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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died on Thursday 8th September. In spite of her great age, it came as a shock.



Most of us have never known another Monarch. It was splendid to hear the tributes paid by so many people throughout the world. The lying-instate and the funeral were magnificent and such a tribute to the Queen for her service to the country and the Commonwealth.

I am sure that we will all find it strange to sing 'God Save the King'.

Many local events & meetings had to be postponed or cancelled during the period of mourning so we have fewer reports this month. Half-term will be upon us and there are a few ideas of places to visit with children.

Covid-19 is still with us and a third jab is on offer. Please take up the offer when contacted by the surgery to protect yourself and us all.

The closing date for news & articles for the November 2022 edition is

Wednesday 12th October 2022

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AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Trevor Gill www.avondassettparishcouncil.com Clerk: Joanne Jarman avondassett.clerk@googlemail.com

The last meeting of the Parish Council was Monday 5th September.

Playground: Advice has been received that no additional matting is required beneath the slide. Extra signage has been erected reminding users of the age restriction and the need for children to be supervised.

Queens Platinum Jubilee: It was reported that the events had not used the full budgeted amount and only £74 of the contingency had been used in addition to the cost of the toilets for the evening meal and disco. .

Reading Room: In accordance with financial regulations a second quotation is required before improvement works can be commissioned

War Memorial: A response from the War Memorials Trust to our pre-grant application is awaited.

Roads & Drains: Consideration is being given to the costs and benefits of replacing the existing streetlight bulbs with LED. Drains in the village have been sluiced but two towards the top of Church Hill remain blocked. This has been reported to Highways at the County Council.

CCTV: A review of the desirability of installing CCTV in the village is being undertaken.

Nature Reserve: A project to renovate the area behind the bus stop is being considered.

Broadcasting Parish Council Meetings: Consideration is being given to the possibility of broadcasting meetings of the Parish Council. Face to face meetings will continue to be held in the Reading Room and members of the public are free to attend. However, by broadcasting meetings it is hoped that greater participation will be achieved.

Next Meeting Monday 7th November 2022 at 7pm in The Reading Room

FARNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Peter Johnston www.farnboroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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

The September meeting took place after the magazine went to press.

Full Minutes: Full minutes are available on the website, address above, and on the Village Notice Boards.

Next Meeting
Monday 26th November 2022
at 7pm
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 07789 822 180 fcpc.clerk@gmail.com

The September meeting was postponed due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The deferred meeting took place after the magazine went to press.

Sports Field: As part of the upgrade, the Scouts will be repainting the walls during October and the basketball net will be reinstated

Planning: An emergency planning meeting was held on 4th August to discuss 22/02138/OUT - Outline planning application for 12 self/custom build dwellings at Thompsons Field. Councillors agreed to object the application as the proposal is outside the Built-Up Area Boundary. Planning permission has already been given at the former Compton Buildings site and, therefore, the proposed development is well in excess of the number of homes allocated to Fenny Compton and the current District Council draft Site Allocation Plan has removed the previously earmarked reserve housing sites including this proposed site off Station Road in Fenny Compton Parish. The full wording of the objection can be found on the District Council website.

Compton Buildings Site: We are still trying to organise a meeting with Orbit regarding the development at the former Compton Buildings Site to discuss progress and traffic through the village, among other things.

Next Meeting
Monday 17th October 2022
at 7:45pm
in The Village Hall

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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NAPTON AND FENNY COMPTON WARD STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Queen: The Queen was a wonderful and remarkable lady and for me, like everyone else, she has been an ever-present figure throughout my life. I never met her, but on two occasions would have had the opportunity to do so but for chance, latterly a trip to the Palace being prevented by the pandemic. I do know a number of people that have met her personally though, in one case for extended periods, and describe a genuinely warm person. The whole world will miss her.

New Waste Collection Arrangements: I do not believe I need to point out to most residents, that there have been some problems with the transition to the new collection arrangements. Whilst some properties have not had difficulty, there have been more problems around Southam than elsewhere in the District. I have been rather inundated with complaints about the revised system. Where I have been able to do so, I have taken up these complaints. I am grateful to residents and Parishes because in nearly all cases I have not been the first point of contact — they have correctly instituted the complaint to the Council where they can be logged and dealt with systematically. If you do have problems, please raise them either:

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However there have been so many complaints that these reporting systems have become overloaded. Issues that have not been properly dealt with and have come to me, are broadly:

- No response or late response to complaint
- Multiple or repeated problems
- Whole areas, villages or roads missed

'Practically impossible' to get through to call centre with consequent knock-on effects on other services

District Councillors had a high-level meeting on early in September following the concerns I and others had voiced. The Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Council (the paid officers), and the Conservative leader of the Council (the equivalent of the local Prime Minister if you like) made a trip to the Southam area to hear our concerns in person. Also in attendance was the acting Head of Service and two senior people from Biffa.

At the meeting, there was much emphasis on how well things had gone, and in my opinion, far too little owning up to things gone wrong. Biffa made a presentation explaining what a major task the transition had been and quoted a 99.31% 'success' rate. To be frank this did not sit well with some of us and we said so.

Many reasons were given for the failures which Biffa and the Council considered to be isolated, but both I and my colleague Louis Adam covering Long Itchington &

Stockton (other villages with problems) were sceptical about the reporting system that produced these numbers.

Thanks to the co-operation of residents, I have collected my own data at the beginning of September and found a high level of unresolved complaints. The problems breakdown as follows:

No	Problem	Problem	Problem	Problem	Other
Caddie	Blue	Green	Grey	Food	Problem
45%	38%	62%	46%	39%	4%

I am sure there are more investigations to be done but the focus should be to get things back on track first. Whilst some reasons given at the meeting were valid, some were less so - some foreseeable, some not.

An incomplete list:

- 260,000 collections a week from 130,000 properties was a big task to change.
- Changing on 1st August caused lots of problems with staff absence (sick and holidays)
- Extreme hot weather
- Recruitment and vehicle procurement was difficult
- Biffa took over from another contractor in Warwick and decided to use those crews in our area without any familiarisation.
- Disposable nappies, stoma, and colostomy waste problems with a 3-weekly collections.
- The routes/days were changed from what we had before, on even the blue and green bins.

On this last point, the previous arrangement where village magazines could publish collection days and bin colours, mostly for the whole community, cannot work. Parishes have been split, so residents need to check their individual calendar that came with food caddies. One thing Councillors asked for at that meeting is a list of these rounds, which we do not presently have.

By the time you read this we will be another month on, so I hope with the various actions that were agreed, we will see improvements.

Cllr Nigel Rock
Contact details in The Directory

ROADWORKS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA

Saturday 1st October – Monday 31st October:

School Hill, Mollington - Road Closure, diversion in effect - Thames Water

Tuesday 25th October -Friday 28th October:

Plough Lane, Bishops Itchington - Traffic Control multi-way signals - Warwickshire County Council



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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

As I write this, we have just been through 10 days of mourning for our late Queen Elizabeth II. Yesterday was her funeral. Watched by millions across the world it will have made many people remember loved ones and friends who have died and perhaps think of their own death. At times like this many think about and ask themselves 'What happens next?'.

Loss, for many of us is hard to accept. I have been with too many people mourning the loss of a friend or loved one, ... and experienced it myself, to believe that death is the end. There is a lovely little book, written for children but ideal for us all, that gives a wonderful explanation about death. 'Water Bugs and Dragonflies' by Doris Stickney, tells the story of a small colony of water bugs living happily below the surface of a quiet pond. Every so often one of them climbs up a lily stalk and disappears from sight, never to return. Those left behind are faced with the mystery of figuring out what has become of them. The story reveals the miracle that water bugs leave the pond and emerge on the surface into a wonderful new world to find they have turned into beautiful dragonflies. The nature of their new being - their beautiful wings - prevents them from return to the water to tell their friends what has happened. They have to wait until they are all reunited into their new world as dragonflies.

My Christian belief leads me to know that death is simply a transformation - moving from one season to the next. It is the end of our present life; the parting from loved ones and moving on. Like that of the dragonfly or like in winter, when the trees lose their leaves and to all intense and purposes appear to be dead, but after a short time return to life again in spring.

The one who dies is like one of those trees, simply moving from one season to the next. They leave us with many memories, and even though they are no longer here to share the memories with us, to show that friendship or love in person, the positive effect of their life remains with all who knew them. They are with us every time we remember them, every time we talk about them or even talk to them.

The love of God shines like a light of hope, in the darkness of grief, with the promise that death is not the end. Christians can trust in the promise of Jesus that the dead have gone to our 'Fathers house'. That they have moved on to the next season, that they can have a new and immortal body to replace the one that failed them. And that they are now with friends and family that have gone before them. And that one day we will meet up with them again.

LIVING WELL

Living Well is a new page on the Warwickshire County Council website that gives advice and information in the following areas: Adult Social Care, Staying Safe, Health & Wellbeing, Financial Support, Lifelong Learning, Loneliness, Community Support, Assistive Technology and Information for Families.

See warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell

Avon Dassett Community Benefit Society

www.avondassettcommunitybenefitsociety.co.uk

Jack and his team celebrated their second anniversary of their tenancy of The Yew Tree with a well-attended music night on Friday 2nd September. We are delighted to report that we have agreed a new five-year lease with The Happy Wolf Company, so look forward to many more anniversaries.

The Development Sub-Committee is considering a number of improvements to the premises, including an upgrade to the toilets and the provision of disabled access, use of the outbuildings and improvements to energy efficiency. A structural survey of the outbuildings was undertaken during September and the report will inform the analysis of available options for future use.

A meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee will consider how the costs development can be met, together with the ability of the Society to pay interest on shares again this year.

Quiz Nights: Quiz nights have been scaled back to monthly during the summer as the turnout has not been as high as previously. However, it is hoped to move back to a fortnightly quiz as soon as possible.

Both the Bridge Club and Walking Group continue to be well attended and are looking to extend their memberships. All are welcome to join.

Walking Group: The Walking Group's next walk will be on Thursday 20th October; meet at 10:50am, for an 11am start to walk a local route of approx. 4.5 miles. We will finish with lunch at the Yew Tree at around 13.00. Non walkers will be welcome to join us for lunch.

Open Gardens 2023: The Society has received a request from the Open Gardens organisers to consider how we could provide support to this event. Options are being considered.

Christmas Menu: The Yew Tree's Christmas menu has been published and will be available Monday 28th November – Friday 23rd December. There will be a 10% discount for customers dining from the menu before Friday 9th December and a free bottle of Prosecco for parties of six or more dining before Friday 16th December. Two courses £19.95 and three courses £24.95.

Shares: Shares are still available to new investors and application details together with further information about the Benefit Society is available - address above.

RURAL CINEMA



This month the film at Fenny Compton Village Hall is *ELVIS* (2022) which will be shown on Saturday 8th October at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. See a trailer at https://bit.ly/p-elvis

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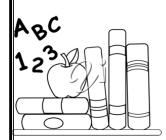




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SATURDAY	1	2:00pm-4:00pm	Church Teas And Sale - FC Village Hall	
		10:00am	Holy Communion - Farnborough	
SUNDAY	2	11:00am	Morning Prayer - FC Methodist Led	
		11:00am	BCP Communion – Burton Dassett	
Monday	3			
TUESDAY	4			
XX /	5	9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall	
WEDNESDAY		11:00am-12:30pm	Coffee Morning - Avon Dassett Reading Room	
THURSDAY	6			
FRIDAY	7	12:30pm	Merrie Men's Lunch - Merrie Lion, FC	
SATURDAY	8			
		11:00am	Holy Communion - FC St Peter & St Clare	
SUNDAY	9	11:00am	Morning Prayer - Northend	
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer - Farnborough	
Monday	10			
TUESDAY	11	1:00pm	Over 60s Lunch - Merrie Lion, Fenny Compton	
XX/	12	9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall	
WEDNESDAY		7:30pm	Bridge Club - The Yew Tree, Avon Dassett	
THURSDAY	13	_	RECYCLING COLLECTION	
FRIDAY	14			
SATURDAY	15	2:00pm-4:00pm	So Sew And Make Group - FC Village Hall	
	16	10:00am	BCP Communion - Farnborough	
SUNDAY		11:00am	BCP Communion - FC St Peter & St Clare	
		11:00am	Holy Communion - Burton Dassett	
3.6	17	12:00pm-1:30pm	Just-A-Bite Lunch – FC Village Hall	
Monday		7:45pm	Fenny Compton PC Meeting - FC Village Hall	
TUESDAY	18	7:30pm	AD Gardening Club - AD Reading Room	
WEDNESDAY	19	9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Parish Church	
			GENERAL REFUSE COLLECTION	
THURSDAY	20	11:00am	Avon Dassett Walking Group - Yew Tree, AD	
FRIDAY	21		,	
SATURDAY	22			
	23	9:30am	Morning Payer - Northend	
SUNDAY		9:00am-12:00pm	Fenny Compton Footpath Group	
		10:00am	Food For Thought Breakfast - FC VH	
		10:00am	Morning Prayer - Farnborough	
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MONDAY	24		223.	
TUESDAY	25			



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2nd Oct Grandparents Day

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What do you call a fly without wings?

What did one ghost say to the other? Walk! Get a life!







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WEDNESDAY	26	9:45am-11:45am 6:00pm	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall Bridge Club - The Yew Tree, Avon Dassett
Thursday	27		RECYCLING COLLECTION
FRIDAY	28	10:30am-12:00pm	SCHOOL HALF TERM HOLIDAY ENDS Carers4Carers - Kineton Village Hall
SATURDAY	29		
SUNDAY	30	10:00am	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Group Confirmation Service with Bishop John Farnborough
Monday	31		HALLOWEEN

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Avon Dassett	FENNY COMPTON	Northend			
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Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help paint our room over the summer holidays. It now looks lovely fresh and bright for the new school year.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a child who is not yet registered with us, we look forward to hearing from you.

THE DASSETT COUNTRY SHOW

The Dassett Country Show was held on Saturday 6th August this year after a two-year gap. It was great to be back! We were very lucky with the weather as it was not too hot, and we had a busy day. At the time of writing, the final figures are not quite complete, but we expect to have raised over £3,500 for our nominated charities, Macmillan Cancer Support and Alzheimer's Association, and for local groups and projects.

Thank you to everyone who came along and to those who supported the event by helping on a stall or in the tea tent, by baking cakes, or by helping us with the substantial task of 'setting up' for and 'taking down' after the event. Many thanks also to those who donated bottles, raffle, or tombola prizes. We are fortunate that this support comes not only from Avon Dassett, but from the surrounding villages as

well.

If there is local group or project that you would like to nominate to receive part of the funds we have raised, please provide details to Michele Gill by email dassettcountryshow@gmail.com or on 01295 690 987 by Saturday 15th October. Donations will be approved at our AGM - provisionally booked for Thursday 10th

November.

We will also be looking to form the Committee for next year's Show at the AGM. It takes a great deal of effort to prepare for the Show and the numbers on our committee has fallen in recent years as members have moved away or other commitments meant they could not continue. We would really welcome new members to the committee to help share the load and enable the Show to continue. If you are interested or would like some information on what is involved, please get in touch.

THE 2ND WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Fenny Compton's newest Wildflower Meadow will be created beside the Bear & Ragged Staff on The Green on Avon Dassett Road. The planned scarifying and seeding will be delayed due to electrical works, but we are confident that with the help offered by the electrical contractors, by summer 2023 we will have a new, flourishing wildflower meadow on the plot.

Emma Wilkinson

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On the day of The State Funeral our Village Hall was open for any residents who wished to watch the event to do so on our large screen with tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Though most people, understandably, wished to watch at home, a few came, including the Chair of The Village Hall Committee, resplendent in his kilt and full Scottish attire. The State Funeral was an amazing spectacle, a great and deserved tribute to Her Majesty.

Village Teas: These have been going throughout September and have attracted many visitors. However, at the end of the month the helpers will hang up their aprons, the cake bakers put away their tins and we shall close until next April.

Our grateful thanks go to all who have helped in any way, serving, baking, or visiting and buying afternoon tea to help to swell the coffers. We have even had an apprentice helping, so a special thanks go out to Reuben Campbell for all his work.

Skittles Night: The Skittles Night held on Saturday 3rd September proved to be a great success and we hope to hold another session in January.

Big Screen TV: Do not forget that our big screen can be used for sporting events so call our booking Secretary if you have any requests.

Contact details in The Directory

Over 60s

Over 60s lunch will be on the second Tuesday every month at The Merrie Lion at 12:30pm for 1pm. Anyone wishing to join us will be made most welcome. Please ring Carol Walker on 770 410 or Mollie Hill on 271 570 for further details. Dates for October are in *The Diary*.

SCOUTS

The Scout Group have been back only a few weeks but have lots planned for the autumn term. The Cubs and Beavers will be off on camp in October, to the Alfrey Centre at Broadwater, where they will be doing lots of fun activities. These will include pioneering, cooking on open fires, tarp shelter construction and hammock pitching! The Scouts will be working towards their Community Impact award, working with Emma Wilkinson on the wildflower meadow, as well as planning and painting a mural on the Sports Field once it has been approved by the Parish Council. In addition, they will be undertaking a night hike, in preparation for the Bear Trek in November, where we will be competing with Scouts from across Warwickshire in this 10-mile incident hike.

On top of our usual Scouting events, the Elves are currently working away at the North Pole getting Santa's sleigh ready for action. We will be publishing dates and times in the coming issues of *The Compton Chronicle* and on our Facebook pages, so please watch this space!

Chris Revitt



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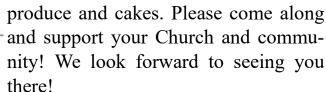
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FENNY COMPTON CHURCH TEAS AND SALE

On Saturday 1st October 2pm-4pm at The Village Hall.

Following the cancellation of our fete, owing to the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we are pleased to announce an alternative event and look forward to the chance for everyone to come together after this sad time. Our thanks to everyone for bearing with us while we reorganised and for their continued offers of help and contributions.

The afternoon will feature delicious Church teas, second hand books and bric-a-brac, 'New to you' Children's toys and clothes, a Pokemon card trading stall, plants,



We would be very grateful for any offers of help and it is a great chance to meet other people in the village. Please call Fiona Meyrick on 07739 827 448 or Hester Stevns 07980 856 808.

CARERS4CARERS

www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk

The Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall CV35 0LB will be on Friday 28th October at 10:30am - 12 noon.

We will be completing our anniversary work of art but there will be plenty of time for coffee, biscuits, and a chat. Your loved ones will be able to attend our Companionship Group while you are with us. Pre-booking for the Companionship Group is essential.

Contact us if our group has supported you in the past and you would like to join us. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Gillian or Lisa on 07947 893 504 or email at kcarers4carers@gmail.com

JUST A BITE

O Just a Bite Lunch will be on Monday 17th October, a light lunch of homemade soup, a roll and cheese will be served from 12noon to 1:30pm in Fenny Compton Village Hall.

The cost will be £5 with tea, coffee, and homemade cake also available and with concessions for pensioners. All welcome.

TAI CHI CLASSES

These Adapted Tai Chi classes are held in Farnborough Village Hall every Wednesday at 5:30pm. The dates for this autumn are: 5th & 12th October and every Wednesday in November. All welcome - come along and try it. Marwick

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In other news, Dr Janet Marshall recently celebrated 30 years working at the practice. This is an amazing achievement and we'll be celebrating with her soon!

Drs Marshall & Sharples

MID ENGLAND BARROW EVENTS

Afternoon Tea: On Sunday 6th November Afternoon Tea will be served at the Safari Tent, £14.50 per person, includes assorted sandwiches, pastries and homemade cakes, drinks.

Paper Flower Making Day: On Saturday 19th November at the Safari Tent learn how to make Paper Flower. The £25 fee includes ploughman's lunch, all day drinks, materials, and tuition. Limited places available.

Bookings taken from now, please call Sarah on 07791 807 970 to book.

SOUTHAM INDOOR MARKET

The next indoor market featuring a wide range of stalls will be held on Saturday 15th October at 10am-12:30pm at Grange Hall in Southam. Free entry and free parking. Refreshments available. Come along and support local craftspeople and producers. Find further information on their Facebook page. There are stalls at The Bowling Green carpark every Thursday selling veg, meat, fish, cakes, honey etc.

CRAFT + FLEA

Craft + Flea is coming back to Coventry Cathedral for an Autumn Special. Featuring local makers, artisan produce, plants, vintage & collectables, art, jewellery, sustainable products + more! Saturday 15th October 10am to 4pm Tickets · £2.50 via Eventbrite Under 12s free.

For further information see the website www.thecraftandflea.com

TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE

This popular event at Farnborough Village Hall will carry on throughout the year, every Tuesday 10:30am-12noon. Do call in, only £1 for coffee or tea and biscuits. It is good way for any new residents moving to Farnborough to get to know people and all ages are welcome.

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Elizabeth our Queen

The dark rain - heavy clouds above
Reflect the mood of people down below,
Who grieve for their Monarch with respect and love,
An event, unexpected yet, a sad blow.
Elizabeth, our Queen, has left us after her long reign
To join Prince Philip she lost not long ago;
An event that caused her heartfelt pain,
That her rock, her consort, and her love should go.
And yet through failing health and grief,
She remained our Queen, our inspiration,
Still dedicated, strengthened by her belief
She stayed the active sovereign of our nation.
Not only here, the whole world will mourn our Queen who died.
Now, at last, she can rest at Philip's side.

Tribute to Elizabeth Regina

Politicians, poets, princes, countless people,
For our Queen have spoken, written, words of praise.
Valedictions in many forms, ringing bells from every steeple,
Thanks, and love poured out in endless ways.
How can I think of new words to write?
When all the world is praising her, how can I follow suit?
And yet I must, though in comparison my work is slight,
From a tiny corner of Warwickshire, a small tribute.
Even in death the Queen has left a final gift,
Just as two estranged grandsons walked together in their sorrow,
And showed the beginning of an end to their sad rift,
The nation has left its conflicts and its troubles until tomorrow.
It would be the final wish and message from our Queen
If this planet could be more compassionate and 'Green'.

WATERSIDE FESTIVAL

Banbury Canal Day becomes 2-day Waterside Festival. The event, on the weekend of $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ October 11am-5pm, will remind visitors that the canal, which opened in 1778, was an important chapter in Banbury's development.

Bridge Street Park will host live music from local bands plus food and drink stalls and crazy golf. The GF Club Garden will be the scene for folk music fans and The Light complex will offer its own brand of things to do.

Moored narrowboats selling a variety of goods & the covered market will be in the car park beneath Lidl. On the town side of the canal, Tooley's Boatyard will be the start and finish of 45-minute boat trips.

APPLE DAY & COUNTRY CRAFTS

There is a celebration of a collection of more than 60 varieties of heritage apples at Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF on Sunday 9th October 11am-5pm. There will be country craft stalls, music, refreshments, children's activities, and lots of apples to taste. Entry Adults £5 Children (5-17) £1.

HEDGEHOG DAY

Join us at Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF on Thursday 27th October at 10:30amm-2pm for a prickly, tickly session of hedgehog surprises – arts and crafts, making and caring for our spiky friends. Free entry for adults accompanying children.



BANBURY MUSEUM - HALF TERM FUN

Booking is essential for all events, see www.banburymuseum.org

Bug Hotels: Monday 24th October 2 Sessions at 10:30 & 1:30pm Make your own creepy crawlies and build a fabulous Bug Hotel for them to live in! All Materials Included. £4 per child. Suitable for ages 3+.

Brick Madness: Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th October10:30am-12noon. Join us for a Lego brick building session like no other! £3 per child. Suitable for ages 3+.

Viking Day: Tuesday 25th October 2 Sessions at 10:30 & 1:30pm Join a fun filled Viking Day! £4 per child. Suitable for ages 3+.

Animal Portraits: Wednesday 26th October 2 Sessions at 10:30 & 1:30pm. Create your very own 3D animal masterpiece. £3 per child. Suitable for ages 3+.

Clay Rune: Thursday 27th October 4 Sessions at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm & 2:30pm. Make your own Viking initial necklace or bracelet; and a fabulous clay rune tablet. £5 per child. Suitable for ages 3+.

COMPTON VERNEY - HALF TERM FUN

A Really Messy Holiday Club: Wednesday 26^{th} October 9:30am-4pm. Get stuck into a messy day of experimenting with light, colour, and paint. Per child - £40. Recommended for children aged 8–12 years old. Booking essential see the Events page at www.comptonverney.org.uk for this and similar events for children that week



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