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Chairman's Letter

June 2024

On behalf of our readers, I'd like to thank all the distributors and the committee for their hard work in producing this issue of The Ellesborough Magazine.

We need some help with compiling the copy. If you have basic InDesign experience and a few hours to spare each quarter, please get in touch. We can support and develop your skills.



Richard Jennings

Distributors & committee gathering The Russell Arms April 2024.

Ellesborough

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Letters

Poppy Appeal Success!

Congratulations to Ellesborough District Royal British Legion Poppy Collectors, who were Runners Up for the Christine Rowley Trophy in Buckinghamshire.

We will be meeting to celebrate on May 28 and June 3 at the Russell Arms, approx 6.30-8-pm, and anyone else who would like to join us is welcome. Anyone with knowledge of those named on the Village War Memorial, we would be very interested to hear from you as well.



Fiona Tchen

Poppy Appeal Organiser. 07747 614686

News from Welcome The Russell to Beau Arms

We would like to thank everybody that has been into the Russell Arms for a drink or something to eat over the last 10 weeks. The first 2 months has gone by in a flash and we are looking forward to the summer. The new garden furniture has arrived so hopefully lots of warm drinking evenings to come.

Our new sous chef Lee is starting in the next week and alongside our head chef Reece they are looking forward to launching a new summer menu in the coming weeks.

Looking forward to continue to welcome you all over the summer months.

Roly & Katy



A big welcome to Beau who arrived on 19th February 2024. Beau's parents are Ryan & Meg who recently moved into 15 Chalkshire Cottages themselves. Ryan is the owner of the Three Chairs Men's Hairdressers in High Street Princes Risborough.

New bus and timetable

Princes Risborough Community Bus

We have a brand new bus and a new timetable which should benefit everyone who in the local area. The bus is now going to include places like Dobbies Garden Centre and Chiltern View nurseries as well as Chinnor, Speen and the Bledlows.

The flyer which gives details for magazine readers is on page 5. Margaret Royal Welcome

To Butlers Cross -Lindy & Frankie Howell



About Mary Casserley

Mary's work revisits a classic era of Railway poster design, recreated in the vibrant tones of 1930's travel art. Mary was born and bred in Berkhamsted and now live in Tring.

Mary's style has been influenced by the artists who were famous for creating the pre-war advertising travel posters for the Railways. The views in and around Berkhamsted, Tring, and the Chilterns have proved popular. For more information about Marys local works and commissions visit www.marycasserley.com.

Letters

Village Party

The Parish Village Party is taking place at the Parish Hall on Saturday 29th June from 12.30pm to 5pm.

The day is an "all welcome" event for Parishioners to meet and sample some local produce and catch up with friends and neighbours. It will include Buckmoorend Farm meats on the BBQ, Chiltern Brewery's finest ales, a local honey producer demonstration and activities, the Ellesborough Silver Band, a Church cake stall and the judging of the Childrens Garden Design competition.

Births Deaths and New Arrivals

in Ellesborough & Dunsmore

Births

We would love to include details of any "new arrivals" in Ellesborough & Dunsmore – this should be babies born to residents living in the villages. Photos most welcome!

Newcomers

Please let us have details too of anybody who has recently moved in to the area.

Obituaries

We would also like to include details of anybody who lived in Ellesborough or Dunsmore who has died recently This can be someone also who may have moved away but was known to many in the villages. If you would like to add a tribute (maximum 250 words please) or send a photo do please send it too.

Please send full details to Allan Westray edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com

200 Club – Ellesborough Parish Hall

Congratulations to all the winners over the last few months.

March 2024		April 2024		May 2024	
£50 £35 £25	11 Mike Hewitt 25 Michael Hinchcliffe 99 Alex Murphy	£35	112 Nicholas & Diane Stratham123 Ellesborough Silver Band121 James Francis	£50	105 Jackie Callow 54 Helen Donnachie 92 Fay Seabridge 40 B & B Gill

Thank you to all of the people who have joined so far. Our numbers are down on last year BUT It isn't too late to join.....every penny we raise helps keep the Hall in good repair. You can help now by.....

- Sending a cheque for £20 to Sally Withey address below (CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL COMMITTEE)
- or pay £20 by BACS to Santander Account 78526700 09-01-55 Please use reference '200 [your name]' THIS IS ESSENTIAL

Cheques to Sally Withey, The Nook, 101 Chalkshire Road, Ellesborough, HP17 0TJ. Telephone 07810 878674 or email ellesboroughparishhall@gmail.com to confirm your BACS payment and let me have your name and address to notify you of any prizes.

Thank you

Sally Withey on behalf Of The Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee

Your Local Councillor

Dear Residents

I would like to update you on various issues.

The boundary changes are now in place and our area is still Ridgeway East but in the new constituency of Mid Bucks not Aylesbury from the next General election.

Hopefully, now with more funding agreed in the Council budget, our roads will be repaired more quickly but I do understand the frustration with the traffic lights situation which many residents have contacted me about and I passed those concerns to the departments responsible.

I received many emails on various issues which I try and resolve or direct residents to the right department.

Protection of our wonderful area is one of the biggest issues according

to many residents,so I will continue to do just that on behalf of our community.

And finally can I thank all the residents who give up their time for our community in so many ways.

Regards David

David Carroll

A Tribute and thank you to Rob Nicholson

Ellesborough Trust, formerly known as Ellesborough Relief in Need Charity, held it's first meeting in April 1985 with Mr GW Line in the Chair and the following as Trustees:

Miss J Couper Mrs D Ellis The Reverend Harner Mr R Nicholson Mrs Tollinton

It was at this first meeting that Rob Nicholson drew attention to the need to keep in touch with teachers, doctors and the caring services for the benefit of the Parish. At the September meeting Rob Nicholson also alerted the Charity to a scheme that operated in certain areas to help the elderly, involving the provision of alarm devices which were worn around the neck. It is amazing that Rob introduced this service back in 1985, and that it is something that is still being provided by the Trust today.

The basis of the Charity was to look after those in need in the Parish.

Rob took over as Chair in 1988 and the charity continued to provide support to so many Parishioners, be it providing logs, installing telephones, helping with electricity supplies and often paying those bills, and even supporting a medical student on an overseas elective placement. Rob was always interested in hearing what our Parishioners had to say and he had a strong social conscience getting into talks with the National Trust for the Scrub Woods and many others organisations. As an example, he was instrumental in ensuring the

hornbeams at the edge of Scrubs Wood and Coombe Hill Car Park were cut back appropriately.

For 38 years Rob Chaired the Charity and was the right person to do so with his love of people and the Parish. He researched and identified those in need, visiting individuals and ensuring that they were offered support as necessary.

The current Trustees, and I, cannot thank Rob enough for the years of service that he gave to the Charity and to the Parish of Ellesborough. I can only hope that I, personally, will be able to do a fraction of what he achieved but I will strive to follow in his footsteps. Thank you, Rob!

Debra Panikkar, Chair Ellesborough Trust.

Letters

Affordable Housing in Butlers Cross – Latest Position

Here is an update on the status which is currently awaiting approval by the Buckinghamshire Service Director.

Rural Exception sites seek to address the needs of the local community by providing Affordable Housing and accommodating households, at discounted prices, who are either current residents or have an existing family or employment connection within the Village.

The recent Housing Need Survey conducted in July 2021 potentially identified 20 households requiring affordable housing, as outlined below.

TENURE	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	SIZE OF HOME REQUIRED
Housing Association rented	7	5 X 1-BED
accommodation.		1 X 3-BED
		1 X 4-BED
Shared ownership.	13	1 X 1-BED
		12 X 2-BED

Within the above, 2 households required ground floor accommodation, due to limited mobility.

Hastoe (the developer) are providing 6 two storey semidetached dwellings, each 2 bedrooms. 2 will be shared ownership and 4 rented.

Based on requirements:

- No single bed units are being provided currently.
- No ground floor bed accommodation.
- Not a single household wanting rented accommodation is provided for, contrary to there being no requirement for 2-bedroom units, 4 are currently being planned.
- Majority wanted shared ownership, yet majority are rented.

Currently the draft S106 agreement on the planning website does not allow any single person or couple without children to occupy these properties as they are all 2 bedrooms; the Bucks Home Choice allocations policy forbids this. Additionally, if no one within the Parish or surrounding Parishes can meet the policies the housing will be open to the whole of Buckinghamshire in perpetuity.

The latest information from the Buckinghamshire Service Director, Planning & Environment, has stated in an email dated 8th April 2024 – "As you will be aware, interested parties have raised several questions relating to the needs survey submitted as part of the planning application and the subsequently published draft S106 agreement. Planning officers have therefore met with colleagues from Housing, who have been asked to review again the housing needs assessment in the light of the various questions raised.

Please be assured that this matter is proactively being progressed, as we are fully aware of the sensitivities involved."

There are currently in the latest approved development plan for South Aylesbury/Princes Risborough and Halton, a total of 1,794 new Affordable Housing Units planned to be built on brownfield and greenfield sites by 2033, within a 5-mile area.

Affordable Housing Schemes provide great opportunities for low-income people, but they need to meet the Parish requirements, the Village Design Statement and be in the correct location. When schemes like this are being implemented fail to meet these basic requirements, its splits our cherished Village.

If or when this scheme is approved, it will be interesting to see how many existing residents/relatives will occupy them.

Malcolm Crouch and John West, Parishioners

Visit Buckmoorend Farm

Open Farm Sunday 9th June 2024: 11am – 4pm





Farming's annual open day

On Sunday 9th June, farms across Britain will be opening their gates to the public for farming's annual open day. Open Farm Sunday offers visitors the chance to see farming with nature at first hand, to discover where their food comes from, how it is produced and to meet the people responsible – the farmers! So, make a date to visit us here at Buckmoorend!

Open Farm Sunday is a great free family day out and offers a unique chance to learn more about all that farmers like us do and to show your support for British farming. On the day myself, Daniel, and our fabulous team will be on hand to tell you more about the farming industry, show you how your food is produced and what is being done to care for the countryside. At the end of the day, we hope you will have had a great time and will come away with a greater understanding of farming and the countryside.

Join us to learn more about why earthworms are so vital to our farm and your food, and what we do to encourage them. Why hedgerows are so important, what is SSSI and why we plant wildflowers to encourage pollinators like bees and ladybirds.

On the day you can also find out how we look after and care for our cows and sheep, as well as the wonderful wildlife that lives here.

Throughout the day there will be arable farming talks, a chance to meet our animals, watch a butchery demonstration from our new onsite butchers, Gary and Richie, get crafty in our kids crafting corner, take part in some fun activities as well as meet our wonderful local suppliers, wildlife charities, farm vets & rural crime policing team! Our team will be on hand to answer questions – which are a perfect way to discover all about British farming for yourself.

You will also be able to get up close to the machinery we use every day and enjoy a chance to sit in one of our tractors. Our farm shop and kitchen will be open all day to keep you well fed and quenched!

For us Open Farm Sunday is one of our favourite times of the year and a time that we are incredibly passionate about. It's as much about free family fun, as it is about educating people about sustainable farming, teaching them where food comes from, and the importance of supporting local. We have a range of activities planned for all and hope that everyone will come away feeling inspired and having learned something new about our farming world.

Annabel Shackleton, Open Farm Sunday Manager

said: "Open Farm Sunday is a wonderful opportunity for visitors of all ages to get closer to farming and the people that make it happen. Each event is unique, each farm is different and every farmer too, but what they all share is a passion for farming, amazing expertise and a commitment to farming with nature and caring for the countryside."

"Some farms have been passed down through the generations, others are managed by those who have chosen farming as their career; each has its own special story to tell and Open Farm Sunday is the ideal chance to come and hear it."

We'd love to see you there!

Daniel and Steph Hares, and all the team at Buckmoorend!

Summer holiday ideas *for Children and Grandchildren*



Hellfire Caves, West Wycombe

These are a maze of 17th century tunnels and caves under the church at West Wycombe. Address: Church Lane, West Wycombe HP14 3AP

Open every day 1000-1730. Cost: per head: £8.50 adults, £7 children, concessions and National Trust members.



Odds Farm

Odds Farm Park, Wooburn Common Road, Wooburn Green HP10 0LX.

There are a large selection of livestock and rare breeds. Lots of activities including feeding he sheep and goats, eggs collecting, water play and outdoor adventures. Inside there is a large play barn and café. It costs £13.95 for adults and children over 2 during term time weekends and £19.99 in the school holidays.



Rush Trampoline Park, High Wycombe

Based at Lexmark House, Coronation Road, Cressex Business Park, High Wycombe HP12 3TA. The trampoline park has wall to wall trampolines, dodgeball courts, a giant airbag and tumble lanes. Ages: 4+.

Cost: £15.50 for one hour (£14.50 if booked online).

Within the trampoline park you can find a separate soft play area called Ruby and Red. This space themed soft play area is for children aged 1-10. Tickets start at £4.50 and combined tickets for both activities can be purchased. For all information go to www.rushuk.com.



West Wycombe Park

Adjacent to the Hellfire Caves is the National Trust property of West Wycombe Park. The grounds are open from 1400-1700 while the house is open on Sunday and Bank Holidays plus guided tours (first come first served) 1400-1600 Monday to Thursday. In June, July and August the house is open from 1400 until 1615 Sunday to Thursday each week. Entry is free for National Trust Members £10 per adult and £5 per child.



Street 2 Pro Football Coaching

For football holidays camps, regular training for all ages and abilities and based in Aylesbury, make contact via 07903 750609 or info@streetpro.co.uk. All information can be found at www.street2pro.co.uk

Annabel Westray

Open Garden

Springfield Farm, Chalkshire Road, 25th August

We will be opening our garden on Sunday, 25th August from 2pm until 5pm. Entry into the garden will be via our field in Chalkshire Road and will be clearly signposted, rather than up our drive, unless you have mobility problems. There will be lots of signs and yellow balloons by the field entrance. Parking for cars will be in the field.

If anyone is able to help by making cakes for tea, car parking, serving teas or manning the entry point, do please contact us on **07710 643687, 01296 624283** or at **annabel.westray@btinternet.com**. We already have one volunteer: the President of the National Garden Scheme, Dame Mary Berry, who has offered to come over and serve teas.

While the entry fee will go to the charities chosen for 2024 by the NGS, all profits from the sale of tea and cake will go to the upkeep of the church and the village hall. Last year the NGS raised over £3 million and some of the beneficiaries were: Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Parkinsons UK, Sue Ryder, Mencap, and The Army Benevolent Fund, amongst others, plus smaller donations to gardening projects.

It would be lovely to see anyone from the village who is free on that Sunday. Fingers crossed for some fine weather!





Springfield Farm



66 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross, Aylesbury, HP17 oTR

Sunday 25 August

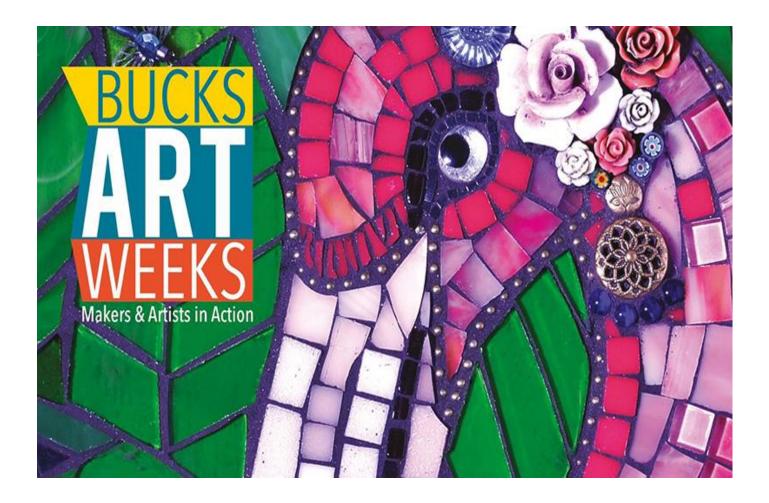
2 - 5pm

Adults £5 Children free Home-made teas (cash only).

More information at ngs.org.uk



Bucks Art Weeks



Welcome to Bucks Art Weeks

Sat 8th June to Sun 23rd June 2024

bucksartweeks.org.uk

Bucks Art Weeks brings together the work of hundreds of contemporary artists and makers around Buckinghamshire. Each year in June, pop-up exhibitions appear in working studios, galleries, and other venues. Every type of work is on show – sculpture, glass, jewellery, painting, wirework, woodwork, photography, textiles, and more – for visitors to view, purchase or commission. Plus, it's a fantastic opportunity to meet makers and artists!

Make sure you visit our <u>Member Galleries</u>. Plus, don't forget to follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. You can also subscribe to our newsletter - full of information for artists and makers.

Ellesborough BX Ball



Don't miss out on a fabulous evening!

Tickets are selling fast for this year's Ellesborough Ball on

Saturday 21st September 2024

at the Ellesborough Village Hall

It promises to be a fabulous, fun-filled evening with a Live Band to fill the dance floor, followed by the ever-entertaining Silent Disco.

Guests will be welcomed with drinks on arrival and a three course meal. As always, the village will have the chance to raise money for local charities with a game of heads or tails, the raffle and a silent auction.

So don't miss the opportunity to get all dressed up and celebrate with friends and family for an evening of dancing, drinking, eating and supporting good causes. Tickets are £95 per person and can be purchased as a table of 10 (£950), a table of 12 \pm 1,140) or as individual tickets.

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

Church Services

St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough



June

2nd June 10.45 – Songs of Praise 9th June 10.45 – Parish Communion 16th June 10.45 – BCP Matins 23rd June 10.45 – Patronal Festival Communion 30th June 10.45 – 5th Sunday

30th June 10.45 – 5th Sunday No service to be held

July

7th July 10.45 – Songs of Praise 14th July 10.45 – Parish Communion 21st July 10.45 – BCP Matins 28th July 10.45 – Parish Communion We are also serving afternoon teas every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday during the summer. 2-5pm.

August

4th August 10.45 – Songs of Praise

11th August 10.45 – Parish Communion

18th August 10.45 – BCP Matins

25th August 10.45 – Parish Communion

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	Photos	34.20	
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Carried Forward			3,933.91

Tony Young

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Free exercise class

Did you know there is a free exercise class running in the village twice a week?

So, if you want some light exercise, would like to exercise your brain at the same time, do it in the company of like-minded people, enjoy making a noise and you'd like to learn and preserve an ancient craft - have you considered taking up bellringing?

The ringing of bells associated with Christian worship probably reached Britain in the 8th century and as churches acquired more bells, different combinations would be rung to signal the different services. On joyous occasions such as weddings several bells may have been rung together and rung higher to make a louder sound. For this secular ringing, local men would be paid to assist and so ringing came to be seen as a sport. People also rang for their own pleasure, and they would pay the sexton to open the tower to allow them to ring the bells. This pleasure ringing must have become prolific as the ringing of bells for pleasure was specifically restricted in a puritan act of parliament in 1643. John Bunyan rang bells in his youth but later joined a sect that condemned ringing as sinful. This hostility helped to keep what was a popular public activity separate from the worship of the church and it has remained so for a long time including up to the present day.

Originally, the bells would have been swung by a simple lever, and if the bell was out of reach, a rope. But this only allowed the bell to be tolled or chimed with little or no control. However, developments over the years now have the bells hung in a frame with large wheels attached to them and ropes dropping down to the area from which the bells are rung. Pulling the rope takes the bell from the position with the mouth vertically upwards, a full circle until the bell is vertical again. This is known as "full circle ringing" as opposed to when the bell is just rocked back and forth chiming. Strangely, full circle bellringing is a peculiarly English pastime with some 5680 sets of bells hung in this manner. Wales has 190, Scotland 19 and Ireland 35. The rest of the world has only just over 100 as most of their bells are hung purely for chiming. Ringing bells in the full circle method allows fine control of the bell's speed, and this in turn allows the sequence of the bells to be altered, albeit only in one place at a time and this is known as a "change". Change ringing probably began in the 1600s and the phrase "ringing the changes" first appeared in a sermon in 1614. It developed rapidly, mainly from London, with "methods" being written to describe the sequences of changes. Today there are many hundreds of methods, and for some it is the challenge of learning and ringing these methods that is the draw.

Ellesborough, has been fortunate for many years to have an enthusiastic team of ringers who enjoy ringing, whilst not being too serious about it. Our Tower Captain has over 50 years' experience of ringing and we have a qualified teacher, together with all the necessary equipment, including computer simulation, to train new bellringers. To maintain ringing in Ellesborough we need more ringers which is not limited by age or strength. So if you are at all interested, would like further information, or come to a practice, please contact Rex Norris on 01296 615821 or 07836 785970.

Rex Norris

Playground refurbishment project

Ellesborough Parish Council are delighted to report that repairs required following last year's annual playground inspection have been carried out. The children are also happy to have their playground back working too!



Roundabout condemned as potentially a head injury risk as matting underneath was worn out.



Roundabout working again with new parts, seats and fibrefall resin bound recycled rubber mulch surfacing.



Other photos show resurfacing under yellow swings and new steel feet added to the chain traverse. New steel feet were also added to the wooden activity trail and climbing post. When weather permits painting and other small maintenance repairs will take place.

The playground is in constant use by families from the parish and beyond and provides physical, social and mental health benefits. E.P.C. are extremely grateful to the following individuals, organisations and charities who have generously donated towards these playground repairs:

- Buckinghamshire Masons Centenary Fund
- Chequers Trust
- EKFB (HS2)
- Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee
- Hastoe Community Fund
- North West Chilterns Community Board
- Sir Jackie Stewart

Please note if anyone would like to leave a legacy or help fund future playground repairs please contact our Parish Clerk for details **clerk@ellesborough-pc.gov.uk**



Kids' competition



KIDS' COMPETITION TO DESIGN & WILDLIFE GARDEN POSTER



- Design and draw on paper what you would have in your wildlife garden.
- How can you make it attractive for wildlife?
- What would you include in your poster?
- Think about the wildlife habitat you want to create. Where does the wildlife like to live? What do they eat and drink? Where do they have their young?
- Bring your poster design to Ellesborough Playground on Saturday 29th June at 2pm for judging*. The competition is open to all age groups. Please make sure your name and age are on the back of the paper.
- Winning entry will have their design recreated on one of our own village allotments.
- All entries will receive a packet of native wildflower seeds to plant.

*If you can't attend on the day please contact Helen Holman <u>HelenHolman@epcouncil.co.uk</u> to make prior arrangements. Ellesborough Parish Council are committed to conserving and enhancing biodiversity.



Village Litter Pick – *Keep it Clean*



Map and refreshments at the ready



Pile of rubbish gathered, for collection by BCC

A big "THANK YOU" to all the, twenty-eight, keen and willing volunteers who supported the Village Clean up on Sunday 14th April. A fantastic effort.

The litter problem is disappointing - but the satisfaction of working together to make things "look better" and the pleasure of being out on a sunny spring day, in the Chilterns, hopefully made it worthwhile. In our small parish and within 2 hours, we had collected 35 bags of rubbish. Mostly drinks and food packaging thrown from cars, although collection accolade could be awarded for a pregnancy testing kit and the inner console of a car!! Refreshments served to those who had time or were not rushing home for a late breakfast!!

Thank you to all involved and to those who apologised for being unable to attend this time. Let's try to keep on top of it by meeting twice a year or just picking up what is outside your property.

Janette and Judith.

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.



June

Planting Design 8.00 pm – Tuesday 4th

Maria Greenhill is a garden designer with a passion for organic gardening. She will tell us about what she bears in mind when planning a border such as plant forms and shapes. She'll also share other tips about matters such as colour scheming, repetition of plants and all-season interest.



Members Garden Visit: Springfield Farm, Butlers Cross 6.00 – 7.30 pm – Tuesday 11th

A bridge with a pond leads you into the 2.5 acre garden which is divided into rooms by beech hedging.

It includes a rose garden, herbaceous and shrub borders, orchard and vegetable garden.

July

Members Garden Visit: Chalgrove Grange, Oxfordshire 6.00 – 7.30 pm – Tuesday 2nd

The 11 acres of gardens include herbaceous borders and a large expanse of prairie with many grasses and a wildflower meadow. Other features include a lake with a planted island, arboretum, old orchard and a partly walled vegetable garden.

September

AUTUMN SHOW – Stewart Hall 2.00 – 4.30 pm – Sunday 1st

Come and see some beautiful displays including chrysanthemums, dahlias and vegetables and enjoy delicious home-made cakes.

If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting please see the Autumn Show Information

Have You Done Your Roots?

8.00 pm – Tuesday 3rd

Good root growth is essential for healthy and productive plants. How can you be sure your plants are performing well under ground when you can't even see them? Andrew Mikolajski, writer and RHS judge, returns to answer this and other questions with his new talk.

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

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

Please see our website for more information about our events and membership. www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/

STRAWBERRY RHUBARB PIE

Using Summer fruits, this classic pie combines fresh strawberries with rhubarb and a touch of orange zest, all baked in a traditional pie crust.

The pastry can be flaky, shortcrust, homemade or bought.

If the pie is still warm when you cut it, the juice maybe runny, so you can add a little thickener such as 2tsp diluted/blended arrowroot, cornflour or quick tapioca.

Ingredients

- 500g rhubarb stalks cut into 2cm pieces.
- 300g stemmed and sliced strawberries
- ¾ to 1 cup sugar
 (depending on how tart/sweet you like your pie)
- 1 finely grated orange zest
- 320g/12oz shortcrust or flaky pastry (homemade or bought)
- 1 large egg white, beaten



Method

- 1. Preheat the oven: 200°C Gas 6
- Assemble the pie filling: In a large bowl, gently combine the rhubarb and the strawberries with the sugar and orange zest. Let sit for 10 minutes. (You can add a little of the suggested diluted thickener if you wish).
- 3. Roll out one half of pastry dough and line the bottom of a pie dish with it. Transfer the filling into the crust and spread out evenly.
- 4. Roll out the second half of pastry dough and place over the pie. Trim and seal the top crust edges over the bottom crust edges and use your fingers or a fork to crimp and flute the top and bottom edges together. Cut slits in the top for the steam to escape.
- 5. If you want, for a nice glaze on your pie, use a pastry brush to brush a thin layer of egg the top of the pie.
- 6. Bake the pie: Place pie on the middle rack of the 200°C/Gas 6 oven with a baking sheet on a lower rack to catch any juices that might spill over.
- Bake for 20 minutes at 200°C/Gas 6, then reduce heat to 180°C/Gas 5 and bake an additional 40-50 minutes longer. The pie is done when the crust is nicely browned and the filling (that you can see through the venting holes) thick and bubbly.
- 8. Serve warm or cool.

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

Gardening in Ellesborough

We are moving into the busiest time of the year and taking stock after the winter months

I am writing this at the end of the wettest and chilliest of Aprils and at last it has stopped raining, at least for a while. Now with the growing strength of the sun, trees, shrubs and a whole galaxy of plants are almost within hours transformed into a breathtaking tapestry of fresh greens and a riot of colour.

Blue bells are out through the wilder areas and under the silver birches. The blue theme is carried through with the intense colours of the self-seeded forget-me-nots that contrast with the purple honesty. The wild cowslips are spreading even wider this year, down the lane and in the wild-flower meadow (and with an exceptional show in the churchyard).

The Head Gardener (HG) has been particularly pleased with her spectacular range of tulips which she has added to over the years. This year they have done exceptionally well; lighting up the gloomier grey days and lasted for weeks in the cooler weather, over lapping and following on from the early Spring daffodils. Fruit trees are blossoming, although with these volatile weather patterns, fears of frost are ever present until May is out. In France some vineyards have a mass of special candles lit under the vulnerable vine blossom to try and protect against sudden frost. We have never gone that far but there have been past times when we have gone out in the dark and draped fleece over fruit bushes having seen late weather warnings of plunging temperatures. Just goes to show what happens when gardening gets a real grip!

Getting on with work in the garden this season has been a depressing stop- start process. Hopes now rise for decent spells of drying workable soil. The gales and hail storms are a fading memory and the daily temperatures rise from single figures to the mid- teens and higher within a week. I am way behind with moving barrow loads of homemade compost and, yet so far, have not needed to import any. The value of compost on our poor chalk soil cannot be overstated, many years of laying thickly on the surface of borders have really paid off and virtually eliminated the need to dig, it helps to suppress weeds (unfortunately not ground elder) and looks good.

We are moving into the busiest time of the year and taking stock after the winter months we find old favourites need drastic pruning, some to move and some die off; it is also the time for the optimistic planting of the new. The HG is passionate about raising and caring for plants from propagation to maturity, the greenhouse at this time of the year is packed with tender



specimens to be planted out for the summer and with those destined for the annual Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society (KEHS) sale.

The HG, like many keen gardeners, is a great giver and receiver of cuttings and seeds and recalls where the longer established and treasured plants came from. A walk round the garden can be a nostalgic reminder of family, friends, neighbours and visitors who gave which plant or shrub and when. Sometimes, though the plants live on, the donator has passed away. Most recently the gorgeous Black Iris and the many Hostas she was given by our friend Jim Alford who sadly recently died.

Our progress towards minimising labour in the garden has stalled rather; plans to grass over another border last autumn didn't happen, mainly due, as the HG makes very clear, to my frequent changes of mind. However, it is not just a matter of digging over and levelling, there are so many plants the HG wants to keep or give away that lifting and potting them up fell by the wayside in the wet winter. Last month we were motivated to think again after an inspiring talk on low maintenance gardening by Professor Sandy Primrose at the KEHS monthly meeting. His talk was brim-full of ideas and illustrations from his own splendid garden in High Wycombe. Gardening is very much a work in progress, it is never complete and over the years our garden, like those of so many other keen gardeners, has evolved not just from new ideas and inspiration but with our ability to manage and enjoy it.

Tony Young May 2024

BBC Singer – Alice Gribbin

Things changed in 2017 when I was appointed as a member of the BBC Singers.

My husband Ben and I have lived in the old Rectory on the corner of Springs Lane for 11 years. We have two teenage sons and two cats, and Ben's mum Deborah lives next door. She can often be found selling incredible cakes in the church on a summery Sunday afternoon! Ben is an opera singer who performs in opera houses across the world.

I have been a professional choral singer since I left university 23 years ago. It's an unusual career, which takes some explaining in the hairdresser's chair, but one that I love.

Like most choral singers, I spent the first 15 years of my career freelancing, and during that time I sang for most of the UK's professional choirs. Over the years I have performed across the world. I have recorded soundtracks for Hollywood blockbusters and Christmas TV ads, and sung in concert halls, cathedrals and churches, and once even a potato shed!

Things changed in 2017 when I was appointed as a member of the BBC Singers. The BBC's radio choir is the only chamber choir in the UK which employs singers on a full-time basis. There are 18 positions, but 21 singers as some (including me!) work on a job-share basis. Each morning I board the 08.55 from Wendover to Marylebone, from where I walk to the famous BBC Maida Vale studios. It's an exciting place to work. I love passing by studio 1, listening to the rehearsals of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Meanwhile, further down the corridor, you find the rock, pop and jazz musicians, and over the years I have bumped into the likes of Dua Lipa, Morrisey, Michael Bublé and The Pet Shop Boys.

We work primarily for the BBC's classical music station, Radio 3.

Unlike most choirs which are conducted by the same person, we work with dozens of different conductors, so no two weeks are the same. Often, we record music which Radio 3 has requested, either for a specific programme, or to mark an occasion (eq Christmas or International Women's Day). These recordings are usually done live in a concert setting, with an audience, but sometimes we record in private sessions in our studio. Our remit also stretches beyond Radio 3. Over the last year we have recorded backing vocals for Strictly Come Dancing, voiced a choir small furry creatures in two episodes of Hey Duggee for CBeebies, and featured in a BBC2 documentary with Gareth Malone.

Certain engagements appear without fail each year. We always perform at the first and last nights of the BBC Proms in the Royal Albert Hall, as well as at some of the other Proms in between. The BBC Proms is the world's biggest classical music festival, stretching across 8 weeks of the summer each year, with several concerts per day, all of which are broadcast on Radio 3, and some of which are also on the television. It's always a thrill to be part of the Last Night of the Proms, which feels like a huge party! We even managed to perform during the pandemic in 2020. The Proms lasted for only two weeks, with no live audiences, but all broadcast live. On the Last Night we sang from the stalls in the Royal Albert Hall, distanced from one another at two metres on all sides, with only our BBC Symphony Orchestra colleagues for company in that vast space. It was an incredibly moving evening, and we felt deeply honoured to be singing when so many could not.

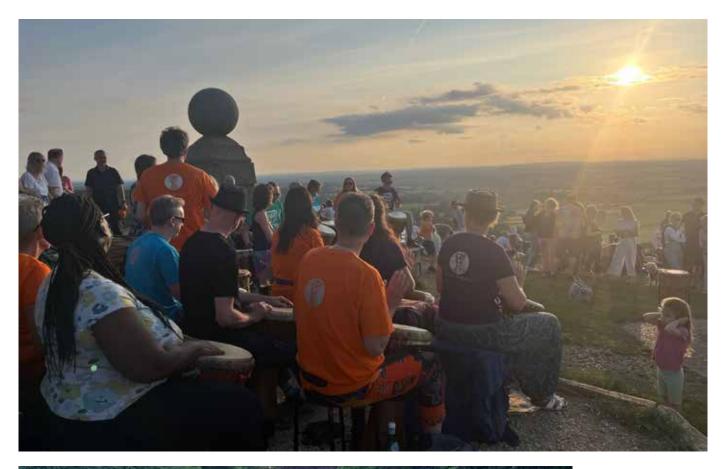
The variety of music is both challenging and rewarding. One size does not fit all in classical music, and you cannot approach a piece of Renaissance church music with the same vocal colours as you might approach an opera aria or a song from a Broadway musical. Most singers have an area of music where they excel, so you may specialise in singing "early" music from the Renaissance period, or you may find that your voice is more suited Romantic music from the 19th Century.

To be a BBC Singer means to have a willingness to turn your voice to all of it! Every Monday morning I arrive at work to a new set of pieces on my stand. Last week, for example, we recorded a new commission celebrating a century of radio broadcast, which took its inspiration from the "pips" on Radio 4. The week before that I performed some chant by Hildegard of Bingen, a nun who was composing music in the eleventh century. Vocally this means that you've got to be adaptable, fit and agile, and the same goes for your brain because of the sheer weight of learning each week.

For a while in 2023 the future of the group looked very uncertain, but happily things are now looking much rosier, and we are planning big celebrations for the group's centenary, which takes place this autumn.

I'm very fortunate to have been able to make a living from something which I love so much. It can feel hard work in mid-December when you're drowning in carols and have a streaming cold, but I still love it!

Summer Solstice – *June 20th 2024: Coombe Hill*





Scenes from 2023 - walk don't drive!

Beacon Hill Poem – Jane Waller

John McGirr said to me "Jane, if you want to keep fit – climb Beacon Hill every day".

So I do ... and he's right!

Dec 2nd 2023

Because we do not 'go away' I've climbed up Beacon every day. But now, great rolling clouds of white Fogged church and Aylesbury out of sight And froze away the large Red Kite. My view of everything was lost Except some hawthorns rhymed with frost. Only myself, just standing still With inward thoughts of Beacon Hill

Feb 2024 Early Morning Climb

On this Dull Day I still see Views the same in front of me. In the distance: Aylesbury. At the far end – a group of trees. Overhead the Kites are soaring; Further off, the Crows are cawing I feel quite peaceful climbing back But then the sky starts turning black. I run more quickly to our gate. Breakfasts' ready; can't be late.

Feb 2024

The Hill is covered now with moss, At first, bright green, then white with frost. The flock is huddled, out of sight. I cannot see a single Kite. I'll climb the Hill much later on Perhaps before the sun has gone.

Feb

The bright green moss Is grown right across The Hill today.

But, Strong winds have lashed; then crashed One big bough down, Now lying still upon the ground.

But – though the wind-whipped branches sway, I circumscribed the Hill today

Feb

The Hill – on an Unwelcoming Day

We know you've climbed to see the view, So, we must all put up with you. The Kite flies down, then swerves around, Then eyes me, Alien, up and down. The Blackbirds start to form a flock Then, fly off quickly in a shock. The trees that grow at the Hill's far end Sigh in the wind, and slowly bend. The view of Aylesbury now is blurred Through banks of mistiness obscured. The raindrops sharply strike my face. The Hill is really is NOT YOUR PLACE! Today, your climbing here is wrong, So – Go back Home where you belong!

March.

An Unusual Squirm of Worms

There's a weird display Up the Hill today: Hundreds of worms Were stretched out straight, From the Hilltop summit Right down to our gate. It seems that every single worm Had completely forgotten how to squirm. So I had to climb with utmost care To miss the worms all stretched-out there. The Kites were wheeling overhead Heavy with all the worms they'd fed. I still couldn't run towards the Hill, In case of all the worms I'd kill. The reason for this was quite plain: The MASSIVE RAINFALL was to blame.

April 7th.

It's windy up the Hill today

- Even the Kites have flown away.
- The cold is blasting in my ears
- And from my eyes extract some tears.
- I've had enough...the sky is Black.
- 1'll hold my hat on, then climb back

April 8th.

Still windy up the Hill today, But warm, and fresh, and fine. The kites have flown The Wind has blown; I feel the Hill is mine.

April I sometimes look at Chequers, But no-one ever waves; Nor mops shook out of windows, - Its NOT how they behave.

Some Cowslips and Forgetmenots Have opened up today -...Bur NONE upon the Hill-top: They've sprayed them all away.

They used to cover Hill and fields For, in the olden days, Both daisy-hearts and dandelions Gave out their blaze of gold. So, some flowers still shine out for me - Now I am getting old.

April 16th

Hail and windstorms

I didn't climb the Hill today.. Id've been completely Blown Away!

April 26th.

A very cold day

Some small new leaves on the far trees, Dare to be seen, In delicate shades of palest green. Is Springtime happening now at last? There are Cowslips growing in the grass.

But the sky above is pasty and white With no cows, or sheep, or Kites in sight, And looking at Chequers ... I'm expecting a riot. Though nothing is happening – all is quite quiet.

Then, suddenly, HIS helicopter screams away, So, something' WAS happening there today.

But its freezing cold, and I'm feeling old.

So I'll climb back home to bed' And look at it all through my window instead.

Butlers Cross to Lviv, Ukraine – *April 24*



Pickups for Peace – Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Charity

In February 2023, a group of Scottish based farmers, took the initiative to set up a charity supplying pick-up trucks, laden with humanitarian aid direct to Ukraine. They have now organised almost 400 vehicles and most of them end up on the front line as quick response vehicles helping save lives.

Being the owner of an under used 15 year old Mitsubishi L200 pick up, it occurred to me that my trusty vehicle could be put to better use than the odd trip to the dump and Wendover Woods with the dog!

Working with Pickups for Peace, I booked myself onto their next convoy. After some very generous donations from friends, neighbours. clients and a local builders merchant, I had a truck full of heavy duty rescue tools, jerry cans, technical saviour stretchers, leg splints, haemorrhage trauma kits and tourniquets.

Along with my co-driver, we departed Butlers Cross at 6am on 24th April 2024 and 3 days later, we reached the border of Poland / Ukraine. Remarkably, with the average journey distance of 1500 miles, the full convoy of 37 vehicles from all over Britain converged within 30 minutes of one another at the Polish rendezvous point. Especially impressive, given the average age of vehicle was 15 years old with 140,000 miles on the clock!

The transit through the border took several hours, as the vehicles were

all scrutinised and legal ownership was transferred to the Ukrainian Government. Under Ukrainian Police escort, we then drove the last 80 miles in a "do not stop" police convoy into central into Lviv.

On the morning of 27th April 24, I said goodbye to the truck I had owned for 6 years and we were thanked by the Mayor of Lviv and Ukrainian Army for the support that the British people are giving the people of Ukraine. They described their relationship with British people as a "close and special relationship".

At this point, it really struck me how important these initiatives are for the morale of soldiers and residents in the Eastern parts of Ukraine. Other than a nighttime curfew and some building defences Lviv is a beautiful City, which you could be forgiven for thinking it was not part of a country at war. We were then personally introduced to some Soldiers, an Army Colonel, an Orphanage Director, local Politicians and a University Professor. My impression of the City was soon very different. This is a City which is deeply affected by the war.

The most brutal evidence was a city greenspace, we visited. We were taken on a small bus and as we turned the corner into the entrance of the former park, the bus went silent. In the past 18 months, it has been turned into new military cemetery. The day I visited 5 new graves had been prepared, but there were over 1000 recent graves and being a Saturday many were being attended by grieving loved ones.

Every truck donated is estimated to save at least 3 lives on the front line, but unfortunately these vehicles only have a life expectancy of 2 weeks on the front line.

The Charity is Pickups For Peace. There is also a Just Giving page if you would like to show your support, or perhaps with convoys being organised every 8 weeks, you may even want to take a truck over yourself?

www.pickupsforpeace.co.uk

After 2 more days of bus, train and plane travel, I was back in Butlers Cross and my 6 day round trip was complete. The next day, I am asked if I would do it again.....

Matthew

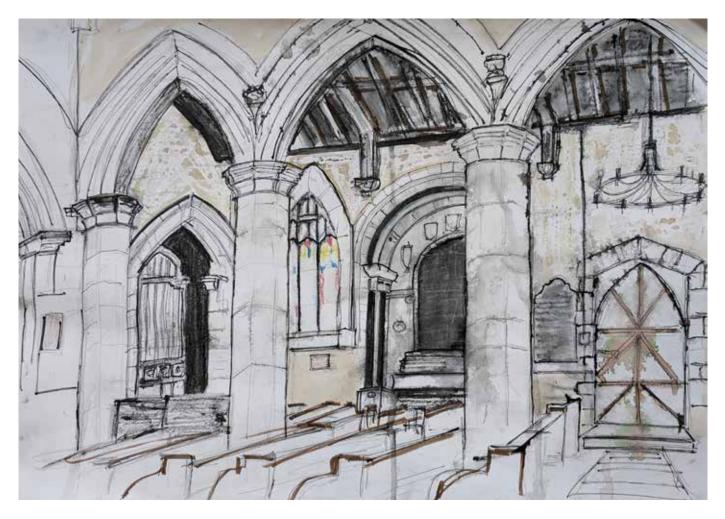






Art at the church

In March - Rain had "stopped play" at our usual art venue. The Scout Hut in Chalfont St. Peter was "up to its window ledges" in flood water.



So, we were looking for another location to meet and create art, with our usual lead from Simon Brewster. Together, and with the encouraging support from the church, we had the perfect setting at St. Peters & St. Pauls at Ellesborough.

Its position, on the escarpment of the Chilterns, between Beacon Hill and the Vale of Aylesbury is aweinspiring, whilst the Grade 2 medieval building provides tremendous interest.

We had inspiration at our fingertips!

Our aim was to gather information, sketch and consider the art style of John Piper – I think we managed that. Take a look at some of our preliminary work below & perhaps determine where each scene was taken from. We may take these ideas forward into another project which has been arranged with John Milton's Cottage, in Chalfont St Giles, and will be included in the Bucks Art Weeks (8th-23rd June) on the Chalfont Art Trail.

The objective of the exhibition is to successfully incorporate contemporary art into the surrounding space at Milton's Cottage, whilst acknowledging the works of the 17th Century poet, who is best known for Paradise Lost.

Something to "pop" in your diary!

Thank you to Ellesborough Church for allowing us to use the church as a venue for something "a little different".

Judith Harper

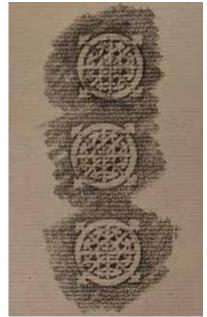














'Tis the Season: *Bluebells, Sunshine and Cream Teas*

When will the rainy season end? All of Dunsmore is looking forward to warmer, drier weather and plenty of sunshine.



Our social activities are ramping up, as we wave farewell to Winter and eagerly await Summer's arrival (with fingers tightly crossed!).

The **Beetle Drive** in the Dunsmore Village Hall took place on February 24th, and all the attendees enjoyed themselves, especially the opportunity to move from table to table and socialise with everyone. David McDonough from Old Forge Cottage was the overall winner, and Luis Hamer was awarded the 'Most Artistic Beetles' prize. As usual, the hot dogs were very popular with attendees.

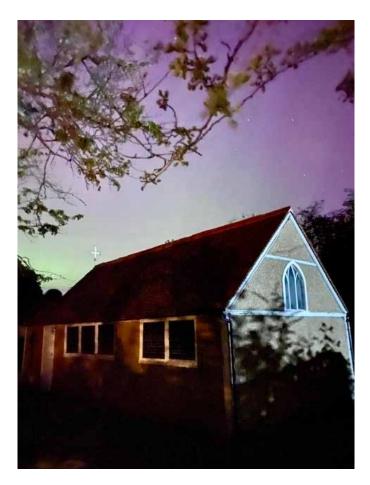
First Friday get-togethers remain popular, and everyone is looking forward to warmer weather so these can return to the Village Common. The outdoor events were extremely well attended last year. The current plan, weather permitting, is to play Boules on June 7th, Croquet on July 5th and Kubb on August 2nd. On September 6th we will play Boules as our closing contest. The **Spring Village Cleanup** took place over the March 23rd-24th weekend. Unfortunately, the inconsiderate visitors we sometimes have here are beginning to make the lanes and hedgerows a mess again. Another cleanup is scheduled for the October 5th-6th weekend.

Meanwhile, here's a challenge for our younger villagers:

Keep Dunsmore Tidy Poster Contest. Create a poster to encourage visitors to take their rubbish home and not throw it into our hedgerows, to keep the village looking its inviting self! Residents under the age of 16 may submit up to three posters to the DVHA before July 1st. The posters judged best by John and Lynne Ladd will be printed and displayed around Dunsmore in places most likely to deter folks from dropping litter or throwing waste out their car windows. Entries can be deposited in the mailbox at Well Cottage or scanned and sent to dvha.chairman@gmail.com Keep an eye out for information about the **Summer Solstice Gathering**, currently scheduled for June 21st (naturally) This is subject to weather, among other things. And soon thererafter, the **Summer Ball at The Fox** will take place on July 6th. All tickets have been sold, but should anyone wish to attend, please contact Andy and Judith Stancombe in case there have been cancellations. It will be a great moment to get together, enjoy some lovely food and drink, listen and dance to local music and just have a wonderful time! Special thanks to Catharine and Peter Harris for offering their garden at The Fox as the event venue.

Cream Teas at the Church will be held on August 18th to support the DVHA. Keep the Summer spirit going, with this additional tea, especially for those of you who have a special fondness for scones, cream and jam (in whatever order). Dunsmore bakers do a fabulous job of providing delicious treats throughout the Spring and Summer, so please keep supporting your local activities by baking, buying and eating! Cross all your fingers for good weather.

The Dunsmore Village Hall is used for a number of activities that do not come under the umbrella of the DVHA. Pilates classes, held on Tuesdays and Friday, continue to be well attended and greatly appreciated by all the participants. The regular Wednesday Art Class continues in the Hall, much appreciated by those attending. If you are a member of the DVHA and have a group or a special event that needs a home, consider the Hall. Members can book the Hall for private use at no charge, though there is a fee for non-members.



Courtesy of Andy Charles (Dunsmore) Friday 10th May 2024



The Chiltern Brewery Wins TWO National SIBA Awards



In the photo, left to right: James Richardson (Brewery Assistant), Dave McGovern (Head Brewer), Ally Savin (Brewer)

The Chiltern Brewery, Buckinghamshire's and the Chiltern Hill's oldest independent brewery has won TWO highly prestigious 2024 SIBA National Awards for its beers.

The brewery, founded in 1980, is the oldest in Buckinghamshire and the Chilterns, has been presented with Silver and Bronze awards for two beers – Chiltern Lager (Silver) and Earl Grey IPA (Bronze).

Entries for the National competition are taken from the beers that won their categories in the highly competitive Regional awards (judged in 2023).

Dave McGovern, our Head Brewer, said: "We are so excited to have won two SIBA National awards! We were at the awards evening in Liverpool in March, when they announced them and we were bowled over!"

Brewery Partner Tom Jenkinson, was equally enthusiastic: "For two of our beers to win National awards, in two categories, in one year, is amazing! Its incredibly difficult to win the Regional competition, but then to go on to win an award in the National competition is wonderful and a credit to the brewing team."

Chiltern Lager, 3.8%, won Silver in its category of kegged lagers. It is creamy, light, and smooth. It is our take on an English craft lager, brewed with the craft market in mind.

Crisp, refreshing and contemporary, it has the biscuity, subtly sweet maltiness of traditional lagers that we balance with a more pronounced hoppiness of modern craft lagers.

Perfectly drinkable, beautifully balanced.

Earl Grey IPA, 3.9%, won Bronze in its category of light, speciality cask beers.

Earl Grey IPA, a pale gold and innovative draught beer, delivers a refreshing citrus burst. Brewed with Bucks Grown Barley and the finest, freshest English hops the beer is a bright and fragrant brew.

SIBA National Awards. Recognised as a stamp of excellence by consumers. The Awards are run across SIBA's 8 geographical regions, with the champions from each region moving forwards to the National competition at BeerX in Liverpool. The awards run across a huge range of style categories in cask, craft keg, bottle, and can.

The SIBA Independent Beer Awards represent the very best beer from the UK's independent brewers and are judged by fellow brewers and industry experts making these awards the "Brewers' Choice" awards in the UK.

The beers are available down the road at Terrick! And online at www.chilternbrewery.co.uk as well as from independent outlets, including the Brewery's tap The King's Head, Aylesbury.

The Chiltern Ladies

The date was announced for our Lochs and Glens Autumn holiday in Scotland, and we look forward to day trips to Nuffield Place, Grey's Court and to Horatio's Garden.

The March meeting was the AGM of The Chiltern Ladies. Members were invited to come early for coffee. After the business, the officers reported on another very successful and lively year with membership increasing every month.

The President, Elizabeth Hine, retired, and members voted for the Vice President, Anne Adams, to take her place.

The Committee cooked and served an excellent two course luncheon to all members and guests.

Also in March, 26 members and some husbands went by coach to see, and to marvel at, the Hindu Temple in London the most beautiful and awe inspiring building most of us had ever seen, the first Hindu Temple to be built in Europe.



At the April meeting 6 new members joined the The Chiltern Ladies bringing the membership to 60.

The date was announced for our Lochs and Glens Autumn holiday in Scotland, and we look forward to day trips to Nuffield Place, Grey's Court and to Horatio's Garden. We also enjoy our monthly coffee mornings and pub lunches.

Our Speaker was Magistrate Alistair Boreland MBE. JP., serving in the Adult Crime jurisdiction. He explained parts of the legal system to us in its broader sense, and how the criminal system works in England and Wales. All criminal cases start out in the Magistrate's Court, 90% of which are dealt with there.

In May there was the usual table of gorgeous home made cakes and bakes, some craft items and some lovely healthy looking plants for sale.

The speaker was Paul Rabbitts who gave a most interesting talk about the ancestral seat of the Earls of Essex at Cassiobury Park. Originally a Tudor building dating from 1546. When the there was no money to pay death duties in 1922 it was offered for sale, but there were no buyers. The house was ultimately demolished in 1927. The surrounding 190 acres of Cassiobury Park was turned into the main open space for Watford, welcoming over 2 million visitors every year.

Elizabeth Hine



Editor's Correction from Feb 2024: PICTURE OF CHILTERN LADIES ADMIRING THEIR HATS

Exploring Portraiture, discover Cara Gordon the 2024 Muir Trust Artist in Residence





Cara's evocative works range from portraiture to landscapes

The Muir Trust and Discover Bucks Museum are delighted to announce that Belfast artist, Cara Gordon, is this year's artist-in residence at the Museum from 9 April ~

Cara's evocative works range from portraiture to landscapes. She is a renowned and award-winning artist including winning the RUA Gold Medal at the 2021 exhibition at the Ulster Museum.

For her Residency, Cara will create a group of drawn portraits and sketches of local people within the museum and the surrounding town. These may be quick spontaneous sketches or longer studies made onto collages of discarded papers that add another dimension and texture to each portrait. She will be looking for a diverse range of sitters to illustrate the town and its communities today and hopes to engage new audiences with her work. Mel Czapski, Curator of Art at Discover Bucks Museum, said, "Portraits are a fascinating subject, giving a unique insight into the sitter. Cara's experimentation with process and materials, building up layers of collage beneath the portrait adds an extra dimension to her work. This residency is a fabulous opportunity for our visitors to engage with a professional artist and explore their own creativity through our workshops."

Cara welcomes visitors to her studio in the museum on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and will also be sketching portraits in Aylesbury Library on Tuesdays. If you've always wanted to try portraiture, come along to Cara's exciting workshop day for adults on collage and charcoal portraits on Saturday 20 April. Finally, you can hear Cara talk about her residency and see her residency exhibition on the afternoon of Thursday 23 May.

To book these events, opening times and charges visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Admission to Cara's studio and Residency Exhibition included in museum entry charge.

Residency supported by The Muir Trust.

Additional information

The Muir Trust : The Muir Trust was founded in 1997 after a bequest by Jane Muir, a Buckinghamshire artist, in memory of her late husband Alistair Muir, art lover, practitioner and promoter of the arts.

The Muir Trust residency is an integral part of Discover Bucks Museum's artistic programme. The residency enables visitors to engage with a working artist and offers the artist an opportunity to develop their practice in new directions.

'Exploring Portraiture' exhibition: opens 24 May 2024

For times, charges and to book any of these events please visit discoverbucksmuseum.org Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

School News – June 2024

Great Kimble C of E School

Some of the exciting things the children experienced last term were hatching chicks and butterflies as well as an inspiring trip to Science Oxford.



Life Long Learning

At Great Kimble we are always looking for ways to create memorable learning experiences for the children. Some of the exciting things the children experienced last term were hatching chicks and butterflies as well as an inspiring trip to Science Oxford. In Year 5 and 6 they have been learning about Microbits as part of our computing curriculum. These are award-winning programmable device that allows the children to get hands-on with coding and digital marketing.

Over the summer term we are looking forward to pedalling a bike to power a blender to make our own smoothies, a residential trip to Longridge in Marlow, a visit from Author, Kerry McIntosh to inspire the children in their writing and an Olympic dance workshop and performance.

Celebrating our Learners

There are many ways in which we celebrate our learners. Awarding House Points (Kimble Stars), Headteacher Awards and Fruits of the Spirit Awards for demonstrating our Kimble values are just a few. At the end of March, we joined many schools and organisations across the country to celebrate our neurodivergent learners as part of Neurodiversity Week and Autism Acceptance Week. We learnt about neurodiversity and fundraised for the National Autistic Society.

School and Church Links

The school Church choir is going from strength to strength and over a third of the school is now a member of the choir! They meet weekly in school to prepare for the monthly St Nics' Kids service at St Nicholas' Church. The service is family friendly and planned with the children in mind. There are lots of fun activities for the children as well as coffee, pastries and newspapers for the adults. This is a fantastic community event and our choir would love to welcome you and brighten your day with some fantastic singing. This is usually on the 3rd Sunday of each month and the next dates are 19th May and 16th June.

Lettings

We have a light and bright school hall, with a small kitchen and toilet which is available for hire. If you know of any evening or weekend groups that would like a regular letting please ask them to contact the school office on the email or phone number above.

Social Media

Our school Facebook page can be found by searching 'Great Kimble School'. We have also launched a new Twitter: @GreatKimbleCofE. Please 'like' our FB page and twitter posts and share our news so we can celebrate our successes with the local and wider community.

Save the Date!

If you would like to join us for our summer fair this year, it is Saturday 29th June, 12-3pm. There will be a BBQ and the usual fun stalls and activities. It is a great way to support your local school PTA who tirelessly fundraise to help provide the best educational resources and experiences for the children.

School Places

We have a small number of places available for pupils across the school. If you have recently moved to the area, are looking to move schools or require a reception place in the years to come I would be delighted to show you around our warm and caring school. We have scheduled tours in the autumn term, or you can contact the school office for tours at a time to suit you.

Mrs Lodge

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PACE



PACE, a UK registered charity was first established in 1990, close to Aylesbury to help children with neurodisabilities.

Donations and support for PACE are essential for the on-going operation of the charity so do please sign up to these events if you can or make a donation to PACE on their web site www.thepacecentre.org

Yorkshire 3 Peaks

July 14th

Take on the 3 highest peaks in Yorkshire.

Walking as one team we attempt to conquer the 3 spectacular fells of Whernside (736m), Ingleborough (723m) and Pen-y-Ghent (694m) that dominate the Dales skyline. We will cover 39km and climb over 1700m within just 12 hours to return to Horton and successfully complete the challenge and enter the 'Three Peaks of Yorkshire Club'.

Sign up now:

https://thepacecentre.org/event/ yorkshire-3-peaks-challenge-2/

Paws for Pace at Waddesdon Manor

20th July

Join us for some family fun at our inaugural 'Paws for Pace' dog event in the grounds of the stunning Waddesdon Manor Estate.

This is a perfect way to start your summer fun by gathering your family and friends and spending some time together with your dogs.

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Crime rate report – Ellesborough

This is for general interest. The information is extracted from CrimeRate Insights and provides a detailed view of crime and safety around Butlers Cross.

The data covers a ten year period from December 2014 to November 2023, and has been applied to three areas:

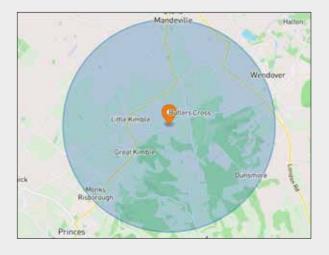
CrimeRate Indexes for HP17 0XF					
Area	Radius	Total Crime	Violent	Property	Social
Local Area	1,601m	1.09	0.76	1.74	1.05
Nearby Area	3,337m	0.82	0.72	0.78	0.72
Wider Area	4,950m	0.98	1.02	0.88	0.88

The Local Area of-500 residentsThe Nearby Area of-5,000 residentsThe Wider Area of-25,000 residents

CrimeRate Indexes 2023

A crime rate of 1.0x indicates that the crime rate is the same as the national average, and 2.0x indicates the crime rate is twice as high etc.

- Violent Crime: Robbery, Theft from the Person, and Violence and Sexual Offences
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- Social Crime includes Anti-Social Behaviour, criminal damage and arson, drugs; cession of weapons, public order, other crime.



Planning applications

Reference	24/05807/ADRC
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Wed 03 Apr 2024
Application Validated	Wed 03 Apr 2024
Address	Chequers House Chequers Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0UZ
Proposal	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (bio compensation and enhancement) pursuant to planning approval: 23/07502/FUL
Status	Awaiting decision
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> Email: butlerscrossoutdoorhelp@gmail.com Tel: 01296 620271 / message or call 07597 991315

Ellesborough Parish Council Chairman's Note - May 2024

The fields and hedges are in full bloom, the Russell Arms garden seems popular and Summer approaches...

Village Summer Party – Saturday 29th June

The Parish Village Party is taking place at the Parish Hall on Saturday 29th June from 12.30pm to 5pm.

The day is an "all welcome" event for Parishioners to meet and sample some local produce and catch up with friends and neighbours. It will include Buckmoorend Farm meats on the BBQ, Chiltern Brewery's finest ales, a local honey producer demonstration and activities, the Ellesborough Silver Band, a Church cake stall and the judging of the Childrens Garden Design competition.

Parish Hall Playground

As mentioned in my last note, the playground failed its Health and Safety audit and needed substantial capital expenditure to get it back fully operational. The efforts of Cllr Holman can now be seen and the children are enjoying the improved speed of the refurbished roundabout ! Thank you again, to all the sponsors who financially supported this popular village amenity.

Fix My Street

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A common topic, in the Public Forum at Parish Council meetings is the poor state of our road surfaces, which appear to have been deteriorating more often and taking longer to repair. The instinct is that this is in part due to HS2 traffic rerouting and more commercial vehicle movements. EPC meet on a monthly basis with HS2 and Bucks Highways to lobby for improvements and repairs to our roads, but the above link is the best way to initially raise any issues and we would encourage all Parishioners to keep reporting via this link, in the first instance.

Road Safety

The new solar powered mobile speed cameras have now arrived and will be installed shortly. There are 9 locations across the Parish where the cameras will periodically rotated. Speeding data will be captured and sent directly to Thames Valley Police, and this will provide a valuable in tool in targeting long term speed reduction in our village. Ellesborough Parish are now at the forefront of using technology to tackle speed awareness and this replaces our original cameras which were acquired 10 years ago.

Affordable Housing

A resolution to grant planning consent was approved by Bucks Council (BC) in July 2023 to build 6 x 2 bedroom houses on a site in Chalkshire Road. The decision was approved, subject to a legal agreement being put in place, between the land owner, the developer and BC. This agreement is intended to give occupational priority to people with established local links to Ellesborough Parish, in perpetuity. This was also the express basis upon which EPC supported the application for affordable housing and we were consulted on the acceptable terms of this proposed agreement. It remains a matter of frustration that 9 months on, BC are still unable to agree the terms of this legal agreement with the Affordable Housing provider to enable the development to commence. It is now unlikely any construction works will commence before Autumn.

Hopefully the sun is out and I see you all on the 29th June.

Regards

Chairman McGrail

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10.00		The Mid-Morning Show Hits old and new plus local info with Howard Bond			
12.00 pm		The Weekday Lunchbox Fine music and chat with Sally Poulson			
1.00	The Gold Kite	Back-to-back classic hits			
2.00 pm		n Show Music, features Maggie G or Peter Dawes			
4.00		reat music and local road news with Paul Higgs			
6.00	The Gold Kite	Back-to-back classic hits			
7.00	Monday	The Seventies Rewind with Simon Jobling			
	Tuesday	The Nineties Rewind 90s hits with Ian Hughes			
	Wednesday	The Eighties Rewind with Howard Bond			
	Thursday	The Sixties Rewind with Cherry Waller			
	Friday	The Weekend Warm- Up with Karl Braisher			
9.00	Monday	The Musicals Hour Songs from the shows			
	Tuesday	Motown Magic with Annette Luck			
	Wednesday	Un-Ironic Country with Tamsin Starling			
	Thursday	The Beatles Hour with Donald McFarlane			
10.00	The Weekday Wind-Down Chill at the end of the day with Donald McFarlane				
11.00	Through the Night Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s				

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Saturday

7.00 am	Saturday Breakfast Your weekend starts here! With Andrew Duthie
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12.00 pm	The Saturday Lunchbox Music across the generations with Heather Jan Brunt
1.00	Saturday PM Back-to-back classic hits and recent releases
3.00	The Retro Chart Show Dave Mac plays the charts from two years in history
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Sund	day
7.00 am	Sunday Breakfast Back-to-back hits
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This class has already started but there are a few places still available. The class is at 9:15am on Thursdays and is aimed at anyone with good Pilates experience.

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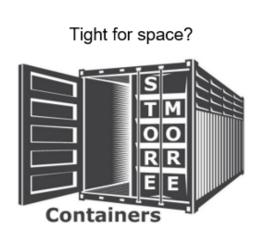


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