

Editorial

A little late but welcome to 2019

If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, March 2019, please could you let me have them by 22nd February 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 meeting is 26th February 7.30pm

Village Hall

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held in the hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13th February (no Valentine cards please). As always, the meeting is open to all, and we would like to hear from anyone who has some ideas on anything concerning the hall. One of the subjects to be discussed will be the events programme for this year.

Church Help

Does anyone have the time or inclination to join the church cleaning rota? Just two turns a year and you don't have to do the entire church each time!

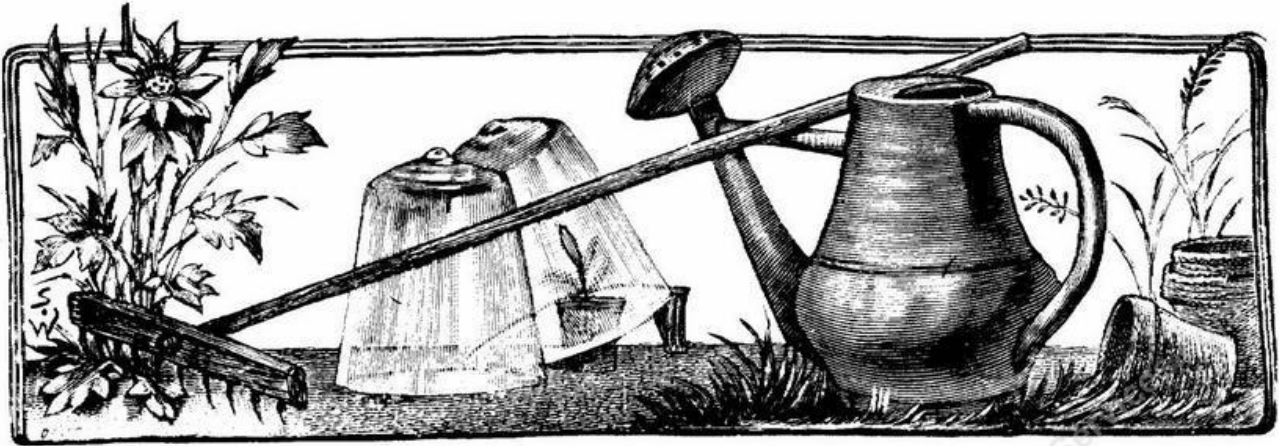
Good aerobic exercise – much better than the gym !

Contact Lola Marlow 454615 or Jane Jackson 454566

Village Spring Clean

Please join in on Sunday 3 March at 10am, meet outside the village hall. Litter pickers and bags are provided but please bring your own gloves.

Any queries call Nicky on 454349



Somerby & District Horticultural Society

Community orchards were the topic for our first meeting of 2019 and Adam Cade from Stamford community orchard proved to be both a knowledgeable and inspirational speaker. We now know an orchard must have 5 trees to be called an orchard and that one of our heritage local apple is named Annie Elizabeth. We learned about growing, pruning and grafting apple trees as well as identifying old varieties of apple and what you need to do to turn the produce into juice, fruit leathers and other delicious eats.

It was an excellent talk and the garden society is now keen to pursue the idea of our own community orchard planted with local and heritage varieties of fruit trees.

If you are interested in being part of this project please contact Chris Fisher at chrisfisher@tiscali.co.uk for more details.

The next meeting of the horticultural society is on **Thursday 21st February** when a short AGM will be followed by our popular seed swap and a nice cup of tea and biscuit! You are welcome to come along on that evening to meet us and see if the group is for you. The annual subscription is £12 or £3 per meeting for visitors.

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 – February 2019

Introducing Reverend Jayne Lewis

On moving into The Vicarage, I had been left copies of the parish newsletters to read. It felt quite strange to see this announcement:

The Bishop of Leicester, The Rt Rev'd Martyn Snow is pleased to announce that

The Rev'd Jayne Lewis will be licensed as Priest in Charge of

The Whatborough Parishes on Tuesday 15th 2019 at 7.30pm

at St Peter's Church Tilton on the Hill. The service will be conducted by

The Rt Rev'd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Loughborough.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Rev'd Jayne Lewis, that's me, I thought but somehow this all felt quite surreal. Real enough it was, however, and 140 people did attend making this an occasion I hope I will always remember. My sincere thanks to everyone who helped organise and came to welcome me to the Whatborough Parishes, I hope you enjoyed this opportunity for all the communities to come together. I felt greatly supported by the many familiar faces of colleagues, friends and family and very pleased to meet members from all communities who I hope I will get to know well over the coming years.

I thought it might help to share something of my story, so that you might know me a little and be encouraged to share something of your story when we meet.

Having been born in Birmingham, then lived most of my childhood and adolescence in Sutton Coldfield, I moved to Hull to study for my first degree, continued my higher education in Bristol and then gained my first job in Loughborough at the age of 22. I have lived in Leicestershire for the past 33 years having met my husband, Alan, and having our two sons Mial and Rhys. All my jobs have felt like 'vocations', I have felt a strong sense of being drawn towards each, and these have all contributed to who I am today. I joined Leicestershire Careers Service in 1985 working for a total of 13 years in Loughborough, Leicester, Oakham and at the Head Office in Groby. During this time, I worked as a Careers Adviser, Team Leader, then Training Officer. While my children were young, I retrained, qualified and worked as a Primary School teacher. It was during this time the Team Rector of my local church asked if I would 'help him with the children's work'. Engaging with the Christian faith, through helping in this way, helped me become increasingly aware of the difference between 'attending church' and an active everyday faith. It has been a challenging and fascinating journey of a growing awareness of God and how God is at work in our lives.

Over the next 12 years I reduced my hours as a primary school teacher and increased my work as a children and youth worker at St Peter's Church, Oadby. It is from here I felt the 'nudge' to train for Ordained Ministry which I did at The Queen's Foundation, Ecumenical Theological College, in Birmingham. My training curacy has been served in the Market Harborough Team of five churches which has been an invaluable experience.

I have learned so much from and with many special people over the years about prayerfully discerning God's will and joining in with God's creative work; the importance of encouraging each other's gifts and working together across the church and the wider community; and both of these in order to help us live our lives to the full and to help our communities to thrive. I pray that, especially in these somewhat uncertain times, I can continue this learning here with you.

Rev'd Jayne.

Church Services for February 2019

| | Sunday 4th February | Sunday 10th February | Sunday 17th February | Sunday 24th February |
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| St Andrew's, Owston | 9.30am Holy Communion | | 9.30am Holy Communion | |
| St Peter's, Tilton | 11.00am Holy Communion | | 11.00am Holy Communion | |
| All Saints, Lowesby | 6pm Evensong | | | |
| St John the Baptist, Cold Overton | | 9.00am Holy Communion | | 9.00am Holy Communion |
| St Peter's, Knossington | | 11.00am Holy Communion | | 11.00am Holy Communion |