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## CHURCH LIFE

During the past four months our worshipping church life has continued with the help of Zoom. We celebrated Easter week together and have held a virtual service nearly every Sunday since then. Although our church doors have been locked, we have found ways of meeting together for prayer and worship, and also the general running of our church communities. The churchwardens of the five churches in the group have kept in touch with each other to discuss the ever-changing paperwork and advice from the Bishop.

Our church buildings are now open in Norton Lindsey and Wolverton on Sundays between 9.30 and 4.30 for private prayer, so if you are in the need of a few minutes of peace please do visit. We are now exploring the idea of services in church within the five villages, but these will need to be socially distanced and with no singing, so will not feel quite the same, but we have to begin somewhere.

Our main worry now is financial. We have lost our weekly collections and other income, but we still have bills to pay. We thank everyone who has continued to support us through their monthly or annual bank transfers despite the ongoing situation, and we thank those who have supported us and now feel unable to do so. If anyone would like to make a regular or one-off donation, please contact Jonathan Toulmin on 01789 731332.

**Dorothy Mann**  
**Churchwarden**

## THE CHURCH FETE

We had previously booked the 26<sup>th</sup> September for the Church Fete. However, due to the Government regulations this would not be possible at the moment. If this changes we have plans for a small “get together”.

Hope you are all keeping well.

Take Care.

**Marion Austin**

## RECIPE – A SUMMER TREAT – BAKED ALASKA

SERVES 6

### INGREDIENTS

6 chocolate brownies  
480ml tub of coffee ice cream  
125g (4oz) caster sugar  
2 large egg whites

You will need a sugar thermometer and a cook's blowtorch.

### METHOD

1. Put the brownies on a board with a large scoop of coffee ice cream and place in the FREEZER.
2. Pour 75ml (3 fl oz) water in a pan with the caster sugar and heat gently to dissolve the sugar. Bring to the boil and simmer until syrup reaches 118°C (around 6 mins) then take off the heat..
3. Immediately start whisking the egg whites until stiff. Turn the mixer to low and gradually pour in the syrup – whisk for 5 mins until light and fluffy.
4. Remove the brownies from the freezer, cover each one with the meringue and brown with a blow torch
5. Serve immediately.

## NEW INN UPDATE

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*Carole Briggs*



## NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



The Hall continues to remain closed due to Covid-19.

Having received guidelines on how the Hall could be open after 4th July, we were prepared to carry out a deep clean but have held off until end of July to have this done as no classes wanted to come back until late August early September.

We will have the relevant stickers to help all users to maintain social distancing and sanitizers will be provided. In line with guidelines, the Meeting Room will be an isolation room, should anyone become ill whilst attending the Hall.

As mentioned last time, it can be opened for low risk activities, such as certain classes and small meetings where social distancing can be observed. No parties, social gathering or events.

We have worked out that we can have 9 participants for activities like Pilates and Yoga in order to maintain social distance. There can be 30 for the cinema

It has been really good to see some more activity on the Playing Fields, all within permitted guidelines. Brilliant that cricket can recommence.

We have obviously had no income since the Hall was closed in March, but fortunately have a bit in reserve to pay the bills. We have also applied and received a grant of £10,000 from Warwickshire District Council which will help tremendously as it will be some time before the Village Hall can be hired out in the way it was before. £1,000 of this has been donated to the Cricket Club as they too have had no income but have continued to maintain the Playing Fields to a very good standard. Thank you gentlemen for doing that.

I want to end on a positive note. Having abandoned the idea of a Village Fete this year, we are now planning a Pic-Nic in the Park for Villagers on 29th/30th August on the Playing Fields. Details to follow but attendees will be in groups of up to 6, fancy dress and a competition for the best dressed family and there will be entertainment. Pitches will need to be booked so watch out for announcements. Crossing our fingers for good weather.

We will also run a themed scarecrow competition for all the Village, details to follow. The scarecrows will be put up outside the Villager's house a week before the Pic-Nic in the Park and will be judged by the Mann Brothers of Littleworth Farm.

I hope this bulletin has been more positive than the last one but its all dependent on GOV.UK guidelines and what happens next with this invisible but powerful virus.

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

## ARTICLES FOR SALE

**All items are for collection from Wolverton, Tel 07875 436370**



Curved/Arc Floor standing lamp, chrome with large grey pleated shade. Purchased from Next - **£30**



Electric Stove Heater. Cast Iron with detachable mock chimney/flue **£40**. Supplied by Broseley Fires Shrewsbury.



Silver grey 'Love seat' or oversized chair with contrasting dark grey scatter cushions and wooden feet **£100**. Purchased from Whartons.

Digital Dehumidifier by Electriq can be wall mounted **£40**. Purchased from Tesco Direct.



Oak media cabinet glass door 93cm x 65cm x 41cm depth. **Free**. Purchased from Whartons.

## NORTON LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Norton Lindsey Parish Council (NLPC) met for a 'virtual' meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The 'highlights' of the meeting were as follows (please remember that you can find the full, detailed minutes online at [nortonlindseypc.org](https://nortonlindseypc.org) (Twitter@NortonLindseyPC)).

### DOG FOULING

The Clerk updated members of the Council on the ongoing steps being taken to resolve the issue of the closed dog waste bins (particularly the one in Canada Lane). New anti-fouling signs have been requested and Warwick District Council have been asked to confirm if new arrangements can be made to empty the bins (even if this potentially requires a financial contribution from NLPC.)

*Members of the public are again reminded NOT to use the dog waste bin in Canada Lane or the one located at the pedestrian entrance to the Playing Fields. Dog waste should either be taken home or placed in the general bin next to the bus stop in Main Street, in the specific bin by Millennium Green or by the general bin at the vehicular access to the Playing Fields.*

*Placing dog waste in bags on top/around/in the general vicinity of the closed bins is illegal, a health hazard and anti-social. If you are a dog-owner and have waste, please dispose of it responsibly.*

*Landowners in Canada Lane have expressed dismay at having to deal with dog waste bags and quite frankly who can blame them! (See page 29)*

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Warwick District Councillor Jan Matecki and Warwickshire County Councillor Les Caborn were asked to comment on the recent opening of discussions between Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council about possible partnerships and even the potential of a 'merger'.

Both Councillors confirmed that due to ongoing and future budgetary constraints, a situation exacerbated by the ongoing Covid pandemic, there is pressure on Councils to consider merging to reduce costs. The Government is due to release a white paper on the matter in the coming months, but both Councils are looking to be 'first in the queue' for any changes.

One possible outcome is that a single 'unitary' Warwickshire wide council could be established, and the individual District Councils abolished (though in practice

many of the staff / locations would be folded into this new Warwickshire Council). The main alternative to this, would be that the County Council is abolished and replaced with two new 'North' and 'South' Councils, formed by the merger of the relevant District Councils (so Stratford and Warwick councils in the south / Rugby and North Warwickshire in the North).

Any reorganisation would likely have a reasonable effect on residents in Norton Lindsey – particularly given the fact the 'village' is currently split between three different parishes, with two of these parishes in Stratford District (Wolverton and Claverdon) and one in Warwick District (Norton Lindsey). A merger of any of the Councils would likely see a harmonisation in Planning policies for example and Council Tax changes.

NLPC will respond as appropriate to the various consultations being launched by the various Councils over the coming months – at the moment it appears that the County Council favour the abolition of the District Councils and the District Councils favour the abolition of the County Council!

## **PLANNING**

### **Major Applications**

NLPC briefly discussed the planning application for the construction of several houses at the rear of Brick Kiln Close (Stratford District Council).

Unfortunately, despite a number of attempts, the Clerk to NLPC has not been able to contact the case officer at Stratford District Council to understand when this application is likely to move towards a recommendation and decision.

NLPC will be watching to see when the decision comes before the relevant committee and we hope a Councillor, COVID restrictions permitting, will be able to attend and make the views of NLPC clear.

### **Tamarin Farm**

NLPC at this meeting also discussed an application at Tamarin Farm, Warwick Road, Littleworth for 'Erection of outdoor riding area'. NLPC took a neutral stance to this application and had no comment to make to Warwick District Council.

### **Horsley House Farm**

Discussion was held about the ongoing concern that ecologically important hedgerows appear to have been destroyed as part of recent works. NLPC agreed to write to the planning team at Warwick District Council and the ecology team at Warwickshire County Council to request that they identify and confirm that the hedgerows in question were previously identified as being ecologically important and should be replanted.

## **HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk updated Councillors on the various highway issues that have been reported to Warwickshire County Council. Again, due in the main to the COVID

pandemic, the County Council team have been 'stretched' and are prioritising significant safety issues.

*One of the major ongoing issues is blocked gullies throughout the village, particularly along Main Street and Snitterfield Lane. These are causing significant puddles to form in persistent or heavy rain (particularly at the bottom of the hill by Further Moors / Willowdale / Lindsey Lodge) and residents are advised to take care in this area during/after rain (in particular by observing the 30mph speed-limit).*

## **ANNUAL MEETING / PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, it may be that there is no Parish Assembly this year (though this will be kept under review). NLPC are discussing publishing a paper/virtual 'review of the year' – more on that in the coming months. It was also agreed that the annual meeting of NLPC (which is different to the Parish Assembly) will be postponed until May 2021. Cllr Stobart agreed to continue as the Chairman of NLPC during this period.

## **FINANCES**

The bulk of the meeting was taken up with undertaking the various legal requirements for the Parish to certify that it has completed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). In summary the independent internal auditor confirmed that he had reviewed the NLPC accounts & Parish processes and was happy to certify that all was in order.

The next meeting of NLPC will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and is likely to once again be a 'virtual' one (full details of how to join will be published on the agenda on the website/noticeboards the week before). All members of the Public are reminded that they are more than welcome to watch the meeting online and that they do have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of all NLPC meetings (or can ask a question/bring a matter to the Council's attention by contacting the Clerk ([nortonlindseyipc@outlook.com](mailto:nortonlindseyipc@outlook.com)) or one of the Councillors beforehand).

NLPC wishes everyone in the Parish a relaxing and enjoyable summer! Keep safe!

***Cllr Neil Brown on behalf of Norton Lindsey Parish Council***

*[A quick update on the major planning application for the 'chicken sheds' in Littleworth - A new 'Bio-Aerosol Risk Assessment' report supporting the proposal has been submitted to the District Council by the applicant (this can be viewed online at the Warwick District Council Website, application W/19/1133). The planning team have indicated that they are reviewing this report prior to an updated recommendation to grant or refuse being given to the Warwick District Council Planning Committee (previously the planning team having recommended approval).]*

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## NATURE NOTES - HEDGEROWS

*Hedgerows all alive*

*With birds and gnats and large white butterflies"*

***Elizabeth Barrett Browning***

The definition of a hedgerow (Defra Handbook Survey Handbook 2002) is: " Any boundary line of trees or shrubs over 20 metres long, less than 5 metres wide and which is continuous."

Whilst we tend to think of hedgerows as being within farmland or along our roads many of us who live in our three Parishes, myself included, will have a hedge at the bottom or front of our garden which does face farmland and which may well be over 20 metres as it will be continuous with your neighbours.

Hedgerows are vital for our biodiversity and play an important part in our landscape and history.

80% of our birds use hedgerows for shelter, nest building and food. The insect population too relies on hedges for food, butterflies such as gatekeeper, comma and red admiral. Moths abound with a wide range of caterpillars feeding on the leaves. These caterpillars are, of course, food for birds as are the moths. Ivy when in flower provides late nectar for all the pollinating insects.

Small mammals such as voles, field mice, rabbits, dormice, shrews and hedgehogs depend on the hedge as a wildlife corridor. Bats use a continuous hedge as navigation to and from their roost to hunting grounds and may roost in the larger trees in the summer. Hedgerows may be considered as the green veins of the countryside with mammals scurrying through them away from the preying eyes of the buzzards and kestrels.

When looking at Google Earth, England really does look like a green patchwork quilt with hedgerows appearing as the stitches and the wildlife corridors are very evident - they really all should connect up for a healthy eco-system to thrive. The predominant shrub to be found is hawthorn, in part due to the Celtic tradition of planting it near to sacred places and its early use as a durable wood for making stakes and bowls. It was useful too, with its sharp thorns acting as a boundary to

stop cattle and sheep from roaming. No stock proof fencing then. Hawthorn blossom was also the first confetti, weddings traditionally taking place in Spring.

A brief historical note, traditionally hedgerows would define the Parish Boundary, so ancient hedgerows could be 400 years old. After the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Enclosures Act thousands of miles of hawthorn hedges were planted by landowners and wealthy farmers. One day I will do a survey to see how many ancient hedges have survived in our Parishes.

Back to the present time, if you have a hedge, you can help the small mammals and newts by not tidying the base thus providing shelter for hibernation. Leave a small pile of twigs and leaves for insects to overwinter in and leave the evergreen ivy leaves within the hedge unless it is strangling something newly planted.

You will I am sure be aware of not cutting the hedge in the bird nesting season between May and August unless it obscures the view onto a highway. If your hedge is old it is really important to retain it as “...every species of woody shrub found in a 100 metre stretch of hedgerow is likely to correspond to a century of existence.” There are ways of rejuvenating an old hedgerow either by layering it or simply taking out the dead material and planting the gaps with whips. And do plant indigenous species they will provide the right food for native wildlife.

If you can plant a hedge, it is easy and tremendous fun. Now is the time to plan it and bare rooted whips will be readily available either on line or in some garden centres from September/October. With the right care it grows surprisingly quickly and you will have a living boundary within a couple of years.

A last important fact is that, hedges like trees, will mop up the carbon emissions which pollute our atmosphere.

For further reading you can download “A little Rough Guide around the Hedges” August 2011 on the CPRE website and if you are a farmer there are various Defra Publications.

Hedgerows are something we take for granted as they are all around us. Lets appreciate them more for the biodiversity they provide as well as their role in reducing our carbon footprint.

***Anna Mace-Leska***

## LOCAL HISTORY

Having just read Ken Chapman's additional article in July's Parish Magazine, and having sadly read previously that June was his last regular monthly Local History article, we just wanted to make a public expression of thanks to Ken for informing us so magnificently about the history of our beautiful village.

Ken's depth of knowledge is immense and we have been so fortunate that he has shared his hours of research with us so freely. The "hours of research" probably amounts in total time spent to months (years?) of research and for this we are very grateful. Ken's articles have brought to life not only the buildings and geography of the village, but also our forefathers in this lovely corner of Warwickshire.

We are sure that we are speaking of behalf of very many villagers both past and present.

**Thank you Ken**

*Peter and Julie Howard*

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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR JULY 2020

The Council set up four working groups made up of officers and councillors this month to report by August 1 in order to decide ways that the Council can help Warwickshire recover from the disruption of the Coronavirus epidemic. These were Place, Economy and Climate; Community; Health, Wellbeing and Social Care; and Internal Organisation. I was put on the Community working group and we have put forward a number of proposals to reinforce community groups that came to the fore during the crisis, to support early years education. One of the problems is that most proposals require a level of new money being invested and, unless the council is prepared to increase its borrowing, if we do anything there will probably be a tax increase. Thus year we increased taxes below the Government's ceiling of 3%, but we may have to push the limit next year. I am arguing for us to borrow in order to finance capital expenditure on small roads schemes and other works in order to put money into the local economy.

Arden Clerks and Chairs met by Zoom at the beginning of the month and received a presentation from "My Local Bobby" (MLB). This presentation was the result of some Parish Councils expressing concern about the method of policing that was being operated by Warwickshire Police when it was in its joint venture with West Mercia. The nub of the concern was lack of visible uniform presence. The MLB team would double the number of uniformed officers present across Arden Division from 3.5 to 7 for an increase in parish precept for a Band D home equivalent of £18 per year. MLB reported that they had been successful in private prosecutions for speeding and burglary.

The Council's minor road works programme was behind schedule before the epidemic and it has fallen further behind. I am having difficulty getting any commitment on dates of completion from our contracts management team for the projects scheduled for Arden Division.

I mentioned last on the rise in scams both telephone and on the door step. This has continued to be a problem and so the advice is to everyone please be extremely cautious about taking any services or spending any money with any individual or organisation you do not know about. If in any doubt call the County Council on 01926 41010 and ask for the Trading Standards Department and discuss your concerns.

Finally Stratford and Warwick District Councils have recently issued a press release saying they were considering joining operations to save money. As a result there has been much speculation of where this might lead and the County and all the five Districts have agreed to review three options; have one unified Council for the County, have two unified Councils or retain the County Council and have two super District Councils.

John Horner, Tel. 01926 842068



# The New Inn

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### **New Inn News 15-07-2020**

I'm sure that many of you will have been following on Facebook news of the great work that has been done by so many volunteers to get ready for our re-opening, and indeed many of you may have visited already.

For those who haven't yet 'reached' us here is a quick update. Please be aware that government guidance changes frequently (and often at short notice!) so please bear with us. If you're not on Facebook and want to know what's going on, please either give Danny a call (01926 258411) or pop in and ask.

#### The New Inn news

From 9<sup>th</sup> July screens are in place around each table indoors so we are open for business whatever the weather!

#### Opening Times

At present (from 20<sup>th</sup> July):

Wednesday	4pm - 9pm (Pie and a Pint 5pm – 8 pm)
Thursdays	4pm - 9pm (Kitchen closed)
Fridays	4pm - 10pm (Dining and takeaways 5pm - 8pm)
Saturdays	12noon - 10pm (Dining and takeaways 5pm - 8pm)
Sundays	12noon - 8pm (Dining and takeaways 12noon - 3pm)

The pub isn't the same as it was pre-lockdown but to enable us to open the indoor space we have installed pods that will seat up to 6 people. These are limited as we only have 7 tables indoors – in decent weather there are many tables outside. We have to provide table service so you cannot stand at the bar. We will clean down each pod after use ready for the next group so please bear with us.

We cannot use the fire exit onto the road as a door as it is not safe. We therefore need you to observe social distancing when you use the main door and check through the window before entering. We also insist you use the anti-bacteria gel at the entrance before coming into the pub.

When you arrive your name and contact number will be taken and you will be shown to your table where your drinks order will be taken. Drinks will then be brought to your table along with the card machine.

Toilets are restricted to one person at a time and there are foot openers on the doors to reduce hand contact.

Please help us to help you and observe social distancing at all times. **We have taken every step we can to follow the guidelines and ensure your safety, however we also need you to follow the guidelines too.**

We don't have all the answers but we recognise the huge impact social isolation can have on members of our community and somehow we have to find a balance. Stay safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you soon.

***Quentin Hayes on behalf of  
The New Inn Management Committee***

## LIBRARIES

### *New Click and Collect Service*

We have now launched a new Click and Collect service for Leamington, Rugby, Warwick and Nuneaton Libraries.

You can now select items for collection from any of these Libraries to be collected at an appointed time from Monday 13th July.

Click and Collect will also be available from Atherstone and Stratford Libraries from the 20th July.

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[warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryclickandcollect](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryclickandcollect)

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## ' PERFECT PICNIC'

### WI Garden Party

on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 4.00pm



We were in a colourful mood in July, celebrating our Summer Sizzler with our usual pizzazz. We encouraged members to join us on Zoom wearing cheerful clothes, drinking colourful cocktails and eating strawberries and cream to get us in the party spirit.

We enjoyed a guided tour around several gardens that were flourishing with fabulous blooms and we stirred up the grey matter with a thought-provoking Summer Quiz, courtesy of Julie. In August, we are planning a Perfect Picnic, subject to the rules and social distancing required by the COVID19 regulations. It will be the first opportunity for members to get together for a good chat since March, bringing with them of course their own delicious food and drink.



At the time of writing this article, the Government have not opened up the regulations for larger groups to gather socially indoors yet, so looking ahead, we will plan a Zoom WI Meeting with our members in September.

Denman College <https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/lifestyle-courses/> (open to non-members) and Warwickshire Federation WI are offering a thoughtful programme of online presentations available each week <https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/whats-on/category/events/> for members to register for and regular competitions encouraging everyone to get involved.

The most recent '*Get Creative and Fill a Vase*' attracted all manner of entries from the obvious to the ridiculous. Have a look on their website gallery to view the entries. The WFWI Produce and Craft show is accepting virtual entries submitted by photograph this year under the following classes; so members can all find a category to enter in this year's show:



- Class 1. Four Fruit Scones. To be photographed on a plate, with one cut in half to show evenness of fruit.
- Class 2. A Homemade Card. Any Medium.
- Class 3. A Homemade, Decorated Apron.
- Class 4. The most peas in a pod
- Class 5. The longest runner bean (photographed with a measure in cm's)

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

***Sue Steel***

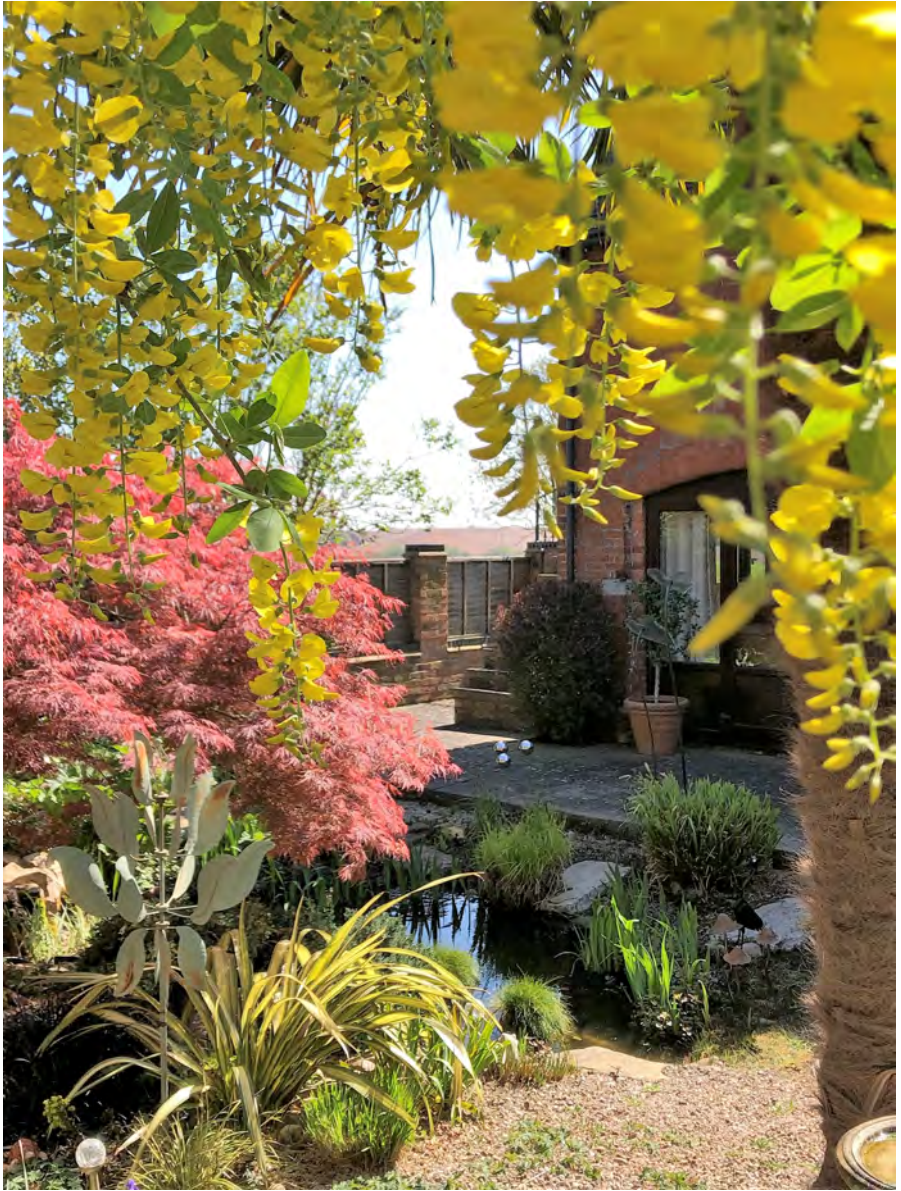
## MORE PICTURES FROM LOCAL GARDENS











Thank you to those people who contributed these lovely photographs.

## CRICKET CLUB

Well, the season finally got under way on July 10th – only a couple of days after the Government and the England & Wales Cricket Board released details of how recreational cricket could be played under the Covid-19 guidelines.

The normal Cotswold Hills League competition has been cancelled for 2020 and in its place the League has organised an alternative mini competition, for those clubs that wish to participate, on a regional basis to minimise travelling. We have decided to operate only two teams on a Saturday in this new competition and a friendly team on Sundays. Because the re-start coincides with many member's summer holidays and some members have opted out of cricket for this year we decided not to operate the 3rd XI at Snitterfield CC. Life is also made more complicated by adhering to a set of rules involving sanitisation and Track & Trace.

We have also re-started Junior cricket for the older Juniors so that we can enter teams in the Under 11s and under 13s category of the Cotswold Hills League. We have moved the Junior practice night to Thursdays so that we don't have to handle the numbers associated with opening the bar on Fridays with the use of the field for cricket for Juniors.

## DISGUSTING!



This is the "dog poo" bin on **Canada Lane**, (July 11<sup>th</sup>) that has been decommissioned due to council refusal to empty more than 2 bins in the village.

I think it is obvious that this bin is **NOT IN USE**, and yet people still leave the bags of poo on top of the bin for someone else to clear up!

**DISGUSTING AND SELFISH!**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DOG POO ON THE TOP OF THIS BIN**

# *The Norton Lindsey* **Stilton Sniffers**

The Sniffers continue to meet on a monthly basis, it does look from “Zoom” that similar amounts of port are consumed at the meetings, despite the decanter not being passed.

Since the last magazine update we have been busy working on our Golf Day replacement fundraiser.

Our golf day supports the Welcombe Hills School and The Shakespeare Hospice. Charities and causes at the moment are feeling the pinch and we feel the need to continue our normal level of support - if not more!

The event is a virtual balloon race details can be found at this web address: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/489>

The race starts in Red Square, Moscow on 14th September and lasts 7 days, balloon owners can adjust the various parameters of their balloon to give it the best chance of winning.

It is also on our website and on Facebook – we have some amazing local prizes to sit alongside the nationally available prizes.



## **The prizes include**

**An ipad**

**£500 cash**

**Butterfly Farm family ticket**

**6 x MAD Museum family tickets**

**Warwick Sports Voucher**

**£100 Huffkins Hamper**

**Warwick Books Voucher**

**Pencil Portrait by Frances Holdsworth**

**Cheeseboard from The Deli in Warwick**

**Wine from Berry Bros and Rudd**

**Hatton Country World Tickets**

**A Team oven clean voucher**

**4 ball at Stratford on Avon Golf Club**

**Glider flight at Stratford on Avon Gliding Club**

**Caddyboo goody bag**

**MOT Wash and Vac at ASPI Cars**

**Oscar Jacobs experience**

**Family ticket for Canal and River Tours Stratford**

I hope that you find the prize list as amazing as I do, definitely worth a £3 per balloon

The Sniffers have a number of balloons for sale offline, please get in touch with me if you would prefer this method of purchase.

We have also sponsored another favourite charity of ours - ILeap to put on a number of Cinema sessions for their members and families who have not been able to gather together for some time.

Please support this event and our chosen charities, and good luck!

***Best wishes    Tim Landreth    Chairman***



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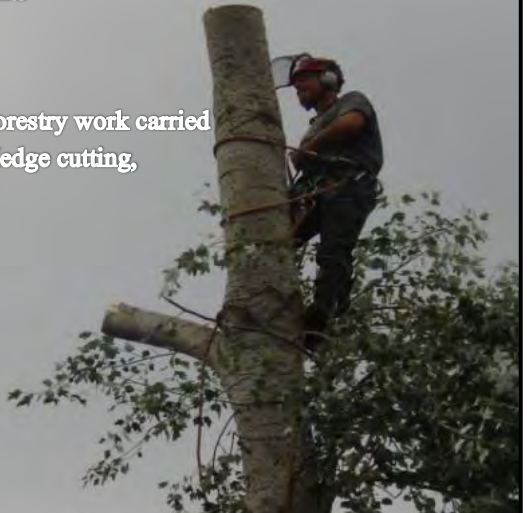
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## MANOR FARM WOLVERTON DIARY

With all the bad news nationally, it is good to be able to start with a very encouraging event. Nora, our blind heifer, gave birth to a very healthy heifer calf. She needed a small amount of help from Chris, which often is the case with a first calf, and once it was born she was onto her feet and tending to her calf immediately. She took everything in her stride as the natural maternal instincts kicked in, and soon the calf was on her feet and feeding well. Now mother and daughter are quite happy grazing with two other cows and calves along with the last two pregnant cows. If you did not know she was blind, to all intents and purposes, she is just a happy member of the herd.

The June rains eventually came to the rescue at last and have helped revive the pastures for the cattle, although we are still needing to provide supplementary feed to keep them happy. As far as the arable crops are affected the rain was about a month too late, and patches had begun to die off. These have not revived, and the areas are showing up with obvious loss of yield apparent. The fields planted with linseed have done very well and do not seem to mind the dry weather as much. The lilac coloured flowers have been very pretty in the mornings and they drop off in the afternoon, ready for a new show the next day. It will be interesting to see the results at harvest, but we live in hope.

*David, Dorothy and Chris Mann*



## **WALKING AROUND NORTON LINDSEY**

### **- The Circular Walk to Fulbrook Castle**

As Velma has requested articles for the Parish Mag, I thought I would write about a walk we recently did. We followed (with a deviation at the end) the New Inn's Castle Walk . It was both very scenic and historically interesting.

The walk leaves the village along Canada Lane, going straight on along the track where the road turns right to Lowerhouse Farm. Just follow this track until you come to a farm gate. The footpath actually follows the hedge to the left and then turns right at the next gate.....but there is an unmissable well trodden path which goes diagonally across the field.

This path is part of The Shakespeare's Avon Way which nominally follows the course of the Avon from its source near Naseby to its confluence with the Severn at Tewkesbury. This section of the route also forms part of the Via Beata which is a pilgrimage route on established footpaths and tracks across the widest part of Britain from Lowestoft to St. David's in Wales. Via Beata has Christian artworks along its way - the closest to Norton Lindsey is the Olive Tree at the Redhill centre in Snitterfield.

I'm not going to give route instructions as they are really clear in the Pub's leaflet but after crossing the A46 - which was quite easy to do using the space between the central reserve barriers - the landscape changes dramatically and becomes very open with lovely views towards All Saints' Church, Sherbourne, and its imposing Victorian Gothic spire.

Soon Court Farm House is approached and you can see clearly in the grounds the moat which in the 1300s surrounded a manor house - which was derelict by 1400. Some remains of the gatehouse to the manor are thought to be part of the structure of Court Farm House. You can also see ridge and furrow.

Unfortunately, you can't see any surface evidence of the site of Fulbrook Castle at this point on the route. It sits atop Castle Hill in the middle of a cultivated field. However, it was quite romantically eerie walking on a site which must have been frequented by the

height of royalty and power during the early 1400s. The castle was surrounded by a large hunting park.

Only a very small part of the castle's site has been excavated. It was rectangular and made of stone and brick with a central courtyard about 15 metres by 20 metres. It probably also had a tower. Bricks, tiles and pottery have been found around the area - it clearly is just waiting for someone to delve into the archaeology of the castle!!

After walking alongside Castle Hill you walk through delightful fields of grain and cattle, very gently going uphill with glorious views opening up to the south and east. The pub's directions soon become invaluable as the path snakes its way through a garden, running far closer to the house than you feel you ought to be on a public footpath! After this intrusion, the track offers views back to Castle Hill and you can see, as crop marks, the square outline of the castle.

The route crosses the A439 and the A46 before returning through Heath End Plantation and Briery Land. At this point we deviated and went home via Snitterfield Lane and the Blacon Track.

Although the walk was nearly 8 miles, it seemed much shorter because of the many changes of path, landscape and view.

Now for a bit of potted history with apologies to anyone who knows anything at all about English Medieval history.....

The castle was built by John of Lancaster, Duke of Bedford, who played an important role in English history in the early 1400s. John of Lancaster was the third son of Henry 4th. On the death of Henry 4th in 1414, John's eldest brother became Henry 5th of England. On three occasions between 1415 and 1422 when Henry 5th was fighting in France (including at the battle of Agincourt), John acted as Lieutenant of England which meant that he was deputising for the King.

Cutting a long story, very short, after the death of Henry 5th and the accession of the infant Henry 6th, John vied with his brother (the Duke of Gloucester) to become Regent of England but had to settle for Regent of France - much of which was still controlled by the English. Whilst fighting initially very successfully but then increasingly unsuccessfully in France as part of the Hundred Years War, John

captured Joan of Arc and was responsible for her being tried for heresy and burnt at the stake.

John of Lancaster, Duke of Bedford died in 1435.

The castle passed to Henry 6th. However, the castle was derelict by 1478 and in ruins. It is thought that the Earls of Warwick , so powerful and wealthy during the wars of the Roses, did not like the castle so close to their lands and had a role in it becoming ruins. The castle had completely disappeared by the time of Henry 8th and it is thought that some of the castle's bricks were used in the construction of Compton Wynyates.

Interestingly, John of Lancaster was married twice. His second wife was Jacquetta of Luxembourg. This marriage was childless but Jacquetta's second marriage was to Sir Richard Woodville with whom she had 14 children. One of these children was Elizabeth Woodville who became the wife and Queen Consort of Edward 4th who died in 1483. Her daughter, Elizabeth of York, married Henry Tudor and became the mother of Henry 8th!

Julie Howard

<https://thenewinn.pub/walk4/>

Although nearly eight miles, it really didn't seem like it because it comprised many short sections of path and the landscape and view was constantly changing





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