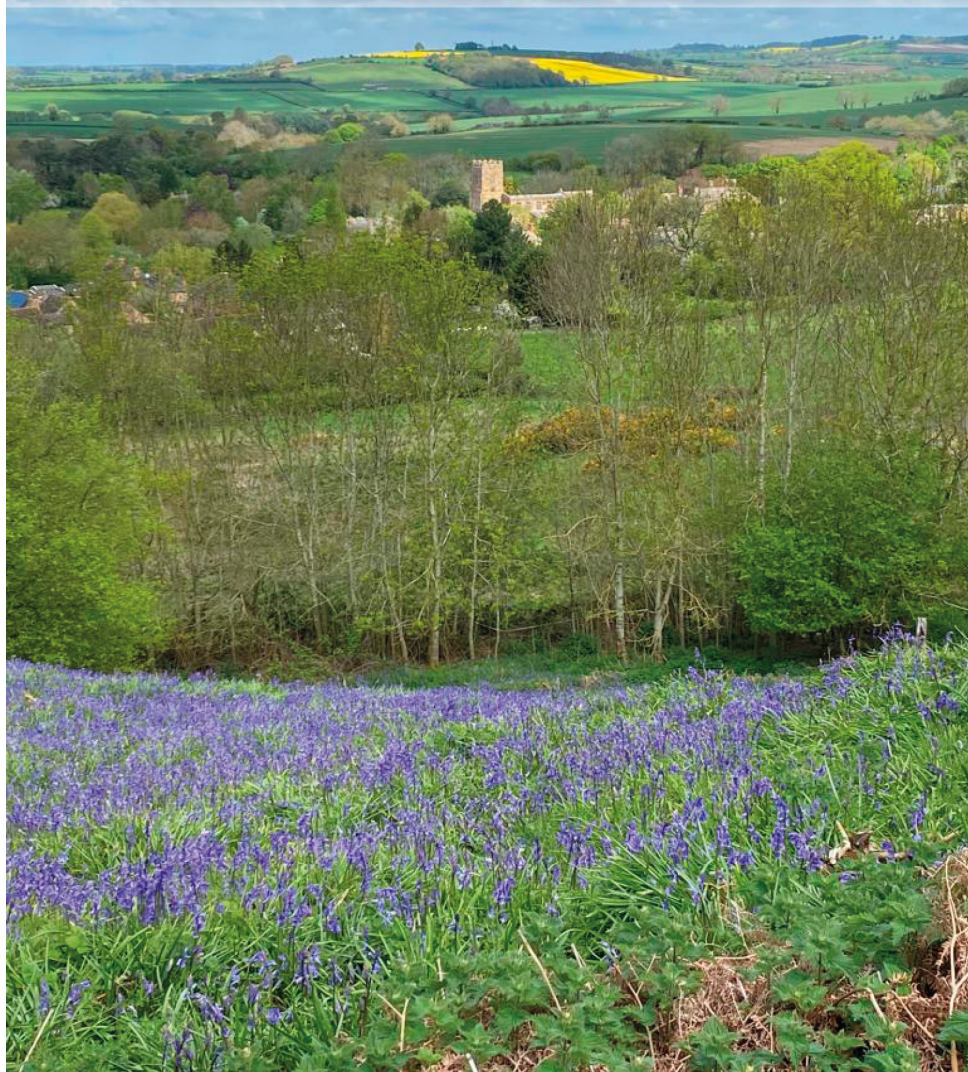


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# EVENTS DIARY

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

Sat 3	Village breakfast, Burmington VH	10.00-12.00
Sun 4	Organ recital, Barcheston Ch	15.30
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Craft market, Long Compton chapel	14.00
Weds 7	Community coffee, Long Compton Ch	10.30-12.00
Weds 7	Wolford WI, Little Wolford VH	19.30
Thurs 8	Moreton Country Market, WI Hall	10.00-12.00
Thurs 8	Long Compton book club	19.00
Fri 9	Art in The Hall, Stourton	10.00-14.00
Fri 9	Feel Good Friday, The Hall Stourton	14.00
Sat 10	Coffee Shop, The Hall, Stourton	10.30-12.00
Sat 10	Art in The Hall, Stourton	10.00-14.00
Sat 10	Social Saturday, Long Compton VH	11.00-13.00
Sun 11	Art in The Hall, Stourton	10.00-14.00
Mon 12	Art in The Hall, Stourton	10.00-14.00
Mon 12	Long Compton Garden Club outing	
Tues 13	Cameo Club Lunch, Burmington VH	12.00
Tues 13	Long Compton Walkers, Red Lion car park	09.30
Weds 14	History Society talk, Long Compton VH	19.30
Thurs 15	Moreton Country Market, WI Hall	10.00-12.00
Fri 16	<i>Jazzaholics</i> concert, Townsend Hall	20.00
Sat 17	Barton-on-the-Heath village fete	14.30-18.00
Sat 17	Mrs Harris Goes to Paris, Brailes Pic Hse	19.15
Sat 17	<i>Beatroot</i> concert, Long Compton Ch	
Sun 18	Whichford Open Gardens	13.30-17.00
Weds 21	Comptonions, Long Compton VH	14.00
Thurs 22	Moreton Country Market WI Hall	10.00-12.00
Fri 23	Carers for Carers, Kineton VH	10.30-12.00
Fri 23	Feel Good Friday, The Hall Stourton	14.00
Sat 24	Long Compton Community Fete	
Sat 24	Sutton under Brailes village fete	14.00
Sat 24	Whist Drive, Long Compton chapel	19.00
Sun 25	Service Long Compton chapel	16.00
Thurs 29	Moreton Country Market, WI Hall	10.00-12.00
Fri 30	Mona and The Rev. Doctor, Long Compton Chapel	19.30

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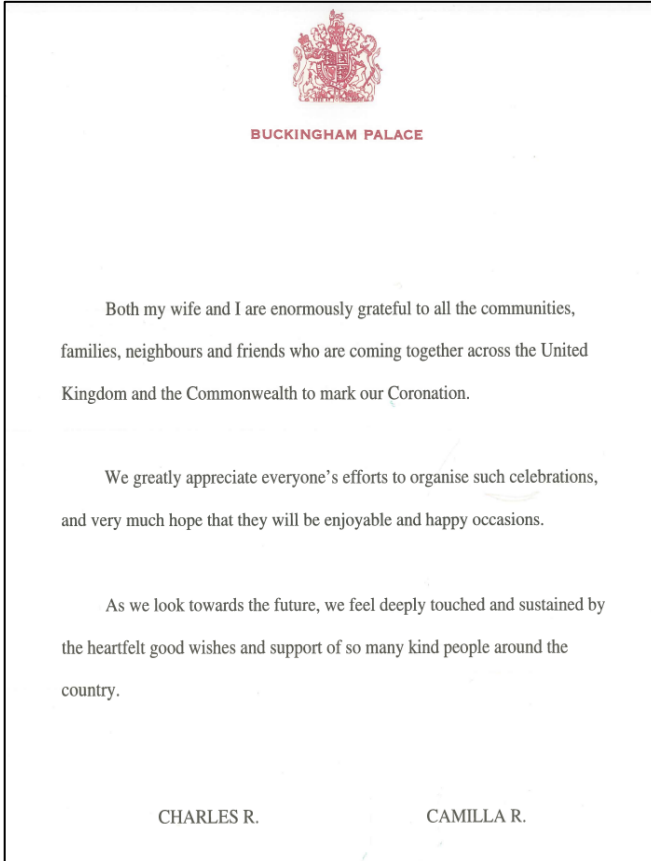
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# EDITORIAL



## Link Talk

Let's start with a message kindly forwarded to me to me by Brigadier Christopher Wolverson of Great Wolford:



What a fabulous weekend of coronation events! I hope you enjoyed whichever one you attended and that you will enjoy seeing the photographs from around our villages which form a large part of this edition. It is also a pleasure to include a feature on our village bellringers and to put a face to the people who give up their time to keep the bells ringing across our churches.

This month, I am delighted to introduce our new Farming Notes editor John Richardson, of Yerdley Farm, Long Compton, a neighbour of mine and a farmer with many years of experience and, I'm sure, many stories to tell. Thank you, John, for taking this on and thanks again to our retiring farm editor, Lynn Mathias

June of course means we are gearing up for the village fete season, so our events diary is as busy as ever. I'm sure we will all be sprucing up our dogs for the dog shows, perfecting our dahlia blooms and polishing our onions ready for display. There is nothing like a village fete and hopefully the sun will shine on all of them!

Sara Billins



## 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 June

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Paddington Bears' 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday.** Come and see us regarding your requirements for picnics and fetes including, of course, lots of marmalade based confections!

**June 29<sup>th</sup> – National Cream Tea Day.** (As if we need an excuse to indulge in a traditional cream tea)! The market will be providing cream tea kits as well as individual scones and jams.

07933 141410 / [mimcountrymarket@gmail.com](mailto:mimcountrymarket@gmail.com) or find us on [Facebook](#)

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## Pet(s) of the Month



This month we feature two dogs who fully embraced the spirit of the coronation. First, is the lovely Bailey who was selected for his fine display of patriotism and for taking on the role of official Burmington coronation mascot. Bailey is 11 years old and is also the new mascot of the Cameo Club. His owners are Helen and Malcolm Pendery of Brailes.

Our second patriotic pooch is Jack Russell Bean of Whichford who demonstrates how to sport a bow tie with style and aplomb. Well done Bailey and Bean!



**Happy Birthday!**  
June Birthdays

Isobel Jones	Whichford	12
Milly Blake	Cherington	17
Isabella Parsons	Long Compton	15
Alexander Banner	Willington	16
Millie Kinch	Long Compton	17





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## It's a Hatrick!

The last three of our traditional jazz events have been sell-outs. With the proceeds, the stage lift is now on order – a serious piece of kit that will provide 'access for all' to the stage. It doesn't stop there; the hall is like the Forth Road bridge, always something to chip away at on the list, with us recently getting repairs sorted out to the roof and arranging the replacement of one of the gas heaters. Thanks for your support and our traditional jazz events will continue through this year with the proceeds going towards the many other items on the list. The full schedule of events can be found at: [www.townsendhall.co.uk](http://www.townsendhall.co.uk).

Next up is the ever popular 'Baby' Jools and the Jazzaholics on Friday June 16 a lovely warm up to The Proms fortnight. Tickets are £10, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall), where you can bag your own table and seating, or for general availability seating from Clarke Electrical Services in town.

For more, take a look at our website (address above) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

**Haydn Ward Townsend Hall Trustee**

## Carers4Carers

Monthly meeting Friday 23 June 10.30 - 12 noon at Kinton Village Hall. The Samaritans will be talking about the support they can offer. Your loved one will be welcome to join our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting. For more information about our support group for carers, including help with transport to/from meetings, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email us at [kcarers4carers@gmail.com](mailto:kcarers4carers@gmail.com) or take a look at [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk).



**Carers4Carers**

**Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator**



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## CAMEO SW7 Lunch Club (Founded in 2007)

Next meeting: Tuesday, 13 June at 12.00 for 12.30pm in Burmington Village Hall.  
Please call Brenda Fitch on Tel: 664313 for bookings and further information.

## CAMEO Coronation Tea



**SUTTON FETE**  
Saturday 24th June 2023  
2pm to 4.30pm

 **Vintage cars**

 **Dog fashion show**  
Dogs must be kept  
on leads at all times!

**Refreshments**  
Teas, coffee and delicious  
homemade cakes!



**Games**  
Kids games  
Plenty of prizes to be won  
Pimms, plants and produce

**Stalls**  
Village market stall  
White Elephant  
Silent auction  
Cake stall, preserves and  
sweets  
Fashion and gifts  
Raffle  
Bottle tombola

**Wine tasting**



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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>**

### 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 17 June** Barton on the Heath Village Fete

Sun 18 June 1.30-5.30pm Whichford and Ascott Open Gardens

**Sat 24 June** Long Compton Community Fete

**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

# PARISH PEOPLE

## Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)

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<b>Secretary</b>	Alice & Tom Murray 238755	Gillian Cathie 674303
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Cleave 666002	Mandy McPherson 674734
	<b><i>Burmington St Barnabas &amp; St Nicholas</i></b>	<b><i>Cherington St John the Baptist</i></b>
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Michael Macdonald 662483	Roger Maycock 686404
<b>Secretary</b>	Graham French 239032	Paul Levitch 686353
<b>Treasurer</b>	Stuart Walsh, 07870 154425	Rory McLeod 686278
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<b>Secretary</b>	Zoë Wrigley 650404	Mandy James 684479
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Nye 684363	Jenny Scrivener
	<b><i>Wolford St Michael &amp; All Angels</i></b>	
<b>Churchwarden</b>	John Wrench 674389	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann McKenna 674009	

## Parish Councils

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
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Burmington	Robert Hutchings (661496)	
Cherington	Philip Townsend (686529)	Sara Cole (686250)
Long Compton	Simon Bing (684827)	Sam Weller (684897)
Whichford	Peter O'Kane (684888)	Sara Cole (686250)
Great Wolford	Lynn Mathias (674247)	Sue Finlay (661157)
Little Wolford	Vacant (currently under Community Governance Review)	

# SW7 BENEFICE CHURCH NEWS

It was a moment of spectacular and solemn ceremony.

The crown of St Edward, the origins of which go back nearly a thousand years, was placed on King Charles' head; then, the great cry from the Archbishop of Canterbury: *"God save the King"*, echoed by the congregation in Westminster Abbey and people up and down the UK. It was the highpoint of a service saturated with pomp and circumstance ancient tradition and stunning pageant. No one does this kind of thing better than the British!



However, just moments before the King was crowned, he received another object, the Orb, a sphere topped with a cross, was placed in Charles's hands, and the archbishop spoke these words: *"Receive this orb, set under the cross, and always remember the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."* When you stop to think about it, a cross is a very strange symbol to have at a coronation. A coronation is a moment of glory and splendor and honour; crucifixion is the very opposite of those things. Yet, the Gospel writers all present the crucifixion as being Jesus' coronation. Take Matthew's account for example. The Roman soldiers mockingly dress Jesus in red, the colour of royalty and then they crown him with a crown of thorns jeering at him *"Hail! King of the Jews,"* When he's crucified, they place a sign above his head that reads *"this is the King of the Jews"*. It's more mockery. Look at him, this king – he's pathetic. There is deep irony here. For what is meant as mockery is profoundly appropriate. Jesus is God's King, and the cross is his coronation. Why do the Gospel writers make this counter intuitive claim that the cross is a Coronation? They do so because it is at the cross that Jesus embodies true kingship. It is at the cross that Jesus perfectly shows us God's intention for authority and leadership. Nowhere is Jesus more kingly, more majestic than when he hangs on the cross. For God never intended power and authority to be used for the good of the those who possess them; rather God intends all power to be laid down and used in the service of others. Kings are meant to be servants.

On the cross, Jesus serves us his subjects in the costliest way possible. He takes our sin, our failure, upon himself, facing the death that we deserve, giving up his life, so that we might be forgiven and reconciled to God forever. If you want to know what a true king looks like, don't look to the pomp and circumstance of the coronation.

Look at the cross, where God's king dies for your sake and for mine.

One of most interesting parts of the service was when the public were asked to swear allegiance to the newly crowned King. That idea received a bit of a mixed reception from the public and the media, but whether or not you said those words you would be hard pressed to make the case that any normal leader deserves our undying allegiance. I'm sure King Charles would agree; the allegiance that the nation gives to the king is an honour bestowed upon him not a right that he deserves. It is different with this king who hangs on a cross. Here is a king truly deserving of our allegiance, worthy of our undying loyalty and service. For at the cross, Jesus gives up his power in the service of others. He alone fulfils God's design for human authority, using it for the benefit of even his enemies. It is this that makes him deserving of our allegiance; the crucified and risen.

Reverend Ben Dyson, SW7 Benefice

## Songs of Praise



Over seventy people attended the Benefice Coronation Songs of Praise on Sunday 7 May, packing the marquee especially hired for the occasion by Burmington PCC. The service was led by our Rector, the Revd. Ben Dyson and was marked by the first performance of the SW7 Benefice choir, newly formed under

the direction of organist Julian Grimshaw. It is planned that the new choir will grace special Benefice occasions in the future.

This was the fourth Benefice Songs of Praise service held in a marquee arranged by Burmington PCC in recent years, this time with generous funding by Burmington church and villagers, from all the other Benefice villages, the Deanery, Burmington Village Hall committee and by CAMEO members.

JUNE 2023 CHURCH SERVICES							
SW 7	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Birmingham	St John the Baptist Cherington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whichford	St Michael & All Angels Wolford
4 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday	9am BCP Holy Communion (BD/LM)				4pm GAP Service (BD)		10:30 am CW Holy Communion (BD/LM)
11 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity			9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		6pm Evensong (BD)	10:30 am CW Holy Communion (BD)	
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity		9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		10:30 am CW Holy Communion (BD)	4pm GAP Service (BD)		
25 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity				9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	10:30 am CW Holy Communion (BD)		
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9am BCP Holy Communion				4pm GAP Service (BD)		10:30 am CW Holy Communion



**South Warwickshire Benefice**

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BD = Ben Dyson/LM = Liz Maycock/AV = Anthony Veils/VI = Clare Veils/HP = Heather Parbury/AD = Andrew Dowd/RS= Richard Smith/ RSt=Richard Stevens  
BCP = Prayer Book/ CW = Common Worship/ GAP = Informal Service

## Ring for the King!

Over the bank holiday weekend, our bellringers set themselves a challenge to ring the bells in as many local churches as possible so that everyone could enjoy the sound of the bells for the coronation. Visitors from Warwick joined the band of 21 people that included novice and experienced ringers, and 4 tower captains, who toured: Cherington, Shipston on Stour, Brailes, Sutton under Brailes, Whichford, Long Compton, Little Compton, Tidmington, Honington and Great Wolford. Saturday had a particularly full schedule which, of course, included a break for the ringers to watch the coronation.



**Fran and David Hudson ringing the bells at Shipston**

It was a triumph of organisation to get everyone together as well as to factor in the differences in the church towers with 8 bells at Whichford, 3 at Tidmington and the legendary 6 heavy bells of Brailes.

The ringers rang specially prepared 'call changes' which were written for the coronation as well as more traditional method ringing.



**Shipston bellringers**



**Whichford bellringers.**



**Cherington bellringers.**

Bell ringing is great fun, energetic and a good way to make new friends. If you are interested in just having a go, please email Sarah Elliott at [sellio10@sky.com](mailto:sellio10@sky.com).

**Caroline Makepeace and Sarah Elliott**

## Celebrating the King's Coronation

Friday 5 May saw Acorns children celebrating, in advance of the King's Coronation, with a wonderful lunchtime spread fit for a king! Gathering in the hall, with bunting and balloons, children tucked into an array of sandwiches, vegetable sticks, pork pie, sausage rolls, and mozzarella sticks. All followed by traditional jelly and ice cream and delicious lemon drizzle cake. A real treat enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Sue, our fantastic school cook, for preparing this special celebration feast and to our wonderful dinner supervisors for serving the children.

Before heading home for the long Coronation Bank Holiday weekend, children were presented with King Charles III coronation mugs which were kindly purchased for the children by Long Compton Parish Council and the school PTA. Again, many thanks to these committees for providing the children with a lovely memento of a special moment in history.



## Manor Adventure

Year 5 children from Shipston Primary School and Acorns Primary School had a wonderful time at Manor Adventure in Powys, Wales during the last three days of the spring term. After a stop off at the Small Breeds Farm Park in Kington, Herefordshire, the children arrived at the Abernant Lake Hotel and took part in nine different activities to offer new experiences, provide personal challenge and independence.

Huge congratulations to the children in Year 5 who showed determination, empathy and compassion during the three days away from home and school. The activities and challenges such as abseiling and rock climbing really showcased the children's character. Collaborative working required the children to work together as a pair or team, often with children from different classes and some they had only just met from Acorns.

A huge thank you to all the staff across the academy trust for giving up their time to create powerful moments and making memories for our children.

All the photos and videos from the residential can be viewed on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/acornshead>.

To introduce myself, I'm John Richardson. I farm in partnership with my wife Diana and son Dan at Yerdley Farm, Long Compton. The farm is 170 hectares, or in my old-fashioned terms, 420 acres. We own an arable farm - which in simple terms means all the crops we grow can go through a combine harvester.



I came to the farm with my father aged 18 in 1967. I'd come from a farming family and was born at Woodley near Reading, then moving to Hurst nearby. The farmer at Yerdley Farm at the time was Fred Hutsby, and in turn I married his daughter Diana, who, after a period in Australia, returned to her home that she left as a teenager.

As with many aspects of farming today, we have changed from being just food production, to a more environmental way of farming. Schemes became available 20 years ago which fitted in with many aspects of farming, as we did it, and

we are now in our 4<sup>th</sup> term of 5-year 'mid-tier' schemes. This means that we take areas of arable farmland and put them into different types of cropping, including one which I think suits farming on our land, legume fallows. These are fields planted for two years with clover mixes, lightly topped (cut) in the first year and left undisturbed to flower in both the first and second year, much to the joy of the bees and insects. These fallow fields are good for the farm, soil, and wildlife. Other types of alternative cropping we have include wild bird mixes which have seed-bearing plant species which provide wildlife sustenance during the winter, and over-wintered stubble which remains an uncultivated habitat until late spring. Lastly, we have areas of unharvested cereals, grown as a crop but not cut and left for the birds and mammals to eat and live in through to next April.

These activities rotate around the farm, fit in with the machinery we have and are a source of income unaffected by short-term government policy or world markets.

So, if people are interested in hearing about our farm, I can update each month, and tell you what's being done, and why.

**John W Richardson.**



# NATURE NOTES

Editor: Tony Partridge  
Tel: 684698

In Long Compton churchyard, close to its edge near the wall cowslips are growing strongly. Cowslips belong to the primrose family. Churchyards are the place where you are most likely to see them, unheeded and left to their own devices. Now severely lessened in its frequency, it was once a plant seen almost as often as the buttercup. Its demise is due to modern farming and farming's tendency to plow up old pastures where it would once grow. Such was its popularity and frequency in the hedgerows that Cowslip Sunday was once observed in one Nottinghamshire parish. Its decline has now been arrested and signs of its recovery are now visible in many places. There are several naturalized garden species including Tibetan cowslips and Japanese cowslips. Wherever it is seen it is a most welcome spring plant, being a foretaste of what is to come. It was once believed that cowslips and primroses, if planted upside down would produce red flowers!

Let us now move on from plants to living creatures. One I always look out for at this early time of the spring is the brimstone butterfly. It will hibernate amongst evergreen plants and was known amongst early entomologists as the butter-coloured fly. Hence, it would seem, a derivation of our word butterfly. An attractive creature good to see at this time of the year when other creatures are still stirring themselves from their winter slumbers.

Bird migration has got to be one of the wonders of the natural world. Swallows, swifts, and martins descend on us in early spring. Of these three perhaps the swift is the most remarkable. It spends most of its time in the air, even mating there! If by chance it lands, it cannot easily take off again. So, it is naturally reluctant to do so. I know of no swift colonies around here, but I believe I have seen them in Oxford. So remarkable are these birds, as are swallows and martins, that their habits are still a subject of study by ornithologists.

We cannot leave the subject of summer migrants without mention of the cuckoo. A highly able and intelligent bird, its name has become associated with someone not very bright and this I am at a loss to tell! The call you hear is made by the male; the female will make her call later in the season, but it does not resemble her partner's. As is well known, the cuckoo is a thief and a pirate, choosing not to make its own nest but to steal another's, ejecting the resident bird and its eggs, to make room for her own. The host bird is clearly unaware of the change in circumstance and proceeds to hatch the cuckoo's eggs. One

wonders for how many thousands of years this has happened and how and when it all began.

I remember the words of a song I was told when a boy, which went: "A frog he would a-woing go, Hey ho, said Rolly." Who Rolly was or why he said *Hey ho*, I



have no idea. So, we are left with the courtship of a humble frog. The courtship between male and female can hardly be described as romantic. The male whilst clasping the female's back awaits whilst she sheds her eggs which the male fertilises. This takes place in the pond and the eggs sink to the bottom only to return with their coating changed and having

become spawn. The spawn develops until it can jump onto the bank, this will take about three years. But of course, as a tadpole it is vulnerable to all sorts of prey and easily taken by such prey.

It's a hard life out there in the wild. So let us give thanks for those who survived and give us the pleasure of seeing them fully grown and mature.

**Tony Partridge**

## GARDENING NOTES

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Margaret Welsh, Long Compton Garden Club

Miranda Arnold, Whichford Amateur Gardener

After all the rain and recent warmer weather, the plants are putting on a rapid spurt of growth. It is difficult to keep pace with the weeding and lawns now need regular mowing. Container grown plants will benefit from a high potash feed to boost flowering and will need monitoring for watering.

Citrus plants and cymbidium orchids can be moved outside once the risk of frost has passed. Harden them off gradually over one to two weeks by putting them out during the daytime only. Now that house plants are actively growing, they can be potted on to the next size up.

Dead head rhododendrons and camellias but take care not to damage the new growth behind. As bulb foliage dies back and has yellowed, it can be cut back and the bulb foliage in lawns can be mown during grass cutting.

Prune spring flowering shrubs e.g., exochorda, weigela and philadelphus after flowering. With mature plants remove up to a third of the older stems to ground level and shape the bushes if necessary. The idea is to create an open framework. Feed and mulch after pruning e.g., with blood, fish and bone fertiliser.

Dead head buddlejas as soon as the flowers fade to encourage more flowering. Similarly dead head perennials for the same reason. Trim spent violas and pulmonarias. The cut material can be used for propagation as cuttings. For plants which spread profusely, such as cow parsley in "wild areas" and hellebores and aquilegias, remove their seed heads to help reduce unwanted seedlings.

In late June you can divide bearded irises about two weeks after flowering. Lift the rhizomes, discard the older pieces and keep the younger, firm rhizomes. Trim the leaves to where they just fan out (to prevent them drying out and to reduce wind rock.) Replant the pieces with the top of the rhizome visible so that they can bake in the sun.

In the vegetable beds sow salad crops at two-week intervals. Plant out indoor grown courgettes and sweetcorn. Traditionally the asparagus season ends on Midsummers Day and it is advisable to stop cutting then to allow the plants to regenerate. Keep an eye out



for the small orange/black asparagus beetles and remove them. (The same applies to the red lily beetles on lilies.) Continue to earth up potatoes and early varieties may be ready for harvesting this month. Cut away strawberry runners, leaving a maximum of one runner per plant.

The small plants on the runner can be pegged down to the ground or potted into a small pot while remaining attached to the parent plant. You will probably need to net soft fruit to protect it from birds who seem to start to feast as soon as the fruit shows any colour. In the greenhouse, ventilate on hot days and add shading if necessary. Feed tomatoes every 10 to 14 days and remove side shoots. June is usually a lovely month in the garden with roses coming into bloom and borders full of colour. We have longer daylight to complete tasks and hopefully warmer weather to sit out and enjoy the display.

Margaret Welsh

# VILLAGE NEWS

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH  
Email: [barton@swlink.org.uk](mailto:barton@swlink.org.uk)  
Editor: [Cathryn Aitken](#)



## Barton-on-the-Heath celebrates!



On Sunday 7 May, nearly 100 residents and their guests gathered on the lawn of Barton House to celebrate the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. Sincere thanks go to Hamish and Gillian Cathie for their kindness in allowing Barton House to be the magnificent backdrop for this celebration. It could not have been more British than rain pouring on so many who braved the elements the day before to help put up marquees and set the scene for such a wonderful party.


Tables with flags and flowers were the scene for many corks popping and picnic baskets emptied. Brigadier Johnny Rickett gave a heartfelt speech and proposed a toast to the King and Queen. So many people contributed to the champagne provided on arrival and for the toast for which everyone was so grateful. Then, as before, so many came the day after to help take down the marquees, remove the evidence of an amazing day and get wet again!

Thanks to the organising committee, Jules, Helen, Suzie and Cathryn for pulling together such a spectacular party. It was an event which bought the village together in helping and celebrating such a monumental day.


**Barton-on-the-Heath**  
 Village  
**FETE**  
**Saturday 17th June**  
**2.30-6pm**  
 on the village green

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**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

**VILLAGE NEWS** **BARCHESTON WITH WILLINGTON**  
 Editor: Please email – [barcheston@swlink.org.uk](mailto:barcheston@swlink.org.uk)



**St Martin's, Barcheston**

**2023  
 ORGAN RECITALS**

7th May:	Paul Hale (Organist Emeritus, Southwell Minster)
4th June:	James Lancelot (Tewkesbury Abbey)
2nd July:	David Cook (All Hallows by the Tower)
6th August:	Donal McCann (New College, Oxford)
3rd September:	Thomas Keogh (Holy Cross Priory, Leicester)
1st October:	Alexander Pott (Magdalen College, Oxford)
5th November:	Pavlos Triantris (St Alban and St Henry V1, Letchworth)
3rd December:	Daniel Moulst (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

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

# VILLAGE NEWS

## BURMINGTON

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Email: [burmington@swlink.org.uk](mailto:burmington@swlink.org.uk)



### Burmington Celebrates!



## Coronation Gathering and Picnic

On Saturday afternoon, following the King's coronation, Burmington villagers gathered for a picnic in the marquee on Michael's Field. A jolly, sociable time was had by all, and our thanks go to the village hall committee for organising it.

## Village Breakfast

On Bank Holiday Monday a village breakfast/brunch was provided in the marquee. Coffee and tea along with delicious bacon and sausage baps were on offer along with pancakes for the children.

Many thanks to Robyn Sutton and her helpers for organising it!

## Fun and Games with Water pistols

Straw bales and chocolate treasure ...

Children with water pistols ran the gauntlet of their parents also armed with water pistols. Dodging around straw bales they reached the chocolates suspended from the tree. Squirted sufficient water softened the outer paper which released the wrapped chocolate.

A good time was had by the children and their dads who got a good soaking too! Huge thanks to Dick and Karen Faithfull for organising it!

## Village Breakfast

Saturday 3 June 10 am -12 noon. It would be helpful to know numbers before the date: please contact Robyn on 07966 849149 if you would like to come along. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.



## Burmington Barn Smallholding



Burmington Barn will be welcoming some pygmy goats over this Summer. Watch this space (or our Facebook page) for a chance to come and meet them and other fun goat-based-activities!

**Nat and Bex.**



**Coffee Morning**  Children's Liver Disease Foundation  
fighting childhood liver disease.

Raising money for

**The Children's Liver Disease Foundation**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**10.30 to 12.00**

In the garden of Kenrene, Burmington, CV36 5AW

Any raffle prizes, cakes, Bric a Brac gratefully received.

Tel. Irene Clarke 01608 656296 (New number)

**Postcard from Cairo**

Life in Cairo continues, summer is here and it's about 35 degrees every day, slowly rising for the hot months to come!

We spent Easter doing a road trip across the desert, down to Luxor and then across the desert to south of Hurgarda. The photo shows fishing on the Nile – a practice that has never changed.

The coronation passed without any fanfare here, but we did watch it on BBC! I'm sure Dennis organised a suitable village event!

**Guy and family**







### Cherington celebrates!



In honour of the late Queen's Green Canopy project and in celebration of the coronation of King Charles 111, a tree was planted on Stourton Village Green.

The tree that was chosen was a crab apple (*Malus 'Brevipes'*) for our wildlife to feast on. In spring, it produces a mass of open ivory-white flowers yielding

pollen and nectar for the bees, and in autumn will be festooned in dark red fruits for the birds to enjoy.

The tree was planted on Sunday 7 May as part of the coronation festivities in the village and was led by our Junior Wildlife Champions, Bethany and Rebecca Parmenter.

### **New Name for The Wildlife Group**

At the Meeting of the Cherington and Stourton Village Wildlife Group, held on Tuesday 25 April, it was unanimously agreed that the name of the Group should be changed to The Feldons Wildlife Group.

Sue Williams



**Rare meadow saxifrage in Cherington churchyard by Paul Marriott**



## Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

Fridays 9 and 23 June from 2pm at The Hall,  
Pinfold Lane, Stourton, CV36 5HG. We look forward to  
seeing you there. For more information, please contact me  
on 01608 663320.



Vanessa Compton

## Village Lottery: May Draw

1st Alison Maxwell £80    2nd James Ind £45    3rd Jo and Doris Lewis £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

Saturday 10 June 10.30am-12 noon  
The Hall, Stourton, CV36 5HG

This month we will again be having a Bring and  
Buy in aid of the playing field funds so please  
come along and support us.

We are always open to new ideas: would you like something different on the  
menu? Would you like to help out occasionally? Would you like a craft stall?  
Please contact us at christinedudfield53@gmail.com or Christine on 07866  
127409 or Tricia on 07828 697304



## Brailles Picturehouse

Saturday 17 June - *Mrs Harris goes to Paris*.  
Doors open 7.15pm. Film starts at 7.45pm

London, 1957. Mrs. Harris, a lonely war widow and humble cleaning lady living a  
hand-to-mouth existence, has a chance encounter with what dreams are made  
of a ravishing, A-line tea-length Christian Dior dress.

Stars: Lesley Manville, Lambert Wilson, Lucas Bravo.

July and August Holiday time

Deirdre and Team

# ART IN THE HALL

THE STOURTON MARK MAKERS

FRIDAY - MONDAY

JUNE 9TH - 12TH

10.00AM - 4.00PM

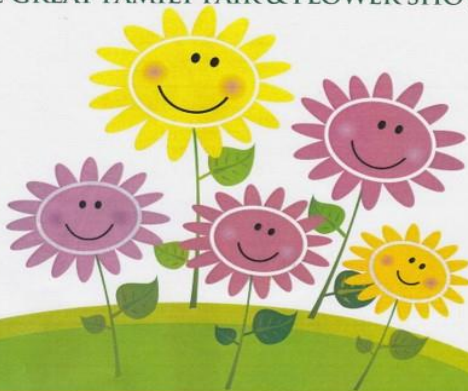


Paintings:- oils, acrylics, watercolours, mixed media.

Cards, cakes, tea and coffee available.

THE HALL, STOURTON & CHERINGTON  
CV36 5HG

## THE GREAT FAMILY FAIR & FLOWER SHOW!



CHERINGTON, STOURTON & SUTTON

# COUNTRY FAIR & FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023

THE CHURCHGROUND - CHERINGTON

SHOW OPENS AT 1pm

Car Parking **FREE**

Entrance: Adults £4.00 Children £1.50

Five years & under **FREE**

### Long Compton Village Hall



There are times in life when things are uncertain and we're not always comfortable with those situations. The Coronation celebrations were one such occasion. As a committee, we felt the Village Hall would be the ideal place for the whole village to come together to join in the national celebration with a Big Lunch Party. Undaunted, we hired a marquee to extend the size of the main hall, applied for a TENS licence for a bar, borrowed a maypole and a very new

looking set of ribbons from Acorns School and posted a flyer through every letterbox we could find in the village and on the outskirts so everyone would definitely know it was happening. Then we sat and waited.....not really knowing how many would turn up on the day. Well, Long Compton, you did us proud! We had over 70 folks arrive, armed with plates of food to share with one and all. At one point we had to roll another table out of the garage to accommodate more people. There was food a-plenty, music from our resident DJ Keith, a range of drinks from bubbly to good old cups of tea, a toast to his majesty followed by a hearty rendition of the National Anthem, maypole dancing as you've never seen it before (to be fair, many of us were dredging up dance steps from 50+ years ago), even a few crowns and a princess costume amongst all the red, white and blue and did I mention the water fight? Well, it was a surprisingly well-timed sunny day, after all. It really was jolly good fun; I think His Majesty would have approved. A huge thank you to all who helped to make the day such a success, from the put-uppers to the take-downers and especially the join-inners on the day!

Coming up in June is the regular Social Saturday on the 10th and then we'll be serving teas at the Village Fete on the 24th. We hope to see you there!

**Mo Read Chair, Long Compton Village Hall**

# Long Compton Celebrates



# Social Saturday

10th June, 11am

**Entry Free!**

**Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and savouries**

**Come along for a natter with friends old and new!**



# QUIZ NIGHT

At Long Compton Village Hall

7pm Saturday, 1st July 2023



**The successful Long Compton Village Hall Quiz Night returns!**

- Enter a team of up to seven people
- A prize for the best team name
- Cheese sharing board
- Pay bar
- Entry fee £10 per head if booked in advance or £12 per head on the door
- To book contact Mo Read on 07814 802814 or at [lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk)

## Long Compton Sports Club

The club has recently had a change of committee and we are looking to get the sports club back to the busy venue that it's always had the potential to be, with different sports clubs looking to use the site, as well as the idea of encouraging youngsters from the village and surrounding areas to take part in sport. We aim to not only be sport orientated but to also hold social events and encourage everyone to get involved and support the club.

Fixtures are subject to change so please follow Long Compton Sports Club on Facebook for weekly updates. Each fixture we aim to have refreshments available for those wishing to come down either to support the local teams or just to enjoy a social afternoon! We look forward to seeing you there.



### Sponsorship

The club are always looking for sponsorship, either for match days or general support of the club, so if you are interested, please get in touch via the club email shown below.

The cricket team are also looking for more players for the 2023 season so if you would like to join in, please message the sports club via Facebook or email.

The contact us via: [LongComptonSportsClub@outlook.com](mailto:LongComptonSportsClub@outlook.com).

**Shaun Kench Chairman**

### 100 Club

The May Draw took place at the Social Saturday on 13 May; the winners were:

1st Prize	210	David Brown	2nd Prize	14	Jackie Brown
3rd Prize	181	Mr and Mrs Griffiths	4th Prize	214	Caroline Stockton

The next draw will be on 10 June.

**Chris Galloway 684234**



## Long Compton Walkers

The April walk based on the Great Tew area attracted a dozen walkers -a much enjoyed but uneventful circuit (save for a reported sighting of an elephant (topiary?)) ending with lunch at the Falkland Arms.

May weather was unpredictable but a walk starting from Stonesfield was largely dry and featured the North Leigh Roman Villa (pictured). It was surprising that some long-resident members were unaware of its existence whereas our leader was able to point out just how much the area had changed over her lifetime in the area. Lunch was at the Black Prince in Woodstock.



New recruits are always welcome. We meet in the Red Lion car park on the second Tuesday of each month.

Contact Stuart Brown on 01608 684042 or at [scbqc1@gmail.com](mailto:scbqc1@gmail.com)

Long Compton  
book club

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8 June 2023  
at 7.00 pm

We will be discussing 'The Island' by Victoria Hislop, and  
'Birdcage Walk' by Helen Dunmore

Contact: Imogen Brown 07710 129181 [brownimogen@gmail.com](mailto:brownimogen@gmail.com)

## Long Compton Chapel

April and May have been busy months, largely preparing for future events! However, we had a very well attended Whist Drive at the end of April with five tables! Please feel free to join us, the next one is on 24 June at 7.00pm which will be a particularly busy day as it is also the Community Fete in the afternoon. Everybody, including beginners welcome.

Our regular service will be on Sunday 25 June at 4.00pm.

There will be a Craft Market and Exhibition at the Chapel at 2.00pm on Sunday 4 June and 1 July -refreshments will be available.

The Chapel is organising two events in support of the Community Fete on Saturday 24 June. A car boot sale and two competitions, a flower arranging challenge and a craft challenge- see the posters below for details.

We are also looking forward to celebrating our bicentenary and will be able to report on both the history presentation and our anniversary service in the July edition.

June will see us supporting Shipston Proms with a live music event on Friday 30th June when we welcome "*Mona and the Reverend Dr*" and friends who perform a variety of music from the last three centuries! (They're very good, I saw them last week!). Free entry and refreshments will be available. 7.30pm.

Finally, remember to reserve the 29 July as it's our annual Flower, Craft and Produce Show – so get growing and making your entries! We look forward to seeing you at all or some of these events. [longcomchapel@hotmail.com](mailto:longcomchapel@hotmail.com)



Sally Franklin and Elizabeth Gilkes

## Long Compton History Society

The next and final talk of the season will be given by Tim Healey on Wednesday 14 June at 7.30pm in the village hall. The title is '*The Legend of the Green Man*'. Tim is a wonderful speaker and provides photographs of great quality. It is a talk which should not be missed.

Christopher Fance



**ALL  
MY OWN  
WORK  
A VILLAGE  
ASPECT**

THEME: "A VILLAGE ASPECT"

Enter an item of any medium

**PHOTO-PAINTING-SCULPTURE-CRAFT**

Of anything relating to Long Compton

**FREE ENTRY**

CATEGORIES: PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE OR ADULT

**STARTS 11AM JUDGING 12NOON**

**SATURDAY**

**24 JUNE 2023**

On Display 2pm- 5pm

Contact Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778

Sally Franklin 07870 545431

longcomchapel@hotmail.com



**CAR  
BOOT  
SALE**

**SATURDAY**

**24 JUNE 2023**

**Fete Opens 2.00pm**

**CAR BOOT SET UP FROM 12NOON**

**Public entry strictly from 1pm**

**CAR PITCHES: £10 IN ADVANCE**

**£15 ON THE DAY**

**VANS £20 ADVANCE/£30 ON DAY**

Contact Sally Franklin 07870 545431

longcomchapel@hotmail.com



**HAVE A  
GO  
FLOWER  
ARRANGING  
CHALLENGE**

Create your own arrangement using  
only Flowers and props provided.

THEME "A SUMMER GARDEN"

**£5.00 Entry**

Created and then displayed in the flower tent  
and yours to take home [at 5pm]

**SATURDAY**

**24 JUNE 2023**

**CHALLENGE STARTS 11.00AM**

**JUDGING 12NOON**

Contact Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778

longcomchapel@hotmail.com

**A SHIPSTON PROMS EVENT**

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**@ LONG COMPTON CHAPEL**

Free Event

7 for 7.30pm and Refreshments available

**MONA AND THE REVEREND DOCTOR**



Pete Mona - vocals/guitar, Jane Lewis vocals/cello)

Pete and Jane put their unique twist on 300 years of popular music from  
folk, jazz and blues to rock and roll.

Featuring the fabulous Freya Hopcraft with her amazing blues voice  
(think young, female Tom Waits)

Contact Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778

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**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!**

Time to enter your best items be they grown or made.

Classes have deliberately been kept simple and there will be 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.

**A CUP WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE MOST AND BEST ENTRIES BY ONE PERSON**

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE your entries until the show finishes at 6pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**Entries to be staged from 4-6pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July or from 9am to 11am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**To help us allocate space, advance notice of classes you intend entering would be appreciated.**

Show schedule and entry forms will be delivered in June and also available from The Stores,

The Chapel or [longcomchapel@hotmail.com](mailto:longcomchapel@hotmail.com)

**CLASSES YOU CAN ENTER**

<b>WINES &amp; LIQUEURS</b>			
<b>W1</b>	Bottle homemade slow gin		
<b>W2</b>	Bottle of home made fruit liqueur		
<b>BAKING</b>			
<b>B1</b>	A Classic Victoria sponge		
<b>B2</b>	A savoury tart		
<b>B3</b>	A plate of cheese scones		
<b>B4</b>	Lemon drizzle cake		
<b>B5</b>	A plate of flapjacks		
<b>B6</b>	A plate of Choc. Brownies		
<b>PRESERVES</b>			
<b>P1</b>	Jar of jam		
<b>P2</b>	Jar of pickles		
<b>P3</b>	Jar of chutney		
<b>P4</b>	Jar of marmalade		
<b>FRUIT AND VEGETABLES</b>			
<b>FV1</b>	Vegetables in basket/box		
<b>FV2</b>	Collection of fruit, in basket or box		
<b>FV3</b>	Collection of culinary herbs		
<b>FV4</b>	A plate of soft fruit		
<b>FLOWERS</b>			
<b>F1</b>	A vase of garden flowers		
<b>F2</b>	One specimen bloom		
<b>F3</b>	Vase of roses		
<b>F4</b>	Fragrant rose		
<b>F5</b>	A pot-plant		
<b>CRAFTS</b>			
<b>C1</b>	An item to wear		
<b>C2</b>	Greeting card—any medium		
<b>C3</b>	An item to display - textile		
<b>C4</b>	An item to display - other media		
<b>PHOTOGRAPHIC ART</b>			
<b>PA1</b>	Sunset		
<b>PA2</b>	Season		
<b>PA3</b>	Transport		
<b>PA4</b>	Holiday		
<b>FA1</b>	In the green - leaves and flowerheads		
<b>FA2</b>	Fit for a King		
<b>FA3</b>	Japanese inspired		
<b>FA4</b>	Arrangement in any milk container		

## Friends of Long Compton Church Enjoy 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Century Music

Sounds Historical, a group of musicians specialising in early music, entertained a healthy audience of music aficionados at Long Compton church on Saturday 14 May. Their repertoire, which spanned the medieval to the 18<sup>th</sup> century was performed on an array of period instruments including viols, recorders, theorbo and baroque flutes. The receptive audience gave the quartet an enthusiastic reception which was followed by appreciative applause at the end.



Before the recital the Friends held their brief but comprehensive AGM. This included a tribute to the outgoing Hon Treasurer Richard Kirby, a retired solicitor, who has stood down after eleven years in the voluntary position. The Chair of the Friends, Mr Steve Lavelle, spoke fulsomely of Richard's contribution to the success of the Friends, which is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. During the eleven years more than

£110k has been raised to repair and maintain the church building and grounds and to promote the wider use of the building by the community beyond that of worship. Richard will be missed; a replacement Hon Treasurer is being eagerly sought. Applications, please, to [friendslongcompton@gmail.com](mailto:friendslongcompton@gmail.com)

Mr Lavelle also urged those attending to recruit more members and has since reported this drive has been successful.

Following the AGM, a delicious fork supper of lasagne was served by the ladies of the church, which included Jill Kirby and Charlotte Field.

The evening was ended by a raffle with lots of attractive prizes.

The next events of the Friends will be a concert by Beatroot in the church on Saturday 17th June followed by the Marquee Bar, complete with a busker playing and singing, at the Long Compton Community Fete on Saturday 24 June.

Alan McKelvey

# The Comptonians

On 21 June we shall meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm when we have a talk about the Toddington Steam Railway. We will also serve tea and cakes.

All welcome.

Margaret Welsh 684238

**LONG COMPTON COMMUNITY FETE**

**SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2-5PM**

**GATES OPEN AT 1PM • Located on the A3400 at CV36 5JJ**

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**Flypast by RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Avro Lancaster**

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- Music by Three's a Crowd
- Flower Arranging
- Warwickshire Fire Engine
- Magician
- Cotswolds Choir
- Craft Competition
- Warwickshire Police Team
- Community Stalls
- Shipston Town Band
- Guide Dogs
- Atomic Dance
- Craft Stalls
- Licensed Bar
- Car Boot Sale
- Children's Amusements
- Grand Raffle
- Punch & Judy
- Cream Teas

★  ★

★  ★

**Hook Norton Vets Dog Show**

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**Unity Automotive Classic Car Show**

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**ADMISSION** (Cash preferred please)  
**Family £10 • Individuals £5**  
**Primary & Younger Children FREE**

Funds raised will buy books for the library at our local primary school and other worthwhile causes

**THE RINGING OF LONG COMPTON CHURCH BELLS WILL START THE FETE**

[www.lcfete.org](http://www.lcfete.org)

[www.enlightenedwindows.co.uk](http://www.enlightenedwindows.co.uk)  
[www.unitylegalsolutions.co.uk](http://www.unitylegalsolutions.co.uk)  
[www.unityautomotive.co.uk](http://www.unityautomotive.co.uk)  
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## Long Compton and District Garden Club

### PLANTS FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS - from local experts

After a year of contrasting weather our gardens have suffered so our last two talks of the year were timely in terms of which plants have fared best. Our experts were Walter Sawyer and Rosalind Sword.



Walter Sawyer, long term resident of Long Compton gave us a superbly illustrated talk on bulbs and corms, using many photos from his own garden. He reassured us that all the plants mentioned flourish in our local conditions and are readily available.

Walter started his gardening career in the 1970's and has worked in Oxford at the university for over forty years culminating his career as Superintendent of the University Parks. Walter currently advises St. Hilda's College on their garden and new landscape design. A few years ago, he took us on a tour of some of the Oxford parks.



He started with yellow winter aconites in January followed by snowdrops in February (both best planted in the green) through a wonderful selection of slides showing the beautiful colours and varieties of numerous specimens; cyclamen, crocus, iris, tulips and fritillaries. Magdalen College has a fritillary collection in its meadows dating back 100s of years.

Bulbs for a summer display included camassia, gladioli, lilies, eremurus and eucomis. Foxtail lilies could struggle with the slightly cooler temperatures present in Long Compton. The gardening year was completed with details of nerines, *sternbergia lutea*, which looks like a crocus but isn't, and autumn crocus.

Rosalind Sword has lived at Chivel Farm, Heythrop since 1978, and has created an amazing garden almost from scratch. Her passion for plants is evident and she has an excellent eye for form, texture and colour. Her first-hand knowledge of where certain plants will grow in this area and on the local soil was both interesting and informative, she also told us about various nurseries that she uses, such as Wyatt's and Applegarth.



Last summer their 30-year-old irrigation system failed and so they suffered along with the rest of us in the drought. Despite that, many of her well-chosen plants survive; numerous geraniums which either flower for long periods (*'Orion'*) or can be cut down to the ground after the first flowering and will flower again later (*'Sirak'*). She told us about Brunnera *'Looking Glass'* which has almost white leaves, grown under a magnolia and following on from snowdrops, it brightens up a shady area. We heard about the Pensham range of penstemons which have larger flowers and are hardier. She recommended growing aster thomsonii *'Nana'* which is long flowering. Cyclamen hederifolium were

totally unphased by the dry weather and reappeared in late summer as though nothing had happened.

Chivel Farm has been open to the public many times over the last few years, notably for the NGS scheme and local charities.

## Summer Outings

Monday 12 June

### Evenley Wood Garden and Buckingham Nurseries

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. Take a picnic.

£8.50

Thursday 20 July

### Sudeley Castle and Gardens

Set against the backdrop of the majestic castle, there are 10 magnificent, award-winning gardens. Sudeley Castle is also the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds. The 15th century St Mary's Church contains the tomb of Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives.

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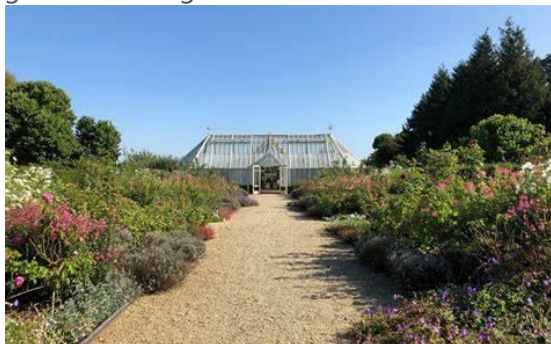


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### **A Bluebell Weekend**

Every year we are delighted and amazed by the sea of blue which carpets the floor of Whichford Woods. It is a special moment which marks Spring arriving here in earnest.

On the morning of Sunday 30 April, the Reverend Ben Dyson led a lovely bluebell service in Whichford Woods celebrating the natural world. We much appreciate the beautiful church building but this informal all age service



outside was enjoyed by those who had walked up through the woods and gathered at the big beech tree, accompanied by a number of very well-behaved dogs.

In the afternoon, the Friends of St Michael's Church organised tea and delicious homemade cakes in the Reading Room at the church. A steady stream of walkers who had come to the village to enjoy the bluebells also enjoyed a refreshing cuppa. There were many comments about the variety and quality of the cakes on offer! On Monday 1 May the Reading Room was again open in the afternoon for the Bluebell Walk Teas.

So many thanks to all those who made and donated cakes or prizes for the tombola. We were so grateful to the fantastic team of volunteers who manned the urn and the cake slice and donned the marigolds during the afternoons!

The teas raised £370 for The Friends - a registered charity which supports St Michael's Church by raising funds to contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the building and to promote the wider use of the church beyond that of worship.

**Jan Knight and The Friends of St Michael's Church**

## Shipston Home Nursing Plant Sale

The pop-up plant & produce sale over the weekend of 13/14 May in aid of Shipston Home Nursing raised £660 thanks to donations of plants and produce from around the village. I am also grateful to those who helped with set up, selling and tidying up after.

Diana Atkins

## The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Toby Heathcoat Amory who was the winner of the May Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener

## Coronation Day Bellringers at Whichford

A full team of 8 bellringers rang the Whichford bells in honour of the King's Coronation on 6 May. It was lovely to hear the bells. They are a hard-working gang (ringing in several churches to celebrate the coronation). They would welcome anybody interested to try a 'taster session' of bell ringing to get in touch.



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Katharine Wood

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## Wolford Celebrates



Photograph by Gillian Ablewhite

## Wolfords WI

Spring is here, days are getting longer, won't be long and it will be summer.

We are calling all local villages close to the Wolfords to think about coming to join us and have an evening of fun. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Little Wolford Hall it starts at 7.30pm. If transport is a problem, we can sort out getting you picked up.

May has been an action-packed month ... we celebrated the coronation by creating crowns to wear for the evening (the prize was won by Di – can you tell which crown that was from the picture?) We had a couple of republicans but were all friends together!

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We also pom-pom-bombed the trees for the villages' coronation celebrations. I hope you enjoyed the sights.



For our actual meeting we had John the Hoop Guy. He primarily teaches hoola-hooping for fitness in schools, but this was an evening for us to see what can be done and to try it ourselves. Amazingly, he could get us all doing it and take it from me, it can be addictive.



Our **next meeting on 7 June** is an evening of wicker work. We get an opportunity to give it a go and create a garden decoration. July's meeting (5 July) is a talk on the re-enactment of the English Civil War.

We also have other activities outside the monthly meetings they are:

**Book Club** – Tuesday 11 July (held every other month)

Ad hoc **Coffee mornings** (we are sampling the local cafes)

As you can see, we do have a lot of fun and are learning new things. If you like to join in, your first meeting is free. If you are undecided about joining the WI or want to come along on an occasional basis when you like the look of our visiting speaker/ demonstration, it's £5.00 for the meeting, including refreshments (and very fine they are too!).

So, if you would like to come to a monthly members meeting (don't be shy) or like to join us in our other activities please contact Gilly on 07812 344598 or email [gillyhd99@hotmail.com](mailto:gillyhd99@hotmail.com)

## **Bard's Drive: Classic and Vintage Car Rally on July 22**

Do you own a classic car? Come and join us for a great day out on Saturday 22 July 2023. Bard's Drive Classic and Vintage Car Rally starts at Honington Hall (CV36 5AA).





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All profits from our event will go to the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches to preserve their buildings for future generations.



As I hope everyone in both Great and Little Wolford is aware we now have a new Joint Parish Council. Your councillors are Pippa Lines, Tessa Hankinson and Lynn Mathias from Great Wolford and Simon Lewis Beeching from Little Wolford. We will be looking to co-opt a further member for the Great Wolford ward in due course so if you would be interested, please let one of us know.

We had an inaugural meeting on 9 May 2023 and Pippa Lines was elected Chair with Tessa Hankinson as the Vice Chair, Sue Finlay will be continuing as the clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Over the next few months, we will be setting up a new Parish Council website.

As this is a completely new entity, we will need to re-register our email contacts to comply with GDPR regulations. If you would like the Parish Council to add you to the email list, please can you contact [thewolfordsjpc@gmail.com](mailto:thewolfordsjpc@gmail.com) and we will send the relevant form so that you can give us permission to use your address. We will need to do this even if you were previously on the Great Wolford Parish Council list. We will only use your address to keep you up to date with Parish

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Following the success of the joint coronation celebrations we look forward to representing both villages in the future.

### **The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club**

April Winners

1st prize – Sue Elliot

2nd prize – Janet Pope

3rd prize – Jane Hobbs

May 2023 Winners

1st prize – Roz Warriner

2nd prize – Bob Large

3rd prize – Murphy family

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

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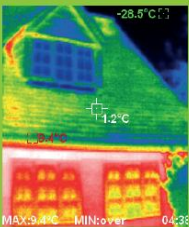
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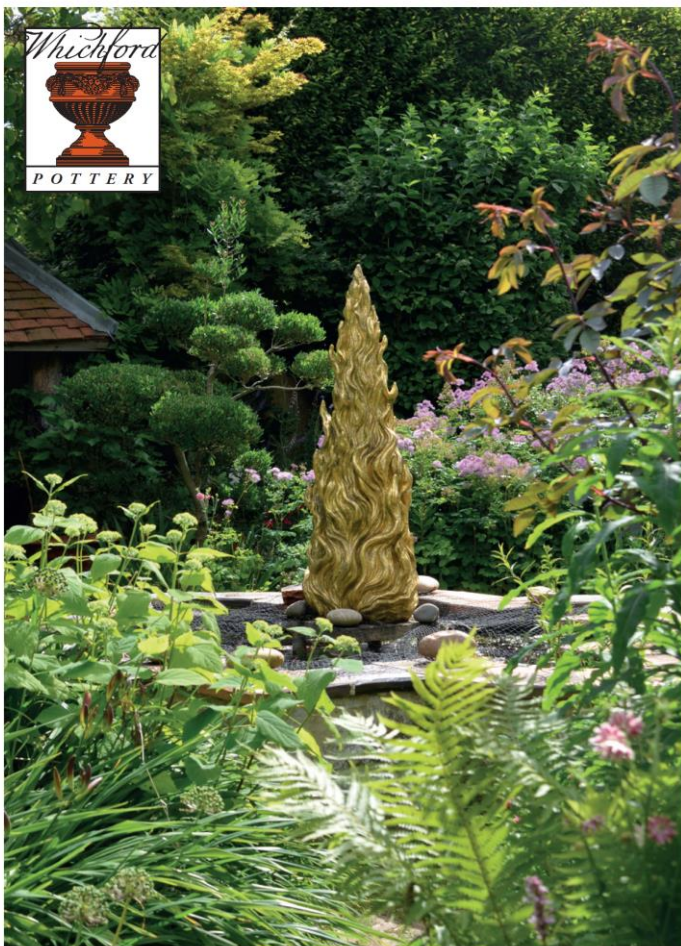
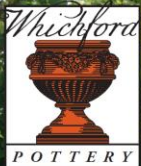
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