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EVENTS DIARY

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

Sat 1	Open gardens	Wolford	14.00
Sun 2	Organ recital	Barcheston Ch	15.30
Weds 5	Parish Council AGM	Burmington VH	19.30
	Community Coffee	Long Compton Ch	10.30
Thurs 6	Moreton Country Market WI Hall		10.00
Fri 7	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 8	Social Saturday and D Day 80 Exhibition	Long Compton VH	11.00
Sun 9	Choral Evensong	Long Compton Ch	18.00
Tues 11	Garden Club visit	Long Compton	
Weds 12	History Society talk	Long Compton VH	19.00
Thurs 13	Moreton Country Market	WI Hall	10.00
Fri 14	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
	Carers4Carers Info Event	Kinton VH	10.00
Sat 15	Barton Village Fete		14.30
	Evenlode Village Fete		14.00
	Chipping Norton Choral Concert	St Marys Ch	19.30
	Concert: Nathaniel Mander	Barcheston Ch	19.00
	WASP collective talk	Whichford Pottery	19.30
Sun 16	Open gardens	Whichford and Ascott	13.30
	Movie: The Holdovers	Brailes Picture Hse	19.25
	Café Service	Long Compton Chapel	15.30
Weds 19	Comptonians	Long Compton VH	14.00
Thurs 20	Moreton Country Market WI Hall		10.00
	Dementia Friendly Café	Esmere Gardens, Moreton	10.30
Fri 21	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
	Cameo Club Tea Party	Burmington marquee	14.30
	Community Picnic and music	Burmington marquee	17.30
Sat 22	Long Compton Fete	LCVH	13.00
Sun 23	Songs of Praise	Burmington marquee	18.00
Thurs 27	Moreton Country Market WI Hall		10.00
Fri 28	carers 4 carers	Kinton VH	10.30
	Coffee Shop	Stourton HV	10.30
	Feelgood Friday	Stourton VH	14.00

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EDITORIAL



Link Talk

Welcome to your June LINK and we are full throttle into fete season. There is nothing to match the quintessential village fete and we are lucky to have so many to choose from locally. I went to three last year; Whichford, Cherington and Long Compton and all were magnificent. Fetes are so dependent on hitting a weather sweet spot, not too hot, not too cold and definitely no rain although torrential downpours did nothing to dampen the spirits at Cherington last year.

Huge teams of organizers and volunteers work hard throughout the year to organize these events to raise funds for village facilities, so it is important that we do our bit to support them I'll be kicking off the season with Barton on the Heath on the 15th and Long Compton on the 22nd and will be looking forward to a few successful spins of the tombola a couple of new jars of jam to bring home and a bit of community camaraderie. So, look out for the dates of a fete near you, and enjoy an affordable and fun family day out!

Sara Billins



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Pet of the Month

Our June pet is Willoughby. So many people in Barcheston, Willington and Burmington know and love this wonderful and very sociable donkey who is cared for in Barcheston by Alice Hanscomb. Alice tells us:



'Willoughby is very friendly and loves going for walks and meeting people. He has a sense of humour as you can tell from the bucket picture and very occasionally will play football and sometimes 'mock terror' games when we chase each other round the field! He is emotionally fluent and requires hugs especially when its nasty weather. As with all donkeys he hates the wet. He has beautiful ears which everyone wants to touch which he really doesn't like. So, if you see us out and about don't make for the ears! Zarzar the vanacob is his very best mate.'



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!

June 2024



Alexander Banner	Willington	17
Isabella Parsons	Long Compton	16
Millie Blake	Cherington	18
Isobel Jones	Barton	13
Millie Kinch	Long Compton	18

Save the Dates of the Summer Fetes

Sat June 15 Barton on the Heath 14.30

Sat June 22 Long Compton 13.00

Sat Aug 31 Long Compton Craft, produce and flower show

Bank holiday Monday Aug 26 Whichford and Ascott

Please note the copy deadline for July 2024:
June 13

Carers4Carers

Join the Carers4Carers monthly gathering at Kineton Village Hall to meet with other local carers. Our next session will be on Friday June 28, from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, featuring guest Sharon Smith from Hearing Assist. Enjoy refreshments, biscuits, and conversation with other carers.





If accompanied by your loved one, they're welcome to participate in our Companionship Group during the meeting.

If you're an unpaid carer, local support group Carers4Carers is hosting a **Carers' Information Event** (details below) This event is an opportunity to learn about local support groups, aids and adaptations, social prescribing, wills and powers of attorney, accessible transport and enjoy refreshments and cake. More details will be provided as the date approaches. No need to book - just turn up!

For further details about our carer support group or assistance with transport to and from the meetings, please contact Gillian at 07947 893504, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com, or visit www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator




Are you an unpaid carer?
Come to our

CARERS' INFORMATION EVENT


KINETON VILLAGE HALL
Friday 14th June 10.00—12.30

Dementia support	Social Prescribers
Parkinson's Support	Wenmans
Moore and Tibbit	Unique Senior Care

and many more. For a complete list, see publicity nearer the date.



Teas, coffees
and cake



VASA community transport can be booked for anyone
needing help getting to this event. Phone **01789**
262889, option 1, giving at least 3 days' notice.

New!

Moreton-in-Marsh Dementia Friendly Cafe



Open Every Thursday from 10.30-12.30
Esmere Gardens, Stow Road, Moreton-in-Marsh
GL56 0DS

Opening
20th June 2024

Practical advice &
emotional support



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

Contact for more information:

Paul and Heather Dowler

Phone: 01295 688376

Email: talkdementia.uk@gmail.com

Visit: talkdementia.uk



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.*

All of the food we sell is cooked in the home, not processed in a factory, using locally sourced, seasonal produce and you can speak directly to the producers.

We also have some wonderful crafters with unique, creative products.

We have themed weeks featuring exotic cuisines, or focusing on a seasonal ingredient such as asparagus.

For more details of these, check out our social media – **Facebook, Moreton in Marsh Noticeboard, Shipston Noticeboard and Instagram.** We can also be contacted by email, mimcountrymarket@gmail.com or mobile, 07933 141410

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

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

Local Catholic Church Services

Chipping Norton

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

Stow-on-the-Wold

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

Shipston and Brailes

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

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

Chipping Campden

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

Local Quaker Meetings

Local Quaker Meetings for worship:

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

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

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

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

Local Congregational Services

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

Chair Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778 Sec/Treasurer Sally Franklin

PARISH PEOPLE

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)

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Churchwarden	John Wrench 674389	
Treasurer	Ann McKenna 674009	

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Burmington	Robert Hutchings (661496)	
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Long Compton	Simon Bing (684827)	Sam Weller (684897)
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CHURCH NOTES

Introducing our New Family Outreach Worker

This June, Kim Petty will be taking up the role of the SW7 Churches 'Family Outreach Worker.' Kim knows the area very well having lived in Barton with her family for many years. During her time in Barton she was central in setting up and running the benefice youth group, doing all of this as a volunteer. I'm delighted that she is now going to be working in an employed capacity for the SW7 Benefice Churches.



The role of Family Outreach Worker will involve a mixture of supporting our current ministry to families and developing new initiatives. Kim will head up the team leading our children's group at the GAP service as well as seeking to develop new initiatives to reach out to families in the benefice with the good news of Jesus.

We wish Kim well as she starts this exciting role.

Reverend Ben Dyson

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? COME AND JOIN OUR NEW CHOIR

Our new Choir in the SW7 Benefice which will be singing at the Benefice Songs of Praise and at Evensong in Long Compton and Barcheston.

Julian Grimshaw, the director of the Benefice Choir, welcomes singers of all ages, novices and experienced singers alike.

Please contact Julian for further information:

jdwyergrimshaw@btinternet.com

or 07891 423855

June 2024 CHURCH SERVICES						
SW 7 Sunday Worship	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burmington	St John the Baptist Cherrington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whichford
2nd June 1 st after Trinity	9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD/LM)				4.00pm GAP informal (BD)	10.30am CW Holy Communion (BD/LM)
9 th June 2 nd after Trinity			9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		6.00pm BCP Evensong (BD)	10.30am CW Holy Communion (BD)
16 th June 3 rd after Trinity		9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		10.30am CW Holy Communion (BD)	4.00pm GAP informal (BD)	
23 rd June 4 th after Trinity			6.00pm Songs of Praise (BD)	9.00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	10.30am CW Holy Communion (BD)	
30 th June 5 th after Trinity					4.00pm GAP Holy Communion (BD)	10.30am CW Morning Prayer (BD)

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BD = Ben Dyson, LM = Liz Maycock/LMW = Anthony Wells CLW = Clare Wells /HP = Heather Parbury/AD = Andrew Dow /RS = Richard Smith /RSt=Richard Stevens/ACBD = Archdeacon Barry Dugmore
 BCP = Prayer Book/CW = Common Worship/GAP = Informal Service

I don't know how many times I've started with a word on endless wet weather. This morning, we had a spell of thunder, but to be fair we did thankfully have a some dry sunny and often windy weather in the middle of April, and we managed to get the spring corn drilled. It wasn't perfect, but all things considered, I think Dan's efforts in a cold frosty January when he got 60 acres ploughed whilst the wet ground was frozen have just given us the edge in getting the corn in. The ploughed furrows are broken up by the frost to let the water drain, and then the wind can dry the exposed furrows. This is just good old-fashioned farming that's gone on in the valley since God grew little green apples. No-till (tillage) would have taken ages to dry out and we just didn't have the time. I'm pleased to say it's now all showing drill, and if we get a decent normal growing season, I think a half-decent crop will be harvested.



Last year we drilled everything in February, and it did well. In my younger days anything drilled after early April was called '*Cuckoo corn*'. Now, of course, hearing a cuckoo is rare. I remember a few years ago I drilled some barley on the 2nd of May after the original crop of barley drilled in February failed after weeks of heavy snow melting on it, and it turned out a very good piece of corn. It really comes down to the weather we get in May, June and July. After months of wet, one would expect a drought, but I hope we get a nice normal season.

Dan has managed to get all the spray and fertiliser applications done on time, by many early starts or late evenings when the wind has eased off. Farming has and always will be done by conditions, not dates.

I was thinking the other day as I passed the end of Broad Street, my mind recalled old Joe Young. He lived where Lucy lives now. Every morning, I'd go up our track on a tractor to feed the cattle in the yards. I could set my watch by seeing old Joe, pipe smoking away, crossing Back Lane with his teacup in hand, throwing the dregs of the last brew in the hedge. On hearing the tractor, he would raise his arm and say '*Ee-op*'. Joe worked most of his life on the land for farmer Slatter at Manor Farm. He started as a boy for Fred Waller, who farmed around the time of the First World War until the Slatters came there later, and still farm it today. If I walked along Back Lane, I would often see Joe in a chair, just in front of his door, pipe blazing away. He would always pass the time of day, and on times he would say '*will you take a drop of wine?*'. We would go into his sitting room and a glass of nice homemade wine poured out, and a second for the road. On the table was a glass domed exhibit of three red squirrels? on a branch. He told me they were a present to him and his wife when they were married many years earlier. He was just one of a number of good honest chaps who spent their whole lives working on the land through good times and bad.

Changing the subject, last Sunday, was a very special day. Our young grandson, William and granddaughter Beth were baptised in Long Compton church. All went so well, members of the family from far and wide, and many close friends filled the church. Baby William was as good as gold, he never cried, only smiled as Canon Rev. Anthony Wells who took the service in place of Ben Dyson, who was unexpectedly taken ill. I'd like to give my thanks to Rev. Wells, for giving such a wonderful service and also to Richard and Jane Slatter for the use of Court Close field for car parking at the church and Sally Franklin for car parking at the chapel. After the service we retired to the village hall and enjoyed a pig roast, plenty of wine and hours of good company.

So next time I write, we will know better how the crops are doing and the prospects for the coming harvest.

John 'Tufty' Richardson

GARDENING NOTES

Editors: Margaret Welsh
and Miranda Arnold

In the marvellous words of Oscar Hammerstein, *"June is busting' out all over"*. The roses in my garden are budding and blooming, the irises are up and fully out, the peonies are looking so beautiful, and I've managed to defend my delphiniums from slugs this year, so they are on their way too.

It really is my favourite month of the year; but, while there are lovely new June flowers to look at, the spring flowers are now over. Leave your bulbs in the ground or containers until their leaves have gone brown, so they build up energy for next year's flowering season. It can be worth giving the bulbs in containers a liquid feed at this time too. Then lift them (unless you are naturalising them in your garden), and store somewhere cool and dry before replanting in the autumn. It helps to label the bulbs; if you can't remember the names of the varieties, at least label them with their colours.

As a result of all the new growth, there is work to be done. Make sure your tall plants, hollyhocks and delphiniums for example, are well-supported, with pea sticks or stakes or those nice circular metal supports. Tie in new rose growth; if you tie them in horizontally, you'll encourage more upward growth and more flowers. Keep tying in sweet peas, and pinching outside shoots, to make sure you get bigger blooms and longer stems.

If you're tempted to tidy up your hedges and shrubs, please make sure there are no birds nesting in them. Maybe leave till July.

There is some debate about whether to prune the side shoots of wisteria in June or July. It rather depends which variety you have, but perhaps leave it until the end of June or the beginning of July. When you do get round to it, the side shoots should be pruned back to about 20cm, which encourages more flowering shoots for the next year.



As for your edible plants, they need care too. To encourage more fruiting and flowering, give tomatoes, cucumbers, and sweet peas a weekly drench with a liquid tomato feed. Container-grown flowering plants, whether annuals or perennials, could do with a feed now as well. You can sow tender vegetables such as French

beans now that the danger of frost has passed. Keep sowing rows of lettuces and other salad leaves, to ensure a regular supply, and to avoid gluts.

If you have redcurrants, now is the time to cover them with netting to protect the fruits from the birds. Use camping tent pegs if necessary to make sure there are no gaps on the ground where birds can get in or get trapped. The birds don't seem nearly as attracted to the blackcurrant bushes, so I don't bother to cover those up.



As far as wildlife is concerned, it may seem that you don't need to pay much attention at this time of year, but the parent birds need food to keep themselves and their nestlings or fledglings going, so keep your bird feeders topped up and try to leave some water out for birds and hedgehogs as the weather gets hotter and the puddles dry up.

A final word on slugs: despite my best efforts with sheep wool pellets, the b****y slugs have munched on my sweet peas, the salad leaf seedlings, and the peas just as they were emerging from the soil. Now the weather is drier, though, the slugs and snails will be less active, and hopefully the wool pellets will be a bit more effective. I can sow more lettuce and salad and peas, but I can't sow more sweet peas, so I shall use the blue non-toxic pellets to protect the remaining sweet pea seedlings

Miranda Arnold

In my guise as a self-employed landscaper and gardener and more recently also a trainer at a landscaping academy, I've been involved with many horticultural shows over the years, both building gardens and manning stands.

Being on a stand gives you a unique insight into people's lives as they wander past seemingly oblivious to your presence. This week at Malvern I've already been treated to a shameless wind breaking event of almost titanic proportions and a couple embroiled in a deep conversation about the husband's haemorrhoids and specifically why he wasn't taking them very seriously. But nature, as is often the case, has produced the most amusing event to date, in the form of a large clumsy lump of flying insect called a cockchafer beetle. Or a Maybug to us country folk.



Credit: Ernie Janes

Opposite our stand an immaculately attired lady was admiring the perennial charity garden, when I spotted an inbound May bug hurtling like an out-of-control stunt plane towards her. To my shame I was riveted to see how this was

going to play out and oh my word I wasn't disappointed. Its landing zone was the hem of the lady's skirt where the beetle clung on with its spikey legs trying to orientate itself. The lady meanwhile was completely oblivious to all of this until the beetle decided that its best bet was to climb up the inside of her skirt and head north; that's where things got really interesting. In around 10 seconds the lady went from looking like she was trying to adjust her underwear to full on screaming panic, before she took off across the showground slapping her backside like a jockey at the national.

I, of course, was more interested in the natural history of the beetle. This individual will have spent the last 2 years as a fat, white larvae (sometimes known as rook worms because crows find them very appetizing) munching away on root and tubers and generally making a nuisance of itself. After 2 years and at around 5cm long it will have pupated before emerging as an adult beetle in October. It will have stayed in the ground through to the spring before the warmer weather encouraged it to take to the wing to find a female to mate with. Clearly this one had its own rather unique way of going about that, but under normal circumstances they fly at night and are attracted to a pheromone given off by the females. Sadly, after all that effort, these rather magnificent insects don't last more than 6 weeks.

Because of show duties my morning walks have been very early. Approaching the village hall yesterday my attention was drawn to a lot of angry chattering from several blackbirds and great tits, clearly mobbing something in the hedge. Usually, they've discovered a cat on the prowl but this time I couldn't see anything obvious. So, I looked a little deeper into the hedge and came face to face with a stunning adult tawny owl.

Although they are fairly common locally and can be heard regularly at night, these beautiful birds are very rarely seen in daylight because they usually roost high in trees, keeping close to the trunk. Interestingly the classic '*twit twoo*' call isn't made by one bird; it's made by two. The female goes first with the '*kerwit*', and the male follows with a soft '*hoo hoo*'. In contrast the barn owl makes a shrill screeching call which gives rise to its colloquial name of screech owl.

To make up the audio trio of owls you can see locally, the little owl makes a short high pitched yelping noise, and you can often hear this at night around the church area in Stourton. Interestingly, little owls aren't native to the UK but were introduced from the continent in the 1870's. For over a century they thrived, building up to around 8000 breeding pairs. But in recent years numbers have been steadily declining and nobody is so far able to pinpoint why. However, what we do know, is that one of their favourite things to eat are cockchafer beetles!

David Sewell

Acorns Primary School

Animal Safari

Our nursery and reception children have embraced this half term's topic, Animal Safari, with their usual energy and enthusiasm. The class began the topic by finding out all about animals they keep as pets (and some that we don't!) using the key text *Dear Zoo*. Using the beautifully illustrated, *A First Book of Animals* by Nicola Davies, the children developed their understanding of different kinds of animals including mammals, reptiles and birds. This book inspired some stunning artwork in Little Acorns using paints and oil pastels.



PIC•COLLAGE

Building on their knowledge of different animals and their habitats, the children compared animals from different parts of the world using the stories *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion*. Reception children created their own story maps recalling all the animals Little Red saw on her way to her aunt's house and also used the illustrations in the book to create their own watercolour sunset pictures complete with silhouettes of safari animals.

Ancient Civilizations

Class 2 have begun their journey back in time to learn about some more ancient civilisations in their new history topic. So far in history lessons, the children have learnt about ancient Sumer. They have found out about everyday life, interesting inventions, Sumerian hierarchy and we've found out about the world's first emperor, Sargon the great. Next, the children will be learning about Ancient Egyptian adventures as they begin to compare the two ancient civilisations. There has been a classroom full of authors in English lessons as the children wrote poems about Sumerian temples and gods and a narrative based on our key text, *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*.



The children have been enjoying their new science companion project, Electrical Circuits and Conductors. Class 2 have explored electricity, circuits and components. Pupils have had lots of practical science lessons since the start of the summer term, with lots more planned as we start to learn

about conductors and insulators.

In art, pupils have started to explore Islamic art. The children have used 2D shapes to create geometric patterns and used triangular and circular grids to design their own repeating patterns, linking back to their learning from their Ammonite art project. There have already been lots of creativity around the classroom which will result in some wonderful final pieces when we reach the Innovate stage of the project.

Britain at War

Class 3 have really immersed themselves in their new topic, Britain at War. They have been looking at the First World War in history lessons, learning about what life was like for soldiers during this time, as well as the causes of the war.

In English, the children have been writing a narrative based on *Goodnight Mr Tom*, reading this as their class text and exploring what it would have been like to be an evacuee. More recently, the children have been reading extracts from Anne Frank's Diary as a class, planning and writing their own diary entries based on this.

Abstract art lessons have been a lot of fun, where shape, line and colour have been explored. Children have studied the work of abstract artists and created their own pieces of abstract art using their work as inspiration.

Topic learning has continued outside of the classroom in Forest School sessions. The class-built trenches based on the topic linked to the First World War, and an evacuee train. The trenches were very realistic and could well have been used in the world wars. The trains looked very much like steam locomotives and could fit around eight people in the structure. Making use of their surroundings, the children created amazing structures and even had fun in them as well.

Martial Arts

A part of our extra-curricular offer, children in Years 1 to 6 were very lucky to have the opportunity to trial martial arts with Ryan from Freestyle Martial Arts.



Brailles C of E Primary School

Dangerous Dinosaurs



The main topic for nursery and reception children is dinosaurs. One morning the children stumbled upon some dinosaur footprints that lined the garden area. With much enthusiasm they thought hard about the questions they could ask about this discovery and went about trying to work out who has been to visit the school. After exploring a huge variety of dinosaurs, the children came to the conclusion that it could have been a triceratops due to the size and shape of the print. This then led the class into learning the names and features of different dinosaurs before exploring fossils, creating nests, and making volcanoes.

We have had big changes in the Squirrels classroom and all the children are loving exploring the new area. There have been some lovely games, puppet shows and tea parties. The children have loved exploring the signs of spring in the garden whilst listening to the birds sing in RE.

The Squirrels team are so thrilled with how well the children are settling, the respect they are showing towards each other and the encouragement they are giving to their friends to help them all be the best they can be. We are really looking forward to watching them flourish over the next month too.

Magnificent Monarchs

The Rabbits children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been delving into all things royal; examining portraits and striking poses, rescuing princess and planting peas (under mattresses), and decorating palaces and defending castles.

Children have written some excellent information leaflets all about Hampton Court Palace, which included discovering that Henry VIII played tennis and needed six fireplaces to roast all the meat for his banquets. They've re-enacted the story of the Princess and the Pea, ready for an exciting retelling of the tale. They've even found time to argue about exactly how many official monarchs of England there have been!

Owls

The Owls have plunged headlong into our Invasion topic! Pupils are focusing on the Anglo-Saxons, their invasion and settlements during this half term. From the Anglo-Saxon's continental origins, the myths and legends surrounding their arrival to the lasting impact that their settlements have had on place names and how we see England and even the origin of the word 'Britain.'

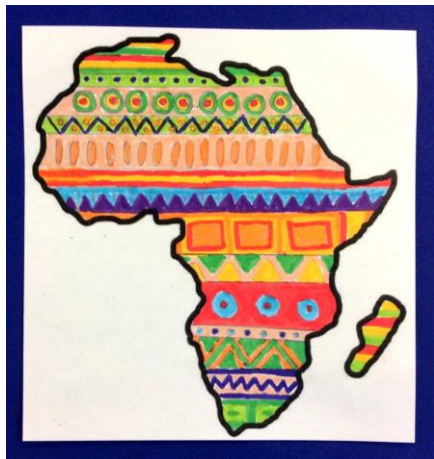


In English, Year 3 and Year 4 children have written Kennings that describe our classmates. After our unit on Kennings, we have moved on to a book study on *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo. This grisly tale picks up on lots of Anglo-Saxon themes around warriors, beliefs and storytelling. We are coming to the end of a writing process in response to *Beowulf* and will be creating a modern comic style adaptation of the story to share with our families at the end of the week.

We have been responding to our history unit in a range of ways, conducting study of original sources and our class art works are well under way. Mr. Harcourt has also included a picture of the amazing printing blocks that the Owls used at the end of last term to create some William Morris inspired designs.

Badgers

Year 5 and Year 6 children have started the summer term, and our new topic, Maafa, by celebrating all things Africa! Amongst other facts, pupils have found out that:



- Africa is the world's second largest continent.
- It has a population of more than 1 billion people
- Over 3,000 different indigenous groups live in Africa.
- It covers an area of more than 30 million square kilometres.
- It is made up of 54 different countries.
- Over 2,000 languages are spoken in Africa.

In English, the class has read a range of poems that describe different animals that live in Africa. They explored how the poets' use of language, especially figurative language, communicated the characteristics of the animal and how the animal made the poet feel. Each child then chose an African animal to write about themselves.

In Art and Design, children have studied the use of geometric pattern in African textiles from countries across the continent. Pupils then created their own African-inspired pattern work.

In Geography, pupils have recognised that Africa is a diverse continent with a wide range of environments, climates and cultures. Children have enjoyed researching a range of different countries from the north, south, east, west and centre of this vast continent before feeding back to the rest of the group to share their findings.



In History, they have compared and contrasted different ancient African civilisations and recognised that they were dynamic organised societies with advanced craftspeople and trading systems. The children are now beginning to find out about European interaction, trade and colonisation of African countries.

VILLAGE NEWS

BARCHESTON WITH WILLINGTON



St. Martin's
BARCHESTON

2024 ORGAN RECITALS



St. Martin's
BARCHESTON

- 2nd June:** Ian Tindale (St Mary Magdalen, Oxford)
- 7th July:** Luke Mitchell (The Queen's College, Oxford)
- 4th August:** Dónal McCann (New College, Oxford)
- 1st September:** Thomas Dilley (All Saints, Fulham)
- 6th October:** Charles Matthews (St Catharine's, Chipping Campden)
- 3rd November:** Rory Moules (The Oxford Oratory)
- 1st December:** Colin Millington (St Mary's, Warwick)

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

Entry is FREE. Donations to St Martin's Organ fund are invited.
For details of these and other organ recitals please visit: organrecitals.uk

Barcheston Concerts

2024

15 June* (new date)

Nathaniel Mander on harpsichord and spinet at St Martin's Church, Barcheston at 7pm

July 3

Shipston Proms 'Young Musician' concert at St Martin's church, Barcheston at 7.30pm

July 26

Heidi Fardell and Sounds Historical at St Martin's church, Barcheston at 7.00pm

Tickets available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/soundshistorical
www.soundshistorical.com

September 20-22

Shipston Song at Famington Farm www.shipstonsong.com

October 13

A piano recital by Giulia Contaldo at Farmington farm at 3.30pm. Giulia took part in the masterclass weekend with Dame Imogen Cooper at Famington Farm in January 2024

Tickets and information on Shipston Song (Sept 20-22) will be available via the website listed above. For tickets and information on all other concerts please contact david@famington.co.uk

*N.B Tickets marked * are in aid of the fabric and organ funds at St Martin's Barcheston. Tickets are not issued but entry is by donation. To reserve a seat please email as above.*

www.stmartinsbarcheston.co.uk



Barton-on-the-Heath
Village

FETE

Saturday 15th June

2.30-6pm

on the village green

LIVE
Jazz

FREE
ENTRY

Barton Village
PRODUCE

TEA & CAKE

fish &
chips

AUCTION

book stall

BAR

PRE-LOVED
DESIGNER CLOTHES

Childrens'
tombola
& games

Brocante

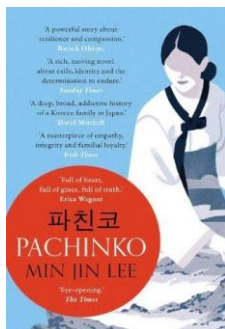
RAFFLE

TOMBOLA



@bartonontheheath

Book Club



We enjoyed meeting to talk about 'Pachinko' by Korean./American, Min Jin Lee. This had been much enjoyed and appreciated by the group, giving us an insight into a little-known period of Korean and Japanese history.

It is a saga of an immigrant family in a hostile land trying to establish its own way of belonging and though long, is easy to read.

(Pachinko is an arcade game, mainly run by ethnic Koreans in Japan. Some loophole in the law means that this is able to operate, though gambling for money is illegal. Pachinko parlours in Japan are very popular and are similar to casinos in the west.)

Our next book is 'O Caledonia' by Elspeth Barker.

Happy Reading!

Gillian Cathie

Duke of Edinburgh Award

If you have noticed that tyres, boots, bottles and all kinds of other rubbish discarded on the roadside has been removed, then you have seen the results of the hard work of Toby Jones and Archie Emerson from Shipston High School.

Toby and Archie have undertaken to litter pick once a week as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. These pictures show just a few of their finds. Sincere thanks to both Toby and Archie for deciding to volunteer to do something that makes where we live more beautiful.



VILLAGE NEWS

Burmington

Editor: Graham French



Family Picnic with Live Music

Friday 21 June from 5.30pm



Bring your picnic to the beautiful grounds of Burmington Manor CV36 5AG
(by kind permission of Michael Macdonald)

Live music from SHOUT, Stratford's grooviest choir singing songs from The Beatles and much, much more.

Marquee available in the event of wet weather

Entry £8.00, children FREE (sorry no dogs)

Plenty of FREE PARKING and space for children to play

TOMBOLA!



RAFFLE!

Katharine House Hospice

Please note that batteries will no longer be collected from the box outside the village hall

CAMEO



**Summer Afternoon Tea Party
Friday 21st June
2.30 pm
Marquee in Michael's Field
Burmington**

For further information and booking, please
contact Brenda on 01608 664313

**BURMINGTON
PARISH MEETING
AGM**

to be held on

**Wednesday 5 JUNE
7.30pm VILLAGE HALL**

ALL WELCOME

www.parish-council.com/BurmingtonParishMeeting

SW7 Benefice celebration

SONGS of PRAISE

with Shipston Town Band



Sunday 23rd June 6.00 pm

Marquee in Michael's Field

BURMINGTON

Refreshments

Join us for this lovely annual event to sing your favourite hymns.

For more information, please contact Sonia: 01608 661459

VILLAGE NEWS

Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



Village Lottery January Draw

1st Colin Maxwell £80 2nd Annie Newman £4 3rd James Ind £30

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

Averell Kingston 07984 003675/aap.kingston@gmail.com

Brailles Picture House

June 15 HOLDOVERS Doors open 7.15pm for 7.45pm start.

The classics teacher at a boarding school in the 1970's that serves as an Ivy League feeder. Paul, the teacher, is contemptuous of his pupils, is annoyed when he is asked to babysit a handful of boys who are not going home for Christmas. Initially there are five, but four of them find somewhere to go leaving him just one. Also marooned at the school over the holidays is kitchen manager Mary whose son a former scholarship student.

July and August are holiday times.

Thank you for your support and look forward to seeing in September

Deirdre and Team

Coffee Shop

Saturday June 8th at 10.30am-12.00 noon

The Hall, Stourton, CV36 5HG

Bacon sarnies, 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
playing field fund

We are looking for more people to join our team of helpers especially to cook the bacon, if we get enough people on a rota it could only be one month per year

Please contact me on 07866 127409 If you can help from time to time.

Christine Dudfield and Tricia Wilson





Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

Social Afternoon dates for your diary are Fridays 14 and 28 June 2.00pm to 4.00pm at The Hall. I will be distributing new leaflets in due course detailing the planned activities over the summer months. For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.

Vanessa Compton



Credit: Annie Parmeter



The sun came out for the May Social Saturday and wasn't it glorious after ALL the recent rain we've been having?! With extra savouries on offer, people settled down to more of a lunch than a tea, with some taking home a piece of cake for later. We're just glad to see everyone coming along and having a healthy bit of conversation and companionship with fellow villagers and visitors. We were delighted to welcome one of our youngest visitors at only a year old making the age span this time over 90 years! It's open to all so do pop in; who doesn't like a hot drink, something yummy to eat and a friendly chat? If you'd like to come along but need help with transport, let us know and we'll see if we can arrange something.



Join us for:

Social Saturday, AGM, D Day Anniversary

11am—1pm, 8th June 2024

Long Compton Village Hall

Free entry, savouries, cakes, tea, chat

Hear about your hall's successes and

share your thoughts at the AGM

D Day anniversary memorabilia



There hadn't been a Race Night in the hall for a long time and we wondered how it would be received. We didn't need to worry! The room was full and we even had extra folks ordering fish and chips to make good use of the van for the evening. At only £1 a bet it was

pretty affordable and I don't think anyone *'lost their shirt'*. One lucky lady managed to win on every race as well as the horse she owned! It was wonderful to see an event so well attended and the excitement and noise in the room added to the electric atmosphere, although it's arguable whether shouting encouragement to a video screen has any real effect on the result. (I'll admit I may have got a little carried away!) A quick reminder we'll be running the refreshments at the Summer Fete and hope you'll come and support us on the day. If you fancy helping out for an hour, get in touch, we'd be very grateful! See posters for more information.

Mo Read



Join us for:

D Day at 80 and Long Compton in the war

11am—1pm, 8th June 2024

Long Compton Village Hall

We have bunting, posters, photos, memorabilia, streamers, flags, music
Special raffle prizes to be won, all proceeds donated to the British Legion
Commemorate the troops' bravery



Calling all bakers!

Please help us by baking your favourite cake to donate to our village hall

- Your help would be very much appreciated
- Your cake slices will be sold as part of our refreshments at the village fete, end June
- All profits go to our LCVH charity
- **To pledge your cake contact Karen Rogers**
07815 300645, lcvillehall@yahoo.co.uk

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!





In The Village Hall at the Summer Fete 22nd June

Come to enjoy:

- Fully licensed bar
- Homemade cake for sale
- Refreshing teas, coffees and soft drinks

Sit a while and have a cuppa and cake, then a beer or prosecco!



100 Club

The May Draw was drawn at the village hall Social Saturday on 11 May, and the winners were:

1st Prize: 150	Michael Dumbleton	2nd Prize: 198	Mr and Mrs Young
3rd Prize: 105	Mr and Mrs Simpkins	4th Prize: 32	Paul Nossiter

There is still time to join the Club for the next 8 Draws - £8 to the Club Lloyds bank account or to me.

Chris Galloway 684234

Comptonians

On June 19 we shall meet at the village hall at 2.00pm for musical entertainment. Tea and cakes will also be served.

All welcome.

Margaret Welsh 684238

LONG COMPTON

— COMMUNITY —

FETE

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

**CLASSIC
CARS**

**DOG
SHOW**

**LICENSED
BAR**

MUSIC

**GRAND
RAFFLE**

**WARWICKSHIRE
FIRE ENGINE
& POLICE TEAM**

**GRILL+
ICE CREAM**

**PUNCH
& JUDY**

**CHILDREN'S
AMUSEMENTS**

**COFFEE,
TEA &
CAKES**

**HOT AIR
BALLOON**

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Long Compton and District Garden Club Summer Visits 2024

**Cotswold Farm
Tues June 11
Guided tour
and lunch £35**

This beautiful arts and crafts house and garden overlook a quiet valley on descending levels with terraces designed by Norman Jewson in the 1930s. Enclosed by Cotswold stone walls and yew hedges, the garden has year-round interest. Guided tour of the house with the owner.

**Stonor Park
Monday July 8
Guided tour £15**

The lush parkland of Stonor is set in a dramatic, sweeping valley deep within the heart of the Chiltern Hills. Explore the three gardens – from the ponds and fountains of the 17th Century Italianate Pleasure Garden to the old Kitchen Garden and the Arboretum with its eclectic collection of trees.

**Colebrook House
Thurs Aug 8
Guided tour
and lunch £7**

A beautiful two-acre garden which slopes towards the Blockley brook. The garden has panoramic views to the south-east. A broad terrace walk traverses the site linking a newly formed walled garden to the pool terrace and a croquet lawn.

**Winterbourne
House and Garden
Tues Sept 3
Guided tour
and lunch £26.45**

An Edwardian arts and crafts suburban villa garden in Birmingham. Lovingly created by the homeowners using the books of Gertrude Jekyll as guides and inspiration. A riot of rainbow shades from May until October. The lawns are fringed with striking colour themed borders, and beyond lies an original sandstone rock garden.

All welcome, please do come and join us!

For further details contact Julie Reardon julielcdgc@gmail.com
or you can find us on Facebook



Foraging in garden, hedgerows, riverbanks and forests

A talk by Fred (The Forager) Gillam

I met Fred Gillam at a Marlborough Summer School Course. The first day he took us to a patch of heath to look for mushrooms. Within half an hour we had hundreds of fairy ring mushrooms which had been growing under the matt of grass. We then cooked and ate them. Later, on the bank of the river Kennet, Fred pointed out the tall hemlock plants, all parts of which are extremely poisonous. Welcome to Fred's world, his website is called *thewildsideoflife.co.uk*.

Fred was interested in nature from an early age. His first introduction to risk was the Frosted Fibre Cap, whose spores are highly hallucinogenic. The active ingredient is Muscarine, used in medicine. Avoid. He is no stranger to our area having lived in Cornwell and was a volunteer at the Rollright Stones.



We then went on to jollier themes with the 'Spring Cure' soup. The base is young nettles with many possible additions such as young leaves/flowers wild garlic, sticky willie (cleavers), ground elder, dandelion, ground ivy and many others. Traditionally the soup is found in the southwest, but it could easily have been eaten elsewhere. The essence is young leaves. There are of course many to avoid like 'lords and ladies' and 'lily of the valley.'

The next topic was 'pig nut,' which traditionally was foraged by children in Spring. Although relatively common on acidic soils this is not easy to forage as the underground stem is very fragile. Garlic mustard or

Jack-by-the-hedge, which is in flower now, can be eaten raw with cheese; it is also the food of the Orange Tip butterfly.

Seaweed, which could have merited a talk on its own, is becoming more available in dried form. In the UK none is poisonous. It is very nutritious.

We concluded with eating some canapés. The biscuits were made of oats and acorn flour topped with pickled winter chanterelles, garlic flowers, sweet cicely and lovage. An optional topping was pickled kelp which had been seasoned with chilli. There was also some sloe gin.

It was a very memorable evening and obviously a starter for another talk and perhaps a forage.

Lesley Roberts

St Peter and St Paul, Long Compton



Choral Evensong
Sunday 9th June
6pm

with the SW7 Benefice Choir

All welcome Refreshments to follow



Community Coffee

Join us at St Peter and St Paul's Church Long Compton

On the first Weds of the month

From 10.30am-12.00

All are welcome

Young, old, families, dogwalkers, and newcomers to the village.

Compton District History Society

Our next meeting, on Wednesday June 12, will be on the subject of

"Taking the waters: the waxing and waning of the English spa" by Melanie King.

As usual, we meet at 7.30pm, doors open from 7.00pm, at Long Compton village Hall. The talk will be followed by refreshments.

Visitors welcome, £3.00.

This will be our last meeting this season. The AGM will be in September.

Diana Cook 684771

Long Compton book club

We have now introduced a waiting list for new members, in order to keep discussions manageable. If you would like to add your name to the list, please contact:
Imogen Brown 07710 129181 brownimogen@gmail.com

For those interested in reading along with us anyway, our May books are:

"Passage to India" by EM Forster and
"All the Lonely People" by Mike Gayle

Don't forget the Jaffé and Neale Book Club. More information can be found at
<https://www.jaffeandneale.co.uk/book-club/>

The next meeting is on Wednesday 1st May, when they will be discussing
"The Wager" by David Grann

Long Compton Chapel

Whist Drives started in April with three full tables with one "lady" sitting out which means that there were more players playing "lady" than "gent." It simply means that one person sits out of each of the 24 games. Quite entertaining this time as the "lady" was a man as he arrived late. The one sitting out is normally a "lady" as the "gents" deal and collect the tricks but really, it is just tradition! That is where it ends though as some ladies prefer to play gent and vice versa!



Whist Drives are progressive where the winning couple (of the two at each table) move on, one clockwise and the other anticlockwise to the next table, and the 'Gent' of the losing couple moves round. So, everyone plays each game with a new partner. The results are recorded on your personal scoresheet and at the end of the night prizes are given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd with a booby for the lowest. There are 24 games and a raffle is held at the refreshment interval. We charge £7 for the evening which includes the play, prizes, refreshments and raffle tickets. If you are interested in coming along, please do get in touch for details or just

come along!

Our Café Church style services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 3.30pm.

The annual Shipston Home Nursing Charity Plant Sale was in May and plants will continue to be displayed at the front of the chapel whilst available. At the time of writing the total is in excess of £200, we will update you on the final amount in July! Many thanks to all those who have contributed plants for this very worthwhile cause.

The Annual Craft, Flower and Produce Show will be on Saturday 31 August, the schedule of classes is published in this edition and leaflets and entry forms can be collected from the chapel or the stores in July.

The collection point for aluminium cans and foil in aid of Katharine House Hospice is still located at the edge of the car park.

The book exchange is in the porch please feel free to come and browse. The outer door may be closed but never locked.

Sally Franklin 07870 545431 & Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778

LONG COMPTON CRAFT, FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW @ THE CHAPEL

Saturday 31 August 2024

CLASSES

WINES & LIQUEURS

W1 Bottle homemade Cordial

W2 Bottle of home made fruit
liqueur

BAKING

B1 A Classic Victoria sponge

B2 A savoury tart

B3 A plate of cheese straws

B4 A ginger cake

B5 A plate of flapjacks

B6 A plate of Choc. Brownies



PRESERVES

P1 Jar of jam

P2 Jar of fruit jelly

P3 Jar of chutney

P4 Jar of marmalade



FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

FV1 Collection of vegetables in basket/box

FV2 Collection of fruit, in basket/box

FV3 Collection of culinary herbs

FV4 Collection of salad veg.

FLOWERS

F1 A vase of garden flowers

F2 One specimen bloom

F3 Vase of roses

F4 Fragrant rose

F5 A pot plant

FLORAL ART

FA1 In the green - leaves and
flowerheads

FA2 In a jam jar

FA3 In a basket

FA4 Fusion: A mix of silk/dried/fresh - in
any combination

ART

A1 Painting - flowers

A2 Painting - landscape

A3 Painting - something living

A4 Abstract

A5 Myth & Legend



CRAFTS

C1 An item to wear

C2 Greeting card—any medium

C3 An item to display - textile

C4 An item to display - other media

PHOTOGRAPHIC ART

PA1 Sky

PA2 Season

PA3 Portrait

PA4 Architecture

A set entry fee of £2.00 to cover costs (for any number of entries) and prizes will be in the form of Award Certificates.

Entries to be staged from 4-5pm on Friday 30th August or from 9am to 11am on Saturday 31st.

Details: Sally Franklin 07870 545431 or Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778

longcomchapel@hotmail.com

VILLAGE NEWS

Whichford and Ascott

Editor: Melanie Arnold



The Reading Room Draw

The winner for May is Keith Bramall.

Jenny Scrivener



Whichford & Ascott Gardens Open

Sunday 16th June 1.30 – 5.00pm

Seven gardens will open:

*The private garden of The Whichford Pottery •
The Old Rectory • Ascott Rise • Belmont House •
Plum Tree Cottage • Lenticulars • Wood House*

Combined entry: Adults: £7.00 and Children free.

Home-made teas in aid of St Michael's Church, plant stall, raffle – win a Whichford Pottery voucher.

A Fun Evening of "Call My Wine Bluff"

Such a fun evening was provided for us by Shane Slater of Sheldon's Wine Cellars and his panel of fellow "bluffers" - Trish, Simon and Jerry. Their amusing descriptions for the wines to taste entertained and challenged us!

Enormous thanks to all who contributed to making the evening such a success. We were so grateful for donations of delicious dishes for the supper and raffle prizes and to all of you who bought tickets to support this village charity - thank you!

We are also indebted to the Keeling family for very kindly allowing us to use The Kiln Shed at Whichford Pottery for the event.

I'm delighted to tell you that the evening raised £1,689.00.

Jan Knight - on behalf of The Friends of St Michael's Church, Whichford - Events Team



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kindly supported by
**Whichford and Ascott
Flower Show and Fete**
and
Whichford Pottery,
invite you to

‘Swifts are making a comeback’

A FREE illustrated talk about the most remarkable of birds!

Come and learn about how these amazing summer visitors are being championed by enthusiasts across the country, including communities nearby

**15th June, 7:30pm,
The Kiln Shed,
Whichford Pottery**

Jacey Jackson, lifelong enthusiast and founder of **Shipston Action for Swifts**, will be sharing her experience of helping to restore the swift...

Search **"Swifts are making a comeback"** on [Ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) and reserve your place

The Whichford and Ascott Flower Show and Fete Committee is already sponsoring new nest boxes. Further donations welcome to help these and other red-list birds.

Would you like to learn to scythe?

Will you help manage our meadow at Ascott Corner?

Scything a meadow is the most environmentally friendly and sympathetic way to cut it. So, our National Lottery Community Fund grant was, in part, to purchase an Austrian scythe and fund one place on a training course on its use and maintenance.

The meadow requires scything at least a couple of times a year, late summer and then late autumn (~ a day each time), and the scythe blade will need peening as it wears. Managing Ascott Corner will need more than one person able to scythe, and the training ensures a second person has been formally trained, both to help scythe, and train further people who are interested.



The course is on 10th August at Egrove Park in Oxford and will be run by Nicole Clough. This opportunity is open to anyone in the Parish. Further information will be provided on request.

If you like to learn to scythe and help manage the meadow, or just want more information, email the WASP Collective at thewaspcollective@gmx.com



VILLAGE NEWS

The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club

The May winners were as follows:

1st prize Janet Pope 2nd prize Bob Large 3rd prize Sue Elliot

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

James van Helden



GREAT WOLFORD OPEN GARDENS

On behalf of the Wolfords Village Hall

Saturday June 1 2024

2.00 – 5.00 PM

Refreshments at Mount Sorrell Farm

Come and Join Us

Entry £5.00 per adult (under 16s free)

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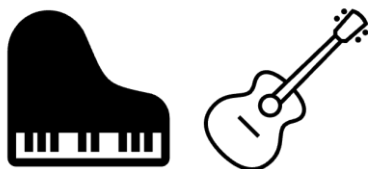
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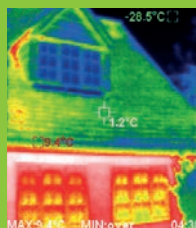
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