

St Mary's House



Most of you will probably have realised that the new St Mary's House notice board has been moved.

Many thanks to Saxby for his hard work in removing it and re-positioning a bit further back.

Work is still ongoing to place slabs underneath to make it more easily accessible.

St Mary's House will hopefully be able to open from August. There will, of course, be restrictions on what we can do but committee meetings and small gatherings of no more than 10 people for the time being will be possible.

Julie has drawn up a list of instructions which will be passed on to all users of the Hall in due course, which should make it possible for at least some things to take place.

The Hall will be thoroughly cleaned between bookings and hope to have 72 hours between them as well to make sure nothing nasty lurks!!!!

Speed Watch took place the week of 29th June. Helpers were Tim, Roger, Christine, Sam Kelly, Clive, Eunice and Mark. There were six sessions of one-hour duration.

97 vehicles exceeded 35mph or over and 23 of those were between 40 and 50mph.

The kit went onto Tadmarton for two weeks, then Hornton and Swalcliffe. We will have it back for two weeks 16th to 30th August. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Sue.



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Who else is missing the willow trees? Very sad to see them cut down.



Martin Fiennes very kindly let us know what happens to them.

"The cricket bat willows are 'harvested' about every 15 years once their girth gets to about 56". The firm who plant and harvest the trees is J.S. Wright & Sons, the largest cricket bat willow suppliers in the world.

They harvest them and then send them all off to India and Pakistan to be made into cricket bats".

Thank you for the information Martin, very interesting.



Sam & Amelia Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Two of our younger residents are doing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards. Both Sam and Amelia have written these pieces for the newsletter.

During this covid-19 pandemic, I've been given an opportunity to start my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. It involves helping the community and environment, and will also help to develop new skills and improve fitness.

For the voluntary section, I've decided to help around the village! Including: Litter-picking and general tasks.

I'm enjoying the experience so far and hope that I can give back to the village community. **Sam Lea-James**

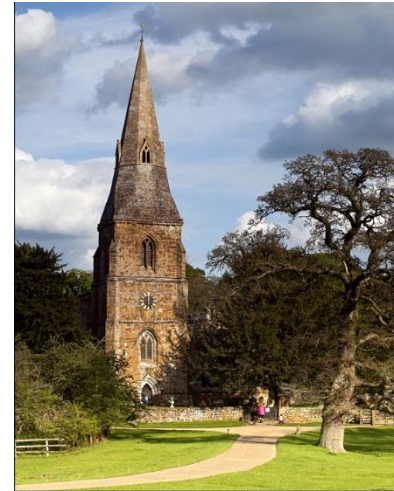
Sam is pictured helping to tidy up after Steve Hobbs cut back the hedge by the car park. Thank you both.

This year I have started doing my bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. To complete the bronze level of DofE you have to complete three sections: volunteering, physical and skill. You must do one hour a week for each section, and do two sections for three months, one section for six months. For my skill section I am working on my cooking skill by making dinner for my family once a week, for physical I am going on different walks in and around Broughton. For volunteering, I found out about a programme being run by some residential homes, where you write to one of the residents to give them some contact with other people, as I know they have had very little connection with the outside world. The last part we have to do is an expedition, even though that is optional due to the current conditions!

Amelia Mills



100 Club



St Mary's Church has for the past 700 years been the centre of worship in Broughton and North Newington, with regular services being held on Sundays and Christian Festivals. Community life is also supported, including buildings such as St Mary's House and Bishop Carpenter School.

In order to maintain church activities over those years, fund raising has been essential. Fetes, bazaars, flower festivals and coffee mornings are examples.

The PCC came to the conclusion that these events needed underpinning with a regular income to meet modern monetary demands.

The 100 Club was therefore set up in 2006 and more members are now needed.

You are therefore invited to join the 100 Club for the relatively modest sum of £5 per month you will be playing your part. You will also have the opportunity to win monthly prizes of £60 and £40 and an annual prize of £100, subject to membership of 100.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to support our church and ensure it continues for another 700 years.

If you would like to join the 100 Club, please contact Sue who has the necessary application forms.

The lucky winners for the July draw were:

1st. Evelyn Ruck £60 2nd. Miriam Parsley £40.