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Dear Readers,

We are delighted to present to you our latest edition, an all-colour issue of the Ellesborough Village Magazine.

We have put a lot of effort into creating a vibrant and engaging publication that we hope you enjoy.

In order to continue delivering quality content to our community, we are seeking support for our printing costs. If you are in a position to contribute, you can make a donation through BACS, or even better, consider setting up a standing order for ongoing support (suggested donation of £15).

Your generosity will directly impact the quality of our publication.

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Letters

New Arrivals

The Russell Arms



Millie and Sophia Gore Born 17th January



We are absolutely delighted to be given the opportunity to be the new tenants of The Russell Arms.

LETTERS

We look forward to creating a warm and friendly family atmosphere that the local community can be proud of. Our fantastically talented head chef Reece Coles has created a dining menu that we can't wait to share with you all. Along with a lunch menu and of course a classic Sunday roast. We look forward to welcoming you through the doors and can't wait to get started.

Roly & Katy

News from Chequers

Chequers have recently increased their commitment to the natural environment by appointing Adam Todd as Head of Rural Management and Forestry, this new, full-time role for the Estate signals the nature positive direction Chequers aims to move in as well as their long term commitment to the wider estate and landscape.

Adam brings ten years of rural management experience with him to the role, across a variety of rural disciplines and has spent time managing rural assets on high profile estates across England. He is specifically interested in climate change resilience, forest pests and diseases, and increasing social amenities and benefits. He has moved to the estate with his wife, baby, dog and chickens and is looking forward to making a positive impact across the estate and getting to know local residents.

One of the first challenges Adam will face is the management of ash dieback across the estate, much of which is near to public rights of way. Working closely with the forestry commission and following approved licences and plans, the estate will begin the removal of ash from its woodlands, a process that is likely to take a few years to complete. For every tree that is removed it is replaced with 3 to 4 new trees, these replacement trees will be comprised of many different species allowing for a transformative and rejuvenated woodland that will be more resilient

and future proofed hopefully more resistant to the effects of extreme weather events.

Where works are underway the areas will be clearly marked, as will areas that are out of bounds. There are many unofficial paths that people like to follow, if these are closed temporarily, please respect this as it is for public safety. All of the main marked footpaths will remain open, but Adam urges vigilance and sensibility. If you are with a dog, calling it to heel or preferably putting it on its lead would be advised.

Watch this space moving forward as Adam will be giving quarterly updates and letting you know how you can get involved with volunteering events in the woodlands and across the estate.

Letters

Evelyn Woodcock

An acrostic poem and tribute to our dear friend and neighbour who passed away 16.12.23

Enthusiastic gardener and bird spotter,

Very keen cyclist when younger,

Enjoyed weekly swimming sessions with her friends until recently,

Loved her dogs, especially Annie and Sam and enjoyed caring for neighbour's pet dogs, cats and rabbits too,

Years seemed to not age her, except for her afternoon naps,

Now at the remarkable age of 93

she is reunited with her devoted husband Bruce.

Watching Sky TV was one of her favourite pastimes,

Often she watched wildlife, historical and factual programmes,

Occasionally she made marmalade, jams, chutneys and cranberry sauce to give to others,

Diligently she did the Daily Mail crossword and replenished the bird feeders in her well tendered, pretty garden,



Cosy in her warm lounge with a coal fire burning, she watched the world go by from her beloved bungalow,

On many subjects she had strong opinions and she was an independent lady,

Caring for others and wildlife were very important to her,

Kind, practical and thoughtful was she, and she will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her friends and neighbours.

By Helen Holman

200 Club Winners

Congratulations to all the winners over the last few months.

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f35 75 Duncan	£35	74 Richard Jennings	£35 81 Tony Young	
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Notice

It has been reported that at least 30 poo bags are in the hedgerows/ rough grass around the fields below Ellesborough Church.

Clearly this is unacceptable in fields worked by farmers. The nearest poo bin is going towards Chalkshire Road from the bottom of Springs Lane but otherwise, dog owners should take their dog waste home.

The Ellesborough Parish Hall Management Committee would like to thank Sheila Tunstall for her extremely generous donation following a visit to the hall to hear about the different activities and proposed plans. Her genorisity will make a big difference to future projects.

Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee

Where in the village is this?

Butler's Cross, Bucks. Bruk ST CARD te space may be us nunicati (Post Office Regulation) Address only below If you can date the picture by interpreting the image content or transcribe the handwritten Siter heary and message please let us know and will include it in the next issue. edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com Please send old images and Eductoryh postcards of the area to:

See page 55 for location.

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Ellesborough magazine Summer cover image

We are looking to feature one of your photos for the cover of the Summer addition.

So, if you have a photo or picture of the local area which summarises summer, then do send it in to:

edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com



Your summer picture here

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Rob Nicholson – 1938-2023

Rob was born just before the war in December 1938. The eldest of four children, he grew up in Wells, Somerset during the years of food rationing and austerity. His father was a farm vet whose busy practice covered the Mendips and the Somerset Levels. From an early age, during school holidays, Rob used to go with his father on his farm rounds. This early experience instilled in him an understanding of farming, livestock and responsible management of the countryside.

We moved here in August 1973 having lived first in Taunton and then in Ash Green, Surrey where he was refining his career in retail management and logistics. We had been married for nine years at that time and our three children were quite young. Moving into the spacious Fairview, as our house was then called, was an exciting experience and the moment our removal van drove out of the gate we dropped sensible plans for establishing some sort of order within the chaos around us and made our way over the fields until we found the upward track to Coombe Hill. It was a drizzly day but from the monument the views were far-reaching and glorious. Standing there in the rain, spotting our new home, identifiable and seemingly quite close, made that memorable afternoon seem like the beginning of a lifelong holiday. For Rob the move was ideal. His office was in Dorset Square, a mere stone's throw from Marylebone station. He was very happy having a larger garden to grow his vegetables and he enjoyed the novelty of having a back gate that led into open fields and a network of paths beyond.

Rob became quickly involved in village life and local affairs. Within months he was a member of the village hall committee, then the Chair. He was also a key person in establishing the fundraising '400 Club', now still operating as the '200 Club'.

Within four years of our moving into the village Rob found himself Chairman of the 1977 Ellesborough Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Bringing together all the elements and personalities involved in that project was a real challenge but one he accepted with his usual positive cheerfulness. It was a wonderful example of a community coming together for a single purpose and I believe the success of that first event provided an exemplary template for the excellence of Ellesborough's subsequent Jubilee and Royal Birthday celebrations. At the final committee meeting the members gave Rob a certificate, 'For Distinguished Service to the Community' with twenty signatures and also a pewter tankard engraved with a touching dedication.



He continued to play a leading role in the Ellesborough 50th Jubilee Celebrations in 2002.

Having served as a committee member of the Ellesborough Relief in Need (Ellesborough Trust) for several years Rob took over the Chair in 1986. He was always mindful of the people in the parish who needed financial support, or help with their mobility. Whenever he heard of someone needing help of any kind he visited them. Not just once but regularly. He had a knack of knowing how to draw people out, encouraging them to share their stories and their interests. As people have said of him, 'he was a gentleman and one of a kind'.

To many people in the village Rob will be remembered alongside his beloved horse Magnus. As a youth he had been a keen rider, competing in prestigious three-day event competitions. He had worked in a racing stable and also observed veterinary practice alongside an equine vet. On the day he retired from work Rob set about finding a 'useful' horse and within a short time found his dream. For about ten years he and Magnus enjoyed one another's company, just exploring the countryside or taking part in serious competitions mostly in the South of England but also further afield. At the grand old age of 68 Rob was the oldest Event competitor at three star level, which was quite some achievement. He was a familiar sight riding up Chalkshire Road or out on the local bridle paths. He couldn't believe his luck in being able to keep Magnus so close: grazing the Westrays' field and stabled in Richard Pearce's farmyard.

C.N.

200 Club Membership

This year has seen the refurbishment of the rear of the hall which contains a small kitchen/wc/ two Committee Rooms and extra storage space.

Along with the infrared heating installed last year, wi-fi connection and new stage curtains, we really feel that the main hall has become a much more comfortable and attractive space. Our next project is the refurbishment of the toilet areas and so new support is vital in order to commit to this improvement.

By joining again, or for the first time, an annual £20 subscription could make you one of the winners of two £100 prizes (May and December) and twelve prizes of £50, £35 and £25 each month.

We really do appreciate your support and hope you agree that this annual appeal is a significant one in helping to keep the historic and landmark village hall vibrant.



200 Club – please enrol me for 2023-24 draws

 I enclose payment of £20 for 12 monthly draws APRIL 2023 - MARCH 2024 (CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL COMMITTEE)

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• or I have paid £20 by BACS to Santander Account 78526700 09-01-55 Please use reference '200 [your name]' THIS IS ESSENTIAL

Name:			
Address:			
Email:			

By providing your email address we can let you know if you have won, send you reminders and also let you know of any future events organised by the Management Committee.

Please send this form, with cheque or cash if applicable, Sally Withey, The Nook, 101 Chalkshire Road, Ellesborough, HP17 0TJ. Telephone 07810 878674 or email ellesboroughparishhall@gmail.com to confirm your BACS payment.

Thank you **Sally Withey** Of the Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee

Ellesborough Parish Cleanug Sunday 14th April

Volunteers meet at 11:00 at Ellesborough Parish Hall.

Litter pickers and bags will be provided please wear gloves and a high-viz jacket if you have one.

Any queries, please contact Janette on 696688 or Judith on 622033.

This event is supported by Ellesborough Parish Council and Buckinghamshire County Council.

Ellesborough BX Ball



The wait is almost over.....

We're delighted to announce that the Ellesborough Ball will take place 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 will be available on a first come, first served basis and are likely to sell out fast, so don't delay!

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

To buy your tickets please email sales@bxball.org.

If you would like to get involved with this year's Ball, the Committee would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with us at sales@bxball.org.

Church Services

St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough



March Services

3rd March 10.45 Songs of Praise
10th March 10.45 Mothering Sunday
17th March 10.45 BCP Matins
24th March 10.45 Parish Communion
31st March 10.45 Easter Communion

April Services

7th April 10.45 Songs of Praise 14th April 10.45 Parish Communion 21st April 10.45 BCP Matins 28th April 10.45 Parish Communion

May Services

5th May 10.45 Songs of Praise 12th May 10.45 Parish Communion 19th May 10.45 BCP Matins 28th May 10.45 Parish Communion

St Nicks Kids for children in the Kimbles and Ellesborough St Nicholas Great Kimble

17th March 9.15 am 21st April 9.15 am 19th May 9.15 am

(The first half hour of St Nicks is for adults to have coffee and croissants and the children to play in activity stations – you do not have to get there at 9.15 if this is too early for you.)

The Church of the Resurrection, Dunsmore



We had a lovely Carol Service in December with lots of children taking part in the service, both by doing readings and by assembling the crib scene. The children (and definitely the adults) entered into the excitement of obtaining chocolate as part of the Chocolate Nativity story.

On Christmas Day we held a service of Holy Communion led by the Reverend Matthew Routledge, the service was very well attended and made a reflective start to the festivities.

Our next service will be on Easter Day, 31st March and will be a service of Holy Communion. The time has yet to be confirmed so please keep an eye open for the poster on the notice board or an email from the trustees, we welcome all villagers to the service.

We have now finalised the dates for our three Cream Teas this summer, they will be on Sundays starting at 2.30pm and finishing at 5.00pm. The days are the 19th May, the 16th June and the 21st July. We will have gazebos at hand to shield you from the gloriously hot sun or the odd drizzle or downpour! We are now accepting card payments although would prefer cash as the internet is rather slow and intermittent!

Our visitors always comment on the delicious variety of our homemade cakes, thank you to everyone who has so generously supplied them over the years.

The last few years have been very difficult for the church financially as we recover from loss of income from services and cream teas due to Covid restrictions but have had to continue with our outgoings for rent, insurance and maintenance. These teas are a major source of income for us and 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.

Revd. Janet Retired

Revd. Janet has been the interim minister for the churches at Ellesborough, Stoke Mandeville and the Kimbles for the last three years and retired at the end of February.

A pre-lunch event was held at the Ark Church Room, Stoke Mandeville on Sunday 25th February at which parishioners from the three parishes were able to express their appreciation for her hard work and commitment while serving in the communities. Her role has brought her in contact with many beyond those regular attenders at services in the three parishes as she officiated at baptisms, weddings, funerals and the Freemantle care home.

All wish Janet a well-earned and fulfilling retirement.

Following Janet's departure, the normal pattern of services every Sunday at Ellesborough Church will be maintained with visiting clergy. Pending the appointment of a new minister enquiries in connection with Ellesborough Church can be made to:

Churchwarden Tony Young: 07712 383543 / 01296 622306

Email: young.ellesborough@gmail.com

Deputy Churchwardens: Deborah Hulett 01296 624865 Liz Norris 01296 615821

Dear all,

By the time you read this, I will have ended my term as Interim Priest-in-charge at Ellesborough.

It has been a privilege to work in your community which I have done now for 10 years. I visited the Parish on a placement at the end of 2013. There was no doubt that I always felt ' at home' among you and it has been a happy association though there have been sad occasions when saying goodbye to those who have passed on.

I will miss you all but I will always remember the warmth of your community, the worship which has always been just to my taste, and the beauty of the countryside which I know you all treasure. I will be moving later in the year to Lincolnshire and I am happy to say will be right on the edge of a small town surrounded by the endless fields of the countryside up there.

God bless you all and many thanks for the friendships made.

Janet

Royal British Legion Poppy Collection 2024



Could you spend a few hours on a Saturday at the end of October visiting approximately 20 houses for the Poppy Appeal?

We have some vacancies in the parish area and are looking for new collectors to join our team. All equipment is provided and you have a two week period in which to do the collection, leading up to Remembrance Sunday. It's a great way to meet people and support charity.

We're planning a meet up at the Russell sometime in March or April for all current collectors and others who are interested in finding out more, with no commitment required. Please contact me and get involved!

Fiona Tchen	tchen@tchen.com
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Poppy Appeal Organise	er

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

Wendover Art Club

Wendover Art Club meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, between 7:30 and 9:30pm.

Our venue is St Anne's Hall, Wendover Christian Centre, Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6JG. We cater for all those interested in drawing and painting. Please note there is an entry fee of £5 for non member guest for demonstrations and £2 for creative evenings.



March

14 March Keith Hornblower

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

28 March Creative Evening – Local Scenes.

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

April

11 April Creative evening – People and Pets.

Portrait night, but with your own photos of your family or your pets and in your own choice of medium. Although it is lovely to have a live model, the lighting in the Hall is not ideal to get the really good darks and bright lights, hence the photos. In a photo you can get the light just right, or if like me not always just as you would like then the computer will help out.

13 April Saturday Workshop

Susan Gray will be with us for a session on seascapes in acrylic. Susan is an old friend of the Club who we are always so pleased to book again when she is able to fit us in. Her landscapes and seascapes are full of colour and movement and her ability to talk us through her methodology is so helpful.

Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 April Club Exhibition at The A little Bird Told Me Gallery

At The Courtyard, 25 The High St, Wendover HP22 6DU. Admission free, entry during gallery opening hours.

25 April

Nicky Hunter

Is back with us after her session with mushrooms to lead us through her techniques for watercolour flowers.

May

9 May Creative Evening – Finding the abstract.

We've all got loads of photos of scenes, people, pets, flowers etc that at some point or other we were going to paint. Get those out and magnify them and see what shapes and hidden depths you can find in them. An explanatory example will be available with a bit more information nearer the day.

23rd May

DVD and Social Evening before we break for summer.

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

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.

March

Tuesday 5th - Stewart Hall AGM 7.15 pm

Plants for Shade and Woodland

8.00 pm - Stewart Hall

Timothy Walker, lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, Oxford, is always a very informative and entertaining speaker. Most gardens have somewhere that the sun doesn't shine for some, or all of the day.

He'll look at which plants can be grown in the five types of shade in a variety of soils and also look at the woodlands around the world that have given us so many good garden plants.

April

Tuesday 2nd - Stewart Hall The Art of Low

Maintenance Gardening 8.00 pm

We welcome back Professor Sandy Primrose who will discuss some of the techniques that he uses to reduce gardening chores and keep maintenance to a minimum whilst having flowers all the year round.

Sunday 7th - Stewart Hall SPRING SHOW

2.00 – 4.30 pm

Come and enjoy some beautiful displays of Spring flowers and enjoy delicious home-made cakes.

If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting please see the Spring Show Information on our website.

May

Tuesday 7th - Stewart Hall

Ornamental Grasses 8.00 pm

George Lockwood trained at Capel Manor and is a passionate organic gardener and plantsman. He will explain when each of the plants shown flowers and what aspect and soil it needs and provide some useful tips.

Saturday 11th -Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross

PLANT SALE

10.00 – 11.30 am

This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early everything will be sold by about 11 am on past form.

June

Tuesday 4th - Stewart Hall Planting Design

8.00 pm Maria Greenhill is a garden

designer with a passion for green and organic gardening. She'll talk about what to

bear in mind when planning a border, such as plant forms and shapes. She'll also share tips about other matters such as colour scheming, repetition of plants and allseason interest.

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 Charlie Taylor, Membership Secretary, at kehs.bucks@outlook.com.

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



SEA BASS WITH SIZZLED GINGER, CHILLI & SPRING ONION

Looking for a fish dish for Good Friday?

Then here is something different.

This makes a flavoursome and sophisticated main course or a speedy supper dish by frying sea bass, for a few moments, with ginger, garlic, chilli and spring onions. A healthy option as it is low in calories and high in protein.

Serves 6. Prep time: 15 mins Cooking time: 10 mins.



Ingredients

- 6 x sea bass fillets, about 140g/5oz each, skin on and scaled
- about 3 tbsp sunflower oil
- large knob of ginger, peeled and shredded into matchsticks
- 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 3 fat, fresh red chillies deseeded and thinly shredded
- bunch spring onion, shredded long-ways.
- 1 tbsp soy sauce

Method

- 1. Season 6 sea bass fillets with salt and pepper, then slash the skin 3 times.
- 2. Heat a heavy-based frying pan and add 1 tbsp sunflower oil.
- 3. Once hot, fry the sea bass fillets, skin-side down, for 5 mins or until the skin is very crisp and golden. The fish will be almost cooked through.
- 4. Turnover, cook for another 30 seconds 1 minute, then transfer to a serving plate and keep warm. You'll need to fry the sea bass fillets in 2 batches.
- 5. Heat 2 tbsp sunflower oil, then fry the large knob of peeled ginger, cut into matchsticks, 3 thinly sliced garlic cloves and 3 thinly shredded red chillies for about 2 mins until golden.
- 6. Take off the heat and toss in the bunch of shredded spring onions. Splash the fish with 1 tbsp soy sauce and spoon over the contents of the pan. Serve hot.

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

So far, a mild, wet and windy winter is giving way to a wonderful early spring.

Wherever we look there is colour, not yet of the flamboyant extrovert summer displays but the subtle flowers of delicate aconites, sheets of snowdrops, crocus reflecting in the pond, early narcissi, primroses, winter flowering clematis and the hellebores that have been lighting up the shaded walkway since mid-winter.

The large Garrya silk tassel bush 'James Root' is doing exceptionally well with catkins up to 20 cm (8in) long cascading down like an aerial waterfall, the winter flowering jasmines sparkle and soon the scent of winter flowering honeysuckle and the flowers of Sarcocca shrubs will be filling the air and attracting bees and insects out of their winter quarters

The changes in seasonal patterns may have shortened the coldest season but March is a treacherous month, the risk of a damaging frost is with us well into May. But nothing compares with the sheer delight of the first sun filled lengthening days for lifting the spirit and getting out in the garden. One of the benefits of gardening on chalk is that the heavy rains drain quickly and we can soon get on with working through the borders. The downside of lots of rain is the rapid leaching of nutrients through the soil; hence the importance of spreading a decent depth of mulch, laid when frost free, good and early; this not only improves the soil but also retains the moisture and supresses weeds. Over the years our soil quality and fertility has improved still further by following the no-dig principle of minimum soil disturbance.

The mild winter and early progress of spring has been good for bird life; apart from the sheer number of great and blue tits, robins and sparrows it was good to see several wrens, always prone to heavy losses in a hard winter, scavenging in the borders, and the regular visiting great spotted woodpeckers at the bird feeders. Plenty too of jackdaws, pigeons occasional ring- necked doves and, most spectacularly, the pair of sparrow hawks hurtling down on the well-fed small birds at the feeding station and crashing into the conservatory window in the process – nature in the raw.



A first priority is clearing the borders of the dead herbaceous material the Head Gardener (HG) lets stand through the winter for visual interest, especially when sparkling with frost, and as protection and food source for birds and wild life. The olive tree that suffered in the severe frost of the previous winter of 22/23 is only half alive; with all the dead branches cut out, it is touch and go whether it is worth keeping. The hedges have been cut and soon we are into the seasonal process of spring pruning, the HG is active in the greenhouse seed planting and there is much to keep the ancient gardeners busy. And much to look forward to and enjoy in the garden at each and every season.

Tony Young

February 2024

The Risborough Road Milestone



Runner and Milestone

This milestone dates back two hundred years and tells of an age when the main roads of Buckinghamshire were developed to improve the winding lanes connecting local villages.

Our parish newsletter reported the opening of the footpath near the Freemantle nursing home on the A4010. As part of the works, "the milestone on the roadside verge had been restored", easy to spot on the way into Stoke Mandeville, just past Gibbs Garage.

This milestone dates back two hundred years and tells of an age when the main roads of Buckinghamshire were developed to improve the winding lanes connecting local villages.

The early 1800s were the age of Napoleon and the early industrial revolution. Canals linking London and Birmingham, and their arms to Aylesbury and Wendover, were newly constructed, while Buckinghamshire and the home counties were providing produce for the growing metropolis.

The local roads were inadequate to support the increase in horsedrawn traffic. Upkeep was the responsibility of local parishes, so lacking the resources or strategic impetus to maintain the roads to a sufficient standard, towns without stage coach connections or canals, such as Princes Risborough and Thame could become isolated. To address this, groups of landowners and businessmen formed private trusts to improve the public main roads in their area, with the legal underwriting of an Act of Parliament. Typically each improved road had one associated trust, in this case The Risborough and Thame Turnpike Trust est 1795.

Funding for these improvements came from collecting tolls based on the number of drawing horses, vehicle type and driven stock using the road. The turnpike was divided into sections and the toll collection sub-contracted by annual tender. The Stoke Mandeville to Wycombe turnpike's first section was between Mandeville roundabout and Little Kimble. To avoid paying fees, travellers could sneak by Kimble using Chalkshire and Ellesborough Roads. (There was sufficient

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"and partly to revenge themselves

Toll Collection 1800s

on mankind by taking tolls"

traffic around this time that it was economic to enlarge the public house at Butlers Cross and rename it The Russell Arms). The trustees "ordered that a side bar or gate should be put up across the road from Terrick to Butlers Cross near the Wheelwright's shop", now GKL Garage, to stem their losses.

The actual toll keepers were not well paid and those on the side bars like Terrick even less so. As Charles Dickens remarked in his Pickwick Papers: "they're all of 'em men has met with some disappointment in life, ... consequent they retires from the world, and shuts themselves in pikes; partly with a view to being solitary and partly to revenge themselves on mankind by taking

tolls". Being sited opposite the then Plough Inn may have helped though.

Milestones were mandated by the Turnpikes Act as tolls and coach travel were charged by the mile. To be legible and and long lasting they could be substantial structures, but many were lost in the intervening years to road widening and vegetation clearances.

So our large, well restored, milestone not only marks the last mile to Mandeville, but also the lives of those who have inhabited and travelled through our neighbourhood.

Richard Jennings

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Terrick Toll Location - Old Road, Terrick





NATURE NOTES The Big Garden Birdwatch

This annual event has grown from a small-scale activity for children in 1979 to the world's largest garden wildlife citizen science project.



Winners and losers: the goldfinch and the starling

In the heart of winter at the end of January, when the air is crisp and the branches bare, half a million of people across the nation ready their binoculars, notepads and warm cups of tea for an event that has become a cherished ritual in the wildlife calendar—the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. This annual event has grown from a small-scale activity for children in 1979 to the world's largest garden wildlife citizen science project.

Each year, over the course of a late January weekend, participants spend an hour in their gardens, local parks or balconies counting and recording the birds they see. The simplicity of the Birdwatch, requiring no special skills or equipment beyond a keen eye and a bit of patience, has made it an inclusive and accessible way for people of all ages to connect with nature and contribute to valuable scientific research.

The data collected are invaluable to the RSPB and other conservation organisations. By anaylsing trends in bird populations, researchers can identify species in decline, understand the impacts of climate change, habitat loss, and other environmental pressures on wildlife and take action to protect our feathered friends. Over the years, the Big Garden Birdwatch has charted the changing fortunes of British birds, revealing both winners and losers in the struggle [for survival.

For example, the survey has documented the dramatic decline of once-common species like the house sparrow and the starling, providing crucial evidence that has spurred conservation efforts. Conversely, it has also shown increases in garden sightings of birds such as the goldfinch and the long tailed tit, highlighting shifts in bird populations and behaviours. Nationally, the house sparrow still continues to take the top spot, despite a sharp decrease in sightings by 57% since 1979. The blue tit and starling were also among the top birds observed nationally.

Beyond its scientific contributions, the Big Garden Birdwatch fosters a sense of community and connection to nature. Participants share their experiences and sightings on social media, in schools and among friends and family, creating a buzz of excitement and curiosity about the natural world. It's a reminder of the importance of biodiversity and the role each person can play in wildlife conservation.





Iconic crests: the waxwing and the lapwing

What did you see – winter migrators?

Bird watching in winter always throws up some surprises. We are all familiar with our common summer visitors such as swallows, house martins and cuckoos but winter is no different. As the countryside dons its winter coat, the arrival of migratory birds from colder climes offers birdwatchers and nature lovers alike a unique spectacle. Our coastlines and estuaries welcome huge populations of waders, ducks and geese from the frozen north and east. This annual migration sees a range of species making the UK their winter home, escaping the harsher conditions of their breeding grounds.

But it's not only our coastlines and mud flats which benefit. Woods, fields and gardens are enlivened by the arrival of smaller birds, seeking refuge in the relative warmth of the British Isles. The redwing and fieldfare, members of the thrush family, descend on berry-laden bushes and trees, their chattering calls a soundtrack to winter walks. These birds, with their distinctive plumage and bold characters, add a splash of life to the bare branches. Even rare waders such as Lapwings were seen In the fields around Butlers Cross mixed in with the crows and seagulls feeding on the remains of the newly cultivated winter crops.

Urban areas also see their share of winter visitors. Waxwings, with their punk-like crest and colourful wing tips, are often spotted in search of berries in supermarket car parks or gardens where rowan and hawthorn trees stand. Their sporadic invasions depend on the availability of food in their breeding grounds, making some winters particularly spectacular for sightings. In early February I was very fortunate to see a flock of these iconic birds in a residential swing park in Longwick.

Hopefully you wrapped up warm this winter and perhaps ventured out into the crisp air, keeping an eye and an ear open for the signs and evidence of these incredible journeys. The migratory birds of the UK are a reminder of nature's rhythms and their presence enriches our winters with life and colour.

Doug West





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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 TAKE part in fun activities for young and old

MEET our amazing animals



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Nursing zombies back to life

In the agricultural calendar hedge trimming marks the final admission that the warm days of summer are passing the seasonal baton to the cooler days of autumn and winter.



Until 2015 this provided an ideal wet weather entertainment for farm staff. Some contractors became so proficient and skilled that to the trained farming eye it was possible to identify who had cut the hedge by the resulting topiary. However, after 2015, that changed into an open season, time pressurised race, from 1st September to 28th February. This race was the direct response of the UK to an EU Bird Directive to protect nesting birds on farms.

Prior to mechanisation, hedges were allowed to grow tall and then "laid" with great skill through the winter. Hedge laying also creates livestock proof field boundaries and the opportunity to harvest timber for fuel. Due to the sheer expense of these heritage crafts this has increasingly become the reserve of the well financed few, more interested in aesthetics than financial return. However, increased interest in encouraging farmland bird numbers, has focused attention on practises which promote the multi-year vegetative growth of hedges. For example, the current Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) offers a supplementary payment of £13 per 100m to cut each hedgerow incrementally on a rotation, no more than once every 2 years, while cutting no more than half the hedges each year. If you're confused by these rules, welcome to my world! The objective is to revitalise see through "zombie hedgerows" where fresh growth is limited to the top.

Your introduction to zombie hedgerows above provides the link to the title of this article. How do we regenerate zombie hedgerows into vibrant diverse ecosystem providers. Well, similar to open heart surgery the treatment is traumatic! Current research suggests cutting a hedge back to 30cm stumps, or coppicing, will force the hedge to rejuvenate. It encourages vigorous regrowth from the base, resulting in denser foliage and a more compact structure. Additionally, coppicing promotes the development of fresh, vibrant shoots and regular coppicing can extend the lifespan of the hedge, as it stimulates healthy stems while removing older, less productive ones. Ultimately, coppicing ensures that the hedge remains a robust and attractive boundary feature within the landscape, while providing shelter, food and habitat for wildlife.

Trial coppicing, has been undertaken in our field close to the National Air Traffic Services (NATS) Hendon mast, south of Risborough Road. We have already undertaken supplementary planting of the hedgerow (gapping) and have aggregated the cut material ready for chipping. We use hundreds of tonnes of compost each year as a soil improver within our farming system and this woodchip will be uses a base ingredient with chopped grass and animal manure to generate microbially active compost. So, for those regular footpath walkers using the NATS track, we hope the current coppiced hedge will transform into vibrant green shoots, ensuring a hedge providing shelter, food and habitat for wildlife, both above and below ground, for many years to come!

Please see a link to my YouTube video explaining the process: https://youtu.be/yGLsk9Navgs?si=nFBgWTf_Mko6GigG

Antony Pearce

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A familiar face in the Strangers' Bar

The Chiltern Brewery's Pale Ale returns to the House of Commons' bar.

Almost exactly 30 years to the day, Chiltern Pale Ale is on the hand-pull again, in the House of Commons Strangers' Bar.

In January this year, we were delighted to hear from our MP, Mr Greg Smith, that he had arranged for Chiltern Pale Ale to be supplied to the Strangers' Bar, and would we like to enjoy a glass (or two!) with him in the bar?

We didn't hesitate to accept, and on 29th January, up to London we travelled.

We could remember the rather iconic photograph of our father, Mr Richard Jenkinson, and our then MP, Mr David Lidington, with glasses of Chiltern in hand, taken on the terrace outside the bar. We were bowled over, when we learnt it was taken in November 1993, almost 30 years to the day, previously!

Would we be able to replicate the photo to accompany the original that has been on the wall at the back of the Brewery Shop since 1993?

Of course! After checking the beer was spot on - our thanks to the attention of the Bar Manager - we made our way onto the terrace, next to the Thames. Greg Smith MP and Tom Jenkinson, Brewery Partner, gamely sat and reposed the photo from 1993. Side by side, the photos are remarkably close - even the chairs appear the same!

It was a real privilege to have our beer served in the bar. The icing on the cake was to be able to go up and enjoy a few pints with Greg Smith MP!

Greg Smith MP, said "A pleasure to welcome Tom and George Jenkinson from Chiltern Brewery to Westminster where their Chiltern Pale Ale has been served in the House of Commons Strangers' Bar!

Brewing is a huge part of our local economy in the constituency serving great beers to drinkers in tasting rooms, pubs and at home. It was wonderful to celebrate Chiltern Brewery in Westminster - five barrels of Chiltern Ale selling out in just eight days!

I will always champion local businesses and it's fantastic to see this fine Bucks ale in SW1!".

We would very much like to thank Greg Smith MP, and his team, for smoothing the way. It was also special as Chiltern Pale Ale is the first beer we ever brewed - a staple of our beer range. We very much hope it provided some welcome refreshment for MPs and strangers, in Parliament.

We have learnt since, that all five casks sold out in double-time, so it would appear it did the trick!







History of tea and cakes at Ellesborough church

Volunteers started serving tea and cakes from 2-5 pm on Sunday afternoons in 2007.

Ellesborough Church, "The church on the hill" is a wellknown landmark and is an historic building. In fact there has been a church on the site for just over 800 years. Many additions and alterations have been made over the centuries and today we can enjoy the beautiful interior and of course, the splendid views of the surrounding area from outside. In fact there is nothing better than sitting on one of the benches outside the church to have a cup of tea on a beautiful summers' day, or choosing the coolness within if it is too hot outside.

Volunteers started serving tea and cakes from 2-5 pm on Sunday afternoons in 2007. The season then was shorter, commencing in June and continuing until September. It quickly became known as a convenient stopping place for locals as well as those out for walks in the surrounding area.

At that time, there was no running water in the church and water had to be brought in from a stand pipe in the churchyard. At the rear of the church, there was an electric urn which was used to heat water for the tea and water for washing up which was done in a bowl on a small work surface. There was also a small cupboard for storing crockery and cutlery. This was still the case when I took over organizing the teas, I can't remember exactly when this was, but I think probably 2011 or 2012.

In 2013, the PCC was asked if it was possible to provide running water into the church. Some money was raised and a cold water supply, a sink, taps and a proper work surface was installed. The urn remained! Gradually, as popularity increased we decided to commence the teas at Easter and continue every Sunday and Bank holiday until the end of September.

However, the facilities were limited (No toilet) and there were several Health & Safety and Environmental Health hazards. A portable lavatory was obtained and installed



in the church car park during this time for the use of visitors to the church.

The PCC decided to apply for permission to install a proper servery and lavatory within the church and a fund raising programme was commenced. Eventually permission was granted and building work began. After months of frustration and delays for various reasons, Covid included, the servery and toilet were completed.

The improvement in facilities has led to a large increase in visitors, as the word has spread amongst local walking groups. The church is mentioned in some walkers handbooks. With notices placed at strategic points on local foot paths, we now regularly have visitors from all around the country and overseas, as well as our loyal locals many of whom come every week. The income from the teas is a significant addition to the church funds needed to maintain the upkeep of this beautiful building.

As I write this article, we are busy planning our next season. In total we will open on 31 days this year, starting on Easter Sunday.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

A small band of volunteers bake cakes and really enjoy their afternoons serving teas, however to maintain this service, we are in desperate need of more helpers. You certainly don't need to be a church goer, but if you enjoy baking and meeting people, or would like to help to raise money to enable the PCC to keep this beautiful church in good condition, we would love you to join our merry band. We aim to have enough volunteers so that each team only do one Sunday a month. We need 2 people for each session from 1.30-5.30pm

Please contact Liz Norris if you are interested or would like more details. elizabeth.norris1@btinternet.com 01296 615821 or 07979 292234

Spring is sprung in Dunsmore

Quiet cheers have been heard in the village as the snowdrops, then crocuses, and now the daffodils have begun to raise their flowerheads above the soggy soil. Has Spring finally arrived? Dunsmore residents are ready for it!

We celebrated the Christmas holiday with our traditional **Winter Warmer** together with friends and neighbours in a beautifully decorated Village Hall. And when the official holiday season was behind us, we enjoyed a **Burns Night** on January 26. A traditional meal of haggis, tatties and neeps, mashed potato, apple sauce – and of course the traditional shot of Scotch whisky. Need we point out that a good time was had by all?

The **First Friday Social Nights** began again on February 2. These have now been recast as social evenings for all the family, and a number of villagers are taking advantage of that to bring along youngsters. The evenings begin begin at 7 p.m., and attendees are encouraged to bring along their own drinks and nibbles. Unfortunately, the **Beetle Drive** held in the Village Hall on Saturday, February 24, conflicted with our editorial deadline, so winners will have to do their celebrating without publicity.

Upcoming Spring Events

Don't forget to mark your diaries and calendars for the First Friday Social Nights coming up: March 1, April 5, and May 3.

The Spring Village Cleanup will take place on the weekend of **March 23-24**. Look for further information about how to sign up for specific tasks. Make sure to bring gloves, bin bags, and grabbers, if you have them.

A special **Summer Solstice Party** is planned for **Friday**, **June 21**. A reminder will appear in the next issue of this magazine, but please put it on your calendar. This has been a very special event in the past and is well worth your attendance.

And for the rest of 2024?

Mark your diaries for these additional Dunsmore Village Hall Association events, too:

Saturday, July 6	Summer Ball at The Fox
Friday, August 2	First Friday Social Night
Sunday, August 18	Cream teas at the Church
Friday, September 6	First Friday Social Night
Sunday, September 8	Cross-country Bike Ride
Friday, October 4	AGM and Social Evening
Weekend, October 5-6	Village Clean-up
Friday, November 1	First Friday Social Night
Saturday, November 16	Quiz and Chips Night
Friday, December 6	First Friday Social Night
Saturday, December 7	The Mill at Sonning
	Theatre Trip
Friday, December 20	Winter Warmer

Make plans now to attend as many of these wonderful, carefully planned village events as you and your family can. This is such a special place to live, so come along and enjoy the activities with your friends and neighbours.

Cream Teas at Dunsmore Church



Truly Scrumptions 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, 19th May 2024 Sunday, 16th June 2024 Sunday, 21st July 2024 Sunday, 18th August 2024

Proceeds go to the maintenance of our lovely village church

Hill Poem

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There's a weird DISPLAY On the hill today.

Hundreds of worms Had **forgotten** to squirm But lay - stretched out completely straight, From the summit's top down to our gate.

I had t walk with utmost care, To where the worms weren't stretched-out there. The Kites where wheeling overhead, Heavy with all the forms they'd fed.

I couldn't step backwards down the hill Incase of all the worms I'd kill; Nor could I do my final run, But carefully stepped between each one.

The reason for this was quite plain The MASSIVE RAINFALL was to blame.

(This poem was created today by Jane)

The Chiltern Ladies

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Stewart Hall, Kimble at 2pm. Visitors are very welcome.

December

The December meeting was well attended, with most members wearing colourful Christmas jumpers. The produce table was laden with homemade Christmas cakes, pies, puddings chutneys and mince meat for sale. The Bring-a-Tin box was overflowing with gifts for the Aylesbury Food Bank and an amazing collection of donations for the Milton Keynes Winter Night Shelter was very gratefully received.



Our charity of the year will be CHAT, a local charity supporting families of children with special needs.

Our photographic competition for the cover of our 2024/25 programme was won by Mary Evered. After tea with homemade mince pies, the Princes Risborough Ukulele Group, dressed to dazzle in Christmas outfits with fairy lights in their hair and beards, entertained us with Christmas songs and carols. Thanks to our honorary member, Chiltern Laddy Paul Couling, we sang along with words projected onto our screen. We really enjoyed it and it put us all in the Christmas spirit. The musicians support Parkinsons Research UK, to which we donated £100. The committee presented Christmas gifts to everyone attending.

January

In January we do not engage a speaker in case of bad weather. So, after the business part of the meeting and a cup of tea, members talked about their hats! There were some sensational creations and some wonderful stories. Hats ranged from Mother of the Bride and Royal Ascot to sunhats and gardening hats. The President, Elizabeth Hine, spoke of the hat lined with sheep's wool she bought when she became a leaf peeper in an exceptionally cold October in New England.

February

At February's meeting we learnt about upcoming events: a March tour and lunch at the Hindu Temple in Neasden, the Orchid Festival at Kew, a visit to Audley End, an autumn holiday in Scotland and a second outing to Thursford in Norfolk, including a visit to Sandringham.



The speaker was Graham Laurie who talked about the wonderful service offered by the Flying Doctors in Australia. The service was started in 1928 by the Rev. James Flyn, a Presbyterian minister and had several names. After the visit of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Australia in 1955 the service became The Royal Flying Doctor Service. It is a charitable organisation delivering primary healthcare and twenty-four hour emergency services for those living in remote rural areas. The Flying Doctors visit around 300,000 patients annually. James Flynn's face is shown on the Australian \$20 note.

Elizabeth Hine

School News – February 2024

Great Kimble C of E School

The children and their families raised a whopping £968 for this amazing charity.



Church School Inspection (SIAMS)

We are proud to be a Church of England School and have worked hard over the past two years to develop our inclusive Christian vision, aiming to live our vision each day in the work that we do. We are therefore pleased to share with the community the results of our recent church school inspection. The inspection findings, which are shared below, show that Great Kimble Church of England School is living up to its foundation as a Church school.

- The school's vision is at the very heart of school life. It undoubtedly drives leaders' priorities and planning, and is lived out in everything that the school undertakes.
- Inspired by the school's vision, staff welcome and nurture pupils. There is an exceptional sense of a loving, caring family in which every individual is known. These strong relationships are rooted in Christian love for one another.
- Partnerships within the parish, local community, trust and diocese are strong. These meaningful partnerships enhance provision for all pupils and adults.

Collective worship provides clear, reflective opportunities for developing personal spirituality. The school's distinctive Christian vision and shared values drive an exceptionally well-planned and organised programme.

If any local families are considering our school for their children, please contact us and we would be happy to show you around.

Church News

We are thankful to have such strong relationships within the parish and this includes St Nicolas' Church. Our school church choir is going from strength to strength and the children would like to welcome more of the local parishioners to the services at the church. St Nic's Kids is a very special service which caters for the children's interests and is a really fun family event. If you would like to attend and find out more then please contact us and we can share this information with you.

School Trips and Experiences

This academic year the children's learning has been enriched by a rage of trips and visitors to school. This has included visits to the Ashmloean and Discover Bucks Museum. In addition, the Great Learners Trust has organised sporting events that have included dance and basketball. This term a fantastic group of students from Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA)visited to perform a play and deliver a drama workshop for Air Class. More trips are planned for the rest of the year, including our end of year residential at Longridge, Marlow for year 5 and 6.

Fundraising

We are passionate about giving the children to opportunity to learn about important causes and issues, particularly within their local community. We are proud of the fundraising work the children have taken part in this year, which has included wearing Christmas jumpers for Save the Children, designing a new bandana for Pudsey Bear for Children in Need and taking part in the 'Santa Dash' for The Florence Nightingale Trust. The children and their families raised a whopping £968 for this amazing charity.

Social Media

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

Mrs Lodge

Headteacher

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Red Kite Radio

Not every community has its own radio station, but Ellesborough is one that does, with Red Kite Radio providing music, entertainment and news of local events every single day of the year.

With the sad demise of local newspapers, publications like the Ellesborough Magazine and community radio stations like Red Kite Radio are ever more important to keep communities connected and informed.

Everyone who works at the station is a volunteer, some giving many hours of their time every single week, to contribute to the area where we live. But being a volunteer doesn't mean amateur. The people who work at Red Kite Radio excel in their field and some have previously worked professionally in radio.

Members are from all age groups, backgrounds and occupations including everyone from recently graduated university students to the recently retired, with former and current occupations including the film industry, financial services, motorsport, the media, floristry, retail and music.

The station was founded six years ago and came about out of a temporary summer station that was set up each year for the Haddenham Beer Festival. From that success came calls and support to create a 24/7 radio station and a subsequent application to Ofcom was successful and a licence granted.

You will see, from the Red Kite Radio schedule that appears in every issue of the Ellesborough Magazine, that music from every decade from the Sixties right up to current day releases is played on the weekday shows from The Breakfast Team through the daytime presenters to the early evening Drivetime show. After that, in the evenings, and at the weekends, are the more specialist shows, focusing on particular decades or a genre of music, including Country, Motown, Blues, Musicals and Funk. So hopefully every taste is catered for. We also regularly play local artists, including soprano Natasha Marsh from Terrick.

Every hour throughout the day, after the national news, local news and weather is broadcast, and on all the daytime shows the presenters give information about local events.

The station has some very loyal and dedicated listeners. Last year one of them did a skydive to raise money for the station, and he now sponsors his favourite show, The Sixties Rewind presented by Cherry Waller.

Over the years the station has also been recognised in the annual Community Radio Awards; and last year one of the younger presenters left to work for SKY, so the experience of working at the station can reap incredible personal rewards beyond the satisfaction of working for the community.

The station studio is located at Haddenham Garden Centre and the official broadcast area includes all the towns and villages around Haddenham and Thame, stretching up to Ashendon, Brill and Upper Winchendon, down to Chinnor, Postcombe and Loosley Row and across to Milton Common, Long Crendon, Princes Risborough, Little Kimble and of course Butlers Cross, Terrick, Nash Lee and Ellesborough. But in fact, if you have ever tuned your car



radio to 107.2fm you will hear that the station can be heard well beyond those areas.

In addition to the FM frequency, these days radio stations can be heard in lots of other ways too and Red Kite Radio is no different. Many listeners tune in via the Internet and listen on their Smart Speakers by asking them to 'play Red Kite Radio'. Don't be fooled if you try this and get an American voice first; Tune-In has introduced adverts and a couple of these now play before connecting to Red Kite Radio. Listeners can also listen via the brand new website www.redkiteradio.com by clicking on the Listen button on the Home page. In these ways the station has collected listeners from all over the country and the world – usually people who once lived or worked in this area, or have family connections here.

The Red Kite Radio team also have lots of fun outside the studio, attending local festivals to broadcast live and enjoying lots of social gatherings including picnics, breakfasts, quizzes and Christmas meals.

If you want to join the team, either in front of the mic or helping behind the scenes do get in touch. At the moment a Station Manager, Station Engineer and deputy to the Head of Output are particularly needed. For more information on any of these positions email contact@redkiteradio.com You can use the same email if you would like to advertise on the station. The Bronze package starts at just £65 a month.

But the most important thing to remember about Red Kite Radio is to tune in and listen to your local community radio station because it is there for you. And if you are on Facebook, you might want to follow the Red Kite Radio page for all the up to date news about the station.

Written by Heather Jan Brunt

Your local radio station for Ellesborough, Butlers Cross, Terrick and the Kimbles

Classic hits and recent releases

- Local news stories every day
- Detailed information about forthcoming local events

Monday to Friday

7.00 am Red Kite Breakfast With Alan Taberer (Mon/Wed/Fri) or Deep Kundhi (Tue/Thu)
10.00 The Mid-Morning Show Hits old and new plus local info with Howard Bond

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- **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 The Afternoon Show Music, features and chat with Maggie G or Peter Dawes
- **4.00 Drivetime** Great music and local travel news with Mike Oxlade or Paul Higgs
- 6.00 The Gold Kite Back-to-back classic hits
- 7.00 Monday The Seventies Rewind with Simon Jobling
 - TuesdayThe Nineties RewindHits from the 1990s
 - Wednesday The Eighties Rewind with Howard Bond
 - Thursday The Sixties Rewind with Cherry Waller
 - Friday The Weekend Warm-Up with Karl Braisher
 - Monday The Musicals Hour Songs from the shows
 - TuesdayMotown Magicwith 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

107.2 FM 🔶 Smart speaker

11.00 Through the Night Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s

9.00

Saturday

- 7.00 am Saturday Breakfast Your weekend starts here! With Andrew Duthie
 10.00 The Noughties 'Til Now Show 20-plus years of hits with Hannah Austin
- 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
- 5.00 The Funk, Soul & Dance Show Smooth, cool sounds with Deep Kundhi
- 7.00 Red Kite Party Night Four hours of classic party hits, with Daryl Ridgley
- **11.00** Through the Night Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s

Sunday

7.00 am	Sunday Breakfast Back-to-back hits
10.00	Sunday Brunch Classic hits and chat 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
4.00	Musicals Hour Songs from the shows
5.00	The Noughties 'Til Now Show 20-plus years of hits with Hannah Austin
7.00	Sunday Rocks! Classic rock tracks
10.00	The Breakaway Blues Show Blues and blues-influenced tracks with Graham Andrews
11.00	Through the Night Non-stop hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s
🔶 On	line at redkiteradio.com

This Spring enjoy art and get creative at Discover Bucks Museum

Over the Easter holidays there's lots of activities for families to enjoy starting with Easter Eggstravaganza!

We've started 2024 with a slight change to our opening times. We're now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but open on Sunday afternoons, 12pm - 4pm, to allow more time over the weekend to visit. The Roald Dahl Children's Gallery is also open Sunday afternoons as well as Saturdays with more days to visit in Bucks school holidays.





This Fractured Land

Opening on 30 March, *This Fractured Land* is a fascinating exhibition of paintings, prints, photography, film and sculpture, where five visual artists explore our changing landscape drawing inspiration from the museum's collections and the hills and woodlands of the Chilterns.



Easter Eggstravaganza!

Over the Easter holidays there's lots of activities for families to enjoy starting with *Easter Eggstravaganza!* on Saturday 30 March followed by art and craft activities each day from 1 - 5 April and 8 – 12 April.

2024 Muir Trust Artist in Residence

In April we are delighted to have the 2024 Muir Trust Artist in Residence which this year is a portrait artist. Meet them in their Open Studio and watch them work. Check website for dates.



Sign up to our emails on our website and keep up-to-date with what's on including our popular under 5s Duckling sessions, talks, afternoon teas and special interest days.

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

Anna Rebecca Taylor *Pilates*

Pilates is a safe and controlled method of exercising, suitable for all levels.

Having practised Body Control Pilates for over ten years, in 2020, I decided I would take the leap and retrain. Becoming a pilates teacher has been one of my greatest achievements to date, working and sharing my love for pilates and seeing the improvements and benefits in my clients is truly satisfying.

Pilates, originally known as 'Controlology' was created by Joseph Pilates in the early 1900s, it was only renamed 'Pilates' after his death.

Pilates is a safe and controlled method of exercising, suitable for all levels. It focuses on the alignment and posture of the body, as well as improving strength, balance, flexibility and coordination.

I started two beginner classes in Ellesborough Village Hall last year and am delighted to say it has been a huge success, thanks to the support from many local friends and neighbours. I will be introducing a couple of new classes this year, a beginners class and an improvers class, on Thursday mornings, again in Ellesborough Village Hall.

- "I am a keen runner, I love it but I notice the strain it puts on my joints. Ever since starting Pilates with Anna I have noticed the difference with my hip and knee pain."
- "I sit at a desk all day for my job, starting the week with an hour of Pilates is the perfect reset."
- "My posture has improved and I can nearly touch my toes!"

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Ashridge ramblings *Protecting our roots*

More people visit Ashridge each year than the Eden Project, the Giants' Causeway and Hampton Court Palace combined.



The total is around 1.7 million, which is roughly three every minute of every day. That our 2,000 magnificent, health-enhancing hectares are so popular is cause for celebration but creates huge problems for the National Trust, which has to balance its statutory obligations under a range of wildlife, archaeological and heritage regulations with its strategic mission 'for everyone, forever'.

The need to reduce visitor impacts on wildlife has reached a critical point. In muddy conditions, designated paths become wider and new paths form. The soil becomes compacted, which stresses tree roots. Fly tipping, general rubbish and dog waste spoil enjoyment and pose a direct threat to plants and animals. Off-piste cycling and walking, and parking on verges degrade habitat. Barbecues create huge fire risks. With 30,000 new dwellings planned within 12.6 km of Ashridge's boundaries, from which area 75% of its visitors come, 200,000 more people per year are expected, putting Ashridge on a par with Kew Gardens!

One of the great things about Ashridge is its extraordinary diversity of landscapes and habitats. Over the next five years or so, there will be a concerted effort to encourage visitors away from the areas that, rightly, have the strongest protection in law, and to the ecologically and archaeologically less sensitive, but no less beautiful, parts. Seventeen areas, each with its own distinctive set of characteristics, have been identified. Each is suited to different needs. Some lend themselves to a range of visitor activities, some are suited to nature watchers, some should be left to wildlife and grazing livestock only.

With this in mind, new visitor hubs will be created around the vast estate, with facilities and features appropriate to each individual site. Facilities at the current Visitor Centre will be reduced and the shop will be relocated. The delights of less well-known parts of the estate will become more familiar and you may well be amazed at what you've been missing.

A huge amount of thinking, consultation and planning has already gone into these pivotal developments. More will come, and the Trust is always keen to hear your views. For further information as it becomes available, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-protecting-ourroots. We all need to root for Ashridge, its wildlife and its visitors.

Rikki Harrington

(Ashridge Estate Committee Member)

Access to Ashridge for all

At Ashridge Estate, we offer a wonderful service for those with limited mobility which is completely volunteer led.



We have several powered, self-drive mobility vehicles to use on our accessible routes. There are single-seater, two-seater and four-seater vehicles to choose from, all of which are easy to book and straightforward to use.

The service starts running again at the end of March alongside the (hopefully) better weather.

We are looking to increase our team of fantastic volunteers who run this service to ensure it can keep operating seven days a week from 12noon to 4pm. It is a really rewarding role based at the visitor centre. The visitors who use the service are incredibly grateful that the vehicles allow them to go deep into the forest and countryside which they could otherwise not access. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a mobility vehicle volunteer, do please contact Emily on 01442 851227 or Emily.Morton1@nationaltrust.org.uk. The following are quotes from users.

"So pleased I could explore Ashridge today using a PMV. It's a beautiful place and I feel much better when I'm outdoors."

"I can't wait for Spring. I miss the mobility vehicles in winter and can't get out into the woods which I love."

"I used to walk for miles in Ashridge but no longer can. The PMVs are a real blessing and the volunteers who look after them are a godsend to me. Thank you so much."



Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

Summer 2024 Events Programme

Dear Members, Below are details of the events and talks for Summer 2024. Booking is through

www.ticketsource.co.uk/buckinghamshire-gardens-trust and numbers are limited for all events so booking early will avoid disappointment. Please note that most events have two ticket prices with members receiving a 25% discount and some events are members only. Details on parking, toilets, disability access, see website. Problems with access to tickets please contact enquiries@bucksgardenstrust.org.uk or Claire de Carle (Chair) 01844 23770. More details can be found on the website https://buckgardenstrust.org.uk/events and Sale of Tickets Policy.
Tuesday 30th April 10am–3pm Hampden House, Hampden Road, Great Hampden HP16 9RD

Tickets: Members only £25 includes refreshments on arrival, tour and light lunch (25 places)



The manor of Great Hampden belonged to the same family from pre-Domesday until its sale in 1982 to the present owners, who are founding members of the Trust. The visit starts with a talk on the history of the house and estate. This will be followed by a walk through the gardens, pleasance and parkland with Michael Hunt and Gwen Miles explaining the history of this 1000-year-old site. At the completion of the tour a light lunch will be served. Information can be found at: <u>https://bucksgardenstrust.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/Hampden-Ho-BGT-RR-dossier-30-Sept-</u> 20.pdf Photograph Dianne Long

Thursday 9th May 2 pm Taplow Court, Berry Hill, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0ER Tickets: £16 members, £20 non-members. Refreshments on arrival. (40 places)



Includes tour of the garden led by Phil Rollinson, Head Gardener. The 25-hectare site originates in the early medieval period, and has a C7 Saxon burial mound in its grounds, early-C18 pleasure garden and a small park. Robert Marnock has recently been attributed as the C19 garden designer responsible for the formal gardens with adjacent lawns and woodland walks. Claire de Carle and Trust Researchers have produced a report and display about Marnock's work covering a cluster of three sites (including Taplow Court) in the south of the historic county. The Grade II registered garden at Taplow Court is thought to have been one of Marnock's principal works during the 1860s and 70s. Photograph Claire de Carle

Wednesday 22nd May 10.30 for 11am – 1pm Evenley Wood Gardens, Brackley NN135SL Tickets: £20 members £25 non-members. Refreshments on arrival (25 places)



Tour of Garden by Michael Hunt. "Set amongst the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, this 60-acre privately owned woodland garden contains a large and notable collection of plants, ranging from unusual trees and shrubs to a wide selection of lilies and other bulbs. Carpets of named snowdrops in February run into wonderful spring bulbs and the garden's 800m long Scilla 'stream', as the garden jumps into life. Some 100 magnolias follow and are later joined by the first flush of new leaves, rhododendrons and azaleas. In the summer, over 300 roses and 150 lilies emerge, including Lilium 'Evenley Jane', which was developed and propagated on site."

https://www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk Photograph John O'Dwyer

Monday 10th June 10am Rycote Park, Milton Common, Thame, Oxon OX9 2PE Tickets: £20 members £25 non-members. Refreshments on arrival. (40 places)



The visit includes a welcome talk by Sarah Taylor, the owner, with coffee and biscuits followed by a tour of the Chapel, Ice House and gardens. The C15 Chapel, which predates the original Tudor house, allows an encounter with the history of England and its standing tradition of worship. The Capability Brown park was the subject of major renovation in 2001, with advice from Elizabeth Banks who also created the formal gardens immediately around the house. They evoke the lost C16 and C17 aspects of the garden pre Capability Brown. The walled garden was also restored and the main lawns and lake were transformed. The East Terrace is now formally laid out and nearby are a sunken garden, shady border, herb garden and knot garden. There is also an apple orchard and many interesting sculptures. *Photograph Claire de Carle*

Tuesday 9th July 2pm, Lilies, High Street, Weedon, Aylesbury HP22 4NS Tickets: £16 members, £20 non-members. Includes refreshments (50 places)



Guided tour by Andrew McCarthy, Head Gardener. The garden at Lilies in Weedon, just north of Aylesbury, occupies an elevated position with far-reaching views over the Vale of Aylesbury and neighbouring Hardwick Village. It has extensive lawns, specimen trees and surrounding woodland. It is stocked with perennial and shrub beds surrounding the C19 small country house, with a koi pond, and clipped yew and box topiary. Some impressive C19 deciduous and evergreen ornamental trees and shrubs remain in the grounds, which extend to a walled garden alongside a traditional wildflower meadow housing beehives. Dossier: https://bucksgardenstrust.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2016/02/Lilies-Weedon.pdf Photograph Mr. Anson

Saturday 20th July 1.00pm Wotton House, Wotton Underwood, Aylesbury HP18 0SB Tickets: Free – book through TicketSource. 1.00pm Lunch, bring a picnic. 2.00pm AGM. Tour and Tea.



By kind permission of David Gladstone, patron of Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust and owner of Wotton House. Open 1.00 and bring a picnic. Following the AGM, a guided tour of the Grade I historic landscape surrounding the early C18 country house will be led by Michael Harrison, Estate Manager. The original layout was probably by George London and Henry Wise, then developed into an extensive mid-C18 park for George Grenville by Lancelot Brown; William Pitt, later first Earl of Chatham, is credited with significant input with regard to the design. The house and estate are regarded as one of the finest remaining examples of historic landscape. Photograph JUG

Thursday 26th September 1pm Wavendon House, Wavendon House Drive, Wavendon MK17 8AJ Tickets £20 members only. Refreshments included. (20 places)



The visit includes a welcome and tour by David Heath. A late C18 country villa pleasure ground and possibly drives by Richard Woods, typical of his style, which survives largely intact, with late C18/early C19 additions for the Hoares of Stourhead, and extensive later C19 park additions that complemented Woods' work. It has been little altered since the 1880s although localised modern development has damaged parts of the site.

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 Photograph David Heath

PACE

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

Today, Pace operates from two sites in Aylesbury, as well as delivering commissioned therapy services to three local special schools and a rapidly developing digital provision.

Pace provides education and therapy support for children aged 0-18 and their families, and our sights are set on delivering a genuinely national impact. The number of students is now in excess of 100.

Our specialist teams develop learning programmes that are tailored to a child's individual needs. The integrated programmes blend theory and practice from a range of disciplines into the relevant curriculum or learning



opportunity, making sure that each child can fully access their play, education and the world around them, become active learners and reach their full potential.

We want every child in the UK with a neurodisability, and their family, to have access to educational and clinical support that is aligned with the Pace approach.

To that end, Pace work very intentionally to share our expertise, to train other providers and practitioners and to campaign for better provision.

The Pace Centre Coventon Road, Aylesbury HP19 9JL Tel: 01296 392739

April 21st – The Big Walk & Superhero Mile

For many of the children at Pace just achieving independent mobility is a huge achievement and takes years of practice. Whether it's taking one step or learning to use a motorised wheelchair the challenges they overcome to be independent are huge. But YOU can help them achieve their goals and transform the lives of children with a neurodisability like cerebral palsy by putting on your own walking shoes and joining us for the 2024 BIG Walk.

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£15 - Sign up now:

https://thepacecentre.org/event/ the-big-walk24/

May 17 - 20 – The National 3 Peaks Challenge

The National Three Peaks Challenge consists of climbing the tallest mountains in Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike) and Wales (Snowdon) back-to-back.

The combined ascent of the 3 mountains is over 3,000 metres. The distance covered in excess of 40km. In other words, this is one serious challenge! And that is why it is found on so many people's bucket lists.

Sign up now:

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



The story of Eric – Wendover Antiques

Eric came to the antiques Centre some 20 years ago and has been entertaining children ever since. He hides in a different place each month so the children, who come to the Antiques Centre with their parents, can find him and win a prize from his box of toys, which we make sure they always do.

This Christmas Eric dressed in his red festive outfit and hid from the children waiting to be found. Sadly, he has been stolen. On Friday the 8th December a man came to the Antiques Centre and bought a Buddy Holly LP, he also took Eric down from the place where he was waiting to be found and stuffed him inside his jacket. He went to the till and paid for the LP, but left with Eric hidden in his jacket.

We have CCTV of this man stealing Eric, he is wearing a dark blue NY Baseball Cap, wears glasses and is white, slim and about 60. The CCTV showing the man stealing Eric can be seen on the Antiques Centre Facebook page. His picture is in the Antiques Centre window and in several places around Wendover. Please tell everyone about this awful crime. Many people are very upset and have come into the Antiques Centre to tell us how they



used to find Eric when they were children. If you know this man or can help us in any way to find Eric, please contact us. There is a £25 reward for Eric's safe return. Antiques At.. Wendover 01296 625335.

Eric's distant cousin, Louis the Lemur, has come to stand in for him and hide each month so the children will have someone to find.

Planning applications Until 2 February 2024

23/07718/CLP | Certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement detached incidental outbuilding | Midwinter House Nash Lee Road Terrick Buckinghamshire HP17 0TQ

Reference	23/07718/CLP
Alternative Reference	PP-12573192
Application Received	Wed 01 Nov 2023
Application Validated	Wed 01 Nov 2023
Address	Midwinter House Nash Lee Road Terrick Buckinghamshire HP17 0TQ
Proposal	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement detached incidental outbuilding
Status	Unknown
Decision	Grant Certificate - Proposed Development
Decision Issued Date	Mon 04 Dec 2023
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

Submission in accordance with Paragraph 12, Part 1 of Schedule 17 of the High-Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for a site restoration scheme at a parcel of land located ADJACENT TO MARSH LANE, Bishopstone. Buckinghamshire

Land Adjacent To Marsh Lane Bishopstone Buckinghamshire

Ref. No: 23/08133/HS2 | Received: Tue 19 Dec 2023 | Validated: Tue 19 Dec 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

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Ref. No: 23/08120/CTREE | Received: Tue 19 Dec 2023 | Validated: Tue 19 Dec 2023 | Status: Unknown

24/05022/FUL | Householder application for construction of fence around tennis court (retrospective) | Molloway House Dunsmore Wendover Buckinghamshire HP22 6QJ

Reference	24/05022/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-12712941
Application Received	Fri 05 Jan 2024
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Status	Awaiting decision
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Ellesborough Parish Council Chairman's Note - February 2024

Village Playground

The popular village playground has been operating with restricted equipment since November due to the imposition of revised and onerous health and safety regulations. To make the equipment safety compliant, an extraordinary sum of c.£8,000 is required for repairs. This is one of the largest capital expenditure sums that EPC have ever had to find and to justify as value for money. During the past 2 months, Cllr Holman and the Parish Clerk have sought funding from various organisations and we are pleased to announce that they have successfully secured 85% of the funds required to make the repairs. With this funding commitment EPC have now appointed a contractor to undertake the works and look forward to the playground being back in full operation by early Spring.

EPC would like to sincerely thank the following funding partners, for their generous contributions;

North West Chilterns Community Board The Chequers Trust Ellesborough Village Hall Committee Hastoe Housing Association EKFB (HS2)

Rural Affordable Housing

Whilst the planning application for the 6 affordable houses on Chalkshire Road has been approved, the conditions for the occupancy of the homes are yet to be agreed between Hastoe Housing Association and Bucks Council. EPC are consultees in this process and remain committed to ensuring residents with local connections have a perpetual priority to occupy the built houses. We expect this agreement to be finalised soon, which will enable the houses to start construction in the Spring.

Coombe Hill Parking

The National Trust (NT) are committed to introducing parking charges at Coombe Hill. EPC have concerns that this will cause displacement of visitor cars to the surrounding roads causing both obstructions and verge damage. EPC have written to NT asking how they propose to protect the surrounding roads and verges and await feedback.

New Speed Cameras

The process for approval and securing the necessary grant funding continues and we are confident that the new speed cameras will be operational in the next few months. The cameras will be solar powered and their locations will be changed periodically across 9 separate sites throughout the Parish. The data captured will be reported directly to Thames Valley Police to complement their initiatives.

2024

Looking forward to later this year, the Russell Arms will re-open in early March and we look forward to welcoming the new team. The Village Summer Party is scheduled for the 29th June with all welcome and the Ellesborough Village Ball is on for September, with tickets available soon.

Chairman McGrail

Forever Flowers 2024



Remember a loved one this spring with a Forever Red Rose

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with the magnificent Waddesdon Manor to launch a very special Forever Flowers event to celebrate and remember loved ones this spring.

A stunning, temporary display of 750 bespoke metal Red Roses will be installed in the Rose Garden at Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury in April. Each flower will represent the life, love and memories of a loved one.

The Charity is offering you the opportunity to be a part of this event by dedicating one of these limited Forever Red Roses, and an invitation to a private viewing of the display on Monday 15th April whilst the grounds are closed to the public. The installation will then remain on display to the public for two weeks. Once the installation is removed, those who have dedicated a flower will be able to take it home to display as a forever keepsake.

By dedicating a Forever Red Rose you will be helping us to provide excellent local hospice care and be there for more patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

To dedicate a Forever Red Rose visit https://www. fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers or call 01296 429975 for more information.

About Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is committed to providing comprehensive and high-quality care for patients with life-limiting illnesses across Buckinghamshire and its borders wherever and whenever they need it. We support their loved ones and carers through the toughest of times. We help families make the most of every day together.



We partner with Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to deliver services through Florence Nightingale Hospice, at its site in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and in patients' homes across the region.

These services include additional nurses for the In-Patient Unit, the only bedded unit in Buckinghamshire, to enable them to deliver dedicated, individual care to patients and loved ones. Also within the Hospice building we commission the Lymphoedema Clinic and Day Hospice service which offers physical, therapeutic and emotional support to people who have been diagnosed with a live-limiting illness, but who are currently able to live independently at home.

In the community we support a team of Clinical Nurse Specialists, Florrie's Childrens' Team, Bereavement Listeners and our FNH@Home team, who support those who wish to spend their final days at home.

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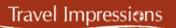
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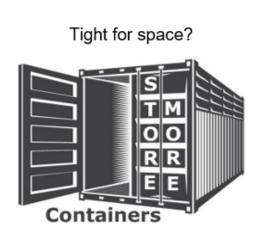


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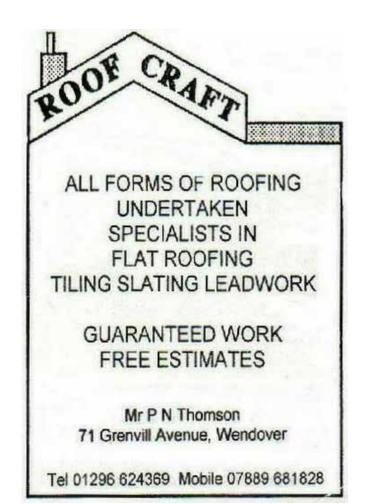
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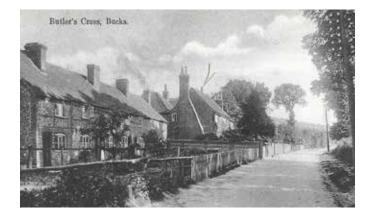
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