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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS - THANK YOU FROM LIZZIE HOLLAND

I wanted to send a final message to thank you for the privilege of being with you for the last 3 months. It has been an absolute joy to meet you all, to worship alongside you and to build relationships with you. I have loved learning more about rural and benefice church life and have been struck by how beautiful the benefice is. I've discovered the importance of wellies, the necessity for a satnav to help you escape flooding, how to drive in my robes and how much I love a farm shop!

Thank you for welcoming me and embracing me into your communities. I have felt so loved and cared for by you during the last 3 months and I am so grateful for that. I have laughed a lot, learned a lot and encountered God in profound ways through our worship and time together. I wanted to offer you some words of encouragement that I hope will be a blessing for you in the months ahead:

Firstly, when I consider the people of this benefice, I am excited by all that God has in store for you. I firmly believe that God has great plans to work with you all to reach out and bless the communities around you. I especially want to encourage you to continue in your work with local schools and in your pastoral care to one another. May God enrich and bless all that you do.

Secondly, I have encountered some true and deep joy from spending time with you and that is attractive and infectious. I said to my husband, Mitch, that in describing you I would say you are people who take God seriously but not yourselves. Keep laughing, keep having fun and keep rejoicing in the good we can find around us.

Finally, you are such devoted and dedicated people and have shown that through some really tough times. May you be refreshed and renewed by the God who loves you and wants to lavish good gifts on you. Be kind to yourselves in this season and receive all the love God has for you. Work together, encourage each other, support each other and see the wonder of God in the community.

I am so sad that my final words to you all are coming via this magazine rather than over a delicious bring and share lunch (I was planning on bringing all of the elements to make hot pork sandwiches!) and I hope and pray that I will have the opportunity to come and see you all again in the not too distant future, and give you an opportunity to meet the new baby!

All my love, prayers and blessings.

Rev Lizzy Holland

QUIET DAY – WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2020



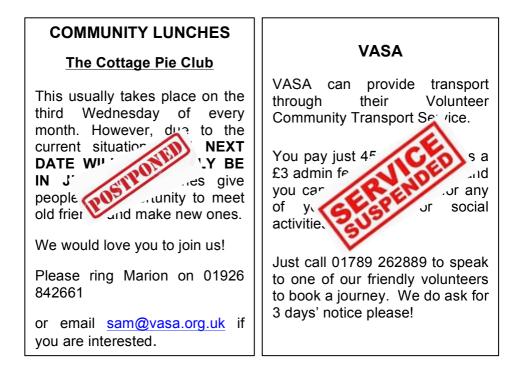
A decision on whether this day will run as arranged (see last month's magazine) or in fact be postponed, will be made after the 9th of May. By then, the government will have decided whether or not to continue the lockdown restrictions.

If you have booked your place at this event, please contact: Joan on 01789 731649 or joanwilkinson25@gmail.com after the 9th May for further information.

Many of you will have heard Archdeacon Sue Field speak at services in our benefice over the last year.

She has arranged for the Rev. Stig Graham, recently retired from being Chaplain at Myton Hospice, to offer us some leadership and pastoral care rather as Lizzy Holland did for us.

We are delighted and look forward to getting to know him - on-line at least!



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid week will obviously not be taking place in May. However, Christian Aid hope to have a collecton sometime around Harvest time.

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SUMMER BEDDING, BASKET AND VEGETABLE PLANTS



Please contact me for further details on 01789 731236 or c.glover363@gmail.com The Summer Term has officially begun and many of you will be trying to settle back into a Home Learning/Home Working routine. If you're looking for more resources then here's some suggestions: (more on our <u>Home Learning page</u>)

- <u>BBC Bitesize</u> have today launched their Daily Lessons School shut? We're bringing you three new lessons every weekday, with videos, activities and more. <u>Start a lesson</u>
- <u>World Book Day Storytime Online</u> watch a wonderful range of famous authors and stars reading children's books and short stories.
- <u>Harry Potter at Home</u> where you'll find all the latest magical treats to keep you occupied - including special contributions from Bloomsbury and Scholastic, nifty magical craft videos (teach your friends how to draw a Niffler!), fun articles, quizzes, puzzles and plenty more for first-time readers, as well as those already familiar with the wizarding world.
- Read or listen to Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone with <u>Borrowbox</u> - no waiting!

If you aren't already using our resources we can help you get started with our <u>Digital Library</u> - please email <u>libraryenquiryteam@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>

We continue to add resources to our <u>Libraries From Home Plus</u> page, our most recent being <u>uLIBRARY eAudio</u> which grants customers free access to eAudio books until 31st July 2020. Please select *eAudio Library Support* as your library, when signing into the app.

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Reminder of the Important Information

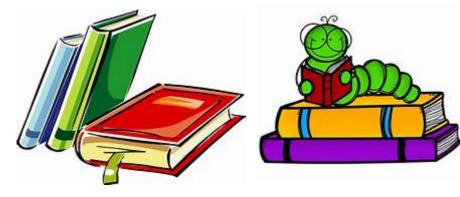
As a result of the current COVID-19 outbreak, all Warwickshire Libraries, Community Libraries, Mobile Libraries and the Home Delivery Service remain closed to the public.

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LANGLEY NEWS

A number of guardian angels have surfaced, contacting those in isolation who need food/medicines including a Village distribution of bread. Thank you all.

Upper Langley seem to have the noise edge over Lower Langley at 8.00pm on Thursdays showing support for our NHS and Care and Service providers. Saucepans, bells and whistles seem favourite mediums.

Brian Keefe

It's lambing time in Langley and so on the odd occasion it's my night - I am all night, checking the ewes. I have loved the darkness and the silence of the village at night. Langley is a peaceful village anyway, but the lockdown has eliminated all but the rustling animal and night bird calls in the hedgerows and trees. No headlights on the road or horizon or overhead the lights of planes highlight the stars and earlier this month that incredible full moon. This sent me back to reading about the importance of darkness for our wildlife and plants, particularly our nocturnal wildlife. Owls, bats, moths and many other animals are unable to survive and will be driven elsewhere if human source artificial lighting is present and if there is nowhere else to go, they die.

Life as we know it has evolved with the diurnal rhythm of Earth's Natural clock, it's encoded in DNA of ourselves and all around us in plants and wildlife. This cycle defines how they and we behave. Humans are evolved to sleep more at night and long periods of night shift have health implications for us. Wildlife and plants need darkness and light for growth and development the patterns dictate and so affect breeding, lifecycle, health and feeding habits.

The good news is that even small changes matter and scientists have <u>identified a list of actions</u> we can take reduce or eliminate light pollution.

• Make the Change to LED

LED lights are more energy efficient and give a brighter light option, which could decrease the number of overall lights necessary.

• Shield Lights by Installing Lamp Fixtures

Another important and simple change we can make is shield our lights by fitting lamp fixtures which redirect the brightness of the bulb downward. Most of our outdoor lights are unshielded which leave the light open to shine into the night sky. This is a cheap but effective option! Where lights can be angled remember that if your lights point a long way outwards this will dazzle and attract certain creatures, "rabbit in the headlights" effect on creatures like frogs, moths, or repel others making whole areas a no go zone for wildlife.

• Turn off Lights When Unneeded

Be more vigilant about shutting down unneeded lights. If you are concerned about safety, opt for wavelengths (not yellow) which do not affect wildlife or insects. The earlier you can turn off the permanent lighting the longer period of natural behaviours animals can engage in. Think about trying to leave as long a period of dark as you can. Movement sensor Security lights should stay on for a sensible period and be angled or shielded to make the lit area the minimum needed.

• Share Knowledge Within Your Community and on Social Media "Lastly, please share this information with your contacts and community — while individual effort does make a huge difference, imagine the lives that could be saved and the ecosystems restored if everyone in your community joined in?"

Andrea Duxbury

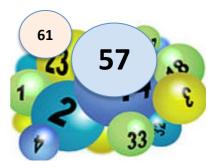


NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

April Winners

1st Prize No 57 Orlando Elmhirst £75 2nd Prize No 61 Jez Pinfold £25

Carole Briggs



NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



Sadly we had to close the Village Hall on March 22nd due to Gov.UK guidelines. It was sad, as the Hall was really getting going and it was exciting to be finishing off outstanding items and promoting the use of the Hall. Lots of classes had

to stop and children's and adult parties cancelled.

We were having enquiries from wedding bookings to dog classes, not I hasten to add, at the same time! All these things are waiting, with many of those who had to cancel, asking if their booking could be held over.

The Trustees have met by Zoom UK and will continue to do so until we can get back to normal life, whenever that is. We did decide to postpone the Village Fete in July, as it seems unlikely that a large gathering would be able to take place then. Additionally it would be hard to prepare for an event which would have to be deferred. Hopefully the Fete will take place later in the year.

As we had lined up Matthew Sagrott to complete the paving in April, we thought it was best to go ahead with this as he would be working on his own and it does complete part of the Health and Safety aspect of the works.

Everyone will be focusing on getting through the next few months but when we have come out at the end of this, the Village Hall will, I am sure, return back to business.

Anna Mace-Leska, Chair of Trustees and Playing Fields CIO

NATURE NOTES - WILDFLOWERS IN THE VERGES

I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,

Where oxslips and noding violet grows,

Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine.

With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine".

From 'A Mid-summer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare

As I write this we are entering a fourth week of lockdown due to Covid-19. I was tempted to write something about viruses but decided against that, I am sure you are relieved.

Instead, I will focus on two positives of the lockdown. Firstly, no aircraft flying above our Parishes and little road noise resulting in a quieter, less

polluted environment and immediately the birdsong is much more audible.

Secondly, the verges are not being cut by the Council and as I take my walk, I am noticing with delight all the wildflowers springing up in the verges.

Sadly only one of those mentioned above - oxslips. But I see cow parsley, catspaw, lamium, sticky willy, dandelions and sow thistle just coming through. I saw three beautiful goldfinches feasting on the dandelion seeds.



I will just talk about three of these wildflowers, starting with cow parsley. This is a member of the carrot family and it likes very fertile soil. Its a successful plant, in part because it seeds prolifically on roadside verges. These have always been fertile due to animals grazing on them in the past and now-

a-days, the Council cuts them regularly leaving the clippings thus increasing the fertility of the soil. It has another common name, Queen Anne's lace. She was an admirer of this plant likening to lace pillows. There are now cultivars of this plant available to gardeners - ammi majus.

The next plant I have seen thriving is the white deadnettle. It is smaller than stinging nettles and is called dead as it has not sting. It is not so invasive and forms neat clumps and I allow it to grow in my garden. It is beloved by bumblebees, who are strong enough to enter its flower and



also have a long enough tongue to get to the vital nectar at the base. Sometimes called Archangel as it flowered around St Michael's day, April 28th. Due to climate change and warmer and earlier springs it flowers much earlier now.

The last plant is Cat's Ear, so called as the leaves resemble that structure. It has a flat rosette of leaves that lie very close to the ground and its



yellow dandelion like flowers are born on long whippy stems. It was taken to America by the early British settlers as it was used as a green vegetable and is still eaten as such in Japan and Greece.

We may still be in lockdown by the time you read this, so take a look and see if you can identify these wildflowers

growing in the verges whilst you take your daily walk. Maybe look up other wildflowers you see, identifying them and read about them and perhaps think more positively about our uncut verges.

Anna Mace-Leska

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We're incredibly grateful for the villages' support during this time and since opening 1 year ago!

Take care, Charlie and Farm Family X

LOCAL HISTORY

The earliest mentions of a clergy house on the site of the Church Room date from various 13th and 14^{th} century documents where it is universally described as the manse. It seems reasonable to assume that the manse was erected at the same time as the present church building ie 1208.

In the early 16th century it was known as the parsonage. Depositions made by long-standing villagers regarding the vandalism of Nicholas Bucke without exception use the word "parsonage". However, a sequestration order dated 3 May 1577 appointed Thomas Stanton and John Mathewe guardians of Norton Lindsey vicarage for two months till 7 July 1577. From the beginning, the entrance to the parsonage was off what is now Winds View Drive. In 1616, a terrier of all things belonging to the parsonage was submitted to the Bishop of Worcester.

"A dwelling house containeinge two bayes, with (on the site of Winds View) a barne and stable containeinge 2 bayes, an olde house to lye beasts or to lay fuell in plus garden and orchard". The terrier also describes the extent of the glebe land. "On little closse containeinge by estimacion half an acre. Three quarters of a yardland lyeinge in the comon fielde with meadow and comon of pastur as followeth viz the arrable land and layes containeinge by estimacion twenty acres the meadow containeinge about foure acres depastureinge for foure beasts and one horse and four and twenty sheep in the common fields of Norton Linsey."

A report by Thomas Pilkington dated 18 August 1674, stated that "the vicarage house being a very mien one is in good repair". The inventory made after the death of Rev Francis Hyatt in 1686 gives some idea of the vicarage house. It consisted of a hall, the room next to the hall, kitchen and buttery, room over the hall, other upper rooms and a study. In his presentment of 27 July 1687, churchwarden John Esill said that "ye vicarage is small not sufficient to maintaine a single person". This appears to be a reference to the small acreage of the glebe land. Curate William Cumming in the 1740's installed an entrance gate from the vicarage into the churchyard ie the present entrance gateway of the Church Room. He also described how areas of the churchyard were

allocated for the occupants of the principal village properties eg the area west of and round the church including Church Green was allocated to occupants of Norton Paddox, the area east of the church to occupants of Cannings Farm and so on round the churchyard clockwise.

By the early 19th Century, the vicarage house had fallen into a state of disrepair. In part of a lease of 1809 between Nathaniel Cotton, vicar of Claverdon, and Samuel Brookes, farmer, it is stipulated that as soon as conveniently may be, Brookes should put the said vicarage house and outbuildings into good and substantial repair – all glass and other windows, wainscots, papers, rooms, floors, partitions, ceilings, tiling, walls, rails, fences, pavements, grates, privies, sinks, drains and wells. Twice in every year Nathaniel Cotton's Assigns shall view and examine the state and condition of all the property. However, by the 1840's, the vicarage house was in a ruinous condition and it was demolished.

Ken Chapman

NORTON LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and following the Government's guidance regarding holding meetings, Norton Lindsey Parish Council cancelled the annual Parish Assembly which was due to be held on Tuesday 21 June 2020. Current legislation states that parish assemblies should be held on or before 1 June, but the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is having discussions with the Government about this situation as it is not sensible to be calling the community together at this time, and NALC feels it is an oversight by the Government which it hopes will soon be rectified. The Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils has advised that, unless the situation improves markedly, its recommendation is that we should not hold our Parish Assembly by 1 June even if the regulation is not changed in time, and that we should arrange to hold one later in the year when it is safer.

Regarding meetings in general, regulations have now come into force which allow us to hold virtual meetings, and this is something that we shall be looking into over the next few weeks.

New regulations to extend local council audit deadlines for 2019/20 were published by the Government on 7 April and will come into force on 30 April.

The invoice for the 2019 election charge has finally been received from Warwick District Council, and at $\pm 2,833.54$ is less than the amount budgeted. Payment of this invoice has been arranged under the NLPC Scheme of Delegation, along with our annual subscription to the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Council of ± 148.00 and payment of ± 36.00 for a Society of Local Council Clerks webinar that the Clerk is attending to keep abreast of upcoming legislation on accessible websites.

Finally, it has been noted that the dog waste bin by the entrance to the Village Hall has been sealed, and the Clerk is making enquiries with Warwick District Council as to why this has happened.

Jenny Bendall



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RECIPE – ONE-PAN BROWNIES

INGREDIENTS

250g unsalted butter (plus some for greasing)
300g dark chocolate – chopped
220 g golden caster sugar
4 large eggs – beaten
175g plain flour
½ tsp salt
60g white chocolate – chopped

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 190°C Grease a 20cm square tin and line with baking parchment

- In a large heavy based pan, melt the butter and dark chocolate over a low to medium heat
- Take off the heat, add the sugar and beaten egg using a wooden spoon to stir together
- Once everything has been incorporated, stir in the flour, and put the chocolate mixture into the lined tin
- Bake for 30 mins until just set, with a slight wobble!
- Leave in the tin to cool completely before lifting out and cutting into squares

Topping

To make the drizzle, put the white chocolate into a heat-proof bowl and melt over a pan of barely simmering water ensuring that the bowl is not touching the water.

Once it has almost melted, take the pan off the hob and stir to finish melting the chocolate.

Use a spoon to drizzle over the brownies

Keep in the fridge for up to 4 days if you are not eating them straight away.

VILLAGE RAMBLE

Well the current restrictions have meant that our group rambles have had to stop for the time being. I certainly hope we will be able to start the rambles again in June or July 2020 - ever the optimist !!

As many of you will know I have put together a list of 10 No. maps of walks that pass through Wolverton, Norton Lindsey, Langley, Claverdon, Edstone and Bearley. These walks, all of which are quite varied and take in our lovely surrounding countryside, range between 4 miles and 8.5 miles in length. If anyone would like to receive these then please email me and I will return a copy.

Let's hope by this time next month the restrictions will begin to ease off.

Regards

Graham Lewis

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COVID 19 – TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

First of all we would like to say thank you to our communities for adhering to government guidelines during these challenging times. We as a team understand how difficult it is and the implications it has had on not only home life but work life too but, we want to reassure you that things will get better and we need to stay focused to continue working together to determine a positive outcome.

Over the last couple of weeks there has noticeably been an increase in anti-social behaviour throughout our patch which has resulted in community tensions in relation to people not adhering to government guidelines and social distancing. As a team we want to emphasise how important it is for all to understand what is and isn't allowed during this current pandemic period.

As a team we have been dealing with a number of anti-social behaviour incidents and have now taken the steps to send warning letters out to those that have been identified as not complying with government restrictions. Warning letters serve as a notice with precautionary measures, and will be recorded onto our systems. We are working closely with Stratford District Council to monitor and maintain antisocial behaviour at a controlled level.

As a team we want to ask all parents who have young adults and teenagers to stay home unless absolutely necessary. No one should be visiting friends in public parks, car parks and other public areas. Our team is patrolling by foot and vehicle daily throughout the patch to ensure our communities feel safe from unwanted behaviour. Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated by the police, such behaviour will result in further action being taken.

If you would like to report an incident please remember

- to report this online through our website or
- <u>call 101 if you need to speak to a call handler depending on incident</u> and level of response required or
- 999 if it an emergency and requires an immediate response

Remember, if it is an incident that has occurred a few days ago then please report it online and this will be communicated to your local team.

Please do not report any incidents via the team email address as these will not get logged onto our systems. You need to report incidents correctly if they require a response.

Our team email is for general concerns, advice and to answer any enquiries

Thank you Aadila Hussain Warwickshire Police

NORTON LINDSEY WI



Cancelled Wednesday, 13th May 2020 Norton Lindsey Village Hall



Norton Lindsey WI are of course complying with the Government self-isolation advice regarding the coronavirus pandemic and our local WI events have been cancelled for May and June. Future planned meetings are subject to further updates. So, in the absence of having any events to update you on, I thought I would explain what the Women's Institute (WI) is, for anyone who might be interested in joining us to be part of a fellowship of more than 200,000 women in the UK.

The WI is a democratic, social and educational charity that provides numerous opportunities to make new friends, learn a variety of new skills and to develop skills you already have! We are part of the largest women's organisation in Great Britain and we are non-political and non-sectarian. Our members include women of all ages, backgrounds and interests.

Warwickshire Federation has 108 individual WIs in towns and villages throughout the county and 4000+ members. Each local WI <u>usually</u> meets monthly providing speakers and workshops on a variety of topics and has a wide programme of activities and events throughout each year. There is something for everyone, no matter what your interests, including crafts, outings, cookery, exercise, gardening, poetry and drama. We get involved with our local communities and of course we are well known for offering delicious tea and cakes at any given opportunity. Even during this period of self-isolation due to the coronavirus we continue to maintain our WI friendships by keeping in contact by phone, mail or social media. What a wonderful support being in the WI is. You need never be lonely.

Staying at Home gives us all chance to learn something new and the internet is bursting with information you can tap into. The National WI website has lots of short skills videos for members and ideas to get everyone involved in crafts, cooking, sewing, gardening and all manner of other activities <u>www.thewi.org.uk</u> For those on a WI committee or considering volunteering, you can find all the information you need about the official positions of President, Secretary or Treasurer or how to just help out as a Trustee. Why not take a look at the Warwickshire WI's website www.warwickshirewi.org.uk at the Top Tips section which is very popular? Gillian Crisp's contribution about reading lessons for her grandson was visited by 480 people.

We realise our members may be self-isolating during this time, so if you need more books from the WI Library to keep yourself entertained or could do with some assistance in collecting supplies or just a phone call for company, then please let me or one of the committee know and we'll help you. Take care and stay safe at home everyone. Protect our NHS who are providing an outstanding service to us all.



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MANOR FARM WOLVERTON DIARY

Following our patient wait for the soil to dry out, it has been full steam ahead with the cereal planting and fertilising. By waiting we were rewarded with some very good seedbeds with only a few very heavy clay patches needing an extra cultivation. But of course, being typical farmers, we are now desperately needing some rain to help the seed germinate. We have even been cultivating and drilling at night in order not to lose too much moisture to evaporation in the heat of the day. All the seedbeds have been rolled down tight to help conserve moisture and to try and bring moisture up from deeper down in the ground.

It has also been very busy with the cows giving birth from the middle of March. In the 28 days from the first calf, we have had 28 calves. So, the bull was obviously busy last June/July! Twice we have had three calves in one day and coincidently, we noted from our records, that two of the cows calving on one of our hat tricks calved on the same day last year. We still have a few more cows expecting, but we usually have a few late stragglers.

The cows have had their first taste of the spring grass today so the workload of feeding and bedding indoors will ease down considerably. A relief to us and the cows.

David, Dorothy and Chris Mann



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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR MAY 2020

By the time you read this I hope there will be some certainty as to when the lockdown will end.

The Covid-19 epidemic has meant that most of the council's work has been slowed while staff are allocated either to furlough or responding to the virus. The County has established distribution hubs for essential supplies and been active obtaining personal safety equipment and clothing for its care home workers.

Roads maintenance work has continued including pothole repairs, street lighting emergencies, safety inspections and winter service. The County is rescheduling its work programme to prioritise schemes which will benefit from the low traffic volumes we are experiencing, in particular looking at those schemes which require full road closures. This may not be possible in every instance, but it will be done where appropriate.

Co-ordination has been established between the County, Districts, Parishes and volunteer groups to help those that are at risk from the virus. In Arden Division I have organised monthly briefing meetings using Zoom involving all four groups. As a result there has been cooperation between parishes and other volunteers and ideas have been shared.

The volunteers who have come forward to help with the virus at local level have been critical to ensuring everyone is supported. If it were not for the volunteers the authorities would have been unable to cope and I hope that going forward the support from the parishes and interest groups will not be forgotten by the authorities when things get back to normal.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in this crisis.

Problems getting groceries

There are a number of people in Arden who normally avoid driving to the supermarket for safety reasons and get their groceries delivered. I have found that unless you are on the NHS list the supermarket won't let you order on line.

Volunteers have been doing an outstanding job helping people throughout the area but it is hard work and I have asked for something to be done about this non delivery policy.

I have had a letter from the Leader of Warwickshire County Council on this subject and there is some hope of a resolution.

If people have no means of help then they can be in touch with WCC through me (01926 842068 or <u>johnhorner@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>) I will pass their name onto the relevant person for resolution.

There is a specific category of those Shielded which is defined by the NHS and have certain health issues. This was supposed to be up to 1.5 million people but in fact was just less than 1 million. The letters have therefore gone out again (through GPs) to see if there are people missed and have added some new categories. All these people will be looked after by central government through DEFRA/NHS. If someone is in doubt and think they should be shielded, they need to contact their GP.

John Horner Tel 01926 842068

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you were all able to view the magazine online, last month. You will have been given the link again this month for the May issue.

Could I please ask if you have any neighbours or friends who do not have access to the internet, that you would be kind enough to print a copy for them, if they want it.

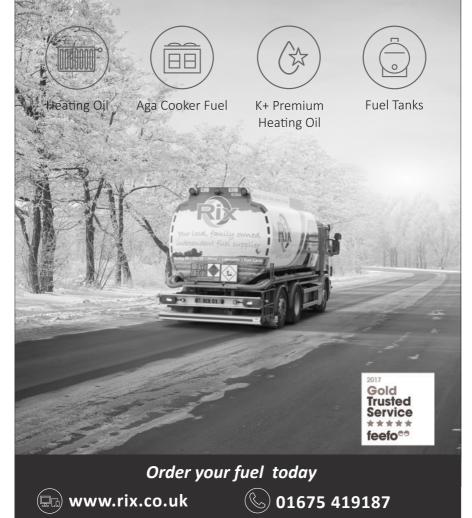
I think that the magazine will continue to be online on the Norton Lindsey Parish Council website for the foreseeable future. We should make use of the fact that it will be viewed in colour!!

If anyone has any interesting articles, stories, funnies etc that you can send me for the June issue, I would be very grateful.

Meanwhile, stay at home and keep safe.



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