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To "attend" these services contact Celia Spiers 0771 0198009

THE ARDEN VALLEY BENEFICE

We are holding our first Church Service in the Benefice on 30 August at 11.00 am at Saint James, Snitterfield.

We need to know if you wish to join us because of distancing. Please ring Marion on 01926 842661.

FACE MASKS WILL BE WORN

RECIPE – BLUEBERRY FROZEN YOGHURT

SERVES 4-6

INGREDIENTS

250 ml full-fat plain yoghurt (straight from the fridge)

500 g frozen blueberries

50-100 g white caster sugar (depending on the sweetness of the berries)

METHOD

1. Make sure the yoghurt is really cold. Place all the ingredients into a food processor and blitz for 30 seconds.
2. Remove the lid and taste for sweetness. Adjust as necessary.
3. Blitz for another 30 secs.
4. Spoon into bowls and serve immediately.

To Freeze:

Store in a shallow plastic container, covered, for up to a month.

Remove from freezer 15 mins before eating.



LANGLEY NEWS

Some residents were disappointed that the annual Langley Village Show has had to be cancelled but the Amenities Association has come up with an alternative for an individual display of flowers, fruit, veg., jams, eggs, chutney, cakes, bread – anything that has been grown or made, to be set up outside houses or in porches to make a display so that village residents can walk and inspect at a safe distance.

A Harvest Scarecrow can be added to watch over the display [or by itself] with a prize for ingenuity. Surplus veg./fruit will be available and boxes of produce for the bidding. The Ann Woodward prize for best flower blooms and the Marilyn Hooper prize for best in show will still be awarded. Good weather on Sunday the 13th September to be hoped for.

Brian Keefe

SANDBAGS

Norton Lindsey Parish Council holds a small number of unfilled sandbags for anyone in the parish that needs them. Contact the Clerk on 01926 843534 if you would like some.

As a one-off, thanks to a generous donation of sand from Adams of Henley in Arden, we have some filled bags for flood prevention in the New Inn car park – free on a first come, first served basis.

Jenny Bendall

DEADLINE

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
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Carole Briggs



NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



The Hall has now been deep cleaned and is available to hire albeit in a limited capacity.

Relevant stickers to help all users to maintain social distancing and sanitizers are in place. In line with guidelines, the Meeting Room is an isolation room, should anyone become ill whilst attending the Hall.

As mentioned last time, it is available at the time of writing this, for low risk activities, such as certain classes and small meetings where social distancing can be observed. No parties, social gathering or events.

We have worked out that we can have 9 participants for activities like Pilates and Yoga in order to maintain social distance. There can be 30 for cinema.

A new regulation has come in and face masks need now to be worn when entering the Hall.

As either restrictions are eased or new regulations come in, we are constantly being updated by WRCC (Warwickshire Rural Community Council) who are

providing Zoom Meetings and immediate responses to any questions. This means we know what the GOV.UK rules are and how they can be applied to our particular setting to keep you safe.

By the time you read this we will have had our Picnic In the Park on 31st August, if it had not been cancelled due to rain.

We decided to run the scarecrow competition separately from the Picnic, see the Article (on pages 14/15) for that and I hope as many as possible will join in with entering. **It is free!!**

Anna Mace-Leska, Chair of Trustees and Playing Fields CIO

VILLAGE RAMBLE

Well after a long break we are looking to resume our monthly walks on Saturday 5th September 2020. This walk will be different as we are looking to start and finish at The Burton Dassett Hills. Instead of going to a pub after the ramble we are having a picnic in the hills.

The walk is approx 6.5 miles in length with some lovely views.

If anyone is interested then please let me know and I will send further details.

Further ramble dates will be issued in due course and is dependant upon the current situation.

Regards

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NATURE NOTES - THUNDER AND LIGHTENING

The Thunderstorm

*The wind begun to rock the grass
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He flung a menace at the earth,
A menace at the sky.
The wagons quickened on the streets,
The thunder hurried slow;
The lightening showed a yellow beak,
And then a vivid claw.
The birds put up the bars to nests;
The cattle fled to barns;
There came one giant drop of rain,
And then, as if the hands
That held the dams had parted hold,
The waters wrecked the sky.....*

Emily Dickinson

This wonderfully evocative poem does rather encapsulate the run up to a thunderstorm and as we have had so much stormy weather throughout the second half of August, I thought I would write about thunder and lightening.

Thunder is caused by lightening. It's the noise that follows the sight of a bolt. As a bolt travels to the ground it opens a small channel only 2-3 cms wide through the air. As the channel collapses it causes a sonic boom. The lightening is seen first as light travels faster than sound through the air.

Thunderstorms develop when the atmosphere is unstable. As heat builds up and rises from the landmass, it pushes the colder air of the atmosphere upwards. The warm air cools and condenses forming droplets of water. The higher the temperature differential, the more rapid the rise of droplets and cumulonimbus clouds are formed. As the air continues to rise the droplets freeze to form hail. As these descend, being heavy, they rub along positively charged ice crystals forming a negative charge. This negative charge accumulates towards the base of the cloud and is attracted to the positive charge of the earth. To get down, the charge forms the channel, which although its only 2 cm wide can be 2-3 miles long.

There are three main types of lightening seen in the UK. Most common is intra-cloud lightening, seen as flashes in the sky and happens when there are positive and negative charges within one cloud. Inter-cloud lightening is where two clouds are exchanging charges.

The most dangerous is the cloud to ground lightening strikes. Each bolt generates heat 5 times hotter than the sun. The energy in a single strike, which only lasts for a quarter of a second, can generate 100 million volts of electricity – enough to cause a fire if a house or tree are struck and kill a person or animal. This amount of power would also keep a 100 watt light bulb going for 100 days.

Worldwide there are 50-100 cloud to ground strikes every second. They are obviously more common in the tropics and over large continental masses where the land is much hotter as it is not cooled by sea breezes as happens with islands like the UK.

It was the intense heat of the early part of August and warmth earlier in the year that has caused these drifts of thunderstorms in the UK.

At least we understand from a meteorological point of view what is happening. It is not surprising that in mythology, the gods of thunder Zeus and Thor amongst many others, were viewed as the most powerful. Even Santa Claus named two reindeer after thunder and lightning – Donner and Blitzen.

Let us hope for a mellow autumn as we run up to Christmas.

Anna Mace-Leska

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SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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NORTON LINDSEY - SCARECROW COMPETITION Sunday 20th September 2020



RULES & GUIDELINES

1. All residents of Norton Lindsey are welcome to enter the scarecrow competition and entry is FREE!

(Norton Lindsey is loosely defined as being: between Tamarin Farm Stud on the Warwick Road to Wolverton Road / Saddlebow Lane Crossroads; New Road, Main Street and Snitterfield Lane to ‘The Clangers’; Curlieu Lane to Gannaway crossroads – and all side roads within that boundary.

2. There will be two age categories: age 12 and under; and age 13 and over. Entries may be from individuals or related groups of up to 6 family members.
3. To enter the competition and have your scarecrow judged, you MUST complete an entry form (available on the Norton Lindsey Village Hall website www.nlvillagehall.btck.co.uk and SUBMIT IT TO info@nlvillagehall.org NO LATER THAN 5PM ON THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER. Regrettably, late entries will not be judged.
4. You will need one entry form for EACH scarecrow you wish to enter. If you enter more than one, you must identify which scarecrow is which (eg by name) on your entry form AND on the scarecrow itself.
5. Scarecrows should be HEROES based; this might be any of the wonderful Heroes we’ve seen during the Pandemic – or a Hero such as Superman! The choice is yours!

6. Scarecrows must be a minimum height of one meter (plus any stands / frames)
 7. All scarecrows must be built from scratch by the entrants (no commercial creations, pre-moulded face masks, tailors' dummies or mannequins please). Reduce, reuse and recycle – wherever possible.
 8. Beyond this, there aren't really any rules as to how you build your scarecrow. All we ask is that you include some straw somewhere – it wouldn't be a scarecrow otherwise!
 9. All scarecrows must be made and displayed in good taste.
 10. All scarecrows must be displayed at the front of your property and easily visible from the road. Judges will not enter onto your property, so it's important they can fully see your scarecrow/s.
 11. Please ensure all scarecrows are safely and securely fastened and cause no injury or danger to pedestrians nor curtail visibility for road traffic. They should be secured so that they will not blow away or cause annoyance to others. The Norton Lindsey Village Hall CIO Trustees will not be held responsible for any damage to Third Party property caused by the creation or insecurity of scarecrows. Owners are held solely responsible for the safety and security of their scarecrow.
 12. Your scarecrow MUST be on display throughout ALL the following hours:
 - **10am to 6pm on Sunday 20th September 2020.**
 13. Judging may take place anytime between 10am and 6pm on Sunday 20th September. If your scarecrow is not on display when the judges come to look at it, it will not be judged!
 14. You can of course display your scarecrows at any time before or after Sunday 20th September as well, so that all the village can enjoy your creation!
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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020

A lot of people will have been using video conferencing to stay in touch with family, friends and work colleagues during the Covid-19 epidemic and I have become aware how important good Broadband is to a successful meeting. I live in a rural area and we were very lucky to be part of an Openreach programme to install "fibre to the premises" last year. My connection over Covid has been rock solid.

Not everyone is so lucky and I noticed that the Government has reported there is a fund to provide grants to allow small groups of householders to get together to form a Community Fibre Partnership to work with Openreach to deliver fibre, that is still open. If you are unhappy with the quality of your Broadband why not talk to neighbours and get a project underway.

The Warwickshire Registry Office in Shire Hall, Warwick, now requires all attendees to wear face masks, although bride and groom are let off during a marriage ceremony.

The Government has issued a consultation on town and country planning reform. I have not yet read the full consultation yet, but I would urge everyone to respond by October 29. My understanding is that the Green Belt planning will be unchanged other than that the Green Belt will be included in a "Protected" zone. There are two other zones "Growth" and "Renewal".

It has been shown that adult social care costs can be reduced significantly for the individual and the County Council if people downsize at the appropriate time. Downsizing also has the social benefit of freeing up larger homes for families. I am lobbying the various decision groups (County, District and Westminster) to classify downsizing as a medical need and so allow downsizers to be eligible for local needs affordable housing.

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CCLT held its AGM on 8 August by Zoom video conferencing. The Annual Accounts were approved and five new Directors appointed (Margo Key, John Cronin, Toby Lapage-Norris, James Horner and Richard Sapsted) all of whom either live in Claverdon area or have a family connection to Claverdon parish.

The Parish Council approved the findings of the 2020 Housing Needs Survey and sent them to Stratford District Council for adoption. The survey offered residents, for the first time since the Parish Council/CCLT survey of 2011, choice from the full spectrum of recognised affordable housing options. The data was kept completely confidential to the WRCC analyst, but the report allowed some analysis. There were 29 families who returned valid responses. There was a need for one self-build house, one affordable to rent house and 16 affordable to buy homes, known as discounted market sales houses and 11 full market priced homes. 19 two bedroom bungalows, eight three bedroom and two four bed houses were requested. New full market price homes are not permitted in the Green Belt. However if an affordable need can only be met through Government subsidizing the purchase of land through grants it is now permitted to build a mixed development of affordable and market priced houses if this avoids the need for Government subsidy.

The Curlieu Lane site can only provide 12 homes and these due to landscaping issues are likely to be 2 and 3 bed bungalows which are most attractive to families downsizing. Unless landowners come forward offering sites at an affordable price the remaining houses will have to be subsidised by building new private housing. A rule of thumb is that, if Curlieu Lane is granted planning permission, the remaining six affordable homes will give rise to two mixed developments of twelve houses each. CCLT hopes to develop one of the sites as extra care housing. Any land owners with land to sell adjacent to the built areas

of settlements in Claverdon and surrounding villages should contact CCLT.

As regards Curlieu Lane planning application the only news is that the original planning officer, who had taken a year to consider the application, left the Council at the end of July and the replacement officer is currently familiarizing herself with the material.

***John Horner
Hon. Co. Sec
Claverdon Community Land Trust***

LIBRARIES

New Click and Collect Service

We have now launched a new Click and Collect service for Leamington, Rugby, Warwick and Nuneaton Libraries.

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**Bob Rogers presenting
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WI online Zoom Meeting
on Wednesday, 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm**



On a wonderful sunny afternoon in August, the Norton Lindsey Playing Fields were adorned with festive balloon markers identifying socially distanced pitches and we were thrilled to meet up with 20 members for the first time since lockdown. We had lots to catch up on and barely had time to eat our Perfect Picnics for the chatter. The sun gods smiled on us and kept the thunderstorms away and we could almost forget any restrictions apart from the sea of hand sanitisers and notices helping us to remember the COVID19 guidelines.



It was delightful to all be together and do something 'normal' again and we were delighted to welcome Julia

Baker, our Warwickshire Federation WI Link Trustee, to join us for this very sociable event.



In September, we will welcome Bob Rogers online to our Zoom meeting. Bob will present 'Beauty and the Beast' to us and you are welcome to encourage your partners, husbands and families to watch with you whilst Bob provides a refreshing look at Nature's inspiring

beauty seen through the scenery and wildlife of the Cairngorm National park, Lochs, mountains and forest habitat, giving a home to some of this country's rarest wildlife. From osprey to golden eagles, from pine martins to dolphins. Journey to the top of the Cairngorm Mountain and see this country's only wild reindeer herd.

On 14 October, Julie is planning to join in the 'Women Walk the World' to support the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and raise money through sponsorship to support projects which teach skills to women across the globe in poor rural communities so that they can support themselves and their families and lift them out of poverty. She's walking 9 times non-stop around the Blacon Track and Norton Lindsey village which totals just over 20 miles and will no doubt appreciate some company on the day if you fancy joining her for part of the walk. Please visit her sponsorship page and help if you can. All support will be very much appreciated. Her fund-raising site is: www.acww.org.uk/juliehoward.html



If you would like further information about Norton Lindsey WI, please contact me or take a look online: www.nlwi.org.uk

Sue Steel

The Norton Lindsey **Stilton Sniffers**

The Stilton Sniffers have discovered Social Media, having been relatively quiet for years the last month has seen a big push towards the 21st Century as part of the publicity campaign for the Virtual Balloon Race.

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The prizes are fantastic and the causes wonderful.

Balloons can be purchased until 1145am on 14th September, we are well on our way to our target thanks to many of our normal sponsors coming up trumps and some very generous balloon purchases.

Other business has included thoughts on the Sniffers' Carols and how to deal with the restrictions on singing in public! More on this in October's newsletter.

Tim Landreth

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Unfortunately, on the first morning of the TB test, our last cow to calve was discovered with her head buried in the hedge in the process of trying to give birth. It turned out that she had suffered from calcium deficiency (also known as milk fever) which can affect the brain, causing an effect similar to a fit. We had to get the telehandler to lift and pull her out of the hedge. Whilst we were doing this she carried on pushing after the calf was born and proceeded to prolapse her womb. We called the vet and immediately administered some calcium via the vein in her neck and waited for the vet to arrive. The calcium works quite quickly, but as she could not stand, she kept trying to get back into the hedge.

When the vet arrived we had to pull the cow back into position for her to correct the prolapse. Luckily, all went well and with the womb being quite clean the vet succeeded in replacing everything in its rightful place in a few minutes. She had to put in several stitches to stop it happening again and gave the cow some antibiotics to cover any infection, leaving us to continue treatment for four more days. She also gave the cow another bottle of calcium. From that point on it was a case of wait and see if she would ever recover OK. When Chris tried to give her a bucket of water later in the day, she tried to bunt him while still lying down – a good sign that she was showing gratitude!

Over the next two days we borrowed a lifting frame to get her onto four legs for a few minutes to get her to use her feet. She slowly improved but it was two days before she actually managed to stand by herself, which was good to see. Life is never dull when you keep livestock, but the outcome could have been far worse.

David, Dorothy and Chris Mann



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