

Editorial

The next edition will be September 2022. There will be no separate edition for August. If you have any articles or items for inclusion in the September edition, please could you let me have them by 24th August 2022, by email to a.w.hampton@btinternet.com, or dropping off a note at Garden Cottage, 24 Somerby Road. Thankyou.

Any messages/notices of events in the meantime can be posted on the OTGW Whatsapp message board. If you are not already on the Whatsapp group, please contact Julia Seary on 07786 515882

Just a reminder – if you are leaving one of the villages, or have just arrived, or have a new family member, please let your editor know and a suitable greeting or farewell can be published. Thankyou.

Alison Haynes

PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors are Nigel Gates (Chair) George Cook (Vice Chair) Brian Cobb, Jeremy Latham-Smith and Julia Seary.

The Parish Council has a website. All editions of OTGW and minutes of meetings and future agendas are posted on the site www.knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk. as are the contact details for your Parish Councillors.

Next meeting on 1st August 2022 at 7.00pm .The meetings always start promptly so don't be late. Council meetings are held in the Knossington village hall.

Details of planning applications can be found on the Melton Borough Council Website.

Thank you to Judy Worthington for arranging a training session for the Knossington defibrillator. The session was very informative and it is unfortunate that it was not better attended. It will be helpful for you to know that the code number for the Knossington defibrillator is 0159. Should there be a need to use it, a 999 call can give you the code.

From Borough Councillor Leigh Higgins

Outside of Britain's favourite bear and the Queen having tea at the Palace, while introducing Queen (the band) to start off the party, I hope you and your family had a fantastic Jubilee holiday and that you were not caught up in the debacle of the cancelled or delayed flights by the travel industry.

Many of you have also expressed frustration on the continued closure of Somerby HWRC (tip), operated by Leicestershire County Council who cite labour shortages.

However, for the Somerby Ward residents this is impacting not only our ability to drop off waste, but that we are seeing increased fly tipping across the Borough being reported. To clear this up Melton Borough Council have to pay – which means we as residents are paying twice. It doesn't help that Melton HWRC is not operating seven days a week either so some days we have no option (or travel to Bottesford using expensive fuel to boot).

With the three Parish Council Chairs, we are writing a joint letter to LCC (who are responsible for HWRC/tips) and MBC to explain the frustration and need to for a coherent plan to provide a level of service to assist our residents and tackle the urge for those who feel it OK dump waste when the tips are closed.

Village Hall Notes

The Knossington Village Hall Committee Lady Chairman will be returning from holiday very soon, so we will be arranging a meeting in the near future. I will ensure that the date and time will be published in the OTGW whats app, so anyone wishing to have the Committee discuss a subject will be able to let us know, and also attend the meeting

Gary West
Secretary
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Reg Smith

Rita and the family would like to thank everyone who donated to Dementia UK at Reg's funeral. Your wonderful generosity has enabled us to make a donation of £400 to the charity.

With grateful thanks,

Rita

Owston News

Owston had a memorable Jubilee Weekend. Luckily we chose Friday lunchtime to have the BBQ and salad lunch followed by an array of decorated Victoria Sponge cakes! Many games were also provided. About 80 villagers thoroughly enjoyed getting together on Main Street to celebrate. In the evening there was a Celebration Supper with a Jubilee Toast, produced as ever by the wonderful Karen and Sheila. On Sunday after a short Evensong at 5.30pm taken by our pretend vicars, James and Simon, there was a thank you party with drinks and nibbles to celebrate the spire and weather vane restoration. The post service party lasted for 2 hours!

Sun 19th June, Junior and Women's cycle race came through Owston, a much less public affair than the mens race.

There will be a village BBQ during the summer but no date fixed yet. LH

Church Services July 2022

You are welcome in any church in any village

- 3rd 9.30am East Norton Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
5.00pm Owston Evening Prayer (Churchwarden Led)
6.00pm Lowesby Evensong (Revd Jayne Lewis)
- 10th 9.30 am Knossington Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
10.00am Hallaton Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer, Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman)
- 17th 9.30am Owston Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
11.00am Tugby Holy Communion (Revd. Jayne Lewis)
- 24th 9.30am Slawston Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
10.00am Tugby Morning Praise (Congregation Led)
11.15 am Cold Overton (with Knossington) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
- 31st 11.00 am Tilton Deanery Holy Communion service

Church Services August 2022

You are welcome in any church in any village

- 7th 9.30am Tilton Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
5.00pm Owston Evening Prayer (Churchwarden Led)
- 14th 9.30am Knossington Holy Communion (Revd David Palmer and Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman)
10.00am Hallaton Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
4.00pm Lowesby Thanksgiving for our Pets Service (Revd Jayne Lewis)
- 21st 9.30am Owston Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
11.00am Tugby Holy Communion (Revd. Jayne Lewis)
- 28th 9.30am Horninghold Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)
10.00am Tugby Morning Praise (Congregation Led)
11.15 am Knossington (with Cold Overton) Holy Communion (Revd Jayne Lewis)

Revd Jayne Lewis



Somerby & District Horticultural Society

Opening your garden to the public is always an anxious time for any gardener. In the run up to the event there are two things that occupy our thoughts – the weather (too hot /too dry /too windy / too wet) and weeds (even these days of “no-mow May and re-wilding).

Our Somerby and Pickwell Open Gardens event on Sunday 19th June was no exception. On Friday 17th the thermometer hit 30 degrees again (too hot), then on Saturday 18th it rained – and was still raining at 10pm (too wet).

Almost unbelievably, Sunday dawned dry, mild and no rain forecast. We congratulated ourselves on being clever enough to pick the right day!

We all, gardeners and garden visitors, had a lovely day. Over 90 people came to explore the nine gardens that were open, most people treated themselves to a homemade cream tea in Pickwell Village hall and the plant stall did a roaring trade. It didn't rain, it wasn't too hot and certainly in my garden, no one seemed to notice the weeds that seemed to have arrived overnight.

Is it worth all the effort? Yes definitely – but don't mention Open Gardens to any of us too soon. We all need to just potter in our (beautiful) gardens for a few weeks and look the other way if any weed appears!