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NORTON LINDSEY POPPY APPEAL 2021

Instead of the usual door to door collection this year due to the Covid-19 situation, I set up a small stall in the porch at Cotswold House. With a contribution from The New Inn, a surprising total of £418.43 was raised.

Many grateful thanks to everyone who contributed with their kind and generous donations which made this amount possible in the circumstances . Hopefully the Covid-19 situation will have improved sufficiently this year to make the usual door to door collections possible.



Kind regards
Sue Pike

PARISH RECORDS

Valarie Phipps

29 December

Burial

at St. Mary the Virgin, Wolverton

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

February, “so full of frost, of storm and cloudiness” as Shakespeare has it, is a bit of a hiatus in the Church year. It finds itself sandwiched between Epiphanytide, which ends with Candlemas on the 2nd February and Lent, which begins this year on the 2nd March. It is properly known as ‘ordinary’ time, not in the sense that there’s nothing unusual about it, but in that we count the Sundays. In this bit of ordinary time we count down until Lent, so that Sunday 6th is the 4th before Lent, and so on. Later on in the month we pick up the old names for these Sundays – the 13th February is Septuagesima, the 20th is Sexagesima, and the 27th Quinquagesima.

Outside of these Sundays there really aren’t a lot of traditional feast days in February, as it can sometimes be in Lent when Easter is early, thus there tend to be fewer saints days marked throughout the month. We do, however, celebrate possibly one of the most famous saints of all – Saint Valentine. Little is known for definite about Valentine’s life – he seems to have been a priest in Rome, who was martyred in around 269 in the persecution of Claudius the Goth, and buried on the Flaminian Way. A church was built on the site in around 350, and, as it was the first church that pilgrims to Rome saw as they arrived by that route the fame of Valentine grew and spread across the World.

In our modern age, one might be forgiven for thinking that St Valentine was the patron saint of greetings cards and florists, but the modern tradition is rooted in the belief common in Chaucer’s day that 14th February was the time that birds began to find their mates. This belief then spawned the custom of arranging betrothals around this time, which led to our modern cultus surrounding St Valentine. It might seem odd that a 3rd century Roman priest, who was beaten with clubs and beheaded because he refused to deny Christ has given birth to our secular notions of love, but, in the midst of the schmaltz and sentimentality please do try and remember St Valentine, the martyr who gave up his life for the Lord.

Richard

6th February The Fourth Sunday Before Lent

Readings: Ps 139; Isa 6 : 1 - end; 1 Cor 15 : 1 – 11; Luke 5 : 1 - 11

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand up right: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 February The Third Sunday Before Lent

Readings: Ps 1; Jer 17 : 5 - 10; 1 Cor 15 : 12 - 20; Luke 6 : 17 - 26

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.**

20th February The Second Sunday Before Lent

Readings: Ps 65; Gen 2 : 4b – 9, 15 - end; Rev 4; Luke 8 : 22 - 25

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things now and for ever. **Amen.**

27th February The Sunday Next Before Lent

Readings: Ps 99; Exod 34 : 29 - end; 2 Cor 3 : 12 - 4 : 2; Luke 9 : 28 – 43a

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross; give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory, 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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The winner this month was our esteemed editor Karin who got 10/10!!! Well done to the Elmhirst family.

The answers are:

1. Singapore (Marina Bay)
2. Sydney (Opera House and Harbour Bridge)
3. Cairo (Pyramids)
4. New Delhi (India Gate)
5. Dubai (Burj Khalifa)
6. San Francisco (Oakland Bay Bridge)
7. Bangkok (Wat Arun)
8. New York (Times Square)
9. London (The Eye)
10. Liverpool (Waterfront)

Julie Howard

SCOTTISH DANCING IN WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL

Dancing has started again on Mondays at 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Anybody wishing to join us will be very welcome. It is good exercise for your body and your mind and is a fun way to keep fit. No partner or previous experience required, just a soft pair of shoes and enthusiasm.

I have been doing Scottish country dancing since a young child and I qualified as a RSCDS teacher in St Andrews in 2018. I started the class in Wolverton in 2016 and since we have had a long break due to Covid-19 this would be an ideal time for new people to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact me at
graham-lewis1@hotmail.co.uk.

Jane Lewis

LANGLEY NEWS

Whilst most of Langley's Christmas celebrations for adults had to be cancelled due to Covid-19, the welcome resurrection of the traditional children's Christmas Party took place with thanks to Sophie and Louise.

An 'open' marquee was used to satisfy current covid-19 requirements. Fortunately it was just about mild enough with the benefit of outdoor heaters. Sustained by biscuits and juice, the eleven children made decorations for the Langley Christmas tree, challenged each other to throw bells in to buckets and warmed up no end with musical chairs (no injuries reported).

A surprise to all was the appearance of Father (Jonathan) Christmas who had a small gift for each one. Taking bookings for next year, that is the party not Father Christmas!

Brian Keefe

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Norton Lindsey Gannaway Stables	Feb 14	13:45 to 14:00
Norton Lindsey The New Inn	Feb 14	14:10 to 14:40
Langley Spring Lane	Feb 8	09:20 to 09:45



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The CCLT Annual General meeting will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 6pm by Zoom. Members of the Land Trust registered on December 31, 2021 and who wish to join the meeting should telephone 01926842068 or send an email to contact@clavclt.org confirming attendance and they will be sent joining instructions.

The last three months has been a busy time for CCLT Board of unpaid volunteers. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities under Minister Michael Gove identified CCLT as a suitable organisation to receive government funding to obtain an economic planning permission for affordable homes in Claverdon parish. The first planned development is at Curlieu Lane, Gannaway near Norton Lindsey and will comprise two and three bed single storey homes. CCLT application for this site was refused by the SoADC Planning Committee, but CCLT was encouraged by the Committee members to resubmit the scheme when various incomplete items had been ironed out.

The scheme will be for families/individuals named in the CCLT eligibility criteria that was developed by Dec Sharp in 2017. This allows any family with a local connection to Claverdon parish or any of the surrounding parishes of Norton Lindsey, Wolverton, Langley, Preston Bagot and parts of Hatton, Rowington and Shrewley and whose housing needs are not currently being met to apply.

The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has asked CCLT to ascertain the level of interest in these parishes for affordable housing.

The Government defines affordable housing in 4 specific ways:

1. Affordable housing for rent
2. Starter homes
3. Affordable to buy outright (Discount market sales housing) and
4. Other affordable routes to home ownership such as shared ownership.

Discounted market sales housing is defined as housing that is sold at a discount of at least 20% below local market value. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Provisions would be put in place to ensure the housing remains at a discount for future eligible households.

CCLT are asking for expressions of interest from families/individuals with a local connection to Claverdon and the surrounding parishes. Families should email contact@clavclt.org , telephone 01926 842 068, to get a paper form sent to them. Alternatively you can go on www.clavclt.org and complete the form online.

Board
Claverdon Community Land Trust

TARANTARA CONCERT 5 MARCH

Regrettably we have made the decision to postpone the concert until October due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

I will let you know further details once we have confirmed date.

Regards
Anne and Richard Cooke

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RECIPE – BLACKCURRANT MERINGUE PIE

Ingredients

225g short crust pastry

For the filling

750g blackcurrants

170g caster sugar

60g cornflour

55g butter diced

3 medium egg yolks

For the meringue

3 medium egg whites

170g caster sugar

20cm flan tin with removable base



Method

For the pastry

- Roll out pastry and line the tin with it. Prick pastry with a fork.
- Chill for 30 mins. Heat oven to 190C.
- Bake the pastry for 15 mins until it has become dry.
- Remove from the oven and reduce the temperature to 150C.

For the filling

- Put the blackcurrants in a pan with 3 tbs of water. Cover and set over a medium-low heat. When the currants begin to release some juice, simmer for 20 mins.
- Push through a sieve and measure about 450ml of blackcurrant puree.
- Place sugar and cornflour in a pan. Slowly stir in the blackcurrant puree so that it forms a paste.
- Set over a medium heat and stir continuously for 5 mins until the mixture is thick and translucent.
- Remove from the heat and beat in the butter, followed by egg yolks.
- Spoon the mixture into the pastry case.

For the meringue

- Whisk egg whites until they form peaks.
- Add 85g of caster sugar and continue to whisk until it forms peaks.
- Spread over tart so that it touches pastry rim.
- Return pie to the oven and bake for 30 mins. The curd becomes firmer as it cools.

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As the new chair of the Norton Lindsey Village Hall, it's been a fascinating first month, discovering all the many groups that are already enjoying the facility. One of our committee members has shared her experience below:-

Last year I decided I needed to get fit (well at least a bit fitter than I was!). Taking a quick look at what was on offer it was brilliant to see that right here in the village, in our newly refurbished hall, was a selection of clubs and classes tempting me to try something new. Tai Chi, Pilates, Boxercise, Karate ... hard to know where to start, but start I did, and on a beautiful autumnal evening I found myself making my way through the open doors and into the arms of the Strictly Jitterbug Dance Classes.

Having decided to attempt the six week Jive Stroll taster course, I checked out in advance just what I was in for, it looked pretty simple and I mean, how hard could it be, even an old codger like me could totter around to some rocking tunes. Easy. Expertly guided by the characterful Alistair, we took our places on the floor, the music started and the feet kicked into life – and so did the health drive! What a fantastic way to get some exercise whilst having a great time. The combination of music, floor patterns and dance steps, simplistic though they may look, turned out to be a real challenge for mind and body alike and within the first few tracks I was smiling, sweating and singing along (often to the detriment of my dance moves!).

It was a great way to get this old body moving again, meet new people, engage the brain and lift the spirits. If you're unsure, sign up and give it a go. Guaranteed to put a smile on your face and, if you really get hooked, stay for the full session and jive the night away with the real pros.

We would love to see more of our community really take advantage of our hall by having more regular weekly activities, together with one off events. If you know of any groups who might be interested, we'd love to show them around, so ask them to check out the Village Hall web page and send us a message via the contact's page.

The hall is for everyone in the village so all ideas are welcome.

Catharine Lloyd

Chair of Trustees and Playing Fields CIO

CRICKET CLUB

At the Club AGM, scheduled for Friday 18 February, members are expected to endorse Matt Edwards as the new 1st XI captain, following Dan Fell standing down as the previous captain.

Last year's captains for the 2nd XI (Steve Bliwert) and 3rd XI (Martin Hall) are offering themselves for re-election at the AGM.

Winter is still here but the sight of cricket is getting ever closer and the Cricket Club has confirmed their indoor winter nets ahead of the 2022 season. The location is Tile Hill School in Coventry, with two nets and custom LED lighting to help facilitate indoor cricket.

New players are welcome to come along, whether that is for trying the sport for the first time or a seasoned player looking for a new challenge.

Dates are:-

Sunday 6 March 9.15 – 10.45
Sunday 13 March 9.15 – 10.45
Sunday 20 March 9.15 – 10.45
Sunday 27 March 9.15 – 10.45

Sessions are £5 per session or £15 for all 4 sessions if paid in full by 5 March.

Location:

Finham Park 2
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If you are new to the club and interested in coming along to practice, please contact Matt Edwards on 07794 583315 or by email at mtedwards90@hotmail.com.

Martin Neale

NORTON LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council met, virtually, on Wednesday, 19 January.

The Clerk reported that after extensive investigations the Parish Council has now moved to on-line banking. This is a free service with our bank and will save both time and costs.

Under Planning, the Clerk reported that appeals against the planning decisions have been placed for the Brick Kiln affordable houses project and for an orangery application at The Stables, Main Street.

A resident has notified us that the Stanks Horse trough, which is on Common Land at the junction of Canada Lane/Snitterfield Lane, is blocked and difficult to unblock. When the weather is better we will look to resolve the issue. Given that the trough is on Common Land there is no one we can turn to for funding for regular maintenance.

The budget and precept for 2022/23 was discussed and agreed. The precept will remain at its current level of £10,000. We also discussed the allocation of grant funds to local groups and organisations for 2021/22. The applicants will be informed of the detail in due course. Please note that we have decided to allow for a second round of **applications for grants with a deadline of 31 January**. Please go to our website for further information and to obtain an application form if you wish to apply.

Our Jubilee work is continuing. We are investigating prices and putting more flesh around the ideas proposed.

WDC Cllr. Matecki reported that Stratford-on-Avon (SoA) DC and Warwick (W)DC voted to merge to form South Warwickshire DC and a letter has been sent to the Secretary of State for permission. They have 12 months to respond.

Cllr. Matecki also reminded us that there are grants available, from the WCC to the community, especially for the hospitality and leisure industries affected by Covid-19.

Both SoA and WDCs have jointly published the results of their Call for Sites (for building on) in the draft local plan. Those sites relevant to Norton Lindsey are: the Wines Field off Curlieu Lane, the field(s) behind Spears charity, land off Brittons Lane and the land opposite Blacon track on Wolverton Road. The call for sites is simply a long list of the 555 sites that have been submitted to SoA and WDCs for consideration through the South Warwickshire Local Plan process. Publication of the Call for Sites is in not an endorsement, by either councils, that the site is either suitable for development or will go into the plan. More information about the plan can be found at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk.

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.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 7.45pm in the Church Room.

DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISING

Dear Residents,

We are currently raising money for a second defibrillator to be located at Wolverton Primary School. The device will be fully automated and suitable for use on both adults and children. Wolverton School is the ideal location for this device, due to the large number of children on site. The device will be registered with the ambulance service and available for use locally during school hours. The defibrillators at Norton Lindsey and Wolverton Village Halls are both accessible 24/7.

If anyone would like to make a small contribution towards the defibrillator please could cash or a cheque be delivered to Jane Thirlaway at Wolverton School Office (Monday-Thursday) in an envelope marked 'WOLVERTON SCHOOL DEFIBRILLATOR'.

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Over the Christmas break County Council officers have been working on the budget for next year. The Government provided some funding from the tax they raise, and this is called the local government finance settlement and this year was £156m. This figure is added to the projected council tax to fund the council's services. Warwickshire is a Tier 1 council and is permitted to raise council tax by up to 2% for the general precept and up to 3% as an adult social care levy before needing to hold a referendum. Although a decision won't be made until the Council meets on 8 February, my belief is that the Council will only raise taxes by 2% for general precept and 2% for adult social care causing a loss of £21m which will be met from reserves. This loss, however, relies on various departments making savings and may be much larger if inflation kicks in.

I have asked the Chief Fire Officer to extend the free road safety check for cars service that was implemented at Bedworth Fire Station to Henley in Arden Fire Station next year.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue has just had an inspection by the Police and Fire Services Inspectorate and was rated as requiring improvement in three areas,

1. keeping people safe from fire and other risks,
2. efficiency in doing this and
3. how well we look after our own staff. The service has responded by committing to increase its "safe and well" visits to residents' homes, improving inspections of factories and other commercial premises and reviewing personnel policies.

There are a couple of scams worth mentioning. The first is when an individual's email has been hacked and "they" send an email to their contacts list asking for the recipient to send a small amount of money to a named store (link provided) on behalf of the sender to fund a present

for a relative, as the sender can't do it due to travelling or some other inconvenience. There is of course the promise to pay the money back when the "sender" returns home. Needless to say the money disappears. The other is a bogus email from the recipient's bank saying they are changing some procedures and require the account holder to click a link and fill out personal information. This data is then used to raid the bank account and withdraw all the money.

John Horner

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BACK UP FOR THE EDITOR

To the residents of Norton Lindsey, Wolverton and Langley

Your Parish Magazine requires a 'substitute' editor to cover during times when I am not available to produce the magazine.

The task requires coordination of articles from the regular and adhoc contributors. You will need to keep track of the advertisers at certain times of the year. If you know how to use MS Word, then that's perfect for the role.

You will need a bit of free time to spare to produce the parish magazine, usually a few days in the 3rd week of a month. Full training will be given!

It would be great to have some back-up help with the magazine as I fear if I am not available to produce it, it may not get produced in that month. If you are interested, please email me on Karin.elmhirst@icloud.com.

Thanks

Karin

The last ramble of 2021 was held on Tuesday 28 December which is always the date for our usual post Christmas walk and gives members an opportunity to get some good exercise after the festivities season. This year we started from The Castle Inn at Edgehill where we had 26 walkers on a slightly overcast but dry day.

After leaving the pub car park we headed in a south easterly direction and on the top of the ridge. We then climbed the Jacobs Ladder staircase out of the woods and over the road and down into the village of Ratley where we continued east and over the fields towards Warmington. Here we had long distance views going north along the M40 and over towards The Burton Dassett Hills and beyond. After skirting Warmington village we then headed south west and along various tracks and through woods where we stopped for refreshments before then heading south and onto the village of Hornton which puts its name to the brown ironstone which has been and continues to be used extensively with great effect in the housebuilding industry. Here we changed direction north and up some steep hills and eventually back to Ratley. After walking past the church we had some very steep and muddy fields to negotiate before dropping back down into Edgehill and the Castle Inn where we all enjoyed some good food and drinks. The pub were excellent serving so many people together and with no fuss. The walk was 7.75 miles in length and although a bit wet and muddy in places, provided some stunning views.

The dates of the walks for the first half of 2022 are as follows.

- Saturday 5 February 2022
- Saturday 12 March 2022
- Saturday 9 April 2022
- May - no walk
- Saturday 11 June 2022

Details of each walk will be sent to all of those on my email list approximately 10 days before the above dates.



As always anyone wishing to join our group is more than welcome. We are dog friendly too. Just send me an email and I will include you on my list.

Regards

Graham Lewis

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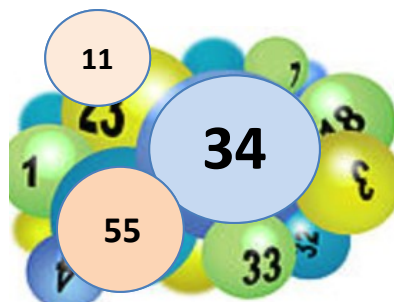
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NATURE NOTES FROM A SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE VILLAGE

Steve Harvey (a local window cleaner some of you may know) has kindly offered to put together some of his 'nature notes' for our interest.

On a clear frosty night, Orion twinkles as it rises in the south-east, two tawny owls call to each other near the cottage. I haven't heard that for a couple of weeks. If they've survived this far, the three owlets should be well able to look after themselves now. Across the field, a fox gives its four bark call. Mating season is well under way. Always like to have them near the cottage.

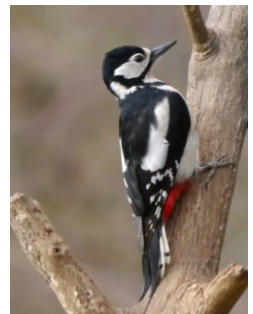
Now it's colder I regularly hear rats scurrying about after dark. They rarely give me any problems but with foxes about the numbers will probably be kept down a bit.

It's mid-January as I scribble this and around first light we now have a proper dawn chorus. Most people associate it with spring but it's off in January and gradually builds through to May.



Robins just keep singing, defending territories, now joined by wood pigeon, song thrush, mistle thrush (storm cock) and a blackbird, my favourite of all with its velvet tone. The singing contest doesn't really start until mid-February but I heard them in December, probably young males staking their claim. Maybe it's because it was a mild start to the winter. Even heard one singing loudly on a light in Sainsbury's car park (other supermarkets are available).

The other early bird is the greater spotted woodpecker. I hear them drumming in early February as a rule but they were drumming away in December. The drumming, often on a hollow branch especially selected for great acoustics, is their version of a song to stake their claim on territory. I often hear two males having a 'drum off'. Is it another sign of global warming - all this early action?



By 7.30am the jackdaws (my lot) arrive home. They leave here about dusk and I reckon they head off to a nearby wood to roast. They arrive back with their usual clatter, often zooming around the trees here with a real sense of

excitement before settling down. Always nice to see them home. I'm soon out there, often to be met by a couple of them looking down at me from the outhouse roof. They know the drill. I give the usual call and am soon joined by 30 to 40 jackdaws ready for breakfast. A group of female pheasants emerge from the bushes to join in. I've got 6 of them here at the moment.



Just a thought. In this cold weather the birds need water as much as food. If a bird bath is frozen then an empty tin filled with hot water soon melts the patch when stood on the ice.

Some snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are starting to push their way through and a pair of blue tits are already in and out of the nest box, casing the joint ahead of the game.

It seems to take forever but spring is only a few weeks away. Well that's what I'm telling myself!

Steve Harvey

THE NEW INN BOOK CLUB

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

The first meeting of 2022 will take place on Tuesday 1 February. The February book will be **The Late Train to Gipsy Hill**, by **Alan Johnson**, a political thriller!

The March book will be **The Midnight Library** by **Matt Haig**. Please look on The New Inn's website for further updates.



Informal discussions take place in The New Inn at Norton Lindsey on the **first Tuesday of the month** and start at 7.00 pm. 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.

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Meeting 12 January 2022 ‘Recycling with a difference’- Sue Drage

Recycling is a buzz word. Our speaker this month showed us how to not just stockpile materials for recycling but how to produce useful items from them. This talk had been postponed several times over the pandemic because it had to be a face-to-face meeting for us to appreciate all the examples of her work. It was encouraging that thirty members and three visitors attended despite the recent rise in Covid-19 cases.

Sue is clearly passionate about recycling and upcycling and has over many decades used such reclaimed materials to make a large range of useful and decorative items using crafting techniques.



We saw a range of her products. She knits with supermarket carrier bags (reduced to strands of yarn) and makes ingenious creations from old cds, food tins, ring pulls from cans, magazines and books. These become handbags, shopping bags, earrings, purses and necklaces – all with huge visual appeal as well as practical uses.

We enjoyed her presentation greatly – marvelling at her creativity and entertained by her amusing stories related to the products. She made us think about how much more use can be

made of apparently useless waste products.

Other Regular Activities

After a couple of months break, we are restarting our programme of monthly walks in late January. Meanwhile, our book club continues via Zoom.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 9 February 7.30 for 8pm

Matt Nixon – adventurer and well-being advocate (A change to the published programme)

He's undertaken a number of adventures including a 100 mile ice skate down a frozen lake in Outer Mongolia and believes that looking back on your positive memories and experiences you have had hold the power to boost your emotional wellbeing.

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The Norton Lindsey **Stilton Sniffers**

The Sniffers AGM may be in full swing as you read this article, with much planning for the coming year's activities!

Thank you all for your support over the last 2 years of my Chairmanship, it's been an interesting period with some significant ups and downs!

Highlights have included a golf day, a golf day replaced by a virtual balloon race, a virtual Lands End to John O Groats event, Norton Lindsey's Got Talent, some Carols in the pub, some virtual carols and working with the tractors of Littleworth, a race day, some cancelled events. We have made some significant donations to our favourite causes including The Shakespeare Hospice, Welcombe Hills School, Warwickshire Young Carers, Norton Lindsey Village Hall, Helping Hands, ILEAP, Graham Fulford Prostate Charity, Village Defibrillators, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and an art rehabilitation project in Leamington.

The next period will include celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee in conjunction with many other village organisations, some "parties", and whatever else our new Chair Danny (of New Inn fame) has been busy devising.

We will hopefully come out of this period stronger as a neighbourhood and continue to "do some good whilst having fun"!

Please follow/like us on facebook and look at our website for updates of events, or speak to Danny in the pub to find out what's next!

Best wishes

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The last month has been very much a mundane winter spell. Cattle feeding and bedding goes on as usual, but on Christmas morning, typically, the drains in the outside cattle yard were blocked after heavy overnight rain. There was about a foot of water in the middle, so we had to do some fishing to locate the outlets. It took about half an hour to clear, and then we were able to do the usual feeding etc, hopefully giving us the rest of the day to spend time with the family.

We had a couple of problems with the cattle which required a vet to visit us. Thank goodness their response is faster than the NHS. One cow had a persistent eye infection, and the other was a lame calf. Normally we only see the vet at TB testing as we can usually deal with most problems ourselves with medication supplied by the vet.

Talking of TB testing, by the time you read this we will have had another whole herd 6-month test, so we are hoping to be clear again to be able to sell last years calves in early February. The cows will then have a rest until they calve again beginning in the middle of March. The years roll round so quickly!

As it has been such a dull gloomy month, I thought you might like a story I saw in the farming press. A pig farmer, who was concerned about climate change, decided to develop a tractor which ran on pig power. It was initially very successful, but he had to abandon his invention because every time he turned a corner it squealed!

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CHURCH FLOWERS

	WOLVERTON	NORTON LINDSEY	LANGLEY
6 February			Mrs S Cohen
13 February		M/J Robins	
20 February			
27 February			
2 March		Mrs S Sayer	
6 March			Mrs S Cleverley

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Services are now being held in our churches. The details are below along with the sideman's duties.

HC: Holy Communion

6 February Langley Bearley	G	4 th Sunday before Lent 9.30 am 11.00 am	HC HC	Mr S Lever
13 February Norton Lindsey	G	3rd Sunday before Lent 11.00 am	HC	Mr N Burns
20 February Wolverton	G	2nd Sunday before Lent 11.00 am	HC	Miss R Livingston
27 February Snitterfield	G	Sunday next before Lent 11.00 am	HC	
2 March Norton Lindsey Bearley	V	Ash Wednesday 10.00 am 6.00 pm	HC Imp of Ashes	Mr R Freeston
6 March Langley Bearley	V	1 st Sunday of Lent 9.30 am 11.00 am	HC HC	Mr D Surman

All services will also be available via **Zoom**. To 'attend' these services contact Celia Spiers 07710 198009.

For the time being, it would be good to continue with social distancing and mask wearing where possible, so we would be grateful if you could be so kind and let Dorothy Mann (Wolverton), Marion Austin (Norton Lindsey) and John Cohen (Langley) know in advance if you wish to attend a service.