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Covid-19 is still with us and a third jab is now available. Please take up the offer when contacted by the Surgery to protect yourself and us all. Influenza is on the rise again and kills thousands of people each winter. Since



the pandemic closed down mixing with others and taught us to wash our hands regularly and thoroughly the incidence of influenza decreased. So keep hand-washing – it works.

Well, since the last magazine was distributed, another Prime Minister has bitten the dust. Rishi Sunak enters the post as the first of British Asian heritage and at 42 the youngest PM for some 200 years.

Recently, we heard with much regret of the death of people who everyone in the village knew and respected. It is hoped that we can publish fitting tributes to Ricard Ashworth & Nigel Leck in the next edition.

The next magazine will cover both December 2022 & January 2023.

The closing date for news & articles for the joint December 2022/January 2023 edition is

Saturday 12th November 2022

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Fire Station Staff: Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service attended the meeting. They need to recruit more retained ie on-call firefighters to support our Fire Station in the village. Currently there are only five! They do a great job and make themselves available as much as possible, but the result is that despite having a Fire Station, it is only normally operating in the evening and at weekends. The Fire Service has come up with innovative ways to make being on-call easier, such as allowing people to work from the fire station, rather than from home. For more information, please contact Martin Swinden on 07798 767 972.

Compton Buildings Site: We finally got to meet Orbit, who are developing this site. This will be a two-year construction with first occupation next summer. Only construction traffic that cannot get under the railway bridge should come through the village. They are keen to encourage applications for shared ownership from people with a local connection - more on this to follow.

Cricket Scoring Hut: Many thanks to the residents who helped us to dismantle the Cricket Scoring Hut which had become a hazard with rubbish and broken glass. And also, to the Scouts and their parents who have made great progress with their murals on the walls by the hard standing.

Planning: 22/03013/FUL: 8 Station Road: Proposed Two Storey Side, Single Storey Rear Extensions with Associated Internal and External works. No representation.

Next Meeting
Monday 21st November 2022
at 7:45pm
in The Village Hall

Avon Dassett Parish Council

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

There was no meeting of the Parish Council in October.

Next Meeting

Monday 7th November 2022

at 7pm

in The Reading Room

All residents welcome

FARNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Peter Johnston www.farnboroughparishcouncil.co.uk

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

Notes from the September meeting.

Vacancy: A Councillor has resigned and consequently we have a vacancy on the Council. Contact the Clerk for more information.

Ongoing Matters: Ongoing matters included the continued replacement programme of the village street lighting; the replacement / repair of equipment at the recreation ground.

The Chairman again encouraged all residents to make suggestions for possible improvements throughout the village.

Biodiversity Project: Our biodiversity project and programme has gathered momentum particularly with the younger members of our community very much involved in the building of a 'Bug House' and counting of moths and butterflies.

St Botolph's Church: Concern has been raised by many residents as to the long-term function of St Botolph's Church. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have asked for a meeting with the Vicar and Church Warden.

Waste Bin Caddies: Many residents were concerned that they had asked but not received Green Waste Bin Caddies. The District Council are to investigate and hopefully supply the bins.

Next Meeting Monday 28th November 2022 at 7pm in The Village Hall

ROADWORKS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA

8am Tuesday 15th November – 5pm Thursday 17th November:

Station Road, Fenny Compton for Severn Trent Water. Road closure.

9:30am 14th November – 3:30pm 17th November:

Church Road, Ladbroke for Warwickshire County Council. Road closure.

8am 21st November – 5pm 24th November:

Knightcote Road, Bishops Itchington for Severn Trent Water. Road closure.

WARM BANKS

Warm banks will be set up in libraries and Council buildings across Warwickshire. With winter fast approaching, they will aim to be a haven for those who cannot afford to put their own heating. Council-operated buildings and libraries will become a place where people can get warm away from the cold of their own homes. It comes as they face the full force of the rise in energy costs. They are aimed at giving people somewhere to go where they can spend the day without spending money they do not have. Setting up the network of warm hubs was agreed by members of Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet and now the roll-out of them will begin to happen.

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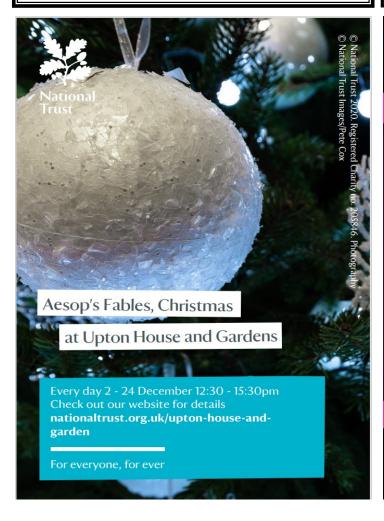


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Bin Collections: The Council's Scrutiny Committee met on 30th September to review the changeover. In summary, and like previous discussions, the presentation gave more emphasis on the elements that had gone well and what a major undertaking the switch over had been, rather that the problems. The service failures were said to be much less than half a percent. The new scheme was considered by some a major success for its communications and it was also said it had received fulsome praise across Parish Councils. The 'service design' had attracted few complaints and the engagement with the public and the rate of take up of food waste collections was reported as good. Residual black bin tonnages had fallen. Personally, I welcome these environmental benefits, but as I have said before it is not quite that bit where the problems have been.

Under questioning, it was conceded that there had been problems with food caddie deliveries, that the food caddies might not be the best design, and some areas - the east of the District where we are - had suffered repetitive failures attributed to the move of collections to the Warwick depot of Biffa, where this had previously been done by the Stratford depot.

Although week by week the reports of problems diminish, it has certainly been a trying time. From the perspective of this area, I have found the reports of the Council give a rather more rose-coloured picture than my experience has shown, and I continue to monitor the operation of the system.

Five-Year Housing Supply and Planning Policy: The Council has to demonstrate a 5-year 'housing supply' of planning permissions in the pipeline. If not, decisions and appeals will be granted, overriding other policies and we will be stuck with unsuitable and excessive developments. It now seems Stratford District is far beyond the 5-year target (last time it was 7 years) with 10.06 years which should be an argument that weighs against inappropriate housing. Whilst locally we have this over provision, nationally the 'new' government has once more signalled that they think planning regulations are a blockage to economic growth and that they intend to reduce planning controls. We have seen this debate over and over again. As far as I can tell, while the planning system is far from perfect, there are many reasons that might slow up development decisions, and just reducing democratic control for local people would be a backward step and is unlikely to help anyone.

Local Policing: I am sad to report that after 16 years serving the Southam Police Beat, Community Support Officer Katrina Campion is leaving to take up a new role in assisting the homeless. I have dealt with her many times on and off since first being elected in 2003. Kat has 'held the fort' in Southam through thick and thin. Over much of that time the Southam area has been low on staffing, something I have pointed out to senior members of the Police, but Kat has provided backbone and consistency over time. I cannot praise Kat highly enough and I thank her for her service.

Orbit Development Station Road: As the Parish Council will be reporting elsewhere, I attended a meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and the Orbit team that will be building the site.

As there will be 100 homes there, this is a significant development for the village. We established the key contacts with Orbit and the nominated site manager who will be the day-to-day point of contact. His name should be displayed at the site with contact details in due course. The main concern was to minimise traffic through the village, although it was clear that much of the equipment and vehicles for the ground work will not be able to pass under the railway bridge. Orbit were fully appreciative that the primary preferred route should avoid the village. A number of other matters were discussed from road layouts, speed limits, environmental measures, construction methods and arrangements for eventual occupancy.

Cllr Nigel Rock Contact details in The Directory

2022 POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal started on Thursday 27th October and this year, as usual, volunteers will be carrying out door-to-door collections. Poppies will also be available at local pubs and shops. Please give your support to our volunteers who give up their time for this worthy cause.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Fenny Remembers: Our Remembrance this year, on Sunday 13th November, will start with a Church Service at 9:45am followed by a Service at the War Memorial at



10:50am. Those not attending church but wishing to parade - Veterans, Fire Service, Scout Groups, and pupils from the Dassett School - will gather in The Merrie Lion car park at 10:30am, to move off at 10:50am. People wearing family medals are welcome to join the parade.

Following the ceremony at The War Memorial, coffee and cake will be available in the Village Hall. The Merrie Lion will be open for coffee and lunches on completion.

Avon Dassett: The Service will be held at the War Memorial at 11am on Sunday 13th November. Father Bill will lead the Service and wreaths will be laid on behalf of the community and the Armed Forces.

Farnborough: There will be a Church Service at 10:30am followed by a Service at the War Memorial at 10:50am.

Would motorists please avoid the area of the Memorials at the time of the Services.

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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Our lives at the moment seem to be full of change. Internationally we are still reeling from the backlash of Covid-19. Nationally we have a new King, a new Prime Minister, and major changes in our economy. Personally, we are all facing all sorts of change. I am presently living through the challenge of looking for a new post since my time here ends next May. I will soon be moving house and in addition to this my husband is retiring in the New Year.

We are all living through change, and some are able to cope with it better than others. Sometimes it depends on the change as to how we do cope. We experience and learn about change right from childhood.

- Each September our children start a new school year, change teachers, classes and even school. Not to mention the big ones, leaving home, going to university, or starting work.
- Change can be due to our health or our ageing, bereavement when a friend or loved-one dies, getting married or choosing to live with our partner.
- The pandemic caused major changes to our lives and for some resulted in the reassessment their whole lifestyle. People moved from towns to the countryside; some individuals and employers decided that working from home was the way forward others decided to change careers.

The list goes on but while some of these changes are minor, others can have huge effects on our physical and mental health, our spiritual outlook and even on our personality. Some changes cause us to question our lifestyle, relationships, attitudes, and general outlook on life. So, what is changing in your life at the moment? It may be small or large, but change is a continuous part of our lives.

Faith is also about change. Its goal and experience is to be changed for the good in heart, soul, mind, and life. The journey of faith is in its essence a journey of transformation. We are changed into the spirit and life with God and of God. In my own life, I strive for ways to experience transformation and try to open my own heart to the ways that God is changing my perspectives and attitudes about life. It is sometimes wonderful, sometimes challenging, and more often than not, surprising. In a very real sense, God is out to change us. Such transformation involves growth, new beginnings, and possibilities and opportunities that we may never have considered before. It also can change long-held opinions about things introducing us to new truth and new life-giving approaches to our living and to the world around us. So, the opportunity of faith is change and transformation. That is such a hopeful possibility. And there is another great hope that as we are transformed, we are actually strengthened to meet the changes of our lives in new and hopeful ways. Our personal transformation helps us to become more resilient and empowered to meet changes good and bad as they occur in our journey of life.

Avon Dassett Community Benefit Society

www.avondassettcommunitybenefitsociety.co.uk

It is all change in the kitchen at The Yew Tree as the head chef, Mimi Colyer leaves to work in a ski resort over the winter season and Keaton Ward steps up into her role. We extend our thanks and best wishes to Mimi in her adventure. She has led the development of the menus and helped to build the reputation of The Yew Tree's restaurant. We also wish Keaton every success in his new role and look forward to seeing what new dishes he will be offering.

Christmas Menu: The Yew Tree's Christmas menu has been published and will be available from 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.



Music Night: On Friday 4th November there is another music night, this time featuring Ian Scott, and his gold award winning tribute act to Neil Diamond and Tom Jones.

Look out for announcements about the programme of events in December; a busy calendar is being planned.

Improvements: On the building side, repairs to the roof above the gent's toilets and repointing the wall above have been commissioned from a local supplier. The report of the structural survey of the outbuildings has been received and indicates that although the building is structurally sound there are a significant number of repairs and improvements that must be made before the buildings can be used for more than storage. Plans are being drawn up for an upgrade to the toilets and the provision of disabled access.

The Society will seek grant funding towards the costs of redevelopment but is likely to have to raise additional finance, through the sale of shares or loans.

Quiz Nights: Quiz nights are held on the last Sunday of each month, with cash prizes, Play Your Cards Right and a music quiz.

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

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group's next walk from The Yew Tree will be on Thursday 17th November; 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 1pm. Non-walkers are welcome to join us for lunch.

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1			ALL SAINTS' DAY	
TUESDAY	1		RECYCLING COLLECTION	
			Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall	
WEDNESDAY	2	9:45am-11:45am	Coffee Morning - Avon Dassett Reading Room	
WEDNESDAT	_	11:00am-12:30pm	Dassett Men's Club - AD Reading Room	
THURSDAY	3		Dassett Mell's Clab - AD Reading Room	
FRIDAY	4	12:30pm	Merrie Men's Lunch - Merrie Lion, FC	
SATURDAY	5	12.3 opin	Guy Fawkes' Day	
21110112111		10:00am	Holy Communion - Farnborough	
	_	11:00am	Morning Prayer - FC St Peter & St Clare	
SUNDAY	6	11:00am	BCP Communion – Northend	
		11:00am-2:00pm	Jumble Sale - FCVH See article	
Monday	7	7:00pm	Avon Dassett PC Meeting - AD Reading Room	
TUESDAY	8	12:00pm	Over 60s Lunch - Merrie Lion, Fenny Compton	
		9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall	
WEDNESDAY	9	7:30pm	Bridge Club - The Yew Tree, Avon Dassett	
		7:30pm	WI Meeting - Fenny Compton Village Hall	
Terring	10		RECYCLING COLLECTION	
THURSDAY	10		GENERAL REFUSE COLLECTION	
FRIDAY	11			
SATURDAY	12	7:30pm	Rural Cinema - Fenny Compton Village Hall	
			Remembrance Sunday	
		9:45am	Remembrance Service - FC St Peter & St Clare	
		10:30am	Remembrance Service - Farnborough	
SUNDAY	13	10:45am	Remembrance Service – N'end War Memorial	
		10:50am	Remembrance Service - FC War Memorial	
		10:50am	Remembrance Service – F'boro War Memorial	
7.5		11:00am	Remembrance Service - AD War Memorial	
MONDAY	14			
TUESDAY	15	7:30pm	AD Gardening Club - AD Reading Room	
WEDNESDAY	16	9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall	
THURSDAY	17	11:00am	Avon Dassett Walking Group - Yew Tree, AD	
FRIDAY	18			
SATURDAY	19	10:00am-3:00pm	Paper Flower Making - Mid England Barrow	
SATURDAT		2:00pm-4:00pm	So Sew And Make Group - FC Village Hall	
	20	8:30am-11:30am	Scout's Big Breakfast – FC VH - see article	
		9:00am-12:00pm	Fenny Compton Footpath Group - see article	
SUNDAY		10:00am	BCP Communion - Farnborugh	
		11:00am	Morning Prayer - FC St Peter & St Clare	
		11:00am	Holy Communion - Northend	
Monday	21	12:00pm-1:30pm	Just A Bite Lunch - FC Village Hall	
MONDAY	. , .	ì		
'	21	7:45pm	Fenny Compton PC Meeting - FC Village Hall	

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WEDNESDAY	23	9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall	
		6:00pm	Bridge Club - The Yew Tree, Avon Dassett	
THURSDAY	24		RECYCLING COLLECTION	
FRIDAY	25	10:30am-12:00pm	Carers4Carers - Kineton Village Hall	
SATURDAY	26			
Sunday	27		First Sunday of Advent	
		9:30am	Morning Prayer - Northend	
		10:00am	Food For Thought Breakfast - FC VH	
		10:00am	Morning Prayer - Farnborough	
MONDAY	28	7:00pm	Farnborough PC Meeting - F'boro Village Hall	
TUESDAY	29			
WEDNESDAY	30		St Andrew's Day	
		9:45am-11:45am	Tots & Toddlers Group - FC Village Hall	

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Avon Dassett	FENNY COMPTON	Northend				
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THE DASSETT COUNTRY SHOW

The Avon Dassett Fete Committee AGM will take place on Thursday 10th November at 7:30 pm in the Avon Dassett Reading Room. We will update everyone on the results of the 2022 Dassett Country Show and agree donations from the monies raised.

It is also the meeting at which we start to put together the Committee for the following year's Show. As well as giving everyone who attends an enjoyable time, the Show raises much-needed funds for both charities and for local groups and

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projects. Since 2015, we have donated over £12,000 to our nominated charities and over £10,000- to support local groups, projects, and activities.

A great deal of effort goes into preparing for the Show, and this has recently fallen to a smaller number of people as the numbers on the Committee has fallen. This year, we are really appealing to

residents of Avon Dassett and surrounding villages to get involved going forward to share the load and enable us to continue to put on this popular event. There are a variety of roles that the Committee members undertake, including Treasurer, Secretary, exhibitor organiser, programme coordinator, publicity, field layout, and organising the stalls that the Committee runs itself. If any of these activities interest you, or you would like more information on what is involved, please come along and join us at the AGM or, please get in touch with Michele Gill on 07796 446 024 or dassettcountryshow@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

AVON DASSETT GARDENING CLUB

Our November talk will be another by Paul Williams. Those who attended when he last visited us, will know what an entertaining & knowledgeable speaker he is.

The meeting is at 7:30pm in Farnborough Village Hall on Tuesday 15th November. As always non-members are welcome to join us for £2.

FENNY IN FLOWER

The Village Hall Committee is looking for keen volunteers to run future 'Fenny in Flower' events as the previous organisers have left the village. Please contact S13.Brand@posteo.de if you are interested and would like to learn more.

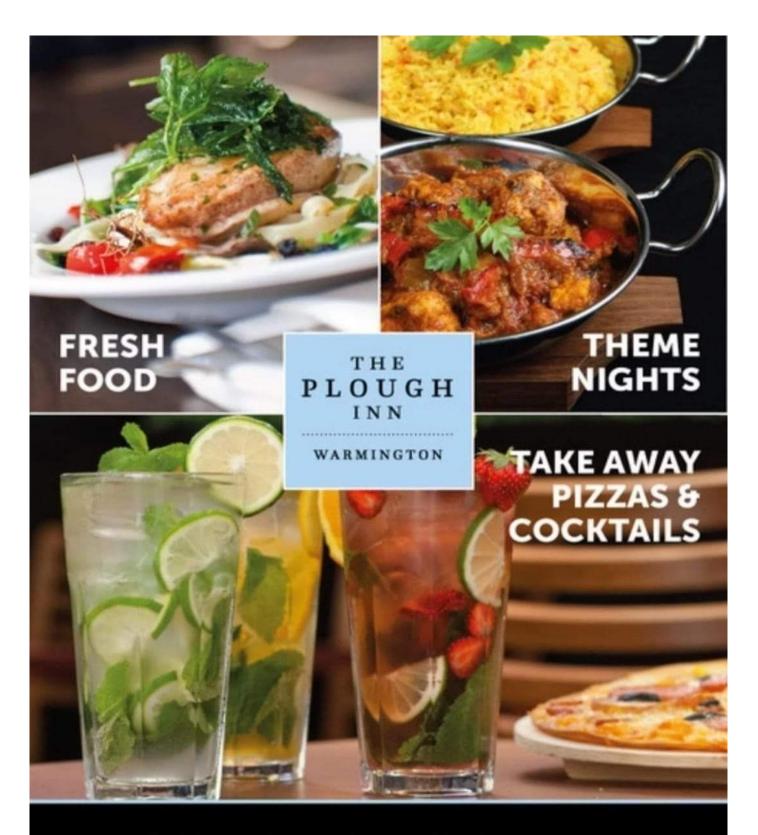
Susanne Brand

THE DASSETT MEN'S CLUB

The Dassett Men's Club will be continuing to meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month but move the time to 2pm-5pm. It will be a social gathering with possible speakers. Meetings are held at Avon Dassett Reading Room. New members always welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE

A Table Top Sale will be held in Ladbroke Village Hall CV47 2BY on Saturday 19th November 1pm-4pm. Christmas gifts and second-hand tables for you to browse and buy. Tea, coffee, and cakes on sale. All proceeds for Cancer Research. All welcome.



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FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Ladies' Night: October began with a Ladies' Night in The Village Hall; a chance for an evening to get together with a glass of wine and chat and watch a little of Strictly Come Dancing. It was a pleasant evening and we hope to repeat it in the near future.

Village Teas: On Tuesday 15th November the Village Hall Committee will be hosting a Cheese and Wine Evening to say thank you to all the ladies who baked cakes for Village Teas and those who helped and served the teas.

Christmas: Christmas has not been discussed yet, but we are hoping to hold some event, and there is a possibility that we can hold a Burns' Night Supper in January.

Coffee Mornings: The Tuesday Coffee Morning, from 10:30am to midday, continues and is proving very popular.

The World Cup: With the World Cup coming up in November we hope our big screen will be put to good use with supporters getting together to watch. If numbers are sufficient, we may consider refreshments too.

Tai Chi: Classes will continue throughout November on Wednesdays at 5:30pm, but not during December.

AGM: The Village Hall AGM will have been held on Monday 24th October and we do hope we have recruited some new members to help keep this valuable village facility up and running with new ideas for events. *Contact details in The Directory*

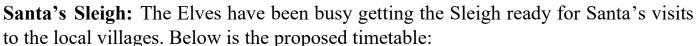
FENNY COMPTON SCOUTS

Scouts Big Breakfast: The ever-popular Big Breakfast raising funds for the World Scout Jamboree Contingent returns to Fenny Compton Village Hall on Sunday 20th November 8:30am-11:30am.

Prices Adults £6.50 Children £4.50. Vegetarian options & take away sausage or bacon baps must be pre-ordered.

Pre-book your place -

email stevemichelle.brierley@gmail.com.



Tuesday 6th December - Farnborough and Avon Dassett

Sunday 11th December - Northend, Knightcote and Gaydon

Thursday 15th December - Temple Herdewyke

Sunday 18th December - Upper Lighthorne

Wednesday 21st December - Fenny Compton

Further route information and times will be published on our Facebook page Fenny Compton Scout Group Santa Sleigh.

New for 2022 – For a donation to the group, Santa will be videoing personalised messages for your child/children. If you would like to register your interest, please email scout.santa.mail@gmail.com. We will email further information and a form from mid-November. Please note spaces will be limited.

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The Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall CV35 0LB will be on Friday 25th November at 10:30am -12 noon. 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

10-year Celebrations: This year, Carers4Carers is marking 10 years of supporting rural carers in the area. At our meeting on Friday 25th November at Kineton Village Hall, our carers will be celebrating this milestone. During the morning we will be unveiling a joyous work of art that they have been creating with ceramic artist Penny Varley. If you have been supported by Carers4Carers in the past, we would love you to join us. Please let us know by Wednesday 16th November if you would like to come so we know how much cake to bake! Contact details above.

JUST A BITE

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Just a Bite Lunch will be on Monday 21st November, 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.

RURAL CINEMA

This month the film at Fenny Compton Village Hall is *WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING* which will be shown on Saturday 12th November at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. See a trailer at bit.ly/CCsing Please email cinema@fcvh.org.uk or text 07850 630 401 if you would like to reserve seats. The ticket price is now £4.

OVER 60s

The Over 60s lunch will be on the second Tuesday every month at The Merrie Lion at 12noon for 12:30pm. 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 November are in *The Diary*.

JUMBLE SALE

Join us for a Jumble Sale and Refreshments in Fenny Compton Village Hall at 11am-2pm on Sunday 6th November. Jumble includes toys, jigsaws, games, bric-a-brac, toiletries, books, and children's clothes.

£1 entry. Refreshments include bacon rolls, home-made cakes, and hot drinks. Come along to grab a bargain!

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FENNY COMPTON FOOTPATH GROUP

The footpaths are in pretty good order at the moment, largely due to the efforts of others rather than the Footpath Group. Headlands and hedges have been trimmed,

to A gate, plou along nice

in Fenny jitties have been strimmed, the muddy path on the way to Avon Dassett at Shooters Hill how has hardcore and a new gate, the path from Burton Dassett to Avon Dassett has been ploughed up but correctly reinstated and the embankment alongside the canal - which is not really a Right of Way but a nice diversion - has been strimmed. Thank you and well done to all.

The Footpath Group's contribution was to repair and lamb-proof the 3 stiles at the top of Mill Hill. The netting to contain the lambs is too late for this year but at least it is done and ready for next Spring.

So, all in all, we are on top of things in Fenny Compton so we can finally start work in Avon Dassett where there are a few things to do. I have noticed in Fenny that a lot of fields are sown with rape, it is not a problem now but it may well be by the Spring.

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. Contact me if you like the sound of it. 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.

Brian Peers

Contact details in The Directory

WINTER MARKET

There will be a Winter Market at Bishop's Itchington Community Centre Ladbroke Road Bishop's Itchington CV47 2RN 10am-12noon on Saturday 12th November. Come along and support our local producers and crafters.

CHRISTMAS FLEA AND COLLECTORS FAIR

Fair will be held at 10am-2pm on Saturday 26th November at Fenny Compton Village Hall. Free entry.



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The meeting on October 12th was The AGM and was supported by nearly all our members. During the business we enjoyed wine and nibbles which was followed by a very interesting and emotional talk given by a mother who has made every effort to help her son, Charles, born profoundly deaf, fit into the world.

During this journey, after a successful cochlear implant, it was discovered he had a word sequencing disability. enough to floor anyone but, with his mother's tireless efforts and determination, the help of many professionals along the way, he managed to attend normal school where he achieved 5 GCSEs and later still a City and Guilds qualification in furniture making.

Unable to find anyone to employ him, he stated making bird boxes for different species all approved by the RSPB, hedgehog boxers, planters, and window boxes which he takes to Craft Fairs. He found they would sell and, with the aid of The Princes Trust, has turned it into a business. What a wonderful success story for a disabled boy. We were able to purchase or order some of his beautifully crafted work.

Such different retail therapy from that enjoyed at our previous meeting when we were invited to buy quality ladies clothes, shoes and handbags offered by a local retailer who was closing his business. Wine and nibbles added to the enjoyment of the meeting. Later this month we are going to The Merrie Lion for lunch. Next month, on Wednesday 9th November we are looking forward to making a Christmas table decoration with Jackie Franklin.



DASSETT SCHOOL FIELD

The school are concerned with some people using the school field, allegedly leaving litter and lighting fires. There is also a problem with dog walkers who do not clear up their dog's poo. With no consultation with the community, the school decided to close the field to public access.

There is a covenant on the land which was put in place when ownership changed to Warwickshire County Council which states the field has to be

'an open space for all time for use as a recreation ground for children of primary school age outside school hours'.

Having been made aware of the covenant and also that there is a public footpath across the field it would seem that the closure cannot happen.

This, however, leaves the problem of poor behaviour on the field which must be resolved.

FENNY COMPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch Signs: Signs designed to deter crime are available. These include window roundels, wheelie-bin stickers, "No tools left in this vehicle overnight stickers" and "No cold caller" stickers. To order email watch@fcvh.org.uk. Energy Bill Discount Scams: There is no need to apply for the scheme. You will not be contacted by the Government or Ofgem asking you to share your bank details to benefit. Your electricity supplier will automatically apply the £400 discount if you pay your electricity bills by direct debit, standard credit, payment card, or smart prepayment meter. You do not need to do anything.

CLAY CLUB

2022 Has been a busy year at the pottery. We had our first anniversary in September and have welcomed many new potters to both taster sessions and courses. We have grown the number of wheels and will be running our first intermediate throwing course in the New Year. For those who follow us on Facebook you will have seen some of the amazing pieces that have been made.

For now, Christmas is calling. We are running sessions to make ceramic Christmas trees, decorations, and gift tags from Sunday 6th November. Sessions cost £25 and will take place on Sundays 11:30am-2pm running until 11th December. To book email clayclub@dassettpottery or find us on Facebook.

Clayclub is a not-for-profit community pottery run by volunteers.

SOUTHAM INDOOR MARKET

The next indoor market featuring a wide range of stalls will be held on Saturday 20th November at 10am-12:30pm at Grange Hall in Southam. Free entry and free parking. Refreshments available.

EMPOWER EXHIBITION

A showcase of local artists' work will run from Monday 21st November to Monday 16th January 2023 in the Gallery at The Mill Arts Centre Spiceball Park Road Banbury OX16 5QE. With Christmas fast approaching, now is the perfect occasion for shoppers to pick up some local, handmade treats for the big day.

Old Pen Pals

Maggie Campbell

You moved far away, much, much too far
For that quick get together, that evening phone call,
Too expensive just to have a chat,
We only rang for big occasions, not something small.

So we resorted to letters, not Basildon Bond, The paper too weighty and dear postage too, We wrote on airmail paper, tissue paper thin, Classic colours, always white or azure blue.

Then there were air letters, just one single sheet
With gummed edges - you had to fold and seal,
Not much room, our writing cramped and small
With extra sentences round the edges to fit in all our spiel.

Postage prepaid so no delay, all set to go
All the same, edged with chevrons red, white, and blue,
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But technology improved and soon email arrived,
And a ping from your computer replaced the postman's call.
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And photographs too, we could have a ball!

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