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FEBRUARY 2017

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3rd 10th 17th February Weston Tots and Babes Monday Club, Glebe Cottage Eathorpe Coffee Morning 10.30-12 Hill Top Farm Valentine's Night evening opening Eathorpe Beer Festival (see inside) Weston Cinema THE FULL MONTY 7.30pm Puppets and Pancakes Hunningham church 4pm

MARCH 2017

3rd March 11th March 25th-26th March 25th March

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A financial contribution of £5 per household for the 10 issues in 2017 would be appreciated towards the cost of printing. All the writing, editing, managing the adverts, and delivery is done by volunteers.

Please send your donation as last year to any of the people listed below, or contact one of them for bank account details.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

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VILLAGE NEWS - HUNNINGHAM

WELCOME TO HUNNINGHAM to:

Nicky, Mick, Clara and Charlie who moved in to St Malo just before Christmas; and to Rebecca and Adam who have moved in to Birkdale Cottage in January. We wish them all every happiness in Hunningham, and look forward to welcoming them to village events.





PUPPETS & PANCAKES in The Parish Room Hunningham on Sunday 26th February at 4pm. Bring all the family along, enjoy your pancakes, and watch The Pilgrim Puppets.

CHANGES TO OUR CHURCHES:

St Margaret's Church HUNNINGHAM, St Michael's Church WESTON, and St John the Baptist Church WAPPENBURY, are all to become "Chapels of Ease" in the reorganisation by The Coventry Diocese, making us all part of St Gregory's Parish of OFFCHURCH. All four Churches will continue to hold services - but we will have one Parochial Church Council. Adverts have been put in the church press to hopefully appoint a part-time Vicar for the new Parish. We will keep you informed when more news is available. Hazel Taylor

£205 RAISED BY HUNNINGHAM CAROL SINGERS!

Just before Christmas a hardy band of 18 or so dedicated singers (just about everyone being from Hunningham) caroled around the village. This was one of the biggest and most steadfast groups of singers that we have had in many a year, probably due to it being a dry and pleasant evening in direct contrast to last year's dire conditions. Many thanks to all of you who participated and also to those who welcomed us with refreshments, especially Crick and Maggie, Nick and Rona and the Red Lion.

We raised just under £205 which will be split between the Church and Cancer Research. We hope to see you later this year! Mark Hancock



VILLAGE NEWS - WESTON

Weston Events (Bren, Glynis, Mandie & Chris) organised the Advent Windows event and wish to thank everyone who took part, visited windows and came along to our celebration and community carol singing in the Village Hall. Happy New Year to everyone and look out for events in 2017!

WESTON EVENTS : FOR THE COMMUNITY



Your New Village Website is: westonunderwetherley.org

The Parish Council have completed the migration of the old village website to a free hosting with BT Community Kit. This will save the Parish Council nearly £300 per annum with only £7.10 charges for our westonunderwetherley.org website name.

Our Community Pages include information on the Village Fête, previous copies of this Newsletter, Weston Cinema, Weston Tots & Babes, the Westoner Pop-Up Pub, Wildlife Conservation and Open Gardens. Let us know if you have some resources that we could add to the **About our Village > New Residents** page.

If your Community Page or Events need updating or you have a new Community Group to add to our website, please send your new content to nick.harrington@warwickdc.gov.uk.

Your Parish Council Website is: **westonunderwetherleypc.org** Cllr. Nick Harrington, Chairman Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council 07768 192486

VILLAGE NEWS - WESTON

** Save the Date ** The Westoner Pop-Up Pub Saturday 11th March 2017

If you cannot get tickets to the England vs Scotland Six Nations match there is a local alternative to put in your diary! The Westoner Pop-Up Pub will be appearing (weather permitting) somewhere in the village showing the big match with beer at £3 per pint, some nibbles and hopefully some post-match music. We'll provide more event information in the March Newsletter, but please email Chris at westonpopuppub@gmail to let us know if you are interested in coming along or want more info.

Chris Garden

MONDAY CLUB

Monday Club enjoyed a most unusual talk from Graham Reeve, who had a successful Heart Transplant four years ago. As a promotion and fundraising for the British Heart Foundation he went to Ecuador with a party of thirteen, all



of whom had undergone heart or lung transplants, in order to climb the three major mountains. We were able to watch a video of this successful expedition which also raised a substantial sum for much needed new equipment.

Our next meeting at Glebe Cottage on 13th February will be a Quiz. **Valerie Evans**

BROADBAND SERVICE IN WESTON VILLAGE HALL?

We the Hall Trust Committee and following a request, are considering installing a broad band service into the hall. We ask you as villagers if this is a useful thing to have and if you think so, what you would specifically want to use it for. This facility would be an ongoing cost to our budget so we would need to be certain that it is something we as villagers would want and use. Would such a facility attract additional activities and regular bookings from villagers as a result?

Please email me Village Trust Chairman at <u>martin01james@gmail.com</u> if you have any views about this, thank you.



VILLAGE NEWS - WESTON

ARE YOU STUCK FOR A LIFT? Weston's Community Transport Scheme may be able to help

If you are elderly and find it difficult to get to the doctor's or other appointments, then the Community Transport Scheme may be able to help. This scheme was introduced over four years ago now, and our volunteer drivers have been a lifeline for many readers of this Newsletter who don't have their own transport, particularly since our local bus services were so drastically cut.

There is no charge for the service though, if you can afford it, a contribution of 40p per mile to the volunteer driver to cover their out of pocket expenses may be welcomed. The one thing we do ask is for you to contact us as far in advance as possible, to give us time to organise a driver. Last minute requests often cannot be met, but we will always do our best to help if someone is available. **SEE CONTACT DETAILS ON BACK PAGE**

<u>QUIZ NIGHT</u>

Friday 3rd March 2017 at 7.30pm at Offchurch Sports Club Hunningham Road Offchurch, CV33 9AF



Come and have a fun evening and test your knowledge! **Only £5 per person,** including pork batch (teams of up to 6 people). Plus Bar available.

Please call/text: Mark Swaby on 07774 645754 to book your ticket(s)

VILLAGE NEWS - EATHORPE

EATHORPE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The grand sum of £3053 was raised between 1st December and 12th night for the chosen charities, which this year were Warwick Hospital Special Baby Unit and Nurture Nurseries, Leamington and Kenilworth. A huge thank you to all residents who made great efforts to transform their homes into a Christmas Wonderland. All this happened without any advertising from the village, and hopefully very little inconvenience to all. A huge success!

COFFEE MORNING

Eathorpe coffee morning will be held as usual on the second Tuesday of the month, the next one being February 14th. 10.30am -12 o'clock in the village hall. All Welcome.

GET WELL SOON

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs Jean Busby who is presently in hospital. Hope you will be well and home soon Jean.

Jill Wheeler

Andrean Lazarov Piano Concerts Eathorpe Village Hall Saturday 25th March 8pm Sunday 26th March 4pm

Yes, our favourite Bulgarian pianist will be coming back on the above dates to play pieces by Haydn, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Gershwin and more.

As usual, the bar will be open before and after each performance, and during the interval. Andrean will stay on for an informal Q&A session with audience members after each concert.

More details available in March newsletter – or ring Sue on 01926 811364.





WESTON CINEMA

Weston Cinema is pleased to announce the dates this year for screening the following films. We have decided to keep two dates when we plan to show new films which have just been released for screening in village halls and we will confirm the names of these nearer the time.

The dates are all for the last Saturday in each month so please keep space in your diaries. (No shows in May, July, August or December for holiday reasons.)

> 25th February - The Full Monty 25th March - Bridget Jones' Baby 29th April - Spectre 24th June - New release 30th September - Quartet 28th October - New release 25th November - Slumdog Millionaire

Please support your village cinema and encourage your friends and neighbours to come along. OAPs will now be able to buy tickets at the discounted price of £5.

The village asked for a cinema but unfortunately film-goer numbers have not been high enough to cover costs, so we have been running at a loss. When our grant funding has been exhausted, we will have to close unless attendances increase.

The films are top quality, shown on a big screen, with a technician running the show. We have drinks at the bar, a raffle, and the evening is a great chance to catch up on excellent films with friends and neighbours, just around the corner from your own home!



WEATHER



NOVEMBER

The month as a whole was much wetter than usual. Only for the fact that October was so dry meant that the ground absorbed a lot of the water and there was no flooding. There were 2 spells of wet weather. On the 9th to the 12th 26.5mm fell

with the wettest day being the 9th with 18mm. This was followed by a very wet period on the 21/22/23rd. The wettest day of this period was the 21st with 25mm.

Temperatures were lower than average, both day and by night which led to a cooler than average November. The highest daytime temperature achieved was on 15th with 15.5C and the coolest day was on the 30th at 4C. The warmest night occurred on the 15th with 10.5C. There were 7 evenings when we had a frost with the lowest temperature of -6C on the 30th (the same as the coldest day). The warmest night was on the 15th with 10.5C.

	November 2016	Long term average	Highest recorded	Lowest recorded
Rainfall	85mm	67.28mm	116mm (2002)	32.25mm (2011)
Average max Daily temp	9.666C	9.74C	13.066 (2015)	7.1166C (2010)
Average min Daily temp	2.65C	3.86C	7.05 (2015)	1.233C (1993)
Monthly Average temp	6.161C	6.727C	10.0583C (2015)	4.2915C (1993

WEATHER

DECEMBER was much warmer than average but nowhere near last year's all-time record. The warmest daytime temperature was 16C on the 8th and the coldest 4C on the 28th. Christmas day was very warm with 14C which equalled the temperature of June 1st. The warmest night time temperature was 9.5C on the25th and the coldest -5C on the 28th and 29th. There were 9 frosts during the month.

There were only 6 days of measureable rain in December with the wettest day being the 10th when we received 15mm. It was a very dry month with about 35% of normal rainfall.

Mark Hancock 01926 632197 / 07801424003



	December 2016	Long term average	Highest recorded	Lowest recorded
Rainfall	22.75mm	63.57mm	125.25 mm 2012	11.65mm (1991)
Average max Daily temp	9.613C	6.652C	13.016C (2015)	2.306C (2010)
Average min Daily temp	2.145C	1.4716C	6.977C (2015)	-4.326C (2010)
Monthly Average temp	5.879C	4.0154C	9.99C (2015)	-2.1613C (2010)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



So we come to 2017, and my first report of the year which covers December of 2016, and the first few days of January. The Police Newsletter does not, for the first time in several months, include any incidents reported for our villages, albeit there was a burglary in Long Itchington Road,

Hunningham going back to November and which came too late for my last report.

There have been plenty of incidents reported from neighbouring villages however, and there were more burglaries than usual. Perhaps this was because it was the Christmas period, but I have noticed that this type of crime does seem to be getting more prevalent.

When it comes to reporting a crime, or any suspicious incidents, please see below the Police advice:

"Warwick Rural East SNT Contact Details

If you would like to speak to a WRE SNT officer about any local concerns or issues then please contact the team on 01926 684471 or you can email the team wre.snt@warwickshire.police.uk The team aim to respond to all messages within 24 hours (rest days, abstractions etc, may cause a delay in responding). Please note the above telephone number/ email address for Warwick Rural East SNT is not manned 24/7. If you wish to report an incident/crime, please contact Warwickshire Police. In an emergency dial 999. All non-emergency calls dial 101." Paddy Taylor 632428



CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th February	11am Wappenbury	3 Parishes Holy Communion Service
Sunday 12th February	10am Offchurch 6pm Weston	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 19th February	11am Weston	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th February	11am Hunningham	Come to Worship Junior Church and Pilgrim Puppets
	4pm Hunningham	Puppets and Pancakes Party

THE PILGRIM PUPPETS

Thursday 23rd February - Stratford Bentley Care Home, Stratford 2.30pm Sunday 26th February - Come 2 Worship Hunningham Church 11am and also on Sunday 26th February - PUPPETS & PANCAKES Hunningham Church 4pm



Hazel Taylor 632428

We will also be going into Schools and Care Homes over the next few months.

If you would like to come and join our puppet team we are looking for volunteers of all ages, and need a "techy" to help us with our music.

EATHORPE BEER FESTIVAL



February 17th-19th FREE ENTRY

Building on our success in the past few years, once more you'll be able to taste a range of fresh and interesting beers in the delightful surroundings of Eathorpe Village Hall. This year the beer will come from one of the

traditional centres of English beer – Burton-on-Trent and nearby South Derbyshire. Once the home of Bass and other big names this area now hosts a vibrant collection of small breweries that have sprung up in recent years.

As in previous years, the beer will be chosen by an intrepid party of experienced tasters, ready to put their palates and livers at the service of the Eathorpe community and their guests.

As usual we'll have a good range of wine, soft drinks and food available and we continue to welcome families. We are still putting together the entertainment programme but we hope once again to have a lively band after 9pm on Saturday night, alongside calmer acoustic music and old favourites, like (we hope) the Coventry Mummers, at other times.

The event will be open 5.30-11pm on Friday and 1pm to 11pm on Saturday. On Sunday lunchtime we plan to be offering bargain prices on whatever we have left.

Entry will be free to all sessions. Bring your family and friends to make a weekend of it.

All offers of help welcome – from potential performers keen to show off their talents, to our friendly audience as well as from those eager to get behind the bar or assist in other ways. Just phone David Wray on 632830 or Maggie Smith on 632564

WESTON OPEN GARDENS JUNE 10th-11th 2017

The Open Gardens Team are already hard at work preparing their gardens and organising other aspects of this event, which takes place over the weekend of June 10th and 11th. In addition to providing access to the gardens, we will have plants for sale, delicious teas and cakes in the village hall, and craft stalls. We also plan to have a scale model of Stephenson's Rocket on display, fully steamed up, and also a light-hearted challenge for younger visitors.

Open Gardens raises substantial sums for the National Gardens Scheme chosen charities, and for the village. We expect quite a large influx of visitors but will do everything we can to manage the event so as not to disrupt other activities in the village over that weekend, though we do ask that you bear with us taking up a large part of the playing field for parking. Volunteers to help us manage that will be welcome! Do invite your friends and relatives to come to the event.

Entrance to all the gardens (11 in all) is just £5, children are free.



HUNNINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

Banish the Winter Blues ...come and play cricket for Hunningham



It may be tricky to contemplate right now in the dark depths of winter but the cricket season is nearly upon us once again, and Hunningham Cricket Club is gearing up for another great season.

HCC truly is a hidden gem. Tucked away behind the Red Lion is a beautiful cricket ground with a fantastic friendly and inclusive ethos.

There are teams for all ages and abilities. Seniors field 2 teams in the Warwickshire League on Saturdays, a strong Sunday friendly team, plus a mid-week 20/20 team. Juniors go from strength to strength - winning the U11 Rugby and District Cup last year and topping their division in the Warwickshire U11 League.

In preparation for the season the club is running indoor training through February and March. Sessions are at Princethorpe College for seniors and youth (14 years and older) on Tuesdays 6.30-7.30 and Fridays 7.30-8.30.

Junior indoor sessions are already fully subscribed but if you are interested then please get in touch as outdoor training starts in April

when there will be places available. HCC are particularly keen to recruit school years 4,5 and 6 but have age groups from age 7 to 14 and welcome boys and girls of all abilities.

If you are interested or need a bit more info then please contact John King at <u>garethjohnking@gmail.com</u>





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GREEN MATTERS

When it comes to nature versus the constant pressure on finite resources the issues are rarely black and white. There are always tensions between the need for conservation and the demand for raising living standards globally.



Compromise is constantly needed between, for example, modern farming and wildlife protection or retaining our countryside versus freeing up land for housing. Governments must deal with the constant pull between economic growth and sustainability.

These kind of tensions are regularly experienced in a smaller way by all of us and especially gardeners. Whilst gardeners tend to be conservation minded, it's also true that any kind of horticulture is moulding nature in a way that is not fully natural.. For example, it is said that "a weed is just a plant that is not growing where you want it". This is true but does not help when you are trying to rid your vegetable plot of bindweed, couch grass and the like which has evolved to outwit the best efforts of humans to



control it.

When it comes to animals versus the gardener, even more challenges are involved. The latest of these around Eathorpe is a mole invasion which has turned many local fields into mini lunar landscapes; and now the allotments are also under

attack.

In the past I have had sweetcorn harvested and trampled by muntjac deer passing through; compost heaps becoming home to rats; not to mention constant battles with smaller creatures such as mini slugs on lettuces and whitefly on cabbage which every gardener experiences.



GREEN MATTERS

Farmers face all these issues on a bigger scale and it is easy to understand why people reach for the weedkiller or pesticide and why farmers with their dependence on crops for their livelihood may often choose chemical solutions.

Fortunately, despite these problems, it is possible for both farmers and gardeners to find ways that allow wildlife to flourish as well as crops and flowers. Wildflowers can be grown alongside other crops; weeds can be controlled; and by skilful planting and protection we can avoid losing too much of our crop to other creatures.

Trying to live alongside the flora and fauna whilst cultivating the land does require effort but it is worth it. Whilst I have focused on some of the challenges posed to humans by local creatures and plants, overall it is wildlife that is in decline. One small way in which we can help birds, insects and small mammals is by creating garden and other outside spaces which are not cultivated and in which they can thrive.

As with all things, and with experience, it is possible to find a path between human needs and the needs of the environment. If we succeed our countryside can remain both a productive and a magical place – despite occasional mole attacks. **Owen Bishop**







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