

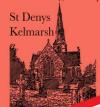
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St Michael's Haselbech



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Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



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Dear Friends



Whilst we continue to face many challenges - and no doubt will face new ones in the months ahead ó we have achieved a great deal as we have travelled through the horrors of the pandemic. There has been a real sense of community and solidarity, a willingness to put others first, to protect the most vulnerable, and care for the sick and fearful.

We have recognised with renewed clarity that our lives are relational, that isolation is not a natural state, is difficult to cope with, and not often something we would choose. Of course, the isolation we are experiencing is not chosen but imposed, and that in many ways makes it even harder to bear. We are used to the freedom to come and go as we please, to meet with friends and family, to shop when we like, and where we like. How life changed!

As we are discovering, though, imposing restrictions is much easier than lifting them, particularly if they cannot be lifted completely and need careful consideration and monitoring. As I write this, some restrictions are being relaxed but I would be surprised if, by the time you read this, it is entirely clear what the road ahead looks like in terms of getting back to meeting freely, and without social distancing.

For many weeks now, our church buildings have been closed, but the church has continued in ministry, in worship and in prayer. How soon we can return to our buildings is difficult to judge but the first step is likely to be **very** small baptisms, weddings and funerals, which may be able to take place from June. If they are permitted, it is unlikely that there will be any singing as the social distancing required for that is 4 metres, which is pretty difficult to achieve in any meaningful way. Inevitably, hygiene has to be a priority, and we have been advised that a church will require deep cleaning before and after any service, to ensure removal of any lingering virus. It is my hope that a time-lag (days not hours) between church services, will enable us to avoid this requirement. However, this obviously precludes building being open day by day.

This all means that for a little while yet we will remain in exile ó but only from bricks and mortar. As I have already said, we are relational, just as God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is relational. God, of course, is perfect relationship, perfect love, whilst we are not ó although, in that respect, it seems to me that we might now have a better idea of what it means to be made in Godøs image.

You have been wonderful witnesses in your loving care for your neighbours, near and far, and I am delighted to see initiatives popping up that reflect our responsibility towards one another. It is hugely encouraging to see, that in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty, love flourishes in our communities. And where love is, there we meet God.

With my love and prayers for you and all your loved ones,

Míranda



John the Baptist 21st June

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, who ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold, he comes, saith Jehovah" (Mal. 3:1).

Good Neighbours

We are sorry we canot meet again in June, but hope you are enjoying all the Good Neighbourlinessøin Welford at the moment. Stay safe.



Sue and Jane

THE MAGAZINE

Online
The Magazine can be viewed online, in
glorious colour at
www.nasebygroup.org

SIBBERTOFT NEWS



Well May has been the month that the inan on the rung project caught the interest and imagination of our village and has extended to friends and family across the country and the world! Since writing my first report in the April magazine I can now confirm I have completed just over 4 marathons and God and my health willing should be 5 by the time you read this update. I am keeping a diary on the days I go out running recording the sights and sounds I encounter. I have been observing the changing weather patterns from late winter into a glorious warm spring which has been a joy to witness. Most of my runs (between 4 and 6 miles) take place in the early morning when the birds are busy feeding their young, the calves gather at the gate on the field on the airfield road. Because of lock down very few cars or planes disturb the beauty of this special time. I have been privileged to have see a Short Eared owl gliding up and down the avenue of trees one calm slightly misty morning. I was forced to stop and take in the beauty of this wonderful bird or pray seemingly not bothered by my presence in day glow pink before it finally turned across the fields and went on its way. I knew I had witnessed something very special we are all very blessed and fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the world.



Sibbertoft **Pop up Shops** are going strong and have brought our village community together in such a strong positive way. Every Saturday from 10am to 4pm Cynthia Bailey and myself set out our Plant and Produce stalls at the bottom of our drives offering a wide range of seasonal ornamental and vegetable plants, Jam & marmalade all home grown or made from last seasons crop. We are now also blessed to have the skills and enthusiasm of Heather Montgomery (baker) and Sue McRae who host the most delicious home made cake stall (8 Welland Rise) this has become the highlight of the week for many villagers. We are carefully managing our social distancing whist enjoying a neighbourly chat and provide hand washing facilities. Additional social needs are being met by our Friday evening Zoom Quiz hosted by Derek Hartshorne. We have no shortage of volunteers to provide quiz questions and subject to there being no serious technology problems a great evening entertainment is enjoyed by those who log in.



VE day was an extra special night fun with the 'Sibbertoft big night in \$\phi40\$ logins on Zoom bringing together around 100 friends and family. Brains were seriously tested on their knowledge of World War 2 facts. Plus musical presentations from 6 different people connected to the village. Artistic talents were deployed to produce the best crafted Union flag Adult and children's categories. The evening was rounded off by a game of \(\frac{1}{2}play your cards right the winner receiving a beautifully themed world war 2 cake made by the talented Cindy Cade.

As I write this piece I am truly overwhelmed by what is happening in the village. We are all finding the joy of COMMUNITY and sharing time together. We must not forget the underlying reason why this is happening ó Coved 19 Pandemic, which of course is causing devastation to many people with loss of loved ones, huge financial burdens and anxiety. People are stronger together. However long we must endure these strange and difficult times let us remember and pledge to build on the good that has come from such an evil.

Thank you to everyone who has, is or will support our community fundraising project.

Money raised to date via give.net search Nan on the Run £1993.00 Pop up shops £1474.00

Thank you, I will carry on running if you continue to support.

Lesley Hartshorne

QUIZ FOR



- 1.Born in June 1944 which actor made his leading role debut in TV's Jesus of Nazareth?
- 2. Which Beatles album was released in June 1967?
- 3. in June 1946 the TV licence was introduced. How many pounds did it cost?
- 4. In June 1979 Rhodesia became what?
- 5. The author Rider Haggard was born in June 1856. What is his most famous novel?
- 6. Born in June 1932, which actress played Basil Fawlty's wife?
- 7. In June 1814 the first cricket match at a new ground was played between the MCC and Hertfordshire. What was the ground? 8.in June 1937, The Brown Bomber became world Heavyweight boxing champion. What was the real name of this boxer?
- 9. Alan Turing was born in June 1912, which code was he instrumental in cracking during WWII?
- 10. The International Olympic Committee was founded on this day in 1894, where were the first modern Olympic Games held?
- 11. In June 48bc who defeated Pompey to become absolute ruler of Rome?
- 12. In June 1801 what was first conducted in Britain?
- 13. In June 1956, Arthur Miller, the playwright, married which actress in London?
- 14. In June 1966, what became the first credit card in Britain?
- 15. In June 1913, suffragette, Emily Davison was fatally injured. How?

^{1.}Robert Powell 2. Sergeant Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band 3.£2 4.Zimbabwe 5.King Solomons Mines 6.Prunella Scales 7.Lords 8. Jo

⁹ Enigma Code 10.Athens 11.Julius Caesar 12.Cencus 13.Marilyn Monroe 14.Barclaycard 15. Hit by the Kings horse at the Derby



Coronation Day 2nd June 1953

Westminster Abbey has been the setting for every coronation Since 1066 and Elizabeth was the 39th Sovereign to be crowned.

The recipe for the Anointing Oil contains oils of orange, roses, cinnamon, musk and ambergris.

A total of 8,251 guests attended and 129 territories were Represented.

17 million people in the UK (out of a 36 million population) watched the ceremony on TV and 11 million listen ed on radio.

It was attended by 2000 journalists from 92 countries.

Just under 30,000 men took part in the procession.

Coronation Chicken was created for guests.

On the same day Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay Conquered Everest.



URGENT FOOD BANK COLLECTION HOPE CENTRE NORTHAMPTON

Food banks across the country are facing unprecedented demand and finding it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of such large numbers.

The Hope Centre in Northampton has requested urgently need help. I you can make donations of non-perishable goods, collection points have been set up as follows:-

Marston Trussell Christine Otway, 9 Main St. opposite the

Church Hall

Sibbertoft Sue McCrae, 42 Welland Rise and

The Church porch, and pop-up shops

Welford Vicky Johnson, 15 Salford Close and

The Church porch

Some families are struggling to feed themselves at the best of times, but during the current crisis their lives are even more challenging. With your help the Hope Centre will ensure that food gets to those without, and support those who need it.

WELFORD'S Postman Pat



Following the generosity of countless individuals, organisations,

businesses and organisations, work is now underway to get a new carving back to Welford.

Using oak, the new work will be professionally painted and mounted.

His inauguration is planned for July



Welford WI

In present circumstances as we are unable to hold our regular monthly meetings, Welford WI are producing a weekly newsletter for our members. This includes recipes, quizzes, humorous articles and any news Items and advice.

We have various boxes of books or jigsaws available to take to members homes for lending, swapping or selling, with any proceeds going to our nominated charity, Kettering Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

We have also started holding a weekly virtual coffee morning on Tuesdays at 11am by Zoom for those members who are able. We are still having our monthly competition for members to participate in, as we would in a meeting. Whilst we are unable to be together the WI ladies of Welford are keeping in touch as best we can.

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Naseby WI

Whilst we are unable to meet we are sharing information, tips for coping in this crisis and Pam Ayres' poems. Members are involved in helping in the community in many ways, including shopping, sewing and phone calls to people not on line. Please get in touch if there is anyone who you feel our merry band could help at this time.

Angela Carter 077320 33175



CHAPEL COMMENT

Hope in Difficult Times.

Even if you reach what you consider to be your lowest point, God's word says He will never leave or forsake you. (Matt 28I20)

He will give you peace and comfort even in the worst of circumstances, then lead you through, over or around the mire of your situation, and again set your feet on solid ground.

Our God is the God of new beginnings, with him, nothing is impossible. Whether you are very young or considered to be very old, trust in Him because with Him it is always just the beginning.

You may even find yourself in such a situation through divorce, death of a spouse or family member, loss of health, finances or whatever, that may force you to begin all over again, but is that so bad? Trusting God in difficult times forces us to seek His guidance and to trust in Him.

Trusting God through these unchartered waters takes faith and courage, but is worth every effort. The path of His choosing is the only one that leads to true happiness.

Isn't this a wonderful promise "..those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eaglesL they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint". (Is 40I31).