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FOR
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8 - 10th MAY 2020

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Church and Village Newsletter for Corley & Fillongley

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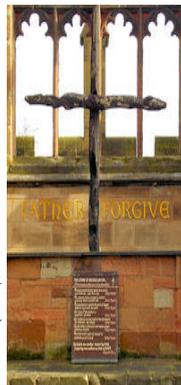
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RECONCILIATION, peace and forgiveness ~ today and forever

My growing love for the new Coventry Cathedral and all it represents began in the mid-sixties on the day I first visited the city. I had travelled up from my home in Devon to meet up with my then friend, a Coventrian, who was later to become my husband.

I soon realised that Coventry Cathedral has a very special place in the hearts of many people, not only locally and nationally but on a global scale.



Reconciliation has been a mark of Coventry Cathedral's ministry since long before the medieval building was destroyed by enemy action in November 1940. It was, however, that tragedy and the community's response under the leadership of Provost Dick Howard which led to the Christian message of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation (both with God and with our Human enemies) becoming the Cathedral's distinctive heartbeat.

Just six weeks after the bombing, Provost Howard said on national radio that, once the war was over, his vision was to work with those who had been enemies, "*to build a kinder, more Christ-like world.*" He had the phrase '*Father Forgive*' inscribed on the wall of the ruined Cathedral, where it can still be seen today. These words echo the words of Jesus as he hung dying on the cross: "*Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.*" The simple prayer *Father forgive* acknowledges our need to receive forgiveness from God for ourselves as well as ask it for others.

18 years later, Canon Joseph Poole, the first Precentor of the new Cathedral, wrote the Litany of Reconciliation. Loosely based on the seven deadly sins (anger, gluttony, greed, envy, sloth, lust and pride) it is a confession of humanity's failings. Drawing on different elements of Christian tradition, its message and the values it evokes to deal with human failure are universal and timeless.

The new Cathedral was consecrated in 1962. It stands alongside the ruins as an icon of God's power at work in his world to reconcile and renew. The Litany of Reconciliation is prayed at 12 noon each weekday in the new Cathedral and in the ruins of the old Cathedral on Fridays. Many other associated centres of reconciliation around the world join in using this prayer, especially at mid-day on Fridays.

THE LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, **Father, forgive.***

*The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, **Father, forgive.***

*The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth, **Father, forgive.***

*Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Father, forgive.***

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee, **Father, forgive.***

*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children, **Father, forgive.***

*The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, **Father, forgive.***

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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We are all called to testify to God's reconciling act, drawing us closer to himself, to the one in whom true peace is found. We are commissioned as ambassadors of Christ and ministers of reconciliation. We are called to share the promise of Peace in our personal relationships; listening instead of talking, loving instead of fighting. It is rarely an easy thing to do, especially with those we find hardest to love, but it does lead us to Jesus Christ, the ultimate peacemaker on earth.

Imagine my delight when many years later, November 2014 to be precise, I arrived in Wellington Cathedral, New Zealand, for the ordination of my cousin, John to find the Coventry Cross of Nails displayed there and to remember that my gift to John on that day was a stole depicting that same cross within the crown of thorns.



Our very special Cathedral and its message of reconciliation, forgiveness and peace continues to be an influence in all corners of the globe.

Suzanne Whiting ~ Church Steward Warden

Spring and Easter

The sun comes out of the clouds,
Bringing Light and Warmth to the earth.

The flowers come out of the buds,
Bringing scnt and colour to the earth.

The chicks come out of the eggs,
Bringing flight and song to the earth.

Jesus comes out of the tomb
Bringing joy and hope to the earth.

Darkness is overcome, after the
Sorrow and gloom of Calvary

Spring and Easter are new
beginnings
For people everywhere to see.

E.J.R

Corley Churchwardens Notes

Preparations are underway for the best Annual Plant Sale on May 16th where in addition to lots of lovely bedding and vegetable plants there will be cakes for sale and Jen's very successful (everyone wins a prize) tombola all enjoyed with a refreshing



'cuppa' and more cake. Further details of the event can be found in the Newsletter and if you have any unwanted unwrapped gifts suitable for the tombola please drop them off to Jen, me or Jan at a car boot on the 4th April / 2nd May or at church on Sundays.

Preparations are also underway as I write for both churches to meet a candidate for the post of Rector at an informal buffet supper the day before the applicant meets the interview panel. So if all goes well our prolonged interregnum could be over before summer begins. I look forward to being able to provide some positive details and good news in the next Newsletter. The best 'Good news' for everyone is, of course, Eastertide when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please come and join us on a Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' from Corley to Fillongley at 1.00pm then an 'Hour by the Cross' at 2.00pm in Fillongley church. Easter Day celebrations start with a Sunrise Service of Holy Communion with Archdeacon Sue Field in Corley churchyard followed by breakfast in the Sunday Schoolroom; then the Revd Liz Jones at 10.30am will lead our Holy Communion service. Spring brings new life to nature but Easter can bring new life to you.

Jim

CORLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL
CAN YOU HELP - PLEASE?

Volunteer Teacher/s required for about an hour one Sunday per month to regenerate the Sunday School by engaging children in the Gospel story of the day through arts and crafts, presentation and having fun.

Please contact Jim(540579) or Gwen (541266) or on the 'A Church Near You' website www.achurchnearyou.com

Corley Churchyard News

A public notice from the Ministry of Justice announcing the proposed closure of the churchyard is on the lychgate notice board and on the board adjacent to the church in addition to the notice in the last edition of the Newsletter. The closing date for making representations about the proposal has now passed.

Ciara, Dennis & Jorge have also been and gone thankfully leaving only minor damage to the fence. Malcolm was soon able to remove the two already deceased trees that succumbed to the winds and repaired the fence.

Corley churchyard is in good hands thanks to Malc - not sure what we would do without you and grass cutting will begin soon! My weather source informs me that the storm after Dennis should have been named Ellen but the Spanish Met. Office got in first & you may be pleased to know that if your name begins with the letters Q,U,X,Y& Z, you will be spared the embarrassment of ever being called 'a storm'.

We managed to remove all the remaining seasonal artificial floral arrangements before the end of February thanks to help from Jen and filled 3 wheelie bins. All the wreaths etc looked really lovely this year.

The churchyard team wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Jim

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Baptism Blankets

We're thrilled to announce that all babies and children being baptised at Corley and Fillongley churches will be presented with a rainbow-coloured blanket, made with love by the congregation and friends.

It's significance, firstly, is in the colours which remind us of God's promise to his people, and secondly, it is knitted and joined together by many volunteers so that the child can be wrapped in the love of the Church as they grow up.

If you would like to volunteer to knit squares, join squares together or donate DK wool, please contact Elizabeth Smitham 01676 540072

elizabeth.smitham@gmail.com

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THE BIG PICTURE in Social Club:

LIVE & Local in Village Hall:

Corley Bowling Club

The Bowling Club is situated behind the Corley Village Hall and will be opening around mid April or as soon as weather permits. New members are always welcome and you can turn up on a Tuesday evening from 6pm without any prior notice.

The only thing you will need is a pair of flat shoes; the club will provide everything else, so you can try a roll-up. The club has a fully licensed bar, so great to relax after your roll up.

We look forward to seeing you.

Graham Spencer

Corley Golden Years

*Meetings are held on the last Tuesday in the month
at Corley Village hall from 2pm - 6pm*

New members are always welcome.

Jan 28th 2020

We hope you all had a good Christmas and a happy New Year!

Hasn't the weather been grim so far this year, but it can only get better!

It was nice to see members again as it seems such a long time since the Christmas party.

Today we celebrated Chris's birthday. Thank you for the lovely cakes and to Rita and Jen for the enjoyable tea as always.

Rita also joined us at our Committee meeting.

We played our usual mind bending game of bingo, called by Edie; thanks for that, it keeps our minds active!

February 25th

Today we celebrated Janet's birthday and she provided lovely cream cakes; thank you for those.

We also enjoyed a fish and chip tea, and our few games of bingo, again called by Edie, thanks again.

Unfortunately a few members were absent due to illness so we send our very best wishes that they're better soon and back with us. Jenny didn't come today because she wasn't well and we definitely missed "her chatter", get well soon everyone!

Sheila

CORLEY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Work has now finished on the ladies loo and feedback from our regular users range from very modern, posh, lovely and fresh and a big improvement! Thanks to Gary Baskerville (Focus Homes) and his team for doing a good job and working around our bookings.

We decided to go ahead with the painting in the hope that the ceilings in the foyer won't be affected when the new roof is sorted out. Several ideas have been suggested for the roof and we are now in discussion with the architect on the best way forward.

CORONAVIRUS has already started to affect hall bookings with three being cancelled or postponed today. Sadly, the pasta night due to be held to raise funds for the bowling club has been postponed and will be held later in the year.

The April boot fair and quiz will be cancelled and we will be reviewing the May boot fair nearer the time.

For all classes/events not run by the village hall please contact individual organisers for an update.

Photographic Club	First Monday of the month 7pm – 9pm
Yoga	Tuesdays 6 – 7pm
Line Dancing	Wednesdays 10am – 12pm
Tai Chi	Wednesdays 7 – 8.30pm
Golden Years	Last Tues of month 2 – 6pm
Fit Steps plus	Thursday 6.30 – 8 30pm
Line Dance Social	Third Thursday of the month 7pm – 10pm

To book the hall please contact **Jen 02476– 596246**
Please check our web site on www.corleyvillage.org.uk

Mobile Library will be in the hall car park on 17th April, 29th May
(No visit on 8th May as Bank Holiday) 19th June,
Time 15.05 and will stay for 25 minutes. Any enquiries or to renew books please phone 01926 851031 **Bett B**

Flower Festival

We planning a Flower Festival in Church to commemorate V.E. Day.

We would like all the various groups
in Fillongley Village to be represented.

Your arrangement or display may be as big or as small
as you like and depict a country of your choice.

A flag of your chosen country will be provided to be included.
Please contact Elizabeth Smitham if you would like to
participate, and state your chosen country.

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Fillongley Village Fete 2020

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FILLONGLEY GOLDEN YEARS

*Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday in the month
from 2pm to 4pm at Fillongley Village Hall*

January is one of our favourite monthly meeting. Mark cooks our Christmas dinner and we sit and eat it. One of the best ideas in our calendar. By the time we have 'helped' to lay the tables and scurried about looking busy, his ladies have finished the job and we are waiting to be served. We always enjoy his cooking and would like to thank him for another lovely meal.

We generally chatted and gossiped and Sheila gave us the message she had stacked up for us. It is such a nice afternoon being with friends.

In February, Lorraine came to tell us about the Heroes and Heroines of the RNLI to which she is so dedicated. The stories of how and why these people became heroes and heroines is both heart warming and heart breaking. Such commitment of boatmen and their families is one of the UK's strengths. We were also told about people who do not take care of themselves when in water and put the RNLI people at risk and danger. The cost of the boats and training is phenomenal and it beggars belief how they manage to raise such vast funds. It is because of folk like Lorraine who talk about their work ethic that some of this money is raised. We would like to thank Lorraine for continuing to inform us of this vital service.

A couple of folk who were not too good last month are back with us but another couple are still not fit and we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you soon.

Barbara J

FILLONGLEY & DISTRICT GARDENERS' CLUB

*Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday in the month
7.00pm at Fillongley Village Hall Entry £2*

Steering group:
Moira Bastow
Geoff Croft
Ray Jensen



John Sargent
Colin Tracey
Lynne McKeown

February brought three new members which was a nice surprise. John S talked us through Climate Changes and what it means to our gardens/plots. Basically it means that we can plant a little earlier than in previous years, but use our common sense re: soil temperature and frost. Lynne introduced a new challenge which means we have to research plants and ancilliary topics beginning with a chosen letter, next month will be letter A, that will interesting to see what we can find out.

In March, we did a challenge to work out a four year crop rotation taking into account John's advice: plant a hedge to hide the compost heap and plant a hedge for a wind break. Both must have year round interest. The results were varied and I might use them when we can reorganise our garden. The letter A provided some interest, not just plant names but insects and health property plants. We all learned something from that research and letter B should be just as good.

In April, Ray is going to talk about orchids, how to grow them, infections etc. We are also going to have a House Plant swap and care for house plants

May will depend on voting and whether we can use the Hall.

Hoping your gardens/plots are drying out and the soil is warming up. The Spring bulbs are showing their heads which augers well for the next couple of months but don't plant out your delicates yet

Barbara J

The Good Life on Fillongley Allotments

Have you ever walked past the allotments in Fillongley, and wondered what's involved? What's it like to have an allotment ?

In my experience, it's not all rusty wheelbarrows, dungarees, and potatoes. Yes, growing your own fresh fruit and vegetables is the main focus; it's incredibly satisfying to sit down to a plate of fresh vegetables you've grown and harvested yourself, but there's so much more to it .

There's a limitless choice of what you can grow; far more than is available in most supermarkets. The only limit being your imagination. Then there's the health benefits. 15 minutes a day in the sunshine can build up levels of vitamin D.

30 minutes of gardening can burn 150 calories. gardening or a fitness class? I know what I'd choose.

An hour after work pottering on an allotment is a great way to unwind after a long day, surrounded by nature, and plenty of fresh air.

During the summer months, there is nearly always someone to have a chat and a cup of tea with, plus impromptu BBQs and small gatherings on warm summer afternoons .

We have our annual plant sale in the village hall on the 31st May. There will be activities for children, hot and cold refreshments & raffles

Come and chat to us about starting your own allotment.

For further details, contact Kirsty at fillongleyallotment@yahoo.com

FILLONGLEY QUIZ NIGHT at Fillongley Village Hall

7.0pm Friday 1st May 2020 £8.00 per person

Come alone or as a team (max 6 Players) IMPORTANT

Please contact SUE ROBERTS 01676 542869 j.roberts101@btinternet.com

Victory in Europe Day. There are some people in the village who remember celebrating the actual day in 1945 in Fillongley and the feeling of relief it brought to the families on the home front. You may already be aware that in recognition of this special anniversary the May Day Bank Holiday has been changed from the Monday to the Friday.

Your Parish Council has been working with groups in your community to provide a weekend of entertainments for you to join in with and trying to ensure that these are spread over the 3 days so that you can join in with every one of them if you would like!



All weekend 8 – 10th May

Flower festival at St Mary & All Saints Church. Celebrating Victory in Europe in floral art. Open each day from 11 – 5pm. Refreshments available.

Free admission

Friday 8th May

1pm – 4pm “Street” Party for ALL at the Village Hall. Bring along a plate of food to share with the community.

Tables and Chairs, tea and coffee provided.

Free admission.

7.30pm Harmony Belle at The Weavers Arms, Nuneaton Road. Vintage entertainer, singing songs from the 30’s and 40

Free admission

Saturday 9th May

2 – 4pm at The Social Club, Ousterne Lane. **Traditional Children’s Party.** Great fun unusual party games with lots of prizes. Period dress optional! *Free admission.*

7pm onwards at The Recreation Ground, Church Lane. **VE Day Bonfire and Fireworks display.** Come and celebrate in the time-honoured way! BBQ, and bar available. Limited Blue Badge parking only. Church Lane will be closed to other traffic outside the recreation ground. *Free admission* for Parishioners.

9.30pm Afterparty.. Finish off the evening with live music at The Manor House, Coventry Road. *Free admission.*

Sunday 10th May

2 -5pm Get “In the Mood” at a **Swing Dance** at Fillongley Village Hall. Come along and have a go at 1940s swing dancing – “pro” dancers available to pair up with to teach you the moves if you are a novice or need a partner. Tea and cakes available to purchase to keep you dancing! Period costume optional. *Free admission.*

7pm onwards. Traditional East End Pie, Mash and Liquor night at The Cottage, Blackhall Lane. Come along for a cockney knees up!
Bookings advisable; 01676 540599. *£4 per person.*

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LIVE & Local	in Village Hall 7.30pm 23rd May
The BIG PICTURE - Fillongley Social Club	7.30pm 3rd April

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Another Corley Village success story

Focus Optics, (it has no connection, I understand with Focus Optics of Phnom Penh). Corley Focus Optics was the brainchild of the well known and popular Arther Day. Apparently, he, and his wife Janet (nee Knowles), were in the market for a pair of binoculars and had difficulty in locating what they needed. They realised there was a niche in the market to supply binoculars and telescopes etc.. The rest, as they say, is history. Mr Tim Fallowell eventually took over the business and it has been extended to including books, outdoor clothing etc., in other words, a 'candy store' for twitchers. Employment is provided for five part-time workers.

It was not the first time that Arther exploited a niche market. Until the 1950s, poultry keepers bought day old chicks, usually delivered by rail, and were reared under broody hens or a temperamental oil fired brooder. Given the suicidal tendencies of chickens, Arther decided to buy day-old chicks and rear them to point-of-lay. Healthy competition was later provided by the Phillip's brothers and by the Potter brothers, all farming in Fillongley.

Arther was one of those fortunate people who could turn his hand to almost anything, carpentry, building, electrical work and latterly repairing cameras and optics. It was not long before he was making retailing ancillary equipment for poultry keepers.

Arther, like his father, was a home movie fan and they produced during a period of over 70 years, a unique record of life in Corley. These priceless films are now in the safe hands of Mr Robert Pargetter. It is envisaged that they will be archived into a modern format and will be available for sale to all.

Robert Day, Arther's father, was a hard working and enthusiastic fund raiser for village causes, in particular the Village Hall. Someone in Fillongley. (where else) told me that Corley people had no get up and go. I replied that they had built the Village Hall and I was quickly told that Reg Day had built the Village Hall.

Reg was an undertaker by profession and was always ready to regale his friends with anecdotes and stories relating to his work. U recall him telling of hosing out the remains of tail-gunners from Wellington Bombers. They had a very high risk task, 'helping to win the war', which resulted in the deaths of thousands of civilians. It is said that if the Allies had lost the war, Bomber Harris would have been hung for committing war crimes.

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I once asked Jack, a 'Tail End Charlie', how he had survived, and he replied that if he left the incoming German fighters alone, they tended to do the same.

These days, I suppose Reg Day would be titled a village boaster. He was a member of the County Council, the Parish Council and numerous other bodies. His interests took a sizeable part of the newspaper coverage of his son's wedding. He and his companions missed attending a Queen's garden Party, because on the way, their Rolls Royce broke down. They were given tickets for a later date. The Queen had obviously missed him.

Reg, (Mr Corley), was one of those stalwarts of the village who seem to be fewer as the years go by. These days when the likes of the ex-con, Mick Jagger and the talentless Bruce Forsyth, 'he wouldn't have got sixpence in a pub years ago' get the knighthoods it seems a posthumous award would not be out of place for such as Reginald Arther Day.

T.M.K.

Walks around Corley & Fillongley

Now that the weather is improving, many people will be thinking of going for circular walks around Corley and Fillongley.



The Editor would be pleased to receive details of such walks to print in this Newsletter, starting at either Corley or Fillongley Church.
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Do you pass your copy of the newsletter on?

Copies of this newsletter are sent far and wide from Corley & Fillongley - to people who used to live in our area, who like to keep up to date with things going on here.

It would be interesting to hear from such exiles.

Contributions to this Newsletter

Please keep your contributions or suggestions flowing in.

We need them all to include, so that as many people as possible get to know what's going on locally. We like to try and include pieces on a wide range of subjects from as many people as possible.

Have you a photograph of a scene in Corley or Fillongley which could be used on the cover?

If you have not previously contributed, please give it a try.

Have you an unusual skill you'd like to tell us about?

Have you a favourite walk around Corley or Fillongley?

email: corleyandfillongleynewsletter@gmail.com

WORSHIP CALENDAR	FILLONGLEY	CORLEY
5th April Palm Sunday	10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Richard Smith	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Smith
9th April Maundy Thursday		7.30pm Holy Communion Rev Liz Jones
10th April Good Friday	2.00pm Hour by the Cross	
12th April Easter Day	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Jane Braund	6.00am Sunrise Service Archdeacon Sue Field 10.30am Holy Communion Revd Liz Jones
19th April First Sunday after Easter	10.30 am Communion Revd Andrew Haines	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Andrew Haines
26th April Second Sunday after Easter	9.00am Holy Communion Canon Jim Canning	10.30 am Holy Communion Canon Jim Canning
3rd May Third Sunday after Easter	10.30 am Family Service Team	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Andrew Haines
10th May Fourth Sunday after Easter	9.am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion
17th May Fifth Sunday After Easter	10.30 am Baptism Communion	9.00am Holy Communion
24th May Sunday after Ascension Day	9.00am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion
31st May Pentecost Whit Sunday	9.00am Holy Communion	10.30 am Baptism Communion

From the Corley Registers

Funeral

7th February - Barry Turner

Interment of ashes

8th February - Brenda Mary Kendall

4th March - Bob Pittaway



We offer our deepest sympathy to family and friends

Baptism -

23rd February - Bethany Anne Roberts

We welcome you in to the life and membership of the Church

From the Fillongley Registers

Baptism

Joe John Taylor

December 15th 2019

Thomas Arthur Godfrey

19th January 2020.

George Peebles

16th February 2020.

We welcome you in to the life and membership of the Church

A HUGE THANK YOU to Lynda and family in Corley and Jean & Harry in Fillongley, and to the small army of deliverers who deliver around the Parishes.

From the Church Steward Wardens

As we put together the latest news from the Church Steward Wardens, we are keen to tell you about some of the events taking place over the coming months in our Church and community.

Our Lent Services continue on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm during which we are following the Stations of the Cross. The Services on April 2nd & April 9th are at Corley Church, and are for everyone from both the Church and Village communities to enjoy.

On Saturday 4th April we are holding our Annual EASTER EGG HUNT in the Church and Churchyard with lots of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. More details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

We once again look forward to our walk of witness with the Cross on Good Friday 10th April, from Corley Church to Fillongley Church. This will be followed by *An Hour by the Cross* – a meditation with music, images and readings.

On Easter Day our Sunrise Service will be held at 6:00am at Corley Church where the celebrant will be Archdeacon Sue Field, followed by Continental Breakfast and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you all for worship at some stage over the Easter Weekend.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held this year on Monday April 20th commencing at 7pm with the Annual Vestry Meeting, followed by Tea and Cakes and then the Annual Church Meeting. Everyone in the parish is welcome so please come along and hear all about what is happening in your Church here in Fillongley.

**Graham Hargreaves Sue Taylor Suzanne Whiting
Martin Woodley Church Steward Wardens**

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It's time for our



**Sunday 7th June 2020
from 10:30 am
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(or in Church if wet)**

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Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday 4th April 2020

2pm – 4pm

St Mary & All Saints Church, Fillongley

Lots of fun for all the family including Easter Egg Hunt,
Craft activities & Refreshments.

(And maybe a chance to parachute your teddy bear with his
Easter egg from the Church tower!)

Food Bank

We need food donations, please, for the local food banks.

Any donations can be placed in the plastic box at the back of
the Church.

These donations will then be given to the local food banks.

Fillongley Parish Council

What YOUR Parish Council is up to....,

a snippet of topics on the Agenda at the moment...

- Corley Moor is being registered with Fields in Trust so that it is available for all our descendants no matter who is running the Parish Council.
- FPC is co-ordinating a 3-DAY WEEKEND of activities/entertainments for the Parish for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The success of this will depend on community participation so please come along and join in.
- FPC were asked by a Parishioner to have more verges as wild spaces – it was in the last magazine but we have received NO responses. Please let us know what you think.
- The Football Changing Room has a new roof. FPC received 3 grants that almost fully cover the cost of this so that there is no additional cost on your Council Tax.
- FPC are working with Warwickshire County Council to introduce speed reduction/safer roads outside the school and in Church Lane. Again, this only will work with the co-operation of local people as well as people travelling through our village.
- FPC are delighted that our Lengthsman, Lance, has had such a positive impact on the village environs. He has been funded by WCC Cllr Colin Hayfield for 3 years however there will be WCC elections next year and we don't know if Colin will be re-elected and indeed if there will be further funding available. FPC have taken the decision to increase the Parish Council Tax so that IF we have no further WCC funding, we will still be able to employ Lance.
- The Council have completed works in Didgley Lane (between Pump Lane and Blackhall Lane) which removes the flooding that has been there for years so it is ready for walkers to enjoy the bluebells that proliferate down there. Take a walk and enjoy it.
- FPC are always working with WCC Highways to get potholes fixed and NWBC to get flytipping collected ASAP.

- FPC are locating a new dog poop bin at the entrance to Corley Moor (near Windmill Lane).. and yes, that is still Fillongley Parish!
- FPC are organising a Community Litter Pick on 18th and 19th April. Equipment provided – can you help?

If you have issues that the PC may be able to help with or would like to volunteer your time to help another group, please get in touch.

Heather Badham

clerk@fillongleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Clerk 01676 549193



Music with Friends

**Saturday, 2nd May at 7.30pm
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Fillongley**

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Previous review: “Voices of angels!”

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There are no advance ticket sales. Donations at the door, please.

Please join us on 2nd May.

To find out if it is necessary to cancel this concert as a result of COVID-19, contact sjrobertson56@gmail.com

If you are unable to come for other reasons, please consider supporting our fundraising at <https://www.wonderful.org/fundraiser/musicwithfriends-8b01d620>

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Fillongley Lite

We meet at 7.30pm

*on the third Wednesday of the month
at Fillongley Village Hall.*

All ladies are welcome to come along

For your diary:

15th April 2020: Breast Cancer Awareness talk followed by tea/cakes.

20th May 2020: WI Resolutions, followed by coffee/tea/cakes.

17th June 2020. Anne Marie – GET COOKING. Mildly spiced Indian food and tasting, followed by coffee/tea/cakes.

17th April ‘ARDEN GROUP’ Invitation to Curdworth Village Hall. Grand Spring Fashion Show 7 pm for 7.30 pm. £5 includes wine.

23rd April 12 – 2.30 pm, St George’s Day Patriotic lunch and singer Cathy Morris: £10. // Tickets from Pat Habgood 07872 306024

Fillongley Lite is a friendly, lively group of ladies, all ages from young to mature. We believe in having fun, as well as learning new things.

New Members welcome. If you are coming on your own, let us know and we’ll arrange for someone to sit with you in the meeting.

(Non-members and guests: £5. to include refreshments.)

Annual membership to WI includes free entry to Fillongley meetings plus a wide range of optional activities, workshops and outings.

Re: COVID-19 virus. Event dates may change. For updates email fillongleylite@gmail.com or visit Facebook Page – **WI Fillongley Lite**

Susan Moore

Healthwatch North Warwickshire

Healthwatch Warwickshire is an independent organisation that was set up to listen to and champion the views of people who use, or may use, health and social care services in Warwickshire. Our focus is on understanding the needs, experiences and concerns of everyone who uses local services, so that we can provide you with relevant information on how to access these. As well as seeking views, we also encourage health and social care services and those who commission them, to involve people in the decisions that might affect them.

If you would like me to come along to any groups, events or meetings in North Warwickshire to hear your views on health and social care, then please let me know.

For more information please visit our website:

<https://www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk>

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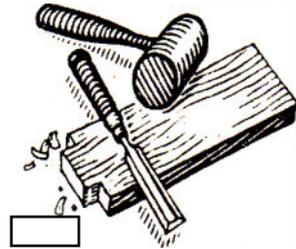
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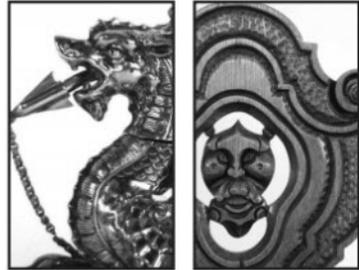
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Corley History - (a transcript of the account in Church)

Corley History began nearly 1400 years ago. Concerning the Church, there is no historical record as far as can be traced, of the origin and early years of this venerable old building, which dates back long before the Norman Conquest of 1066 A.D. There is scarcely any doubt, that a Saxon church once occupied this site, but was pulled down and rebuilt by the Normans.

Dugdale in his “Antiquities of Warwickshire”, says “*Corley Church was patiently given to monks in Coventry, yet neither by whom, not the direct time when, have I seen. But in Henry III (1260) they had it. In Anno 1291, the 19th year of Edward I, it was valued at 1X marks, and in the 26th year of Henry VIII (1535) at £9, over and above 9d allowed for Procurations, and Synadalls.*”

Today the Church consists of a chancel, nave, and and north aisle, containing a certain amount of late Saxon and Norman work. The nave dates from the early part of the 12th century as does the chancel arch, and was originally very small, about 28 feet long. On the east side of the east respond near the pulpit, the wall is pierced by a square-headed opening for a rood stair; two oak steps are in the threshold, and one lower, cemented, about 4 feet above the floor.

The earliest Corley register, a parchment one in very fine condition, dates back to 1540, the year after Chancellor Thomas Cromwell, in his capacity as Vicar-General under Henry VIII, founded the system of keeping Parish Registers. Corley possesses 11 books in all, covering a period of just over 200 years. These are deposited at the Shire Hall, Warwick.

Corley Church possesses 5 bells, one of these being of great antiquity, dated 1350 and inscribed ‘*Gloria, tibi, Domine.*’ Another is dated 1631 ‘*Jesu bee our speed*’; one engraved ‘*God save the King*’ (Charles 2) is dated 1641; the Bell made in 1702 has on it ‘*Henricas Bailey me feat*’ or ‘*Henry Bailey made me.*’ and the fifth bell bearing no inscription and is undated.

Little things that make for relaxing drives.

Be courteous! On motorways and dual carriageways let other drivers out when you can. If you see a long truck on a slip road or exiting a service area, and you're not being overtaken, move over safely to let the driver know you've seen them. And let people out of turnings and junctions.

Don't hog the centre lane.

If you want to drive at 60 mph on the motorway, don't drive where most drivers want to do 70 mph. Keep to the left.

Incorrect use of lanes is frustrating for other drivers.

Gives lorries space on roundabouts. As an articulated lorry turns the corner, there may not be enough space for both of you - and it might not be clear to either driver until it is too late. Hang back for a moment and let the lorry get ahead of you.

Don't sit on your brakes.

When you come to a stop at traffic lights, put your handbrake on - put into 'park' if you have an automatic. Avoid dazzling the people behind with your brake lights(especially at night!) ('Auto hold' normally keeps the brake lights on.)

When you drive from strong sunlight into dark shade.

Get ready for it! Slow down to a crawl before you hit anything!. You'll be in almost total blackness! And won't be able to see anything - until it's too late!

When you're approaching a bend to the left where you cannot see the road ahead.

Slow down on the approach and change down *before* you go around a blind bend. Just think - what might be just out of sight? Horse riders? Pedestrians? Tractors with wide loads? Drivers over the centre of the road coming towards you?

Street lights on roads indicate a 30 mph limit (unless otherwise signed) And that a 30 mph always means that is the limit!

30 mph signs sometimes lead to 20 mph signs: that means 20 mph or less - *before* you pass the sign.

Be mindful of *changing* speed limits on the gantries of smart motorways - or prepare yourself for the letter with your statutory fine.

A dual carriageway has a barrier down the middle of the roadway.

The speed limit is 70 mph for cars *unless otherwise signed*.

David Smitham

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