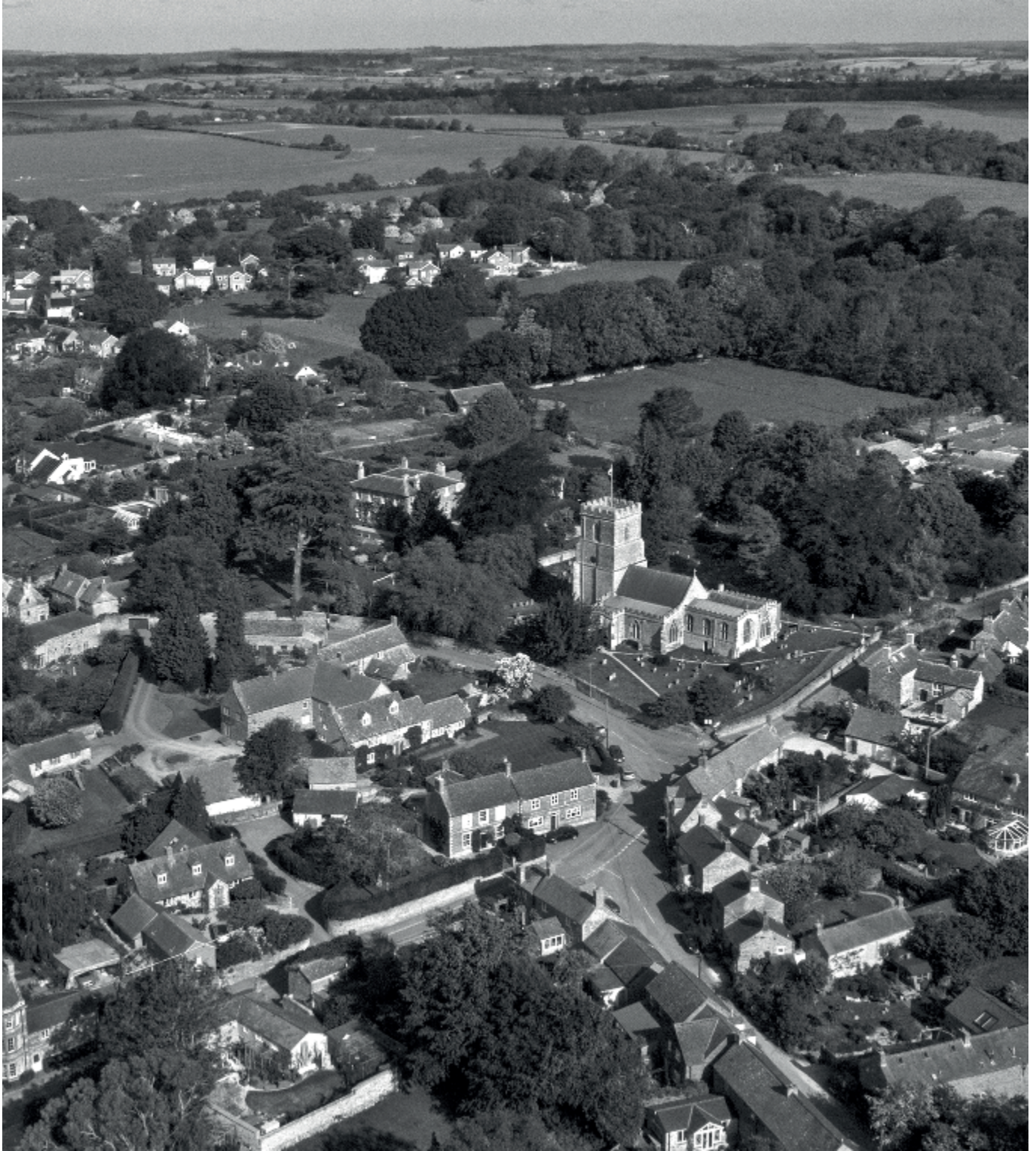


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Editorial

A very happy new month to all. While we're still living in unusual times with limited social lives, the sunniest Spring on record saw lots of villagers making the most of our wonderful local walks. I for one have enjoyed bumping into people and chatting while popping out for a change of scene. It's fantastic to see how many people stop to say hello, even to people they don't yet know.

This month's magazine is slightly shorter than usual, with clubs and societies still unable to meet in person. With this year's flower show cancelled, the Horticultural Society Committee has come up with some fun ideas for its replacement, including a scarecrow competition. Have a look on page 24 for details. If you've run out of ideas for the kitchen, see pages 20 and 21. And there's some colouring to be done for little – or not so little – hands on p.23. Importantly, there are also two articles discussing the proposed development at Hatch End on pages 18 and 19, and 28 and 29.

We love hearing from you and receiving content for the magazine. Please do email us if you have something that you'd like to include. This month I'd like to particularly encourage children in the village to get involved. How about writing a poem or short story, or a little piece explaining something that interests you? Photos and drawings would also be fantastic – bearing in mind that we can only afford to print in black and white!

With very best wishes to all,
Becca





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The entire Mallinson family would like to say a huge “thank you” to all those kind people in and around Steeple Aston who gave us such comfort and support upon the sad passing of Peter. It was so much appreciated at this very difficult time, and he would have been humbled that so many took the time and trouble to offer their love and condolences.

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Hatch End Development Proposal

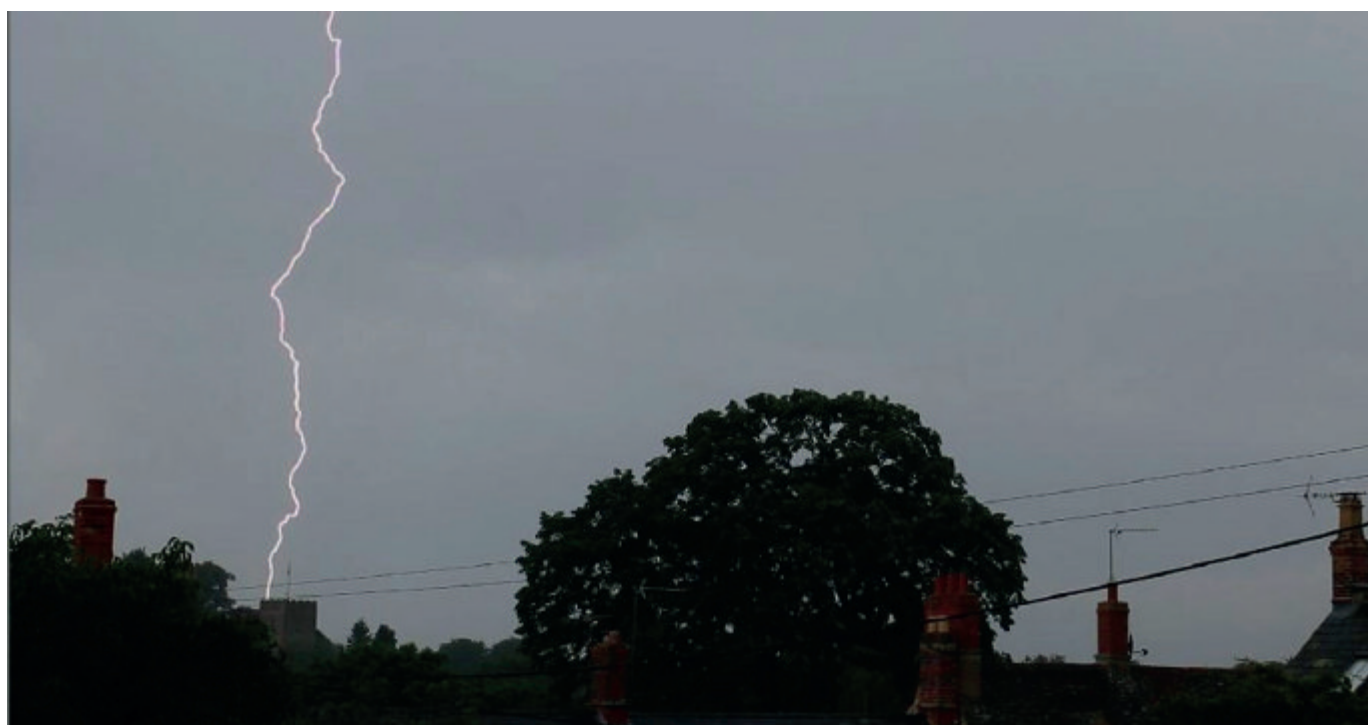
Details of the proposal can be found on the Cherwell District Council Planning website at:

<https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/20/01127/E>

There is still time to submit comments to CDC if you wish to do so.

Alternatively you may want to speak to our local Councillors about it.

Their contact details are in the Directory on p2.



TRIBUTE TO JOY HOPE FOSTER

Joy Hope Foster (née Curtis), our loving wife, sister, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday May 17th.

Mum was born on May 22nd, 1933 in Bath, Somerset to Len and Amy Curtis (née Roe), who had married a year earlier in Bangalore, Madras, India. The oldest of three daughters, she grew up in Ludgershall and started her career at Lloyds Bank in Oxford.

Mum was introduced to Dad (who was based at Upper Heyford) by her sister Pamela who was dating Dad's best friend (from Farnhill in Yorkshire), Keith Bunnett. They met, and the attraction was instant. Before long, they were taking motorcycle trips to Yorkshire to meet his family. Dad used to tell stories of his fear at having to ask Grandad for mum's hand in marriage. Every Sunday, my grandfather Len took breakfast in bed and it was decided that this was the perfect time for Dad to ask his permission. When Keith had asked to marry Pamela two years earlier, he'd been grilled on his financial stability and future prospects, so Dad was more than a little worried. In fact, Grandad Len was delighted! He and Grandma Amy welcomed Dad into the family with open arms...and the rest is history.

Mum and Dad settled in Steeple Aston shortly after their marriage in 1957. They first lived down the Dickeridge then moved to Nizewell Head when Colin and Alison were toddlers. Despite her claims that she "only wanted a Yorkshire Terrier", she gave birth to six children in ten years and became a stay-at-home Mum. We quickly became the archetypal 1960's family; Mum washing, ironing, baking and cooking every day, and dinner being on the table when Dad arrived home from work.





Mum embodied her name 'Joy Hope'. She always had a ready smile, was much loved and a pillar of the community in Steeple Aston. She helped raise money for Dr. Radcliffe's C of E School, the Village Hall and the Youth Club, she supported my Dad's and brother's passions for football and cricket (making cricket teas and carrying them – with six small children in tow - to Rousham Cricket Club!) and indulged all our childhood and teenage idiosyncrasies. The house in Nizewell Head was always busy with children, friends and family...not to mention the occasional water fight!

In addition to her loving, nurturing nature, Mum's spirit was indomitable. One of the stories that best captures her strength... Many years ago, she walked into Harris's Store and Post Office, unaware that there were gunmen inside and they had all the staff and patrons on the floor. As Mum opened the door, one of the robbers pointed a gun at her and shouted, "get on the ground!" She shook her head, replied "I don't have time for this!" and promptly left, closing the door behind her. She then ran to a nearby house and called the police.

Up until her early 80s, when she began to suffer health issues, Mum could be seen out and about in the village daily, collecting her shopping, visiting the Post Office, picking up newspapers, bread and milk for her neighbours, helping the 'elderly', etc.

Our parents were happily married for almost 50 years, until Dad passed away in December 2006. Together, they nurtured a great legacy and instilled a strong sense of respect, responsibility, hard work and compassion in all of us. Mum leaves behind four daughters (Alison, Shirley, Denise and Gillian), two sons (Colin and Nigel) and eleven Grandchildren (Lee, Emily, Ben, Tom, Jake, Paige, Hugo, Curtis, Aimee, Rupert, and Zak); all of whom adored her. She is also survived by her sisters Pamela Bunnett and Carol Cronin.

Thank you, Mum, for being such a blessing in all our lives.

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1. On each row place two letters that can be attached to the beginning of the word to the right, to give a longer word. When completed, the six added letters will give a word reading downwards. What is it?

__ **HERE**

__ **ON**

__ **COVE**

2. Pair the words to give four longer words. What are they?

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3. In a wallet you have £7.37. It is made up of four different denominations of coins and the largest denomination is 50p. There is exactly the same number of each coin. How many of each coin is there and what are their values?

4. Rearrange the letters of '**HEY DAFT DINOSAUR**' to give three car manufacturers. What are they?

5. On each row place a five-letter word that will link the two given words (e.g. **PACKED – LUNCH – TIME**). When completed, the centre letters of the added words will give another word reading downwards. What is it?

SHORT _____ **BIN**

MASTER _____ **ROOM**

BAD _____ **BUDS**

SPORTS _____ **FORK**

DOUBLE _____ **CAKE**

CLOTHES _____ **RIDER**

6. What number should replace the question mark?

8 -- 3, 47 -- 16, 20 -- 7, 59 -- 20, 32 -- ?

7. In a home schooling spelling test consisting of 20 words, a girl spelled only two correctly at the first attempt. After learning the spellings she tried the same 20 words again.

If her average over the two attempts was nine, how many of the 20 words did she spell correctly on the second attempt?

Answers on p.35

Credit: MENSA



Kirsten Buckley



How long have you lived in Steeple Aston? Two years.

Where did you move from? Jericho, Oxford, and before that Bath.

What brought you here? Working for the University of Oxford brought me to Oxfordshire, then my husband and I fell in love with Steeple Aston when we were searching for a house.

What do you like best about living in Steeple Aston? The people. We've only been here two years and already feel like we've made lifelong friends.

Is there anything you don't like about living here? Not really!

How do others see you, in 5 words or less? I asked my husband and he just said 'brilliant'. I'm not sure if he was being sarcastic.

Early bird or night owl? Cat or dog? Optimist or pessimist?

Technology: friend or foe? To marmite or not? Early bird, but I wish I could sleep longer. Dog. Optimist. Technology: foe while working from home! Definitely marmite, with melted cheese.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Prime Minister. What a terrible idea.

What was your first job? A paper round, but I had lots of jobs as a teenager, everything from cleaning a pub, to working in a cryogenics laboratory. I even worked for a short stint in an explosives factory!

What do you do for a living now? I'm Associate Director of Development at the University of Oxford, which involves raising money for the arts and humanities.

What's your secret/guilty pleasure? Trashy TV.

Tell us about any interesting hobbies you have I'm obsessed with antique hunting, especially Georgian furniture, and ceramics. My new passion is gardening, which I've only just started since moving to Steeple Aston.

What's your favourite piece of music? I play the cello and I love Elgar's cello concerto. Otherwise I listen to dance music and electronica.

What are you reading at the moment? Iris Murdoch's 'The Black Prince'. Murdoch is one of my favourite authors, so I was excited when I found out she lived here for many years.

What is your all-time favourite book? Dostoyevsky's Crime and Punishment.

What's your favourite food? I previously lived in South Korea and love Korean food including kimchi, which is spicy fermented cabbage (nicer than it sounds).

Tell us a surprising thing that you are really good at. Latin dance, including salsa.

What would you save from your house if it was on fire? My husband, Martin.

If you won the lottery, what's the first thing you would buy? A house in Steeple Aston for my mum and dad.

If you became Prime Minister, what law would you pass? A four-day week seems like a good idea.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? The Galapagos Islands for wildlife. Rio de Janeiro or Cape Town for city and beach life.

What do you do to relax? Enjoy a nice glass of Riesling.

If you were on a desert island, what would you miss most? Riesling. Oh, and my husband.

Who would you most like to have dinner with – dead or alive? Heston Blumenthal if he's cooking. I think he would be good company too.

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The Gardening Spot

WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

Is it just me or has the weather gone slightly mad? I know we British are supposed to be always going on about the weather. Too hot, too dry, too wet or maybe too cold? Let us not forget we are an island stuck at the easterly end of the Atlantic Ocean and very reliant on the jet-stream and pressure systems from mainland Europe but my lawn or, I should say, dried-up grass, is looking more like a desert. Now, I am not complaining, simply because I don't know who to complain to, but the weather folk I see each morning on the tele seem to totally ignore Steeple Aston. They talk about all the rain that has fallen on Scotland and the southwest. They refer to the downpours experienced in London and Birmingham, but to date, the middle of June, Steeple Aston has received 2.9 inches of rain since the end of March. Is this something to do with the coronavirus pandemic I ask, or maybe some cunning plan from a foreign country to destroy our horticultural industry? Or is it possibly the simple fact that living in Steeple or Middle Aston, we are not on the map? To support my theory on this, if any of you have tried to fill in a form, one of the first things you must answer is, "what part of the country do you live in?" The southwest, the southeast, the midlands or possibly central south. No matter which one you tick you will find that Steeple or Middle Aston are somewhere else. So my conclusion to this anomaly is that we live in an unidentified part of the country where weather forecasts don't work and the answer for us gardeners is to plant more cactus, distribute gravel over large areas and maybe consider one of the many celebrity gardeners' favourites, a dry riverbed!

Anyhow, by the time you read this we will probably have returned to the more familiar, wet and cool July weather that we are used to. So, what do we need to do in the garden? I will not mention lawns other than to suggest you keep mowing and trimming the edges simply to keep the place looking like you care! In the vegetable garden, crops will be maturing and so will the weeds so keep hoeing. Cut courgettes regularly otherwise you will end up with marrows! The first runner beans will soon be coming in but remember, runner beans like lots of water so if we don't have a deluge give them a drink every other day or so. Watch out for caterpillars as they survive in the most adverse weather conditions and love your freshly grown brassicas. Aphids are also a problem and as there is little on the domestic market to combat them, remove any infected foliage as soon as you can to avoid further infection. The flower borders are looking great now but will last that much longer if you deadhead when possible. Again, keep the weed population down and water if necessary and when possible. In the greenhouse things are going at a rate with tomatoes just about to ripen and cucumbers striving to reach the top of the greenhouse. Pinch out any side-shoots on your cordon tomatoes and consider 'stopping' them at around 6 or 7 trusses as that is about as many as you are likely to ripen before the end of the season. Feed with a high potash feed once a week and water sufficiently to keep the soil moist. Cucumbers need lots of humidity if you can provide it and pick the fruits regularly to encourage more, young cucumbers. For those of you who have pots or containers, and my wife seems to have hundreds, make sure they do not dry out and again, feed them regularly and remove any dead flower heads as that will extend the flowering season for that much longer.

Now you will have seen in this edition of SAL that the Horticultural Society have had to make the very difficult decision to cancel this year's annual flower show, but this also presents a wonderful opportunity to experiment with your flowers or vegetables in readiness for next year's show. It won't matter if something goes wrong this year, but you will be ready for next year when you can exhibit the best ever flowers and vegetables.

Whatever else, enjoy your garden no matter what the weather and most importantly, keep safe.

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July is a month when some people traditionally become more figure conscious as they prepare to spend more time in swimwear, but this year may be different. Instead of dieting many people in Britain have reported a weight gain during 'Lockdown'. Consequently, we might want to extend our vocabulary in order to describe our 'new normal' physiques in a kind way.

Here's an old word we can use to start things off.....

embonpoint ...

embonpoint a pleasing word
that should be used with vigour
it best expresses how you are
if you've a fuller figure.

go look it up if you've got plump
and need a word that serves
explain the way that you now look
if you have morphed from flat to curves

there's words for everyone I hope
the short the tall the thin
but some will do a better job
of saying what's within

I'm embonpoint to you and you
the people who need rigour
when looking for a phrase to praise
those with a rounded figure

I'm embonpoint it sounds quite good
and makes me feel replete
I would be feeling better still
if I could see my feet!

Peter Wild

Gardening Grief

My garden's looking wonderful
With blooms in every part
It's a glowing testament
To Mother Nature's art.

The roses trained along the fence
Are flowering fit to bust
With not a trace of greenfly,
Mildew or rust.

The hollyhocks and foxgloves
Are standing tall and straight
Salvia, astrantia, fuchsia,
And clematis, all look great.

And all my pots are thriving
Hanging baskets too
They haven't drooped and wilted
Like they usually do.

All this sunshine made them think
High summer's here, and spring is past
But I'm beginning now to wonder
How long all this can last.

Everything has peaked too soon,
Everything has had its day,
Soon there will be nothing left,
And the lawn will look like hay.

It will be like a wilderness,
A sorry sight to all who enter
And I'll be making panic trips
To the nearest garden centre!

Cathy Lawday

Parish Council Meeting *Notes*



There were about twenty members of the public at the last virtual Parish Council meeting; far more than there has been for some years. Most of the visitors, if not all of them, had come to tell the Councillors what they thought of the planning application for the old chicken sheds at Hatch End. Everyone was given an opportunity to speak and most people did. The comments were entirely consistent and against the scheme in its present format at least.

The chairman explained, as reported here last month, that the plans assume up to about thirty units with just under one hundred parking spaces. The proposals were described at length by me last month and they are on the village website and Facebook so I am not going to repeat them here. Everyone, who had not already done so, was invited to submit comments direct to the Cherwell planners. It was hoped that a lot of comments and variety in them would have an impact on the decision. Comments can be submitted and will be noted up to the end of July.

The main concerns related to the effect on traffic; both during the development and after the building work was completed. The proposal suggests that during the building phase the route for construction traffic would be via Paines Hill. But whichever route was chosen it would involve narrow roads, far more parking restrictions and houses shaking as the vehicles trundled past.

There was also concern about the volume of traffic the scheme would generate once the site was operating. The extra traffic would affect safety, pollution and parking. The developers have included nearly 100 car parking spaces but it was thought this would be insufficient for the number of units proposed and there were worries that the almost inevitable overspill parking would be along Fir Lane.

The developers had been sent questions by the Parish Council after the May Council Meeting and one asked for assurance from the developers that the overwhelming number of

employees would not arrive by car. The Travel Plan in the proposal mentioned all sorts of alternatives including cycling, walking, buses and trains. As we all know, the buses are a great help but infrequent and the station can hardly be described as convenient for Hatch End. The developers claimed all of us, and especially the young, 'are more aware of our responsibilities to the environment and habits are changing fast...' Pie in the sky avoidance of reality?

There were also concerns about the workers arriving at school delivery and collection times. The developers' answer to a query from the Parish Council was to say their traffic would avoid Fir Lane between 8.00am and 9.00am. They were proposing to do this by including this as a requirement in 'all site induction processes' and with notices on the site. They claimed they would introduce 'ad hoc monitoring'. I found this wholly unconvincing proof that any ban would be enforceable.

A Councillor said he thought the scheme was too large and there was a case for some development on the site but not on the scale proposed. One of the questions the Council asked the developer was whether they would consider having fewer units on the site. The answer was that would be fine as long as each one was proportionately larger (i.e. they would not be willing to agree to the overall size of the scheme being scaled back.)

The only comment the developers made that was even faintly co-operative was that they 'would consider a footpath, possibly combining with the existing footpath and accessing through the site.' Again, no apparent commitment or interest in getting children from Middle Aston to school safely. The additional parking restrictions that would be required in Steeple and Middle Aston are not even mentioned.

Our County Councillor was at the meeting and he said he had raised all the same issues with the Oxfordshire Highways department already, but he did not yet know what their official response would be.

Parish Council Meeting *Notes*



The discussion then turned to what the visitors would like to see happen to the site. There were lots of suggestions; some seemed to feel there should be no development on the site whereas others thought something on about the same scale as now would be acceptable. But the alternatives actually being offered were to support or object to the current proposal by the developers. Comments by the visitors, unfortunately, will not change the proposal itself.

The Councillors decided to object to the planning application and they were intending to list for Cherwell all the issues raised at the meeting. The visitors were thanked for their contribution and warned that there was nothing else so interesting on the rest of the agenda. It was not surprising that most of them left at that point.

We were told that Network Rail would like to close the unmanned level crossing at Somerton. You can get to it by going past Grange Farm, between Middle and North Aston, and taking the Causeway across the river and canal to the railway line. One Councillor asked what this had to do with Steeple Aston and was told some people occasionally walked their dogs there. Apparently Network Rail believes that the potential extra houses at Heyford Park will cause so many new users that a level crossing would no longer be safe. This argument seems difficult to justify and so the Parish Council will object to the removal of the level crossing.

Our County Councillor, Arash Fatemian, was thanked for getting The Beeches road down to Rousham bridge repaired so effectively. The work on the road looks great and it should make maintenance much easier in future.

The play area has been cleaned up dramatically and one Councillor described the work as 'fantastic'. The MUGA has been jet washed and looks like new and the lines on the surface are visible again. The rest of the equipment has

been scrubbed down and a big thank you to Tom Coker and all the other volunteers for doing it.

There was a discussion about the lavatory on the play area. One of the Councillors said when it was reopened he thought there should be a notice by the lavatory explaining what to do there. It is very odd because I thought we all learned that long before we could read a notice. Apparently he meant how to take Covid-19 precautions. Someone suggested that the notice should say that if the lavatory was used it should be for as short a time as possible. Sometimes I cannot help wondering if other people, as well as me, find the earnestness of some comments made at Council meetings generates an irresistible and irresponsible reaction.

One Councillor was indignant when he sent surreptitious electronic messages to the clerk and she did not answer. I thought this was ludicrous. The whole meeting is meant to be public and I don't think there should be an opportunity for passing notes which an ordinary public meeting would prevent. Oh dear; I am sounding almost as pedantic as the comments at Council meetings. Apologies.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 20 July. Please send the Clerk, Cathy Fleet, an email if you would like to be part of the next meeting (parishclerk.steepleaston@gmail.com). She will send you a Zoom invitation which you just have to click on and it takes you to the meeting automatically.

Steeplejack

This report is the personal view of the SAL reporter, and is not intended to be a complete record of the Council meeting. The official record - once approved - will be available at www.steepleaston.org.uk



Summery Courgette Fritters

July sees an abundance of courgettes which can be used to prepare simple courgette fritters to serve anytime as a light summery lunch or starter accompanied by a tomato and red onion relish with a kick and a fresh minty cucumber salad.

Ingredients

500g courgettes

½ tsp sea salt

40g plain flour

½ tsp baking powder

20g fine polenta or cornmeal

4 spring onions, finely chopped

2 eggs, beaten

1/4 tsp nutmeg

100g crumbled feta

100g Panko or breadcrumbs

Sunflower Oil, to cook

Method

- Grate the courgettes into a colander and toss with the salt and leave to drain excess liquid for an hour, and then squeeze out very thoroughly and put into a large mixing bowl.
- Mix the flour, polenta and baking powder together well, then stir into the drained courgettes, along with the spring onions, beaten eggs, crumbled feta and add nutmeg.
- Season the mixture with salt and pepper.
Using a spoon make approximately 10 fritters.
- Put the Panko into a bowl and form flat fritters to give a Panko coating.
- Leave in the fridge for 15 minutes.
- Coat frying pan with 1 cm depth of cooking oil and heat.
- When oil is hot but not smoking, fry the fritters in batches in the oil until each turns a light golden brown.
- Remove and place each fritter onto a piece of kitchen roll to blot excess oil.

Serve with chilli sauce and cucumber mint salad with extra salad leaves.



Tomato and Red Onion Relish With a Kick

Ingredients

225 g red onions, peeled and very finely chopped

225 g tomatoes, very finely chopped

2–3 green chillies, or to taste, very finely chopped

1 cup fresh coriander leaves, finely chopped

½ tsp salt, or to taste

3–4 tbsp lemon juice

A sprinkling of freshly ground black pepper to taste

Simply mix all the ingredients together.

Cucumber Mint Salad

Ingredients

225 g natural yoghurt

½ tsp ground white cumin

½ tsp freshly ground black pepper

1 tsp dried mint

½ tsp salt

1 small to medium cucumber

a pinch of red chilli powder

½ tsp white cumin seeds optional

Method

- Lightly whisk the yoghurt with a fork until it has a smooth texture.
- Add a few drops of water if you find it is too thickly set.
- Season it with ground cumin, pepper, chopped fresh mint and salt before adding the grated cucumber.
- Transfer to a serving dish and garnish the surface with a sprinkling of red chilli powder and a few cumin seeds.

Note: If preparing the cucumber salad well ahead of time then it is better to delay adding the salt until shortly before it is due to be eaten, as the salt encourages the cucumber to release its moisture and the raita may become a little too watery.



Pets Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find lots of popular pets

1. A M E H S T R _ _ _ _ _
2. O G D _ _ _
3. S O E H R _ _ _ _
4. K S A E N _ _ _ _
5. T O A R R P _ _ _ _ _
6. B A R T I B _ _ _ _ _
7. M S U E O _ _ _ _
8. K N H C C E I _ _ _ _ _
9. S E T T R O O I _ _ _ _ _
10. H S G L F I O D _ _ _ _ _

Which one is your favourite?

Answers on p.33

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As some of you will have noticed, our much-loved village playground has been undergoing a facelift during its temporary closure. A kind group of volunteers has begun cleaning and treating the equipment to protect it from the elements. But many hands make light work, and there is still some work to do to get the area up to scratch in time for the children to return.

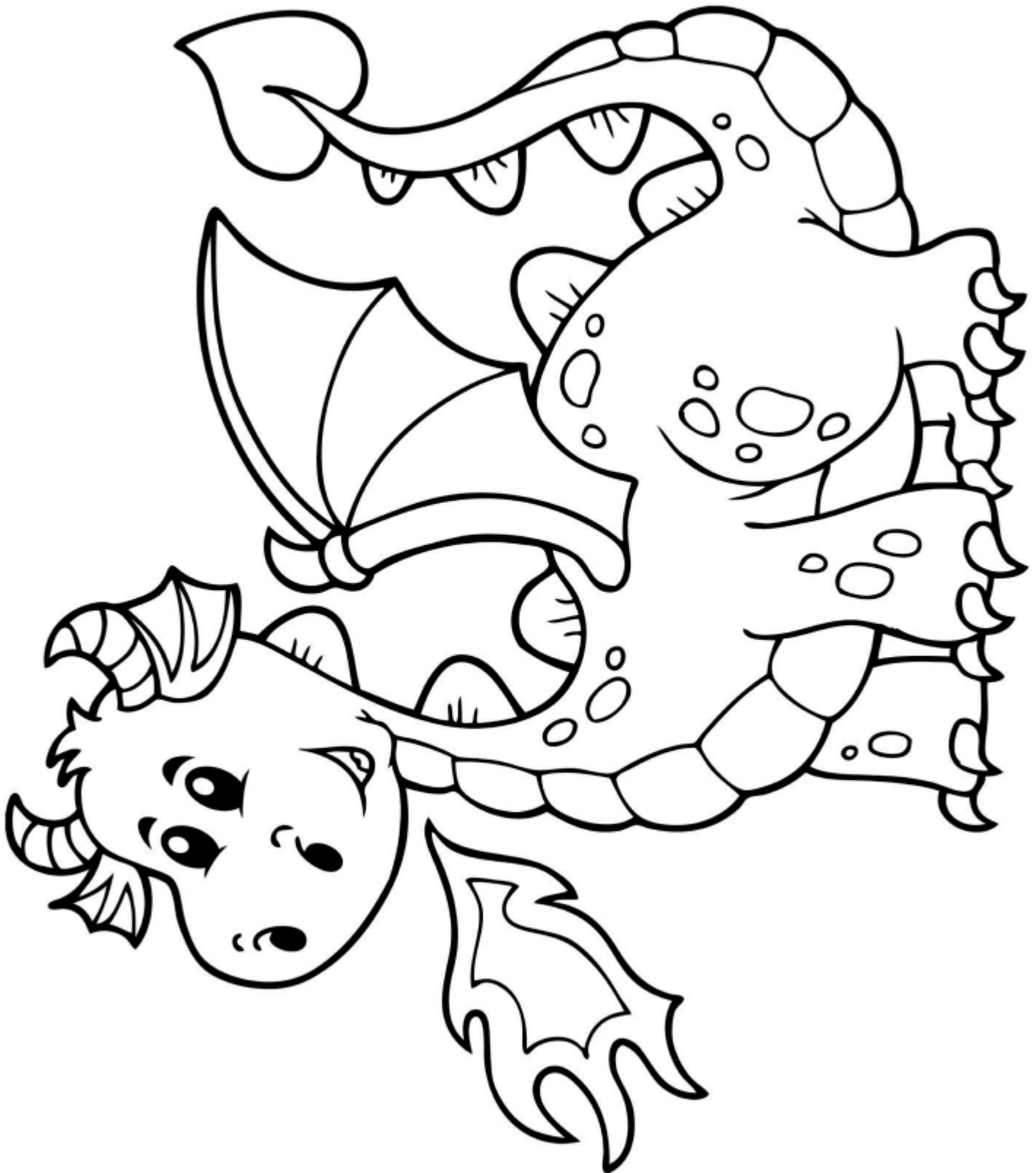
Could you spare an hour or so to help, at a time that suits you? Please contact Tom Coker to find out more!

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Here's a magical dragon for you to colour in!



Steeple and Middle Aston Flower show 2020

It is with great sadness that the Horticultural Society has made the decision to cancel the 129th Annual Flower Show due to the coronavirus pandemic. The decision was taken after much consideration and consultation but was deemed to be in the best interest of the public in general and the participants and organisers. No-one knows what restrictions might be in place by the end of August but to make this decision early enough will hopefully enable our very loyal supporters to make alternative arrangements for August Bank Holiday Monday.

To mark the day of the show the committee decided to organise three activities in which residents of Steeple and Middle Aston can participate safely and bring some light relief to the very strange times we now live in.

1. First, we would like to invite everyone living in Steeple and Middle Aston to enter a scarecrow competition whereby you make a scarecrow of your design and place it outside your house or somewhere appropriate and visible to the general public. In return, the horticultural society will give a first, second and third prize to the scarecrow considered to be best and most inventive by an independent judge. To make it more interesting the society will award prizes of £100 for first place, £50 for second and £25 for third. Full details will be available in the August edition of SAL and on the village website but basically all you need to do to register your scarecrow is to contact Richard (Tel. 01869 340512 or email Richard.preston5@btopenworld.com) providing your name and address and location of the scarecrow and he will in turn allocate you a number to be attached to the entry. No entry fee will be charged. Judging will take place on Saturday 29th August based on visual impact and the results will be made public the same day.
2. We would also like to encourage residents to place outside their properties or somewhere appropriate, excess produce that can be collected by passers-by and encourage donations by way of an honesty box of which the contents will be donated to a charity of the householder's choice.
3. Finally, an online collection of photographs of "Not the Annual Flower Show". In the absence of the village show this year, we still wanted to give you the opportunity to make, bake, arrange or grow something and share it with the community. We would like to gather photos of what you've made and share them on the village website. There is no judging or prize associated with this. The theme is "rainbow". Please take a picture of what you've made, this could be anything including flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicraft or baking. Again, details of how to enter will be available in the August issue of SAL or on the village website.

We will all remember 2020 as being different, not least having to cancel the flower show which apart from the war years, has not to my knowledge, been cancelled before. We, the organising committee, hope you all understand our reasoning for this decision, and we can start to make plans for 2021 with entries in our Spring Show and the Annual Show where the schedule for this year will be more-or-less the same for next year.

Keep safe and best wishes,

From all The Horticultural Society Committee

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO.....?

The Scrovegni Chapel

I guess that some readers may have strolled through the gardens on the site of the Roman Arena in Padua in search of the Scrovegni Chapel. Forgive me if you are well acquainted with the Chapel with its wonderful frescoes dating from about 1350 – but perhaps a reminder of the medieval marvel will stir memories for those people and bring a little cheerfulness in these Lockdown days. If you have never visited Padua nor had the opportunity to marvel at the result of Enrico Scrovegni's commission to Giotto to decorate his small chapel, do put it on your list of places you want to visit!



Enrico Scrovegni was a wealthy and politically ambitious merchant. He intended to build a palace to confirm his place in society and wanted a specially decorated chapel for family worship. Scrovegni is likely to have chosen Giotto di Bondone, who was born around 1267, a painter and architect from Florence (possibly a pupil of Cimabue) because of the work he had done in Assisi and Florence. He was making a name for himself, but it seems unlikely that Scrovegni would have had any idea that the man he had chosen would produce his masterwork in Padua, nor that Giotto would become known as the father of modern painting.

The frescoes, most of them painted on a wet surface which is why they have lasted so well for so long, are a triumph of imagination, beauty, fun, innovation and art! When you visit the Scrovegni Chapel you are wise to buy a ticket in advance as numbers of visitors are carefully limited each day. You'll enter through a series of air locked spaces to control the air temperature and moisture in the Chapel and only small numbers of visitors are allowed in at a time for short, time limited visits. Even after several trips to Padua and the Chapel I'd go again tomorrow if I could! There's so much to take in. I love it and its glimpses of 14th century life!

The whole Chapel is covered with pictures, carefully arranged in several tiers with panels running around the walls. There's no space here to describe the art in much detail but the basic design of 37 pictures tells the story of the life of the Virgin Mary and the life of Christ with some scenes from the Old Testament. There are also panels with pictures of vices and virtues. The most remarkable thing about the figures is that although painted in about 1350 they are lifelike, quite unlike the Byzantine style of flat, unrealistic people. The people in the pictures in the Padua Chapel are human, rounded and have a new degree of realism and show a range of emotions including humour. Many of the panels also demonstrate Giotto's ability to show perspective which was another departure from the traditional rather wooden style of contemporary fresco painting. So these charming *old* pictures were complex and *fashionably new*!

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The Proposed Redevelopment of Hatch End (a.k.a. the Chicken Sheds)

When I first heard of the plan to redevelop Hatch End, it sounded like a good idea. The sheds were gradually falling into disuse and dilapidation, and the new units could provide not only employment opportunities but possibly some welcome local services – a yoga studio, a physiotherapy practice or more arts and crafts space, perhaps. Let's face it, the old chicken sheds are not exactly attractive, and a new development, sympathetically designed, could enhance the appearance of the approach to Middle Aston from the south.

I invited the developer, Charles Sandy, to talk to our Annual Parish Meeting in January 2019, and again the following year. At that stage the plans were not fully formed, but we got the impression of modest scale, essentially replacing the 11 existing units one-by-one and bringing them up to full occupancy – at present only 6 are in use. We generally felt pretty positive about the plan, including the mention of a coffee shop/café which sounded like a valuable local amenity. At this year's presentation several villagers raised the question of traffic – always a matter of concern to our village because of its narrow roads, high verges and absence of footways. I have to admit that alarm bells did not immediately start ringing in my head at that stage. They are now!

For those unfamiliar with the proposed redevelopment, here is a summary. The 11 units are to be replaced by 30 new ones, of which 28 would be occupied by businesses, one would be a communal "hub", and there would be one unit for the scouts to use for storage. The new buildings will be 50% taller than those they replace and have a modern appearance that I would describe as urban rather than rural. In planning terms, their "permitted use" is no different from the existing category (B1) which is described as offices, research and development of products and processes, and light industry. The 28 business units appear to be designed for office use, each having a single-entry door and all but four of them having a mezzanine floor. At a reasonable density of 10 square metres per person, those 28 units could accommodate over 290 staff. Interestingly, only 97 parking spaces are planned.





The CDC Planning Officer, when consulted at the pre-application stage expressed concern about the overall site design, saying “The replacement buildings would be significantly taller, bulkier and of a greater mass than the existing buildings, given the proposed increase in ridge and eaves height and the provision of mono-pitched roofs to accommodate first floor accommodation. This would result in the buildings appearing significantly greater in mass, scale and bulk than the buildings they replace and result in the site having a significantly more built up appearance and character than the existing site. It would also be significantly more prominent in approaches to both villages than the existing development. In my view this would have a harmful urbanising impact on the character and appearance of the site and locality, contrary to local and national planning policy in this respect.”

The consensus in Middle Aston is to agree with those concerns, but we have an even stronger issue: traffic. The Transport Plan commissioned by the developer describes the increase in traffic volume as modest. That evaluation seems to take no account of the potentially high number of people commuting to the site, nor of deliveries, customers or intra-day staff movements. It also assumes almost 20% use of alternative modes of transport by those working on the site – bus, train, cycling or walking. I don’t need to explain to this readership the fallacy in that argument! In summary, the forecast traffic flows seem to us to be far too low to be credible. We believe there is a very serious risk to safety from high volumes of traffic, both in the construction phase (lots of HGVs) and when the development is complete (lots of cars and vans). The lack of footways in Middle Aston and between our village and Steeple Aston puts pedestrians at serious risk, most particularly children going to and from Dr Radcliffe’s. Both villages have significant “pinch points” on their roads which are already problematic. Not least, the potential volume of traffic could create significant noise and disturbance, contrary to the provisions of Policy PC1 of our local Neighbourhood Plan.

So what is the answer? We would like to see the current application being withdrawn, and replaced by a more modest development plan with fewer buildings, constructed in a style more sympathetic to the rural surroundings, with lower occupancy and consequently fewer vehicles coming and going. The CDC Planning Committee will discuss the application in August. We are keeping our fingers crossed!

Edward Dowler, Chairman, Middle Aston Parish Meeting

It is strange still not meeting up with our members but with phone calls and email messages we are keeping in touch. Members are still getting news from the Federation and we now hear we have a new County Chairman, Catherine Blaxhall. As I know her, I am sure she will do a very good job. We have a weekly quiz which is keeping our brains taxed as they really need some thinking about.

We belong to a Group called North Ploughley Group which involves besides Steeple Aston, Duns Tew, The Heyfords, Bucknell, Shelswell and Stoke Lyne WIs. We meet up twice per annum and join together to have speakers whose costs we share and we meet in our own WI venues. We share ideas and have, as usual, a good natter over refreshments. Usually once a year we have a group walk and this should have been last weekend at Lower Heyford, and the walk is followed by a fantastic lunch organised by the WI holding the event. Hopefully if things improve we may be able to have the walk later this year as it is a time to walk and talk to people we only meet occasionally. On these walks we usually have a short one and a long one and learn history about their villages and surrounding areas.

If in August we are able to meet in a larger group we are hoping even if we have to distance ourselves to have an afternoon garden party in Julie Hillier's large garden. As with all functions it is wait and see but the comment from members is they are hoping it will go ahead.

Masks have been made for many people and if needed I am willing to make some more especially as we should use them if we travel on public transport or go for a hospital appointment after the 15th of June. Please contact me on 01869 340028 if you need any more information.

Keep safe and keep well.

Linda Needle, President



Photo: David Cox



The Premier League has resumed, behind closed doors to begin with, with piped crowd noise and it would seem no clear guidelines on changing room/showering protocol. What chance then Division 3 of the Banbury District and Lord Jersey Football Association (B.D and L.J.F.A.)? At the moment not a lot it would appear, as with most grassroots football.

With the disruption of all football at local levels and leagues unable to complete their fixtures we've been unsure how the 2019/20 season would finish and also if and when the 2020/21 would start.

Due to the diligence and hard work of our Secretary, the Oxfordshire Football Association (O.F.A.) were prompted and they in turn organised a vote within the B.D. and L.J.F.A. Committee and member clubs to either: 1) declare Season 2019/20 null and void, 2) decide the League by points per game, 3) abstain.

33 Committee members and Club representatives voted and by 18 to 15, with no abstentions, the points per game (ppg) option was chosen.

This is how Division 3 stood when our remaining fixtures were cancelled. Only Steeple Aston and Wroxton Sports in contention with 18 games scheduled to be played.

Steeple Aston P14 W12 D2 L0 GD48 Pts38

Wroxton Sports P15 W9 D4 L2 GD23 Pts31

With ppg voted.

Steeple Aston ppg $2.71 \times 4 = 10.8$ Adjusted points total 48

Wroxton Sports ppg $2.06 \times 3 = 6.2$ Adjusted points total 37

This means that Steeple Aston are B.D. and L.J.F.A. Div 3 Champions and, I can't remember this having happened before, without losing a single league match all season.

What a shame we haven't been able to celebrate it as we should or hold our Presentation Evening, but in these strange times we have a lot more to be thankful for.

After all it's only a game.

Be careful out there,

Alan Peckham, Chair



Hello to all you golfers out there. Isn't it great to be back playing once again in 3-4 balls. In the first ten days of being open at the Cotswold Club our Pro took 1,270 bookings, showing how much we missed this beautiful game.

In a two ball I am walking 5.18 miles burning off 763 calories in 3hrs 16 mins.

Playing in a 4 ball it was just a little bit under the 4 hour mark.

Social distancing wasn't a problem and at the end of the round instead of shaking hands we click our putters together and say thank you. All very civilised.

We are running some competitions next week from the 22nd June, which hopefully should work out OK. One person will record all the scores, sign the card and initial alongside our names saying that we agree with the scores. This is so that we don't touch the card. He will then photograph the card or scan it, then send it to our handicap secretary for processing into the competition.

Until the club houses are fully functional, I am afraid there will be no SAGS in the coming months.

My granddaughter's joke of the week: 'Why do golfers wear two pairs of trousers?' Answer, 'it's in case they get a hole in one'. Boom boom.

Happy golfing.

Alan Brewer, Chair

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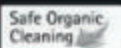
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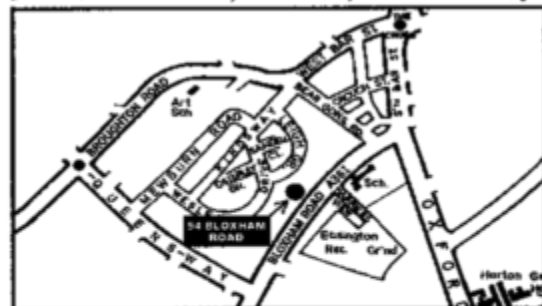
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Richard Preston – Group organiser – Richard.preston5@btopenworld.com or 01869 340512

Village Hall *News*



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Barbara Brewer, Chair





Our thanks to Jenny Bell and Angela Smith for their most interesting reviews in last month's edition of SAL, and also to Marcus for his Rector's Ramblings, which have included a host of interesting sites, encouraging many of us to watch plays and concerts and see old TV programmes at the press of a key – what could be easier? Thank you, Marcus.

We'd be interested to hear from our readers, especially if lockdown has introduced you to an opera for the first time, or a visit to our wonderful theatres. How about sharing your experiences and letting us know what you discovered? For instance, have you ever been to a concert to hear a full sized Symphony Orchestra, or attended a rock concert for the first time? Tell us of the impact these musical events had, even if these took place in your childhood and left a lasting impression. Heather well remembers, as a child, being taken to the Spa Theatre at Scarborough and hearing the Max Jaffa Orchestra playing classical lollipops. She was blown away and that excitement of hearing life music has never left her.

Nick and Heather Cleobury



Lawrence Fields uncovered – Part 2

Following Part 1 (May 2020 SAL) of the story of the Lawrence Fields development, Part 2 concludes with the eponymous Mr Field.

When we moved into our new home in Lawrence Fields during the summer of 1998, the Sales Negotiator informed us that the development was named after Laurence Field, the carpenter son of the village's last wheelwright. Laurence worked at the forge next door as well as being part-time undertaker, and is believed to have made the village bier (coffin stand)! His father, Nathan Field, was born in Duns Tew and moved to Southside in 1881, then two years later acquired the Old Forge, Heyford Road, where he remained until the 1920s when he left to farm at Rest Hill Farm, Over Worton. Nathan married Anne Elizabeth Hopcraft in 1882, and they had nine children all born and baptised in the village, although sadly two died in infancy and another of influenza aged 26 years. Of the remaining children, two went into carpentry, two became farmers and two worked in schools.



Mr & Mrs Laurence Field at The Old Forge, South Side, during World War II.

Being very practical, eldest son Laurence took up beekeeping in his late teens and knew how to handle bees and keep them calm, using a smoker and knowing never to bother them on windy days. Shallow frames made it easier to extract the honey, which Laurence would sell to villagers who called to the house, sometimes still on the honeycomb! He continued his beekeeping right up until about five years before his death in August 1975.

He was a small muscular man, who unfortunately (or, as it turned out, fortunately), had an accident suffering damage to his knee when it became caught between two trees, so was unable to enlist in the First World War. Instead, he remained in the village where he had a smallholding with a pig and cow, and also made his own butter. He used to shoot and make catapults, was interested in birds and kept ferrets. His special treat was to go ferreting on Boxing Day!

Laurence took over the wheelwrighting, carpentry and joiners business from his father, working with his brother George Field and villager George Palmer. He did much of the coach painting and signwriting, with waggons usually painted yellow depicting the farmer's name in black shaded red, and the farm's name and address in small lettering. Sometimes even gold leaf was added for a more decorative finish, with the final coat varnished. They also made and repaired waggons, coaches, spring carts, ladders, wooden pumps and wheelbarrows. The wood comprised mainly of locally sourced oak, ash and elm.

Laurence was twice married, suffering the misfortune of losing both of his wives to cancer. However, Steeple Aston life must have suited him, as he reached the grand age of 92 years. He planted many fruit trees in the field including apricot trees, with some grown up the wall of the family home. We still benefit from the apple trees he no doubt planted, although we've yet to come across any apricots! Another anecdote from this site is the dramatic saving of the ancient hedgerow, but that's another story!

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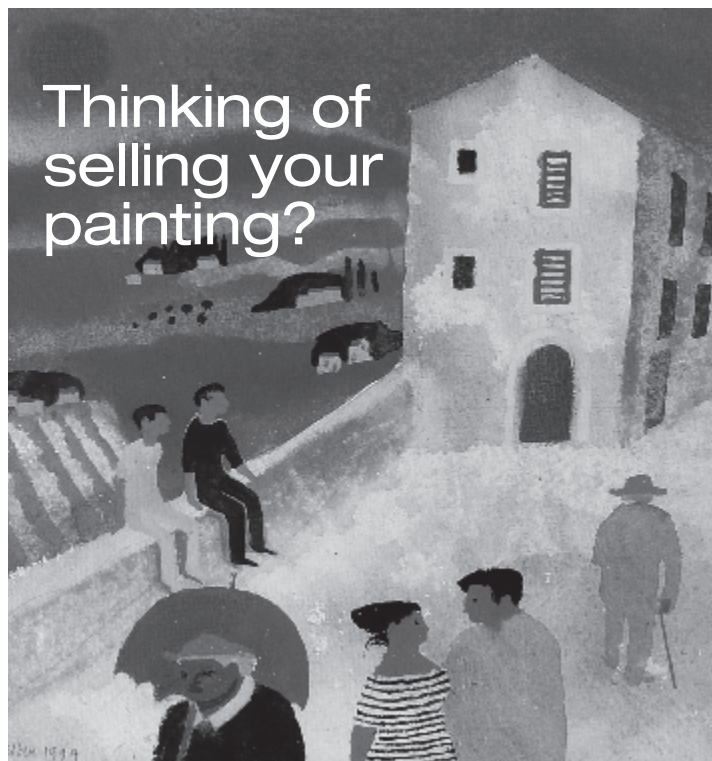
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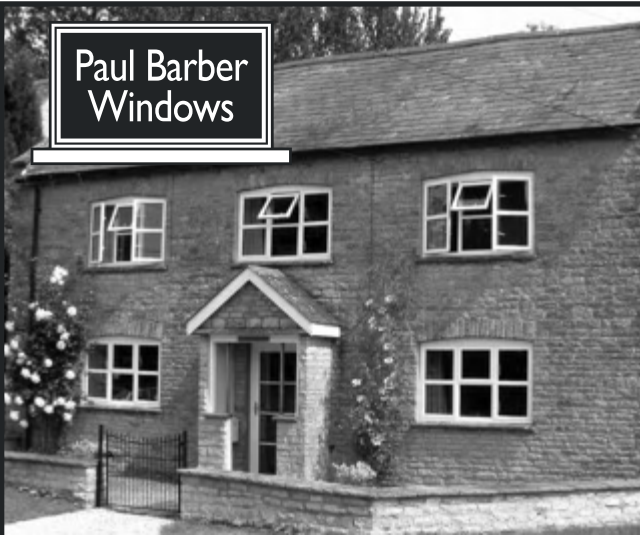
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Church Matters



You may have read that churches are now open. The government has said we can pray again! Well... the guidelines may have shifted on church buildings being open, but life is always a bit more complex than newspaper headlines suggest. (I don't think we ever stopped praying...)

We've been preparing for changes for a while. I cannot tell you how many pages of regulations have been sent – and a lot of them seem to be for cathedrals and big churches with a lot of paid staff. Things do feel a bit different in rural Oxfordshire. Mercifully, the Bishop of Oxford wrote to every parish to say – take this at your own pace, and only do what you can do safely in your setting. So, as we move toward a little less Lockdown, I met with the churchwardens of our three parishes and we worked out what we would like to do, what we can and can't do, and what we hope to do.

We'd like to open our church buildings every day as we have done in the past – but the very clear guidelines around keeping buildings safe for everyone means that we just can't do that. We don't have paid cleaners. And without income from regular Sunday services or the summer fetes this year, we are financially not in a place even to do some of our regular activities, so adding something new like that is out of the question. What we can do is open one day a week, after we have made sure the three parish churches in the benefice have all been thoroughly prepared.

So, our three Benefice churches will open for private prayer, so that anyone can go in and take a quiet moment to reflect in peace, on Saturdays during the day from July 11th onwards. We do need volunteers to help staff the buildings as we do this. If you can help by going regularly on a rota, please let me know – email me or call on 340903. With your help, we will make our buildings available for all our community – even if on a much reduced basis for now.

Very sadly, what we don't think we can do is arrange this and also fulfil the guidelines necessary to be open for family funerals too. So for the time being, should there unfortunately be any call for funerals in the village, we will continue to offer these services in our churchyards only, at the grave side. However, the guidelines are allowing us to talk with families about who attends, so (while keeping social distance) we are very hopeful of allowing *slightly* larger gatherings.

We also hope before too long to begin to have actual congregational Sunday worship – and the plan is for this also to be in our churchyards, not inside the buildings. Current guidelines do not allow any congregational Sunday worship. As soon as there is a change, we will let everyone know. We hope to offer one service in the Benefice every week, moving around the churchyards of the three villages of Steeple Aston, North Aston and Tackley. We are waiting for news on this, though we expect that you'd need to bring your own chair (or rug!) and we will ask that everyone wears a face covering or simple mask, and (again) keeps social distance. When the autumn begins, we will have to think again...

Through all this: *Worship at Home*, our online services, will continue every week via the homepage of www.sntchurch.com. Thank you for the very many messages I get saying how many are enjoying these short services every week! The regular *Rector's Ramblings* emails (which bring stories of good news, arts & sports info, offers of and requests for help, as well as celebrations and prayers from members of our community) will also carry on for now – and you can still sign up by contacting me on steeplorector@hotmail.co.uk. I send these out to the best part of 100 people and I know they get shared around a lot more widely than that – building our community in one more tiny way, at a time when anything that brings us together is worth its weight in gold. For our church has always met in a very special building – but even when the building is closed, the family of the church remains open because of the love that continues to exist from God to us, and from us to each other. And we will always find ways of sharing that love, because things that are precious are always worth sharing.

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