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Well, we are back in print. We thank our team of distributors for offering to deliver the magazines this month.

Last month included an article by Joe Grant recalling Wine-making in the 1930s. His son Paul has written a follow up piece entitled Wine-making in the 2020s. Brian Peers as contributed a description of a lovely walk.

Warwickshire County Record Office are delighted that we are going lodge copies of *The Compton Chronicle* covering this pandemic for future generations to read how we lived in these strange times. With this in mind, we asked readers, what has been the best thing about the lockdown for them and what has been the worst thing? I have scattered throughout the magazine the interesting & varied responses we received .

The Coronavirus is still with us and the science is telling us to expect a second wave in the Autumn, so be careful and keep safe.

The closing date for news & articles  
for the September 2020 edition is

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The Parish Council meeting took place by videoconference on 6<sup>th</sup> July. District and County Councillors were in attendance.

**Playground:** The decision was taken to open the playground subject to a satisfactory inspection of the equipment. Consideration was given to bringing forward the annual RoSPA inspection. However, as the equipment was found to be in good order, the RoSPA inspection will take place as usual. The fences and tape have now been removed. And the playground is open.

**Green Areas:** The graveyard at the side of St John's Church is overgrown. Approaches will be made to the responsible authority, Stratford District Council to establish why maintenance has not been carried out and to request that the Parish Council arranges for the work to be completed and recharged to Stratford.

**Coronavirus Volunteer Group:** The decision was taken to end the telephone contract.

**Post Office:** The Post Office continues to open on reduced opening hours – Wednesdays 9:20am–10am. Social distancing measures apply.

**Reading Room:** Apart from the Post Office operation, the Reading Room remains closed until Government restrictions are lifted. However, hand sanitisers and a cleaning contract will be out in place in advance of any reopening. Thanks were given to Phil Baxter for conducting the legionella inspection and risk assessment.

### Next Meetings

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 & Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**at 7:30pm**

**via videoconference**

unless restrictions on meetings are lifted, in which case  
they will be held in The Reading Room as normal

## FENNY COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Tree Works:** It was agreed to progress further tree works in the village moving to some of the 'medium' risk items identified in last year's survey. These will include felling the two cherry trees at the corner of Avon Dasset Road and Church Street, and the hawthorn by the Green on Avon Dasset Road, all of which have major decay. It is intended to replace these trees with suitable flowering varieties. If residents have any suggestions, please pass these on to the Clerk at [fcpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:fcpc.clerk@gmail.com).

**Resignation of Councillor:** We have had a second resignation as Michael Guest will be leaving the village. Michael has been on the Parish Council for over 10 years and has played a leading role in improving our flood defences and the development of our

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Neighbourhood Plan process, as well owning the emergency plan and some outstanding jumpers. We wish him well in his new home.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy:** An election has not been requested following Ian Hartwell's resignation, so we can proceed to fill this vacancy by co-option. Anyone who is interested in joining the Parish Council can find an application form attached to our co-option procedure on the website.

There is no meeting in August

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**  
**at 7:30pm**  
**Via Zoom**

The Parish Council will continue to meet virtually until Government guidelines change. Residents can observe these meetings online by contacting the Clerk for joining details.

#### **FARNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

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**The next Meeting will be in September**

#### **AVON DASSETT COMMUNITY BENEFITS SOCIETY**

[www.avondassetcommunitybenefitsociety.co.uk](http://www.avondassetcommunitybenefitsociety.co.uk)

The Yew Tree reopened on 4<sup>th</sup> July and is being run by volunteers and a limited number of paid staff until a tenant or manager can be found.

The pub has been the subject of a major makeover and is a lot lighter inside as a result. The gardens are looking lovely and the hanging baskets and planters have enhanced the external appearance. Most of the work has been undertaken by volunteers to whom we offer a huge vote of thanks.

More picnic tables have been located around the garden to accommodate more customers while maintaining social distancing. Initial feedback from our customers is very positive and we hope that we can continue to meet their demands.

Our accounts are still in draft awaiting our accountant's sign off. Once we have the signed accounts we will arrange an AGM as soon as we are able.

We continue to sell shares to new investors and shares continue to be available, Details together with further information about the Society are on the website.

#### **THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN**

**Best:** Community spirit, creativity and ingenuity (for example the celebrations for VE Day, the virtual Soapbox Derby and Open Gardens) plus the lack of traffic and increased awareness of local wildlife.

**Worst:** Constant hand washing and having to work online all day

Sarah Richardson Avon Dasset



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11.00am - 11.30am

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11.30am - 12.15pm

Primary Ballet (9-10 yrs)

12.15pm - 1.00pm

Saturday

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1.00pm - 1.30pm

Gymnastics 3 (8 yrs+)

1.30pm - 2.00pm

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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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## WHAT'S ON

Difficult to produce a whole page this month as so many events have been cancelled. However, some places are beginning to open.

**The Classic & Commercial Vehicle Show:** British Motor Museum Gaydon CV35 0BJ. From 10am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to 4pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. This will now be held as a gathering, with reduced numbers and content. There will still be a range of commercial vehicles and inside there will be an Indoor Model Show, with around 30 tables of kit and scratch-built models of commercial vehicles and landscapes. Charges: Adult £11.50, Child £7 and Concessions £10.50. Buy on-line by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August or call 01926 649 649. The Museum has other events planned for August, For full details see the website [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/)

**The National Trust:** The National Trust are gradually opening their grounds, but you must book a slot. Check the website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) to see what is open and when.

**The National Memorial Arboretum:** The Arboretum Croxall Road Alrewas Staffordshire DE13 7AR is now open for pre-booked visitors only. The restaurant is open for hot and cold snacks that you can enjoy in either Heroes' Square or within the grounds. A BBQ is also available 12pm-2pm daily, weather permitting. Bookings must be made on-line and only visitors pre-booking a vehicle will be granted access to site. Further information on the website [www.thenma.org.uk](http://www.thenma.org.uk)

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## NAPTON AND FENNY COMPTON WARD STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Meetings:** The Council has had three meetings by video conferencing and also a number of committees. The full council has 36 members and takes key decisions rather like Parliament. The committees are smaller, but all have their challenges when not meeting face to face but meeting remotely instead. Planning in particular is an area of interest to the public and now two planning meetings have been held by video conferencing with public participation - the latter was on 1<sup>st</sup> July and for which I was a member of the Committee. It took four hours to hear two cases. I hope we will improve on timing in the future whilst still being thorough.

**Covid19:** It has proved quite difficult to obtain Covid data on a local basis and I have been pressing the Chief Executive to get these numbers, which have now been coming through. The latest news suggests there has been some problem with accuracy of the numbers we have been getting because of the mix of private and public testing, in and out of care settings. This has shown there was originally some under reporting and the latest report shows an increased total number of reported cases across the district corrected from 372 to 525. However, with the cases that should have been previously included, the trend shows that the numbers have come down from a peak of around 20 per day in April. Since mid May the numbers have stabilised and currently, we are getting an average of one new case reported per day in Stratford District.

Some weeks ago, councillors were told that the Coventry, Warwickshire, and Solihull area was going to be a pilot for the Covid National Test and Trace scheme. As events in Leicester have shown, co-ordination between national and local knowledge has been imperfect and one hopes that this area scheme, now called a 'beacon', will improve on previous experience elsewhere. The intention is to provide a 'dashboard' to support effective sharing of information and allow Councils to identify hotspot data. I will be pressing to make this publicly available.

**Planning:** Planning applications are considered against local policies which are kept under review, within the national framework. Among these is a policy plan to provide sites to meet Government targets for building of homes across the district. The Site Allocation Plan, which has been out to consultation once, proposed an area of restraint around the Southam area due to the strain on local infrastructure. This review has now been put back by 20 months. The reasons for this are not totally clear but relate to the County Council's forecast of Secondary School provision and whether more places can be produced. This has a knock-on effect across the whole District. I fear more uncertainty for a long time.

Stratford District Council is in talks with Warwick District Council about closer working. Who knows where this will lead but central Government has signalled the desire for working with greater sized local authorities. Such closer working might be a step towards this.

Cllr Nigel Rock *Contact details in The Directory*  
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## LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:”* - Ecclesiastes 3 and summer is the season when for many of us life takes on a different pace. Summer is perhaps for most of us our favourite season – long days, short nights, no school!! Summer is perhaps the season when we have most time to take seriously the entreaty *“Be still and know that I am God”* - Psalm 46:10.

Summer is an invitation to contemplate ordinary things; to use our senses to enjoy the sound of waves lapping a shore, the taste of juicy fruit, the warmth of sunlight on our skin, the faintly sweet smell of jasmine. These things are small, and they may seem ordinary until we stop to really notice them for what they are: creation speaking to us about God. And for those who like to garden there is something very spiritual about tending to growth and watching beautiful things spring forth from the earth. We know the science behind such a thing as a flower’s growth, but really it is wondrous and mysterious too.

Summer is a time when the momentum of our lives is interrupted. For many it is holiday time. Part of the joy of a holiday is doing something different, having a break from the normal routine, getting away from the day to day pressures of struggling to get a task finished before the end of the working day, or rushing from one appointment to another in a very full diary.

However, we spend our summer we need the chance *“to recharge our batteries”*, space for relaxation and unwinding – and time to think. Too often we get so caught up in the relentlessness of ordinary life that we never stop to ask where we are going and what it all means. After what we have all experienced in the last few months it may be that this summer, more than most, we need to take time to stand back and look at our lives and ask, *“Where is all this taking me?”* What balance is there in my life between work and leisure, between home and work, between self and others? How might we adjust the balance in our own lives to make them better for ourselves and those close to us? Is my current life-style fair to me and to my family and friends? Does it enable me to make a proper contribution to the wider community, to nurture friendships, to become a more mature and rounded person? What do I need to change – what can I change?

I really hope that you all enjoy this summer season and that you find time to look around you and see the blessings that daily come your way, not just in nature but in all aspects of your life. The gift of life itself, the gift of people with whom to share it, the gift of clean water, of enough food ... the list is endless.

*Revd Nicki*

## THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN

I have hated the lockdown and find it very difficult to find a ‘best’ to say about it. However, I suppose I would grudgingly allow that the absence of traffic noise - in the first few weeks - which allowed us to listen to birdsong, was rather lovely. The worst? Everything else: breakdown of daily routine, zoom meetings, loss of face-to-face conversations, anxiety about family, cancellation of holidays, closure of churches, closure of the pubs, and grinding hard work for those of us running organisations.

The Very Reverend Peter Atkinson, Dean of Worcester Cathedral

## PARISH CHURCH

**Service Rota:** Now that we are resuming services in church, I have been thinking about the Service Rota. Over the past few years, I have had numerous occasions when people have told me they have turned up to church at the wrong time. They have been confused about which week of the month it is and whether it is a 9am or 10:30am Service - that includes our regular attenders. In light of this, I have changed the Rota so that each church has one Sunday morning service time as detailed below:

9:30am	Gaydon
10am	Farnborough
11am	Fenny Compton
11am	Burton Dassett and Northend

All evening services will be at 6pm.

**Zoom Services:** Due to their popularity, we will be continuing with the Zoom Services and those of you who have been linking in to these over the last few months will notice some changes. Now that we are all starting to do more, the Morning Prayer will be at 9:30am and having re-commenced services in church, there will be no Sunday evening Zoom Service on the Rota. There will however be a Zoom Songs of Praise every Thursday evening at 6pm.

### THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN

#### Best things about lockdown:

- More time with family – great to strengthen the bonds and ties that unite us as a unit
- Less - noise, pollution, litter, travel, driving. More – walking, exercise, healthy eating, conversation, good sleep

#### Worst things about lockdown:

- Not seeing family and friends
- Not being able to see/ support friends who are terminally ill
- Stupid rule-makers of the do's and don'ts who are removed from reality about issues like infection control in hospitals and care homes when the key vectors were agency and temporary staff moving around the countryside. Ian Bruce Farnborough

### FENNY COMPTON CUPCAKE DAY

Thank you ever so much to everyone who supported the Fenny Compton Cupcake Day held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Carpenter's Cottage.

From the sale of over 100 cupcakes, we raised a staggering £286.40 for the Alzheimer's Society. This is a fantastic achievement and, with the money raised, we are contributing towards supporting people affected by dementia to access the help and advice they need through our Dementia Connect support line.

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Sarah Gales

## **THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN**

Being long retired pensioners, we do not have to deal with the really tough challenges faced by younger families with jobs and children at home. But lockdown for us is not just a question of taking life even easier; in fact, it provides some quite serious losses and gains for us.

To begin with it was like a sort of phoney war; nothing we could do, life stuck in neutral, the numbers creeping up and a really nasty feeling that something dreadful could be just round the corner because the risk for older people – even if healthy – is one of the few hard facts. We were worried and our children worried for us.

Time passed, we survived, the numbers came down and things eased up a fraction, and that revealed the longer-term damage to our lives. Apart from worrying much more about our children, which of course helps nobody, we realised that some really important ceremonies have to be lost, in particular weddings, funerals and important anniversaries. At our age funerals really matter and for them to be denied feels cruel. And, of course, no chance of a proper holiday or any of the outdoor treats of summer. We are probably getting a bit stale and boring and we still have that uncomfortable sense of time passing and nothing happening.

And then the sneaky stuff. All those dreadful boring jobs like clearing the garage and making wills, which we have successfully avoided by being just too busy, now stare us in the face and do not have to go away.

It is not all bad news. The best and most encouraging thing is to see how the working generation adjust and barter their way out what at first looks like a hopeless situation, with imagination winning over despair and grievance. The Farnborough Kitchen cheered us up no end and I am sure the other village pubs are providing the same chink of comfort. The energy and the confidence are there. On the street and the footpaths people are much more chatty when they have a chance to open up. As a community we have definitely pulled together.

Spring and summer are beautiful here but normally we miss half the pleasure by rushing around with our eyes only on the car in front and when we are in the garden there is often just as much noise from planes as from birds. Since March we have learnt a lot of new footpaths around the village and we have seen and heard the world of nature in all its glory and without any distractions. Perhaps we are a little closer to harmonising our lives with the birds and bees and trees and slugs and weeds. We may even remember Covid at least partly for the good things it brought about.

Jim Peers Fenny Compton

## **THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN**

The best thing about lockdown for me was/is: being more relaxed with time, and not having to keep to a tight family schedule.

The worst thing was all the life moulding events that my children have missed out on - the highs and lows of exams, confidence building work experience, entering sporting events and simply spending time with friends. Emma Wilkinson Fenny Compton



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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2</b>	9:00am-12:00pm 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am  6:00pm	Fenny Compton Footpath Group Morning Prayer - Gaydon Holy Communion - Farnborough Communion (BCP) - Burton Dassett Online via Zoom Songs Of Praise - Online via Zoom
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>3</b>	7:30pm	Avon Dassett PC Meeting - Videoconference
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>5</b>		RECYCLING COLLECTION
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>8</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9</b>	9:30am 11:00am  11:00am	Communion (BCP) - Gaydon Holy Communion - FC St Peter & St Clare and Online via Zoom Morning Prayer - Northend / Burton Dassett
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>11</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12</b>		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>13</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>14</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>15</b>		ASSUMPTION DAY
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>16</b>	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am	Morning Prayer - Gaydon Communion (BCP) - Farnborough Morning Prayer - FC St Peter & St Clare Holy Communion - Northend / Burton Dassett
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>17</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>18</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>19</b>		RECYCLING COLLECTION
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>20</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>21</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>22</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23</b>	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion - Gaydon Morning Prayer - Farnborough Communion (BCP) - FC St Peter & St Clare Morning Prayer - Northend / Burton Dassett
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>24</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>25</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>26</b>		



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[Answers at the bottom]

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my name  
reveals another  
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What is higher without a  
head than with one?

I get bigger when I eat and  
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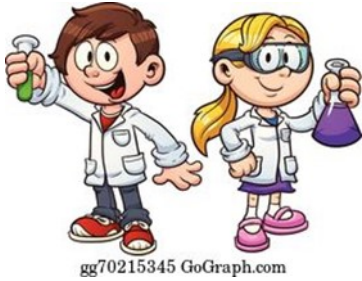


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Answers  
Beetle,  
Fire,  
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Summer  
holiday  
Boredom  
Basher!



Summer holidays may be a bit different this year, but there's still loads of fun things you can do! How about trying a different thing every day and you could even write or draw about summer 2020 in your very own secret journal! Here's a few ideas to get you started!



- \* Bike rides – explore new places, remember to bring water!
- \* Make ice cream – what's your favourite flavour?
- \* Meet your friends at the park for a socially distanced picnic!
- \* Pavement chalk murals. Get some colourful chalk and create some really fun chalk murals or jumping games for passers by!
- \* Backyard camping – create a den inside or outside, cook your own food around a campfire – make sure you have an adult to supervise though!
- \* Backyard stargazing. Put out a few blankets and lie down in your garden, and gaze upon the stars. There are some great free stargazing apps available.
- \* Become a scientist! There are loads of fun experiments you can try – it's not rocket science (unless you want it to be!)
- \* Water balloon fun! Ever tried water balloon tennis!? Great fun on a hot day!
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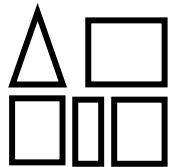
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## THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN

Shutting the doors on The Merrie Lion was quite a shock. I thought it would only be for a week or so, but as time went on and the enormity of the COVID-19 situation became apparent, I realised it would be some time before we could safely welcome customers once more.



The best things about lockdown for me were sleeping, reading, sitting in the sun and saying a socially-distanced 'Hello' to people walking past the pub, enjoying our beautiful local countryside when dog walking and catching up with friends and family via the phone or internet.

The worst things for me were the financial worry of being closed for so long (Government aid and the 'Save Pub Life' voucher scheme were extremely helpful), the emptiness of the building (eerie and lifeless), having to cook and wash-up for myself (8 years of chef-cooked food!) and concerns for re-opening safely for staff and customers.

There were a few barrels of out-of-date, but drinkable, Carling left, so I gave them away, raising £425 for Abacus from contributions by the 'beer destroyers'.

Now The Merrie has re-opened and we can welcome you back. It is not as it was before lockdown, but we have to make everyone's safety, customers and staff, our priority. A huge 'thank you' to everyone for your support and hard work in keeping The Merrie going!

Daphne Leck Fenny Compton

## THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN

### Best things about lockdown:

- spending time with my family,
- slower pace of life,
- sorting out my allotment in Fenny,
- environmental improvements and increased visibility of wildlife,
- catching up with school friends via online video,
- having time to learn some new skills,
- reinforcing the knowledge that for the most part the village has a great community in which my wife and I are lucky to be involved.

### Worst things about lockdown:

- being furloughed from work,
- worry about the future / mental health,
- feelings of isolation during certain times.

Jason Wise Fenny Compton

## THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN

**Best:** Getting to be at home with my young son Tanner and getting to witness the big "firsts" that we might have missed if he were at daycare all day - first word, first step, etc.

**Worst:** Feeling that there is no safe option in sight to travel & be with our families.

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Under current restrictions two popular events in Avon Dasset: The Soapbox Derby and Open Gardens were postponed or cancelled. The Soapbox Derby may run on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October but that is still to be confirmed.

However, it is important not to forget these wonderful events which bring so much pleasure to people, so two virtual events were held on Facebook. The virtual Soapbox Derby - @AvonDasset – Soapbox Derby took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and drivers past and present posted up their memories with photos and videos being published at regular intervals throughout the day. There were videos of spectacular crashes, close finishes and some of the inventive soapboxes and costumes from the past decade. The virtual Open Gardens - @AvonDasset - followed a similar pattern showcasing some of the beautiful gardens in the village. Thanks to everyone who supported these events and the photos and videos may still be viewed on Facebook for those who missed them.

Sarah Richardson

### THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN

There are quite a few ‘bests’, mostly the spontaneous, mutual, community support that villages are so good at. Also, the public realisation that those who sometimes can seem the least valued, are those most critical to society, and, I hope, are probably not going to be undervalued in the future. One theme that has come across to me is that residents in our area are grateful for the beautiful location in which we live and the lockdown in our corner of Warwickshire has probably been much, much more bearable than in a congested city.

The worst? There are a few of these as well. That the lockdown is associated with the loss of life and health for so many and for others, impacted livelihoods. Another is the concern that we all must be careful in the future because it is not over. My daughter is an epidemiologist and she warned me that the pandemic was coming our way, in the way it did, well before the Government.

To end on plus note though, we have spent the last 10 years or so explaining to people what an epidemiologist is and now everyone, at least, has heard of it!

District Councillor Nigel Rock

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## VILLAGE VIOLIN SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND PICNIC

On 6<sup>th</sup> July, Village Violin School had their first meet-up since 16<sup>th</sup> March and we celebrated by playing our own VVS composition, Bilbo's Magical Zoo, complete with animal pictures in the garden at Kit's Close, followed by prizes and a picnic. *See photograph on the front cover.*

Each player had spent some weeks writing and practising their animal themed compositions, and it was lovely it was to have an opportunity to play together (at sensible distances) to our families, after so many weeks of learning and running the groups through Zoom.

Freida opened with her Overture The Hobbit followed by Natalie's Panda, Lydia's Wolf, Daisy's Elephant, Georgina's Zebra, Maisy's Dog, Emily H's Cat, Chloe's Rabbit, Emily R's Cat, Alice's Rhino, Charlie's Deer, Mila's Giraffe, Laura's Penguin, Maya's Monkey, Jenny's Walrus, Margot's Panda, Olivia's Shark and Amy's Donkey. We heard Hoppiton, by Laura, in between each solo and it was lovely to have Frances and Chandima playing as well after so long. Amy held up the pictures, all in the right order. We were lucky with the weather - the wind settled, and the sun shone.

The Merrie Lion Trophy, kindly donated by Daphne, was awarded for the first time to Chloe for her outstanding effort and progress. It was a real boost to us to have the support and encouragement of The Merrie Lion in offering this gift and we appreciate Daphne's generosity.

There were bags of prizes for everyone, all earned over the lockdown period for great violin playing through the competitions and challenges and all much deserved by the young violinists.

I would like to end this by saying how proud I am of all the players. They have done so well over a difficult time making huge progress in their musicianship. This could not have happened without the support of the team of parents and other helpers, including Deborah and Andrew behind the scenes.

Veronique is hoping to start a new Beginners class in September. If you are interested information is on the website: [villageviolinschool@weebly.com](mailto:villageviolinschool@weebly.com) or please contact her on 07899 927 642.

## THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN

**Best things:** I have enjoyed the beautiful countryside within walking distance of the village, much more often than before. Occasionally bumping into people has helped replace the social interaction lost by working from home. The village does seem to have pulled together to support each other.

**Worst things:** Working from home, the hardest part has been the endless videocalls, sat in the same chair at the same desk for hours on end. I have used home schooling to break this up, but this does mean long days with few breaks. The technology has generally worked really well, goodness knows what it would have been like without superfast broadband!

Jon Dutton Fenny Compton

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## WINE-MAKING IN FENNY COMPTON IN THE 2020s

Both of my parents had grown up in the interwar years, when making use of countryside produce was the norm. I can remember the copper in the back yard that grandad used for making dandelion wine, but by the time that I was old enough to start following the tradition, it was long gone.

My first wine was probably elderberry in the 1970s, but it was not until the 1990s that I first progressed to trying dandelion wine. However, I only got to make one 3-gallon batch from the blooms in the unkempt garden of the house I had just moved into. After that there just were not enough in the garden to make a batch, which was a shame because the pale-yellow liquid had a delicate, if unusual, flavour.

The millennium came and went, before I decided to have another go, so I went out and collected enough flowers from the roadside to make a couple of gallons, and carefully dried them in the sun, just the way Dad told me to. I did not have the copper anymore of course, so had to make do with the largest saucepans I had on the stove, but the wine was made, and put into demijohns to wait for it to clear.

Six months later, it was still more like muddy water than the pale-yellow beverage of my first batch. It tasted awful too! Disappointed, I put the bottles to the back of the shelf and set about working out what had gone wrong. After a couple more years of trial and error, I rediscovered the forgotten bottles and plucked up the courage for another taste before it went down the drain.

Wow! What a difference! It was still murky, and if it would not win prizes, it was at least drinkable. Apparently, it had taken two years to finish working.

Since then the method has been perfected and updated. In the 2020's we have come a long way from Dad's dandelion days. Modern wine-making yeasts are vastly different from bakers' yeast and produce in a couple of weeks what would once have taken months.

In my Grandad's day the flowers had to be dried, and then boiled to destroy the sticky sap that stained my Dad's fingers and would otherwise interfere with the fermentation. Now, we have freezers, so I remove the yellow petals from as much greenery as I can and freeze them in ice-cream tubs. It is a mightily tedious task, but I find that if I do a little each day, after a few weeks I will have enough to make several batches throughout the year. If you have seen an odd person plucking dandelion heads into a plastic bag, that may just be me.

To make the wine all I have to do is boil the water, add the frozen petals, sugar and a few oranges, and when cool sprinkle on a little yeast and yeast nutrient. Two weeks later – a month at the most, I will have another batch of dandelion wine ready and the dandelion days go on and on.



## **THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN**

I am a speech and language therapist working with people with aphasia, a communication disorder that makes it difficult to understand language, speak, read and write, usually as the result of a stroke. The best bit of lockdown has been using Zoom to support people with aphasia to have conversations with each other. The worst bit of lockdown is not being able to do this in person. Lisa Maloney Carers4Carers

## **THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN**

Being on lockdown during the Covid-19 crisis has definitely been an interesting time, that is for sure. What I found to be the worst about being locked down was not being able to see family and friends. It was during this time that my dad, who was back in Canada, found out he had stage 4 liver cancer. All I could do was many video chats with dad throughout the day because the hospitals could not allow visitors in. Even if I did fly back to Canada, I would not have been allowed in to see him so sadly I could not fly back to Canada until after he had passed away. I am so thankful for the technology that allowed me to visit with Dad, so he knew he was not alone. One of the best things about being locked down was being able to spend more time with my husband, Jason, and we were all forced to slow down our pace of life. We missed family and friends, but technology allowed us to slow down and do a lot more phone calls and video chats to people we maybe had not spoken to in a while. Being locked down also allowed for new hobbies to form. I really got into bread-making and it is now become something that I absolutely love doing! We also enjoyed that so many businesses and organisations were putting things online for people to watch. We watched live videos from animal sanctuaries, we watched old plays from Shakespeare's The Globe Theatre, we seemed to connect with the world more. We may have been isolated from everyone, but I think this virus has brought us all together.

Bonnie Petkau Wise Fenny Compton

## **THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN**

I gave some thought to what was the best and what was the worst of the lockdown. I loved being at home, catching up on books, exploring new recipes and hobbies. We are fortunate that we have a walking trail that allowed us to get outdoor exercise while maintaining proper distances. The worst part was not being able to be with family and friends. I learned I can live a much simpler life and not miss anything!

Ruth Goulden Nova Scotia Canada

## **THE BEST AND WORST THINGS ABOUT THE LOCKDOWN**

**Worst:** Postponement of a friend's wedding, loss of a carefully planned tour of Ireland, loss of a family holiday to North Wales to spend time with my grandsons. Missed seeing family and friends.

**Best:** I have enjoyed producing *The Compton Chronicle* in a different way. It has been interesting sourcing different articles and I am so pleased with everyone's contributions. Finding that we have so many local suppliers of good food. Getting ridiculously excited about all sorts of deliveries. Very grateful that we live in a beautiful place.

Jennifer Cranfield Fenny Compton

## FENNY COMPTON FOOTPATH GROUP – TAKE A WALK

Covid19 has meant that our usual monthly work sessions have been on hold, but we have been doing some work individually. We aim to restart in August and there is plenty to look forward to.

During lockdown you may have been getting bored with the local walks but there is a good circular walk you may not know about, it is not obvious on the OS map and I doubt it is in any guide books. There is plenty to see on the way and it is best to take a copy of Ordnance Survey Explorer map 206.

Here it is – Make your way along the towpath to Wormleighton reservoir starting from the Mill Hill end of The Lankett at the footpath alongside ‘Four Winds’. Follow the path to The Tunnel and join the canal there. You can walk along the top of the embankment from the brick kiln and re-join the towpath half-way along. Walk to the left or eastern end of the reservoir and you will find a pedestrian iron gate. This is the start of an ‘E’ class road to Wormleighton village, you can legitimately walk this route despite it not being shown as such on the OS map. I have verified this with the Rights of Way people at Warwickshire County Council. An ‘E’ class route is 4 levels below an ‘A’ class and just above a bridleway in the classifications.

What is a bit of a grey area is the route from the canal bridge at the reservoir to the iron gate, that is not a legally recognised route but the Canal and River Trust do not appear to object to you visiting and walking around the south side of the reservoir.

Back to the walk. Follow the ‘E’ road. It is a dead straight route north for about 1 mile and keep the hedge on your right. When the hedge ends you will arrive at an open field with Wormleighton Hall on the right and usually with about 15 horses in the field. Bear slightly to the left and keep the hedge of that field on your left. In the corner of the field pass through a field gate (close and lock it properly to keep the horses in) then continue past a brick barn (note the date on the gable end), past ‘The Rookery’ farmhouse and onto the main road.

Turn right into Wormleighton Village then left at the Village Hall and continue through the house with the archway then down the road to the left of the church. The road continues to some houses at the back of the church but just as you are passing the



church take the left turn down to a stile next to a pond. Note the earthworks on the left behind the Severn Trent plant, I have no idea what that was but as you climb over the stile you will start to see the foundations of the medieval village in the field and canal at the bottom of the field. The canal heads left back to Fenny. Walk through the medieval village and exit the field at the second

stile in the diagonally opposite corner alongside the canal. You then cross the canal at the bridge, re-join the towpath and head back home. All in it is about 7 miles. There are sheep, cattle, and horses so it is not ideal for dogs but there is plenty to see on the way.

Brian Peers *Contact details in The Directory*

## CHOLERA

The origins of cholera, a bacterial infectious disease, are thought likely to be the Indian subcontinent spreading by trade routes. The first European outbreak occurred in Russia in 1817. It spread throughout the world.

In this country, a Central Board of Health was created which met daily from June 1831 to May 1832 and issued advice to the population via parochial Vestry Committees. The Government instructed all ships coming from the Baltic to be quarantined. In October 1831 the Sunderland Port Authority ignored quarantine orders and allowed a ship to dock. It was carrying the disease. The first 'official' death in Sunderland was on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and by the end of the epidemic in early January 1832 there had been 215 reported deaths. This first wave spread throughout the country claiming 52, 000 lives. There was no knowledge of the cause of cholera or how to treat those infected. Some interesting advice was given, see the posters.

# CHOLERA.

## PREVENTION.

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5. Let the house be whitewashed with hot lime.
6. Beware of Drunkenness—nothing is so likely to bring on Disease.

If any one is seized with sickness, slight vomiting, and purging, a burning heat at the stomach, with cramp in various parts of the body, and a feeling of cold all over, it probably is the Cholera.

At this time a writer said '*Our other plagues were home-bred, and part of ourselves, as it were; we had a habit of looking at them with a fatal indifference, indeed, inasmuch as it led us to believe that they could be effectually subdued. But the cholera was something outlandish, unknown, monstrous; its tremendous ravages, so long foreseen and feared, so little to be explained, its insidious march over whole continents, its apparent defiance of all the known and conventional precautions against the spread of epidemic disease, invested it with a mystery and a terror which thoroughly took hold of the public mind, and seemed to recall the memory of the great epidemics of the middle ages.*'

There were further outbreaks in 1849, the mid-1850s & the mid-1860s. In 1854 Dr John Snow identified the link between cholera and contaminated water. The bacterium was isolated the same year. Waldemar Haffkine developed the first cholera vaccine in 1892.

Cholera often breaks out when there is overcrowding and inadequate access to clean water, rubbish collection and proper sanitation. Cholera is a serious risk in the aftermath of disasters, like the Haiti earthquake of 2010. Whilst treatable it is estimated that the disease still kills over 100,000 people a year worldwide.

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