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Acting Editor's Letter

Welcome to the 183 addition of Ellesborough's magazine

Dear Readers, it is our aim to offer you seasonal entertainment and informative articles about local events.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our regular contributors and advertisers who help us achieve this, especially during their busy Christmas period.

Allan Westray and Chris Gloster have dedicated a lot of their valuable time to gather and compile the content, resulting in the high-quality publication you're reading. A big thank you also to the magazine committee, and to the distributers who brave the winter weather to hand-deliver the Ellesborough Magazine to every home in the parish.

If you have stories or plans to share for 2024, please email Allan or me using the address below.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Richard Jennings edellesborough@gmail.com



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Letters

The Russell Arms -Tenancy Update

Dear Villagers

A brief update on where we are with future arrangements for The Russell Arms.

The directors of The Russell Arms Pub Company are in the process of identifying a new tenant. We have used a variety of sources, and have solicited numerous inquiries. The first phase was to speak to the candidates with the most relevant credentials. The second phase was to interview on site the more promising candidates, in fact some eagle eyed villagers may have spotted some of the Directors towing people around the premises. At the time of writing we are now down to a shortlist, and will conduct final interviews over the coming weeks, with an aim to finalise section at the beginning of December.

In the meantime we are working closely with the current tenant Paul



and his team, who are keen to assist us in ensuring a smooth transition in the New Year. They will continue to operate the pub up to the finishing date - February 2024.

Looking forward to seeing you in the pub, it continues to need full support from us all.

The Directors – The Russell Arms Pub Co Richard Montgomery, Jamie Renison, Helen Hick, Matt Glover, Richard Jennings, & Rob East. November 2023.

Your Local Councillor

Dear Residents

I hope you had a good summer.

Over the past year I have been continually taking your concerns on roads to the various departments which is now hopefully improving the situation.

With the many residents who contact me about various issues, protecting our wonderful countryside and environment is one of their top priorities and I will certainly continue to support these issues going forward.

I would like to thank the many residents who contribute to our community.

Regards David Carroll.

Community Speedwatch



To enable the Community Speedwatch group to be more visible in the Parish we do need more volunteers to help, we know that speeding through the village is a huge problem, if you feel that you can spare some time to join the group please can you get in touch with myself, the parish clerk or the Speedwatch Lead Mr Alan Cripps. See page 42 for more details.

Debra Panikkar Ellesborough Parish Council DebraPanikkar@epcouncil.co.uk Allotment available

Please be advised there is a vacancy on Plot number 7 for an allotment. In the first instance contact the clerk on clerk@ellesborough-pc.gov.uk

Letters

Tax return

Don't leave your tax return until the last minute.

The deadline for filing your selfassessment tax return for the period 6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023 is 31st January 2024 and you must also make sure that any tax due is also paid by 31st January. Filing your tax return sooner rather than later means you will find out if you're owed a tax refund (and receive the money without waiting until January). If however, you owe tax, you may be able to pay in instalments rather than a lump sum or set up a payment plan with HMRC if you can't pay your tax in full and on time to avoid late payment penalties.

If you would like Numbers to take care of your tax return, please do get in touch on on 01296 620220 or email info@numbers-ltd.co.uk. Please quote Ellesborough News when you call. Most importantly, if you do it now, it's not left on your to do list for the Christmas holidays!

200 Club Winners

Congratulations to all the winners over the last few months.

JUNE

£50	129	Martin Holman
£35	112	Mr & Mrs Stewart
£25	117	Debbie Bird

JULY

£50	65	Sonia Francis
£35	124	Sam Hick
£25	33	Le & Len Newman

AUGUST

£50	44	Nicholas Strathon
£35	144	Claire Stroud
£25	37	Mr & Mrs Jenkinson

September

£50	112	Mr & Mrs Stewart
£35	1	Bob Sargeant
£25	82	Mr Lund

October

£50	6	Philip Peel
£35	109	Mrs Broom-Smith
£25	52	Glenise Whalley

Novemeber

£50	26	Claudette Aguilar
£35	58	Liz Norris
£25	62	Helen Donnachie

Thank you to everyone for your support in joining for 2023/24

Activities at the Parish Hall



We are pleased to announce that we now have a variety of activities at the Village Hall at Butlers Cross for people to enjoy and bringing in over 200 people of all ages.

Here is our typical weekly schedule:

Monday

0800 – 1030 Anna Taylor Pilates

1900 – 2100 Steve Marchent's Band – guitars and vocals

Tuesday

0930 – 1630 Colourwheel Art Group (am & pm sessions)

1900 – 2230 Diamond Bridge Club

Wednesday

0900 – 1100 Emma Larner Pilates

lates 0930 – 1230 Weeniebeenies Soft Play toddler group

> Alternate Thursdays pm Activity in the Community exercise class

Thursday

Evenings Hampden Lodge Masonic group

Friday

0930 – 1630 Colourwheel Art Group (am and pm sessions)

1900 – 2200 Ellesborough Silver Band rehearsals

On **Saturdays** we often have the Mid Bucks Beekeepers Association in and there are now numerous private party requests for Saturdays and Sundays. So if you are thinking of launching a new activity either Monday or Wednesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings are available to hire. We also have a Committee Room which has a large table and seating for around 8 people.

We also have a book swap in the entrance hall for visitors to use free of charge.

Please telephone Elizabeth Hine on 01296 625912 or e.mail lizziehine@talktalk.net

Christmas Carol Concert

Come for an evening of mulled wine, mingling and music at the Ellesborough Parish Hall where the Ellesborough Silver Band will be playing Carols and popular Christmas music.

Entry is free as are the refreshments at this popular village gathering.

Where:Ellesborough Parish HallWhen:Friday, 15th DecemberTime:7pm

All ages welcome on this traditional, festive evening. If the weather is suitable it will be outdoors – seating provided

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Wendover Art Club

Wendover Art Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month between 7:30 & 9:30pm at;

St Annes Hall, Wendover Christian Centre, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, HP22 6JG. Please note there is a fee of £10 for non member guests for demonstrations and of £2 for creative evenings, payable on the night by card or cash.

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December

14 December Members Christmas Get Together.

Our chance to relax and enjoy a few nibbles and a drink whilst indulging in some party games loosely associated with art.

January

11 January

Creative evening – We're going to continue the party theme and play 'Musical Chairs'.

There will be a still life and you will need pencils (ordinary or coloured), some paper and a board.

25 January

Bex Gouverneur demonstrating in pastels.

Bex' animal drawings are amazing and full of energy so I anticipate her 'Giraffe' will be quite something to watch coming to life.

February

8 February Creative evening – Limited Palette.

For this you're only going to be allowed paper, Payne's grey or black, white and one colour. Nearer the time there will be an explanatory example for you to see. This is a great exercise in how not to use too many colours and to experience what can be achieved with a very limited palette.

17 February Untutored Saturday workshop

The chance to paint without all the interruptions at home is absolutely wonderful. Add to that the help available from other members and this is a day to book immediately.

22 February

Peter Keegan – will be demonstrating how to make your portraits more expressive.

This is a great treat as Peter is a very accomplished portrait painter and as a result in great demand. Definitely a must in your diary.

March

14 March

Keith Hornblower, a Fellow of the Society Architectural Illustrators, will be showing us how to attack such pictures as one of Wendover High Street.

28 March

Creative Evening – Local Scenes.

Bring your own local scene and we'll work through the ideas from Keith's demonstration to develop our own versions. So to not take us to far from our comfort zones – your own choice of medium

For news and membership details see our website at; https://wendoverartclub.co.uk/



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Whether you're looking for lunch or dinner, something for adults or children or you have specific dietary requirements, we have it covered with our fabulous festive menu! www.therussellarms.co.uk/home/our-festive-menu-2023/ 2 Courses £29.50 (Under 12yrs £15.00) | 3 Courses £34.50 (Under 12yrs £17.50)

SECRET SANTA RETURNS!

Dine with us between 1st-31st December and receive one of our Secret Santa envelopes. Then, dine at a Moogies pub in January or February, bring your unopened envelope and we will open it together to reveal your prize!

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH!

We'll be open from 10am on New Year's Day serving a special brunch menu through until 2pm. (Restaurant menu available from midday),

'GOODBYE & THANK YOU'

After 5 years of being the proud operators of The Russell Arms we have had to make the difficult decision to leave and pass the pub into the hands of a new tenant.

After a fantastic initial start, the impact of Covid coupled with Brexit and the issues resulting in the labour market plus the turbulent economy over the past few years the business has been loss-making, and we cannot see this position changing for us.

We will continue to trade as normal into January and hope that as we enter into the festive season many of you will continue to celebrate with us. We are working closely with the Russell Arms Pub Company and will ensure a seamless transfer of the venue back at the end of our tenancy and onto a new tenant.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last 5 years. We continue to operate The Dinton Hermit in Ford and The Black Boy in Oving and hope to see you there sometime soon.

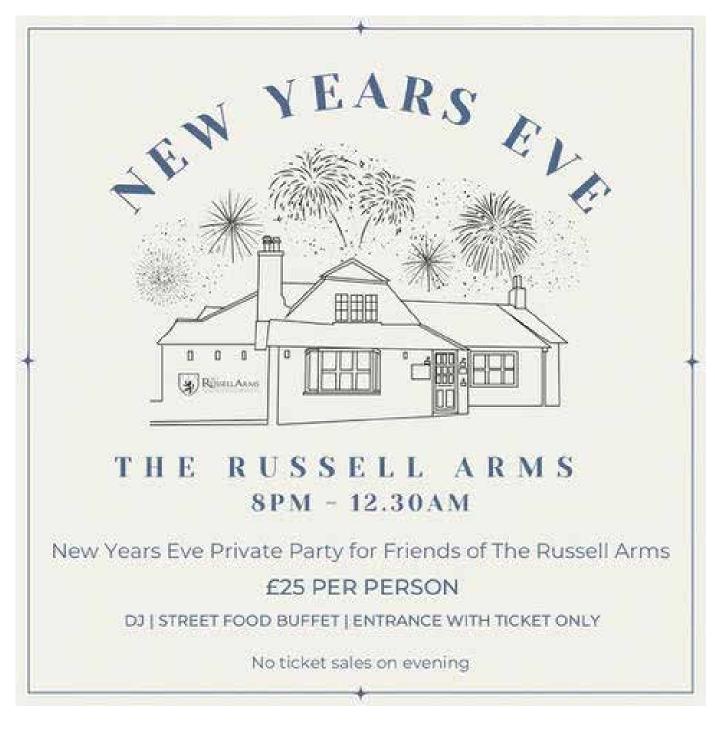
On behalf of everyone at Moogies, particularly Dani, Lizzie and The Russell Arms team (who will all continue to work for us in our other venues) we wish you all a merry Christmas and a great 2024 and beyond.

Paul.

www.therussellarms.co.uk hello@therussellarms.co.uk 01296 624411 2 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross, Aylesbury. HP17 0TS



New Year's Eve Party Invitation - at The Russell Arms - all welcome



The contact details for tickets are:

Andy Kennedy

Andy Deacon

mobile – 07710 588871 email – andymkennedy@aol.com mobile – 07937 327288 email – ofcukandy@googlemail.com

Church Services

St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough



December Services

3rd December 10:45 Songs of Praise for Advent Sunday
10th December 10:45 Parish Communion
17th December 6 p.m. Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols
24th December 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Crib Service
25th December 10:45 Short Family Christmas Communion
31st December No Service at Ellesborough. All are
invited to a 9:30 a.m. Benefice Common Worship
Communion Service at All Saints' Little Kimble

January 2024 Services

7th January 10:45 Songs of Praise 14th January 10:45 Parish Communion 21st January 10:45 BCP Matins 28th January 10:45 Parish Communion

February Services

4th February 10:45 Songs of Praise11th February 10:45 Parish Communion18th February 10:45 BCP Matins25th February 10:45 Parish Communion

Services at St. Nicholas Great Kimble to which Ellesborough Parishioners are invited.

24th December Midnight Mass Christmas Eve 11 p.m.

St. Nic's Kids services for children in The Kimbles and Ellesborough:

17th December 9:15 a.m. St. Nic's Kids Christmas Special 21st January 9:15 a.m. St. Nic's Kids

18th February 9:15 a.m. St. Nic's Kids

(The first half hour of St. Nic's Kids is for adults to have coffee and croissants and the children to play in activity stations – you do not have to get there at 9:15 if this is too early for you.)

The Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore



We held our Harvest Festival in September 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 focused on foodbanks and the village had collected a large amount of food (over 100kg) for The Chiltern Foodbank which covers our area of Buckinghamshire. They are very grateful for the generosity of donors as demand is still substantially above pre-Covid levels.

The church is being decorated for the Christmas season on **Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm** and we invite all villagers to come and help. If you have Christmas greenery in your garden, particularly holly with berries, please can you bring some with you. To get everyone into the Christmas spirit (and to keep us warm) there will be mulled wine.

We will be holding two services over the Christmas period. On Sunday, **17th December at 5.00pm** there will be a **Carol Service** followed by mince pies, biscuits and a warm drink. This service will be for the whole family with a talk involving sweets and the crib being laid out by the children during the service.

On **Christmas Day** we will be holding a service of **Holy Communion at 9.00am** led by the Rev Matthew Routledge. This service will follow the Anglican order of service and all villagers are very welcome.

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

Sheila Tunstall – Honorary Member

Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association



Villager Sheila Tunstall was delighted to receive the following accolade recently and remembers many happy years playing golf for Ellesborough Golf Club and Buckinghamshire Ladies golf Team.

Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association (BCLGA) Executive Committee had great pleasure announcing at their Annual General Meeting held on 25.10.2023 that to honour their most long-standing officers during their Centenary Year they have created a new category of Honorary Membership.

A BCLGA Officer who has achieved more than 10 years of service to BCLGA will be granted Honorary Lifetime Membership of the BCLGA.

It is therefore with great pleasure that Sheila Tunstall has been awarded Honorary Membership of the BCGLA. Her record of service to the County is a wonderful testimony to her prolonged support and dedication to the county:

- i. 1982-1984 2nd Team Captain
- ii. 1987-1988 Assistant Honorary Secretary
- iii. 1988-1994 Honorary Secretary
- iv. 1994-1995 Assistant Honorary Secretary
- v. 1995-1998 Membership Secretary

50th Anniversary of opening The Ridgeway as a National Trail



50th Anniversary Photo of courtesy of Mary Tebje, National Trails.



Those attending included: Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, Councillor Martin Tett, and Chair of Buckinghamshire Council, Councillor Patricia Birchley.

National Trails, with some sunshine, had a great morning to celebrate The Ridgeway. It was the 50th anniversary of its inauguration.

The route brings together the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire statuary authorities, DEFRA, rural crime police, conservation boards including Chiltern Society, BBOWT Wild Life Trusts, guides & scouts, archaeologists, and ramblers. It was a rare opportunity for the groups to network.



Background to the signilacnce of Coombe hill in August 2023 edition.

Engaging talks on the past and future for our National Trails were given in the shade of oaks, followed by an excellent BBQ lunch provided by Buckmoorend Farm Shop.

Richard Jennings

(Representative on Buckinghamshire County Council Local Access Forum)

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 – Stewart Hall

The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns

Tuesday 5th

John Tyler, a local naturalist, returns for our Christmas meeting. From warm seas, through Ice Ages, tundra and forests, to the farmland and beechwoods of today, we travel through a hundred million years to follow the story of the Chiltern landscape and its wildlife.

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

February – Scheduled via Zoom

Organic Gardening – Happy Plants, Happy Minds Tuesday 6th

We welcome Nicola Hope who is an RHS Master of Horticulture with a passion for organic gardening. She is a designer, writer and speaker with a lively style and gorgeous photographs on her social media. She will take us through a gardening year at the big garden in the Cotswolds where she works and has promised plenty of tips, beautiful flowers and vegetables.

March -Stewart Hall

Tuesday 5th 7.15 pm – AGM 8.00 pm – Plants for Shade and Woodland

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. Most gardens have somewhere that the sun does not shine for some, or all, of the day. This talk looks at which plants can be grown in the five different types of shade in a variety of different soils such as dry or damp. It also looks at the woodlands around the world that have given us so many good garden plants.

Meetings are held at 8.00 pm every 1st Tuesday of the month (except January and August) at Stewart Hall, Little Kimble, with the exception of the February meeting which is scheduled by zoom. 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 Charlie Taylor, 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/**

ARTICLES

The Children's Society Christmas Event

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th November

Thank you to everyone who has supported The Children's Society, once again, this year. The event, on the 10/11th November, was a huge success because so many of you gave up your time to "drop in", help or donate. It also continues to be a lovely community gathering with Christmas gifts, accessories for the home, jewellery, gift and Xmas cards, a raffle, and lots of cake and company. I am presently clearing up and counting up – but at the time of writing, we have certainly raised almost £2500. I will publish the total funds raised in the next issue of the magazine.

These funds will help to improve the life of vulnerable children within our country – many of whom remain to feel alone, unloved and don't know where to turn. With increasing numbers experiencing child exploitation in the darkest of situations imaginable.

This was my 27th year of fundraising for The Children's Society – but it does not happen without your support and help. As a community we should be very proud that we contribute so generously, through our fundraising, to The Children's Society. Thank you.

You may also like to know that the raffle prizes were won by: Helen Donnachie, Lucy Strathon, Cheryl Woods, Janet Williams, Debra Panikkar, Yvonne Bone & Liz Wren.

TO SUPPORT & BE INVOLVED: Just Giving Donation: https://<u>www.justgiving.com/judith-harper21</u>

Judith Harper - judith.c.harper@gmail.com







Festive Ideas for Parents and Grandparents 2023



Waddesdon at Christmas

Waddesdon Manor put on a fabulous lighting show in the grounds and dress part of the house for Christmas. Along with a food fair they will be open from 22nd November until 1st January.

From 22nd November until 17th December there will also be a Christmas Fair in the grounds from noon until 7pm. For details see www.waddesdon.org.uk. National Trust members receive a discount.

Christmas at Mead Open Farm

Address: Mead Open Farm, Stanbridge Road, Billington, LU7 9JH. The children can visit Father Christmas, make gingerbread, make reindeer food, make bears, walk in the magical forest etc., etc. To see Father Christmas you need to book a time, otherwise you can just arrive on the following dates: 2nd and 3rd, 9th or 10th, 15th, 16th or 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd or 24th December between 1000 and 1700. www.meadopenfarm.co.uk go into info, then special events where you can book. At Christmas they advise you to book and there is a 20% discount for online bookings. Or ring on 01525 852954.

Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury

Address: Church Street, Aylesbury. Aylesbury's museum has several Christmas events for children of various ages. Check this out on their website: www. discoverbucksmuseum.org

Magical Matilda Christmas at The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre

Address: High Street, Great Missenden. Special Matilda themed Christmas activities in December. www.roalddahlmuseum.org

Pantomimes

Aylesbury Waterside: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

1st December – 3rd January: www.atgtickets.com

Wycombe Swan: Beauty & the Beast

8th December – 31st December: www.wycombeswan.co.uk

Limelight Theatre, Queen's Park Art Centre, Aylesbury: Peter Pan Christmas in Neverland

8th – 30th December: www.queensparkarts.com

Ice Skating at Chiltern View Ice Rink, Stoke Mandeville

The ice rink at Chiltern View Garden Centre, Wendover Road, Stoke Mandeville opens its doors this year on 23rd November until 31st December. www.chilternviewicerink.co.uk

Annabel Westray

Please send ideas for any future editions to Annabel at annabel.westray@btinternet.com

Winter Ice Skating -Chiltern View Nursery



For the third year running Chiltern View Nursery in Aylesbury confirm that their sell-out ice rink will be back this festive season from 23 November to 31 December.

Suzi Bone, owner of Chiltern View Ice Rink and Nursery said "We've had such an amazing response to our Ice rink for the last two years. It's been lovely to see the hundreds of families we welcome through our doors enjoying the festive season together and taking a turn or two around the ice. We can't wait to bring lots of fun and laughter and lots more festive magic to Aylesbury again this year. Each year we try and surpass the last and know our customers will be as delighted this year as they have been before with what we have to offer. We can't wait to see you all there!"

A proven hit with young and old alike, new for this year visitors can enjoy 'Breakfast with Santa", a chance to meet the jolly fella himself and receive a very special

present. And you can top off your visit with a trip around the garden centre to hunt for some unique Christmas gifts, enjoy a mulled wine at the fully licensed bar or treat yourself to a yuletide nibble in the Chiltern Brew Tea Rooms.

The opening night will see live performances from Buckinghamshire's own La Voix and Dancing on Ice winner Suzanne Shaw, who will both be appearing in local Pantomime Beauty and the Beast at The Wycombe Swan this Christmas. With additional entertainment across the season to be announced, make sure you visit for the perfect festive family treat.

Tickets are on sale at www.chilternviewicerink.co.uk

Gardening in Ellesborough

It has been a long slow progress through autumn this year. The glorious colours lingering on and by early November only just the hint of frost on a couple of occasions.

Apart from some near gales from transatlantic storms, from which we have, so far, been spared the worst, it has been very wet, mild periods with high humidity and the air alive with midges at times. Berries are laden on the likes of Cotoneasters, on the vivid reds of Pyracantha well deserving its common name of Firethorn and the ivies. There are boundless supplies of natural food for birds and small mammals building strength for the winter to come. The stacks of old logs and uncut clumps of stinging nettles and brambles providing over-winter protection and habitats.

I looked up the history of the hedge around the little meadow; we planted it in February 2001 with 220 native trees and shrubs as bare rooted saplings 45/60 cm high. They included Field Maple, Common Dog wood, Hazel, Blackthorn, Dog Rose, Buckthorn, Goat Willow and Hawthorn. To maximise the impact of autumn colours the Hawthorns were planted at the back and the others in groups of five in front, interspersed with the dog rose. The main hedge cutting is in January. Over the years a couple of the Goat Willow (Salix caprea) were allowed to grow to mature trees. The Dog Roses (Rosa canina) have not been given much of a chance, they flower on previous year's growth so cutting them back in late winter means scarcely a summer flower – a lesson learned. Every year the overall effect together with the other autumn colours throughout the garden never fails to delight.

We had scarcely any apples or plums this year and no pears, due to poor pollination in the late spring frosts yet an amazingly large crop of Quince and Medlars. Quince fruits combine well with apple and other fruit in pies but we are overwhelmed by them this year. One mysterious and yet to be diagnosed disease is on a number of dying branches of a splendid large, mature evergreen Euonymus shrub, the variety we believe is fortunei 'Emerald 'n' Gold. It was given as a small cutting for rooting to the Head Gardener (HG) by the late Violet Payne, the one-time formidable chatelaine of The Springs, sometime around 1975. It has been a slow growing, gorgeous splash of gold in the depths of the gloomiest of winter days, if in terminal decline it will be a great loss.



The HG has only just stopped cutting her dahlias for flower arranging; still flowering are the Tithonias and Pelargoniums and putting on a spectacular display are the tropical deep bronze Ricinus, none of which will survive the first significant frost which surely must soon strike. All though we leave as much standing as possible in the borders for wild life food and protection, the next stage in the gardening year is finally weeding the borders and progressively spreading a decent blanket of well-rotted garden mulch.

A major job this winter will be clearing and reducing one of the borders which, together with some judicious re-wilding, is to reduce the labour intensity of the garden. Quite a lot of plants will need new homes and for a time will be healed in to a holding plot. Rather like downsizing, it is amazing just how many plants the HG has accumulated over the years. Meanwhile bulbs are still being planted, the grass continues to grow and moss is making the most of the damp conditions. Yet Winter is on the way...

Tony Young

November 2023

U3A Wendover

The U3a (University of the Third Age) is a UK movement of people in their third age, no longer in full time work, who come together to learn, stay active and have fun in a friendly and informal environment.

The movement includes over 400,000 u3a members in more than 1,000 u3as and is continuing to grow every day. Members of local u3as draw upon their knowledge and experiences to teach and learn from each other and share educational, creative and leisure activities in a friendly and informal environment.

Wendover u3a was established in 2000 and remains a thriving organisation with over 500 members. We have about sixty different Study Groups run by members and meeting regularly in venues within the Wendover area. We are always open to suggestions for new groups and welcome the involvement of all members as this is what makes Wendover such a flourishing and popular u3a. All members are welcome at our Main Meeting which is held on the first Wednesday of each month, in St. Mary's Church, Wendover. Members can also take part in regular outings organised by the Travel Team.

The monthly meeting is always well attended. At our Annual General Meeting last month, over 160 members attended. It is an opportunity to catch up with friends and with those with whom we share interests. The highlight of the meetings is the talk which is given each month by a guest speaker. We have had some fascinating speakers covering a wide range of topics and on each occasion, there is something new to learn. Over the past year we have had talks about Samuel Pepys and the Fire and Plague of London, Disraeli and his time at Hughenden Manor and talks about Spies and how they operate.

It is helpful to give readers a flavour of what we do in our group work. We have a range of groups focussing on physical activities such as Walking, Soft Tennis or Table Tennis. There are groups with a musical background such as Rock music, singing for fun, learning the ukulele and folk music. We arrange holidays; next year the trip organised by the Travel Team is to Ireland and the walking group has an annual walking holiday, which next year is to the Cotswolds. There are language groups in Spanish, and Latin. We have groups about literature and poetry as well as archaeology and architecture. This is just a flavour of what we do

However perhaps the most important part of what we do is to be found in the u3a motto which is Learn Laugh and Live. We have a wide range of experience and skills in our members and learning from each other is the key to our contact with each other. At the same time, we aim to enjoy ourselves; we take part in activities which we really enjoy doing with our fellow members. Finally, our lives are enriched by the regular meetings which we have with each other and the pleasure of sharing our lives with others.

Of course, most of our members live locally in Wendover but we have members who live in all the villages around Wendover. We welcome them and our membership secretary will process all applications as soon as we can and the annual fee for each member is £15.

Wendover u3a has a small executive committee. We keep in touch with all members through the Chairman's Monthly letter. Members also receive the "Third Age Matters" magazine which tells more about what is happening in the organisation nationally and can elect to sign up for the Third Age Trust digital monthly newsletter.

This is just a very brief overview of what we do. Do feel free to visit our Website at https://u3asites.org.uk/ wendover/groups and the national website https://www. u3a.org.uk/ for the Third Age Trust which is the National body which co-ordinates the work of all the local trusts.

"We have had some fascinating speakers covering a wide range of topics and on each occasion, there is something new to learn."

Wed 3 January 2024 New Year: Ring in the New Colin Oakes

Wed 7 February Derek Treks Britain Derek Adams

Wed 6 March The History of Tea Dananjaya Silva

Wed 3 April English as She is Spoke Val Brown

Wed 1 May The Amazing Mr Dickens David Allen

Wed 5 June Barrow to Baghdad and Back Philip Caine

Wed 3 July The Wit, Wisdom and Lyrics of P G Wodehouse Tony Ring Wed 7 August Open Meeting

Group displays, vote in the Graham Dawson photo competition, tea & coffee. Potential new members welcome!

Wed 4 September The Open University Jim Ellis

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Wed 2 October The Healing Power of Plants Timothy Walker

Wed 1 November Annual General Meeting and Guerillas in the Mist Keith Muras

Wed 4 December Grandma's Kitchen in 1940s Madras Jenny Mallin

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held in St Mary's Church commencing at 10:00 All members are welcome.

Tea & coffee available but please bring your reusable cup!

Parking at the church

Parking is very limited so please respect coned-off areas and No Parking signs Unofficial one-way system

Approach from South St / London Rd and leave via Hale Rd to avoid congestion Accessible parking is available opposite the Lych Gate for up to four cars, or in the small car park at the rear of the Church

Overflow parking

is available by the cricket pavilion off South St / Witchell (5 min walk)

Website

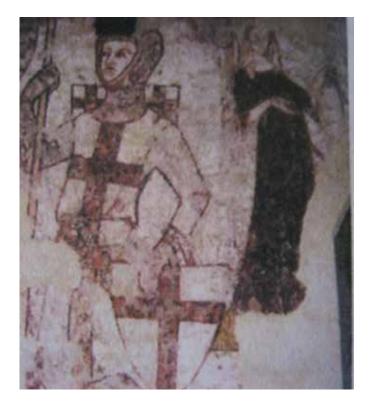
Find more information about monthly meetings plus details of our 53 groups, their events and activities, plus other useful links and contacts: u3asites.org.uk/wendover

or simply Google "Wendover u3a"

ARTICLES

The Church of All Saints

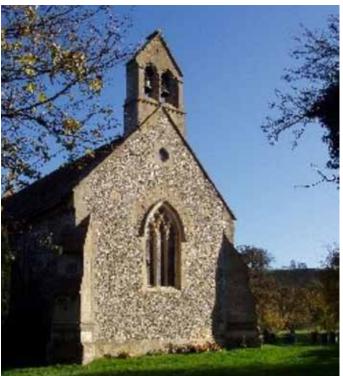
The Church of All Saints' has been part of the community of Little Kimble for many hundreds of years. Generations of families have sat in its pews and celebrated both personal and community events and festivals.



We are blessed in The Parish of The Kimbles to have two magnificent, Grade 1 listed Churches, and although the smaller of the two, All Saints' has long been cherished as a valuable community asset: as a place of intimate worship, quiet contemplation and a true heritage treasure.

Did you know....?

- All Saints' Little Kimble boasts some beautiful 14th Century wall paintings, which attract visitors from near and far
- All Saints' is **open to the public daily** to visit or for private prayer and contemplation.
- The Church is **run and maintained by local volunteers**, not by the Church of England
- The Church's current running costs are **a minimum** of £6,000 per year



Like other Church of England Churches, All Saints', as well as St Nicholas', are run and maintained by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) - a group of dedicated volunteers from these Churches. The main source of funding for these buildings consists of individual regular and one-off donations, mainly from the congregations themselves, as well as fundraising activities.

The PCC does not receive Government funding. As

congregation sizes have decreased over recent years there are fewer people to contribute, yet the cost of maintaining these buildings has continued to increase.

The current challenge

With an average congregation size at All Saints' of just three, the increased running costs of the building have become unsustainable in the long-term.

ARTICLES

Some recent quotes from our visitor's book:

'Waited 10 years to come back to my most favourite small church in England. Glad it was open.'

'Always an oasis of calm in a busy world. Amen.'

'utterly extraordinary!'

'Salvation and sanctuary wrapped up in history - lifted my spirits.'

'Amazed at the wall paintings.'

'A lovely end to a nice walk, thank you for keeping it open. So peaceful.'

How can you help?

We have experienced just what can be achieved when a community rallies together when St. Nicholas' Church was renovated in 2017, which included updating the facilities to include a servery and toilet, as well as safer, more even flooring being laid. The project was funded through a small number of charitable grants, the efforts of the PCC, but supported also by you, the local community who donated and attended fundraising events – for which we are extremely grateful.

Given the challenge of rising maintenance costs, we are keen to explore ways to safeguard All Saints' for future generations by seeking support from the wider community, to help us explore opportunities for the building to serve the village, and those who visit, in new ways. To help inform our thinking we are keen to hear your views on All Saints'.

The Kimble community have already received this letter and an accompanying survey but if anyone in Ellesborough would like to contact Rev. Janet Wales or

'Wish I could stay forever, such peace here.'

the Warden of The Kimbles to express views or to offer assistance, we'd be keen to hear from you.

The Ven. Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham, is in full support of this process, and has said he hopes the survey will:

"raise awareness of the challenges being faced by the PCC and draw out support and interest from the community of Kimble and perhaps even further afield. Our experience shows that these buildings do serve a wider purpose beyond worshipping on Sundays and that finding ways to increase active use of Church buildings is the best way to ensure their futures. Whilst there are no easy or quick solutions to the challenges involved with maintaining these significant heritage buildings, we have also seen what can be achieved when small communities come together to find ways of preserving these places of rich significance for future generations and for the benefit of the public."

Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury is going back to the 80s!

21 October 2023 – 16 March 2024

Get ready to pull up your leg warmers and scramble your Rubik's Cubes and take a nostalgic trip back to 80s childhood in our exciting new familyfriendly exhibition, I Grew Up 80s.



From this October visitors to Discover Bucks Museum can explore the cultural landscape of 1980s Britain through the eyes of a child – revisiting the colourful vibrancy and innovation that defined the decade; from Betamax to BMX, the Walkman to the Sinclair ZX Spectrum and the Thompson Twins to Transformers.

Lovingly curated by collector and cultural commentator Matt Fox, **I Grew Up 80s** is a time capsule of over 200 treasures that showcase the youthful exuberance of this much-loved decade. There's plenty for all ages to see, enjoy, share and remember the last decade before the digital revolution gathered pace. Matt Fox, who was aged eight in 1980, has devoted himself to exploring an 80s childhood through the iconic objects of a decade in which so much changed, says:

"Those that grew up 30-40 years ago pre-internet, in the 1980s, can genuinely state that life was very different then. In my view, the 80s were a remarkable time to be a child. We can explore that through the objects that kids either owned or perhaps desperately wanted to! For example, you'll see Dunlop Green Flash trainers alongside some achingly cool Adidas High Tops. Toys and electronic games that you once dreamed about on shop shelves or in the Argos catalogue. Iconic albums you played to death on vinyl and cassettes. Plus, some great examples of 80s design like boomboxes, swatch watches, and, ahem, purple shell suits!"

If you were a child, teenager or adult and experienced the 80s get ready to exclaim "*I remember that!*", and like Bill and Ted in their phone booth or Marty McFly in his DeLorean, let Discover Bucks Museum take you on a most excellent adventure to revisit the greatest decade in the history of history – the 80s!

Share your photographs

Did you have a Polaroid Camera, Kodak Ektralite or Canon AE-1? We want to see your iconic 80s photos: the fashion, the hair, the places and the moments!

Tag us on social media or email your photos to *hello@discoverbucksmuseum.org.* We will display our favourites in the galleries and in an online exhibition.



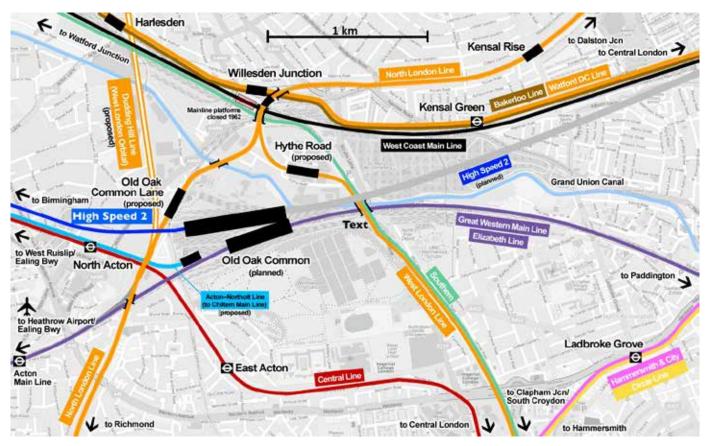
For booking information, opening times and ticket prices visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

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Terminating HS2



Old Oak Common (HS2 Terminus) site in relation to existing lines at Willesden and Acton.

The most significant impact of "development" in our area is undoubtedly the HS2 project, which has stirred a mix of positive and negative reactions, most likely the latter if you are a resident.

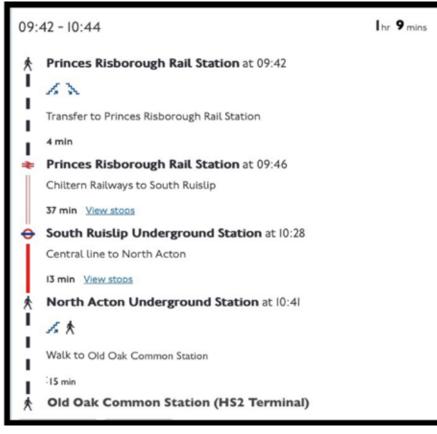
Amidst the upheaval, it's challenging to fully gauge the ultimate outcomes of all this disruption.

While much attention from both political circles and the media is focused on the line's reach beyond Birmingham, as someone who frequently travels by train in those regions, I can confirm the existing deficiencies. However, what remains largely unexplored is the impact on the London end of this project.

The railway line sweeps past Wendover, beneath the Chiltern Hills, passing by Harefield and extending into the northwest of London, stopping considerably short of Euston Station. If one were curious to experience the journey on the new trains heading north, the starting point would be Old Oak Common.

Old Oak Common station will be situated just north of Wormwood Scrubs, where the A40 Western Avenue transforms into The Westway. This station is an enormous construction featuring 14 platforms, 44 escalators, and 52 lifts. The anticipated opening date is around 2030-33 although this is still subject to confirmation.

The upcoming terminus is expected to boast superior connectivity compared to Euston Station, primarily by establishing direct links with the Elizabeth Line (connecting Reading, Heathrow, Central London,



"There's a glimmer of possibility that the Princes Risborough Chiltern Line could extend to a New Acton Notholt HS2 Terminus"

Mock TfL Planner for Princes Risborough to Old Oak Common.

Docklands, and Shenfield) and the Great Western Main Line (linking Paddington to the West Country).

If not using these two lines, onward travel will heavily depend on utilizing the London Overground network. (see map). There are no proposals to create an interchange with these lines so prepare for a brisk 15-20 minute walk to reach either Willesden or Acton stations.

As for accessing an HS2 train from here:

- **Option 1:** Via Tring Station to Euston, but wait until 2040.
- **Option 2:** Via Princes Risborough to North Acton see tfl planner above.

There's a glimmer of possibility that the Princes Risborough Chiltern Line could extend to a new Acton Northolt Terminus, just 3 minutes walk from the HS2 Terminal.

Is it too far to efficiently connect with the existing rail network and provide those who endured the disruption practical access to HS2?

Richard Jennings



Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust Winter Talks Programme

New Venue: Aylesbury Methodist Church & Centre - .Buckingham Street, Aylesbury HP20 2NQ. Parking: front of the venue limited & Coopers Yard car park next door. The venue has excellent facilities including lift to first floor and wheelchair access. 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 Inn.

Booking: Tickets from <u>http://ticketsource.co.uk//buckinghamshire-gardens-trust</u> or turn up on the day & pay by cash, card or cheque. Doors open 2.00 pm Members £10.00, Guests £12.50. Includes refreshments.



Saturday 11th November at 2.30 pm Modernist Architecture in Amersham- a talk by Alison Bailey

Alison Bailey is a Trustee at Amersham Museum. She is interested in 20th century social history and architecture and has written a book about local suffragettes. She leads guided walks around Amersham and has a regular Nostalgia column in the Bucks Free Press.

Modern architecture is a divisive topic in the British culture wars, but love it or loathe it, Modernism is fashionable again and is influencing current architecture. This talk will look at some of these buildings, the people who commissioned them and some of the controversies they stirred. It will also look at some of the modernist buildings we have lost.

Saturday 27th January at 2.30 pm



Puzzle Pictures a talk by David Marsh

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 24th February at 2.30 pm **Public Parks a talk by Paul Rabbitts**



This talk gives a really fascinating insight into the history of one of our greatest ever institutions - our great British public park. This talk illustrates their origins, the need for parks, the Victorian heyday, what makes a great park, with examples of lodges, lakes, bandstands, fountains and floral displays, to their great decline in the sixties and seventies. However, the subsequent revival has led to a major shift in interest in our parks and once again we are much in love with them. Paul Rabbitts latest publication, 'People's Parks - The Design and Development of in Public Parks in Britain' - will be available to purchase at this event.

Saturday 16th March at 2.20 pm



Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institute & Exbury Gardens a talk by Francesca Murray

Francesca has co-written a history of Exbury Gardens with Lionel de Rothschild, The Eighth Wonder of the World: Exbury Gardens and the *Rothschilds,* which was published in 2022.Francesca's talk will address her research on the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Institution and destitute gardeners of the 19th century.

This is not as depressing as it might sound but relates to Exbury and other gardens that we all enjoy and visit. Many of the Charity's recipients worked as head gardeners and nurseryman supplying these gardens and many of the garden owners supported the Charity, and still do today.

Buckmoorend Farm

Autumn Update & Chiltern Hills Ploughing Match





Wet wet wet.

This Autumn has been a familiar story, with many parts of the UK recording record breaking levels of rainfall for October, and already November is going the same way.

Farmers who were fortunate enough to get some Winter crops in the ground are having to nurse them through significant levels of slug damage, and that's if the seed has germinated. In some cases the wet weather is drowning the seed in the soil, leaving it to rot in the process. Now that we are getting into the colder months our attention has turned to well needed machinery maintenance as well as bringing some of our livestock in for Winter housing. We are also looking forward to Thame Primestock Show at the beginning of December where we are entering some of our Hampshire lambs into the Native Breed class.

Artificial Intelligence seems to be soaring in popularity recently, with many industries exploring its benefits to their own situations. The agricultural industry too has clearly not escaped the opportunity. Autonomous robots carrying out basic field tasks have been pioneered for some time, so the Agritechnica show in Germany, where many manufacturers unveil their new concept machines, is the ideal place for them to show off these latest advancements in technology.

Whilst that may be the future, one thing is for sure, here we are still in the present, and one field operation we don't need AI for is ploughing. We enjoyed a day out at the Chiltern Hills Ploughing Match. Local farmers and members of the Chiltern Hills Agricultural Association get together, with tractor and plough, and contest who



can plough the straightest, neatest, most level furrows amongst them. Competitors are judged on these, and many more disciplines. This year our very own farmer Richard Hares had the unenviable task of scoring the competitors!

In the farm shop, we swapped spiders and ghostly decorations for tinsel and garlands in preparation for Christmas. We have stocked up with plenty of foodie goodies to treat yourself or a family member. For those in search of a gift for the person in your life who has everything, we also have our hamper service as an option. Hampers can be chosen off the shelf, or you can build your own. We are more than happy to help and advise in this regard. We are also delighted to be taking orders for locally reared Pearce Family Farm Turkeys again. We choose to promote these birds because they are local, and they really are the best of the best. We will also be taking orders for own home reared beef, pork and lamb too. Get your orders in before it's too late!!

Steph Hares

Buckmoorend Farm

Dunsmore – Approaching the Winter Solstice

The wet, windy weather continues to dampen our gardens and occasionally our spirits, but Dunsmore folk are hardy and will face the Holiday Season with our usual good cheer. So far, the Autumn has been busy and sociable – with more to come.



On October 6th, the **Annual General Meeting** of the Dunsmore Village Hall Association was held in the hall. Chair Tod Weller presided over a review of the previous year's events, and Treasurer Ivan Stillwell updated those attending on our financial status. The first order of business was the election of officers and members of the Committee. The current slate of officers was re-elected, with Tod and Ivan retaining their posts, and Nikki Stillwell continuing as Secretary. Vanessa Havard will stay on to handle hall Bookings. Other Committee members include Alice and Chris Minchin, Julian Hamer, Lorraine Smith, new member Nick Philips, and Trustees David Marshall, Ivan Stillwell and Andrew Swift. Discussion of upcoming events followed, and new entertainment was suggested. Andy Stancombe proposed a revival of the **Dunsmore Summer Ball** and offered to chair a committee to organise and run the evening, now set for July 6th. Volunteers are eagerly accepted. The **First Friday Pub Nights** has been warmly received, so attendees agree they should continue. More fund-raising events would help the DVHA coffers, though the **August Cream Tea** at the Church continues to raise important funds.

Monsters and goblins were out and about for their annual **Trick-or-Treat** foray on October 29th.

A Halloween Party was held in the Village Hall to get things warmed up and the Spook Vibes started. From there, about a dozen village youngsters presented themselves to pre-booked residences, treat bags held high, for the collection of goodies. Fortunately, the weather was dry and mild.

Quiz and Chips Night took place on November 18th. A full house, with seven teams of wannabe Quiz Champs, turned up to the challenge, and of course Chris and Margaret Royal did their usual stellar job of providing interesting, and often intriguing questions. At the break for local fish and chips, it was anyone's guess as to who was top of the teams. The winners were Team My Left Foot, several points ahead of the tied second-place teams:Unvarnished Trash and Clueless. And who knew there were 30 dogs in Dunsmore?! This popular feature in the Village calendar is always eagerly anticipated, and we all look forward to new challenges next year. Many thanks to the Royals and Judith Stancombe for their efforts on the evening.

Last year's Christmas musical at **The Mill at Sonning** was such a success that this year's outing was even more popular! Larger numbers of Dunsmore enthusiasts will be seeing (have seen?) High Society on December 2. What a fantastic way to start the holidays!

On December 14th at 10.30 a.m., a special **Christmas Coffee Morning** will take place in the Village Hall. This event replaces the Ladies' Lunch, as a morning get-together seems better suited for local ladies' busy schedules. Everyone is welcome to join in, have a cuppa and a catch-up with friends and neighbours before the hectic festivities begin. Stay as long as you like, or come and go as best suits your schedule. Again this year, Tina Edmondstone will be holding her **Wreath Making** class in the Village Hall. It will be on the evening of December 19th at 7.30. The cost of materials, plus a donation to the DVHA, is £25. Please contact Tina or Vanessa Havard to check availability.

The **Winter Warmer**, our traditional pre-Christmas gettogether, will take place on Friday, December 22nd. It's our annual mulled wine and mince pies event – an excellent opportunity to share holiday greetings with friends and neighbours.

The **First Friday Pub Night** of 2024 will take place in the Village Hall on the evening of January 6th. If you have indoor pub games you'd like to bring along, they will be very welcome.

Dunsmore is delighted to welcome **Victoria Lee Landryou** back to the village. Victoria, her husband Aaron, their young daughter Cressida and cat Harry now reside at Dunsmore Park Lodge. Victoria spent a number of her younger years at Dunsmore Park. So welcome home!

We are all sad to see our faithful **Royal Mail carrier Debbie** retire on December 22nd. She has been an absolute stalwart, through pandemic and all weathers, and we will miss Debbie a great deal.

DEEP SOUTH HAM IN COCA-COLA

The sweet, spiky flavour of the cola infuses into the ham and makes a wonderful main dish for any festive buffet - or when feeding the crowds at Christmas or New Year

(Use the real stuff – not diet Cola!)



Ingredients

- 2kg mild cure Ham or Gammon
- 1 onion
- 2 litres Coca-Cola

Glaze:

- Handful of cloves
- 1 heaped tblsp black treacle
- 2tsp mustard powder
- 2tblsp demerara sugar

Method

- If the ham or gammon is very salty, then place in a pan of cold water and bring to boil. Then drain immediately. Usually not necessary.
- 2. Place ham or gammon, skin side down in the pan. Add the onion and Coca Cola.
- 3. Bring to boil and reduce to a simmer for 2½ hours. (or about an hour per kg)
- 4. Meanwhile heat oven to 240°C/Gas 9
- 5. Take the ham or gammon out of the water once timing is up. Let it cool.
- 6. Remove skin but leave a layer of fat. Score fat diagonally and stud each diamond with a clove.
- 7. Carefully spread the treacle over the clove studded skin, taking care not to disturb the cloves.
- 8. Gently pat with the mustard and sugar onto the sticky treacle coated fat.
- 9. Cook in a tinfoil lined roasting tin for 10-15 mins or until the glaze is bubbly and shiny.
- If you want to prepare ham or gammon by boiling in advance

 you can clove and glaze it and give it 30 mins from room temperature at 180°C/Gas 4. Turning up heat if required. Serve warm or cold.

If you have a favourite seasonal recipe and would like to share it through the magazine: Judith Harper: 01296 622033 – jd25.harper@gmail.com

The Chiltern Ladies

"A group of 16 Chiltern Ladies went to Bonny Scotland, staying at a lovely hotel on the edge of beautiful Loch Long."

September

The Vice President, Annie Adams, was in the chair for the September meeting of the Chiltern Ladies, she welcomed three new members and two visitors. Visitors alway receive a warm welcome. The speaker was Jean Yates who told us about the Ladies of the Grand Tour. A look at a number of early lady travelers, some of whom ventured abroad for education and enlightenment, but many to avoid scandal! There were also a number of aristocratic women who were married off in their early teens and who just sought happiness and adventure. We followed their journeys across Europe and some as far as the middle East.

October

In October, Norma Cole chaired the meeting. The speaker was Paul Crockett told us about Lord Nuffield, born William Richard Morris, (Billy Morris) in 1877.

A group of 16 Chiltern Ladies went to Bonny Scotland, staying at a lovely hotel on the edge of beautiful Loch Long. Our coach driver was a real Geordie Lad, who kept us fully entertained, and well informed as we viewed some of the scenic grandeur of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. We made visits to the pretty towns of Inveraray, Fort William and to Oban, the 'Gateway to the Isles' so lovely, even in the pouring rain! The submarine centre in Helensburgh was a fascinating 360 degree panoramic video experience, sitting beneath a full size X51 Stickleback Submarine, and we learned about the brave submariners who crewed her.

Also in Helensburgh we were able to explore Hill House, the domestic masterpiece of the famous architect, Charles Rennie Mackintosh. At present, enclosed a protective steel framed structure covered in chain mail, designed to protect it from the rain. Real cutting edge conservation. We were able to walk right over the roof of Hill House using the walkways, but that was not for the faint hearted.

November

The November meeting was well attended and there was news of the day trips organised for next year. To the very beautiful Swaminarayan Hindu Temple, in Neasden, to Audley End, Buscot House and to Nuffield Place.



Let us know if you'd like to join any of these day trip, you would be made very welcome. There may still be room on the coach going to Rochester Christmas Market on 8th December, if you'd like to come. Only £10 for non-members.

Our speaker was Jeremy Holmes who told us about Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know, Lord Byron, an English romantic poet and peer born in 1788. Byron was sent to Harrow school aged 12, an undistinguished student, who was taunted and made fun of for his lisp and his deformed right foot. He turned up on his first day at Trinity College, Cambridge wearing his full peers robes of state - and with his pet bear. Students were not allowed to keep dogs.

His biographers tell us that he woke up one day and found himself famous, he was a star in the dazzling world of Regency London. He was audacious, flamboyant, with a magnetic charm and a reckless disregard for money. Byron also lived for a time in Venice, and in Rome, and later in Greece with various mistresses and young men. He captured the imagination of Europe. Lord Byron fell ill in and died in Greece in 1824. The Greek Government created Byron Day, celebrated every April 19th.

Elizabeth Hine

Royal British Legion poppy appeal 2023

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Ellesborough and Dunsmore District Poppy Appeal this year. You have helped us to reach a total of around £2,500!

(the final exact amount will include the QR code donations from our district)

Special thanks also go to our wonderful team of houseto-house collectors, and to those local businesses and organisations that hosted poppy boxes. It was good to see so many people in Church and at the War Memorial ceremony on Remembrance Sunday, to remember those who did not return. Thanks too to the Village Hall committee for the poppies on the railings and to Elizabeth Hine and Sally Withey for arranging refreshments in the Hall after the ceremony.

A couple of our house-to-house collectors are retiring; if anyone would like to help next year, please contact me -

it just takes a few hours in late October/early November, in a designated section of the village, and is a nice way to meet people and support charity.

Please get involved!

Fiona Tchen – Poppy Appeal Organiser – tchen@tchen.com – 01296 622280.

Details of current action by the Royal British Legion to support Services personnel and their families can be found on their website: https://www.britishlegion.org.uk

"We will remember them" Creation of a War Memorial Archive

As the years pass, there are fewer people in the village who remember the men (and their families) commemorated on the War Memorial. If anyone can contribute information about them, we could create a small archive so that future generations can feel a closer link to those names. Any details or anecdotes, however brief, would be welcome and could be displayed in the Village Hall on future Remembrance Sundays or for schools to use. There is some information on http:// buckinghamshireremembers.org.uk/memorials with a link for each of the WW1 names. The 1911 and 1941 Censuses should show which houses families lived in, and other Censuses which families remained in the village. If there are any local historians out there, please get in touch! It is possible that some reminiscences that have appeared in past issues of the Ellesborough Magazine may be relevant. Families who have lost

members in more recent conflicts can add their names to be remembered.

The War Memorial names are:

WWI

Charles Ayres, Francis Bamforth, Archibald Bowden, Charles Burch, Edward Ceillam, Thomas G Claydon, David Charles Cox, Charles Eldridge, Herbert Eldridge, Abel Flitney, Arthur Flitney, Leonard Flitney, Sidney Flitney, Ronald Gibson, Benjamin Parkins, Alan D W Scott, Alex Waterton, Harry Wells, Claude Young

WW2

William F Cooper, Geoffrey F Gethin, Eric Griffin, Malcolm Harris, Norman Harris, William Lane, Frederick J Mooney, Stanley Saunders, Kenneth R A Turner

School News – Nov 2023 Great Kimble C of E School

We have had a great start to the new academic year, welcoming 15 new reception children and holding tours for the new intake for the next year.

If any families have missed the tours this term, then please contact the school office and we would love to show you around if you are considering Great Kimble for your child.



School Trips

Enrichment of the curriculum and providing the children with exciting and memorable experiences is important to the staff team. This term we have two exciting visits planned to support learning across the wider curriculum. Years 3, 4 5 and 6 are going to the Ashmolean Museum to discover more about the Anglo-Saxons. Years 1 and 2 are going to experience two workshops at the Bucks Discovery Museum, linked to their learning about toys in History and insects in Science.

Church News

We have a growing church choir made up of children across the school from reception to year 6. The children practice each week with local volunteer, Barbara, and Reverend Janet from St Nicholas' Church. The children enjoy performing at the St Nic's Kids service, one Sunday each month.

Some of the pupils of the school recently supported the Remembrance service at the church, with two children confidently presenting Readings to the congregation. Our Art club created a wreath, which was carried from the church to the memorial by pupils from the school. Pictures of the wreath are posted to our Facebook page, celebrating the efforts of the children of GKS in remembering the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and way of life.

The school will also be supporting the Christmas Service, which is a wonderful festive occasion for the school and community.

School Council

We have an active school council made up of pupils from year one through to year six. Each year they set their aims for the year and choose charities to support. This term, they have planned a whole school fundraiser for Children in Need. At GKS we recognise the importance of looking beyond our school and local community to make a difference in the wider world.

Great Learners Trust

The school is part of The Great Learners Trust, which is Multi Academy Trust made up of 11 Buckinghamshire Primary Schools. This year the Trust has organised interschool sports competitions which we are excited to be taking part in. This term, the year 5 and 6 children attended a basketball tournament and were proud to win one of their matches. The next event planned for the Spring term is 'Movement to Music', which will be attended by the children in years 1 and 2.

Social Media

Our school Facebook page can be found by searching 'Great Kimble School'. Please 'like' our page and share our news so we can celebrate our successes with the local community.

Mrs Lodge

Headteacher

Great Kimble C of E School

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Telephone: 01844 346189 E Mail: office@gkglt.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs C Lodge

Planning applications

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed mobile home

Craycraft Nash Lee Road Terrick Buckinghamshire HP17 0TQ

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Prior approval application (Part 6, Class A) for re-laying the concrete to allow machinery Householder application for works of demolition, the erection of a two-storey side extension, alterations to fenestration and existing porch and the provision of a detached outbuilding

94 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TJ

Ref. No: 23/06781/FUL | Received: Fri 14 Jul 2023 | Validated: Fri 14 Jul 2023 | Status: Decided

Insertion of 3 x rooflights and conversion of roof space to provide accommodation

Ellesborough Guide Centre Missenden Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0UP

Ref. No: 23/06443/FUL | Received: Thu 01 Jun 2023 | Validated: Thu 01 Jun 2023 | Status: Decided

Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, fenestration alterations, new porch and patio amendments to the rear

5 Springs Close Ellesborough Buckinghamshire HP17 0XE

Ref. No: 23/05705/FUL | Received: Mon 13 Mar 2023 | Validated: Mon 13 Mar 2023 | Status: Decided

Householder application for replacement of a storage structure on the Chequers Estate

Chequers House Chequers Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0UZ

Ref. No: 23/07502/FUL | Received: Thu 05 Oct 2023 | Validated: Thu 05 Oct 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Reference	23/05474/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-11922599
Application Received	Thu 16 Feb 2023
Application Validated	Thu 16 Feb 2023
Address	Brockwell Farm Missenden Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0UX
Proposal	Conversion and associated building works to the existing ancillary residential building to form additional habitable space ancillary to the existing dwelling.
Status	Decided
Decision	Application Permitted
Decision Issued Date	Fri 27 Oct 2023
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

Ellesborough Parish Council Chairman's Note – November 2023

Speedwatch

Reduction of traffic speeding in the Village remains a key priority for the Parish Council and specifically for Cllrs Pannikar and Withey who regularly engage with Bucks Council and the Thames Valley Police. PC Turnham joined the September Parish meeting and explained that there is now statistical evidence to demonstrate that speeding is reducing gradually in the Village and that this is due to the efforts of the Community Speedwatch Team. Thank you, again, to all the Parishioners involved in this initiative and I know the team would like more volunteers to help, please do contact the Clerk if you would like to volunteer and make a real difference.

The Parish Council is also committed to acquiring new automated speed cameras to record data and warn motorists when they are exceeding the speed limit. These will be fixed in alternating sites throughout the Village. EPC were hoping to have these installed before year end, but now need further approvals from Bucks Council for the proposed locations and will also require local resident input. The proposed sites will be along Chalkshire, Ellesborough and Wendover Roads and we will shortly be engaging with the residents, closest to the proposed sites, to ensure the cameras are in the best places. If you get a letter through the door your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Rural Affordable Housing

Hastoe Housing Assocation expect to start construction of 6 new affordable houses in Spring 2024. EPC have agreed the proposed tenant/ownership selection criteria with Hastoe, to ensure local housing needs are prioritised, but this has yet to signed off by Bucks Planning Authority. A preferred contractor has been selected by Hastoe and EPC are currently engaging with them to ensure a Considerate Contractor Management plan is put in place to help mitigate the disruption to the immediate neighbours. EPC have also submitted an application to Bucks Highways to have double yellow lines painted along the road immediately adjacent to the development, this has been on-going for several months now, but we have seen very little progress from Bucks Highways.

New Footpath A4010

EPC are pleased to see that the new footpath has been built on the Risborough Road, along from the Terrick Petrol Filling Station and up to Freemantle Court. This was funded by HS2 and would not have happened without the initiative of ClIr Panikkar and the former Clerk Rex Norris specifically applying for the grant. You may also have noticed that a historic pre 1939 milestone has been discovered, during the construction and now re-sited. The Milestone Society have been contacted to ensure this is now added to their National database.

Coombe Hill Parking

EPC have been working with National Trust and Bucks Highways, since 2020, to try and stop vehicles damaging verges and blocking the access to Dunsmore at peak times. The current discussions with National Trust include an upgrade and expansion of the car park, to accommodate the increase in carborne visitors, from outside Parish, to Coombe Hill. This will probably need to be funded by the National Trust introducing Parking Charges.

Parish Hall

Cllr Withey, who also sits on the Parish Hall Committee has reported that the Parish Hall Committee has recently held their AGM and that the income generated from the efforts of the Committee will enable further hall improvements to be undertaken in 2024. Thank you to all the volunteers for keeping this key community resource sustainable.

Remembrance Sunday

Approximately 40 Parishioners attended the Remembrance Sunday service at the Parish Hall and the Memorial was looking very clean and tidy. EPC would like to thank two young Duke of Edinburgh candidates; Rosie and Olivia who volunteered their time to clearing away all the autumn leaves and moss.

Finally, EPC would like to wish all Parishioners a merry and festive December and a Happy New Year. Also please don't forget the Christmas Carol Concert is at the Parish Hall on Friday 15th December at 7pm. It is a free event with mulled wine and mince pies available, all are welcome.

Views on new housing strategy



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Buckinghamshire Council seeks views on new housing strategy.

Buckinghamshire Council is inviting residents, businesses and organisations to share their views on its draft Housing Strategy for 2024-2029. The strategy sets out the council's vision, priorities and actions to meet the current and future housing needs and challenges in the county.

To achieve the strategy, the council has created three draft priorities:

- responding to the needs of Buckinghamshire's diverse population
- better homes: good quality, sustainable and matched to need
- new homes: affordable, accessible and appropriate

Each priority includes:

- what the council will do to achieve it
- the challenges Buckinghamshire faces
- actions the council is taking now
- proposed actions up to 2029

The consultation is open until midnight on a Village View **Monday 18 December 2023** and can be accessed online or by requesting a paper copy from the council. The feedback received will help shape the final version of the strategy, which will be published in 2024.

"The strategy also recognises the opportunities to improve the quality and sustainability of existing homes, to enable new affordable housing development for those in housing need and to support residents to live independently and live well in their homes."

"This is our first countywide Housing Strategy and we want to hear from as many people as possible. So please take part in the consultation and let us know what you think."

You can have your say on the draft Housing Strategy at Your Voice Bucks.

Dealing with dementia and loneliness this Christmas

Dealing with dementia can be difficult at any time of year, but at Christmas, when so much is focused on celebration and togetherness, it can be even more isolating to feel alone.

Whether you're a person with dementia or someone who cares for a person affected by it, then this blog is for you. There are ways to help combat feelings of loneliness and have an enjoyable Christmas on your own terms.

How to support a person with dementia at Christmas

There are several ways to help make things easier for people with dementia during the festive season, whether you're a carer, a relative or a loved one.

Firstly, remember that you might have to decorate your home more gradually than you would normally, as a drastic, rapid change in their surroundings could be distressing for someone with dementia.

Secondly, look for ways you can incorporate memories from previous fun times into this Christmas. Consider whether you have any photographs, music or anecdotes that you can share which will help to create a cosy, welcoming atmosphere.

Make sure there's a safe place where your loved one with dementia can relax and centre themselves if

Christmas gets too loud or excitable. It's easy to be overwhelmed when you have dementia, so this is sure to be appreciated.

If you're just popping in to see someone with dementia, then ask them how they want to celebrate. Not everyone wants to have a traditional Christmas and they may just appreciate the company without all the fuss that goes along with it.

Crucially, remember to keep them involved in the festivities. Whether it's a game, preparation for Christmas or even just a conversation, knowing they are remembered and cherished will go a very long way. The Alzheimer's Society has lots of helpful tips to make Christmas easier on people with dementia and their support network.

It's okay to ask for help and accept support from care professionals

If you or a loved one is feeling lonely this Christmas, don't be afraid to reach out for help and support. There are avenues available to help you feel less alone during what is for many a difficult and lonely time of year. You can contact Ashridge Home Care an speak to people who have good advice and support available.

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Lindengate Newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn Issue of Lindengate News



Countess Howe opens our new Apothecary Garden

In September Lindengate celebrated its 10th birthday by opening a new Apothecary Garden. An apothecary's garden is known for having healing herbs and plants with restorative properties for people's wellbeing and health so is a perfect addition to the gardens. Countess Howe, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire officially opened our new Apothecary Garden during the evening celebrations. In the new year the Crafty Herbalist will be running Herbal Home Education and Junior Herbalist classes in the gardens. Both classes aim to reignite the connection between children and the natural world around them. For more information, please visit their website.

Winter Open Garden Times

The gardens are open to visitors throughout the winter months. From the 1st November our new open garden times will be:

- Wednesdays-Fridays 11am-3pm
- Saturdays 1-3pm

Entry to the gardens is free but donations are welcomed. More details https://www.lindengate.org.uk/opengardens/

Join us this festive season for one of our wreath making workshops

Guided by our two very talented florists, you will learn how to create a stunning wreath layered with beautiful seasonal foliage to form the base. Onto this base you will attach your decoration and colour scheme, chosen from a wonderful selection of ribbons, dried fruits, fir cones, baubles, berries, cinnamon sticks.

Dates:

Friday 1st December – 10am to 1pm Saturday 2nd December – 10am to 1pm Thursday 7th December – 10am to 1pm Friday 8th December – 10am to 1pm *Only one space left*

Saturday 9th December – 10am to 1pm *Sold Out* Saturday 9th December – 2pm-5pm

Each workshop costs £60 and includes:

- A glass of Prosecco on arrival
- Tea, coffee and mince pies throughout the workshop
- Your wreath will be uniquefor you to hang on your front door this Christmas
- To book https://thelittleboxoffice.com/lindengate/ book/event/184928

Other news

New Trustees

We are also pleased to announce we have appointed another new Trustee, Roger Smith.



Green Gym

If you would like to join a warm and friendly community, meet new friends and help us maintain the beautiful 6 acre Lindengate gardens, then get in touch. We have a variety of volunteering opportunities and would love to hear from you. Volunteering is available Tuesday-Saturday 10am-1pm. We also run Corporate Volunteering Days for local businesses.



Christmas Gifts

Our wooden products from bee and bug hotels to seats, benches and planters are made on site at Lindengate by our team of expert volunteers. Each item is individually crafted and therefore each piece will differ from the next. We also take orders for bespoke items.

Please contact us to discuss your requirements orders@lindengate.org.uk



Grow your Wellbeing

Lindengate runs short and longer term wellbeing and nature based sessions supporting people who are feeling socially isolated and/ or are experiencing mild to moderate depression, anxiety, stress or struggling to return to work after a period of sick leave.

Our next 10 week Wellbeing and Nature Course will run every Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm from 10th January 2024.



DofE Volunteering

On Saturday mornings between 10am-1pm Lindengate runs a volunteering group for young people aged between 13-18 called 'Green Volunteens'. Whether you are looking to volunteer as part of your Duke of Edinburgh Award or you are passionate about nature and want to do your bit or just want to meet new people - you can get involved!

For more details contact jenny.morris@lindengate.org.uk

Community Speed Watch

Thames Valley Police & Community Speedwatch Online

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community Speed Watch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities, with the support from Thames Valley Police, record details of speeding vehicles.

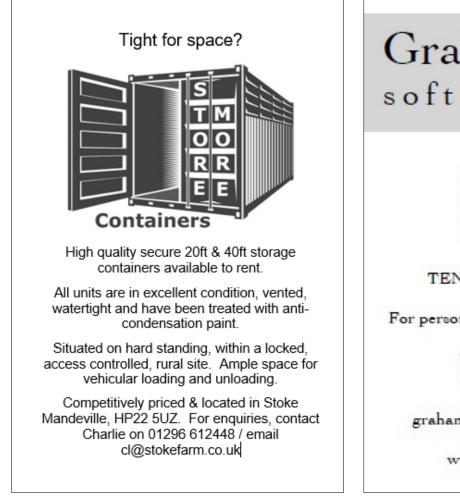
- Speeding motorists will receive a letter from the police explaining the potential risks and consequences of their behaviour.
- People standing at the roadside are the heart and soul of the scheme; being seen by drivers at the roadside sends the message that antisocial and dangerous driving is not acceptable and is reinforced by the police warning letters.
- Parishioners repeatedly tell the Parish Councils and Police that speeding is one of their biggest concerns. and as we know from Speed Indicator Devices that speeding is at unacceptable levels on some of our roads.
- We want to help you set up a CSW group to tackle the problems in your areas. To enable this we need your help.

We need volunteers aged over 18. If you are interested and can spare just a few hours a month please send an email to:

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