

Editorial

If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, May 2019, please could you let me have them by 22nd April either by email to alisonjstone26@gmail.com or deliver a hard copy to Sycamore Cottage, Main Street, Knossington.

Contributions welcome from everyone, please think about anything which may be of interest to fellow villagers.

Many thanks
Alison

Parish Council.

The Parish Council now has a website and all future editions of OTGW will also be posted on the site – www.knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk. The next Parish Council meeting is May 21st 7.00pm at the Village Hall. The meetings are open to everyone and you never know you may learn something.

Village Hall

Village Hall Committee Meeting.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Village Hall Committee in the hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 3rd April. The meeting is open to all, and we would welcome ideas on anything concerning the hall.

Lady Chairman.

Happily for us, our Lady Chairman, Jackie Gillie, will return from her wanderings in time to chair the meeting on the 3rd April. We welcome her home. Very kindly, Nigel Haynes had offered to cover for Jackie until her return, and I appreciate his concern for us.

Inter-village Quiz

Our annual quiz will be held on Thursday, 2nd May. We need six teams for this event, so please get your team together SOON, and **please let us know as soon as you can that you wish to participate**. Mr Roger Collin has kindly agreed to set the questions again this year, for which we are most grateful. His questions last year, despite not being impossibly hard, had us thinking very seriously – a good challenge for all of us. We also had a very good turnout, and everyone enjoyed the evening. Which brings me to the usual request – we always put on a good supper for contestants and spectators, but in order to cater for those attending, **we need to know the numbers**, so please let any of the Committee members know you intend to come, either as competitors or spectators, so our ladies can arrange an adequate feast.

Village Litter Picks

Going forward, I will not be arranging litter picks.

I have left litter pickers in the village hall so that anyone who feels community spirited and would like to do some cleaning up can get one whenever it suits them.

This would seem to be the most convenient way forward.

Many thanks to all those who have supported this initiative....please carry on as it does make a difference!

Nicky

Village Parking

The eagle eyed amongst you will not have failed to notice the white line outside of the properties on Main Street in Knossington.

This line has been paid for by the Parish Council at a cost of what I am led to believe is £200. The aim of this line is to enable residents to walk safely along that part of the road with it being wide enough for a wheelchair or buggy.

This is not the only footpath in the villages and residents are respectfully reminded that ALL the footpaths in all of the villages should be kept clear of vehicles/vehicle tyres.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN READ IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Leicestershire to carry out this important role.

Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient and according to Government statistics, one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the expected standard. This can have a lifelong consequence.

Schoolreaders is flexible and aims to match your availability to an appropriate, local school. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English and a commitment of one year is requested. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit the website www.schoolreaders.org to join or call 01234 924111 for further information.

Local Yoga Classes

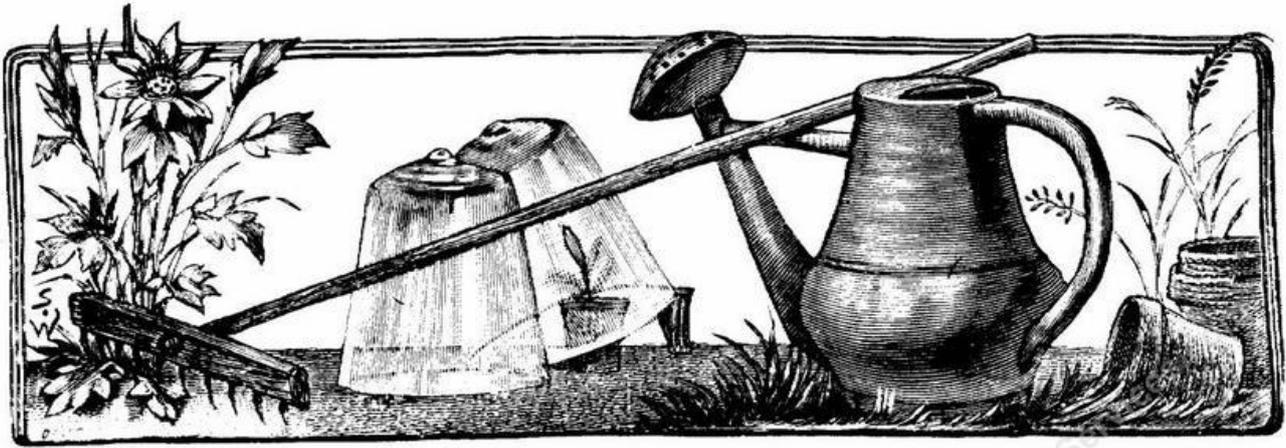
Hello my name is Karen Hamilton and I am a local Yoga Teacher with a British Wheel of Yoga Teaching Diploma. More recently I have trained as a Yoga for Healthy Lower Backs Teacher.

From Friday 3rd May I will be teaching a weekly Yoga Class at Somerby Village Hall from 10 - 11.30 am. This will be a mixed ability drop in class and will cost £8 per session. All welcome.

My Yoga for Healthy Lower Backs courses are weekly over 12 weeks in small groups and are suitable for anyone with chronic lower back pain or those that want to keep their back healthy. <http://www.yogaforbacks.co.uk>

I also teach other yoga classes, workshops and individual sessions.

For further information please contact me 01664 454054 - 07906961673 hamiltonkaren2qb@btinternet.com



Somerby & District Horticultural Society

Spring Open Gardens - Change of date to Easter Sunday 21st April 1pm - 4pm

Owston Open Gardens - two large, established gardens offering a wealth of trees, spring flowering shrubs, perennials, alpines and bulbs. . - both gardens offer lots of ideas to take away and use in your own garden

- ✚ Brickyard Farm
(John and Jane Merrill)

- ✚ Little Butt
(Louise and SimonHammond)

Annual plant sale and home-made teas also available on the day

Combined admission £3, accompanied children free

The village planters are starting to look very attractive now that the miniature daffodils are showing and the anemones should be visible soon.

The next part of the garden group's "greening" project will take place on Saturday 6th April 10 – 12noon at Surgery Close, Somerby. The plan is to plant up the grassed area near to the surgery with sun loving, bee friendly plants. This will provide a more attractive green space for everyone.
If you would like to be involved just come along on the day with your gardening gloves!

If you are not a member of the garden group but are thinking about joining the group or would like to have a copy of our annual programme which is designed to appeal to gardeners of any age and experience, please contact :-

If you would like more information and a copy of our 2019 programme please contact Angela Fisher at angelasfisher@tiscali.co.uk or on 01664 454265

CHURCH NEWS - APRIL

It is now officially Spring! The sun is shining in a clear blue sky and the daffodils are out in abundance as I write. Following on from the darkness and struggle through winter, the hope of new life and renewed energy is in the air! We are part-way through the season of Lent when Christians remember the dark times of Jesus as he struggled, tempted in the wilderness and then on his journey to the cross. When it seems things can get no worse, as Jesus is crucified on Friday, there follows his resurrection three days later, on Sunday. New life and hope of a new beginning - new understanding and a renewed sense of purpose.

Annually we are called to remember and journey closer to Jesus at this time. The message that flows throughout this season is to turn to God to help us through life's challenges and lead us into life in its fullness. God came as fully God and fully human in the person of Jesus to help us do this. In God's strength, love prevails over hatred, and this is the message of hope that it seems we increasingly need to hear and apply to our lives in these times.

The Launde Deanery Lent groups continue to meet on Thursdays 4th and 11th April. Everyone can still download the free daily reflections 'Lent Pilgrim' from the Church of England website – these are short and accessible, relating to everyday faith. We are enjoying dipping into these in our informal Lent group conversations, you are still welcome to join us for these, 7.30pm at Launde Abbey. Contact me for further information.

Church services for April, including Holy Week and Easter, are listed below; you are all invited and will be warmly welcome at these.

A prayer for Easter:

Praise to you, O risen Christ, about whom it was said, 'The dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

(Luke 1:78b,79)

May you and your families know the joy of life in the risen Christ this Easter.

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Church Services - April

Sunday 7th 9.30am Holy Communion, Owston; 11.00am Holy Communion, Tilton;
6pm Evensong, Lowesby.

Sunday 14th 10.00am Group Palm Sunday Service, Owston

Thursday 18th 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service, St. Peter's Church Langton, led by Bishop Martyn
Snow

Friday 19th 2pm. Good Friday Reflections, Tilton on the Hill.

Sunday 21st Easter Sunday Services 8.00 Lowesby,
9.30am Owston,
11.00am Tilton,
11.00am Knossington.

Sunday 28th (To be confirmed)