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Litchborough Church and Village
Newsletter

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4th July - Election Day -Village Hall

Don't forget to take Photo I.D with you when you vote



6th July -Garden Club visit to
Hampton Court Flower Show



Every Tuesday Youth Club in the Village Hall
7.00pm - 8.30pm



12th July - Litchborough Ladies



16th July - Parish Council -Village Hall



26th July- Community Cuppa-Village Hall



Litchborough Playgroup
Tuesdays 9.30am -11.30 am in the Village Hall

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THE REVEREND WRITES

It was a privilege and pleasure to last Sunday be able to welcome a group from Ukraine to use St. Mary's at Blakesley to celebrate their service of Mass. The group consisted of fifteen young people, their priest and some other adults and they were visiting Blakesley through their contact with Paul Parsons. The young people all have parents serving in the military and had come to the UK to give them a break from the dire situation in their homeland.

I, along with some others from our Blakesley church congregation, was able to sit and listen to some of their service. It was very different from what we are used to and although I was unable to understand any of the words there were similarities in the liturgy. Of course, as a denomination of Christianity they worship the same one God, made known in Jesus Christ.

It was very thoughtful of the priest, having preached his sermon in Ukrainian, to offer a few thoughts on the gospel in English to those of us there. The passage for the day was taken from John's Gospel just before the crucifixion when Jesus is praying for unity between his disciples, and he reminded us of the importance of working for unity especially in the troubled world which we see around us, not least in Ukraine. The priest thanked us for our welcome and said that also important was the need for there to be unity between churches and that on that day, in St. Mary's, a small example of that unity had been demonstrated. It was very humbling. Now that we are well into the third year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine it is important that we continue to remember the country and its people in our prayers and pray for a peaceful resolution and return to normality

God bless

Revd Sue

If you would like to talk please contact me on 01327 341307 or stanley.thehole@btinternet.com



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Benefice Services for July

30th June	St Peter and St Paul	
10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Maidford
2nd July	9:30am Holy Communion	Woodend
7th July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	
9:00am	Matins	Maidford
10:30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6:00pm	Compline	Adstone
14th July	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
9:00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10:30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Blakesley
10:30am	Family Service	Litchborough
6:00pm	Evensong	Maidford
6:00pm	Compline	Adstone
21st July	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	
9:00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10:30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10:30am	Music and Meditation	Blakesley
6:00pm	Compline	Adstone
28th July	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	
9:00am	Matins	Maidford
10:30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
10:30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6:00pm	Compline	Farthingstone
6:00pm	Compline	Adstone



From St Martin's Church - July Services

7th July	6th Sunday after Trinity	No Service
14th July	7th Sunday after Trinity	
10:30am	Family Service	
	Greeter and refreshments - Christine and Carol	
21st July	8th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Refreshments: Tisha
	Greeter: Greeter	Reader: Helen
28th July	9th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Refreshments: Christine
	Greeter: Jenifer	Reader: Ian



FRIDAY COMMUNITY CUPPA - 26th July

Hello Everyone,

Thanks for popping along to Litchborough Village Hall to our last Community Cuppa in June, fantastic to see you all, such a jolly and happy gang!

Right, looking forward to seeing you on the 26th, same place ... lovely Village Hall ... and everybody is very, very welcome.

Almost forgot ... anytime between 3pm and 5pm

Carol x

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Village Defibrillator

The new defibrillator is a little smaller but works in exactly the same way and is now in a carrying bag inside the dome in the phone box. The emergency kit of scissors, face mask etc is also in the bag

Need it and you are on your own -help is at hand

Several people have kindly offered their phone numbers to be contacted to go and get the defib and bring it to you. Sandy and David 01327-830077/07759-326675 Sonia -07929-963976, Anna Prior 07940379650, all are available to help. - if you do need to use the defib and take it away please let David Aked-Walker know so we don't think it has been stolen again! Thank you to the volunteers.



Your Village Newsletter

Have you a special event, a story to tell, news to share or even a moan? Then email me at dq2010@btinternet.com or telephone me on 01327-830077 by the 20th of the month and it can go in the newsletter. It is always good to hear interesting and amusing tales be they from the past or current. Sandy Aked-Walker



Congratulations to proud parents Judith and Jake on the birth of their daughter Freya



Litchborough Gardening Club

Litchborough gardening and allotment club enjoyed a dry but chilly private evening tour at Canons Ashby last month following on from the talk in the village hall with Bob Illingsworth. We were greeted by Bob, Nadine the head gardener and Helen and shown around the garden. This followed by a welcoming tea and cake.

On Sunday 30th June we had our open gardens, we would like to thank everyone who opened their gardens and who helped on the day too. But especially the people who worked behind the scenes beforehand.

Thank you Chris, Julie, Isla, Colin, Gareth, David, Vanessa, Ian, Diane, Teresa, Vivienne, Sonia and all the cake bakers too !!!

If I have missed your name off, I'm sorry, let me know and I will make sure you get a mention next month.

We haven't added the total amount taken by the time this has gone to press ; so we will let you all know how much we raised for the gardening club and church next month.

On Saturday 6th July we are heading off to Hampton Court Flower show. Please be at the village hall for 8.20am as we leave on the bus for 8.30am. If you would like to go, please contact Vivienne on vivienne.green@tycoch.net as we have a few seats available.

Also if members are interested in our last trip of the year to Buscot Park ,near Swindon, please let Viv know asap.

And finally

Congratulations to Judith and Jake from the allotment group on the birth of baby Freya! we're excited to have an extra member on board!



War Memorial Flowers - July

6th July - Maragret Ashby, 13th July - Shauny Beasley,
20th July - Lucy Cavell-Northam, 27th July - Vanessa Lowery,
3rd August - Sandy A-W



Village Lottery

This months winner, so far, is Sue Alder whose lucky number matched the Lotto Bonus Ball drawn on Saturday 1st June. She will be receiving a winners cheque for £25. For your chance to win and support our Village Church phone Ian Lowery to secure your lucky number (01327 830823). Only £1 per week.



Litchborough Ladies - 12th July

Litchborough Ladies next meeting will be held on Friday 12th July 10.30am - 12.00 noon at the home of Susie Heygate, Litchborough Hall, Banbury Road. Thank you to Julie for hosting our June get together. It was a lovely setting to meet and enjoy good company and delicious cakes overlooking your beautiful garden.

See you soon - Jan Hutchings 01327-830877

DATES OF LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Farthingstone

Saturday July 6th Theatre in the Joy Mead. The White Cobra theatre group are once again visiting our village for their production of '**James and the Giant Peach**', based on the Roald Dahl story. Tickets are £10 per adult and £8 per child and can be purchased via: www.whitecobra.co.uk/tickets

Saturday, July 13th, Annual Joy Mead Tea

This event is **FREE** to all Farthingstone residents in memory of Joy Agnew, for whom Joy Mead is named. We hope to see many of our Farthingstone neighbours there, please let us know if you will be joining us at info@joymead.org (this helps us plan the catering needed and in the spirit of sustainability keep food waste to a minimum.

Notice is hereby given of the Village Hall Annual General Meeting

**Monday 17th July
7.00pm for 7.15pm
in the Village Hall**

Anyone interested in matters affecting the Village Hall is very welcome.

Refreshments available

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We may not have one but there is a huge selection of books for adults and children as well as tapes in the box pew in St. Martins Church. Do go and check it out-the church is open from 10.00am-4.00pm every day A small donation is appreciated or just borrow and return when read.



PLEASE READ Playing Field Rubbish Bin

Please do NOT put your Dog Poo Bags in the playing field rubbish bin. The Dog Poo Bin is just over the stile at the side of the Playing

Field or take it to the one opposite the war memorial by the Deer Park. Also dirty nappies should not be left in the bin either. Please take them home. It is not a commercial cleaning company who empty the bin and it is not very nice for the willing volunteers who do empty the bin when checking the Play Area. We hope we don't have to make this request again - THANK YOU



Air Ambulance Clothes Bank Now in the Village Hall Car Park

There are several people from this village who have been extremely grateful for the local Air Ambulance



Service and living in a rural area are more than aware of the need for its service.. So save the fuel on going to find a clothes bank and pop along to the Village Hall and donate your items (list on the Bank) to this very deserving cause.



Welcome to Litchborough

We are delighted to welcome John and Sally Barker and their two sons Ethan and Leo to our lovely village. Whilst they moved in in May I have only just met them and was delighted to discover Sally is the daughter of Mary Cave a long standing regular visitor to Litchborough and carer of the sheep at Nogs Barn where Sally and her family now live and are already involved in village life.

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Litchborough's Olympic 2020 Medal Winner rows again in Paris in 2024

James Rudkin, whose parents live on Farthingstone Rd, is competing in the Paris 2024 Olympics later this month. He is part of the GB rowing team and rows in the Mens 8+. At the delayed 2020 Tokyo games, James and his crew won a bronze medal, and as they are the current European and World Champions, hope to improve on that this time! After final training camps in Austria and Portugal, the rowing team travels to Paris on 22nd July and the Olympic regatta takes place between Sat 27th July and Sat 3rd August. There will be coverage of all the rowing on BBC - please give him a cheer, during what will be an extremely nail biting time for his family!! Litchborough wishes him and team well.



Here's some practical advice you can follow when it comes to dealing with suspicious messages and calls:

- If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly using the contact details on their official website.
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- Always report suspicious text messages or scam call numbers, free of charge, to 7726. Your provider can find out where the text came from and block or ban the sender.
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