

Long Whatton News

SEPTEMBER 2021



Have you ever wondered where the name Long Whatton came from? The story behind it starts almost one thousand years ago and is told inside.

Thank you to Ed Kennedy, our church warden for helping us out with this month's front cover photograph. Welcome to the September edition.

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EDITORS COMMENTS

Thank you to all who have responded to our plea for distributors - Jo Smith and Lisa and family, who have been helping from the start. Jane Patterson who is a veteran of three months now and new volunteers Sue Bird and Beryl Wheeler.

We should mention Jeff Humphries who supplies us with some superb wildlife photos, and all the contributors who take the time to report for us.

If you have an out-of-the-ordinary job, something most people won't have thought of, we would love to hear from you. Email us at the address below.

THE LONG WHATTON NEWS

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COPY DEADLINE

The copy deadline for articles for the October issue of the Long Whatton News is 19th September.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We would like to wish Lord Crawshaw many happy returns for his birthday on 14th September. He'll be 87 years old.

If you would like to celebrate someone's birthday with a mention in the magazine just send us an email with their name, the date and their age. Longwhattonnews@gmail.com

COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BACK

The first of the new Refresh coffee mornings takes place on Monday the 13th September 2021 at The Falcon Inn.

They will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome, the cost is £2.50 for coffee, tea and biscuits.

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LOCAL WILDLIFE *The brown hare*

This month we're going to look at fast rabbits, or to give them their real name Hares. They can be seen in the fields around the village, but it is easy to mistake them for rabbits at first glance.

The brown hare is golden-brown, with a pale belly and a white tail. They are larger than rabbits, and easily distinguished by their longer, powerful legs and very long ears with distinctive black tips.

They are thought to have been introduced into the UK in Roman times or even earlier, but are now considered naturalised. Hares prefer grassland habitats and woodland edges, favouring an area consisting of arable fields, grasses and hedgerows.

They graze on vegetation and the bark of young trees and bushes. Unlike rabbits Brown hares do not dig burrows, but shelter in shallow depressions in the ground or grass, known as forms, that they hollow out themselves.

When disturbed, they can be seen bounding across the fields, using their powerful hind legs to propel them forwards, often in a zigzag pattern. They rely on acute senses and running at speeds of up to 45mph to evade predators.

You are most likely to see brown hares in early spring when the breeding season encourages fighting or 'boxing'. If you spot brown hares 'boxing' in the fields, you are probably seeing a female warding off the advances of an amorous male, not two males

fighting. If a fight does happen, the two hares will stand on their hind legs and attack each other with their front paws, pulling out fur, looking like two boxers in a ring.

Females can produce three to four litters of two to four young, which are known as leverets, a year. Once a day for the first four weeks of their lives, the leverets gather at sunset to be fed by the female, but otherwise they receive no parental care. This avoids attracting predators.

Although not as common as rabbits, they are widespread on low ground throughout England, Wales and Scotland. They have



Photo supplied by Jeff Humphries of a Hare just north of the village. "On what was a dark morning a sudden beam of sunlight lit him up well".

been more recently introduced to Northern Ireland, but have not spread far. They have also been introduced to the Isle of Man and Mainland Orkney. In Scotland, brown hares are found on farmland and rough grazing to the far north of the mainland, but are absent from parts of the North West. Brown hares are

replaced by mountain hares in upland areas of Scotland and central England.

Sadly their numbers have declined substantially since the beginning of this century. Modern cereal farms provide little or no food for hares in late summer and autumn and livestock farms have few crops for them to hide in. Farm machinery and pesticides are also a big factor. There are also more foxes – their main predator – in the countryside than there were a hundred years ago.

 Long Whatton Playgroup presents...

The Long Whatton Scarecrow

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Competition

Don't miss it!

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September 2021

To register your scarecrow for the competition, complete a registration form no later than Monday 13th September. Registration forms are available from Long Whatton Village shop for £2



Voting sheets will be available to purchase for £1 from the village shop from Thursday 16th September. The scarecrow with the most votes wins a prize!



Saturday 18th September

12:00 - 3:00

To register for the table top sale complete a registration form no later than Monday 13th September. Registration forms are available from Long Whatton Village shop for £2

Table top sale maps will be available to purchase for £1 from the village shop from Thursday 16th September.

AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB *Baking wedding cakes*

Baking cakes. Doesn't sound particularly out of the ordinary. Sounds a bit nine to five. But these are wedding cakes. The centre piece of the wedding reception, the brides dream cake on one of the most important days of her life...

Smith Street Bakers, a duo comprised of two best friends, have been making wedding cakes in the village for three years.

Becky Street has had a passion for baking cakes since her teenage years and her accomplice, Joanna Fleetwood-Smith, has always enjoyed decorating or 'making it look pretty'. They started by making the odd cake for friends and family, but as a job it was just a dream.

Until, three years ago, circumstances changed for both of them and they took the opportunity to turn their passion into a business.

Commissions come from recommendation and social media, but mostly from wedding fayres. Busy season for weddings is mid spring to early autumn, birthday cakes are more consistent through the year but peak in summer, so wedding fayres occur in early autumn and February to April.

Preparation for a fayre is intense. A range of dummy cakes ranging from traditional

to show-stopping has to be made to grab the eye of would be clients. Next years business depends on this. And something new has to be presented at every fayre.

All sorts of cake and buttercream samples need to be made fresh in large quantities for each show. Little is left at the end.

To produce a wedding cake some work can be done in advance, but because the cake has to be as fresh on the day as possible most of the work can only be done from three days before right up to the last minute. This means

late nights and weekends, layering, icing and decorating. The delivery of the cake an hour at most before the reception is the deadline and the timing for production is worked out from there. Decorating is usually finished an hour or less before the cake is delivered to the reception venue. There is little on no margin for errors. The pressure is on to get it right first time.

Occasionally, two weddings are catered for in one week, albeit on different days, which means burning more midnight oil.

The trend towards semi-naked cakes means they have to be kept cool during production

to the extent of air conditioning and delivered in chilled, insulated boxes for added pressure.

Definitely not nine to five, but apparently very satisfying.





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LOST *Rev Louise Corke*

We found it hard to believe; a participant on a recent training course I was on said she would get lost walking from the hotel to the conference venue. Really? You come out of the hotel, turn right and keep going straight along the road for 12 minutes. Yet sure enough, on the first morning, it took her 25 minutes, flummoxed by a roundabout with 5 exits. Now, I've got a reasonable sense of direction, but I too got completely lost last week on a walk through the National Forest. I had a map, but the marked paths and the current pattern of tracks isn't an exact match, and once in the trees, there were few landmarks to use. When I did finally emerge, I could see a church with a spire; what I wanted was a church with a tower. So now where was I?

It's not difficult to lose our bearings, however steady we might think we are; unexpected news whether good or bad, can

throw us off our set pathway and require us to look again. I wonder what life map you take with you? What clear, established landmarks do you look for when you are lost? For me, I will always go back to Jesus' teaching as recorded in the bible, my own walk with God and the invaluable common sense of wise, loving friends.

In an attempt to make the map of Jesus' teaching freely available, Gideon bibles have been freely gifted in places where folk might feel stranded or lost and without sure landmarks: hospitals, schools and colleges, military bases, prisons, with a guide at the front to help people find their way. There are a few pocket Gideon bibles (New Testament and Psalms) in each of our churches, near the door. They are for the community and free to take away – just look for the Gideon insignia on the front!



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KARATE

It was fantastic to finally see karate make its inaugural appearance at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games after a year's delay. And enthusiasm for sport in general is being reignited by what was a wonderful world event.

As it currently stands, unfortunately karate won't make an appearance in Paris at the 2024 Olympics, but we are aware that the world governing bodies are starting to work together and are advocating for its re-inclusion from 2028 in time for following Olympics in Los Angeles.

The club has seen increased interest from people as a result of karate and other martial arts appearing in the Olympics, which has continued the flow of new starters into the club. For our more experienced club members, our focus is now on getting them ready for the next grading opportunity which will be on 26th September. Some of these club members were only days away from a first or second grading when the initial restrictions came into force back in March last year, so we are

determined to help them succeed in getting to the next grade in recognition of their determination, tenacity and hard work.

Interested in giving karate a try? We now run a junior class from 5:45pm and then a second session from 6:45pm for our slightly older children and adults. Anyone who would like to learn karate can take advantage of our free trial session offer to see if it is for them. Get in touch via our Facebook Page @longwhatton karate, e-mail the club at longwhattonkarate@gmail.com, or contact the club secretary on 07714335598

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THE QUEENSTOWN LAMB *A poem by David Griffiths*

He was a carefree lamb and meek
When he was born at Walter Peak.
Life was just a jolly game.
No thought of fortune, wealth or fame.
It was the little fella's pride
To sleep out on the mountainside.
From there each morning he'd awake
To snow capped mountains and the lake.
The parasailers in the sky,
The SS Earnslaw chugging by.
But once, forgetting it was steep
Our lamb turned over in his sleep
And before he'd time to think,
He found himself down in the drink.
Now it was fortunate for him
That he had lately learnt to swim!

His boss immediately knew
He was too good to Bar-B-Q,
So he kept him at the farm
Least he should come to further harm.
Our lamb thought long about his fall
Until it hit him like a wall-
-A piece of wool tied to one's feet
Would make security complete
Or-better still-make that elastic-
Then the result would be fantastic.
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WHY LONG WHATTON? *A history of the name*

With a ready water supply from the brook and fertile, heavy clay soil, perfect for crops and livestock, nestling in a shallow valley, our village was typical of successful settlements of the time.

But when did it get a name? And where did it come from?

Long Whatton doesn't appear amongst the 13,000 places listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 - the 913 page survey of the lands and settlements in England at the time.

Shepshed is featured and we were included in its borders. Diseworth and Hathern were listed. There were dwellings and farms here, enough to be a settlement, but we had no name.

Before that, in 1066 a younger son of Gautier de Tirel left his home in Picardy and travelled to England with the Duke of Normandy. He settled in Nottinghamshire in Watone in the Vale and took Watone as the family name. The family thrived through the centuries although the name is variously spelled Waton, Wooton, Wotton, Watton, Whathon and later on, sometimes Whatton.

Still, up until the 1400s we had no name or it was never written in the surviving records.

Then, in the reign of Henry IV, in the early 1400s Sir John de Whatton of Watton in the Vale, acquired a Manor here from the Basset family as a second seat. This may well be the manor house just north of the church, on the corner of Mill Lane. At that time there were two moated manor houses, a church and many smaller dwellings here.

Sir John had four children, Robert, John (who became Prior of Ulverscroft), Alice and Richard. The eldest, Robert, took up residence at the Manor, bringing the name Whatton into

the settlement. And at some point after Robert of Whatton arrived the settlement acquired a name: Whatton.

Of course there was another place called

Whatton not so far away, so some records, no doubt to avoid confusion, began referring to our Whatton as *Whatton (Long)*, this is probably because, in the eighteenth century, the village was recorded as

being a mile from East to West.

And that is how we eventually got a name.

Robert de Whatton had three children. The eldest, also named Robert died at around 48 years of age leaving a daughter, Elizabeth and a son, John.

The only remains of the Family in Long Whatton Church is a broken, blue, flat stone, dated 1542, with the inscription "*Pray for the soule of Robert Whatton, arm, whych decessed the V day of March, anno Dom MCCCXLII, On whose soule I. H. U. (i. e, Jesus) have mercy, amen*".



Robert Whatton's stone at All Saints Church

Way back, in Medieval times Shepshed was called Scepesbefde Regis because of the sheep farming, Loughborough was named Loughburne which means 'fortified place'. Long Whatton didn't have a name then, but we eventually got one a different way.

WHATTON HOUSE GARDENS: SEASONAL APPEAL *by William Stanger*

Most of the team have not seen the garden for a complete year, consequently this first year has been about getting things under control and observing the existing planting. There is a long list of potential projects that could be done to improve the garden. Some of this is focused on providing something of interest in every season. Spring was glorious with the daffodils; early summer was good with a number of flowering shrubs and trees. The main event now is the herbaceous border. There are a number of interesting plants in the herbaceous border, but it does need a good sort out come the autumn or next spring. What we have yet to witness is the autumn colour. Walking around you will notice a number of Japanese maples. I have also noted other good trees that will provide some interest later on. We have to review the gardens overall performance and how we can ensure there is

always something of interest.

The first component of a year-round planting scheme is an underpinning of evergreens and plenty of early bulbs. Evergreen shrubs are useful for adding year-round structure and help anchor the rest of the scheme. Box has become too unreliable but there are a number of other options. We have used Pittosporum trimmed as globes in the private garden and it would be good to introduce Sarcococca to other parts of the garden. Useful small evergreens include daphnes, ferns, bergenias and hellebores. It is advisable to limit the evergreens to 30%, to leave room for summer effects. Grasses look good, if winters are not too wet.

Cyclamen coum planted under shrubs will add much needed colour early in the year along with other bulbs such as snowdrops, scillas, and Iris reticulata. Bulbs are particularly useful

in new schemes as they fill in the gaps while other things grow. Tulips are a good call for

instant colour, followed by Alliums and regale lilies.



The herbaceous border with the show stopper Buddleja alternifolia

I like to include a number of plants that look good even when they are not in flower. This includes using more colourful foliage. More recently we have planted the purple leaved Physocarpus 'Diabolo'. We have used Fatsia and Acanthus for their architectural foliage in shady areas, and bearded Iris in sun. This element of planting is generally about 20%, more if ornamental grasses are used.



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WHATTON HOUSE GARDENS *Continued*

The next 30% consists of the dependables that have a long flowering season. Geranium 'Rozanne' is top of the list, also Aster x frikartii 'Mönch'. Japanese anemones are hard to leave out, and are useful for dry shade areas. It varies throughout the garden, and we are constantly making notes on what is doing well, and where improvements need to be made.

The last 20% is left for star performers. I am thinking about using the old-fashioned roses. They have the advantage of being able to withstand more shade and poor soil. They may only flower once, but compensate with colourful rosehips, providing they are not deadheaded. Dahlias are treasured for

flowering for three months, but do need staking and winter protection.

So that is how we endeavoured to ensure you always have something worth seeing at Whatton House Garden. Each year we hope to carry out new projects, so the garden goes from strength to strength.

William Stanger of Four Winds Horticulture is a local Garden Consultant and international writer. He is advising Whatton House on the garden's regeneration. He has worked at various gardens in the U.K and New Zealand including The Savill Garden and Dunedin Botanic Garden. He has a M.A. in Historic Designed Landscapes and a BSc Hons in Green Space Management.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish council would like to give a huge thank you to everyone that took the time to complete the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. The survey results are available to view at www.lwdpc.org.uk. Search for planning and then Neighbourhood Plan.

The purchase of the Long Whatton Methodist Church is still under careful consideration. Villagers are invited to email parishcouncil@lwdpc.org.uk with their own views on the matter. The subjects particularly under consideration are usage, upkeep and parking.

The position of Long Whatton Parish Councillor is still vacant. If you think this could be for you and want to know more or submit an application, all the details for the position are on the Parish Council website. <https://www.lwdpc.org.uk/news/2020/06/parish-councillor-vacancy1>.

The Parish Council meet on a monthly basis, usually the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd September 7.00pm.

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A NEW TERM *at Playgroup*

September sees Playgroup staff and children returning from the summer break all bright eyed and bushy tailed. Over the summer, whilst the children have been busy having adventures with their families, our Playgroup Manager Gale has been busy sorting, tidying and rearranging the indoor space. As a registered charity we are always very grateful of any donations of toys, books and craft materials so thank you to the kind people who have recently donated items to us.

Just a reminder that our that our Table Top Sale is planned for Saturday 18th September and the Scarecrow competition will take place on both Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September. We really hope that all the lovely residents of Long Whatton will get behind our fundraising event and show their support by joining in with both of these events.

All the details about the events can be found in the advert in this magazine, on our Facebook page or on the posters around the village.

FOLK NIGHTS

Tigerfolk, a traditional folk club begins it's regular monthly events at The Falcon this month, starting at 7.30 pm

The calendar for the rest of the year is:
 September 14th Welcome Sing
 October 12th Keith Kendrick & Sylvia Needham
 November 4th Barbara Dymock & Chris Marra
 December 14th "Carolling and Crumpets" with John Kirkpatrick

For any more information contact John on 07982254298

The Long Whatton News would like to hear from you about your club or event or anything news-worthy about the village. Email us at
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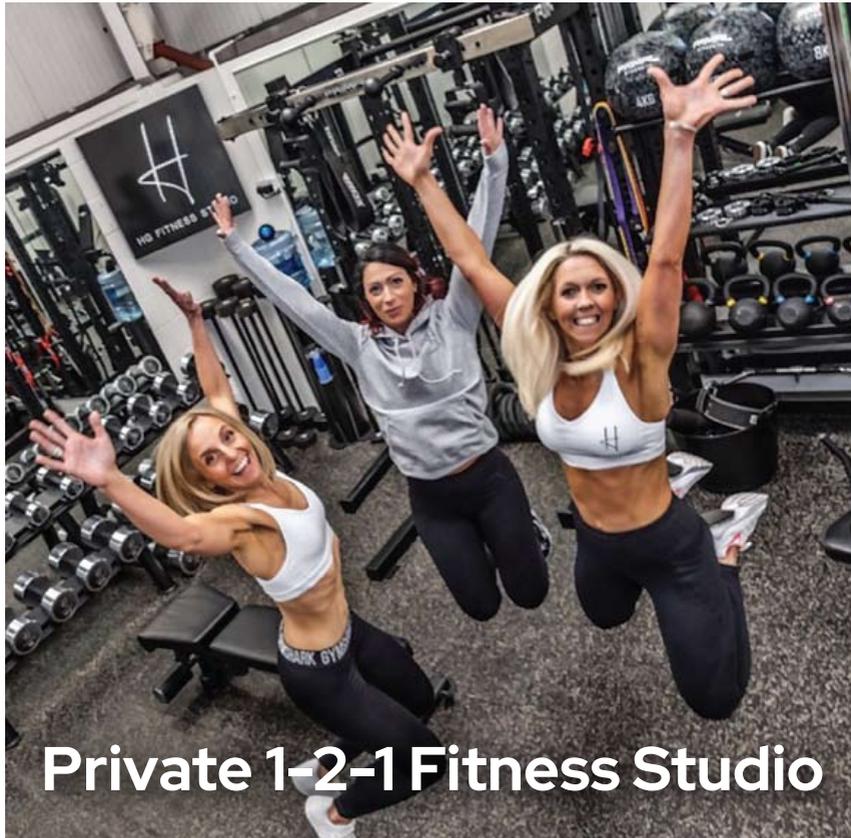
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CHICKEN, CHORIZO AND LEEK PIE

In the first Cookery Column I wrote for the 'new' News back in April I said ... 'each Month I'll present recipes with few ingredients and easy to follow instructions'.

Rukmini Iyer is an author, recipe writer, and food stylist.

At work Rukmini is surrounded by food, often with dishes that have been complicated to make and taken hours to prepare. She prefers, when cooking for her family and friends, to spend 10 minutes or so preparing something that then takes 30 minutes to cook in a single roasting tin.

I recently bought a copy of one of her books 'The Quick Roasting Tin' and have since cooked several recipes from it, each one has been simple to put together and delicious to eat.

Here is one of those recipes I'd like to share with you - Chicken, Chorizo and Leek Pie (Serves 4)

What you need

- 2 Leeks, finely sliced
- 4 Chicken breasts cut into large chunks
- 120g Chorizo diced
- 300g Crème Fraiche
- Half a lemon, zest and juice

- A little salt and pepper
- 1 egg
- 1 320g ready rolled puff pastry

What you do

- Pre heat the oven to 180C fan/200c/Gas mark 6

Tip the leeks into a bowl, pour over a kettleful of boiling water and leave for 2 minutes

· Drain the leeks then tip into the roasting tin, along with the chicken, chorizo, crème fraiche, lemon zest and juice, a little salt and a good grinding of pepper. Give everything a good stir, then brush the edges of the tin with a little beaten egg and lay the pastry on top.

· Use your thumbs or a fork to press the pastry against the edges of the tin, brush the

pastry with the beaten egg cut a cross into the middle to allow the steam to escape.

- Transfer to the oven and bake for 25-30 minutes



If you have any ideas for 'Themed Recipes' you'd like to see or if you have any queries or comments email alanc9989@gmail.com

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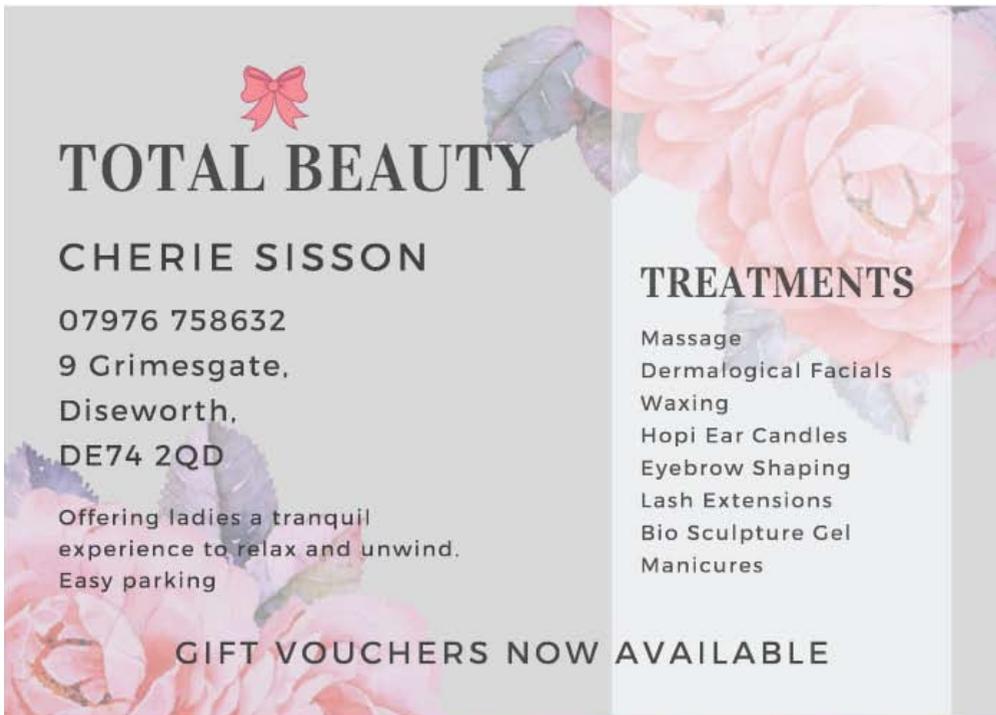
The Knit and Natter group have organised a coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Charity on Saturday 23rd October 2021 10am – 12pm at The Friendship Centre.

Tea, coffee, homemade cakes, stalls, bric a brac, knitted goods, Christmas presents, raffle and more will be on offer.

The group would like to thank everyone

who donated wool after our last appeal which we've managed to use up. In fact if you come along you might see your wool in our knitted gifts! We always need wool so if you have any we will happily pick it up. Just call Lesley on 01509 506714

We look forward to seeing you all for a cuppa and a chat!



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CRICKET CLUB *Difficult Times for Under 13s*

As I write, another U13's game has been postponed, this time due to the weather. It has been a tough season for the LWCC under 13's. We have been hampered by a number of things. Firstly, loss of players since the pandemic. In the summer of 2019, we had a really strong group and won 90% of games played and were looking forward to the group growing together as a team. As with all sports, we didn't play during the summer of 2020 due to Covid and a number of players that had been with the club for a number of years moved on. Some games have been cancelled due to our opponents not being able to field a full team due to lack of players, other commitments (the football and rugby seasons finished late) and of course the weather.

Despite this, we have a core group of eight players who, when played, have put everything into their games and have been very unlucky in most matches played. Winning and losing can be defined by very fine margins at times. This season has been difficult but the boys will learn from this and we will be stronger next season. Writing on behalf of the coaching/management team, the boys have been a joy to coach and manage and we look forward to the group developing and becoming a stronger team unit. I would like to say thank you to players parents Simon, Guy and Jeff for their continued support to the LWCC coaching and management team.

We are coming to the end of the All Stars and Dynamos sessions which have been hugely successful and it has been awesome to see circa

30+ children on a Tuesday evening enjoying the sport and importantly being active. As a club we put on the eight-week sessions prescribed by the ECB but extended this by a further four weeks to enable the children to continue their introduction to the sport

during the summer for a further four weeks.

This has been very well received by parents and guardians. On the back these sessions, we have graduated 3 players from Dynamos into the U13's hard ball team and graduated a number of the All Stars into Dynamos. Player numbers for the junior

teams and recruitment is always a challenge but by providing the early years All Stars and Dynamos sessions, we have seen and hope to see many more players progress to and enjoy the hard ball game. Finally, these sessions would not be available without the committed support of Lynsey, Anna, Ravi, Sonya and not forgetting assistance by Lauren and Ollie, Tom and Charlie.

James (All Stars coach/U13's joint manager)

03/07/21 13:00 Division 4 West
Kegworth Town 2 v Long Whatton
04/09/21 12:30 Division 4 West
Long Whatton v Kegworth Town 2
04/09/21 12:30 Division 8 West
Appleby Magna 2 v Long Whatton 2
11/09/21 12:30 Division 4 West
Anstey & Glenfield v Long Whatton
18/09/21 12:00 Division 4 West
Maher v Long Whatton

ALEX LOWES RACING UPDATE

As we go to press, Alex Lowes has raced at two more World Superbike rounds.

On 25th July at the Dutch round at Assen he crashed out of race one, finished 6th in race two and 7th in the last race.

At the Czech round on August 8th he crashed in the first race but remounted to finish 13th, came 7th in race two and 6th in race three. He is still 4th in the championship standings. The Suzuka 8hr race was cancelled.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS *Anne Matravers*

We very urgently need one or two people to take on the role of Church treasurer. I have now been the treasurer for about 24 years and really feel that it is time to pass the position on to someone else while I am still able to be helpful to whoever takes it on!! It is not an arduous task and could easily be split between two people. The treasurer does not need to be a churchgoer but would be expected to attend 4 PCC's a year plus the AGM in order to keep the PCC up to date. What you do need to be is someone with a love for this wonderful heritage of ours and wonderful ideas about how to financially ensure the future of the church for the whole village community.

If you feel this is something you could do, please get in touch with me (without necessarily committing yourself) so we can talk

THE OLDEST AND LONGEST

Continuing our quest to find the oldest person in the village, how old they are and who has lived in the village the longest, we have some more entries.

Lord Crawshaw is 87 in September. Born in 1934, he has lived in the village all his life except for a brief move to Scotland as a child during the war, then moved in to the Old Manor House before returning to Whatton House.

Babs Hanson is currently 89 years old and has lived here for 85 of them, currently in Rose Cottage.

Philip Hunt is 90. He was born in Hobbs Yard and has lived here for all ninety of those years. He resides at 70 Main Street now.

Enid Smith was born on 8th December, 97 years ago

Let us know if you think you might be or know the oldest person in the village. We will publish our final findings in the October issue.

about it.

Email me anne.matravers@talktalk.net preferably or phone me on 07749 503999. Alternatively you can get in touch with Rev Lauretta by phone on 01509 678966 or email ljwilson33@btinternet.com

Thank you.

GIRL GUIDES

This month we've all had a little rest from our weekly meetings for the school holidays.

Long Whatton and Kegworth Rainbows had an exciting day out on Saturday 14th August at a County Level Girlguiding organised event called Bounce! There were 3 zones; Bounce back, Bounce around, Bounce off. The rainbows took part in den making, garden games, bubbles, inflatables, go-karts, bouldering, made s'mores, photo booths, sat through a lovely falconry display and had a campfire with songs at the end. The girls were amazingly behaved and we all had a lot of fun together! It was lovely for them to see lots of other girls in their units too and also a treat for me to say hello to many leader friends that I haven't seen for the past year too!

It was the first rainbow outing many of them have been to having missed out so much in the last year and a half. For some it might be the only one they do because they'll be 7 before we know it and moving on to Brownies! Luckily there will be more adventures waiting for them there.

I need another pair of hands in September. Could you be that helper I need? No experience needed, just enthusiasm!

If you would like to volunteer or your daughter would like to join in the fun please get in touch at crawshawdistrictguiding@outlook.com or register your interest at www.girlguiding.org



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Pay is £9.43 per hour

Please contact the School Office for further information or email: Office@longwhattonschool.org Tel:01509842239

Governor Vacancy - The School are also looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

The school governor role includes:

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

Driving school improvement.

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

They are looking for someone who can attend approximately three full governing body meetings per year and around three committee meetings per year. Meetings are held in school. Governors also spend time in school during the day as part of their monitoring visits. You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more please email office@longwhattonschool.org

CHARNWOOD TALKING NEWS

Each week for over 40 years, teams of volunteers have been producing recordings of the Loughborough Echo which are distributed FREE to the visually impaired in Charnwood.

The system is fairly simple – we have 7 recording teams, each taking a week in turn. The recording of the Echo is roughly an hour long, but in addition to this, thanks to the Talking News Federation, there are also downloads of popular magazines – weeklies/ fortnightlies and monthlies. These total between 6-8 hours. The recording is given to the University who duplicate it on memory sticks for our listeners. The recordings are sent out in post -free – in yellow pouches to each listener. When the listener has finished with the stick it is put back into the pouch, the address label is reversed and the pouch sent back free of charge in the post.

For over 40 years, teams of volunteers have been producing recordings of the News which are distributed free to the visually impaired in Charnwood

To listen to the recordings we provide a free boombox to each listener. A volunteer will deliver the box and guide the listener on how to use it.

CTN was halted for a while due to Covid but is back in full production. The number of members in the recording teams has been reduced, but the University is still able to duplicate these. In the past volunteers from the pouch sorting teams went to the University to organise the pouches but these have now been replaced by students at Sense College, formerly RNIB College.

If you would like to use this service, please ring Ann Parsons on 01509 232422, or email: caroleannparsons@hotmail.com to discuss the supply your boombox and to get you started.



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