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It is an unbelievable three years since we were first locked down due to the Covid-19 virus sweeping through the country. With the development and take up of the vaccines, we are in a much better place now but, personally speaking, I am still uncomfortable mixing with crowds.

The War in Ukraine continues one year on from the invasion by Russia. It must be particularly difficult for those who fled their country, often leaving friends and family behind.

There are an increasing number of events in the area, some of which are highlighted in this edition.

Now that dull January and February are behind us, the Spring flowers are blossoming and lighter days have arrived to brighten our spirits.

The closing date for news & articles
for the April 2023 edition is

Sunday 12th March 2023

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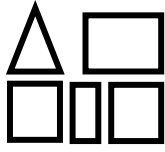
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2.45pm - 3.15pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11-12 yrs)

3.15pm - 4.00pm

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Queen's Memorial: The Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council approached the Parish Council with a view to joining them in purchasing a memorial to Queen Elizabeth II. The Council agreed in principle to a cost sharing for this initiative. Pricing is to be sought.

Street Lighting: Replacement of lights continues and it is hoped to finalise this major project by year end.

Highways: Road surfacing degradation continues to cause concern. The District Council have filled the many potholes in Mollington Lane / Barn Hill towards the A423. Steps have now been taken to again remind Oxfordshire Highways of the urgent need to repair their stretch of Mollington Lane that makes the connection from the County Boundary to the A423.

Fly-tipping: Fly-tipping continues to be an issue with Southam Police informed they are putting in place extra 'drive throughs' in the village.

Minutes: Full copy of the minutes are available via the village website and notice boards.

Next Meeting

Monday 27th March 2023

at 7:45pm

in the Village Hall

FENNY COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Jon Dutton 771 174

fcpc.chair@gmail.com

www.fennycompton-pc.gov.uk

Clerk: Lydia Cox 07789 822 180

fcpc.clerk@gmail.com

The February meeting had not taken place at the time of going to press.

Highlights from the meeting of 16th January.

Local Elections Voter ID: There will be elections for our District and Parish Councils in May this year. For the first time, electors will need to have a valid form of photo ID to be allowed to vote.

More details here: www.stratford.gov.uk/.../voter-id-at-polling

Precept: The Council agreed a precept reduction of 7.1% for our budget for the next financial year starting in April. This is largely due to our installation of LEDs in all our streetlights, which has halved our electricity bill.

Play Area: The fence around the under 8's play area is starting to fail. As part of the community's feedback to the proposals to install new play equipment, there was a strong view that we should not separate areas with fences, so we are minded to remove it and not replace it. Please let the Council know what you think.

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Neighbourhood Development Plan: A referendum date of Thursday 2nd March has been set for the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Next Meeting
Monday 20th March 2023
at 7:45pm
in The Village Hall

AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Trevor Gill www.avondassettparishcouncil.com 07775 762 927

Clerk: Joanne Jarman clerk@avondassettparishcouncil.com 07809 197 817

There was no meeting in February.

Parish Clerk: Please note that the Parish Clerk works part-time and the email is not monitored on a daily basis. If your query is urgent, please phone on 07809 197 817. If you require an immediate response, please call the Chairman on 07775 762 927.

Next Meeting
Monday 6th March 2023
at 7pm
in The Reading Room

NAPTON & FENNY COMPTON WARD - STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Budget: It is that time when the District Council sets its budget and a series of scrutiny meetings are presently leading up to the full Council decision on 27th February. The Conservative administration's proposals suggest a Council Tax rise of £5 for a band D property applied to the District Council element of Council Tax. It is worth noting that the District Council gets its funding from a variety of sources – Council Tax makes up about 48% and Business Rates about 24% - the rest comes from various 'pots' of money from central Government. One problem for the Council is the difficulty of forward planning these days because the Government that used to give 'settlements' for the next three years expenditure, now only gives one year. With many other variables this makes it hard for Councils to plan for the future. The Council does have other sources of income, for instance, because the Council has something like £10 million of revenue reserves, increasing interest rates are benefitting the Council. Green bin users will have noticed the charge has gone up this year and it is the ruling administration plan for it to go up again for the next five years, year on year. The Lib Dem opposition will propose a review of this and of the collection of 'medical' waste in the grey bins for residents with extra need. The opposition are also proposing more resources to improve planning enforcement. The Budget already includes provision for climate change (although we need to see how

this is spent), cost of living, and improvements to the housing department processes.

NHS: There has been a small amount of progress on the provision of the Doctor's Surgery at Upper Lighthorne in that the NHS have now acknowledged the need. However, at a recent meeting, a date of July 2027 for the permanent health facility emerged. Previous impressions given were mid-2025. Some mechanism needs to be found to deal with the interim period, as patients are registering in the surrounding practices as far away as Southam, placing additional strain on those facilities.

I have been working with GP Practices locally because the additional houses over the past few years and added population naturally increase demand. 1323 houses have been built in the Council wards in and around Southam since 2011 with another 263 approved. Anybody who has queued up at the Southam Chemist will have noted problems, although I suspect there are some other reasons on top of increased demand. I am looking into this. I have discovered that there is legal agreement in place to fund extra pressure on GP health services resulting from the 100 homes development at Fenny Compton. Interestingly this is specifically for 'the people of Fenny Compton'.

Postal Voting - Voter ID: I remind residents it is a good idea to get a postal vote to avoid photo ID problems at the polling station for the next election at the beginning of May. There has been some confusion about the last date to apply, which was previously said to be 18th April. It seems that because of the extra pressure the government has caused with these unnecessary extra rules, the actual deadline date might be

a couple of weeks earlier than before to give election staff for time in processing applications. I recommend that residents apply for a postal vote in good time. More details here: Email: elections@stratford-dc.gov.uk Telephone: 01789 260 208 or www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/postal-and-proxy-voting.cfm

South Warwickshire Local Plan: This will set future planning policy. I have been in touch with the Council about how difficult the public consultation is to understand and use. In response an additional document has now been produced which is intended to help.

SWLP IO Summary.pdf (southwarwickshire.org.uk). This is much more user friendly than the main 1200-page document which is still on the Council website for reference. www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp

Responding to the questions is probably better on the interactive online version so you can dip in and out and focus in on the sections that interest you. You do not need to answer all questions. The 'Issues and Options' questionnaire is about ideas and potential solutions. The Council do say they want to hear people's views and no decisions have been taken yet. The Deadline for comments is 6th March.

Cllr Nigel Rock
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Natural Calendar

Maggie Campbell

Childhood years were long,
When they were mine,
In the countryside,
No Calendars consulted; it was fine

- to mark time's passage in other ways.
Imprecise but inevitable, or so I thought,
Markers around us, noted and discussed,
Clues, some obvious, some sought.

Snow melting, revealing white beneath
Snowdrops, each a winter's child,
Yet bravely heralding hopes of Spring
Promising longer days and weather mild.

Aconites soon followed, golden stars
Marking the days' predicted order,
Then daffodils eagerly awaited
Soon to welcome Spring in every border.

Birds too, were ways we marked the year,
The cuckoo's mechanical voice was heard,
Even noted in The Times,
April opened by a migrant bird.

Swallows came to nest in our eaves,
More visitors we noted with delight,
Watching their aerial acrobatics,
Diving, twisting in full flight.

Summer was dwindling
When they queued on every wire,
Ready for their long journey back,
So far to fly, we could but admire.

Then they were bravely gone,
And soon the honking of a skein of geese
As in formation they flew south,
Told us warm days would shortly cease.

Cold days brought a native out,
To sit beside us, brave and bright,
To herald Christmas with a flash of colour,
Robin Redbreast, our delight.

A country calendar but changing fast.
No cuckoo, but snowdrops have bloomed.
No visiting swallows, but our Robin here.
We hope - perhaps our wildlife isn't doomed.



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Many of you will know that Rev. Nicki will be leaving us in May. In early February we were officially told that she would not be replaced. This is because the congregations of the four parishes (Gaydon, Fenny Compton, Farnborough, and Burton Dassett) cannot afford a vicar.

We are not alone; many church communities have declined to a point where they are no longer viable. The Church of England, while rich in culture, land, and heritage, prioritises the needs of the larger communities of inner-city churches before the rural ones.

So, what will happen next? We do not know for sure. One plan is that our four villages join with the six villages (Kineton, Warmington, Ratley, Radway, Shotteswell and Combrook) under the leadership of Rev. Barry Jackson. Another idea is to fight on for our own vicar. We are keen to explore all the options, but under no illusions about the scale of the task. We worry that our church buildings will, like our parish independence, become redundant.

In the meantime, churchgoers will try to fulfil the functions of the church. We will continue to do the best we can to reach and support all members of our communities, of any faith or none. We will certainly miss Nicki when she goes.

If you would like to chat about this or any other 'church matter' please contact Nicki until May or a member of the appropriate Parochial Church Council. *Contact details for the Churchwardens are in The Directory*

Fenny Compton PCC

Keith Distin Churchwarden
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Fiona Meyrick Secretary
Paul Brand
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Farnborough PCC

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Anne Seyfried
Judith Cotterill

AVON DASSETT SOAPBOX DERBY

The popular Soapbox Derby returns on Saturday 24th June. Save the date for your diary! Entries are now open and we would love to see more local Soapboxes. All the rules and regulations are available here: www.avondassett.com/clubs-groups/avondassett-soap-box-derby/ or email Sarah Richardson on drsarahrichardson@gmail.com.

OVER 60S

The Over 60s lunch will be on the second Tuesday every month at The **Over 60s** Merrie Lion at 12noon for 12:30pm. Anyone wishing to join us will be made most welcome. Please ring Carol Walker on 770 410 or Mollie Hill on 271 570 for further details. Dates for March are in *The Diary*.

AVON DASSETT COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

www.avondassettcommunitybenefitsociety.co.uk

Our financial year ends on 28th February, and we hope to be able to report another successful year and look forward to an even better coming year.

Sale of Shares: We will be promoting the sale of shares in the coming months. We need additional funds for developments, and we are interested in attracting new shareholders as well as encouraging existing shareholders to increase the number of shares that they own. Application details together with further information about the Benefit Society available the website:

Easter Market: Plans are already underway to hold an Easter Market on Saturday 8th April when stallholders will offer local craft and produce from stalls in the pub and the car park

Soap Box Derby: Watch out for more details on the Soap Box Derby, including details of the rules and how to enter. It is hoped that this year's event will attract some new competitors especially from the local community.

Burn's Night: The dinner was attended by 35 people with Mike Blakeman addressing the haggis.

Quiz Nights: These have risen in popularity and now attract around 50 contestants. The Quiz is held on the last Sunday of each month, with cash prizes, Play Your Cards Right and a music quiz. Book a table to be sure of your place.

Signage: Signage has been erected on the stiles from Burton Dasset to advertise the pub and count down the number of stiles before reaching The Yew Tree.

Repairs: Repairs to the roof and brickwork above the gent's toilets have been completed and a planning application has been submitted for improvements to the toilet facilities including the provision of disabled access. Planning permission will be required before work can start.

ROADWORKS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA

Wednesday 1st March 9:30am – Friday 3rd March 3:00pm: Main Street, Farnborough - Voneus Broadband (Utility Asset Works), Traffic control (multi-way signals)

Saturday 4th March 8am - Sunday 5th March 4pm: Wormleighton Road, Wormleighton - Carriageway Patching and Associated Works for Warwickshire County Council

Saturday 11th March 8am-4pm: Wormleighton Road, Wormleighton - Carriageway Patching and Associated Works for Warwickshire County Council

Monday 13th March 10pm - 17th March 6am: Knightcote Road, Knightcote - Works for Rail Purposes for Network Rail.

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd March 9:30am-3pm each day: Northend Road, Fenny Compton - Carriageway Patching and Associated Works for Warwickshire County Council

RACING STABLES AT THE WHARF

Joseph Lovedren Hall, born in 1887, only son of a family who farmed at Ufton, Warwickshire. His mother Ellen was born in Fenny Compton and related to the Reading & Guest Brown families. Lovedren, as he was known, was a prominent amateur rider in his youth. In 1915 he married Annie Lilian Reed daughter of another prominent Ufton farming family. Their son Kenneth Lovedren Hall was born the following year.

After serving with the Berkshire Yeomanry in the Great War, he settled at The Wharf in 1919 purchasing the 50-acre farm & corn business from his mother's relations. His cousin Richard Guest Brown, whose family had owned the business for many generations, was the manager of the corn & coal business for a few years. It was here that Lovedren set up his racehorse stables, creating a modern racing establishment.

A second son Patrick Lovedren Hall was born in 1922. Their daughter Diana died aged 15 days in the summer of 1925.

John Unitt in his book 'Beneath the Hills - Fenny Compton in the 1930s' describes the racing stables thus:

'The family lived in the house on the left as one enters the Wharf yard with stables, tack rooms and buildings for feed all around.

It was a wonderful sight as each morning the horses would be ridden for exercise along Station Road and around the village. Each stable lad rode one horse and had another on a leading rein.

The horses were covered most days by their blue and yellow rugs with 'JLH' embroidered in one corner. The stable jockey was Gerry Wilson. Some of the stable lads married local girls Three of them married daughters of Mr & Mrs Wilf Draper who lived at the Old Toft in Bridge Street.

Many radios were turned on at 5:55pm to hear the days' racing results to find out how Mr Hall and Gerry had fared during the day. Gerry got more mentions than Mr Hall as he was riding pretty well every day and the trainer would only have entries on occasional days.'

In 1934 Russley Park, Baydon near Marlborough in Wiltshire was bought by Lovedren and the premises at The Wharf were sold. Local newspapers reported the property had extensive stabling, including 36 loose boxes and during the previous three years over 100 winners had been trained at Fenny Compton.

The family remained at Baydon. Lovedren died in 1962.

The Chronicle would be interested if anyone has any photographs or further information on the stable lads who were employed at the racing stables.



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THURSDAY	2	7:00am-10:00pm	RECYCLING COLLECTION Neighbourhood Plan Referendum - FC VH
FRIDAY	3	12:30pm	Merrie Men's Lunch - Merrie Lion, FC
SATURDAY	4		
SUNDAY	5	10:00am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion - Farnborough Morning Prayer - FC St Peter & St Clare BCP Communion - Northend
MONDAY	6	7:00pm	Avon Dasset PC Meeting - AD Reading Room
TUESDAY	7		
WEDNESDAY	8	9:45am-11:45am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall Bridge Club - The Yew Tree, Avon Dasset WI Meeting - Fenny Compton Village Hall
THURSDAY	9		
FRIDAY	10		
SATURDAY	11	7:00pm	Rural Cinema - Fenny Compton Village Hall
SUNDAY	12	9:00am-12:00pm 11:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Fenny Compton Footpath Group Holy Communion - FC St Peter & St Clare Morning Prayer - Northend Evening Prayer - Farnborough
MONDAY	13		
TUESDAY	14	12:00pm	Over 60s Lunch - Merrie Lion, Fenny Compton
WEDNESDAY	15	9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall
THURSDAY	16	11:00am	GENERAL REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION Avon Dasset Walking Group - Yew Tree, AD
FRIDAY	17		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
SATURDAY	18	2:00pm-4:00pm 7:30pm	So Sew And Make Group - FC Village Hall Quiz - Farnborough Village Hall
SUNDAY	19	10:00am 11:00am 11:00am	MOTHER'S DAY BCP Communion - Farnborough Morning Prayer - FC St Peter & St Clare Holy Communion - Northend
MONDAY	20	12:00pm-1:30pm 7:45pm	Just A Bite Lunch - FC Village Hall Fenny Compton PC Meeting - FC Village Hall
TUESDAY	21	7:30pm	AD Gardening Club AGM - AD Reading Room
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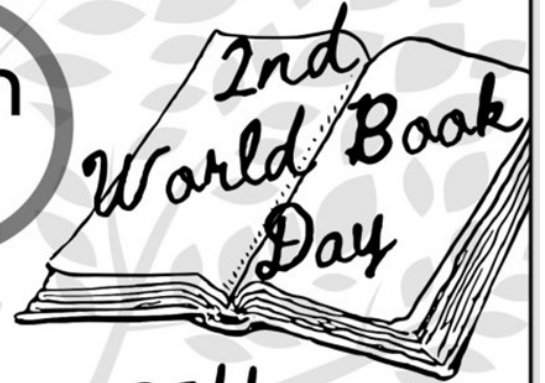


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FRIDAY	24	10:30am-12:00pm	Carers4Carers - Kinton Village Hall
SATURDAY	25		
SUNDAY	26	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS Morning Prayer - Northend Food For Thought Breakfast - FC VH Morning Prayer - Farnborough
MONDAY	27	7:00pm	Farnborough PC Meeting - F'boro Village Hall
TUESDAY	28		
WEDNESDAY	29	9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall
THURSDAY	30		RECYCLING COLLECTION
FRIDAY	31		SCHOOL SPRING TERM ENDS

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FENNY COMPTON FOOTPATH GROUP

About a mile down the footpath on a walk out to Knightcote I found that a wooden footbridge over a ditch was in pretty poor condition, one of the main side rails was badly warped and 4 of the treads were rotten. So, fixing the bridge became this month's job. It ought to be a fairly routine repair, we have done a few of these before. After carrying enough timber and tools to the site to do the repair we started removing the affected treads and found that the bridge was in far worse condition than I thought it was. After another tread failed when I was standing on it, and I nearly dropped into the stream, we decided that the best course of action was to condemn the bridge as being unsafe and beyond repair. We pulled up a few more rotten treads and used some of the timber we had taken to close off the bridge. It was a bit deflating and not the outcome we wanted but we did the right and responsible thing. I will report it to Warwickshire County Council; it needs to be replaced. It will not be an easy job because vehicle access is needed to deliver a new bridge kit.



There are about 10 of us in the Group and we meet up every 4th Sunday from 9am to 12noon. The work is not hard or difficult, but it is very rewarding and helps to keep the paths in good order. If you like the sound of it and want to try it out call me on 770 644. Equipment and on the job training is provided and there is no obligation to be available for every session. We are also on Facebook so you can follow us there for regular updates on what we have been doing. Look for 'fennycomptonfootpathgroup'

Brian Peers

WALKING IN WARWICKSHIRE

Time to get walking again! With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

The website www.walkinginengland.co.uk/warwickshire has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

YEW TREE WALKING GROUP

There was a great turnout for the Yew Tree Walking Group's January outing which attracted 14 walkers including a local bishop. In the near future, the Group will be seeking volunteers to help maintain local footpaths, stiles and bridges in conjunction with Fenny Compton Footpaths Group which is now turning its attention to Avon Dassett footpaths.

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Our lunches are run as light-hearted and informal events, 3 courses for £15. We also hold a charity pot (with absolutely no obligation to donate) to raise funds for local causes, events, and other charitable organisations.

Our last charity donation allowed the Scouts Santa's Sleigh to buy their music licence and we also bought Tom's Bench for the pub garden.

If you would like to join us, simply pop in, or call the Merrie Lion by noon the day before the lunch at the latest and ask for your name to be added to the Merrie Men Lunch attendees in the pub diary.

DASSETT COUNTRY SHOW

Save the date! This year's Dasset Country Show will take place on Saturday 5th August starting at 12noon in the field beside the Children's Playground in



Avon Dasset. Lots of activities in the main ring, a fun dog show, lots of food, drink, entertainment, and fun for the entire family.

Please email dassetshowadvertising@gmail.com for advertising or sponsorship enquiries, Hope to see you all there!

WI

What a happy and relaxing evening WI members all spent together on Wednesday evening 8th February when we all laughed at the antics of Michael Caine in 'The Italian Job' accompanied by Italian nibbles and Italian wine. Afterwards we enjoyed coffee and biscuits after drawing our usual raffle which helps towards the costs of hiring the Hall.

Next month, Alan Rimmer will be talking about 'The Grey Gap Year' which promises to be entertaining. Do join us if you are interested. We will be in Fenny Compton Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 8th March and you are promised a warm welcome.

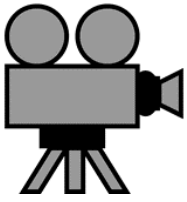
THE WARM HUB AT THE YEW TREE

Attendance has been variable but customers are reminded that until the end of March, every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when, between 12noon and 3pm, we offer a warm welcome with hot drinks, biscuits and soup, free of charge, to our guests. Advice is available, at the Warm Hub, on support services provided by organisations operating in Warwickshire.

SOUTHAM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The Warwickshire Police SNT Team will shortly be starting fortnightly drop-in sessions for residents at the Southam Police Station. The next sessions are on 8th March & 24th March 7pm-9pm. They are also on Facebook, search for SouthamCops and on twitter @southamcops or contactable by phone on 01789 815 158 (answerphone).

RURAL CINEMA



This month the film at Fenny Compton Village Hall is *Going In Style* which will be shown on Saturday 11th March at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. See a trailer at bit.ly/40MrM6M

Please email cinema@fcvh.org.uk or text 07850 630 401 if you would like to reserve seats. The ticket price is now £4.

FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

The Burns' Night Supper, held on Saturday January 28th, proved to be a huge success. The guests, many of whom were in tartan attire, were welcomed to The Village Hall by the skirl of the pipes, well just one piper, who later piped the haggis into the hall, where Address to a Haggis was beautifully read, followed by the Selkirk Grace.

'Some hae meat and canna eat, And some wad eat that want it, But we hae meat and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit'

before it was served, along with some of its vegetarian cousins, piping hot, along with neeps, tatties and gravy. After a selection of puddings, cheese, biscuits, coffee and shortbread the replete gathering settled back to enjoy three informative and witty speeches before wending their way home.

Many thanks to all who came, and all who helped in various ways, all of the Committee, cooks, shoppers, cleaners, speakers and a special, thank you to Jo Bellamy for the beautiful Scottish Table Decorations. We would like it to be an annual event.

Skittle Alley: Do not forget we have a skittle alley that you can hire for a family event. £100 to hire the Hall with the skittle alley, put up a few taken down for you.


The Annual Quiz: March 18th: 7pm for 7:30pm. Teams of no more than 6. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Ticket £5 per head. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Coronation Celebrations: Sunday 7th May. Details to follow.

FARNBOROUGH HALL VILLAGE TEAS

Saturday Village Teas start again at the beginning April.

We are greatly in need of people willing to help on a regular basis, though not necessarily every week. Please, please, if you can spare a Saturday afternoon, do contact any Committee member as soon as possible.

We would also be very grateful if anyone would like to join our wonderful team of bakers. Perhaps people new to the village have culinary talents they could put to good use? 

SO SEW AND MAKE

So Sew and Make is held on the third Saturday of the month in Fenny Compton Village Hall 2pm until 4pm. So the next session will be on Saturday 19th March. All welcome to join.

AVON DASSETT GARDENING CLUB

We will begin our gardening year on Tuesday 21st March at 7:30pm with a look around 'The Gardens of Kent'. Anna Prosser will undoubtedly whet our appetite to visit some of these spectacular gardens in the future.

The meeting will be held in Avon Dasset Reading Room. There will be a chance also to get this year's programme to see what goodies we have in store for you in 2023. Visitors and new members are always welcome.



THE DASSETT MEN'S CLUB

Our meeting on 8th February was well attended. Our speaker was Patrick Fitzgerald, a pilot of many years with the RAF. Patrick's talk was of his experiences flying one of the RAF's most important aircraft the Hercules C130 K. His talk was enjoyed by all and hopefully we will be seeing Patrick again in the future.

Our next meeting will be on at 2pm Wednesday 1st March in the Avon Dasset Reading Room.

CARERS4CARERS

www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk

Friday 24th March 10:30am-12noon: Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Join us for a friendly chat, coffee, and biscuits. Jacqui Smithson, a mixed media artist based in Kenilworth, will give an entertaining demonstration of the fascinating art of wet wool felting so it is something to come along, enjoy and relax. Your loved ones will be able to attend our Companionship Group while you are with us. Pre-booking for the Companionship Group is essential. For more information about our self-help support group, including help with transport to/from meetings, phone Gillian on 07947 893 504, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or take a look at www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

JUST A BITE



Just a Bite Lunch will be on Monday 20th March, a light lunch of homemade soup, a roll and cheese will be served from 12noon to 1:30pm in Fenny Compton Village Hall.

The cost will be £5 with tea, coffee, and homemade cake also available and with concessions for pensioners. All welcome.

COOKING ON A BUDGET

This free course will cover how to make ingredients go further to save money. You will learn basic cooking and food preparation tips. You will also learn how you can grow your own vegetables to cook delicious nutritious meals. Each week we will cover different skills and recipes.

Mondays 1pm-3pm, for 5 weeks starting 6th March at Pound Lane Centre Leamington Spa CV32 7RT. For more information or to book see www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl Choose Booking onto a Course then Personal Development and Life Skills

DIY ON A BUDGET

DIY on a Budget is a new free course! This course will cover how to:

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- Basic Carpentry
- Tiling and Drilling walls
- Basic DIY Projects for the home and decorating

Tuesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm at Pound Lane, Leamington Spa CV32 7RT, starting 7th March for 5 weeks.

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SCOUTS BIG BREAKFAST

The next Scouts Big Breakfast raising funds for the World Scout Jamboree Contingent will be held on Sunday 12th March 8:30am-11am at Fenny Compton Village Hall.

Full English with juice/tea/coffee Adults £6.50 Children £4.50. Vegetarian options, take away sausage or bacon sandwiches available but must be pre-booked.



Email stevemichelle.brierley@gmail.com to book your preferred time.

SCOUT GROUP SPRING UPDATE

Santa's Sleigh: It seems a long time ago, but I would firstly like to thank all local residents for supporting our Santa Sleigh fundraiser at the end of last year. We missed the last Chronicle deadline, but wanted to say how grateful we are for everyone's support. A special thank you goes to The Yew Tree Pub and Merrie Men for their generous donations, as well as to Jaguar Landrover for providing insurance and a towing vehicle. We hope we brought some Christmas Cheer to you all and look forward to seeing you later this year. The monies raised will go towards additional equipment purchases for the Group.

Planned Events: This term, the sections will be very busy indeed. The programme includes activities as broad as ice skating, a Ground Hog night, circus skills, orienteering, the scientist badge, attending our District Gang Show (where four of our members will be performing) and even taking to the skies in a glider! This is on top of the many camps, walks and sleepovers planned for the various sections.



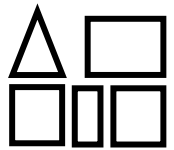
In April, the Group will be celebrating our 10 Year Birthday, with a whole host of events planned for the year. We have a *Family Day* booked for April, where we will launch our Anniversary award and badge. We then have a Group Camp booked in September where around 100 young people will hopefully be taking part from our villages. Our World Jamboree participants will also be trying to reach their final fundraising targets ahead of their trip to South Korea this August! This is amazing, and a real testament to the hard work that everyone puts in for the Group.

Volunteer Campaign: We will be doing a volunteer campaign in the next few weeks, as we are looking to bring in more adult support to move the Group further forwards. Look out for the fliers that will be dropping through your doors in the coming weeks for details of how you can get involved. Whether you can support a one-off event, be an Occasional Helper once a month, or offer more regular help we would love to hear from you! Get in touch, contact details in *The Directory*.

Chris Revitt Group Scout Leader

ABACUS

Firstly, can we please say a huge thank you to everyone who made our annual Duck Race a success, we raised over £800. Events like this are vital for us, fundraising helps us pay for equipment and resources which may otherwise be out of reach to us .



We have been busy food tasting or just licking during Chinese New Year. We have decorated Gingerbread people when we read The Gingerbread Man story and we have been practising our scissor control.

We have spaces available; we have various funding options available. Please give us a ring or call in and see us.

BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON SPRING MARKET

The Spring Market will be held at Bishop's Itchington Community Centre Ladbroke Road CV47 2RN on Saturday 4th March 9am-12noon. Come & meet fabulous producers and makers. Cakes, Artisan Breads, Natural Dog Treats, Cheese, Leather Goods, Craft Beer and much more

Free Entry. The market is raising funds for Bishop's Itchington Scout Group.

KINETON MARKETS

This traditional market is held every two months at 10am–12noon on Saturdays. The next few markets will be on 11th March & 13th May. Support local producers and makers.

SOUTHAM INDOOR MARKET

The next market will be held at The Grange Hall Southam CV47 1QA on Saturday 18th March featuring local crafts and products. Refreshments available.

The law locks up the man or woman
Who steals the goose off the common
But leaves the greater villain loose
Who steals the common from the goose.

The law demands that we atone
When we take things we do not own
But leaves the lords and ladies fine
Who takes things that are yours and mine.

The poor and wretched don't escape
If they conspire the law to break;
This must be so but they endure
Those who conspire to make the law.

The law locks up the man or woman
Who steals the goose from off the common
And geese will still a common lack
Till they go and steal it back.

THE SURGERY

There has certainly been a lot going on at the practice since Christmas. You may have received a text from us advising that we don't have a receptionist on duty at our Sherington branch on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are happy to announce we have recruited 2 new receptionists and once they are trained, we will be able to resume daily reception services. Thank you for your patience.

We also wanted to provide an update on COVID boosters. During the Autumn campaign, we vaccinated 1248 patients! Quite an achievement for our first COVID clinics and testament to the hard work of our team. We very much hope to be able to provide COVID vaccines again in the future and we will advertise this to patients nearer the time.

Finally, concern has been raised about the impact on the practice with the housing development at the railway bridge site in Fenny Compton and those happening further afield. We would like to reassure our patients that our list size can cope with the increase and this will actually bring additional revenue into the practice, which ultimately supports new (and existing) patients and allows us to develop and improve service requirements.

Challenges facing appointments at GP practices across the country remains high and appears to be an ongoing consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and pressures added to the NHS at that time which have not subsided. We are continuing to address service needs and apologise to those who find the systems difficult, but these changes are a necessity in order to provide as much care to as many people as possible.

Dr Marshall & Dr Sharples

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE LITERARY FESTIVAL

This year the festival will be taking place at Harbury village hall 10am - 4.30pm on Saturday 23rd September and we are very pleased to be hosting the Warwickshire Young Poet Laureate again. More details to come in the following months.

CORONATION STREET PARTY - FENNY COMPTON

Sunday 7th May



Thank you to everyone who has come forward so far with offers of help. If there is anyone out there willing to cover a couple of hours as a traffic marshal we'd love to hear from you. Please call, message or WhatsApp Karen on 07816 621 678 and/or Jacci on 07543 850 187.

As long as the weather is fine the event will be outside The Village Hall and in Memorial Road, with a BBQ, music, raffle, children's corner with drawing and colouring, plant stall and, if we can organise it, a tombola too. Donations of prizes gratefully received nearer the time and more details in *The Chronicle* to follow.

If the weather is bad, we will do our best to get everything into the Hall!

WHAT'S ON

Chipping Norton Music Festival: Town Hall, Market Square, Chipping Norton OX7 5NJ. Friday 10th March-Saturday 25th March. A two-week Festival of music, speech, and drama. See the website www.cnmf.org.uk/concerts for full details of the programme and to book tickets.

The Spectacular Music of Harry Potter: Coventry Cathedral Saturday 25th March 7pm-9:30pm. A spellbinding concert featuring the spectacular music from the magnificent Harry Potter films - performed by the sensational International Film Orchestra. To book see www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/ and follow the links.

Shepherd's Calendar: Abington Park Museum Park Ave S, Northampton NN1 5LW. Until Sunday 12th March Saturdays and Sundays, 1pm-5pm. When Peter Newcombe first read John Clare's Shepherd's Calendar, originally published in 1827 he was inspired to illustrate the calendar. Each drawing was created in the specific month, so it would truthfully reflect the month's natural landscape. This exhibition is a rare opportunity to see all 12 works in the collection. Free entry.

'Pins and Poking Sticks': Dress in Shakespeare's Time: Compton Verney CV35 9HZ. Friday 24th March 2pm-3pm. Public lecture with costume historian Jacqueline Ansell. Tickets Member – £15; Non-Member – £25; Student – £17.50. See www.comptonverney.org.uk/ to book.

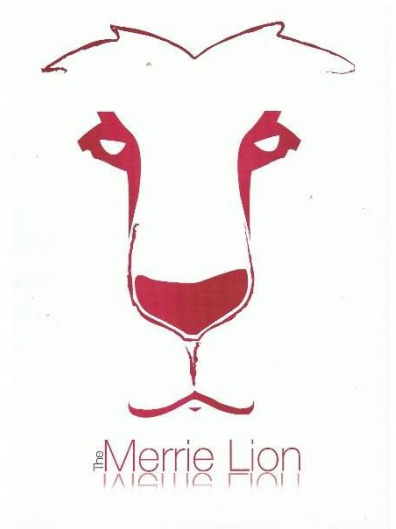
St John Passion - J. S. Bach: Worcester Cathedral College Yard Worcester WR1 2LA. Friday 31st March at 7:30pm-10pm. Join Worcester Cathedral Choir, the Musical and Amicable Society, and an array of guest soloists for one of the most powerful musical compositions of all time – The work will be sung in German, with copies of an English translation available on the night. Tickets from £10-£20, free for full-time students. Book at <https://bit.ly/3YTpZv3>

Family Day: Sensing Naples: Compton Verney CV35 9HZ. Saturday 1st April 10:30am-5pm. Erupting volcanos, live music, and delicious Italian food! To celebrate the redisplay of our fabulous Naples Gallery, you are invited to discover the stories, science, and history behind the works in a free family fun day. Alongside the new look there will be a host of family-focused creative play options, live music, and pop-up talks. This event is free with a valid day ticket or membership.

Trains, Boats and Cranes: Northampton Museum and Art Gallery 4-6 Guildhall Rd Northampton NN1 1DP. Until Sunday 21st May Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday 12noon-5pm. This exhibition by John McGowan includes work from his entire art output, from an early piece of pure colour abstraction through to a print sequence about the Northampton Canal, a subject to which he has recently returned. The exhibition will explore and explain a variety of techniques and styles, particularly screen printing. Victorian signal boxes, warehouses and bridges also provide themes for his prints and paintings. Free entry.

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