

## **Bergh Apton Broadcast**

**Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2024 by Jenny Lovatt (Editor)**

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I am pleased to be able to bring you this report having now completed *a full year* as Editor of the 'Bergh Apton Broadcast'.

In this period, I have been able to bring news of one-off events as sizeable as 'The Big Coronation Lunch' from May 2023, to the regular updates from the groups and societies that we are familiar with in the village.

I have interviewed villagers for my 'Getting to Know You' feature; one of our Ukranian refugees, Sasha, author John Whittow, long-time resident Peter Annis, artist Rosie Winn and village stalwarts Shirley Rimmer and Paris Back. I hope this has provided a deeper insight for those who know of them, and an opportunity to introduce them to new faces as well.

Sadly, we have said goodbye to Annie Harris, Maria Phillips, Bar Stephens, Joy Lester and George Harvey but the village newsletter provides opportunity to acknowledge people who have had a role in the village and mark their passing.

Fortunately, we have been able to also mark the introduction of new faces; Henry, son of Rosie and Rui and Maple, a four-legged addition to Chet Valley Vineyard.

I have been kept busy with reports of events at Bergh Apton church, at the village hall and the Horse and Dog Show and Summer Fete which continues to be held at the Manor, our thanks as always to the Bertrams' for their support.

With a jam-packed calendar of events, reports and photos, we regularly now produce a ten or twelve page magazine and this has been supported by the donations of many sponsors who are regularly acknowledged on the reverse of the newsletter.

This year, we welcomed Bridget Hemmant Eye Surgery Ltd as a new sponsor and Go Norfolk Cottages have recently returned to the list and we would like to record our thanks for all those who enable this to continue. In addition, thanks go to the team who collate and deliver 296 copies of the newsletter every 2 months and keep everyone in contact.

Last month, we were pleased to welcome back Father Chris, who will be providing some spiritual words of wisdom and 'Country Matters' by Pat Mlejnecky, who reminds us of the wonders of the natural world that we all need to slow down and observe.

I look forward to another year of Editorship and thank everyone who has made a contribution; you all make my job easy!

Jenny Lovatt

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