

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 22nd September either by email to 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 are also be posted on the site – www.knossingtonandcoldovertonpc.org.uk.

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.

Electricity Check. The compulsory five-year safety check on the electrical system in the village hall was completed in early July. The comprehensive, and consequently expensive, work was carried out to meet current regulations (no pun intended), and is certified and guaranteed. The major cost was the replacement of the fuse board which, we must acknowledge is not likely to be an item which generally interests the average user of the hall, but has converted the control box from a collection of electrical spaghetti to a neat cover hiding all the wiring, which is much safer.

Thank you.

Gary West - Secretary

Letter from The Grange Therapeutic School

Please see below a letter and kind offer recently received from the Headmaster at The Grange.

“I understand that sometimes our pupils have a positive impact (litter picks/ remembrance poppies) and a negative impact (noise/shouting etc) on the village and I want to build a stronger relationship. I started at the end of 2017 and I hope, especially in the last year or so, the community will have noticed a decline in the negative impact of the school and its activities. We now have no pupils with police involvement and our pupils tend to have more learning difficulties and Autistic spectrum disorders.

I would like to offer the facilities of the school to the local community – whether the grounds for village events, the sports hall or the minibuses. For example if you have a sports field that needs cutting please get in touch.

I would also be happy for my email address to be in “Over the Wall” for community members to contact me or if someone would like to have a tour of the school.”

Very best wishes
Ollie

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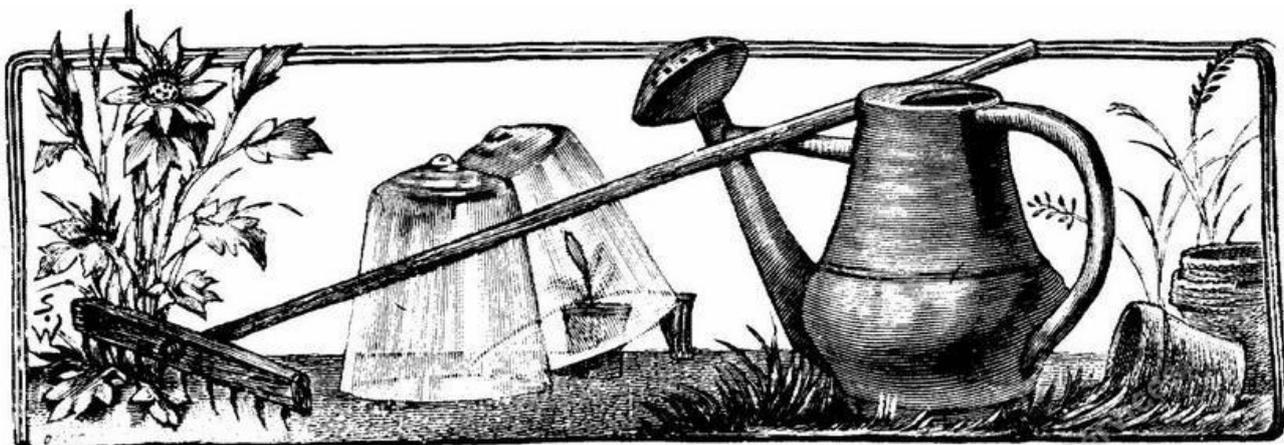
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Somerby & District Horticultural Society

September – the first month of autumn and a busy time in the garden as usual
Two things you might like to do in the garden this month:-

Collect seeds to sow for next year. Choose a dry day. Use a paper bag or envelope to collect them in and LABEL clearly. You think you'll remember what they are, but believe me – you won't! Store them in a cool, dry place until you're ready to sow them.

Plant Spring flowering bulbs in containers. A bulb 'lasagne' is easy to do and can give flowers from early March to the end of May. It involves using a large enough pot to take several layers of bulbs that will flower at different times. You can go for a range of bulbs starting with miniature daffodils such as February Gold, Minnow or Tete a Tete for early March, followed by grape hyacinths (muscari), anemone blanda or narcissi such as Thalia (white) or Cheerfulness(scented) for April and finishing with tulips for later April/May. You might prefer just one type of bulb such as tulips. In that case, choose an early flowering one such as Friendship (primrose yellow), follow it with a mid season one such as Jimmy (shades of tangerine/coral/orange) flowering in April and finish off with a flamboyant parrot tulip such as 'Amazing Parrot' in fiery pink and orange.

The possibilities are endless. Just be sure to –

- Choose a big enough planter to take 3 layers with 2 – 3 inches of compost between them.
- The latest flowering bulbs go in first with about an inch between each bulb and the earliest flowering bulbs go in last. Cover them with a good 2 inches of compost and top with a layer of fine gravel or grit. This helps keep the compost moist and also discourages the blackbird from digging in the pot!
- Put the finished planter outside, preferably in a sunny or part shaded spot and check occasionally that it's not too dry. Standing the pot on gravel or terracotta feet will help with drainage in very wet winters.

If you would like more information about the garden group or how to join us, please contact Angela Fisher at angelafisher26@btinternet.com or on 01664 454265

Church news

Across the Churches of the Whatborough Benefice

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

I am pleased to say most churches of the Whatborough group have been cleaned and risk assessed, with safety requirements put in place to comply with current advice for keeping each other safe in the current Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Some churches have not yet opened because the regular members are in the higher risk groups and following medical advice feel safer at home accessing services online or via radio or television. This currently applies to **All Saints, Lowesby**.

St Peter's, Tilton is undergoing the final stages of repairs to the buildings and will re-open at the end of September. Many will notice the church clock is being restored to its original condition; following a generous donation the clock is being gilded in gold leaf, in memory of Ken Albert Farnsworth who lived and farmed in the village all his life. In July, with close relatives in attendance, we laid the ashes of Mary Clements to rest in the memorial garden, in a simple moving service with fond memories.

St John the Baptist, Cold Overton provided a beautiful setting for the wedding of Emma and Gordon on Saturday 15th August. This was a joyous celebration in more ways than one. The church building has been on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register for a number of years but thanks to the hard work and dedication of Peter Rycroft, Rudy Ike and fellow villagers, the church has been renovated for the use of the whole community and officially removed from the 'At Risk' register.

St Peter's, Knossington and All Saints, Owston have both re-opened for Sunday services. The dates for these are currently decided on a monthly basis. St. Peter's is also open for individual personal prayer on Wednesday afternoons 2-5pm.

Coronavirus (Covid-19) guidance for churches. You will all be aware that any plans we make are subject to the changing circumstances we find ourselves in. The most recent changes require that those gathering together in places of worship should wear a face covering. This requirement is in addition to the usual use of hand sanitiser and social distancing measures. I have to point out that those in the higher risk groups are still advised not to gather in places of worship, although this is ultimately a decision for each individual to make.

In September there will be services physically in church on Sundays at 9.30am and online via Zoom at 11.00am. Keep a look out for notices stating where (see below) and please email me if you wish to receive an invitation to the online Zoom service. Also, please do say if you require any technical support, it is possible to access the Zoom services online or via a dial-up phone link.

Father Hugh Broad. I have been asked to pass on the sad news of the death of Father Hugh Broad, Vicar of the parishes in the Whatborough Benefice. Father Hugh died suddenly on 24th July; his funeral was held at South Leicestershire Crematorium on 14th August. Father Hugh served faithfully for seventeen years and is remembered with respect and fondness by many.

Ideas and suggestions welcome. Discussions will begin shortly concerning ways to safely celebrate Harvest and Christmas and remember those who lost their lives in war on Remembrance Sunday. If you have any suggestions on how we approach these important festivals safely in our villages, please do let me know.

Every Blessing, take care and keep safe,

Revd Jayne

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Sunday Services

- 6th September 9.30am** Knossington led by Revd Jayne Lewis
- 13th September 9.30am** Owston led by Revd Jayne Lewis
- 20th September 9.30am** Knossington led by Sue Sills, Benefice Reader
- 27th September 9.30am** Tilton - re-opening service led by Revd Jayne Lewis
4.00pm Cold Overton - re-opening service
- Weekly 11.00am online service via Zoom - email or phone Revd Jayne for link to the service**