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

Fri 1	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 2	Village breakfast	Burmington VH	08.00-10.00
Sun 3	Organ recital	Barcheston Ch	15.30
Weds 6	Community coffee	LC Ch	10.30
Weds 6	Wolford WI meeting	Little Wolford VH	19.30
Thurs 7	Moreton Country Market	WI Hall	10.00
Sat 9	Coffee Shop	The Hall, Stourton	10.30-12.00
Tues 12	LC Walkers	Red Lion carpark	09.30
Weds 13	CAMEO Club lunch	Burmington VH	12.00
Thurs 14	Moreton Country Market	WI Hall	10.00
Fri 15	Feldon Valley Golf Day		
Fri 15	<i>Operation Mincemeat</i>	Brailes VH	19.15
Fri 15	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 16	Social Saturday	LCVH	11.00
Sat 16	Vintage sale	LC chapel	13.00-17.00
Sat 16	Fish and chips supper	Wolford VH	19.00
Sun 17	Barton Book Club	Barton House	17.30
Sun 17	Harvest Festival	Cherington Ch	10.30
Tues 19	Coffee morning	Wolford Ch	11.00-12.00
Thurs 21	Moreton Country Market	WI Hall	10.00
Thurs 21	Comptonions Outing		13.00
Fri 22	Carers4Carers	Kineton VH	10.30
Sat 23	Burmington tabletop sale	Burmington VH	09.30-12.30
Sat 23	Scarecrow competition	Burmington	
Sun 24	Harvest lunch	LC VH	12.30
Sun 24	Harvest Lunch	LC Ch	12.30
Tues 26	Bridge Club	LCVH	14.00
Thurs 28	LC village consultation	LCVH	19.00
Thurs 28	Moreton Country Market	WI Hall	10.00
Thurs 28	WASP meeting	Kiln Shed, Whichford	19.00
Fri 29	Jazz: "It's Trad Dad!".	Townsend Hall	
Fri 29	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 30	Quiz Night	LCVH	19.00
Sat 30	Macmillan coffee morning	LC Chapel	10.00-12.00

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Link Talk

Welcome to the September 'harvest' edition of The Link. I'm sure we have all noticed the combines working late into the night on the rare dry August day we have been granted; this edition is full of events held in appreciation of the work of all our local farmers.

As I was completing the events diary for September which fills a full page this month, I noticed that barely a day goes by without something to do or somewhere to go, almost always for free and invariably run by volunteers across our villages; we are very lucky to live in such a busy and vibrant community in which people give so generously of their time.

One of these is Tony Partridge who sadly, due to ill health has been forced to stand down from writing our Nature Notes. I am sure you would like to join me in saying thank you to Tony for all he has contributed to The Link over the years, for his enormous wealth of knowledge, careful research and the gentle humour which has brought a smile to our faces. Thank you, Tony!

Sara Billins



Happy Birthday! September Birthdays



Benjamin Payne	Burnington	15
Olivia Johnston	Great Wolford	14
India Mauveen Spencer Sewell	Stourton	14
George Bygate	Willington	17
Lucy May Andrews	Barcheston	15
Gabrielle Duck	Great Wolford	17
Jack Chapman	Whichford	18



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The Online LINK

Many of you will be aware that The LINK has a website which is where you can download current and archive issues of the magazine - <https://www.swlink.org.uk/>

I established the website shortly after taking over as editor in 2015 and we now have around 60 subscribers who use the site to download their copy of the magazine – either as an online only subscriber, or in addition to their printed copy.

As I will be leaving The LINK magazine at the end of this year, the site needs to be handed over to a volunteer who can manage the website software (Wix), or use a suitable alternative. Without a volunteer, sadly the site will have to be shut down and we will no longer be able to offer the reduced rate online only subscription.

I have asked for volunteers before and had no response. Thankfully I have been able to replace myself as Editor, Advertising Manager and Subscription Manager so the majority of my previous tasks have been covered by three excellent individuals who have stepped forward.

Please consider this and contact me whilst I am still available to help with the process. The website has been very helpful in showing anyone interested our public profile. It was instrumental in obtaining our £4,000 lottery grant last December. Losing our website due to lack of a volunteer I feel would be a regrettable backward step. Please do help if you can.

Keith Murphy, online@swlink.org.uk



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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 September

September 7th – Summer's last hurrah, a selection of past summer favourites

September 14th – All about cake, including some new flavours

September 21st / 28th – British food fortnight focusing on great British classics.

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

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

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

P.S. We hold regular coffee mornings to raise funds for local charities, and all are welcome

to come along to enjoy our home baked cakes ~ keep an eye on our Facebook page for details.



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Ellen Badger Hospital Update

Many thanks to the several hundred of you who came out on a miserable and rainy August Saturday morning to support the March to Save the Ellen Badger.

Most people will now know that there will be no hospital with inpatient beds, nursing or medical staff on the Ellen Badger Hospital site, as things currently stand. Despite this fact the local NHS Foundation Trust (SWFT) in charge

of the changed plans for a 'Health and Well-being Centre' (rooms for consultants' visits, clinicians and offices for SWFT) still insist on calling this building a hospital.

The TV and radio doctor, Dr. Sarah Jarvis, pointed out to BBC *Midlands Today* that the word 'hospital' means a building where inpatient beds and patient care are provided. She added that there is a *'desperate need for these community hospitals'* which are not being built or replaced under current policy. This is precisely why the EBH League of Friends and other campaigners are continuing to fight to get a replacement the Ellen Badger Hospital as applied for on original SWFT plans put forward to SDC Planning from 2020.

The campaign is now moving forward to the highest level of complaint available against SWFT and the Coventry and Warwick Integrated Care Board.

Maggie Goren

Carers4Carers

Friday 22 September 10.30am – 12.00pm noon: monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall.

This month, come along and learn basic first aid skills with the British Red Cross. Refreshments and biscuits also provided. Your loved one will be welcome to join our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting.

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



Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator

Pet of the Month



Our first feline pet of the month is the magnificent Sukie who lives with Evelyn Wright in Cherington.

This is Sukie who lost her owner in Wales a year ago, I gave her a home as her family are allergic to cats. She's 9 years old and has settled in with me really well. She sits on the arm of my settee and touches me on the arm until I give her a treat, not that I spoil her of course!

Evelyn Wright

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



Are you over 50 and unattached? Then why not join our welcoming social group? Make new friends and share the chance to visit those gardens or a historic house you've heard about, have a meal out, perhaps see a film, go to a concert or play, enjoy a country walk ...

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

Coming up:- *September 6th open garden visit, Upper Slaughter
*13th comedy night, Brailes *16th lunch, Hook Norton *etc.

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



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Heidi Fardell - Recorders, Baroque Flute
 Mary Tyers - Recorders, Baroque Flute, Voice
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 Alison Kinder - Viols, Recorders

Friday 13th October 7pm
 St Barnabas & St Nicholas church, Burmington
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SAT 23rd SEPTEMBER
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
 @ the Village Hall and around the village



Feldon Valley Golf Day Friday 15th September

Feldon Valley Golf Club
Brailes
OX15 5BB



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

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

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

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

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

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

Kate Bamford Fundraising and Communications Manager

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AGM and Our Jazz is back in the swing!

The AGM was held in July and David Squires, the Chair of the trustees, reported on the year to 31 March 2023. David noted that it has been a challenging but rewarding year and, on behalf of the trustees, extended a big thank you to all the residents and organisations who have used the hall and its ever-improving facilities. He also recognised that all the trustees are volunteers, giving freely of their time, and that the hall is managed as a charity, not supported by any direct grants. David went on to note the many improvements that have been made during the year including new doors to the ramp area, new lighting in the main hall; and a CCTV system to help with the security of the building. Funding remains an ongoing challenge; hall bookings cover the day-to-day, but extra funds are always required for big maintenance items and facilities improvement. Several initiatives have been successfully progressed, including the Trad Jazz evenings, which have raised £4,600 and one of our trustees working closely with Tesco to help raise funds for the stage lift. David then welcomed newcomers to the team this year and thanked everyone individually for the contributions they have made to help maintain the hall as a valuable asset for the community.

Finally, David noted that there are a number of projects such as the stage mobility lift that he wants to see through and, whilst remaining a trustee he will be stepping down as Chair. All attendees extended a big thank you to David for his dedication in progressing the long list of items for maintenance, improvements, and fund raising, and welcomed Jenny Glover as the incoming Chair.

In other news, our Trad Jazz programme will be kicking off again on Friday 29 September when Ian Bateman presents "It's Trad Dad!". A stunning line up of musicians covering the music of Acker Bilk, Chris Barber, Terry Lightfoot, Kenny Ball, and many more! Tickets are £12.50, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall, where you can bag your own table and seating, or for general availability seating from Clarke Electrical Services in town.

If you are keen, and why wouldn't you be, more fabulous Trad Jazz events have also been booked for October and November – tickets now also available from the same address above.

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

Haydn Ward
Townsend Hall Trustee

*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.

BH Mon 28 August Whichford and Ascott Flower Show and Fete

Local Catholic Church Services

Chipping Norton

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

Stow-on-the-Wold

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

Shipston and Brailes

Shipston, Our Lady and St. Michael, Darlingscote Road. Sunday 9.15 am.
Brailes, SS Peter and Paul, Friars Lane. Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm (for Shipston and Brailes
Tel: 01608 685259)

Chipping Campden

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

Local Quaker Meetings

Local Quaker Meetings for worship:

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

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

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

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

Local Congregational Services

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

Chair Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778 Sec/Treasurer Sally Franklin

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SW7 BENEFICE CHURCH NEWS

'Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.'

These are the opening words of the most well-known hymn in the English language, *'Amazing Grace'* by John Newton. One of Newton's biographers estimates that this hymn is sung roughly 10 million times every year. It's a hymn that has had a huge influence on both religious and popular culture. It's even been sung live by no less than a former President of the United States.



John Newton was born in 1725 and from his early life seemed destined for a career as a sailor. He was press ganged into the Royal Navy and after being flogged for desertion ended up working as a slave trader.

In the first verse of *Amazing Grace* Newton uses a very strong word to describe his early years. He calls himself *'a wretch'*, and when you look at the details of his life it's easy to see why. Like many sailors he gambled and drank to excess, but he was notorious even amongst his fellow seamen for his foul and abusive language. He couldn't abide any authority and once plotted to kill his captain. He was only restrained because he worried what his childhood sweetheart would think of him. As a slave trader he was involved in a business that degraded and mistreated fellow human beings in the most horrific way possible. He had no faith of his own. He believed God was a myth and mocked those who professed to be Christians.

It was this man, this *'wretch'* who God decided to take as his own on 10 March 1748. Caught in a storm off the coast of Donegal, Newton's ship almost sank when it began to take on water through a hole. As the ship filled up Newton cried out to God in desperation. The cargo in the hold shifted and stopped up the hole; the ship drifted to safety. After returning to Liverpool and suffering a severe fever Newton committed his life to Jesus Christ becoming certain that despite his former sin God had indeed forgiven him.

These events marked the beginning of Newton's transformation which would see him give up swearing, drinking and gambling, become a vicar and hymn writer, and even a campaigner for the abolition of slavery alongside William Wilberforce. Looking back on his life in 1773 he wrote the words of the hymn that we now know as *'Amazing Grace.'*

So, there's a potted history of 'Amazing Grace' and the man who wrote it; but so what? Why does any of it matter today? The relevance of this hymn lies in the fact that the God who chose John Newton in 1748 is still at work choosing men and women like him today. Most of us will not have the kind of colourful past that Newton had, but all of us like Newton stand in need of God's amazing grace. Each one of us needs God to forgive us for our past and transform our lives in the present. That is exactly what God in his grace offers to each one of us. Forgiveness for all that we've done no matter how bad we think we are. Forgiveness and transformation. Transformation into the people God made us to be. People who love him with all our heart, People who love our neighbours as ourselves. All this God offers as a gift of his grace; we cannot earn it by being religious we cannot pay for it by being moral. God's grace is a free gift and like any gift all we need do is accept it.

John Newton knew God's amazing grace, a grace which brought him forgiveness and transformation. I wonder do you know that grace in your life? Can you say the words of this wonderful hymn for yourself?

Reverend Ben Dyson



**St Peter and St Paul, Long
Compton and the Village Hall
HARVEST LUNCH**

**Sunday 24th September 12.30 am
in the village hall.**

Tickets £5 Adult, Children under 12 FREE

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

**Tickets from Charlotte Field 01605 654923 or email
charlottefield0651@gmail.com**

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

SEPTEMBER 2023 CHURCH SERVICES							
SW 7	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Eaton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burrington	St John the Baptist Cheriton	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Whitchford	St Michael & All Angels Welford
3 rd September 12 th Sunday after Trinity					9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		10.30am CW Holy Communion (BD)
11 th September 14 th Sunday after Trinity	6pm Evensong (BD)		9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)			10.30am CW Harvest Service (BD)	
17 th September 15 th Sunday after Trinity		9am BCP Morning Prayer Harvest Service (BD)		10.30am CW Harvest Service (BD)	4pm GAP Informal Service Holy Communion (BD)		
24 th September 16 th Sunday after Trinity					10.30am CW Harvest Service (BD)	9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	



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BCP = Prayer Book/ CW = Common Worship/ GAP = Informal Service

It's the August 2 and another cloudy, wet, drab day! A month ago, I wrote about missing most of the rain and now I've got a lot more than I wished for. This morning, moving the combine back to the yard for a service and fuel top up, a nice lady stopped and said how much she liked reading my farming notes to date.

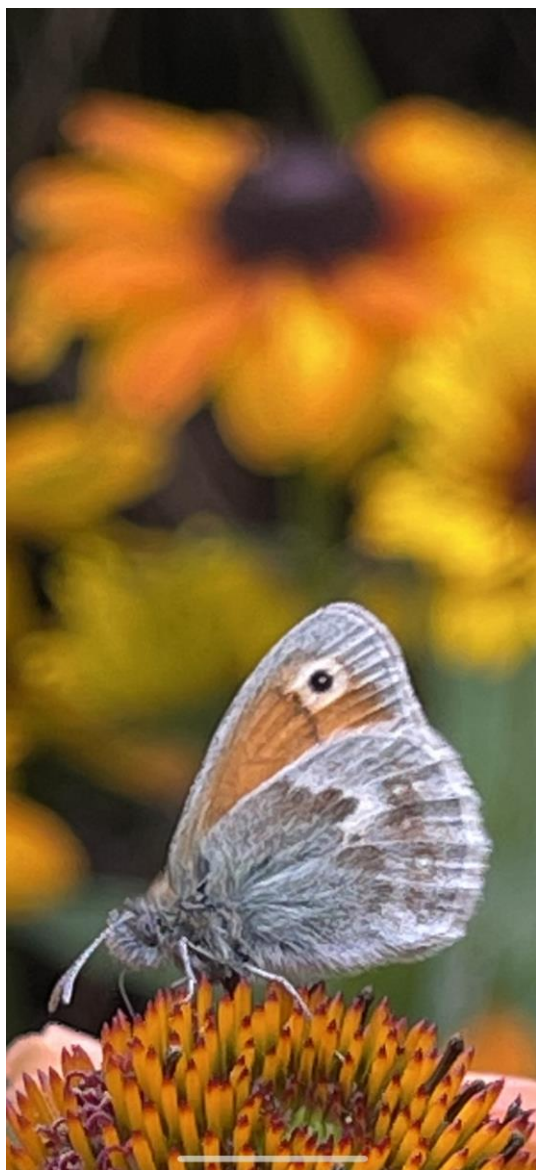
I hope readers of The Link find my efforts of interest. Well, so far, we have managed to harvest the winter barley and oilseed rape. I've written before of different types of cultivation. Most of the barley acreage was ploughed and sown in the normal way. This turned out wildly better than the two fields established by minimum tillage (min till). Both looked great until early spring, but a very wet April saw the min till fields waterlogged at times so the roots didn't do their job and yield has suffered - however saying that - it hasn't been a disaster either. Min till is suited to lighter land.

Moving on to the oilseed rape – for us this is a low input crop, drilling our own seed and direct drilling using our homemade drill, requiring only one application of spray – a fungicide in spring, and a reasonable yield in return of 1.25 tonnes per acre. Dan delivered the rape to the store at Great Tew with our own transport and we got several bonus payments linked to the quality of the crop. Unlike grain, rape has a bonus for oil content above 40%; ours was 44-45%, which attracted a bonus, as well as ones for low moisture and cleanliness of the sample.

Then, last Saturday, we tried 35 acres of spring-sown barley. It was just fit for harvest as we dodged the showers and I had cut over 30 acres by dark. It stayed fine on Sunday morning to finish just before it rained for the rest of the day and much of Monday. I'm pleased to say the rain in June came just in time to fill the grain and is a splendid sample. As the climate becomes more unpredictable and costs rise, spring barley is cheaper to grow - I suspect no winter barley will be drilled this autumn. With the rape though, it's not all about yield, it's already primarily about what it costs to grow it.

The wheat is about just ready, but endless rain has stopped play. The forecast talks of more hope for a drier spell later in August; we and a lot more farmers will be hoping they are right, before the crops spoil.

As for a bit of history, going back to the late 60's and early 70's, we used to grow Maris Otter, a winter barley for the malting trade. As soon as some was cut, I'd be sent with a sample in a lovely calico drawstring bag to Mr George Pratt. He and his wife Peggy lived in the Thatched School House, and he was a true grain



(Photograph by Jonathan Watts)

broker working for Conway Rees of Stratford on Avon. He would tip the barley out on a white tray, look it over, then take out a beautiful brass instrument from a leather case. The top lifted and there were, I guess, 50-60 holes in the bottom half to put in the required number of grains. With the lid closed again, two handles protruded, which he turned through 90 degrees. This cut the grains in half. The best malting grade barley was white as snow inside when cut and passed the test. Barley that had too high a nitrogen content appeared grey inside, known in the trade as 'steely' and thus only fit to grind up for animal feed. Malting barley would then be taken by him to Rugby corn exchange and sold. He would then take ten shillings a ton for his profit and a pound a ton for transport to Burton on Trent. Any lower-grade malting barley would make malt vinegar or breakfast cereals. George Pratt was a great homemade winemaker, avid follower of cricket and organised the Long Compton harvest festival, which took place in the village hall with

long trestle tables. All the village farmers funded wine and the food to feed a packed hall, who were entertained by guest speakers. George was master of the speeches and toasts to The Queen, guests, and the successful harvest. Though long gone, in his day a handshake stood for everything, and no one reneged on that. There was a lot to be said for those times, still I hope you find this information and reflections of interest.

John Richardson (Tufty)

Little Acorns

Nursery and Reception children at Little Acorns finished off the year by completing the topic *Big Wide World* and enjoying the companion topic *Splash!* The children have been busy using their Design and Technology skills in Nursery to make fish and other creatures from under the sea, whilst the reception children have got to grips with sewing to create their own felt birds. The children have continued to build on their knowledge of different habitats, have found out lots of interesting facts about different sea creatures, and have considered what they can do to take better care of rivers, seas and oceans.



With Reception joining the rest of the school for sports day at the recreation ground, Nursery children had their own sports day in the Orchard. The children behaved beautifully, listening carefully to the instructions and joining in brilliantly with all their events. It was a great opportunity for them to showcase just a few of the gross motor skills they have developed this year, including throwing, jumping, running and balancing. In their PE lesson at the end of the term, the children had fun completing the Guide Dogs blindfolded 'Fund Race'. Everyone had a go at running a race whilst holding a rope as a guide and it was interesting to hear the reflections of the children afterwards about how it felt to run a race without using their sense of sight.

Busy Brailes Squirrels

The Nursery children at Brailes have been busy creating - making component parts for their entry into the Brailes Scarecrow Competition. Take a peek outside the school over the summer break and please do cast a vote for their exploits.

Squirrels Nursery and Reception children shared their very own end of year song with the school on the penultimate day of term, having shared a recording with parents. Lyrics were penned by Miss Prickett and practised at the close of lunchtime break each day.

Mini Medics

A big thank you to Friends of Brailes School for funding the visit from 'Mini Medics' and enabling the children to have first-hand experience of an ambulance and a story shared with them about ringing 999 in an emergency to get the help needed. Nursery and Reception children were slightly apprehensive on the approach to the vehicle, but the feeling soon changed to one of joy and excitement!



Lisa from Cotswold First Aid led first aid sessions for each class in July. These specially planned and delivered age-progressive Mini Medic sessions are an important aspect of our wider curriculum offer which are delivered at different points over each child's time at Brailes to enable them to retrieve, and further develop important life skills.

As part of the Year 5 and Year 6 session, the children learnt to check for DR ABC (Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing and Circulation) and what to do if someone was not breathing, how to do CPR and use a defibrillator. We now have a school defibrillator, located in the school office, funded by the Department for Education.

Class 3 in Parliament

As part of their learning about democracy, Class 3 at Acorns travelled to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. As well as seeing some of the sights of our capital city, the children visited the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They were met by local MP Nadhim Zahawi, who spent time with the class as they held their own debate. We hope he keeps to his promise of visiting Acorns in the new academic year.



Demeter's Daughter

Badgers class performance of Demeter's Daughter was a brilliant way to end the year with each member of the class playing a key role in the production for our *Groundbreaking Greeks* topic Innovate and Express stages. The children rose to the challenge wonderfully and brought a fantastic creative energy to each step of the process. As well as learning lines, choregraphing steps, making music and creating props and set, the children also designed posters to advertise the musical and wrote reviews after both performances had taken place. Do enjoy reading Nell's review below for a flavour of the play!

Demeter's Daughter- A Greek Myth: A Play Review by Nell

This modern retelling of an ancient myth sprung to life through the storytelling skills of an exceptionally talented group of young people. Demeter's Daughter had a very limited run of two performances in July, at Brailes C of E Primary School, South Warwickshire.

This production sprung from nothing with skilled members of the cast building Mount Olympus before the audience's waiting eyes. The stage lights shone brightly on the flowing silks that teleported us to Poseidon's wavy seas, where

he shot us with a water pistol. The staging cleverly had Hermes zoom in and out on a hoverboard. The captivating dancers led a wonderful display of choreographed steps while other cast members sang the song around them. The Underworld gave the audience an overwhelming sense of dread. In the final scene, the gorgeous flowers went up and down with the Goddess Demeter's movements, creating a magical environment. This amazing theatrical performance began with four dancers: Megan, Nell, Bea and Faith, displaying a perfect picture of elegance and beauty. It completely enraptured the audience. Caitlin played a perfectly evil Hades with a sarcastic air wherever she went. Demeter, Goddess of the Harvest, played by Scarlett, was completely unpredictable with her mood changing at any moment. Persephone, played by Evelyn, made the audience laugh with joy or cry with despair as she dramatically acted. Iris played Hermes, Messenger to the Gods, who energetically saved the day with astounding determination, zooming in and out whilst the audience watched in anticipation. This dazzling, gasp-gathering performance of Demeter's Daughter is worth crying, begging and stealing a ticket for! See this magical performance whilst you can!

Camp Outs

Both Year 6 cohorts at Acorns at Brailles were lucky enough to be able to camp out at school. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to make memories for our children and we wish them every success at secondary school.



Normally, I'd start by discussing the fact that September is when it starts to get cooler, gustier, and a bit rainier, but given the July and August weather we've had this year, it'll probably be no change. The days will obviously get shorter, and I think we might all pray for one of those September Indian summers. (As I write this, in the middle of August, it's raining again. I've barely worn my sandals this year.)

The rain has had some benefits though, particularly in the vegetable garden. My onions have responded extremely well to the June warmth and then the July rain - they are enormous. And the beans, cucumbers, and courgettes are doing well. The vegetables that need heat and sun to fruit and ripen, like tomatoes and aubergines, are doing much less well. I haven't had any aubergines at all, and the tomatoes are very slow to turn red.

The slugs have loved it, though. Our experiment with wool slug pellets, to reduce our reliance on traditional blue slug pellets, worked very well as a deterrent in the drier months, but were hopeless once it started raining. They turned into a kind of welcoming smooth red carpet for the slugs and snails, and my entire second sowing of lettuce provided a slap-up slug dinner. All gone, no lettuces for us. In theory, we've still got time to sow a few more rows of hardy lettuces, like Marvel of Four Seasons.

As we head towards autumn, it's time to harvest any fruit and vegetables that manage to survive the slugs and the weather. Use them as they become available, and hand out any surplus to your friends and neighbours. (My lodger is now a bit sick of the Mini Star cucumbers I keep forcing him to eat, we've had so many.) Alternatively, you can get busy blanching and freezing (cooked beetroot freeze remarkably well) or pickling. Pickled red cabbage, pickled beetroot, and pickled cucumbers are always a joy in the winter, particularly with hotpot.

If you have a pond or other water feature, it's a good idea to place a net over the top of it before the leaves start falling and clogging it up. If you can't do that, then you need to make sure you fish the leaves out on a regular basis.

There's not a great deal to do really in the flower garden. Keep picking and deadheading. Dahlias and chrysanthemums should really be coming into their own right now and provide marvellous cut flowers for the house. By deadheading roses regularly, you might encourage a final flush of flowering. Obviously if your roses have spectacular hips, you won't want to deadhead them at all.

As the soil is still warm, it's a good time to lift and divide herbaceous perennials, before they die down. And to plant any new perennials, so that they have a chance to bed in properly before the weather turns cold. Your tender perennials will have to move to their winter accommodation before the first frosts arrive. It's a good idea to take cuttings of pelargoniums for next year - a light windowsill will be okay for them if you don't have a greenhouse or conservatory.

Finally, we're entering bulb planting season. If you lifted your container-planted bulbs after flowering, it's time to get them out of storage, check them all over, and replant for next spring. If you're planning to refresh your bulb supply, new varieties hit the market every year, and it's worth looking at a range of bulb nurseries and suppliers to make the most of their innovations. I particularly like choosing interesting colour combinations for my pots and making sure I have some strong-scented narcissi planted by the back door.

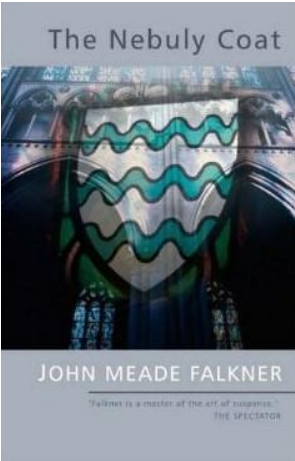
Miranda Arnold



Photograph by Jonathan Watts



Book Club



We enjoyed meeting to talk about *'The Nebuly Coat'* by John Meade Falkner. This dark suspense novel was written in 1903 and employs plenty of archaic language and obscure references. The characters are memorable and at times display great humour.

The book concerns a young architect, a large old church in Dorset and the nebuly of the title is a word used in heraldry, which denotes clouds.

Everyone very much enjoyed reading this novel. The author also wrote the better-known *'Moonfleet'*.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 17 September at Barton House at 5.30pm. We will be talking about *'Mrs Palfrey at the Clermont'* by Elizabeth Taylor.

We will also be choosing books for the coming months, so please come with one or two suggestions of books you have enjoyed reading. If you cannot be with us, your suggestions would also be welcome by email.

Happy reading!

Gillian Cathie

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2023 ORGAN RECITALS

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

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

BARCHESTON WITH WILLINGTON PARISH MEETING ADVANCE NOTICE



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

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

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

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

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



Tabletop Sale

As you will likely know by now, we are soon to begin this year's scarecrow competition. On the morning of the 23 September, by which time we hope to have caused more than a little local interest, we will hold a tabletop sale in the village. Everyone in the village is invited to join in and we're looking for as many sellers as possible. It will be possible to rent a table either to pitch in your garden/driveway or on the church yard green next to the village hall. We will create maps for visitors and have tea and coffee available from the hall. Last year's sale provided a great opportunity to clear out homes and this year we're closer to Christmas to generate a bit more buyer and seller interest.

If you'd like to be part of the sale, please contact Neil on 07818 424288.

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Last Spring, we held a successful tabletop sale event in the village. The weather was beautiful and we had visitors from the wider area join us throughout the morning. Many enjoyed the excellent refreshments we sold from the Hall and many more hunted for bargains among vendors dotted around the village.

In the late summer, we also held our first scarecrow competition. The theme was “professions” and once again we got plenty of interest from the parish and beyond, with first prize awarded by a village vote to the Payne family for their painter and easel.

This year, we plan to combine the events in the hope that the interest built throughout the scarecrow display can translate into even more visitors when we have the sale event. We’d like to make this year’s events even bigger than last year’s and hope we can encourage as many villagers as possible to join one or both of these activities.

Our plan is to begin the scarecrows at the start of September and hold a bigger event on Saturday 23 September. This will be when we hold the tabletop sale and hand out prizes and the coveted trophy for the winning scarecrows.

The theme for this year’s Scarecrows will be “Around the World”. We’ve aimed for a broad category that can encompass history; travel, natural history and geography; science; literature, and even film/TV.

Further information about how to join in will be distributed through village letterboxes soon.

CAMEO Lunch Club

Members celebrated two special events at their August meeting: the 90th birthday of founder member Eileen Salmon on August 11 and the Diamond wedding anniversary of the club’s leading organisers, Brenda and David Fitch. Sadly, Eileen was taken ill a few weeks earlier and spent her birthday in hospital. The club made last-minute arrangements for a photo, shown below, to be taken of the assembled gathering and for the framed picture to be delivered to Eileen in hospital.



Eileen Salmon

Eileen has lived in Long Compton since 1953 when she took up her first post as a teacher in the village Junior Infants School. In 1957 she transferred to the newly opened Shipston High School as a PE teacher and remained there until 1973 before moving to Penhurst School in Chipping Norton which cared for severely handicapped children. Eileen finally retired in 1990 but is noted for her continuing support of community activities in the Long Compton area. These include her founding membership of CAMEO with a group of Long Compton friends and the delivery of meals to members' homes during the pandemic lockdown. Eileen spent her birthday in Banbury hospital where she was joined at times by her son, Martin, her two grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Brenda and David Fitch

Brenda and David, who live in Shipston, spent their Diamond wedding anniversary on 10 August on a longboat, their customary holiday home for many years, celebrating in style with a letter from the King and Queen. Since joining CAMEO a few years ago, the duo has taken the Club to their hearts, leading, organizing, cooking, visiting and caring on an inspirational scale. They can be seen in the photograph directly below the CAMEO banner designed by Brenda for Eileen's birthday picture and above CAMEO's new mascot, Bailey, sitting on owner Malcolm Pendery's knees.

CAMEO is indebted to Joe Tame for the photograph, taken in Burmington Village Hall during the meeting on 8 August.

Next CAMEO Lunch - 13 September in Burmington Village Hall at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm

Please book with Brenda on Tel. 01608 664313

A postcard from Cairo to Burmington.

Hello all!

I hope you are all keeping well! It's been a busy couple of months. Moving house to a new apartment and a break from the summer heat. We went to Cyprus for a few weeks! Cue a heatwave! We have gone to Dahab on Sinai for diving and a bit of an adventure! It won't be long until school and normality return !

All the best Guy and family

PS The amphora is Roman. Harry found it off the coast in Cyprus and dragged it up!!



Harry and Peter enjoying scuba diving.



Amphora Harry found on seabed.

HARVEST SERVICE AND LUNCH

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

Service is at 11 am

Any offers to provide food dishes gratefully received.

Please contact Sonia Baker on 01608 661459



VILLAGE NEWS

Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



Brailles Picture House

Friday 15th September: Doors Open 7.15pm for 7.45pm start.

Operation Mincemeat The true story of covert operations and deception plans aimed to confuse the enemy at every opportunity. Operation Mincemeat was a deception conceived by British Intelligence in 1942-43 to fool the Germans regarding the true target for the Allied invasion of Sicily.

Cast: Colin Firth, Jason Isaacs, Penelope Wilson, Hallie Morahan, Lorne MacFadyan

Future Titles:

Friday 20 October - A man called Otto

Friday 17 November - Citizen Kane

December date to be confirmed Matilda - The Musical

We look forward to seeing you again.

Deirdre and Team

Village Lottery

August Draw

1st Chris Owen £80 2nd Roy Hawley £45 3rd Harry Upson £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 9 September 10.30am-12 noon

The Hall, Stourton

Bacon Baps, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate & Cakes

Come along and have a cuppa in our lovely hall, meet new friends or catch up with old ones.

There will be a Bring & Buy Stall in aid of The Village Playing Field Funds



Christine Dudfield & Tricia Wilson

Flower Show 2023

Congratulations to the Team of 23 - you made a magnificent job of it; despite the worst a British summer can throw at us.

A visitor to the village commented on how impressed she was with the array and standard of entries. The scale and ambition of the event takes a lot of organising so with 5 new to key roles, it was a great achievement. Well done all of you, and I hope you'll be back for more in 24.

Onlooker

Well done everyone involved despite the wet day it all went well.

Christine Village Editor



Older residents well remember gathering here on a Sunday evening taking water home ready for Monday washday.

Photograph: Cherington Fountain by Paul Marriott

Harvest Festival Service: Sunday September 17 10.30am

Our Harvest Festival is an important celebration - especially so in our villages, where we are fortunate to have eight working farms/smallholdings, which connect us to the farming calendar.

The church will, as usual, be decorated for the Service by the Flower Team.

However, it is always special if the children of our villages also bring posies of flowers - these will be placed amongst the other decorations. Likewise, fruit and/or vegetables, or food bank items.

All other food bank donations and gifts of produce will be most welcome. They can be left at the back of the church in the week before the service.

Sarah Scotter



Stourton Village Green has been a blaze of colour. Members of the Feldons Wildlife Group sowed beds of flowers in May at The Hall and Green to provide pollen, nectar and seeds to benefit our local wildlife.

If anyone wishes to join this friendly group, please ring me on 01608 686 414.

Sue Williams Chairman



Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

Dates for your diary for September are Fridays 1, 15 and 29, 2.00pm to 4.00pm at The Hall.

For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.



Vanessa Compton

Your Village Website: cheringtonandstourtonvillage.com

Take a look at the new village website, cheringtonandstourtonvillage.com.

Apart from giving you information about the village and its amenities, it also offers a great way to keep in touch with what's going on, like the recent concert from the talented a capella group, the Harvard Krocadiloes.

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Di Marriott and Sally Clubley

The A3400 through Long Compton

**Parish Council Village
Consultation**

Thursday September 28

7.00pm

at

Long Compton Village Hall

Over the past 18 months, the parish council has been working with Warwickshire Highways and DTA Traffic Management to explore possible solutions to address the speed and volume of traffic on the A3400 through Long Compton.

Village residents are now invited to hear and discuss the conclusions of this work.

This is an important aspect of our Neighbourhood Plan and one of the biggest issues of concern raised by local residents. Please come along, hear the plans and share your views.

Simon Bing (Chair, Long Compton Parish Council)

The Comptonians

On Thursday 21 September the Comptonians are going on an outing to the Toddington Railway.

We shall meet at the usual pick up points at 1.00pm.

Margaret Welsh 684238



Long Compton Village Hall



It may have been holiday season for you guys, but at the Village Hall have been continuing our programme of maintaining the building and grounds for your use. The outdoor woodwork has been given a coat of preservative, the weeds tackled and the never-ending ivy and brambles tamed....for the time being at least. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the helpers both for these tasks and for our regular monthly Social Saturday. It's only about 3 hours but it's pretty full-on and definitely easier with a good team behind you from the bakers to the furniture movers, the sign monitors to the washer uppers - THANK YOU! We are very fortunate to have folks who volunteer to help us with these tasks as their way of giving something back to the community. We really do appreciate your help - you know who you are! Obviously, it would be a complete waste of time if no-one turned up to the events so thanks to those of you who use the hall for whatever reason.

We were delighted to welcome back some regulars to the July and August Social Saturdays who had been poorly but were determined to get back to the warm community (and delicious refreshments) in the hall. It's gratifying to know we're doing something right!

Is anyone else looking forward to an Indian Summer? It seems the warmer weather was only with us briefly this year so we may as well crack on with Autumn activities in the form of our Quiz Night on 30 September. Start to swot up on cocktail ingredients, song lyrics and obscure sporting facts. No, wait....those were in the last quiz. Surely, they won't be in the next one? What definitely IS guaranteed is lots of good-natured competition, a pay bar and stacks of cheese, pickles and biscuits to share. Remember to contact us to reserve your place for the Early Bird price of £10 per head or just turn up on the night if you're a more spontaneous, last minute type of person. All are welcome.

Mo Read Chair, Long Compton Village Hall

100 Club

The August Draw was held on 12 August and the results are as follows:

1st Prize	129	Nicolas Butler	2nd Prize	79	Mr and Mrs Ward
3rd Prize	163	Ian Forbes	4th Prize	72	Paul Bird

The next Draw will be held at the Hall Social Saturday on September 9.



Join us for

Quiz Night

7pm, Saturday 30th September 2023
Long Compton Village Hall

Enter a team of up to 7 people

Pay bar

Cheese sharing board

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

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Join us for

Social Saturday

Saturday 16th September 2023
11am -1pm

Long Compton Village Hall

Free entry - savouries - cake - chat



Bridge Club

There will be no meeting of the Village Hall Bridge Club on 12 September. The next meeting will be on September 26 at 2.00 pm and thereafter fortnightly through the autumn.

Chris Galloway 684234

Long Compton Chapel

The Annual Craft, Flower and Produce Show took place on Saturday 29 July. There were plenty of entries in the Craft and Flower and Produce categories. The photographic categories enjoyed fewer entries which was disappointing. Perhaps the category Photographic Art was misleading? Art is in the eye of the beholder so a picture of your kitchen tiles could be "art"!



Perhaps next year we will have more entries. Although footfall was lower this year than last, those who came enjoyed the display of local ingenuity! And some tea and cake of course!

This year we had a cup for the best in show which was universally voted for by the judges and given to Rachel (Thomasina) Cooper for a beautifully knitted child's cardigan which you can see in the photo.

The Manse – as always when one starts to work on an elderly property, other issues appear! We have decided to upgrade the insulation, put in a new hot water tank and upgraded the shower. Plus, work to the exterior. We are hopeful all works will be completed by the end of September. Please do contact us if you may be interested in renting it.



Sally Franklin and Elizabeth Gilkes

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Long Compton and District Garden Club

In July our group visited Sudeley Castle and Gardens. Ten award winning gardens are featured in the grounds, including well laid out formal gardens. Although the roses were mainly over, there was some imaginative topiary within areas of yew hedging and some colourful flower beds which were abuzz with bees and many species of butterflies. The wide herbaceous borders had a wonderful display of plants including agapanthus, crocosmia, achillia and scabious. There was some beautiful planting around the ruins of a tithe barn and banqueting hall. Tall specimens of Acanthus and Rudbeckia were shown off at their best against the old walls. Lovely shrubs included cotinus and different varieties of hydrangea.



Our visit included something rather different, a safari trail of natural sculptures of a large variety of animals, to draw attention to the importance of co-existence of humans and animals in the natural environment. The animals included lions, camels, pandas, polar bears and antelopes to name but a few. Some were more impressive than others, but I think our favourites were the huge hedgehog and the family of elephants. During the trail we were amused by the juxta position of a sculpture of an owl and the shrill calling of a living peacock in the tree above.



Sudeley is the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds. Katherine Parr lived and died in the castle and her tomb is in St Mary's church located in the gardens. King Charles I took refuge in the castle during the Civil War and after its "sighting" on Cromwell's orders at the end of the Civil War it was neglected and derelict for nearly 200 years. In 1837 it was rescued by the glove manufacturers, the Dents and Emma Brocklehurst who married into the family did much restoration to the gardens. She was an avid collector and the castle has a display of fine textiles, tapestries and gloves as well as a lock of Katherine Parr's hair and her prayer book. This proved to be a most enjoyable visit with beautiful gardens and a very interesting castle history to discover.

Margaret Welsh

Eythrope garden visit

The Garden Club was greeted by 2 tour guides outside the Eythrope Pavilion once owned by the Earls of Chesterfield. However, when Alice de Rothschild bought the estate in 1875/6 little remained. She designed and rebuilt the pavilion (an example of arts and crafts architecture) and created around it 30 acres of landscaped, formal and kitchen gardens.



Our tour was round the walled 4-acre garden restored by Jacob (4th lord) Rothschild and his wife Serena in 1988. Lady Mary Keen redesigned and restored the walled garden in the spirit of the original Victorian garden. This consists of 12 areas, vegetables, soft fruit, cutting beds, glasshouses (including a vinery) with apricots, figs, Muscat grapes and amazing tomatoes. There are also old classic rose beds, late flowering herbaceous borders, an orchard of 35 varieties of apple trees, not forgetting Bertie their pet potbellied pig.

The Cherry House consists of trees in pots grown in the old-fashioned way with a mould of mole loam, water and manure forming a round crust on the pot rim which maintains correct water and feed something critical to good crops.

If that's not of sufficient interest we also saw an auricular theatre, in the 17th century manner, for displaying a large collection of auriculars (Lord Rothschild's favourite flower) followed by a collection of scented pelargoniums and in the autumn, a large display of gourds.

A topiary garden of animals, and finally a Mediterranean garden of succulents, salvias and heliotropes completed our visit.



This took us 90 mins to absorb and then off to a delicious lunch at the Manor restaurant, after which some of us went to see the house whilst others went round the Waddesdon gardens.

A very good value day out with excellent guides and one to be repeated, watch this space and become a Garden club Member !!

Paul Field

Long Compton Walkers

The holiday season, minor health issues and grandparent duties meant both July's and August's walks were less well attended than has become the norm. In July, Stephen Cornford led a 5 mile walk around the Barringtons ending at the pub in Little Barrington. The rain held off until the last few hundred yards.

By contrast August's walk around Church Enstone and the Heythrop estate began in drizzle and ended in increasingly heavy rain. The Falkland Arms in Great Tew provided welcome warmth and an excellent lunch from an unusually varied menu.

Next outing will be the 12 September (hoping for an Indian summer). If you are interested in joining, please contact Stuart Brown at scbqc1@gmail.com.

Stuart Brown

Long Compton
book club

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14 September 2023
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VILLAGE NEWS

Whichford and Ascott

Editor: Melanie Arnold



The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Sam Chapman who was the winner of the August Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener

Hello from the WASP Collective



We're a new group of Whichford and Ascott locals who hope to help restore a nature rich landscape for our community to experience, nurture and enjoy. Against a background of disastrous decline in nature in the UK, we believe there are, nonetheless, many opportunities to improve or create new habitats in our local area that will help to restore balance to the benefit of all. We have formed a group that is open to all, to provide a focal point for the sharing of ideas and knowledge, and to launch projects in and around our local area.

Our first project is to create a wildflower meadow on Pecketts Piece, the triangle of land that sits midway between our two villages.

Our first general meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 28 September at the new Kiln Shed at Whichford Pottery where we will hear from David Passingham, Shipston South councillor, and from Professor Rosemarie Collier from Warwick University, who has set up a network of such groups. We hope that anyone interested in what we could achieve together will join us.

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VILLAGE NEWS The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



Wolfords WI

Gosh, what wet weather we have had! Still, it has not deterred us ladies of the Wolford's WI.

Coffee Club this month was at the Batsford Arboretum. The terrace is a lovely place to sit and discuss the wonders of the world. Supper Club met at Fratelli's in Shipston: the food was very good, service excellent and, as always, the company delightful.

Walking Club managed a spectacular walk around Blockley: the views were amazing, and we were not deterred by a forgotten map (duh!) – thank goodness



for mobile apps! As always, we managed to find nice place to stop off for some scones. Blockey's community café is definitely recommended!

There was no meeting in August: instead, we had a members and partners BBQ. Though we had hoped for a sunny and warm evening, it coincided with the occasional torrential downpour. However, we were not to be put off; all congregating in a barn belonging to one of our members with the BBQ outside under a trusty umbrella. As expected, our WI ladies excelled themselves with wonderful salads and desserts. A good time was had by all, and no one went home hungry! Thank you to all who participated and donated.

Up and coming events

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday 6 September. Speaker Alistair Price 'What my father did in the war!'

Outing - 9 September - Coughton Court.

Our Book Club, Walking Club and Supper club dates for September are yet to be decided.

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday 4 October Creative Butterfly, Needle Felting.

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

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Cut-off date for pre-ordering is Saturday 2nd September and to keep the delivery on the night quick and efficient we're asking for payment to be made in advance when we confirm your order. And of course, you don't need to be a Wolford resident to join in – if you can come and collect then you're very welcome to place an order.

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Please help us to maintain the church and churchyard at the centre of our village.

The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club

There is no draw in August and next draw will be in September. 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

Katharine House Aluminium Collection

The Wolfords aluminium collection for Katharine House hospice is going really well and the bin in my drive is being regularly used by a number of residents in the villages. It's making a good contribution to the £1,000 or so that's raised across SW7 each year.

I would like to remind users that the collection is for aluminium cans (almost exclusively for drinks) and (reasonably clean) tin foil.

This can all go in the bin that's fairly obvious and placed in the drive of *Glasfryn* between the crossroads and the Fox and Hounds.

There is no need to separate the foil from the aluminium cans. I occasionally come across items that shouldn't be in there. Food tin cans, bottle screw tops, foil type wine bottle wraps, peanut packs, tablet blister packs and aerosol cans are all not required please. The photograph shows items that didn't make it. They are all recyclable but not into the aluminium collection.

In the meantime, if you don't currently use the bin, please do try and make it part of your regular routine. Many thanks.



Keith Murphy



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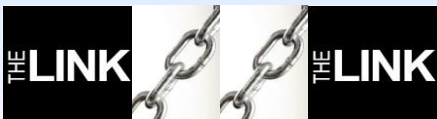


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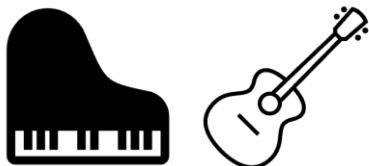
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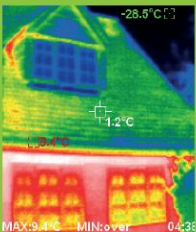
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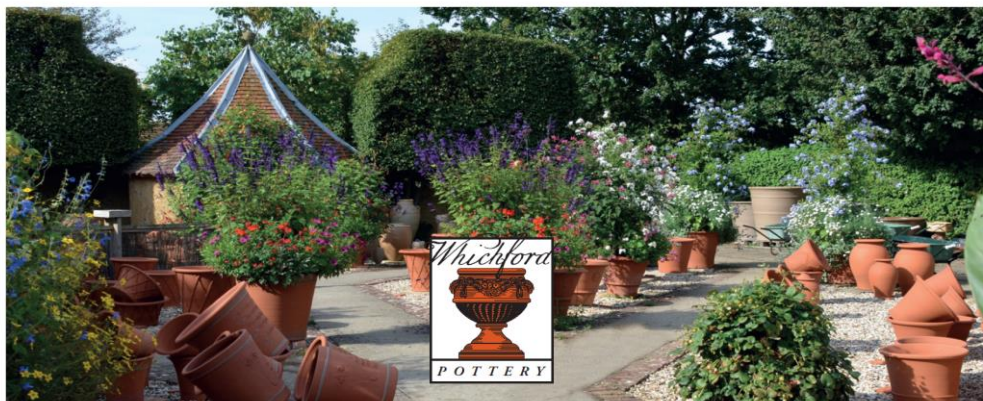
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