

Editorial

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

Contributions welcome from everyone

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.

Village Hall Notes

Committee Meeting.

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday, 12th of September, at 7.00 pm in the village hall. All are invited to attend the meeting and any comments and ideas would be welcome.

Harvest Supper.

Across the country, this year's harvest has come early because of the dry and hotter than usual weather, but our harvest supper will be held, as usual, in October – Saturday the 6th of October, to be exact. Final arrangements will be discussed at the Committee meeting advertised above. Our speaker this year is home-grown – Michael Johnstone will give a talk entitled "Picking Up The Pieces – Mending Ceramics" The time will be 7.00 pm for 7.15 pm, the cost £13 per head, to be paid at the time of booking please, and bookings will be required by Saturday, 29th of September. You may book with Nigel Haynes (454 485), Alice Cox (454 713), or myself (454 563).

Gary West Secretary

Superfast Broadband has arrived

Leicestershire County Council is pleased to announce that superfast fibre broadband has now arrived in Somerby and Knossington and Cold Overton thanks to the council's multimillion point project, Superfast Leicestershire, which is being delivered in partnership with Openreach.

Superfast Leicestershire started in July 2014 and has since delivered fibre broadband connections to almost 70,000 homes and businesses across the city and county.

Fibre broadband is not just faster than the old copper wires but also more reliable and can withstand more regular use.

A superfast fibre broadband connection can make a world of difference to your personal and professional life; from being able to work remotely from home, downloading your favourite shows and movies in a matter of minutes, upgrading your home with smart technology, or just being able to use multiple devices at once.

The upgrade is not automatic you must talk to your provider about making the switch to fibre broadband. However, this is a good opportunity to shop around for the best deals for you, saving you money in the long run whilst enjoying a multitude of new benefits through superfast broadband.

Anyone can check whether they can upgrade to fibre broadband and find out more about the benefits of superfast fibre broadband on our website here: www.superfastleicestershire.org.uk

If you have any questions regarding upgrading the Superfast Leicestershire Team at Leicestershire County Council would be happy to help, get in touch on 0116 305 0023 or broadband@leics.gov.uk

Owston

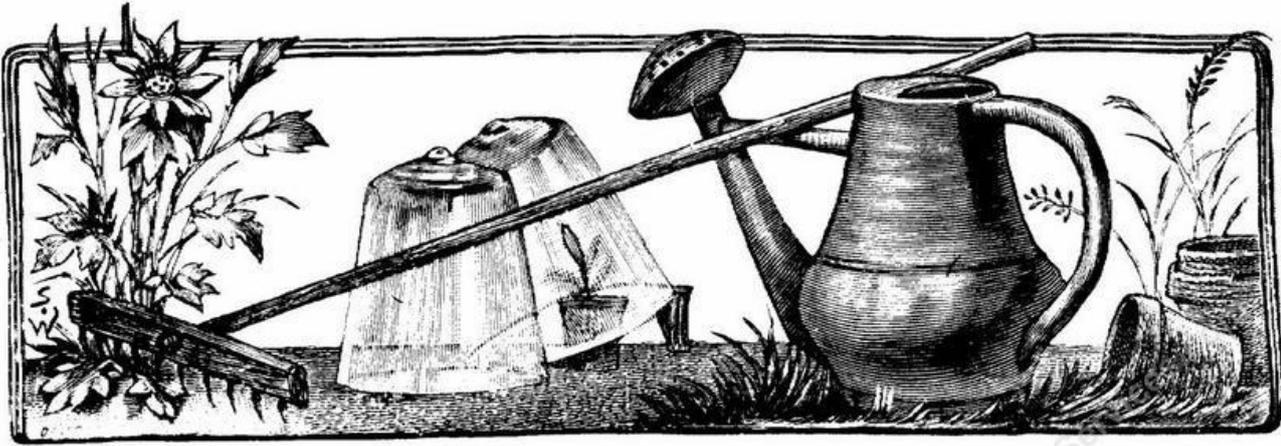
We would like to announce that Owston now has a defibrillator in the phone box, which is thanks to the fund raising events we do throughout the year. This has helped us raise the money to have the defibrillator fitted. So thanks everyone for their support.

Kind Regards, Sarah Fetzko, Treasurer of Owston VH.

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

June saw the horticultural society holding its second **Open Gardens** in Somerby and Burrough. This year we had a more limited garden opening (after last year's marathon event!), but we did include the churchyard at Burrough and the horse pond in Somerby. Over 100 visitors from all over Leicestershire and further afield came along for the afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed the event. The gardens looked wonderful despite the challenges thrown at them and us by the freezing winter and cold, wet spring. The home made teas went down a storm, the plant stall did brisk business and the weather was fairly kind to us.

Thank you to all those who helped make the event such a success and to all the people who came along support us.

For the next meeting of the society we will be going for a group visit to the gardens at **Tresillian House**, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray on Thursday September 20th from 3pm

October 18th sees us back in Somerby Methodist Hall with speaker Michael Brown talking on '**Early Plants**'. This fascinating topic will look at the medicinal and culinary history of herbs and early plants as well as exploring their more contemporary uses.

Non members welcome, so if you would like to come along to either event please contact:

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

CHURCH NEWS - September

Two years ago, in response to the refugee crisis in Europe, the people of Knossington, and their friends and families, made donations of clothing etc to help alleviate the suffering of the many people fleeing danger in Syria and in other countries.

We collected, as part of our harvest thanksgiving, many items; from footwear and pushchairs to sleeping bags and underwear. The response was extremely generous and was well received by the charity "Le Solidarity".

This year, two years on from that crisis, people are still in camps in Northern Europe (and other places) and Le Solidarity's work in helping those people goes on. They are currently working with many refugee groups nationwide and are collecting aid and raising funds to support refugees in Greece and Northern France.

So this year, once again at Harvest time, we are appealing for items for those whose lives have been devastated by having to flee their homes and security.

The list is quite specific, and items currently being collected are as follows;

Clothing and Shoes

Mens' T shirts S & M
Underwear (new only)
Womens' bras (in VGC Only)
Pants (new only)
Leggings (new or VGC)
Sandals and trainers (UK7-10)

For France

Sleeping bags
Blankets
Hoodies
Pop up tents

Toiletries

Deodorant
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Disposable razors

Babies' items

Nappies size 3/4/5
Wipes (non-fragrant and bio-degradable)
Vaseline
Baby bottles and teats (new only)

We shall be collecting throughout September and up until the 7th October which is Knossington's Harvest weekend and I invite all the churches in The Whatborough Benefice to please help us to collect a goodly number of items for people who are struggling in awful conditions.

Knossington church is now **OPEN** every day and there will be a box inside the church for the collection of **"Items for Refugees"**. (Or I will pick items up if you would prefer **01664 454 584**)

So add an item from the list to your shopping trolley or if you buy a 3 for 2 offer please donate one to the box; ladies, please go through your underwear drawer any unused bras? If you shop online please add a pack of nappies or wipes or anything from the list. **THANK YOU.**

And finally, a prayer for the season of Harvest thanksgiving:

Almighty God,

you have provided the resources of the world to maintain the life of your children,

and have so ordered our life that we are dependant upon each other.

Bless all people in their daily work, and, as you have given us the knowledge to produce plenty

so give us the will to bring it within the reach of all;

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Church Services coming up... September

St Andrew's Owston

Sunday 2nd September 9.30am Holy Communion The Ven Roderick Wells
Sunday 16th September 9.30am Holy Communion The Rev Canon Jeff Hopewell

St Peter's Knossington

Sunday 9th September 11am Holy Communion The Ven Roderick Wells
12.15pm (Baptism of Jasper Ray Alfred Sanders) The Ven Roderick Wells
Sunday 23rd September 11am Holy Communion The Ven Roderick Wells

St John the Baptist Cold Overton

Sunday 9th September 9.30am Holy Communion The Ven Roderick Wells
Sunday 23rd September 9.30am Holy Communion The Ven Roderick Wells

St Peter's Tilton on the Hill

Sunday 2nd September 11am Holy Communion The Ven Roderick Wells
Sunday 16th September 11am Holy Communion The Rev Canon Jeff Hopewell

All Saints Lowesby

Sunday 2nd September 6pm Evensong Sue Sills

Sunday 29th September (*5th Sunday of the month: Launde Deanery*)

11am Holy Communion Launde Abbey (followed by lunch)

STOREHOUSE

We are still collecting for "The Trussell Trust" food bank in Oakham, which supplies high quality non-perishable food and toiletries as a free gift for those who are most in need.

Please bring your donations to the porch of **St Peter's Church in Knossington** where you will find a large collection box in the porch.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to date!

For more information about church services and events please call

Sue Sills on 01664 454 584 or email susan_sills@hotmail.com

