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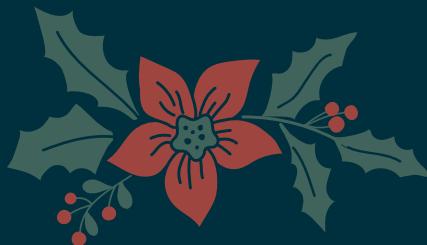
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A thoroughly Chiltern Christmas



Visit your **Local Brewery Shop**
this Christmas and New Year

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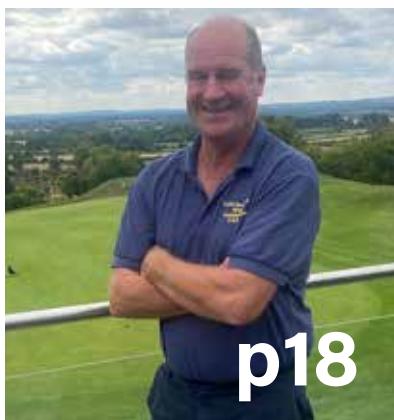
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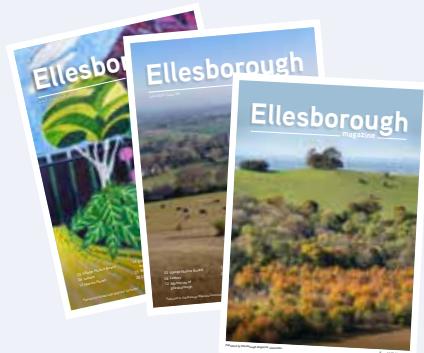
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YOUR LETTERS

Chairman's Letter

It was with great sadness that we lost **Tony Young** to cancer in September. He was the longest-serving member of the *Ellesborough Village Magazine* committee and always wrote an entertaining "Gardening in Ellesborough" column, wryly including his wife Jean as "Head Gardener." Tony was key to many village societies and charities, and I hope I speak for them all in thanking him for his wise support and hard work in making them effective and enjoyable.

At Tony's funeral service, Jean shared memories of his early years — churchgoer, choral singer, aspiring journalist, and outrider for the Royal Artillery — as well as his lifelong love of the outdoors. During his time at

the retailer Currys, he trained in his own hours to become a specialist social counsellor, a role that reflected his deep commitment to helping others. Tony carried these qualities and passions throughout his life, and we were all the beneficiaries of his enthusiasm and generosity.

We are very grateful to **Simon Fowler**, who has kindly stepped forward to act as treasurer of the village magazine. His experience and commitment will be invaluable. As a committee, our aim is to continue developing the magazine — with Tony's spirit as we move forward.

Richard Jennings

Poppy Appeal 2025



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone's generosity and hard work, you have this year raised the splendid sum of **£2,675** for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. It will be put to good use supporting those of our two million veterans and their families who are in need of help in various ways. This is an increase on our total last year and is very much appreciated. More information on how we help at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk> or @royalbritishlegion on Instagram.

It was great to see so many of you at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday for the 11 O'Clock Silence, as well as at the Church service beforehand. As the years pass and the direct links are fewer, it is good to remember what we owe the families of the village in those days. There was much interest in the information sheets on the WW1 names in the Village Hall afterwards; if anyone has any information on those who lost their lives in WW2, please let me know. Many thanks to Liz Hine and Sally Withey for arranging the refreshments, and to those who did the flowers on the War Memorial.

During the Appeal, there are 9 collecting boxes in venues such as the Russell Arms, the Village Hall, Buckmoor End Farm Shop, the Chiltern Brewery, Ellesborough Golf Club, Griffin House School and the Church, as well as 11 house-to-house collectors, some of whom have been collecting for 20 years or more. Their efforts are generally very well rewarded and altogether raise twice as much as the static boxes - so a shout out to all of the team! If anyone would like to join us, please email me fiona@tchen.com or call 07747 614686.

Fiona

Macmillan Fundraising



My 25th Annual Coffee Morning was another great success, in spite of the cloudy and somewhat chilly weather.

Thank you to everyone who supported me on the day, or gave so generously by donating on my JustGiving page.

Special thanks to local businesses for providing some fantastic Raffle prizes, yet again.

I am delighted to have raised **£4,041.80** for this very important charity.

Thank you
Julie

Community Litter Pick

Thank You to Everyone Who Took Part!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Village litter pick on Sunday morning. The sunny autumn morning encouraged around twenty five volunteers to come out armed with plenty of enthusiasm to help keep our village looking its best.

Working together, we managed to collect over a dozen large bags of rubbish from around the footpaths and roadside verges. There didn't appear to be as much rubbish as in previous years, but it may be all the newly fallen leaves were hiding it.

Thanks to Judith for her organisational skills, not to mention tiffin, tea and coffee, and to Len Newman for his help cleaning in and around the signs in the parish.

If you couldn't make it this time, don't worry - there will be another litter pick in the spring. Keep an eye on the noticeboard and Parish emails. Together, we can keep our village clean, green, and welcoming for everyone.

Janette West

LOCAL EVENTS

Christmas Services at Ellesborough

St Peter & St Paul

Candlelit Service of Lessons & Carols 21st December 6.00pm

Christmas Eve Crib Service 24th December 4.00pm

Short Family Christmas Communion Service December 25th 10.45am

St Nicholas, Great Kimble

Family Christingle & Carol Service 17th December 5.30pm

Midnight Mass 24th December 11.00pm

Christmas Day Service 9.30am

Dunsmore Village Hall

Social Evening 5th December 7.30pm

Carol Service 14th December 5.00pm

Winter Warmer 19th December 7.30pm

Carol Concert

Ellesborough Silver Band
Carol Concert

Village Parish Hall
Friday 11th December 7.00pm

Pilates

Mondays & Thursday Mornings
Ellesborough Village Hall

Qigong

Village Hall
Every Wednesday -
see page 38

Memory Café

The Chilterns Neuro Centre, Oakwood Close, Wendover, Aylesbury
First Friday of every month
10am-12noon

Village Coffee & Cake

Fridays
19th December
16th January
20th February

Parish Council Meeting

19th January 2026
Ellesborough Parish Hall

Chiltern Ladies

Stewart Hall Kimble
Wednesdays 2.00pm
3rd December
14th January
4th February

Wendover Art Club

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

K & E Horticultural Society

Stewart Hall Kimble
First Tuesday Each Month, except Jan
8.00pm

TRIBUTE **TONY YOUNG**



Tony the gentleman, the helpful man, the wise counsellor, good listener. A privilege to have known him.

Anthony Reginald Young, 'Tony', was born on 5th August 1936 in a small Cotswold Village near Stroud in Gloucestershire. Parents Reg and Evelyn Young. Tony was soon joined by 2 siblings, brother Michael and sister Angela, and later two more sisters Wendy and Elizabeth.

A brief removal of the family to Manchester for father's job as Manager of Currys, who sold bicycles and radios in those days. Too soon, 1939, war was declared and father is called up to serve at the front in France - taking part in the D-Day landings and the family move back from Manchester to the Stroud countryside to live with grandparents. One uncle and one grandfather were still physically and mentally scarred from World War One, and now Tony was part of the next generation to be brought up during World War 2. Fortunately, the Stroud countryside was not badly affected by bombing - nearby Gloucester and Bristol took more of the direct hits. There was, of course, the threat of invasion but the family felt safe in the company of their wider family, Church and Village Communities AND Churchill, who everyone had great faith in! Tony always spoke of his happy childhood - walking through the fields to school with his siblings.

1945 saw the end of hostilities and thankfully his father returned home safe and sound. A new beginning, with peace. Father's next job took them from the countryside, to the beautiful (but very battered at that time), City of Bath. It just so happened that the family moved to the same Parish where I lived and attended the Church of the Ascension where I sang in the choir. Soon, Tony joined the choir as a 12 year old boy treble. One very cold Friday evening choir practice, Tony, who sat in the front choir stalls with the trebles, turned around to me - I was directly behind him with the ladies and men, and said to me "gosh, your hands are just like mine!" Yes we both suffered split chilblains, a common thing in those days before central heating. We became an item from that time and we have sung together in various choirs for a lifetime.

Tony having missed out from taking the old 11+ exams because of the timings of house moves, his father sent him to a local private school to continue his education, at the end of which Tony wanted to become a Journalist and successfully secured a placement with the local Bath and News paper Wilts Chronicle and Herald/to start in September (school term having ended in July). In the meantime his father offered him a job in the shop with him. Tony stayed with Currys for life!

At age 18, Tony was called up for 2 years National Service which he completed in Salisbury Plain with the Royal Artillery. Apart from the big guns he rode a motorbike to seek out the best routes for convoys on manoeuvres, also collecting massively huge lorries from various depots around the country, having had a driving licence from the age of 16.

Along the way, and with some opposition from families (as they thought we were too young) we got married. Jeanette is our only much-loved daughter. And Tony's career with Curry's re-started. He worked his way up through the organisation, starting as a junior salesman in Bristol; was appointed the youngest ever branch manager to the shop in Evesham, then to Cheltenham and finally further promotions to the Head Office in Ealing: and we moved to Haddenham.

We finally moved here to Ellesborough in April 1972 to reduce the commute to Ealing Head Office. Tony designed and laid out the garden - having first to clear the site, which was totally overgrown and untended. He also managed to find time to train with Marlow Pastoral Foundation to become one of their counsellors. He also undertook the Foundation Course with the Open University which entailed watching tutorials on TV very late at night,



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or very early mornings. Tony also served his first of 2 terms as Churchwarden of this church at this time.

Tony retired around 2000. He ended his career as Staff Controller, and by now Currys had been taken over by the Dixon's Group. He was in charge of the health, wealth and welfare of every member in the organisation.

His first project in retirement at home was to create the wild flower meadow. We were also part of a small TocH group who helped raise funds to purchase the first Wendover Community Car and Tony was one time chairman of this as well as both of us being volunteer drivers. Some of you may well remember the Safari Suppers, one of the ways we were pleased to be able to share our home and garden for the pleasure of entertaining our family and friends as well as raising money for charities. We opened our garden for the National Garden Scheme for many years.

Our COVID music for a summer evening was another highlight. The latest charity

garden event was in July, with Tony watching from the conservatory as visitors from the Bucks Historic Churches Trust visited both our church here, and our garden to raise a very good sum of money for their worthy cause.

Tony has been helping with the village magazine for over 35 years and I know, as I have been told, that his gardening articles have been much appreciated.

Tony came to know many people, not only at the church but many more as he walked round the village and surrounding hills with our dogs.

After Tony received his devastating diagnosis and rejected all that meant, he planned his funeral service and gave me notes to write up this Eulogy. He then wrote a letter to our family and colleagues, friends and neighbours. He said that he "had no regrets - he had lived a glorious and fulfilled life, I feel so blessed that we shared that life together". He was the best husband, father brother, friend and neighbour ever!

The family have taken great comfort from all the messages of condolence that we have received, with their memories of Tony; Tony the gentleman, the helpful man, the wise counsellor, good listener. A privilege to have known him.

Jean Young



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CHURCH SERVICES



St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough

December Services

7th December 10.45 Songs of Praise
14th December 10.45 Parish Communion
21st December 6pm Candlelit service of Lessons and Carols
24th December 4pm Christmas Eve Crib Service
25th December 10.45 Short Family Christmas Communion
28th December No service at Ellesborough

January Services

4th January 10.45 Songs of Praise
11th January 10.45 Parish Communion
18th January 10.45 BCP Matins
25th January 10.45 Parish Communion

February Services

1st February 10.45 Songs of Praise
8th February 10.45 Parish Communion
15th February 10.45 BCP Matins
22nd February 10.45 Parish Communion



St. Nicholas, Great Kimble

Here are the Christmas services for St. Nicholas:

- Monday 8th December 14.00 Griffin House Christingle Service
- Sunday 14th December 09.15 St. Nic's Kids



- Wednesday 17th December 17.30 Family Christingle and Carol Service
- Wednesday 24th December 23.00 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
- Thursday 25th December 09.30 Christmas Day Service
- Sunday 28th December NO SERVICE

The Church of the Resurrection Dunsmore



Carol service on Sunday, 14th December at 5pm, see page 30 for more details

NEW LOCAL STORE

Budgens



A new Budgens Convenience store has opened, 5 minutes' drive from Ellesborough, on the Risborough Road.



The store is located at the entrance to Hayfield Crescent, between Terrick and Little Kimble, with ample free parking.

Dinesh, the delightful franchise owner, is able to offer a wide selection of products for the local community. The range includes newspapers, fresh fruit and flowers, dairy products, meat, fresh

bread, patisseries, ready meals and a wide range of wines, spirits and beer. There is Costa Coffee- for that early morning caffeine fix- and a hot food counter. In fact, almost everything you might need. Do go and visit Budgens!

Budgens is open 7.00am- 8.30pm Monday to Saturday, and 8.00am- 8.00pm on Sundays.



Hayfield Crescent, 27 Daisy Lane, Little Kimble, Aylesbury HP17 0BU

BUCKMOOREND FARM UPDATE

Autumn has well and truly settled in this year with a stunning array of colours and carpets of leaves!



The grass is also flourishing again after a particularly tricky dry summer providing some welcome and much needed pasture for our calving herd.

We have had a really positive autumn calving season so far with little intervention needed, introducing 16 new strong and healthy calves into our herd. We only have 2 cows left to calve so fingers crossed the positive streak will continue to the end!



Following some interesting upheaval linked to a certain visitor from across the pond Farmers Dan and Mark have moved our rams in with our ewes as they play their part in preparation for lambing 2026! They have also been busy planting the Autumn crops over the past few weeks and have now drilled all of our Winter wheat and beans into the fields. The weather has been kind to us which will help

establish the seeds. These crops will be harvested next August and our next lot of planting will begin in the Spring.

You may have noticed a spray of yellow across our field down at the cross roads in Butlers Cross (Hundred Acre field). This is our mustard cover crop that we plant to keep the ground biology alive and thriving over the winter. Soil is more nutritionally rich when it has plants growing in it rather than lying as bare stubble. Plus, it has the added bonus of providing a habitat for animals and insects.

We have also had the chance to feel proud as we became finalists in the Schoffel Countryside Awards, led by wildlife charity Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT). The awards showcase private land managers, farms and partnerships whose dedication to wildlife management and conservation is helping to improve the health of the British countryside. As part of our Farm Cluster (a group comprising a network of 18 farmers across the Chilterns working together with the Chilterns Conservation Board to develop landscape scale change) we were amongst the 24 finalists shortlisted from across the UK. The judges visited Buckmoorend Farm as a case study for wider work that is taking place across the Chilterns. A particular focus was

given to the scrubs clearance work that took place at Kimble Warren, to benefit rare chalkland species of grass and the invertebrates that inhabit that area. We strongly echo the importance of the words of Nick von Westenholz (GWCT's CEO) "These winners and finalists have shown that conservation and food production are not opposing forces, but can work hand in hand."



In our Farm Shop, Butchery and Kitchen we had a fun Halloween with our spooky hunt being enjoyed by kids and parents throughout half term. We are now excitedly embracing the festive season and have enjoyed filling the farm shop to the rafters with Christmas treats and gifts galore, for all those food lovers! More will be added over the coming weeks so please pop by to bring the festive feeling on.



Our Christmas order book is also well and truly open so think Buckmoorend as you plan your festive table spread this year! Whether it's a free-range turkey from the lovely Pearce family farm in Stoke Mandeville, a joint of our home reared lamb or beef, pigs in blankets from our local pig farmer or local wild venison we're ready to give you the best. Plus, don't forget our delicious selection of cheese, deli items and all the trimmings! Our wonderful team are all happy to guide you where needed and help create a fabulous Christmas dinner that's just right for you.

To place an order pop into the shop, give us a call, visit our website or drop us an email.

We hope to see you soon!

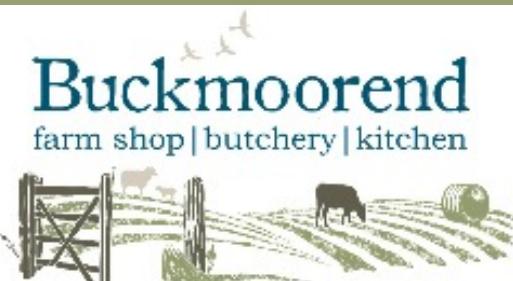
As always, thank you for all your support.

Steph, Daniel & all the team
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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT MALT HOUSE FARM (CHALKSHIRE ROAD, BUTLERS CROSS)

There's been lots going on at our block of fields known as "Chalkshire"



There's been lots going on at our block of fields known as "Chalkshire", located south of the Risborough Road, Terrick, with plenty of wildlife-friendly projects on the go — plus a festive update too!

Last year, to the west of the "Heathrow Mast" (aka the Civil Aviation Authority radio mast near the Risborough Road), we planted a beautiful mix of wildflowers to give a helping hand to bees, butterflies and other pollinators. This gave us a lovely display of colours this summer and the chicory is now providing a source of seeds, especially favoured by charms of Gold Finches.

All year we've been building up a big pile of compost, and it's now been spread across the main fields. It's brilliant for the soil and helps boost worm numbers — and as any farmer will tell you, worms are worth their weight in gold when it comes to healthy land.



This autumn we've also been feeding the soil with food-waste digestate, which is packed with nitrogen and great for our oilseed rape crop. This year we've tried something a bit different and sown it together with mustard, vetch, phacelia and clovers. The idea is to put off the cabbage stem flea beetle — a small pest that can cause big problems! It's really important to us that our regenerative farming methods are not only good for our crops, but also benefit the wider environment and the landscape we all share.

Now for a more festive update... our Christmas turkeys are doing brilliantly! They arrived at Moat Farm, near Stoke Mandeville, in July, no bigger than a pigeon, and spent the summer enjoying sunshine on their backs and plenty of space to roam. As we head into winter, we've followed government guidance and brought them into one of our big, airy barns to help keep them safe from avian flu carried by migrating birds. Turkeys are very sociable and curious, so they've been given bales to climb on and toys hanging from the ceiling to keep them entertained — they really are a joy to watch.

We have been rearing turkeys for 70 years, so quite the tradition. If you'd like one for your Christmas table this year, they're now available to order on our website:



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LIST OF LOCAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Meeting Father Christmas:



Santa's Grotto Experience at Worlds End Garden Centre, Wendover

Includes mixing reindeer food for Christmas Eve and a one to one meeting in Santa's cosy living room.

Events.bluediamond.gg/tickets

Light trails:



Ashridge House Illuminated, Berkhamsted

Running until the 1st January, first entry at 4pm. Dog friendly nights every Wednesday and Thursday.

Ashridgehouse.org.uk

Activities:



Chiltern view ice rink, Stoke Mandeville

Open until 31st December. Special events include an Abba tribute night, Meet Micky & Minnie Mouse & Drag Queen Bingo, along with opportunities to meet Father Christmas, a virtual reality sleigh ride and letter writing to the North Pole.

Chilternviewicerink.co.uk



Father Christmas at the Roald Dahl museum, Great Missenden

Free with Museum entry (one entry fee lasts 12 months) Includes a small chocolate gift.

Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th December.

Roalddahlmuseum.org



Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury

Running until 4th January. As Christmas Fair will be running until 14th December.

Other Christmas events at Waddesdon also include: Sounds of the season, Meet the Huskey dogs, Festive afternoon tea, Decorations in the house.

Waddesdon.org.uk/whats-on/Christmas/



Bekonscot model village

Open until December 21st with Christmas light installations and different Christmas events including carol singing and Father Christmas visits and Naughty Elves Christmas Dinner Hunts. See Website for specific event dates.

bekonscot.co.uk/



Santa Steam Special

A magical steam train ride from Princes Risborough Station to Santa's grotto at this North pole station. Experience duration approx. 1 hour 35 mins. Numerous dates available throughout December.

Chinnorrailway.co.uk



Hughenden manor has a North Pole post

Trail Running until the 4th January. Other Christmas events include: Live Christmas jazz music and Children's Christmas Craft workshops. See website for specific event dates.

CHILTERN BREWERY



A Thoroughly Chiltern Christmas: Visit Your Local Brewery Shop This Christmas

There's something wonderfully comforting about the smell of malt and hops in the air on a crisp winter morning — and here in Ellesborough, we're lucky to have that right on our doorsteps.

As The Chiltern Brewery celebrates **45 Years in Beer**, the team are once again brewing up a festive line-up that's sure to bring cheer to local tables this Christmas.

At the heart of it all is our much-loved **Christmas Ale Flagon** — smooth, rich, and full of seasonal character. It's become a true tradition for many local families, and this year's batch is shaping up to be one of the finest yet. Full-bodied with a touch of spiciness from extra hops, it's ideal for sharing over Christmas lunch, or as a thoughtful gift.

Pipping it to the shelves is **Glad Tidings Winter Stout**, an award-winning favourite that's dark, complex, and perfect for the colder months. For

something a little different, our Small Batch Brews — including **Deck the Hops** and **Dear Mr Porter** — bring a splash of fresh flavour to the range, with fruity and roasted notes that showcase our Brewers' craftsmanship at their best.

All of these beers — and many more — are available to **buy from the Brewery Shop on Nash Lee Road**, near the far north of the Parish! Whether you're picking up a few bottles for yourself, choosing a gift pack for a friend, or simply want to explore what's new, the team are always happy to help.

There's no better time to support your local Brewery. Pop in, have a chat, and discover how much care and tradition goes into every bottle. After all, great beer tastes even better when it's made just up the road!

So this December, make a visit to The Chiltern Brewery part of your Christmas ritual — and raise a glass to **45 Years in Beer**.



RECIPE: RUM AND RAISIN BROWNIE CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas crafting and baking with the children is the simplest of all pleasures.

These edible Christmas trees make fabulous gifts – adults will love the rum tipple, whilst orange juice would work for children.

Method

1. Preheat oven 180°C Gas 4.
2. Put raisins and rum (or juice)in small saucepan, heat gently for 10 mins until liquid absorbed. Mash slightly with fork and set aside.
3. Put chocolate and butter into saucepan and melt GENTLY, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat.
4. Place brown sugar, beaten eggs, flour , baking powder, cocoa and melted chocolate/butter into large bowl. Whisk well to combine. Stir in the rum/juice & raisin mixture.
5. Pour mixture into greased and lined 24x34cm baking tin. Cook for 20-22 mins or test with skewer.
6. Allow to cool, almost completely, before turning out onto a flat surface.
7. Cut out 10 trees with a 9cm tree shaped cutter.
8. Mix icing and boiling water to combine to piping consistency.
9. Place icing into a piping bag and pipe onto trees as shown. Attach cinnamon stick and star anise, or any other decoration, with icing
10. Remove cinnamon stick or star anise before eating.

Ingredients.

Serves 10

- 225g raisins
- 180ml rum or orange juice
- 200g dark chocolate, chopped
- 250g unsalted butter, diced
- 310g brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 200g plain flour
- ¼ tsp Baking Powder
- 35g cocoa

ICING: 160g Icing sugar, sifted with 2-3 tsps boiling water

DECORATIONS: Star anise & cinnamon sticks (edible silver balls, sweets...)

Grease and line 24x34cm baking tray. 9cm Tree shaped cutter

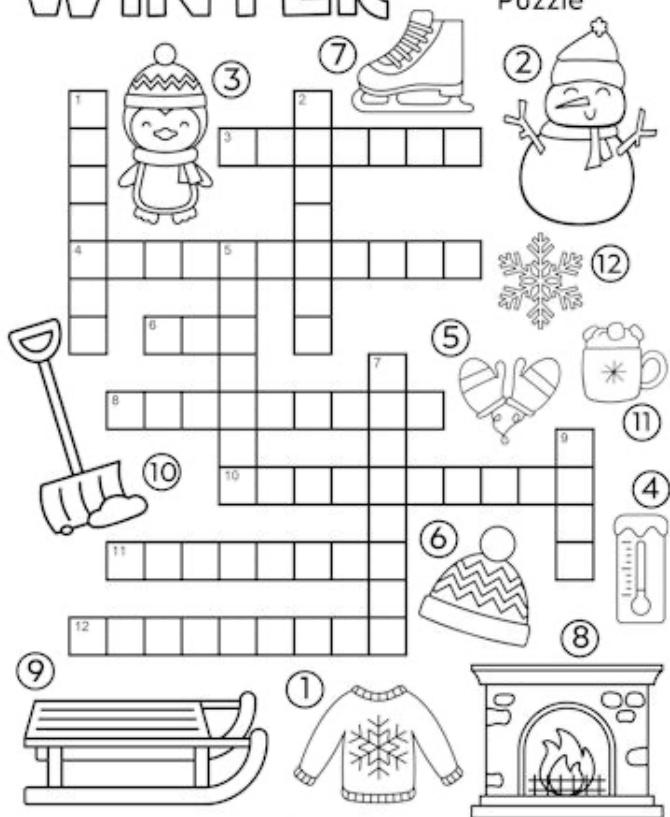


If you have a favourite seasonal recipe and would like to share it through the magazine please contact: Judith Harper – jd25.harper@gmail.com

WINTER PUZZLE PAGE

WINTER

Crossword
Puzzle



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blizzard	frostbite	igloo	skating	snowman
December	frozen	jacket	skiing	snowshoes
February	gloves	January	sleigh	solstice
fireplace	hockey	longjohns	slippery	sweater
flannel	holidays	mitts	snowballs	toboggan
flurries	hot chocolate	scarf	snowboarding	whiteout
frigid	icicle	shovel	snowflakes	wintertime



Winter Snow Sudoku

Fill in the grid with the letters S N O and W making sure no letter is repeated in each row, each column and within each mini grid.

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What Is Different?

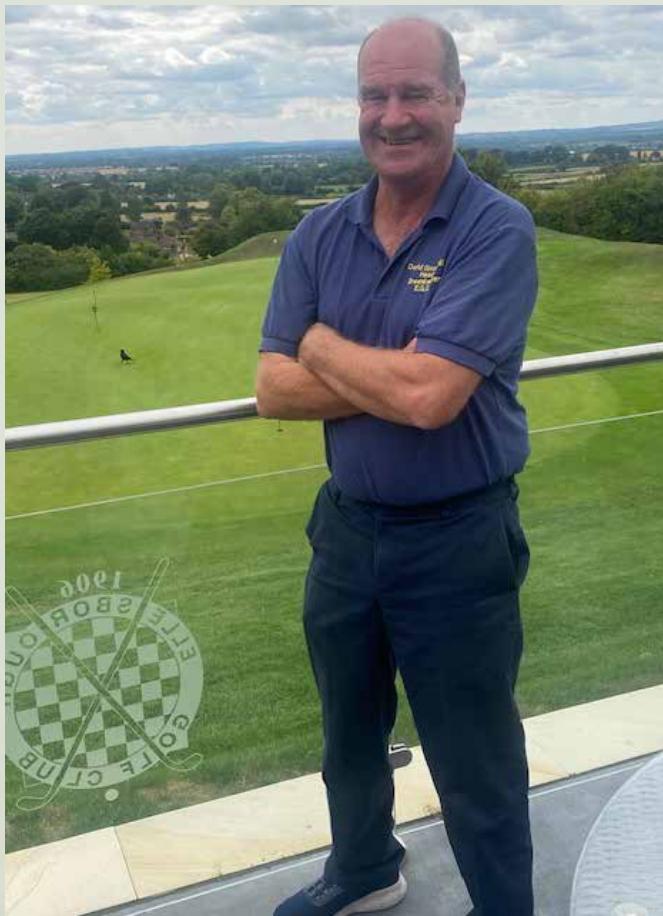
Find and circle 10 things that are different in the pictures below.



DAVID GOODCHILD: HEAD GREENKEEPER ELLESBOROUGH GOLF CLUB



David, a local resident, retired recently after 45 years working at Ellesborough Golf Club



His father lived in Wendover and his mother lived in Dunsmore before they married in St Peter & St Paul church in Ellesborough on Easter Monday in 1951.

David went to the junior school in Wendover and in 1977 moved to John Colet, Wendover.

David's love of golf started when his uncles, Harry & David Wells, encouraged him to play golf at Whiteleaf Golf Club. Shortly afterwards David was offered a job as apprentice greenkeeper at Ellesborough. Little did he know then that he would remain working at Ellesborough Golf Club for another 45 years!

Ellesborough Golf Club, once part of Chequers Estate, was founded in 1906 as a 9 hole club but was extended to the current 18 hole course in the 1920's.

The course then was much smaller and required less maintenance. Now everything is more intensive. Today golfer's expectations on the course are high. Maintenance machinery and products have therefore improved significantly in order to keep courses in good condition.

Until 1985 golf was seen by many as an elitist sport but when Europe won the Ryder Cup that year, golf quickly became more popular. Until the mid 1980's the only local clubs were Ellesborough, Whiteleaf and Chiltern Forest; clubs like the Oxfordshire, Mentmore, Stocks, Studley Wood did not exist.

When David joined the greenkeepers team in June 1980 Seve Schmitz was Head Greenkeeper, supported by 3 others. Today the team has grown to 7. David started as apprentice greenkeeper but in order to progress his career he attended Berkshire College of Agriculture in 1981 to study green keeping and sports turf management. He passed his exams with distinctions and went on to Hampden Hall, near Stoke Mandeville, in 1983 where he gained a qualification in the Institute of Groundsmanship which covered management of tennis courts, rugby, hockey and football pitches as well as golf courses.

With his newly gained qualifications and experience David was soon offered extra responsibilities and became 1st assistant / Deputy Head Greenkeeper in 1987 and then Head Greenkeeper in 1999, the role he held for another 26 years.

David recalls many of the major successful changes that have taken place since 2000.

A project to remove dying trees and to allow indigenous natural trees to flourish.

Areas of scrub have been removed to encourage the course to remain a natural chalk downland course which has led to extended growth of orchids, cowslips and many other natural flowers. The greenkeepers take great care in deciding which products to use on the fairways and greens. Their mantra is "a weed is only a plant in the wrong place"!

Climate change has had a big impact on the condition of the course in recent years. Summers are now hotter, winters are

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milder, very little snow now falls and there are fewer frosts. One big problem however is wind as the wind dries out the course quickly. Regular aeration programmes have to be managed. The fairways, most of which are south facing, are prone to intense heat. Though the Club have their own water bore hole there is a scarcity of water still. A Planning application has recently been made to create a water storage lake which will help to safeguard the course during prolonged dry periods. A new weather station has recently been set up on the course so that the Club can collect detailed local weather information. The station gives readings for rainfall, solar radiation, wind, leaf wetness temperature, air pressure and humidity. There is an automatic irrigation system in place and the use of water is controlled very carefully with most watering done overnight.

David remembers some memorable Club events in recent years.

2006 was the Club's Centenary and during the Centenary year some of the events held included a re-enactment of the original opening ceremony, a Celebrity's Day, hosting the Buckinghamshire, Berkshire & Oxfordshire Men's County Championships, a big dinner attended by golfing dignitaries, including Michael Lunt Captain of the Royal & Ancient, St Andrews. There was a Ellesborough Village Day at the Club including a Classic Car show, and various demonstrations by the Greens team of aspects of their work.

In 2011 the Club hosted the English Girls Championship with Hayley Davis winning with a superb score of 3 under par over 4 rounds.

Prime Ministers in office are offered Honorary Membership of the Club; Bill Clinton played at Ellesborough with Tony Blair. David Cameron was a regular early Sunday morning player. Sir Keir Starmer has not accepted his invitation to be a member, possibly the first Prime Minister ever to refuse.



David's last working day as Head Greenkeeper was August 31st this year but he is delighted that he will continue as a consultant to the Club for several more months. He is keen too to assist with a smooth handover to his successor, Matt Mackenzie. After that he intends to spend more time with his partner Jo, seeing his daughter Augusta and playing more golf.

He is extremely proud of his team and their significant achievements over the last 45 years. They work, in rotas, every day of the year apart from Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. This is testament to why Ellesborough has full membership and, because of the condition of the course over the entire year, is one of the most successful Clubs in the South.

Allan Westray

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THE WILDFLOWERS OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ELLESBOROUGH

This ancient Churchyard is managed to protect and encourage plants and wildlife.



Diverse mix of wildflowers and grasses on bank south of church



Pyramidal orchid

This display has been created to pay tribute to the tireless, custodial work of Tony Young, Ellesborough's Churchwarden of over 25 years who recently passed away.

He was passionate about wildflowers, wildlife and gardening. He was very proud of the fact that St Peter and St Paul's Churchyard was selected as a Local Wildlife Site (LWS) Ref. SP80107 and its wildlife value was assessed against specific criteria by the Sites Selection Panel with surveys being carried out in 2015 and 2016. The survey results, a map showing the position of this Grade 2 listed medieval church and the plant species found can be located in a digital format on the Ellesborough Church section of the Ellesborough Parish Council website. Use the following link <https://www.ellesborough-pc.gov.uk/Contents/ContentItems/44v430xzh9xq04k6wwnm3f5f5e>

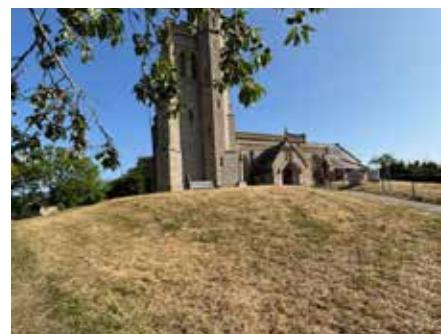
This ancient Churchyard is managed to protect and encourage plants and wildlife. It is left uncut until high summer to preserve and encourage wildflowers, butterflies, insects and other wildlife.

Diverse mix of wildflowers and grasses on bank south of church.

The wildflowers were monitored closely, and once the seeds in the flower heads had completely set, the wildflowers were cut the first week of August.

The big rake took place 2 weeks later and volunteers helped to remove the dead vegetation.

A second cut of the graveyard will take place in the Autumn when the hedges are also trimmed back preparing it for next year's Spring growth.



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These photos have been taken during June, July and August and clearly show that wildflowers, butterflies, bees and insects have been thriving in this churchyard which is sited within a Conservation Area, in a dominant position on the escarpment of the Chilterns, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



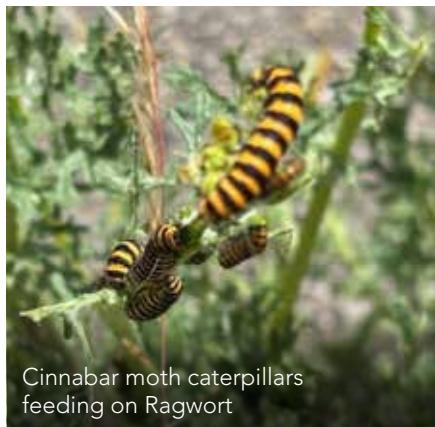
Common mallow



Pyramidal orchids and Ox-eye daisies



Ragwort and Ox-eye daisies



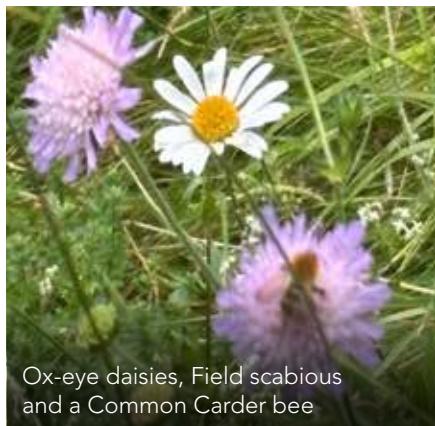
Cinnabar moth caterpillars feeding on Ragwort



Common Carder bee feeding on Field Scabious



Cow parsnip and grasses



Ox-eye daisies, Field scabious and a Common Carder bee



Buff-tailed bumble bee



Oregano (also known as Wild Marjoram) in front of the headstone

During the middle of November some pupils from Great Kimble C of E School are going to help plant dwarf Tête-à-tête daffodil bulbs in the churchyard. They flower early spring, are scented and will provide an early pollen and nectar source for bumble bees and early emerging insects.

This type of daffodil have smaller stems which hopefully will get less battered by the wind and they should also provide a colourful welcome to church visitors with their golden, yellow petals. If members of the community would also like to plant some of the bulbs please contact

Helen Holman helenholman@ellesborough-pc.gov.uk

Helen Holman

September 2025

A NOTABLE VISITOR TO THE AREA IN PICTURES

18 September 2025





*Image adapted, but they both would have flicked through a local magazine to glean the local news!

THE CHILTERN LADIES

After our August break the September meeting was well attended. The President, Mrs. Annie Adams, spoke about the things our group have to look forward to. The Cartier Exhibition at the V & A, our holiday in Cornwall, and our boat cruise on the Thames to Windsor with Christmas dinner. Plus our regular coffee mornings and lunches.

When the September birthday cards were presented, we realised one of our members, Liz Potts was 99 years old.

Our speaker, Andrea Dempsey, told us about her life working to preserve endangered primates. She had previously been one of the head primate keepers at London Zoo. She then went to the West African Primate Conservation Action Group based in Ghana with a small but 'mighty' team, training poachers to become conservation workers, and helping to make corridors to connect groups of similar primates where gaps have been created due to illegal logging and poaching. She helped local groups to manage and protect their natural resources which include primates, and supporting local schools with nature conservation and animal clubs. It was an excellent talk with photographs and film.

The sun was shining for us as we gathered together for our October meeting when we welcomed two visitors.

Annie reported on the Cartier Exhibition and told us about the problems getting members to London as the Chiltern Railway announced a strike on that day. There were no underground trains running either when we got to London, so taxis were used. It was well worth the effort to get to the V & A as the exhibition was stupendous.

Annie demonstrated nighttime driving glasses worn over our own spectacles, eliminating the glare from oncoming traffic.

We were given further details of our Christmas river cruise and there is to be a craft workshop in November, members will make crackers and tree decorations.

Our speaker was local girl Debbie McGuire, a historian, writer, hand quilter and teacher at the London College of Fashion, speaking about quilting and its history. Quilts tell an important story and are a record of women's lives through the ages. Debbie showed us photographs of patchwork and embroidered quilts, including one made by Jane Austen, all made with love and care, they are often passed down through several generations. She brought several of her own beautiful quilts for us to see and to examine, they were absolutely wonderful. A very enjoyable talk and presentation.

Several Chiltern Ladies had a lovely holiday in Cornwall in glorious, warm, early October sunshine. We stayed in Looe and visited the pretty seaside towns of Fowey and Polperro. We also enjoyed a wonderful day at the Eden Project. When one of the china clay pits had reached the end of its useful life it was used to show what people can achieve when they work together, producing a stunning stage on which to tell the story of our dependence on plants in two giant biomes, home to the world largest indoor rainforest.

On the President's table at the November meeting was a beautiful arrangement of autumn foliage and berries. Holiday destinations for 2026 were discussed and we were invited to a talk on Women's Health by Hope Aylesbury at Buckingham Park Community Centre.

Members are invited to submit photographs of Buckinghamshire for the front of our 2026 programme.

Our speaker was Andy Hunter, a volunteer for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. There are 1.7 million war graves in 23,000 locations around the world. 2,400 volunteers take care of the graves and gardens with a £66 million budget, shared proportionally to the number of graves each of the 6 member countries has. It was uplifting to know that we, and other countries around the world take such care of the graves of our fallen soldiers, men and women, who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Elizabeth Hine.

THE CHILTERN LADIES MEET AT STEWART HALL, KIMBLE, AT 2 PM ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, (EXCEPT JANUARY WHEN IT'S THE SECOND WEDNESDAY.) VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WARMLY WELCOMED.

GREAT KIMBLE C OF E SCHOOL



Love. Learn. Live

A Wonderful Start to the Autumn Term at Great Kimble C of E School



The Autumn Term has got off to a flying start at Great Kimble C of E School, with classrooms buzzing with creativity, curiosity, and community spirit. From the youngest pupils in Reception to the oldest in Key Stage 2, everyone has been diving into exciting new learning adventures. A special mention goes to our brand-new Reception children, who have settled into school life beautifully. Their little personalities are already shining through, and it's been a joy to see their confidence and curiosity grow each day.

Our term began with a focus on history and art, sparking imaginations across the school. The corridors have been filled with talk of Vikings, everyday heroes, and even cave paintings!

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum (COAM), where they stepped back in time to the Stone Age. From building shelters to discovering ancient tools,

pupils were able to bring their history topic alive in the most hands-on way possible. Across the school, pupils have also been writing powerful diaries from a war-time perspective, developing empathy and understanding of life during conflict.

It's been a fantastic term for sport too! Children have been honing their rugby skills and showing brilliant teamwork and perseverance. We're also incredibly proud to announce the formation of our **first ever football team in over 200 years**—a truly historic moment for Great Kimble!

As we move further into the term, our focus will shift to exciting geography topics, exploring the world around us and beyond. And of course, preparations for Christmas are already beginning—always a magical and joyful time of year at school, full of songs, creativity, and community celebration.

At Great Kimble C of E School, we value our place at the heart of the local community. We're always looking for ways to connect and enrich our pupils' experiences. If you would like to be involved with the school or can offer opportunities for our children, we'd love to hear from you.

Here's to a brilliant Autumn Term full of learning, laughter, and lasting memories!

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At its core, BAS is dedicated to promoting artistic excellence

Founded in 1920, the Buckinghamshire Art Society (BAS) has been at the heart of the county's visual arts scene for over a century. With a vibrant programme of exhibitions, artist demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and sociable events—most open to the public—BAS continues to inspire and engage art lovers and creators across Buckinghamshire.

The Society maintains strong ties with the Discover Bucks Museum (formerly County Museum) in Aylesbury and keeps an active online presence, featuring up-to-date details on upcoming exhibitions, events, and showcases of member artwork, complete with artist profiles and image galleries.

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Our mission is:

"To encourage painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and 3D

work in media such as ceramics, glass, wood, and metal, along with the promotion of other art-related activities throughout Buckinghamshire."

To uphold these standards, we strive to maintain a rigorous selection process for entry into the Society and ensure only the highest quality artwork is represented at our exhibitions.

Today, the Society boasts a membership of around 100 artists, many of whom are professional or semi-professional. Our members reflect a rich diversity of styles and media, all elected for their artistic talent and contribution to the arts.

In 2006, BAS launched the **Young Artists Award**—an initiative designed to encourage creativity in emerging artists aged 16 to 20. This award also helps build meaningful connections with local schools and art education providers, supporting the next generation of Buckinghamshire artists.



*Buckinghamshire Art Society
Autumn Exhibition on 1st/2nd Nov
at Wendover Memorial Hall.*

*Spring Exhibition 2nd/3rd May at
Fitzwilliam Centre Beaconsfield.*

Young Artist Awards

Young artists receiving awards on 31st October (Preview Evening) and some of their artwork:





Beacon Hill in paint





Buckinghamshire has a rich legacy of historic and beautifully designed parks and gardens.

Our aim is to enjoy these gardens, improve our knowledge of their significance and to help protect them for future generations.

January



Small But Perfectly Formed: A History of the Entrance Lodge

Saturday 10 January 2.30pm

Dr Victoria Thomson explores the history and characteristics of the entrance lodge, with a particular focus on those in Buckinghamshire.

Members **£10/Guests £12.50**, refreshments included.
Booking recommended.

February



Repton and the Architects

Saturday 14 February 2.30pm

Dr Mick Thompson, retired Gardens Manager for Ashridge Estate will consider the work of Humphry Repton and his understanding of architectural style and theory, and how this was applied through his commissions and published works.

Members **£10/Guests £12.50**, refreshments included.
Booking recommended.



The English Landscape Garden: Dreaming of Arcadia

Saturday 24 January 2.30pm

Tim Richardson will describe the evolution of the English landscape garden across the 18th century by means of ten exemplary gardens, from Castle Howard to Stowe to Painshill.

Members **£10/Guests £12.50**, refreshments included.
Booking recommended.

March



A Quick Introduction to the Plants and People that Influenced Garden History

Saturday 14 March 2.30pm

Advolly Richardson, garden historian and presenter on BBC's Gardeners' World, will look at people and plants in history that have shaped our gardens and been a major factor in the evolution of Britain's garden styles.

Members **£10/Guests £12.50**, refreshments included.
Booking recommended.

KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Your Local Gardening Club



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 Colin Ells (Chairman) at colin.kehs@outlook.com before attending.

Please see our website for any updates.

December



Macaronesia: The "Galapagos of Botany" Plus Christmas Social
Tuesday 2nd – 8 00 pm

The Azores, Madeira, Cape Verde and the Canary Islands have an exceptionally large number of native plants. Professor Sandy Primrose who is a scientist and author with a passion for gardening will explain why this is so.

Our Christmas social includes festive refreshments, quiz and a raffle.

February



Around the World in Twenty Vegetables
Tuesday 3rd – 8 00 pm

We welcome back Paolo Arrigo from Franchi Seeds which is the oldest family run seed company in the world and specialises in heritage and regional varieties. He will go round the twenty very varied regions of Italy explaining how to grow, plant and also how to eat the vegetables. He will also bring a range of seeds at a discounted rate plus some other regional goodies.

March



AGM
Tuesday 3rd – 7 15 pm

Euphorbias - Probably the Best Garden Plants in the World
Tuesday 3rd – 8 00 pm

Timothy Walker, former Director at Oxford University Botanic Gardens and now lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, is convinced of the supremacy of spurge as garden plants for every situation. His talk explains some of the natural history of euphorbias and their botany, describes some of the most desirable species and cultivars and suggests some planting associations.

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 Liz O'Donnell, Membership Secretary, at kehs.bucks@outlook.com.

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

Dunsmore

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

As in previous years the village had donated a large amount of food and toiletries for The Chiltern Foodbank which covers our area of Buckinghamshire.

We held our Harvest Festival earlier this year at the beginning of September. As in previous years the village had donated a large amount of food and toiletries for The Chiltern Foodbank which covers our area of Buckinghamshire.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. The Harvest Festival Service itself was not very well attended but those who came enjoyed listening to and giving readings and helping open a selection of mysterious boxes as part of the talk.

We will be holding our Carol service on **Sunday, 14th December at 5pm** and this will be followed by mince pies, biscuits and a warm drink. After the success last year of our service led by Nick Phillips and the Dunsmore Folk Expectations group we have invited them back. They have very kindly agreed to come and will give us another evening of music, singing and the Christmas story. This year we hope for kinder weather than the gales of 2024 which forced an alteration of some of the plans.

At the moment we have been unable to find a celebrant for Christmas Day but we will put up posters and email villagers if this changes.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Tina O'Toole, a long time Dunsmore resident who was also a church trustee and read beautifully at many of our services. Elsewhere in the magazine is a fuller appreciation of her time amongst us.

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



Dunsmore Carol Service With the Dunsmore Folk Expectations



**Sunday 14th December
at 5.00pm**



Dunsmore update

COUNTDOWN TO THE FESTIVE SEASON

Halloween was once again celebrated in style here. Suzanne Lord, assisted by her team of local parents, organised a Spooky Soiree in the Village Hall on Friday, October 31st



Annual General Meeting

The recent **Annual General Meeting** of the Dunsmore Village Hall Association was held on Friday, October 3rd in the Village Hall. Catharine Harris has stepped down after a busy and successful year as chair; she has been replaced by Nikki Stillwell. Nikki has handed over her previous secretarial duties to Vanessa Havard, who will continue in her role as Bookings Secretary, as well. Julian Hamer has taken on the job of Treasurer and presented attendees with a very thorough update on where and how their subscription and event proceeds are being spent. Ivan Stillwell, Andrew Swift and David Marshall are Trustees.

DVHA Committee members are Tod Weller, Lorraine Smith, Chris Minchell/ Alice Wiggins (sharing the role), and David Marshall. We thanked them all for their stellar work and for their continuing support for the VH via their roles. Without them, there would be no activities and no events to help fund the upkeep of our newly refurbished VH. The meeting closed with general discussion, drinks and a lovely cheeseboard.

Ghoulies, Ghosties and Long-legged Beasties?

Halloween was once again celebrated in style here. Suzanne Lord, assisted by her team of local parents, organised a Spooky Soiree in the Village Hall on Friday, October 31st. The nine brilliantly dressed

children (and one appropriately attired dog) gathered to bob for apples, race spiders and make mummies (no, not the ones at home). Once the festivities were over, it was time to trawl 18 brave village homes as pre-agreed to ask for treats. It's wonderful that so many residents offer each year to allow the young trick-or-treaters to knock and ask for goodies. It's even more fun when the weather's dry!

Quiz and Chips Night

The annual brain teaser that is Quiz and Chips Evening was held on Saturday, November 15th in the Hall. Unfortunately, our magazine deadline was two weeks previous, so we are unable to report on the outcome, but if history is a valuable prediction of the evening, we can safely assume that the VH will be full, with at least half a dozen teams vying for the championship – as well as enjoying local fish and chips before the match. Ivan and Nikki Stillwell have taken on the role of Quizmaster and Sergeant-at-Arms, leaving Chris and Margaret Royal free to join in the funfest that is always competitive and stimulating.

Tina O'Toole

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Tina O'Toole on October 15th, with her children at her side. Tina and her late husband Mike lived at Daffodil Cottage for more than 25 years and were always active in village events. She served on the DVHA Committee for several years, was a Trustee for the

Church of the Resurrection and was Secretary to the Trustees. Tina regularly contributed to the work of the Trustees and was always active in Church services and events. She is survived by her loving children, stepchildren and grandchildren and will be greatly missed by all of them and her many Dunsmore friends.

What's Happening Next?

The DVHA Committee is busily working on a slate of activities and events for 2026, so watch your email inbox for details of coming up. Before we end 2025, however, there are several dates to put in your diary:

- Friday, December 5th, Social Evening at the Village Hall – 7.30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 6th, The Mill at Sonning dinner theatre trip
- Friday, December 19th, Winter Warmer in the Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Winter Warmer is Dunsmore's annual evening to swap holiday greetings with friends and neighbours and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Dig out the Christmas jumper, set a Santa smile on your face, and come along to the Village Hall for a joyous hour or three of good friends and warm wishes.

Watch your emails for information about upcoming events in 2026. We hope to see you there!

LET'S ALL GROW TOGETHER

WELLBEING IN ACTION AND LOOKING TOWARDS 2026



At Lindengate, I am reminded every day of just how powerful nature can be in helping people heal, reconnect, and grow. Our gardens are more than beautiful spaces. They are sanctuaries where volunteers, wellbeing participants, and visitors come together to support their wellbeing and find peace, purpose, and a sense of belonging.

Through Social and Therapeutic Horticulture, we see people rediscover confidence, build friendships, and take those vital steps toward wellbeing. Whether it is planning seeds, caring for wildlife, or simply taking a quiet moment to breathe in the calm of our surroundings.

Our volunteers often tell me how rewarding it is to know they are making a real difference - not just in nurturing the gardens, but in supporting others who come through our gates. And for our visitors, the time spent here often brings a renewed appreciation for the simple yet profound power of being outdoors and connecting to nature.

Andy Grant
General Manager

See Lindengate website for more details:
<https://www.lindengate.org.uk/events>

Kids Holiday Camps

Back for Easter & Summer 2026 (Daily)

Based in Lindengate Garden's Community and Education Hub, our Nature Camps offer young people aged 5-12 year olds a fun-filled week of hands-on outdoor experiences that inspire creativity, build confidence, and encourage a love for nature. Each day costs £40 and runs from 9am-3:30pm. We also have early drop off available from 8:30am.

Wellbeing and Nature Courses

2026 (Wednesdays 9.30 - 12.30)

Our 9-week Wellbeing & Nature Course is designed for adults experiencing mild to moderate depression, anxiety, or low mood. Through seasonal nature-based activities—like conservation, crafts, and mindful gardening—participants build resilience and reconnect with themselves and the world around them.

Pop up Cafes 2026

Once a month April-September, 12.30-3.30, Free Entry

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with tea, cake and nature, all lovingly prepared and served by our amazing volunteers. Our 6 acre gardens will also be open for you to explore.



JOINING FORCES TO CARE FOR HOSPICE PATIENTS ACROSS BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

We are delighted to share the news that we completed our merger with South Bucks Hospice earlier in October.

The newly merged charity is called Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

Butterfly House, in High Wycombe, has been the home for South Bucks Hospice since 2017, and this building's name remain unchanged. Outpatient services continue to support patients from the early stages of their journey through ill health to enhance their quality of life. These services at Butterfly House include lymphoedema care, physiotherapy, complementary therapies, bereavement listening, wellbeing, counselling, spiritual care, as well as support groups and activities.

At the heart of the merger is our commitment to care for patients living with life-limiting illnesses or needing end-of-life care, as well as supporting their families. Both hospice charities have a proud heritage dating back 40 years and have provided compassionate and expert care for thousands of patients. By bringing our much-loved charities together and working with our partners at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, we will operate more efficiently and be able to secure and ultimately expand hospice care services in our county.

In 2024 Florence Nightingale Hospice cared for 2,000 patients and South Bucks Hospice for 600 patients. The number of patients will increase as we further develop the services already provided at Butterfly House in High Wycombe.



Chief Executive, Jo Turner, who leads the merged organisation, said:

"We announced earlier in the summer that Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity and South Bucks Hospice were in advanced talks about merging and were delighted by the warm response that we received to this news from the charities' supporters. We are excited that the merger is now coming into effect.

"The services provided by both charities complement each other well. The merger will allow us to operate more efficiently, and over time, we will be able to offer even more support and care to patients and their loved ones.

"We know that we can rely on the local community to continue supporting us in this ambition through fundraising, donating to, and shopping in, our charity shops as well as all kinds of volunteering."

All hospice charities face the dual challenge of increasing costs and a growing need for hospice services from their community. In addition, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity will need to generate more funding as the Charity will fund all the services currently provided to hospice patients at Butterfly House in High Wycombe as well as commissioning many of the services from Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Income will be generated through our 20 shops and 2 Reuse sites, from an increased fundraising team and increased fundraising opportunities in the south of Buckinghamshire and the income from two shareholdings in the Hospice Lottery Partnership. We also receive income from wills.

We are so lucky to be supported by our generous community and there are many ways to do this: whether it's through generous financial support, donating goods to or spending money in our shops or giving us your time and valuable expertise as one of our 1000+ volunteers.

To find out more about Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity visit <https://fnhospice.org.uk> or call 01296 429975.

You can also follow us on social media at: [fnhcofficial](#)

Zoe Brown
Marketing Manager



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

July 2025 – October 2025

Reference	PL/25/2431/FA	Approval of conditions 4 (surfacing) , 8 (sustainable drainage), 13 (construction traffic management plan), 19 (ecological enhancements) and 21 (construction environmental management plan) of planning permission 22/07562/FUL - Erection of six 2-bedroomed affordable dwellings and associated works including access
Application Validated	Thu 24 Jul 2025	
Address	Glebe Cottage Missenden Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0UP	
Proposal	Householder application to replace existing conservatory with single storey rear extension. Part internal garage conversion to habitable use. Infill of existing covered way entrance. Formation of front recessed open entrance porch. Pitched roofs over existing flat roofs to front dormer and single storey side projection. Minor alterations to fenestration	Land Adjacent To Home Close Farm Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross HP17 0TR Ref. No: PL/25/2869/CONDA Validated: Fri 15 Aug 2025 Status: Registered
Status	Decided	
Decision	Conditional permission	
Decision Issued Date	Thu 18 Sep 2025	

Remodel and upgrade existing house, relocating existing external wall to within existing roofline, single storey side extension, addition of covered way to the side, new cladding and render, new roof coverings and changes to fenestration. Demolition of existing outbuilding and shed to be replaced with single storey outbuilding, new wall and gates to front

92 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TJ

Ref. No: PL/25/3279/FA | Validated: Fri 29 Aug 2025 | Status: Registered

Reference	PL/25/3014/CONDA
Application Validated	Mon 01 Sep 2025
Address	Dunsmore Park Diners Hill Dunsmore Buckinghamshire HP22 6QH
Proposal	Approval of conditions 4 (Arboricultural method statement) and 5 (Tree protection plan) of planning permission 22/06906/FUL - Householder application for construction of removal of existing sheds replaced with detached 3 bay garage

ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairmans Note – November 2025

The 2025 is almost over and the last Parish Council meeting of the year was held on 17th November 2025 in the recently refurbished Parish Hall.

Road Safety and Speed Awareness

Road safety remains a priority for EPC and we continue to have regular communication with Thames Valley Police on various initiatives.

The Speed Awareness team continue to carry out patrols, the MVAS camera data is shared and more recently EPC coordinated with the TVP for their Police Horses to run a safety operation in the village.

The aim of Operation Close Pass was a proactive initiative by the TVP Roads Policing Team and the British Horse Society, following specific complaints of poor driving in Butlers Cross when vehicles are passing horse riders. 11 drivers were stopped in a 90 minute period on 31st October and PC Kerry White confirmed the operation resulted in increased safety awareness and positive engagement with the drivers.



Once again thank you to all the volunteers for their efforts to improve road safety in the Village.

Biodiversity Policy

Cllr Holman is still very active with Biodiversity initiatives and EPC remain keen to encourage further local engagement so please do contact us if you have any ideas.

Roads and Pathways

EPC have received various comments from drivers blocking pavements with parked cars along Chalkshire Road and Ellesborough Road, it is a legal requirement for parked cars to leave the width of a wheelchair for safety reasons. Also, if cars are parked on the road and the not pavement it does also mean vehicles do have to slow down to pass. Please do try to park considerately.

Litter Pickers

Judith Harper and the team did another epic village litter pick on 26th October, including scrubbing down road safety signs, thank you to all who took part.

Remembrance Service

There was a strong attendance at the Remembrance Service, held at the Parish Memorial on Sunday 9th November and we would like to specifically thank Reverend Michael Hunt for providing words of reflection. Our usual bugler was unable to join us this year, so we relied on technology, but if there are any buglers out there who may wish perform next year please do get in touch.



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, please do ask the Clerk to add you on if you would like to stay more informed.

Christmas Carol Service

The Ellesborough Silver Band Carol service will be held at the Parish Hall on 11th December at 7pm, everyone is welcome and there are free refreshments and mince pies for all!

Finally, Tony Young's funeral was held in October, Tony was an active and prominent member of the community and the article on pages 6 and 7 reminds us why the Parish was a better place because of him.

Regards

Chairman Cllr McGrail

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