

Parish News – October 2016

Please note that next month's newsletter will be written by Andy Clarke. If you have any news to impart please email Andy on andrew.clarke746@gmail.com or phone 880273. Also note that if your paper copy of the newsletter has disappeared you can always find it on the parish website www.wwl-pc.org.uk which is kept updated regularly by John Shepherd.

The Harvest Supper held again at the School, thanks to Natasha Dangerfield, was a roaring success which raised about £1,600 for church funds (subject to final confirmation). The Festival Service in the beautifully decorated Lasborough Church (many thanks yet again to the hardworking ladies who clean and decorate the church throughout the year but particularly at Harvest time, Christmas and Easter) was followed by a well-stocked buffet supper: the ham, salmon and puddings provided by the school were enhanced by numerous and varied salads provided by the ladies (probably!) of the parish. For a change the ancient auctioneer had fewer marrows to sell but their absence was insignificant as the other items offered up by the usual generous donors more than compensated - rib of beef, sloe gin, semi-professional cakes and tarts (Trevor could be on the Great British Bake Off), unusual items of woodwork and lots of jam, marmalade and apples. The bidding was more boisterous than in previous years making your scribe's job much more straightforward. Very many thanks are due, as always, to the usual helpers who are too numerous to name but everybody knows who they are. The organisation of the event doesn't just happen but needs planning as far as food, beverage, raffle, coordinating donations of food and produce, laying out, cleaning up, collecting and managing auction money on the night and finally balancing the night's finances.

Sadly, June Gear was absent from the supper having broken her femur and being laid up. Special thoughts are due for June especially as this is the first time in over 50 years when she has not been out in all weathers selling tickets for the supper. Obviously, we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Alveen Thoresen, Lasborough's priest for many years has announced that she will be leaving us in early January to move to her new home in Cerne Abbas in Dorset, the home of the famous, slightly saucy, Cerne Abbas Giant. June Goatley and David Hewett, our two church wardens, are collecting donations in recognition of Alveen's time with us and it is hoped that all residents will contribute to thank her for her hard work ministering to us in so many ways.

The lure of Aidan Turner playing Captain Poldark and the towering cliffs of North Cornwall have very sadly enticed our lovely Postie Anne and her husband Nick to up sticks and leave our village. Anne has a fresh round with the post office as well as a new home and they, and Harry their Jack Russell, have all but departed. We thank Anne for her friendly, smiley service and the two of them for being enthusiastic participants in village events, however briefly. We wish them well in their new Cornish community.

A quick reminder that the school is holding its Fireworks Party at 5:45pm on Friday 4th November to which all residents are invited.

Finally, we extend a cordial welcome to Mr and Mrs Morough-Ryan who have moved in to The Old Post Office, formally occupied by the Burns family. We hope they enjoy their stay and that they will wish to join in our occasional village get-togethers.