

Weston, Wappenbury, Hunningham and Eathorpe NEWSLETTER



The Beast from the East Siberian frozen wastelands? No, fields by the River Leam in Eathorpe. Although, with a temperature of -9° last night, you

could be forgiven for wondering where you are living just now!

Stay warm everybody!

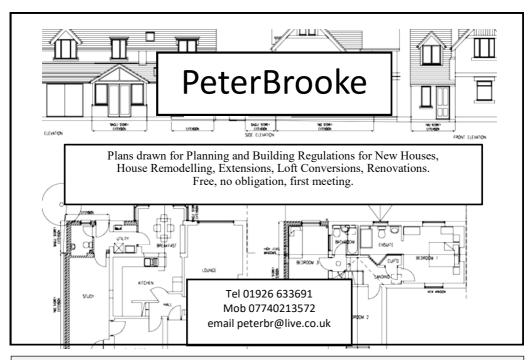
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VILLAGE NEWS

MONDAY CLUB

We were small in number for our Winter Quiz at Carolyn's house Little Haven on 13th February but a good time was had by all. There were three quizzes ranging from Flowers through Body Parts to Pre-decimalisation. The overall winner was Jeff Arnold with Jenny in hot pursuit.

On 12 March we welcome Offchurch Afternoon Club to Weston Village Hall where the speaker will be Anne Prosser talking about Dogs for Good.

A SAD FAREWELL to a VERY SPECIAL LADY

In February we said a last "GOODBYE" to UNA MYNORS, who lived on the Fosse in Hunningham for over 40 years. She was very special. She was on our Church PCC for many years, and was a busy active member of village life. A regular visitor to see people who were ill or living alone. She was a good listener, very generous, had a great sense of humour, a deep faith and a lovely Welsh twinkle in her eyes. Una was in the Wrens during the war and then worked for the BCC at Alexandra Palace.

Her husband – John Mynors - died shortly after they moved to Hunningham having lived and worked in Khartoum (Sudan), Birmingham, Oxford, Mosul (Iraq), Rhodesia and Birmingham as a highly respected Professor of Surgery. Una went everywhere with him (a very brave thing to do) plus three children – Judith, Siriol & David! Una is "famous" for sledging down the hill by her house with her grandchildren when she was in her 80's!

Sadly life has been difficult this last 10 years as she lost her sight, but she has spent that time with her three children, staying regularly with each of them, including David who lives in the house she lived in on the Fosse. She died at the grand age of 97 years. You were a wonderful role model, Una.

THANK YOU

To everyone who supported the PUPPETS & PANCAKES on Sunday 11th February at 4.00pm in Hunningham Church. We had great fun, and it was so good to see so many there.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

FAMILY EASTER PARTY: Sunday 25th March 3.00 -5.00pm Easter Egg Hunt; Craft Activities; Puppet Workshop; Food!

OFFCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Do come and join us. (Children must bring an adult with them)



Come and join us for Cricket, Tennis and Net-ball!!



We are a small, friendly, local sports club, with good playing facilities and good clubhouse in lovely rural surroundings, and are keen to attract new players and families of all ages and abilities.

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Cricket – Sunday "friendly" Cricket with the emphasis on fun and everyone having a go, for adults and youth, who want to play occasionally or regularly. All abilities most welcome to join us, even if you haven't played for some time. Please contact **Guy Mander: 07779 644275**

Tennis – Two good floodlit courts. Families, experienced players and beginners are all very welcome. We also play in the local Rugby tennis league. Please contact **Jon Thorne: 07584 901116**.

Netball – Adults and juniors of all abilities welcome. We train every Monday and we currently have two teams that play in the Coventry & Warwickshire League. Please contact **Abbey Richards: 07733 033341**.

Come and have a go – we look forward to seeing you!! Mark Swaby, Chairman, 07774 645754

VILLAGE NEWS

EATHORPE NEWS

Our best wishes go to Gill McLoughlin, now recovering at home after her recent injury. Hope to see Gill back on her feet before too long.

EATHORPE QUIZ NIGHT



Thanks to Maggy, Sally, Jan and John for organising and running a VERY successful Quiz Night in Eathorpe Village Hall on Saturday 17th February, 2018.



An entertaining quiz, and a delicious Fish n Chip Supper. A good night was had by all.

DOG TRAINING

Eathorpe Village Hall was the venue for some very successful dog training classes over six evenings from January to March. Classes were led by Adelaide Stewart-Jones of Warwickshire Walkies and Sophie Peacock of Lowhills Animal Behaviour Consultancy. Adelaide and Sophie are planning to lead further classes a little later in the year. More information from Adelaide (info@wawickshirewalkies.com) or Sophie (lowhillsabc@outlook.com).



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PROSTATE CANCER TESTS

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The team will be attending the meeting to offer blood tests to any willing gentlemen (discreetly in the side room). Anyone wishing to have the test can do so and in return it is hoped would make a small donation to the very worthwhile charity. Weston-under-Wetherley Parish Council

HS2 DROP-IN SURGERIES

Thursday 8 March

HS2 Drop-in surgeries, Cubbington, Offchurch and Ufton

Meet HS2 Ltd staff to see maps and plans and ask questions on the planned HS2 railway in Cubbington, Offchurch and Ufton areas. Cubbington village hall, Broadway 1pm-3pm; Offchurch village hall, School Hill 10am-12noon; Ufton village hall 4.30pm -6.30pm. www.hs2-cubbington.net.

Frances Wilmot

Cubbington Action Group

THE PILGRIM PUPPETS

MARCH 2018

5th March Monday Anya Court Care Home Rugby 10.30am

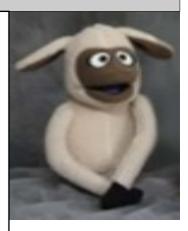
11th March Sunday St Gregory's OFFCHURCH Mothers Day 10.00am

15th March Thursday WESTON Care Unit Hancox Close Weston u Wetherley 11.00am

25th March Sunday Come 2 Worship Hunningham Church 11.00am

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Burglary at home in Alderman Way, Weston under Wetherley

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Suspicious Circumstances, Leamington Spa and Warwick

Incident 0102 of 16/2/18 and incident 0117 of 13/2/18.

The victims were vulnerable, living alone and subject to fraud offences where male offenders have knocked on the doors and offered to repair roof tiles for large amounts of cash. The offenders are all white males. One male has dark, curly hair, aged mid 20s, slim build, Another male has light brown hair, slight build, about 5ft 7in , aged 18/19 years. Another male is described as being taller and thin, aged mid 20s with strong Irish accent. A small white van with ladders is described as being used. There was a police pursuit on 16/2/18 where the white van was abandoned by offenders and 3 males made off on foot across fields towards Weston Under Wetherley. One offender found in a field . Other offenders outstanding. Please be alert and report any sightings of such males/vehicle that you may have seen or heard about.

Attempted burglary in Hunningham

The house alarm went off around 1am on the night of 21st/22nd February. Initially, it was thought the cats were to blame, but the alarm went off a second time some 40 minutes later. Still the residents could find nothing wrong, but when the alarm went off a third time, they noticed a man in their back garden trying to break in through the back door. They shouted and the man ran off.

This is not the first time in recent weeks that potential burglars have tried to gain access round the back of people's houses, not only in our villages but in surrounding villages as well. Perhaps we should all give careful attention to the access security to our back gardens wherever we can.

If you have information regarding any of the above incidents, please call Warwickshire police on 101. Alternatively you can report information via CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111 or visit their website https://crimestoppers-uk.org/
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CHURCH NEWS: PASTORAL LETTER

Yes, we are in. But I still have too much 'stuff'! (De-cluttering must remain high on my agenda) Nevertheless, the lights are on in Hunningham Vicarage AND we are at home. Do drop by and say hello; you can expect a 'Northern' welcome. Just one little disappointment: our new telephone number does not begin with '632'. I so want to have a sense of belonging here but 257845 does not even look like a local number. I really envy you your '632s'. I guess I will get over my chagrin in time.

Have you noticed how little niggles like that can accumulate and rob you of your joy? All too easy to become another Victor Meldrew! What matters more: disappointment over an arbitrary allocation of numbers or on a frosty morning, in glorious sunshine, seeing a dog fox making his way home alongside the Leam? I am reminding myself that I should erase the gripes and savour the good stuff. Take for example the Wine Tasting Evening at Hilltop Farm: such a lovely evening, fascinating people, stimulating conversations AND money was raised for the W2HEN Newsletter. I am fascinated to learn more about how, where and when we in our local communities meet together. I am so pleased I turned out for the Wine Tasting. The Christmas Fayre in St Margaret's Church was great fun too. And I have good memories of the Summer Fête at Weston Village Hall last year. Now I would like to invite you to the first Open Air event of this year, where we can walk and talk and enjoy this lovely slice of rural Warwickshire.

On Good Friday, 30th March, there will be an organised walk, as we remember the very different journey of Jesus, that led to his crucifixion on Calvary. The plan is to gather at St Gregory's Offchurch gathering at 0900hrs and setting off at 0930hrs. After a short time of prayers and readings, we will walk to St Michael's Church, Weston (2.7 miles) where we hope we will receive hot drinks and biscuits c. 1030-1100hrs. Then we will make our way to St John, Wappenbury (1145hrs) and on to Eathorpe Village Hall. A further 1.6 miles and we reach St Margaret's Hunningham (1330hrs) for lunch. Stalwart souls will continue on and complete the circuit by walking back to St Gregory's.

You are welcome to join the walk for all or part. And dogs are welcome too. And I would like you to make small wooden crosses (in quantity: I suggest 6 x 4 inches) that can be planted beside the footpaths as a reminder of our parish observance of this special day. Will you do that? There will be a Good Friday Service in the evening at St Margaret's, with music and readings at 7.30pm) That is open to all, walkers or not. Come and help us to conclude a memorable day.

Hugh Priestner Vicar, The Offchurch Group, Tel. 01926 257845, Mob. 07568 166 910 hugh.priestner@btinternet.com

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CHURCH SERVICES MARCH

Sunday 4th	St Gregory's 10.00am	Morning Worship
	St John's Wappenbury 11.00am	Morning Service
Tuesday 6th	St Margaret's Hunningham 5.00pm	Midweek Prayer
Thursday 8th	St Gregory's 5.00pm	Midweek Prayer
Saturday 10th	Messy Church 3.00pm-5.00pm	Offchurch Village Hall
Sunday 11 th Mothering Sunday	St Gregory's 10.00am	Family Service
	St Michael's Weston 6.00pm	Evensong
Tuesday13th	St John's Wappenbury 5.00pm	Midweek Prayer
Thursday 15th	St Gregory's 5.00pm	Midweek Prayer
Sunday 18th	St Gregory's 10.00am	Parish Communion (with baptism)
Tuesday 20th	St Michael's Weston 5.00pm	Midweek Prayer
Thursday 22nd	St Gregory's 5.00pm	Midweek Prayer
Sunday 25 th Palm Sunday	St Gregory's 10.00am	Parish Communion
	St Margaret's Hunningham 11.00am	Come to Worship with Pilgrim Puppets
	The Big Easter Party 3.00pm-5.00pm	Offchurch Village Hall
Monday 26th	St Gregory's 6.00pm	Compline
Tuesday 27th	St Gregory's 6.00pm	Compline
Wednesday 28th	St Gregory's 6.00pm	Compline
Maundy Thurs- day 29th	St Gregory's 7.30pm	Evening Communion
Good Friday 30th	St Margaret's Hunningham 7.30pm	Music and Meditation
Easter Sunday 1 st April	St Gregory's 10.00am	Parish Communion

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GREEN MATTERS

It is traditional after the excesses of Christmas that the media are full of plans for weight loss and that gyms report their highest number of registrations. Keeping fit is increasingly challenging in the modern world as we all have a tendency to do less physical activity and to eat more of the wrong sort of foods.

The cost of a longer living but less fit population is well publicised as more and more health resources are consumed by illnesses associated with life style. Diabetes, heart and circulatory illnesses as well as a range of cancers are closely linked to diet and fitness. This may not be directly an environmental issue but it does involve resources being spent that could otherwise be better deployed elsewhere. Also when we talk of quality of life, most people know that their physical and mental health is their most important asset. Luckily doing any sort of exercise is better than none. I have always been a somewhat reluctant exerciser and have never joined a gym. Whilst I was working my only fitness routine was to run to Wappenbury and back two or three times a week- not a lot- and each run was only 20 minutes. I have never been a natural runner but I have found that it is low cost and can be most easily fitted in to daily life. When I retired last year I started running a little bit further and in a rash moment decided to sign up for a half marathon in support of Myton Hospice.

I've had great local and family support for the Myton race on March 18th and if anyone wishes to sponsor me you can find me on the Just Giving website by searching on Owen Bishop or by following the link. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/owen-bishop4

For many people running is an antidote to stress and depression. Living as we do so close to the open countryside it is certainly a way to feel in touch with nature. One of the most rewarding things for me is that it is not hard to improve significantly over a short space of time. You can start at any level by moving from walking to brisk walking and then introducing short bursts of jogging. After a few days or weeks it becomes easier to run a bit more and walk a bit less. There is no need to push too hard. In less time than you think you will be jogging a mile and then getting to two miles is much easier than doing the first. Whatever level you get to there will be the satisfaction of knowing that you are certainly fitter than you were before.

I run on my own but if you like company there are short group runs in local parks every week organised by Run Britain. All you need is a pair of trainers, shorts and a T shirt or two. If I can do it anyone can!

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OBSERVATIONS OF A DOG WALKER

One of the biggest pleasures of taking retirement has been our acquisition of a dog.



So, we are now the proud owners of a cocker spaniel called Jarvis (Jarvis Cocker - get it?!) Not only is he a wonderful friend and companion in his own right, but he has also been the cause of getting me out into our lovely Warwickshire countryside much more regularly. Which not only gets me fit (well, fitter than I was before!) but has also introduced me to aspects of the countryside I just didn't know anything about before. So I thought I might write the occasional column in the W²HEN to share some of the things I have seen. I make no claim to any expertise about things natural, but I am a curious observer.

One of the foci of my observations as Jarvis and I have tramped the fields this past year has been the development of these two, beautiful creatures. This pair of swans inhabit the Leam, between Wappenbury and Eathorpe and this year I have been following the growth of their cygnets.





In October, there were definitely four of them but, by January their number was down to three. Living on the Leam is clearly more dangerous than I had thought!



A few weeks ago the cygnets seemed to have gone entirely and Mum and Dad were alone again. Yet just a week ago I saw two of them swim-

ming back with the adults, and then an extraordinary thing! One of the adults attacked the two cygnets in a very aggressive way indeed. Both of them took off (and if you've never seen swans take off from a river, it's very impressive!), they circled the trees, dipped back over the river and then flew off together - who knows where? I guess nature has a way of getting its creatures to move on! I'm looking forward to the 2018 cohort!

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL - HELP AND ADVICE

Last week West Mercia Police launched a series of help and advice pages and down-loadable leaflets in the Contact us section on our websites. These are to support members of the public to 'making the right call' in the event of you wishing to contact us about a specific issue. This in turn will reduce the number of calls going in to the West Mercia Police Communications Centre, meaning that the staff are available for emergency calls and to reduce the waiting time for anyone calling in on 101. Here are the areas that we covered.

Neighbour disputes

We would all like to live in peace with our neighbours, but unfortunately that is sometimes not how things work out. Here's what you can do if you are having problems. Unless a crime has been committed or someone is in immediate danger, the police are unlikely to intervene in neighbour disputes. However, we'll put you in touch with the groups and organisations who can help

Noise

The prosecuting authority in England for noise nuisance is your local authority. The police within England and Wales have very limited powers to deal with noise nuisance.

Highways and road faults

Road related faults and highways enquiries.

Assault

When you or someone you care about are assaulted, it is a very traumatic event. There are different levels of violence and assault and these are categorised in law by the level of injury.

Road traffic collisions

When do I have to report an accident to the police.

Cyberbullying and online harassment

Cyberbullying and online harassment can be extremely distressing. It can be classed as a criminal offence but there is lots of help available to support you.

Missing person

Anyone whose whereabouts cannot be established will be considered as missing until located, and their well-being or otherwise confirmed.

Fly tipping

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. Often, this will involve dumping large items that are dumped instead of being legally disposed of at a household waste and recycling centre or commercial site.

Home burglary

Burglary can be a very upsetting for the victims. We understand that burglary in your home can feel like a personal crime and an invasion of your personal space.

Civil dispute

A civil dispute can be a disagreement over ownership of property, dissatisfaction with a product or service provided, disputes over debts or bills and many other things where there is a difference in opinion between two or more parties over what was agreed.

Dogs fouling and barking

Information on dog fouling, dog barking and dog incidents.

Parking

Parking issues are handled by a mixture of local authority and police powers, depending on the situation.

Please visit the web site at https://www.westmercia.police.uk/maketherightcall for Help and Advice on each of the topics listed above.



Snowdrops in the grounds of Eathorpe Hall. Spring is coming!!

W²HEN NEWSLETTER WINE-TASTING EVENING

This was held on Friday 16 February at Hilltop Farm and almost 40 people attended, tasting a splendid array of wines, from Cana Wines, tucking into a fantastic spread of cheeses, provided for us by Hilltop Farm, and generally having a lovely, convivial evening together. We even managed to raise a bit of money to support the production of the newsletter.

On behalf of the W^2 hen Newsletter, I would like to offer our sincere thanks to Lotte and Maggie from Hilltop Farm , for hosting the

event and supplying such yummy cheese (see the picture).

Thanks also to Rob, from Cana Wine, for his support and for his wines, and, of course, to everyone who came along for the evening. I hope you all had a wonderful time.

