making donations to the village hall, the congregational chapel, the Friends of Long Compton Church, Acorns Primary School, and MacMillan Cancer Support.

Finally, a big thanks to all our team who worked so hard. If you want to help shape fete 2024, please contact us at roger@lcfete.org.

Long Compton Walkers

A month for apologies -first, the eagle eyed amongst you may well have spotted that July's offering was remarkably similar to June's -the contributor's not the editor's fault.

Next, to the Treadaways, who in fact led July's walk with Ken, each time we crossed and recrossed a railway line, explaining the history of the Banbury to Cheltenham line, its importance to the mill at Kingham and the now disused iron works further along the line. The weather stayed fine, and we ended with



an excellent lunch at the Kingham Plough.

Next, to Stephen Cornford who led July's walk around The Barringtons for having to write this before I knew numbers, weather, or quality of lunch - next time I will catch up.

Finally, for attaching a photo taken on

our own Tuscan walk. We had to wait until after 6.00 pm for the temperature to drop below 35 degrees but there were compensations.

Next meeting August 8 -meet as usual with new recruits always welcome.

Stuart Brown scbqc1@gmail.com

Village Organisations

Long Compton and District Garden Club	Anthony Wells 684337 or Lesley Roberts 684545
Compton and District History Society	Diana Cook 684771
Comptonians	Margaret Welsh 684238
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Long Compton & District Walkers	Stuart and Imogen Brown. 684042
Long Compton Bridge Club	Chris Galloway 684234
The Friends of Long Compton Church	Steve Lavelle steveplavelle@googlemail.com



The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Geoffrey Gibbs who was the winner of the July Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener

NGS Whichford and Ascott Open Gardens



After months of working hard in their gardens, 9 garden owners in Whichford and Ascott kindly opened their gardens to the public on Sunday 18 June. After a week of high temperatures, Sunday's forecast was gloomy, predicting rain and thunderstorms. We were all pleased and relieved when the rain held off so that everyone could enjoy the varied gardens on display, including 2 new gardens – Wood House and Lenticulars.



The gardens attracted visitors from across the country and raised £1,857 for the National Garden Scheme charity which supports a number of nursing, health and garden charities.

There was a plant stall and a voucher kindly donated by Whichford Pottery along with homemade cakes and teas served in the garden of Lenticulars – many thanks to Sophie Corlett for organising this along with all the cake makers and helpers on the day. They raised £575 in aid of St Michael’s Church.

Earlier in the year, John and Julia Melvin received a trowel from the NGS in

recognition of their opening of Whichford Hill House for 10 years.

Starluck keeping an eye on visitors to Ascott Lodge

Katharine Wood

Whichford and Ascott Allotment Holders Society Garden Competition

We held our biennial garden competition in June, kindly judged by Celia and Walter Sawyer. Enormous thanks to them and the results are as follow:

Small Flower Garden:	1st	Jan Knight
Medium Flower Garden:	1st	Diana Atkins
	2nd	Carol and Jerry Moore
Large Flower Garden:	1st	Charlotte Copley,
	2nd	Dominique and Jim Keeling
Newly Developed Garden:	1 st	Fiona Robertson
	2nd	Liz Docker Drysdale
Vegetable Garden:	1st	Jim Keeling
	2nd	Andy Deller
Greenhouse:	1st	Colin Corlett
	2nd	Jim Keeling

Sophie Corlett

Joe Harvey 1936 – 2023

Joe Harvey, who died in May, will be much missed by his family and many friends. We were able to read some of Joe's recollections of his life in a recent edition of The Link but here are some further childhood stories which came up in the funeral tribute to him, written by his family.

Joe was born in the village in 1936, in the red brick house at the bottom of Whichford Hill, and later moved to the thatched cottage in the village. He was the oldest of 3 children, having 2 brothers, Derrick and Martin. There was endless childhood fun, one story in particular was when Joe dropped a pencil into a water butt and Derrick tried to retrieve it, ending up head down with his legs sticking out of the top. Derrick was saved by a very cross mother. When he was older there was a catapult incident where a window had been broken in the village. A policeman knocked on the parents' door and asked if Joe had a catapult. His mum hotly denied having such a weapon and once the policeman had gone, that was another good hiding for Joe with the wooden spoon.



Joe was very much a village man, voluntarily mowing the green on his tractor for many years, and a big supporter of the church, 70 years a bellringer (starting at 9 years old), 60 years the church clock winder and long service as a sidesman.

In the late 80s, the Flower Show folded for a couple of years until Joe took over as chair of the committee and revived the show, with the aid of Cath Beauchamp and a lot of hard work from them both for the next 14 years. The show was put on a strong footing and secured its future, for which Whichford and Ascott are very grateful. Joe also served as chair of the Parish Council. He ran a youth club in the village.

Joe was supported with daily visits from his nephew Allan and wonderful neighbours. He was in close touch with his family and never failed to charm and express his thanks to everyone. He will be greatly missed.

Adam Keeling at the International Ceramics Festival, Aberystwyth

Master Potter and Whichford Pottery director, Adam Keeling, was thrilled to be invited to give a demonstration and lecture at the renowned International Ceramics Festival at the Aberystwyth Arts Centre earlier this month. Fellow demonstrators included Sergei Isupov, Halima Cassell and Keith Brymer Jones of The Great Pottery Throw Down. Adam's skills were passed on to him by his father, Jim Keeling, who was taught by fourth generation potters at Wrecclesham Pottery in Surrey, founded in 1874.



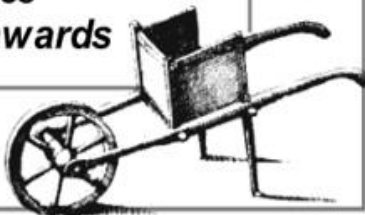
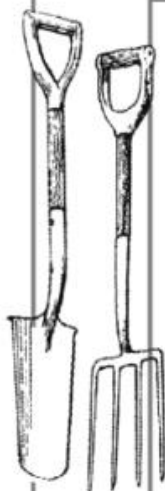
Adam in the middle of making his 1.5m high Ali Baba Jar for his demonstration.



Whichford & Ascott Flower Show & Fete 2023

***Monday 28th August
Bank Holiday
Starts at 1.30 pm on
The Village Green***

***Display of Exotic Animals
Schedule of classes for
flowers, fruit, vegetables,
produce
Prizes & awards***



VILLAGE NEWS

The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



Wolfords WI

We have had another busy month. We had a coffee morning at Fosseyway garden centre and Supper club at The Norman Knight. The walking group from Bourton to Seizingcote and back to Bourton was also enjoyed.

At this month's meeting we met Trevor and Alice, members of the English Civil War Society. They spend their weekends taking part in battle re-enactments all over the country. The English Civil War which took place between 1642 and 1651 has many local connections not least The Battle of Edge Hill which was fought just a few miles away from us. After their talk we tried on some costumes and practiced our drumming skills outside. We then had a lovely supper and celebrated member Gill's special Birthday.

There is no meeting in August, but we are having a barbecue instead.

We are a small group at the moment and would welcome new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in The Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you want to know more contact Gilly on 07812 344 596, gillyhd@hotmail.com



Moreton Car Boot Sale – Monday 28 August 2023

Have you been clearing out and decluttering and don't know what to do with all those unwanted items? Well Welford PCC has a solution to your problem.

The members of the PCC are giving up their August Day Bank holiday lie in to be at Moreton Car Boot sale at 7.00am on 28 August!

What items do we want from you? We are always surprised at what sells so anything really, except we do not have the room in our cars for large bulky items, as long as it is in saleable condition and that includes clothes, bric-a-brac, crockery, glasses, tools, soft furnishings, toys and clothes.

You can deliver to us, or we can collect from you so if you have anything please ring.

John Wrench 01608 674389 or Ann McKenna 01608 674009

BINGO
and
FISH & CHIPS SUPPER

(We are also hoping to be able to offer a takeaway service)

Saturday 16th September
at 7.00 pm

Wolford Village Hall

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James van Helden

The Wolfords Village Hall AGM

The date for the Village Hall AGM has been set for Wednesday 23 August 2023 starting at 7.30pm at the village hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

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

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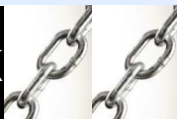
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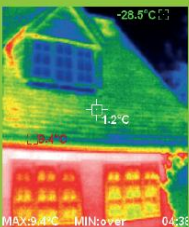
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