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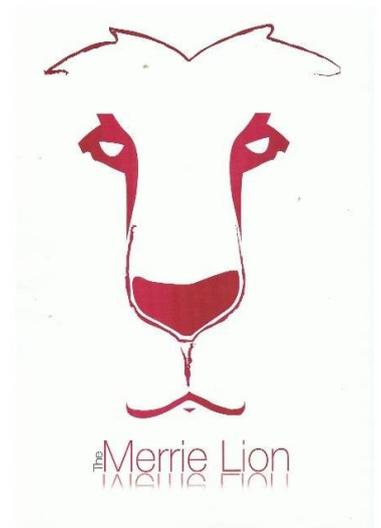


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Congratulations to the WI who celebrate their centenary this month. Caroline Fielder has kindly provided an article and some photographs. Roy Jenkins has also contributed an interesting article of a memorable School Fete day.

The green bins for garden waste will no longer be collected unless you have opted in and paid £40 in addition to your Council Tax and have received a permit to display on your bin. It has been noted that bonfires are discouraged. Once again the magazine is being produced as a PDF but, also, it will be sent to Clintplan for printing. Our volunteer distributors will deliver the magazine to you when they feel it is safe to do so.

Happy Easter - even though Covid-19 restrictions will not allow it to be celebrated in the 'normal' way for the second time. Let us hope the weather is kind over the holiday.

Keep safe and sane.

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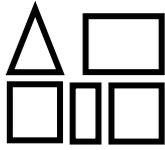
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AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Trevor Gill www.avondassettparishcouncil.com

Clerk: Helen Hide-Wright avondassett.clerk@googlemail.com

The Council meeting took place by videoconference on Monday 1st March and the meeting was recorded.

Parish Plan: A combined event is being planned to hold a market, the launch of the Parish Plan and a Village Social on Saturday 22nd May, at The Yew Tree. It is hoped that village organisations and businesses will be represented and that residents turn up to share their views on issues that are important to them and their families.

Fox hunting: A letter has been sent to the Masters of the Hunt requesting a change in arrangements for future hunt meetings within Avon Dassett.

Playground: Contractors from Wicksteed have completed the repairs to equipment.

St John's Churchyard: The electrical improvement works have been completed. To help to fund this work, a sale of name plaques on the steps has been launched. Anyone interested in sponsoring a step should contact the Clerk. The price for each plaque is £100.

Highways: The road on Church Hill has been repaired and the wall at the side of the graveyard has been rebuilt. Volunteers are being sought to help clear the leaves on the footpaths on Church Hill. Concern was expressed that the repairs to the road on Church Hill would not address the underlying drainage problem. It was agreed that contact would be made with Highways to understand the major work that was completed over a year ago and the drainage arrangements.

Footpaths: Following a survey of all stiles and bridges, those which are broken or appear to be in need of repair have been reported to the relevant landowners or their agents. Contact has also been made with the Fenny Compton Footpath Group to learn from their experience and establish a work programme. It is hoped that volunteers from the village will come forward to help with repairs.

Coronavirus Volunteer Group: The telephone contract for the helpline has been extended and will be reviewed each month and ended once it becomes unnecessary.

Post Office: The Post Office has returned to its previous opening hours; Mondays and Wednesdays 9:15am–10am.

Reading Room: The Reading Room remains closed.

War Memorial: Our pre-grant application has received a favourable response.

Projects and Grants: Our grant application for the Nature Reserve was unsuccessful.

Elections: The elections on Thursday 6th May will be held in The Yew Tree.

Next Meeting

Monday 12th April 2021

at 7:30pm

via videoconference

If restrictions are lifted the meeting will be held in The Reading Room

FARNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Peter Johnston www.farnboroughparishcouncil.co.uk

Clerk: Kirsty Buttle 01295 275 372 farnboroughhpc@outlook.com

The March meeting took place after *The Chronicle* went to press. There is no meeting in April.

FENNY COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Jon Dutton 771 174 fcpc.chair@gmail.com www.fennycompton-pc.gov.uk

Clerk: Lydia Cox 07789 822 180 fcpc.clerk@gmail.com

The last meeting took place on Monday 15th March 2021.

Speedwatch: A further seven volunteers for the Speedwatch initiative have come forward, thank you! We are now waiting for training dates to be confirmed.

Sports Field: The scorer's hut on the sports field will be taken down. It is no longer required by the Cricket Club, which dissolved several years ago. It has been broken into and constitutes a hazard.

Tree Works: The remaining tree works that were identified in the recent risk survey will be completed over the next few weeks.

Planning: 21/00537/TREE: Knotts Cottage, Bridge Street: T1 - leylandi - Fell, T2 - leylandi - Reduce to hedge height: No representation

21/00497/TREE: The Old Rectory, Church Street: T1 Yew: Fell: No representation

21/00381/TREE: 6 Cotters Croft: T1: - Bay: fell, T2: - Bay - crown reduction by 25%: No representation

21/00496/LBC: Old Toft , Bridge Street: Install solar panels to east elevation roof: No representation

Meetings: Meetings continue to be held virtually. The legislation which permits this is due to expire at the beginning of May but despite progress with vaccinations it is unlikely that it will be safe to return to physical meetings at this time. Please contact the Clerk for joining details if you would like to observe the meeting.

Parish Assembly: We normally hold a Parish Assembly in April; this will be scheduled later in the year when conditions allow.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021

at 7:45pm via Zoom

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HS2: There are suggestions that the road closure of the A425 at the Polo Ground will continue for a considerable period beyond the current proposed end date of June 2021. When the HS2 Acts were passed the plan for the A425 was to temporarily realign the road, but this idea was scrapped last year by HS2 at short notice causing significant disruption and anger in local businesses and residents. It seems that this disruption, originally for nine months, is now likely to be extended for some considerable period. I am, with the support of other Councillors, organising an urgent review with the MP.

Covid: The number of cases across the District has continued to fall back, so we have rates last seen at the beginning of October. As of 12th March, with a 3-day lag, the 7 day rate per 100,000 was 45.4 for Stratford district.

As at 4th March 2021 there have been 53,317 people vaccinated in the Stratford-on-Avon District Council area with at least one dose. Local data as follows:

	Number of people vaccinated with at least 1 dose				
	Under 65	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
Southam, Stockton & Napton	1,991	518	608	485	617
Feldon incl Priors & Fenny Compton	1,777	616	615	571	589

Elections: As per my report last month, County Council and Police & Crime Commissioner elections are due to go ahead on Thursday 6th May. The pandemic is a continuing and changing factor and there is still concern about the availability of sufficient temporary polling staff – I have a contact if anyone wants to volunteer. There will be a drive to increase postal voting to minimise the visits to polling stations. There will be an emergency ‘Covid proxy’ available on the day so positive Covid positive electors do not have to go to the polling station.

District Council Merger: Stratford and Warwick Districts are investigating the prospect of a merger. This is forecast to save £4.5m a year across both Councils and the Government has signalled a desire for bigger councils. There is already some joint working going on, particularly in planning policy, but a merger is a big step, and we need to make sure that local Government does not ‘move further away’ from the residents they serve. The ambition is that the merger is achieved by 2024. Between then and now there is much exploration of detail to be done, and after all that the Government could refuse the merger as proposed by the Councils. During the debate at the Council where it was decided to progress the idea of a merger, Councillors were keen to ensure that full public consultation is carried out when more information is available.

Budget: The District Council debated its budget on 22nd February. Local Government is expected to face considerable challenges in the next few years although central Government has yet to announce how much they will be providing, so financial planning is difficult. The Liberal Democrat opposition proposed an economic development officer to generate funding and also that money should be set aside for local community groups involved with climate change projects.

These proposals which would not have increased the level of Council Tax, were defeated. The level of Council Tax for all authorities is now known and is as follows:

	Property Band D equivalent	Increase for 2021/22
Stratford District Council	£149.12	3.47%
Warwickshire County Council	£1533.51	3.00%
Police and Crime Commissioner	£252.96	6.30%
Fenny Compton Parish Council	£72.89	5.6%
For interest, some of the other villages in our Council ward are as follows:		
Napton Parish Council	£83.78	2.0%
Priors Marston Parish Council	£65.79	-0.6%
Ladbroke Parish Council	£39.50	-0.3%

This means the total council tax for a band D property in Fenny Compton is £2,008.48. More information should be sent to households in a Council Tax booklet by the time you read this.

Nigel Rock

Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Ward nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

Having been delayed for 12 months these elections will now take place on Thursday 6th May 2021. To learn more about the elections, the role of the PCC and for the latest updates from OPCC see www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/ or @WarwickshirePCC

FARNBOROUGH CHURCH

The PCC would like to thank everyone who made such generous donations for Gift Day. The total amount raised was £4.365. Due to your support, we are delighted to announce that the church is financially secure for the coming year and that Reverend Nicki's licence has been extended for a further two years.

LOCAL ROADWORKS

Thursday 1st – Sunday 4th April: High Street, Fenny Compton - Roadworks, delays unlikely - Warwickshire County Council.

Thursday 1st – Friday 30th April: Leisure Drive/Banbury Road junction, Wormleighton - HS2 - Traffic control - three-way traffic lights.

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th April: The Lankett, Fenny Compton - Road Closure - Severn Trent Water

Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th April: Dasset Road, Avon Dasset - Road Closure - Severn Trent Water

Monday 19th - Tuesday 20th April: M40 J11-J12 Northbound Lane - Left Permanent Lane 2 Closed & Left Permanent Lane 3 Closed for maintenance - Highways England

To Friday 3rd September: Banbury Road, Burton Dasset - Traffic control multi-way signals - Warwickshire County Council



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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

I have just seen a beautiful rainbow and I am reminded of the story of Noah's Ark when God flooded the earth to destroy the corruption that filled the world. But when the waters receded God promised never again to judge the earth with a flood giving us the rainbow as the sign of this promise. As the rainbow fades and I pick up my newspaper to read the Government roadmap for lifting the lockdown, I wonder what the headline for Noah's flood would be today. Perhaps 'God Destroys World in Flood.' or 'God Gives Humans a Second Chance.'

Smiling I reflect on God's rainbow promise and thinking of the past year I am reminded that nowhere in the bible does God say, 'I will never send a storm again'. Nowhere does God promise

that life will be free of storms, trials, troubles, and difficulties. Most rainbows appear only after the storm has come and gone. God never promises a life free from pain and suffering. As the song says, he 'never promised us a rose garden' Or if he did, the roses have thorns. That is life - there is sun, laughter, and joy but there are also floods, storms, wars, famines, and Coronavirus.

Some have been saying this pandemic is a judgment from God. But I dispute that, as do many others. In the flood story three times God says, 'Never again!' I believe that God meant never again would he send a worldwide judgment, including the sinful and the innocent. The spread of the virus throughout the world is a result of our modern time, not a judgment from God. We are all connected as never before. That is why it is a pandemic.

Some people say 'God never gives us more than we can bear' I think it is more a case of 'God will walk through it all with us and at times when it overwhelms us, he will carry us' The human race cannot bear another worldwide flood but there will still be many storms along the way, tears aplenty, and much sadness. We are living through one such storm now. But if we look up, we will see God's rainbows, the sign and token of his love, here and there along the way, reminding us that the storms of life do not mean that things are out of control.

I believe that God uses every situation to encourage us to review our life, our situation and gives us a second chance, a chance to change. What difference will the pandemic and all we have been through make to us as individuals and to the world at large? There have been so many good things amongst the bad. Will we choose to change or go back to it all as it was before.

So what is the sensational media headline to our flood story, the pandemic – '*Pandemic Destroys World*' or '*World has a Second Chance*' Both are correct but I think I prefer the latter because that is what we all need. And for all who labour under heavy burdens and deep personal sorrows, look up and you will see the rainbow, the sign that God has not forgotten you.



Rev'd Nicki

EASTER SUNDAY

At 11am on Easter Sunday a socially distanced group service will be held at All Saints Church Burton Dassett with allocated seats. Limited seating available contact Reverend Nicki to book your seat. *Contact details are in The Directory.* Due to the pandemic the churches remain closed until May and all services are on Zoom. Go to www.dassettmagnagroup.com and click the link halfway down the page.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Warwickshire Roads Policing Team Update: Over 60 drivers have been prosecuted for using a mobile phone whilst driving. BikeSafe courses are booking up fast with one space available on Sunday 11th April, Sunday 9th May and Sunday 20th June, later dates are available. The Warwickshire Road Safety Education Team supports remote learning. New Course for Biker Down! More at t.co/eOupN5CQUz?amp=1.

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SATURDAY	3		
SUNDAY	4		
MONDAY	5		EASTER MONDAY
TUESDAY	6		
WEDNESDAY	7		
THURSDAY	8		
FRIDAY	9		
SATURDAY	10		
SUNDAY	11	9:00am-12:00pm 6:00pm	Fenny Compton Footpath Group - <i>see article</i> Songs of Praise via Zoom
MONDAY	12	7:30pm	Avon Dassett PC Meeting - Videoconference
TUESDAY	13		
WEDNESDAY	14		RECYCLING COLLECTION
THURSDAY	15		
FRIDAY	16		
SATURDAY	17		
SUNDAY	18		
MONDAY	19		SCHOOL SUMMER TERM STARTS
TUESDAY	20		
WEDNESDAY	21	7:45pm	Fenny Compton PC Meeting - Zoom
THURSDAY	22		
FRIDAY	23		ST GEORGE'S DAY
SATURDAY	24		
SUNDAY	25	6:00pm	Songs of Praise via Zoom
MONDAY	26		
TUESDAY	27		
WEDNESDAY	28		RECYCLING COLLECTION
MONDAY	29		
TUESDAY	30		

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Life of Bear – 'Going Green!'
By Emma Wilkinson of ArtDecaDance

Pages



Little Makes..
Build a toad house!

Toads consume 100 or more insects and slugs every day, so a toad house is great eco gardeners!

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Either lay a clay flower pot horizontally on the ground and bury the lower half in the soil to make is a toad cave.

Or, using a plastic container, cut an entryway into the plastic and place the container upside down onto the soil. Place a rock on top, or if the container is large enough, sink it down into the soil an inch or two (2.5 to 5 cm.) to keep it in place -Easy Peasy!

Some more creative ideas for
World Earth Day on
22nd April

- Build a wild bird nesting box for an environmentally friendly garden.
- Plant a butterfly garden.
- Go on a nature walk.
- Participate in a river clean-up with your parents.
- Set up a worm composting bin for kitchen waste.
- Decorating a rain barrel is a fun environmental project idea.



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How does a frog feel when he
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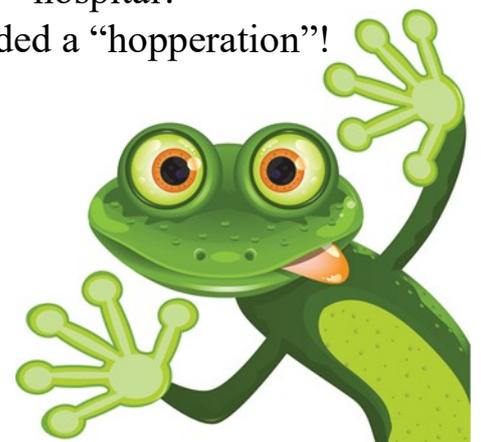
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FENNY COMPTON WI CENTENARY

As a member of Fenny Compton WI for 53 years, I have been asked to prepare this article to celebrate our Centenary.

The WI was formed on 22nd April 1921 with 27 inaugural members, a little over the number we have today. The President was Mrs Margaret Savile of The Lodge and the Secretary was Mrs Lily Smith of Rectory Farm. The Treasurer Mrs Mabel Cotterill was the mother-in-law of June Cotterill of whom more later.

In 1923 the intrepid members made an expedition to Birmingham by train seeing by chance the young Prince of Wales while shop gazing and then travelling to Bournville for a factory visit.

The 1930s produced a cricket team and the red checked tablecloths, only recently replaced. A marmalade cutter was purchased for members use and this must have come into its own during wartime when in 1941 1,020 pounds of jam and 97

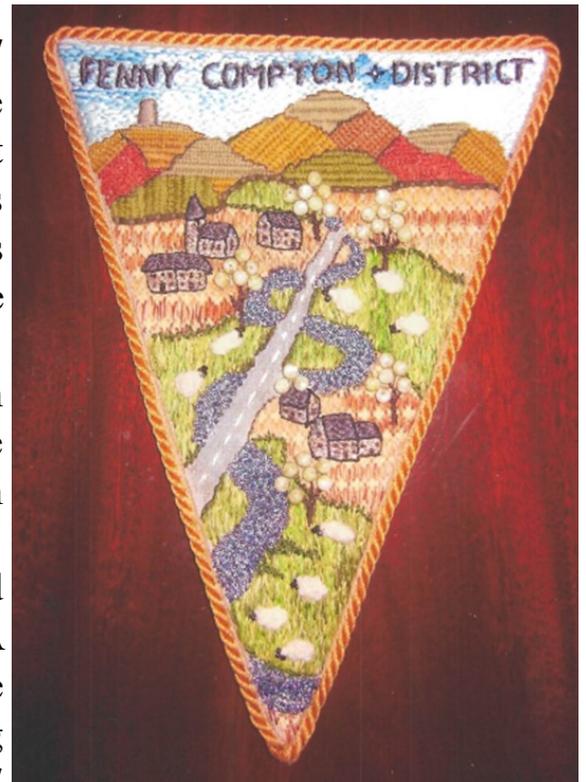
pounds of chutney were made in a four-week period. In 1942 members had to meet in the old Reading Room in Church Street as a Coventry school was evacuated to the Village Hall. In 1949 the choir won a County Competition and in 1951 Fenny Compton was awarded 'The Gayest Village' in Warwickshire in a competition organised as part of the Festival of Britain.

In 1954 we entered the Country Village Scrapbook competition, and this formed the basis of our ongoing record of the history of the village.

Now to my personal memories. I joined the WI in 1968 as a newcomer to the village and a very new mum. I was made most welcome and it is heart-warming to think that friends I had then I still have, even though many of those have since moved away. The following year we entered the County competition 'Trends and Traditions' and were placed 1st in the county for our exhibit on the theme of 'Romany Life'. Since then, we have entered other cookery and craft competitions with good results, and I have taken part in village concerts and pantomimes. Also, the Fenny Compton Olympics when, of course, 'Jerusalem' was played over the loudspeaker.

I was one of the original members of the Sports and Leisure Committee in the days of the Clarendon Square office and represented the Warwickshire Federation at Scrabble, tennis, badminton, table tennis and even enjoyed the odd game of rounders.

Most memorable were the years when I organised Bowls taster days at Victoria Park when I had to enlist help as the entries on one occasion reached 105. I also organised many table tennis tournaments in Fenny Compton Village Hall, having a very faithful group of other WIs, some who came quite a distance to support the event. My son was always ready to stand in if we had odd numbers, the lucky lady partner often



ending up in triumph. My daughter was our youngest member, joining at 14 and staying until her studies took precedence. Much of our photographic record can be attributed to my late husband, so for me it was quite a family affair.

In this millennium we are a happy and friendly group, taking in members from surrounding villages whose Institutes have sadly closed. New members are always welcome, and we try to maintain a high standard of talks and demonstrations as well as including social functions and outings in our programme.

I was fortunate to accompany Ethel Birkbeck to the National Centenary celebrations at



The Royal Albert Hall. We decided to go dressed as Edwardian ladies. I made my costume and Ethel hired hers. We attracted a lot of interest and were captured on ITV news. It was a very happy and memorable day for us both.

We are proud of the pennant we made for the Warwickshire Federation Centenary. We have an active Craft Group who meet to sew, knit, or crochet and enjoy a coffee and a chat. They

have made numerous items for the homeless and enjoyed knitting poppies for our local church to commemorate 100 years since the First World War.

We are now busy planning an entry for the Huxley Cup Competition of a garden in the heart of Fenny Compton as a permanent celebration of our 100 years.

Caroline Fielder

GAYEST VILLAGE TITLE

The Warwickshire WI organized a competition to find the 'Gayest Village' as part of the Festival of Britain in 1951. An extract from the Leamington Courier report is below:

'...Here was something women could do. Not only were they active themselves, but they persuaded their menfolk to put into their gardening that 'little extra' which would make the difference.

Roadside rubbish dumps were cleared up; piles of disfiguring litter which had remained untouched for years were collected and soon every garden seemed to have its bonfire – all in the cause of the gay village.

Even this was not enough. The County Council roadman fell ill, and roads and paths stayed unswept; the grass on the verges was uncut. Into the breach stepped the women, and, after their household duties were completed, they put on their oldest clothes and went outside into the highways and byways to garnish and tidy, as earlier they had done in their houses. The proverbial new pin began to look rusty by the side of their efforts.

Cows Join the Campaign

Farmers bringing their cows from field to byre found they were being met with frowns of displeasure when the animals walked, as had always been their practice, on the softer verges. It was this desire for absolute cleanliness and native pride that led one farmer, Mr E G Cotterill, to train his Friesians to walk on the road.....'



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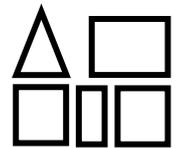
Although The Yew Tree remains closed we look forward to its reopening for outdoor drinks and food from Monday 12th April. Until then takeaways will be available on Fridays and Sunday lunchtimes; menus are available on the website but please note that pre-booking is essential.

Other activities, such as the Pub Quiz, the Walking Group and the Bridge Club continue to be suspended but the plan is to relaunch the Quiz, outdoors, on Sunday 2nd May. The Bridge Club will also be able to begin meeting again in May, as soon as the pub can accommodate customers indoors. We hope that the Walking Group can resume on 20th May, the third Thursday, as it did each month before lockdown.

Our year end passed at the end of February and we managed to remain solvent despite a significant drop in income due to the national lockdown. We approach the coming year committed to helping Jack to build his business and hopeful that we can consolidate our financial position while repaying debt and building our reserves. We continue to sell shares to new investors and shares continue to be available; details on the website, address above.

ABACUS

We have remained open during the latest lockdown and we would like to thank all the parents for their understanding of the changes we have had to make to keep all the staff and children safe. We have been busy making Mother's Day cards, and the children have told us why their mums are special. We have a lovely display of the pictures of daffodils and primroses that have been painted.



We are looking forward to Easter but unfortunately, we will not be able to have our Easter Bonnet parade. There are lots of signs of spring coming and hopefully we will be able to spend more time outside when it gets warmer.

We have various funding options for children, please ring for a chat if you need more information. Please register your child for a place, even if they are not old enough yet, it helps us plan for the future. We look forward to hearing from you.

FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Treasure Hunt: Due to the restrictions which are still in place, we have decided to move the date for the Treasure Hunt from Easter to the Late May Bank Holiday, the actual date and time to be arranged. We will then hope to be able to hold afternoon tea afterwards in the Village Hall, but again it will depend on the situation at the time.

Please contact either Anna on 690 723 or Pam on 690 170 to register and for further details.

Afternoon Teas: The Committee is looking into the possibility of opening the Hall for teas after this date until the end of September, but again it all depends on the current position.

LOCKDOWN SCOUTING

As we come to the end (hopefully) of this challenging period of lockdown scouting, we ask Wilfred, Margot and Barney to reflect ...

We are Wilfred (age 11, Scout), Margot (age 10, Cub) and Barney (age 7, Beaver) and we are lucky enough to be part of Fenny Compton Scout Group.

Very soon after the Prime Minister told us to stay at home in 2020, our Leaders started to provide some virtual sessions.

Since then, across the three sections, we have been part of so much remote Scouting! There have been fact-based sessions about first aid, space, animal care, gardening, and lots of quizzes. Margot has even had the opportunity to lead a Cubs evening about Chinese New Year.

We have also enjoyed loads of fun practical activities; crafting, scavenger hunts, loads of silly games and our favourite: cooking!

We have been amazed at how many ways the Leaders have thought of to help us work towards badges and have fun together. None of us will ever forget real life 'Guess Who' in Beavers!

All three of us have really valued the opportunity to see friends on screen and been able to enjoy their company virtually, especially when we could not see them at school or at each other's houses.

Without a doubt our favourite virtual Scouting over the last year has been the camps! We loved making camp sites together and camping overnight in the garden (or the house!). We had loads of campfires and even tried campfire songs, which did not always work well over Zoom! We liked the fact that we could take part in each other's camps and spend time together in Scouting. During one camp Wilfred taught Barney and Margot how to make bread dampers and basic Scout knots. We also worked as a team to cook meals for our parents and complete camp challenges like climbing Mount Kilimanjaro up the stairs!

Our parents have also really enjoyed being involved; Mum has been bandaged for first aid sessions more times than she cares to remember, and Wilfred and our Dad spent a very long time trying to get out of the Scout escape room one evening in January!

Although virtual Scouting has been really fun, we are looking forward to getting back to real life meetings. Barney cannot wait to go on a real camp, and we all miss hikes and outdoor activities. Most of all we cannot wait to see our friends and leaders again!

CARERS4CARERS

Carers4Carers is a self-help support group for carers living in Kinton, surrounding villages and rural areas. Membership is free and we offer a monthly newsletter and friendly telephone support. The virtual coffee morning is now accessible by phone to those without internet access. New and existing members are always welcome. Look out for joining instructions in our monthly email or contact the number below.

Do take a look at our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or call Gillian on 07947 893 504.

FENNY BOWLS CLUB

Firstly, a little history behind the Club. It was formed in 1937 and the green laid by prospective members. The green was opened on Coronation Day in 1937. It was disbanded during the war but re-opened in 1946 when ladies were permitted to join for the first time.

In 1949 Fenny Compton was amongst the founding members of the Kinton & District league, in which we still compete. We are amongst the smallest Clubs in the league but in the 2019 season still finished second which was an excellent achievement.



As well as the league, we also play inter-club friendlies and hold internal competitions for members in addition to our weekly social playing nights. The season runs from end of April to early September and is usually very busy fulfilling all our fixtures. At the time of writing there is still some uncertainty around how the new season will pan out, but the good news is that we will be open and playing at the end of April or early May. We will be arranging an open day for those who would like to have a go and hopefully sign up as a member. Look out for updates on the village social media sites for details.

FENNY IN FLOWER & OPEN GARDENS 2021

We are pleased to say that the Open Gardens will go ahead this year, although on a slightly smaller scale than in previous years. The date: Saturday 17th July only - yes folks, we have trimmed it down to a one-day event and though we will have fewer gardens open we will be adding various other activities, yet to be confirmed. There will be the usual delicious tea, cake, and other refreshments available from the Village Hall and our popular plant stall. You can follow us on Instagram - @fennyinflower for updates and some great pictures, and, also, find us on FaceBook - @fennyinflower



FENNY IN FLOWER SCARECROW TRAIL

Everyone can join in the Scarecrow Trail through the village; anything you like as long as there is some sort of flower theme. Scarecrows can go on display anytime during the week before the main event on Saturday 17th July, and the bigger and brighter the better.

RURAL CINEMA

As mentioned in March's *Chronicle* the expected films on DVD are now available. If there is enough interest, I will request a pack, details below. There is no charge for the DVDs but once viewed they will need to be passed/posted to the next person on the list. There will also be a forum/comments book so that viewers can discuss the films. Priority will be given to those on the email list. Email cinema@fcvh.org.uk

The latest pack of films contains: The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared, The Kite Runner, A Man Called Ove & The Red Balloon. For those online, there is a dedicated website www.lockbusters.uk for viewing the film trailers and leaving thoughts/feedback about each of the films in the pack.

FENNY COMPTON FLY PAST

When I was a School Governor at Fenny Compton School, I was asked by the Headmaster Bill Stubbings at one of the meetings if I had any ideas for the Fete being held in the School playing field, in a fortnights time I replied, 'Not now Bill but I will certainly think about it'. After few days it suddenly occurred to me that the Royal Show was taking place on the same day as the Fete and every year the Goodyear Airship always paid a visit. This year being no different to the rest, I assumed it would be visiting again.

Knowing its route to the showground as it always followed the same flightpath close to where the M40 Motorway lies, it crossed my mind that it would not be too difficult to divert it off course so it could fly over Fenny Compton Fete on the day. So, I had the cheek to ask the Goodyear Representative the next time he visited me, to ask the powers that be if that would be possible for the Airship to be diverted over Fenny Compton Fete at the School. The outcome to my request was surprising, not only would Goodyear divert the Airship, but they would also supply me with plastic blow-up models to sell on the day for a charity of my choice.

I could not wait to give the good news to Bill Stubbings who thought that would be marvellous. He suggested we should keep it secret until the actual day.

On returning to work a few days later, I had a visit from the Michelin representative, so I just had to tell him, of what I had done. I suppose I was bragging a bit. 'Well done' said the Michelin representative 'a big feather in your cap'. In the next breath he was offering the loan of the suit of The Michelin Man for the Fete which I really could not refuse.

Soon it was the big day, the day of the Fete, so getting all my family's help to put up a stall and then to hide the model airships, as we did not want to sell any before arrival of the Airship. The next thing was to get my son Graham fitted inside the Michelin Man suit, so he could go and mingle among the crowd. All the children got so excited to see this little balloon of a man walking among them and shaking hands with everyone; they followed Michelin Man everywhere he went.

Now the Fete was in full swing, loud music, and everybody enjoying themselves, but they had not a clue as to what was about to happen in the sky above them.

Goodyear had given me an estimated time of arrival so when the Airship came into view, I was to rush up to Bill Stabbings and tell him to turn the music off and make the surprise announcement that the famous Goodyear Airship was going to fly right over their heads approaching from the west!

We did not have long to wait, right on time the Airship came sailing over the Dasset hills. It was very low in the sky and with its engines roaring it sailed right over the School playing field, so low you could see the pilots; it was spectacular! After clearing the field this silver giant silver bird slowly started to climb and regained its height and went on its way. Everybody started clapping and waving it goodbye.

It was then we started selling the blow-up model airships. They went like hot cakes and were all sold out within half an hour. A very big thank you was given by one and all.

Roy W Jenkins

CAIRN AT MID-ENGLAND BARROW

The monument at Mid-England Barrow to remember those lost to Covid-19 was completed mid-March. It was the idea of Richard & Sarah Beeby who own the Mid-England Barrow. The cairn was built from stone dug from the ground around the farm, and Kevin Short from Fenny Compton created the plaques.



The three smaller plaques show the three surrounding villages: Farnborough, Fenny Compton and Claydon, then Warwickshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire, followed by the world.

If you want to remember someone lost or see what has been created in memory, then due to Covid restrictions, please contact to arrange a visit. Call 07791 807 970, or see the website www.mid-englandbarrow.co.uk/contact

Changing Seasons - a Sonnet

Maggie Campbell

From a tiny, wriggling eating machine
To a free-flying butterfly vision;
From a squirming black comma in a pool unseen
To a leaping green frog - all is transition.
These are miracles indeed, that occur each Spring,
Changes that make us aware
That the longer light nights and the sunlight bring
New life after Winter so cold and so bare.
Shoots emerge with daffodils golden on view,
Promising Summer's maturity to follow,
With voluptuous Autumn's bounty then due,
Though Winter will return one distant tomorrow.
In this circle of life, let us try to remember
To appreciate every change from March to December.

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Despite the schools returning, you will be well aware of the threat the Pandemic still poses and for that reason we remain primarily a telephone triage system at present, inviting those deemed necessary to come to the Surgery along with instructions to minimise risk if required to do so.

The Surgery is excited to announce we will be getting an updated new phone system at the end of March which will help streamline the call system and allow options to direct your call to the appropriate team member. The phone should also be able to tell you where you are in any call queue and allow the Surgery to be able to adapt over time to maximise call efficacy.

The staff in the surgery continue to amaze and go above and beyond to provide the great level of care under these extreme circumstances. To that end we remain ever grateful to your patience and understanding when using the service and recognising the multitude of challenges facing general practice and health care as a whole.

Remember, we are still here and offering appointments even though they may be via phone call or video calls and have been impressed with the ability of the patients to keep up to date (better than some of the staff) with technology to aid consultations.

As the daffodils are out and the lambs are playing in the field outside my window, make sure to take some time for yourselves to enjoy the coming spring. Lockdown has been a long process and has affecting our health and wellbeing. Some time spend outdoors, a call to a loved one or a friendly socially distanced wave (smiles are a bit more challenging behind the face masks) can help give you and someone else a lift and improve some of the mental hardships we are all facing.

Dr Sharples & Dr Marshall

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations on Friday 23rd April 2021 will go digital. For up-to-date information see the website www.shakespearescelebrations.com/



LOCKDOWN RULES

The rules of lockdown seem to keep changing and it can be difficult to remember what is permitted. The team thought it would be useful to include this handy guide. However, the Government still might change the rules depending on scientific advice.

Monday April 12th is the next milestone in the easing of restrictions and you will have noted from their adverts in this magazine our local hostelrys will be re-opening but only for outdoor service. Let us hope that the weather will be kind over the next few months.

STEP 1

8 March

29 March

EDUCATION

8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

SOCIAL CONTACT

8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

STEP 3

No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

EVENTS

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)

STEP 4

No earlier than 21 June

At least 5 weeks after Step 3

All subject to review

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- No legal limit

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

EVENTS

- No legal limit on life events
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