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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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NEW YEARS CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD




The marking of a New Year is an age-old tradition around the world — common features of the celebrations are food, fireworks and reflection with friends and family. The forms and dates of these celebrations vary between different calendars, religions and cultures of course. While the Gregorian calendar (introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, mainly to deal with the problem of leap years) has mostly been used in the western world to set New Years Day as January 1st, lunar and solar calendars are acknowledged in other cultures, determining the dates and nature of the celebrations.

Gregorian New Year

1 January 2024

New Year's Day marks the first day of the Gregorian



calendar, something we've become very familiar with. While 25 March (named after the Roman god of war) was traditionally when New Year would be celebrated, this shifted during Roman times to January (more fittingly named after the Roman backward and forward-looking god Janus). While making resolutions for new beginnings is still customary, in more recent years New Year's Eve has taken centre stage with firework displays and parties of friends and family to see in the New Year.

Muharram

16 January 2024

Muharram marks the first month of the Islamic calendar, with the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad being celebrated on the 10th day of the festival (Day of Ashura). The traditions and rituals vary for the two major sects of Islam, Shia and Sunni, though the main emphasis for most is remembrance, self-reflection and expressing gratitude. Many people around the globe celebrate the period by visiting family, attending prayer sessions at mosques and fasting on or around the Day of Ashura.

Lunar New Year

10 February 2024

The exact day of the Lunar New Year changes each year — the months of the year are marked by moon cycles, so New Year is celebrated on the date of the first new moon of the Lunar calendar. This is most associated with Chinese New Year, but is widely celebrated in East Asia, with countries and cultures having their own sets of traditions. A common ritual is using this time to catch up with friends



Lions and dragons dance to celebrate Chinese New Year

and family, with many people travelling to do so over this period. Fireworks are lit to ward away evil spirits, and houses are decluttered to mark the beginning of spring and the future of a New Year. The end of the New Year celebrations is known as the Festival of Lanterns when all types of lanterns are lit throughout the streets.

Nowruz

21 March 2024

Commencing on the spring equinox to celebrate the rebirth of nature, Nowruz (meaning 'new day' in Farsi) marks the first month of the Iranian solar calendar. Also known as Iranian or Persian New Year, it's widely celebrated in countries across Central Asia. Poetry is recited, bonfires are leapt over and folk music is performed to mark the overcoming of sorrow and darkness, while houses are cleaned to pave a way for the future. It's a time for family gatherings, feasts, street festivals and sports, varying depending on where it's celebrated.

Diwali

1 November 2024

A Hindu lunar celebration, Diwali is a five-day Festival of Lights centred around new beginnings. There are differing customs depending on where it's being celebrated, with various gods prayed to, but the theme of light continues throughout. People clean and decorate their homes to welcome in Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, with entry ways of coloured sand, rice paste and flowers. It's a time for visiting neighbours and family in the lead up, with Diwali being celebrated by praying to Lakshmi, sitting down for a meal and ending with fireworks.



Diwali is a festival of lights

What is a New Year's Resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other.

WESTON BABIES and TODDLERS WEEKLY GROUP

EVERY FRIDAY 9.45am -11.15am
Restart on Friday 12th January 2024

VENUE: Weston Village Hall

Come and let the little ones have lots of fun and meet other Mums, Dads, Grandparents, and Carers.



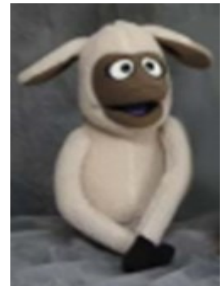
Further information contact Hazel Taylor 01926 632428

THE PILGRIM PUPPETS

For information about the Pilgrim Puppets, please have a look at [their web page](#) .

https://www.villagevoice.org.uk/?page_id=1069

Ring Hazel Taylor 01926 632428 if you are interested in our Puppets being part of your events.



For her Christmas present, I took my wife to an orchard and we stood there looking at the trees for half an hour.

Not the Apple Watch she was expecting, apparently.

Offchurch Flower Club

Meets at Offchurch Village Hall 7.30-9.30 on the second Wednesday of the Month.



Using just three huge budding Amaryllis and foliage was a pleasing challenge!



Future Dates

10th January : A specific shape. 'A triangle to be viewed from the front.' Arrangements do not have to be big, it is more about the structure.

*14th February. Title "All That Jazz" for the man in your life!
(If they are 'far away', you will enjoy it for them.)*

13th March 'Imposed Arrangement'. Members may decide that this is a competition month. Everyone has the same materials to work with.

Your first meeting is free except for a contribution towards materials used, or professional fees to cover - as in Nov. £5.

Thereafter, £3 per meeting payable in advance until December.

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Messy 2024 dates for your diary

We have planned a number of dates for Messy Church gatherings in 2024. Pop the dates in your diary or on your calendar and look out for more information.

10 March: a combined Messy Church and Mothering Sunday at Weston

18 May : Pentecost

20/21/22 August: Messy Summer sessions

12 October: Messy Harvest

14 December: Messy Christingle

We do hope you can join us for all or some of these.

The Messy Team

Messy Church is for families of all shapes and sizes. For more information contact Jane on 07850 4442316 or email off-churchmessy@gmail.com

OFFCHURCH READING CIRCLE

The Offchurch Reading Circle wish you all a Happy New Year

The Reading Circle continues to thrive and recently reached the end of another 'chapter' (2023). It is always interesting to reflect on the wide range of books that we have enjoyed in the past twelve months, all of which have prompted lively discussions. We regularly comment that had a particular book not been on our list, then we would probably never have read it!

We have just enjoyed our final meeting of the year, with our annual lucky dip and festive eats, not forgetting the obligatory wine!

We're often asked what sort of books we read. So, having just 'turned the page' to 2024, we thought you might like to see our 2023 selection – not in any particular order.

Violetta - Isobel Allende

The Girl who Saved the King of Sweden

- Jonas Jonasson

Cloud Cuckoo Land - Anthony Doerr

The Girl with the Louding Voice - Abi Dare

For all the Tea in China - Sarah Rose

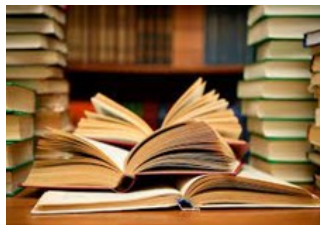
The Fall of Light - Niall Williams

Women who Run with the Wolves - Clarissa Pinkola Estes

Mudlarking - Lara Maiklem

The Marriage Portrait - Maggie O'Farrell

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain



We're a small friendly group who meet at 8.00pm on the last Tuesday of each month at the house of the member who has chosen the book. We rotate around members' houses. Why not come and join us – you would be very welcome. Ring Liz on 07940 560252 or email ldvarnish@gmail.com.

If you're interested in reading any of the above books, you just might find a copy in our Big Red Book Box on Village St. We often put our used copies in there and they're free!

Reading Circle Members

Burglaries - What to look out for!

Traditionally, the number of reports rises over Christmas period, as people visit family or friends for extended periods and leave their homes visibly unoccupied.

Burglary is not a victimless crime. It's incredibly traumatic to lose valuables and important personal items you need from your home – and the emotional shock of having your property invaded can also be deeply upsetting.

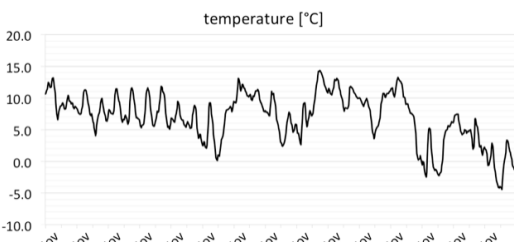
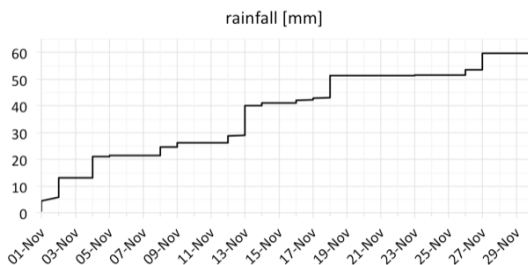
Some simple measures that will keep your home more secure include:

- Always keep your house and garage doors locked.
- Fit secure locks to your shed.
- Fit window locks.
- Put indoor lights on a timer.
- Fit external lights on a timer or sensor
- Install a video doorbell.

You can contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> with information on Burglary and other crime subjects.

WEATHER WATCH: NOVEMBER 2023

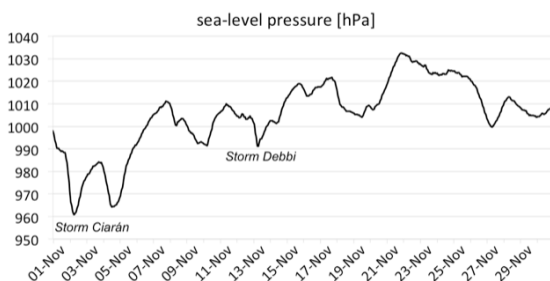
November experienced a near average rainfall for the area with 59.6 mm. This compares with a 25-year average of 62.5 mm for Offchurch. There were 15 rain-free days with the majority of rain falling on the 13th of the month.



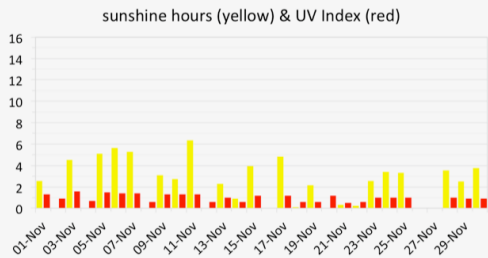
The month started with above average temperatures, but three spells of cooler weather gave an average temperature of 6.9°C, which is 0.6°C below the average for the area. There

were 5 air frosts and 9 grass frosts with the sharpest frost early on the last morning of the month when the temperature fell to minus 4.8°C.

Two named storms, *Ciarán* on the 1st and 2nd and *Debbi* on the 13th, were responsible for the majority of the month's rainfall. The atmospheric pressure fell to 968 hPa on the 2nd, which is unusually low for this area. However, we missed



most of the high winds associated with these storms experiencing maximum gusts of just 25 mph on the 2nd and 13th. Early in the month the winds were from the southwest but turned northerly by the end of the month.



There were eight days with no sun at all, although we still enjoyed four days in the month that each had over 5 hours of sunshine. Overall, the sunshine hours were 98% of the monthly average with 69 hours.

The Sun's solar cycle

Activity within the Sun varies from minimum to maximum over a period of about 11 years and is known as its *solar cycle*. This variance is indicated visually by the number of sunspots appearing at its surface along with changes in levels of solar radiation, coronal mass ejections (CMEs), coronal loops and solar flares, all these being at their greatest during a period of maximum activity. Its magnetic field also flips at this time. We are now approaching a solar maximum, which will peak over the next year or so.

Recently, you may have seen pictures of, or heard references to the *aurora borealis* or *northern lights* being visible from various parts of this country. This is unusual since these lights are normally only visible in more northerly latitudes within the *Arctic Circle*, centred on the magnetic north pole in an area approximately 2,000 miles in diameter. They are visible when the sun's solar wind, which is really a stream of charged particles, collides with gas molecules in the earth's upper atmosphere. Depending on the magnetic polarity of these particles they can either be rejected by or attracted to the earth's magnetic field, which in the case of the latter increases their energy causing them to flow to the poles and glow, resulting in patterns of light in the night sky. The colours depend on where and which gas molecules are hit, with the most common being green from oxygen molecules at 60 miles high, but would be red at 100-200 miles, although this is rarely seen. Nitrogen causes the sky to glow blue

at lower levels but purple at higher regions of the atmosphere. The best time to view auroras is around the March and September *Equinoxes* and the summer and winter *Solstices* when there is best alignment between the Sun and Earth.

During a period of maximum activity the Sun generates intense streams of charged particles (CMEs), which induce much more energy into the gas molecules and cause auroras to spread over a wider area, making them visible at much lower latitudes, including northern areas of the UK and occasionally across the whole of the UK. Unfortunately, we are not best placed to view auroras, as our northerly horizons are often disturbed by both cloud cover and/or light-scatter from surrounding conurbations. Weather forecasts on TV and radio may indicate the likelihood of aurora events but the best way to keep informed is to visit the *AuroraWatch UK* website <https://aurorawatch.lancs.ac.uk/> run by Lancaster University and sign up for their alerts, you may be lucky to view one of the many wonders of the night sky.




For local weather details and forecasts go to: <https://offweather.hopto.org>

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THE LANGUAGE PAGE

Many French words do not have a direct translation in English, leaving English-speakers with the difficult task of deciphering the nuanced meaning. Here are some of the best untranslatable French words...

Un frileux/une frileuse

This is an adjective used for a person who gets cold easily, however there is no direct equivalent in English. Instead, we would translate it as a phrase such as 'sensitive to the cold'. For example: '*Les personnes âgées sont souvent frileuses alors l'hiver est difficile* (Older people are often sensitive to the cold so winter is difficult)'.


Dépaysement

This is a word used when you find yourself in unfamiliar surroundings. It comes from the verb *dépayser* which can be translated as the idea of

taking a break from your usual routine or to have a change of scenery. The word can have both negative and positive connotations. For example, it could suggest disorientation in a new place, or feeling like you do not belong somewhere. More positively, it can also be used to describe the feeling you are seeking when going on holiday. *Nos vacances étaient un dépaysement total* (Our holidays were a complete change of scenery).

Yaourter/Faire du yaourt

This is another great word for language learners. '*Yaourter*' is when you are speaking or singing in another language, but making lots of mistakes and misrepeating what you think you hear. It is commonly used when people do karaoke and copy the noises they hear incorrectly. For example, '*Il a yaourté des chansons françaises toute la soirée*' (He sang the

wrong lyrics to French songs all night).

Flâner

This again has no direct equivalent; it suggests wandering around aimlessly but happily, while appreciating your surroundings. You can use it in the same sense we would say to have a look around the shops; *flâner dans les magasins* creates the idea of wandering in and out of shops looking at the products without having any intention of buying anything specific. It can also suggest doing nothing much. For example, you may *profiter du week-end pour flâner* (to take advantage of the weekend to laze around/do nothing). A possible English equivalent could be 'to mooch' or 'potter about'.

Bouquiner

Bouquiner is an informal way to talk about reading, but the connotation is cosier than 'lire'. It suggests curling up with a good book, or to have your head in a book, rather than the idea of reading for school, academia or work. *Après le travail ce soir je vais bouquiner dans mon lit* (After work this evening I am going to curl up in bed with my book).

Crapoter

Originally this term comes from smoking; the idea of someone taking a puff of a cigarette without actually inhaling. For example, *Elle ne sait pas fumer, elle crapote* (She doesn't know how to smoke, she puffs without inhaling). However, more broadly speaking it can also be used as a means of describing someone who is fake or who pretends to be something they are not.

Râler

While dictionaries will tell you the translation for *râler* is to complain, it is actually more nuanced than this and there is not an exact translation. The word refers to the idea of grumbling or complaining about anything and everything, no matter how small. For example we could say that, *râler permet d'exprimer mon mécontentement*, which translates as 'complaining or grumbling allows one to express their unhappiness' with a situation.

POETRY PAGE

It has been a really bad couple of months for British poetry! Firstly we learnt that **Shane MacGowan**, the former lead singer and songwriter for the Irish punk band *The Pogues*, died in November, aged 65. Given his lifestyle, it was, perhaps, remarkable that he lived as long as he did! MacGowan was often considered a poet in the musical sense. While he was primarily known for his contributions to music, MacGowan's songwriting was

characterized by vivid and often poetic storytelling.

His lyrics, especially those penned during his time with The Pogues, are known for their literary qualities, rich with narrative, imagery, and emotion. His main legacy will always be "*Fairytale of New York*", sung with the late Kirsty MacColl and



probably destined to be played every year and everywhere at Christmas. MacGowan's writing often drew upon his Irish heritage, blending traditional folk influences with punk energy.

Even worse was to follow as we heard that **Benjamin Zephaniah**, a poet of profound depth and cultural resonance, passed away aged 65 in December. Zephaniah was much more of a mainstream poet than Shane MacGowan although he would probably have been horrified at being called that! He was a

distinctive and influential voice, particularly in the realms of poetry and spoken word.

One of the most striking facets of Zephaniah's work was his unwavering commitment to social justice and human rights. His poetry is a powerful testament to his advocacy for equality, anti-racism, and the rights of marginalized communities. Zephaniah fearlessly confronted societal issues, urging readers to question the status quo and envision a world of inclusivity and understanding.



His ability to fuse the rhythm and energy of performance with the poignant themes of his poetry set him apart. I was privileged to hear Zephaniah perform twice and I can testify that his words came truly alive when spoken, creating an immersive and engaging experience for his audience. His work spanned various forms and genres, showing his versatility as a writer and his use of language was both accessible and profound, making his work accessible to a broad audience while maintaining a depth that invited repeated reading and reflection. For him poetry was not something you would put in a book, it was all about communication. He once said that he started writing poetry because he didn't like poetry. “Of course I liked using words, but I wanted to change the image of poetry. I wanted to bring it to life and talk about now and what was happening to us”.

A brilliant example of Zephaniah's stage performance is his hilarious *Talking Turkeys* vegan anthem. Just go to YouTube (www.youtube.com) and search for “Talking Turkeys”. There are videos of at least 3 different performances there.

A similar approach to dealing with a serious issue through

comedy and wit is seen in his anti racism hymn, *The British*.

The British

Take some Picts, Celts and Silures
And let them settle,
Then overrun them with Roman conquerors.

Remove the Romans after approximately 400 years
Add lots of Norman French to some
Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Vikings, then stir vigorously.

Mix some hot Chileans, cool Jamaicans, Dominicans,
Trinidadians and Bajans with some Ethiopians, Chinese,
Vietnamese and Sudanese.

Then take a blend of Somalians, Sri Lankans, Nigerians
And Pakistanis,
Combine with some Guyanese
And turn up the heat.

Sprinkle some fresh Indians, Malaysians, Bosnians,
Iraqis and Bangladeshis together with some
Afghans, Spanish, Turkish, Kurdish, Japanese
And Palestinians
Then add to the melting pot.

Leave the ingredients to simmer.

As they mix and blend allow their languages to flourish
Binding them together with English.

Allow time to be cool.

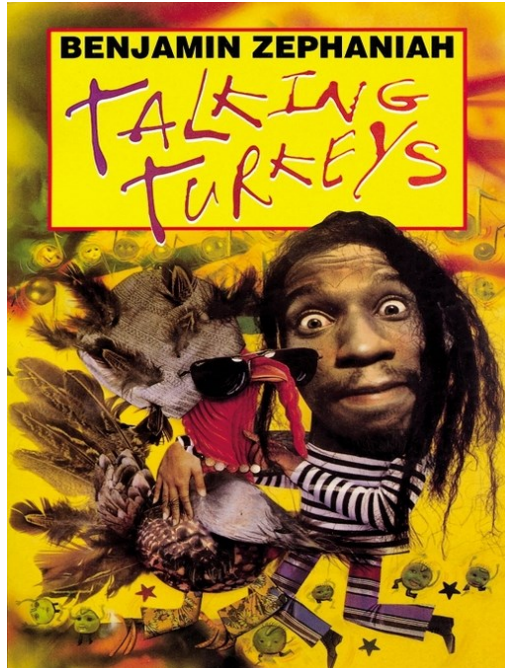
Add some unity, understanding, and respect for the future,

Serve with justice
And enjoy.

Note: All the ingredients are equally important. Treating one ingredient better than another will leave a bitter unpleasant taste.

Warning: An unequal spread of justice will damage the people and cause pain. Give justice and equality to all.

Benjamin Zephaniah was truly one of contemporary poetry's most distinctive voices, with the ability to tackle a wide range of topics with a unique blend of humour, social commentary, and cultural insight. He will be truly missed for his ability to lighten the mood in the darkening times in which we find ourselves.



REMINISCENCES OF THE PLOUGH

A chance encounter on Facebook with Lizzie Cass-Maran resulted in Lizzie sharing the photo below of The Plough in Eathorpe, taken in 1937.



Here is the information that Lizzie shared about this picture.

“According to the notes I have, the photo of the Inn itself was taken around 1937, when it was run by Eva and Jack Rance. I've attached a picture of them as well, although it's doubtful anyone alive would remember them.

I've also attached a picture of a Christmas card from 'Mr and Mrs Clements and children', also at The Plough. I'm not sure of the date of that one but I know that Eva Rance's sister Louisa (both née Sutton) married Charles 'Len' Clements - they were my great grandparents. Louisa was born in 1892 and I *believe* Eva was her older



Never a Christmas morning,
Never the old year ends,
But somebody thinks of somebody,
Old days, old times, old friends.



To Wish You
all Happiness at Christmastide
and
throughout the Coming Year
From
Mr. & Mrs. Clements and Children

The Plough Inn,
Eathorpe,
nr. Leamington Spa.

sister, so Eva would have been in her late 40s or so when the photo of the Inn was taken. It's possible one sister took over from the other, or possibly that the note on the photo is wrong and it was actually Louisa and Len who ran it.

I'm happy for you to share any of this - do let me know if anyone happens to have any other information that completes the picture!"

If anyone has any further information, do let me know

and I will share it with Lizzie.



New Year's Eve, 2023. The return of Lake Eathorpe!



Joint Parish Council

Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch & Wappenbury JPC

Working Together as a Community

Joint Parish Council Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for 16th January, 2024 at 7:30pm and is being held at Eathorpe Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. Residents can email or phone Parish Councillors if they have issues to raise.

For further information or an emailed copy of the meeting Agenda or minutes please contact the Clerk on Clerk.jpcehow@outlook.com

The meeting dates for 2024

The dates below follow the usual JPC pattern of meetings.

January	16th	Eathorpe Village Hall
February	No Meeting	
March	19th	Eathorpe Village Hall
April	No Meeting	
May	21st	Eathorpe Village Hall
June	No Meeting	
July	16th	Eathorpe Village Hall
August	No Meeting	
September	17th	Eathorpe Village Hall
October	No Meeting	
November	19th	Eathorpe Village Hall
December	No Meeting	

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CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY 2024



Sunday 7th	11.00am – Holy Communion + Zoom	St Margaret's (Hunningham)
Sunday 14th	10.00am – Service of the Word + Zoom	St Gregory's (Offchurch)
Sunday 14th	6.00pm - Evensong	St Michael's (Weston)
Sunday 21st	10.00am – Holy Communion + Zoom	St Gregory's (Offchurch)
Sunday 28th	Parish Breakfast from 9.30am followed by a short Time of Worship at 11.30am	Venue to be confirmed

NB There is no Come2Worship service at St Margaret's on 7 January. The young people are taking a break, plus Hazel and Marcia!

On Sunday 28 January from 9.30am, there will be a Parish Breakfast. More details to follow.

CHURCH WARDENS

Church warden details are as follows:

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Mandy Lewis 07864 359988
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The large hall has capacity for 70 people seated in a theatre style or 54 for formal dining. For party bookings the number should not exceed 50.

The small hall or meeting room is ideal for meetings and small classes and has a capacity of 21 theatre style and 16 for seated meals.

To book check the Bookings Calendar at offchurchvillagehall.co.uk and if the date and time are free email offchurchvillagehall@gmail.com to request a booking.

LEAMINGTON SPA ILLUMINATIONS 1952/53

Brian and I went into the town on a very cold night in January last year, a little late, to see The Christmas Lights in the town - really beautiful. This reminded me of the JEPHSON GARDENS ILLUMINATIONS back in 1952/53. They were spectacular - almost every flower bed and statue, tree and fence was adorned with thousands of coloured bulbs depicting famous legends, pictures and stories - they were amazing!

There were fireworks, and 2 giant marquees; one with tasty food; the other with music and dancing for older people, but my friend Vita and I sneaked under the canvas in our school blazers, and then really enjoyed the dancing until we were told to leave immediately!! We ran out as fast as we could, Vita grabbing my arm, but my hand was in my blazer pocket and next minute the pocket was torn off! Horror of horrors - the blazer was brand new! Mum was quite cross - but such fabulous memories.

My sister tells me that as she walked through the Jephson Gardens recently memories flooded back to her too. She recalled the fountains in the pond with floodlights on them, which continually changed colour like a watery rainbow. Mum, Dad and us 3 girls agreed just how magical it was after darkness had fallen!

Wendy Green



A photo of the illuminated fountains in Jephson Gardens, 1952. A report on this event, with more photos can be see at <https://leamingtonhistory.co.uk/the-lights-of-leamington/>

MONDAY CLUB DECEMBER MEETING

It was a beautiful, sunny day on December 11th when the members met at Andrew MacGregor's barn. We were welcomed, by Becky and Andrew, with a warming glass of mulled wine and made to feel very much at home. The barn is a lovely building and was decorated for Christmas, even if Father Christmas appeared to have come to grief in the wood burner.

We then settled down to the serious business of carol singing. Wendy Green, who told me she carries all the melodies in her head, was our accompanist and did a wonderful job. Our thanks go to her. We would have been lost without her. The carols were interspersed with readings, mostly humorous, selected and read by members.

Lastly, to revive tired voices, we enjoyed the refreshments, provided by Carolyn, Joan, Duncan and Trudy. The food was up to the usual standard we expect for Monday Club meetings. Thank you all.

Our sincere thanks must go to Andrew and Becky for making us so welcome and allowing us to spend the afternoon in such lovely surroundings. I hope they enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did. Finally a word of appreciation for Robert, who manages to maintain order and keep us all in line, no easy task sometimes.

The next meeting is on January 8th at Wethele Manor, when we will enjoy a post-Christmas meal together.

Celia Davis

WELCOME TO OFFCHURCH!

A very warm welcome to Alison and Jack (plus Saffie and Sycamore, their two dogs) who have recently moved in on Long Itchington Road. We hope that they settle happily into their new home and enjoy living in Offchurch. We look forward to seeing them around the village.

BRITS SPEND NEARLY 4 HOURS ONLINE EVERY DAY – MOSTLY ON PHONES

It appears that UK adults spent an average of 3 hours 41 minutes a day online in May 2023, eight minutes longer than a year earlier. This amounts to 56 days a year online – two more than in May 2022.

The figures come from Ofcom's *Online Nation 2023* study, which analysed the behaviour of over 14,000 internet users aged between 13 and 84 during May.

- Most daily browsing (2 hours 47 mins) is done on a smartphone. This amounts to 76 per cent, a rise from 69 per cent in 2022. Only 23 and 30 minutes respectively were spent online on tablets and computers, fewer than in 2022.
- As in previous years, young adults (18-24 years old) spent the most time online (4 hours 36 mins), while over-65s spent the least (2 hours 46 mins).
- Women continue to spend more time online (3 hours 58 mins) than men (3 hours 23 mins).
- Seven per cent of adults do not have internet access at home, the same as in 2022. This figure rises to 18 per cent - for those aged over 65.
- YouTube has overtaken Facebook as the most visited social-media site, with 91 per cent of adults using it. Visits to Government and NHS websites have fallen sharply over the past two years due to the end of the Covid pandemic.

If you would like to read the full report, you can view and download it from the [Ofcom web site](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0029/272288/online-nation-2023-report.pdf) (https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0029/272288/online-nation-2023-report.pdf)

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We are positioned within the peaceful village of Hunningham, 3 miles to the north-east of Leamington Spa, yet inside the Radford Semele Ward. The Red Lion Hunningham offers enviable views along the River Leam while overlooking the spectacular Warwickshire countryside. We are open 7 days a week for food and drink.

