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#### **PARISH RECORDS**

16 June 2020

Edward Ernest Read

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#### CHURCHES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Permission has now been given to consider opening church buildings if it's safe to do so.

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Please observe the custom of sanitising with the gel provided both going in and coming out.

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#### **RECIPE – Thai Prawn Curry with Noodles**

#### INGREDIENTS

4 ozs Thai rice noodles
2 tbsp Thai red curry paste
2 x 400 ml cans reduced fat coconut milk
7 ozs large prawns – cooked
1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and chopped
1 red pepper – sliced into strips
Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lime
Pinch of caster sugar
Dash of fish sauce
Coriander leaves to garnish

#### METHOD

- 1. Put the noodles into a bowl and pour boiling water over, to cover. Leave for 4 minutes until they swell up and turn white.
- 2. Meanwhile put the Thai curry paste into a pan with the coconut milk. Heat gently and stirring.
- 3. Add the prawns, spring onions, red pepper, lime zest and juice, fish sauce and sugar. Warm through for a couple of minutes before adding the noodles and heating for 1 minute.
- 4. Garnish with coriander leaves.



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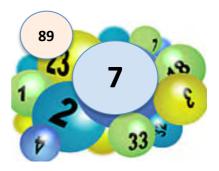
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**Carole Briggs** 

#### NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



The Hall remains closed over the past month due to Covid-19.

We have just received guidelines on how it could be opened as part of Step 3 of the easing of lockdown if permitted by GOV.UK. after July 6th.

This will be possible for low risk activities, such as certain classes and small meetings where social distancing can be observed. No parties, social gathering or events.

It has been really good to see some more activity on the Playing Fields, all within permitted guidelines, especially the sound of ball on willow. Lovely to see families having picnics and walking with friends and family. There is lots of space so do please continue to use your Village Playing Fields in this way.

We have obviously had no income since the Hall was closed in March, but fortunately have a bit in reserve to pay the bills.

Hopefully a bit more to report next time.

#### Anna Mace-Leska, Chair of Trustees and Playing Fields CI





#### **NATURE NOTES** - BUTTERFLIES

Creatures of gold, sunshiny weather, Coquetting with blossoms for hours together! Happiest ever when skies are blue, And sunshine your merriest moments woo! Bright robed and beautiful, artless and gay, Merrily idling the summer away.

Mary Dow Bine (1816-1913)

Butterflies are beautiful. We love seeing them and they are often depicted in art and replicated in jewellery and clothing. The Victorians collected them and many a National Trust property has fine collections of butterflies pinned inside display cases.

There are 59 species found in the UK of which 57 are residents. Two species, the painted lady and the clouded yellow migrate for the winter to south of the Alps and North Africa. Some species hibernate during winter in nooks and crannies and garden sheds.

There has been a 76% reduction in the number of butterflies in the past 40 years with 5 species becoming extinct. Butterflies are highly sensitive indicators of the health of the environment. Widespread use of pesticides, loss of habitat and appropriate plants are thought to be responsible.

Butterflies are part of the insect group and have large compound eyes and antennae which are touch receptors. In common with many insects including bees, they can only ingest liquid food which is nectar. They suck this up using their proboscis. They have six legs and two pairs of wings.

The wings are covered in tiny overlapping scales which are pigmented thus giving the butterfly the unique pattern and colourings which we marvel at.

Butterflies can only fly when their body temperature is 27C or above. You may often see them basking in the sun in the early morning and especially in autumn – this is functional to bring their body temperature up in order to move from plant to plant to feed and to find a mate.

They play a vital part in our eco-system. Not only are they pollinators but they are an important food source for birds and bats especially. This applies to all 4 stages

of the life cycle of a butterfly. It is the caterpillar stage which feeds the fledglings in spring and early summer.

These 4 stages are: egg > caterpillar > pupa or chrysalis > butterfly. The eggs are laid singly or in small groups on the underside of leaves and will hatch within a few days. As the caterpillar feeds and grows rapidly, it will shed its skin several times. Once it reaches its full size, it becomes lethargic. Some caterpillars may spin a cocoon or some find a hiding place where they will change their skin for the last time to become a pupa with a harder skin. Within this hard casing the process of metamorphosis begins, at the end of which, an adult butterfly emerges.

The butterfly has special taste detectors on its feet. So when they land on a plant they know whether it is the right one to lay their eggs on. Most species of butterflies are dependent on certain groups of plants for this as the caterpillar can only feed on that plant. For example the red admiral needs nettles and the smaller and large white on cabbages (as you gardeners will know).

The plants in our gardens can act as a bridge with the flora in the countryside. For example we may not welcome nettles, thistles or brambles (all needed for egg laying and feeding of caterpillars) but your garden can provide the nectar.

A well thought out garden, however small will be visited by butterflies. Up to 20 species could visit cultivated gardens.

It's a bit like planting for bees – choose a variety of plants to be in flower for as long as possible so that there is a continuous supply of nectar. Prolong flowering by regular dead heading and feeding your plants. And please refrain from using pesticides as they are indiscriminate. Protect crops of brassicas with netting instead or remove the caterpillar by hand – it will get eaten by a grateful bird.

Many plants are beneficial but the buddleia, verbena bonariensis, lavender, perennial wallflower and marjoram are especially rich in nectar. Do not forget that butterflies like all insects need water to drink so if you do not have a pond (with stones or rocks in it) provide a shallow dish of water with some stones in it so they can alight to drink.

In your garden you are most likely to see the comma, tortoishell, painted lady, gatekeepers, meadow brown, fritillaries, common blue, small and large white and the red admiral. You can use ID charts on the butterfly-conservation.org site to help you see which butterfly is visiting.

Enjoy watching these lovely "creatures of the sunshiny weather".

#### Anna Mace-Leska

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### LOCAL HISTORY

I did not expect to contribute an occasional article so soon after publishing my intention, which you will have read at the end of my June article!!

However, on 20 May, a village couple phoned to ask about the derelict building just beyond the SE boundary at Old Briery in Fulbrook parish. It is the remains of an old farmhouse that was occupied for many years in the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries by the Brookes family. The farmyard boundary is discernible on three sides of the building and its water supply was a well to the east of the farmyard. In the days of the openfield system of Agriculture, the Brookes farmed land in Norton Lindsey and Fulbrook parishes. The Old Red Horse Inn and farm were purchased by Joseph Brookes of Old Briery in 1770. This property was inherited by his son, Thomas, who died in 1808.

In the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Brookes intermarried with members of the Gibbs family. This is well illustrated by the lines of Gibbs and Brookes headstones under the spread of Norton Lindsey churchyard yew tree. In 1801, a large acreage of village land was purchased from Lord Dormer by Samuel and Thomas Brookes and George Gibbs. At the enclosure of Norton Lindsey in 1809, Samuel Brookes, Joseph Brookes and George Gibbs were awarded what became known as Big House Farm and Lower House Farm. For convenience, Lower House Farm was worked by George Gibbs and Thomas Brookes had possession of Big House Farm.

In 1830, a reorganisation of the Brookes and Gibbs families' estate was agreed by Thomas Gibbs, Samuel Gibbs, Thomas, Joseph, Harriet and Caroline Brookes. Thomas Gibbs gained possession of Big House Farm with a part interest allocated to Samuel Gibbs who had ownership of Lower House Farm. The ownership of the Old Red Horse inn and farm was confirmed in Thomas Brookes' son, Joseph, who reached the age of 21 in 1828. He was married to Sarah Gibbs. The ownership of Highland House continued in female members of the Brookes family.

Samuel Gibbs ran Lower House Farm till 1865 when he transferred ownership to his eldest son, Thomas Brookes Gibbs, on the occasion of his

marriage to Emma Maria Mann of the New Inn. They moved into Highland House which was inherited from the Brookes in 1865 and rented out Lower House Farm till 1872 when they moved to work it themselves for two years. Thomas and Emma then worked various farms elsewhere before taking over the Old Red Horse Inn and farm in 1884. Thomas Brookes' son, Joseph, ran this inn and farm from 1828 till his death in 1854. With no children of his own, he left one-third shares of the property to each of his nephews Thomas Brookes Gibbs, Henry Samuel Gibbs and niece Elizabeth Anne Gibbs. Elizabeth sold her share to her brother, Henry, in 1880 and he sold this and his own share to his brother, Thomas Brookes Gibbs.

This family was greatly involved in the village life of Wolverton and Norton Lindsey. Thomas founded Wolverton and Norton Lindsey Cricket Club and provided the first cricket field on Red Horse farmland. Emma was the archetypal landlady of the Old Red Horse Inn after her New Inn upbringing. Their eldest son, Samuel, moved to the New Inn to support his grandfather, Thomas Mann, and then his aunt, Betty Mann, to help them to run the business and also to establish a pig-killing venture using the old farm buildings on the east side of what is now the New Inn car park. Thomas's second son, also Thomas, then moved to the New Inn to help his aunt during her final years and continued as licensee after her death till he died in 1933.

#### Ken Chapman

#### LANGLEY NEWS

The last bastion which prevented hordes from Wolverton invading the green verdant pastures of Langley has been breached. A bridge has been laid over the treacherous quick sands off Langley Road. The engineer responsible for the structure is affiliated to Wolverton Parish Council but an official disclaimer has been issued. Langley is considering a watch tower complete with spotlights and a dog to prevent Wolverton residents escaping from the swingeing increases in their precept.

Langley's ANPR security system in liaison with Claverdon's, is now fully functional. In its first week it has provided police with photographs of two suspicious cars [in the Village at 3.00am] and two suspicious characters [not from Wolverton].

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#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR JULY 2020

As I reported last month the County is slowly getting back to work. Pretty much all staff will still be working from home for the foreseeable future. One positive effect has been that sickness and absenteeism has fallen to 3%. However roads maintenance has been seriously affected and various minor schemes that were due to be carried out in Arden Division have been delayed. It is hoped the contractor will be able to develop various working methods that allow it to catch up and still work within the Government recommended social distancing.

One benefit from the epidemic in the early days was the reduction is cold calls and scams coming out of Asia. Unfortunately I have noticed an increase in the last couple of weeks as Asian countries have gone back to work. Residents should be very careful about scams and the reports we are getting is that one relates to the new test and trace service. Always be very cautious when receiving any 'phone call from a stranger. No matter what their apparent credentials.

As we come out of lockdown so there will be an increase in doorstep crime. "Nottingham Knockers" appear to be working their way south through the County having started in North Warwickshire early this month. There is also a mattress seller working door to door and the inevitable rogue traders leafleting households for roof and driveway work.

Warwickshire trading Standards were successful in getting convictions and prison sentences against a rogue replacement window and door trader and a "green energy" fraudster.

> John Horner Tel. 01926 842068



### BURTON FARM, STRATFORD ON AVON & PRINCES DRIVE, LEAMINGTON SPA RECYCLING CENTRES

#### **Restricted re-opening**

You can now book appointments to visit these recycling centres. The slots are only for essential visits, with one visit per fortnight. Please carefully read the information in the booking process.

Both sites currently has limited availability. If you are unable to book a time slot, check again tomorrow.

Cars that turn up on the day without a booking will be turned away.

Check the website for the latest information https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/contactusrecyclingandwaste

#### NORTON LINDSEY WI



# 'SUMMER SIZZLER' WI MEETING

on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7:30pm This will be an online ZOOM meeting



What a difference a month makes! Never known for sitting on our laurels, Norton Lindsey WI members are embracing new technology and we held our first virtual Coffee morning on 26 May with 13 members joining in on screen. It was so lovely to see everyone after so many weeks of lockdown. We discussed what we had been learning, making and doing differently and what

we could do to assist those less fortunate than ourselves during these troubled times. We arranged a collection of food, cleaning products, toiletries, new underwear and children's toys and books for two local charities: - the Coventry Haven and Warwick Food Banks, who were very thankful for our support. If anyone local wants to contribute some donations, we are happy to deliver them,



so please get in touch with us: <a href="mailto:secretary@nlwi.org.uk">secretary@nlwi.org.uk</a>

Spurred on by this success, we held our June virtual WI Meeting on ZOOM with 20 members. Of course, many of us hadn't heard of Zoom or used it several months ago but with our usual inquisitive minds and determination we've been busy mastering its delights. Members told us about growing their own veg; glorious VE Day celebrations with neighbours; raising ducklings; making facemasks for the NHS; preparing photobooks; making baby quilts and gift tags; celebrating a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday during lockdown and one member has achieved the 'Three Peaks

Challenge' climbing her stairs (search Alison Martin on Just Giving if you want to know more or to sponsor her). Well done Alison!

We are looking forward to our 8<sup>th</sup> July virtual Zoom meeting with members themed 'Summer Sizzler' when we shall enjoy strawberries and cream and drink colourful cocktails. Plans are also in progress for a 'Perfect Picnic' for our August Meeting, subject to any relevant Government social distancing restrictions and COVID19 guidelines of course. If you are looking for activities during lockdown, why not check out the Denman College website for their online courses which are good value for money and extremely entertaining.

There is something to suit everyone: www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/

If you would like further information about Norton Lindsey WI, please contact me or take a look online: www.nlwi.org.uk



Sue Steel



# IN RESPONSE TO LAST MONTH'S REQUEST FOR GARDEN PHOTOS





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#### MANOR FARM WOLVERTON DIARY

The extraordinary weather of the last few months continues to break records. In May it was the first time I have known a calendar month with no recorded rainfall, in fact 35 days until the 4<sup>th</sup> June when we recorded 0.5mm to break the drought!

Although the spring planted crops have gone into good seedbeds and germinated well they desperately need a good soaking to help them tiller (branch out) and produce seed bearing heads of grain. Consequently, the crops will be much shorter than normal in a year when straw for bedding the animals in winter will be at a premium.

The same applies to the grass crops. First cut silage fields have only yielded about 60% of normal, and on top of that we are now having to feed some of the baled silage to the cows as they are getting short of grazing grass. They need to be kept in very good condition to boost their fertility, as the bull has just joined the cows to start the breeding cycle for next year. There are still 4 or 5 cows and heifers still to calve this year, due to these being younger and later to the bull. Our calf that was allergic to the sunlight has now recovered as the effect was only transitory and he is back with the main herd. One benefit of the hot weather was that we were able to make some wonderful hay, probably the best I have ever known, in May (very rarely). Let's hope we can keep it stored until the winter and some rain will help the grass grow a second cut.

#### David, Dorothy and Chris Mann

#### Wolverton Rectory

According to Wigglesworth's website Wolverton Rectory has now been sold (subject to contract).

Many thanks to David Wilton and Chas Boys for keeping the lawn tidy whilst it has been empty.

# **BroadbandUK first to launch property-specific broadband providers comparison service**

<u>BroadbandUK</u> has become the first broadband comparison company in the UK to have successfully launched an address-level accurate broadband price comparison service with its new <u>BroadbandProviders.co.uk</u> website.

Consumers can now search for broadband providers and packages by exact address. Previously, they were only able to search by postcode which led to frustration when results displayed were not available and sometimes vice versa i.e. available deals were not displayed.

Furthermore, advertised speeds have been traditionally based on download speeds available to at least 50% of customers at peak time and described as 'average' rather than the actual speed available to a customer.

BroadbandUK has collaborated with the UK's telecoms industry regulator Ofcom, the largest infrastructure provider Openreach and major CPs (communication providers) to integrate multiple datasets into their service.

The system utilises Openreach's rich data which specifies details of the infrastructure available such as ADSL, FTTC, FTTP; new technologies like G.fast and SOGEA; distance from the exchange; and many other attributes of their network.

The information provides valuable detail enabling BroadbandUK's algorithm to intelligently filter out to only show the available speed offerings applicable to each property.

The new concept for the first time eliminates the errors that historically have been prevalent in the industry. Misinformation can currently happen at the postcode level, where for example cable is only available on one side of the road and not the other.

BroadbandUK has also integrated its fastest-growing UK based <u>Broadband</u> <u>Speed Test</u> site with its sister-site <u>BroadbandProviders.co.uk</u> which should create a powerful platform to promote broadband products and services to the nation.





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