

### Editorial

If you have any articles for inclusion in the next edition, October 2019, please could you let me have them by 22nd September either by email to [alisonjstone26@gmail.com](mailto:alisonjstone26@gmail.com) or deliver a hard copy to Sycamore Cottage, Main Street, Knossington.

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

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 are also be posted on the site – [www.knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk](http://www.knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk).

At the time of going to print the next Parish Council meeting has not been set. The meetings are open to everyone and you never know you may learn something.

In addition to a regular slot in OTGW a Parish Council WhatsApp group has been set up to keep parishioners in touch with current issues. If you would like to join the WhatsApp group, please send me your name and mobile number to Julia Seary 07786515882.

If new to you, WhatsApp is an app which you can download onto any smart device and enables chat and group messaging using WiFi.

### Village Hall Notes

#### **Hog Roast.**

As was mentioned in the past two editions of OTGW, the Committee has planned a **Hog Roast** in lieu of the Harvest Supper this year. The hog roast will take place **at the Fox and Hounds on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of September, from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm**. Kate has kindly agreed that the bar will be open for the event and we may use the toilets, but we have to end the event in time for the pub staff to set up for the normal evening opening, so **please do not linger in the building after 4.00 pm. The cost per person will be £5.00**, and tickets will be available for purchase by the time you read this. Anyone turning up without a ticket on the day will be charged £6.00 for the meal. You may purchase your tickets from me (454 563), Alice (454 713), or Alison (454 772) – someone within easy reach, wherever you are! **We are offering a finite number of tickets, so make sure you purchase yours early.** The ticket entitles you to a cob with a generous helping of meat and all the trimmings. Hand your ticket to the hog roast staff to claim your meal. There will also be an ice cream seller who will sell you a cooling cornet as a pudding to refresh your pallet.

### **Next Meeting of the Village Hall Committee.**

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held in the village hall at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. As always, all are welcome, and invited to attend. Please, if anyone has any item they wish the Committee to discuss, let me know as soon as possible.

### **Personal thanks.**

I would like to pass on a big thank-you to all who have sent their prayers, love and best wishes, via me, to Denise. She had a rough time after her first chemotherapy, but at the time of writing, is chirpy and positive again. Your kind thoughts mean a lot to her at this difficult time. I too, value greatly your support.

Gary West Secretary

### **Pickwell**

Reminder of the Organ Recital by Simon Headley, formerly Organist and Director of Music at Leicester Cathedral, at All Saints' Church Pickwell, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm. Tickets £12. Doors open at 6.30pm for a reception drink included in the ticket price.

All proceeds for the fabric of All Saints' Church.

Contact Julie Bell 01664 454664

### **Cold Overton Church - Art Exhibition**

Dear all

We would like to thank all that came to Leicestershire Pastel Society exhibition in Cold Overton. Alan Oliver and his society helped raise £337.45 to fund investigating what still lies under the church's white wash. A special thank you to Pam who donated £200. St John the Baptist's 13<sup>th</sup> century wall paintings are of national significance and people come from all over to see them. Those of you that play the National Lottery have helped us save our church and these rare paintings.

Your favourite picture you voted for was:

'A shaft of light' by Jean Anness

'Do you like butter?' by Carroll Pendery...was a close 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> we held a celebration service to mark the completion of restoration works at St. John the Baptist. We would like to thank Jayne for such a lovely service. It was great to see so many people from the other parishes and former Cold Overton residents. The collection raised a £190.08 to the church running costs fund. Thank you for your generous giving.

Kind regards

Leslie and Peter  
Churchwardens



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

September sees the start of our autumn programme of speakers with

**Mike Davey talking on the topic of  
'propogating your own plants – an expert guide' on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. at Somerby  
Methodist Hall**

At the next meeting of the garden group we will be welcoming our speaker Mike Davey. The evening will be a mix of expert advice and demonstrations of how to expand your plant collection without yet more trips to the garden centre. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and you don't have to be an experienced gardener to enjoy the evening. There will, of course, be tea and homemade cake to keep us all going! Non members and guests very welcome (£3 charge)

If you would like to come along to our September meeting or become a member of the society please contact:

Angela Fisher on 01664 454265 or [angelasfisher@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:angelasfisher@tiscali.co.uk)

## CHURCH NEWS – September

### September Reflections

For many in parish ministry the summer months are quieter than most, not so I have discovered in rural ministry. The summer sunshine provides the incentive to enjoy our church buildings and beautiful surroundings to the full, with the opportunity for communities to gather together. The bells have rung out for the weddings of five couples, their families and friends. We have given thanks for the gift of children and celebrated the first steps in faith in Christenings. We have mourned the loss of loved ones, given thanks for their lives, and supported each other in funerals. Then there have been Church fetes, Teas in Church, concerts, an art exhibition, visits from church historians and more.

In our June newsletter we were encouraged to consider a wider use of our church buildings and on Monday to Saturday, not just Sunday. You may have seen two cathedrals recently in the national news: one with a helter-skelter inside, the other with a mini crazy golf course! Or you may have seen the episode of the BBC's *CountryFile* programme, shown on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> August, which showed the use of a rural church for 'Champing' – camping in church. What is right for one church and community may not be right for another but these are all examples of welcoming all into a space which has been created to provide sanctuary and safety for the whole community for centuries.

We have our own local stories of creative and hardworking villagers, in all five parishes of the Whatborough Group, who are working hard to preserve church buildings for the use of the current generation and future generations. Some of you will be well aware of this and others less so, I hope we can find ways of sharing these on-going stories and enabling all villagers to have their say and play their part, if they wish to. There has been visible evidence this summer of 'many hands making light work' but also the need for this to be encouraged and co-ordinated. I am told by many of you how important the church building is for you and for your village identity. I pray that, as village communities, we can find ways of supporting and building on the supreme efforts of a few, whose aim it has been for these to be *living* churches for the community rather than decaying museums.

Rev'd Jayne Lewis

# Church Services for September

## Church Services for the Whatborough Parishes

### September 2019

- Sunday 1st** 9.30am Holy Communion - Owston  
11.00am Holy Communion - Tilton  
2.00pm Lowesby – Christening of Billy (All welcome)
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Holy Communion – Cold Overton (Rev'd Nicky McGinty)  
11.00am Holy Communion – Knossington (Rev'd Nicky McGinty)
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion - Lowesby  
9.30am Holy Communion - Owston  
11.00am Holy Communion - Tilton
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9.30am Holy Communion - Cold Overton  
11.00am Holy Communion - Knossington
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am Deanery Holy Communion – Church Langton

### October 2019

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** 6.00pm Owston Harvest Service and Supper (TBC, either 6<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm)  
6.00pm Harvest Service – Tilton (followed by Harvest Supper in the village hall)
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am *All Things Bright and Beautiful* – Knossington  
(Whatborough Group *Service of thanksgiving & recognition of our role in caring for the natural world – pets, pot plants and people welcome!*)  
6.00pm Harvest Service – Lowesby
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Morning Prayer – Owston (Whatborough Group Reader, Sue Sills)  
11.00am Holy Communion – Tilton (The Rev'd Canon Philip Norwood)
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Holy Communion – Cold Overton  
11.00am Holy Communion – Knossington  
6.00pm Owston Harvest Service and Supper (if not held on 6<sup>th</sup>)