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ELLESBOROUGH VILLAGE & LOCAL EVENTS



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Ellesborough
Village Hall



Parish Council Meetings

21st July 19.30
Ellesborough Village Hall

15th September 19.30
Dunsmore Parish Hall



Church Services

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and St Nic's Kids
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Open Farm Sunday

Buckmoorend
Farm

8th June



Village Party

Village Hall

5th July



Bucks art weeks

7th to 22nd June



Chiltern Ladies

Stewart Hall Kimble

4th June

2nd July

6th August



Wendover Art Club

2nd and 4th
Thursdays of every
month

7.30pm & 9.30pm



K & E Horticultural Society

Stewart Hall Kimble

First Tuesday Each
Month, except Jan



Village Cake n Coffee

20th June

18th July

22nd August



Qigong for beginners starts

Village Hall

Every Wednesday -
see page 40



Memory Café

Chapel Hall,
Speen Church

Every third Thursdays
of the month

Chairman's Letter

We're always keen to hear from new voices, especially those with fresh stories from our parish.

If you have any news, a new neighbour or a growing family, drop us a line at edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com. We'd love to give them a warm village welcome.

Wishing all our readers a lovely summer ahead.

Richard Jennings
Chairman



Ellesborough magazine

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Letters

Aylesbury Vale Dawn, from Bay Leaves



Photo by Matt McGrail

Village Party

To be held at the Village Hall on
Saturday 5th July.

As usual all welcome and there will
be a bar, bbq and music.

Thank you

Regards

Councillor McGrail

On behalf of Ellesborough
Parish Council

Kites Again

7 - then 11 of them wheeling over
Beacon Hill today. Too many now
- already they have consumed
one tennis-playing friend's little
goslings, and another tennis-
friend's chicks - and nearly all of
our garden birds - except Robin
- they are terrified of Robin! Also,
interestingly, they don't go for - in
a kind of reverse colour prejudice
- any black coloured birds - so
blackbird is safe (though when he
finds a more brown coloured mate
- she might be taken). Perhaps
- rather sadly - they need to be
culled, pretty though they are,
wheeling over the hill?

This year, Robin has "guarded" two
blue tits. But I wonder how long they
will last? And, we've heard some rat-
tating from a woodpecker (surely a

woodpecker's beak is too long and
sharp for an attack?)

I long for this wood garden to be filled
with song birds again. I still remember,
with such pain, when Michael said to
me (now two years ago) "Jane, come
quickly, a beautiful spotted song
thrush has landed on our lawn". Just
as I came up, a kite swooped down,
clutched the poor bird in its talons and
carried it off. I cried!

Most people think the kites only eat
carrion - this is not true. The whole
thing just shows how to beware
when re-introducing species, that
this can sometimes cause havoc!

Jane Waller

Ellesborough
Lodge March 2025

Memory Café

Memory Café which takes place
the third Thursday of every month
at Speen Chapel between 10 and
12 noon.

The café is run by Ashridge Home
Care and local volunteers to offer
a safe space for those living with
dementia and their families to
come for a morning of sociable
chat over tea and cake and fun
sociable activities.

Everybody is welcome.

Jane Waller - in bed from a week at Stoke Mandeville Hospital - having
been felled herself, twisting to take a lethal tennis ball, and slain with a
broken hip on the Princes Risborough Tennis Court! Thank goodness she
wasn't left "as carrion" for the kites to fly off with!

Letters



MEMORY CAFÉ

SUPPORTING THOSE
LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Hosted by a group of local volunteers
and Ashridge Home Care

At Chapel Hall, Speen Church,
Chapel Hill, Speen HP27 0SP

On every third Thursday
of the month between
10am and 12noon.

hello@ashridgehomecare.co.uk
www.ashridgehomecare.co.uk
01494 917344
Everyone is welcome!

200 Club – Ellesborough Parish Hall

Please find below a list of 200 Club winners from February to May 2025:

February	March	April	May
£50 27 Michael Hinchcliffe £35 107 Suzie Wood £25 55 Gerry Donnachie	£50 1 Mrs P Sargeant (deceased) (accepted by Mr Sargeant) £35 127 Mr & Mrs Stewart £25 42 Peter & Joyce Parsons	£50 65 Annabel Westray £35 12 David White £25 16 Tom Lockett	£100 7 Philip Peel £50 103 Anna & James Taylor £35 6 Antony & Jane Robins £25 60 Rob Nichol

Thank you to all the people who are current members of the 200 Club. We would really appreciate your support again for 2025 - 2026.

Each and every member makes a big difference to our funds so thank you again for taking part in this fun, local lottery. Be in it to win it!!

Rosamund Wood

Dunsmore Matriarch and Benefactor

Ros Wood was a prolific benefactor to the Village of Dunsmore, in so many more important ways than financial.

According to the dictionary, a benefactor is someone who 'gives support (esp. financial) to a person or cause'. Ros Wood was a prolific benefactor to the Village of Dunsmore, in so many more important ways than financial. Her gifts to us are banked by other means, and her death on April 7th has left us richer as well as bereft.

Rosamund Elizabeth Wood was born in Kenya, the eldest of four children, on her parents' farm. She was sent to boarding school, thrived, and learned to love ballet. Her love of dancing was often on display in Dunsmore over the years, at garden parties and our popular Summer Balls. She was convinced, however, that her calling was in nursing.

An apprenticeship in nursing in the town of Molo complete, she came to England to attend the St. Thomas School of Nursing. After qualifying as an SRN, she secured a place at St. Thomas' Hospital in London. Her father, though, did not want his daughter living in the capital and arranged for her to live with an aunt in Amersham. There, she met the 'boy next door', Anthony Wood, impressive in his naval uniform. Two years later, she was back in Kenya to marry. Their long life together began in Amersham, where their children, Michael and Caroline, were born. In 1978, they looked for accommodation elsewhere, which happened to be a 'cottage' in the woods in Dunsmore, their 'forever' home, Hampdenleaf.

Ros and Tony immediately settled into the community and began their lives of service to the village. Their unstinting commitment to ensuring that the Church of the Resurrection survived as a community hub was a labour of love. Alongside other determined neighbours, they fought Ellesborough Parish Church Councillors, who wanted to sell off the building and land. And they became church trustees when their fight was finally successful.

Hampdenleaf has often been the initial introduction for newcomers to Dunsmore – come for supper, stay a friend for life! Ros' farming instincts turned part of their land into a very large vegetable and fruit garden, along with resident chickens. Alas, the local foxes found them too tempting to leave alone. Even after Tony's death, Ros carried on her gardening with single-minded determination, sharing the results with friends in the village. And often reluctantly with the rabbits, squirrels, and deer.

Ros' warmth and kindness will be sorely missed by many in Dunsmore. We are so very grateful for all she gave the village; veggies, advice, G&Ts, lessons in humility and sharing, and wonderful tales of her life (particularly in Kenya). Her funeral on April 29th was attended by more than 100 friends and relatives, overflowing the little church she'd worked so hard to save and nurture. Her beneficence will never be forgotten.



Early Memories of Ellesborough by Dick Howard

Dick Howard has lived in and around Ellesborough for most of his life. I arranged to meet Dick to find out more and to talk to him about his memories as a child.

Dick, now 89, was born in 1936. Dick's father was a cobbler working for the Coop Society in Aylesbury and his grandfather was the Station Master at Kimble. Dick, as a small boy, loved collecting tickets from the passengers.

His family lived in the cottages in Terrick before moving to number 4, Beacon View, Butlers Cross. The houses in Beacon View were council owned, built to address a housing shortage and had large gardens to encourage food production after World War 1. They only had electricity in one room, but they did have a mains water supply. As their home had two reception rooms, the Howard family was obliged to take in evacuees, called Ridgeways, from London during World War 2.

Dick's earliest memories start with life at the village school – now the Ellesborough Guide Centre. Ellesborough Village School was built in 1839 by Sir Robert and Lady Frankland-Russell, owners of the Chequers Estate. Many generations of happy children were taught at the school before it closed in July 1969. A local headmistress remembers visiting the school during its last term and recalled "It was more like a happy family than a school".

Dick was a pupil at the school until he was 15 years old. He remembers the headmistress, Mrs Mavor, who taught every subject to the 30 to 40 local children at the school. "She was a lovely lady, tiny, but very strict!"

Ellesborough then was very much a farming community. The main farms were run by:

- Major Tubbs – a former Grenadier Guard and old Etonian "He was a gentleman farmer" who farmed land in Nash Lee Road.
- Mr Randag farmed the Chequers Estate – and lived at Coombe Farm
- Mr Belling farmed what is now Richard Pearce's farm, Malthouse Farm on Chalkshire Road.

- Mr Wheeler farmed Chalkshire Farm
- Mr Munger farmed Springfield Farm (previously Chalkshire Farm).

Until the early 1920's Chalkshire Road had been a gravel road without any footpaths, so there was very little traffic, unlike today.

Dick remembers that there was a paper shop in Ellesborough, owned by the Coopers, visiting The Russell Arms pub (one of three in the parish): "Mrs Mooney was the landlady but she only allowed us young lads to have a lime & lemonade" and a Post Office with a shop. There was a bakehouse in Chalkshire Road delivering oven baked bread by horse and cart. Lyndon was a sweet shop and newsagent where villagers could also charge their batteries.

Ellesborough Manor, previously a private house, became a home for retired clergy. Regular village fetes were held at the Manor. "The only bomb that fell in Ellesborough during WW2 fell by the vicarage, opposite Ellesborough Manor."

Dick remembers Reverend White taking Sunday school "He was a ventriloquist and also starred as Father Christmas "

The Village Hall, with land donated by Lord Astley of Chequers in 1903, also doubled as a sports centre with P E and boxing being very popular. There were also 2 dances per week in the hall and the Ellesborough Silver Band was re-started there in 1938.

Dick's first job was as a farm worker for Major Tubbs before leaving home at 18 to do his National Service. He spent the four and a half years in Germany, Cyprus and Suez with the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry. He remembers his wages were £2.50 per week ("An extra £1.00 if you were a regular").

Dick returned to live in Ellesborough, initially working for a firm of builders in High Wycombe.



Major Tubbs then asked Dick to return to work on his farm, offering to match his building wages. Meanwhile, Dick was courting a pretty young WAAF called Joan O'Hara who was working at Chequers, one of a team looking after the Prime Minister's residence. When Dick married, he left Major Tubbs to work for International Alloys in Aylesbury. He was attracted by a jump in salary from £12 to £17 per week. Dick and Joan went on to have two sons and two daughters. They moved to Aylesbury to accommodate their growing family. Joan sadly died a few years ago.

Dick has also worked for many years helping Richard Pearce on his farm in Chalkshire Road. Richard describes Dick as "he was an ace turkey killer!" and "very much a ladies' man, always chatting up the ladies". He now helps Richard & Janet, looking after their garden.

It was a great pleasure to meet Dick, a really delightful man, and to hear him reminiscing about his childhood years in Ellesborough.

Allan Westray

Church Services



St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough



June Services

Sunday 1st 10.45 Songs of Praise
Sunday 8th 10.45 Parish Communion
Sunday 15th 10.45 Matins (BCP)
Sunday 22nd 10.45 Patronal Festival Communion
Sunday 29th No service

June Services

Sunday 6th 10.45 Songs of Praise
Sunday 13th 10.45 Parish Communion
Sunday 20th 10.45 Easter Communion
Sunday 27th 10.45 Parish Communion

August Services

Sunday 3rd 10.45 Songs of Praise
Sunday 10th 10.45 Parish Communion
Sunday 17th 10.45 Matins (BCP)
Sunday 24th 10.45 Parish Communion
Sunday 31st No service

Please note that we are now serving afternoon teas and cakes every Sunday afternoon and Bank Holidays from 2pm to 5pm.

Do please join us for wonderful homemade cakes and a chat.

St Nic's Kids



This year at St Nic's Kids we are looking at cool things animals show us about our creator God.

Our next St Nic's Kids will be on the 20 July.

Doors open at 9.15 for tea, coffee and pastries plus activities for children followed by a relevant and engaging service for all ages. We aim to finish by 10.30.

For more information contact saint.nic.kids@gmail.com

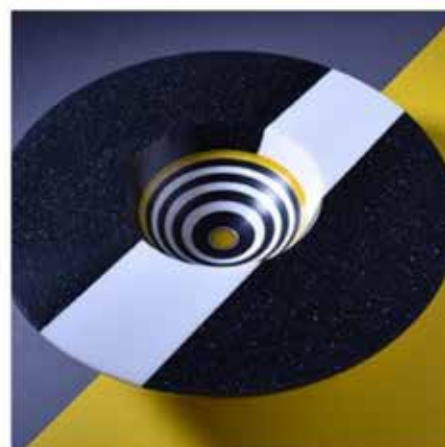


Bucks Art Weeks at St Dunstan's

An exhibition showcasing a group of established artists and makers in beautiful, medieval St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough.

Nine artists and makers showing paintings, print-making, illuminations, textile art, paper sculpture, turned vessels, ceramics, mosaics and jewellery.

For photos and more info, see www.artatstdunstans.blogspot.com



Home-baked cakes and drinks on offer throughout the show. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the church serves cream teas.

Art at St Dunstan's is open Saturday 7 - Sunday 15 June

Saturdays and w/days 10 - 4,
Sundays 12 - 4.

St Dunstan's Church, Burton Lane, off Mill Lane, Monks Risborough, BUCKS HP27 9JE.

Please park on Mill Lane.

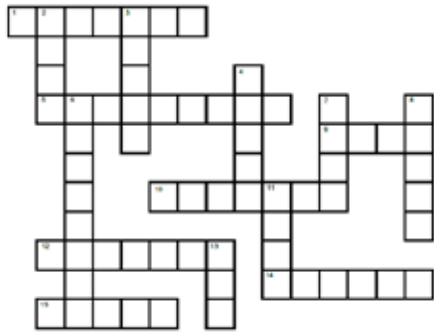
Spring Puzzle

Spring Word Search

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Spring Crossword





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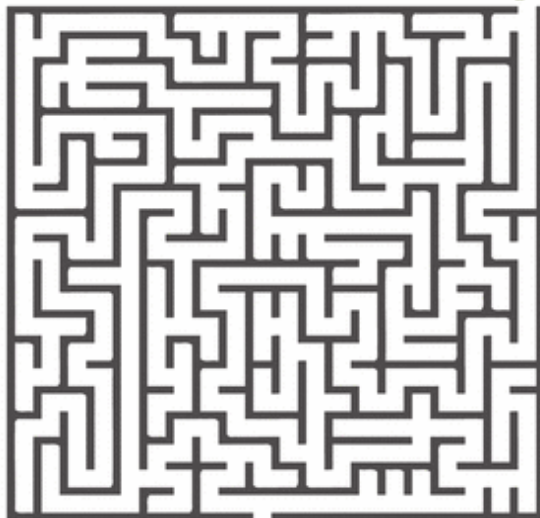


1. Lots of flowers on a tree
5. A brightly coloured flying insect
9. Bees live in this
10. There is said to be a pot of gold at the end of one of these
12. You may give someone special a bunch of these
14. Holiday associated with eggs
15. When a young bird breaks out of its shell

Down

2. A baby sheep
3. The umbrella in the picture has lots of these
4. Get the dustpan and brush out for a Spring one of these
6. Something you put up when it is raining
7. When it warms up the snow does this
8. Birds build these to lay their eggs
11. The sky is this colour
13. After winter you see more of this in the sky during the Spring





Help the Butterfly find the Flower!

Spring I SPY

How many of each of the items can you spy?



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**Visit a farm & discover
the world of farming!**

8th June 2025

Buckmoorend Farm

Butlers Cross | HP17 0UT

11am to 4pm

**COME ALONG TO ENJOY A FUN FAMILY DAY AND LEARN ABOUT
EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES AT BUCKMOOREND FARM!**

DISCOVER the world of animals, crops and machinery

TASTE our delicious produce in our farm shop and kitchen

ENJOY some great produce from our local suppliers

WATCH a butchery demonstration from our onsite butchers

TAKE part in fun activities for young and old

MEET our amazing animals

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Buckmoorend Farm



It is well and truly Spring time here on the farm and absolutely our favourite time of the year.



The weather is glorious, there is new life everywhere and although we could now do with a bit more rain the early signs of the crops growing is all positive (for now!).

We were just preparing for lambing when we last wrote and now with plenty of chubby looking lambs in the fields along the Ellesborough road we have caught up on lost sleep. After a less successful lambing last year we made a few adjustments and managed to combat many of the same issues that caused a higher loss rate. We brought our ewes into the lambing shed a earlier than usual to minimise stress levels close to birth and increased their mineral intake. Fortunately, these changes had the desired effect as we certainly had fewer difficult births, no need to call the vet out, and the result of much stronger lambs which was great. We even had a go at some hydrotherapy for one little lamb, Penelope, as she was unable to carry any weight on her front legs after birth. With some TLC, perseverance and plenty of bottles of milk she is now thriving and enjoying all

the attention she is getting in the paddock in front of the farm shop.

Farmer Daniel, Richard and Mark have been busy planting and spraying the Spring crops around the estate as well as tending to our new calves that are enjoying the warmer weather down in the field at Kimble. We've even had 3 sets of twins which has been a surprise and all are doing well! Now we hope for a good combination of weather over the coming months for a successful harvest in the summer.

Aside from the day to day on the farm and in the farm shop we are preparing for our favourite event of the year, Open Farm Sunday! We will be opening the farm on Sunday 8th June from 11am – 4pm and really hope you can join us to learn more about the incredible journey our food takes from farm to fork. As always there will be plenty of activities to get involved with for all as well as many of our wonderful local suppliers joining us to showcase their own craft. Our butchery demo last year was really popular so our head butcher, Gary,

and his team will be adding a second demo for which our loin of beef is already hanging to be aged to perfection! This is the first lot of beef that has come through from our new Shorthorn bull, handsomely named Kislingbury Lotus, and we can't wait to share it with you.



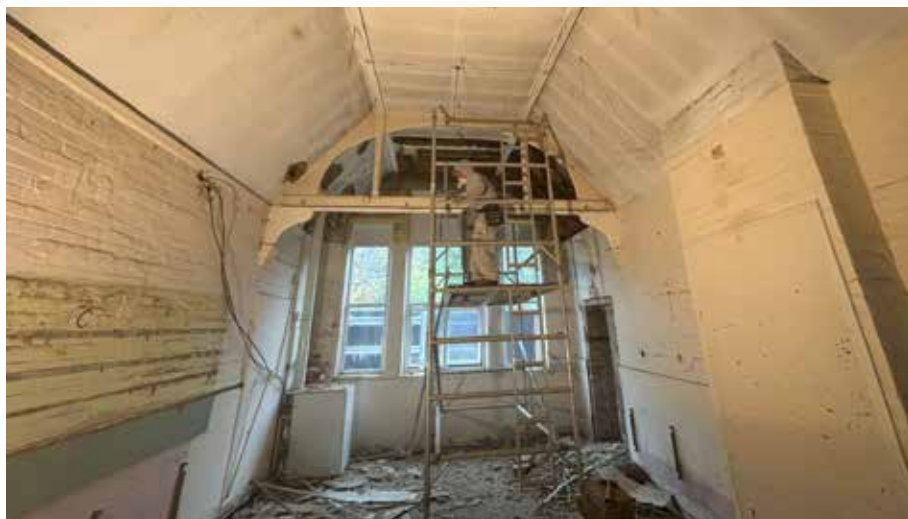
Lastly, you may have noticed that we have added a late night opening every Thursday until 6pm. We know it will help those workers who are unable to reach us during our normal hours so do pop by as you need.

As always, thank you for all your support.

Daniel, Steph & all the team
at Buckmoorend Farm

Ellesborough Guide Centre: *Honouring Our Heritage, Embracing the Future*

While the Centre has always been cherished, feedback from users in recent years highlighted the need for modernisation.



Nestled at the foot of Coombe Hill in the heart of the Chilterns, Ellesborough Guide Centre has been a cornerstone of Girlguiding in Buckinghamshire for over five decades.

Originally built in 1839 as Ellesborough Village School, the building served generations of local children before being acquired by Girlguiding Buckinghamshire from the Chequers Trust in 1971. Since its transformation into a Pack Holiday House in 1972, the Centre has welcomed thousands of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and volunteers, as well as Scouts, Duke of Edinburgh Award participants, and local youth groups.

Set in two acres of beautiful grounds, the Centre offers both indoor accommodation and camping space, making it the perfect venue for everything from adventurous overnights and outdoor skills to leadership training and community events. As the official county home

of Girlguiding Buckinghamshire, Ellesborough Guide Centre holds a special place in the hearts of many, evoking fond memories of campfires, friendships, and personal development.

While the Centre has always been cherished, feedback from users in recent years highlighted the need for modernisation. Ellesborough Guide Centre carried out a consultation with users to understand how the Centre could better meet current expectations. The message was clear: the external toilet and shower block needed urgent attention, accessibility had to improve, and more comfortable facilities for both young members and adult volunteers were a priority. It was also important that any changes respected the character of the original Victorian building while ensuring that the Centre remained fit for the 21st century.

Thanks to generous support from legacy donations, charitable

trusts, grant funding, and tireless community fundraising including contributions from Girlguiding units across the county, the Centre has recently completed a major two-phase refurbishment.

Phase 1, completed in 2024, focused on the complete renovation of the external toilet and shower block. This essential facility now includes accessible and modernised amenities, including a fully equipped disabled wet room, offering vastly improved comfort for all users and ensuring the Centre complies with current accessibility standards.

Phase 2 addressed the refurbishment of the main building, affectionately known as Cygnet Cottage. Works included the creation of additional bedrooms utilising the upstairs loft space, the installation of new bunk beds throughout, enhanced sleeping arrangements for leaders, and upgraded kitchen and washroom facilities. The fully insulated building now features a



new heating system, energy-efficient lighting, modern kitchen appliances, improved wi-fi, and a new security system. Every aspect of the work has been designed with inclusivity, sustainability, and functionality in mind ensuring that the Centre is not only compliant with modern standards but more comfortable, more efficient and future-proof.

To celebrate the completion of these exciting developments, an official reopening ceremony will take place on 1st June 2025. The event will be led by Tracy Foster, Chief Guide, and attended by representatives of the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, alongside District and County Commissioners

from both Girlguiding and Scouts. This invitation-only event will be a moment to reflect on the Centre's legacy, honour the contributions of countless supporters, and showcase the newly transformed facilities.

Should you want to learn more about Ellesborough Guide Centre, please visit: <https://girlguidingbucks.org.uk/ellesborough-guide-centre/>

The reopening marks not just the end of a refurbishment project, but the beginning of a renewed chapter for Ellesborough Guide Centre—an inclusive, sustainable, and welcoming space where learning, confidence-building, and lifelong friendships will continue to flourish.



Tracy Foster, Chief Guide, who is opening the refurbished centre on 1st June.

Ellesborough Parish Clean up

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

Thank you to all who gave their time and enthusiasm, on Sunday 6th April, to clear litter.

We had 16 willing volunteers who made the difference - and we are also grateful to many more who clear litter, near to their homes, throughout the year.

The next clear up will be in the Autumn.



The pile of rubbish collected and cleared from our village.

Sunflower Growing Competition

In March, we launched our kids sunflower growing competition. We hope they are starting to grow.

As the Sunflowers grow, tie them to canes to stop them blowing over. Remember to water them through the summer to keep them growing!



Don't forget to send us pictures for us to share in our September Edition. Happy growing!!
Send Photo to: edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com

From the Driver's Seat: *A Brief History of My Passion For Carriage Driving*

I first became interested in Carriage driving as a child in the 1970s, from riding a friend's pony, whose shoes were fitted by a farrier.



He had carriage driving horses and I was fascinated by the sight of him driving his pony and trap.

Aged fourteen, my parents bought a pony called 'Kentucky' from him. Kentucky was trained in harness but hadn't been driven for about five years, so I decided I would drive him as soon as I was able. Once I started work at the age of 16, I started saving up and a few years later, was able to buy a set of harness and a cheap two wheeled carriage, along with a book explaining how to do it all. I then found myself in a field with my pony, book in one hand, harness in the other! Kentucky was duly harnessed up, put to, and off we

went without a thought about what could go wrong!

I joined The British Driving Society and attended some of the group drives they organised locally. Kentucky was a great driving pony, and we had lots of fun together.

Fast forward many years, I now had two ponies for my daughters to ride. I decided to train one of them to pull a carriage, with the help of my friend Anita, my daughters and a training DVD. It was a great success and she was eventually sold as a driving pony. I missed carriage driving though, so a few years later I bought another driving

pony, called Lilly, whom many of you will have seen in the processions at our village celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's Jubilees. She was a little wild initially, but soon settled down into a very steady and reliable pony. In latter years I started competing her in the regional Indoor Carriage Driving Trials. This involves three stages: Precision and Paces – which is designed to show how obedient the pony and skilled the driver is. Cones – a course of approximately 10 pairs of cones at a set distance apart, with balls on top. It should be driven to an optimum time, and if a ball is knocked off, penalties are added to the score. Obstacles – two groups of obstacles with 5 or six gates to drive through as fast as possible. The scores for each stage are then added together. Lilly and I had great fun, and have met lots of lovely, supportive people.

Sadly I lost Lilly to old age last year. I now have a new pony called Charlie. At six years old he is a cheeky monkey with lots to learn. He had only just been trained in harness when I bought him, but is doing really well and hopefully will be out competing in the near future.

If this article has piqued your interest, please do get in touch as I'm always in need of helpers. You do need to be relatively fit and nimble and have some previous experience with horses - lizhancock20@gmail.com

Liz Hancock
Chalkshire Road

Ellesborough Silver Band

Our trip centred on Brugge, a medieval market town full of history with beautiful architecture and canals.



The band at Ostend Bandstand

There was at time when every village had its own brass/silver band. Many have since disappeared but Ellesborough Silver Band has managed to survive and under the directorship of Graham Wells has been going from strength to strength.

Originally, the band would have been comprised of almost exclusively players from the village but now draws in players from across Aylesbury Vale and beyond. Unlike many bands, we don't 'contest', preferring to play for the enjoyment.

Last year was a great year for the band. As well as playing at several fetes and events we planned and had a mini tour to Belgium, where brass banding is also popular.

Our trip centred on Brugge, a medieval market town full of history with beautiful architecture and canals. We had planned 3 performances and our first concert was in the seaside town of De Panne in the historic Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk. Here, free concerts are held regularly during the year where people are invited to come



The trombone section in Menen Gate



A Brugge scene

and listen. We played a varied programme and had a fantastic reception from the audience of a few hundred despite the heat inside the church. After the concert we had a very special moment. Jack, a bass player and Mary-Ellen who plays the cornet had met through the band and fallen in love. As the band had 'played' a big part in they meeting he wanted the band to be there for this special moment. He proposed! Of course she said yes and we all joined in their celebration and look forward to their wedding next year.



The band inside Menen Gate

Our second performance was in the town of Ostend where we played on a bandstand in the centre of town while people dined and shopped. We must have made a good impression the previous day, as one gentleman, who had been at the concert in De Panne came all the way to see us again!

After Ostend we had what was probably the musical highlight of the trip. We had been given permission to play at the memorial ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. The Gate is a huge structure, engraved on it are the names of 55,000 commonwealth soldiers who lost their lives during the Great War and every day a memorial ceremony is held under the gate. We all found this a very moving experience and played 3 carefully selected pieces. Katie, our Flugel horn player stood out, holding her nerve to give a great performance

of Be Still, a piece written in remembrance of the 7/7 London bombings.

Of course it wasn't all music and we all enjoyed the community that is our brass band and didn't miss out on sampling Belgian beer and chocolate during our stay. We enjoyed it so much we are planning another trip to Belgium next year, this time to Ghent.

This year our calendar is filling up and we have lots of events planned with celebrations of the 80th anniversary of VE Day featuring strongly. We are looking forward to entertaining the crowds at all these events.

If you have anyone interested in playing in a band, we're always on the lookout for new people whether currently playing or used to play and want to take it up again, get in touch.



A marriage proposal

We also have a training band for kids and adults who aren't ready for the main band so feel free to come along

Dr Phil Peel

Ellesborough Silver Band

Chiltern Brewery

Celebrating 45 Years of Beers! (1980-2025)

We are delighted to celebrate 45 years of brewing on the same site in Terrick, in the Brewery founded by Mr & Mrs Richard Jenkinson.



Forty-five years ago, in September 1980, Richard Jenkinson brewed the first beer, Chiltern Ale, in his newly established Chiltern Brewery.

The foundations for it were laid earlier, in 1979, when Richard and Lesley Jenkinson first decided to establish a brewery on the small-holding in Terrick that they had bought.

The germ of the idea, was planted in Richard's mind as he waited in the Victoria Bar at Marylebone station, with a pint of Ruddles, not a very local beer.

Buying the equipment was not so simple then as it is now. It is hard to imagine today, but there were no brewery suppliers that fledgling breweries could call on for equipment then.

So novel were small breweries, there were none in Bucks, nor the Chilterns, and only a handful in the country. In fact, the term micro-brewery did not even exist. That was not to be coined for another 20 years.

Even the Customs & Excise officers were flummoxed when they received his application for a brewing licence. They had not seen one before.

A home-brewer since living in Weston Turville, Richard knew the step from home-brewing to real brewery, required training, which was also scarce. But, after a couple of very James Herriot-esque brew days in Litchborough, on museum-worthy brewing kit, Richard set about building his own brewery.

Everything they needed, Richard and Lesley had to source from dairy farms, and then adapt. Or fabricate and weld together himself. With a steel fabricating upbringing, Richard was well equipped to make what they could not buy.

We still use two items he welded in 1980 – our grist case, a container that the malt is tipped into at the start of the brew, and a stand to support the mash tun – the first vessel of the brew.

Aside from pioneering the Brewery, he applied the same energy and determination to innovative ways to growth. The Brewery was the first to set up a brewery shop in 1989, and to offer brewery tours. These were quickly followed by the idea to create beer foods exclusive to the Brewery, using local producers,

THE CHILTERN BREWERY 1980-2025

Celebrating 45 Years of Beer




if they could be found in the pre-internet days!

The next step came in 2005, the Brewery's 25th year. We opened our new brew house and celebrated the opening of the Brewery Tap in Aylesbury, The King's Head.

More recently, in 2020, for our 40th year, we began the first phase of our Brewery expansion, the largest project since founding the Brewery.

In 2022, we realised a long-held dream to brew with Bucks grown malting barley. Ours is grown just up the road on the Waddesdon Estates. It is also grown regeneratively. As far as we know, we are the only brewery brewing with regeneratively, locally-grown barley in the UK.

This year, we are celebrating 45 years, with a series of special beers from our Brewery archives.

Many readers, may, hopefully, have picked up a bottle of Ruby Anniversary Ale. A beer which was phenomenally popular in 2013. It proved even more popular on re-release this year, selling out in a matter of weeks.

We have just launched a new canned beer called Long Summer Days – please see our advert for the details!

In time for September, we will be brewing a commemorative version of Chiltern Ale. We believe it is the longest continually brewed beer in Bucks and the Chilterns we have often wondered what it would be like, bolstered with more malt and

hops. We will be brewing this special beer – Original Gravity – in the Autumn. We will have our answer, and raise our glasses, then!

However, we have our eyes as much to the future as to our past and we stride towards the completion of the Brewery expansion. Re-laying the foundations for future generations.

We thank you all, for your support and encouragement, and hope you will join us in raising our glasses (or several!) to another 45 years!

Cheers!

The Secret World of Chequers And its History



If you want to know more then please come to
the church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Ellesborough on
Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30 p.m.

To hear from Emma Paterson (Head Housekeeper) and
David McCormick (Collections Manager)

Tickets are £10 a person and are available from
Jackie Rysdale 01296 615109; mobile 07780 837690
email: jackie_rysdale@yahoo.co.uk

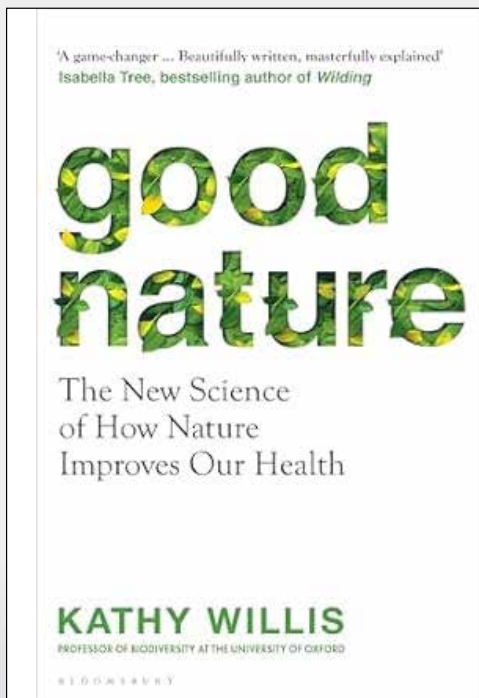
or on the door

See You There!

Book review

How Good Nature Improves Our Health

In the days when we used to open our garden under the National Garden Scheme, many are the times visitors would say how peaceful, how relaxed they felt just being in the garden.



Sitting in a shaded spot surrounded by plants or strolling at leisure, it is something we may all have all felt.

We take it for granted when enjoying the countryside, parks or great National Trust properties. Whether enjoying leisure or working surrounded by nature we probably sense that it is good for us. In fact, it is doing us far more good than we might think.

Kathy Willis, Professor of Biodiversity in the Department of Biology and the Principal of St Edmund Hall at the University of Oxford, Crossbench Peer in the House of Lords and a former Director of Science at the

Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, has written a game-changing book (August 2024) that explores the science of how nature improves our health. Her book *Good Nature*, published last year, beautifully written, easily read and understood, brings together the remarkable recent scientific findings of the link between our proximity to nature and our better health, mood and longevity.

Fifteen years ago, she was intrigued by a study revealing that patients recovering from gallbladder operations who could see trees from their hospital beds recovered three times faster than those who looked out onto brick walls. 'They also had better post-operative mental well-being and required fewer doses of strong pain relief drugs'. Since then, she has dedicated her research to proving the link between the amount of our exposure to green spaces and our physical and mental health. She shows the surprising and practical ways that can improve our lives, such as that smelling cedar will enhance cancer-fighting cells in our immune system, touching wood and having pot plants in our rooms can make a difference.

This book is a must-read with practical applications for improving the quality of life and well-being from childhood to advanced age. As we move out of the gloom of winter into early spring, what better time to take advantage of the, mainly free, advantages of getting in touch, sight, smell and hearing of nature. It really is very good for us.

Tony Young

*Good Nature by Kathy Willis
Published by Bloomsbury
Publishing £20.00*

Bucks Garden Trust Outings



Buckinghamshire
Gardens Trust

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

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

17 June



Summer social evening social event – at Lilies Weedon.

Tuesday 17 June 2025 from 6-8pm.

The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust is organising on Tuesday 17th June 6-8pm A Summer Social Evening at The Lilies, Weedon, near Aylesbury HP22 4NS, by kind permission of Mr George Anson.

This event by the Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust forms part of its response to the threat to the statutory consultee role and is in aid of The Gardens Trust 'Fighting Fund Appeal'.

Fizz and canapes will be served in the garden; you will be free to wander round.

We will also hold a Grand Raffle (please contact Claire de Carle if you would like to donate a quality garden related prize or a treat, for example a cream tea for four in your garden!)

Booking now open through –

Ticket source: £25 a member £30 for guests

Dossier – <https://bucksgardenstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Lilies-Weedon.pdf>

Parking – on site

A loo is available – unisex

Location – Lilies, Buckinghamshire, HP22 4NS

21 June



BGT Summer Visit, Walk and Talk – Old Keeper's Cottage garden, Hedgerley, Bucks.

Saturday 21 June 2025

The visit starts at the Memorial Hall in Hedgerley where we will be given a talk by the owner of the Old Keeper's Cottage, Rob Cooper. The garden described by visitors as 'a real gardener's garden'.

This is a fairly new 1½ acre garden set around a Grade II listed former brickmaker's cottage (not open).

The garden features borders packed with perennials, a small meadow and orchard creating a haven for wildlife.

Wildlife to look out for in the garden includes: 20 types of butterflies, grass snakes, slow worms, and hedgehogs. Over 20 different types of butterfly were spotted in 2023.

Following the talk, members will be free to explore the garden which has narrow paths, so suitable footwear is recommended.

A cream tea is included in the cost.

Owners, Rob Cooper and Tristan Hanley

Location – Old Keeper's Cottage, Buckinghamshire, SL2 3UY

For information on joining these events:

<https://bucksgardenstrust.org.uk>



Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society

Your Local Gardening Club



Our monthly meetings are held at Stewart Hall.

If you are not a member but would be interested in coming to any meetings please contact Colin Ells (Chairman) at colin.kehs@outlook.com before attending.

Please see our website for any updates.

June



Planting for Late Summer and Autumn Colour

Tuesday 3th – 8.00 pm

Billy Stott from Stotts Nursery, Stokenchurch, will talk about what can be planted to give a range of leaf and flower colour at that time of year. His talk is illustrated with slides covering a wide range of plants, taken at the nursery and in gardens around the country. A selection of the plants featured will be available for sale.

Members Garden Visit

Tuesday 10th – 7.00 – 8.30 pm

Visit to Professor Sandy Primrose's garden in High Wycombe which contains many interesting and specialist plants. We will have a guided tour and refreshments.

July



Members Garden Visit

Tuesday 1st – 6.00 – 7.30 pm

Meadow Cottage at Christmas Common, Watlington, has a 1¼ acre garden which adjoins ancient woodlands and includes a wildflower garden, pond, many shrubs, fruit trees and a professionally designed vegetable garden. The visit includes home-made cakes and tea.



September



Bulbs in Borders

Tuesday 2nd – 8.00 pm

Kerrie Lloyd-Dawson is a garden writer, plantaholic and Plant Heritage Plant Guardian whose garden is open to NGS. She will discuss her recommendations for how to add an extra layer of planting with bulbs and corms that remain in the border year after year.

AUTUMN SHOW – Stewart Hall

Sunday 7th

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 on our website.

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

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

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

www.kehs.uk

Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore

As I write this the weather is glorious and I hope any much-needed rain will fall on days when we aren't holding the event.



We were delighted to welcome Father Sean to lead an ecumenical service for us on Easter Day.

By the time this magazine is published we will have held our first cream tea of the year. As I write this the weather is glorious and I hope any much-needed rain will fall on days when we aren't holding the event. Teas this year all start at 2.30pm and finish at 5.00pm and while we do accept card payments the internet connection is intermittent so we prefer cash. Our cakes are all homemade and we include a free refill in the cost of a cup of tea or coffee. The cream teas are the major source of funding for the church and although we all got used to sitting outside whatever the weather during Covid we definitely have more visitors on warm sunny days. The next two cream teas will be on the 8th June and the 6th July, both from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. We would like to thank all those who come and support us and all those who provide the cakes and help on the day. We look forward to seeing both our 'regulars' and new faces this year.

In early April we heard the sad but not unexpected news that Ros Wood had passed away. Ros had great faith and this is a church she loved and where she regularly worshipped for nearly forty years. Ros was one of the original trustees when the church was leased from Ellesborough PCC in 1985. Over the years she has provided an enormous amount of help, support and encouragement to all of us and she will be sadly missed. A full tribute to Ros appears elsewhere in this magazine.

On April the 29th, a beautifully sunny day, we held a service celebrating Ros' life with around 120 relatives, friends and many from the community in Dunsmore. It was a moving occasion but definitely a celebration of a wonderful and very caring person. The flowers from the coffin were placed on the memorial in the church grounds afterwards for us all to enjoy for a few days.

Rest in peace, Ros.

Cream Teas at Dunsmore Church



Truly Scrumptious Cream Teas with Homemade Cakes & Scones! Free refills of tea & coffee
Do come along and join us and enjoy our friendly Chiltern Village—cash preferred

2.30—5.00pm
Sunday, 18th May 2025
Sunday, 8th June 2025
Sunday, 6th July 2025
Sunday, 31st August 2025

Proceeds go to the maintenance of our lovely village church



A Sunny Start to Our Social Season

Dunsmore update

The bluebells were prolific this year, which added a gorgeous backdrop to the outing.

Dunsmore's **First Friday** events are always very social, but now that we've moved out of the Village Hall and onto the Common, there's

even more to enjoy! On May 2nd, attendees enjoyed not only a convivial evening with friends and neighbours but a rousing game of

Boules, too. The women's team won, with a score of 2-0. And there will be more fun and games to come! (See below.)



The **Annual Bluebell Walk** on April 27th, led by Chris Minchin and Alice Wiggins, proved as popular as ever. Twenty intrepid walkers met at White Pond before setting off, many with dog leads in hand. The bluebells were prolific this year, which added a gorgeous backdrop to the outing. Back at the Village Hall, participants enjoyed a reviving cup of tea or coffee and a bacon butty.

Friday, June 6th, another **First Friday Social** was held on the Common, enjoyed by all in attendance.

Coming up

June	Saturday, June 21st	Summer Solstice gathering
July	Friday, July 4th Sunday, July 20th	First Friday social event and games Village Social: Family picnic with competitions, including the popular Dog Show
August	Friday, August 1st Sunday, 31st August	Village Social, with games Cream Tea at the Church

Mark your diaries and calendars, and join in the Summer of Fun in Dunsmore.



The Chiltern Ladies

The March meeting of The Chiltern Ladies was the 4th AGM of this thriving group.

The President, Annie Adams welcomed 50 members, and 2 visitors expressed a wish to join.

The officers gave interesting and informative reports of the year's activities, achievements, and financial successes. £300 had been donated to various charities during the year. The treasurer, Sue Stewart, announced that subscriptions would remain at £25. (We heard that W.I. subscriptions have increased to £51.)

June Culliford reported on a most enjoyable coach trip The Chiltern Ladies had made, on a chilly February morning to Bennington Lordship to see the beautiful displays of snowdrops. A 7 acre site with the ruins of a Norman keep and folly, one of the first gardens to be opened for the National Garden Scheme in 1927. Afterwards, the ladies enjoyed lunch together at Vanstone Garden Centre where some members started their Christmas shopping!

The dates were announced for our visits to Capel Manor Gardens and to Warwick Castle.

Plans for a holiday in Cornwall, are going ahead.

Our Charity of the Year 2025/26, will be Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, at Saunderton.

Mrs. Adams was unanimously re-elected to the chair. One committee member retired and one new member was elected.

After the business section of the meeting the committee served us with a really delicious afternoon tea.

Spring was in the air and a beautiful bowl of Viola's was on the President's table at the April meeting. The winning photograph in the competition for the cover of the 2025/26 programme was taken by Mary Evered.

A wonderful display of baked goods was for sale, also beautiful handmade Easter cards. We were reminded

that tablet blister packs are collected at the meeting and will be delivered to Boots Pharmacy for recycling. Used postage stamps are also collected and delivered to Vision Aid for fundraising. There was a generous collection of goods for the Aylesbury food bank and a raffle was held in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, our Charity of the Year. £78 was collected.

Our member, Sue Stewart, will open her garden to public at The Plough, Terrick, in aid of the National Garden Scheme on the 11th and the 26th of May, at 1pm, where you will be guaranteed a real teatime treat in the barn.

Our speaker was Jo Laurie who told us many amusing stories of her time in the W.R.A.F. Her talk was illustrated almost entirely with her own cartoon drawings, which were exceptional.

We had Hot Cross Buns for tea!

The flags were out at our May meeting celebrating V E Day. We welcomed a visitor from Australia. We heard details of a talk about Chequers to be given at Ellesborough Church on 4th June, 7.30pm. Tickets available, all are welcome. A visit to the V and A is on the programme to see the Cartier Exhibition.

Our speaker was Mike Payne who told us about filming the series Downton Abbey, which reminded us of the visit members had made to Highclere Castle a few years ago. Mike showed photographs of some of the great houses used in the series, most many miles from Highclere Castle! These included Kingston Bagpuise, West Wycombe House, Basildon Park, Greys Court and Halton House. Waddesdon Manor enjoyed 3 seconds in the limelight.

There were 52 episodes of Downton Abbey and 2 feature films. A new film, era 1922 is in production. We will watch it with renewed interest now, but will surely miss Dame Maggie Smith.

Elizabeth Hine

The Chiltern Ladies meet at Stuart Hall, Kimble, on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 pm.

Visitors are always made welcome.

TOMATO & MANOURI CHEESE SALAD

There is nothing more delightful than the taste of sweet, tangy, homegrown tomatoes.

This salad relies on the sweet, tangy juices of fresh tomatoes and makes a light summer lunch or an accompanying salad to any main.

You could swap in halloumi, instead of the manouri, but it will be slightly saltier.



Ingredients

- 450g vine tomatoes
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp sea salt flakes
- ½ tsp sugar
- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 170g pack manouri cheese
- 5 clove/s garlic, peeled and smashed
- 270g cherry vine tomatoes
- 4 sprigs mint, leaves picked and roughly chopped
- Crusty bread, to serve (optional)

Method

1. Slice the 450g vine tomatoes thinly and put on a large serving platter. Break up the sliced shallot into rings and sprinkle half over the tomatoes (reserving the remainder). Sprinkle the sliced tomatoes and shallot with the salt and sugar, then drizzle the red wine vinegar all over.
2. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, then add the manouri, smashed garlic and the remaining shallot; fry for 2 minutes, then carefully flip the cheese and fry for another 2 minutes, stirring the garlic and shallot.
3. Transfer the cheese to a chopping board, cut into 8 wedges and arrange over the sliced tomatoes. Tip the whole cherry tomatoes into the pan, fry until their skins split, then pour the mixture, with all the juices, over the sliced tomatoes and cheese. Sprinkle over the mint and serve with crusty bread, if liked.

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

The Daleks are taking over Discover Bucks Museum!



Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury is excited to launch a major new exhibition **Beyond the Stars: a propmaker's guide to the galaxy**



Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury is excited to launch a major new exhibition **Beyond the Stars: a propmaker's guide to the galaxy** which showcases original models and props used in the making of the most iconic science fiction shows to appear on British TV, including Doctor Who, Red Dwarf and The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

Visitors can journey through the realms of time and space and get up-close to the props and models that helped bring these beloved series to life. All the exhibits on display are screen-used and some have never been on public display before.

Highlights of the exhibition Include:

- Imperial and Supreme Daleks from Doctor Who
- Marvin the Paranoid Android from the original 1981

BBC production of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

- Starbug model spacecraft used in series 3 of the cult classic Red Dwarf

Also, featured are designs and behind-the-scenes materials that give an insight into the craftsmanship and imagination of the special effects artists who transport us to these alien worlds. With captivating exhibits and fun activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy from families to long-time fans of the shows.

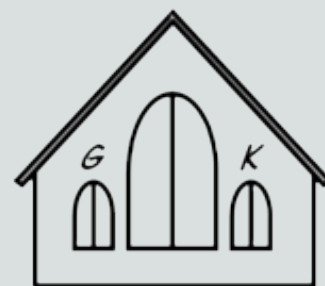
The exhibition runs from 24 May to 5 October 2025. Test your Sci-Fi Film and Television knowledge in our quiz on 14 June and to keep up-to-date sign up to our e-newsletter on our website for all our events.

For more information about everything going on at the museum visit discoverbucksmuseum.org
Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

Great Kimble Primary

A Spring Term Bursting with Magic,
Learning, and Success

Spring at Great Kimble Primary School has been nothing short of magical—a term bursting with adventure, discovery, and celebration.



Love. Learn. Live



From the moment the term began, our pupils were immersed in an inspiring mix of activities, new learning opportunities, and joyful experiences that made each day feel special.

At the heart of this remarkable term was a glowing external review, which confirmed what our school community already knows: *Great Kimble is an awesome school*. The review team were full of praise, describing behaviour for learning as “*excellent*” and recognising our pupils as enthusiastic, engaged, and full of a genuine love for learning. Our children show pride in their work, participate eagerly in lessons, and thrive within well-established learning routines.

The quality of teaching across the school continues to shine, described as “*consistently good or better*.” Subject leaders spoke passionately about their areas, and the curriculum was praised for its clear intent and thoughtful planning. It’s evident that every lesson is crafted to ignite curiosity, deepen understanding, and inspire success.

Equally powerful was the feedback about our school culture. Our pupils feel safe, happy, and listened to. They

are confident in sharing their views and build strong, trusting relationships with adults. Reviewers called it a “*very happy school*,” underpinned by strong leadership, excellent teamwork, and a deeply embedded ethos of care and respect.

The verdict? Our Self-Evaluation Form is being proudly rewritten to reflect our true status—at *least Good, and on the path to Outstanding*. With our commitment to continuous improvement and a vibrant learning community, Great Kimble is a wonderful place to learn and work.

Spring was also packed with enriching opportunities that brought learning to life beyond the classroom. From thrilling educational trips and lively sports events, to the colourful celebration of World Book Week, every child had a chance to shine and we even had a visit from Holly Small - a famous author! Our STEM initiatives sparked innovation and problem-solving, and we continued to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that meets and exceeds national expectations.

Looking ahead to the summer term, the excitement continues. Pupils will explore *brand new* history and

geography topics—never before taught at Kimble—broadening their understanding of the world around them. We’re also gearing up for a much-anticipated *whole-school trip to Woodrow* and a *talent show*, which aims to showcase the incredible creativity and confidence of our young stars.

As ever, Great Kimble remains rooted in community spirit. We are a family that’s always looking to grow and connect, and we warmly invite local groups and individuals to reach out—we’d love to hear from you.

And for those considering joining us: we currently have a few spaces available and would be delighted to welcome prospective families for a visit. Come and see for yourself why Great Kimble is such a special place to learn and grow.

Mrs J Haynes
Headteacher

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New Cycleway

Wendover Dean (Dunsmore Lane) – Missenden (Black Horse) Cycleway

Letter From Sustrans:

The new path is almost complete, but we have had to work through some legal agreements that have taken longer than expected.

The work at the crossing point at Cobblershill should be restarting shortly along with finishing the entrance/exit point at Dunsmore Lane.

At the Great Missenden/Aylesbury Road end it will be slightly longer. We have been advised that that in order to complete that last section we will need to close a small part of Aylesbury Road.

We are unable to close this section of carriageway until the school summer holidays, so that will be constructed in July and August.

We plan to have the northern section of the route open as soon as works are complete at Cobblershill Lane and Dunsmore Lane.

Please let us know if you would like to be subscribed to our mailing list for updates on this project.

Best regards,

Matilda

SUSTRANS

supporters@sustrans.org.uk

"Some delays, but all built to a very high standard. I greatly enjoyed working on the project!"



Record of Cycleway Construction

Paul Fisher,
Construction Team

Photos by
Paul Fisher





Wendover Green Tunnel

One of the most visible signs of progress with HS2 locally is the construction of the Wendover Green Tunnel which is starting to take shape just north of Ellesborough Road.



The construction was delayed by HS2 Ltd considering the change of contractor for 15 months, but the work started in earnest last September with the laying of foundations for a 250m middle section of the tunnel.

Truckloads of rock were delivered and overlaid with a reinforced concrete layer. In April the first dual arch of the tunnel shell was installed, with each 2.5m section comprised of five precast concrete elements being lifted into position with a large crane. The arched design was introduced by the Contractor based

on experience building tunnels for the French TGV network and is a significant improvement on the box construction suggested in the 2017 HS2 Scheme Design. The arches use much less concrete and so are relatively environmentally friendly. The pre-cast units for Wendover and two other HS2 green tunnels were produced in a factory in Derbyshire, weigh up to 43 tonnes, ; and are subsequently brought to site by articulated lorry enabling rapid on site construction.

The 550m southern section of the tunnel down to beyond Bacombe

Lane has been delayed by the need to divert underground water and sewage pipes at Ellesborough Road on a second temporary bailey bridge. Excavation of the cutting under the utility services bridge finished in March which enabled the Dump Trucks to move spoil north from the Small Dean Lane Conveyor to stockpiles and worksites as far north as Aylesbury. The narrow width of the cutting at Ellesborough Road means that the Dump Trucks will probably have priority over creation of the tunnel foundations during 2025. We expect the excavation of the cutting (up to

There is a significant excavation planned for the “Wendover North Cutting”, with the future railway track level being below the normal groundwater levels.

29 m in depth) through the field to Bacombe Lane will also make good progress this year.

The creation of the 400m northern section of the tunnel is held up awaiting agreement by the Environment Agency about the impact on the aquifer groundwater flows from Coombe Hill. North of the tunnel there is a significant excavation planned for the “Wendover North Cutting”, with the future railway track level being below the normal groundwater levels. To stop the aquifer discharging into the cutting a massive tanking wall is being created. This goes down 30 metres through the porous chalk into the underlying clay, with the wall extending 300 metres on each side of the cutting up to Nash Lee Road. Work started on the wall in June last year and is expected to continue to September.

The impact of the wall has been extensively computer modelled, with the groundwater expected to either flow east under the north section of the Green Tunnel or alternatively head north towards Stoke Mandeville. Reduction in the amount of water flowing east towards Stoke Brook, Wendover Brook, and the Weston Turville Reservoir Nature Reserve is a concern. The modelling suggests that Nature Reserve will be adequately serviced by the Wendover Arm Canal, but the Environment Agency considered that Stoke Brook would need topping up. HS2's solution is to create an underground chamber at a spring



location in a field near to Kings Farm Shop to extract groundwater and divert it on a reprofiled Stoke Brook tributary ditch. Planning Permission is needed for this, as the site is outside the limits of land defined as available for use in the HS2 legislation. Town and Country Planning rules apply, with additional provisions as the site is in the “Chilterns National Landscape” area of outstanding natural beauty.

Wendover residents were very concerned when details of the “Spring Chamber” were revealed by HS2, involving a large number of HGV trucks needing to use South Street and Dobbins Lane to access the worksite. A significant proportion of these were to deliver materials to create a permanent access track across the fields for future maintenance of the underground chamber. Residents pointed out that public safety would be ensured by

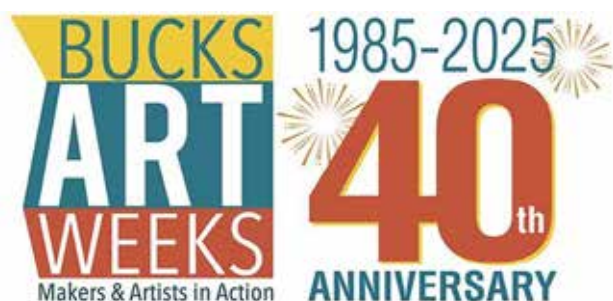
creating access from Nash Lee End (rather than through Wendover), and that the track design could be substantially reduced minimising the number of lorry movements needed.

Local councillors took note of over 830 petition signatures and 130 objections to the Planning Application and in April decided to reject it on grounds of ongoing visual impact of the access track in the Chilterns.

In the absence of the Spring Chamber, HS2 cannot demonstrate to the Environment Agency that the groundwater mitigation for the North Cutting is effective, and so the EA are not willing to consent to the full excavation of the cutting needed for the northern section of the Green Tunnel. At the time of writing, it is not clear what HS2 are going to do to resolve the situation.

MJSC

Art Corner



Bucks Art Weeks 2025 7th – 22nd June

Bucks Art Weeks is celebrating its 40th Year and will take place from 7th to 22nd June.

Local artists and makers will share their work in venues in Buckinghamshire –
so put a date in your diary and plan your own local art trail.

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Bucks Art Weeks is a non-profit organization, run by volunteers, that brings together the art and craft makers of Buckinghamshire to the public every year.

You can find more information about Bucks Art Weeks:

On their website: <https://www.bucksartweeks.org.uk/>

Or also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BucksArtWeeks/>

If you are an Artist or Maker - you can participate by becoming members of the Visual Images Group and completing an online entry.

Exhibitors' directory, Events and Workshops are listed on their website.

Examples of Workshops in June:

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








The Visual Images Group have recently won a Bucks Spark Award for Outstanding Contribution to Culture in Bucks. The award acknowledges the group's significant and ongoing contribution to culture across Buckinghamshire, through the Bucks Art Weeks event.

Results

Buckinghamshire Council Election

1st May, 2025

[From May 2025] Ridgeway East - results








Election Candidate	Party	Votes	Outcome
 David James Carroll	Conservative	1488	Elected
 Steven Broadbent	Conservative	1415	Elected
 Russell Warren Jarvis	Reform UK	775	Not elected
 Sid Sibthorp	Reform UK	644	Not elected
 Bob Bradnock	Liberal Democrats	621	Not elected
 Dave Frearson	Liberal Democrats	485	Not elected
 David Stephen Hughes	Green Party	291	Not elected
 Lynne Patricia Upton	Labour Party	240	Not elected
 Yvonne Dorette Wilding	Social Democratic Party	154	Not elected

Voting Summary	
Details	Number
Seats	2
Total votes	6113
Electorate	8594
Number of ballot papers issued	3174
Number of ballot papers rejected	4
Turnout	37%



Steven Broadbent and David Carroll

The composition of Buckinghamshire Council is now:

Voting Summary	
Party	Councillors
 Conservative	48
 Liberal Democrats	27
 Independent	11
 Labour	4
 Reform UK	3
 Green	2
 Wycombe Independent	2
Total	97

The Conservative party no longer form a majority in the council, an alliance of party groups to effect a governing body is still to be announced. (17th May 2025).

Planning Applications

April 10th, 2025

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

11 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire
HP17 0TS

Ref. No: 25/05214/FUL | Received: Fri 31 Jan 2025 |
Validated: Fri 31 Jan 2025 | Status: Decided

Householder application for construction of detached double garage and conversion of existing garage to habitable room featuring 2 x front facing windows

Holly Frindle Risborough Road Terrick Buckinghamshire
HP17 0UB

Ref. No: 25/05046/FUL | Received: Wed 08 Jan 2025 |
Validated: Wed 08 Jan 2025 | Status: Decided

Householder application for replacement of existing conservatory with single storey rear extension. Part integral garage conversion to habitable use. Infill of existing covered way entrance & formation of new side covered way access. Formation of front recessed open entrance porch. Pitched roofs over existing flat roofs to front dormer & single storey side projection. Minor alterations to fenestration.

Glebe Cottage Missenden Road Butlers Cross
Buckinghamshire HP17 0UP

Ref. No: 25/05449/FUL | Received: Tue 25 Feb 2025 |
Validated: Tue 25 Feb 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Demolition of existing bungalow and associated outbuildings and erection of new replacement dwelling, carport and greenhouse

Bona Vista Nash Lee Road Terrick Buckinghamshire
HP17 0TQ

Ref. No: 25/05156/FUL | Received: Fri 24 Jan 2025 |
Validated: Tue 04 Feb 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Crown lift off the ground by approx 1 metre and reduce lateral spread by approx 1-2 metres for general maintenance and upkeep of the trees x 1 Yew and reduce lateral spread & new growth by approx 1 metre due to ongoing subsidence claim x 1 Beech

24 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TS

Ref. No: 25/05589/TPO | Received: Wed 12 Mar 2025 |
Validated: Thu 13 Mar 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Householder application for relocation of the rear wall of the house to incorporate the existing balcony within the existing roof, single storey side extension, addition of a covered way to side, new cladding and render to elevations, new roof coverings and changes to fenestration

92 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TJ

Ref. No: 25/05580/FUL | Received: Tue 11 Mar 2025 |
Validated: Tue 25 Mar 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory

6 Elm Close Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TT

Ref. No: 25/05471/FUL | Received: Thu 27 Feb 2025 |
Validated: Wed 12 Mar 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Householder application for demolition of existing outbuilding and shed to be replaced with a single storey replacement outbuilding

92 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TJ

Ref. No: 25/05695/FUL | Received: Thu 20 Mar 2025 |
Validated: Mon 07 Apr 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Householder application for part conversion and extension of garage to provide ancillary accommodation and garaging for two vehicles

The Rectory Ellesborough Road Butlers Cross
Buckinghamshire HP17 0XA

Ref. No: 25/05664/FUL | Received: Tue 18 Mar 2025 |
Validated: Thu 03 Apr 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Annual Parish Meeting for Ellesborough Parish Council May 2025

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 15th May and the following Chairman's Report was presented.

New Parish Council

On Monday 12th May a new Parish Council was formed and the following roles were agreed.

- Chair & Planning Coordinator – Cllr McGrail
- Vice Chair & Recreational and Biodiversity – Cllr Holman
- Transport & Road Safety and HS2 – Cllr Panikkar and Cllr Keeble
- Village Hall Management – Cllr Withey
- Footpaths and Rural Open Spaces – Cllrs Hares & Hamer
- Dunsmore – Cllr Hamer

We welcome Vikki Keeble to the new Council and thank Matt Glover for over 10 years of service on the Parish Council, he was frequently involved in organising various village events and we are reassured to know that he has also offered his help with events going forward.

Financial Update

It can never be taken for granted that Councils will be financially robust and run with an efficiency that allows them to undertake all their obligations, but I am pleased to confirm that EPC are in a financially sound position and whilst it was considered prudent to introduce a small uplift in the precept this year rising from £21,000 to £22,000, we are still way below the annual national average. Data from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government show the average Band D property in England is £92.22 per property and for Ellesborough in 2025/26 it will be £49.44.

The annual third party financial audit has recently been completed and we continue to hold approximately 18 months of contingency funds, in hand, for any unforeseen costs during 2025/26 and help avoid any large annual increases going forward.

Major Projects Undertaken in 2024/25

- Cllr Holman arranged for the extensive repairs to be undertaken for the playground and we thank the various financial contributors which meant this popular facility remains open and well used.
- The allotments are now all let and being well kept with new agreements and slightly increased rents in place, to cover increased water costs.
- A new Biodiversity plan has been put in place and is under continued review.
- The playing fields are rented out to Risborough Rangers and generating income and with structural and surface improvements to the grassed areas, off road parking is now enabling minimal on street parking on Sundays.

- New Speed Display Cameras were installed and the data is now available for review on the EPC website. It is being supplied to the Police to assist them with their proactive speed camera patrols.
- Various bridleway and footpath repairs have been undertaken in Dunsmore.
- The Rural Affordable Housing scheme has now been fully consented by Buckinghamshire Planning Authority and we anticipate work to start later this year on 6 x 2 bed dwellings.
- A new 5 year grass and verge cutting agreement was tendered and signed off and a new devolution agreement with Buckinghamshire Council has been signed off.

Going Forward for 2025/26

- EPC will continue frequent dialogue with National Trust to improve the parking overspill issues at Coombe Hill.
- Parking restrictions along Ellesborough Road are under review with Buckinghamshire Council, in particular the verges near the golf course.
- Speed awareness remains a priority and we thank various volunteers for all their efforts.
- Ongoing plans for footpath improvements at the Churchyard and in Dunsmore.
- All new planning applications will be reviewed and where appropriate the Parish Council will provide comments to Buckinghamshire Council. We continue to ask that the Clerk is copied in on all planning comments made to the Planning Authority, as we can no longer see these comments due to the recent changes on the Planning Portal.
- Working with the appointed contractor to mitigate the disruption during the construction process of the Rural Affordable Housing on Chalkshire Road.
- Continued liaison with HS2 regarding traffic issues.
- Help the Village Hall apply for grant monies from Buckinghamshire Council.

In addition, I would also like to thank all the other volunteers, who are not part of EPC but who still have a valuable and positive influence on the wider Parish. These include the litter pickers, speed awareness team, Ellesborough News team, village hall committee, Ellesborough Relief committee, the village ball committee and the bell ringers for their epic VE Day performance, to name a few.

Finally, I would like to thank all the fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their continued support and commitment to ensuring our small Parish functions effectively.

Thank you

Chairman Cllr McGrail



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- 6.00 The Gold Kite** '60s,' 70s,' 80s and '90s hits
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1990s hits with Daniel Ashman
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- Thursday The Sixties Rewind**
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- Tuesday Motown Magic** Annette Luck
- Wednesday Un-Ironic Country** Country hits and more with Tamsin Starling
- Thursday Beatles Hour** with Howard Bond
- 10.00 Weekday Wind-Down** with Donald McFarlane
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- 7.00 am Saturday Breakfast** with Annette Luck
- 10.00 The Mid-Morning Show** with Tamsin Starling
- 12.00 pm Saturday Lunchbox** Music across the generations with Heather Jan Brunt
- 1.00 The Gold Kite** '60s,' 70s,' 80s and '90s hits
- 2.00 The Noughties 'Til Now Show** Hannah Austin
- 5.00 The Funk, Soul & Dance Show** Soulful sounds
- 7.00 Red Kite Party Night** Party hits with Daryl Ridgley
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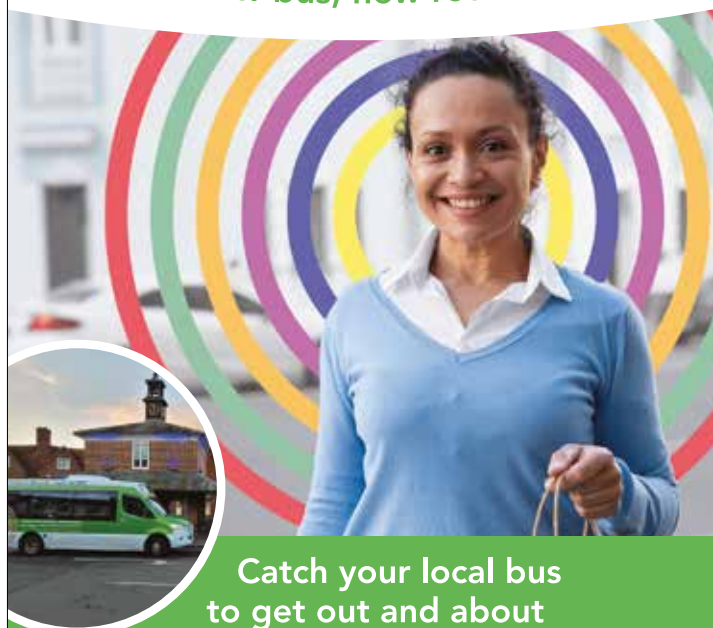
Sunday

- 7.00 am Sunday Breakfast** with Annette Luck
- 10.00 Sunday Brunch** with John Reid-Hansen, including **Thought for the Week** at 12.10
- 1.00 pm The Sunday Afternoon Session** with Paul Nicholas, including the **Acoustic Hour** at 3.00
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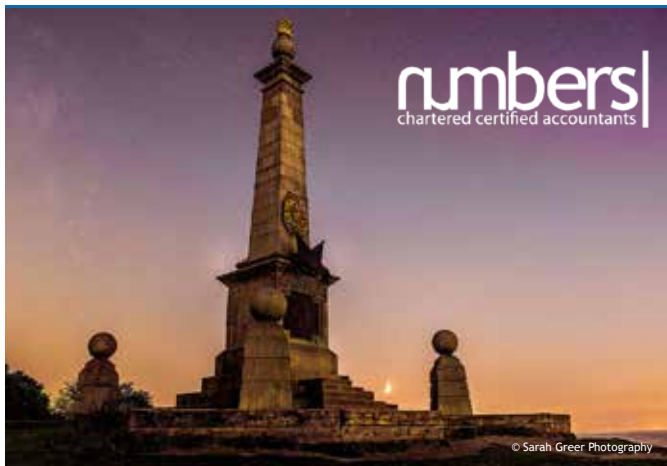
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