

NEWSLETTER

WAPPENBURY EATHORPE WESTON HUNNINGHAM



MAY 2016 DIARY

Tuesday 10 May

Wednesday 11 May

Saturday 14 May

Eathorpe Coffee Morning 10.30am

Weston Annual Village Meeting 7pm

followed by Weston Village Hall Committee AGM

Hunningham Churchyard tidy from 10am

11-12 JUNE

Hunningham Open Gardens

25 JUNE

Weston Village Fete

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WESTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING



The Council invites you to join us on Wednesday 11th May 2016, 7pm, at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) of Weston. It will be held at the Village Hall and refreshments will be provided. Meet your councillors; find out what we have been doing over the last year; and come to us with your questions and ideas.



WESTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE– ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following on from the Council's APM will be the AGM of the Village Hall Committee on the 11th May 2016. Come along to find out what the committee have been undertaking in the last year, and support your committee in keeping this important village asset running. If you are interested in being a member on the committee, please contact Paul Clarke (633 793) for more information.

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VILLAGE NEWS - EATHORPE

EATHORPE

Eathorpe Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday, May 10th in the village hall, from 10.30 -12o'clock. Please join us, everyone welcome.
Jill Wheeler



NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks to all those who have paid £5 to cover the printing costs for the ten issues for the year. The £165 received so far covers 33 houses of the 350 distribution, just the cost of printing one edition. We do have reserves built up in previous years but these will last only about a year. The income from advertisements is simply not enough.

We do need more subscriptions if we are to continue. The survey carried out last year revealed that many people, even those with internet access, prefer to receive a paper copy "to read whilst they are having a coffee"! Some people, of course, do not have a computer.

Please send your subscriptions, either cash or cheque, to any of the following, with the completed slip below. We really want to continue providing the service which so many have said they like!

PS Articles for inclusion welcome! Keep them coming, please!

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VILLAGE NEWS - WESTON



WESTON TODDLERS - FRIDAYS

Toddlers continues every Friday in term time, in Weston Village Hall 9.30-11am. Please check our facebook page for details, including dates for the monthly health visitor drop in.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Friday 3rd May - Half Term - No toddlers Friday 15th July - summer party

MONDAY CLUB

In April we took a party of 20 to the Spa Centre to see the show "Singing in the Rain" performed by the Leamington and Warwick Musical Society. This was an excellent night out and the performance was of a very high standard. A good time was had by all.



Valerie Evans

WESTON CINEMA

We saw the film "Lady in the Van" on Saturday 9th April and it was a great evening. There were just over 30 of us and personally I got more from the story seeing it for the second time. We were asked to fill in a questionnaire to suggest people's choices for future films. It is a great asset for the village, so we hope that everyone will continue to support it in future.

Carolyn Davies

BEN BRYANT

Sadly Ben Bryant died on 15th March 2016 aged 93 years after a short illness. Ben lived in Weston under Wetherley for forty eight years, in St Michaels Close. He served as a Church Warden at both Wappenbury and Weston churches. He was a Special Constable in Warwickshire Police Force for twenty five years, retiring in 1982 aged 60. Ben was a very keen gardener and partner of Betty, who died two years ago. His funeral took place on 19th April

Jill Wheeler

WESTON VILLAGE FETE

WESTON VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 25 JUNE - NEW START TIME 1PM

So much on the programme for the fete that we've moved the start time earlier to 1pm. Full details in the next Newsletter, and look for posters going up on the village noticeboards and on facebook.

Here are some of the fun activities planned for this popular annual event - a great way to meet old and new village friends!

Dog Show - with a difference! Rosettes for winners

Sports and Tug of War

Craft Stalls Silent Auction Face Painting Vehicles Display

BBQ Beer Tent Cafe with homemade cakes Ice cream van

Children Disco - Big Man Craig - Popcorn and Ice Pops

Poster Design Competition Judging

Please note, there will not be a Home and Gardens Competition Section this year.

If you can make a cake for the Cafe, deliver to the hall in the morning or please phone Glynis on 633796.

To book a Craft Stall - £10 for the afternoon. Phone Bren on 633720



VILLAGE NEWS - HUNNINGHAM

CONGRATULATIONS!!! to Jenny and Bruce Clark at Leam Lodge Farm Cottages, on the birth of James Robert on Saturday 2nd April. We wish them every happiness.



SPRING CLEAN HUNNINGHAM CHURCH AND GRAVEYARD

Saturday 14th MAY from 10.00am

If you can spare an hour to help us please come along.

We need to get it ready for Open Gardens in June.



DATE FOR THE DIARY:

HUNNINGHAM OPEN GARDENS – 11th & 12th JUNE: If you would like to help in our big fund raising event, helping with Teas, Car Parking, or any other way, please telephone Margaret & Peter Green 632903.



VILLAGE NEWS - HUNNINGHAM

WELCOME TO HUNNINGHAM to Ingrid, Wim, Lisa and Cat who have come to live in Moat Cottage. We hope that they will feel welcome and have a happy time in our village.



REPLASTERING THE CEILING in THE PARISH ROOM

Hunningham Church –

The replastering of the ceiling in the Parish Room has been completed and is now safe and secure.

RED LION PUB – we are sad to see that due to flooding the pub has had to close for 4 weeks. We wish them well in getting everything dried out and replaced.

Hazel Taylor

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Arrangements are currently in hand for a defibrillator to be located within Hunningham village. Details of the actual location will be publicised once it is in place. In the meantime, the supplier of the defibrillator has offered to come and give a demonstration on its use. If you would like to attend the demonstration, please contact **Margaret Green on 01926 632903**.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Our villages continue to be afflicted by a series of garage and/or outbuilding burglaries, and both Hunningham and Eathorpe have been targeted in the past month – see the Police reports below:

BURGLARIES:

Between 0000hrs and 0715hrs Tuesday 08-MAR-2016 at a number of garages on Main Street, Eathorpe. Power tools stolen.

Between 0830hrs and 1215hrs Friday 11-MAR-2016 forced entry into a workshop at a property near School Lane, Hunningham, petrol lawnmower stolen from shed at same property.

Between 1230hrs and 1700hrs Thursday 24-MAR-2016 Orange Husqvarna ride-on mower and a red and black Honda petrol mower stolen from garage on Offchurch Rd. During the offence times a yellow Transit style van was seen in the area

If you have information regarding any of the above incidents, please call the police on 101 or contact **CRIMESTOPPERS** on 0800 555 111

<https://crimestoppers-co.org/>

If you would like a visit to discuss crime prevention for your home or business, please contact Warwick Rural East SNT on 01926 684471 or email wre.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Each month, in their newsletter, the Police include advice relating to crime prevention in rural communities, so, this month, I have included the series of links which they have given.

Dog Owners – Stay Safe & Love Your Countryside -

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/17478/Dog-Owners>

Protect Your Outbuildings -

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/17682/Protect-Your-Outbuildings>

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Child Safety Advice - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/14605/Child-Safety-Advice>

That's all for this time.

Paddy Taylor 632428

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st May	11am Wappenbury	3 Parishes Holy Communion Service
Sunday 8th May	10am Offchurch 6pm Weston	4 Parishes Holy Communion with Sunday School Evensong
Sunday 15th May	11am Weston	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd May	11am Hunningham	Come2Worship with Junior Church and the Pilgrim Puppets
Sunday 29th May	11am Hunningham	Joint Feldon Group Service Holy Communion

THE PILGRIM PUPPETS

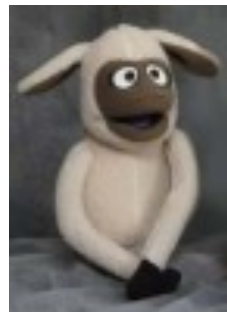
Our Pilgrim Puppets are hoping to visit Care Homes and Schools in May:

Sunday 15th May – The Rosebud Centre Stratford on Avon 9.30am

Sunday 22nd May - Come & Worship 11.00am
Hunningham Church

Thursday 26th May – Anya Court Care Home Rugby
11.00am

Sunday 29th May – 6 Parishes Service Hunningham
Church 11.00am



GREEN MATTERS

My first ever 'Green Matters' was about composting and with another growing season ahead - a brief return to some composting challenges.

Most gardening books and authorities make composting sound 'easy peasy' and, like many things in life, it is and it isn't or more accurately – "it depends...". I've watched Monty Don on Gardeners World demonstrating composting techniques at Longmeadow. He has several large wooden compost boxes and turns and rotates his compostable material in sequence through the bins and by the end of the season "hey presto" excellent compost. This is fine but most of us don't have the components that Monty enjoys ie space for his large composting system and more importantly an unlimited supply of green and brown material from his massive garden.

Like training a dog or losing weight on a diet, the principles of composting are easy but there are plenty of pitfalls which can easily encourage you to revert to chucking your garden waste in the green bin and buying your compost by the sack from the garden centre. However bought compost is ok for starting seeds etc but does not have the live natural nutrients that your own will have and if you know the problems you can pre-empt them – so persevere! Here are a few trouble shooting tips:

The biggest problem for composters is getting (and maintaining) the right balance of 'greens and browns'. 'Green' material such as grass, kitchen waste and green plants, break down quickly and generate a lot of heat within days. Unfortunately they also contain a lot of water and quickly turn into silage like sludge. 'Brown' material such as plant stems, shredded paper, cardboard and wood chippings has lower water content, takes longer to break down and keeps compost aerated and drier. The tendency is to have too much green material.



GREEN MATTERS

My 'hot composter' accelerates the composting process, but even following the recommended methods - adding wood chippings and shredded paper with each new batch of material, you can still easily get a wet result.

So forewarned is forearmed and it is worth being prepared with plenty of 'browns' and saving this sort of material as you garden rather than binning it. So keep it dry use wood chippings and shredded paper - if you still have a problem then 'Wiggly Wiggles' sell a product ('Complete Rot') on line that grass composts grass without sludge or dries out wet compost – works brilliantly!



The other dodgy advice I was given on a composting course was “no need to worry about wild creatures in your compost heap - they won't do any harm” – as I said “that depends”. Living alongside the river, with your heap invaded by a large rat you need a strategy! Mine was placing strong chicken

wire underneath the bin which after a few strategic duels with the rat – was eventually successful - particularly important if you compost kitchen waste – which tends to have a rat friendly smell.

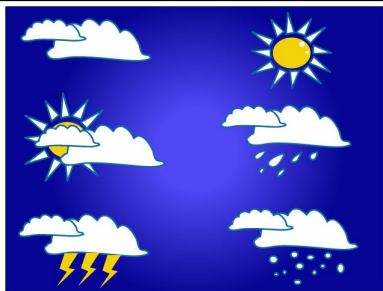
Happy Composting!

Owen Bishop



EATHORPE ALLOTMENTS

Well, here we are again, Spring has well and truly sprung, despite the rapid changes in the weather – recently we had bright warm sunshine. I thought ‘must go and garden’, gathered my tools, got my boots on, all ready, then it snowed! ...and rained and went very cold! Despite all of this, the urge is to get out there and get things moving – potatoes are in the



ground, also onions and beans and there is a lot more getting ready in the greenhouse. Members of the Association have been appearing with increasing frequency, busy digging, rotavating and preparing the soil and there is a tangible sense of a stirring and an impending urgency. It really is a peaceful place to be, even if the weather is less than perfect, - a few moments of peace and quiet and the anticipation generated by planting is so good, after the darker days of winter.

The orchard is doing well – the almond trees have been in blossom for a while now, but the rest of the trees have yet to stir with any real vigor – another month and the blossom will be there in full. We do have just one plot available and we would welcome any interest – we can actually create more spaces if the demand were there – it ought to be – it is really a nice place to spend time and to be healthy – exercise and vegetables grown exactly as you want them to be! Add into that, a friendly group of like minded people, swops, shares and exchanges and perhaps even the prospect of BBQs might just persuade you to contemplate the advantages!

Please, if you are interested and want to make a difference, do get in touch on 01926 633227.

Happy days



Maurice Wood

WEATHER



The start of March was dominated by low pressure which led to an unsettled period of rain, strong winds and chill. The 8th was especially wet. After the 12th the pressure rose and the weather became more settled until the 23rd which led us to storm Katie on the 28th which demolished my garden fence!

Rainfall was above average with 10 days of rainfall. Unfortunately we experienced 33mm of rain overnight on the 9th. Whilst this was not such an exceptional amount, it was the intensity that led to problems leading to all local roads being flooded, cars abandoned and the Red Lion again being flooded. As I write this the pub is still being refurbished with all walls being waterproofed to about 3 feet high. I encourage all of you to support our "local" when it opens on May 5th (all being well). As a result of that deluge it was the wettest March that I have recorded.

The month was spot on average for day, night and overall temperatures. The warmest daytime high occurred twice, on the 1st and 25th when we had 15C. The coolest day temperature was 7.5C which occurred 3 times.

The highest overnight temperature was 6.5C and the lowest -3.5C. Overall there were 8 nights of 0C or lower.

Mark Hancock 01926 632197 / 07801424003

MARCH 2016		Long term average	Highest recorded	Lowest recorded
Rainfall	84.7mm	38.828mm	84.75mm (2016)	8mm (2011)
Average max Daily temp	10.5C	10.55C	13.48C (2014)	5.097C (2013)
Average min Daily temp	2.244C	2.522C	4.61C (1991)	-1.032C (2013)
Monthly Average temp	6.395C	6.536C	8.71C (2014)	2.032C (2013)

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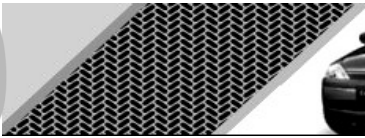




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