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JUNE 2017

- 3 June Plant Heritage Fair, Pump Room Gardens 10-3pm
3 & 4 June *Murder on the Terrace* Jephson Gardens 7pm
10-11 June Weston Open Gardens
2-4 June Hill Top Farm Beer and Cider Festival
12 June Monday Club Strawberry Tea
17 June - 2 July Open Studios at St Gregory's Offchurch
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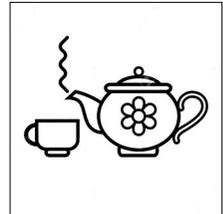
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Please call me to discuss the role. KATIE ALCOCK
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MONDAY CLUB

Our May meeting was held at Glebe Cottage Weston and the Speaker was Sarah Ridgeway talking about the on-going restoration of Guys Cliffe Walled Garden. This garden is situated behind Hinton's Nursery outside Warwick and is a huge project which began in January 2014 with an increasing number of volunteers doing the majority of the work.



The site has been used as a garden or commercial growing area since the second half of the 18th century but over the past 30 years had fallen into disuse. The garden was a jungle of tall brambles, trees, ivy etc and nothing was left of the pathways and beds.

Sarah's enthusiasm for the project was infectious and we look forward to paying a visit later in the year.

Our next meeting on June 12th is the Monday Club Strawberry Tea and AGM and will be held at Jill and John Wheelers home in Eathorpe.

Valerie Evans

VILLAGE NEWS

Weston under Wetherley NGS Open Gardens for Charity Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June 2017 12:30 - 5:30pm



There are 11 gardens open including a bonus one containing a model gauge steam train of Stephenson's rocket. There will be teas and cakes in the village hall along with craft stalls. The gardens will also contain plant stalls and a metalwork and glasswork artist. Entry to all gardens £5, children free.

Help requested with:

- car-park marshalling
- ticket-money collection
- general support

Please contact me and let me know when you are available. All offers of help gratefully received!

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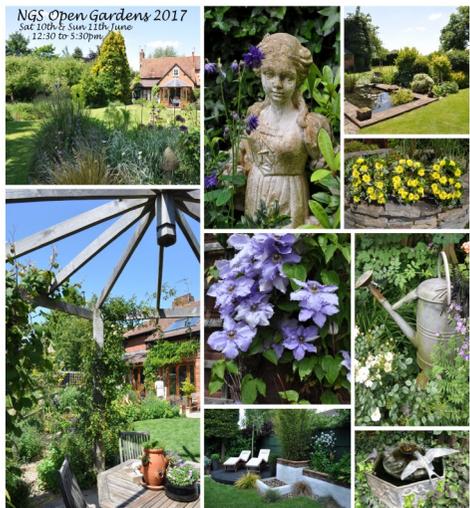
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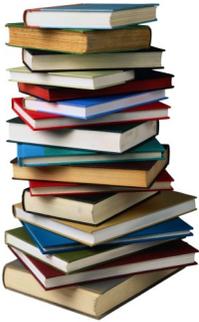
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Alan Keffler (Co-ordinator)

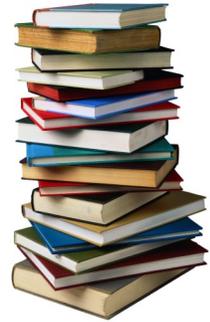


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LITTER PICK - COME AND HELP!

Weston Parish Council's litter pick takes place before and during our Open Gardens weekend. If you are not opening your garden and would like to help, please contact Jeff Arnold at Bramley Cottage; 01926 632330

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FREE CONCERT

Music for flute, oboe and piano

Come for a relaxing afternoon concert of classical music performed by Katie Alcock, Adrian Moore and Amy Alcock.

St Nicholas Church Warwick

Sunday 18 June 3pm

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VILLAGE NEWS

Weston Cinema Closes

Unfortunately, screenings have finished due to lack of support. Thanks must go to those who did come along, the supporting team who did the organising, putting out the chairs and running the bar (!), the village hall committee for providing the facility, "The Big Picture Show", part of "Live and Local" for the films, projection equipment and screening technicians and to Weston Parish Council and Warwick District Council Community Fund for the grants they have provided. We are sad that it has been unsuccessful.

Weston Cinema Committee

THE PARISH OF THE OFFCHURCH GROUP

A well-attended, inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Parish took place on Thursday 11 May, at Eathorpe Village Hall. The essential business was to elect churchwardens and members of the new PCC:

Churchwardens – to serve for a period of one year

David Ellis Jane Inman

PCC Members – to serve for a period of three years

John Denning Stephen Evans Robert Inman Amanda Lewis
Sarah Sellars Hazel Taylor Liz Varnish Marcia Watson
Andrew McGregor

The Reverend Hugh Priestner has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the new Offchurch Group and has confirmed he will be taking up his post as Vicar of the Parish in mid-June. He is being inducted on Wednesday July 5th at Offchurch Church at 7.30pm.

Hugh and his wife Carole will eventually be moving to Hunningham Vicarage to live. There will be quite a lot of work done at Hunningham Vicarage prior to their arrival. Meanwhile Hugh will be commuting from their present home in Rugby until later in the year.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th June	10am Offchurch 11am Wappenbury	Morning Worship Team 3 Parishes Morning Service
Sunday 11th June	10am Offchurch 6pm Weston	Holy Communion Sunday School Evensong
Sunday 18th June	10am Offchurch 11am Weston	Family Service Holy Communion
Sunday 25th June	10am Offchurch 11am Hunningham	Holy Communion Come to Worship with Junior Church and Pilgrim Puppets

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OPEN STUDIOS St Gregory's Church Offchurch



Colin Purdy works with steel offcuts, transforming them into hammered forms. He also has an eye for the bowl lying within an old forgotten piece of wood. It is these unique colours, textures and natural features that he exploits, contrasting the inner grain with the natural edged outer bark.



Eleanor Allitt's handmade beads remind one of an age-old discovery. They could even look as if they have been recently excavated from an ancient tomb, flecks of gold sometimes glimmer through the faded colours, could this be buried treasure?

Stories in pictures, paintings, books, cards.



Jane Archer is very much at home in the calm tranquillity of this ancient church. It perfectly complements her glowing watercolours: vibrant florals, secret gardens, landscapes and wildlife. Original paintings, prints, cards, cushions and small gifts available, along with a warm welcome, a cuppa, and a friendly chat!

Judith Perry will be exhibiting work inspired by the colours and light of Andalucia where she has a house. Mixed media drawings illustrating Moorish poems and tales, iPad drawings of courtyards and fountains, also colourful items in crochet, & cards. and Judith's illustrated Andalusian cookbook.



Julie Law exhibits photographs, watercolours, signed originals, limited edition prints, small gifts, cards and pasta...yes pasta.



17 JUNE - 2 JULY

GREEN MATTERS

There is much talk of ‘superfoods’ –but one of the most versatile and nutritionally beneficial foods is simple to use and to grow. Garlic is one of the easiest and most useful crops on our allotment and this year we have 2 beds of it – one regular garlic and one ‘elephant’- yes - very large cloves.

When I was growing up, eating let alone growing garlic was regarded as something rather unusual not to say unpleasant by many people, who were suspicious of all “foreign food” – my Dad was one! ‘Garlic eaters’ was a term of derision for the French and a hit song by Peter Sellers and Sophia Loren lamenting his wife’s Italian cooking - went “Give us a bash at the bangers and mash me mother used to make”!

This all began to change in the 60s as foreign travel and the rising popularity of Indian and oriental food with all the new spices and flavours and colours –caused the decline of traditional ‘meat and two veg’ as our staple diet and simple foods like garlic bread and garlic mushrooms are now available everywhere.

On top of this there seems to be a growing consensus that the Mediterranean diet which was gently mocked by Peter Sellers is associated with longer life and better health in general. Garlic itself is linked to at least 11 significant medical benefits and is low in calories and high in Vitamin C and a range of trace elements.

Mainstream medical advice now agrees that garlic appears to be associated with a range of health benefits:-

“Garlic contains vitamins C and B6, manganese, selenium and other antioxidants (notably allicin). More recent evidence-based research suggests garlic may be effective against high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, cholesterol, colds and some cancers.” <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell>



GREEN MATTERS

Garlic is also very easy to grow. It is best planted in the autumn and it then likes a few cold frosts to activate the bulbs. By February you should see some definite green shoots coming through and by mid to late June it's ready to harvest. We found an excellent supplier on the Isle of Wight who grow and sell all types of garlic and give useful advice too. <https://www.thegarlicfarm.co.uk>

With so many medicines and drugs having side effects and constant worries about our health and circulatory system garlic is a simple and effective preventive medicine that is also cheap and delicious – what's not to like?

“Let food be thy medicine, and medicine be thy food.”

Famous words from the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates, often called the father of Western medicine.

Owen Bishop

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There is not a great deal to report this month, not least because I am still trying to get to grips with the new reporting system that the Police have recently introduced!

However, it was pleasing to get an email from a Hunningham resident whose property was burgled last year, and which I show below:

“Thought that you might like to know that our burglar, Gary Ponder, has finally pleaded guilty and been sentenced to five years & three months, in Maidstone. This was in consideration of not only our event but also of five other offences in Kent. Thomas Webber from Woolston was also sentenced, but not on our account, to four years and six months”

The criminals clearly travel a long way to carry out burglaries in Hunningham!

That's all for this month.

Paddy Taylor
632428.



LETTER FROM THE NEW VICAR

Hello again!

We now have a date for the Service to mark the beginning of this new chapter in the lives of our four rural communities. This will be on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm and to mark the significance of this occasion, The Lord Bishop of Coventry, the Right Reverend Christopher Cocksworth, and the Archdeacon Pastor, the Venerable John Green, will lead the service.

The Service will take place in the Parish Church of St Gregory, in Offchurch. Also in attendance will be our Area Dean, Reverend Martin Green.

While it is important to have such milestone events to mark our growing together, it will be our shared vision and enterprise that will produce a rich harvest. I cannot think of any clergy who have been given the opportunity to be welcomed and received so lovingly ahead of their installation. This is the blessing that I and my wife Carole have been given!

Many years ago, we lived in the Northern Lake District, in the little town of Cockermouth, which you will remember was devastated by a massive flood that raged through the Main Street in the town centre. That proved to be a time of severe testing for the local community and it was the Churches that stepped up to the mark and provided accommodation and willing volunteers to help those worst affected.

While not sudden and unplanned, it feels as though the building of HS2 is perceived in a similar way, striking at the heart of community life as the route is driven right through this piece of Warwickshire. Among the challenges and opportunities that confront us, this seems like one of the biggest at present.

LETTER FROM THE NEW VICAR

And yet, I am compelled to say that the legacy of the Cockermouth Flood has brought a greater sense of mutual support and community cohesion to that place. Our Archbishops, Justin and John have called upon us at this precise time to be the Christian Church that stands for cohesion, courage and stability. We are called to “a sense of not only living for ourselves”, with the courage to have aspirations and ambition to be “outward looking and generous”, of “living well with change”, skilled in reconciliation and resilient when setbacks occur. You and I have had already a sense of sharing in a great new adventure, that we are on the brink of something fresh, something exciting and inspiring. It may not be very literary, but I say “Bring it on!”

One of the treasures of local wisdom that we brought with us from Cumbria, is the saying: “Shy bairns get nowt!” (which might be translated as: ‘if you want something, ask!’) We have a wide field of opportunity and a plan to construct, so let your notions of priorities and requests be heard. For we also have a good God, who desires to give us more than we either desire or deserve! So let us build a partnership with one another, “to celebrate and renew our love of God and our love of neighbour, our trust and hope in God and each other”.

Hugh Priestner
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SPECIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF NEW PARISH GROUP

OFFCHURCH : WESTON : WAPPENBURY : HUNNINGHAM : EATHORPE

Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm
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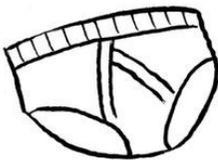
with The Lord Bishop of Coventry, the Right Reverend Christopher Cocksorth and the Archdeacon Pastor, the Venerable John Green

FARMER'S DIARY

As I write, the spring drought continues to take its toll upon the winter and spring sown crops. Some are looking as dry and sad as the desolate Bull pub, standing as a lonely forbidding monument to happier times at the entrance to our village. It only needs a roll of tumbleweed and a pair of vultures to complete the scene. There has been a red kite spotted overhead though and the bevy of buzzards now firmly located in the area will suffice for now. It's about now the carrion crow fledges and some join the countless rooks and jackdaws feasting on our newly sown spring seed. The magpies are happier checking every nook and cranny for a nice egg for breakfast while a raven majestically flies over from Waverley Wood with its distinctive call, but amazingly there is something of a dawn chorus in corvid country.



There was also the delight of seeing a pair of English or Grey partridges in a heavy cover crop of phacelia that we drilled wheat into. Interesting because it just shows what cover can do, not only for soil but the wildlife above too.



In fact, to assess your soil's microbial health one scientist recommends burying one pair of cotton pants in your intensively cultivated soil and another pair in less disturbed organically rich soil. Eight weeks later you should find the first pair still fit to put back on and the latter riddled with holes.

FARMER'S DIARY

Richard and Rosie Reeve hosted a meeting entitled "Drones in agriculture", where we heard from the researchers aiming to take a spring barley crop from seed to harvest using fully automated machinery. This will be the world's first crop without a foot on the soil or a driver in the tractor seat. The time when drones and robots decide upon agronomy and react automatically, combines operate all night on their own and swarms of light footed machines do the work and I finally retire is nearly upon us.

The ecologists from HS2 have been checking on Great crested newts up at the 'pond' by the bluebell brimmed South Cubbington wood. There was water in the pond when I put what seemed like the entire British population of newts there in the 70s, when as a young keen farmer we rearranged the farm. Perhaps by the time this is read the rain has come, the pond has filled, the newts are thriving, the crops have been rescued and a village consortium has restored The Bull to a vibrant watering hole as well.



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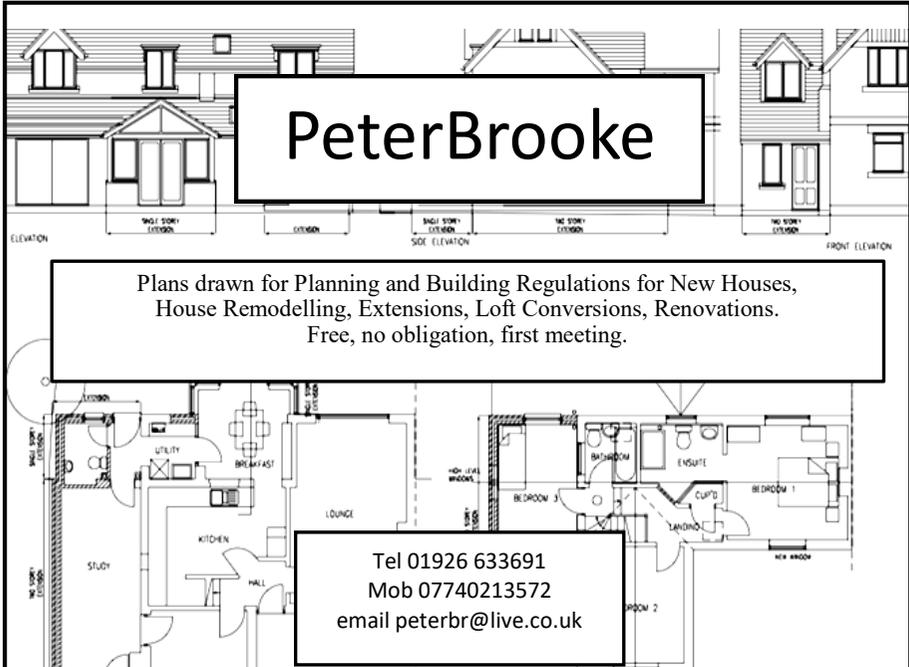
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