

Other bits and bobs.....

SUMMER HOLIDAY ROUNDERS

Maisie and Martha Leonard are organising a game of rounders on the top field on **Monday 7th August** at **1.30pm**. It would be great to get as many people as possible involved, so please do turn up and join in!



WE NEED YOU!

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I want a DeLorean.

I wouldn't drive it much.

Just from time to time.

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In Jamaica you can get a steak and kidney pie for £1.75, a chicken and mushroom pie for £1.60 and an apple pie for £2.15.

In St Kitts and Nevis a steak and kidney pie will cost you £2, a chicken pie (without mushrooms) is £1.70 and a cherry pie can be yours for £1.95.

In Trinidad and Tobago, that steak and kidney pie comes in at £2.50, but you can have two for £3.50, while the chicken and mushroom pie is £2.25, or two for £3.25. They also offer meat and potato pie for £2, or two for £3. Their apple pies and cherry pies are often sold for £2.75, or two (any combination) for £4.75.

Those are the Pie Rates of the Caribbean.

**St Mary the Virgin
Broughton and North Newington
100 CLUB**

St Mary's Church has been the centre of worship in our two villages, with regular services being held on Sundays and Christian Festivals. Community life is also supported, including buildings such as Bishop Carpenter School and St Mary's House. In order to maintain church activities over the years, fund raising has been essential. Fetes, bazaars, flower festivals and coffee mornings are all examples. The PCC has come to the conclusion that these events need underpinning with a regular income to meet modern monetary demands.

YOU are therefore invited to join the '100' Club. For a relatively modest sum of £5 per month you could be playing your part.

YOU will also have the opportunity to win monthly prizes of £60 and £40 and an annual prize of £100, subject to membership of 100.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to support our Church and ensure it continues for another 700 years!
The 100 Club is a registered charity... no 10008934

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We look forward to hearing from you!

THANK YOU!

Thanks for a wonderful fete weekend!

Wow... what a great weekend the fete was, we hope you all agree? A huge thank you to all of you that helped actually plan, set up and run the fete on Saturday 15th July. The weather was fairly kind to us and we were ready in good time for everyone to arrive and enjoy a great few hours of village fun and games. Radio Horton did us proud once more and continued into the evening to provide music and commentary.

All the stalls did tremendously well and attracted many visitors. The stall which did incredibly well was the girls' 'Adopt a toy' and it raised over £200 just by itself and also the boys stall did well too. A big thanks to them all for now and the future.

A lovely atmosphere was helped by the sunshine and we managed to raise over £2,500 for the VIG account which will be put back into our community and a donation given to our chosen charity. Anyone with any ideas for this do get in touch with a member of the VIG, as we choose a different one every year.

The Pig roast was a great success and Jill and Karl did a marvellous job feeding over 150 of us after the fete and into the evening. The VIG will be arranging other events but would always welcome your ideas for your village, so please do get in touch.



The following day, thanks to a villager who knew who to ask (and kept asking) the Red Arrows flew over the village in formation with smoke for us all. They really did do it just for us and actually moved their flight path a half mile over so that we could see them fly over the playing field. The car 'arrow' helped them to find us too. What a lovely end to a great weekend, quite memorable. There will of course be a fete next year, but we will let you know in good time.

The next village event is the 'HAR-FEST' competition which is on Sunday September 10th. More details will be in this Gossip edition, but do join in and see which categories suit your talents! It's for fun but there really is some talent in this village.

So thank you all once more for your fete help, for your stall, your setting up and all your support, long may it continue.

From Luci Jordan (Member of the VIG) and all the VIG team.



As I sit down to write this, reality is dawning that this will be my final update for Bishop Carpenter. I have so many wonderful memories that I have made over the 8 years that I will take with me as I make the move to France. I am leaving feeling very confident that Mrs Stevenson will take the school forward. I know that she is very excited to be joining BCS in September.

Around the school

Many congratulations to classes 2 & 4 for their excellent performances in the Warriner Partnership Arts Festival. All the hard work learning lines and practicing certainly paid off because the performances were of an extremely high standard.

Sports Day

The children all competed with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Well done to all and a big thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.

School Visitors

During Sports Week we had visits from Julie Bradbury & Matt Deane. Julie is a Commonwealth Gold Medal Badminton Champion, she gave the children a taster session and brought along her gold medal. Matt is from Mercedes F1 team and after a team work activity, showed the children items such as Lewis Hamilton's race suit and helmet.

Compost Corner

- Create a habit of regular deadheading of all flowering plants. This will encourage a degree of repeat flowering which may well extend into November with some species.
- Black Spot and aphids are rife on roses at this time in the season. Pick off and discard any yellowing, dead or seriously blackened leaves. Do not drop any on to the ground and pick up any already fallen, as these will contaminate the ground with spores, over wintering to affect next year's shrubs. Spray at three weekly intervals or as required with a suitable product such as 'Rose Clear' for both fungus diseases and aphids or 'Bug Clear' against aphids.
- Another dressing with lawn fertiliser is about due. Unless you have a serious moss problem, avoid those inclusive of moss killer as it just adds unnecessary cost. A suitable suggestion would be 'After Cut'.
- From mid-month, a light trimming of shrubs which have flowered also, hedges such as privet and ornamental leylandii, Euonymus 'Emerald n Gold' and 'Silver Queen', may be beneficially carried out.
- As perennial plants or spent annuals are removed, fill the gaps with pots of small colourful shrubs or late season annuals (some garden centres are pleased to clear these out at a good discount price).
- There is still time to sow a few late salad crops particularly under cloches. Mixed salad leaves are popular, but lettuce picked just short of maturity will prove useful. A few round radishes will add spiciness to late salads. Modern varieties of spinach, used green as an alternative to lettuce in salads will take you well into winter, particularly when grown under cloches – but watch out for slugs and snails.
- Continue picking mature produce as available and freeze as much as required for winter use.



Har-fest September 10th 2017

CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

Each category is open to everyone, unless specified*

Fruit and vegetables

- 1) 3 potatoes
- 2) 3 carrots – trimmed
- 3) 3 beetroot – as grown
- 4) 3 onions – any size, trimmed
- 5) 5 different kinds of veg – one of each on a tray or board
- 6) 3 different kinds of fruit in a basket
- 7) 3 apples – any variety

Home Produce

- 1) A banana and walnut loaf (*men and boys only please)

Recipe: 100g softened butter, 140g caster sugar, 1 beaten egg, 225g plain flour, 2tsp baking powder, 4 ripe bananas, 85g chopped walnuts, 50ml milk.

Method: Grease and line 2lb tin. In a bowl mix the butter, sugar and egg. Slowly mix in the flour and baking powder. Peel and mash the bananas. Add the bananas, nuts and milk to the mix and stir together. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 1 hour (approx.) at 180C/160C fan. Allow to cool before removing from the tin.

- 2) Jar of chutney
- 3) Jar of marmalade
- 4) Jar of jam
- 5) 5 cheese straws
- 6) 6 chocolate brownies
- 7) Victoria sponge with raspberry filling, no cream

Flowers

- 1) One specimen rose
- 2) Floating flower head (own container)



Alan Craven

Novelty

- 1) Longest carrot
- 2) Largest onion
- 3) Most misshapen vegetable
- 4) Best decorated egg (hard boiled please!)

Handicrafts

- 1) One Christmas decoration
- 2) Water colour painting
- 3) Any painting/drawing in any media

Children only* (10 years and under)

- 1) Model made of lego (any size)
- 2) Model made of recycled waste

Children only* (11 and over)

- 1) Face mask
- 2) Model made of recycled waste

Photography adults*

- 1) A North Newington village view
- 2) Animal or bird
- 3) My favourite tree

Photography children*

- 1) A North Newington village view
- 2) Animal or bird
- 3) My favourite tree

Scarecrows

This year the scarecrow competition is back. So please put your traditional scarecrow in front of your house where the judges can see them, from September 2nd. They will be judged on the 9th and rosettes presented at Har-fest on the 10th September.

VIG Screen



Fridays at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)
Bishop Carpenter School Hall on School Lane, North Newington



Village Talk

Sarah Wookey, recently retired West Bar Banbury GP, has been working for Medicin sans Frontiers in the Congo for the past eight months.

She's now back and full of her experiences. She's going to tell us all about it on Friday the 8th of September at 7.30pm in North Newington School Hall. Strong stuff.

All welcome, please RSVP to Roger Shapley
or thegossip@northnewington.info so we've some idea of numbers.

Thanks – Roger Shapley

VOLUNTEER FOR OXFORDSHIRE'S WATERBLITZ

Volunteers needed for one day only! Schools, local groups and individuals are invited to take part in the county wide waterblitz. Check the water quality of your local stream, pond, ditch or river and help build a water quality picture for Oxfordshire. For your free sampling pack register today by emailing hilary@wildoxfordshire.org.uk subject "Waterblitz" and join in on Monday 2nd October. EarthWatch have volunteered to handle the data which will be available to everyone involved.

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SCHEDULE

The school doors will open at 10am on the 10th September for you to drop off your entries. Please include a card with your entry detailing your name, the category and class number.

The doors will then close for judging at 12noon. The doors will re-open for viewing at 12.45pm and close at 3pm.

PRIZES

A certificate will be given for all 1st place entries, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places entries will receive a rosette.

The judges' decisions are final!

Enjoy growing, making and creating!



Macmillan Coffee Morning



FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Gill and Sally are hosting their third Macmillan Coffee Morning at Willow Bank, 21 School Lane on Friday 29 September from 10:30am until 1pm.



Please come along for tea/coffee, cake and chat with friends and neighbours of North Newington and help to raise funds for a very good cause!



If you are aged 16+ and have had long-term difficulties finding work, maybe because you currently don't have the right skills, or because of your personal circumstances or situation, In to Work is a new, tailored programme designed to help you secure a role and succeed at work.

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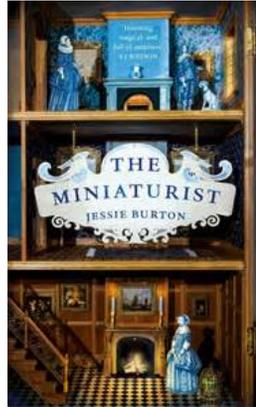
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Bloke's book club

THE MINIATURIST

This month's read was *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton; a first novel written in 2014. It was famously auctioned so that publishing houses could bid for publishing rights and was later taken up by Richard and Mary. What an entry!



The narrative concerns domestic events in Calvinist seventeenth century Amsterdam. A country woman is married off to a wealthy Amsterdam merchant so that he can try to conceal his homosexuality by appearing "normal". At that stage homosexuality was punishable by drowning with a millstone round the neck. The protagonists variously discover their true identities and adapt to them but the laws and prejudices of the time predetermine their destinies and tragedy ensues.

The *Miniaturist* is a model-maker who sends models to the "country woman" predicting events in her life and the death of her husband.

We had a few problems. On the whole we found the book a dynamic and engrossing read with passages of extraordinary beauty, awareness and insight and shot through with progressive feminism.

We had problems with the significance of the *Miniaturist*. There was discussion about religious intolerance and extremism. The subjugated but powerful role of women was recognised but not properly explored, as you might expect of a bloke's club!

Strong and challenging stuff. Did Richard and Mary really get to grips with it?! If you want a few thought-provokers go for it.

Roger Shapley



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS

Our Festival of Open Gardens continues in August and September with some truly beautiful gardens. Plus, don't miss the insightful evening talk and garden tour at Broughton Grange in September – for more information on upcoming open gardens, visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens, or call us on 01295 816 484.

Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: www.khh.org.uk

Festival of Open Gardens Dates:

6 August – Heyford Park

5, 7 & 9 September – Broughton Grange

17 September – Bloxham

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Want to help a great local charity **and** be in with a chance of winning £1,000 every week? Join the Katharine House Hospice lottery for just £1 a week and help support people facing life-limiting illness in our community. The £1 you give every week could provide tea and biscuits for a day hospice patient to enjoy in our garden this summer. To sign up email lottery@khh.org.uk or phone 01295 816 484.

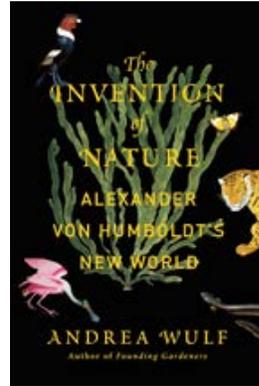
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Bloke's book club

THE INVENTION OF NATURE

This week's book was *The Invention of Nature: The Adventures of Alexander von Humboldt, The Lost Hero of Science* by Andrea Wulf. She was awarded the Dingle Prize in 2017 for writing accessible accounts of scientific work. Just think of our quarter-read copies of a *Brief History of Time* to get a grip of what that means.



Most of us had heard of the Humboldt Current but little else relating to the man. It transpires that he has more rivers, mountains, volcanoes, plants, towns and cities named after him than any other person alive or dead. In his time, 1769 to 1859, he was the most respected scientist in the world, courted by leaders, politicians and royalty and a source of inspiration to luminaries such as Goethe, Schiller, Kant, Simon de Bolivar, Jefferson, Darwin, Davey, Thoreau and Muir to name but a few.

He was born into a rich, emotionally deprived but driven upper class family in Germany and survived a tyrannical education to emerge imbued with convictions about the rights of man, the unity of nature and the universe, the value and importance of measurable observation and the inter-relatedness of science, art, poetry and philosophy. He was also the founding father of ecology and awareness of green issues and was the first to relate man's uncontrolled industrial and farming activities to the progressive destruction of his environment.

He was a crazily brave and adventurous traveller determined to follow the longest rivers, to climb the highest mountains and volcanoes and to explore the minutiae of animal and fossil life everywhere.

He had a huge impact on the development of South American countries exposing the corruption of their Spanish conquerors and he worked tirelessly for the abolition of slavery.

So, the book was an inspiring revelation. The writing was totally accessible, though some of the more tantalising aspects of his personality and psychology were unexplored.

The reasons why he's hardly recognised in Britain are not dealt with. He visited England on several occasions trying gain the approval of the East India Company to explore the Himalayas. They never granted him access maybe because they feared his diatribes about oppression and slavery.

It looks like a long read. Don't be put off; half of it is references. It's Inspirational stuff in dark times.

Roger Shapley