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EVENTS DIARY

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August (VH = Village hall; Ch = Church)

Thurs	01	North Cotswold Farmers Market, The Hall, Cherington	18.00
Fri	02	Launch of Photographic Exhibition, Long Compton Ch	18.00
Fri	02	Sound Meditation, Ebenezer Chapel, Long Compton	
Sat	03	Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Country Fair and Flower Show	
Sat	03	Car Boot Sale at Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Show (set up at 12.00)	13.00
Sat	03	Whist at Ebenezer Chapel Long Compton	19.30
Sat	03	Great Rollright Market, Great Rollright VH	09.30
Sun	04	Long Compton Ch Lych Gate open (Teas in Church from 14.30)	14.00
Sun	04	Barcheston Organ Recital	15.30
Sun	04	Beneficial Book Club, Barton VH	19.30
Tue	06	Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club, VH	14.00
Thurs	08	Long Compton Book Club	19.00
Sat	10	Long Compton Social Saturday Barbecue, VH	11.00
Tue	13	Long Compton and District Walkers depart Red Lion car park	09.30
Tue	13	Cameo Lunch Club, Burmington VH	12.00
Sat	17	The Coffee Shop at The Hall, Cherington	10.30
Sat	17	Table Top Sale - Ebenezer Chapel, Long Compton	14.00
Sun	18	Drop In Chapel - Ebenezer Chapel, Long Compton	
Tue	20	Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club, VH	14.00
Wed	21	Comptonians Annual Summer Buffet Lunch, VH	12.30
Sat	24	Whichford 1960s Party, Flower Show Marquee	18.30
Mon	26	Whichford and Ascott Flower Show and Fete, Village Green	13.30



Poppies in a Sea of Wheat
Photograph by Simon Lewis-Beeching

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EDITORIAL

LINK Talk

I'm pleased to report that in the last month, we've had two new Village Editors step forward from the community to help with production of The LINK.

Karyn Sassella has volunteered to take over as Barton Village Editor from Barney Henderson. Barney has done a great job for Barton in keeping the page going and we'd like to extend our thanks to him for his work during his time as Village Editor. At the same time, we'd like to welcome Karyn to The LINK.

In Burmington, Graham French has stepped forward to replace Jenny Banbury. Graham has regularly submitted items for Burmington and has agreed to give the role of editor a try. Thank you Graham.

It's not too late to join...there is still a need for another gardening writer to join Margaret and Miranda so if your fingers are green, how about giving them a monthly workout on the keyboard? Please contact me for details.

Keith Murphy editor@swlink.org.uk

Warwickshire Rural Community Council

The 2018 budget announced that, to mark the centenary of the Armistice, the government would support rural communities by making grant funding available to support improvement projects for village halls. This fund is to be managed by ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England) on behalf of DEFRA.



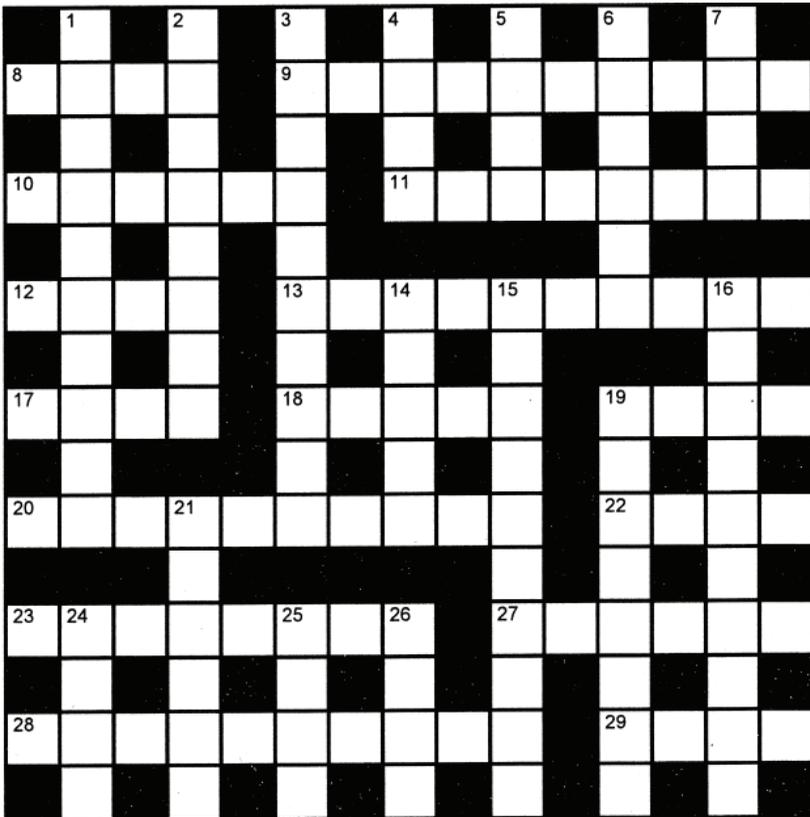
In Warwickshire there are over 400 village halls, all playing an important part in underpinning local community life, and all run by willing volunteers, who give their time and energy into providing a safe and welcoming hub for their community.

Many halls are undergoing a process of rejuvenation, both in terms of building works and in the activities that are provided, and all with the emphasis on the well-being of local residents-reducing social isolation, improving health and fitness and strengthening local communities.

To provide help and assistance to halls and community buildings, WRCC has a dedicated Village Hall Advisor, Verney Jeynes.

Verney can offer information and advice – both face-to-face and through a range of publications provided by ACRE, which can help village hall trustees, ensuring that they manage their halls in accordance with governance and health and safety best practices, and by providing networking opportunities. Further information can be found on our website or contact Verney on 01789 472610 or halls@wrccrural.org.uk

The LINK Crossword



Across

- 8** The first murderer was a foolish Inca. (4)
9 Clone larch for a superior position. (10)
10 Place where a cello gets damaged. (6)
11 Usual standards find a woeful sea grave. (8)
12 All points stitched. (4)
13 Generally considered the best way to learn. (4,2,4)
17 The deer in the rear? (4)
18 It called 'Wakey Wakey'. (5)
19 It's a confusing wine. (4)
20 Start of marriage or warfare. (10)
22 It is hoped that going to the doctor does not lead to this. (4)
23 Guessing detailed description of popular beer. (8)
27 Could be a pagoda. (6)
28 Miss Davies gives the wrong guidance. (10)
29 Near, nearly in the dark. (4)

Down

- 1** This royal family was Chinese above a Scotsman. (10)
2 Like the first Sputniks. (8)
3 A user-friendly clue. (10)
4 Usually the first word spoken. (4)
5 Take care of this land. (4)
6 One will be solving for evermore. (6)
7 The bishop managed with this. (4)
14 Delight for the twitcher and the golfer. (5)
15 Don't put yourself in a position to take this. (10)
16 Study this and you will know one bug from the next. (10)
19 Help Tim on any quest to find a metal. (8)
21 The hero of Virgil's epic poem. (6)
24 One will find this answer. (4)
25 One of the deadly sins. (4)
26 Discover this answer. (4)

By Campden John

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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 Monday to Friday, 9.30 to 3.15 pm and 8.30 am to 12.15 pm on Saturday and Sunday. It is closed on Bank Holidays.

DATES AND FETES

Please send us the dates of all your significant 2019 social events (i.e. events which will attract more than 100 people), be they fetes, garden parties or concerts. By listing them, we can help prevent date clashes between major events and disappointing attendance figures for all concerned. Please be sure to check this list before you plan a new event.

	Long Compton Lych Gate Opens; 4 August, 1 September - 2.30 pm (Cream Teas available in the church)
02 August	Launch Party – FLCC Photo Exhibition, Long Compton Church (6.00 pm)
03 August	Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Country Fair and Flower Show
17 August	Table Top Sale, Ebenezer Congregational Chapel
26 August	Whichford and Ascott Flower Show and Fete
14 September	Barcheston with Willington Fete
22 -24 Nov	Christmas Tree Festival, Long Compton Church
07 December	Jazz Concert, Long Compton Church

LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

Chipping Norton, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 26 London Road, Mass on Saturday evening, 6.00 pm and Sunday morning, 11.00 am. Tel: 642703

Stow-on-the-Wold, Our Lady and St Kenelm, 5 Back Walls, Sunday 9.00 a.m. and Our Lady Help of Christians, Station Road, Bourton-on-the-Water Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m. Tel: 01608 674354

Brailes/Shipston/Kineton Masses: *Saturday*- Vigil 5.00 pm at SS Peter and Paul, Brailes. *Sunday*- 9.00 am at Our Lady and St Michael, Shipston and 11.00 am at St. Francis of Assisi, Kineton. Tel: 01608 685259

Chipping Campden, St Catharine's Lower High Street, Sunday masses: – Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m. Sunday 10.30 a.m. Tel: 01386 840261

LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Minister Marion Hartwell attends to conduct seasonal services. For details of these, and interim services and events, contact Secretary Sally Franklin 01608 684739 or email longcomptonebenezerchapel@outlook.com

LOCAL QUAKER MEETINGS

Broad Campden, Friends Meeting Hse, Broad Campden, Worship Meeting: Sunday at 10.30 am

Ettington, Friends Meeting Hse., Old Halford Rd, Ettington, Worship Meeting: Sunday at 11.00 am

Sibford, Friends Meeting Hse., Sibford Gower, Meeting for worship: Sunday at 10.30 am

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*Happy
 Birthday!*



August Birthdays

11th	Rosie Cameron	Cherington	15
14th	Katylin Morris	Long Compton	15
24th	Guy West	Long Compton	14
24th	Thomas Collins	Long Compton	9

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CHURCHES – AUGUST 2019 CHURCH SERVICES

SW7 Sunday Worship	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burmington	St John the Baptist Cherington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whichford	St Michael & All Angels Wolford
August 4 th Sunday after Trinity	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (SPA)	<i>(Support Long Compton or Wolford)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston or Whichford)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion* (BD) <i>(No Informal Service)</i>	10:30am BCP Morning Prayer (BD)	10:30am CW Morning Prayer (SPA)
August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	<i>(Support Burmington)</i>	<i>(No Youth Bible Study in August)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	10:30am CW Morning Prayer (BD)	10:30am CW Village Service (SPA) <i>(No Informal Service)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (SPA)	<i>(Support Burmington)</i>
August 18 th Sunday after Trinity	<i>(Support Cherington)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	10:30am CW Morning Prayer (PF)	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (PF)	<i>(No Informal Service)</i>	<i>(Support Cherington or Burmington)</i>	10:30am Ecumenical Service at Little Wolford Village Hall (BD)
August 25 th 10th Sunday after Trinity					10:30am CW Benefice Communion (BD/CLW)		
September 1 st 11th Sunday after Trinity	9:00am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	<i>(Support Long Compton or Wolford)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston)</i>	<i>(Support Barcheston or Whichford)</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion* (SPA) 4pm Informal Service (with kids groups) (SPA/BD)	10:30am BCP Morning Prayer (SPA)	10:30am CW Morning Prayer (BD)

SPA = Stuart Allen/BD = Ben Dyson/LM = Liz Maycock/AW = Anthony Wells/CLW = Clare Wells/PF = Penny Frank/BCP = Prayer Book/CW = Common Worship/* = No Hymns

SW7 BENEFICE CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

Time for a break?

As I write, the school year is drawing to a close, and the long summer holidays are about to begin. Many teachers and parents are exhausted and longing for a break, though the challenges of extended childcare can often make this difficult. Our farmers, meanwhile, are entering their most intensely busy period of the year, with harvest not unusually requiring sixteen-hour days, without the luxury of a day off. Yet, at some point we all need a rest. It is built into the very fabric of our human nature.

In the Bible, the pattern of six days of work, and one day of rest is based on the creative activity of God. Exodus chapter 31, verse 7 says: *...in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.* Does the Creator of the Universe need to put his feet up? Certainly not in the way we mortals do. Nevertheless, there is something divine about ceasing our busyness, resting from our labours, and just being. Why?

One of the primary reasons for the Sabbath rest in the Old Testament was so that Israel would remember that their existence depended on God, not on themselves. Work can so easily become an idol that we look to for our sense of meaning and self-worth. But, like all false gods it simply cannot give us that deep sense of fulfilment and security we crave.

Recently I read an article about burn-out in Millennials who have chosen to start their own businesses as part of the gig economy. Why? Many said they felt guilty when they were not working. Others said they were so driven to achieve by images of 'successful' friends on Instagram, that they felt they couldn't stop. One young woman admitted that, even when she was admitted to hospital with physical and mental exhaustion, she was still paying £30 a day to access the internet to keep up with her emails.

Perfectionism is a killer. This is why Jesus says in Matthew 11:28, *Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* He's talking about the ultimate rest we need – rest from trying to justify our existence, rest from a guilty conscience, and peace with God.

But the other more obvious reason for taking one day off in seven, is for our own physical and spiritual wellbeing. It is the same reason we need sleep. Our bodies and minds are simply not designed to carry on like machines without the need for a break.

Various nations have tried alternative work/rest patterns to the biblical one. The former USSR, for example, once adopted a ten-day working week in an effort to increase productivity. The result? Perhaps not surprisingly, productivity fell dramatically.

But the consequences can be more serious than this. Workaholic tendencies can seriously damage our health. I know a church leader who barely took a day off for years. Eventually he burned out and had to take several months off work to recover. He told me that when he added up the number of days he'd been forced to take as sick leave, it was the same as the total number of days off he'd failed to take in the preceding years.

The New Testament does not command observance of the Sabbath in the same way that the Fourth Commandment does in the Old Testament. The Apostle Paul writes to the Colossian church, ...*do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.*

Nevertheless, those who have experienced the true soul-rest found in Christ will also be wise about taking a break from their usual work (whether paid or unpaid) to spend time with God, with family and friends, and for rest and refreshment. As Jesus said, *The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.* In other words, God gave us a day of rest not as a burdensome obligation, but for our own good. May God grant us all a suitable break at some point this summer!

Stuart Allen (Rector)

Benefice Informal Services – Autumn 2019

Long Compton Church

1 September	Cash Values: Treasure in Heaven (Luke 12:22-34)
15 September	Cash Values: The Love of Money (1 Timothy 6:6-10)
29 September	Praise Service: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)
6 October	Cash Values: A Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)
20 October	Hot Topic: Are there many ways to God? (John 14:1-9)
3 November	Jesus is Coming Back: Stand Firm to the End (Mark 13:1-13)
17 November	Jesus is Coming Back: Be on Your Guard (Mark 13:14-27)
1 December	Jesus is Coming Back: Keep Watch! (Mark 13:28-37)



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Milk Definitions

Whilst on holiday recently I was surprised that a GP in our party was rather hazy on the definitions of the different types of milk commonly found on sale. On our return I had a similar conversation with our daughter in law so I thought it might be interesting to have a quick explanation of the types of milk and cream you are likely to find in the supermarkets today. If you know your A2 from your semi-skimmed look away now otherwise I hope you will find the following interesting.

My comments may not apply to milk bought directly from a farm but does apply to the majority of milk on sale. Every breed of cow will have different characteristics found in its milk. For instance Channel Island breeds, Guernseys and Jerseys will tend to have high fat, richer tasting milk than the more commonly found black and white Friesians; the time of year also affects the milk and what the cows are eating.

Pasteurisation - nearly all milk in the UK is pasteurised, this means it has been heated to 72 degrees centigrade for 15 seconds, which will kill pathogens such as TB, listeria, campylobacter and many other nasties but will not kill all microorganisms. This method was discovered by Louis Pasteur and has been in use since 1862.

Homogenisation - normally done after pasteurisation and breaks down the fat molecules so they are evenly distributed through the milk. Nearly all milk is now homogenised which is why you no longer see the cream layer on the top.

Ultra Heat Treatment (UHT) - in this case the homogenised milk is sterilised by heating above 135 degrees centigrade for 2-5 seconds, which will kill all microorganisms and spores. This milk can be kept for long periods without a fridge and is more often found on the continent. It very often has a slight 'taste' to the UK palate, which is due to the caramelization of the milk sugars by the very high temperature. Once opened, UHT milk will deteriorate like normal milk and must be kept in a fridge.

Whole Milk - this is milk as it comes from the cow and will contain about 3.5% fat, depending on the breed and the time of year. In our supermarkets this is now a standardised product but you can sometimes find milk from specific breeds.

Semi-Skimmed and Skimmed - semi skimmed has had some of the fat removed and will be between 1 and 2% fat. Skimmed must have less the 0.2% fat.

A2 - this comes from specially bred cows and lacks the beta casein (a form of protein) known as A1 and only contains A2 beta casein, which some people find easier to digest. In some breeds such as Channel Island cows, over 70% will produce only A2 milk whereas typically around 40% of Friesian cows will produce only A2 milk. In Africa, nearly all the cows only produce A2 milk but the further north you go the proportion of cows only producing A2 milk declines. A2 milk contains the same amount of lactose as normal milk and is unlikely to help with lactose intolerance on its own.

Cream - cream is the butterfat portion of the milk, which has been skimmed off before homogenisation, delicious and calorific there are four main definitions of cream found in this country. Many of us want to be able to whip the cream; whipping is incorporating air into the fat and is only possible with a higher percentage of fat. Single cream contains 18% fat and will not whip however hard you try, there is just not enough fat to support the fluff. Whipping cream contains 36% fat and as the name suggests, is reasonably easy to whip and has a richer taste than single cream. Double cream is 48% fat and will whip more quickly than whipping cream and has an even richer taste and obviously more calories. The really top slot goes to clotted cream, a speciality of the west country which is very thick without being whipped and is created by heating double cream over a water bath.

Lynn Mathias farms at Manor Farm in Great Wolford

[Ed - Thanks Lynn, most informative]



Haymaking - Manor Farm, Great Wolford 2019. Photograph by Chris Mathias

SCHOOL NOTES

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Acorns Primary School and Brailes C of E Primary School News

Festival of Rainy Running



Since the start of the academic year, Acorns, Brailes and Shipston children have been participating in a challenge to walk or run a marathon around the school field. As a result of their efforts in completing a marathon, at the end of June, a contingent of children from schools in the Stour Federation Partnership took part in the Marathon Kids Festival of Running at Edmondscote athletics track in Leamington Spa. Despite the torrential rain, the children had a fantastic time participating in team games and a mass

running challenge around the 400 metre track. The children's attitude and behaviour was exemplary and it was commented by staff on how well they represented the school.

Acorns won the trophy for the school that ran the furthest average distance per child at the Festival of Running event. Also, each child was given a timing chip and the data returned showed that that Theo in Class 3 ran 11 laps in the 'free running time' and therefore was presented with a small prize in Awards Assembly as one of six individuals from all schools (approximately 700 pupils) that ran the furthest. All the children received a Marathon Kids T-shirt for taking part, but also took away wonderful memories of running in the rain - a dry T-shirt proved very useful indeed!

Ecobricks

Our thanks go to Midcounties Co-op for running a scheme where schools were encouraged to create ecobricks using 2 litre plastic bottles and old plastic which can be reused to make walls. The aim was to make 1000 bricks with the help of local schools to be used to create an animal pen at the Fairytale Farm just outside of Chipping Norton. As an incentive, the Co-op would pay the school £1 for every brick made.



Thank you to Acorns families who made 58 ecobricks, raising £58. The new luxury turkey house at Fairytale Farm is complete! Built from recycled plastic bottles and crisp packets, this is a first of its kind in the UK. Thanks to Co-op Chipping Norton for organising the initiative.

Scrumdiddlyumptious

Class 2 at Acorns began their new topic, *Scrumdiddlyumptious* and learnt all about the importance of different foods and identified which foods belong in the different food groups. The children also did lots of research about James Lind and now have lots of information about his life and achievements.



Class 2 had an exciting day linked to their topic with a trip to Cadbury World. The children all behaved excellently and represented the school brilliantly! They learnt all about the creation of Cadbury and how it has developed since it first started. Luckily, pupils had the opportunity to taste some delicious chocolate and have a go at tempering chocolate like the staff at the factory do. It was a great day and I'm sure it will be something that the whole class remember for a long time.

A Cracking Experience

The children in Squirrels class at Brailes School have shown huge levels of interest and patience during June. An incubator full of eggs was waiting for them upon their return after the Whitsun break. John Beauchamp from Old Dairy Poultry came into our setting with his torch and the class checked to see which of the eggs had begun to grow chicks. A few weeks later, patience was rewarded with the first chicks hatching whilst the children were in class! It has been a great source of interest throughout the school with many children, and adults, finding reason to visit Squirrels classroom and spy on the chicks.



The incubator has been loaned to school free of charge by John who lives in Brailes and helped the class hatch chicks successfully five years ago. He has also given the eggs, heat lamp and chick crumb at no cost to the school so that the children experience the joy of watching the chicks hatch out. Mrs. Salmon has it on good authority that some of the chickens sold five years ago are still going strong within the Locke family! A big thank you to John for allowing us this opportunity to experience awe and wonder. Watch the time-lapse video on twitter.com/brailleschool.

Expert Volunteers

As Rabbits class at Brailes School were drawing near to the end of *Muck, Mess and Mixtures*, they enjoyed a visit from Jennifer's mum, Anna. We heard about Anna's job as a textile designer and learned about some of the processes she goes through to create a finished piece of work. Anna then encouraged the children to express their own ideas onto a foam board using a wide variety of tools including hair slides, combs, paper clips, and other 2D and 3D shapes to make impressions. The next stage of the process was to mix colours (children discovered some lovely hues!) and roll the chosen shade onto the foam board with a special paint roller. Finally, after pressing down some paper carefully onto the paint covered foam board, pupils removed the paper to reveal some amazing and innovative designs that are currently on display in the classroom.

The next visitor was Megan's dad, Riv. After inspiring the class with some of his previous creations, he encouraged Rabbits to go and try sculpting a small animal from brown clay. He patiently worked with different children, giving ideas and demonstrating different techniques they could try. The children produced some lovely creations including the obvious cats and dogs to the more elusive platypus. The second project was to produce a clay pot, again out of brown clay. Riv modelled two different ways we could sculpt the pot; either using a coil technique or the pinch pot method. Children experimented with different ideas to produce some really super pots.

One of Brailes governors, Sarah Day, was our third visitor and came into school as part of *The Scented Garden* topic. She started by quizzing the children on their knowledge of scented plants. Everyone closely observed (and sniffed) 10 plants to guess whether or not the plants/herbs were edible and if their scent was familiar. Many of the children drew very accurate conclusions about the plants before the answers were revealed. The classroom smelled wonderful! The next task involved propagating that was widely enjoyed and very much hands-on. After spreading soil extensively throughout the classroom, the class were proud owners of new little potted plants which were the start of Rabbits class very own scented garden. Sarah came back the next day to show the class how to plant and nurture seedlings. They did some very careful reading of the small print on seed packets to decipher the optimum time, season and conditions to grow and harvest plants.



Shipston Proms

Brailes musicians and singers really shone at the Shipston Proms Primary Schools concert on Tuesday 18 June. In addition to confident musical solos, the light, bright sound of the school choir brilliantly performed 'Messing About on the River'. The school band brought the concert to a close performing Tango and Cha-Cha and in true last night of the Proms style, Land of Hope and Glory.

Children from Acorns, Brailes and Shipston joined forces to sing songs from the Young Voices concert, back in January, at the last night of the Shipston Proms.

Over recent years, the number of species of flowers on our waysides along the roads has diminished, so it is pleasant to note that a fight-back is being made in other flowers coming onto those verges. Oilseed rape and poppies are very prominently displayed in many places. Oilseed rape is, of course, a result of the crops grown in neighbouring fields. Clearly a seed or two of these plants in fields have been transported over the hedges to establish themselves in the roadside verges. A plant of the very large cabbage family, with its bright yellow flowers adds a cheerfulness to those passing by along the road and is a pleasure to see. The other plant is the poppy, which seems to be more and more seen on our verges. This, of course, is a flower which once flourished in cornfields and was anathema to farmers in whose crops it grew. Indeed, it would seem that it is a flower carrying a stigma with it in a number of places. In the North, to pluck a poppy where the petals have fallen off rendered one liable to being struck by lightning; whilst in Cornwall handling poppies meant one was liable to develop warts. It is now of course, a symbol of remembrance of those killed in the two World Wars. The poppy has a family all of its own and there are yellow poppies including the Welsh poppy and somehow the greater celandine – a plant which thrives with no help at all in my garden – has edged its way into this family.

We happily watch the birds as they flit from tree to bush, or into our birdfeeders. But when not feeding, we will see them quietly roosting on a roof or on a tree branch where they will be indulging in a process which to them, is equally as important as their feeding. This is the cleaning and repairing of their feathers, which understandably become deranged during flight. The ends get curled up and need straightening. The birds' feathers are joined in somewhat the same way as is a zip fastener and we all know the trouble a disengaged fastener can be! This disarrangement must needs be corrected by the bird, so its time spent on a branch or perch is time very well spent. The bird will often also extract an oil from its rear end and spread the oil over and into its feathers. It is not quite known what this function achieves, but clearly it is one which the bird considers necessary for its wellbeing.

Recently, my wife was walking up the pathway to our cottage and noticed a tiny toadstool growing on the grass verge bordering this path. I was hailed to the spot to identify it, but my knowledge of toadstools is scant, as I found they can be perverse in their colour, shape and size. So we consulted a book on its identification. It turned out to be the charmingly named plant going by the name of 'little jap umbrella'. We were as certain as our inexpert eyes could be, that our identification was accurate as its habitat was described as on lawns and grass verges. We have never ever seen one before and may never again.

An environmental group calling itself *Wild Justice* (who?) succeeded in getting farmers' licences to shoot pest birds that devour their crops, such as rooks, crows, jackdaws and wood pigeons, revoked, leaving crops at the mercy of these birds. Fortunately, the Environment Secretary, obviously more knowledgeable about farming and country life, reinstated these licences to the great relief of all farmers. It is a pity that the members of the above-mentioned group couldn't have taken the trouble to get their

boots dirty and walk onto one or two farms to consult with the farmers. They would have learned, perhaps to their surprise, that farmers do not spend their day prowling over their land blazing away at anything that moves, but instead spend their time producing the food we eat. Their eyebrows would have been given further inducement to be raised when they learned that due to various schemes, farmers are at the forefront of conservation, and only shoot vagrant birds when their numbers increase to the extent that their danger to crops has become a problem that can only be resolved by forcibly reducing their numbers.

Tony Partridge

Highlight on Hedgehogs

At the time of writing, I hadn't seen any hedgehogs visit my garden in July. I did however receive three WhatsApp messages and two photos of hedgehogs in my friends' gardens. So it was some consolation to know that their delight in spotting hedgehogs in their own gardens was growing! I even received one shaky video clip of an industrious hedgehog trundling back and forth collecting leaves and bedding. I'm just a little jealous.

In August the young hogs will be gaining independence from their mothers and will set off on their own adventures. Sadly, and as a result of this, August tends to see a peak in the number of road kills as they seek to establish new territories and conquer new gardens and hedgerows.

As you may recall, we can help by creating hedgehog highways to give them safe passage by linking up our gardens (a 13 cm x 13 cm hole in the fence or wall is sufficient for them to pass through, and too small for most pets) so they can pass freely without being driven out onto our roads.

We can also stay vigilant and keep an eye out for them on our village roads in the evenings. (We could even take the lead from Kayleigh, in the episode of Peter Kay's 'Car Share' when she saves a hedgehog on a busy road – have a look on Google but do make sure you are careful and exercise road safety!).

Roads are definitely a challenge for hedgehogs. Last month, the Department of Transport announced that a new road sign (a hedgehog silhouette in a red warning triangle) is to appear on UK roads to warn motorists of potential hazards caused to hogs and other small wildlife. It says it hopes to help prevent accidents and reverse a decline in wildlife numbers and is calling on the public to identify accident hotspots.



Recent estimates put the hedgehog population in England, Wales and Scotland at about one million, compared with 30 million in the 1950s. Jill Nelson, from the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), says the signs were created after the charity and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) flagged the alarming rate at which hedgehogs are disappearing in the countryside.

Louise Turner

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GARDENING NOTES

Editors:

Margaret Welsh, Long Compton Garden Club

Miranda Arnold, Whichford Amateur Gardener

This is a story about experimenting, trying to do the right thing and the very mixed results of that experiment, making it hard, to be honest, to know what conclusions to draw.

There has been a lot of press coverage recently about the decline of the insect population over the last twenty years or so. A decline in bees, butterflies, and many other pollinators that could have a serious effect on our ability to grow our food crops. Also a decline in other insects that provide food for birds such as the swifts and swallows. Some of the decline is attributed to the changes in farming practices, with widespread use of insecticides, and changes to the rural environment - more buildings, for example. Some of the decline is attributable to changes in the weather (a late cold spell affecting the reproductive cycles of some insects or the pollinating behaviour), and to changes in the climate (more or less rain, higher temperatures). Last year I noticed I had many more unpollinated cucumbers than I had noticed in previous years, due, I think, to a wet spell when the first of the cucumbers were flowering, so the pollinators were not really out and about.

Whilst I'm on the subject, it's been marvellous to see that some local authorities have changed their verge mowing schedules to allow flowers to bloom and set seed, providing valuable nectar for our native pollinators.

As individual gardeners, we can't affect most of these causes. But I figured that it might be worth a season or two of not spraying insecticide on the garden, and seeing what happened, in the hope of encouraging the insect population, as pollinators and as food for the birds. Last year, I sprayed against greenfly and sawfly and blackfly and lily beetle. This year I'm not spraying at all. Instead, I bought some ladybird larva and live adult ladybirds to act as biological controls, and also hoped the blue tits would eat the greenfly. The results have been interesting we've had mixed success.

Lily beetles turned out to be easy to deal with; I picked them off when I saw them, so my lilies survived with very little damage. Blackfly doesn't seem to have been too much of a problem at this stage of the summer, but I have noticed the ants farming them on a couple of my dahlias. We didn't have any sawfly attacks this year, despite not spraying.

Greenfly were a different matter. The blue tits did indeed pick off quite a few from the infestation on one of my gooseberry bushes, but not the other (strange!). So from one gooseberry bush, we had a perfectly good crop, from the other we had no gooseberries at all. And the leaves all turned crinkly and horrible (there is new growth now though). Greenfly were also responsible for spreading cucumber mosaic virus, so I had to pull up all my cucumber plants; and spreading the sweet pea virus, so my sweet peas became mottled in colour and short-stemmed, hopeless.

I have absolutely no idea whether the bought-in ladybirds had any effect in combatting the greenfly, because I never saw any of them ever again after putting them out into the garden. If I had been a commercial grower of flowers or fruit/vegetables, I could have seen my whole crop (and therefore any income/profit on my investment) wiped out, as in the case of the cucumbers and half the gooseberries, or unsaleable, as

in the sweet peas. As a hobby grower, it's annoying (I love gooseberries and sweet peas), but it's not financially devastating. So I completely understand why commercial growers need to spray.

What shall I do next year? I won't spray for lily beetle again. I probably won't worry too much about blackfly either; I'll pinch out the soft new growth on broad beans that the blackfly congregate on, and plant blackfly-attracting flowers (such as nasturtiums) nearby to direct the blackfly's focus away from the vegetables. And as for sawfly, it's easy to pick the larvae off by hand, or you can buy a biological control in the form of a specific nematode.

But what about the greenfly? They did the most damage this year. My thinking is that next year I'll extend the biological control experiment and order in lacewing larva, more ladybirds, and some parasitic wasps, which might control the blighters more effectively. If those fail, then I might have to go back to some kind of organic spray on certain plants. I'd be really interested in other gardeners' experiences of any kind of biological control, and I'll report back next year!

Miranda Arnold

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Every Cloud...

The heavy and persistent rainfall throughout June played havoc with the plans the Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) had to introduce flood alleviation measures into the southern and eastern parts of the catchment area.



However, on the plus side, the downpours provided the severest test yet of the existing installations effectiveness. As a condition of the funding SAFAG receive, the interventions have to be monitored to ensure they are performing efficiently. In some locations the monitoring is handled with solar powered cameras feeding pictures directly into the Environment Agency offices. In addition, group members are allocated sites which they personally visit at times of excessive rainfall to photograph and record that the defence is doing the job it was designed for. So important is the collection of this data, that Kings College London have installed their own recording devices in the catchment as part of a worldwide study into rainfall and the impact upon flooding.

SAFAG recognise that monitoring is essential in order to verify that the grants received are being invested in the most appropriate and effective natural flood management system at each location.

We can't claim that the work undertaken was the reason that no property flooding in the Shipston Area occurred during June, but it has been rewarding to receive feedback from some of the Pigbrook landowners and farmers that interventions on their land were working and that Shoulderway Lane which historically floods, remained unaffected.

So just maybe in this case the clouds do have a silver lining !!!

SAFAG are now working with the communities of Cherington, Stourton and the Sibfords to develop Natural Flood Management schemes in the tributaries feeding the higher reaches of the River Stour. The group in Brailes is doing the same on Sutton Brook and later this year SAFAG will be developing plans with the Long Compton Flood Group.

Len Grey

Music at St. Martins

Another year has gone and it's Shipston Proms again! For the twenty first year St. Martins was delighted to host the Young Musicians Concert (YMC) on Wednesday 26 June.

The week brought a double treat because on Friday 28 June we also had renowned Moscow organist, Ekaterina Melnikova, playing a recital on our organ. It was wonderful to hear on one hand, young people possibly playing at the very beginning of a career in music; on the other hand, a mature talent, a composer and leading international exponent of one of the most complex of instruments.

This year, YMC had a wide diversity of instruments: not only voice, piano, violin and cello, but also xylophone, harp, and a full range of brass (and flute) much of it in the Shipston High School Wind Band under their talented Director, David Hunt.

Everyone played with enthusiasm and degrees of skill appropriate to their stage of learning or even above it! It was good to hear that George Wilkes has been awarded a scholarship to The Royal Academy of Music on the strength of his lovely cello playing, in this case, Saint Saëns *The Swan*.

The skill and range of our Russian visitor, Ekaterina Melnikova, was of the very highest order. Madam Melnikova is also renowned as an improviser and composer for the organ, graduating from both The Moscow State Conservatoire and The Royal Academy of Music, London with Distinction. Since 1981 she has been winning major international prizes for playing, accompanying and improvisation. Her programme displayed all that virtuosity, hands and feet flying, for the fast complexities of the Bach Prelude and Fugue in D; delicacy and restraint and the use of the tiniest pipes in a *Fantasia on Music* by Henry VIII and Ennio Moricone's flute theme from the film, *Once Upon a Time in the West*.

Ekaterina Melnikova clearly enjoys film and the programme included other examples of this genre adapted for organ. A fascinating programme from a fascinating performer!

We are very grateful to all who enabled and attended both concerts, raising money for Shipston Proms and St. Martin's Organ Fund, so that we can maintain the instrument and support a programme of recitals. The YMC raised a generous, best ever £670 which was shared equally between them. Thank you all so much and see you next year.

Dianne Smith

Dates for your Diary

Organ recitals on Sunday afternoons continue as follows. All start at 3.30 pm.

4 August	Charles Matthews
1 September	Jonathan Stamp
6 October	Ian Little
3 November	Richard Stephens
1 December	Geoffrey Holroyde

For further information please contact David Hodges at david@famington.co.uk

Barcheston Village Editor

Could you be the Barcheston Village Editor? There's really not a lot to do other than to encourage villagers from Barcheston and Willington to submit monthly items to keep the page going. There are a number of regular contributors for which we're very grateful; a village editor would just give the pages a little something extra.

Keith Murphy, editor@swlink.org.uk

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Barton-on-the-Heath Fete Success

Once again the sun shone on the Barton fete; that's seven years in a row, and made for a very successful day. We managed to raise just under £5,000 on the day, which is a record for the Barton fete. The band (The Melody Room Jazz Band) were fantastic! What could be better than chips, beer and jazz on a summer's day. The bric-a-brac and tombola stalls did exceptionally well this year with record takings. This year we had two new attractions to the Fete, a magic stall hosted by Ben Seymour Smith and an auction which featured some exciting events.

A huge thanks to the Fete Committee - Anne Radford, Brian Radford, Jules Gotrel and Chris Seymour-Smith, but the success of the fete could not have been achieved without the fellow Bartonians stepping up and running the stalls, not to mention all the help to set everything up and take everything down the next day, which as usual turned into a fun village social event in itself.

Chris Seymour-Smith

Beneficial Book Club

We enjoyed meeting to talk about *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Although there were only four of us there, it was still possible to discuss the book. The style and content of the novel were greatly admired, though the stories of all the characters sometimes proved confusing. The slave trade from Ghana and other West African countries is shocking to read about, but this young writer managed to weave magnificent and brave stories for all her characters.

Next time we will hope that more people can come together to talk about *The Savage Garden* by Mark Mills. This will be on Sunday 4 August at 5.30 pm in the village hall.

Gillian Cathie

Recipe - Lemon and poppy seed drizzle cake

Ingredients

For the cake:

175g self-raising flour (1 1/2 cups)
1 teaspoon baking powder
175g soft butter
175g caster sugar (3/4 cup)
3 large eggs
Grated zest of 3 lemons
Juice of 2 lemons
40g poppy seeds

For the syrup:

Juice of 3 large lemons
Grated zest of 1 large lemon
50g icing sugar, sifted
100g granulated (demerara) sugar

To finish - 1 rounded tablespoon granulated (demerara) sugar, mixed with 1 rounded teaspoon poppy seeds.

Use a 20cm loose-based round cake tin, or loaf tin greased and base lined.

Pre-heat the oven to 170°C.

Method

1. Start off by sifting the flour and baking powder into a roomy mixing bowl, holding the sieve quite high to give the flour a good airing as it goes down.
2. Then add the butter, sugar, eggs, lemon zest and juice and finally the poppy seeds.
3. Now, using an electric hand whisk, mix to a smooth creamy consistency for about 1 minute.
4. Spoon the mixture into the tin, levelling it with the back of the spoon, and bake near the centre of the oven for 30 minutes or until the centre feels springy.
5. When the cake is ready, remove the tin from the oven to a board, then straight away mix together the syrup ingredients.
6. Next stab the cake all over with a skewer or fork and spoon the syrup evenly over the hot cake, then finally sprinkle with the icing sugar and poppy seed mixture.
7. After that the cake needs to cool in its tin before it can be removed and stored in an airtight container.

Karyn Sassella

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Cameo Lunch Club

A Diamond Wedding Celebration

The next Lunch Club meeting will be held in Burmington Village Hall on Tuesday 13 August at 12 noon for 12.30 pm and will be a celebration of two youngsters' Diamond Wedding anniversary.

Our Club is now inviting new members from within or outside the Benefice. Come and join us.

All are welcome: most villages in the Benefice are represented in the growing membership. A charge of £4 is made towards expenses and all dietary needs can be met. Please bring your family, friends and children. Transport to and from the village hall can be provided.

Please book with Brenda Fitch on Tel: 664313. The following Lunch Club meeting will be on Tuesday 10 September.



Your Village Hall needs you!

This is a plea to all residents of Burmington, Willington and Tidmington (yes, it's shared between the three villages). Your village hall needs you!

The committee is looking for enthusiastic people to join us to help organise events for the enjoyment of all the villagers. Do you have a brilliant idea for a lecture, event or sporting fixture? Come and share it!

Are you amazing at making the pesky internet pixies do your bidding? We could really do with your expertise. (We would particularly love to hear from the under 18s). Any volunteers who feel they could contribute some time to setting up our website or anything else, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday 3 September in the village hall. Or get in touch with Robyn Sutton at burmingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Village Hall Update

Just a quick update to keep everyone informed about what is going on at the village hall.

We have finally agreed a constitution for our CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). What does this mean for villagers? There will be very little change to the way the village hall is already governed. Once it has been ratified, we will be sharing it on the Burmington Village website so that all of you who are interested can see a copy.

This is the first part in a longer-term plan to 'future proof' the village hall (the CIO makes it easier to apply for lottery funding). We are looking to expand and develop the facilities at the village hall.

In the very short term, we plan to install secondary glazing in the main hall, put better insulation in the roof space and repaint and reseal the windows.

Villagers' input about what they would like to see happening to the village hall in the future is really important. So we look forward to hearing from you. Please come along to our next meeting at the hall - see date above. Or contact us on burmingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Robyn Sutton, Chair, Village Hall Committee

Ellen Badger Coffee Morning

Sheila Tame would like to thank everyone who came along and helped make a success of the recent coffee morning at the village hall.

The event raised £300 for Ellen Badger Hospital and will go towards the new development fund.



Race to the Tower – Burmington's Ultra Runners



Who would have thought that a small village of just over 100 souls could have produced no less than two ultra-marathon runners?

Last month Kathryn Payne and David Tame took part in the gruelling 52 mile marathon along the Cotswold Way from Stroud, Gloucestershire to Broadway Tower in Worcestershire. This marathon can take two days, but our stars did it in one.

Five hundred runners competed. Kathryn completed in 13 hours 59 minutes to achieve 20th veteran female while David did it in 10 hours 30 minutes which ranked him third veteran male.

Your editor is exhausted just thinking about it. Well done Kat and David!

Full English Breakfast is being served at BURMINGTON VILLAGE HALL



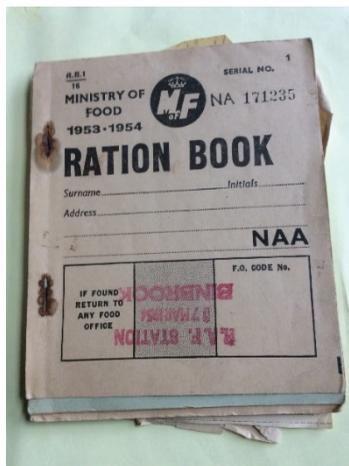
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End of Food Rationing – 5 July 1954

(Written at the request of the other LINK reader old enough to remember wartime food rationing!)

On the morning of 5 July (2019) as the radio was exhorting us to give up sweets, chocolate, biscuits and other lovelies, there was a reminder that it was the 65th anniversary of the end of wartime food rationing. Rationing first began on 8 January 1940 with bacon, sugar and butter, and extended to cover most food in 1942. For the record, the weekly entitlement per person of these items was as follows:

Bacon and ham	4 ounces (113 grams)
Meat	1 shilling and 2 pence (6p)
Butter	2 ounces (57 grams)
Cheese	2 ounces
Sugar	8 ounces (226 grams)
Jam etc	1 lb every two months/c2 kilos per year
Tea	2 ounces
Egg	1
Sweets	2 ounces



If, during these years, you were ever smitten by the pangs of hunger for chocolate, comfort was always at hand from the Ministry of Food's ubiquitous poster: *There is no vegetable more useful than the homely potato.* Two questions - why did food rationing continue for almost ten years after the end of the war, and why was the Minister of Food always such a portly chap?

Dennis Cummings

[Ed - Thank you for this reminder Dennis. Perhaps we need to bear these ration quantities in mind when we see Karyn Sassella's lovely recipe for the Lemon Cake on page 23]

Benefice Songs of Praise

As a result of very uncertain weather on Sunday 16 June, the second annual Benefice Songs of Praise service had to be moved at the last minute from Burmington Manor garden into the church. The weather did not deter the congregation who packed the church to enjoy the return of the Solid Ground Gospel Choir and band from Chipping Campden under its inspirational leader, Anna Stamp. The retiring collection of over £200 was shared between the choir's chosen charity, the Alzheimers Society, and God's Minions, the SW7 Benefice Youth Group.



VILLAGE NEWS

CHERINGTON WITH STOURTON

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Lottery Winners for June and July

June - 1st Anita Law £80 2nd Christopher Gummer £45 3rd Ian Beaumont £30

July - 1st Nick Mills £80 2nd Jean Bryant £45 3rd Yolanda Eden-Kesber £30

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for your continued support. For more information on joining please contact Steve Allkins or, better still, drop in on our third Saturday coffee mornings (10.30 – 12.00).

Steve Allkins

Brailes Picturehouse

It's our holiday-time. Our line-up for September through to November:

Saturday 14 September - *Bohemian Rhapsody*

Saturday 19 October - *Mary, Queen of Scots*

Saturday 16 November - *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*

Possible future titles – *Dumbo, The Aftermath, Wild Rose, Downton Abbey* and *Red Joan*.

Deirdre Carney

Cherington, Stourton & Sutton under Brailes Seniors Club

On the slightly chilly afternoon of Saturday 6 July, 22 members of the Seniors Club gathered to enjoy the annual traditional strawberry tea in Trudie's Tea Garden. Delicious scones, jam and cream were followed by bowls of strawberries and cream.

Alan Wright was presented with a theatre voucher to thank him for his enthusiastic and energetic work during his 10 years as the Club Chairman. Thanks must go to Trudie for providing the venue and service with a smile! The afternoon was rounded off with a very lively raffle.

Please note there will be no Chatterbox Club during the month of August. Our next event will be Tuesday 17 September with Chatterbox and the Autumn Show in The Hall 2.30 – 4.00 pm.

Seniors Committee

The Hall

Children's Summer Art Workshops - 12 August, 19 August 10.00 am -2.00 pm

Dancing Cow Mixed Media, Castles and Dragons Acrylic Art and Willy Wonka's Chocolate Arty Workshop - <http://www.willowtreeart.co.uk> - pre booking essential.

Annie Lewis

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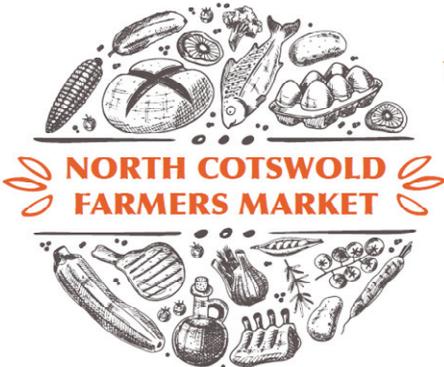
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Adults: £18, Juniors (12-16 yrs): £8
Family / Group of up to 5: £42

Start times

40-mile Challenge Cycle Ride:
Starts 9.00am (Newbold Village Hall)

18-mile Family Cycle Ride:
Starts 10.30 (Newbold Village Hall)

8-mile Walk:
Starts 10.30 (from All Saints Church, Honington)

Breakfast and Refreshments
from 8.30am at Newbold-
on-Stour Village Hall.

Finish and Barbecue for
cyclists and walkers, plus
friends and families, in the
grounds of Honington
Hall from 1pm to 5pm.
Cash bar for soft drinks
and barbecue food.

Free Parking

Sign up now!

More information: bardsride.co.uk
Registration: bardsride.co.uk/signup

bardsride.co.uk

Have a great day out and help preserve our architectural heritage for future generations. Proceeds to the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust and local churches designated by participants.



VILLAGE NEWS

LONG COMPTON

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Long Compton Village Hall Social Saturday

Saturday 10 August 11 am – 2 pm



*As it's summer, we're having a Barbecue this month.
Come and join us!*

Long Compton and District Garden Club



Wednesday 18 September



Midsummer House (am)

Owners were previously at Mill House and brought many plants to this new garden.

Lunch at Cotswold Plough in Clanfield

Radcot House (pm with afternoon tea)

Approximately 3 acres of dramatic yet harmonious planting, pond, fruit and vegetable cages, grasses and unusual perennials and sculpture.

Start from LC Village Hall 10.00 am - £18

To book your place please email lesleyroberts46@gmail.com or call Lesley on 01608 684545 or Anthony on 01608 684337

All welcome

Ebenezer Chapel

Congregational Church – Butlers Lane, Long Compton

Table Top Sale (Tables £5 – to book 01608 684739)

longcomptonebenezerchapel@outlook.com

Saturday 17 August – 2.00 pm

Details: Sally Franklin 01608 684739



The Friends of Long Compton Church

2019 Photographic Exhibition

You are cordially invited to the Launch Party of the
2019 Photographic Exhibition and Prize Giving for the Village Quiz
in Long Compton Church

Friday 2 August from 6.00 -8.00 pm



Pimms and nibbles will be served

Donations at the bar

Children under 18 to be accompanied by an adult

The Exhibition will run for a few weeks. You will have the chance
to see all the entries in this year's competition

The Friends of Long Compton Church



Sunday 4 August 2.30 – 4.30 pm and

Sunday 1 September 1.30 - 3.00 pm

Cream teas in St Peter and St Paul, Long Compton

This is to coincide with the annual openings of the
Compton History Society's Lychgate Open Days



Come and join us

Long Compton Ebenezer Chapel



Spirituality of Summer was the theme for the first Shipston Proms concert to be held at the Chapel. Excellent entertainment from Long Compton Community Choir, Linbree String Trio, Katherine (winner of the Proms Fame Contest) pianist/soloist and poets (Eleanor & Poppy, Marion Hartwell and Patrick Harrison) plus some excellent community singing!

An excellent evening's entertainment spreading the word locally about the joy of participating in music.

Diary Dates:

2 August	Sound Meditation – book www.carolelove.com
3 August	Whist £2/card – beginners welcome
17 August	Table Top Sale – tables £5 2.00 pm (prep from 12.00 noon)
18 August	Drop In Chapel – tea, cake and chat
28 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning

More information can be obtained from longcomptonebenezerchapel@outlook.com
Sally Franklin (684739 / 07870 545431) or Elizabeth Gilkes (684336/07791 621778)

Long Compton
book club

Next meeting – Thursday 8 August 7.00 - 8.30pm

we will be discussing

This Boy by Alan Johnson

As always, all welcome

Contact: Sue Klatt 01608 684813 or sueklatt@gmail.com

Great Rollright - Great Market!

Friendly Local Market & Café

Start your weekend with a delicious cup of fresh coffee and a tasty bacon roll or traybake.

Browse local seasonal produce,
handmade crafts and gifts.

1st Saturday of each month
Great Rollright Village Hall
9:30am - 12:30pm

Long Compton & District Walkers

The walk this month took us to an area we haven't visited before and which provided an interesting variation to our usual walks. Given that so many of the group were taking the chance for an early holiday before schools break up, it was surprising that we mustered well over a dozen enthusiasts.

We made our way to Steeple Aston without losing anyone and set off across fields down to the River Cherwell and the Oxford canal. Walking through the woods before the canal made a real change and once we were on the towpath, we stopped at one of the lift bridges. These used to be simple wooden counterbalanced structures, but now have an electric mechanism operable only by key holders.

We walked along the towpath admiring the boats, until we paused for our coffee break at Allen's lock. Boats were locking through and the boat owners were only too happy to chat and share their enthusiasm for life on a narrow boat.

We turned away from the canal and made our way back towards our start, passing through a field which was home to a very large number of horses, before spotting a folly built by the owners of Rousham House, no doubt to impress at some stage in the past.



Thank you to our leader for planning such an interesting walk and for finding a pub which served us a very welcome lunch. The next walk will be on Tuesday 13 August, meeting as usual in the carpark at the Red Lion.

Jan Treadaway 684553

Long Compton Short Mat Bowls Club

Meets at the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 14.00 - 1530. New members are especially welcome.

Adrian (684024)

Long Compton Village Hall Fete

Fete Day this year began early as village hall committee members, friends and helpers, started setting up at 9.00 am. Gazebos were erected, hay bales put into place for the show ring, the barbecue was fired up, the bar laid out and several dozen batches of scones were baked.



The weather was perfect – not unbearably hot like last year - but a pleasant summer's day. We were treated to an excellent display by the young dancers from Atomic Dance who attend regular Thursday dance lessons at the village hall.

Local dogs, and some from further afield strutted their stuff in the show ring, with rosettes going to the most handsome dog, the prettiest bitch, the best senior and best puppy, the best child handler and, of course, the Best in Show who turned out to be a Collie from Little Compton. There were a variety of stalls for fete goers to browse, as well as a bottle tombola. The Shipston Archers converted the boules court into butts and had a constant queue of people of all ages ready to have a go.

Later in the afternoon the Village Hall choir gave a performance of their latest repertoire and finally the fete raffle was drawn. Top prizes were £100 cash, a wonderful hamper and six bottles of wine.

The village hall committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the day, either in preparation, setting up and running stalls and activities, or by donating raffle prizes, bottles and bric-a-brac. Thanks to you we raised just over £1,300 which will go towards the upkeep of the village hall.

Mo Read 684130, 07814802814 or lcvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

The Friends of Long Compton Church

2019 Events

22-24 November – Christmas Tree Festival in the church

7th December – Jazz concert –with Smith & Safir

Our information and contact points:

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www.friendsoflongcomptonchurch.com



Sue Klatt, Chairman: [@friendsoflongcomptonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/friendsoflongcomptonchurch)

The 100 Club

The July Draw was held at the Summer Fete at the village hall on 6 July. The winners were:

1st Prize - 179 Caroline Paxford

2nd Prize - 131 Mary McFarlane

3rd Prize - 59 Tony Partridge

4th Prize - 149 Mr & Mrs Trew

The next Draw will be held at 12.00 at the Social Saturday on 10 August in the village hall. Come to the hall to have a cup of coffee and watch the draw – better still stay for a BBQ Lunch.

Chris Galloway 684234

Compton District History Society

We are now taking our summer break and our next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 11 September, more details to follow.

In the meantime, remember that the Lych Gate will be open on Sundays 4 August and 1 September, from 2.00 – 5.00 pm when our collections of documents, photographs and artefacts may be viewed. All members and visitors will be welcome.

Diana Cook 684771

Comptonians

After enjoying a seasonal strawberry tea in July, we shall again meet in the village hall at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 21 August for our annual summer buffet lunch.

If you would like to join us on the third Wednesday of the month, usually at 2.00 pm, you would be most welcome.

Margaret Welsh 684238

Compton Creatives

We meet monthly on the third Monday, and occasionally at other times for workshops and outings. New members are always welcome.

Contact caroline.nixon@btinternet.com or jhburras@yahoo.co.uk

Long Compton Neighbourhood Watch



Our local Co-Ordinator is Jordan Boswell, who would very much welcome reports of suspicious behaviour. Do let him know about anything that seems to you to be out of the ordinary. Your information might just be the little piece of the jigsaw that helps solve a problem. All calls and e-mails are completely confidential – your name will not be made public.

Contact Jordan on 07795 008998, or at jordanlboswell@hotmail.com

The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Min Spencer-Pratt who is the winner of the July Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener

Joe Harvey: A special thank you for long service to St. Michael's Church



Joe Harvey has been spending the last seventy years looking after St. Michael's Church in Whichford. He started very young helping his father (who was the village sexton) to wind the clock. On a particular occasion when his father was unwell, Joe (aged nine) went to help his mother instead. Neither Joe nor his mother were strong enough for the job, but together they managed it! Joe was a bell ringer for many years and also he has kept the churchyard neatly cut for almost as long a time.

To mark this tremendous record of long service, Joe, surrounded by a large congregation of supporters, received a card signed by many well-wishers, a certificate of long service and a gift from the Clergy, the PCC and villagers.

A Snapshot of Village Life

A photography exhibition depicting our village life was on display in the de Mohun chapel of St Michael's church over a weekend in mid-July. More than 70 people came and enjoyed the exhibition and several people have ordered copies of the DVDs which give fascinating insights into village life from the past. The exhibition was beautifully arranged into different sections: it showed choirs, clubs, sports teams, (including a gentleman v ladies cricket team from 1913!), family get-togethers, including a large gathering of the Adams family outside the 'New Inn' (before the pub changed its name to The Norman Knight) and much more!

The photographs will be safely stored as hard copies. Additionally, each photograph is being scanned for safe storage as a back up.

With special thanks to Joanna Cook, John and Karen Lawrence, Fran Boyle, Joanna Gardener, Diana Atkins, Tim Adams, and the many other people who contributed and supported this event to make it a success.



Fred and Louisa Field



Rob Harvey

1960s Party – Saturday 24 August

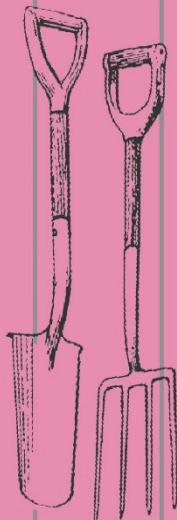
Get Groovy for a 1960s Party
Saturday 24 August
6.30 – 11.00 pm
In the Flower Show Marquee. Whichford
Sounds of the 60s from 'The Meanies'
Groovy 60s Dress Optional
(Prizes for the best dressed)
Bring your own supper
Tickets: £10 to include welcome drinks
Children 16 and under – free
Welcome Drinks – kindly sponsored by **The Norman Knight**
Complete tables or individual tickets available
Contact Anne Tebbs: anne.tebbs@btinternet.com 07825 210120
Or Joanna Cook: cook@thesmithyLtd.co.uk 01608 684357
In aid of the Friends of St. Michael's Church



Whichford & Ascott Flower Show & Fete 2019

*Monday 26th August
Bank Holiday
starts at 1.30pm on
The Village Green*

*Birds of Prey & Owl Experience
Vintage Fly-Past,
Local Band: Wired,
Fun Dog Show, Pig Roast,
Teas, Grand Draw*



The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club

The July winners were as follows;

1st prize – Jane Baker 2nd prize – Bob Large 3rd prize – Tony Dyer

Many congratulations to the above. Just a reminder that there is no draw next month, but please let me know if you would like to have more shares as the club is still short of 100 shares. All proceeds go to help with the upkeep of the village hall.

James van Helden

Fish & Chips with Bingo

Please make a note of the date - Saturday 12 October at 7.00 pm at Wolfords village hall, in aid of St. Michael & All Angels parish church. A really good night out with a first-class fish & chips supper and prize bingo. Full booking details will be in the September LINK.

Last Call for Car Boot Sale Collection

No, it's not too late. We're still collecting for our car booting bonanza on August Bank Holiday Monday at the big Moreton car boot sale at the cricket ground. The object is to raise much-needed money for the maintenance of St. Michael & All Angels church and the churchyard at Wolford.

Can you please check and see if you have anything tucked away in your garage or loft that you'd be glad to get rid of – china, ornaments, tools including garden ones, small household and kitchen goods, old watches, radios and cameras, unwanted gifts, sports equipment, toys and games, jigsaws, costume jewellery, pictures, books, CDs and DVDs, and bric-a-brac of any sort – please let us know before Saturday 24 August and we'll either arrange collection from you, or you can deliver to us. So have a good sort out now and we'll help you to recycle stuff you no longer need. We'll be grateful for any contributions and look forward to hearing from you.

Contacts: Janet Piller (674396) Ann McKenna (674009) John Wrench (674389)

The Wolfords Village Hall - Over 60s Table Tennis

We have started an over 60s Table Tennis Club in the Wolfords village hall which meets every Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

Anybody over 60 is welcome to join regardless of ability. Equipment provided but you can also bring your own. This is fantastic for fitness, mobility, balance, spatial awareness, social wellbeing and has been documented to slow down the onset of dementia.

All in the SW7 area are welcome. Contact Tom Baker - 07834 525893



Chairman's Corner

Tempus Fugit

Being a wine lover (rather than a connoisseur), I was recently tempted to order some 2017 vintage port – apparently, 2017 was one of the best years since 1945 and the quality is 'exceptional'. Of course, this vintage is not ready for drinking, so will have to be kept in storage until it matures. There is just one snag – the typical 'drinking window' recommended for these wines is 2035-2065. So, by the time the end of that window is reached, I will be over 100 years old! I think I'll stick to the 'drink now' varieties!

So, pondering this cheerful scenario, it brought home to me that time does indeed fly. When we are teenagers, we can't wait to be a 'grown-up' and have some freedom, and frantically tick off the days until we hit those milestone birthdays of 18 and 21. I was the same. Then the Big Three-O loomed – hmmm, I thought, that's starting to sound slightly 'old'. Me? Thirty?? Before I knew it, I was celebrating my fortieth birthday, and was cruelly being called 'grandad' by the younger of my acquaintances. I swiftly entered the denial phase; forty is the new thirty and life begins at forty and went through the usual age-defying tactics such as plucking out any stray or emerging grey hairs.

Further ostrich-like behaviour emerged. Experimenting with men's hair-dyeing products (continuing to pluck out every grey hair was not an option - this could have eventually resulted in baldness); discovering that Radio 4 is becoming more interesting than Radio 1, but never admitting such a thing in public; convincing myself that I feel 20 years younger than I actually am (age is just a number anyway, isn't it?); refusing to accept that some of my favourite tunes on Absolute 80s are nearly 40 years old.

Time even catches up with those whom we perceive as forever rebellious and/or youthful. The original tennis superbrat, John (you cannot be serious) McEnroe, turned 60 this year. From being world number one at the age of 21, he is now the oldest player currently competing on the veteran's circuit. Fellow tennis pro, Boris Becker, who at 17 became the youngest ever Wimbledon champion, is now a mature 51. The pop singer and 'Material Girl', Madonna, is yet another sexagenarian, and will be 61 this month. For those who remember (or who would prefer to forget) the Swedish musical group ABBA, it may be a shock to learn that one of the band's members, Björn Ulvaeus, is a sprightly 74. Rolling Stones front man, the evergreen Sir Mick Jagger (a great-grandfather, no less), can beat that by a couple of years, and Charlie Watts is not far off being 80 – the combined age of the group (Jagger, Richards, Watts and Wood) is about 301.

So, time is of the essence – we shouldn't waste it. Why keep putting things off or saying 'maybe next year', when there are opportunities that can be grabbed today or dreams that can be realised this year?

Echoing the lyrics sung by Jools Holland in the closing number of his New Year's Eve Hootenanny show: *Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think...*

Simon Lewis-Beeching, chairman@swlink.org.uk

This month sees the birthday of Robert Southey, the English Poet Laureate from 1813 to his death in 1843. Southey is credited with writing the children's classic, *The Story of the Three Bears*, the original Goldilocks story. He was born in Bristol on 12 August 1774. With International Youth Day on 12 August every year, Southey's poem about youth and ageing, *The Old Man's Comforts, and how he gained them* seems most appropriate. It was written in 1799 when Southey was 25.

The Old Man's Comforts, and how he gained them.

You are old, Father William, the young man cried,
The few locks which are left you are grey;
You are hale, Father William, a hearty old man,
Now tell me the reason I pray.

In the days of my youth, Father William replied,
I remember'd that youth would fly fast,
And abused not my health and my vigour at first
That I never might need them at last.

You are old, Father William, the young man cried,
And pleasures with youth pass away,
And yet you lament not the days that are gone,
Now tell me the reason I pray.

In the days of my youth, Father William replied,
I remember'd that youth could not last;
I thought of the future whatever I did,
That I never might grieve for the past.

You are old, Father William, the young man cried,
And life must be hastening away;
You are cheerful, and love to converse upon death!
Now tell me the reason I pray.

I am cheerful, young man, Father William replied,
Let the cause thy attention engage;
In the days of my youth I remember'd my God!
And He hath not forgotten my age.

Robert Southey 1774 – 1843

If you think you've heard this before, it's quite possible you may have come across the later and better known parody, *You are Old Father William*, by Lewis Carroll from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Please keep your poetry suggestions coming; writing them for us would be even better! Please be sure to submit your suggestions in good time bearing in mind that more recent poems will often be protected by copyright and if this is the case, the publisher's permission will need to be obtained.



Robert Southey in 1795
Portrait by Peter Vandyke
(National Portrait Gallery)

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