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9 APRIL

25 JUNE

Weston Cinema

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EDITORIAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter Printing Fund - we have had a small but steady response, and every little helps to keep the Newsletter in print. There are many events in this month's Newsletter, and Eathorpe must win the prize for most active small village! We have several new regular advertisers too which is a great way of supporting this local Newsletter. Thanks to all our regular contributors - new material or other news always welcome.

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ANDREAN LAZAROV

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Saturday and Sunday 19-20 March 2016

CALLING ALL PIANO STUDENTS!

Andrean will visit Eathorpe again this year, giving two recitals and one masterclass. Andrean is an internationally acclaimed pianist, and he would like to work with young local pianists. He is looking for participants at his Sunday morning workshop, all ages and levels welcome. The workshop is **free** to students, if they buy a ticket for one of the concerts.

Please contact Katie Alcock for further details on 07745 377643 or email <code>oxfordflutes@yahoo.co.uk</code>

CONCERT 1: Saturday 19th March 8pm 300 Years of Contemporary Piano Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, Lazarov

MASTERCLASS: Sunday 20th March 10.30am (TBC) Workshop with Young Pianists

CONCERT 2: Sunday 20th March 4.30 pm Top 20 Piano Encores

Schumann, Liszt, Chopin, Ravel, Scriabin, Albinoni, Lazarov, Tchaikovsky, Shchredrin

Wine (or soft drink) and canapés reception after each concert. Tickets: £13.50 / £12.00 01926 632575 or 632664 or sueateathorpe@gmail.com - Fosse Cottage, Eathorpe, CV33 9DE.



VILLAGE NEWS - EATHORPE

EATHORPE

Eathorpe Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday, February 9th in the village hall, from 10.30 -12o'clock. Please join us, everyone welcome.



This event made the grand total of £2,620. This will be split between two charities: *Circles Network Rugby Centre* and *Spinal Atrophy Support UK*, after 20% to Eathorpe Village Hall. Thanks to everyone who made such a great effort to transform the village into a fairyland of lights.

THANK YOU

I would like to say a big Thank You to my family, friends and neighbours for the help, good wishes and flowers while recovering from surgery. I am now feeling much better. Love and Luck for 2016, from Joan Goddard, Eathorpe.

Congratulations and very best wishes to Jo and Andy of *Corridene* on the birth of their baby daughter. We wish all three every happiness in their new home in Eathorpe.

EATHORPE VILLAGE HALL EVENT



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VILLAGE NEWS - HUNNINGHAM

THE HUNNINGHAM ART GROUP have vacancies for TWO new members. We meet on a Wednesday morning 10-12.30pm in Hunningham church rooms. Some painting experience necessary. Please phone Louise Jennings on 01926 882602.



A SAD FAREWELL to Pat Chalk aged 90 years, who lived in

School Lane for 25 years until 7 years ago, when she and her husband Ted moved to Morpeth in Northumberland. Pat did all she could to start and support Hunningham Village activities. She and Ted started Hunningham Art Group which still continues on a Wednesday morning in the Parish Room. Pat was a very accomplished amateur artist, mostly in water colours. Her eye for colour produced spectacular results in her lovely garden. Both Pat and Ted were instrumental in setting up our

biannual (it was annual in Pat's time!) Hunningham Open Gardens, as part of the National Open Gardens Scheme, ensuring that funds were available to help keep St Margaret's Church solvent. Pat would host our Safari Suppers, and generously helped where she could around Hunningham. Pat was a very thoughtful, caring person who in later years gave her time to look after Ted with his dementia. We are thinking of their daughter Caroline and all the family at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS to Holly Reeve of Hunningham House following her engagement to Sean Healey. We wish them both every happiness for the future.

A BIG THANKYOU to Lucy and Adrian Lamb for inviting people from of the village to a great time on Sunday 27th December to celebrate their Wedding Blessing. The service was followed by a lovely spread at Hill Top Farm. We wish them ever good wishes for the future.

Hazel Taylor

CAROL SINGING REPORT

Just before Christmas a hardy band of dedicated singers from Hunningham and local villages carolled around Hunningham village. I have organised and led this event for as long as I can remember but this was the one time that I could not participate due to a total loss of my voice. Hooray you might be saying! The night was wet and miserable and 14 or 15 diehards raised £156.44 which will be matched by an equal donation to Water Aid courtesy of Nivus.

Many thanks to all of you who participated and also to those who welcomed them with refreshments. Thank you for your donations. We will see you later this year..... Mark Hancock

VILLAGE NEWS - WESTON

WESTON VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 25 June 2016 2pm onwards

Sports - Dog Show - BBQ - Stalls and lots more fun for

all the family - save the date! Volunteers wanted to help make this annual event another great success. Phone Bren on 01926 63372.

Bren Boardman

MONDAY CLUB Twelve of us met at Jill Wheeler's in Eathorpe for a Quiz. It was a Christmas Quiz which we thoroughly enjoyed but found it was much harder than we thought it would be. We had still had many laughs and shared jolly good tea and cakes. Carolyn Davies

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



No crimes reported as yet in the New Year, but, unfortunately, Hunningham was not so fortunate in the days before Christmas: the police reported that a domestic property had been burgled, when offenders forced open the front door to gain entry, and stole jewellery. This is the first time for a long time that

goods have been stolen from a house within our villages rather than taken from a garden shed or garage, so we all need to be aware that the thieves are still very much on the lookout for this type of opportunity.

This incident apart, the Police report only a small number of car thefts/vandalism in the Cubbington area, and surrounding locations.

Finally, for this edition, I received the following email which may be of interest to anyone who wishes to be more involved with local Neighbourhood Watch:

"The Mid Warwickshire NHW committee is looking for representatives to join from the Warwick Rural East area. If you are interested and/or would like to join the Mid Warks NHW committee, please contact Kate Evans on the email address below. The committee meets at the Justice Centre in Leamington Spa in January, April and October and holds an annual meeting in July which is usually held at the Dormer Conference Centre.

Contact Kate Evans on - <u>k.evans9@ntlworld.com</u>"

To report an incident/crime, dial 101 for non-emergencies and 999 in an emergency. Paddy Taylor 632428

FOUR VILLAGES WALK

Thanks to Sue Keffler for sending in the following article:

This walk passes from Weston through the villages of Wappenbury, Hunningham and Offchurch, allowing for refreshments to be taken at the Red Lion and Stag pubs – always a good incentive for a walk!

Distance: 3 miles (shorter route) or 7 miles (longer route) Approximate time: 1½ hours or 3 hours Map: OS Explorer 221 Parking: In the car park of what used to be (but is sadly now closed), the Bull Inn, at the edge of Weston under Wetherley on the road towards Princethorpe (grid reference 368695, or near the start of Hunningham Road.

DIRECTIONS FROM CAR PARK:

Facing the road, turn right and enter Hunningham Road, turning left onto a footpath after about 50m. Follow the path along the left over a stile/gate and down through a few trees, then across a footbridge to an oak tree.

Climb over a stile to the right of the tree, and follow two sides of the field until you walk through a hedge gap to emerge into a large field (A).

Walk diagonally across the field under a telegraph line, aiming for the right edge of a pond, where the path leads over stepping stones and gradually up towards a farm of Christmas trees at the edge of the

towards a farm of Christmas trees at the edge of the village of Wappenbury.



Climb over a stile and immediately right through a kissing gate, then down a slope to cross the River Leam by a stone and brick footbridge.

Continue in the same direction across a field to its corner, then along the next field edge to reach Hunningham via a gate.



Turn right and follow the road down to the Red Lion (B), where you have a choice:

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FOUR VILLAGES WALK

Shorter alternative:

Walk over the river by a 17th century sandstone bridge, passing through a kissing gate on your left, just after the Severn Trent pumping station. Walk diagonally across the field to go through another kissing gate by a telegraph pole into an arable field adjoining the houses of the village of Weston. Follow the left side of the field until you come to a kissing



gate, go through it and continue in the same direction to the field corner (C), then walk gently uphill to wards St. Michael's church, bearing left and through a final kissing gate to reach a track between two fences, arriving at the road opposite Church Farm. Turn right and walk through Weston to return to the start of the walk.



Longer alternative:

Cross a stile opposite the Red Lion, and follow the path of the River Leam for nearly a kilometre, walking past the 13th century St Margaret's Church in Hunningham (open in daylight hours).

Where the path curves right by a signpost (D), walk straight across the middle of a field

aiming for a gap in the far hedge, where you turn right and immediately left towards farm buildings. Walk past two rusty tugs and follow the left field edge to a gate, then through trees to a kissing gate (E). Cross three stiles, then through a gate to walk through a farmyard. Walk across the next field, and out to a road in the centre of Offchurch, opposite the Stag Inn. Retrace your steps as far as the rusty tugs, then curve left to follow a wide track past a brick bunker until you cross over the river via a metal footbridge. Walk straight ahead through trees,

then uphill to a hedge gap, to emerge into the corner of a large field (F). Continue in the same direction along the right hand field edge, then right through a hedge gap in the far corner, continuing in the same direction. Crossing a track, walk over a concrete bridge and through a kissing gate, then straight across a field towards a small brick barn (G). Just to the right of the barn, walk through a gate and head uphill, with Weston church on the horizon. At top of the hill, follow a track between two fences to reach the road, opposite Church Farm, then turn right and walk through Weston to return to the start of the walk.



CHURCH SERVICES

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Sunday	11am	Holy Communion, Junior Church and	
7th February	Wappenbury	Crèche	
	4pm Hunningham	Puppets and Pancakes followed by	
	6.30pm	In the Spirit guitar-led workshop	
Sunday	10am Offeburgeb	Holy Communion	
14th February	Offchurch		
	6pm	Evensong	
	Weston	<u> </u>	
Sunday	11am	Weston @ Eleven	
21st February	Weston		
Sunday	11am	Come2Worship with Junior Church and	
28th February	Hunningham	the Pilgrim Puppets	

CHANGE OF SERVICES at HUNNINGHAM

From the beginning of 2016 we are joining up with Offchurch more, as Offchurch is becoming the *Mother Church* to our 5 villages. We are now holding only one service a month in Hunningham Church. This will be at 11am on the 4th Sunday – 28th February being the next one – our COME 2 WORSHIP service. This is a service for all the family. It lasts about 45 minutes followed by coffee and cakes. We have our Pilgrim Puppets taking part, and it is a very different service. There is also, usually, a fun Sunday School for younger people. Do come along and join us if you can.



THE PILGRIM PUPPETS IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 7 February Hunningham Church PUPPETS & PANCAKES 4pm

Sunday 28 February Hunningham Church Come & Worship 11am

We are on the look out for NEW RECRUITS to join our PILGRIM PUPPETS, from 9 years upwards. If you are an adult and are

interested in helping with props, costumes or our sound system, or also performing you would be VERY welcome. Please ring Hazel Taylor 632428. We meet at 4.45-6pm on a Wednesday evening in Hunningham Parish Room.

Hazel Taylor

EATHORPE BEER FESTIVAL



February 26 - 28 2016

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. The beer will come from the 'Hopshires' – that area of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire where the majority of English hops are now grown and where a

host of small breweries have sprung up in recent years.

Most of the beers will be new to Eathorpe but we'll welcome back some of last year's favourites. As usual we'll have a good range of wine, soft drinks and food available and we welcome families. We are still putting together the entertainment programme but probably we'll again 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 1-11pm on Saturday. On Sunday lunchtime we'll 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 – particularly from potential performers who would like to show off their talents to our friendly audience. Just phone 01926 632575. **David French**

Weston Cinema – The Show's on the Road!!

A big thankyou to everyone who saw 'What we did on our Holiday' on 16 January and contributed to the happy, sociable atmosphere in Weston Village Hall. Thanks too to Weston Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the Village Newsletter for their support. Feedback and ideas are always welcome.

Our next show is on Saturday 9th April at 7.30 for 8pm. You'll find details on our banner, on posters around the local area and in the Village Newsletter. Further shows are planned through 2016 and beyond.

You'll find our news on <u>www.facebook.com/westoncinema</u>. You need not be a member of Facebook for this. Finally, if you would like to receive our e-mails, please send your e-mail address to <u>westoncinema@gmail.com</u>.

Gordon, Robert, Matt and Jeff - Weston Cinema Group.

NEXT WESTON CINEMA: 9 APRIL

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES... AT WESTON UNDER WETHERLEY!

It was a cold, wet night in the middle of January when we decided to keep it local and go out for a meal before seeing a film. Nothing unusual about that except that it was all pretty much on our very rural doorstep. We'd - thankfully booked a table at the Red Lion in Hunningham. The pub was busy and lively with a wedding party in one part and other pub users arriving in the early part of the evening. It was good to see it so full and getting back to normal after the lengthy bridge closure last year.

We made the short journey up from there to Weston under Wetherley for the main event on the evening's menu – a film in the village hall. 'What We Did On Our Holiday' is the third film to be shown there in the past few months under a scheme with Warwickshire's Live and Local. Many of us were there to support the event, but also because a comedy with Billy Connolly, Ben Miller and David Tennant would be just the thing to blow the winter blues away - temporarily at least. But this isn't a review of the film – which we enjoyed – but more a review of the event itself.

When we entered the village hall the large screen and surround-sound speaker system were in place and indicated the sound and picture would be in good quality. The soft, comfortable seats at the front were already taken – so clearly the cinema has already got a bit of a following! Next we got drinks from the licensed bar where there was a small selection of wine, beer and soft drinks and snacks. There was then a chance to do some socialising with other filmgoers

before the screening. All very civilised. Once the film had got underway and the laughter started to warm us up the coats could eventually come off!! It was still a very pleasant evening watching a film in company and a chance to chat about it afterwards – rather than the mad dash in the darkness people usually make to leave at the end. The next film is due to be shown on 9th April at 7.30 for 8 – when we can add a short walk up from Hunningham to the experience.



Moira Rawlings

FARMER'S DIARY



We managed to combine two fields of spring beans after the Harvest Festival at St Michaels on 20th September. The direct drilling seemed to go alright, but now the slugs are feasting to their slimy hearts content. Mild, wet weather has not proved ideal for our new methods but the cover crops for building soil fertility are now growing well. It is when the weather proves to be frustrating that one questions whether we are doing everything right. After all, most of

my farming colleagues have diversified in some form or another. Sam Moreton & Sons have always shown us the way with enterprises like storage, tyres and wheels, wedding venue and even the Wolf Run. The Ellis family have Hilltop Farm Shop and festivals with glamping as the new venture. While we, like many other farmers, have holiday accommodation in farm workers cottages, no longer required for the farm.

As world commodity prices are so low, perhaps we would be better to have a herd of Bison grazing majestically near the river as one welsh farmer has, with good sales of bison burgers he has found an exotic niche. Like the camomile growers down south, and many ice cream and yogurt makers who refuse to sell to supermarkets at knock down prices. Farming for energy with wind turbines, solar, anaerobic digestion and woodchip is at the mercy of fickle governments. One of our local farmers makes wonderful sheep's cheese, but unfortunately you have to milk the sheep. Yet another milks buffalos. The list is endless and often enhanced by wealthy business men wanting the idyllic country life but bringing new ideas and economic knowhow. Not all are prepared to lose money. Perhaps the bison are the best bet so maybe I'll watch "Dances with wolves" once more, but then what would I do when HS 2 spooks the bison and they stampede all over my beloved grass tennis court!

Well done to Peter Delow from Cubbington, Peter Haine and all who put forward the Ancient Pear Tree that crowns the view of our soon to be vandalised Leam valley. We look forward to seeing it in all it's splendour next spring.

Andrew McGregor, Weston Hall Farm

(Note from Editor: apologies to Andrew for managing to miss this out of the previous issue!)

WEATHER



NOVEMBER 2015

November began dry and exceptionally warm but often cloudy with frequent fogs. The rest of the month overall was mild, dull and changeable with mainly southwesterly winds. It was extremely windy at times and there was a brief cold snap from the 20th to 23rd. Rainfall was spot on average despite it seeming a very wet month. The perception that it was particularly wet

occurred because there was measureable rain on 18 days and many others were damp. It was amongst the dullest Novembers on record which did not help cheer us up. The wettest day was the 7th with 13mm.

The most striking thing about November was just how ridiculously warm it was. It broke (and even smashed) all the records that I have kept for 25 years. Average daily temperatures were well above the normal. The difference from the long term averages was remarkable at about +3.5C.

The highest daytime temperature achieved 17.5C on the 6th and the coolest daytime maximum of 5.5C on the 21st and 23rd. The warmest nights were on 8th and 11th with 14C. It was the UK's warmest ever November night on the 8th when Murlough in County Down did not drop below 16.1C. To put this into context there were days in July this summer when the daytime maximum did not reach this figure.

	NOV 2015	Long term average	Highest recorded	Lowest recorded
Rainfall	68mm	67.25mm	116mm (2002)	32.25mm (2011)
Average max daily temp	13.06C	9.59C	13.06C (2015)	7.12C (2010)
Average min daily temp	7.05C	3.72C	7.05C (2015)	1.23C (1993)
Monthly average temp	10.06C	6.58C	10.06C (2015)	4.29C (1993)

WEATHER

DECEMBER 2015

December 2015 was an exceptional and record breaking month. This area experienced a warm and moist tropical air mass for most of the month which brought exceptionally mild, wet and windy conditions. There were frequent deep depressions and frontal systems which included storms Desmond, Eva and Frank. Thankfully this area missed the worst effects of these storms although they were deeply felt elsewhere.

December was ridiculously warm (I used that adjective last month as well). I will not go into too many details of the excesses as you will be able to interpret the figures above. Normally when I record an all time high or low figure I beat previous bests by 0.5C or 10mm etc but December has blown my temperature records apart. You will see that all the high temperature records were blown away this year by about 6C. In fact we had days in December warmer than ones we "enjoyed" in July!

The warmest daytime temperature was 16C on the 9th and the coldest 9C on the 11th. There no frosts whatsoever and the highest night time temperature was 14C on the 9th and the coldest (coolest) 2C on the 9th.

Whilst many areas have experienced torrential rains and floods, we have, yet again, come out comparatively lightly. Whilst rainfall was about 50% above average it was still well below the figures of 3 years ago. There were 21 days of measureable rain in December with the wettest day being the 27th when we received 18mm and as a consequence the local rivers flooded. In the next magazine we shall see how 2016 has started and how 2015 turned out overall. I am sure that it will be interesting.

Mark Hancock

	DEC 2015	Long term average	Highest recorded	Lowest recorded
Rainfall	89.25mm	62.5mm	125.25mm (2012)	11.65mm (1991)
Average max daily temp	13.016C	6.387C	13.016C (2015)	2.306C (2010)
Average min daily temp	6.977C	1.243C	6.977C (2015)	-4.326C (2010)
Monthly average temp	9.99C	3.766C	9.99C (2015)	-2.161C (2010)

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Community Transport Scheme Contact Peter Haine: 633153 or email phaine@btinternet.com

Eathorpe village hall: www.eathorpe.org.uk 633430 or 632664

Hunningham Parish Room: 632852

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