

NEWSLETTER

WAPPENBURY EATHORPE WESTON
HUNNINGHAM



APRIL 2017

4th April	Annual Parish Meeting Weston Village Hall 7pm
7th April	Weston Toddlers Easter Egg Hunt, Village Hall
11th April	Eathorpe Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon
14th April	Hill Top Farm Open Evening Party
22nd April	Chocolate Bingo and Chilli Night 4-7pm Eathorpe
23rd April	St Georges Day Nature Walk Hunningham Lane 2.30pm
25th April	Parish Meeting Hunningham 7.30pm
29th April	Weston Cinema SPECTRE 8pm



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We are able to continue to print the Newsletter this year and distribute a paper copy direct to your home, alongside the electronic version which is sent to a growing mailing list of around 60 residents. Please get in touch if you wish to be added to this email list.

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VILLAGE NEWS - WESTON

WESTON EVENTS brings you, by popular demand

Sat 26th August - Village Fete

Sat 28th October - ScareFest - Scarecrow Prize Giving Party

Friday 22nd December - Advent Windows Celebration

Look in this Newsletter, Village Noticeboards, Website and Facebook Page for more information nearer the dates!

ROUNDERS

We have both Adults and Children's Rounders Sets in the Village Hall for anyone in the village to use. We would really like someone to take on the task of organising Rounders Team Events. If you are sporty and would be prepared to take on this fun challenge, please contact one of the Weston Events team: Bren Boardman, Glynis Hooper, Mandie Bradshaw, Chris Garden

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date: Tuesday 4th April 2017 Time: 7pm

The Village Hall, Sabin Drive, Weston Under Wetherley

Welcome! Please come along and enjoy light refreshments with your fellow villagers, meet your local councillors and let us know your issues and concerns in our open forum.

- **Chairman's review of the year including financial summary**
- **Update from St. Michael's Church**
- **Update from The Village Hall**
- **Update from Weston Events**
- **Update from the Wildlife Conservation Group**
- **Update from Weston Walks**
- **Update from other Community Groups**
- **Report from County & District Councillors about local issues.**
- **Open Forum**

Our Agenda is still being finalised but if you would like to talk about your Community Group or let us read out a message, please get in touch with:

Cllr. Nick Harrington nick.harrington@warwickdc.gov.uk 07768 192486

Jane Chatterton your Parish Clerk westonpclerk@gmail.com

VILLAGE NEWS - WESTON

WESTON FOOTPATHS GROUP

The footpath from Weston to Wappenbury from Hunningham Road is now completely stile-free and therefore more accessible. We replaced the fourth and last stile with a kissing gate yesterday - thanks to Alan, Ben, Paddy Taylor and Peter Haine.

Sue Keffler



MONDAY CLUB

Monday Club was held at Weston Village Hall in March as we welcomed our friends from Offchurch, swelling the numbers to 32. We had a fascinating presentation from Bishop David Evans with his unique collection of stamps depicting birds from all round the world. We were amazed to learn just how many references there are to birds in the Bible and also how many varieties there are of individual species. As always we enjoyed very good tea and cakes.

In April we have an outing to the Spa Centre to see Leamington and Warwick Musical Society's performance of Legally Blonde.

Valerie Evans



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

We've had a couple of members step down recently and are looking for enthusiastic villagers keen to help us maintain the hall. We meet about 4 times a year for a couple of hours and promote maintenance and projects that villagers want and request. Please make expressions of interest known to Village Hall Trust Chairman Martin Roberts at martin01james@gmail.com or call 01926 632484.



VILLAGE NEWS - HUNNINGHAM

NOTICE OF PARISH MEETING PARISH OF HUNNINGHAM

Notice is hereby given that a Parish Meeting for the Parish of Hunningham will be held at:

The Parish Room, St Margaret's Church, Hunningham on
Tuesday 25th April, 2017 at 7:30pm

The following matters have so far been placed on the agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Election of officers
3. Minutes of Parish Meeting for 2016
4. Matters arising
5. Report on the activities of the Joint Parish Council
6. Parish Room report
7. Any other business

All electors of the Parish are invited to attend and take part in the proceedings.

M E Green
Chairman of the Parish Council

MERGER OF OUR CHURCHES

Hunningham, Wappenbury and Weston under Wetherley

Our churches have now been amalgamated into THE OFFCHURCH GROUP. Our churches will now be known as "Chapels of Ease".

We are still holding services in our churches as before. We can also hold Christenings and Funerals as usual!

Our Worship will now be organised from Offchurch, where Church Wardens will be elected in April / May.

HUNNINGHAM CHURCH'S last Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm. We will let you know how we are setting things up to look after our little church - which becomes the responsibility of Hunningham Village. We hope to see you there.

Hazel Taylor

VILLAGE NEWS - EATHORPE

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning in the village hall will be on
Tuesday April 11th. 10.30 to 12 o'clock.

Jill Wheeler



PLEA TO ALL DOG WALKERS!

Can people walking their dogs on the footpaths around our villages please take care to clear up after them – particularly along the bridleway between Hunningham and Wappenbury which is a popular area for dog-walking.

If you can't bag it then please find a way to get it off the path and out of the way.

A clean footpath makes it far more pleasant and safer for all users.



BINGO

Chocolate Bingo and Chilli Night

**A fun family fundraising event for
Camps International 2018**

**Saturday 22nd April 2017 4-7pm
Village Hall Main Street Eathorpe CV33 9DE**

**£10 adult / £5 child to include
5 games of bingo plus chilli, jacket potato and dessert
RSVP to Clare or Amy Cribben
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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN WESTON & OUR LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE

The Weston Wildlife Conservation Group is delighted that the Parish Council has given its support to plans that will enable the group to set its activities in the broader context of the Princethorpe Woodlands Living Landscape Project. This project is managed by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and funded through a £1.25m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. You'll be hearing more about our plans, and those for the wider project in the coming months.

As a starter, why not join us on a St George's day nature walk? Meet up at the Wappenbury footpath entrance on Hunningham Lane - 2:30pm on Sunday, 23rd April to explore the natural history of the landscape between Weston to Wappenbury, enjoying the style-free access now provided by the footpaths group!

And, another idea for the Easter holidays: why not take a trip down the Fosse Way to Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park and enjoy the splendours of the English countryside there. See, too their inventive new installation on the lakeside - The Clearing.



This geodesic Dome is a feature of a year long programme that will explore the likely impact of global warming on our planet, and the skills we will all need to learn to counter it. In the gallery itself is an exhibition that explores artists' impressions of the British countryside over the centuries. More details here <http://www.comptonverney.org.uk> A great day out for all the family.

Peter Haine

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WEATHER



February started mild and unsettled weather which soon became colder and quieter in the second week. Mid-month it was warm and quiet but turned wet and windy from the 21st onwards. The first named storm of the season hit us on the 23rd. The delightfully unthreateningly named Doris gave serious gales which caused widespread damage locally. Thankfully, most of the damage was limited to felled trees. It was wetter than usual and much warmer than average.

There were 16 days of measurable rain with the wettest day being the 15th when our parishes received 11mm. The warmest day time temperature of 16C was reached on the 20th. This was amazing as there are days last summer which did not achieve this. The lowest daytime temperature was on the 11th and 17th with 3C.

Overnight it was warmest on the 21st with 11C and the coldest on the 13th with -5C. There were 4 frosts in February of 0C or below.

Mark Hancock

	Feb 2017	Long term average	Highest recorded	Lowest recorded
Rainfall	54.75m m	44.93mm	80.5mm (2007)	6mm (1993)
Average max Daily temp	10.125C	7.504C	10.482C (2014)	4.09C (1991)
Average min Daily temp	3.446C	1.343C	3.661C (2002)	-1.73C (1991)
Monthly Average temp	6.78C	4.342C	6.839C (2014)	1.18C (1991)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Because we went to print several days earlier last month, I missed the February Police Newsletter, which included details of another incident in Hunningham up on the Fosse Way. The following is how the Police reported this crime:

Hunningham

Burglary: *At approximately 1735hrs Monday 30-JAN-2017 unknown offender(s) burgled a residential property on the Fosse Way, Hunningham. Offender(s) forced entry via a rear ground floor door. An untidy search of the property was conducted. Offender(s) stole jewellery, electronic goods and other items.*

Fortunately, there were no incidents reported in the March Police Newsletter for our group of villages, though there was plenty of criminal activity in Cubbington, so the bad guys are not far away!



Also, in the past month, I was contacted by an Eathorpe resident to tell me that a small parcel, which was partially stuck in his letter box had disappeared. Quite a mystery this; the resident did speak with the postman, but no explanation came to light. Hopefully, there will be no repeats of this kind of incident.

Finally for this month, I have included a Police advert about the importance of keeping dogs on a lead, especially where livestock is present! (see page 16)

Paddy Taylor 632428



LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Taking things Easy!!?

Way back, or so it seems, in 2015 our priest in charge of the six parishes of The Feldon Group of churches Tim Britton, retired plunging us into a period of interregnum, a fancy word for having no vicar to run things for us. We carried on as best we could with churchwardens & congregation members organising and taking services, inviting retired clergy to step in to take services of Holy Communion – you know, the one with bread & wine – that need an ordained person. All the while work was being done to try to find someone to take on the role that Tim had left.

It was recognised that six parishes was quite an undertaking for any one person; each parish church needs a Parochial Church Council (PCC) that meets a minimum of 4 times a year but more generally monthly plus an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) each ideally chaired by the vicar, so that was a bare minimum of 28 meetings per year. In addition dashing from church to church taking services, deanery duties etc. etc.

It was therefore decided to split off Long Itchington and Marton from the six and advertise for two priests in charge. In order to make the post for the remaining parishes of Offchurch, Weston, Hunningham and Wappenbury with Eathorpe more attractive it was proposed to create a new single parish.

Since each parish church must earn enough through what parishioners give to them in the collection at services and from fund raising activities to pay for their vicar via an annual payment to Diocese of several thousand pounds called a Parish Share, it was clear that the new parish, if created could just afford a part-time person so wheels were set in motion to form the new Offchurch Group parish, St Gregory's to be the parish church with St Michael's, St Margaret's and St John the Baptist to become Chapels of Ease. A Chapel of Ease can function as it always has regarding services but will no longer have to provide the prescribed duties of a parish church.

This new parish came into effect on Weds 1st March 2017; rather sooner than those involved in the change were expecting; so it's all hands to the pump to form a new PCC, wind up the business of the former PCCs and sort out the finances etc. ready for a new priest in charge.

Mandy Lewis



CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd April	11am Wappenbury	3 Parishes Holy Communion Service
Sunday 9th April	6pm Weston	Evensong
Tuesday 11th April	7pm Weston	Compline
Friday 14th April	8pm Hunningham	Music and Meditation
Easter Sunday 16th April	10am Offchurch	Easter Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd April	11am Weston	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th April	11am Hunningham	Come to Worship Junior Church and Pilgrim Puppets

THE PILGRIM PUPPETS

Thursday 6th April - Grandborough Messy Church 5.20pm

Friday 7th April - Cubbington Mill Care Home 2pm

Monday 10th April - Galanos House Care Home Southam
2.30pm

Sunday 23rd April - Come 2 Worship Hunningham Church 11am

Monday 24th April - Telford Junior School Lillington 10.30am
Telford Infant School Lillington 2.40pm

Wednesday 26th April - Lillington Primary Key Stage 1 2.30pm



Hazel Taylor 632428

GREEN MATTERS

One of the best watched TV programmes over the pre-Christmas period was David Attenborough's Planet Earth 2. The stunning photography and skill required to create the programme have been widely applauded and many people have also referred to the environmental messages that were implicit in the content. Most of the environments and the wildlife that were portrayed are facing threats as the planet warms although there was one very encouraging episode showing how cities can be designed to support wildlife despite being home to large human populations.

I saw this programme as strongly supportive of the protection of our endangered species. However I was made to re-think this when I saw an article by another conservationist – Martin Hughes-Games of Springwatch- who argued, that whilst the programmes are brilliantly made, that by presenting rare and beautiful images from exotic locations, there was a danger that rather than alerting people to the dangers that our species face, that this can and does enable people to be complacent – “if there is all this wonderful wildlife then what’s the problem”. Or perhaps even worse, that people enjoy the spectacle but give no thought whatever to our shrinking species and diminishing habitats. Martin believes that there is no sense of the disaster that he says is facing wildlife on a worldwide scale.



This could be dismissed as someone going over the top or just plain moaning- especially as David Attenborough is clearly an environmentalist albeit in a quiet way and many people have argued that programmes like this will help win public support for conservation.

GREEN MATTERS

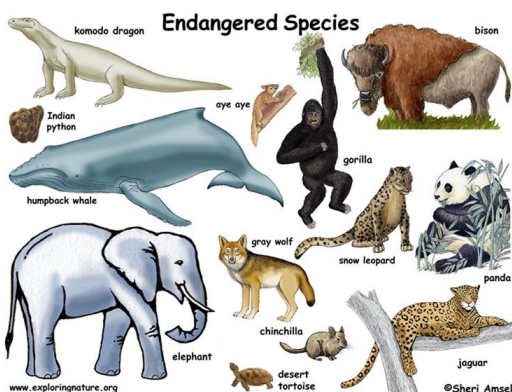
However the idea that wildlife programmes act as a catalyst towards preserving wildlife does not fit with the evidence. Put very simply, since 1970, whilst the BBC has been broadcasting the David Attenborough programmes, the decline in worldwide vertebrate species has been a staggering 58%. This is a mass extinction which is getting remarkably little publicity. Even programmes that specifically highlight the plight of, for example, elephants facing relentless poaching for their tusks, still fail to stop the problem without concerted and worldwide government action. As argued previously in this column, environmental problems generally take years if not generations to develop and are thus easy to ignore.

One of the proposals that Martin Hughes-Games makes is that the BBC wildlife unit should use 20% of its considerable wildlife programme revenues as a “conservation tax” and find new and innovative ways to raise awareness of the issues facing the world’s species in a clear and urgent way.

For me topic is an example of having my own thinking challenged. The Planet Earth series are so clearly brilliantly made and hugely educational – how could there be any question of them having positive results?

Whether I or anyone agrees with Martin, there is clearly a debate to be had and the one thing that seems beyond doubt is that wildlife world-wide is in fast decline and that without concerted and international action the mass extinction will continue.

Owen Bishop



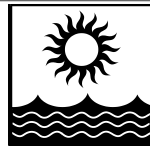
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