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

Weds 1	WI meeting	Wolford VH	19.30
Sat 4	Village breakfast	Burmington VH	09.00
Sat 4	SW Benefice Women's breakfast	Wolford VH	08.30
Sat 4	Firework display	Willington	18.30
Sun 5	Stir up Sunday	Burmington Ch	10.30
Sun 5	Organ recital	Barcheston Ch	15.30
Weds 8	Long Compton History Society	LCVH	19.30
Thurs 9	Country Market	Moreton WI	10.00-12.00
Fri 10	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 11	Coffee shop	The Hall, Stourton	10.30
Sat 11	Social Saturday	LC VH	11.00
Sat 11	Whichford Xmas gift fair	Berry's Orchard	10.00-13.30
Sun 12	Remembrance service	Long Compton Ch	10.50
Sun 12	Remembrance service	WOLFORD CH	10.50
Sun 12	Fired glass workshop	The Hall, Stourton	10.00
Tues 14	Cameo Club lunch	Burmington VH	12.00
Weds 15	Comptonians Xmas lunch	LCVH	12.20
Thurs 16	Country Market	Moreton WI	10.00-12.00
Sat 18	History weekend	Burm VH/Manor Hse	10.00-17.00
Sun 19	History weekend	Burm VH/Manor Hse	10.00-17.00
Sun 19	Barton book club	Barton Hse	17.30
Tues 21	Coffee morning	WOLFORD CH	11.00
Tues 21	Consultation and AGM	The Hall Stourton	19.30
Weds 22	Parish council meeting	Burmington VH	19.00
Weds 22	Gardening club	LCVH	19.30
Thurs 23	Prize bingo	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Fri 24	Carers for Carers	Kineton VH	10.30
Sat 25	Market/ Xmas lights switch on.	Moreton WI	10.00-15.00
Sat 25	Whist drive	LC chapel	19.00
Tues 28	Parish council meeting	WOLFORD VH	19.30
Thurs 30	WASP collective	The Kiln Whichford	19.00

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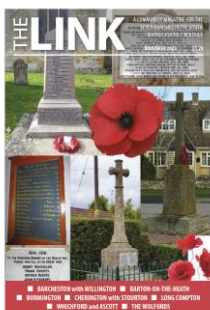
EDITORIAL



Link Talk

Welcome to the November edition of The Link! I write this having just returned from an attempted walk with my dog Biggles, unable to leave my house in either direction due to flooding! It is definitely a day to hunker down and get on with indoor jobs! Never mind, we are cranking up for Christmas and this edition is full of events to look forward to over the coming weeks. We also focus on Remembrance Day events and our front cover is a collage of the memorials and plaques across all our villages and churches commemorating fallen soldiers; catalogued very helpfully on the Imperial War Museum website; definitely worth a look.

Sadly, we also sadly use this edition to commemorate and celebrate the life of the wonderful Tony Partridge, our Nature Notes editor for many years. Thank you to Keith Murphy for coming out of editorial retirement to write his lovely tribute.



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Pet of the Month



Our very lovely pet of the month for November is Millie who lives in Cherington/Stourton and belongs to Alan and Trish Holmes.

Millie is a 21-month-old cockapoo (spaniel lookalike!). She has a lovely, sweet nature, is super intelligent and likes nothing more than a cuddle - and long walks.

Millie is not allowed on the furniture.....as you can see!

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



Happy Birthday!
November Birthdays



Claire Fifer-Flaherty	Long Compton	12
Matthew Clarke	Burmington	12
James Allen	Long Compton	17
Esme Willow McCutcheon	Cherington	12
Sebastian Matthews	Whichford	8
Emile Ada Lamb	Long Compton	16
Leah Dudfield	Stourton	10
Harvey Joshua Streets	Whichford	15

Carers4Carers

Monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall.

Friday 24 November 10.30am - 12 noon. As well as our usual refreshments and chat, we're preparing for Christmas! Yes, that time of year is creeping close so both carers and companions will be having fun making Christmas decorations.



Friday 8 December 10:30 am-12 noon. We'd love to see you at our festive meeting. There will be music and maybe a mince pie or two!

Your loved one will be welcome to join our Companionship Group while you attend the meetings. 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



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 November

9th and 16th November – Christmas food samples will be available to buy and try before you order. Don't forget to pick up an order form.

Our craft section had steadily grown throughout the year and we have a lovely selection of unique Christmas gifts.

****Extra Market for Christmas Lights Switch-On****

Saturday 25th November 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

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**Presentations by a turner prize winner, a jolly nuclear physicist, and our humorous poem laureate*

**Teasing quizzes and raffles*

you may not enjoy CAMEO Lunch Club.

But if you do, book with Brenda on 664313

Next meeting in Burmington Village Hall

Tuesday 14th November

12 noon for 12.30 pm

Fused Glass Workshop

Sunday 12th November 2023 – 10am to 12pm

Come & join me for a fused glass workshop

The Cart Shed room at The Hall in Cherington

£30 to include materials and drinks

Suitable for beginners but also those wishing to further develop their skills. Items to make during the session include Christmas decorations or greeting cards, soap or trinket dishes, coasters, candle holders, free standing decorative panels, sun catchers etc.

If you are interested, please contact Helen by email hc90352@gmail.com or 07716 636367

*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

18th and 19th November Burmington History Weekend

Please send us the dates of all your significant social events.
Please check this list before you plan a new event.

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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Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)

	<i>Barcheston St Martin</i>	<i>Barton-on-the-Heath St Lawrence</i>
Churchwardens	David Hodges 07767840857	Hamish Cathie 674303
Secretary	Alice & Tom Murray 238755	Gillian Cathie 674303
Treasurer	David Cleave 666002	Mandy McPherson 674734
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Churchwardens	Michael Macdonald 662483	Roger Maycock 686404
Secretary	Graham French 239032	Paul Levitch 686353
Treasurer	Stuart Walsh, 07870 154425	Sherry Gasson-Barker 686420
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Churchwardens	Jill Kirby 684923	Sophia Corlett 684369
Secretary	Zoë Wrigley 650404	Mandy James 684479
Treasurer	John Nye 684363	Jenny Scrivener
	<i>Wolford St Michael & All Angels</i>	
Churchwarden	John Wrench 674389	
Treasurer	Ann McKenna 674009	

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Parish	Chair	Clerk
Barcheston	David Sutton	Lindsey Walker (663567)
Barton-on-the-Heath	James Coker (674601)	Julia Hicks
Burmington	Robert Hutchings (661496)	
Cherington	Philip Townsend (686529)	Sara Cole (686250)
Long Compton	Simon Bing (684827)	Sam Weller (684897)
Whichford	Peter O'Kane (684888)	Sara Cole (686250)
The Wolfords	Pippa Lines (01608 674035)	Elizabeth Gilkes (684336)

SW7 BENEFICE CHURCH NEWS

I wonder if you've ever seen the footage shot in London on the day the second world war ended. There was a huge outpouring of celebration relief and thankfulness. I'm sure the same was true when the horrors of the first world war ended as well. Victory had been won; no longer would the threat of death hang over the country. I imagine the people of Ukraine will feel the same thing when their war with Russia comes to an end.



On Remembrance Day we remember with thankfulness those who have given their lives in war; without their sacrifice we could not enjoy the freedoms we have in this country.

The Bible frequently speaks of a victory and a sacrifice which has brought us freedom. Not a victory in war over another nation but a victory through suffering over the great enemy we all face; the enemy of death.

I wonder if you've ever read any of the poetry written by soldiers in the First World War? There's some amazingly powerful writing that comes out of that conflict, and one of the most consistent notes is the hopelessness that death brings.

It robs life of purpose and meaning. If death is all we can look forward to at the end of our lives, what possible meaning can our lives have? Death severs relationships, that's another theme that comes through the poems, written by the survivors. Friends are lost, families are torn apart never to be reunited; and that hopelessness and pain that death brings isn't just confined to those who die in war. I'm sure there's very few of us who haven't experienced the death of a loved one and the crushing grief it can bring. Worst of all death cuts us off from knowing God. Death is our greatest enemy because it robs us of that for which we were made – a loving relationship with God our creator.

However, in the face of death and all its consequences the Bible announces a great victory, won through the death and resurrection of Jesus. When Christ died and rose again, he defeated death forever, and promises life to all who will trust in him; Christ offers to share his life with us, so that when he returns, we too will be raised to life; life as it was meant to be lived, knowing and loving God as our heavenly Father into eternity.

Let me finish with some words of St Paul which capture the victory that Christ has won over death; a victory that he shares with all who come to him.

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15:54-57)



Anthem for Doomed Youth

by Wilfred Owen



What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?

— Only the monstrous anger of the guns.

Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle

Can patter out their hasty orisons.

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;

Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,—

The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;

And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?

Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes

Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.

The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;

Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,

And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

SW 7 Women's Breakfast
Wolford Village Hall
Saturday 4th November 2023 At 8.30am

What Matters Most and What Matters to You?

St Christopher's - More than just a hospice

Helena Talbot-Rice

***Come and hear from a Christian working in
palliative and end of life care.***

Full English Breakfast @ £12.00 per head.

RSVP

Liz Maycock. lizzymaycock@gmail.com 01608 686404
Sarah Scotter. sarahscotter@hotmail.com 01608686303

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

November 2023 CHURCH SERVICES						
SW 7 Sunday Worship	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Burmington	St John the Baptist Chenington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael & All Angels Welford
5 th November All Saints Day	9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)				4pm GAP service (BD)	10-30am CW Holy Communion (BD)
12 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent			10-50am Remembrance Day service (shared with Barcheston)	10-50am Remembrance Day service (BD)	10-50am Remembrance Day service (shared with Barton) (AW)	10-50am Remembrance Day service (CLW)
19 th November Christ the King		9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	(RS)		4pm GAP service (BD)	10-30am CW Holy Communion (BD)
26 th November Advent Sunday				9am BCP Holy Communion (BD/ADED)	10-30am CW Holy Communion (BD/ADED)	
3 rd December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9am BCP Holy Communion (BD/LM)				4pm GAP service (BD)	10-30am CW Holy Communion (BD/LM)

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

NATURE NOTES

A Tribute to our friend Tony Partridge

I am very sad to inform readers of the passing of Tony Partridge, our long time Nature Notes writer, on Saturday 7 October.

Latterly, Tony was struggling with his health and his daughter-in-law, Anne Marie would transcribe his notes for The LINK as he spoke them to her, usually over the telephone. When you add in the slight complication that Anne Marie lives in The Netherlands, I think you begin to get a feel as to how important submitting his Notes was to Tony and his family.



For the eight years in which I edited the magazine, Tony never missed an issue, and he was invariably the first submission that I received for the forthcoming month. As health issues began to take a hold, his typing began to deteriorate and I began to get quite expert in interpreting his mistypes, some of which made me chuckle even more than his understated, self-deprecating humour which I found a highlight of my monthly LINK experience. Tony once told me that he had never missed an issue in 25 years. I'm not sure that The LINK and its

predecessors runs to that length of time but if it does, I'm sure he never missed an issue. For those who like to know such things, that's around 300 articles!

I also came across Tony as a fellow member of the Stour Singers. He sang tenor as I recall and once, I sat next to him in rehearsal. Not the easiest of pairings as I sing bass, but he got through it all with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. It was the same twinkle that I found in his writing. He had a twinkle in his words which was unlike any other contributor to the magazine and one that I am sure will be much missed by the family of LINK readers.



I always got the feeling of the young boy when reading his items. He was plainly smitten with the wonders of nature from a very young age and he kept that young perspective when writing. I know he will be missed greatly by his family, and I'd like to pass on condolences of behalf of the many LINK readers who were entertained and educated by his

numerous and humorous articles across the years.

Keith Murphy

FARMING NOTES

Editor: John Richardson

It is the 9th of October; I've just got in and Dan finished drilling the last of the winter wheat today. It's been a really difficult sowing time. We as usual in started in good time but spells of often unforecast rain made us change a few things. About half was ploughed and the other drilled into subsoiled stubble. This seemed a good idea at the time since it was very dry, then after several spells of heavy rain it looked hopeless for direct drilling. But, in the end, after several days of very hot sunny dry weather it dried enough to get it drilled. Some of the headlands in the shade of the brook, nonetheless, left a lot to be desired. Still, most of the crops drilled following the oilseed rape crop has now emerged and the slugs are our next problem.

We now only have one treatment which can deter the slugs from eating the germinating crops, and it is far from being satisfactorily effective. The only other solution is to drill early into a tight seedbed, when conditions permit, to stop the slugs moving around and hollowing out the germ in the seed grain. If the shoot makes it above ground, it will usually survive. The beans were far from good last

year, but as there is little else as a break crop for wheat, we have planted another 50 acres. Growing oats could be used, or peas, but the market for them is small and standards high. Planting peas on heavy clay soils in a bad spring would be quite difficult.

In my last farming notes, I talked of Rob Harvey; he like my father, lived and farmed through some dire times. They both saw big changes in farming - horses gave way to tractors, combines took over harvest from binders and bulk grain from hundreds of man-handled sacks. When Banbury market was running, they all went there to buy or sell. Later, when it had gone and they got older, Rob would call on a Thursday to see my father and often Ray Slatter would come as well. If I wasn't busy and saw their vehicles there, I dropped in – the stories and tales they came out with of goings on in the past should have been recorded, as now they are all gone and lost for ever.



Rob spent some of his childhood living in Long Compton at Waterditch Farm before later returning to Whichford. Rob used to make a lot of very good seed hay in those days, and I first met him in the far side of Yerdley Coppice one evening in June. He was stacking bales in eights by hand for a loader to pick up;

I walked round a 40-acre field helping him. He let me shoot pigeons on his farm for years after and no others, I cut corn for him and he for me in times of breakdown. He was a true friend, and his knowledge of local life was amazing. One thing I always remember was his saying; '*A pound saved is a pound earned*'. He did say no one ever stayed very long at Yerdley Farm, my father-in-law was there for 12 years. I've been here for fifty-seven years, so I guess we have done something right.

I was rolling behind Dan's drilling today – a steady and quite boring job, I was thinking of all the old boys who worked this ground ever since it was enclosed in 1812. King George VI once wrote that the wildlife of today is not ours to dispose of as we will, it is in trust for those who come after us. Our land is much the same. It is farmed to produce food for us and fodder for animals to use. I think looking around today over our valley, I reckon they in the past and we today have done a pretty good job of it so far.

John Richardson (Tufty)

Let's Explore

It has been wonderful to welcome some new faces to our nursery and reception classes at Acorns and at Brailes this term, as well as seeing the safe return of those that were with us last year. The children have made a great start to the new school year, settling quickly, showing excellent independence when coming into school each day and getting used to the new routines.

At Acorns, children have made an enthusiastic start to our topic 'Let's Explore'. We began by thinking about ourselves, sketching and painting portraits and creating paper plate faces, before considering the wider school community. The reception children enjoyed exploring the main school building, meeting staff and children, and finding out about their roles in school. The children have especially enjoyed our key text, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, retelling the story with actions, sequencing pictures from the story, and creating some collage scenes of their favourite pages.

School Days

At Acorns, Class 1 have kicked off the year with enthusiasm and they have travelled back in time to the Victorian Era for the first topic, School Days. During this the children have explored how life has changed since 1837, researching clothes, food, sports and leisure, toys and the school day.

The children were lucky to have a visit from one of our local community members, Bill Cook, who talked to them about how school used to be and showed the class pictures of Acorns from years gone by. It was fascinating to hear that so many children used to fit in the Class 1 classroom and the parents used to stand in the lane at pick up time, just like they do today. Children giggled and were amazed that you could miss a day for such strange reasons. You could have a day off for helping your parents at home or going to the Mop Fair.

Following this, the class enjoyed a Victorian workshop from Hands On Oxfordshire Heritage. Alison spent the morning with Class 1, who were dressed up in aprons and waistcoats and had nails and hands checked! The children learnt about school rules, explored Victorian toys and the structure of the school day.

Children were shocked to hear that there were no iPads and toys that needed electricity or batteries were few and far between.



What did children do instead of watch TV, play on their dance mats or use the PlayStation? During the afternoon, Mrs Doney, ran some Victorian Drills with Class 1, which was instead of PE. It wasn't as fun as our PE lessons!

Warwickshire Sings and Learning the Ukelele

Owls class teacher Mr. Harcourt and the Year 3 and Year 4 children have begun an exciting project with 'Warwickshire Sings.' They will be visited by a singing teacher each fortnight who will develop the children's choral and individual singing skills. This sequence of lessons will, we hope, culminate in a concert with other Warwickshire schools where the Owls, and Brailes, can showcase our fantastic musicality.

Children in Badgers class have made an excellent start to the academic year and have been rising wonderfully to the challenges that a new school year brings. One such challenge has been learning a new instrument. Every Tuesday afternoon, for ten weeks, James Milsom from Create Music is teaching the children in Badgers class how to play the ukulele.

So far, the children have learned the names for the different parts of the ukulele and a useful acronym to help them remember the names and order of the different strings: **Good Children Eat Apples**. They have learnt how to read a 'tab' and have been using a tab to play along with three different songs: *Be Brave*, *Get Funky* and *Hide the Sunshine*.



Children have also been using really careful listening skills to tune their ukuleles and decide if the pitch of a note needs to be made higher or lower to fit in with the other instruments.

The children have been really engaged in these wonderful music lessons and having been pushing themselves further by not just playing the ukulele but singing along at the same time.

It is a real pleasure to watch our budding musicians develop confidence with singing, playing and expressing themselves through music!

Open Mornings

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of families to our open sessions in November to show them round our wonderful schools, whether it is for new starters for Reception in September 2024 or mid-year moves.

Our open mornings at Acorns and Brailes are every Tuesday in November - 9.30am - 10.30am.

Please book your appointment for a tour of the school by telephoning or emailing. The closing date for Reception 2024 applications is 15 January 2024. Our admissions criteria are on each school's website and we are able to take children from neighbouring counties such as Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, in addition to Warwickshire.

Acorns

01608 684654

Admin2639@we-learn.com

Brailes

01608 685253


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Acorns PTA Santa Trail 2023!

 Saturday the 9th & Sunday the 10th
Long Compton

Get ready to experience the enchantment of the holiday season
like never before with our Santa Trail!



All over Long Compton Santa will show up in all sorts of situations!
Come along for some festive fun and see how many Santas you can
spot to be in with the chance of winning a M&S hamper worth £75!

This year we have teamed up with Long Compton Chapel. On
Saturday the 9th, make your way to the Chapel in the centre of the
village to kick start your journey. Here you will be able to get into
the holiday spirit by browsing a wonderful Christmas decoration
competition, craft market and take advantage the delicious
refreshments being served.

On Sunday the 10th, the Santa's will still be out so you can still take
a festive walk around the village and enter our prize draw.

For more information follow us on our social accounts or email us
at friendsofacornspta@gmail.com

So, grab your mittens, gather your loved ones, and let's begin this
adventure along the Acorns PTA Santa Trail! 🇬🇧

We can't wait to see you there!

 [acornsprimary_pta](https://www.instagram.com/acornsprimary_pta) Acorns Primary PTA



Acorns Primary School



Open Mornings

Every Tuesday in November 9.30am - 10.30am
(by appointment only)

www.acornsprimary.co.uk

Part of the Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust with Brilles C of E Primary School, Kineton C of E Primary School and Shipston Primary School



Starting School in September 2024?

- Take a tour of the main school and our new Nursery/ Reception classroom, seeing teaching and learning in action.
- Meet pupils, staff and school leaders.
- Get advice on the Admissions procedure.
- Learn about our curriculum, facilities and wraparound care offer.
- Nursery places available from age 3.

Please contact the school office to arrange your visit.

Email: admin2639@we-learn.com

Tel: 01608 684654

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/acornshead>



Brailles Church of England Primary School

Open Mornings

Every Tuesday in November (9.30am - 10.30am)

(by appointment only)

www.braillescofeprimary.org.uk



Part of the Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust with Acorns Primary School,
Kington C of E Primary School and Shipston Primary School



Starting School in September 2024?

- Take a tour of the main school and our new Nursery/ Reception classroom, seeing teaching and learning in action.
- Meet pupils, staff and school leaders.
- Get advice on the Admissions procedure.
- Learn about our curriculum, facilities and wraparound care from 7.50am - 5.30pm.
- Nursery places available from age 3.

Please contact the school office to arrange your visit.

Email: admin3014@we-learn.com

Tel: 01608 685253

Web: www.braillescofeprimary.org.uk

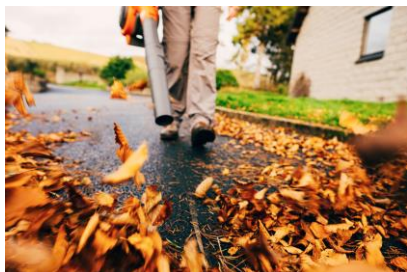
X: <http://twitter.com/braillesschool>

GARDENING NOTES

Editors: Margaret Welsh
and Miranda Arnold

November can seem a rather gloomy month with shorter days and more rain and wind; you may not fancy going out into the garden very much, but ... guess what? It's a crucial month for getting the next year off to a good start.

November is your last chance to plant bulbs for great spring and summer displays; indeed, it's the perfect month for planting tulips. Remember to plant them deep - much deeper than daffodils. About 6-8 inches deep is ideal, and 4-8 inches apart. (You can plant them closer together than this in containers.) You can also plant lily bulbs in containers for next summer, and either keep them under cover over winter, or wrap the pots in some type of insulation material - bubble wrap works well. Now is also the time to put out your winter bedding.



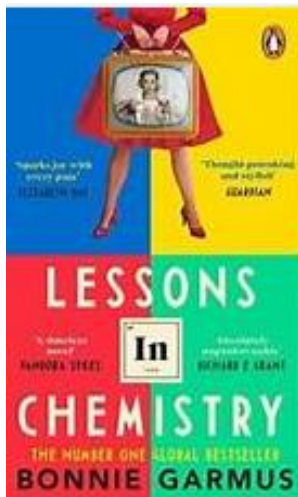
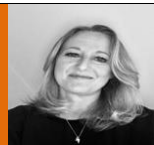
It's also the perfect time of year to plant bare-rooted shrubs, hedge whips, or fruit bushes, before the ground gets too water-logged or too frosty. Plant as soon as possible after delivery and put the roots into a bucket of tepid water for an hour or so before doing so. If you can't plant them straightaway, simply heel them into a pot of compost or raised

bed as a temporary stopgap. They can stay like that for a couple of weeks if necessary.

In the vegetable garden, there's not a great deal to sow. You should put your onion sets in, if you haven't already done so, and sow broad beans indoors or outdoors to ensure an early crop next year. Apart from that, there's quite a lot of pre-winter maintenance to be done. The leaves will be falling thick and fast. I tend to leave the majority of leaves as homes for over-wintering insects, but it's really important to clear the leaves from your ponds and troughs to ensure the water is healthy for fish and other wildlife. Continue to cut down herbaceous perennials after they stop flowering unless you are leaving the dead stems for insect habitats. You can still lift and divide herbaceous perennials too, before the ground is too tricky to dig holes in. Put some mulch over the beds and borderline hardy plants to protect from frost. The mulch will also improve your soil structure and can help to suppress any late-growing weeds.

Finally, don't forget the birds, and keep a ready supply of food and water out for them.

Miranda Arnold



A slightly reduced group met to discuss '*Lessons in Chemistry*' by Bonnie Garmus. A debut novel by a 66-year-old author, the manuscript was rejected dozens of times, but became a runaway best seller and is now the book on which an Apple TV serial is based. A witty tale, easy to read, is set in California in the 50's. Elizabeth Zott, a committed chemist, suffers sexism, discrimination and dismissal at work, but subsequently lands up as the star of a cookery programme "Supper at Six". The somewhat fantastical story has a wealth of well-drawn characters and provides a framework for exploring serious issues.

We next meet on Sunday November 19 to discuss Edna O'Brien's autobiography '*Country Girl*'.

Defibrillator Training

We are hoping to run a short training course in the village on how to use the village defibrillator so that there are a number of people in the village who know how to use it. It is sited in the old telephone box between Lilly Cottage and Home Farm Cottage. The more people that know how to use it the more likely it is that there is someone in the village on hand if it was ever needed. If you are interested in attending, please can you email Jules Hicks - julia.bartonparishcouncil@outlook.com

Recollections of a childhood in Barton on the Heath 1947 – 50

Part 1 "*Can We Have the Chitlings?*"

To obtain these culinary delights you will need a Tardis, with the dial set to "The Lodge, Barton House 1948. On stepping out, beware of passing cars, and if by chance you see one, you can tell your friends, '*I saw a car today, it was black!*', it was an event to see a car. Walking to school, we knew every stone on the road, on entering Great Wolford, on the left at the top of the steep bank, was a house that ran a little shop where one could buy 1 penny's worth of broken biscuits.

The great game was to go down the bank at the dip, walk under the bridge and up the other side . The best was to be in the tunnel on the rare occasion a car came along.

My father was 'The Butler'. Cross the road, over the green with the memorial on your left is the large house, to the left of '*Rose Cottage*', (which then of course was the Post Office). To the rear of the large house , now gravelled car parking , was a farmyard with a couple of pens for animals, and a sort of dairy backing onto the house, with marble slab worktops.

I was led into the farmyard where several men were standing around a gentleman in a white coat. The centre of attraction was a very large pig which was snuffling on the ground next to a huge pile of straw. It was led away, there was a bang and a squeal, and '*Grunty*' had been humanely dispatched. The straw was heaped over his body and then set on fire . This removed all the hair / bristles, and any other health risks. Said carcass was then moved to the dairy and about an hour later, the head was in a bowl; various other utensils contained the heart, liver, kidneys and 4 trotters and another bucket contained the *chittlings*. in other words, the pig's intestines. These we took home to the Lodge across the green where they were turned inside out with a copper stick on the cold water tap and when cleaned, cooked for a family meal.

School was at Great Wolford. We rode there every day on '*Shank's Pony*'; however, if the weather really was bad, heavy rain, snow, ice, etc, we all (6 or 8 of us, all ages) bundled into a sort of estate car with wooden frame sides which may have been a Morris Minor, Estate, I do not remember the names of anyone at school neither teacher's nor class friends, or even if we had school dinners or took a packed lunch. I visited Barton on the heath on August Bank Holiday 2023, while attending the 100 years celebration of the BMW Company, being held at the Fire Service Collage at Morton in the Marsh. My visit to Great Wolford, solved a memory glitch. I recall the school playground ran alongside the stone wall separating the churchyard. That is now a field, and where the school was seems to be a more modern business premises. If there was funeral being held we were not allowed to go out to 'play' and were told to '*Keep quiet*'. Bigger children would tell us little ones they had seen a skeleton hand waving from a recent grave and dare us to look!!

Robert Freeman March, Cambs

Grand Designs

Channel 4 will be airing the episode of Grand Designs that features The Sheds, Barton on the Heath at 9.00pm on 8th November. A really interesting build so definitely one to watch.

VILLAGE NEWS

Barcheston with Willington

Contact the Editor



A poster for Bonfire Night featuring a background of exploding fireworks in blue and white against a dark night sky. The word "Fireworks" is written in yellow, slanted text in the top left, and "Bonfire" is in the top right. In the center, a yellow rectangular box contains the event details in red and blue text. The words "Food" and "Drink" are written in yellow, slanted text in the bottom left and right respectively.

BONFIRE NIGHT
Saturday 4th November
6.30pm
Adults £1 Children Free
Famington Lane, Willington

Barcheston Church – Organ Recital



Sunday 5 November

Pavlos Triantris (St Alban and St Henry VI, Letchworth)

Entry is free.

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

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

VILLAGE NEWS

Burmington

Editor: Graham French



Burmington Parish Meeting

All are welcome to attend the biannual meeting to be held at the village hall on Wednesday 22 November at 7.00pm

www.parish-council.com/BurmingtonParishMeeting

Postcard from Cairo

Hello to everyone in Burmington! Unbelievable that a year has passed since we left! We do miss the fields and Burmington fete!!

In Egypt, a few things are happening. A presidential election in November, hopefully that will be ok, not the most trustworthy of political processes here; and obviously the ongoing Israel/Hamas war which Egypt is trying to steer clear of as much as possible! On a lighter note, it will soon be Halloween which is hugely popular here!

Anyway, all the best to everyone and we will have another update when something exciting happens.

Guy Macaulay and family

VILLAGE BREAKFAST BURMINGTON VILLAGE HALL



Saturday 4 November
9.00am – 11.00am

To book call / text Robyn 07966 849 149

Special dietary requirements catered for.
Please state when booking.

St Barnabas and St Nicholas Church Burmington



**"STIR UP"
SUNDAY**

Sunday 5 November
10.30am

Join us at the village's traditional Family Service conducted by
Michael Macdonald.

Come and help the children stir up, cook and sample their Christmas
pudding.

Join us afterwards for refreshments.

Scarecrow and Christmas Card Competition

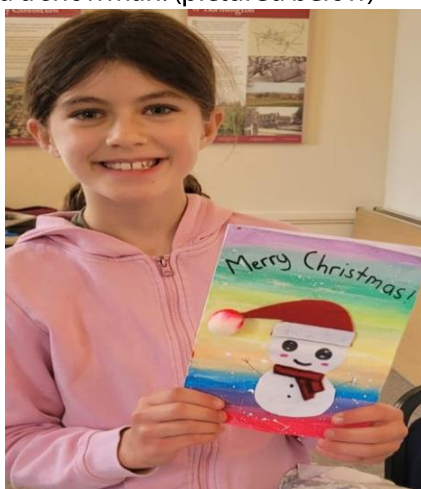
Villagers attended a prize giving at the village hall on 23 of last month to mark the conclusion of two competitions. During September, the village hosted a scarecrow display with an open vote to determine the most popular from among ten contributors. Also, this Summer, the children of the village submitted their designs for a village Christmas card, sponsored by the church. These will shortly be on sale in packs of 6 from Julia Sykes.

It was lovely to see everyone who came along for the event, and there were plenty of scrumptious temptations to accompany the drinks and chatter. Thank you to the fabulous team who put the event together and baked for us. The voting in the scarecrow competition was once again well subscribed, so we'd like to thank everyone who took the time to vote. The ballot was close: only a single vote separated the top two.



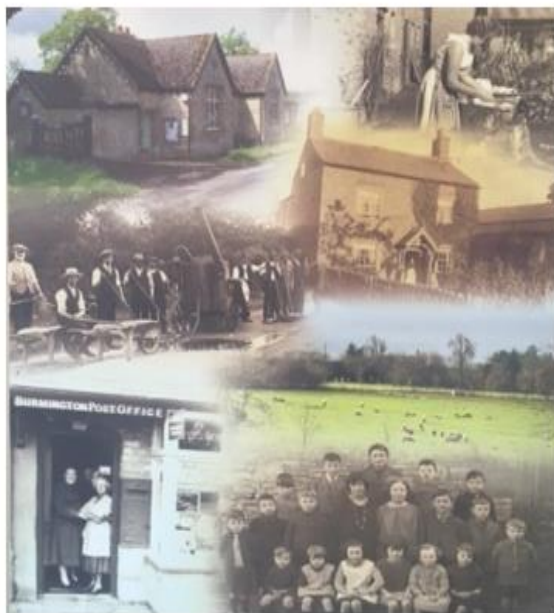
The winning scarecrow this year was designed by Vanessa Faulkner, entitled The French Bird (pictured). The French / bicycle theme was also found in the second placed Pierre the Garlick Seller by Irene Clarke. Third place went to Justine Clarke for her Paddington Bear.

The Christmas card design competition was equally closely fought. First place went to Matilda Payne for her design which featured a Santa-themed snowman. Second place went to Molly Johnson for her design which also featured a snowman. (pictured below)



A History Weekend at Burnington Village Hall and The Manor

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November
10am – 5pm



An Exhibition of Burnington's History in the Village Hall (free)

Come and see what the village looked like in times gone by. Find out who lived in your house in 1842.

Tours of Burnington Manor

Did you know that parts of the Manor date from 12th century? Find out why was the Manor called an 'Aisled Hall'.

There will be a £3.00 per person charge (children free but, sorry, no dogs) for an hour- long tour.

Maximum 10 people per group

Booking is essential.

Tours at 10.30 am, 12noon and 2.30pm on both days.

Please contact Sonia Baker on 01608 661459

Fly tipping Gargen Waste

Farmer Robert Hutchings is concerned about the increase in the amount of garden waste dumped on farmland and draws attention to the NFU's pronouncements on this dangerous practice. In this immediate vicinity, there have been four incidents of general fly tipping within the last year. With the recent strict measures introduced at Shipston Recycling Centre, he believes that this will likely increase.

The NFU is: *'urging members of the public to be aware of the law and the potential risk to livestock when disposing of their garden waste.'*

The NFU has recently been made aware of several concerns from members who have had green waste dumped in their fields by members of the public. It is not just illegal to dispose of garden waste in farmer's fields, but garden waste can be deadly to livestock and wildlife.

Tipping green waste into a farmer's field, or adjacent to the public highway is a form of fly-tipping, which is an offence. Anyone caught fly-tipping waste could now be faced with a fixed penalty notice of up to £1000.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, all householders have a duty of care to ensure that their refuse, including green waste is passed to an authorised person or to a person for authorised transport purposes who can dispose of the waste lawfully. Householders not taking reasonable measures to ensure that their waste is transferred to an authorised person will be committing an offence and could face a fixed penalty notice of up to £600.

Exit the Scarecrows



VILLAGE NEWS

Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



Village Lottery October Draw

1st Jeremy Clark £80 2nd Louise Weston £45 3rd Alan Wright £30

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for your continued support. For more information on joining, please contact me on 07984 003675 or aap.kingston@gmail.com

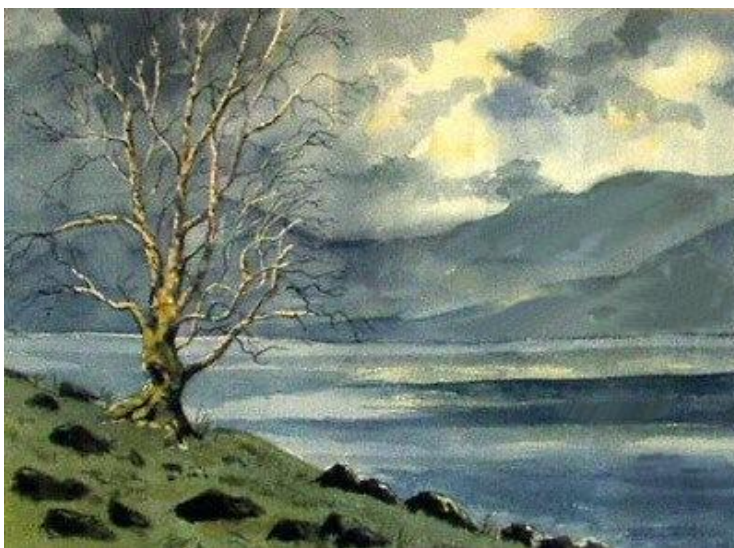
Averell Kingston

Christmas Greetings in support of St John the Baptist Church

We are running the Cherington and Stourton Christmas Card Amnesty again this year. If you would like to make a donation and are already on the Christmas Greetings List, which will be distributed with the December Link, we will assume that you wish to continue. If you would like to be removed or wish to be added please contact Pam on 686367 or Sherry on 686420. Alternatively, you can email usnsl_barker@hotmail.com

Replies by the 5 November would be helpful please.

Pam Brookes and Sherry Barker



**Acnacarry \Scotland
by Stourton Artist Colin Beckett**

Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons

Social Afternoon date for your diary is Friday 10 November 2.00pm to 4.00pm.



Don't forget we have a Christmas Prize Bingo on Thursday 23 November, eyes down at 2.00pm. Then to round off the year on Friday 8 December we'll have a Christmas themed tea party from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.

What an absolute honour it was for me to receive the Individual Health and Wellbeing highly commended award in early October at the WCAVA South Warwickshire Volunteer Awards ceremony at the Shire Hall in Warwick for my contribution to the Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the activities we run.

Thank you for supporting the Feel-Good Friday and Bingo afternoons.

Vanessa Compton

Coffee Shop

Saturday 11 November

10.30am-12 noon

The Hall, Stourton
CV36 5HG

Bacon baps, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cakes. Come along and have a cuppa in our lovely hall, meet new friends or catch up with old ones.

There will be a Bring & Buy Stall in aid of the village playing field funds.



Christine Dudfield & Tricia Wilson

Jean Peers

Sadly, Jean Peers passed away on Monday 16 October aged 94. Her funeral will be at Cherington Church on 8 November at 2.30pm. Jean had lived in the village since 2000. Condolences to all the family.



Hall and Playing Field Consultation

Plans for the development of the playing field and Hall field into a single community facility have been produced and will be open for second consultation with a display at the Hall on the evening of Tuesday 21

November 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Village Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Hall Cart Shed at 8:30pm on the evening of Tuesday 21 November following the consultation and drinks reception mentioned above. Members are welcome to attend. Applications for Membership will be accepted on the night. Nominations are invited from Members wishing to become elected as Hall Trustees.

Hall Social Membership

Many have already signed up for membership of the Hall. This is free to all residents of either Stourton, Cherington or Sutton aged 18 and over. Members will receive updates on matters affecting the Hall or community events but more particularly this is an indication of support for the work that the trustees of the Hall undertake. Members provide a level of oversight, being entitled to vote at an AGM on the appointment of trustees. Applications for membership can be made here: <https://thehallevents.org.uk/social-membership/>.

What's on:

Art Group

Contact Sue Levitch

Stour Valley Stitchers

Contact stourstitchers@gmail.com

Garden Group

Contact: Chris Carr: chris@homefarm2.co.uk

Feldon Wildlife Group

Contact Susan Williams: gpwilliams20@sky.com

Curious Creators Children's Art Workshops - Fri 3rd Nov & Sat 2nd Dec

Contact Jo Rice hello.curious.creators@gmail.com

Health and Fitness

Yoga with Claire from Inspire Health and Wellbeing

Claire Parsons inspiredbyclaire@btinternet.com 07980 543437

Melt Method Debbie Williams 07966 746794

Functional Pilates Juliet Robins getfit@julietrobbins.com 07899966303

Pilates Pam Gardner pamgardner_500@hotmail.com 0797180033
Zumba Rachel Tame shipstonzumba@gmail.com 07948 250616
Pink Belt Ladies Beginners Kickboxing
Demi McAleenan demimcaleenan@gmail.com 07984377069
Atomic Dance Ellie Rowe atomicdance17@gmail.com / 07392 348155

In aid of Cherington Playing Field and North Cotswold Community Awareness



VILLAGE NEWS

LONG COMPTON

Email: longcompton@swlink.org.uk

It's turning into a rather glorious autumn and your village hall is getting busy! We have birthday parties, Christmas gatherings, lunches and baby showers heading our way as well as the regular village clubs, Pilates groups, societies and community social events. Every weekend has at least one booking which is great to see. In between all this, we've managed to squeeze in the refurbishment of the hall floor.



Since I last wrote, we had the return of our 'Quiz with Cheese' which was very popular, in fact, we were almost at capacity! In summary, there were lots of folks, lots of cheese, an excited buzz in the room and a fair bit of red wine!!



Coming up is 'Jazz in the Village', the return of a duo who were very entertaining when they came before. Great tunes, a bit of chat, a pay bar and refreshments. I seem to remember it all makes for a very mellow evening.

Then on the 10 December we will have the annual Christmas Tea Party so save the date! This is open to everyone, but you do need to book early as places are limited. Do come and join us!

Jazz in the Village

"Very cool music played in a magical atmosphere - this will appeal to jazz novices as well as hardcore enthusiasts." Three Weeks Magazine

from Scotland






Ian Millar

saxophone

Dominic Spencer

piano

"Beautiful soaring magic! I was blown away by your show, just breathtaking!"

"...expect warm, intelligent, reflective, human music..."

LONG COMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Main Street, Long Compton, Cv36 5JJ



Accompanied
under 16s free

Fri 1st Dec 8pm £12

ticket sales number- 07814 802814



UK TOUR 2023

www.millarandspencer.co.uk

Long Compton Village Hall -Harvest Lunch

On Sunday 24 September a roomful of hungry locals enjoyed a delicious harvest lunch at the Village Hall. The home cooked (and very tasty) chicken and bacon casserole with buttered potatoes and vegetables was followed by a selection of puddings using the 'fruits of the season' - blackberry and apple crumble, apple sponge pudding, etc. with cream or custard. Almost 40 people were greeted with autumnal flowers in the foyer and tables covered with checkered cloths



and adorned with 'nature's bounty' in abundance. The event was organised by Charlotte Field and her team to follow on from the harvest service in church to provide an opportunity for the whole community to celebrate the harvest. After all, we all enjoy the food our farmers work so hard to produce so why not have a special celebration to say thank you....especially when it tastes so good!

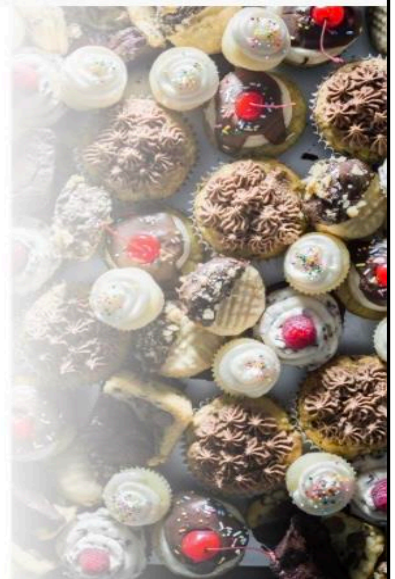
From the general hubbub in the room and all the empty plates, I think I can definitely say this was a very enjoyable occasion and one I hope will become an annual event.

Mo Read Chair, Long Compton Village Hall



Join us for
Social Saturday
11th November 2023

11am - 1pm
 Long Compton Village Hall
Free entry - savouries - cake - chat



Bridge Club

The Bridge Club in the village hall is thriving. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday – beginners welcome. Please contact me for further details.

Chris Galloway

100 Club

The October Draw was done at the Village Hall Social Saturday on 14 October, and the winners were:

1st	172	Grace Gibson	2nd	31	Roger and Sara Billins
3rd	9	Elaine Hobday	4th	62	Graham and Clare Smith

The next Draw will be done during the November Social Saturday.

Chris Galloway 684234

Long Compton Chapel

A busy month. On 30 September we held our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Many thanks to all those who came, helped and raised £357.08 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

September Whist saw a depleted attendance as several regulars were away; but it was enjoyed by all who came. October's is next week so will report in the next Link. November will be the last before the winter and resume in March.



Yesterday, 15 October was our Harvest Festival Service, ably led by Paul Creed with readers Lee and Alan. Lovely to sing the harvest hymns although perhaps it would have been better with my reading glasses!

The saga of the Manse renovation drags on but with the end now in sight, so if you are interested in renting it please contact us for details.

In December we are having a Christmas Decoration Competition, entries to the chapel 3.00-5.00pm Friday 8 December to be judged on Sat 9 December and displayed at the Acorns PTA Santa Trail event held at the

Whist Drive
@THE CHAPEL
Butlers Lane, Long Compton
Saturday
28 October
25 November
7.00pm
BEGINNERS WELCOME
Raffle
Details: Sally 01608 684739 / 07870 545431

chapel where stalls and refreshments will be available (see posters).
The members also take this opportunity to send our condolences to Elizabeth and family on the sad loss of her Mum Jennifer Haine.

Sally Franklin and Elizabeth Gilkes

CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION

Entry £1.00

All entries should be brought to the Chapel on

Friday 8th December 3-5pm (or by arrangement with Elizabeth or Sally)

More info: Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778 or Sally Franklin 07870 545431 longcompchapel@hotmail.com

There are three categories. Make your best Christmas Decoration with any medium. For :

Door — Dining Table — Christmas Tree

Working in collaboration with Friends of Acorns PTA all entries will be displayed at their Santa Trail event to be held at The Chapel on Saturday 9th December 10am-3pm

Door Decorations—sized to fit a regular front door



Table Display—To fit your Christmas dining table.



Christmas Tree— Bauble size to fit an average Christmas Tree branch!



Name _____ Tel: _____

Category Entered Door _____ Table _____ Tree _____

Payment £ _____

Compton District History Society

Despite the dreadful weather we had a splendid talk this past week from Stephen Wass on his recent archaeological work at Packwood House and Baddesley Clinton for the National Trust.

Our next meeting on 8th November will be a talk from Simon Wenham, *"More than three men in a boat: the rise and fall of pleasure boating on the Thames"*.

As usual we meet at 7:30pm in Long Compton Village Hall. Hope to see you then. Visitors welcome.

Diana Cook 684771

The Comptonians

We shall meet on November 15 at 12.30pm at the village hall for our Christmas Lunch.

Margaret Welsh 684238

Long Compton and District Garden Club

	<p>Long Compton and District Garden Club</p> <p>2023 /24 Programme</p> <p>Long Compton Village Hall - 7.30pm</p>	
November 22	Making Christmas Decorations. Bring your own materials from the garden - we will also provide some materials and ideas. Seasonal drinks and snacks.	
February 28	Propagation (cuttings, plant division, sowing, composts) Robert Longstaff , trained by MAFF, TV and radio talks, practicing 'no dig' since 1981	
March 27	The Healing Power of Plants - why plant-derived treatments are not an alternative but the real thing Timothy Walker ex-Director Oxford Botanic Gardens and lecturer in botany and plant conservation	
April 24	Foraging in gardens, hedgerows, riverbanks and forests Fred Giam lectures to many institutions and gives workshops on foraging	
Contact Lesley Roberts 01608 684545 or lesleyroberts46@gmail.com or Anthony Wells 01608 684337		

	<p>Long Compton with Barton-on-the-Heath</p> <p>REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</p> <p>Sunday 12th November 10.50am</p> <p>Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by church service.</p> <p>St Peter and St Paul Church, Long Compton</p> <p>All welcome</p>	
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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

As November approaches it is once again time to remind everyone that the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal will soon be upon us. This year's appeal commences on Friday 27 October and ends on Saturday 11 November, which is also Armistice Day, when the national two minutes silence will be observed at 11.00am.

Our poppy appeal collectors will be out and about during this two-week period, hoping once again for your generous support.

David Whatley Long Compton District Organiser

QUIZ
2023-24 SEASON

THE RED LION

CHARITY PUB QUIZ SEASON 2023-24

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - MIND

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER - COTSWOLDS DOGS AND CATS HOME

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER - BYHP (BANBURY YOUNG HOMELESSNESS PROJECT)

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY - QUIZ OF THE YEAR - ACORNS PTA

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY - SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY - LONG COMPTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY - MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH - NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH - THE BLUE CROSS

What you need to know...

- Quiz starts at 7.30 (ish)
- Teams of up to 6 people (£2 per person entry fee)
- Book a table to guarantee seats for your team
- There is a raffle with great prizes at each quiz

Long Compton
book club

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

For those interested in reading along with us anyway, our November books are:
"A Month in the Country" by J.L. Carr
and
"The Mercies" by Kiran Millwood Hargrave"

Obituary: Jenniter Haine



Jennifer was born at Sutton under Brailes to a farming family, moving to King Stone Farm, Long Compton in 1958 when she married Keith. They had four children and were very much at the heart of village life, in those days supporting most village events, not least with donations of milk.

Jennifer was a Governor of both Long Compton Primary and Shipston High School and with her daughters Elizabeth and Anne ran various charitable donkey derbys and horseshows in field behind the hall which they farmed. However, it is for her involvement in

organising harvest supper catering that perhaps she is best remembered and particularly for the trifles – liberally soaked in Keith's homemade wine.

The farm relocated out of the village to the top of the hill where she and her many visitors enjoyed the view but sadly for latter part of her life she used a wheelchair and it was fortunate that when the farm was sold a suitable bungalow was found for her at Brailes where she was well looked after by carers and continued to welcome many visitors. When taken to view the property, she recalled it from her childhood as it was originally the hurdle makers workshop.

She died aged 87 in Horton Hospital and fittingly has been returned to Warwickshire soil at the Tysoe Natural Burial Ground

Elizabeth Gilkes

VILLAGE NEWS

Whichford and Ascott

Editor: Melanie Arnold



Pecket's Piece / Ascott Corner Wildflower Meadow Sign Competition

The winning entry was painted by Darcey, aged 9, from Whichford. Congratulations to Darcy and we look forward to seeing the sign up in due course.

The judge was Sharon Farrell, a retired headmistress, and she commented that she "liked the natural shading and pastoral colour scheme of the painting. The flowers have different shapes and designs, reflecting the different types of flower in a wildflower meadow, and they are positioned in a natural,



scattered way, appropriate for a meadow. The artist has used beautiful colours and given the painting a soft, blended look. The meadow looks like a place that would attract a lot of bees and butterflies."



WASP Launch Meeting Report

A wet and windy turn to autumn did not dampen the evening where we welcomed a swarm of, perhaps 40 villagers and other curious and brave people, into the beautiful new Kiln Shed space at Whichford pottery. There was quite a buzz as the crowd gathered to chat, sip wine and forage delectable nibbles prepared by our very own culinary queens of crudites.

We began the evening with a slide introduction to our first major project: creating a wildflower meadow on Pecket's Piece AKA Ascott Corner and we announced the winner of the art competition for the sign that

will be displayed there. Congratulations to Darcy for her beautiful delicate drawing (see above).

Next we enjoyed a film of nature photographs and footage taken by Wasp members, all from within a few square miles of Whichford and Ascott. Wildflowers and grasses, insects, fungi, birds and mammals, all illustrating the



precious and fragile environment that we are so lucky to live in. The irony was not lost on the audience that only that day it was announced that the UK is the most nature depleted country in the G7, and that since the 70s, we have lost approximately half of our biodiversity. What we have is worth fighting for and protecting. Beautiful tracks from the Lost Spells album of poetry by Robert Macfarlane

featuring musician Beth Porter from Brailes accompanied the film.

Then followed a very interesting talk from Rosemary Collier about SWAN - South Warwickshire _ network, a group of communities working to promote nature and biodiversity in their areas. David Passingham then inspired us as he shared some of the activities that the nature group in his village (Stretton on Fosse) have enjoyed over the past 15 years, including moth and bat evenings, pond dipping and interesting talks from some of the many local experts we have.

Thanks to all who made the evening so enjoyable and especial thanks to Whichford Pottery for hosting us. The WASP collective meets on the final Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Kiln Shed. All who are interested are welcome to join.

WASP Collective

The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Kym Blackmore who was the winner of the October Reading Room draw.

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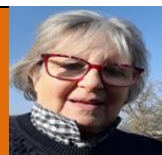
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VILLAGE NEWS

The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



Wolfords WI

Although the nights are starting to close in, and there is a nip in the air, The Wolfords W.I have been as busy as ever. We had a great meeting on the first Wednesday of October: Helen Cooper from Creative Butterfly led an evening on needle felting and we made badges – you can see some of her examples, plus the results of our efforts. Helen is passionate about different forms of arts and crafts and offers lots of different workshops (see



<https://www.butterflyeffectstudio.co.uk/>). We were having such a great time we nearly forgot to have supper which is more than just tea and biscuit, you could say it was a small feast.

We also have other clubs, such as supper club where we are trying out the pubs/ restaurants in the area. This month (October) we are descending on the Sun, Hook Norton. Walking Club will be setting out from Blockley. Book Club will be meeting up in November plus we are starting up a Crafting Club, so keep an eye out for news of that.

The first Wednesday in November (November 1) is our A.G.M so we won't be having a speaker, however in December (December 6) we will be getting into the Christmas spirit – making cards, singing carols and eating mince pies of course. Feel free to come and join us.

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

Volunteer Wolford Stitchers Needed



Jane Baker is looking for willing volunteers to stitch some new kneelers for the church.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 8 November in the church at 11.00am to share and discuss any ideas. There will be coffee and biscuits. You do not need to be an expert stitcher!!

The Wolfords Village Hall One Hundred Club

The October winners were as follows:

- 1st – Jane Revere
- 2nd Martin McKenna
- 3rd James van Helden

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

James van Helden

Christmas Pop Up Pub

Friday 15 December from 6.00pm

Wolfords Village Hall

Please hold this date as we are planning to have a festive Pop-Up Pub with bar and dinner to celebrate Christmas. Plenty of entertainment with a quiz, a raffle and impromptu fun on the night.

An update will be given on the Pub Campaign progress regarding the latest planning application. A huge thanks to all our supporters who have objected against this application.

Please see further details on the Campaign web site,
www.savethefoxandhounds.org.uk, on menu choice and how to book places on the evening nearer the date.

Look forward to seeing you all.

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The Wolfords Joint Parish Council

It was lovely to see so many villagers at the September meeting of The Wolfords Joint Parish Council. It was encouraging to have a good discussion and questions asked regarding the agenda items.

We welcomed Marie Crossland as the new member of TWJPC. This now makes TWJPC a full complement of five councillors.

Many of the usual items were discussed, including planning applications for the Fox and Hounds pub, Four Shires Farm and Manor Farm. Around The Wolfords we also discussed ongoing matters such as improved parking for Ingram Close, the water leak investigation in Little Wolford, speed signs and improved broadband.

The one issue raised during the public forum and one I would like to emphasise is The Wolfords Village Hall: this wonderful facility for everyone to use needs more support. If you are holding an event, please do think of hiring The Wolfords Village Hall, there is an advert with all contact details in this copy of The Link.

The next meeting of TWJPC is being held in The Wolfords Village Hall on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm Please do come along and hear what is going on in The Wolfords.

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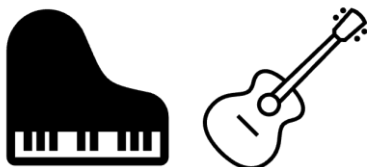
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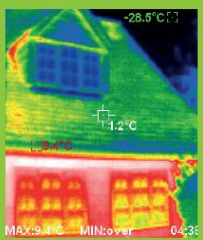
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