

Voice

of the villages

Hunningham, Offchurch, Weston, Wappenbury, Eathorpe

Newsletter

MARCH 2024

When green buds hang in the elm
like dust

And sprinkle the lime like rain,
Forth I wander, forth I must,
And drink of life again.

Forth I must by hedgerow bowers
To look at the leaves uncurled,
And stand in the fields where
cuckoo-flowers
Are lying about the world.

A.E.Housman

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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The ‘Digital Switchover’ will affect the home telephone user

For those who still use the traditional ‘copper landline network’ home telephone service, as opposed to solely mobile phones at home (possibly because the latter don’t actually work very well in the home), a change to the service known as ‘Digital Voice’ is happening gradually and is due to be completed by the end of 2025. Your service provider should contact you well in advance of these changes to find out about your current telephone requirements and if you need additional equipment.

To date, homes have been connected by copper wires to provide signals, audio and possibly power the telephone(s) unless a home ‘cordless’ system is used, in which case the power comes from the home’s electricity supply. The same wires also provide the broadband service for computers, etc. - something the wires were never designed to do, but were made to work, more or less reliably. In order to provide the best possible service the copper landline network is being updated to a digital optical fibre network capable of supporting faster and more reliable broadband and home telephone services into the foreseeable future.

This means that the way of connecting homes to the network is changing. The existing broadband and telephone connections in the home will be exchanged, and analogue telephones will be swapped to digital ones. Adapters can be provided to connect existing phone systems to the new network. No charge is being made for updating equipment, but there are risks that some services such as ‘telecare’ devices will not work on the new network. If this is the case, you are expected to contact the supplier of such services to find out what changes if any are needed. Also, telephone adaptors need to be ordered, if required.

Furthermore, the new system requires power from the home electricity supply for broadband and home telephone service, which means that in the case of a power cut, not unknown in rural areas, not only broadband BUT also home telephone services will be lost, so emergency calls cannot be made. *Openreach* and the other network providers are working with OFCOM (the government) and the power suppliers to make the digital network more resilient in the event of power cuts, and to ensure that access to charged mobile phones is available at all times, so that calls can still be made to emergency services.

BT says that battery back-up solutions may be purchased from them. Also, OFCOM has stated that if an 'at-risk' customer does not have any other means available, their telecoms provider must offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

The replacement of the 'copper landline network' will be an improvement, but as with all change there may be problems. Help is available from your service provider, but it does mean we are expected to be proactive. The following links may be of some help [3].

Please note that these details were published by CSW Broadband [1] on 19 February and so the dates of the Digital Voice events [2] may have passed by the time you read this.

[1] <https://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/> Connecting Solihull & Warwickshire to Broadband supports bringing faster broadband to rural areas.

[2] <https://www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice/events> The Digital Voice events in our area may have passed but this list still may be of use.

[3] <https://www.bt.com/help/landline/digital-voice-phones> Some answers regarding the new 'Digital Voice' network.

Richard Seaton

WESTON BABIES and TODDLERS WEEKLY GROUP

**EVERY FRIDAY 9.45am -11.15am
(Except during Easter holidays)**

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

OFFCURCH VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting

You are warmly invited to join us for the

2024 Annual General Meeting of the

Offchurch Village Hall Foundation

Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall



Do come along and find out what we do and enjoy a glass of wine

You will be very welcome.

HS2 DROP IN



We would like to invite you to HS2 drop-in event at Offchurch Village Hall

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We will be holding an informal drop-in event at Offchurch Village Hall where you can come and chat to your local Community Engagement Team.

At this event you will be able to:

- talk to our experts about engineering, construction, property, the environment, utilities and more;
- talk to your local community engagement team about any queries you may have and community investment opportunities.



October 2nd, 2024
Between 2pm and 6pm at
Offchurch Village Hall



As you can see, the next local Drop in for HS2 is not until **2 October 2024** so the contractors BBV have suggested people might like to attend the Cubbington session on 9th May. You do not need to live in Cubbington.

The drop-in is free to attend but you will need to reserve tickets using the Event Brite system. There is no charge for this. Just follow the link below -

[HS2 drop in: Cubbington Village Hall - May 9th, 2pm to 6pm](#)

HS2 is clearly a controversial project. You can explore the arguments in favour of this scheme at <https://www.hs2.org.uk/>

And against the scheme at <https://stophs2.org/>



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 10 March at 11am
St Michael's Church,
Rugby Road, Weston-under-Wetherley



Encompassing Messy Church... the usual Messy fun, games and crafts as well as the Pilgrim Puppets as part of a service in church instead of the hall.

All welcome

No need to book but let us know you are coming by emailing messyoffchurch@gmail.com
or text Jane on 07850 444316

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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



Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our PUPPETS and PAN-CAKES on 11th February. We had a full church, and lots of fun.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING IN HUNNINGHAM

SATURDAY 2 MARCH

An invitation to everyone in Hunningham!



There will be a cheese and wine evening at 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd March in St Margaret's Church in Hunningham.

The idea is to get together with our neighbours to have a fun evening whilst enjoying some liquid refreshments and nibbles in this historic building.

More information to come in the next few weeks.

Contact Moira Rawlings moirarawlings@btinternet.com

THE PLOUGHING DILEMMA

Like many of you, I'm sure, I have my vegetables delivered every week by a company called Riverford. The head of this company, Guy Singh-Watson, always writes a newsletter about farming issues, and includes it in the vegetable box. This month's really intrigued me. It's about ploughing.

For millennia, ploughing has been used to clear crops and create weed-free seedbeds. As the centuries passed, crude wooden tooth shears were replaced by curved steel, which inverted the furrows more efficiently. Horses, mules, and oxen were replaced by tractors, which could work faster and dig deeper. But the arrival of cheap, effective herbicides (especially glyphosate), paired with concerns about the environmental impact of such violent soil disturbance, has led to questioning of the once-noble art of ploughing .

It was traditional to plough in autumn or early winter, leaving the upstanding furrows exposed to frost. Repeated freezing and thawing fractured the coarse clods, then requiring just a light harrowing to prepare the soil for spring crops. An acre was originally defined as the area one horse could plough in a day. But in 1946, the first Ferguson TE20 Fergie tractor was made in Coventry. With its 20-horsepower engine, affordable price, and revolutionary hydraulic three-point linkage for attaching ploughs, the Fergie soon displaced draft horses and opened the doors to modern agriculture.

Today, a 200-horsepower tractor can plough 30 acres a day; much faster than the horse it has replaced, but it is seven times less efficient in terms of energy. The modern plough will invert 20-25cm of soil, compared to the 10cm inverted by horse. In many cases, it is only necessary to plough so deeply to remove the compaction and soil damage caused by such heavy machinery in the first place. With some justification, ploughing is increasingly seen as a

plague on soil health; damaging fragile earthworms and fungal hyphae, increasing carbon loss, and leaving soil, without living roots, vulnerable to erosion and nutrient depletion during heavy rain. Indeed, large-scale 'regenerative agriculture' is chiefly defined by avoiding ploughing as a means to remove vegetation, often replacing it with the world's favourite herbicide, glyphosate (which kills all plants right down to the root tips).

An advance for mankind? The evidence is not clear. I am not wholly convinced that ploughing is always bad, and I suspect, even without considering the health impacts of glyphosate, that ploughing would compare more favourably if we simply reduced the depth.

Guy Singh-Watson



THE NURTURE ROOM

News just in that The Nurture Room will be opening a Preschool at Cubbington School this September.

For further information please contact Katie Taylor.

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POETRY PAGE

Poetry can be uplifting or joyful: it can help you see the world in a different, fresh way. But sometimes, I am afraid, it can be just heart-breaking. This month is one of those occasions. I cannot apologise for this. And I freely confess that this poem brings tears to my eyes every time I read it.

The poet is Dr. Refaat Alareer. Refaat was a Palestinian writer, poet, translator, university professor and activist from the occupied Gaza Strip in Palestine. On December 6, 2023, he was



murdered by an Israeli airstrike along with his brother, sister and their children in Israel's ongoing genocidal siege of Gaza.

Just five weeks prior to his killing, he shared his poem titled "If I must die".

If I must die

*If I must die,
you must live
to tell my story
to sell my things
to buy a piece of cloth
and some strings,
(make it white with a long tail)
so that a child, somewhere in Gaza
while looking heaven in the eye
awaiting his dad who left in a blaze—
and bid no one farewell
not even to his flesh
not even to himself—
sees the kite, my kite you made, flying up above
and thinks for a moment an angel is there
bringing back love
If I must die
let it bring hope
let it be a tale*

Go to the “I must die” website <https://ifimustdie.net/> and see the dozens of languages into which this poem has been translated — in less than 3 months— and listen to Brian Cox read the poem aloud.

I’m sure that your tears, like mine, will form, but remember Re-faat’s words:

Let it bring hope



*Transforming lives by providing clean,
safe water and toilets.*



**The Offchurch Group
Soup Lunch in aid of
WaterAid**

Saturday 16 March 2024

12noon to 2pm

Offchurch Village Hall



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OFFCHURCH FLOWER CLUB

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

For the Valentine theme it was 'All that Jazz' or 'Hearts and Flowers'

Everyone is growing in confidence and very much enjoying being creative using the 'themed' programme agreed by members. We are learning from each other and appreciating different styles, each on our own budget. And with some very imaginative 'props'.

Meeting Dates are:

- * March 13th 'Pot et Fleur' an imaginative combination of a potted plant and cut flowers; could include moss, stones, ornaments etc.
- * April 10th A talk by Holly Thurgood on the best seeds to sow for garden flowers to arrange.



Your first meeting is free.

Any further enquiries to mandhhartog@googlemail.com

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

Report Incidents/ Concerns

We can't be everywhere at once, so we need your help to know what is going on. This will help us to gain a better understanding of issues in your area and enable us to provide an informed response.

To report a non-emergency, you can call us on 101 or submit a report online by clicking this address <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk>

If someone is seriously injured, in immediate danger, or if there is a threat to public safety, please call 999.

[Warwickshire Police](#) officers and staff want to protect the communities we serve. Please don't keep us in the dark.

Message Sent By
Ed King
(Warwickshire Police,
PCSO, Warwick Rural East SNT)



EATHORPE EVENTS

Sunday, March 31st
Eathorpe Egg Rolling Day

Eathorpe residents, friends, family, ex-residents
Come to the renowned

Eathorpe Eggstravaganza



Meet on the village bridge at 10.00am for the decorated egg competition.

Walk up to Wappenbury Hill to roll our eggs down the hill to the bridge.

Followed by a children's egg hunt and refreshments at the village hall (please bring hot cross buns etc to share) and a general Easter celebration.

Warwickshire County Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Overview

Warwickshire County Council is responsible for around 1700 miles of public rights of way. These paths are both in the countryside and urban areas. They are important for enjoying and exploring, for travelling to work or school and for health and wellbeing. They are part of what makes Warwickshire a special place to live, work and enjoy.

A public right of way is a path that anyone has the legal right to use. There are four types:

- Footpaths for walking, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Bridleways for walking, horse riding, cycling, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Restricted byways for walking, horse riding, cycling, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs and horse-drawn carriages
- Byways for all modes including motorised vehicles

Every council that is responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). This is a strategy which sets out how public rights of way meet the needs of the public, now and in the future. Our current Rights of Way Improvement Plan dates from 2011 and now needs to be reviewed.

We'd like to know about your experience of using our public rights of way, how important they are for you and what we should include in the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Your feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan, which will be produced later in

2024. Once the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan has been finalised and approved by the council it will be published on Warwickshire County Council's website.

Please complete our survey by 7 April 2024.

If you require a paper copy of the survey or an alternative format or language please email

wccrowip@blackwoodbayne.co.uk or paths@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 413427.

This survey is to support the Improvement Plan only. If you want to report a problem on a public right of way please click on the link below: <https://rowreporting.warwickshire.gov.uk/CAMSWeb/standardmap.aspx>

Please give us your views. Click the link below.

[Online Survey](#)

Closes 7 Apr 2024

Opened 8 Jan 2024

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HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS

Why are some people more successful than others? Talent, hard work, ambition, discipline or luck? That's certainly not wrong. However, it seems that there may be another interesting cause of success. Happiness and success are directly related – but probably not in the way you might expect. Put simply: you don't have to be successful to be happy, you have to be happy to be successful.

Many people are convinced of a misconception that once they are rich/beautiful/successful/popular etc., they will also be happy. But research into happiness and success has drawn a rather astonishing conclusion: external factors account for only around 10% of a person's long-term happiness. It seems that around 90% of your happiness in life comes from within. How your brain perceives and processes the outside world is particularly crucial. In other words, whether it focuses on the positive or the negative in your life. Because no matter how privileged you are, your life will never be perfect, and so there will always be cause for unhappiness.

At the same time, there are people who impress us by the fact that they never seem to lose their radiant smile despite a difficult fate. It seems that happiness does not depend on your success. Instead, you can be perfectly happy without success. We tend to believe that the harder we work, the more successful we will become. This is part of our culture - we will be happier if we are more successful. But this is probably a fallacy. In fact, it may be that it is because we are happy that we become successful.

We know that people who are happy also tend to be more successful at work. The brain is much more productive in a positive state than in a negative one. Constant striving for success (in order to be happy) may increase our negativity – not everyone can achieve highly all the time, and too much striving leads to anxiety which will not produce happiness.

The takeaway from this is that happiness can be a cause of success, rather than the other way round.



GOODBYE TO PAT WRIGHT

I grew up in Offchurch where my Dad, Pat Wright, was a prominent figure from the 70s to the early 2000s. His great aunt, Vera Graves, ran the village Post Office and my parents built a house next to it where we lived for about ten years before moving across the road to 18 Village Street!

Sadly Dad passed away at the end of January . I'm conscious that he left Offchurch in the late 2000s but there are still quite a few people living in the village who will remember him. I hope to write a longer piece about Dad's time in Offchurch a little later, and I'm planning to organise a village event in his memory later in the year.

Liz Wright

THE PILGRIM PUPPETS

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 3rd March COME 2 WORSHIP service at HUNNINGHAM CHURCH 11.00am

Wednesday 6th March CUBBINGTON MILL Care Home, Cubbington 3.00pm

Sunday 10th March MOTHERING SUNDAY WESTON Church 11.00pm

Monday 18th March St MARKS RAINBOWS Leamington 6.00pm

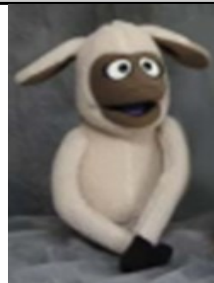
Monday 25th March CHERRY TREE LODGE Care Home, Whitnash 2.30pm

Sunday 7th April COME 2 WORSHIP service at HUNNINGHAM Church 11.00am

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

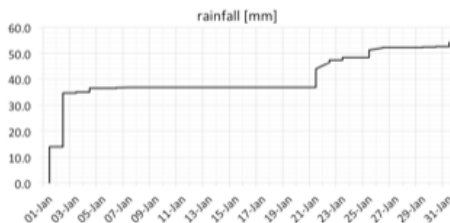
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Ring Hazel Taylor 01926 632428 if you are interested in our Puppets being part of your events.



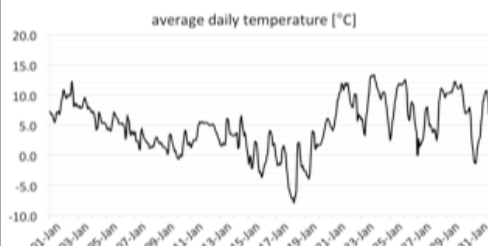
WEATHER WATCH: JANUARY 2024

Since the Met Office started naming storms back in 2015 we seem to get more and more stormy weather! I'm not sure if that is really the case, as winter months usually bring strong winds and heavy precipitation at times; perhaps they name them because they can. Whatever the reason this January saw three named storms, 'Henk', 'Isha' and 'Jocelyn' (22nd) - see occurrences on the pressure chart. 'Henk' and 'Jocelyn' were jointly responsible for 45mm of the month's 54.2 mm of rainfall, as can be viewed on the rainfall chart. This was 10 percent below the average of 57.4 mm for Offchurch.

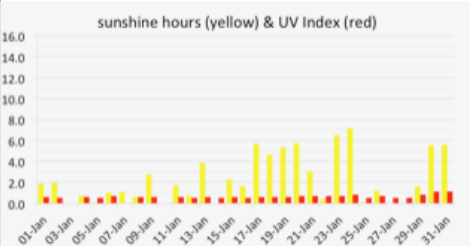
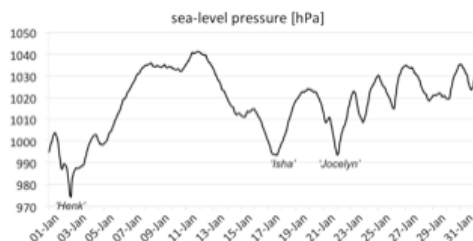


Despite some mild days the average temperatures of 4.7°C was 0.2°C below the

average for the area. This was despite the month enjoying some mild days with the highest temperature of 13.7°C on the 23rd. Most nights were cool – well, it is January after all -with 16 grass frosts and 10 air frosts, the sharpest being minus 8.2°C on the 18th.



The atmospheric pressure fell to 984 hPa on the 2nd, due to storm 'Henk' and 996 hPa on the 17th, which preceded storm 'Isha'. The average pressure was 1018 hPa. Storm 'Jocelyn' delivered a maximum gust of 36 mph on the 21st. Winds were variable, turning northerly following 'Isha' but returning to the southerly by the end of the month.



There were seven days with no sun at all, and the total for the month was 66 hours, which is 6 percent above the January average. Altogether, this January turned out to be a pretty average month, despite the storms.

When the wind blows, shall we be green?

The UK is a windy country but because my location is quite well sheltered I don't necessarily record the true speed of the winds in our area. However, at many locations around the UK, both on land and at sea, wind turbines are providing us with 'green energy'. Wind turbine electric power generators are huge, and in fact the bigger the better [1]. Typically, the newest turbines have blades 130 metres in diameter that are mounted on pillars 100 metres above sea level. They are each capable of generating up to 3.5 megawatts (MW) of power, which is equivalent to 1.75 million electric kettles! In October 2023 there were 2,695 offshore turbines [2] with a combined capacity of nearly 15 gigawatts (GW) (that's the equivalent of 7,500,000,000 kettles). Since then their output has risen closer to 18 GW as may be seen from the list, which shows sources of electric power generation used in the UK [3]. The list shows that nearly a third of our electricity regularly comes from wind power. If you add in power from other green sources then a large majority of our power is capable of being generated by non-carbon producing methods.

Unfortunately, it's not all good news, since a substantial amount of electricity still comes from coal. It's also hard to classify biomass power generation as I consider it a dubious form of green energy. Obviously, the large "elephant-in-the-room" is what happens when the wind doesn't blow? Currently, there is sufficient electricity available from gas-powered generation but only at a huge cost in carbon release. Eventually, nuclear power generation should cover this gap but with the likes of Hinckley Point C power station not promised to be online before 2027 and other nuclear power stations still in the planning, gas is going to be used for the foreseeable future. The list comes from the GridCarbon app, available for most hand-held devices [3].

[1] <https://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/wind-turbines-bigger-better>

[2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_offshore_wind_farms_in_the_United_Kingdom

[3] <https://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/people/alex.rogers/gridcarbon/>

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

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Power sources in the UK -
snapshot on 27th February,
2024.

GB Grid Carbon Intensity



168

gCO₂/kWh



Wind

14400 MW (34.5%)



Gas

13400 MW (32.0%)



Nuclear

3800 MW (9.1%)



Solar

3400 MW (8.2%)



Biomass

2300 MW (5.5%)



France

2300 MW (5.5%)

GOBBLEDYGOOK?

It may seem a strange hobby, but I quite like writing web pages - and learning how to write code for them. I was recently browsing a book entitled, “HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript: Crash Course for Building Modern Responsive, Dynamic, and User-Friendly Websites for All Devices with the Aid of Practical Exercises”. (Yes, I am that sad!) I was struck by one paragraph:

“Cryptographic Nonces: In this most recent version of HTML, we may now apply cryptographic nonces to all styles and scripts. Our standard practice is to use the nonce attribute inside the script and style elements. In essence, this nonce tag generates a random integer that is only used once. As a result, the page is updated each time it is refreshed. It's a great feature since it can be used to increase the content of the page's security, allowing the website to declare and choose a certain script or style.”

Now, is it me or is that pure gobbledygook? Either that or it was written on April 1st!



Working Together as a Community
 Joint Parish Council Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for 19th March, 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.

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	

Warwickshire Mobile Library



Eathorpe Village Hall

12.00 - 12.20

Offchurch Village Street

9.15 - 9.30

The mobile
library will be
available on:



1st March

25th March



CONTACT THE TEAM

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CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2024

Sunday 3rd	11.00am – Come2Worship + Zoom	St Margaret's (Hunningham)
Sunday 10th	11.00am – Mothering Sunday / Messy Church	St Michael's (Weston)
Saturday 16th	12.00 - Soup Lunch in aid of Water Aid	Offchurch Village Hall
Sunday 17th	10.00am – Passion Sunday / Holy Communion + Zoom	St Gregory's (Offchurch)
Sunday 24th	10.00am – Palm Sunday / Sunday Worship + Zoom	St John's (Wappenbury)
Monday 25th	6.30pm - Compline	St Gregory's (Offchurch)
Tuesday 26th	6.30pm - Compline	St Margaret's (Hunningham)
Wednesday 27th	6.30pm - Compline	St Michael's (Weston)
Thursday 28th	7.30pm – Maundy Thursday / Holy Communion	St Gregory's (Offchurch)
Friday 29th	Good Friday Pilgrimage	St Gregory's (Offchurch)
Sunday 31st	10.00am - Easter Sunday / Holy Communion + Zoom	St Gregory's (Offchurch)

NB Please note the different times and venues for some of the services

More details on the Mothering Sunday / Messy Service, the Soup Lunch and the Good Friday Pilgrimage are elsewhere in this magazine.

Church warden details are as follows:

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Mandy Lewis 07864 359988 amanda.e.lewis@btinternet.com

GOOD FRIDAY PARISH PILGRIMAGE

A fitting way to spend part of your Good Friday – a symbolic, solemn gesture in remembrance of our Lord's journey to the cross. An opportunity for us to affirm our Christian unity by walking and praying together.

Good Friday Walk - Route & Timetable

At approximately the times below we will be at

9.30-9:40 Meet in St Gregory's, Offchurch for a reading and prayer. 2.7 mile walk to Weston mainly across fields - about an hour

10.40-11.00 Assemble in St Michael's, Weston under Wetherley for drinks and biscuits, a reading and short time of prayer
1.8 mile walk to Wappenbury, mainly across the fields - about 45 minutes

11.45 - 12.05 Assemble in St John the Baptist, Wappenbury for drinks, a reading and short time of prayer
1.8 mile walk to Eathorpe, across the fields - about 45 minutes

12.50 Prayer outside Eathorpe Village Hall

1.6 mile walk to Hunningham along tracks - about 45 minutes

1.35 - 2.15 Assemble in St Margaret's, Hunningham for lunch (provided), a reading and short time of prayer
2.2 mile walk mainly across fields back to Offchurch - about 50 minutes

3.00 Concluding prayer in St Gregory's, Offchurch



You may choose to follow the whole route or just join and leave whenever you wish. You might simply come and pray with us at any one of the churches. The route has been planned to suit walkers of any age. Why not bring your dog along too?

If you are joining us for lunch or require any additional help please contact Susan: susandennning4@gmail.com 07803 600566

SILVER JUBILEE 1977

It was about the middle of March 1977, chatting to neighbours, that we came up with the idea of having a Silver Jubilee Street Party for the Queen here in the Radford Road. We formed a Committee with a Chairman (Brian of course) and a Secretary, an Acquisitions Manager, an Entertainment Manager - and I said I'd see to the music! We set about having a weekly meeting which turned out to be the highlight of the week, a lot of fun and laughter, trying out various Punches, with someone's delicious homemade cakes or cookies. Not mine, I just don't feature in the kitchen!

The day dawned and the forecast was not brilliant; undeterred we began putting out trestle tables and chairs, balloons and streamers, a display of the local school Children 's Art Competition, lots of fairy lights, banners and streamers. (We had previously obtained Police permission to close the road) The Party was due to start at 2.00, so a few strong fellows and myself went round the corner to the local church to borrow a piano! I actually played some songs in transit and folk came out of their houses to sing along, cheering and clapping, encouraging us on our way!!

The skies looked dark, but undaunted we began laying out the delicious food. Then the skies cleared and the sun shone on happy families playing games, running races, and the judging of Best Crown Competition; enthusiastically singing, impromptu dancing

and generally it was a Festival of Fun!

The Party went on into the night, with revellers from the two local pubs joining us as it got dark; I played the piano and the singing got louder and louder - it must have been heard over hill and dale for miles around!!



Wendy Green

TRIBUTE TO JOHN HANCOCK from HUNNINGHAM:

Many of you may already know that John Hancock from Hunningham died in December after a long illness. He deserves a special mention. John was 92 years old and one of Hunningham's longest term residents having moved to the village at Snowford Hall Farm in 1959 with his new wife Rudi. They were a devoted couple who raised 3 children.

John was a first generation farmer who got his passion for farming whilst he was evacuated to Shropshire during World War 2 and learned to plough with horses. He followed his career path with gusto and made a good life for his family and successors. He was inventive, innovative and a pioneer in his field founding several farming co-operatives and initiating many local and national agricultural reforms.

He was very much a devoted family man. He was widely respected and trusted and his sense of humour could enlighten any situation. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Rudi and his Family.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS FOYER from Hunningham, who died just before Christmas 2023:

Chris & Peter Foyer lived in Hunningham for decades and brought up their children here. Chris was always involved in village events, and was a good friend to many in Hunningham. She was an excellent cook and always organised the catering for our village events, including Open Gardens. On one occasion after a busy day catering, she made over 20 large cakes when we had had over 400 people around on a Saturday! Chris also organised the church cleaning rota, and the bookings for the Parish Room.

In addition Chris was involved in resourcing and looking after the PROPS for THE LOFT THEATRE.

These were all voluntary jobs, and she also worked at Trinity School! She is sadly missed, and our thoughts are with all her Family.

COMMUNITY CAFE

The Community Café 'Drop In' is now seasonal.
Everyone welcome for refreshments & a chat at the café.

During the Spring and Summer ...

Every second Wednesday of April, May, June, July and August
Do come and join us for AFTERNOON TEA, conversation and company..

In Hunningham Parish Room

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Offchurch



Garden Club

Monday 25th March 7.30pm

(last Monday of each month)

at Offchurch Village Hall

'Bonsai, Niwaki & Japanese Maples'

A talk by David Cheshire of
David Cheshire Nurseries, Baginton

Everyone welcome

Bring a friend, members free, visitors £5

(first visit complimentary!)

For more information

Phone Claire

07568 500765



MONDAY CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting was in Weston Village Hall to hear a talk from Martin Williams about the Warwickshire and Solihull Blood Bikes. They are all volunteers and lovers of motor bikes and they provide a delivery service between the five main Hospitals in Warwickshire and the Air Ambulance Service, delivering blood and other urgent medical samples without any charge to the National Health Service.

They come on duty at 7pm each and every day working throughout the night on request.

What started in 1962 as a small band of volunteers has now grown to about 140 including the Organisers and Fund Raisers. They need to raise approximately £60,000 per annum to keep running.



They are provided with 1250cc BMW Bikes and of course their protective kit.

A very spotless bike drove into the Village Hall for all to admire, or even to be photographed astride such a potent machine.

Monday Club were very happy to give this Organisation a donation and the proceeds of our Raffle.

As always we enjoyed delicious cakes for tea.

Stephen Evans

CORRECTION

I've been asked to point out that the January Monday Club notice was actually written by Joan Goddard, who, for some reason, was unattributed.

Welcome to The Red Lion Hunningham



At The Red Lion Hunningham, food is made strictly for the soul. Bright, beautiful and mouthwatering, our food is a true sensation for the eyes and the belly. This is the kind of food that is cooked simply and cleverly while showcasing the great British palette at its culinary best.

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