

Editorial

If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, November 2018, please could you let me have them by 24th October either by email to alisonjstone26@gmail.com or deliver a hard copy to Sycamore Cottage, Main Street, Knossington.

Contributions welcome from everyone, this issue is a little “thin” 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 which is 23 October 2018

Village Hall Notes

Harvest Supper.

We are still open to last-minute bookings for this year’s harvest supper. Just to remind you, the supper is to be held in the village hall on **Saturday, the 6th of October.**

The time is **7.00 pm for 7.15 pm.** The cost is **£13 per head** for the dinner, which is very good value indeed for such a comprehensive meal. You are invited to bring your own drinks – glasses will be provided. Our speaker is Mike Johnstone, who will enlighten us on his hobby – repairing damaged ceramics.

Please contact me (454 563) to book seats. I have an answering service, so if I don’t answer leave, please a message.

Proceeds from the evening go towards the upkeep of the hall, so we need your support in this.

Gary West Secretary

KNOSSINGTON VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Sunday 21st October at 10 o’clock. Meet outside the village hall. Please bring gloves, but bags and litter pickers are provided.

Let’s tidy up the village! Everyone is welcome. Any queries or weather issues, please call Nicky on 454349.

Sports report!

Golf.

The Knoss open took place last month at Rutland County GC.

Excellent conditions for the 10 competitors and a new winner; Alan Edmunds won with 41 points! Followed in by myself and David Price.

An excellent post event supper at the Fox and Hounds was consumed by players and friends. Thanks to Roy for splendid lasagne and Kate and the rest of the team for fitting us in.

Petanque

A total of 16 players have turned out at various times through this season. One that has been very enjoyable (most of the time) and successful;

Both teams have been promoted with one returning to Premier and in rather dramatic circumstances the other team moving up from south to Div 2.

Securing their promotion in the last game to beat and overtake the leaders on point (like goal) difference!

Thanks to all who assisted and to the F and H team for their service.

Always on the lookout for players so if anyone interested in having a go please contact me; george.cook6@btinternet.com

George

Cold Overton

Cold Overton will be holding its Harvest Supper on Friday October 26th at 1930 in Gates Garden Centre restaurant. Tickets will be £15 for adults and £5 for the under-16s. Ticket includes the cost of the supper which is always delicious! Raffles and other attractions on the night. Tickets available from Jane Knight or on the door - tables need to be booked for larger parties.

Cold Overton now has its own village website at www.cold-overton.co.uk - it will have local information on plus details of the ongoing Heritage Lottery Funded project to restore and repair the church. The website also contains a link to the Project Facebook page.



Somerby & District Horticultural Society

'Early Plants'

By

Michael Brown

Thursday 18th October at 7,30pm
at Somerby Methodist Hall

An evening talk that explores the medicinal & culinary history of herbs and early plants as well as their more contemporary uses

Non members and guests welcome (£3 entrance)

For more information

Angela Fisher on 01664 454265 or at angelasfisher@tiscali.co.uk for further details and to check availability.

CHURCH NEWS - October

Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

The opening line of John Keats' poem, *To Autumn*, reflects on those pleasurable features of October such as the gathering in of the apple crop and other fruits. Keats' poem was composed before changes such as losing an hour's sleep may have somewhat dimmed our enthusiasm for his romantic vision. Anyone who has visited northern parts of Scandinavia during this month will have felt the sense of foreboding among people as they congregate on park benches with upturned faces towards the declining rays of the sun that is about to depart till spring. Suicide rates tend to jump at this time since if autumn is here then long, dark days and winter's snow and ice will not be far behind.

October tends to have an important place in British history. It seems a key time for crucial battles which impacted on our island's future. Successes such as Trafalgar (October 21st) and El Alamein (October 23rd) must be set against less fruitful combats such as Hastings (October 14th) the charge of the Light Brigade (October 25th) and Lord Cornwallis' surrender to General George Washington at Yorktown (October 19th) leading to the loss of the American colonies. It is said that as the British troops marched out to lay down their arms the band played '*The World Turned Upside Down*'

Some famous people have been born in October, among them Mahatma Gandhi, Saint Francis of Assisi, the composers Ralph Vaughan Williams and John Lennon of the Beatles, the poets and playwrights, Oscar Wilde, Eugene O'Neill and Dylan Thomas, the architect Christopher Wren and the painter Pablo Picasso. Events that have had life-changing significance include the replacement of the Julian calendar by the Gregorian alternative thus correcting a ten day error by making October 5th the 15th at one stroke, the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the New World, the launch of Henry Ford's 'Model T', the first car designed for the mass market, the opening of the first full length 'talkie' film, *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson, the 1929 Wall Street crash, the nailing of 95 theses to the Wittenberg church door by Martin Luther and the founding of the United Nations. In October 1971, the British Parliament voted by 356 to 244 to join the European Economic Community, the fore-runner of the EU which we are now about to leave.

Another event, some would see it as of less significance, was the opening of the second Vatican council by Pope John XXIII in October 1962. However, it resulted in ordinary Roman Catholics hearing the mass in their native language rather than in Latin, thus allowing greater participation. Instead of the priest officiating at the High Altar with his back to the congregation the altar was brought to the front of the sanctuary with the celebrant facing the people. The atmosphere generated was one of sharing and openness promoting attempts to overcome the divisions of the past. Even though more recent Popes have seemed intent on reducing the impact of Vatican II, the present incumbent, Pope Francis, would appear to be waging a fight against these 'conservative' elements which must be a renewed source of hope for greater unity among all Christians.

So, even if we do lose that extra hour in bed, October offers us much to be thankful for.

Maurice Galton

Church Services coming up... October

St Andrew's Owston

Sunday 7th October 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st October 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th October 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service

St Peter's Knossington

Sunday 7th October 11am Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 14th October 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th October 11am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist Cold Overton

Sunday 14th October 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th October 9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Tilton on the Hill

Sunday 7th October 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 21st October 11am Holy Communion

All Saints Lowesby

Sunday 14th October 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service

This was someone's reply to a post on a Facebook page. It was posted in response to some negative comments received when this person announced that she was raising money for the "British Red Cross" appeal called "Miles for Refugees".

"People do not choose to be born in one country or another. People do not choose to be born into huge wealth or complete poverty. People do not choose for their government to be corrupt. People do not choose to be raped, tortured or to live in fear of their lives on a daily basis. People do not

choose to pack up their worldly possessions and trek hundreds of miles, leaving behind everything and everyone they know and love. Sometimes people have no choice.

If World War three was to break out tomorrow and we suddenly found ourselves in a situation that was dangerous for our families wouldn't we hope that another country would help us, would take care of our children and at least give us a chance of living a normal life. The possibility of this happening is not completely inconceivable.

Can you think of anything worse than putting a loved one into a boat knowing that there is only a 50% chance they will get off alive? Or saying goodbye to your children in the hope that they will travel to a place of safety. Or putting your own child into a boat, into a lorry, sending them off with perhaps total strangers and not knowing whether you will ever see them again.

While I'm all for raising money for British charities (and I do that too) I also recognise that being British does not make us more deserving of charity. We are all global citizens and we should help one another where we can.

That's why I've signed up to walk and cycle miles for "The British Red Cross Miles for Refugees" charity. Rant over! Off to get some more miles in"

Seeing this on Facebook reminded **me** to remind **you** that in Knossington we are still collecting items for refugees.

Church is open every day and there is now a week left before the stuff is collected.

Please respond if you can. Winter is approaching and these vulnerable people need help.