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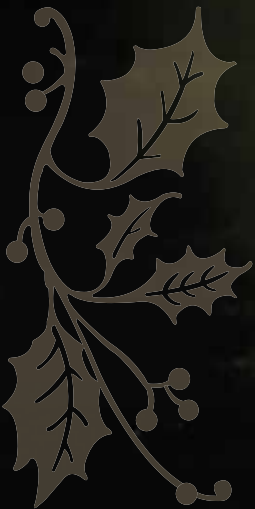
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Christmas - come and
visit us!

ELLESBOROUGH VILLAGE & LOCAL EVENTS

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Mornings - see page 40

Ellesborough
Village Hall



Parish Council Meetings

Village Hall
20th January 2025 7.30pm
17th March 2025 7.30pm



Christmas Services at Ellesborough Church

Traditional Candlelit Service
of Carols & Lessons
Sunday 22nd December 6pm

Crib Service 24th December 4pm

Christmas Day Family Service
25th December 10.45



Forever Cycling Classes

Village Hall
Every other Thursday
1.15pm – 2.15pm



The Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore

Easter Service
Holy Communion
31st March



Local Bus Services

See page 38



Chiltern Ladies

Stewart Hall Kimble
4th December 2024
8th January 2025
5th February 2025
5th March 2025



Wendover Art Club

2nd and 4th
Thursdays of every
month
7.30pm & 9.30pm



K & E Horticultural Society

Stewart Hall Kimble
First Tuesday Each
Month, except Jan



Village Cake n Coffee

20th December 2024
17th January 2025
21st February 2025
21st March 2025



Qigong for beginners starts

Village Hall
Every Wednesday -
see page 40



The Ellesborough Ball

Village Hall
Saturday 3rd May



Chairman's Letter

Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy New Year



I'd like to thank the committee for their time in getting this edition compiled and published.

The work falls to a small number of individuals, we are very welcoming to any assistance, technical or editorial, so that our content is relevant and to such a high standard. If you can help in any way, with no commitments, please drop us a line at the email address below.

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Richard Jennings
Chairman

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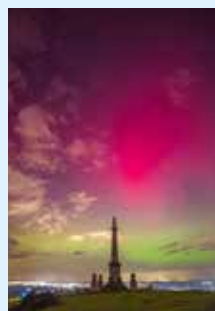
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Letters

Exciting news!



Congratulations to Vikki and Curtis Keeble, 9 Royal Mead on the arrival of their twins Florence and George born 22nd October.

Welcome

Welcome to **Darren and Sophie**, our new residents at Windfall Chalkshire Road, and their two daughters **Seren and Ivy**.

Welcome to the parish, **Sandra and Bill Cariven**, recently moved into Elm Close.

Macmillan Fundraising 2024

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

It's been another successful year's fundraising. Despite the cold and blustery weather on the day, local support was brilliant, thank you all. Your constant support over so many

years has kept me going, and I am absolutely thrilled to reveal that this years total is a stunning **£4,020.50**.

Julie Needle.

Parish clean up

The village clean ups make a huge difference to the appearance of our village and surroundings.

Thank you to all who gave their time and enthusiasm, on Sunday 6th October, to clear litter. Thank you also to Len and Rex for cleaning and clearing the road signs.

We had 20 volunteers who made the difference - and we are also grateful to many more who clear litter near to their homes throughout the year.

The picture above is the pile of rubbish collected and cleared from our village.

The next clear up will be in the springtime.



Letters

Your Local Councillor

Can I firstly thank the residents who give their time supporting our community in so many ways.

We have seen enormous amounts of rainfall again in our area causing great difficulties and concerns for our residents so I have certainly been lobbying the Bucks council to look at the drainage and road situation concerning flooding in the future.

The road program of works is progressing but I will be monitoring it.

The new government have announced sweeping changes to the planning system and a 42% increase in housing numbers for Bucks which could potentially affect our area and the protection of the Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty .

We have always tried to protect our wonderful countryside and this will continue.

Hopefully the new numbers from the Government can be accommodated

on brown field sites in Bucks and safeguard our environment for future generations

I receive many enquiries on various issues from residents and really do try to resolve them if possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards David

200 Club – Ellesborough Parish Hall

Please find below a list of 200 Club winners since August:

August 2024

£50	35	Mike and Ann Russell
£35	93	Diane Barnes
£25	32	Alan & Pam Munday-Cripps

September 2024

£50	116	Anna & James Taylor
£35	33	Mr and Mrs Stevens
£25	18	Sophie White

October 2024

£50	3	Mike Hewitt
£35	22	Richard Aguilar
£25	71	John West

The Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee would like to thank Allan and Annabel Westray for their generous gift of £500 following their very successful Open Garden on 25th August at Springfield Farm. Members of the Committee enjoyed being part of the volunteer

team on the day and this generous contribution to the Hall will be put towards the next improvement project.

The Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee comprising of Gill White; Paul Oldroyd; Sally Withey; Elizabeth

Hine; Debbie Bird; Sue Wells (representing the Ellesborough Silver Band)

Thank you,
Gill White

Lives Past & Present – Ellesborough

As part of a new series of articles to feature the lives of Ellesborough residents we start with someone who has lived in Ellesborough for a very long time.

We will be delighted to publish features in forthcoming editions of other residents who would be happy to share their life story and, in particular, memories of Ellesborough – past & present. Please let me know if this is of interest and I will be pleased to meet you. Allan Westray

John Appleton

John has lived at number 1 Chalkshire Cottages, Chalkshire Road for 39 years. He certainly is easily recognised (see photo) and is well known to very many people living in the parish.

Chalkshire Cottages were once the farm workers' cottages for Springfield Farm (once known as Chalkshire Farm). They were in use by agricultural tenants until after the Second World War when almost all their roofs were removed to save paying rates on them. Number 6 was spared as Mr. Flitney had been allowed to remain in his grace and favour cottage for the remainder of his days, having worked all his life at Springfield Farm. "Mr Flitney was always sitting in the doorway of his cottage and knew all of the local scandal!" recalls John. When the cottages regained their roofs, they were sold for £2,000 each in the 'fifties. How times have changed.

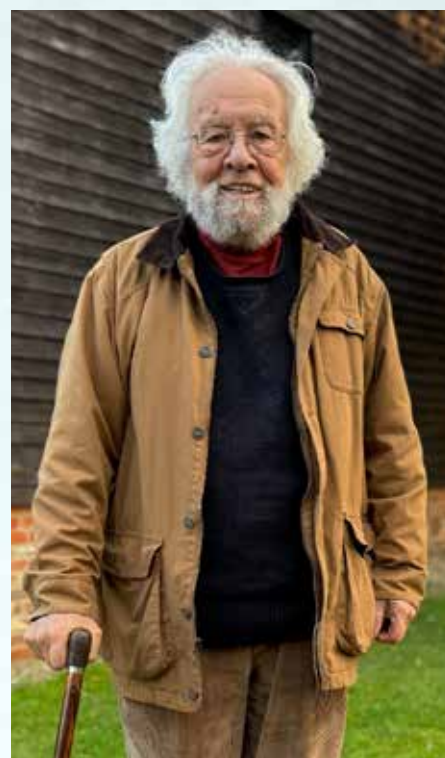
John was born in Hove and was a young boy when war broke out in 1939. His family home was requisitioned and was bombed by the Luftwaffe emptying unused bombs from raids further north. The family moved into a hotel in Brighton and John remembers being banned from using his tricycle on the seafront as it had been mined.

On completing school, John didn't want to follow his father into an office job so, much to his parents'

disappointment, he became an indentured apprentice at Charles Follett. Charles Follett dealt firstly in Alvis cars and then obtained a Rolls Royce and Bentley franchise. They had premises in Berkley Street, London. Charles Follett himself loved to drive and race fast cars and from this time almost certainly came John's love of "everything with wheels".

John was one of the last men enlisted to do National Service and was sent to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME). There was a call from the RAF for an engineer with Rolls Royce experience and John applied immediately, being sent to Germany.

Back in civvy street John joined Rootes but was made redundant when Chrysler bought them out. He then joined Vauxhall as a technical author, writing workshop manuals amongst many other roles. He was the only person in the central service office who had actually worked on cars, which served him well. He remained with Vauxhall for 25 years so his entire career almost was spent working in the motor industry, which he loved.



He moved in to No 1 Chalkshire Cottages in 1985 and has spent all of his retirement living in Butlers Cross. When asked about changes that have taken place locally in the last 39 years John said "there are far more cars using Chalkshire Road, mostly driving too fast! The electricity supply now is more reliable with far fewer power cuts. House prices have increased enormously."

John's hobbies have always been based around cars and motorbikes. He has owned 6 VW Beetles in his day, he had a collection of vintage motorbikes and still owns an MG Y type. John is a regular member of the congregation at St. Peter & St. Paul and still runs our electoral roll.

Ellesborough Ball



A fabulous evening for your 2025 diary!

The Ellesborough Ball on Saturday 3rd May at the Ellesborough Village Hall

Celebrate with friends and family for a fun-filled evening of dancing, drinking, eating and supporting good causes.

Guests will be welcomed with drinks on arrival and a three course meal. There will be a live band to fill the dance floor followed by the ever-entertaining Silent Disco.

As always, the village will have the chance to raise money for local charities with a game of heads or tails, the raffle and a silent auction.

The Ellesborough Ball Committee would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

There are limited tables and tickets left so please let us know soon if you'd like to attend.

Tickets are £95 per person and can be purchased as a table of 10 (£950), a table of 12 (£1,140) or as individual tickets.

To buy your tickets or reserve a table please email sales@bxball.org

Ding Dong Merrily - *Notes from a novice bell ringer*

Remember that article 'Free Exercise Class' in the summer Ellesborough Magazine? It was actually an invitation to try bell-ringing - well, it caught my eye!

Being a work-at-home Dad masquerading as a TV composer, I do too much sitting like a hermit in the studio, prodding at the worryingly becalmed TV industry. So why not answer that call to try something new in my community...

By arrangement with Rex, I went along on a Wednesday evening to observe the six bells of St Peter's & St Paul's Church belfry being unleashed for weekly practise (lucky neighbours).

I climbed the tower steps to find an ancient square room with six dangling ropes, lots of complicated-looking charts, historical records on the walls, and an array of mixed ringing talent: ladies and gents.

When I introduced myself, nobody looked impressed with my mention of being a musician. Mike Hewitt was far more interested in my history in the sport of rowing (us both having rowed at school and uni), which involves similar requirements: rhythm, timing, technical touch, poise, and a feel for leverage in motion. I watched as the throng agreed on a familiar pattern of ringing ('method'), then they proceeded to ring in sequence, then evolving overlapping sequences, which I could no longer predict. Meanwhile their expressions turned to meditative stares of intense concentration as their looking and rhythms roved around each other. It dawned on me that what had always sounded to me like chaotic peeling from distant towers were all in fact intentional patterns, counted methodically by purposeful, chart-memorising practitioners!

Another surprise was that yanking the end of the rope willy-nilly was not going to be enough technique-wise.

As soon as each bell, hidden through rope-holes in the ceiling above, and

varying in size / weight / pitch, had swung through its arc to one side or the other, the rope variably shortened or lengthened, requiring two-handed grabs on the hoof in two entirely differing positions on the rope: one pull to the sally (fluffy coloured strip) and - after the next swing - another squeeze to the rope's tail. The tail of the rope was always kept in one hand, even while both hands pulled vertically at both positions. Impressive rope handling, guys! Over the traditional pub pint afterwards, Mike invited me for some one-on-one tuition...

For this, the clappers are silenced, fortunately for you parishioners! Strength is not important, as gravity does most of the work. Timing, accuracy and vertical handling are paramount. Rope management was initially tricky, but improves with practise. Using a baby-steps approach, Mike initially alternated with me for squeezing on the down-pulls. Harder pulls swing the bell higher (slowing its peel, since it stalls upside down at the top). I soon learned how to park it there, standing it against its wooden brake or 'stay'. Inevitably I lost control on panicky occasions where I lost my feel for the bell's timing or weight, and Mike jumped in to save the rope from going haywire. But after a few focused lessons, the initial tension and sweaty nerves are reducing, I have rung each of the six bells of varying weights - from weighty and tenor-pitched, to flighty and higher pitch - and parked each at will.

Amazingly the tower is high-tech too! A computer there allows any bell swing to be sequenced into a troupe of virtual ringers on video screen, for us to practise silently (other than computer-generated peels) in whatever sequence is selected. Assessing my erring timings can be seen afterwards on the computer chart, which tracks my errant peels versus



the reliably metronomic avatars. And I have now attended Wednesday evening practise to ring a simple cascading peel with a varying sextet, and recently some changes in ringing order, called out ad hoc (which I can cope with so far, only if someone instructs me personally which other bell to follow!)

With practise, decoding the complicated charts for roving patterns will be my next challenge, both cerebrally, and physically for neat timing...

From their banter, I have learned that the ringers may ring at other local towers, even welcomed on their travels into far-flung towers, or enter competitions. And occasionally get paid (weddings). More ringers are wanted for our local towers, so if you fancy a new challenge, why not come and try it out? You will be welcomed into a thoroughly unique, and extraordinary community activity...

(Ding Dong) Verily

'Dobs' Vye, Risborough Road

Church Services

St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough



December Services

1st December: 10.45
Songs of Praise for Advent Sunday

8th December: 10.45
Parish Communion

15th December: 10.45 BCP Matins

22nd December: 6pm
Candlelit service of Lessons
and Carols

24th December: 4pm
Christmas Eve Crib Service

25th December: 10.45 Short Family
Christmas Communion

29th December:
No service at Ellesborough

January 2025 Services

5th January: 10.45 – Songs of Praise

12th January: 10.45
Parish Communion

19th January: 10.45 – BCP Matins

26th January: 10.45
Parish Communion

February Services

2nd February: 10.45
Songs of Praise

9th February: 10.45
Parish Communion

16th February: 10.45 – BCP Matins

23rd February: 10.45
Parish Communion

Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore



We held our Harvest Festival in October and it was lovely to see the young people in the village taking an active part in the service. Our thanks go to Paula and her artistic talents for helping decorate the church. The service was taken by John Shaw, one of the ministers on the Methodist circuit who also volunteers at the Chiltern Food bank. The village had collected a large amount of food and toiletries for The Chiltern Foodbank which covers our area of Buckinghamshire. John has told us we collected enough to provide one hundred meals.

We will be holding two services over the Christmas period. On **Sunday, December** at pm there will be a **Carol Service** followed by mince pies, biscuits and a warm drink. In a slight departure from our usual form of service the music, and some singing, will be provided by the Dunsmore Folk Expectations. This is an exciting change for us and we hope the villagers will come and support it.

On **Christmas Day** Father Sean will be holding an ecumenical service in the church starting at **9.30am**.

The trustees would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Services at St. Nicholas, Great Kimble



To which Ellesborough Parishioners are invited:

December Services

15th December: 09.15
St. Nic's Kids Christmas Party

18th December: 6.30pm
Carol Service. School is involved

24th December: 11pm
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass



St Nic's Kids

St Nic's Kids is an all age service which is held at St Nicholas Church Great Kimble on the third Sunday of every month.



Photos from St Nic's Kids light party in November

Next St Nic's Kids is on Sunday 15 December:

It starts at 9.15am with coffee and pastries for adults, fun games and activities for children including face painting and a nail bar! before moving into a fun relevant and engaging church service for all ages. We finish at 10.30am.

This term has been party term, with a birthday party in September with bouncy castle, harvest festival in October and a light party in November.

We have a St Nic's Kids Family Carol Service on Wednesday 18 December 6.30pm:

Including a sensory nativity trail (toast marshmallows on the shepherds fire, hear the angels sing, smell and see the fantastic presents from the kings and have a photo with the baby in the manger...

Then come and hear the Christmas story and sing all your favourite carols with Great Kimble School Choir and Friends.

Followed by mulled wine and Christmas treats.

Next years dates are

19th January 2025

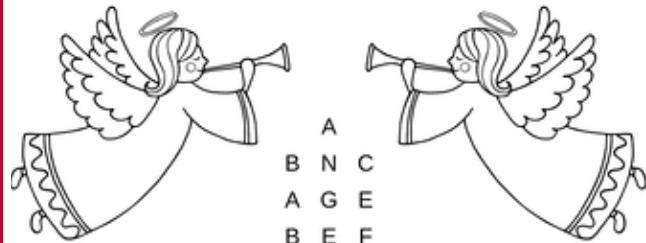
16th February

16th March

Everyone is very welcome

Kids Christmas Puzzles

Christmas Wordsearch



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A G E
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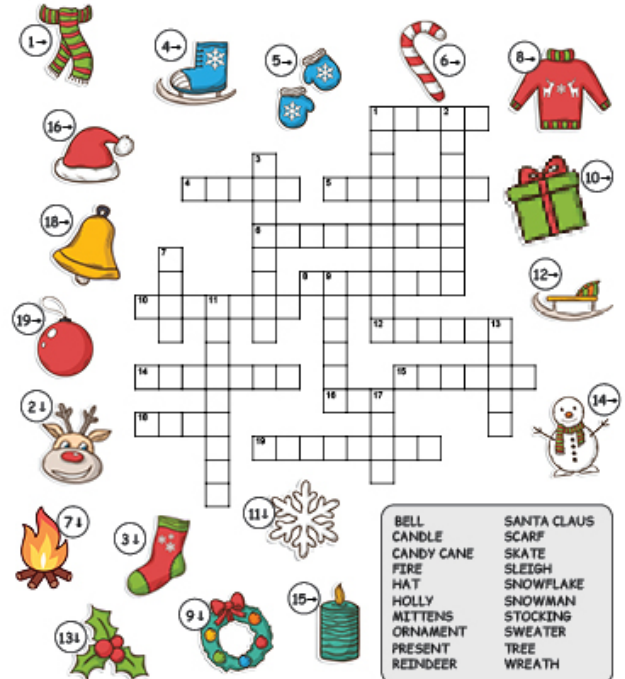
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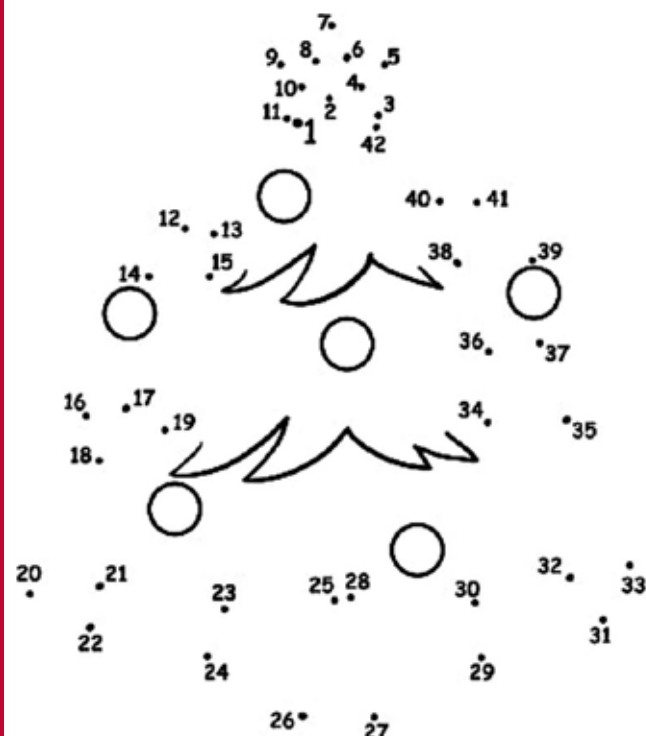
ANGEL JESUS
BABY MANGER
CANDLE MARY
CAROLS SHEPHERDS
HOPE STAR

Christmas Vocabulary

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the puzzle grid with the name of each Christmas item following the number and direction indicated. Use the word bank if you get stuck.



Christmas Connect the Dots



Spot 10 differences



Here to help

Ellesborough Trust

The aim of our local charity, Ellesborough Trust, is to support parishioners within Ellesborough.

Applications, for support, would be considered for the following:



**Aid call /
Lifeline alarms**



**Specific situations
for individuals**



**Specific situations
for local groups**



**Winter fuel
allowance***



If you have an idea of how we can help – please get in touch. All inquiries will be treated confidentially.

**As winter approaches, we look to how we can support the parishioners in our village. With the recent changes, made by the government, we might find some without the winter fuel allowance. Not wishing for anyone to go without heating this winter Ellesborough Trust may be able to help with a donation towards fuel costs.*

If you wish to reach out to one of the Trustees for a confidential chat please get in touch, or if you know of a neighbour who may benefit, please let us know.

Ellesborough Trust – Charity Number 258055

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If you would like to host a stall or help on the day, please contact friendsofkimble@gmail.com



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2005 - 2025

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Saturday 1 March 10am - 5pm
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Andrea Brewer
Graham Lester

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Yu Yi Cheng
Isabella Anne Kelley
Caitlin Murphy
Rebecca Oldfield
Cathy Timbrell

Painting/Mixed Media
Mia Babb
Sally Bassett
Fred Bennett
Madeleine Fletcher
Antonia Glynne Jones
Barbara Green
Judith Harper
Jan Munro
Christine Sharp
Maggie Tweed
Stephen Tribbel

Photography
John Hailstone
Hugh Pryor
Judie Waldmann

Prints
Alexandra Buckle
Charlie Davies
Jeannelise Edelsten
Kim Major-George
Matilda Wood

Wood Carver
Jeremy Turner

Glass
Graham Miller

Launch Event
Saturday 16 November, 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Come and join us for the launch and meet the artists.

Meet the artists
23 November & 7 December 11am - 3pm
Meet some of the artists exhibiting in this selling show and find out more about how they work and their inspiration.

For opening times and visitor information visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Christmas Book Recommendations

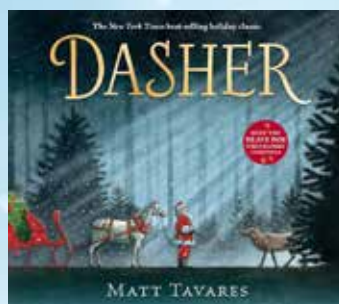


The Christmas Mouse

Joseph Coelho

Ill. Farah Shah
Puffin Books

Published in time for Christmas, former Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho introduces his very young readers to the helpful Christmas mouse whose job it is to make sure the right presents are left for the right children. As expected, there are some muddles! Expansive and vivid illustrations add to the charm of this busy story.



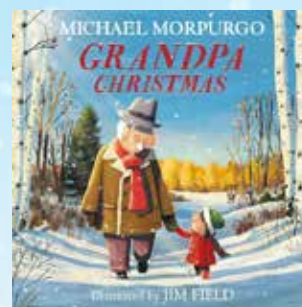
Dasher

Author/Illustrator Matt Tavares

Walker Books

In this delightful Christmas tale, set before the time of Rudolph, award-winning author/illustrator Matt Tavares imagines how Santa came to have his sleigh pulled by eight reindeer.

This is a book for reading to younger children or for newly independent readers to enjoy alone.

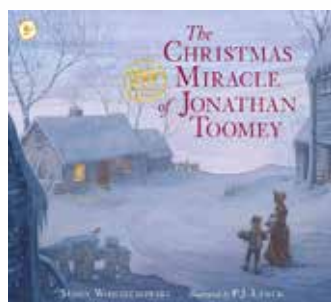


Grandpa Christmas

Michael Morpurgo

Ill. Jim Field
Farshore

A beautiful story describing a late and much loved Grandpa's wishes for his little granddaughter. It is a hopeful and timely story about looking after our planet and making a better world for future generations. Movingly told, this thoughtful book would appeal to newly independent readers or could be used as a base for adult/child discussion.



The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

Susan Wojciechowski

Ill. P.J. Lynch
Walker Books

Winner of the Kate Greenaway medal nearly thirty years ago, the story tells of how the magic of Christmas transforms the lives of three lonely people in a small village. Sumptuously illustrated and movingly narrated this distinctive picture book has achieved classic status, appealing to generations of adult and child readers.



The Miracle on Ebenezer Street

Catherine Doyle

Puffin Books

This is a magical adventure inspired by Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The story is imaginative, action packed and heartwarming. This book would appeal to children between 8 and 12 years, or older – I loved it!



Classic Fairy Tales

Berlie Doherty

Ill. Jane Ray
Walker Books

I bought this beautifully written and illustrated book to read the classic fairy stories to my grandchildren before visits to the pantomime. These re-tellings include familiar stories such as Cinderella, Snow White and Sleeping Beauty, plus a few lesser know tales such as The Fire-Bird.

Catriona Nicholson & Annabel Westray

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Pearce Family Turkeys also offers the option of a turkey crown with butchered legs and thighs. The legs and thighs will be separately packaged for even more delicious cooking and eating! A crown is

perfect if you have fewer people to feed or guests who all like white meat. It also takes up less room in the oven, leaving space for pigs in blankets and vegetables.

Produced using traditional methods to the most stringent of welfare standards, you can be confident that a Pearce Family turkey will delight the family and friends at your Christmas or Thanksgiving table.

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Buckmoorend Farm



I can't believe I am writing this as the nights are now drawing in, the stunning autumn colours are in full all around us and earlier this week we decorated the farm shop in full festive style! We love this time of year although it does feel that with the weather so far this year the line between the seasons has been somewhat blurred.

We have just finished our autumn calving season on the farm which has been an overall and welcome success. As a result we have introduced 18 new calves into our herd and all are thriving, even one that had a stop gap for a morning in our utility room at the farmhouse! One of twins he was unfortunately neglected by his mother out in the field and not looking too great the following morning. With a bit of farmhouse warmth, a bottle of milk and some enthusiastic rubs from Daisy the dog and the kids he's been raring to go ever since. After the sad loss of another calf a week or so later by caesarean section our adorable orphan found himself a foster mum and equilibrium has been restored.

The up, downs and realities of farming life!

You may have noticed some change in the fields around the village over the past month as we have been cultivating and drilling wheat hopefully to be harvested next August. We have also planted a cover crop of mustard (yellow flowers) in some areas. This means the field isn't left to bare stubble over the Winter months, instead providing a habitat for animals and insects and preventing soil erosion. It also importantly stops nutrients leaching from the soil, by storing them in the plant, and restoring them when the crop is cultivated ready for Spring sown crops.

The farm shop is excitedly moving into the festive season and we are taking Christmas orders now! You can place these on our website, via email, phone or by popping in for a visit. If you need any guidance at all please ask. We have a great team and all are happy to help create a Christmas dinner that's just right for you. Whether it's a free-range turkey

from the lovely Pearce family farm in Stoke Mandeville, a joint of our own home reared lamb or beef or local wild venison the choice is yours!

As always, thank you for all your support.

Pop in to see us in the farm shop & kitchen soon!

Daniel, Steph & all the team at Buckmoorend Farm



Beacon Hill - *Scheduled Monument Restoration Works*



Top of Beacon hill in differernt stages of restoration

The eroded areas have been built back up using sand bags filled with soil from adjacent fields. These were overlaid with a protective hessian mat, before a final layer of sterile topsoil was spread over the top.

There are some hardened enthusiasts who make a daily hike to the top of Beacon Hill in pursuit of fitness goals and mental health. There's no doubt it's good for the soul. For others, simply admiring its beauty from a few feet lower is good enough.

For those who do venture up there, it will not have gone unnoticed that there have been some groundworks taking place.

The 'bowl barrow' that is a feature at the point of the hill has been gradually eroded over time. This area is listed not only as a scheduled monument, but also an area of SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). As such, at Historic England's request, Natural England, the Chilterns Conservation Board, Buckmoored Farm and Chequers Estate have been involved in a project to repair the erosion at the site. The eroded areas have been built back up using sand bags filled with soil from adjacent fields. These were overlaid with a protective

hessian mat, before a final layer of sterile topsoil was spread over the top. This will be reseeded with grass and flower seeds harvested by hand from the same field.

A fence has been erected to keep livestock and people from damaging the area whilst it settles. Please have respect for this boundary whilst the site stabilises.



Scheduled Monument restoration work taking place here

The soil erosion on the Bronze Age Bowl Barrow at Beacon Hill has been repaired and the area fenced off to allow the new seeds to establish and the ground to stabilise.

This work is part of a wider plan to improve and extend wildlife habitat whilst protecting the archaeological remains across the whole of Buckmoored Farm. It has been funded by the farmer and Defra, with support from the Chilterns National Landscape.

Metal detecting is prohibited on this protected site.

Norbert Goska - Boden Furniture - *Background To A Local Business*



Norbert and ARO

Norbert was born in Łódź Poland, and graduated with a carpentry degree after completing his formal education. In 1998, he was invited to work in England, where his first job involved helping to fit out the stunning interior of Mel B's (Scary Spice) manor house in Marlow Village.

It was an incredible start, marked by the excitement of meeting all the band members and their entourage—a fantastic introduction to working in the UK.

Soon after, Norbert decided to establish his own business in the area. Mid-Buckinghamshire has a rich tradition of carpentry, and as many local craftsmen retired, his venture quickly grew into a highly successful company: The Ballinger Workshop. This company specialises in bespoke projects that enhance living spaces, focusing primarily on floors and kitchens. Norbert intentionally kept the business



Whitchurch Workshop

at a manageable size, allowing him to remain closely involved with both clients and his team, rather than overseeing numerous projects from afar. He finds great satisfaction in the close working relationships he builds with his customers.

In 2011, Norbert moved with his family—Magdalena, Filip, and Alicja—from Aylesbury to their home on The Risborough Road. His main hobbies include outdoor activities such as ultra running, skiing, and diving. The prospect of easy access to the countryside attracted them to Terrick. From their home, they enjoy lovely vistas stretching from the vale to Beacon and Coombe Hills, providing an ideal training ground for ultra running and keeping the family dog exercised. In all seasons and all weather.

Norbert is also an accomplished diver and recently qualified as a cave-diver, appreciating the technical challenges this specialty presents. He particularly enjoys chartering boats with his family to explore the breathtaking coral reefs in the Red Sea, Philippines, and Thailand.

In recent years, Norbert's interest in furniture making and unique commissions from leading architects led him to establish a separate bespoke furniture business: Boden Furniture. Founded in 2021, the main warehouse and workshop is located in Whitchurch, just north of Aylesbury. While many of his commissions come from London, there are numerous local opportunities. With Norbert's personal touch, Boden Furniture is poised for great success.

If you want to see his work, it's best to make an appointment with Norbert at:
info@bodenfurniture.com

TURKEY AND CHIPOLATA HOTPOT

A great way to create a family meal from the turkey and chipolata leftovers (if there are any chipolatas left!). And, if you are bored of Christmas turkey, then this dish also freezes well for the New Year.

It extends a small amount of meat to serve at least 4 people.



Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 200g cocktail or chipolatas sausages
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 celery stick, chopped
- 2 parsnips, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 300ml chicken stock or cider
- 1 x 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 1 x 400g can baked beans (or 2 tins of tomatoes)
- 350g cooked turkey, diced
- 2 bay leaves. Salt and pepper
- 750g about 4 medium sized potatoes, thinly sliced
- Knob of butter, melted. Chopped parsley.

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/ Gas mark 4. In a large casserole dish, heat the olive oil and fry the sausages, so they are browned on all sides. Remove from the dish and set aside.
2. Add the chopped onion, celery, carrots and parsnips and fry for 3-4 mins until softened.
3. Add the stock (or cider), chopped tomatoes and baked beans and stir well. Return the sausages to the dish, add the diced turkey, bay leaves and season well.
4. Bring back to the boil, then layer the potato slices over the top of the casserole dish.
5. Brush the top with the melted butter, cover with lid and put in oven for 40 mins.
6. After 40 mins, turn up the heat to 200°C/gas mark 6, remove lid and cook for a further 15-20 mins or until the potato is brown and crisp. Garnish with parsley.

If you have a favourite seasonal recipe and would like to share it through the magazine please contact: Judith Harper – jd25.harper@gmail.com

Daisy Dutton Finally Does It!!!

Third time lucky!

Finally after 3 years of trying my Dutton Phaeton, classic kit car, nicknamed 'Daisy' was able to run the local Kop Hill Climb in September.



It had been my ambition to take her there after having her restored, rewired, exhaust repositioned and fabricated with new steering mountings and a foot pedal box.

Unfortunately, technical problems had prevented her from taking part the last two years and this year the event was over subscribed. However, after going on the standby list we managed to get a place.

It was well worth the wait and so exciting to be cheered on by huge crowds of enthusiastic spectators, family and friends as we sped up Kop Hill Climb. Interestingly, my Dutton (known as the cheap alternative to the Lotus 7) was the first of its kind to take part.

Daisy was proudly displayed on the Hellfire Motor Vehicle Club stand which I am a member of. However, you don't have to be a petrol head to enjoy this fabulous event which takes place annually over a weekend in September, surrounded by beautiful countryside. It is one of the best motoring events in the UK with a huge selection of cars (pre-war to modern) and motorbikes (both vintage to modern). There is also live music, food and drink stands plus family entertainment to make this a fun day out for the whole family.

Last year £1,085,000 had been raised for charitable projects in the local community since 2009. See website www.kophillclimb.org.uk



for more details and perhaps we will see you there next year, 20/21st September 2025.

Helen Holman

Open garden at Springfield Farm August Bank Holiday 2024



264
visitors

£2,050
raised

£500
to Ellesborough church
and Ellesborough
village hall each

We would like to thank all the cake bakers, car parkers, tea servers, ticket takers, donation givers and all those who came along to support our open day in August.



We had 264 visitors and in just three hours we managed to raise a magnificent £2,050.

Ticket sales raised £1,050 which went to The National Garden Scheme, who support many charities both large and small. Tea sales raised £1,000.

£500 went to support Ellesborough church and £500 went to the Ellesborough village hall.

It was a very happy day and it was so special to have the President of The National Garden Scheme, Dame Mary Berry, serving teas alongside the village team.

Allan and Annabel Westray

Gardening in Ellesborough

What a glorious long-drawn-out golden autumn we had this year. A blaze of colour lighting up when the rain eased, the sun shone and no damaging frosts. Sunsets to treasure with above average warmth yet still more rain.



Some rain was very heavy and sufficient to keep the water tables and ditches brimming and holding up delayed autumn tasks. The better autumn is some compensation for a disappointing summer. The borders remained alive for so long with the colours of Ricinus, late roses and a whole host of perennials and annuals still flowering into November. At the end of October bees and other insects were still busy on blossom throughout the garden, the occasional moths blundering against the windows as the lights came on.

All through this gardening year the Head Gardener (HG) has bemoaned the loss of precious plants through the ravages of slugs and snails which flourished and multiplied in the often murky and always moist conditions. The loss of long treasured, always reliable delphiniums and dahlias were early casualties. Everything has grown vigorously and cutting back hedges and pruning shrubs postponed until gaps in the occasional dry spells. The compost bins overflow and reluctantly more trips to the council tip needed to cope with the volume. Grass and weeds excelled. The volume of

apples, quince and medlars is greater than I can recall and much fell before we could pick. We stored as much as we could.

Now we are pitched into the winter months. Still time for planting replacements for the inevitable loss of old favourites. But the days are shortening, the frosts can surely not be delayed much longer. The leaves are falling and will soon be a dense carpet to be cleared and stacked for mulch in one- or two-years' time, so valuable on our thin chalk. Increasingly the framework of the trees and shrubs emerge and the deep red stems of the dogwoods and the white trunks of the birches stand out as the light fades and in the morning mists

Time was when it seemed that summer declined and Autumn began in September, may be that was a childhood illusion, but it is increasingly hard to deny the change in our seasons: the great heatwaves the heavy rain storms and gales and the drumbeat of news of huge climatic events worldwide. So far in our temperate islands we seem to

be benefitting with milder yet wetter winters. Yet not only because of the changes in weather patterns, our active gardening years are declining and we are having to adapt. Borders are being reduced, we debate the positioning of shrubs as these become more important to keep interest alive through the year and not least through the depths of winter. Meanwhile controlled neglect is an option, though the HG is not an enthusiast. Letting nature find its way, as someone describes it, to create an accidental garden.

For the gardener the winter months may be limiting but there is still much to do and to enjoy. As a bonus there is ever-increasing evidence of the physical and mental health benefits in being out of doors and active even for short periods. Though we may have snow, severe frosts and heavy rain to endure but come December 21st at 9.19 am the days will start to lengthen at the Winter solstice.

Tony Young
November 2024

Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society



Our monthly meetings are held at Stewart Hall.

If you are not a member but would be interested in coming to any meetings please contact Brian Butler (Chairman) at butler@care4free.net or call him on 01844 342220 before attending.

Please see our website for any updates.

December



Bees and Wannabees Plus Christmas Social

Tuesday 3rd – 8 00 pm

John Catton, ex-Chairman of the Chalfonts Beekeeping Society and of Bucks County Beekeepers, now volunteers for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. He will discuss the 3 types of bee (honey, solitary and bumblebee) and wannabees (ie mimics) and then talk about gardening with pollinators in mind. Our Christmas social includes festive refreshments, quiz and a raffle.

February



Hostas

Tuesday 4th – 8 00 pm

Andrew Mikolajski, writer, speaker and RHS judge returns to talk to us about hostas which he considers essential in any garden and advises how to choose amongst the many fabulous varieties. The talk also covers the history of hostas in gardens, how to grow them (including slug control), propagation and growing in containers.

March

AGM

Tuesday 4th – 7 15 pm

Colour in a Small Garden

Tuesday 4th – 8 00 pm

Timothy Walker, former Director at Oxford University Botanic Gardens and now lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, Oxford, is always a very informative and entertaining speaker. This talk explains some of the theory employed by artists and gardeners to achieve a variety of effects. Theory is supported by examples of specific colour combinations from a previous garden of 1/5 acre and the new much smaller garden.

Meetings are held at 8.00 pm every 1st Tuesday of the month (except January and August) at Stewart Hall, Little Kimble. Although we pride ourselves on our expert speakers, all talks are very informal and are followed by refreshments and a raffle.

Visitors are always welcome. If you decide you would like to join please make yourself known to any Committee member or contact the Membership Secretary at kehs.bucks@outlook.com.

Please see our website for more information about our events and membership.

www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

Winter 2024/25 Programme



Venue for talks: Aylesbury Methodist Church & Centre - Buckingham Street, Aylesbury HP20 2NQ.

Parking: disabled only at venue, see town plan for other sites within 5/10 minutes. The venue has excellent facilities including wheelchair access and toilets for disabled. It is near the centre of the town with a choice of restaurants and cafes, including The Kings Head, a C15 coaching inn owned by the National Trust.



Saturday 8th February 2.30 pm **The Great Geranium Robbery by** **Dr David Marsh.**

The late 18th century saw a big expansion in Britain's empire and as a result the importation of lots of "new" and "exotic" plants from all round the world. They were bought into commercial production, and our gardens and greenhouses by specialist nurserymen like Daniel Grimwood of Kensington. In 1795 rare plants were stolen from his nursery grounds including some newly introduced geraniums and ericas from South Africa. A suspect was quickly identified and arrested but strongly protested his innocence. The case ended up at the Old Bailey and pitted Grimwood against the plant collector who was accused of stealing it. This is the story not just of the court case that focussed on the stolen geraniums but the way that the range of plants in Britain's gardens increased so rapidly and the ways that plant nurseries operated. It might sound dull and boring but it's anything but! This talk looks at a series of paintings from the 16th to 18th centuries which feature gardens, and helps the audience see beyond the obvious. Are the pictures useful evidence for the history gardens? Are they "accurate" depictions? What else might they be telling us? It might sound a bit heavy but it's intended to intrigue the audience and make them think why the painting was made, and understand a bit more of the mind-set of the period, and to look at even well-known pictures in a new light and there are some laughs too!



Saturday 22nd February 2.30pm **Small but Perfectly Formed: A History of** **Entrance Lodges: Dr Victoria Thomson.**

Entrance lodges are small but distinctive features in the landscape. Historically accommodating a gatekeeper, they stand at the entrance to many an estate, and have often outlasted the parent house.

They emerged as a distinct building type in the early eighteenth century, and are characterised by their size, location, subservience to their parent house, functional role, and often disproportionate architectural quality. Despite their prevalence, charm, and visible location, they are often bypassed in the rush to get to the main house (or of course the garden), but they deserve a closer look.

This talk explores the history and characteristics of the entrance lodge, with a particular focus on those in Buckinghamshire.



Saturday 8th March 2.30pm **The Gardens and Wildflowers of Corfu:** **Jackie Hunt, Turn End Head Gardener**

Jackie Hunt, Turn End's Head Gardener, shares her photographs and research from a study trip to the Greek island of Corfu, in April 2024.

She will talk about the stunning gardens and landscapes she saw and how gardens are managed including plant selection, pruning and irrigation Jackie joined the trip to learn more about Mediterranean wild flora and also cultivated plants grown in gardens. Corfu is the wettest of the Greek islands and tours led by expert local guides, head gardeners, garden designers and owners, as well as the knowledge of fellow travellers, provided a unique opportunity for Jackie to investigate plants potentially suitable for cultivation in the UK.

The trip was run by international plant and garden interest organisation Mediterranean Plants and Gardens.

Booking: Tickets from <http://ticketsource.co.uk//buckinghamshire-gardens-trust> or turn up & pay by cash, card, cheque. Doors open 2.00 pm.

Members £10.00, Guests £12.50. Includes refreshments.

Local resident Trudi, wins big at Buckinghamshire Awards ceremony!

Trudi Scrivener set up Ashridge Home Care back in 2016 to serve local residents and care for vulnerable people across Buckinghamshire and the counties beyond. Ashridge Home Care is today still family run with larger premises in Amersham, to cater for the training needs of its 100 plus carers.

Trudi and her HQ team celebrated a remarkable evening at the annual Buckinghamshire Business Awards, clinching both the **Excellence in Customer Experience** and the **Community Champions Award**. The event took place at Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre, spotlighting the region's finest businesses.

Founded in 2016 by Trudi Scrivener, Ashridge Home Care has quickly established itself as a leader in the home care sector, earning an 'Outstanding' rating from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in the Caring category. With over 100 dedicated carers, the company provides 24/7 live-in care and hourly visiting services tailored to the unique needs of clients, including older people and those living with conditions such as Parkinson's, Dementia, and for rehabilitation care following a hospital stay.

"We are incredibly proud of these awards, which reflect our absolute commitment to exceptional customer care," said Trudi Scrivener. "Choosing care can be a daunting experience for families and often comes at a time of crisis. Our team is dedicated to guiding them through



Abbi and Trudi

these challenges, ensuring that people can remain in the comfort of their own homes."

The Buckinghamshire Business Awards are renowned for their rigorous judging process, making Ashridge's dual victories even more significant. Winning the Excellence in Customer Care category is an impressive achievement. It is a very sought after category with a high standard of entry by many applicants vying for the top spot! As well as a rigorous judging process involving a visit and independent review – there is also a Mystery Shop element to this category.

The **Excellence in Customer Experience Award**, sponsored by Buckinghamshire Building Society, acknowledges businesses that prioritise customer satisfaction and demonstrate continuous



Trudi and Chloe

improvement in their service delivery. The judges recognised Ashridge's professional yet caring approach, highlighting the company's strong values and commitment to customer care.

"Community is vital to a person's well-being, and we strive to maintain strong relationships with local providers and charities," Trudi added. "We run several dementia cafés and partner with organisations like the Chiltern Neuro Centre to create empowering environments for those we provide support to."

To learn more about Ashridge Home Care and how their services can benefit your family, visit www.ashridgehomecare.co.uk or call Tel: **01494 917344** for an informal discussion.

The Chiltern Ladies

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Stewart Hall, Kimble at 2pm.

Visitors always receive a warm welcome.

At the September meeting, the President, Mrs. Annie Adams confirmed our November holiday with Lochs and Glens. She also gave details of a day trip to the Open Air Museum in Basingstoke, and a visit to Horatio's Garden at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

Kate Gally gave a very interesting talk about how she became a writer, and the difficulties she encountered finding an agent and publisher. Kate had previously been a hairdresser and was inspired by some of the more bizarre, but true stories from her clients. Her latest book 'Old Girls Behaving Badly' has been declared and International Best Seller. Kate continues to listen to her elderly ladies' stories.

It was a chilly afternoon for our October meeting, but members and visitors are always sure of a warm and friendly meeting. A fabulous selection of home baked goods were for sale, also plants and seeds.

Many donations for the Aylesbury Food bank were received.

A summer holiday for next year was under discussion.

The speaker was Ian Brearly, who told us about the road to Urgup and Cappadocia, an area in central Turkey where there are hundreds of bronze age cave dwellings carved into the tuffa, the volcanic rock. There are even underground cities with evidence of churches and cathedrals which had been used by Christian refugees. Some hotels are still in use in the caves today.

In November, 12 members of The Chiltern Ladies enjoyed another opportunity to experience the magnificent scenery of Scotland, staying in the comfortable Loch Achray Hotel. We went to Pitlochry and the charming village of Luss, and spent a lovely day exploring Edinburgh, which included a stop en route to see The Kelpies, amazingly

powerful statues that capture the power, grace and beauty of the incredible Clydesdale work horses. It's the largest public art work in Scotland, and the largest equine statue in the world, created by Andy Scott. We also enjoyed a cruise on Loch Lomond, which, the skipper told us, didn't have a monster, but it did have a song!

At the members meeting, the speaker was Jeff Rozelar, one of our favourites, who told stories of his Homeward Bound journeys. A train spotter with a fascination for station architecture. Who knew train stations could be so interesting?

Elizabeth Hine

It's a Wrap!

Year-end in Beautiful Dunsmore

As 2024 draws to a close, we've enjoyed a glorious autumn in our hilltop village. The golds and reds have disappeared, and the leaf blowers are stored until next year. But before we say goodbye to this year, we'd like to take a look at our recent activities and events.



Halloween Party at the Village Hall

First of all, David Marshall received his British Empire Medal from the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. The ceremony took place on November 20th in Beaconsfield. Congratulations once again to David for this well-deserved honour in recognition of his hard work over the years.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Dunsmore Village Hall Association took place on Friday, October 4th, in the hall. Two dozen villagers heard outgoing chair

Tod Weller review the year. Special thanks were given to Julian Hamer and Ray Hague for their tireless work on White Pond. It's a tough task to keep the pond free of encroaching Mare's tail and other rushes, and volunteers are always welcome. Thanks, too, to Lorraine Smith for keeping the green in that area cut.

The most important discussion of the evening was (isn't it everywhere?!) funds. Insurance costs are spiralling, energy bills rising, and a number of areas are in need of refurbishment

or replacement. Although there are funds in the bank to cover some of these, a more regular injection of monies is required for both emergencies and immediate needs. Annual membership subscriptions have not increased for 30 years – and £20 per household isn't providing the funding required to keep costs and additional maintenance covered. After much discussion, the vote to raise subscriptions to an annual fee of £50 was taken and approved. New Gift Aid forms will be available to help these funds go even further.

Catharine Harris of The Fox was elected to the chair for the coming year. Secretary Nikki Stillwell, Bookings Secretary Vanessa Havard, and Treasurer Ivan Stillwell will remain in their respective posts. Chris Minchell and Alice Wiggins will continue to handle DVHA Events. Lorraine Smith has assumed the position of Membership Secretary. Other committee members are Julian Hamer, Tod Weller and Nick Phillips. Trustees are Ivan Stillwell, Andrew Swift and David Marshall. Congratulations, all, and best wishes for yet another exciting, busy year, full of fun and friendship.

First Friday Social Evenings have moved into the Village Hall from their Summer home on the

Our annual Winter Warmer get-together in the Village Hall will take place on December 20th. Come along in your best Christmas jumper, meet your friends and neighbours

Common. All villagers are welcome at the hall for these jovial evenings. Just bring a tipple, a nibble and a smile!

Halloween Fun -- and Treats

The very special Halloween Party and Trick-or-Treat evening was held on Saturday, November 2nd. The auspicious number of 13 youngsters assembled in the Village Hall to party, party, party. Scary Halloween music provided the background, while games, including apple bobbing, donut eating, wiggly worms, eyeball balancing, pong, and spider racing took precedence.

With the fantastically garbed Devil, Joker, Scream, and many other spooky and fabulously costumed children in tow, the parents on herding duty made the rounds of the 13 (there's that number again) local homes where residents welcomed the tribe. Goodies were distributed, and at the end of the evening, the ghosts, ghouls, princesses and undead headed home, buckets of potential sugar rush in hand. They're ready to do it again next year!

Quiz Night

On Saturday, November 16th, the hall will again be filled with villagers and friends trying to outdo one another in our much-enjoyed Quiz

and Chips night. Chris and Margaret Royal have once again stepped in to host and run this event, and our thanks to them for setting an excellent set of questions and keeping order when necessary! No news on the evening and its winners due to our early deadline.

Coming Events

Two December events are approaching. The now-annual pre-holiday trip to The Mill at Sonning for dinner and theatre will take place on December 7th. This year's musical will be 'White Christmas' (naturally). Here's hoping it's not really white for our journey to Sonning! It's an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all and a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit.

Our annual Winter Warmer get-together in the Village Hall will take place on December 20th. Come along in your best Christmas jumper, meet your friends and neighbours, and wish one another season's greetings of the most sincere kind! As always, mince pies and mulled wine will make everything even more festive. Join us!

Newcomer at Green Hill

Paula and Adrian Wilson have become grandparents for the first time! Congratulations to them,

and to mum and dad Rachel and James, who welcomed baby Anna on October 25th. Anna weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces, and all three are doing well. We're not certain how the grandparents are doing, but we hope they're getting into the swing of this new situation. What a wonderful pre-Christmas gift!

Our loss is Bath's gain

Last month, David McDonagh and Gaelle Berthier left Old Forge Cottage for their new home in Bath. They have been wonderful neighbours and become friends with many of us. We will miss them – and their gorgeous dog Txoko (aka Choco) – and wish them all the best in their new environment.

Great Kimble School

Autumn News



We are thrilled to announce that Great Kimble School has had a fantastic start to the year. With a fresh energy in the air, students across all year groups are diving into an exciting **History Focus** this term. From exploring the reign of British Monarchs to unraveling the stories of World War II—and everything in between—our classrooms are buzzing with curiosity and discovery.



We've also introduced **new outdoor learning opportunities** with the enhancement of **Smokey Row**, transforming it into a purposeful space for creative, hands-on learning. This initiative is designed to nurture the whole child, encouraging exploration, teamwork, and a deeper connection with nature.

On the topic of change-makers, we're proud to introduce our **new Agents for Change**, who are eager to work towards the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Their current projects include tackling issues such as **Zero Hunger** and **Ocean Conservation**. If you or anyone in the community has resources, contacts, or ideas to help support these worthy causes, we'd love to hear from you!

In other news, we are pleased to announce that **school places are currently available**. We warmly invite prospective families to **book a tour** through our website and come experience the wonderful environment we've created. Great Kimble School is more than just a place of learning; it's a growing family, and we would love to welcome new members.



Looking ahead, our annual **Christmas Fayre will be held on the 7th of December**, and we invite everyone in the community to join us for festive fun and activities! It's a great opportunity to get to know each other better and strengthen our community ties.

Finally, as we look to expand our partnerships within the local area, we are seeking to **grow links with local trades and services**. If you or someone you know can offer **opportunities or experiences** for our students, we'd love to collaborate. Please contact the school office if you can help!

Here's to a successful and enriching year ahead at Great Kimble School!

Warm regards,

The Great Kimble School Team

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The Chiltern 'Brew-niversity'



Most breweries will say there are four ingredients that affect the flavour of the beer – water, malt, hops and yeast. However, at our Brewery, we know there is an unmentioned and underestimated fifth – our Brewers!

For more than 44 years we have been at the forefront of the revival of classic English ale styles, flying the flag for proper, tasty, British beer.

As well as supporting UK farmers by brewing only with UK grown malt and hops – and now being unique in pioneering Bucks regeneratively grown Barley - part of our passionate commitment to brewing involves attracting and training talented local people.

We are very proud of our strong brew-team, and delighted to have a growing, loyal and local team of qualified Brewers.

Many will recognise our Head Brewer Dave McGovern, whose first day was in 2003! Dave was awarded the highly valued and well-respected Diploma in Brewing Qualification from The Institute of Brewing & Distilling (IBD), over 10 years ago. Dave has become our Head Brewer, a senior post that Tom Jenkinson, family member and Brewery Partner held himself.

Following hot on Dave's heels is Ally Savin, our Second Brewer. Ally received his General Certificate Brewing qualification, also from the IBD, late last year.

But Dave and Ally aren't the only 'graduates' at 'Chiltern Brew-niversity'! Our most recent addition is Trainee Brewer James Robinson, pictured above. He is currently undergoing his in-house brewery training.

Tom Jenkinson, Partner, says "It's wonderful to see our team, all who are local, make the decision that they want to be brewers and to acquire the age-old skills of brewing."



James Robinson, Trainee Brewer, in our brew house, on a Chiltern Pale Ale brew day, earlier this month.

"We are an active, and growing, local business investing in local people for the future and we are proud of that" he says, "it's both satisfying and a delight, to see new skills being added to our local area!"

Why not book on a tour in the New Year and come and see the Brewery for yourself and meet the team?

Cheers!



Affordable Housing on Chalkshire Road

It is now 2 years since the planning application was first registered with Buckinghamshire Planning and is still awaiting final approval.

Background and sequence of events

- A need survey conducted in the Parish July/August 2021 and its findings published September 2021.
- Need Survey Evaluation Report issued in November 2021.
- A planning application was subsequently submitted by Hastoes in October 2022.
- In July 2023 Buckinghamshire's West Area Planning Committee delegated approval, of the planning application, to the Service Director of Planning and Environment, subject to a S106 and biodiversity plan agreement being made by all parties.
- Draft S106 agreement put onto planning web site December 2023.

Current Status as of October 22nd, 2024

Following a recent Freedom of Information request, it was identified that in April 2024, following an internal Buckinghamshire council meeting, Buckinghamshire Planning asked Hastoe in collaboration with Community First Oxford (who conducted the survey), if they could provide a response to Buckinghamshire Council as to the detailed criticism received concerning the need survey carried out in 2021. Their reply in June 2024 failed to adequately answer the detailed criticism raised in the Need Survey Evaluation Report.

It is now 2 years since the planning application was first registered with Buckinghamshire Planning and is still awaiting final approval. The issues are caused by the wrong type of housing mix, and Hastoes requirement to amend the S106 agreement to try and overcome this, which goes against Buckinghamshire's Housing allocation policy (e.g. allow single person or couple without children to occupy 2-bedroom properties). Hastoe also want to reduce the local connection period from 5 to 2 years. Buckinghamshire Planning have stated in an email "for rural affordable housing schemes the

usual period to establish a local connection is 5 years and my concern is that 2 years would be seen as too short to establish a true local connection".

In September, this year our MP Greg Smith wrote an objection to this development to Buckinghamshire Council, which has been placed on the planning web site (see below).

John West



Plannning Applications to 22 / 10 / 2024

Reference	24/07032/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13372338
Application Received	Fri 30 Aug 2024
Application Validated	Fri 30 Aug 2024
Address	The Honeyfield Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TR
Proposal	Fell to ground level as tree is virtually dead x 1 Willow (T1)
Status	Awaiting decision

Reference	24/07327/CLP
Alternative Reference	PP-13447061
Application Received	Mon 30 Sep 2024
Application Validated	Mon 30 Sep 2024
Address	6 Elm Close Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TT
Proposal	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension, changes to fenestration to accommodate internal alterations, and removal of chimney
Status	Unknown
Decision	Refuse Certificate of Proposed Use
Decision Issued Date	Tue 22 Oct 2024
Appeal Status	Unknown

- **Householder application for construction of ground and first floor side and rear extensions and re-located rear dormer window**

11 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TS

Ref. No: 24/07374/FUL | Received: Thu 03 Oct 2024
| Validated: Mon 21 Oct 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Householder application for construction of extension to existing stables for private residential use**

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Ref. No: 24/07269/FUL | Received: Mon 23 Sep 2024
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Parish Council:

Chairmans Note November 2024

On Monday 18th November 2024, Ellesborough Parish Council held the last Parish meeting of 2024 and the following matters were discussed.

Christmas Carol Concert – Friday 13th December 7pm.

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Affordable Housing

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Biodiversity Policy

Cllr Holman has undertaken further training and continues to evolve the Biodiversity policy for EPC and as winter approaches matters such as light pollution are being considered. EPC are keen to encourage further local engagement so please do contact us if you have any ideas.

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Parish Clerk Email Notices

The Parish email list is growing slowly and is frequently used by the Clerk to message road closures and specific local information, however it is still only sent to approximately 30% of the Parish, so do ask the Clerk to add you on if you would like to stay more informed.

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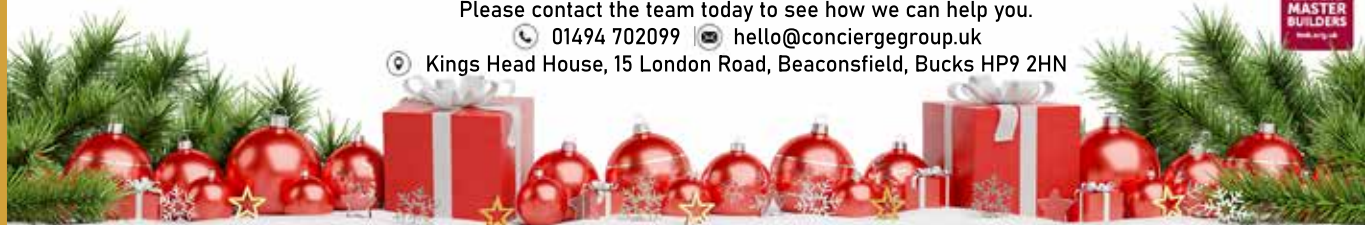


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