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CHURCH ZOOM SERVICES - Common Worship Morning Prayer Service at 11.00 am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month with BCP Evensong at 6.00 pm on the 4th Sunday of the month.

To 'attend' these services contact **Celia Spiers 07710 198009**.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

23 June at 7.00pm
in
Norton Lindsey Church

PARISH RECORDS

Megan Hickin

19 May 2021

Burial

Wolverton

A PERSONAL VIEW...

..from Rev. Stig Graham, who is standing in for our Rector Richard Mutter.

I am enjoying my early morning walks so much at the moment. There is much to be enjoyed at any time of the year but, just now, there is so much energy and vitality, one can almost feel overwhelmed by one's senses. There is what must be the noisiest woodpecker in Warwickshire, the trees at so many stages of leaf growth and so many colours to match, the cold breeze blowing in my face, the gentle warmth of the sun still low in the sky on my back, and even, last week walking past a cottage with an open kitchen window, the aroma of frying bacon.

Our senses are our first steps in determining the reality of the world we inhabit. As we grow older, we bring further tools to assist in the process. Memory and experience - even as trivial as picking the shallowest route through a pond which has formed across the path in the night. Knowledge, from life or books or YouTube or teachers, can also guide us in knowing where to look and what to look for.

With modern science, we have so many lenses, literal and metaphorical, through which we can explore our bodies, our environment, and the cosmos at large. We can see our yet to be born baby's heart beating, measure soil temperature and moisture for optimal planting of seeds, and in recent years, watch gravity waves generated by black holes and neutron stars in galaxies far, far away.

We can also look at our lives through the lens of the Gospel, literally the Good News, of Jesus of Nazareth, and try to see our world through his eyes. Ultimately, this lens us calls to look at the world with our vision shaped by love and compassion. With an understanding of God who loves and forgives us our foolishness we can try to see our neighbours, friends, and colleagues in that same light, focussing not just on their external actions and behaviours, but sensing their motivations too: the hopes and fears, the aspirations and anxieties. Famously, God told the Israelites that the words of their mouths were much less significant than the words of their hearts.

The Rev. Stig Graham

MONTHLY READINGS AND COLLECTS

6th June First Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ps 130; Gen 3 : 8 – 15; 2 Cor 4 : 13 – 5 : 1; Mark 3 : 20 - end

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

13th June Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ps 92 : 1 - 8; Ezek 17 : 22 - 24; 2 Cor 5 : 6 - 17; Mark 4 : 26 - 34

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

20th June Third Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ps 107 : 23-32; Job 38 : 1 - 11; 2 Cor 6 1 - 13; Mark 4 : 35 – end

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one G od, now and for ever. **Amen.**

27th June Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ps 30; Wis. of Sol. 1 : 13 - 15; 2 Cor 8 : 7 - 24; Mark 5 : 21 – 43

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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Norton Lindsey Gannaway Stables	25 Jun	12:10 to 12:20
Norton Lindsey The New Inn	25 Jun	12:25 to 12:40
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If you travel through Langley you may have noticed multiple signs indicating ‘please do not cut the verges yet’. An explanation follows with acknowledgement to its author, Andrea Duxbury.

84% of European crops and 80% of wildflowers are pollinated by insects. Different pollinators evolved to meet plants’ needs. Food crops need this same wide variety of wild pollinators. Farmland tends to be large areas of single crops (monoculture) which does not encourage variety, so the different plants along the verges and in our gardens are a vital resource to our wildlife.

700 species of wild flower grow on UK’s road verges, nearly 45% of our total flora. Where wild flowers flourish wildlife follows; 97% of traditional meadows have disappeared since 1930 and the wildlife with it. We found 41 species on our (Langley) verges last year and have already noticed an increase in the area of some species in 2021. Many seeds can sit in the soil for many years so it is likely more unusual plants will appear. Orchids for example can flower once and not reappear for decades.

If verges are managed like ancient meadows (with fewer cuts) it allows flowers to be fully pollinated supporting invertebrates. The flowers set seeds which then feed mammals and birds in the verges and surrounding area. Fallen seeds feed wildlife for longer into the winter too. We follow the charity - Plantlife’s Verge Management Guidelines for Councils. It is now being considered and adopted across the country. Warwickshire County Council is currently discussing significant changes to its own mowing policy.

If you are concerned to do more at home have a look at the ‘no mow May challenge’ lead by Plantlife and supported by the National Trust <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/take-part-in-the-no-mow-may-challenge>.

VILLAGE RAMBLE

Our second walk back after the latest lockdown took place on Saturday 15 May 2021. Due to the ongoing restrictions at the time we decided not to start and finish at a pub and instead agreed to start at the Burton Dassett Hills Country Park. So on a dull and cloudy morning a group of 17 of us met and started by walking over the hills and down into the village of Northend. After walking through the centre of the village we then turned east and walked across the fields and onto Fenny Compton.

The fields were rather muddy following several weeks of wet weather. We threaded our way through here and ascended Fenny Compton Hill where we stopped to enjoy the views with a coffee. Many fields in the distance were a vibrant yellow with rape seed. After this we made our way onto Avon Dassett, a very picturesque village which has a community pub and the second one in Warwickshire after The New Inn in NL.

We left there and enjoyed the best part of the walk on the ridge high above the M40 with far reaching views looking north and west. We eventually arrived back at the Burton Dassett Hills after walking 6.5 miles where many of us decamped and had a picnic in a small sheltered area surrounded by the hills.

Next month (June) we will re commence walks starting from a pub and finish there for lunch.



The dates of the rambles until the end of the year are as follows

- Saturday 12th June 2021
- Saturday 10th July 2021
- Saturday 7th August 2021
- September - no walk
- Saturday 9th October 2021
- Saturday 13th November 2021
- Tuesday 28th December 2021

If anyone is interested in joining the walking group then please mail me and I will include you on the list. I will send full details of each walk approximately 10 days beforehand. We are a dog friendly group too.

Graham Lewis

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Majestic Dance Club

The long established Majestic Dance Club, Warwick, will be running some Ballroom and Latin Dance classes at Norton Lindsey Village Hall from May onwards (Lockdown restrictions allowing). We would like to welcome anyone who is keen to start dancing, or who already has some experience, to join us and experience the joy of dance with professional tuition amongst new friends.

The following classes will be taking place at the Village Hall:

Bronze Level Classes on Tuesday evenings from Tuesday 18 May (7.30pm - 8.15pm)
Silver Level Classes on Tuesday evenings Tuesday 18 May (8.15pm – 9pm)
Beginners Social Dance Classes on Sunday evenings from 23 May (7.30pm - 8.15pm)

The following link to our website contains full details.

<http://majesticdance.co.uk>

All our dance exercise classes will be run in line with all government regulations and IDTA (International Dance Teachers Association) Covid-19 free requirements and guidelines. Please call Greta Needham on 07718139983 or email on agneedham50@gmail.com if you would like to find out more.

RECIPE – MERINGUE AND RASPBERRY RIPPLE SEMIFREDDO

Ingredients

500ml tub vanilla yogurt

150g raspberries

Zest of ½ lemon

8 mini meringues broken into pieces

You will need a 2lb loaf tin lined with cling film



Method

- place loaf tin and the yogurt into the freezer
- remove yogurt from the freezer – allow to soften for a few minutes
- place the raspberries in a small bowl with the lemon zest and crush lightly using the back of a fork
- use a wooden spoon to mix the meringue nests into the softened yogurt then fold in the crushed raspberries
- scrape into the prepared tin and cover with film
- return to the freezer for at least 2 hours, until firm enough to slice or until required
- if you have any spare, decorate with raspberries.

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TEN YEARS OF THE CLAVERDON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Ten years ago Alan Latter, who was Chairman of the Claverdon parish Council at that time, was deploring the treatment residents of Claverdon parish had had over the allocation of places in the newly built Brick Kiln Close development of 12 affordable homes. A Claverdon parish housing need survey had shown a need for 14 homes and Brick Kiln Close had been built on the strength of this need with three homes allocated to Warwick District and nine to Claverdon and Wolverton residents. In the event two families moved across from the Morgan Close affordable development and the properties they vacated were awarded to families with no connection to the area and one bungalow went to a pensioner from Claverdon village. The rest of the properties had been allocated to outsiders. Alan was also upset that the Stratford District Council had allowed WRHA to build the bungalows below minimum standards and his view was that only by taking control of the affordable housing provision for the parish would Claverdon parish residents get the chance of living in decent homes built on the basis of their need. The Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Simon Lawton, suggested setting up a new form of housing association called a Community Land Trust (CLT).

Following evidence of resident support from the Parish Plan Survey, the Claverdon CLT (CCLT) was born to provide affordable housing for Claverdon parish and residents of surrounding villages. The first directors were Alan Latter, Simon Lawton and John Horner. Mike Wilcox joined as unpaid volunteer Company Secretary and Finance Manager. When Alan retired to Kent, Gill Leyland took over as Chair. Simon, Mike and Gill have since retired from CCLT.

In the early days we were naïve in thinking the establishment would welcome a group of unpaid volunteers looking to build affordable homes for local people. Sadly this was not the case. The housing associations regarded the CCLT as an unwelcome competitor, the District Council and other paid housing professionals saw the CCLT as disruptive and inconvenient. We also underestimated the challenge of building the types of homes local people actually wanted.

The survey had shown that whilst residents were happy to accommodate affordable to buy houses for local people they did not want more market priced homes or social rent properties. A Housing Needs survey also showed that local needs demand was for affordable owner/occupier homes. At the time this was not a recognised affordable housing type and CCLT carried out a lot of research and sent letters to the Housing Minister to see how existing rules could be interpreted to allow their construction.

A search for sites was conducted, discussions held with all the land owners in the parish and negotiations started on two sites. One fell through over price and a planning application was submitted at Hercules Farm, however, the Planning Officers refused it on listed building grounds.

Over time Government policy fell into line with Claverdon's residents' wishes and discounted market sales homes were classified as affordable, but would not be offered Government subsidies. Responding to the Parish wish to avoid additional private housing developments that would subsidise the affordable homes the CCLT had to obtain land at a significant discount. No landowners were prepared to offer land at an economic price until David Evans of Gannaway Farm came to the rescue. Funding was obtained by our sponsoring charity, Charities Aid Foundation, and we applied for planning for ten single storey homes.

Our initial application was refused and CCLT is considering reapplying, whilst also looking for other sites.

John Horner

NORTON LINDSEY AND DISTRICT

There are still some of Ken Chapman's local history books available.
A History of Norton Lindsey and District, £9.50.
Pictorial Memorials, £12.00.

Please phone Joy Chapman on 01926 842694.
Proceeds are for the general church funds.

The Council met virtually on Zoom on Tuesday 4 May to hold both its Annual meeting and the Ordinary monthly meeting.

The Annual meeting re-elected Cllr Jon Stobart as chairman for the next year. Dates were agreed for monthly meetings and Cllr Elmhirst will take over from Cllr Mace-Leska reviewing the Council accounts on a bi-monthly basis. The Council agreed to extend the current Action Plan as the objectives were still valid.

The Ordinary meeting followed on immediately thereafter. It was noted that the Annual Parish Assembly meeting, held virtually on 29 April, attracted no members of the public. Whether this reflects a lack of controversial local issues, satisfaction with the Parish Council or a reluctance to engage in virtual meetings remains a moot point!

The Clerk reported that the blue plaques, to commemorate the houses where fallen WW1 soldiers once lived, had been supplied and the project was under budget. It was agreed to purchase an extra one for a WW2 fallen soldier. The seed for the re-wilding project have also been ordered.

The resignation of Cllr Mace-Leska, who is planning to leave the area, was noted and the Clerk will start the process for filling the Casual vacancy.

The Government had not extended the legislation that allowed parish councils to meet virtually, after 6 May, and so future meetings will have to be held in public, subject to the planned easing of Covid-19 restrictions on 21 June.

It was suggested by a resident, that the PC support a possible judicial review, financed by crowd funding, if the poultry farm planning application was granted, with no further action necessary at this stage.

DCMS (Dept. for Digital, Cultural, Media and Sport) has just launched a consultation document into rural broadband, requiring comments by mid-June. This will be forwarded to the resident recently looking into broadband provision in the village.

South Warwickshire - a combination of Warwick and Stratford upon Avon District Councils - has just launched a consultation process into a new Local Plan. The Councils state that:-

"We are consulting now because we need to ensure that the plans for Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts remain up to date. The Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy is already 5 years old, and plans take a little while to prepare. We also need to rebuild the economy post Covid-19 and the South Warwickshire Local Plan sets out how and where we will attract investment and create new jobs to grow and rebalance the local economy. Lastly, and most importantly, we need to have a plan that helps us move to Net Zero Carbon."

The Plan sets out development proposals for housing and jobs up until 2050 and a 'Call for Sites' suitable for development and land use. Comments on the Plan are requested up until 21 June. The PC will consider commenting in due course. Further information is available at:-

<https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/doc/210268/name/J25287%20South%20Warwickshire%20Local%20Plan%202021%20v3.pdf>.

Under Planning, it was agreed that the PC took a 'neutral' stance on the application for extensions to Paddox Hollow and noted the application for tree works at High Paddox. Plans for demolition of a garage at Millfield, Wolverton Road did not require prior approval.

In his last report as councillor before retirement, Cllr Caborn reported that the budget for pedestrian signs on Snitterfield Lane was secure, but the PC will need to walk the route with a WCC highways locality officer to determine the siting. The chairman thanked Cllr Caborn for his many years of service as a councillor on both WDC and WCC councils.

Cllr Brown reported that repairs to the pavement and vehicle crossing points on Snitterfield Lane had been agreed with a WCC locality officer, who agreed that the whole pavement needed replacement, subject to budgetary constraints.

It was agreed that the PC should discuss the possibilities of “something” to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022 at the July meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. Full minutes of the meeting will be available on our website at <https://nortonlindseypc.org/parish-council-meetings/minutes-of-previous-meetings/> or from the Clerk.

Martin Neale

WW1 AND WW2 COMMEMORATION BLUE PLAQUES

You may have noticed some new commemoration plaques in the village. This follows on the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 in 2018 when some simpler versions were displayed.

With a generous grant from Norton Lindsey Parish Council, we have been able to make this idea more permanent and some cast aluminium plaques are displayed outside homes in the village. They remember six of the valiant men who are

commemorated on the church memorial and would never return to their homes here in Norton Lindsey.



The plaques are in Church Road, Main Street and Snitterfield Lane.

Thank you to the Parish Council for helping to finance this idea, Ken Chapman for his original research and to Orlando Elmhirst whose forensic investigation skills helped to complete the history.

Richard Cooke

NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The Village Hall is gradually coming back to life, after a year of near full closure, some of our regular bookings are coming back, but there is plenty of space for more!

The Committee would like to thank outgoing Chair Anna Mace-Leska for her work and wish her well in the future.

We are organising an evening for villagers and local organisations to reacquaint themselves with the Hall on 23 June, we will be able to show you the facilities and introduce you to some of the people already using the hall. We hope to put on some food and a drink too subject to Covid-19 rules in place at the time. Please let us know if you would like to come by emailing jb.nortonlindsey@gmail.com

On the 23 June we would also like to welcome anyone who would like to take on a volunteer or Trustee role. We are also looking for a caretaker and cleaner, both of which would be "paid" roles, please get in touch if you would like an informal discussion prior to that day.

We look forward to seeing you all using the magnificent Hall once again for clubs, meetings, events, parties and get togethers. Please look on the website for availability and get in touch!

Norton Lindsey Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee

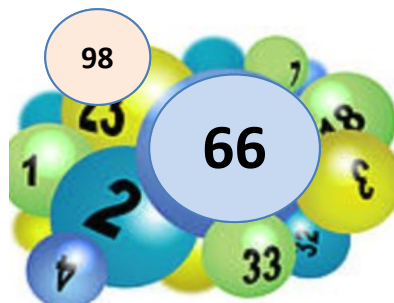
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CRICKET CLUB

After the April drought, the month of May saw a return to normal British summer weather with matches being washed out on the second and third weekends of the league season. The first weekend saw defeats for the 1st and 2nd XIs, but the 3rd XI recorded an excellent victory over Bearley 1st XI by 6 wickets - particularly pleasing because the team included 3 Juniors.

Another highlight, was the coming of age of Tom Wilcox as a batsman! He hit his maiden century with 102 off only 62 balls against Old Croftonians in a Sunday friendly. Well done Tom!

With the relaxation of Covid-19 rules from 17 May, the Cricket Club bar will re-open from the following weekend following the Government guidelines.

A six week programme for invited juniors aged 12 years and over will commence every Wednesday starting 2 June until 7 July. Sessions will run from 6.30 to 8pm. Andy Dewar will be contacting parents of this group shortly.

Friday evening sessions are still to be confirmed - see the Club's website (www.nlwcc.co.uk) or Facebook page for updates.

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Where to get a 'no symptom' test in Warwickshire:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/covid-19-testing-warwickshire/testing-dont-covid-19-symptoms/2>



RUBBISH FRIENDS NORTON LINDSEY

Calling all Litter Champions

I do hope you have all managed to get through the last year without too much stress. What a terrible time it has been. Let's hope that we are now on the final leg of this pandemic. During the pandemic you might have seen members of Rubbish Friends Norton Lindsey continuing to do our best to keep the village and surrounding roads as litter free as possible. We all take responsibility for a road or lay-by. If you would like to join us, please contact me.

There are two great national litter schemes currently taking place that I hope you're interested in hearing about. Firstly – Keep Britain Tidy is once again launching a Great British Spring Clean from 28 May to 13 June 2021. Let me know if you have suggestions for areas of Norton Lindsey that need litter picking.

The second scheme is from CPRE - the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. They have been battling for a Deposit Return Scheme for 10 years. Michael Gove gave his wholehearted support for it in 2018 but now it has been kicked into the long grass, to join the cans and bottles already there, to 2024 at the earliest.

I'm so angry about it. I'm convinced it would reduce the litter on our trunk roads and motorways overnight. Our countryside is littered with discarded single use drinks bottles and cans. They harm wildlife, pollute our waterways and spoil the beauty of nature. And it is completely unnecessary. The argument has already been won. Even big drinks producers like Coca Cola agree that an all in DRS (Deposit Return Scheme) is the answer to our litter problem. Unfortunately a handful of trade bodies are trying to confuse and distract the government on this. In Norway 97% of plastic bottles and tin cans are recycled. They have had their DRS system since the early 2000s.

CPRE is sending a message in a bottle directly to the Prime Minister telling him to commit to the scheme now. Please show your concern and sign the message. You can find the link on their website: www.cpre.org.uk. On their Home Page hover over 'Get Involved' and underneath you will see 'Sign our Petition for DRS'. Please do your bit to help make our countryside a green and pleasant land.

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Saturday 5 March 2022

It seems a long time since 100 of us enjoyed a wonderful evening in the village hall being entertained by the wonderful **Tarantara Choir**.

It was the last community event in the hall and the last concert by the choir before the start of the pandemic.

The choir have contacted me to ask if we would like to hold another concert next year.

They loved our hall and our hospitality.

We have booked the hall for Saturday evening 5 March 2022 - fingers crossed all restrictions will be a thing of the past by then.

Anne and Richard Cooke

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The Elections in May resulted in no changes for Arden Division. I was re-elected as County Councillor, Philip Seccombe was re-elected as Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The Conservatives retained control of the County Council with an enhanced majority.

I am honoured to have been elected to serve Arden for a second term and will seek to represent the Division on the County Council in the best interests of all residents. Thank you very much for your support.

One advantage of a first past the post system is that, having been elected, a representative must represent the interests of all residents in a constituency and not just the people who elected them which is one of the risks in a proportional representation system.

Winter gritting activities ended at the end of April and during the winter gritting season, Warwickshire gritters travelled the equivalent of 3.4 times round the planet and used 16,600 tonnes of grit while keeping Warwickshire roads safe for motorists.

WCC has changed the way in which it provides **services to Parent Carers**. If you're a parent carer and would welcome support from local service providers and a wellbeing check for the whole family visit a new webpages:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carers/parent-carer-support-pathway>

Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and partners are showcasing the different ways in which new and **expectant parents can access support** during these unprecedented times. Find out more:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2080/supporting-coventry-and-warwickshire-parents-to-continue-to-access-service>

Scams are getting much more sophisticated. I was recently contacted on the 'phone by an Australian accented man who said he had the same name as me and was getting emails about a bank account in my name (address matched) with Lloyds Bank. The emails concerned overdrafts etc. and he emailed me about four emails. The inference was my identity had been hijacked as I don't

have a Lloyds account. Rather than open the mails I tried to forward them to Lloyds Bank fraud department but they would not forward so I deleted them. Please, if you get an unexpected email about your finances do not open it just delete it.

With us making good recovery from Covid-19 and Brexit issues being slowly resolved Climate Change has returned to the national agenda. As I mentioned in my election address most effort is going on achieving carbon neutrality as quickly as possible. However, the challenge across the world is huge and I am looking to persuade the County to begin to take steps to mitigate the effect the changes in climate will have on the resilience of our roads and flood events.

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THE NEW INN BOOK CLUB

Join The New Inn Book Club and read one of the selected books.

We are currently reading **American Dirt** by **Jeanine Cummins** for the June meeting and then **Maggie O'Farrell's Hamnet** which will be discussed at the July meeting.



Informal discussions take place at The New Inn at Norton Lindsey on the first Tuesday of the month and start at 7:00 pm. So, 1 June and 6 July are the dates of the next two meetings.

Come and join us, discover new books, have fun over a glass of wine or a coffee. If you have any queries please contact Pippa Brook at pippa@brookfamily.net

The last year can be summed up in three Cs – Covid-19, Climate Change and Council Tax.

We seem to be coming through Covid-19 due to the success of the vaccination programme. Warwickshire was mentioned by the Minister of Health a couple of weeks ago for running the most successful vaccination programme in the country. I congratulate the GPs and NHS staff running the various vaccination clinics across Warwickshire.

Covid-19 did affect the Council as we were in the middle of a staff reorganisation and this became more difficult to complete. As a consequence the delivery of small road improvement schemes pretty much came to a complete halt for 12 months. A new end to end delivery team started working in April and we should see schemes completed more effectively in future.

Climate change is becoming more apparent as this is the third winter of unusual rainfall. Most of the focus of politicians and the media is on actions to slow down climate change. The problem facing the County and individuals is that we are already feeling the effects of climate change and even in the most optimistic scenario these are here to stay. If the scientists are correct this country can expect wetter, warmer and stormier winters into the future with the odd very cold snap. This will mean even more rainfall and more flooding than we have seen recently. The increasing size of cars adds to the problem as when they try to pass each other on our narrow lanes the verges get worn down and the wheels run off the edge of the tarmac and rut the soil. Water runs down this new channel and gets under the tarmac and breaks up the road surface. The result is higher roads maintenance costs or poorer roads. This is just one example of the effects of climate change.

Like last year the Government calculated its grant aid to local councils on the basis that they would raise tax by 2% for the general precept and up to 3% as an adult social care levy. Given the pressures we are under from Covid-19, Climate Change and Children's Services the County followed guidance and raised the general precept by 2%. As Warwickshire is relatively wealthy compared to other areas we have fewer people eligible for Adult Social Care Support and an increase in levy of only 1% was approved. As a consequence we raised council tax by 3% this year.

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Norton Lindsey WI

A Day in the Life of a Quiz Show Contestant
by Vicky Farmer

WI online Zoom Meeting
on Wednesday, 9 June 2021 at 7.30pm



Karen Baxter whisked us away to Northern Italy at our May meeting to walk with her through the Alpine meadows and the Dolomite Mountain ranges to experience the wild flowers that can be found there. It was a fascinating insight into these wonderful little jewels of joy that can survive in very harsh conditions.

We were also treated to an inspirational presentation by teenager, Ellie Stobart, about her rewilding project in Norton Lindsey, converting a grass verge outside their house into a wild flower area to attract all manner of bees and pollinators and we'll be interested to watch her progress as the plot develops over the summer.

Ruth helped us to understand how to spot the early signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer and we voted unanimously that the WI should continue to campaign to raise awareness of this very important subject, which is often not diagnosed until it has spread and a cure is impossible. To find out more please go to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/ovarian-cancer/symptoms/>



Thank you to Rosemarie for chatting to us about Bees at our virtual 'Coffee and Chat' on 20 May, when we celebrated **World Bee Day** and socialised.

Julie and several of our members planned to meet at **The View in Wootton Wawen** for a lovely walk on Wednesday 26 May and enjoyed their coffee and cake with a fabulous view of the Boat Marina there. It's well worth a visit if you are looking for a new local venue and as well as experiencing a wonderful canal side walk, it is very close to the Yew Tree Farm Shopping Village.



Vicky Farmer, from Wishaw WI will be entertaining us at our June meeting with her presentation '**A Day in the Life of a TV Quiz Show Contestant**' including her experiences as a contestant over the last 25 years and what really goes on in the studio, plus her top tips on how to apply for a show.

Ladies, you are welcome to try a meeting with us. The Women's Institute provides new friendships and ideas. Our June meeting will be on Zoom and then we start our live meetings again, so why not give it a go? If you would like further information about Norton Lindsey WI, please contact us: secretary@nlwi.org.uk and we'll send you the link. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sue Steel, President, Norton Lindsey WI

The Norton Lindsey **Stilton Sniffers**

Sniffers and supporters have completed the Land's End to John O'Groats distance 3 times at the time of writing, with lots of supporters yet to pledge their miles. Helping Hands community project will use the donations made via our Facebook page (Stiltonsniffers) and via your local friendly Sniffer to equip a new kitchen in Leamington.

We have had miles from Australia, South Africa, Canada, Hampshire and of course the very fit people of Norton Lindsey and Warwickshire! The more the better!

To add your miles you might want to join the Strava club which is NLSS LEJOG (free version is available), alternatively please email NLSSLEJOG2021@gmail.com, we will be totting up the final total of miles and donations in the first few days of June.

Planning continues for an outdoor event on 4th September, where we will be entertained by a band and local children and adults in the form of a Talent Show. There will be a bar and opportunities to buy food.

We are also planning to run our Annual Golf Day on 2nd September at the beautiful Stratford on Avon Golf Club, details are available on our website, it's always a friendly day with some good prizes, please get in touch if you would like to enter or sponsor the event.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support, we are back to meeting in person and hope that the reduction in Covid-19 measures allows us to resume business as usual to some extent.

Tim Landreth
Chairman

With spring comes the requirement for the Council to conduct its annual General Meeting and Parish Assembly, alongside the normal rhythm of ordinary meetings. These, we hope, will be the last to be conducted virtually, so that it may be easier for parishioners to attend in future without braving the vicissitudes of Zoom.

In practice, these meetings are generally more administrative in nature and ensure that, such matters as the annual accounts are approved and various council materials, such as the Standing Orders, are fit for purpose. Rest assured, the members of the Council have both read, and understood, the Standing Orders in a manner that even the legendary Jackie Weaver would approve. We have also re-elected Stuart Easterbrook as Chair and we look forward to another year of his benevolent ministrations.

The most important matter to report on is that the Council agreed its areas of focus for the coming year, namely:

1. Promoting neighbourliness and supporting volunteers within the Parish.
2. Establishing and implementing a policy for spending the “Community Infrastructure Levy” payments that we expect to receive in the coming months as a result of housing developments within the Parish.
3. Reviewing our policy for donations and grants, to ensure we are budgeting and using our limited funds for the maximum benefit.

We have also agreed to adopt a planter that Barbara Harland’s GROW (Green our Wolverton) Team has worked hard to procure for placing at the crossroads and look forward to this patch being brightened up by its presence – well done team! We are also making some funds available to support the team’s work generally.

The minutes of our meetings are, as ever, on the noticeboards. Alternatively, if you don’t want to put your thermals/raincoat/sunblock* on, you can look at the minutes by accessing the Wolverton PC website (www.wolvertonpc.org.uk). Check out all the other fascinating things on it while you are there, including useful information relating to Coronavirus and Trading Standards updates. Please also let us know if you have any ideas to improve the website.

James Wynn-Evans

*as appropriate in this lovely changeable spring weather

Why you don't need to wash up! Water saving special

Good news from the GROW team this month:

We have prepared and are ready to plant a pollinator friendly border at the Church Hall where we have also installed a water butt. A planter is to be installed too at the crossroads and will also be planted with pollinator friendly plants.

Biodiversity surveying of our verges has begun and we have been liaising with our farmers about managing the verges that border their land. We also continue to liaise with the council and other villages about mowing regimes which favour wildflowers.

Wolverton is now virtually litter free thanks to our litter picking team. There have been at least 3 episodes of fly tipping which have been reported to the council and successfully cleared.

We had a very dry April with gardeners and farmers praying for rain. May has been wetter but all the mains water we use requires energy to process and pump to our homes so it's a precious resource. Using water wisely can make a big difference to energy consumption and with it climate change.

How much water do you use? Do you have any idea how many litres a day flow through your pipes? You can check your consumption and your waste water through your Severn Trent account. Most people will use about 150 L per day, or maybe more. If you had to carry that water from source it might take you all day!

Here are some ideas for how to cut your water consumption and help reduce climate change:

- Don't leave the tap running when brushing teeth (this can waste 9L per minute.)

- Shower rather than bath (a shower will use about 50 litres, a bath twice this). Limit showers to 4 minutes maximum.
- Don't be afraid to use your dishwasher if you have one, this uses less water and is generally greener overall but make sure you run it full.
- Use a bowl for things you need to wash in the sink rather than washing under a running tap.
- Install and use a water butt or two for watering the garden, avoid the hose! A hose or sprinkler can use between 500 and 1000 L per hour.
- You can also save waste kitchen water for watering.
- Use shorter or cooler washing machine cycles where possible. A wash will use approximately 50 L.
- Don't flush the toilet every time you pee (average flush will use 10L), but do consider the other members of your house!!
- Fix any drips!

There are other ideas about water saving ideas and devices on the Severn Trent website and you may have some of your own.

Managing waste water also impacts on the environment. You can help keep the sewage system working by avoiding pouring any fats down your sink or drains, wipe fat from pans with kitchen roll and dispose of it in the bin. Avoid disposing of anything but toilet paper down the loo!

Doing all this may save you money on your water and sewage bill as well as saving the planet!

*If you would like to join the GROW (GReen Our Wolverton) team contact: barbaraharland@gmail.com.

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Even though, as I reported last week, the cows were a week late in starting to calve, by the 10 May we had thirty calves born, the same number as last year. There are still another seven cows to give birth between now and July. Much as we try to get them back into a tight calving pattern with the main herd, there are always a few late ones for various reasons.

With the very cold and dry weather in April, the grass growth in the fields has been very slow. This has meant we have had to ration the grazing area for the cows and bring them back inside the yards for supplementary feeding at night, as we had a good stock of silage left. Normally, the herd is fully turned out to grass by mid-April, but this year it was about the 6 May. Apparently, it has been the coldest April since 1922 with about 22 frosts. Fortunately, the baby calves do not seem to mind the cold weather if they have dry backs.

Chris managed to plant the linseed just before the welcome rain, so that has germinated well, and all the field work is up to date. We are now busy getting ready to harvest the grass for silage, so the machinery must be checked over and the silage clamp cleaned, and pressure washed. As I have said, the grass growth has been slow, so as soon as we have taken the first cut, we will be busy putting fertiliser on those fields to encourage a good second crop, and if we are lucky a third crop.

David, Dorothy and Chris Mann



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