

South Leigh & High Cogges News



Update From The Parish Council Chair

I am delighted to be writing to you again now that storm Eustice has gone and the village's power is back on. That, and lots more, is covered in this edition of the newsletter.

Our new parish name: We have written to everyone about the new name that properly reflects our parish. I hope that you like it.

South Leigh & High Cogges News: This newsletter edition has returned to its original paper version (plus its new name!) because we are keen that all parishioners have the opportunity to receive parish news through their letter box whether they have computer access or not. **If, however, you would prefer to receive only the email version, then please let us know by emailing**

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– the less printing we have to do the better both for cost and the environment.

Since Christmas and the last newsletter three major projects have dominated the Parish Council's work. They are:

Pollution in the Limb Brook and Thames Water

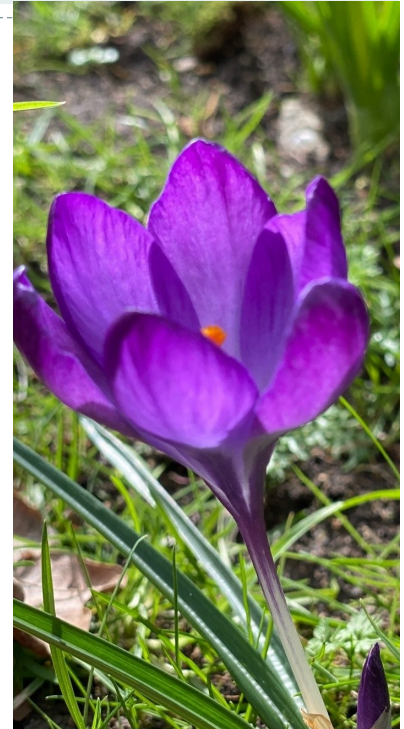
The Proposed Solar Farm at Tar Farm – which is proposed to come across to the village near to the football field

The A40 project

Pollution/Thames Water Limb Brook: This started with concerns over the lack of wildlife and greenery in the Limb Brook. Rita Sawrey-Woodwards undertook several studies of the quality of the water and found that it was far worse downstream from the sewage works in Lymbrook Close than above it. This led to further investigations and Thames Water eventually found that the sewage treatment works were seriously faulty.

Since then, they have been undertaking work on site and taking the sewage away by tanker.

This work has caused a great deal of disturbance to the residents of Lymbrook Close and the Parish Council has put immense pressure on Thames Water on your behalf to get them to minimise disruption, to communicate, to provide a timetable, and to pay Lymbrook Close residents compensation. (Please refer to Thames Water article)



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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Proposed Tar Farm Solar Farm:

After many meetings with residents, the developers and the planners at the West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), the Parish Council was able to submit our comments. These were circulated to the village but you can see them again on the West Oxfordshire District Council website under Planning using the reference 21/03711/FUL.

We feel that, as your Parish Council, it is our duty to fight for the best position we can for the village that we feel is achievable. After considerable advice, it is our belief that WODC will not turn this application down completely and so we felt it our duty to negotiate the best deal possible, as I have explained, earlier. We understand that some residents disagree and that is their prerogative.

As a result of the large number of changes to the proposed solar farm that we negotiated, the developer's planning application has to be amended and resubmitted, and then re-consulted on. Consequently, it will be addressed in the May WODC planning meeting, at the earliest.

In the meantime, never mind the ins and outs of the application, as part of the negotiation the developer has set up a community fund amounting to £300,000 for use for village amenities if the scheme goes forward. I would like to stress that this was negotiated only once we had finalised an agreed layout and size of the site (plus other mitigating details) and in no way affected Parish Councillors' views. If the planning application is approved, then we will be holding discussions as to how best this money should be used.

The A40: There is a more detailed report from Dick Pears elsewhere in this newsletter. Briefly, there are two completely separate parts of this project: the first being the dualling of the A40 to the Eynsham roundabout (including a proposed new roundabout at Barnard Gate); the second addresses the Shores Green junction.

The first is part of a much bigger project that includes new bus lanes along both sides of the A40 to and from Eynsham to Oxford. The second is the Shores Green junction (or access to West Witney). This second part is being separately funded to the first and will have a separate planning application attached to it. The consultation on this second section has not yet begun.

In regard the first part, of particular concern is that the A40 will be moved some 30 metres closer and access to the roundabout, some 350 metres closer to the village, so we need to ensure that this new area is properly screened and that we are protected against noise and light pollution. This, and other matters described by Dick, are at the top of our agenda. And further information on the A40 is in this edition.

Websites: In addition to the work described above, there have been changes to the website. Tim Lawson, who has so ably provided and run our website and Parish Council emails for many years, has decided to step down. We thank him for all his efforts, which were extremely time consuming. As a result, we launched a new website and we thank Lysette and Gary Nicholls for their work on it. It can be found at www.southleighandhighcogges-pc.gov.uk. It is work in progress but I hope that you like the approach so far. Please do contact Lysette Nicholls if you would like to see a section added. For the time being, the Village Hall bookings can still be found on <https://southleigh.info>.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Please see the proposed outline plan for the village's celebrations on the following pages and let us know your comments and ideas.

Storm Eunice: I could not end this note without mentioning the storm and the extraordinary efforts of residents to help one another in our fabulous community. Storm Eunice was the worst storm to hit the UK for 35 years, that is since the Great Storm of 1987.

There are too many residents who helped out in one way or the other to mention individually, but our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who contributed. There were offers of hot water and cooking, the Village Hall's gas kitchen was made available, the church was there for phone charging and hot water, and there were appeals for those in any form of distress to just call for help. The Parish Council is recording lessons learned for the next time and welcome your input. Thank you again, we are truly lucky to live in the South Leigh and High Cogges community.

Of course, all the other normal Parish Council work continues, so please do contact us on any matter with which you feel we might be able to help. Please do also come to the Parish Council meetings the next of which is at 7.30 pm on Monday, 25th April in the Village Hall. You will be most welcome.

Nicky Brooks, Chair, South Leigh and High Cogges Parish Council

View From The Vicar

Recently I attended a conference where the speaker was beamed in via zoom. He was Dr. Patrick Dixon and is Chairman of Global Change Ltd, author of 16 books on global trends including *The Future of Almost Everything*. Dr. Dixon has spoken to audiences in over 60 nations.

He also trained as an NHS doctor and brings his professional insight into new viruses and the impact of pandemics like COVID, through his work preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS which he began through a foundation he started 32 years ago, with programmes today in many emerging nations. He correctly warned of global risks from new viral pandemics, in books published in 1998 and 2015.



He was zooming in from his yacht in Martinique, as he is taking 7 years to sail around the world - I had to confess my envy later.

Dr. Dixon's talk was challenging, encouraging and inspiring and if you want to hear more about it invite me for a beer at the Mason Arms and I'll happily share his knowledge. Towards the end of his talk he asked us a series of questions that many of us may be asking (it was mainly church leaders in the room):

When will people feel like normal again?

What do we do next?

How do we engage with a bruised world that has 'coviditus' and an affliction of the spirit?

He then shared a couple of verses from chapter 11 of the letter to the Romans in the bible:

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

He emphasised the final two words **Practise Hospitality** pointing out that Covid has robbed many people of meaningful human contact over the last couple of years. Eating and drinking together is going to be a key to rebuilding lives and community. In this vein it is great to start thinking about some of the possible celebrations in the village later this year. I'm also grateful to David & Louise Taylor who are regularly hosting simple Sunday lunches, on behalf of the church, for anyone from the community who would like to attend.

Hospitality comes from a greek word which means extending love to the stranger or foreigner and one of the wonderful things about St. James the Great Church is that it is kept open during daylight hours and reading the visitor book it's great to see the inspiration and comfort that strangers feel in that special place. We have begun to pray weekly in the Church on a Wednesday morning at 9.15am and all are welcome to join us. If you are unable to join us but have a prayer request please email it to david@coggesparish.com We are also trying a different service pattern to encourage new people to attend and indeed we are seeing some new worshippers join us.

Our desire at St. James is to be a community which practises hospitality but the reality is that Covid has taken its toll on our church community, as it has many churches across the nation. We have seen some regulars move away and others not yet return because they are still isolating. This has led to a situation where the church is struggling financially and also needs some practical help with things like simple bookkeeping. We do not expect people who don't attend worship to contribute to the costs of ministry at the church, however I would ask you to consider whether you might be able to help with the fabric and maintenance costs of the building so that we can continue to keep it in good order and open for the village and the visitor.

If you would like to talk to me about any of this please do get in touch. simon@coggesparish.com

May you know the hospitality of friend and stranger at this time and the restoration of your spirit,

With every blessing
Simon

South Leigh Flower & Produce Show Returns!

South Leigh Flower & Produce Show will resume this year on **Saturday 10th September**. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. You will find details elsewhere in this newsletter. There is something for everyone, so we hope there will be a bumper number of entries. Liz Ashwell/Richard Law



Hedgehog Report

There will be no hedgehog report this quarter. Our correspondent is being plagued by cats who are eating the hedgehog food, following her around the garden into her hen enclosure

Comings & Going

Sian Bishop and Jack have moved into Kingsettle Cottage, Church End with Arthur the dog.

We hope they will be very happy living in South Leigh.

A40 DUALLING

Members of the Parish Council have had a number of different meetings with representatives of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who are dealing with the work on the A40.

The most recent being on 16th February. The Parish Council will have meetings every two months with OCC as the scheme develops.

Some of you may have accessed the Oxfordshire County Council or the West Oxfordshire District Council planning site to discover that there are over 370 documents relating to the planning application which when looked at are not clearly identified and are randomly loaded. Never fear, we will provide you with an index and reference to what we think are the relevant documents. I should indicate there seems to be reports on everything – air quality, wintering birds, otters and water voles, groundwater, flooding etc

Certain significant matters are however emerging and that is that the new line of the A40 between Shores Green and Barnard Gate will be to the south of the current A40 and the current A40 will be utilised as service or access road. That brings the road substantially nearer the village.

The current landscaping plans are in our view not satisfactory with regard to noise, light and visual impact and we have indicated our concern and will continue to do so. At this stage OCC seem to be listening.

As there is a plan to have a roundabout near the Barnard Gate junction, that roundabout has to be lit and that again is an



issue that we have been addressing.

The issue of traffic flow through the village and the effect of the dualling of the A40 on flow along the Barnard Gate Road is being addressed in a report commissioned by OCC in October 2021 at our insistence. We insisted on the letter of instruction and we received that. The report is due to be filed in April and we have indicated that it must be provided before OCC consider the application.

We have arranged a meeting with Robert Courts MP slightly in advance of the application going to Committee.

HOWEVER suffice it to say we are expecting to have to call on you to help us.

Bridewell Events for 2022

Bridewell Gardens, The Walled Garden, Wilcote, OX7 3DT

Saturday 30th April – Plant Sale: plants for sale in Bridewell's vineyard (the walled garden will not be open during the plant sale)

Open Days: Sunday 15th May, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th June, Sunday 11th September

Bridewell's Open Days for 2022. Visit the gardens and learn more about Bridewell's work, gardening and working with nature to support people who have experienced serious mental ill health.

Entrance: suggested donation £5

THAMES WATER UPDATE



The situation for the residents of Lymbrook Close (and beyond) remains unsatisfactory – of course it is good that Thames Water are carrying out extensive work on the treatment work but 7 months of work is having a significant adverse effect on the immediate community and beyond.

As you know on 14th February 2022 we sent out an open letter concentrating on the issues caused by sewage tankers continuing to come and go from Lymbrook Close from 7am to 11pm, seven days per week.

We have asked Thames Water to accept that compensation is necessary.

We would be the first to admit that the letter seems to have had far less effect than we hoped.

However we have continued with other efforts.

Cllr. Dan Levy wrote to Thames Water on 15th February 2022 saying it was imperative that the

treatment plant be repaired immediately and it was unreasonable for the residents to be inconvenienced for this long. He also raised the issue of compensation

On Friday 4th March the PC had a face to face meeting with Robert Courts MP about a number of things including Thames Water and at his own suggestion after the meeting he visited Lymbrook Close and is taking the matter up with Thames Water.

We will see!!

A villager has suggested an approach which will hit Thames Water in their pocket and we will keep you posted.

Dick Pears

A QUIZ FOR SPRING

Unravel the following to reveal places in the British Isles (including an area of London and 2 Oxfordshire villages), all of which contain 1 or 2 words with a link to water, e.g. COVEntry, NewQUAY, DUCK/LING/ton. 2 words appear twice.

- 1 WAS SANE
- 2 OPT LAW
- 3 FAD I SHRUG
- 4 PAL HIKES
- 5 WORD AFTER
- 6 ILL RACES
- 7 BIROS SAD ART

- 8 SOB OR WINK
- 9 POLE HOWLS
- 10 RICE BLOKE
- 11 DREAM COLTS
- 12 STEWED ILL
- 13 GNAW SO THIN
- 14 ROD FUMED
- 15 TRIBE NEAR
- 16 CHOSE THIRD
- 17 BLOT TO TRAP
- 18 NY YOB CLAW
- 19 LETS MORE REPEL
- 20 WE BRING DULLEST



FLY– TIPPING

Fly-tipping is an ongoing problem in the parish, particularly along the Stanton Harcourt and Barnard gate roads including the ditches. In case you are unaware of how to report this problem, all you need to do is go to Fly tipping WODC and follow the links (the links are also on our website). The website will come up with a map where you can pinpoint the location and give details of what has been dumped. You may leave your contact details but this is not necessary.



NATURE NOTES AND A BIT OF HISTORY

Why was Margery Cross?

Heather Horner



She has never seemed cross to me, but how did she get her name?

Margery Cross could be called the centre of the dispersed village of South Leigh. The T-junction formed by Church End, Station Road and Chapel Road could in no way be called a crossroads. And there is no historical suggestion that there was ever a 'cross' erected here. So why the name?

The name Margery Cross appears on the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1876, and continues for every edition since then. However, earlier maps have no such location. True, there are not many old detailed maps, and certainly not produced at a large enough scale to record local names. But there is one surviving set of records that lists the field names, and who owned or leased the land. The Tithe Award of 1848 plotted every field on a map and gave each a number. An accompanying Schedule (a list) charted the area, the value, the name of the owner, and the name of the lessee or tenant for every plot of land and every cottage.



To speculate on how the name may have evolved, we need to think about the development of South Leigh village as a series of irregular clearings in Wychwood Forest, probably before the Romans came, and certainly by the Anglo-Saxon period. In time, those irregular clearings were fenced or hedged to make a 'home close' to keep livestock safe, maybe with a farmstead, and to distinguish the close from the surrounding large open fields, which were cultivated in strips.

Above: One of the ancient closes (foreground) divided by a hedgerow bank from the ridge-and-furrow beyond. South side of Station Road. Photo Martin Spurrier

You can still see these small closes along Chapel Road, along Station Road, and below Bond's Lane. And when the light is right, you can see the shadows of the strips in several of the larger fields beyond. (see above)

The Schedule accompanying the Tithe Award of 1843 lists many fields called 'something Close'. The field with the four veteran oak trees that you can see silhouetted as you approach Margery Cross along Chapel Road is listed as 'Maine Close'. At that date, it was owned by the Sibthorpes of Eynsham Hall, and leased to William Gillett, Junior, the lessee of Church End Farm.





NATURE NOTES

The Ordinance Survey mapmakers were unfamiliar with the landscape or local names, and relied upon local knowledge and earlier maps to add detail. I can envisage a situation in which a mapmaker transcribed from a handwritten list, and made the best of someone else's scrawling handwriting: Maine Close became Margery Cross.

If anyone has any other suggestions, we'll be delighted to hear them!

If only our veteran oaks could talk!

As the South Leigh Forest Restoration group plants young trees in and around our village, one wonders about the heritage of these ancient forbears.

The veteran oak trees tell part of the story of South Leigh. The ones shown here, at Margery Cross, are quite evidently survivors of an earlier boundary, growing on a bank and marked as boundary hedgerow on the Tithe Award map. With Rachel and Greg Murphy's permission, current owners of the trees, I have measured the girth of the oaks as 12 ft (3.66m). Given the wet clay conditions they are growing in, this suggests they could be 500 years old.

The trees have reached a stage where their root system cannot sustain any more top growth, but this does not mean they are dying, just that they need to shed some old wood in order to grow new wood and leaves, hence the dead branches. They will have developed a very varied ecosystem, with insects on the leaves and bark, fungi on the dead wood, birds (and maybe bees) in the hollow trunks.

We are fortunate in South Leigh that we have a relatively large number of veteran trees, mostly oaks, frequently in the boundaries of these old closes. There are several in the 'ghost' outline of the former Ward Wood, visible from Stanton Harcourt Road as you approach the village, on the right as you get to the bend before College Farm.

There are also good numbers of stately hedgerow oaks, not quite old enough to be called veterans, but almost certainly approaching the age of 230 years. They are in hedgerows which were established in 1794 at Enclosure of South Leigh parish by private Act of Parliament. There are good examples in the hedgerows from near Gunn Cottage, past The Manor House, and up the road to Barnard Gate and the A40: these hedges marked the enclosure of the former common land, and the formerly open trackway into Wychwood Forest.

Oaks are slow growing and can reach a great age. Other species grow faster so reach maturity and veteran status earlier. The large-leaved lime trees surrounding the churchyard have reached this stage; they were planted in 1836 (parish records). To keep them vigorous, we are advised that we need to remove the excess epicormic growth around the base (*epi* = outside, *cormic* = bark), and we are doing this.

Help!: We'll be recruiting villagers to join churchyard tree working parties each winter. Join us to keep our heritage alive. HH



SOUTH LEIGH FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

EVERYONE PLEASE SUPPORT THE SHOW

To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th September 2022
Entries to be brought to the Hall between **9.30am** and **10.30am**

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT 01993 703534

ENTRY FEE 20p. Not more than one exhibit per person per class.

CLASSES FOR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS (age to be stated)

- 1C An animal made from silver foil (aged 8 and under)
- 2C A painted stone (aged 8 and under)
- 3C Any plant, vegetable or flower grown by someone aged 16 and under living in South Leigh.
- 4C A sea creature - any medium (aged 16 and under)
- 5C Four biscuits (aged 16 and under)

OPEN CLASSES (all ages)

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| 1 Specimen Rose | 22 Longest Runner bean |
| 2 Best Perfumed Rose | 23 A vegetable that has gone wrong |
| 3 Vase of three Perennials (1 variety) | 24 Heaviest Potato |
| 4 Vase of three Dahlias (1 variety) | 25 6 Eggs |
| 5 Vase of six sweet peas | 26 Jar of Home-made Chutney |
| 6 Foliage Pot Plant | 27 Jar of Home-made Jam |
| 7 Indoor Flowering Pot Plant | 28 Lemon crunch cake – recipe given |
| 8 A home-grown Cook's basket min 6 items | 29 A loaf of bread |
| 9 Cucumber | |
| 10 Three Carrots | 30 Flower Arrangement - |
| 11 Three Potatoes | “The NHS” - max size - 18”x18”x18” |
| 12 Three Onions | |
| 13 Six Tomatoes | 31 Photograph un-mounted - |
| 14 Six Cherry Tomatoes | “Covid” - max size - 5” x 7” |
| 15 Six Runner Beans | To be judged by the public |
| 16 Six French Beans | |
| 17 Three Beetroot | 32 A picture or sculpture - any medium - |
| 18 Three Courgettes | completed in the last 12 months |
| 19 Two Squash | To be judged by the public |
| 20 3 Cooking Apples | |
| 21 3 Dessert Apples | |

Name	1c	2c	3c	4c	5c	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32			
20p per entry																					

Please fill in your name and tick box for each class you wish to enter. Tear off and submit along with payment to the stewards on arrival at the hall. Thank you.

Total money

PRIZES (all trophies are competed for annually)

The Noble Challenge Cup (donated by the late Major Noble) will be awarded to the competitor gaining the most points overall.

A Cup presented in memory of the late Ron Miles will be awarded to the competitor gaining most points in classes 9 to 21.

A Vase presented in memory of the late Mary Miles will be awarded to the winner of class 1.

The Challenge Plate will be awarded to the competitor gaining the most points in classes 26 - 30.

The Competition Cup will be awarded to the competitor under 21 gaining the most points overall.

The Joan Lee Trophy will be awarded to the competitor gaining most points in classes 2 - 5.

The SLUG Mug will be awarded to the member of South Leigh United Gardeners gaining most points in classes 2 – 5 and 9 – 21.

- 1st Prize 50p and 4 points towards the cups
2nd Prize 25p and 2 points towards the cups
3rd Prize 15p and 1 point towards the cups
2nd Prize will be awarded only if there are four or more entries in class
3rd Prize will be awarded only if there are seven or more entries in class
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CLASS 28 - RECIPE: LEMON CRUNCH CAKE

Ingredients

Cake

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 oz/115g soft margarine | Finely grated rind of one lemon |
| 6 oz/170g caster sugar | 2 fl oz/60 ml milk |
| 2 eggs | 6 oz/170g self-raising flour |

Topping

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 4 oz/115g granulated sugar | Juice of one lemon |
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Method

1. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin and set oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4.
2. Beat the margarine and caster sugar together until light and fluffy.
3. Gradually beat in the eggs, then stir in the finely grated lemon rind.
4. Fold in the sifted flour alternating with the milk.
5. Turn mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface.
6. Bake in the oven for approx. 50 minutes until well risen.
7. While cake is baking, make topping: in a bowl, mix together lemon juice and sugar.
8. When cooked, spoon topping over the hot cake. Leave in tin until completely cold.

SHOW OPENS FOR VIEWING AT 2.30PM

TEAS

RAFFLE

PRIZE GIVING AND AUCTION OF PRODUCE AT 3.30PM

Seasonal South Leigh Recipes

Even though spring is just around the corner, a warming dish that looks after itself in a low oven is often just what's needed. In this recipe the lamb juices combine with freshly squeezed orange, garlic and aromatic spices to make a delicious sauce. I like to serve this dish with couscous or creamy mashed potato. A crisp, colourful slaw goes well on the side. *E.L.*

Moroccan Slow-Roasted Shoulder of Lamb ~ Serves 4 - 6

1.8kg bone-in shoulder of lamb
1 tbsp olive oil
salt and pepper
2 red onions, peeled and halved
1 whole head of garlic, cut in half horizontally

For the sauce:

350ml freshly squeezed orange juice
1 small glass red wine (optional)
1 generous tbsp Ras El Hanout spice mixture
1 tbsp date molasses or black treacle
1 tsp rose harissa

To serve: chopped mint and pomegranate seeds

Heat the oven to 220°C / 200°C fan / Gas 7. Rub the lamb with the oil and season with salt and pepper. Place the onions and garlic in the base of a deep roasting pan (or covered roaster, if you have one) then sit the lamb on top. Roast, uncovered, for 20 minutes.

Reduce the oven temperature to 180°C / 160°C fan / Gas 3. Mix together all the remaining ingredients and pour over the lamb. Cover the roasting pan tightly with a double layer of foil or a lid, if using a covered roaster, and cook slowly for about 3 ½ hours. Test to check that the meat is soft and tender, you should be able to part the meat with two forks. Cook for a little longer if needed.

Transfer the meat to a warm dish and cover loosely with foil. Check if there is a lot of fat on the surface of the sauce left in the roasting pan and if there is, tilt the pan and use a spoon to remove the excess. Mash the softened onions and garlic into the sauce and strain into a warmed serving jug. Alternatively, leave the whole pieces of onion and garlic in the sauce - they are delicious! Shred the lamb and sprinkle with chopped mint and pomegranate seeds. Serve with the sauce.

Middle Eastern Slaw ~ Serves 4 - 6

½ a head of red cabbage, cored and finely shredded
1 small red onion, peeled and finely sliced
1 medium beetroot, peeled and cut into fine matchsticks
1 large carrot, peeled and cut into fine matchsticks
zest and juice of one small lemon
2 tbsp each, chopped flat leaf parsley, mint and coriander
1 small red chilli, de-seeded and chopped - optional
a good handful of walnuts or pecans, roughly chopped
a good handful of pomegranate seeds

For the dressing:

2 tbsps maple syrup or honey
1 tbsp date molasses
juice of one lemon - see above
100ml olive oil
salt and pepper



Combine all the vegetables with the lemon zest, chilli and herbs. Whisk together the ingredients for the dressing and pour over the vegetables. Mix well and taste to check seasoning. Sprinkle over the chopped nuts and the pomegranate seed.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee comes to South Leigh and High Cogges

On 6th February, H.M. The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate 70 years of service. You will know that there will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June**. Caroline A. and Martin S. have been invited by the Parish Council to co-ordinate a celebratory programme for our Parish and Liz A. has

kindly helped to produce the draft programme, below. It is here for your comments and further suggestions. Please can you contact Martin at martinspurrier@hotmail.com or call 07799368464 by the end on March? This is a draft and has not even been discussed with some of the likely key players. Everyone is encouraged to comment, though. Thank you. Photograph: 2nd June 1953. Wikipedia/ Cecil Beaton

Please note that school half term is **27th May to 6th June**. All national events can be found at: <https://www.royal.uk> and <https://planinumjubilee.gov.uk>.



The parish's draft plan follows:

***From Friday, 27th May:** Village decoration: Bunting and flags in key locations.

***From Friday, 27th May:** 'Coronation' themed Scarecrow Competition, judged Friday, 3rd June.

***From Friday, 27th May:** 'Coronation' themed decorated bus shelter.

***Thursday 2nd June:** Formal 'Proclamation' at 7.30pm, Hot dogs at the Village Hall and Lighting of the Community Beacon at 9.15 pm.

***Friday, 3rd June: Still open...**

***Saturday, 4th June:** 'Coronation' Float parade at 11am. Currently one float but as many as wish to join. Starting in High Cogges, then to the VH via Station Road turning around at the Football Field. Opportunities for village children to be heavily involved as Queens, Princesses and Princes and Footmen on/around the Coronation Coach. Sausages, sandwiches and tea at VH/Village Green. Cake competition and/or 'Pudding Fit for a Queen'. Games and skittles. 1pm to 10.30pm Party at the Palace on TV, location to be decided.

***Sunday 5th June:** Bell Ringing at St. James the Great. Celebration service, to be agreed. Picnic. 'Coronation Quiz' at the Pub.

***Earlier or Later:** A cricket match SL v HC or SL/HC v Stanton Harcourt to be decided.

***Musical concert, under discussion:** Hopefully at St. James the Great.

***Later in the year:** A pageant performed by the Marquess of Winchester's Regiment (or the like).

***The Queen's Green Canopy:** All trees planted during the year will be part of this.

Funding: Currently, we have no budget but we shall endeavour to source money from various grants that may still be available. Even if money is not forthcoming, there have been a number of pledges already to contribute to the costs. More are welcome!

Please let Martin know your ideas and/or willingness to be involved, especially children. Nothing can happen without people who are willing to help one way or the other. Thanks, MS/CA.



A Circular Walk in the Glyme Valley including two fine estates, with extensive views

Distance: 4½ miles. Allow 2½ hours. Wear stout footwear. **N.B.** Do not deviate from the Public Rights of Way.

Parking/Start: In minor road off B4027 in Glympton, on L just beyond Post Office/Shop 100yds from junction. G.R. SP 426216.

Take footpath (SP Kiddington) to small gate in fence in far corner, then go R on high bank to drop down to estate road. Cross onto top of grassy slope by shrubbery & go R at marker post to climb gently. At top go L beneath tall trees inside fence then pass through gate. Now continue in same direction, climbing gently to re-join fence on L towards top. At track ignore metal gate on L but pass through small wooden gate in fence ahead. Bear R on high path with River Glyme seen below copse on L.

The path bears round to L alongside top of copse then drops gently. Continue on waymarked path at field edge, climbing, then when reach marker post at junction of tracks go R alongside fence for 50yds or so then bear L (with fence). Continue straight ahead on clear path across field, then descend to R to join road at Kiddington.

Cross and follow finger post (SP Kiddington Church) to pass through small gate by Lodge onto drive to Kiddington Hall. The 'big house' is a Grade II listed mid C19 rebuild of the original C17 Hall. Go along drive then soon after reaching avenue of yews bear R. The church (from C12 but mostly C14 with later alterations) can be visited via lychgate on L just past the Hall. Return here, continue ahead & just before reaching house go L at waymarker/sign on path, bearing round to L alongside metal fence below fine dovecote—a lovely spot with spring flowers.

Drop down, bear R to cross footbridge then go L for just a few paces to marker post. This is a lovely spot from which to appreciate Kiddington Hall in its setting across the River Glyme. The parkland was landscaped by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown in the mid C18. Bear R at marker post to follow path through trees & then go alongside

fence to climb to gate ahead. Continue ahead, passing house on R, then immediately after passing 2nd house on R go R (opposite large tree/metal gate—no waymarker!) to pass between house & farm buildings with barns ahead. At barns go R for a few paces then L between barns & at end go slightly L & pass through gate ahead (with waymarker!).

Just before reaching wood go through gate on R & follow this high grassy route (bridleway) alongside wood, with good views ahead & to R, including Kiddington Hall & church. Beyond end of wood drop down to marker post, where go through gate on L then immediately R to climb alongside fence then wall. When reach track pass through small gate to R ahead (with waymarkers on it), then go immediately R & follow alongside fence, later descending gently & bearing L through trees to pass Radford Mill & join lane.

Now go R & stay on lane back to Kiddington. Cross road onto footpath you were on earlier, climb to marker post before top where go L to follow alongside fence/wood /hedge at field edge, then climb to go alongside edge of 2nd field. Here there are more fine views back beyond Kiddington, including the route. When join road go R for around 150yds then take footpath on R (SP Glympton). Bear L across field, cross stile, go diagonally L to cross further stile at marker post. Now maintain your direction to descend to another stile in fence at marker post, to return to where you were earlier. Go L to return to estate road.

Before returning to your car make a short detour to visit Glympton church (C12) by going R on road, cross the Glyme (another lovely spot) & climb to church on L. Glympton village was originally built around the church, but was moved in the mid C17 to make room for the landscaping of Glympton Park. The present House is C18.

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Invitation to Party With The Parish Wardens

by Russell and Anne Cherry

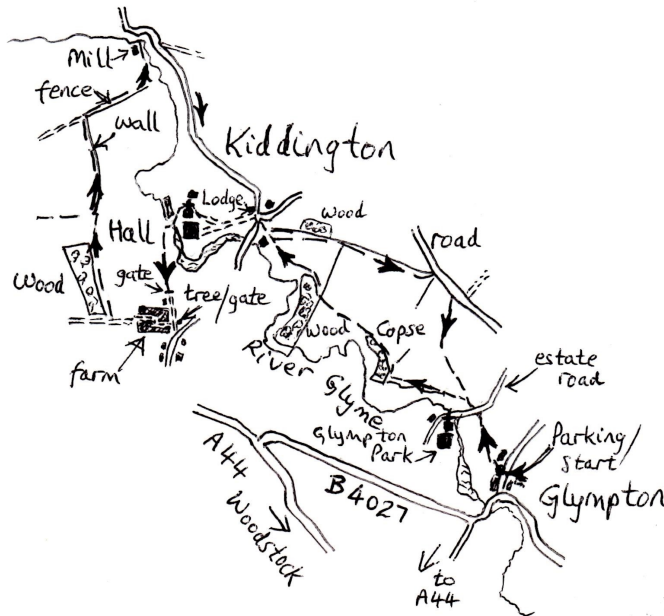
.....a working party, that is! Join us to cut back new growth along short sections of our Public Rights of Way, to help keep these routes clear. **Meet at the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd April or at the start of Moor Lane on Station Road (opposite The White Cottage) on Sunday 3rd April, in both cases ready for setting off at 10 a.m. prompt.** You are of course welcome to come along on both days if you wish!

Simply bring along secateurs (as we'll only be doing light pruning) plus garden gloves, and of course, be sure to wear appropriate footwear as it is likely to be wet/muddy in places.

We must stress that these are short leisurely (circular) strolls, as the aim is the cutting back, as well as appreciating the benefits gained from using our rights of way of course! We will aim to complete each session by 12 noon at the latest; the more secateurs there are at work will of course ensure we finish even earlier! In any case, if you can only spare an hour this will be a great help.

No RSVP---just turn up!

A Circular Walk in the Glyme Valley including two fine estates, with extensive views Map



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