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Then if you are planning a holiday away from everything, don't forget the photography section of the show. Keep a look out for interesting gates and weather vanes, anything with the number 8 (it's our 8th show this year) and beautiful or funny photos of the seaside.

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Editor's Notes

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!....

Calling all really keen/not very keen/barely interested, individuals who just might be willing to edit this noble publication, please email or leave a message on 474652. I'll happily do it alongside someone for a few months if required, but the search for a replacement, is on! On a much more important note, friends of Jo –Ann Millington are urged to turn to page 26 please for news of a memorial event. Thank you.

Yes, it's Feast Week this month. (Reminder details are in various places.) Don't miss the much deserved thank you on page 8 PS...if you're booking for Picnic in the Park (page 28) please use this address https://buytickets.at/whissendinefeastweek

Below is information regarding the ongoing flooding discussions...

Dear residents of Whissendine....

My name is Poppy Taylor, I work for Trent Rivers Trust as the Soar Community Engagement Officer. I invite you to fill out an online questionnaire "Help us make a difference on flood risk" which will help us make informed decisions about natural flood management, flood resilience, community flood resilience and climate change. Led by Trent Rivers Trust, funded by AVIVA and in partnership with WWF-UK, this research will help to inform our work in the Soar catchment. The link for the questionnaire is: https://cutt.ly/B0beE99

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Thoughts from the Vícar



Dear Friends & Neighbours,

For those who read my missives, you may remember that last month I was writing about looking for the good in life and pondering how that may lead us to honour what we believe to be the source of good. According to one dictionary, the word 'honour' combines the qualities of respect, value, and honesty.

By the time you read this the results of our general election will be known and hopefully we will all honour the result, and do all we can to both support and challenge those elected to order how we live as a country for the next 4/5 years. I read recently that 'politicians are just people who look around and think the world is not well ordered, and want to do something about it', the person writing has been a politician for over 40 years and goes on to say 'I've learned that change is brought about by many people in many different ways' and while 'it isn't up to me to change the world ... the change starts in me'.

Too often our thinking about politics, how our world is ordered, is polarised by politicians and encouraged by the media into a rather childlike choice between 'the goodies and the baddies', rather than an informed decision about which group has the best ideas to order our living for the next few years. I wonder if this sort of thinking leads us into further negative thinking – either we are down because our man or our team lost, or we are disappointed that they are not performing as we had hoped in the win.

What can I do? Is a question we can ask despairingly, knowing that no one person can change the world, or genuinely looking for an answer, the change starts in me.

The first change we need is to value ourselves for who we are, not for how we measure up to others as the world too often encourages us to think. I recently heard it said that 'we let people abuse us as much as we abuse ourselves', how we treat ourselves matters, in fact it is key to how we will treat others.

Jesus summed this up in the words 'Love your neighbour as yourself' yet too often we read just the first three words and lose the context of the second two, we can only truly love our neighbour as much as we love ourselves. If we don't value our own life, how can we truly value anyone else's life?

In exploring this question, I watched again the 1998 film 'Saving Private Ryan', the opening scenes of the D-Day landings are so powerful,

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Jo-Ann Millington

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Rutland Foodbank 2023/24 Year Report

There has been a 15% increase in the number of referrals compared to the previous year, as more and more people struggle to afford essentials such as food. 57% of the parcels were provided to households which included children

Nearly 27% of the parcels were provided to those in work but struggling to afford food, this was a 7% increase compared with 2022-23

Nearly 40% of households only needed to be helped once during the year but there were some that needed more emergency help. In all we sent emergency food parcels to 1189 adults and 850 children, not forgetting their household pets

Over 31,300 kg of donated items were sent out across Rutland

Comments

Fortunately, unlike many other foodbanks, due to the wonderful support from our all our donors we are still able to pick & pack 7-day emergency food & toiletry packs and using our van means we are able to send out emergency parcels to anyone living in Rutland who needs our help.

Without the generosity of so many people like you, other charities and businesses in Rutland we would struggle.. So I'd like to thank everyone who donates and supports us and a special thank you to our amazing resilient and dedicated volunteers who once again have given their time so freely and cheerfully.

Ali Wainwright, the Chair of the Trustees of Rutland Foodbank:

Answers from p 13. 1. Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips, 2. Tom Baker and The master, 3. Harold Wilson, 4. Lord Lucan, 5. Nikolaus Pevsner, 6. Monty Python's Flying Circus, 7. New Year's Day, 8. BOAC, BEA, Cambrian Airlines and North East Airlines, 9. Bill Shankly, 10. Don Revie, Brian Clough

Cleaner required ...

especially as we have just remembered the 80year anniversary of this turning point in WW2. The film brings the overwhelming horror and sacrifice of so many, into the story of saving the life of one man. It helps us bring all our stories into focus and to recognise the value of every life, and how we too can choose to live our lives as the man tasked to lead the group to save Private Ryan says to him at the end 'Make it worth it'.

How do we know the worth of our lives? On our last general election day in December 2019, St Andrew's held the funeral of Anthony Watchorn, poignantly standing for election that day as an independent candidate, and the worth of his life was clear in the hundreds who attended that service and those who posthumously voted for him that day. This election day St Andrew's will be the place of a wedding and the couple will know their worth as they see the love they have for one another reflected in their faces. The ceremony will begin with the words – *God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them*.

We may not stand for election, we may not be getting married, however we can all choose to love, to honour the life we have been given. I pray that we will also recognise the source of that gift and grow in our knowing and showing love to our neighbours as we love ourselves.

With prayers & blessings, Deborah

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Notes from Parish Council meeting in June 2024

Guests were invited to the June Parish Council meeting and this attracted more than 28 residents to attend and listen to the presentations. Before the meeting started a number of those present asked questions. Most of these questions were about aspects of the Stapleford Rd development or the Solar Farm proposals so the speakers were able to answer some of these in their presentations.

Two representatives from Mulberry Homes outlined progress to date. The planning permissions granted by RCC came with conditions. Not all of these conditions have been addressed, yet. Current issues to be resolved include: parking provison during development, jet-wash and wheel-wash facilities to limit mud ion the road during construction, etc. Surface water arrangements are still to be resolved. Surface water discharge to sewer is not favoured by RCC. Mulberry are looking at an attenuation pond and discharge north to the flood plain. The foul outfall will go to the main sewer and Stapleford Rd will need to be shut while they make the connection under the road. They don't intend to stop up the footpath until the last minute but a diversion order is in hand. There will be a new planning application to change one rental unit to a 4-bed, at the request of the Housing Association, to meet an identified need. The environmental protection effort should improve: they have trained the site-workers and their consultants are to attend and an Ecological Clerk of Works is to be appointed to supervise/spot-check. The representative also agreed to improve warning signage on Stapleford Rd, before the blind bend and will contact RCC Highways.

RWE fielded three reps. A planning application should be expected between August and October this year. The installation is expected to last 40 years, based on the degradation warranty for the panels. The sites are due to be enclosed with 2m deer-fencing. No artificial lighting is planned as they are looking at installing monitored infra-red CCTV. The number of panels is not known, as they work on sufficient for the desired wattage. The panels are 3m high and the bottom edge is 0.8 above ground-level. The fans on the inverters and battery units each emit about 60dB at 1m so a noise survey will need to be part of the application for planning permission. The Project Manager from RWE will also attend the July meeting.

Most observers left when the speakers had finished. The rest of the meeting was routine Parish Council business.

The next meeting is Monday 15 July 2024.







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We are delighted to announce that we have raised **over** £8,500 with over 1,450 bottles being donated - a phenomenal amount I'm sure you will agree.



For Rutland cannot thank you enough for your generosity. Your support will help to keep our Special Advisers on the High Street helping people of all ages living with long-term health conditions like **cancer, dementia and heart disease** gain access to the non-medical support they need.

Without you we could not have raised this fantastic amount. It is your support that makes the difference, for which we are truly grateful.

With heartfelt thanks

leannette Warner

Chair of the Fund-Raising Committee - 'For Rutland'

A BIG THANK YOU TO STARS COSTUME LADIES!

I just want to say a massive "thank you" to the wonderful STARS costume ladies who are now taking a well-earned retirement - you will be greatly missed!

Without the skills, support and creative ideas of these remarkable ladies my own productions, and especially STARS pantomimes, would certainly have lacked that magic touch!

Did you know that Jill, Sarah and Jean have been making costumes for our village pantomimes for a combined 70+ years and over that time have been nominated for many awards from the Panto Alliance - a group which promotes the art of panto throughout Leicestershire - for the quality of their costumes, which have ranged from Sinbad the Sailor to a rabbit.

The unpicking and cutting up of dresses and hours of alterations have undoubtedly been a labour of love, so enjoy your free time ladies, you have been amazing!!

Tracey Dene Powell





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WI NEWS - MAY

We were delighted to welcome Mike Burton to our May meeting to speak to us about Rockingham Castle. Mike is not only the husband of one of our members but also a tour guide at the castle and gave a very informative speech about its history.

There has been some sort of fortification there for 1,000 years as from the top of the hill you can see five counties and as it sits along a key north south divide road it was a perfect military setting. William the Conqueror built a Norman Castle using the traditional motte and bailey method, using the castle as a military garrison. In the late medieval ages it was turned into a fun home for the Royals where various kings used to come for the hunting in Rockingham forest. Eventually King James sold the castle to Lewis Watson for £350 and it has remained in the same family ever since.

Charles Dickens once stayed there and was so enamoured that he dedicated David Copperfield to Richard and Lavinia Watson.

On a personal note, I have visited several times, the most memorable being during the run up to Christmas where the castle and grounds are filled with lights, decorated Christmas trees and sparkle. It is a truly magical experience!

Mike is a very entertaining speaker, full of knowledge, and also has other topics on which he can speak. I look forward to listening to him again.

Jill Fenby-Taylor

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DIARY DATES

(I'll try to keep this updated if you let me know what's on- Ed)

Date? What is it? Where? Time? Events listed throughout this month, so not here!! No space!

And remember that as soon as any event is likely to actually happen, send it in!

July -

3rd - Luncheon Club - 3pm - Strawberry Tea

6th-14th - Feast Week see 2, 15,16,17,18, 28, 31, 32 (maybe more!!)

16th - 3rd Tuesday WI meeting - 7pm, Village Hall

August -

7th - Luncheon Club - Vince Eager (What time is the midnight buffet?)
13th - Rutland Morris will be dancing with their guests New St
George Morris, at the White Lion 7.30.

20th - Trip to Black Country Living Museum

September -

4th - Luncheon Club -Mike Storr (Masters of Mirth)

17th - 3rd Tuesday WI meeting - 7pm, Village Hall

October -

2nd - Luncheon Club - Caroline and Rosie - Fun Quiz

15th - 3rd Tuesday WI meeting - 7pm, Village Hall

November -

6th - Luncheon Club - Gary Farnfield (Rainbows)

8th- Bonfire Night event - Sports Club

19th - 3rd Tuesday WI meeting - 7pm, Village Hall

December -

4th - Luncheon Club - Melton Ukelele Band (songs for Christmas)

17th - 3rd Tuesday WI meeting - 7pm, Village Hall

Please Email in, anything that's on It can then stay here, until it's gone!!

This page has been kindly sponsored this month, by the Finnie family.

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GARDENING CORNER

JOBS FOR THE MONTH,

I have been asked how and when to prune gooseberries and as July is the earliest one should prune 'goozgogs' this is a good time to mention it. In general as with all shrubs and trees an important objective is to ensure no branches rub against others and damaging the bark etc. So if a stem is growing toward another or has already begun to rub then remove one of the stems. The plant should be pruned to allow the free passage of air throughout, pruning should leave the middle of the plant nicely open, this will minimalise the chance of disease and damage and allow fruit maximum light and air. Goozgogs do have a habit of drooping (who doesn't?) so prune to give the branches an upward appearance a bit like the upturned palm of your hand. Pruning should take place twice a year as follows:

- **Summer:** In the first week of July (not earlier), trim all new side-shoots down to 5 leaves. There's no need to prune the tips of the leading stems unless they have mildew.
- Winter: During the winter, cut back the leading stems by half of their new growth. Now shorten all the lateral side-shoots that you took down to 5 leaves in the summer: this time, cut them back to two buds. If you cut them back to three buds, you will get more but smaller fruit.

TOP TIP If you are going away and friends are helping to water your containers in your absence, collect your pots etc all together in one place, preferably near the tap/hose to make it easier for your friends.

Harvest seasonal vegetables and early salad crops.

Pick fruit from trees in particular plums to lighten the load on the branches to avoid them breaking or even consider using stakes to support any heavy fruit-laden boughs. July is hot so ventilate greenhouses at every opportunity; place a bowl or a bucket of water on the floor to slowly evaporate throughout the day in order to keep the air moist.

Weeds are everywhere so aim to pick a bucket of weeds a day to stay on top of the lovely little chaps.

Dead-head your bedding plants for repeat flowering.

Ponds and pools will be evaporating at an alarming rate so keep topping them up. Allow philadelphus and delphiniums blooms to fade but then quickly hard prune. When lupins' have faded cut them hard at the base to ensure healthy plants and a good display next year.

If you remove the side shoots of dahlias they will produce larger blooms.

Secure sweet peas as they shoot up your bean sticks or they will flop back to ground. Remember to water your lawns if practicable, all new lawns should ideally be watered in the morning and in the evening when less water is lost to evaporation.

Feed hanging baskets, containers and pots to ensure a stunning show.

Feed Clematis with clematis feed please.

All climbers will be growing fast so train and tie in regularly.

Tall annuals will need supporting or staking with plant supports or even twigs, which looks so trendy.

Deadhead, mow and tidy your garden throughout, before you go on holiday that way you will return to only short growth and a happy garden.

All early flowering clematis should have been cut back hard by now even the lovely seed heads will be gone. If not already done, please do it now!

Happy Gardening and STAY SAFE.

David Penny

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County Councillor

This month brings to an end all the general election political campaigning of the last 6 weeks with the results determining which party will lead the next UK government. If you are reading this before 4th July, do vote- (even though you may be fed up with all politicians!)- this forms the basis of our democracy- and remember to take your photo id to the polling station. It is clear that Local Government across the country is in crisis with councils including Birmingham and Nottingham, effectively declaring themselves bankrupt. Whichever Government is elected on 4th July, they will need to tackle this funding crisis with some fundamental reforms, and also address the fairer funding of councils, which leaves Rutland relying on council tax for 77% of its core funding compared to 56% for other councils nationally. I have been very disappointed that, over the last year, Rutland County council meetings have become increasingly and unnecessarily politicised. This should not be the case in Local Government. We are a very small county and operate with just 27 elected councillors. (11 liberal democrat councillors, 7 independents, 6 conservatives, 2 labour and 1 green).

In serving our residents, as councillors we are called on to make tough and often unpopular decisions in the prioritisation of Council spending. Rutland residents deserve better that the entirely unsatisfactory Council meetings on 25th March and 18th April, when funding of leisure provision at Catmose was pitched against funding to mitigate the effects of climate change and flooding.

This is why I have always advocated that we can serve our residents better if we work collaboratively and without the restraints of national party political affiliations, and as your local councillor, I will continue to work in this way on your behalf.

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Events of 1974.... Were you there?

- 1. On which Royal couple was there a failed kidnap attempt?
- 2. Jon Pertwee stood down as Dr Who after the death of significant fellow cast member Roger Delgado. Who replaced JP and which character was RD?
- 3. Two General Elections were held in this year (and we think we've got problems!) Which leader was Prime Minister after each?
- 4. Who famously "disappeared" after the murder of his Children's nanny? What was her name?
- 5. The last book, titled "Staffordshire", in a 41 title series, begun in 1951, was published, by which German – British Art Historian author?
- 6. The final 45th episode of which "completely different", BBC sketch comedy aired in this year? Which member of the six regular cast/writers, was educated at King Edward VII school (then called Melton Mowbray Grammar School)?
- 7. Which Public Holiday was enjoyed for the first time in this vear?
- 8. Four Airlines merged to become British Airways. If you can name all 4, get yourself a lolly from your freezer to cool the over functioning brain!
- 9. Which Liverpool FC manager retired after 15 years in charge?
- 10. His almost equally long serving rival at Leeds United became the new England manager (who was he?) and who replaced him, at Leeds for just 44 days?

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Whissendine Luncheon Club - 5th June 2024

After a delicious salad lunch and desert were served and raffle drawn. Members enjoyed a very informative talk given by Mike Lister on playing cards he was thanked by Caroline Meakin.

Next months meeting July 3rd will start at 3 p.m. with Strawberry tea followed by a Beetle Drive.

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 - (if pouring with rain we won't be baking!)
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