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**We need your articles in by 14th JULY for the
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CLENCHWARTON

Your Village News

From the editors:

We are determined to make this magazine an inclusive voice for our entire community.

We welcome all contributions, however modest, on the understanding that we will not publish any offensive material, and may have to edit articles for reasons of space.

The views expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors.

GS; DM; AJT; JT

WELCOME TO THE JULY

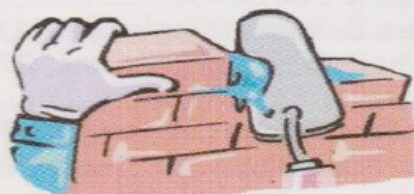
EDITION OF YOUR VILLAGE NEWS.

Hopefully you have all been able to make the most of the wonderful sunny days we have been enjoying - finally! I have been spending a lot of time tidying the garden, and am beginning to reap the rewards of my earlier planting. Once again we have a lot to look forward to in July, starting with a flower arrangement workshop, a quiz, a fascinating talk about Zimbabwe, and a Family Fun Day. For a full list of events in the village please see page 10

Happy reading. JT

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- Sun 14th Morning Prayer with hymns led by a churchwarden
- Sun 21st Communion Service led by Revd. Barbara Burton
- Sun 28th 10.30am** United service at The Methodist Chapel

All Church Services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated
Everyone is welcome to our services no matter what their age.

We look forward to seeing you

Methodist Chapel Services in July

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| Sun | 7th | 10.30am | Songs of Praise |
| Sun | 14th | 10.30am | Rev Jackie Goddard Holy Communion |
| Sun | 21st | 10.30am | Working Team |
| Sun | 28th | 10.30am | Rev Jackie Goddard (United Service with
St Margaret's Church) |



JULY EVENTS AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL

Friday Quiz Night - 5th July.

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DIARY OF EVENTS in CLENCHWARTON and surrounding area for JULY

EVERY THURSDAY 10am - 12 Noon
COFFEE MORNING at St MARGARET'S CHURCH
ALL WELCOME



- Fri 5th** **Summer Fayre 5.30pm- 7.30pm.** Clenchwarton School Field
- Fri 5th.** **Friday Quiz Night 7.30pm.** The Methodist Chapel Hall
This will be a conventional team quiz. No entrance fee. Refreshments provided.
- Sat 6th** **Flower arranging workshop 2pm - 4pm.**
St Margaret's Church, Church Road.
- Tues 9th** **Clenchwarton Art Group . 10am-12noon.** The Methodist Chapel (Main Road).
- Sat 13th** **Coffee & Craft.** The Methodist Chapel (Main Road).
3.00pm - 5.00pm. You are invited to bring your own craft and there is a free display.
- Sat 13th** **Walking Group 6.30pm** starting from Clenchwarton School.
- Thurs 18th** **Coffee Morning.** 10 - 12noon. The Kings Lynn U3A
Hand bell group will play for about 30 minutes from 10.30am.
- Sat 20th** **The Clenchwarton Talks “.** 2.30pm. A talk about life in Zimbabwe.
- Sat 21st** **Family Fun Day .12- 4pm.** Clenchwarton Recreation Park.
- Tues 23rd** **Clenchwarton Art Group.** 10am-12 noon. The Methodist Chapel.

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Ahead of us lies a Summer of sport – in fact, as you read, Wimbledon and the UEFA Euros are under way. And therein is a dilemma. Which to watch when they overlap? Do you care?

On July 7th, we have a General Election and so do the French. **Do you care?**

You might want to take note of some of this month's anniversaries: 108 years in World War I, the first day of the Battle of the Somme; 52 years, the first Gay Pride March in England; 85 years, the Women's Land Army was reformed to work in agriculture; 159 years, The Christian Mission (later renamed the Salvation Army) was founded; 86 years, the Mallard set the world steam record reaching 126mph; 159 years, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published. Do you care? July will be the 28th month of the Ukraine-Russia war and the 9th month of the Israel-Gaza war, although both have their origins in longer conflicts. **Do you care?**

How many times have you heard, or said, I couldn't care less?

Care is about what matters to us. Do I care? What do I care about? Who do I care about? How do I care? When, and why do I care?

Care is part of our DNA. We all care about something and how we manage care is essential for our wellbeing and those around us.

Do you care – for yourself, for family, for friends, for your community, for our nation, for the world? **Do you care** – in ways which are refreshing or exhausting, fulfilling or draining?

This month, take time to think about what you care about and how you care about yourself. Is it time to make adjustments so that your life is more balanced and more loving – of yourself and others

The Bible tells us "Cast your cares on God, because God cares for you." (1 Peter chapter 5 verse 7). Remember, you are loved and cared about.

Every blessing

Revd Jackie Goddard

Pastoral Letter



Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....

I am writing this on St Barnabas' Day; he is one of our lesser celebrated Saints. According to the Bible he was from Cyprus and was originally named Joseph, but when the apostles met him they renamed him Barnabas, which means 'son of encouragement', because he sold a field and gave the money to the apostles to help those in need – as the Bible puts it, the widows and orphans. Women and children were dependant on the eldest man of the house ensuring that the whole family had food and shelter. Anyone left widowed or orphaned was often reduced to begging. The apostles did their best for those in need and relied on the generosity of others to do this and they felt that Joseph had encouraged them in their mission so much that they renamed him Barnabas.

Almost every day refugees land by boat in this country with nothing but the clothes they wear. Without getting into a political debate, I wonder what Barnabas and the apostles would do about them?

Perhaps it's time to challenge ourselves on our own generosity. Even if we don't consider our possessions, there is also the question of our generosity of spirit. How willing are we to give of ourselves, our time and our love? I also hear that a book has been written to help those that are addicted to their phones, so that we can give more of ourselves to others instead of to a screen. We run the risk of becoming more and more inward-looking and in short, selfish.

So – as we move towards those lazy, hazy days of summer, how about we each reflect on how we can take a lesson from Joseph (aka Barnabas) and give more of ourselves to others, by leaving our phones alone, spending more time and energy and love on each other and engaging with charitable causes that can truly help those in need or distress.

NEWS FROM ST MARGARETS



LOOKING BACK

Electric Mower.

We are extremely grateful to Paul Brandon who very kindly donated a small electric grass mower which enables Debra to mow the grass in the memorial garden without the need to remove all the flowers, thus saving her a lot of time. It is also safer as there is now no need for trailing extension leads! Please see Debra's letter on the letters page (page 21) about help needed for July.

The Memorial Garden

As I think we are all aware the upkeep of churchyard is the responsibility of the Parish Council, who are between contractors at the moment, hence the very long grass in the majority of it. I believe a new contractor starts in July. However, we are, as always very grateful to Debra McGowan who keeps the memorial garden and the area by the church walls looking so beautiful. This is a living churchyard which is very apparent by the number of people who visit the garden, and the number of insects visiting the flowers. Thank you Debra

Bees

Talking of insects - have you seen that the bees are back! We have two natural hives in the church wall to the right of the porch as you stand in the church yard - one high up and one at the bottom. Last year the bottom one was attacked by wasps and they all disappeared. I was very pleased the other day to see that the bottom hive is very active once again.

'Singers of Note' Concert.

It is difficult for me to comment on this concert as I am a member of this group. However some of the comments afterwards were: *'Out of this world'; 'An uplifting evening of glorious music, glamorous performers and the most beautiful singing'; 'Haven't heard such good singing in our church since the cast of the German production of The Phantom of the Opera attended a wedding at the church many years ago'.* Wow!! It was a sell out performance, the weather was glorious, enabling people to go outside in the interval, and we made between £550 - £600 (exact amount to be confirmed at the time of writing), which is astonishing for our little church. Thank you so much to all the people who attended the concert, and those who helped on the day. See page 39 for a photo of the 'glamorous' performers.

Food bank Box

We have been able to take our third boxful of food to the food bank in Kings Lynn - tinned goods, dried food etc. The staff are always very appreciative of our efforts and so are the recipients, if and when we meet any of them.

JT

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

EVENTS FOR 2024

- 6th July** **FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP**
in church 2pm - 4pm. Limited spaces so
booking essential
- 18th August** **STRAWBERRY/CREAM TEA IN THE**
CHURCHYARD (in church if raining).
FROM 2.30pm
- 21st September** **RACE NIGHT** - in church.
FURTHER DETAILS tba
- 5th October 2024** **Second hand clothes sale** 10am - 2pm. If you
would like a stall please contact Debra on
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- SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**
- 23rd November** **WINTER CRAFT FAIR**
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Dates for our Harvest Festival and Christmas services are yet to be finalised—watch this space

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THANK YOU

Your letters



The Church grounds – can you help?

I have had a small operation on my foot, which unfortunately means that I am unable to cut the grass in the memorial garden or maintain the flower beds. I have put some rootstock in along the fence at the side of the church and I usually cut the grass alongside it, so that it doesn't get accidentally cut down by the grass contractors, when they cut the main grass in the churchyard. I also clear around the rootstock to give them room to grow.

I have had help cutting the grass from a gentleman who lives on the Main Road, as well as help from one of the ladies who attends our coffee morning, helping to maintain some of the graves and even cutting the grass around the memorial stones.

If anyone is interested in helping to maintain the church grounds and flowerbeds, please can you let Andy Taylor (Churchwarden) know on 07939 055031.

Any work can be done at your convenience, and any help however small will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Debra McGowan

FOOD BANK BOX IN CHURCH

St Margaret's Church has a box, next to the font, for donations to the food bank in Kings Lynn. They currently urgently need: Strong carrier bags (to take food home in); Tinned Meat; Puddings; Tinned Fruit; Coffee; Tinned Fish; Pasta Sauce; Deodorant; Washing Powder. If you feel you can donate any of the above items, please leave them in the marked box.

The Food bank staff and recipients are always extremely grateful. There is a thank you card on the notice board in the porch. Thank you

VIEW FROM THE GALLERY

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6th June

8 Councillors including the Borough and County Councillors were present.

The only contribution to the public questions section was a statement from the Treasurer of the Clenchwarton Community Foundation Trust (CCFT), explaining that £7,000 had been raised in the first year, and how some of this had been spent. This concluded with a request for approval from the Parish Council for the CCFT to register as a Charity. The Chair responded that this would be covered by an item later in the agenda.

The County Councillor reported that Highways have reduced grass cutting on the minor roads to once a year and on main highways to twice a year. Apparently, the highways are due to be cut within a week. Funding has been found for a new Health Centre in Nar Ouse Way, primarily for patients of St James surgery. This may not have Doctors, only other healthcare professionals, so it is difficult to see how that can help the many patients who need to find a doctor. There will be a feasibility study for improvements to the West Lynn ferry.

The Borough Councillor reported on D-Day events, the return of the “Battle of the Bands” and the festival line ups. Various infrastructure and flood repair items were reported. There is a new law where pesticides cannot be used on a 2-metre-wide strip either side of the hedgerow. This may affect our farmers. The current Chief Executive of Norfolk CC leaves on September 17th. A new transport plan for King’s Lynn is being prepared, but this is heavily led from Norwich.

Action needs to be taken regarding the storage container to stop vandalism. Quotes for work on the parking area have been received. Councillors then debated how dark the space would be, whether it should be lit and if so, how to run electrics. Also does it need a drain? Eventually, it was agreed to accept one of the quotes with the proviso that these other issues be discussed with the contractor.

The meeting paused at 8pm to observe a minute’s silence for the anniversary of D-Day.

2 quotes for the grass cutting contract have been received. Some councillors had done/had tried to do some work voluntarily to cut some of the grass. There was animated discussion about what councillors were and were not allowed to do as volunteers. There were references to who is insured to do what, whether training was required and a general lack of agreement. There was agreement to appoint a new grass

cutting contractor who cannot commence until July, at the earliest. In the meantime, the groundsman will be asked to do his best.

After discussion on what trees/planters should be put in the village, it was agreed to ask the Borough Council Tree Officer to come and make suggestions.

A ramp is required at the Pavilion. Three quotes have been obtained. It was agreed to go for the cheapest.

The Locum Clerk reported that she expects to have the approval for the tractor to be roadworthy this week. This was a relief to all!

The difficulties regarding improper parking on the back field prompted considerable discussion, resulting in an agreement to put up appropriate signage.

Following the earlier report from the treasurer of CCFT, there was a request from CCFT to take over the management of the Pavilion. This prompted a long and passionate debate, with councillors continually repeating themselves and making little progress. More of this in "My Reflections".

A brown sign for the Memorial Hall is awaited.

Cllr Wilson agreed to deal with a new manhole cover that is required at the Pavilion.

A working party is to be set up for the recruitment of a new Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer.

An item regarding the Memorial Hall was again taken at the exclusion of the Press and Public.

AJT

MY REFLECTIONS *by Andy Taylor*

As one of the Editors, I have always insisted that the report on the Parish Council meeting should be a report on what happened, not the reporter's views. Hence the column "My reflections" which enables the reporter to comment on how they feel the meeting went and on how the council is operating.

Since arriving in this village some three years ago, I have witnessed many (not all) PC meetings. It appears to me there is a deep desire within the current council to get things right and to represent the community. They face difficulties, not least the lack of

a regular Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, resulting in the need for a Locum Clerk who is doing her best, under considerable strain.

However, there are tensions that are arising. In my view, these are not borne out of anything other than a passionate desire to improve the village, but there are ways of dealing with changes and I'm not certain these are being dealt with in an appropriate manner.

From a personal perspective, I am friends with just about every member of the PC. Therefore, it pains me greatly to witness a considerable lack of cohesion regarding the request by the CCFT to take over the management of the Pavilion. I can see potential advantages to this, but, given there are several councillors on the CCFT, (and accordingly must declare an interest which precludes them from voting on the topic) they need to be careful not to alienate the others. Management of the Pavilion is currently in the hands of the Parish Council as it is a community asset. Giving up the management of that asset to any third party, however good it seems, cannot and must not be taken lightly. There must be a strict Service Level Agreement in place, and agreement as to how said agreement is monitored and enforced. The phrase "checks and balances" comes to mind. It strikes me there is work to be done "behind the scenes" to make this idea into a fully functional and acceptable solution for all. I appreciate this all sounds rather clunky, but surely it is better to get it right at the beginning to avoid problems in the future. What's the phrase? People don't plan to fail; they fail to plan.

We must not forget the CCFT are trying to register as a Charity, which will open doors for much more grant funding for the benefit of the community, but given that several members of the Parish Council are on the CCFT, a careful approach is required to ensure objectivity. And those members of the PC who are not on the CCFT should approach this with an open mind.

The Clenchwarton Talks

Saturday 20th July - "Zimbabwe"

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The History of Norfolk

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At the site have been found no less than 2,720 stone artefacts which include 41 hand axes. This is the most important Neanderthal site in Britain and one of the biggest sites of this period found in Northern Europe. The tools were used to kill and then butcher the animals and bones found there include at least eleven woolly mammoths, wolf, fox, brown bear, woolly rhinoceros, reindeer, bison, ground squirrel and vole. The skins of some of these animals would probably have been used for clothing. Over two thousand animal bones have been found at the site.

Norfolk was still subjected to vast differences in temperatures and this was probably a contributory factor to the extinction of Neanderthal Man around 40,000 BC in Europe and Asia. Freezing temperatures meant that Britain and Norfolk became uninhabited again and perhaps the worst of these ice ages occurred between 20,000 and 15,000BC. Each time temperatures rose and the ice receded northwards man made a new attempt to live in Britain and as man was coming across from Europe from the west, Norfolk played a big part in his quest to live here.

It is thought that Neanderthals had dark skin, brown hair and brown eyes. The new people who replaced them were not predominantly hunters but were instead farmers who originated from the area around the eastern Mediterranean. These people entered Norfolk in relatively large numbers at the start of what is called the Early Neolithic which is around 4000BC. It was these people who started to clear forests so they could farm on the cleared land. They also produced the oldest monuments in this country. The evidence of them being in Norfolk is best seen by the number of long barrows in this county which were built to house the dead. There were often many people buried within the same long barrow. One such long barrow can be seen near West Rudham and excavation there has shown that cremation took place within the barrow. In the north and south west of Britain the barrows have stone chambers inside. None of the Norfolk barrows have stone chambers possibly because there was no stone in the county which could be used. It is possible that timber was used instead in Norfolk but there is no evidence because over the many centuries since the wood has rotted.

Many of the long barrows appear to have circular or oval ditched enclosures but there are gaps which show that they are not for defensive purposes. It is thought they were centres possibly for religious activities or possibly for trading.

A different type of Neolithic enclosure can be seen at Broome Heath where there does not appear to have been any burials and the enclosure is such that it looks like it was for defensive purposes to house a settlement.

Next month we will look at Norfolk a thousand years later at 3000BC and see what has changed. It is worth remembering that at this point Clenchwarton does not exist and is probably under water. The three biggest settlements in Norfolk today: namely Norwich, Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn are still many thousands of years from being in existence.

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WEATHER FAILS TO DAMPEN CRAFT FAIR SUCCESS

Despite a sharp shower and unseasonably cold weather, the Craft Fair and Have a Go Dog Agility event held on Saturday June 8 was a huge success, raising £3,200 for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

With more than 50 stalls offering a wide range of artefacts, a Pre-Loved Walk In Wardrobe, a Vintage Tea Tent and an all-day BBQ supplied by RRT, plus a pony to meet and greet, there was something for all the family to enjoy.

Magpie volunteer Jan Calvert, who organised the fair was delighted with the support given by a variety of sponsors:

She said: 'This much-needed profit would not have been achieved without the support of our sponsors, to whom we are truly grateful: Dickie's Pet Centre, Vets4Pets, Anchorage Barn Equine Clinic, and RRT. Hunstanton & District Rotary also gave their time to run the Vintage Tea Tent and marshal the car parks.

'We also have a fabulous Magpie volunteer team and couldn't have done it without each and every one of them.'

The next big event is an Open Day, Saturday August 17 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP. This will feature various equine-related demonstrations in the indoor arena, carriage rides, craft stalls, meet the horses, a children's craft tent, plus much more.

Admission is £1 per person, under 5's free, (cash only please) and free parking.

Dogs are not allowed at this event, except service assistance dogs.

The Centre is still on the lookout for two equines on loan. We need a 14.2 hh riding pony, plus a 15.2 hh riding or ride and drive horse. Must be well-behaved and sound in all three paces. If you know of anything suitable, please call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202.

And finally – keep the date **Saturday August 17th** for the Magpie Open Centre Day. More details to follow.

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NATURE WATCH by DM

There has been a lot of talk lately about the Asian hornet, and its threat to the health of our own native honey bee. The Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*) is smaller than our own native hornet, its abdomen almost entirely dark, with fine yellow stripes and a yellow or orange fourth segment near the base. The thorax is black or brown, and its legs have yellow tips. Our own native European hornet (*Vespa crabro*) is a lot more recognisable looking more like a giant wasp. This is probably the reason why a lot of sightings of the Asian hornet have been reported, when people are actually spotting our own hornet instead. The Japanese hornet is also known as the Asian GIANT Hornet, about 1.5 to 2 inches in length, and has not thankfully reached Great Britain. All this reminds me of a programme I watched many years ago.

The programme told the story of a group of Japanese honey farmers who were keeping British honey bees instead of their own native bees. The reason for this is the higher yield of honey that the British bees produce compared to their own. The only problem with this was that the British bees had never come across the Japanese hornet before, so they had no defence against an attack from the hornets. The bee keepers would therefore search the area around the hives, and at the first sign of a hornet, they would find the hornet nest and set fire to it, killing all the hornets within.

Far from the honey farmers lived a Buddhist Monk who also kept bees, but the bees that he kept were the native bees. If he found a hornet's nest near his bees, he would leave the nest in peace.

If a hornet did manage to find the farmer's British bees, she would quickly look around the outside of the hive. She would be unable to enter because of the bees guarding the entrance and fear of attack from the bees, so she would leave to report back to her own nest. She would then return with an army of hornets and they would attack and kill all the bees, taking everything back to their nest to feed their young and themselves.

The native bees would however behave differently. As soon as the hornet lands, the bees on guard duty pretend to ignore her. In fact they would move away from the hive entrance leaving it open, and the bees inside the hive would also move out of her way, in order to entice her into the hive.

Once she had entered the hive, the guard bees would block her exit, so that she was trapped inside. Then all of the bees would jump on top of her, creating a large heat ball around her. Caught in the centre of this heat ball, the hornet is literally cooked and choked to death. After the bees have dealt with the hornet, they then go outside the hive and clean everywhere that she has been. This is so other hornets flying over will not pick up her scent. At the end of the film the Buddhist Monk held a hornet queen in his open hand, he admired her strength and determination to survive. He also believed that every creature is important and vital to our existence, the Japanese hornet like all wasps, is a great predator of other unwanted pests.

Bees are intelligent creatures and hopefully they will in time adapt to any threat against them.



Puzzle Page



This month it is all about Gilbert & Sullivan comic operas.

Again the answers are provided but not in the right order!

- 1 Three little girls from school.
- 2 I am the very model of a modern major-general.
- 3 Take a pair of sparkling eyes.
- 4 I'm called little buttercup.
- 5 I have a song to sing o!
- 6 The Nightmare Song.
- 7 Oh such eyes as maidens cherish.
- 8 Fair is rose as bright may day.
- 9 My name is John Wellington Wells.
- 10 When I, good friends, was called to the Bar.

ANSWERS *The Gondoliers, Iolanthe, The Mikado, Patience, The Pirates of Penzance, Patience, Ruddigore. The Sorcerer, Trial by Jury, The Yeoman of the Guard.*

See page 5 for the correct order.

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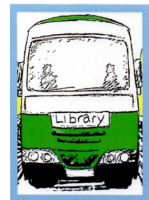
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CLENCHWARTON	ST ANNES CRESCENT	10:55	11:10	PE34 4AX
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CLENCHWARTON	HALL ROAD nr Juntion Robin Kerkham Way	11:35	11:50	PE34 4AS
CLENCHWARTON	BLACK HORSE ROAD	13:00	13:20	PE34 4AB
CLENCHWARTON	WILDFIELDS CLOSE	13:25	13:45	PE34 4AE
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WEST LYNN	ST PETERS CLOSE/CEDAR WAY	14:50	15:10	PE34 3JX
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