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In this edition, we have another lovely local walk described which covers our three villages. Thanks to Greg & Cherie Southgate. Jim Peers has contributed a poem giving food for thought whilst we are still in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

I enjoyed seeing Emma Wilkinson's 'Life of Bear' on the Children's Pages this month. In addition to Bear, my dog Kane is featured in this true story. The 'cone of shame' is now off and Kane has recovered well from his operation.

As I write parents are being encouraged by the Government to send their children back to school. I hope this is the right decision as the Coronavirus is still with us and will be for quite some time.

Some of us have discovered that working from home is very effective and will not be driving miles to the office every day. Less stress and fewer cars on the roads makes the air cleaner for us all.

Be careful and keep safe.

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for the October 2020 edition is

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The Council meeting took place by videoconference on Monday 3rd August. John Feilding, our District Councillor also attended.

Playground: The playground is open but despite notices stating that no food is allowed, it was noted that people have been picnicking. All users are asked to adhere to the rules and all members of the community are requested to help to uphold the rules

Green Areas: Enquiries are being made to take over responsibility for the maintenance of the graveyard at the side of St John's Church from Stratford District Council. The graveyard is overgrown and cannot be mowed. The wall is bulging and there is a large gap which has appeared which is giving cause for concern. Photographs have been sent to the District Council and the Church Commissioners.

Roads and Drains: The roads in the village have been marked up for repair. It was agreed with the landowner that the hedge and verge on Church Hill will be cut back as soon as possible after the bird nesting season has finished. Hopefully in September.

Coronavirus Volunteer Group: The helpline is still available.

Reading Room: A cleaner has been appointed to clean the premises once a month. Apart from the Post Office operation, the Reading Room remains closed until Government restrictions are lifted.

Next Meeting
Monday 7th September 2020
at 7:30pm
via videoconference

FARNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Peter Johnston www.farnboroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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Village Playground: Much concern was demonstrated by residents that this facility remained closed. The Councillors explained that the recently received ROSPA report had identified that some equipment needed repair i.e. the swings, fort, and wooden supporting structures. Hence until the Council had received quotations to repair the damaged equipment, it would unfortunately remain closed. This continued closure, although regretted, was on health and safety grounds; the Council being aware of their insurance liabilities. The Councillors would meet again in the next week to discuss and confirm the way forward.

Social Housing Update: The developers with the support of the District Council will organise a public meeting to present their ideas for social housing in Farnborough - date to be advised.

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Street Lighting Replacement: Although it was not apparent at the last meeting, it is now clear that replacement of lighting has begun, and two new streetlights have been replaced in the village at Haypool.

Next Meeting
Monday 28th September 2020
at 7:30pm
Via Zoom

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

Parish Councillor Vacancies: The Parish Council will be co-opting to fill the two vacancies.

Meetings: 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.

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Monday 21st September 2020
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NAPTON AND FENNY COMPTON WARD STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

As some people may know, I suffered a heart attack on 16th July. I would like to thank the very many people who have expressed get well messages towards me in various forms since then. I owe a great debt to the NHS and, in particular, St Wulfstan Surgery in Southam, the emergency ambulance service and UHCW/ Walsgrave Hospital.

Rapid intervention and excellent care appears to have averted substantial damage and I understand my prospects for recovery are good, but this will take a little time. Messages of support have come from many directions across communities and the local government and political spectrum.

The leader of the Lib Dem Group Dr Susan Juned has arranged cover for District Council matters. My colleague Louis Adam, the District Councillor for the adjoining ward of Long Itchington and Stockton will guide you with any queries where he can. Other councillors nearby have also offered to help out for the time being. I am so grateful for these offers.

In the midst of my own difficulties, I was most distressed to hear that County Councillor Bob Stevens had died unexpectedly.

I have known Bob for about 24 years, living in adjoining villages well before I was elected. For a time he was my County Councillor while I was his District Councillor. During my first eight years as a District Councillor, he was also a District Councillor, and we occasionally shared lifts to meetings and planning site visits. Although we were in different political parties our views and interests often aligned in getting the best for our part of the world in the east of Stratford District. When I was first elected, we successfully worked together as a team to constrain excessive quarrying around Stockton. Over the years, we both did our best to resist and make the best of HS2, I as a former Parliamentary candidate and Bob latterly in a formal role at the County.

Since May 2019, our areas of representation overlapped, with about 65% of my ward falling with Bob's County Division. We saw one another every few weeks at the Parish Council meetings for Fenny Compton, Ladbroke, Wormleighton, Priors Hardwick and Priors Marston parishes. Quite often, issues crossed County and District responsibility areas such as speed limits and flooding around new developments and we collaborated to address these, speaking on the phone most weeks.

Although he had been ill on and off for a while, just lately he had seemed somewhat better. He told me he had been having some problems with his circulatory system. He approached that with humour. Having been a Royal Navy engineering officer he told me he asked the medics if they could not just flush the pipework out a bit.

On the weekend of his death, I phoned round the village Parish Councils where we shared responsibility. Whilst not easy for me with my own situation as I recover

from a heart attack, it was something I wanted to do as we have worked together for those communities over the past 15 months or so. The feedback from there and elsewhere was, of course, reflective of the esteem in which he was held - a gentlemen with a long service to the community.

Nigel Rock

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

I am sure all our readers join the Team in wishing Nigel a swift recovery. Until further notice, please contact Cllr Louis Adam for any District Council issues.

louis.adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk

FELDON WARD WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Following the sudden death of Cllr Bob Stevens, we contacted Izzi Seccombe, Leader of the County Council to offer our condolences and ask for advice. Her understanding is that the Government have said there will be no by-elections because of Covid-19. All elections will be held over until May 2021 which will of course be the year of the County Council cycle.

In the meantime if anyone has an issue which needs to be dealt with by the County Council can contact Cllr Izzi Seccombe cllrseccombe@warwickshire.gov.uk mobile 07815 748 611 or Cllr Andy Crump cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk mobile 07771 335 273.

DOGS FOR GOOD - ASSISTANCE DOGS

Dogs for Good are an innovative charity, exploring ways dogs can help people overcome specific challenges and enrich and improve lives and communities. This is a national charity which started in Warwickshire and now has its headquarters in Banbury.

The assistance dogs support adults and children with a range of disabilities and children with autism. Their community dogs and their specialist handlers help people to improve their independence, wellbeing and skills.

The Family Dog team gives advice and support to help families with an autistic child to get the most out of their relationship with their pet dog.

Dogs for Good will have lost almost half their income this year, so we volunteers are looking at ways to raise funds for the charity. There are so many ways that you can help to raise money. Invite a volunteer to give an interesting Zoom talk to your group, volunteer your time from caring for a puppy or dog to joining a local supporter group, find out how you can give your time and make a difference.

Look at their charity website: www.dogsforgood.org or contact Anna by email annaatthecarrow@btopenworld.com.



LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

So much has changed and no I am not talking about COVID-19 although that has had a great impact. I am talking about my brother-in-law Doug who had a severe stroke in late January and the impact that has had on both him and my sister-in-law Stella. It has taken a lot of hard physical and emotional work to get them to where they are now. He can now walk - very short distances with a stick but with poor balance. His left arm and hand - his dominant side - are still useless, but he has his speech although his recognition of what is safe and what is not and his short term memory have been affected.

I find it impossible to imagine what it is like for him and Stella, who still has all her physical and mental faculties but has lost her independence and has become a full time carer. She cannot see how she can still be involved in her Gospel choir which rehearses for two hours a week and does regular performances and her drama group which requires a similar commitment. Who will stay with Doug while she does this? The support groups and local charities run by volunteers that would have provided this are not doing so because of social distancing.


Then there is the problem of the home. They live in a little cottage with steps everywhere, a tiny spiral staircase and a 1.2 acre garden with additional paddock and stables. Since he returned home from hospital two weeks before lockdown they have lived in two downstairs rooms. There is no way they can stay there. They must move and find themselves a bungalow with a small garden all on one level. So, life must change further and the comfort of the familiar must be left behind and yet more unknown embraced.

Luckily, they have embraced this, and I have had two visits to help 'house doctor' their home ready for sale. Even that has been painful as they have had to decide what to take and keep and what to get rid of in a time when charity shops are not taking perfectly useable and in many cases much loved items. But on the good side the projected sale price was greatly improved after the 'house doctoring'.

As I think of this and the changes in my life due to lockdown and social distancing. I realise that my changes are temporary. One day - although that day may be a long way off yet - my life will be able to go back to pre-COVID. But there will be things I will miss or am thankful for...

- My husband working from home. That has worked well for both of us and his employer. And I have had the added bonus that with no commute home he chose to take over the cooking – he is a good cook but never had time before.
- Zooming our church services has been successful and continues despite now being able to have services in church.
- The increased contact with family on Zoom and FaceTime. Regular chats through the week when before it was visits a few times a year.

- Relationships with family and friends has become more important and a lot of the peripheries that used to be important no longer are.

I think the last few months has made us all reevaluate so much. Perhaps we all need to 'house doctor' our lives. Throw out the old and in some cases, much loved and embrace the new and unknown. To consider the lives of others and become the good neighbour. But let us not forget that there are those in our families and communities whose lives will not revert back, whose lives will have changed forever due to Covid-19 and other things that would have happened anyway. Let us see if we can be there for them and help them to embrace the new and unknown. 

FARNBOROUGH CHURCH 100 CLUB

The 100-Club year for 2019/20 is coming to an end with £420 being raised for church funds. Congratulations to the winners.

It will re-commence at the beginning of October, if you have not already payed your next year's subscription, and would like to continue, please contact Pam Marchant, Chapel Cottage, Farnborough on 690 064 or send your remittance as soon as possible in readiness for the October draw. We are very grateful for your continued support.

There are still places available at £10 per number, if anyone would now like to join the Club do give it a try. There are four draws per year with three prizes in each, half the subscriptions made go towards Church funds and help with the upkeep of this beautiful building.

TOTS AND TODDLERS

There is no Tots and Toddlers in September, but we are reviewing how to fulfil social distancing and hope to be back in October.

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The Yew Tree is being run by volunteers and a limited number of paid staff until a tenant or manager can be found.

Since opening, additional picnic tables and parasols have been acquired and the old smoking shed has been transformed into an ice cream shack offering a service 10am–6pm for ice cream, tea, coffee, cakes, and soft drinks.

The gardens are being maintained by volunteers and the new planting plus the addition of hanging baskets and planters have enhanced the external appearance.

Feedback from our customers is very positive and we hope that we can continue to rely on their support once schools go back in September and into the winter months.

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.

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WEDNESDAY	2		RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHOOL SUMMER TERM STARTS
THURSDAY	3		
FRIDAY	4		
SATURDAY	5		
SUNDAY	6	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer - Gaydon Holy Communion - Farnborough Communion (BCP) - Burton Dassett and Online via Zoom Songs Of Praise - Online via Zoom
MONDAY	7	7:30pm	Avon Dassett PC Meeting - Videoconference
TUESDAY	8		
WEDNESDAY	9		
THURSDAY	10		
FRIDAY	11		
SATURDAY	12	10:00am-1:00pm 2:00pm-5:00pm	Plant, Cake and Produce Stall - FC Village Hall Bowls Club Finals Day
SUNDAY	13	9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Communion (BCP) - Gaydon Holy Communion - FC St Peter & St Clare and Online via Zoom Morning Prayer - Northend / Burton Dassett Evensong - Farnborough
MONDAY	14		
TUESDAY	15		
WEDNESDAY	16		RECYCLING COLLECTION
THURSDAY	17		
FRIDAY	18		
SATURDAY	19		
SUNDAY	20	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 and Online via Zoom
MONDAY	21	7:45pm	Fenny Compton PC Meeting - Online via Zoom
TUESDAY	22		SEPTEMBER EQUINOX
WEDNESDAY	23		
THURSDAY	24		
FRIDAY	25		

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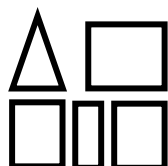
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Back to School Action Plan!



Going back to school can feel quite scary, especially as things have been so different this year and we've all been at home for a long time. If you're feeling a bit nervous the best way to beat those back to school blues is to GET PREPARED!

Some ideas to help you:

Friends are really important and make us feel happier – together we can do anything!
– so tell them how special they are!
Make a BFF card to let them know you care!
(You may have lots of best friends!)

Have you got your school bag sorted yet?
Choose your favourite pens and pencils, maybe a shopping trip for a special pencil case or bag?
Do you need a calculator, ruler, high-lighters, folders?
There's lots to think about!

Kit and uniform
I bet you've grown a lot since you last wore your uniform!
Try it on (if you can) and take a photo to see how much bigger you are now!
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Brush up on your studies!
Finishing your holiday assignments and brushing up on anything which you find hard will give you tons of confidence when you go back to school.

Good Luck and have fun!





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SUNDAY	27	9:00am-12:00pm 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am 12:00pm-11:00pm	Fenny Compton Footpath Group - <i>see article</i> Holy Communion - Gaydon Morning Prayer - Farnborough Communion (BCP) - FC St Peter & St Clare Morning Prayer - Northend / Burton Dassett and Online via Zoom Oktoberfest - Merrie Lion
MONDAY	28	7:30pm	Farnborough PC Meeting – via Zoom
TUESDAY	29		
WEDNESDAY	30		RECYCLING COLLECTION

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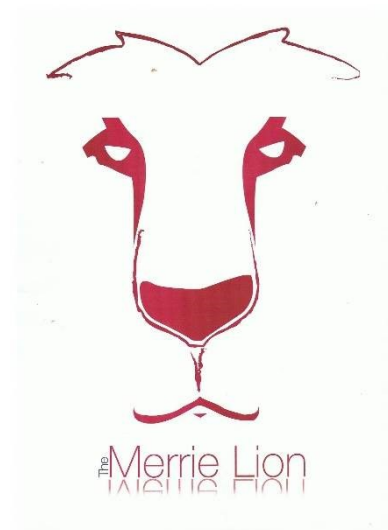
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The Footpath Group is back in business! We had our first work session when we all turned out together in long time. Most of the paths are in pretty good shape, partly because we have been out doing maintenance as individuals and partly because the paths seem to have seen a lot more traffic during lockdown.

We concentrated on the path from The Lankett to The Tunnel. It is now strimmed, hopefully just in time before the thistles go to seed. We also replaced a railway sleeper on a sleeper bridge. One of our relatively new starters got some strimmer training and soon picked it up. It is not too difficult, just lots to remember if you have never done it before. Next month we will carry on with the strimming, the weather has been fairly dry so thankfully the weeds and grass have not grown too much.

Jim Peers found an old strimmer in the back of his garage and generously donated it to the Footpath Group. Thanks Jim. It had not run for years and there were a few bits missing. Amazingly, we got the engine running and I got the missing parts for about £20. We sent it out to do some work but it started to leak petrol so we have yet to use it in anger.

I have had requests to install a couple of gates. It used to be that all I had to do was to email or phone my contact at Warwickshire County Council and a new gate would be delivered. Nowadays it is a lot more complicated so if you have contacted



me with a request please bear with me, the new system is painfully slow.

There are about 10 of us in the Group and we meet up every 4th Sunday from 9am to 12noon. The work is not hard or difficult but it is very rewarding and helps to keep the paths in good order. If you like the sound of it

and want to try it out call me. Equipment and on the job training is provided and there is no obligation to be available for every session.

We are also on Facebook so you can follow us there for regular updates on what we have been doing. Look for 'fennycomptonfootpathgroup'.

Brian Peers *Contact details in The Directory*
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THE DASSETT COUNTRY SHOW

One of the many 'missing' events this year was The Dasset Country Show which should have taken place in Avon Dasset on 1st August. Sadly, the decision was taken in late May that it would have to be cancelled as the situation was too uncertain at that time to be sure it would be able to go ahead.

This was a hard decision to have to make, particularly as this year's charities, VASA and Shipston Home Nursing, were chosen in memory of two Avon Dasset residents who passed away towards the end of 2019. We were also conscious that charities would be struggling to raise funds this year. So, the Committee looked for a way to support our charities even though the Show itself was not taking place. It agreed to defer replacing some equipment and dig into its reserves to enable a donation to be made to them. This money was supplemented by the donation of a number of pitch fees in lieu of the refund that was offered to stallholders. We were grateful to them for their contributions!

In the week before the Show would have taken place, we visited VASA and Shipston Home Nursing and, socially distanced of course, presented each of them with a cheque for £600. Although not quite as much as we would donate in a 'normal' year, we hope that the money helps them with carrying on their valuable work in these difficult times.

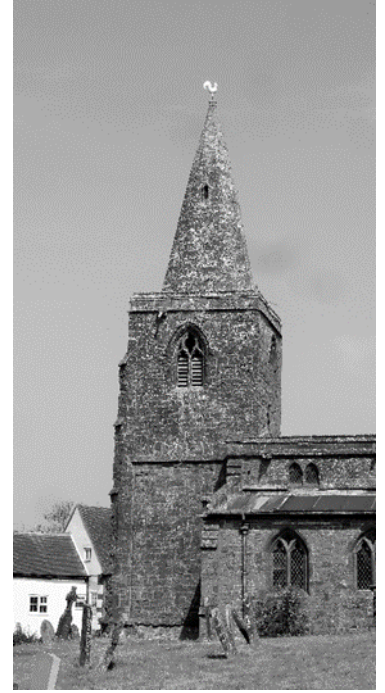
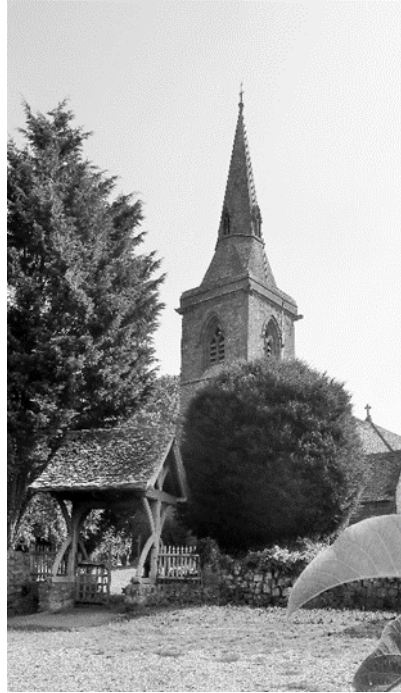
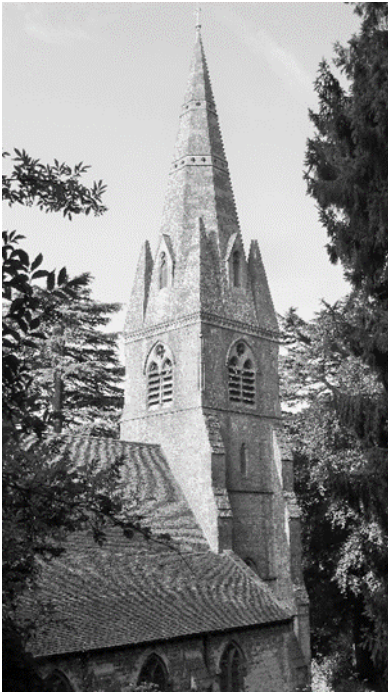


BOWLS CLUB

Our restricted season heads towards a close. In the absence of competitive matches due to Covid-19, we have enjoyed a great season with 15 new members. Our internal competitions have resulted in some very close entertaining matches. Finals day takes place on Saturday 12th September so if anyone is interested please come along and support the Club.

A THREE SPIRES WALK

A 6 mile walk through three villages, farmland and by lakes links three churches in Fenny Compton, Avon Dassett and Farnborough. Many locals will know most of the paths, but we linked them together to make a circular walk. We started and finished at the Fenny Compton War Memorial although the walk could be started from the centre of Avon Dassett or Farnborough taking about 3½ hours including a breakfast picnic. Parking is available in Memorial Road.



Facing the Memorial walk left to Church Street up to St Peter and St Clare Church through the churchyard out to Dog Lane. Follow to The Slade, turn left past the farmhouse and barns looking for the kissing gate on the right. Take the right fork through the beans (in August), over the stile, along the boundary to the crab apple tree forking left up to the half-dead ash tree. Pass through the hedge gap, left uphill beside the sunflowers. Keep straight on past the ash tree on the right and head for the poplar trees. Follow the field boundary then cross the arable field of wheat to the gap in the tree line across another field to reach the marker post and kissing gate. Over the road and stile into a meadow and head for the wooden fence posts round the edge of an old quarry. Leave the fence line towards the metal gate and over another stile. Follow the path through the wooded section - beware brambles and nettles - then through the gateway to the meadow. Walk along the contour parallel to the boundary fence turning sharp right just after electricity pole and over the stile. Go through the gap in the tall conifer hedge and turn immediately left with the tall hedge on your left. Sheltered by the trees walk along a dark stretch to meet the road into Avon Dassett by John the Baptist Church.

Continue downhill into the village taking the left turn into a lane just after the George VI letter box beside St Anne's Cottage. Walk to the Dutch barn turn right and follow the barn wall. Beyond the barn meet a gate and go into pasture to follow the contour for a while to meet a stile with no boundaries!

The path starts to gently climb with views over the Dasset Gap and the M40 towards the scarp of Edge Hill. Follow the path through the gorse bushes eventually meeting a stile in the corner of the pasture. Cross the arable field over a stile to pass along a 380m stretch of 2m tall maize down to the road.

Left to Farnborough keeping an eye open for the permissive path on the left just before the brick wall on the right. Follow woodland path to the lake, turn right and walk along the embankment with the lake to your left until you are alongside a surfaced road. Take the gravel path beyond the wooden gate and follow this crossing another road via two more wooden gates. Leaving the gravel path via two stone walls turn left to the village centre.

A short diversion off to the right can be made to St Botolph's Church. Near The Kitchen look for the sunflower sculptures on the house walls on the left and take the signed path beside Chapel Cottage at Heydons Terrace. Over the stile into pasture head uphill towards a bush of gorse just visible on the brow of Windmill Hill. Keeping the stone heap on your left go over the brow and head for a gap between two hawthorn trees then downhill to the left of the gorse bushes, bare right to the crab apple tree to find the stile.

Follow the hedge line to the bridge and stiles - another without boundaries - looking for the marker post on the boundary slightly to the right. Over the stile uphill next to the hedge to a marker post to turn right across the crop to a gap in the hedge. Head through the crop to a few treetops to find a kissing gate and bridge. Go uphill across the crops at about 40° to the hedge line (WNW) and then down to another bridge and kissing gate out on to The Slade. Turn left along The Slade down past the farmhouse and through the kissing gates on the right into Hall Yard to walk towards the St Peter and St Clare Church. Go through the two gates to bring you into the churchyard and back onto Church Street and Memorial Road to complete the walk.

Greg and Cherie Southgate

FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

We hope that everyone has kept well during the past rather trying few months and we are sorry that our Village Hall has been unable to open for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Of course, it has not been possible to continue with our popular afternoon teas this season, the first time in 20 years we have not been able to offer this popular event, more is the pity.

We are delighted to announce that with effect from the beginning of September our Hall will be open for private hire. Our regular Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays will also resume at 10:30am. Please check with Emma on 690 254 or Fiona 690 039.

PLANT, CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

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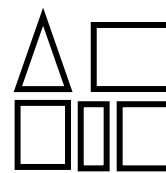
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Welcome back to a new term at Abacus. We would like to welcome everyone back and hopefully (nearly) normal service is resumed.

Thank you to all the children and their families who left us in July to continue their learning journey. We hope their transition into school is easy despite the challenges that we have faced in the last few months. The children were amazing and coped so well with all the different changes that they had to quickly adapt to. We are very proud of you all. Also, thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts the staff received at the end of term. It is very much appreciated.



We have most sessions available at the moment, but these will fill quickly as we approach Christmas. Please contact us as soon as possible to have a chat about what you need.

Hopefully fundraising will be restarted soon so keep your eyes peeled for notices in the village. We look forward to seeing you soon.

COVID-19 SURVEY

To understand how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected people, Warwickshire County Council is inviting people to complete a short survey to give their opinions about the different ways in which Covid-19 has impacted their lives and covers a variety of topics including health & wellbeing, local town centres & high streets, transport and green spaces.

The survey, which should take around 15 minutes to complete, is available online at ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/covid-survey/. All respondents must be aged 18 and over. Anyone who would like to complete the survey but does not have Internet access can call 01926 731 484 and someone can complete the survey over the phone on your behalf. The survey closes on Wednesday 30th September 2020.

THE DASSETT SCHOOL

All children are expected to return in September on a full-time basis. Obviously, this is a difficult time for staff and for those parents who feel that returning to school could be a challenge for them and their little ones. However, it will be great to have the children back, for the sake of their ongoing education and well-being.

A full risk assessment has been put in place and many of the procedures that we followed for key workers' children and those who returned after May half term are still in place and these worked successfully during last term. Obviously, changes have been made to accommodate the larger number of pupils.

Some of the changes affect where children enter and move around the school and how the teacher interacts with them in the classroom. We will be trying, as all schools, to ensure the integrity of each classroom/year group 'bubble' so that pupils have contact with as few adults as possible. Extra cleaning will be in place and children are being taught, and reminded regularly, to wash their hands for the full 20 seconds and to 'catch, kill and bin' coughs and sneezes.

Suzanne Corry Headteacher

LIFE BEHIND BARS

Jim Peers

Our crime, as many colleagues here would say, was just
An ill-starred cross of time and place; but jail it had to be.
This nick is typically old and used, the metal windows stiff,
The plumbing slow; the floorboards creak you all the way
And back on comfort breaks at night. The garden area,
Surrounded by a barbed wire bramble hedge, is quite
A size and popular with birds who sing and fool around,
And other animals who pop in overnight and fight
And park a crap and vandalise the lilies just like the
Good old days. This morning on the grass I found
A broken tiny eggshell and I hoped its passenger
Had got away in time. It will be grown and singing
With the rest before our turn to fly arrives.
No pardon seems in sight for our fortuitous crime.

The food is great; you'd think that with the sword
Of Damocles so finely poised above our heads
Our appetites would wane. No way, no wane. The menus
Hit the spot like perfect penalties; forget the fancy
Dining of our former life, the chefs awash with
Arrogance, the prices off the scale, the oily staff.
Here we've had sorrel soup, wild garlic pesto,
Perfect steaks, asparagus and salmon, broad beans
(Loaded on buttered sourdough, need I say) and,
For our tea break, flapjacks, gingerbread and Dundee cake.
Our cook's another inmate but she knows her stuff;
No stupid virus would attempt to turn her off.
The bar and wine list - my concern – are, shall we say,
Acceptable in the straitened circumstances of the day.

For exercise there's housework, borne with all the smiling
Bonhomie you'd want. Almost no shopping, bar to get
My pills; the pharmacists all quiet and smelling sweet as hay,
Their masks are double thick; you can't pick up a word they say.
We get a proper walk three times a week. We stick
To footpaths but the prison anoraks are spotted in a flash
And other walkers steer away like we had got the rash.
On other days it's garden work. We dig for bloody victory
And watch some hired hand enjoy the ride-on mower.
My beans got done by mice and two nights freaking
Frost arrived in May – so half my spuds were lost.

Till last week visitors verboten. Now they've got a scheme
Which lets a brace of inmates from some other clink
Enjoy a soiree in our yard. We know them all too well,
But strange to say the wit and wisdom fairly flow.
These odd conditions make you realise you've no idea
What's really in their heads or even in your own.
The news we hear is somehow never plain. Our leaders,
Rightly anxious, serve a regular and wholesome diet
Of mainly positives. Their critics and the thirsty choir
Of scribes, a few at least of which have good intentions,
Swoop like excited rats on failures, muddles and excuses
As they obligingly emerge, withering with scorn,
Dismay and cutting pity - excepting carefully the heroes
Cast for sainthood - the variegated and distinctly weary army
On which our lives depend. In our profession reticence
On others' failures is a stronger inclination.

The weeks stroll by, kicking us on the ankles as they pass;
We are unharmed but time is stolen from us every day.
News from our families pounds impatiently at our ears
And eyes; they dodge and bounce, submerge and rise
And still have time to care for us as if we suffered
From the blind insouciance of youth. They grow, we age;
There is a cool revision of the previous peacetime truth.
Our greatest loss is fun. No pubs, no clubs, no foreign trips,
Or dining out or Morris Dancing. No Wigmore Hall,
No culture walks or learned talks on Caesar's Gaul.
No summer operas with picnics stolen from the rain,
No raucous multi generation feasts, indulgent shopping trips
Or cacophonic music making. The car may never start again.

This is an age of life imported by a bullying star.
In facing its constraints our chosen stratagem
Is to revert to student domesticity and be an Item.
Though quite unarguably two we trade as one,
And armed with just the lightly anchored confidence
Of youth we can ignore the frowns and insolence of all
Our various incarcerators and live each day
Precisely as it comes. No need to take up Sanskrit,
Limbo dancing or the science of poppadums.
As former inmates here have often quietly said,
It is a blessing where our path has strangely lead.

Written 4 June 2020

THE SURGERY

The current Coronavirus pandemic has presented huge challenges over the last few months. Nobody has been immune from the disruption, uncertainty and, at times, distress. We want to reassure you all that the practice is continually working to provide the best service we possibly can at this time.

Coronavirus remains a very real threat to everyone and the practice unfortunately cannot return to 'normal' at this time. To let our guard down now would risk the safety not only of staff but of other patients and this is not something we are prepared to do.

The practice is trying to operate essential patient contacts only and to triage a huge number of phone calls each day. The staff will be able to provide information on how the systems are operating to those required and information posters can be found at the practices on attending.

Please notify us upon your arrival for your appointment but please wait outside the practice until you are called in. This is safer for patients and safer for staff, please continue to wear your face masks if you are planned to be seen face to face.

We are aware some measures may seem excessive to some, but there is a risk should a member of staff contract Covid-19, that services would be hugely disrupted.

We know many patients are anxious about the months ahead, managing existing and new health conditions and flu vaccinations. A huge amount of work and planning is going on behind the scenes to restart services and to keep you safe – please be patient with us as you have been.

The practice is acutely aware of the proposed changes to the flu vaccination programme but unfortunately there has been limited guidance and advice via NHS England as to how this will be managed in real terms. As soon as we have official plans in place, we will inform you all.

We are grateful to have such an understanding and considerate practice population whilst we, along with you, navigate the ever-changing face of this pandemic.

Drs Marshall and Sharples

CARERS4CARERS

Carers4Carers is a self-help support group for carers living in Kinton and the surrounding villages and rural area. While we consider how to safely resume our face-to-face meetings, we continue to keep in touch via our monthly email and newsletter; our volunteers are offering telephone support calls and we continue to run a 'virtual coffee morning'.

If you would like to join us, look out for joining instructions in our monthly email or contact the number below. If you are a member, have not heard from us but would like a call, do get in touch. To find out more about our work, take a look at our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or call 07947 893 504.



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