

### **Editorial**

As the national situation is changing on a seemingly daily basis I really hope that this finds you and your family safe.

If you have any articles for inclusion in our next edition, December/January 2020, please could you let me have them by 24<sup>th</sup> November either by email to [alisonjstone26@gmail.com](mailto:alisonjstone26@gmail.com) or deliver a hard copy to Sycamore Cottage, Main Street, Knossington.

Many thanks  
Alison

### **Parish Council**

For those of you who are not aware your Parish Councillors are Nigel Gates (Chair) George Cook (Vice Chair) Brian Cobb, Jeremy Latham-Smith and Julia Seary.

The Parish Council now has a website and all editions of OTGW and minutes of meetings and future agendas are posted on the site – [www.knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk](http://www.knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk). as are the contact details for your Parish Councillors.

Parish Council meeting are now being held on Zoom with the next one scheduled for **November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm** .If you would like to join then please contact Lorraine the clerk on [clerk@knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk) who will be able to send you the link. The meetings always start promptly so don't be late.

The old Parish Council "whatsapp" group has now been renamed OTGW and it is lovely to see that people are using this as an additional way of keeping in touch with what is going on in the village. All future Parish Council agendas/minutes and planning applications will all be uploaded to the group for information.

### **Planning Applications**

Current applications can be found on the Melton Borough Website, follow the link for planning applications.

<https://pa.mlton.gov.uk/online-applications/>

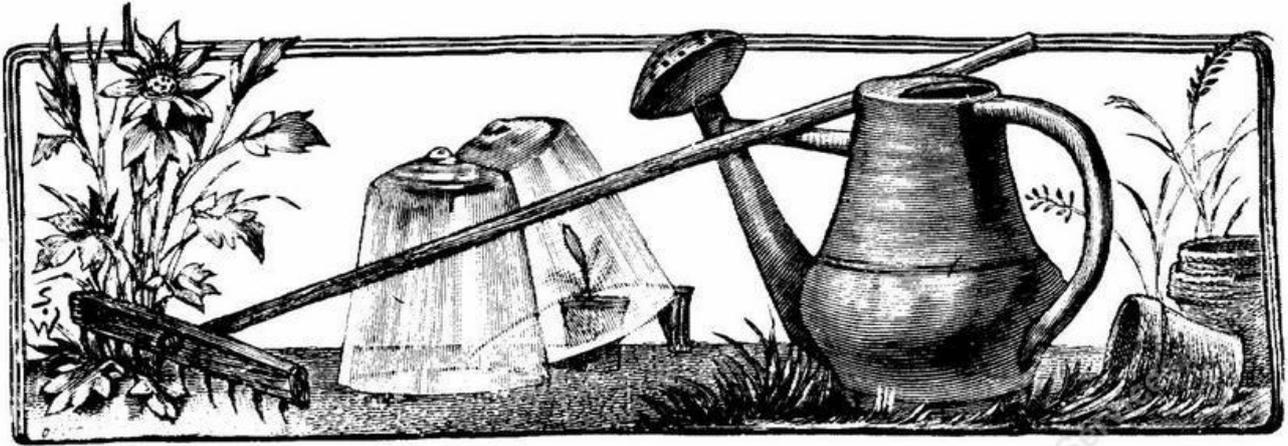
### **Village Hall Notes**

**Cancellation of Events.** It is with regret that, because of the restrictions imposed on gatherings in attempts to minimise the transfer of Covid-19 virus, we are unable to stage any of the planned events this year. For the foreseeable future, the village hall will be in use as the pre-school only.

I'm sorry I have nothing more to report, and probably won't have until the New Year.

Thank you.

Gary West - Secretary



### **Somerby & District Horticultural Society**

#### **November in the garden - no time for hibernating!!**

Gone are the days (if they ever existed) when we 'put the garden to bed' and didn't emerge from the comfort of the fireside until March. Nature might be slowing down as the days grow colder and shorter, but November for gardeners is a busy month.

#### **Some jobs for November:**

Clean your metal tools by mixing a bucketful of sand with a little oil and then sliding the tools in and out of the mixture - achieving two jobs (cleaning and oiling) in one go.

Divide big clumps of perennials as long as there's not a harsh frost. A good general rule is that you can divide any perennials that flower before midsummer's day, e.g. hellebores, peonies, lupins, oriental poppies etc now. But leave the rest until Spring.

If your green leafy herbs such as parsley, chives, mint etc are still showing, pot some up and take into the house. They'll continue to provide you with fresh herbs throughout the winter. With the changing climate, I find that my woodier herbs such as rosemary and sage are fine in the garden in all but the harshest winters. If in doubt – take cuttings now.

In theory we can plant hardy broad beans and peas such as 'meteor' outside. Personally, I don't, as I find I'm just feeding the mice. One year they even ate the ones planted in pots in the greenhouse.

Plant tulips in containers, top them with a layer of grit to make watering less messy and deter the blackbirds from digging in the compost. Then put them in a sheltered spot outside. Don't forget to water them occasionally if the weather is very dry.

And on those November days when it's too cold or wet for even the hardiest of gardeners to be out there – sit in front of the fire and review this year's successes and failures and then plan for next year when there's a chance to get everything EXACTLY right (weather permitting of course)!!

The Somerby horse pond group will meet on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12. Current Covid 19 rules mean that numbers are limited to 6 so please contact Chris Fisher at [somerbyhorsepond@btinternet.com](mailto:somerbyhorsepond@btinternet.com) if you would like to come along to help

## **Knossington Playing Field**

The Zip wire in the playing field is in need of repair/replacement. If anyone has any thoughts as to whether it should be repaired or replaced with other play equipment please could you let Julia Seary have any comments by email [Julia.seary@googlemail.com](mailto:Julia.seary@googlemail.com)

## **Sunday November 8th Remembrance Service, Knossington Church 10.55am.**

You are warmly invited to this important service in the year (subject to any changes in Covid19 rules in the meantime).

There are a few things we would like you to know in order to adhere to current guidelines and to ensure that everyone can be seated safely.

As there is limited space please could you let Sue Sills (01664 454584) or Jane Jackson (01664 454566) know if you will be attending and if so how many will be in your party as soon as possible.

### **Also please -**

Wear a mask on entering the church and throughout the service (unless delivering an allocated reading)

Make use of the sanitisers provided on entry and exit.

Use alternate pews as signed in order to maintain a safe distance.

Keep to your own household group at all times.

Provide contact details for yourself and /or your household.

And arrive in plenty of time to allow for everyone to be settled before 10.55am

# Church news

## Across the Churches of the Whatborough Benefice

Cold Overton, Knossington, Lowesby, Owston, Tilton on the Hill

### November Notes

Dusk falls as I write this. The days shorten rapidly, it seems, as we move from the season of Harvest into the season of Remembrance. Days of golden sunshine increasingly replaced by a cloudy grey gloom, an outdoor life by an increasingly indoor reality, curtains closed and lights on. For many this time of year is challenging in ordinary times; the news of the increasing spread of Covid-19 infections and associated increased restrictions on our freedom, makes this year even more challenging. "Make sure you wrap up warm and get outside, go for a walk or do something in the garden, if only for half an hour a day" one villager advised.

I was reminded of a passage in Flora Thompson's *Lark Rise to Candleford*. The book gives the autobiographical account of the life of Laura who lived in a small hamlet in the late 1800s-early 1900s. She was in her early teens and doubtful of what her future held for her. For many months she had a feeling of despair that she was growing up into a world which had no use for her. She was not always conscious of this burden she was carrying but it was always there, until others even noticed that she looked unhappy.

And yet, this accumulated depression of months slid from her at last in a moment. She had run out into the fields one day, upset, and was standing on a small stone bridge looking down on the water flowing under:

'It was a dull November day with grey sky and mist. The little brook was scarcely more than a trench to drain the fields: but overhanging it were thorn bushes with a lacework of leafless twigs; ivy had sent trails down the steep banks to dip into the stream, and from every thorn on the leafless twigs and from every point on the ivy leaves water hung in bright drops, like beads.

Laura looked and looked again. The small scene so commonplace and yet so lovely, delighted her. It was so near the homes of men and yet so far removed from their thoughts. The fresh green moss, the glistening ivy, and the reddish twigs seem to be made for her alone and seemed to have some message for her. She suddenly felt uplifted. She did not reason...a wave of pure happiness pervaded her being, and although it soon receded, it carried away with it her burden of care. Her first reaction was to laugh aloud at herself. What a fool she had been to make so much of so little. There must be thousands like her who could see no place for themselves in the world, and here she had been fretting herself and worrying others as if her case had been unique. And deeper down, beneath the surface of her being, was the feeling, rather than the knowledge, that her life's deepest joys would be found in such scenes as this.'

### **A prayer for this season:**

Creator God, day by day and year by year we see your hand at work, we marvel at the beauty of your design, and we rejoice in all you have given. Restore our souls so that we might rest in peace with you and reveal to us our purpose in your world. Amen.

**Revd Jayne Lewis**

## November Sunday Services

### Sunday Services

1st November, 9.30am Holy Communion, Tilton on the Hill

8th November, 10.55am Remembrance Service Knossington (please contact Sue Sills to be sure of a socially distanced safe space for all: 01664 454 584)

4.00pm Remembrance Service, Cold Overton

15th November 9.30am Holy Communion, Owston

22nd November 9.30am Holy Communion, Knossington

### Church ON-LINE

Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic villagers in East Leicestershire have been working together to provide church services from the safety and comfort of our own homes. So if you would like to try an alternative to a physical service in church, this is how you can join in:

#### Hallaton and Whatborough Parishes Church Service via Zoom:

**Every Sunday morning at 11.00am there is a short Zoom online service, made up of readings, prayers, a reflection, and a couple of hymns.**

These services are proving very popular; do join us if you are able. Please contact Linda Jones [l.jones2k@btinternet.com](mailto:l.jones2k@btinternet.com) for the link to the Zoom service.

A feature of the zoom services is the participation of many in reading prayers and the lessons; volunteers to join the rota will be welcomed. Please contact Mary Twidell [mary.twidell@gmail.com](mailto:mary.twidell@gmail.com)

#### Zoom Instructions:

Joining a Zoom On-Line Service is straight forward. If you are new to Zoom here are some instructions on how to get involved:

iPad / tablet: Go to ZOOM App in App store and follow instructions. Apple Mac / PC: open browser and go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and sign up.

The software is free. **Linda Jones will send you a link which will let you join the meeting.** Click the link and this will take you straight to the meeting. The process is simple and should be easy to use.

**NB You can join in via landline telephone, there is a dial up number should you wish to take part this way.**

**Please say if you are at all uncertain, help is available.**

**Contact Revd Jayne Lewis, 0116 259 7244**