

### **Editorial**

As things are starting to get back to a new normal I really hope that this finds you and your family safe. If you have any articles for inclusion in our next edition, October 2020, please could you let me have them by 24<sup>th</sup> October 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 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/>

### **Nutritional Therapist**

Hello, my name is Kendra and my family and I recently relocated from West Sussex to Knossington. I’m a certified Nutritional Therapist and am excited to bring my knowledge and expertise to this area.

During these times of unease and uncertainty both mental and physical health are extremely important. What we put into our bodies in the form of food, drink and supplements determines both our mental wellbeing and physical health. I would like to extend an offer of free consultations through the month of October.

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If you would like to learn more and the role nutrition plays for you specifically, you are more than welcome to call or email for a chat. You can contact me via mobile at 07838206658 or email at [kendraemanuel5@gmail.com](mailto:kendraemanuel5@gmail.com) You can also browse my website at [www.nourishthriveheal.com](http://www.nourishthriveheal.com)"

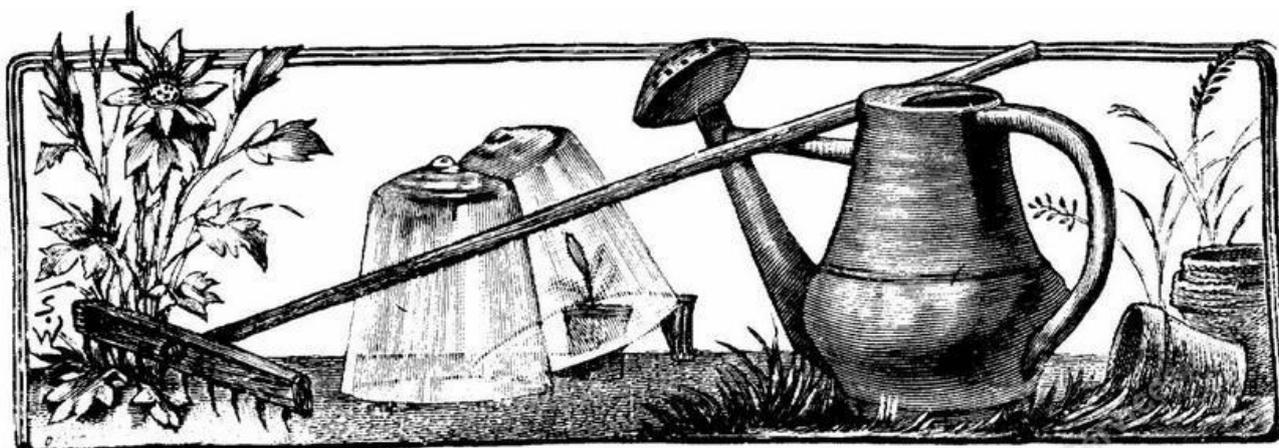
### **Village Hall Notes**

**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**

Autumn – described by the poet, John Keats, as the “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”. He could also have added hedge trimming, leaf raking and continuing to keep on top of the weeding especially the self-sown forget-me-nots (that last one might be just for me). But October isn't only about garden housekeeping. There is much ‘mellow fruitfulness’ to enjoy in the form of apples, pears, damsons, quince, pumpkins, the first of the more wintery vegetables such as kale and broccoli and the last of the tomatoes and figs. Then there's crab apples for jelly - the variety ‘Golden Hornet’ ripens about now and its bright yellow fruit is stunning. Look at the wonderful example on the Horse Pond. The sloes really need a frost to be at their best so they can wait for later but meanwhile, I shall be preserving some of the pears in a spiced, vodka syrup. Delicious in the depths of winter and definitely comfort food!

#### **What else to do in the garden?**

Whilst you're weeding look out for any seedlings of plants you want more of. *Verbena bonariensis* – a favourite of most garden designers – is particularly prolific this year and can be expensive to buy at the garden centre so it is well worth potting up these freebies.

Continue (or start!) to plant spring flowering bulbs. You can plant tulips as late as November especially if they're going in containers.

Finally, when you're leaf raking or doing any of the other 'gardenkeeping' jobs take some time to enjoy the beautiful autumn colours of your garden before winter arrives

The garden group is not meeting at this time although we are experimenting with Zoom meetings and are planning a series of virtual garden talks over the next few months. If you would like more information please contact

Angela Fisher at [angelifisher26@btinternet.com](mailto:angelifisher26@btinternet.com)

The Horse Pond working group is meeting on Saturday 10th and Thursday 22nd October at 10am at Somerby Horse Pond. Numbers are limited to six at present so please contact

Chris Fisher at [somerbyhorsepond@btinternet.com](mailto:somerbyhorsepond@btinternet.com) if you would like to help.

## **Church news**

### Across the Churches of the Whatborough Benefice

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

#### **Hope in Challenging Times**

There used to be a set pattern of monthly church services. Most knew which Sunday in the month a service would be held in their local village church. They also knew they were very welcome to attend any service in the five churches in the Whatborough parishes. There were those who liked to join in on most Sundays; others who appreciated joining in every now and again; and many more who enjoyed gathering with larger numbers from the wider village community for Christmas, Easter, Harvest, and Remembrance. Then we had 'Covid- 19 lockdown'. The church buildings had to close and the services in them ceased. Similar to many organisations and individuals, the churches across the whole of the Leicester Diocese have seen a resulting drastic fall in income. The Diocese of Leicester is now having to take a fundamental look at how it is structured and organised; to inform this they have been undertaking a listening project to hear people's views and experiences of the church and Christianity over the past six months.

My own observations on the communities of rural east Leicestershire over the past six months is to notice an encouraging resilience and adaptability. Many have re-discovered ways to access Sunday worship, daily prayer, and thought-for-the day reflections on TV and radio, and those with the technical facilities to do so, have very quickly created similar resources on-line. A little more slowly, those with less experience of new technology have worked together to acquire the necessary skills. As parish clergy are having to minister across increasing numbers of parishes, those who have been helping to maintain the buildings for the use of the village community are increasingly helping out with the services. So, in the short term, at least, you will find regular services via Zoom and an irregular pattern to the physical services in church buildings as each church community works re-establish a new way forward in these changing times. A number of people have said to me, the genuine welcome that they have received and the pulling together that they have witnessed, to make good come out of these challenging times, has been uplifting. I have to say I agree and would like to thank everyone who plays a part; however large or small your contribution may seem to you, it is greatly needed and appreciated.

Please see the times and dates of the physical and online services below. Remember also, despite the challenges of covid-19 restrictions, your parish church is there to help you celebrate the life events of thanksgiving for the birth of a child, christenings and weddings; and to support you through the loss of a loved one through funerals (in a church or crematorium) and memorial services. Our resources may be stretched but we are here to serve our local community and supporting you on these occasions is a priority for us.

For any information please contact your local churchwardens or me (see below). A phone call is the best method if you need a quick response. It may take a few days for a response to an email.

With my prayers and best wishes for you and your families at this time,

## October Sunday Services

<b>4<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am</b> Knossington	led by Revd Jayne Lewis
<b>10.30am</b> Owston	led by churchwardens, Simon and James
<b>11<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am</b> Hallaton	led by Revd Jeff Hopewell
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am</b> Owston	led by Revd Jayne Lewis
<b>4.00pm</b> Cold Overton	led by Revd Jayne Lewis
<b>25<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am</b> Tilton - re-opening service and Christening	led by Revd Jayne Lewis

**Weekly Sunday service at 11am, online via Zoom - email or phone Linda Jones for an invitation and link to the service: [l.jones2k@btinternet.com](mailto:l.jones2k@btinternet.com)**

