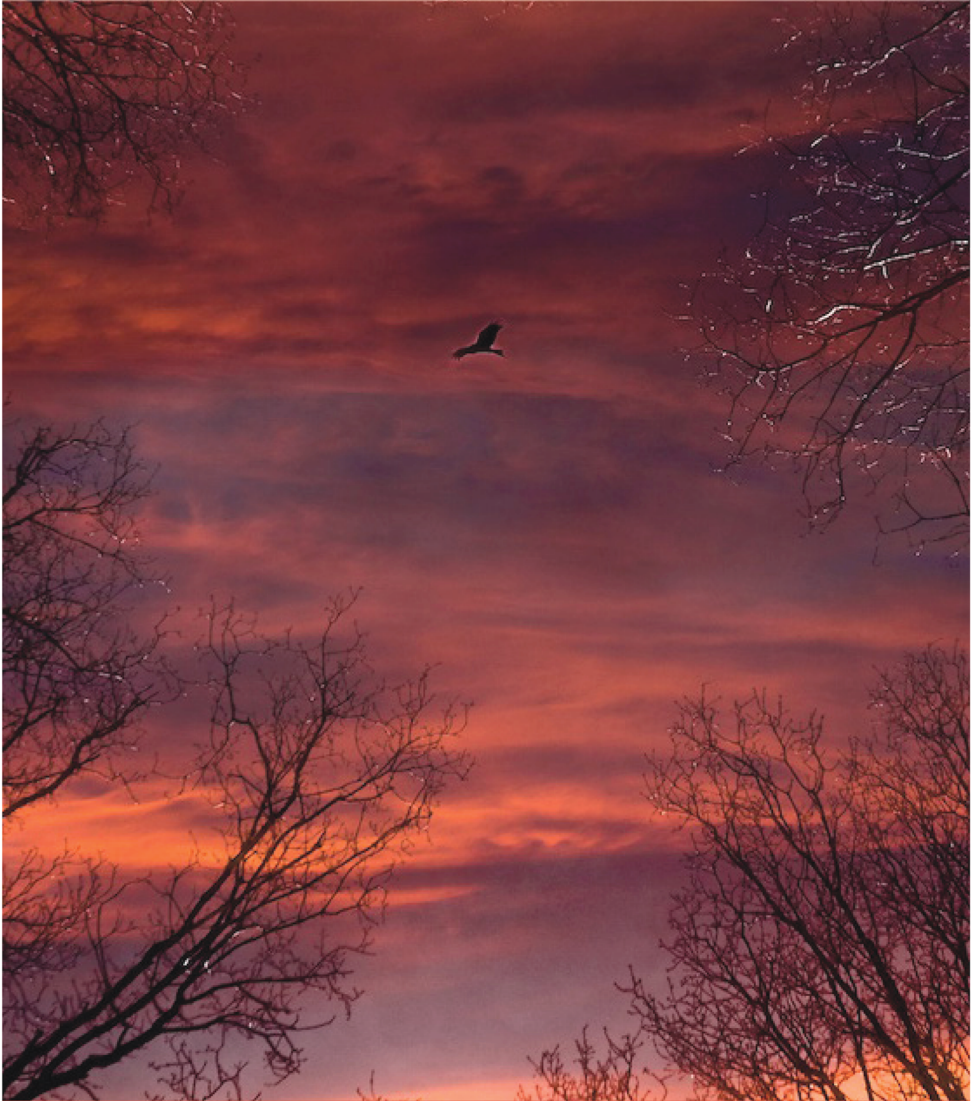


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# EVENTS DIARY

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Sat 1	Quiz Night	Long Compton VH	19.00
Sun 2	Organ Recital	Barcheston Ch	15.30
Sun 2	Art Exhibition	L.C. Chapel	14.00-16.00
Weds 5	WI Meeting	Wolford VH	19.30
Weds 5	Community Coffee	L.C. Church	10.30-12
Fri 7	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 8	Coffee Shop	The Hall, Stourton	10.30-12.00
Sat 8	Social Saturday	Long Compton VH	11.00-13.00
Tues 11	Cameo Lunch Club	Burmington VH	12.00
Tues 11	Long Compton Walkers	Red Lion Carpark	09.30
Thurs 13	Country Market	Moreton WI Hall	10.00-12.00
Thurs 13	L.C. Book Club		19.00
Sat 15	Charity Coffee Morning	Burmington VH	10.30-12
Sun 16	Barton Book Club	Barton House	17.30
Thurs 20	Country Market	Moreton WI Hall	10.00-12.00
Fri 21	Feelgood Friday	The Hall, Stourton	14.00
Sat 22	Whist Drive	L.C. Chapel	19.00
Sat 22	Car Rally	Honington VH	10.00
Tues 25	Coffee Morning	Wolford Ch	11.00-12
Thurs 27	Country Market	Moreton WI Hall	10.00-12.00
Fri 28	Carers4 Carers	Kineton VH	10.30-12
Sat 29	Produce Show	L.C. Chapel	14.00-18.00



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## Link Talk

Welcome to the July edition of The Link. The schools will soon be out for the holidays, the smell of barbeques is in the air and the summer season is well and truly underway.

Our first fete has just taken place in Barton-on-the-Heath and we '*stopped the press*' for a couple of days so we could include some photographs in this edition for you. The fetes are coming thick and fast now so do check the events diary and try to go along and support if you can; so much voluntary work goes on throughout the year to make these events happen and they are always a fun day out for all the family.

After the long list in June, I was relieved to see fewer jobs to do in this month's gardening column, I made my pond a few years ago so I can tick that one off and instead take Miranda's advice and spend my evenings just watching the dragonflies!

Sara Billins

	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> July Birthdays	
Arthur Seys	Willington	10
Phoebe Williams	Willington	14
Ryan Baldwin	Stourton	15

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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 July

**July 13th – Focus on French Cuisine** in celebration of Bastille Day.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> – BBQ week** showcasing sausages and salad to make the most of the British summer!

**July 27<sup>th</sup> – Preserves week.** The market has an excellent reputation for homemade jams and marmalades.

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

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## Carers4Carers

Monthly meeting on Friday 28 July 10.30am - 12 noon at Kinton Village Hall. Come along for coffee and chat and a little TLC from Anita who will be offering hand massages. Your loved one will be welcome to join our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting.



Members enjoyed a recent visit from volunteers from the British Motor Museum who visited with photos and objects related to all things motoring. They even brought along a real car!

For more information about our support group for carers, including help

with transport to/from meetings, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email us at [kcarers4carers@gmail.com](mailto:kcarers4carers@gmail.com) or at [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk).

Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator

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## DATES AND FETES – 2023

Please send us the dates of all your significant social events.

Please check this list before you plan a new event.

**Sat 5 August** Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Country Fair and Flower Show.

**BH Mon 28 August** Whichford and Ascott Flower Show and Fete

### Local Catholic Church Services

#### *Chipping Norton*

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

#### *Stow-on-the-Wold*

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

#### *Shipston and Brailes*

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

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

#### *Chipping Campden*

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

### Local Quaker Meetings

Local Quaker Meetings for worship:

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

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

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

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

### Local Congregational Services

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

Chair Elizabeth Gilkes 07791 621778      Sec/Treasurer Sally Franklin

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Long Compton	Simon Bing (684827)	Sam Weller (684897)
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SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CHURCHES – SW 7 - Seven Parishes ~ One Church

JULY 2023 CHURCH SERVICES							
SW 7	St Martin Barcheston	St Lawrence Barton	St Barnabas & St Nicholas Birmingham	St John the Baptist Cherrington	St Peter & St Paul Long Compton	St Michael Winchford	St Michael & All Angels Wolford
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9am BCP Holy Communion (BD/CLW)				4pm GAP Service (BD)		10:30 CW Holy Communion (BD/CLW)
9 <sup>th</sup> July 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity			9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		6pm Evensong (BD)	10:30 CW Holy Communion (BD)	
16 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)		10:30 CW Holy Communion (BD)			
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity					10:30 CW Holy Communion (BD)	9am BCP Holy Communion (BD)	
30 <sup>th</sup> July 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Whole Benefice Service)	10:30 am CW Holy Communion (BD)						



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



## Movers and Shakers

Acorns and Brailes children in Year 1 and Year 2 have taken a step back in history to explore significant individuals, their achievements and how their actions have impacted our lives today. *Movers and Shakers* has brought many names to the children's attention, but Acorns children began by looking close to home and learning about William Shakespeare. The children got to work finding out as many facts as they could, exploring his family, childhood, plays and poems and even discovered that he introduced new words and phrases to everyday lives. Knock knock, sleep tight, gloomy and hurry are among a lengthy list of words that we can thank Shakespeare for. Following this the class also explored Neil Armstrong's trip to the moon, Tim Peake's stay on the International Space Station, Amelia Earhart's solo flight across the Atlantic and Christopher Columbus' voyages to the Americas. Brailes children have really enjoyed learning about Mary Anning and her major discoveries. Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks have featured as has Joseph Lister.



## Chiplit Fest

The first week of the summer term coincided with the local ChiplitFest, which provided Class 3 at Acorns with a fabulous visit from the author of *'The Beast and the Bethany'* series. Jack Meggitt-Phillips led a fascinating creative writing workshop, where the children were challenged to think of their 'happy place' and then create chaos and carnage by introducing a dastardly villain. Jack also showed the children how to play with ideas and characters, with hilarious results! The children were truly entertained and inspired.

## Image Theatre

Acorns Primary School staff and children would like to say a big thank you to all at The Red Lion in Long Compton for supporting the school and raising funds through their pub quiz. The children have been treated to a wonderful, theatrical afternoon by Image Theatre; they thoroughly enjoyed the performance of *Wind in the Willows*, with some children even being chosen to take part in the show! All children learnt song words and had an immersive, inspirational experience. What a lovely way to spend a Friday afternoon!



## Happy Art

In art and design, Owls class have collaborated to create a bright, uplifting display inspired by the work of the artist Romero Britto who is best known for starting the Happy Art Movement in 1992, a way to spread happiness throughout the world. Around the world, people who view Romero's paintings immediately recognise this philosophy of life - the happy life - that he conveys through the interweaving of bright colours, curved lines and amorous shapes. In a single Britto painting, you see happiness. You feel it. You know it. And you can sense the optimism possible in you. Owls class have been really successful creating this feeling in their artwork for all to enjoy in the school library.

## Visit to Oxford

A wow moment for many of Owls and Badgers class was the visit to the Jewish Synagogue in Oxford which really enabled the children to deepen their knowledge and understanding of what Jews believe and what is important to them in their lives.

As well as visiting the Jewish Synagogue and Ashmolean Museum, Badgers class had a wonderful day out at South Cerney Outdoor, climbing 12 metre high wooden poles and participating in various water sports. The children rose to each challenge with good grace, smiling faces and the brilliant embodiment they have become of our three school values: courage, compassion and curiosity!

Christian Hilton Exec Head

Since my first instalment, work has gone on; Dan has put on the last of three dressings of nitrogen fertiliser to all the corn, both winter and spring sown crops. The oilseed rape is now in flower, with its vivid yellow carpet seen from miles around. Soon this will fade as the crops set their pods full of oilseed. The rape crop doesn't look as well as last year; a very dry sowing window last August and dry early September meant that the crop didn't germinate and grow well. As is often the case, the hills surrounding this valley seem to send the showers either side of us, meaning that much needed rainfall often misses us. So slow



germination warns of flea beetle damage; the larvae bore their way into the stems, eating the young plants from the inside. In late spring, these larvae emerge into beetles causing further damage which can weaken or kill what plants you have left.

The very wet March and April did nothing to help matters; corn that lays wet in the spring often lives, but has shallow roots, meaning that it will not reach deeper water reserves when the ground dries and as I write this, the lovely sunshine helps in many ways, but spring barley is already showing signs it will soon need a drink to get it to grain fill stage.

Last year was very dry but, on this farm, we had a very good harvest, easy to gather and no drying costs. It's surprising how much yield comes from sunshine, converted to plant food which filled ears to full potential. As a young lad of nine in 1958 I was in Reading cattle market with my father, it was July and a raging thunderstorm outside. Acres of hay were ruined and black – the auctioneer, Mr Kirkwood, said *'Bid up chaps, there will always be a seed time and a harvest'*. A cattle dealer by the name of Henderson by the ring gate, promptly replied *'Sometimes it's a poor one'*.

Farming at times is really damage limitation, trying to foretell and then make the best of weather as it comes along, but not having a clue what the end-product

is worth. Last harvest, due to the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia, wheat was £332 per tonne, now it is back down to £174 per tonne. We have the advantage of no rent to pay, but the sums as it stands are not brilliant. Still, having cut 56 harvests, both good and bad, I can't think I'll ever consider doing anything else. By the August Link, I'll have a better idea of how yields will be shaping up.

John W Richardson

## NATURE NOTES

Editor: Tony Partridge

I look out of my dining room window and my eyes then stray up to the junction between its wall and the adjacent room of my combined study and junk room. In the corner quietly and surreptitiously a blue tit has installed its summer nest. This we think is a bonus, because whilst they always nest somewhere in the garden never have we seen such nests so near to the house! We can sit and watch them as they come in and out of their nest. Will there be any young in there? I am reluctant to examine the nest any more closely for fear of frightening them away. We shall see. Suffice it to say we are very pleased to have them once again in the garden. We shall keep an eye on their activities but with care. Chiefly because the close attention from us humans will not be appreciated!

As well as the blue tit we have other breeds of tits commonplace in this area – the long-tailed and great tits being the most frequently seen. All are equally as welcome as the other, both the long-tailed and the common tit will visit bird tables which makes keeping such an aid for them in your garden so much more interesting and worthwhile.

Still looking from my dining room window (oh dear! I am becoming lazier this month!) I see growing nearby a known foxglove. It has no association with either



foxes or with gloves; my book tells me the roots of these words are in fact derived from the old English '*foxes glog*' – as with many native plants it was used widely in medicine for curing such ailments as catarrh and dropsy. For myself, I regard it a handsome plant and am delighted I have it growing here and offer a respectful salute to it when I come across it in the wild.

Now we are moving into another season and our spring song is being sung by a summer's serenade. All around us flowers and trees are producing the means to

carry their species into future years and we wonder do these worthy products of nature come in superstitious leaves. Well over the years (nay centuries!) stories and beliefs have clung to many of our plants and flowers though often for contrasting reasons. Elder for example was associated with witches but on the other hand valued as a fly repellent and for its use in many herbal remedies. Lettuce was once believed to have magical powers to arouse love. No wonder it became so widespread! Ivy must never (especially at Christmas) be taken into the house. It was also believed to cure diseases of the scalp in young children by joining its leaves and putting them on the child's head.

In the summer, I wonder how many readers are fortunate enough to have house martins nest in the eaves of their houses. We have them nesting in those of a nearby garage. Reports from neighbours tell us that they have too. What an unbelievable achievement they make by their flying hundreds of miles to our shores. Successfully breeding and returning home once again! The human race has to be humbled when its own achievements are put by the sides of these!

And so, I leave you this month as I keep a close eye on a lone foxglove growing outside my dining room window. It has, as yet no flower but unopened buds up its stem promise many. I shall remain (still lazy I fear) and watch as these buds come out and enhance just a little bit more the beauty of summer.

**Tony Partridge**

## **GARDENING NOTES**

**Editors: Margaret Welsh  
and Miranda Arnold**

July is a great month in the garden. It's often the hottest month of the year, with plenty of sunshine - and hopefully a few showers to prevent drought. There's not too much to do, except for a spot of dead-heading and keeping on top of the weeds. It's also a time of year when our wildlife need access to water, so there is no better month to dig yourself a pond. Which is exactly what we've just done. A pond is one of the best garden features you can introduce in terms of providing much-needed habitat for insects and amphibians, for shelter and egg-laying, and as a source of water. Ponds are particularly good for attracting pollinators. Other animals, like hedgehogs, voles, and fieldmice, also need access to water in these hot summer months.

You don't need a huge space to have a pond. And it doesn't need to be very deep. The one we dug is about 5ft x 3ft, and about 2ft deep at its deepest point. A friend of mine has a perfectly good little pond in an old butler's sink sunk into a flower bed - it does a very good job.

What you do need is a butile pond liner, some builder's sand, some gravel, some stones, and of course, a decent spade and someone to do the digging. (We had my son). Essentially, you dig a hole with a deep bit in the middle, with sloping sides and ledges to form different planting zones, and some kind of beach or tiny walkway for any animals to use to get out if they fall in.

We used two sorts of pond liner, because our garden is quite stony: a soft pond underlay, and then the butile liner. We lined the hole with some of the sand before putting in the underlay and then the butile liner. Finally, we scattered the rest of the sand over the butile liner, added some washed gravel and a few decent-sized pebbles and rocks, and filled it up. When you first add the water, the sand swirls around and makes the water look murky and a bit scummy, but this all settles down in 24 hours. We draped an old chain from the deep bit up to the edge, to give animals and insects a route out of the water.



Then the fun bit - the planting and the placement of the edging stones. You need four sorts of aquatic plant. Firstly, oxygenating plants to keep the water clean and healthy, and prevent it going stagnant. These are generally entirely or partially submerged in the water. Some can be inserted into the water in their pots, and some are free-floating. Then you need some which are planted in the shallower zones and emerge from the water. These are for insects to land on and lay their eggs. Finally, marginal plants at the pond edge in the damper ground. There are good aquatic plant nurseries fairly locally, with knowledgeable staff who are more than happy to give advice to a novice pond-owner.

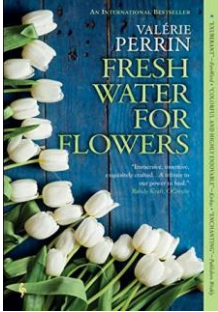
The whole project took about four or five hours. The last thing we did (or got my son to do, to be honest) was to bring an old log over so that we had somewhere to sit and watch the goings-on in the pond and the goings-on start very quickly: within an hour of finishing the planting, two blue dragonflies had arrived and started their mating ritual. There are few better ways to while away a July afternoon than sitting and watching your pond.

**Miranda Arnold**



### Beneficial Book Club

We much enjoyed meeting to talk about '*Fresh Water for Flowers*' by Valerie Perrin. The novel concerns a young woman, Violette, who works, first as a railway crossing keeper, then as caretaker of a large churchyard. The book is filled with interesting characters, stories, food, flowers, happiness and great tragedy. Translated excellently from the original French, it was much appreciated by the group.



The next time will be on Sunday 16 July at 5.30pm at Barton House. We will be talking about '*The Winter Guest*' by W.C. Ryan.

Gillian Cathie



Photograph by Brian Radford

## Village Clean Up

Thank you for all those who helped with the annual clean-up of the village. Many hands made light work and the results look beautiful. Thank you also to Gillian Cathie for the reward of bacon rolls and a cuppa.

## Campden Home Nursing

After last year's fete, we donated a lot of the unsold goods to Campden Home Nursing who wrote to the village to thank them for these donations that they then sold and raised an amazing £483 for this worthwhile cause.

## Barton- on- the -Heath Fete 2023






# VILLAGE NEWS

Contact the Editor

## Barcheston with Willington



St Martin's, Barcheston

2023  
ORGAN RECITALS

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

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

# VILLAGE NEWS

Editor: Graham French

## Burmington



### CAMEO Lunch Club

CAMEO members celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Irene Clarke, a founder-member of the club, at its June meeting in Burmington village hall. Sonia Baker proposed the toast and praised Irene's outstanding service to a national charity, to the local community, and to CAMEO which she helped to form in 2008. Lunch club members learned that Irene and her family have raised over £50,000 for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, through the annual hugely popular coffee mornings held in her Burmington home since 2010, over £3,000 of which was raised through son Stuart and David Tame's entry in the London marathon.



Irene has made an outstanding contribution to Burmington life over many years, as chair of both the village hall and village fete committees and managing the village hall for many years.

She has also had a successful business career, owning the award-winning Penny's Ladies Fashion Shop in Shipston and as a director, with her husband Ken, of Clarkes of Shipston Bus and Taxi Company.

At an age when most folk have long thought of complete retirement and putting their feet up, Irene continues to serve the community through her care of less able neighbours and friends, managing the bookings for Burmington village hall, and as the welcoming face of every CAMEO meeting.

Perhaps she will finally retire from her village and charity work when she and Ken celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage in 2024? but family and friends are unlikely to place a bet on it!

In the meantime, anyone who would like to support Irene once again at this year's Coffee Morning on 15 July, in aid of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, should call her on 01608 652696.

You will no doubt be greeted by Irene as usual at the **next CAMEO Lunch Club meeting in Burmington Village Hall on 11 July (12.00 noon for 12.30)**. Please call Brenda Fitch on 01608 664313 for further details.

# Coffee Morning



Children's Liver  
Disease Foundation  
fighting childhood  
liver disease

Raising money for

## The Children's Liver Disease Foundation

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023

10.30 to 12.00

In the garden of Kenrene, Burmington, CV36 5AW

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

Tel. Irene Clarke 01608 656296 (New number)

## BURMINGTON VILLAGE

Theme:  
Around the World

Scarecrows: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept  
Sale/Prizegiving: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

2023 SCARECROW COMPETITION &  
TABLETOP SALE

Last spring, we held a successful tabletop sale event in the village. The weather was beautiful, our message got out 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 the ten vendors we had dotted around the village.

In the late summertime, 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.

The tabletop sale proved last year to be an excellent opportunity to de-clutter. With autumn and Christmas around the corner, we hope to capitalise in a similar way this year, with the prospect of additional profile from our lovely scarecrows. Further information about how to join in will be distributed through village letterboxes soon.

Neil Johnson

### 1939 Newspaper Report of St John's Ambulance Member providing First Aid to Burmington Man Struck by Falling Tree

Robert Hutchings has a newspaper clipping from the Evesham Journal 11 March 1939. It reports that a St John's ambulance member living in Burmington area went to the assistance of an injured Burmington resident, simply referred to as "Mr Aston" (we don't know his Christian name). Robert's father was a St Johns' Ambulance member and had kept the newspaper cutting.

The clipping is reproduced here but will not be easily legible so here is an extract. What is interesting is the appearance of the names of three people from the Burmington area, past and present.

*The hon sec (St John's Ambulance) reported that ..... one of their members had been highly complimented for rendering first-aid. Mr Aston, in the employ of Mr Rodocanachi, Burmington, engaged in felling trees, was struck by one falling and received serious injuries.*

*Mr A. Claridge, who lives about 1 ½ miles away, received information of the accident and was told that Aston's legs appeared to be badly hurt. Claridge*



*procured splints from some broken rails and bandages made from tea cloths etc. and went to the scene of the accident where he found Aston suffering from a fractured thigh and ribs and also from shock. Claridge rendered first aid and then sent for the ambulance in which Aston was conveyed to the Ellen Badger Hospital and detained.*

*The matron and doctor who attended the patient told the hon. sec. that great credit was due to Claridge for the skilful and efficient manner in which he had rendered first aid and that his diagnosis of the injuries was absolutely correct'.*

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Cherington with Stourton

Editor: Christine Dudfield



### Brailles Picturehouse

July and August is our holiday time. Future dates - September - November inclusive will be Fridays due to *Strictly Come Dancing!*

Friday 15 September, 20 October, 17 November

Thank you for your support, have a great summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Deirdre and Team

### Village Lottery

#### June Draw

1st Dawn Russell-Harris £80 2nd Octavia Lewis £45 3rd Myrtle Heald £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](mailto:steveallkins53@gmail.com)

Steve Allkins

### Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Feel Good Friday Social Afternoons July dates are: Fridays 7 and 21 July from 2.00pm at The Hall, Pinfold Lane, Stourton, look forward to seeing you there. I'll be distributing leaflets in due course which will detail the August and September dates.



Also, there will be a Summer Family Prize Bingo on Thursday 17 August, eyes down at 2.00pm, please bring your children/grandchildren.

For more information, please contact me on 01608 663320.

Vanessa Compton



## Cherington Flower Show Bottle Stall

I'm running this year's bottle stall and would be grateful for your donations of bottles. Please can you drop them off at The Paddock, Stourton or call me if you want them collected on 07866127409

I'm also looking for someone to help me run it on the day.

Christine Dudfield

## Coffee Shop

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Christine Dudfield & Tricia Wilson



Corner Cottage, Stourton. Watercolour by Colin Beckett

## New Village Website

We now have a new village website, [cheringtonandstourtonvillage.com](http://cheringtonandstourtonvillage.com), which has been set up to improve village communication and provide one on-line space for news and information relating to the villages of Cherington and Stourton.



Here you can find information about, and links to, the various village facilities and groups like the pub, the church, the wildlife group and the bin collection calendar!

Additionally, you can be informed about news and events that occur, simply by subscribing to the website. You just have to enter your email in the 'subscribe' box to receive an email from the website containing the latest post every time a new one is added.

We hope you like the new site and find it useful. If you have information or ideas about how it can be improved, please contact [cheringtonandstourtonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:cheringtonandstourtonvillage@gmail.com).

**Di Marriott**

### Long Compton Village Hall

As I write this, summer has arrived (isn't it hot?!). Naturally it brought with it the inevitable inside/outside debate for Social Saturday on June 10. We plumped for inside as it would be cooler and out of any refreshing-verging-on-freezing breeze. I sometimes think the front of the Village Hall is where they filmed Southfork Ranch for the tv show Dallas! Anyway, it proved to be a popular choice so that was a relief!



Since the last edition, we've held our AGM where we reported on the past year, how we're doing financially and what plans we have for the future to keep the building in good shape. We decided to incorporate it into the May Social Saturday to make it easier for people to attend. In essence, things are looking pretty good, the hall is in constant use with regular groups and first timers. We have a new committee member (so we can share the jobs out more) and we have plans for the return of Jazz in the Village, a jazz duo who came a few years ago. More details to follow on that next time but you might like to note the date, December 1.

I should be able to report back on the cream teas at the Village Fete on 24 June and the Quiz on 1 July next month. Suffice to say, it's all a blur of scones, cream, jam and cheese round these parts! Do join us if you can.

Mo Read Chair, Long Compton Village Hall

## **Social Saturday**

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## 100 Club

The June Draw was done at the Social Saturday in the village hall on June 10. The winners were:

1st Prize 68 Mary Watts 2nd Prize 16 Janet Livingstone

3rd Prize 111 Matt Hale 4th Prize 120 Mrs Checketts

The next Draw will be on July 8.

Chris Galloway 684234

## The Comptonians

On 19 July we shall meet at the village hall at 2.00pm for a Strawberry Tea.  
All welcome.

Margaret Welsh 684238

*Long Compton*  
book club

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13 July 2023  
at 7.00 pm

We will be discussing 'Love is Blind' by William Boyd and  
members' recommendations for future reading

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

## Long Compton Chapel

What a busy month June has been and only half over at the time of writing; we still have the Fete and the Proms to go!

The chapel was full of art and artisan items on 4 June and the work on display was both intricate and beautiful. If you missed this, please do come along on 2 July for our next exhibition.



Our May whist drive was well attended with five tables. Please join us on <sup>July</sup> 22 at 7.00pm, no experience necessary!



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The plant stall at the Chapel for Shipston Home Nursing raised over £350.

Our Service will be on Sunday 16 July at 4.00pm.

Most of all the Annual Craft, Flower and Produce Show is on Saturday July 29 and we look forward to seeing you there either to enter some items or to visit.

Sally Franklin and Elizabeth Gilkes

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**Long Compton and District Garden Club Summer Outings**

Saturday 27 May, the most glorious sunny day, saw some of the members visiting the Garden of Heroes and Villains at the Heart of England Forest. The garden was created 30 years ago by Felix Dennis and has a magnificent collection of over 50 life size figurative bronze sculptures set in an avenue



of linden trees. In other parts of the garden there are more sculptures, specimen trees, ponds streams and a yew maze. Next to the garden is a pasture with shards made of different materials depicting some of Felix Dennis’s poetry.

The forest, a native broadleaf wood, is the dream of Felix Dennis and to date over 2 million trees have been planted for the benefit of the public to enjoy.

The afternoon finished with a lovely tea set out on the lawn and us talking about this extraordinary garden. Definitely a day to remember.



Daryl Morley

### **Eythrope Walled Garden at Waddesdon: Tour and lunch. Weds 9 August**

Only open one day a week and for private tours. Eythrope is a four-acre walled garden with glasshouses and orchard. Miss Alice de Rothschild, creator of



Eythrope, was a passionate and knowledgeable horticulturalist, renowned for her perfectionism and innovation. The walled garden at Eythrope was and is a productive garden, which supplied vegetables, fruit, herbs and cut flowers for her household, friends and family. Today, alongside the family,

produce is used in Waddesdon's restaurants, hotel and food markets. A working garden on this scale is rare in the 21st century and Eythrope is legendary in the garden world for the excellence of gardening and as a haven for traditional techniques that might otherwise be lost.

£45 (20% reduction for RHS members)

More details nearer the time. Car share encouraged.

If interested contact Lesley Roberts 01608 684 545 or 6@gmail.com  
lesleyroberts46@gmail.com or Anthony Wells 01608 684337

**Long Compton Walkers**

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



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

Black Prince in Woodstock.

New recruits are always welcome. We meet in the Red Lion car park on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Stuart Brown on 01608 684042 or at [scbqc1@gmail.com](mailto:scbqc1@gmail.com)

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Long Compton History Society

On Wednesday evening, 14 June, at our last History Society meeting of the 2022/23 Season, we were treated to a great talk by Tim Healey on the Green Man - the face that peers out at us through leaves and branches of plants and trees on walls, in churches, on pub signs and on any number of garden ornaments. Tim took us through the history of the Green Man from the earliest times in the east to present day garden centres, using a remarkable set of photographs revealing "hidden" Green Men (and occasionally Green Women).

There has been long debate over the origins of the Green Man (from pagan symbols to devices to ward off wickedness) but Tim's conclusion is that medieval European masons probably inherited the symbol from Indian artists and sculptors who were portraying "pearls of wisdom" flowing from the mouths of Hindu gods. The "pearls" were converted into flowers, foliage and fruit (often grapes), whilst the gods became the faces "in the Green". Whatever the origins, the Green Man is now seen almost everywhere, and everyone left the meeting determined to find a Green Man hidden on their local old (and new) buildings and in their churches and churchyards. Tim is an excellent speaker and, once again, he didn't let us down.

The Society's 2023/24 season kicks off again on the second Wednesday, 13 September with a (very short) AGM and a talk by Bill Cook explaining why all of Long Compton's numbered cottages were built at roughly the same time in the late eighteenth century - it's a remarkable story and not one to be missed by devotees of the village's history!

Diana Cook

## Village Organisations

Long Compton and District Garden Club	Anthony Wells 684337 or Lesley Roberts 684545
Compton and District History Society	Diana Cook 684771
Comptonians	Margaret Welsh 684238
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Long Compton & District Walkers	Stuart and Imogen Brown. 684042
Long Compton Bridge Club	Chris Galloway 684234
The Friends of Long Compton Church	Steve Lavelle steveplavelle@googlemail.com



### The Reading Room Draw

Congratulations to Carol Moore who was the winner of the June Reading Room draw.

Jenny Scrivener

### Kathleen Adams, 1923 – 2023

Born to Tom and Olive Adams, their third child of eight, Kathleen Isabel was born in Syresham, Northants, on 17 March 1923, St Patrick's Day, hence the name Kathleen. The family moved to Nil Cottages on the Banbury Road. Going to Hook Norton School, Kath moved to Whichford in 1933 to 1 Roman Row, the same road as Jean and Pat Stodart. She lived in the Row for 90 years, moving up as more houses were built, making no 10 her final home. She went to school at Whichford, and Kath walked Jean to school every day. Pat and Jean became lifelong friends, still sending birthday and Christmas cards until March this year.

Kath had many jobs after leaving school, at the Dragon School in Oxford and Alcan in Banbury which she was desperate to leave to sign up to join the army, but because of the war she had to stay at Alcan to help in the war effort. As soon as she could join up, she did, to the Auxiliary Territorial Service on 18 June 1946. She finished her working life at Norgren in Shipston. She retired at 60, then with her two brothers Jack and Harry, and her sister Elsie, looked after their mum.



Sunday afternoons were spent taking nephews, nieces, and hangers on into the woods for a walk, also taking her pet dog of the time – Peter, Smudge, Sandy, Sweep. She loved to go on holidays with Dorry, Bet and niece Pat. She really liked Scotland.

Kath spent many happy hours with Elsie. You would always see Kath and Elsie walking round the village or sitting on the bench at the green watching the children playing or discussing the world's affairs. Kath would like to go for a ride

in the car, shopping, going for a cuppa somewhere, just so she could see nature in general. She loved foxes and every night would throw food over the fence for them, whether it was remains from a cooked meal, bread with dripping or even cat or dog biscuits. She would often sit on a chair keeping very still watching the foxes eat. In the summer she would see the cubs on the banks playing.

Kath loved the Flower Show, catching up with past villagers and always making her way to the bottle stall, where she always seemed lucky. The last 2 or 3 years she went in a wheelchair, but still had to go to the bottle stall!

When Elsie died in October last year it had a big effect on Kath. She'd say, "I won't be here for Christmas" and Carol would reply "What about your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday?". That was the thing that kept her going. Unfortunately, she had a fall this January which resulted in her being in hospital for 2 weeks, then being moved into Low Furlong care home as she was too frail to cope at home, needing 24-hour care.

A few of the family decided to organise a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday tea, but unfortunately Kath got Covid so that didn't happen. Kath died peacefully on 11 April.

**Caroline Adams**

*(The village is very sorry to have lost so many stalwart and long-standing residents of Whichford over last few months, Elsie and Kath, and more recently, Queenie Hands and Joe Harvey. They will all be much missed. Editor)*

**Katharine Wood**

## VILLAGE NEWS

### The Wolfords

Editor: Lynn Mathias



### Wolfords WI

Following on from the Coronation, May / June has been another bumper month for The Wolfords WI. We had supper club at the Halford Bridge Inn. Some very fine, food was consumed alongside great company. The staff were very friendly and accommodating. We all agreed that we would be visiting again. Our next supper club will be to the Norman Knight. My mouth is watering already.

Walking club was postponed this month, however we are set for a great walk from Sezincote to Batsford, ending with afternoon tea at the Arboretum.





June's meeting was an evening of wicker work with Deb Jones Willow, where we were able to make a wreath. Deb was a great instructor, with a vast knowledge of wicker weaving, and a fascinating back story. I am looking forward to booking more time with her.



If you are interested in coming along to our members' meeting or any of the other activities, or have any questions about Wolfords WI and the activities, please contact Gilly on 07812 344 598, gillyhd99@hotmail.com.

Next Meeting Wednesday 5 July will be a member from the English Civil War Society, who will be giving us an insight into being part of the re-enactment society, and all the fun that goes on. August meeting will be a member's BBQ, hopefully the weather will be kind to us. If you are interested in coming along to our members' meeting or any of the other activities, or have any questions about Wolfords WI and the activities, please contact Gilly on 07812 344 598, gillyhd99@hotmail.com.

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

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owners can take photos and enjoy refreshments. Then drive around some historic churches and / or classic car venues through the glorious Warwickshire countryside. You can also take part in our quiz if you wish.

Please see our website [www.Bardsdrive.co.uk](http://www.Bardsdrive.co.uk) for more information and register now to secure your place at [www.riderhq.com](http://www.riderhq.com) (Bard's Drive 2023). Please email [info@bardsdrive.co.uk](mailto:info@bardsdrive.co.uk) with any queries.

All profits from our event will go to the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust.

### **Car Boot Sale**

The Wolford PCC would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated items to the car boot sale. We made a total of £430.00. The temperature was a lot colder than we had all anticipated at 7.00am on that Bank Holiday Monday but it did mean we sold all the fleeces, winter coats, hats and gloves that had been donated!!

Next car boot sale on August Bank Holiday Monday 28 so please keep clearing out your unwanted items.

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

The June winners were as follows;

1st Roz Warriner 2nd James van Helden 3rd Henry Warriner.

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**

#### **Coffee, Cake and Chat at Wolford Church**

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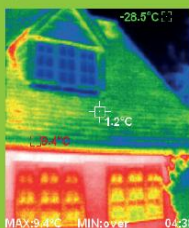
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