

NEWSLETTER

WAPPENBURY EATHORPE WESTON
HUNNINGHAM



JULY - AUGUST 2017

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| 5 July | Special Service to welcome the new vicar at Offchurch
7.30pm followed by refreshments in the village hall |
| 7 July | Last Weston Toddlers before summer break |
| 7 July | LIVE MUSIC at Hill Top Farm |
| 8th July | Guide Dogs National Centre Open Day and Car Boot |
| 11 July | Compton Verney Dementia Café 1030-1230 |
| 5-6 August | Art in the Park Jephson Gardens 10-6pm |
| 8 August | Compton Verney Dementia Café 1030-1230 |
| 11 August | LIVE MUSIC at Hill Top Farm |

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VILLAGE NEWS

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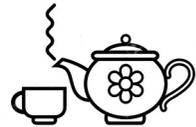


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MONDAY CLUB

Our June meeting was held at John and Jill Wheeler's house and we had a delicious strawberry tea, sadly inside rather than in her pretty garden, as it just wasn't warm enough to be outside. We had our AGM at which Valerie Evans retired after 17 years of running the club, she will be greatly missed. As a thank you we gave Stephen and Valerie a rose bush called 'Oranges and Lemons' to remember us all by. It was decided that three of us should take her place, Gill Wheeler, Joan Goddard and myself, Carolyn Davis. It will be a hard act to follow which is why there are three of us! But we will try our best.



Carolyn Davies

Would you like to write an article or start a new column in this Newsletter?

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just do it.

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oxfordflutes@yahoo.co.uk by 20th August for our next issue in
September.

VILLAGE NEWS

Weston Open Gardens for the National Garden Scheme (NGS), June 10th and 11th

Despite the rather cool and windy weekend, the Open Gardens event attracted over 600 paying visitors, representing over £3000 raised for NGS charities. In addition, Glynis and her excellent team of helpers (Jill, Liz, Rachael, Sue, Mandie, Laura, Linda, Doris, Dee, Izzy and Jane) raised a further £1500 from the sale of wonderful teas and cakes (thanks for all cake donations). The raffle made £350, and our craft stall a further £100. Some of the gardens also grew and sold plants, raising a further £600 for charities they chose. The Open Gardens Team will donate £50 to the Weston Tots and Babes who are such an important part of the life of the village, and £100 towards printing costs for the newsletter, without which some would never get to hear what is

going on around our village! The remainder will be divided equally between St Michael's Church (for the upkeep of this heritage building), the charity *Thrive* (to support disadvantaged and disabled people, and people with mental illness in the midlands to find a new purpose in life through gardening and horticulture), and the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (to help maintain their service, which receives no government funding).

Heartfelt thanks from the team to everyone who helped make the event such a success. Our gardeners work very hard to create the gardens, but without others in the community who helped with the parking, collection of entrance fees, sale of raffle tickets, making and serving teas, and so many other small things that make a difference, this would count for nothing!

Also nice to report the number of visitors who praised not only the joy of the gardens they visited, but the quality of the teas, the wonderful views across the Warwickshire countryside our route around the gardens offered, and how well the parking was managed!

Peter Haine



VILLAGE NEWS

WESTON TOTS AND BABES

Last toddlers before summer: Friday 7th July
Toddlers restarts on Friday 8th September

Mandie Bradshaw has announced her intention to step down as leader of the toddler group from September. Natalie Mullins the current deputy has agreed to step up, however she needs people to assist her in forming a small organising committee. This does not have to be an onerous task and won't take up much of your time. For insurance and organisational purposes the group cannot run without a committee. If you are a parent who uses and values this group please offer your help no matter how small, as we cannot continue without your support. Many thanks.



Please contact Mandie Bradshaw for more information on
<http://www.facebook.com/Westontotsandbabes>

WELCOME TO HUNNINGHAM to Pete living at Snowford Hall Cottages.

One of Pete's hobbies is astronomy - we hope he will make us aware of things to watch out for in the night sky!

We hope he will be made welcome and enjoy living in our village.



CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd July	10am Offchurch 11am Wappenbury	Morning Worship Team Morning Service
Sunday 9th July	10am Offchurch 6pm Weston	Holy Communion Sunday School Evensong
Sunday 16th July	10am Offchurch 11am Weston	Family Service Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd July	10am Offchurch	Holy Communion



CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th August	10am Offchurch 11am Wappenbury	Morning Worship Team Morning Service
Sunday 13th August	10am Offchurch 6pm Weston	Holy Communion Sunday School Evensong
Sunday 20th August	10am Offchurch	Outdoor Family Service
Sunday 27th August	10am Offchurch	Holy Communion

THE PILGRIM PUPPETS

JULY 2017

Monday 17th July

Radford Semele Primary School 10.35am

Adelaide House Care Home Leamington 2pm



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EATHORPE ALLOTMENT



Eathorpe Allotment Gardens Association and Community Orchard

Well, it is June and the summer is really here though at times we might not think so. The warm days in April and May helped to accelerate growth, but then the sharps frosts knocked that back and the dry periods exacerbated the problems.

For example, the apple blossom was very full, and promised another bumper crop but the sharp night frosts seem to have much reduced the actual crop that we can expect.

Such is this unpredictable year, but not for the weed growth! And probably it has been the best year for grass which has grown at an alarming rate!

However, most of the crops on the plots are now growing well, and beginning to return good results, and, as always, when the sun is shining, the peace and tranquility of the place is pervasive.

If you are interested do feel free to come and have a look and if you want to discuss possibilities please give me a ring on 01926 633227 or email me at myrtleindustries@btinternet.com.

Maurice Wood



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Another month, and more crimes to report from the last few weeks. This time it is Weston under Wetherley that has taken the hits, as you will see from the Police Reports below:

Crime Reference: 23S5/22304T/17

Between 2330hrs Friday 02-JUN-2017 and 0900hrs Saturday 03-JUN-2017 unknown offender(s) forced entry into a white '63' plate Citroen DS3 that was parked at the roadside on Alderman Way, Weston-under-Wetherley. Offender(s) stole a handbag plus contents.

Crime Reference: 23S5/22355Y/17

Between 2200hrs Friday 02-JUN-2017 and 0100hrs Saturday 03-JUN-2017 unknown offender(s) entered a grey '63' plate Audi A4 that was parked at the roadside on Alderman Way, Weston-under-Wetherley. Offender(s) stole a purse from the glove-compartment.

Please call Warwickshire Police on 101 should you have any relevant information. Alternatively call CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote the relevant crime reference when contacting Warwickshire Police or CrimeStoppers.

Not very nice, but it does serve as a reminder to all of us firstly to ensure that our car is properly locked, and secondly to try to remember not to leave any valuables in your car. There, but for the grace of God.....!

I have also included details of a vehicle crime in Offchurch, as this was very close to home:

"Hunningham Road, Offchurch - Vehicle Crime

Between 1630hrs Wednesday 17-MAY-2017 0730hrs Thursday 18-MAY-2017 unknown offender(s) broke into a white '15' plate Nissan NV200 van that was parked on the grounds of a rural business premises on Hunningham Road, Offchurch. Offender(s) stole tools.

If you have information relating to this incident, please call Warwickshire Police on 101. Please quote crime reference: 23S5/19439D/17".

That's all for this month.

Paddy Taylor 632428



HUGH'S PASTORAL LETTER

It has been made clear to me that the new Vicar to these four churches and villages *must* be pastoral and be ready to listen to people. Hence my heading. For me, having spent the last 30 years in Hospitals and Hospices, listening is so central to my life and, I believe, to yours. I set out with the hope that what we achieve together will give folk their voice, their opportunity to be heard AND UNDERSTOOD.

I was captivated by a programme that emerged on my car radio in mid-June. I later discovered that it was called *Here's how the story ends*. This was the first in a series and it retold the story of the Oklahoma City bombing in April 1995. The state building was destroyed and 168 people lost their lives. As you will recognize from the title of the broadcast, things have not stayed the same. In a nutshell, the City of Oklahoma has been transformed. People spoke of the enriched relationships, and the phenomenal release of resources that has come out of that event. This has not just happened. It is the result of careful and often painful listening to one another. And this has led to new ways of financing, resourcing and building into the very fabric of life an acceptance of difference and the affirming of one another. I found it inspirational.

Riding an important parallel is the Anglican Communion's Continuing Indaba programme which found its focus in Archbishop Justin Welby's sermon at the Faith in Conflict conference in Coventry in 2013. *Indaba* is a Zulu word, describing a traditional process for achieving mutual understanding in the midst of differences and disagreements. At its heart is conversation, to provide a path to understanding, a way of walking together in faith, today. This is risky. But I am convinced that we must create opportunities to listen deeply to each other and folk from very different mind sets. And that means providing meeting places, where we get to know one another, not just superficially, but as they have done in Oklahoma City in a way that is transforming their society.



HUGH'S PASTORAL LETTER

We have a choice. We can be hurt; and close up and ignore the other person; we can nurture and grow a great big grudge; we can decide, therefore, to have nothing more to do with; and we end up divided. Or, we can be hurt; we can decide to listen; and understand; we can reach out in forgiveness; we can be reconciled; and then we will be renewed.

This is what faces those traumatically caught up in the Grenfell Tower fire; this is what faces us over HS2 and the stripping of rural resources by State and Church. But it is an inescapable truth that 'only the whole world knows the whole truth'. We need each other and we need to understand one another better and better. I hope I can live up to the challenge; can you?

Hugh Priestner
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WEATHER



May began a bit unsettled with rain. It then became warmer and more settled with high pressure close to us. It turned more unsettled around the middle of the month when there were spells of rain or showers. It then became hot and very humid for a time which led to showers and rain. I love sun and heat but the high humidity totally wilts me!. Overall it was much warmer and sunnier than usual across the Midlands. It ended up being the warmest May that I have ever recorded and at the Met Office. “Highest ever” seems to be a recurring theme of my reports.....for instance last year May was the warmest I had noted until then...! The mean temperature was 14.42C.

There were 9 days of measurable with the wettest being the 17th with 24.5mm which was over a third of the month’s rainfall. Is the threatened drought/water restriction threat over? As I write this I do not think so. The warmest day occurred on the 30th when we enjoyed or suffered 30C. The coolest daytime temperature was on the 6th with 13C.

Mark Hancock

	MAY 2017	Long term average	Highest recorded	Lowest recorded
Rainfall	77mm	64.75mm	112mm (2014)	11.3mm (1991)
Average max Daily temp	20.44C	17.29C	20.6C (1992)	13.77C (1996)
Average min Daily temp	8.4C	7.2C	8.88C (1999)	3.63C (1996)
Monthly Average temp	14.42C	12.25C	14.42C (2017)	8.7C (1996)



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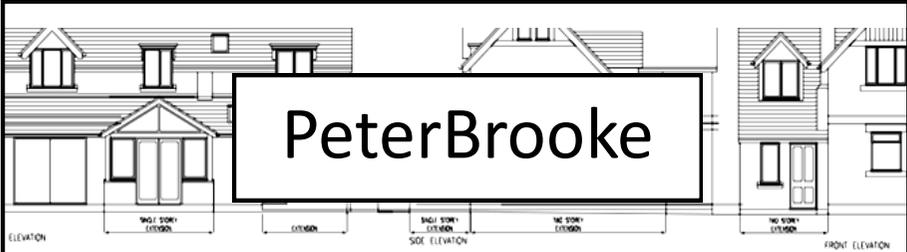
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