Long Whatton News

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Special Village Show Edition -
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OVER THE COUNTER

Hi All

Well another month has been and gone and 2017 is marching on. The weather, it is nice to finally say, has been gradually getting warmer with some lovely days of blue skies and sunshine. It is also nice to report there have been no deaths in the village this month that we are aware of. The weather was also kind on Friday 7 July for the beautiful wedding of Alan and Sheila Sherwood's daughter. The wedding procession certainly looked spectacular and brought smiles to many spectators. Congratulations to the Bride and Groom. Another lovely event this month was the birth, to Connie and Tom, of a beautiful and precious son Franklin. Again, many congratulations to the new parents.

We have had a great response to the article last month concerning the speed of traffic through the village. Please share any ideas you may have so we may finally find a solution to this horrendous and dangerous problem.

Cars being half parked on road and pavement are becoming a very frequent occurrence throughout the village. Parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence of obstruction being committed. This could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued to offending vehicles. It can also cause danger/nuisance for pedestrians, wheelchair users, mobility scooters and people with young children with prams etc. where the only way to carry on their journey is to walk in the road. This is another accident waiting to happen.

Whilst on the subject of car parking the Main Street/Mill Lane junction is becoming very dangerous cars are parking over the junction, effectively double parking on the slip road into Mill Lane. There are a lot of agricultural vehicles and HGVs using the Lane on a daily basis and this is making accessing and leaving the Lane a dangerous and hard task. Rule 243 in the Highway Code states you must not park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.

We are also hearing of problems with bonfires. As the year gets warmer these garden fires seem to intensify, which is an irritation to residents who want to sit and enjoy the weather or finally being able to line dry laundry. These fires are a nuisance for everyone. A majority of the complaints are coming from the Smithy Lane area of the village.

We are having a move round in the shop. We are adding new snack lines and also will be stocking Charnwood's Vixen ale. Please come for a browse and see what your village shop can offer you, you may be surprised.

Love Pam xx

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VOLUNTEERS FOR VILLAGE SHOW
Bank Holiday weekend!!

We desperately need the following help for the show:-

- Help to set up and dismantle on Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon from 10am
- Staff on the door selling tickets
- Parking Marshals (reflective jackets provided)
- Children's wellies for the Welly Wanging
- Someone to cook bacon butties for the workers on Monday morning.
- We need lots of cakes for the Village Cake Stall!!

(small or large cakes, we can collect or bring on the day)

NB If you live in the village please try and walk down to the show as we don't have off the road parking this year. Thank you

Please contact us by email villageshow@yahoo.co.uk or call Chris 07849 218 260 or Helen 07774 436 311
THANK YOU!!!

AVON FUNDRAISER

Helen Halford would like to thank everyone who came along and supported her Avon event on Saturday 24th June. With your help she managed to raise a whopping **£125.00 for the Air Ambulance**. Thank you everyone and well done! Watch our for the next Avon event on Saturday 18th November in the Community Centre!

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S ON WEEKLY IN LONG WHATTON…

Any clubs, classes and events held in the village can be listed here

MONDAY

WHATTON WAILERS
7pm – 8pm
Upstairs at the Falcon
Andrew 07890 204466

Pilates- 7:30pm
Friendship Centre
£7 per session
Kathy 07980752888

TUESDAY

BRIDGE CLUB
7.30-9.30pm Community Centre. Social bridge – Chicago/Rubber Bridge using Acol system. Table money £1.50 per person
Tony Wagstaff 842382

Pilates and Yoga Fusion
9.30 am Friendship centre £7.00 per sess

Tel.Kathy 07980752888

Buggy Club-
12:30pm meet outside Friendship Centre
£5 per session

Tel: Kathy 07980752888

TUESDAY (cont)

Junior Cricket Trg
6-7pm Kwiks & Incrediball
7-8pm Hardball
Sonya 842402

WEDNESDAY

SHORT MAT BOWLS
7.00 -9.30pm
at the Community Centre. Contact Tony Wagstaff 842382

Friendship Centre
Brownies 7-10 yrs
6.00 – 7.30pm
Glen 07811 097621
Guides 10yrs +
7.30 – 8.45pm
Louise 07985 791412

THURSDAY

THE ART GROUP
9.30-11.30am at the Community Centre for painting and drawing.
Call Dave 842562

THURS (cont)

Pilates – 9.30am
Friendship Centre
£7.00 per session
Tel: Kathy
07980 752888

FRIDAY

1st Fri of month
Knit & Natter
Tea Shop
10am – 11.30am

Short Mat Bowls
7.00-9.30pm
Community Centre.
Tony Wagstaff
842382

SCOUT GROUP
BEAVERS 5-6pm
(6yrs -8yrs)
CUBS 6pm - 7.30pm
(8yrs - 10yrs)
SCOUTS 6.30pm - 8.30pm
(10yrs -14yrs)
All meet at Methodist Church
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Manor Farm Tea Room

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Knit and Natter – Friday 4th August 10am – 11.30am
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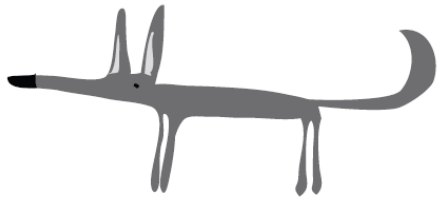

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Programme for 2017

No meeting in August

Sept 12th – Barry Colenso – Chocolatier

Oct 10th - AGM & Quiz evening

Nov 14th - Christmas Crafts

Nov 25th - Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.30

Dec 12th – Christmas Meal – venue tba

All meetings are held at 7.30 pm at the Friendship Centre, Main St, Long Whatton unless shown above.
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The Rectory,
July 2017

Dear Friends,

As I am writing this we are preparing for a thanksgiving service for the life of Margaret Richardson, long-time member of Belton church and indomitable church warden. There will be many tributes to Margaret, both formal and informal: one of my favourites is from someone who lives in Belton who said simply, 'She was a lady worth knowing.' She was indeed, and knowing her has changed us for the better- her faith will continue to inspire us on our own faith journeys and her example of service will long be held up as amazing, though I'm sure Margaret would shake her head at this!

Both Peter Cawdell from Long Whatton and Judith Phillipson from Osgathorpe have also completed their earthly lives this year and it feels appropriate to honour the contribution that they have all made to the life of the benefice. Each of them were huge figures in their individual communities but each of them also worked across the churches and shared not only their talents but their wisdom and humour too- I cannot even write of them without smiling in gratitude, such is their legacy.

I don't think it's morbid to think about what legacy each of us is creating, because it is not something that only happens when we depart this life, our legacy is being formed today, by our words and actions. In his letter to the church at Corinth St Paul speaks about the people being 'the aroma of Christ', I love this! I hope that we too might be spreading a big smell of goodness, of kindness, of joy, and of new life- just as our friends Margaret, Peter and Judith have done.

May you leave a whiff of peace behind you, even today!

With every blessing

Lauretta

The Methodist Church

Services in August

6th	10.30am	United Service in the Parish Church
13th	10.30am	NO Service
20th	10.30am	Mrs Ruth Towers
27th	10.30am	NO Service

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Long Whatton Village Show

Produce, Art & Crafts Competition

Sunday 27th August 2017

ADULT CLASSES

SECTION 1: HOME MADE PRODUCE (competing for *'The Gladys & Banner Zanotti' Trophy*)

1. 4 Bread Rolls
2. 4 Cup Cakes **(competing for *'The Philip Marshall' Trophy*)** (judged on taste and decoration)
3. 4 Flapjacks
4. A Victoria Sponge (recipe below)
5. A Jar of Blackberry Jam

SECTION 2: FRUIT & VEGETABLES (competing for *'The John Payter' Trophy*)

6. 4 Tomatoes
7. 3 Carrots
8. 4 Runner Beans
9. 4 Potatoes
10. A Collection of 4 Edible Items of Garden Produce

SECTION 3: ART (competing for *'The Sylvia Bowyer' Trophy*)

11. A Village Fete in Coloured Pencils
12. A Family Scene at the Beach
13. Woodland Wonder
14. Portrait of a Horse or Pony
15. Storm

SECTION 4: PHOTOGRAPHY (competing for *'The Falcon Inn' Trophy*)

16. Green
17. Summer
18. Architecture
19. Reflections
20. 3 Photos on a Theme of Your Choice (labelled & mounted vertically on a card)

SECTION 5: FLOWERS & PLANTS (competing for '*The Cawdell' Trophy*)

21. A Buttonhole or Corsage
22. Dahlia - 1 Specimen
23. 3 Stems - One Variety
24. A Flowering Pot Plant
25. Floral Arrangement in an Unusual Container

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (age at date of Show)

SECTION 6: 5-10 year olds (competing for '*The Long Whatton Village Store' Trophy*)

26. A Garden on a Plate
27. A Photograph on the theme 'Long Whatton'
28. A Gingerbread Person (judged on taste and decoration)
29. A Model made from Waste Material **(competing for '*The Susan Cooke' Trophy)***

SECTION 7: 11-16 year olds competing for '*The Ian Freestone ' Trophy*)

30: A Handmade Birthday Card
31: A Photograph on the theme 'Friends'
32: 4 Chocolate Brownies
33: Computer Generated Art

SECTION 8: PRE-SCHOOL (special prize)

34: A Vegetable Animal
35: A Finger Painting

SECTION 9: ANY AGE *(competing for 2 x The Sunflower Shield)*

36: Tallest Sunflower (grown from seed in a pot)
37: Tallest Sunflower (grown from seed in a garden in Long Whatton)

RULES & REGISTRATION (All classes cost 25p per entry)

- ***'The Manor Farm' Trophy*** will be awarded to the Long Whatton Adult Exhibitor in classes 1 – 25 scoring the highest number of points overall. ***'The Wardle' Trophy*** will be awarded to the Long Whatton Exhibitor aged 16yrs and under in classes 1 – 33 scoring the highest number of points overall.

- ***'The Long Whatton Community Association Guest' Trophy*** will be awarded to the Adult Guest Exhibitor with the most number of points in classes 1 – 25 & ***'The Long Whatton Community Association Junior Guest' Trophy*** to the Guest Exhibitor aged 16yrs and under in classes 1 – 33.

- A Guest Exhibitor is classed as anyone living outside of Long Whatton village. All competitors are eligible to compete for the individual class trophies provided that they register their contact details with the Show Officials and agree to return the trophies prior to 11th August 2018. Trophies are held for 1 year only.

- All competitors for Class 37 should email villageshow@yahoo.co.uk before Saturday 19th August with name, address and telephone number to allow measurement of sunflowers by Village Show Officials prior to the Show.

- **Victoria Sponge Recipe** courtesy of 2015 winner, Jackie Cave
  8oz unsalted butter,
  8oz caster sugar,
  4 eggs
  8oz SR flour
  1 teaspoon baking powder
  strawberry jam
  icing sugar

  Pre-heat the oven to 180 degrees C/160degrees fan/Gas 4.
  Prepare two 20cm (8inch) sandwich tins by greasing them thoroughly, lining the base with non stick parchment. Cream together the butter and sugar until light & fluffy. Break the eggs into a separate bowl and beat them lightly. Add the eggs a little at a time and beat into mixture. Fold in flour and baking powder gradually. Divide the mixture equally between the two prepared tins and cook for 25-30mins. Cool on a wire rack, assemble and dust with icing sugar.
  Only cakes measuring 7.25inches to 8.75inches in diameter will be judged.

- Registration will take place from 9:00am until 10:30am on the morning of the Show when all entries will be accepted for staging (except for Art classes 11 – 15 which should be brought on Saturday 26th August at 3.30pm for hanging with string attached). Entries for other classes may also be brought on Saturday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm if desired. All staging must be completed by 10:45am on Sunday 27th August. There is no advance registration.

- Anyone can enter a class and be awarded a prize with the exception of the Judges who cannot enter the class(es) that they are judging! Children are welcome to enter adult classes but age will not be considered and should not be visible on entries.

- Judging will take place at 11:00am behind closed doors. The Judges' decisions shall be final and they will be allowed to withhold any prize, if in their opinion the exhibits do not merit such a prize or entries are too few.

- Exhibits are to be the genuine work of the exhibitor. All exhibits of fruit, vegetables, flowers and plants are to be the bona fide produce of the exhibitor's own garden or allotment. All Art work should be original and not reproductions of other's work.

- Maximum size of each photograph must not exceed 7 inches by 5 inches. Photographs may be mounted.

- Items that have previously won a prize at Long Whatton Village Show must not be entered in this year's competition.

- If an exhibit does not adhere to the requirements (eg. wrong number of items), it will not be awarded a prize. Please check specifications carefully.

- Multiple entries are welcome in each class.

- The Committee does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to any of the exhibits.

- Exhibits must ***not*** be removed before 4:30pm when prize money will be paid out.

  1st Prize: £1.50p (5 points)
  2nd Prize: £1.00 (3 points)
  3rd Prize: 50p (1 point)

- Prize money unclaimed by the end of the Show will be considered as a donation to the Show funds.

- In the event of a tie, the Trophy will be shared by the winners for an equal period of time.

- Trophies must be returned to the Show Committee by Saturday 11th August 2018.

By kind permission of the School Governors and the Headmaster, it has been exceptionally agreed to allow dogs on the school grounds for the day of the Show only.

Owners must keep dogs under control at all times and clean up

If you would like to assist with the running of this year's Show, provide sponsorship, or wish to run your own trade or hobby stall, please contact us via the e-mail address below:

villageshow@yahoo.co.uk

Long Whatton Village Show 2017

Welly Wanging Competition

This year's show will include the opportunity for visitors to demonstrate their skill at the ancient art of Welly Wanging.

For those not already familiar with this custom a brief history follows:

"Welly Wanging originated in Upperthong at a time when people didn't have the distraction of PlayStations, shopping or watching TV to while away the time. So people had to be inventive and create games around the everyday objects they had at their disposal. Being a rural village, Upperthong folk didn't have a great deal of stimulation to work from so it's no surprise that our recent ancestors discovered an alternative use for the most popular footwear in the village – the Welly Boot.

History has it that the sport originated from a spat between two farmers in the local pub one night. An unfortunate incident saw the spilling of ale into the wellington boot of an innocent and unwitting bystander. Notwithstanding the virtual criminal act of spilling ale in the first place – something that would almost certainly have caused a chorus of boos, hisses and well deserved verbal abuse directed at the clumsy oaf. The farmer whose trousers were now sodden and whose foot was drowned up to the ankle was not best pleased by all accounts. In a fit of rage he removed his boot and proceeded to chase the drink-spilling fool out of the pub swinging hard and fast with his improvised rubber weapon.

Unfortunately, with only one boot he was considerably slower than his prey. And so in a fit of frustration he wanged the boot as hard as he could in the direction of the faster farmer. It's unclear whether he missed or managed to clonk the chap on the back of the head."

The Rules of the Competition

1. There shall be two categories: Adult and Junior (u-14s).
2. The standard welly shall be provided viz: the Dunlop green, size 9, non steel toe-cap. Competitors shall select whether they use left or right welly. Juniors may select a smaller sized welly of any colour.
3. No tampering with the welly shall be allowed, factory finish only. No silicone polish applied.
4. The welly shall be projected using any action of the arm or foot for the respective categories.
5. The aim is to land the welly within one of a number of targets, each of which scores a defined number of points.
6. Competitors will have three throws and the highest cumulative score will be the winner.
7. In the event of a tie, a throw-off with a single welly shall decide the winner – participants will draw lots to decide who throws first.

The winner of each category will receive a prize generously sponsored by The Old Boot Garden Cottages

Long Whatton Village Show

Welly Wanging Competition

Throwing Techniques

Following numerous enquiries I wish to clarify those methods of launching the Welly which are permissible at this event:

One handed – the most common method – either right- or left-handed but not simultaneously on separate boots.

Double-handed – competitor rotates in the style of an Olympic hammer thrower. A high velocity but low accuracy technique. In the interest of safety this technique has been banned from the competition.

Between the legs – facing the target and bending the legs slightly to facilitate the swing, this method has often proved the most accurate.

Backwards throw – usually two-handed, this method has been banned in all competitions by the Welly Wanging Federation (WWF) on health and safety grounds.

A demonstration of the acceptable methods and an opportunity for prospective participants to practice their technique will be held at the **Cricket Club on Tuesday 15th August from 6:00pm.**

Bar open.

Prizes

Generously sponsored by The Old Boot Garden Cottages the following prizes are on offer:

Senior – A Long Whatton Hamper

Junior – A voucher for Go Outdoors – so you can get some new wellies.

THE VILLAGE SHOW 2017
TUG OF WAR COMPETITION!!

(yes it's happening this year!!)

We're right on track and want our trophy back?!

Sunday 27th August will be Long Whatton's annual Village Show and once again the Tug of War will be in full view. The trophy is currently held by the Diseworth team and has been for the last 5 years, which rather hurts as I bought the trophy!!

The teams competing so far are as follows –

Sherwood Scrappers
The Cawdell Crushers
Harlow Hammers
Diseworth Destroyers
The Donington Dudes

We would also like our 2 Public Houses and perhaps Whatton Estate (tough farm workers or just wax jackets and Hunter wellies??) to enter a team please and of course any other resident village teams that think they have the strength or skills??!!
We would also welcome any ladies teams... Don't be shy girls??!!

The rules are as follows –

6 x persons to a team.
Boots to be worn at all times.
Public weigh-in – "who ate all the pies"??!!
The referee is always right!!

Contact - Kevin Gamble 07794 009496
Our nominated charity this year is
'The Teenage Cancer Trust for Ward 27 at Leicester Royal Infirmary'

LONG WHATTON CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Fixtures 2017

AUGUST 2017	**All 1pm starts**		
Sat 5th	**Burbage**	**Long Whatton**	**Away**
Sat 5th	**Long Whatton 2**	**Ratby Town 2**	**Home**
Sat 12th	**Long Whatton**	**L'boro Greenfields**	**Home**
Sat 12th	**Shepshed 3**	**Long Whatton 2**	**Away**
Sat 19th	**Shepshed 2**	**Long Whatton**	**Away**
Sat 19th	**Long Whatton 2**	**Barwell 2**	**Home**
Sat 26th	**Long Whatton**	**L'boro Town 3**	**Home**
Sat 26th	**Hathern Old**	**Long Whatton 2**	**Away**
SEPT 2017			
Sat 2nd	**Twycross**	**Long Whatton**	**Away**
Sat 2nd	**Long Whatton 2**	**Twycross 2**	**Home**
Sat 9th	**Grace Dieu Park 2**	**Long Whatton 2**	**Away**
Sat 9th	**Long Whatton**	**Newbold Verdon 2**	**Home**
Sat 16th	**Long Whatton**	**Stoke Golding**	**Home**
Sat 16th	**Market Bosworth**	**Long Whatton 2**	**Away**

LONG WHATTON CRICKET CLUB

A Night at the Proms - Saturday 8 July 2017

Once again the "Weather Gods" were smiling on us with the best of sunny summer evenings and our "Friends in Cricket", the Newhall Brass Band, on top form.

Shorts and summer dresses were the order of the day with the number of music lovers, their portable tables and seats, stretching almost down to the boundary rope where our Second Team had just themselves performed brilliantly, achieving another well earned win.

Organised in "old style" picnic groups our guests settled down in anticipation of the now expected high class evening of musical delights.

Now an annual event, the band, introduced by my Vice Chairman Carl Cave, began their scintillating programme with music from the films, starting with the James Bond theme, clearly an old favourite of the appreciative audience.

Following the interval, with another year on, the Newhall Brass Band returned to the "stage" in changed attire comprising horizontally striped sailors uniforms in readiness for the toe tapping sea shanties beloved by us all since childhood.

Starting at a snail's pace and everyone clapping to the beat the tempo steadily increased until it was so rapid it was really difficult to keep up especially when palms began to burn with the friction being made. If the audience participation was hard just imagine how on earth a trumpeter, trombonist or euphonium player copes?

Following the "Dambusters March" the finale, as tradition demands, gave us Newhall Brass band's rousing performance of Land of Hope and Glory resulting in cries of "encore" and of course, once again, the Newhall Brass Band obliged.

During the second interval our raffle, with prizes acquired by Bill Platts and tickets sold by Steve Dando and his daughters, was drawn by Mrs Cave (senior) from a particularly fetching bucket decorated with yellow ducklings and to my relief each and every ticket drawn was claimed immediately and without query. Lovely!

Our event assists, not only Long Whatton Cricket Club, but also Newhall Brass Band who continue to support numerous village cricket clubs in the East Midlands.

Thanks not only go to them but also to our Social Committee and tireless volunteers with Tom Freestone directing things from afar and Charlie Scottorn running around like a "Whirling Dervish" ensuring Tom's directions were successfully expedited.

Next up is the Women's Tri-League T20 matches on Sunday 30th July 2017.

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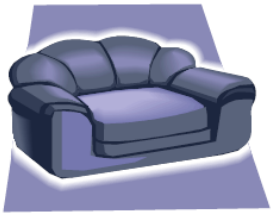

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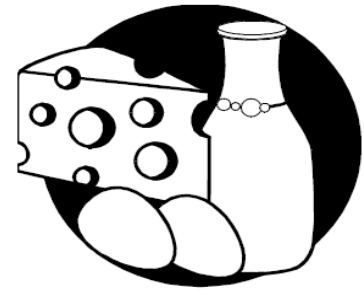

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NATURE TRAIL – AUGUST 2017

Last month's Nature Trail was written whilst trying to keep cool in the sweltering heat. Today it's a little bit cooler but I wish I could have the windows open as it's still above 25 degrees. The reason I have got them shut is that the garden is full of flying ants.

I wondered what flying ants were and why we don't see them more often so I did a bit of research. I had seen in the media that there was apparently one day when all the flying ants emerged. This isn't true however.

Flying ant days occur when males and new queens leave the nest to mate, with many ant colonies doing so on the same day when the conditions are just right. It is the way that many ant species, including the black garden ant leave their previous nest to begin new colonies.

The ants need warm and dry conditions for flight and the most favourable days occur in July and August. There are often several days throughout the summer when the weather conditions are ideal for ants to emerge from underground and then take flight to begin mating.

Sometimes the same ant colony may produce flying ants more than once over the course of the season.

Ant colonies start with a female flying ant that will have left their previous colony to begin a new one. Unlike the female worker ants we see throughout the year, the queen starts her adult life with wings, and is noticeably larger.

Both males and females take to the skies, travelling away from their nest in a bid to find mates from other colonies. When far enough away, the females and males mate during flight. The poor male dying shortly after. The fertilised female then lands, chews off her wings, then goes about creating a new colony and starts to produce offspring.

Flying ants are not harmful, so if some emerge in your garden or elsewhere it's best to leave them alone as they'll disappear once they fly off within a few hours.

Many birds, including blue tits find ants a tasty treat. Their beaks are short and thin and are ideal for picking insects like ants out of the crevices in the bark on a tree. I didn't realise that these lovely little birds spend a lot of their time hanging upside down from branches so that they can examine every last inch of a tree.

Wrens and robins also love eating ants as do swallows, swifts and martins and these three birds will catch and eat flying ants whilst they are flying themselves. I wonder if the lovely spotted woodpecker likes eating ants too? The one that Ruth and I saw on the telephone pole in Oakley Drive was maybe after ants on the wood rather than grubs.

Betty Cawdell of Smithy Lane e-mailed me on 28 June to say that she had been delighted to see a return of goldfinches to her garden and that she was sure that they have been nesting nearby as the numbers on the Nyjer seed feeder has increased from two until today when she counted two adults and four juveniles.

Betty went on to say that greenfinches have also returned and bred, a bullfinch visited briefly on two to three occasions and all these birds are in addition to robins, blackbirds, blue and great tits ,wood pigeons, collared doves, magpies and jackdaws,starlings too numerous to count and that usually at some point in the day her feathered friends are joined by a young squirrel.

Betty's garden sounds a haven for wildlife. I would love to see some goldfinches back in our garden!

My wife Ruth was out in the garden spotting butterflies last weekend. It is the Big Butterfly Count between 14 July and 6 August, so you will still have a bit of time to get involved when you receive August's Long Whatton News.

More details are available on the internet at http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/ or if you don't have access to the internet, you could telephone us and we will help you identify and record your sightings.

The idea is that people choose a place (for example, your garden) and stay there for 15 minutes in daylight whilst they try and spot butterflies and moths and record which species and how many of each that they see. On Saturday we spotted a peacock butterfly, a red admiral, a small copper and two gatekeeper butterflies. We also found a hawkmoth in the lawn.

Butterflies and moths are very sensitive to changes in the environment and a record of their numbers and locations will help to uncover where the different species are most at risk. Sadly, most species are in decline. The good news is that we can all help by recording the butterflies and moths that we do see and even better, being outside is good for us too as long as we are not out in the sun too long.

We need to record the maximum number of butterflies that we see at one time. So, if we see three red admiral butterflies together on a buddleia bush. We record this as three. If we see one red admiral on three occasions, we would record this as one. Good luck and have fun!

If you have any nature related sightings please get in touch. I'd love to hear from you. Thank you.
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Jobs to do in the Flower, Fruit and Veg Plot in August.

By Lottie Lady

Hello fellow gardeners. This is traditionally the month to get away for a few days. There is no better friend than somebody that will look after your plot and doing the watering or harvest the produce whilst you are away.

Weather Watch

Generally the weather will be similar to that of July, but can often be much wetter.

August at a glance

- Feed and water plants that need it regularly, particularly those in containers.
- Collect ripening seed for plants that you would like to propagate. Peg down in the soil pinks and clematis to propagate new plants.
- You can safely trim your hedges this month.
- Prune rambling roses after flowering.
- Protect dahlias and chrysanthemums from earwigs.
- Take cuttings from tender plants such as fuchias and pelargoniums.
- Give gooseberries and redcurrants a summer-prune.
- Mow the lawn less often if the weather is hot and dry,
- Lift and dry onions, harvest other vegetables and fruit as they mature.
- Plant new strawberry plants and keep them well watered.
- Keep fruit and vegetables watered in dry spells.
- Do not forget to provide fresh water for birds, hedgehogs etc
- Do not neglect those pesky pests and weeds.

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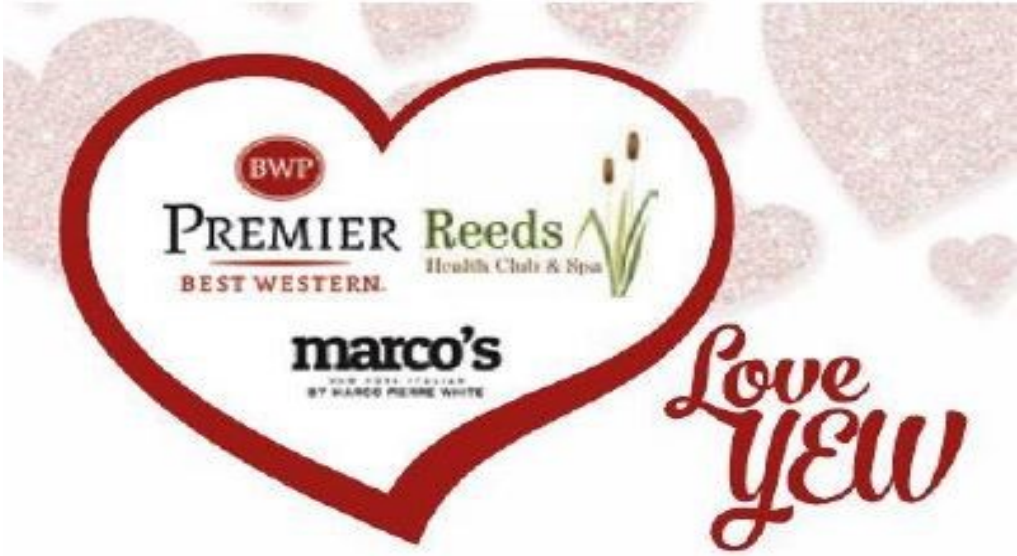

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HERITAGE CENTRE NEWS

Church Banners completed.

The Heritage Centre and Long Whatton History Society have been concerned at the closures over the years of the non conformist churches in the parish. The Methodist Church in Diseworth and then the Baptist Church. Last year the Baptist Church in Long Whatton closed its doors and was put up for sale. Fortunately the Heritage Centre still recalls its Baptist roots and thanks to the support of Pastor Paul Phillips at Kegworth, there are still a number of Baptist services held each year to which all are invited.

It is important to preserve the history of our churches for future residents so a group was planned to create four pull-up banners to record the history of the churches in pictures and text. We already have a record of Diseworth parish church and so research was undertaken to plan and design the banners for the Parish Church in Long Whatton and also the Methodist and Baptist churches in the village. The fourth banner records the story of Diseworth Baptist church. Thanks to North West Leicestershire District Council a grant was provided and the banners are complete.

Rector Lauretta Wilson will dedicate the banners at All Saints Church at the Ecumenical Service on Sunday August 6th at 10.30am. All are welcome.

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