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This is our second edition published as a PDF. Producing this has been interesting with, once again, a good mix of items. Keep them coming in for the next edition. I approached Redwings Oxhill as I was concerned that, like all charities, they are taking a hefty hit to their finances and cannot stop feeding the horses they look after. They sent an interesting article and photo.

We are shopping differently these days; goodness knows how we would manage without the Internet. I get ridiculously excited when a delivery arrives. We offered a free ad to those local businesses who have been delivering to the villages and four took up the offer. Caroline Fielder has written an article - Delivering Memories. A good read.

If you know someone who is not on-line who would like to read the magazine, it would be kind of you to offer to print off a copy for them.

Keep safe and sane.

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Friday 12th June 2020

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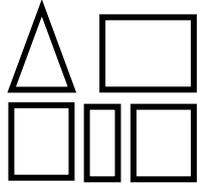
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AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Trevor Gill www.avondassettparishcouncil.com

Clerk: Helen Hide-Wright avondassettparishcouncil@gmail.com

Meetings: The rearranged April meeting took place by videoconference on 28th April. Members of the public and councillors were in attendance.

It was reported that the Annual Meetings had been cancelled in line with Government policy.

VE Day: VE Day was celebrated with bunting festooned throughout the village, a 1940s singalong, broadcast online and from the centre of the village. There was a great turnout for the 'picnic in your own garden' event and there was a real sense of community spirit. A special edition of a war time themed newspaper was published and circulated within the village courtesy of The Local History group. The paper contained WWII articles with connections to the village or local residents. Thanks to all who made the effort to participate and make the day so memorable.

Green Areas: The contractor for the maintenance has started work again.

Housing Needs Survey: The Housing Needs Survey was accepted by the Parish Council and will now feed into the revision of the Parish Plan.

Next Meeting
Monday 1st June 2020
at 7:30pm
by videoconference

FARNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Peter Johnston www.farnboroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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

Zoom: The May meeting was held by Zoom. It is not an ideal media to conduct these meetings as some residents and Councillors do not have the benefit of good broadband.

Village Spirit: The Chairman applauded the residents' support throughout the village in offering assistance to those in need and isolation in the collection of groceries and medication supplies. The Village What'sApp facility was proving useful.

VE Day: The Village Celebrations were well supported with householders sitting outside their homes having what could only be described as a 'Social Distancing No Guests Picnic'.

Street Lighting: A slight delay in these uncertain times has been experienced and we are hopeful that our programme of street light replacements will commence in conjunction with WCC Street Lighting next month.

Roadside Planting/Grass Cutting: Areas designated for improvement have been completed and Chairman and Vice Chairman are to discuss concerns regarding general grass cutting maintenance with our contractor.

Social Housing: With the postponement of the planned SDC presentation on this

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important initiative we await advices from SDC when they are available to present to the Parish Council and residents.

See the village website for full details of this meeting

Next Meeting
Monday 27th July 2020
at 7:30pm

Via Zoom or in The Village Hall

FENNY COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Clerk: Lydia Cox fcpc.clerk@gmail.com

New Clerk: We have appointed a new clerk, Lydia Cox who will be taking over from Ian Wilson from 1st June. Welcome Lydia!

Councillor Resignation: Sadly, Ian Hartwell has resigned as a Parish Councillor. Ian has done some sterling work for us over the years, especially on the sports field and playground, and he will be missed. Notices will be posted on the village noticeboards shortly detailing how the vacancy will be filled.

Repairs: There has been little progress on a number of issues such as repairing street-lights, filling potholes and progressing flood prevention work due to the restrictions on social distancing.

Playground: Although the government has recently announced some easing of these restrictions, the playground remains closed. The latest government advice is on the website www.gov.uk

Annual Review: In the absence of an Annual Parish Meeting this year we have compiled a set of annual reports from various village organisations; this is available on our website above. This also includes contact details for all the groups if you would like to get involved.

Next Meeting
Monday 15th June 2020
at 7:30pm
Via Zoom

FENNY COMPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Phishing Scam Reporting: The National Cyber Security Centre has announced the launch of a central email address which can be used to report phishing email scams. Phishing emails sent by scammers will typically contain links to scam websites or virus laden attachments. Following links in suspicious emails or opening or downloading attachments may increase the recipient's exposure to malicious websites, computer viruses, spamware and ransomware. Report/forward phishing email scams to report@phishing.gov.uk

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NAPTON AND FENNY COMPTON WARD STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

It will come as no surprise that my report focuses on Coronavirus.

There has been an increase in fly tipping during the Crisis and whilst it is definitely no excuse, it is a fact that the household waste recycling centres have been closed. I and my colleagues have been putting pressure on the County Council to reopen them. From 18th May these reopened at Wellesbourne, Leamington and Rugby, but not Stockton. Appointments will be required to use them, to manage social distancing, book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc.

Councillors and senior staff have been communicating continuously by video conference in the absence of office working, with nearly everyone working from home. It has been a very busy period for all of us with fallout from the pandemic as some individuals have been badly affected.

Although some Parishes, including ones here, have held meetings by video conferencing, the District Council has yet to do so, but now plans a formal video Council Meeting for 27th May. As the District has regulatory powers and there have been security problems elsewhere in the country, some caution is required, but I wanted to see progress on this, especially on Planning Committees, which has been an area of difficulty since the lockdown. The first video conferenced Planning meeting is expected for 6th June.

Just like the rest of the country, tragically there have been deaths in the District, at least 65. It has proved difficult getting infection data for the District, but I have now been supplied with figures showing that 350 Covid19 cases have been recorded up to 12th May. The daily reported cases fluctuate but the averaged out the pattern of these peaked around 21st April at 12 infections a day falling to two a day by 12th May. As far as I can see these must be minimum figures that get reported, but they do show a pattern. Good progress - let us hope that everyone continues to behave responsibly, as in this locality people have done, and that the numbers do not rise again.

Recovery: Covid19 has caused enormous upheaval to local government and our local communities in Stratford-on-Avon District. Many businesses have closed. Some businesses were already in financial difficulties pre COVID19; the pandemic appears to have been the last straw. £35.5m grants to businesses have been made in various forms. The District Council has lost £8.1m in revenue projected for 2020/21. Stratford District has been forecast to be the 4th worst affected District out of more than 300 across the whole of the UK in economic terms. This decline is in a measure called Gross Value Added for the 2nd quarter of this year. This is mostly because of the Stratford local economy is based around tourism and the automotive sector, although of course there are other substantial business enterprises that have been affected. Although our first priority has to be to contain and defeat the pandemic, we have to plan the way forward afterwards. There will not be an immediate return to the previous 'normal'. Until the pandemic is over and a vaccine developed, 'social distancing' will become the new normal.

I thought I would share with you some of the thinking my colleagues and I have been discussing. A way forward means that economic recovery must go hand in hand with environmental and social ambition to build back a better society. The impact of Covid19 has emphasised new ways of working that could be exploited, and a greater, wider, appreciation of the natural environment, that we here are so lucky to enjoy. The recovery package must seek to address these issues. International tourism will probably not return to the Stratford town or district on any scale for some years. A UN report states that international tourism will be down 80% for at least a year. UK tourism could fill some of the gap, but social distancing must be built into the model.

We should spread the somewhat narrow economic base of the District whilst also tackling energy and resource waste, developing transport and planning alternatives that are friendly for both environment and for local people. Part of what we need to do is to pin down exactly which areas of economic life are most severely hit and which groups of residents most adversely affected by the crisis.

We are seeing a return to appreciation of local towns and communities. Change is in the air and we must build on this. We must not just try to go back to the previous status quo but develop different ideas. We do not have a monopoly of ideas, so if anyone has thoughts they want to share with me, please email me.

Cllr Nigel Rock *Contact details in The Directory* nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk

AQUEOUS

With everything growing rapidly just a little reminder to those of us with watercourses or drainage ditches within our property that we all have a legal responsibility to keep them clear.

After a very dry month it is easy to forget the wet end to 2019. It was only the work by owners to keep the watercourses clear saved the village from more severe flooding.

Hopefully, there will be some further progress once things begin to open up again.



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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Isn't the human race remarkably adaptable! All over the world people are going about their daily lives in ways they never imagined even a few weeks ago – adapting to our changed circumstances during the lockdown. As a Christian, I believe this ability to adapt is something God-given. Human creativity is a reflection of the creativity of God himself. It is part of what it means to be made in the image of God as the book of Genesis describes us.

How have you been adapting? I have been adapting to a very different pattern of work, based at home rather than going out where people are. I have been phoning rather than seeing people face-to-face and, like many more, I have been learning some new tricks thanks to the Internet. I do not think I had heard of Zoom until a few weeks ago. Now, barely a day goes by without me taking part in a Zoom meeting.

Although we have been unable to gather together in our churches we have been adapting to this setback with zoom services held twice daily which includes a twice weekly Songs of Praise where all we do is sing! We have been praying together daily for all in our communities, our country and our world – not just prayers about COVID19 but all that continues to go on around our world - remembering the joyful and good as well as the sad and bad. We have also been able to use this time for catching up with each other in before and after service virtual chats often with a coffee, tea or even a glass of wine in hand as we chat.

When the school is open, I alternate with members of the church congregation in leading fortnightly assemblies for the Dasset Primary School. When school, or should I say home schooling, resumed after the Easter Holiday I suddenly realised that I should have been leading a school assembly at The Dasset; it got me wondering if we could hold assemblies for the children during this time of isolation and home schooling. I spoke to our church ministry team and, with the agreement of Miss Corry, the Head Teacher, I started to coordinate digital assemblies for the school children to access. It was interesting working through and around the safeguarding issues but that done we had our first assembly on 5th May. The children's parents 'subscribe' and are sent the link to the daily assembly and a recording is sent to all subscribers so that they can if they wish watch it at a different time. Apart from a short prayer these assemblies are not 'religious' but follow the usual pattern including stories and songs. As I write this, we are now into our second week of assemblies and it is lovely to join with the children.

In addition to this we held a 1940s Singalong on 8th May Bank Holiday to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. There was great singing from all.

Well, as we look towards a loosening of our 'lockdown', I ask you all to continue to follow the isolation guidelines in order to safeguard each other from the virus. The community feeling and support for each other has been great - long may it last. God bless you all - keep well and keep safe.

Rev'd Nicki

REDWINGS OXHILL

With over 70 rescued horses, ponies and donkeys relying on them, the staff at Redwings Oxhill have been continuing to work hard throughout the coronavirus outbreak.

The visitor centre is one of five across the UK run by national animal welfare charity, Redwings Horse Sanctuary. Its teams work tirelessly to rescue horses from abuse or neglect and give them safe, forever homes.

If you have visited Redwings Oxhill you will have met a lovable array of rescued residents, including young Shire horse Lady and adorable donkey Arya, all of whom have stories to tell.

Sadly, in the light of the Government's restrictions on movement, all of Redwings' visitor centres are currently closed, including their gift shops and cafes. With the charity being 100% funded by donations, this has impacted its ability to fundraise for the care of its horses – it is estimated that Redwings will lose £150,000 from the closure if the lockdown continues until the end of June.

While Redwings has always been financially prudent and is in the best position possible to weather the current storm, it is appealing to anyone who can to consider a donation to its emergency coronavirus appeal to ensure it has the funds it may need to meet the challenges of the coming months. To donate, call 01508 481 000 or visit www.redwings.org.uk/donating.

Meanwhile, Redwings Oxhill's equine carers have been adapting the ways they work to ensure they remain safe, while still providing the specialist care their residents need at this difficult time.

As well as adhering to social distancing, the number of people on site has been limited, sharing equipment is being avoided, and PPE, such as hats and boots, vehicles and shared spaces are being disinfected regularly.

Knowing that regular visitors must be missing seeing the horses, they are also making sure supporters are able to keep in touch with their adventures



at the Sanctuary by taking lots of photos and videos for Redwings social media channels – just like this gorgeous image of rescued pony Rumpel showing his support for the UK's NHS and care workers.

Look out for Redwings' Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube channels for plenty of fun content from across the Sanctuary, which is bound to help raise a smile. Redwings Oxhill looks forward to welcoming back visitors soon as it is safe to do so.

1918 SPANISH FLU

The 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic has been described as the deadliest in history. It infected about a third of the world's population and an estimated 20 to 50 million people died. The first wave in Spring 1918 was mild, but the second wave in



Autumn was devastating. With little medical knowledge of flu and no drugs or vaccines, people throughout the world were ordered to wear masks. Schools, theatres, and businesses were closed as countries practised forms of social isolating.

It was not known where it originated. It was called 'Spanish Flu' because Spain was particularly hard hit and news from there was not restricted as it was from the rest of war-torn Europe. Theories were that it started in either France, Britain, USA, or China. However, with the end of WW1, it was agreed that it was rapidly spread by returning soldiers, especially into the USA and the World's crowded cities.

In the USA, the States which clamped down quickly fared better. In September 1918 Philadelphia held its Liberty Loan Parade attended by thousands, and two weeks later suffered horrific numbers of sickness and deaths. St Louis, on the other hand, had immediately closed down schools and businesses, and they reduced infection and death to an eighth of that of Philadelphia.

By October 1918, Spanish Flu was spreading rapidly throughout Warwickshire and workhouses were so badly affected that all visiting was suspended. While at Leamington's Warneford Hospital, the Matron and a large number of nurses were ill. Many local Armistice Day celebrations were cancelled. On the 9th of November, Dr Lattey at Southam was reported in the newspapers as saying, "We poor medics are being worked to death in this awful epidemic." That week alone at Southam, there were eight persons awaiting funerals, mostly having died due to the flu.

One of Dr Lattey's patients was Florence Adams, William Cardall's daughter. She had married local grocer and ironmonger George Adams in 1911 and they had two daughters born 1912 and 1916. George had returned from the Great War with eye and lung problems, having been gassed, but it was his wife Florence who died on November 8th, leaving him to raise their two girls alone. He remarried in 1920.

At Long Itchington, Dr Clague reported that at last he was fit enough again to be able to visit his patients, and the three who had died of flu that week had brought the total to ten. It showed signs of abating although there were still several seriously ill villagers. That year during the three months of October to December, Southam and the surrounding villages registered 124 deaths, yet in the previous nine months from January to September the same district had only registered 43 deaths. Not all were because of the flu, but it certainly shows how death rates were influenced by it.

It was not until Summer 1919 that the pandemic fully came to an end. It was another twenty years plus before a vaccine was found, and not until ninety years later was it discovered why the 1918 Spanish Flu had been so deadly. In 2008, researchers eventually discovered that it was a group of three genes that had enabled the virus to weaken the lungs. This allowed bacterial pneumonia to set in and without modern day medicines and ventilators, sadly they had no cure.

The photograph is of Florence Adams, née Cardall, a victim of the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic.

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AVON DASSETT COMMUNITY BENEFITS SOCIETY

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As previously reported, The Yew Tree is currently closed due to the Covid-19 lockdown. By mutual agreement, the lease of the business to our tenant All Saints Bars has terminated. We remain on good terms with Colin and Steve and we wish them every success with their other business, The Plough in Warmington.

The Management Committee has been strengthened with three new members joining. The Committee is still meeting, using conference calling, to ensure that when the current restrictions are lifted, the pub can reopen as soon as possible.

We are using the closure of the pub to undertake some repairs and improvements which should make The Yew Tree more attractive to a new tenant and customers alike.

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FRIDAY	5		
SATURDAY	6		
SUNDAY	7		TRINITY SUNDAY
MONDAY	8		
TUESDAY	9		
WEDNESDAY	10		RECYCLING COLLECTION
THURSDAY	11		CORPUS CHRISTI
FRIDAY	12		
SATURDAY	13		THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
SUNDAY	14		
MONDAY	15	7:45pm	Fenny Compton PC Meeting - Online via Zoom
TUESDAY	16		
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SATURDAY	20		JUNE SOLSTICE
SUNDAY	21		FATHER'S DAY
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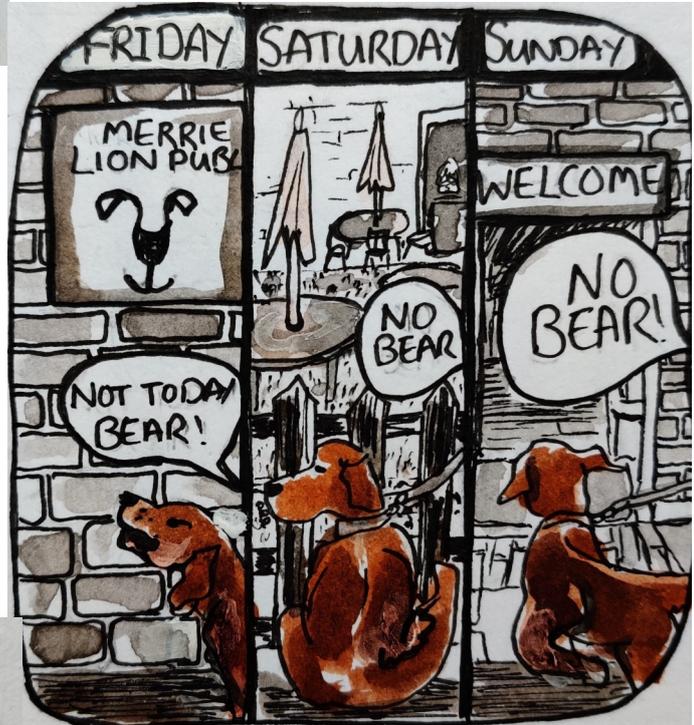
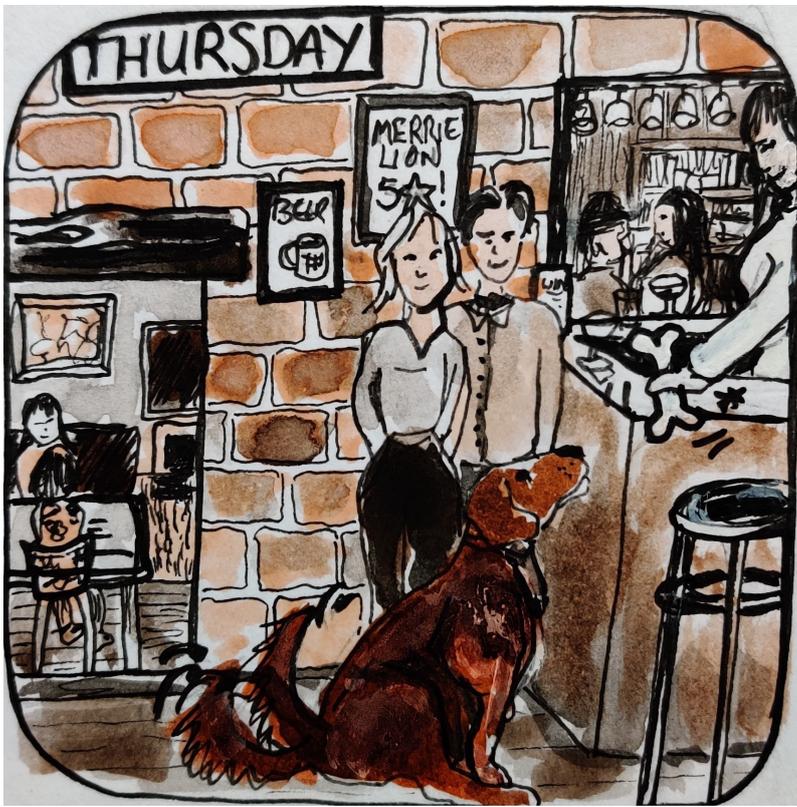


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Gymnastics 2 (6-8 yrs)
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11.30am - 12.15pm
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12.15pm - 1.00pm

Saturday

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1.00pm - 1.30pm
Gymnastics 3 (8 yrs+)
1.30pm - 2.00pm
Grade 1 Ballet (10-11 yrs)
2.00pm - 2.45pm
Grade 1 Modern (10-12 yrs)
2.45pm - 3.15pm
Grade 2 Ballet (11-12 yrs)
3.15pm - 4.00pm
Grade 2 Modern (13 yrs +)
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Grade 3 Modern (14 yrs+)
4.30pm - 5.00pm
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Even before Covid-19, carers who provide a considerable amount of support may experience feelings of isolation, depression, fatigue, poor health, and financial pressures. Rural carers may also have difficulties accessing shops and services because of transport difficulties.

Carers4Carers is a peer-led support group for carers in your area which usually meets monthly at Kineton Village Hall. It is run by volunteers all of whom have experience of caring so will understand the issues you may be facing. We also support those whose caring journey has come to an end because their loved ones have either entered residential care or sadly died. We start with coffee and chat and then have a speaker on a range of topics or a workshop to develop caring skills or promote carer wellbeing. Some months we have a therapist on hand to offer you some gentle TLC. A monthly newsletter keeps you up to date with events, news and relevant information.

Some carers find it hard to attend support groups because they are unable to leave the person they care for at home. Our Companionship Group runs alongside the carers' meeting for those our carers look after. They have their own programme of activities, tailored to individual abilities, and are looked after by qualified and experienced care assistants and volunteers.

Our June meeting is unfortunately cancelled but if you would like to know more about the group or to receive our newsletter, you can get in touch by emailing kcarers4carers@gmail.com or by phoning Gillian on 07947 893 504 - be prepared to leave a short message. Carers4Carers is a warm-hearted, friendly group and if you are a carer, we would love to hear from you.

DASSETT MEN'S CLUB

Our club was started in 1987 and our first chairman was David King. The objective was to hold a monthly meeting during the winter for Avon Dassett and surrounding villages. These meetings have been held on the first Wednesday of each month from October through to March. Our venue has always been the Avon Dassett Reading Room. The evening starts 7pm with wine or soft drinks followed by the guest speaker. Over the years we have had a wide variety of subjects e.g. "Climbing K2", "The Bugatti family", America's "Route 66" by Harley Davidson, "Wind and Watermills", "Millwrighting", "History of Gliding", "Classic Karting", "The History of Jazz" and many more. We finish our evenings with a social chat, coffee and biscuits.

In 2019 we introduced a summer programme; again, meeting on the 1st Wednesday. This time at the Merrie Lion in Fenny Compton at lunch time with 2 or 3 trips to places of interest. If anyone would like more information on DMC, please contact Mike Forbes. Contact details in *The Directory*

DELIVERING MEMORIES

I was telephoning my weekly order to Mumford's Butchers at Culworth and was chatting about memories of people who delivered over the years to Fenny Compton and realised this subject could be interesting at a time when we are all dependent on deliveries of all kinds.

I was amazed to learn that David Mumford started his business in 1925 with a horse and cart and today they have three vans covering over 30 villages in a ten-mile radius of Culworth.

I have fond memories of Len & Peggy Shaw who came every week with groceries and greengroceries and at Christmas Len tied Christmas trees and bags of Brussels sprouts to the bonnet of their van. Peggy Shaw, still in their bungalow in Farnborough, will celebrate her 100th birthday in September. Len's great interest was mending clocks in his spare time and so many of us benefited from his talent. June Cotterill tells me the family grandfather clock was restored by him and has now travelled with her son Nigel to France and New Zealand where it is happily ticking as is Jane Knight's 1700s grandfather clock.

I came to the village in 1968 and, at that time, Len Faulkner would bring a selection of shoes from his shop in Woodford Halse and leave them with you for a week returning to see if any suited and collecting payment. The shop is still there but not under family ownership.

Thursday night was Fish & Chips night. My children would wait excitedly at the gate for the sound of the clanging bell which announced the arrival of Mr Bolton from Northend with his van at Manor Court.

Chris from Mollington has been delivering fresh fish on a Wednesday for 35 years and relies on meeting up with his delivery brought from Scotland to a suitable large parking space in Mollington.

We were fortunate to have Pete Freeman who delivered coal from his yard behind the Co-op until around 2000 and now rely on Red Horse from Oxhill who also supply oil.

The Co-op also delivered in the past. Joe Grant with his bicycle delivered bread and Trevor Jones had a van taking orders to both the Army camp and RAF Gaydon as well as numerous surrounding villages. My thanks go to Kath Bradley (now 92) for these memories.

Mr Vallender had a bakery at Northend and delivered until around 1975 when he sold from his garage and Rita Sanderson from Knightcote remembers her children's excitement on a Friday teatime when they would collect lovely buns. John Prickett from Shotteswell subsequently brought us his excellent bread.

Milk, newspapers and post were also delivered by locals. Percy Bourton did the milking and Jim Spraggett the delivery, George & Ivy Hill the papers and post, respectively. Upon Ivy's retirement Pat Finch carried on as 'Postie' for several years.

Other visitors to my door included the French onion seller, his bicycle well-loaded with beautifully tied strings and a gypsy who was quite frightening; you felt she might put a curse on you if you didn't buy a piece of lace or wooden clothes pegs to 'bring you luck'. Another lady would bring really beautiful woollen fabrics in three metre lengths. I would go out to her station wagon to select a length and made some smart outfits over the years.

In the course of a conversation with Chris Compton from Northend, she gave the most valuable information on the travelling knife grinder and scissor sharpener Neil Fraser 'Jock' who visited from time to time. He was born in Dingwall, Scotland and after war service bought a tradesman's bicycle with a carrier at the front and fitted two grindstones. With a tent and cooking equipment strapped to the back, he set off for England and travelled the length and breadth of the country for 37 years. He made friends along the way including the former Bishop of Southwell and the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, Geoffrey Dean. He retired to a caravan in Southwell and eventually to a nursing home in Newark. Shortly after his arrival, the plans were announced to close it, so he started a campaign to save it. Sadly, his petition failed and on the day he was due to be moved to a new nursing home he died aged 82. Jock's story is a fitting end to a tribute to the people who have and still are doing a wonderful job in delivering goods and services to homes in Fenny Compton.

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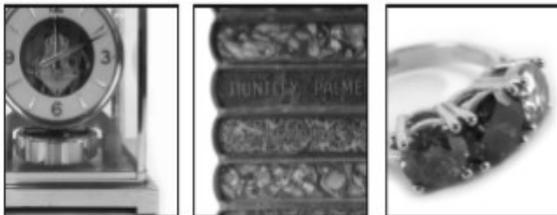
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Maggie Campbell

This plague, this curse, this disaster,
An alien in our world.
It seems to have but one purpose,
Into chaos to see us hurled

But it is not a stranger,
It is a relative of the human race,
What it is, we are,
We both share a similar face.

It travels where it will
And changes all as it goes,
It needs no reason, no plan or thought,
It just IS as everyone knows.

Humans have travelled all around the world,
Discovering societies strange and new.
We have altered, killed, and then moved on,
Does this sound familiar to you?

We think we do good in the places we go,
Perhaps Covid 19 is the same?
Is it saving the planet by culling our race,
Is that then its ultimate aim?

We will fight it with all of our skills,
We want our race to last,
Perhaps if we do we will respect Corona
And cast aside our mistakes of the past.

Less travel, Less meat, less pollution,
We must learn that we've been a curse,
We taken from the earth for far too long,
Now is the time to reimburse.

DASSETT EVENTING

At Dasset Eventing we specialise in producing top-class Three-Day Event horses for sale worldwide.

Three-Day Eventing comprises 3 disciplines: dressage, cross country and show jumping. Event horses are essentially equine triathletes. The horses must be trainable, controlled and delicate enough for dancing in the dressage phase. They need stamina, bravery, intelligence, and power to jump enormous, solid, and natural cross-country tracks, which the horses do not see until they are out on the course in the competition. And finally, they must be precise and careful enough to clear the coloured poles at the end of a competition, after all the efforts of the previous days.

Within Dasset Eventing, I am constantly searching Ireland for the best, young equine prospects. These horses are often 3 or 4 years old and have only been lightly handled or recently backed. Finding enough good quality horses is the hardest part of my job. When I view horses, they look a far cry from the super star that will (all being well) storm around some of the biggest tracks in the world! They are often hairy with unshod feet and commonly wary of humans. I do my best to assess both their raw talent and their attitude in the few minutes I see them move around a field or small enclosure, as a combination of these is what makes a medal winning horse. Ideally they will have proven pedigree on both the father and mother's side. I need to be very mindful of their confirmation; as with any athlete, keeping injury free throughout their career is essential. I cannot afford to invest in horses with builds that predisposes them to injury. Once I am satisfied with all of the above, I must agree a price - I have certainly learnt to hold my own with the Irish! At this point, I enlist a vet to carefully examine the horse, including fully x-raying the horses' limbs, back and neck. This rigorous 'vetting' process will be repeated by my clients when they purchase the horse from Dasset Eventing. Abnormalities are generally not accepted. I have to be very confident each horse is given a complete 'clean bill of health' when I am purchasing, not only so they stay well enough for us to produce, but also so they pass the vetting when we come to sell them.

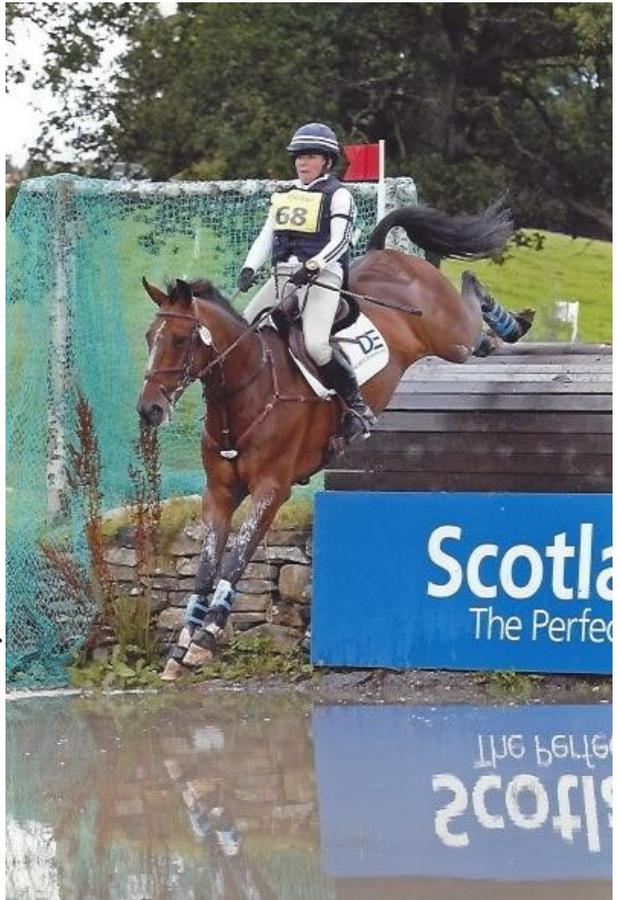
Dasset Eventing has taken many years to build up a reputation of ensuring the horses' welfare is paramount. Just like children, they develop - physically and mentally - at very different rates. Part of our speciality is reading these cues sympathetically and sensitively. I truly believe a horse will reach wherever you are trying to get more successfully and quicker if you give him or her the required time. Therefore, some of our 4-year-old horses are in training and can be shown to clients, whilst others are simply left alone in the grassy fields of Ireland to grow. It is often a combination of these two which leads to the strongest, happiest, and best educated young horse.

From 5 years old upwards, our sporting governing body (the FEI internationally and British Eventing nationally) have series and championships for the various ages. Again, not every horse is ready to be competing at the top levels as they develop,

but the vast majority of our horses gain great success through these stages. This is essentially what increases their value. We are fortunate enough to have had wonderful horses achieve great results at both national and international young horse Championships across Europe. The specialist skill set of the various members of the Dasset Eventing team allow us to gain the maximum out of each horse along the way, whilst taking us to the most incredible locations. Events are commonly held on beautiful estates such as Badminton, Burghley House and Blenheim Palace.

Horses have target levels we aim to produce them to before resale. This stage is generally dictated by a combination of knowing the horse is confident enough in his education to move on whilst maximising profits. The vast majority of our horses are sold to stunning equestrian establishments in the USA. They go on to have well publicised careers and we consistently sell horses to returning customers over the years. We also sell horses throughout Europe and have even sold them as far afield as China!

In my (biased!) opinion, we have the ultimate job - our childhood passion and hobby has become our livelihoods. Each day these incredible animals teach us something



new and introducing them to the sport that they absolutely love is quite a feeling. Obviously, the horses are 'bred for the job', but helping nurture and fine tune that natural enthusiasm provides a satisfaction I cannot put into words.

The continued enjoyment and pride we get from watching our precious companions continue their careers in their new homes is a feeling that never gets old

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FAMILY SUPPORT

Would you or someone you know benefit from some useful tips on parenting and the support available during this unsettling time? Call the County Council family support duty helpline Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm on 01926 412 412 for help with all aspects of parenting and family life.

FENNY COMPTON SURGERY

Hope you and your families are remaining safe during these very challenging times. We advise you to continue to follow NHS and government guidelines relating to the covid-19 pandemic.

The Surgery is operating a telephone triage system during usual opening hours. Please be mindful of this when calling - reception know you are waiting although the phone system cannot indicate this and appears to just be ringing however, they are dealing with high quantities of calls and will answer as soon as possible.

The Surgery doors are locked to ensure the safety of patients and staff. Collections from the Surgery can be made following the signs on the building. Should patients need to be seen, this will be arranged via the practice ensuring the appropriate risks and protective equipment are in place and instructions will be relayed to the individual.

Dispensary continues to operate its normal hours – please try and respect the closing times as these are essential to manage the workload for the coming days and please be mindful the turnaround time for medications is now 4 working days for repeat medications.

Prescriptions are being handed out via a shielded window clearly labelled at the Practice and we ask you to respect the social distancing rules with the staff and other patients. Card payments are in use for medications.

The Practice website can provide further information. We are trying to keep it updated but guidance is changing at an extraordinary rate and we will continue to monitor and manage in order to provide the greatest level of care we can.

We thank you for all your help and understanding during these difficult times.

Drs Marshall and Sharples

VIRTUAL WHAT'S ON - MONTH 2

More fun on-line. Here are a few ideas.

30 Days Wild!: The Wildlife Trust want you to do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month of June: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That is 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness. Register at www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild and you will get a free, downloadable pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June. For extra 'bonus' items, keep an eye on your emails for additional, fun activities, from instructions for baking hedgehog cupcakes to a beginner's guide to wildlife photography.

Warwickshire Open Studios: Whilst the Summer Art Weeks may not be happening this year, from June 20th to July 5th Warwickshire Open Studios will be hosting Art Weeks from Home, an online event. Art Weeks from Home will include: access to the online galleries of over 300 artists from Coventry and Warwickshire, online studio tours from exhibiting artists, insight into how artists create their work. To stay in the loop about Art Weeks from Home event you can: follow Warwickshire Open Studios on Facebook, follow the hashtag #artweeksfromhome on Instagram or see the website www.wostudios.org and subscribe to the mailing list.

Our Warwickshire: Are you interested in the history, heritage, and natural environment of Warwickshire? The website www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk contains thousands of photos, stories, memories, and maps which have been uploaded by local people, museums, and archives. Lots of jigsaws too.

Railway Museum Activities: See www.railwaymuseum.org.uk for a wide range of activities, videos & games for all ages.

British Pathe Newsreels: British Pathe have placed many of their newsreels on youtube.com. Just search for 'British Pathe' on the website.

British Passions on Film: See www.britishpathe.com for the series British Passions on Film that depicts the hobbies and leisure activities of 20th century Britons.

British Pathe TV: See www.britishpathe.tv/ which is an online video streaming service featuring hundreds of full-length documentaries, fascinating interviews, and classic movies. This cost £5.99/month but a 30-Day free trial is offered.

RSPB Activities: See www.rspb.org.uk and click on the link 'Fun and Learning' to discover great ideas and resources to help families connect with nature. The RSPB 'Wild Challenge' looks fun.

Webcams: Watch the wild in action. Ospreys, puffins, peregrines, owls, and more! Watch wildlife on webcams provided by Wildlife Trusts across the British Isles. See www.wildlifetrusts.org/webcams

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