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Terrick Cross Roads, Ellesborough, Bucks.

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YOUR LETTERS



Chairman's Letter

Dear Readers

In this edition of the village magazine, I would like to pay tribute to the remarkable **Lynne Ladd** from Dunsmore.

I'm not sure how long I have been chairman of the magazine. Well over 20 years. Lynne, and her husband John, have always been stalwart supporters. In my earlier days when we were trying new formats and layouts, Lynne was able to provide some sound advice that gave us the confidence to keep going each quarter.

Over that time Lynne conscientiously collated the local stories and producing nicely written articles, on the good community of Dunsmore. Dunsmore has quite a different vibe to Butlers Cross and Lynne's pieces significantly added to the relevance of the magazine to the Parish as a whole.

While Dunsmore is quietly tucked away at the top of the hill, we would like to hear from their residents as part of the Ellesborough Parish family.

Please if you have half an interest in taking time to help with gathering Dunsmore village news please contact Lynne, Allan or me. We can make it easy to get articles into print.



Richard Jennings

Simon Fowler – New Treasurer

Since moving from Wendover to Ellesborough in 1985, Sue and I have felt incredibly fortunate to raise our family in this wonderful community. Before settling in Buckinghamshire at age 26, our journey took us through Lancaster, London, and Amersham, but we have truly called this area home for forty years.

I founded a vehicle fuel business in 1994, which is now managed by my eldest son. These days, I balance environmental consultancy work with a passionate—if often despairing—devotion to the state of Welsh rugby. I now look forward to contributing to our Parish Magazine's continued success as Treasurer.



Darts Evening Russell Arms



A very successful and enjoyable fund-raising event was held at the Russell Arms on 28th January.

The event started at midday and continued until 11.00pm with large numbers of local residents participating in the matches.

All funds raised went to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Dunsmore Village

14th March Quiz & Chips
21st March Village Spring Clean Litter Pick
26th April Bluebell Walk 10.00am

Dunsmore Plant sale

Dunsmore Church
10th May 10-5pm

Parish Council Meeting

Ellesborough Parish Hall
16th March 2026 – 19.30
18th May Annual General Meeting 2026 – 19.30
21st May Annual Parish Council meeting – 20.00

Church services

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Bucks Museum

Bucks Museum Aylesbury
The Saxons are Coming
Exhibition opens Saturday 28th March

Pilates

Mondays & Thursday Mornings
Ellesborough Village Hall

Qigong

Village Hall
Every Wednesday – see page 38

Village Coffee & Cake

3rd Fridays of each month
20th March
17th April
15th May

Chiltern Ladies

Stewart Hall Kimble – 2.00pm
4th March
1st April
6th May

Wendover Art Club

St Anne's Hall, Wendover
2nd and 4th Thursday of every month
7.30pm & 9.30pm

K & E Horticultural Society

Stewart Hall Kimble
First Tuesday Each Month, 8.00pm

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

Introduction to Plants & People that have influenced Garden History
Saturday 14th March

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Your Village Hall Needs You!

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



Last year saw major improvements at the hall. After two years in the planning, we eventually got round to totally refurbishing the toilet areas and creating an attractive area for all our hirers. The complimentary comments made all the hard work worthwhile and we are delighted with the finished project. We have big plans going forward once we have raised sufficient funds and look forward to sharing these with you when the time is right. Therefore your membership of the 200 Club is as important as ever so that we can reach our target as soon as possible.

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.

200 Club – please enrol me for 2026-2027 draws

- I enclose payment of £20 for 12 monthly draws APRIL 2026 - MARCH 2027 (CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL COMMITTEE)

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

Name and address:

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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 on behalf

Of The Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee

200 Club Winners: April 2025 – March 2026

April

£50 65 Annabel & Allan Westray
£35 12 David White
£25 16 Tom Lockett

May

£100 7 Phillip Peel
£50 103 Anna & James Taylor
£35 6 Antony & Jane Robins
£25 60 Rob Nichol

June

£50 17 Mark and Susan Hinchcliffe
£35 114 James Francis
£25 2 Lynda Perkins

July

£50 97 Rob & Liz Alexander
£35 101 James Ferris
£25 77 Liz Norris

August

£50 7 Phillip Peel
£35 27 Susie Renison
£25 58 Sarah Hayward-Cook

September

£50 60 Rob Nichol
£35 73 Fiona Tchen
£25 138 Amanda McGrail

October

£50 115 Matt Glover
£35 110 Clemency Hayes-Elliott
£25 92 Julie East

November

£50 119 Nicholas Strathon
£35 51 Diamond Bridge Club
£25 36 Gina North

December

£100 57 Nicholas Hayward-Cook
£50 28 Alan & Pam Munday-Cripps
£35 21 Claudette Aguillar
£25 136 Alison Hewitt

January

£50 54 Bianca Bremner
£35 127 Judith Harper
£25 108 Sonia Francis

February

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March

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2025 – A YEAR OF MAKEOVERS AT ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL

By now most parishioners will have visited the hall and seen the fantastic refurbishment of the bathrooms.



This was two years in the planning phase and we are grateful for the expertise and support of Helen Hick and Kevin Bateman in getting the project up and running, and the superb modern design we have now.

We had the opportunity to see the work of our chosen builders beforehand, Mark Scott Construction, as they had delivered the refurbishments at the Guides Centre. We were also ably supported by Paul Morgan, as project manager, once we got underway in July. We had given them a tight time schedule as we wanted to get the project completed during the summer holidays when most of our daytime regular hirers stand down in the summer. Project was completed with just one week's delay. Here are some of the before and after pictures which show the significant transformation that was achieved.



We also had the outside of the hall repainted. Mick Simmonds was the contractor and they did a fantastic job. So while the hall was less busy, we were inspired to freshen up the kitchen also which was ably achieved by our committee member, Debbie Bird. Her design skills and ability to seek out a bargain has given the kitchen a traditional farmhouse feel, with lovely colour to the walls, plants, drapes, stencils and new table and chairs. Debbie also did all of the decorating too! Thank you Debbie!

Debbie also managed to design and launch our new website this year – www.ellesboroughparishhall.com, with a new logo for the hall. Please check it out as there is information about our regular hirers, how to book the hall with an enquiry form, and also there is a live calendar where you can see what's on at the hall, and availability if you are looking to book.

Our next project is to provide a new entrance from the car park which will also provide full disabled access. We will need to replenish our funds and hope you will all continue to support our fundraising efforts through the 200 Club. Please see details in another article in this edition of the magazine.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's Village Party on 20th June, if not before.

Sally Withey

On behalf of Ellesborough Parish Hall Management Committee

CHURCH SERVICES



St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough

March

Sunday 1st	10.45	Songs of Praise
Sunday 8th	10.45	Parish Communion
Sunday 15th	10.45	Matins (BCP) Mothering Sunday
Sunday 22nd	10.45	Parish Communion

Holy Week

Sunday 29th	10.00	Benefice Palm Sunday – Stoke Mandeville
Monday 30th	19.00	Compline – Great Kimble
Tuesday 31st	19.00	Compline – Ellesborough
April		
Wednesday 1st	19.00	Compline – Stoke Mandeville
Maundy Thursday		
Thursday 2nd	19.00	Holy Communion – Great Kimble
Good Friday		
Friday 3rd	10.00	Reflective services of readings and music – Ellesborough
Friday 3rd	14.00	Reflective services of readings and music – Stoke Mandeville
Easter Sunday		
Sunday 5th	10.45	Easter Communion – Ellesborough

Sunday 12th	10.45	Parish Communion
Sunday 19th	10.45	Matins (BCP)
Sunday 26th	10.45	Parish Communion

May

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	10.00	Benefice Holy Communion – Ellesborough



St. Nicholas, Great Kimble

St. Nic's Kids services:

- Sunday 15 Mar - Mother's Day
- Sunday 19 April
- Sunday 17 May



The Church of the Resurrection Dunsmore



See page 26 for more details

INTRODUCING NEW MINISTERS

We are delighted to be able to announce that Revd. Matthew Routledge has been appointed as House for Duty Rector for the Benefice of Stoke Mandeville, Ellesborough and The Kimbles. Joining him as a Self-Supporting ministry colleague will be Revd. Michael Hunt.

Matthew served his Curacy in Wendover and is currently Chaplain at St. Peter's College, Oxford. He will continue in this role alongside his parish commitments.

Michael served his Curacy in The Risborough Team Ministry and works at Ripon College, Cuddesdon as College Accountant.

Their Licensing service was held on Monday 16th February and both are looking forward to the new start and getting to know all in the Benefice.



Revd Matthew Routledge



Revd Michael Hunt

In February the Bishop of Buckingham and the Associate Archdeacon of Buckingham licensed and installed two new clergy to serve in the Benefice of Ellesborough, the Kimbles and Stoke Mandeville. I, Revd Matthew Routledge, joined as Rector and my colleague, Revd Michael Hunt as Associate Priest. We have both had a long association with this part of the Chilterns: I've lived in Wendover for over 23 years and Michael in Princes Risborough since 2006. We have also known each other for about two decades, and Michael has been one of the visiting clergy helping with the cover of services in Ellesborough and the Kimbles since Revd Janet Wales retired about two years ago.

By coincidence, we both felt called to ministry after long careers in secular work: mine was working in property, whilst Michael worked in local government before moving into the charity sector. We both trained for ministry and studied theology at Ripon College Cuddesdon (RCC) and were ordained deacon at Oxford Cathedral Bishops of Oxford, Michael by Rt Revd John Pritchard and I by Rt Revd Steven Croft. And we both served their curacies at Wendover, albeit some years apart and under different vicars.

I will continue to mix parish work with my part-time position as Chaplain to St Peter's College Oxford as the role of Rector is part time. Michael's role as Associate Priest is on a self-supporting basis and will be undertaken alongside his part-time position as College Accountant at RCC. Between us and the lay team of volunteers at the churches we will provide services in each parish each week, plus being available for weddings, baptisms and funerals as well as the pastoral and other work that is part of parish ministry.

We both look forward to getting to know the community better, albeit within the constraints of covering two other parishes and being in part-time roles. If you spot one or other of us walking around the parish, please do stop and introduce yourself as we would love to meet you. Otherwise, we can be contacted via the A Church Near You website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5851/>



ART CORNER:

CHRIS SIMS... AN ARTIST'S PROFILE

PAINTINGS, PRINTS AND DRAWINGS

For over 20 years he has been creating exciting artworks in mixed media on both paper and canvas.



'Steady Climbs', oil on board (51 x 82cms) SOLD



'Harmony in Scale', oil on paper (76 x 122cm) SOLD

Chris works from a studio based in Chesham at the top of his very narrow, but long garden.

For over 20 years he has been creating exciting artworks in mixed media on both paper and canvas. Originally, he trained in graphic design after completing a BA Honours degree in Visual Communication at Wolverhampton Polytechnic in the early 80's. After finding employment in a variety of advertising and design roles in studios around London he became freelance in 2001 which gave him the time and space to pursue a direction into fine art. Initially enrolling on a part-time printmaking course at Amersham college his work began to be noticed. Several galleries approached him and he was offered solo shows and shown at the Affordable Art fairs both here in London, New York and Hamburg.

Although not related directly to a scene or place, much of his work is rooted in the landscape be it rural or urban. His palette of colours are the colours of nature and the natural world. The attraction to the physical nature of his view inspires dynamic compositions, utilising mark-making and abstracted

shapes, evoking and capturing an emotive place. Applying an energetic intuitive approach, layering and adjusting, using inks, paints, charcoal and other mediums, he uses this working process with an aim to reach a point where a balanced composition emerges and hopefully add a little beauty to this world.

Abstract painting, like modern art in general has a language of its own which needs to be understood before it can be fully enjoyed and appreciated rather than dismissed out of hand. At times however abstract art can simply appeal on a purely sensory level – you either love it or you don't, irrespective of whether you understand it. No one can question the integrity of Chris Sims's abstracts. They stand on their own merit as works of art and lead the viewer on an adventure not found in representational work. Each of his paintings has a character of its own and as Chris says, "They take you on their own journey. You make a mark and then you react to it often leading you in a direction unknown. That's the excitement of this process; something develops as you work through it".

Today Chris is, considered to be, one of the most significant abstract painters in Britain, whose work can be found in collections throughout the UK and overseas. At the current time he is represented by Brian Sinfield Gallery in the Cotswolds, Cricket Fine Art in Chelsea & Hungerford and was represented by Joanna Bryant Projects for many years.



If you're local and interested in seeing Chris's work – he is looking forward to opening his studio to visitors as part of **Bucks Art Weeks in June** and would welcome the chance to show you his work and have a chat.

instagram @studio384

It is certainly worth a visit – Art Corner by Judith Harper

BUCKS ART WEEKS

Sat. 6th – 21st June



Bucks artists are opening their doors from 6th-21st June – and such a great day out to see artists at work and interesting venues throughout Buckinghamshire.

And... if you are, or know, a young creative in Bucks (aged 12-30)...

The Young artists programme is offering 40 free Young artist memberships which includes workshops, exhibition., mentoring and a chance to take part in the Bucks Art Weeks

www.bucksartweek.org.uk/youngartists

POP UP ART WEEKEND

7th-8th March



Pop-up Art Weekend is back for 2026!

On the first weekend in March (Sat 7 and Sun 8), our wonderful art exhibition and sale will be back at the Centre.

It is FREE to attend and at least 33% from every sale goes to the Centre to help those with neurological conditions to live life to the full.

A wonderful selection of art, jewellery and ceramics, as well as café for coffee, lunch or tea.

We'd love your support.

WENDOVER ARTS FESTIVAL

Art lovers will want to experience the Wendover Arts Festival 2026 taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend of Saturday 23rd May to Monday 25th May.



The festival will be showcasing a diverse range of artistic talent, featuring works from over 80 artists across multiple styles and forms, including paintings, textiles, sculptures, pottery, ceramics, jewellery, glassware and cards.

The festival opens with an invite only preview evening on Friday 22nd May. From Saturday onwards the exhibition will welcome visitors during the following hours:

- Saturday 23rd May 10am to 5pm
- Sunday 24th May 12 noon to 5pm
- Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 10am to 5pm

Admission is set at an affordable £2 per adult which includes a festival catalogue and children under 16 attend for free. All artwork will be for sale with all major credit cards accepted.

With free parking and disabled parking available, visitors will have the opportunity to immerse themselves among the inspiring work of local artists. The festival is situated right on the Ridgeway in the heart of The Chilterns, making it a perfect stop for walkers and cyclists looking to enjoy some beautiful art en route.

Additionally, visitors can indulge in delicious food at the Waffle Café, which will be serving a variety of hot and cold food.

Whether you are an art collector, enthusiast or simply looking for a creative and engaging way to spend the weekend, the Wendover Arts Festival promises to be a must-visit event in 2026.



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www.wendover-arts-festival.co.uk

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Ellesborough Parish Litter Pick

Meet up — Clean Up Sunday 22nd March

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.



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GKL DIRECT – FORGE GARAGE TERRICK



Forge Garage was acquired by GKL Leasing in 2003 having previously been a used car sales site run by TD Bradwick who was retiring. Previously to this the site was used as a fuel garage with tankers on site.

Tim Norton from Wendover and Jeremy Page were our original employees and are still with the business at our Princes Risborough site. Previous sales staff have included Clive King, John Mapleston-Stroud and David Hudson (now a driver for GKL). Up until 2019 we operated our workshop on site at Forge for vehicle prep and servicing carried out by Peter Petrovik. Our workshops moved to our new purpose built site in Princes Risborough offering all the latest garage equipment and above all space.

Robert Lynch joined GKL in 2019 and has seen the business continue to grow through increased vehicle numbers returning. This has been enhanced by the supply of brand new lowest possible CO2 cars to GKL's business customers that are then sold from Forge Garage at the end of their contracts.

All vehicles are checked through our Princes Risborough workshop and only the best are sold from Forge Garage, the rest go to auction. All vehicles are provided with service history, maintenance print outs and if they are electric, they are battery health tested. In 2018 the workshop was moved to our newly built Princes Risborough site, with free collection and delivery for service work from Forge Garage ensuring no inconvenience to our local customer base.

Robert Lynch is well known to the locals of Terrick having been the face of Forge Garage for the last 7 years having had 24 years experience in car sales. As a 2 electric car family man, Robert has hands on experience of owning electric cars, coupled with GKL supplying all brands of EV's, Rob can listen to each individual requirements and help find the best vehicle for each person. Rob is more than happy to share his vast knowledge and experience of electric & hybrid cars with locals informally and can guide you through the pros and cons.

Who is GKL?

George Kenning, the son of Frank Kenning, who later became Sir George Kenning, opened our first Ford Dealership in Chesterfield - George Kenning Ltd

This later became Kenning Motor Group under Sir George's son (George) The company grew rapidly, reaching 300 depots across the UK.

In the 1960's the Chesterfield headquarters was thriving with 8,000 employees worldwide. 1986/87 GK Group was born after ownership was diluted and the original company acquired.

GK Group was formed from George Kenning Ltd and a Ford Dealership was established in Chesterfield. Richard Kenning (Director) expanded southward setting up Ford Dealerships in Chesham (now houses) and Amersham (now PetsCorner). 1987 marked the launch of GKL Leasing and

1994 the High Wycombe dealership was formed – now currently Kia Citygate.

In 1995 GKL leasing moved to Chesterfield as a HQ reflecting the roots of the business and in 1997 URA Ventures was established.

In 2000 Car Net in Beaconsfield was acquired to sell ex lease cars and then in 2003 Forge was used to replace Car Net.

Whilst our Head office remains in Chesterfield, in 2018 our Princes Risborough site was ready. In 2019 we further increased our fleet with the merger of Windsor Vehicle Leasing.

Currently Forge garage continues to be our sales and remarketing of our best selected cars direct to the public and via Autotrader www.gkldirect.co.uk

TERRICK – FROM THE ARCHIVES

A key intersection between Roman Aylesbury and the prehistoric Icknield Way



Map of Chequers Estate 1629 * - "Chawkesyth Road" [Chalkshire Road] & "Thurrock" [Terrick House] (on left)

Terrick dates back to Roman times and developed at a key intersection between Roman Aylesbury and the Lower Icknield Way.

The road to the north passed a prosperous Roman estate at Stoke Mandeville and continued on to Roman Akeman Street. To the west and east, the Icknield Way formed a braided network of tracks and roads linking the Dorset coast with East Anglia.

Archaeological evidence confirms Roman activity in the area. A Roman villa was excavated at Kings Hill, Terrick, in 1858, and a Roman temple—later converted into the Saxon St Mary's Church—stood at Mill Farm, opposite Fremantle Court on the Risborough Road.¹²

The Icknield Way followed the geological boundary between the Gault clay and the chalky loam at the base of the Chiltern Scarp. In summer, this created a fast, flat route around the foot of the Chilterns, but in winter it became impassable mud. The Upper Icknield Way, running through Ellesborough village, offered better drainage for winter travel, though at the cost of the rollercoaster climbs.³

The earliest maps of Buckinghamshire from the 1600s show houses along "Chawkesyth [Chalkshire] Road" and "Thurrock [Terrick] Lane," but no dwellings at the road junction itself.⁴

By around 1760, the first road atlas of Buckinghamshire indicates buildings on the site of what is now Plough House. Bryant's Map of Buckinghamshire (1820) clearly shows the growing hamlet of "Terwick."⁵

Road conditions at this time were extremely poor. Horse-drawn traffic deeply rutted the surfaces, and responsibility for



Buckinghamshire - Bryants Map 1820 - "Terwick"

maintenance lay with the parish, which lacked the funds to keep the roads in good repair.

The introduction of turnpike trusts allowed properly constructed roads, funded through tolls. Terrick lay on the Princes Risborough to Thame Turnpike Road, established in 1795. A toll gate was installed on Chalkshire Road: "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."⁶ This order provides evidence that wheelwrights were operating in Terrick by the mid 1700s.

As all carriage transport relied on hand-built wooden wheels, wheelwrights were required at regular intervals along major roads. These workshops were typically located on the outskirts of substantial villages and towns, where

1 HS2 Discoveries in Buckinghamshire 2022

2 Monument Record - Kings Field Terrick - Buckinghamshire Council

3 Bucksgeology.org.uk

4 Map of Chequers Estate - 1629. Buckinghamshire Archives

5 Jeffries & Byant's maps of Buckinghamshire. 1780, 1820. Buckinghamshire Archives

6 The Toll Roads of Buckinghamshire. Peter Gulland. 2017



Wheelwrights courtesy History of Aston Rowant and Spring Line Villages

Evidence that wheelwrights were in Terrick by the the mid 1700s

traffic was frequent but space was available. Wooden wheels were shod with iron rims, which meant that a forge and blacksmith were also essential components of these sites.⁷ This is likely the origin of Terrick's Forge Garage.

The Records of Buckinghamshire have the deeds of the garage in 1903 held by J W Eldridge.⁸ And a cutting from 1960s: "The Village Smithy. A name which as been known in the area since the 17th century. One of the current holders of that name is Mr Sam Eldridge, who is 66 years old, and lives in the Forge Garage, Terrick. He is a member of a family that has been the village blacksmith for many generations. Like many blacksmith's shops of old, the forge at Terrick became a petrol station 15 years ago [~ 1950]. Sam Eldridge has adapted himself well to change since he was used to repairing cars as well as shoeing horses. For old times sake, I'm, told he still does a bit of smithy work but does not have the time for much else".⁹

I hope this illustrates the evolution of an important Roman trackway to a busy modern road junction, with a "Forge Garage" at its heart, dear to all the parish.

Richard Jennings



Courtesy Parishmouse.co.uk



Road Improvements 1920s, Risborough Road Terrick, courtesy of Buckinghamshire Archives

⁷ Aston Rowant Chiltern Spring Line Villages - Heritage and History 2026 web site

⁸ Deed of Partnership of J W Eldridge and C E Eldridge blacksmiths, Terrick in Ellesborough. 1903. B. A.

⁹ Scrapbook of Frank Basil Pursell, 1976-1972 Buckinghamshire Archives

UPDATE FROM **THE RUSSELL ARMS**



The Russell Arms has long been a well-loved village pub

As many local residents will know, The Russell Arms has long been a well-loved village pub, particularly known for its welcoming atmosphere and its reputation for serving one of the best Sunday lunches in the area. As we move further into 2026, we wanted to share a short update on what's been happening and what's coming up.

The year has got off to a really positive start. Sundays remain a highlight, with families, walkers and regulars gathering to enjoy generous roasts in a relaxed, friendly setting. That sense of familiarity and consistency is something we're keen to protect, while also making sure the pub continues to offer great value and a reason to visit throughout the week.

One of the real successes so far has been our £10 Fish Friday, offering proper, well-cooked fish and chips at a genuinely accessible price, it's been great to see it slot into people's regular routines.

Our Thursday Steak Night also continues to be a popular evening. Customers can enjoy great quality steak at butcher's prices, made possible thanks to our excellent local supplier, Beef Olive. It's a simple idea, but one that really resonates... good food, fairly priced and done properly.

By the time this magazine goes to print, we will also have launched our new menu. The focus has been on keeping eating out affordable without compromising on quality. The

refreshed menu builds on familiar favourites while introducing a few new options, all designed to be well-balanced, comforting and good value. If you haven't popped in for food recently, now's the perfect time to come and try it.

As a community pub, the Russell Arms is about more than food and drink. We already host a small number of local groups and regular daytime meet-ups and we'd love to welcome more. If you're part of a group that meets regularly...perhaps a walking group, craft group, book club or informal social gathering and you're looking for a relaxed place to meet, please do get in touch.

Looking ahead, we're also starting to plan live music, with the aim of introducing occasional sessions from May onwards. Details are still being finalised, but the intention is to keep things informal and enjoyable, adding to the atmosphere rather than overwhelming it.

For the most up-to-date information on menus, offers and events, please keep an eye on our website, particularly the Events page, which will be updated as details are confirmed.

Finally, thank you to everyone who continues to support the Russell Arms. Whether you visit regularly or are long overdue a return, we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

The Russell Arms Team

RECIPE: EASTER SPINACH PIE

With the arrival of an early Easter, Kimble Point to Point and a chance to see friends – let's hope for good weather and an Easter basket full of picnic goodies. This authentic Italian pie is packed full of rich greens and eggs – indeed a meal in itself !



Ingredients

- 25g/1oz butter, for greasing
- 2 tbsp plain flour, for dusting
- 5 free-range eggs, plus 1 free-range egg, beaten, for brushing
- 200g/7oz spinach
- 110g/4oz rocket or dandelion leaves
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 500g/1lb 2oz ricotta
- 50g/2oz parmesan, or similar vegetarian hard cheese, grated
- 110g/4oz provolone, or similar Italian semi hard cheese, cut into small cubes
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 500g/1lb 2oz ready-made puff pastry

For the salad:

Mix the ingredients below. Serve with a drizzle of oil and cheese shavings.

- 300g/10oz fresh or frozen broad beans. Boiled for 1 min, refresh in cold water, drain.
- 5 small celery sticks, finely chopped into matchsticks 3cm/1in long
- large handful rocket
- 12 mint leaves, roughly torn
- 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
- 1 small lemon, juice only
- 110g/4oz pecorino, or similar Italian hard cheese.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200C/Gas 6. Grease 28cm/11in round, deep pie dish, dust with flour.
2. For the torta, place five of the eggs into a pan of boiling water and boil for ten minutes. Drain and place the eggs into cold water and leave to cool. Once cool, remove the shells and cut the eggs in half lengthways.
3. Wash the spinach and rocket leaves and shake to remove the excess water.
4. Heat a large pan with a lid until hot, then add the spinach and rocket leaves and cover. Cook for 4-5 minutes, until steamed and wilted down. Drain the spinach and rocket mixture, and once cool enough to handle, squeeze out any excess liquid. Roughly chop the spinach and rocket mixture and place into a bowl.
5. Heat a frying pan over a medium heat and add the olive oil and onion. Fry the onion gently for a few minutes until softened, then set aside and allow to cool.
6. Add the cooked onion to the spinach and rocket and mix well. Add the ricotta and parmesan and mix well.
7. Add the provolone/cheese, season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper and mix well.
8. Roll out about half of the puff pastry to 0.5cm/¼in thick and use to line the prepared pie dish.
9. Fill the pie case with half of the spinach and cheese mixture. Add the boiled egg halves, yolks down, evenly spaced, then top with the remaining spinach mixture.
10. Brush the edge of the pastry with a little beaten egg.
11. Roll out the remaining puff pastry to the same thickness as the first sheet, and place over the pie filling, pressing down the edges well. Trim away any excess pastry and crimp the edges with your fingers, so that the pie is well sealed.
12. Make a small incision the shape of a cross into the centre of the pastry top to allow steam to escape during baking.
13. Brush the top of the pastry with beaten egg, then transfer to oven to bake for 35-40 minutes, or until risen and golden-brown. Remove from the oven and allow to cool.

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

BUCKMOOREND FARM



What a soggy start to the year!

Certainly, one of the wettest winters we have had here at Buckmoorend although we are beginning to see glimpses of nicer conditions with slightly lighter evenings and snowdrops & daffodils starting to bloom. Spring is on the horizon!

We have had a busy few months on the farm getting to task with all of the Winter jobs that we do not have time for in the Spring and Summer months. Restoring our fencing has been a key one this year to keep our sheep and cattle well contained. Our day-to-day tasks vary slightly during these colder months too as we factor in feeding, cleaning out and bedding down our cows that are comfortably over wintering in the cow shed. We also use the hay that we harvested last Spring to supplement our cows and sheep every morning out in the fields. This gives them the extra nutritional support they need whilst the grass is less abundant during the winter season. We are also due to begin our Spring calving any day now so the nightly walks down to the cowshed have come into play to keep a close eye on the herd and check for signs of our first arrival.

In January we welcomed Joee back onto the farm for his annual sheep scanning visit. We brought all 138 of our ewes in from the fields and scanned each one to check they were in lamb and progressing well. We always strive for a scanning percentage of 200% which means that on average every ewe is due to have 2 lambs. Our Hampshire Down rams have done well this year and we are pleased to have achieved 180% which is positive enough and an increase on last year. Scanning helps us determine how many lambs each of our ewes are due to have. They are then sprayed with a colour to help us

identify this. This not only means we can group them accordingly when they come into the lambing shed and know what to expect from each of them but also means we can adjust their nutritional intake as needed over their last few months to assure optimum body condition to keep them fit and well. Healthy ewes produce healthy lambs! We are due to start lambing on 21st March so it won't be too long before you see those little woolly ones springing around in the fields.

In the farm shop we are settling into the swing of 2026 after a busy festive season and a lovely Christmas break. Thank you so much for all of your lovely feedback on your festive feasts. We are always grateful for your support and passionate about bringing you the best of the best in terms of welfare and quality. We hope we did you proud.



We have started the year by welcoming in some new products from bone broth to a delicious range of new cheeses from The Marlow Cheese Company and Nettlebed Creamery. We are big cheese lovers here and excited to share these award winners from our wonderful Chilterns with you. We can't quite believe it's here already but we are eagerly looking forward to celebrating our 10th anniversary of opening the farm shop this year! From our

humble beginnings of selling meat boxes, to opening the doors to our sparsely stocked shed in 2016, to the addition of our outdoor kitchen, home deliveries, onsite butchery and of course 3 children we are proud to be able to support and offer our local community the best of the Chilterns. Watch this space as we share our celebrations with you.



Easter is just around the corner and alongside our Easter lamb (don't forget to place your orders) we will be running our annual Easter Egg trail over the Easter holidays. It's the perfect free activity to enjoy with the kids whilst you take a seat and enjoy a coffee surrounded by the stunning countryside views. We will also be running our ever-popular Open Farm Sunday again on 7th June. We hope to see you there to meet our animals, machinery and share what goes on behind the scenes.

We hope to see you soon!

As always, thank you for all your support.

Steph, Daniel & all the team
at Buckmoorend Farm



Daffodil Bulbs Planted by Children from Great Kimble C of E School In Ellesborough Churchyard



"We all worked together and had lots of fun!"



"We loved the hot chocolate and the biscuits!"



quotes from the children:

"I liked planting the bulbs".

"I liked getting muddy!"

"I enjoy gardening".

"I liked planting the bulbs in different places".

"I liked the walk here and some of the bulbs were different shapes and sizes".

"I liked working in the community and want to come back and see the bulbs when they have grown".

"Bulbs are like a type of seed. Some of the bulbs were singles, doubles and even triples!"



NATURE NOTES

WINTER GUESTS

The Migratory Birds that call the UK Home in Winter



Fieldfare



Redwing

We are all familiar with the many birds which migrate to our shores for breeding in the Spring. The skies are full of the sights and sounds of swallows, chiff-chaffs and the elusive cuckoo.

Yet when the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, when many of us retreat indoors to the warmth of a fire and a hot drink, Winter marks the start of an incredible journey — one that brings our visitors from the north to our hedgerows, estuaries and fields from thousands of miles away escaping harsher northern climates for the relative mildness of the British Isles.

Why Birds Migrate

Migration is nature's great balancing act. Birds move to find food and suitable shelter as the seasons change. While some species, like our resident robins, blue tits and blackbirds, tough it out year-round, others must travel vast distances to survive. Northern Europe, Scandinavia, and especially the Arctic become inhospitable in winter, driving birds southwards in search of open water, unfrozen ground and plentiful feeding grounds.

For the UK, this means a seasonal influx of visitors — from tiny thrushes to majestic swans — that swell our bird

populations through the colder months. The result? Winter can be one of the most exciting times of year for seeing these northern visitors in your gardens.

Familiar Winter Visitors

Among the first arrivals are the fieldfares and redwings — both members of the thrush family. Often seen in large, noisy flocks, they pour in from Scandinavia from October onwards.

Fieldfares are slightly larger than blackbirds, with grey heads and speckled

chest, while redwings are smaller and named for the rusty-red patch beneath their wings. You'll often find them feasting on berries in hedgerows or probing frosty fields for worms.

Waxwings

With their slicked-back crests and lashings of dramatic black eyeliner, waxwings are the punk rockers of the bird world. Their unusual name comes from the glossy red tips on some of their wing feathers, which look as if someone has dipped them in melted wax.



Waxwing



These gorgeous birds breed over in Scandinavia, but if berry supplies are running low in winter, they head to the UK in search of food. They travel in noisy flocks, raiding trees and hedges for fruit, before moving on as quickly as they came. If you're lucky enough to encounter them, it's a magical experience.

They often turn up on suburban streets lined with Hawthorn berry bushes and even in supermarket car parks – so keep a lookout when you're doing your weekly shop!

Whooper Swans and Bewick's Swans

From as far afield as Iceland and Siberia come two of our most elegant visitors. Whooper and Bewick's swans journey thousands of miles to overwinter on British wetlands.

Their arrival is a remarkable sight — a testament to the endurance of nature. Wetland reserves such as our local reservoirs are among the best places to see them, their haunting calls echoing over the water on cold, misty days.

Helping Our Winter Visitors

Even hardy migratory birds need a little help. You can support them by leaving seed and suet in your garden, planting berry-rich shrubs like Hawthorn and

Rowan, or simply keeping birdbaths ice-free during cold snaps. Every little act of kindness makes a difference — especially during prolonged frosts when natural food is scarce.

If you're lucky, your garden might host not just local species, but visitors from afar — a Scandinavian waxwing, for instance, or a redwing stopping to feed before continuing its journey. Migration connects our small villages to vast, unseen routes stretching across continents.

So next time you see a flock of birds swirling against a winter sky, take a moment to think of the incredible journey they've made — and welcome them to their temporary home among us.

Doug West



Bewick's Swans

BUCKS GARDENS TRUST

Events



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.

Saturday

14th March 2.30pm



TALK:

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

Advolly Richmond OBE FLS

This talk will briefly look at some people and plants in history that have shaped our gardens. The introduction and availability of plants over the centuries have been a major factor in the evolution of Britain's garden styles.

Advolly Richmond is an independent researcher in the history of plants, gardens and their importance in society.

Wednesday

6th May 2pm



VISIT:

**Cliveden Historic Gardens:
The Long Garden Conservation
Project – National Trust**

Head Gardener Anthony Mason, with Dr Jacqui Edwards who talked to us so eloquently in March, take us on a guided tour of Cliveden's grand gardens from the Water Garden and through the recently redesigned Long Garden, Forecourt Herbaceous Borders and the South Terrace.

Wednesday

24th June 10.30–4.30



VISIT:

**Hill House, Buckingham &
Kingsbridge Farm, Steeple Claydon
Hill House, Buckingham 10.30-12.30**

Owner & Guide:

Leonie Thorogood (Member)

Hill House garden in Castle Street is a town garden of 1/3 acre, on the old castle walls by the parish church in the Buckingham Conservation Area. Leonie (a founding member) will talk about the development of the garden and plans for the future.



**Kingsbridge Farm, Steeple Claydon.
MK 18EJ 2.30 to 4.30**

Owner & Guide:

Mr & Mrs Tom Aldous (Serina)

A stunning exceptional 6-acre garden constantly evolving. Main lawn is enclosed by softly.

Booking Tickets:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/buckinghamshire-gardens-trust

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.

April



Roses

Tuesday 7th – 8 00 pm

Kerry French has great experience of all aspects of growing roses and currently coordinates the Rochfords International Rose Trial, having previously worked at The Royal National Rose Society and RHS Wisley. Her talk covers the selection, planting, pruning, feeding and aftercare of roses.

SPRING SHOW

Stewart Hall

Sunday 12th – 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



Clematis and Other Climbers

Tuesday 5th – 8 00 pm

George Lockwood, an organic gardener who trained at Capel Manor College, returns to talk about climbers including the different clematis groups and how to plant, prune and look after them and also how these plants attract various insects which benefit the garden.

Plant Sale

Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross

Saturday 9th – 10 00 – 11 30 pm

This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early – everything will be sold by about 11 00 am on past form.

June



Garden Design

Tuesday 2nd – 8 00 pm

Amber Hine, who trained at Capel Manor College and now runs Hine Garden Design, returns with a talk that covers some garden design history/ context, site analysis, garden styles, design approaches, a look at good and not so good design experiences and reviews a couple of projects.

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

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

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

www.kehs.uk

Dunsmore

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

This year we have a very active committee organising and running a larger plant sale and it will be a major fund raiser for us.

A big thank you to Nick who organised and led our carol service and to the Dunsmore Folk Expectations who gave us lively renditions of the carols. The service, very appropriately, started outside the stables for two carols and then moved into the church for the rest of the service. The theme was Light and the children brought up lots of lighted lanterns to place in front of the crib. We were delighted to have an almost full church with people staying on afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.

Sadly we were unable to find a celebrant to lead our Christmas Day service.

Our service around Easter Day has yet to be confirmed so please keep an eye open for the poster on the notice board or for an email from the trustees, we welcome all villagers to our services.

The weather is very cold and wet as I write this and the thought of warm days, sunny skies and cream teas in a few months is something to look forward to. Our **cream teas** will all be on a Sunday from 2.30pm to 5.00pm and the dates are **10th May, 14th June and 19th July.**

Last year we trialled a **plant sale** on the same weekend as our first cream tea and it was a success. This year we have a very active committee organising and running a larger plant sale and it will be a major fund raiser for us. Lots of green fingered villagers donated plants to last year's event and we also had a donation from Hildreth's Garden Centre. This year we have many plants promised already, if you would like to donate but haven't yet been asked please email dunsmoreplantsale@outlook.com for further details.

The **Plant Sale and Cream Tea** will be on **Sunday, 10th May**, the **Plant sale will start at 10am and the cream teas at 2.30pm**, both events will **finish at 5.00pm**. They will be at Dunsmore Church and there will be plenty of signposted parking. We will accept card payments or cash.

Our visitors always comment on the delicious variety of the homemade cakes that are so generously supplied by our hard-working bakers. This will be a great opportunity to have a relaxing day and to socialise with others from our community and further afield. We will have gazebos at hand to shield you from the gloriously hot sun or the odd drizzle or downpour!



**DUNSMORE
PLANT SALE**
10th May 2026
10-5pm
cream teas served from 2.30pm

Come and join us for our annual village plant sale. Locally grown plants, vegetables, herbs and flowers. All in aid of raising money for Dunsmore church.

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Dunsmore update

IS IT SPRING YET?



After months of sodden gardens and dull days, Dunsmore is eager to greet Spring!

Of course, we've been much more fortunate than others in this country, as hilltop locations rarely flood, but we feel we've had more than our share of rain. Snowdrops and early crocuses are up and blooming, and daffodil leaves are poking through the damp soil. Some warm, dry, sunny days wouldn't go amiss.

Dunsmore has been busy over this wet Winter. Our pre-Christmas activities got everyone into the holiday spirit. The group visit to **The Mill at Sonning** was thoroughly enjoyed, leaving some to declare 'My Fair Lady' the best performance we'd ever attended. And the **Winter Warmer** in the Village Hall gave us a chance to wish our friends and neighbours a wonderful holiday season. Mince pies and mulled wine certainly helped the full hall to practically exude Christmas spirit.

And on to 2026...

The annual **Langford Lovell Lecture** this year took place on January 17th. Former resident and filmmaker Mark Partridge showed his award-winning short film 'Odour of Chrysanthemums'. Some attendees were seeing the film for the first time, so Mark's talk about using Dunsmore as the primary location provided fascinating background information. His very low budget was maintained with the generous help

of contacts in the film world and, of course, the support from villagers.

Exteriors were shot at a transformed Well Cottage, and from acting as extras, helping set up, providing a film location and garden for use as the catering area, plus taxi transport of the cast and crew, villagers helped in every way they could. Mark gave the full house a very local perspective on what went on behind the scenes. Some residents came for the film only but those who stayed on enjoyed a really good chilli with jacket potatoes and accompaniments. Mark Partridge joined us for supper, so we were all able to continue conversations about the film and his time in Dunsmore. He told of how he had been inspired to make the film and the adaptations he'd made to D H Lawrence's story to ensure he could make it within his budget. Further details of his career in filmmaking added an interesting element.

Bingo Night was held on February 21st. David Havard called the numbers in his own inimitable style, and those attendees who wished were fortified with Kings Farm hot dogs. Unfortunately the magazine deadline precluded a mention of the winners, prizes and details of what was certain to be a lively evening.

Coming Events

First Friday Social Evenings in the Village Hall are currently 'on hold' while the DVHA Committee considers future events. However, we're looking forward to Spring, much better weather, and the return of Boules on the Green. The first Fridays in May, June and July will feature the Boules competition, weather permitting.

Saturday, March 14th: **Quiz and Chips**, with quiz masters David Marshall and Julian Hamer

Saturday, March 21st: **Village Spring Clean and Litter Pick**.

Sunday, April 26th: **Bluebell Walk** and Bacon Butties, led by Alice and Chris (10 a.m.)

Saturday, June 27th: **Summer Ball on the Village Green**, run by Andy Stancombe

There is lots more activity and entertainment planned for later in the year, so watch your email inbox and check the notice board for additional information. Volunteer assistance is always gratefully accepted at all these events. Come along and enjoy!

Reporter Required

For more than 20 years, I have tried to cover 'all the news that's fit to print' (as the *New York Times* would have it). And it's time to hand over the keyboard to younger, sharper, more plugged-in minds.

The Dunsmore page in the *Ellesborough Magazine* isn't a terrifically onerous chore: just reporting on recent events and highlighting what's coming up! Is anything exciting (new babies or dogs? Road paving?) happening? Some colourful photos are always welcome.

The next issue will cover Summer, and the deadline is the end of April. So be brave! Get your skates on. And put your hand in the air. If anyone fancies a go, I'm happy to help you get on track. Or perhaps there are several of you who'd like to try your hand at it and take turns on the next few issues.

Contact me: lynneladd@gmail.com. or the editor: edellesboroughmzn@gmail.com for more information. I'm putting my thesaurus back on the shelf...



THE CHILTERN LADIES

At the December meeting Stewart Hall was full of sparkle, with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and most members were sporting their Christmas jumpers and jewellery.

The president, Mrs. Annie Adams, reminded us about all the things members have to look forward to next year. A holiday in North Wales which will include a trip on the Snowdon Mountain Railway, a boat trip to Puffin Island and a visit to Portmeirion.

As always, the produce table was full of good things, beautifully decorated Christmas cakes, scones and fresh free range eggs, marmalades and chutneys.

We were expecting the housekeeper of Chequers, the Prime Minister's country home, to come and talk to us about her work there. Unfortunately, because of an important visit from the German Premier she was unable to attend so we entertained ourselves.

Elizabeth talked about a Christmas family tradition. She told the story of her mother-in-law who gave the most spectacularly awful Christmas gifts, and 25 years after her death, the family still exchange 'Nanny Hine' gifts, wrapped the 'Nanny Hine' way, always resulting in the most fun and the best laughs at Christmas. Lyn told us about shouting her Christmas wishes up the chimney to Santa Claus as a child, and one year actually getting a reply! And Liz told us about a £10 gift she had received from her grandfather which resulted in a lifelong love of horses and horse racing. There were mince pies for tea and every member was presented with a mystery bottle bag. I got a bottle of my favourite perfume, hurrah for The Chiltern Ladies.

At the January meeting we learned about upcoming visits to Ascott House and gardens to see the daffodils, and in the summer to Hatfield House. We were reminded that the coffee morning and lunch date was the following week and members had time to visit the sales table for their monthly goodies and the book stall. The competition for the photograph to grace the cover of our 2026/27 programme was won by Maggie Kaye.

Most unfortunately, due to pressure of work our speaker could not come and visit us again this month but our excellent committee organised a most enjoyable afternoon with a couple of fun quizzes which we all enjoyed.

After days and days of continual heavy rain, the sun was shining for the February meeting of The Chiltern Ladies, 47 members attended and there were 2 visitors.

The President confirmed the details of our summer holiday and gave the date of our next coffee morning and lunch. Husbands and friends are welcome to join us.

A raffle was held in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, our charity of the year.

Margaret Couling made an appeal on behalf of The Kindness Club who are collecting good quality warm clothing, medical equipment and toiletries, baby products, blankets and sleeping bags (not pillows or duvets) batteries, torches and small tools, dried and instant food to go to Ukraine. Suitcases are most welcome. She asked us please to help spread the word. Members can bring donations to the next meeting.

Our speaker was Timandra Slade who told us the story of her father, an officer in the British Expeditionary Force during World War II. Some years ago she found an old suitcase in the attic with his papers and his diaries recording his army service. She said it was like reading a 'Boy's Own' adventure.

He and his cousin were captured in Germany. En route to a P.O.W. camp they escaped from a column of 20,000 men, and, dressed in farmer's clothing - given to them by a kindly and sympathetic French farmer, walked and cycled through Nazi occupied France, and across Spain to Gibraltar, where they were able to get on a ship back to England to join their regiment. So very interesting. Timandra has written a book about her father's experiences called From a Hard Place to a Rock.

Our next meeting is our AGM, when, after the business side of our meeting is complete we will enjoy afternoon tea.

Elizabeth Hine

**THE CHILTERN LADIES MEET ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 2 PM, AT STEWART HALL, KIMBLE.
VISITORS ALWAYS RECEIVE A VERY WARM WELCOME.**

GREAT KIMBLE C OF E SCHOOL



Here at Great Kimble, it has been an incredibly exciting time, with our school buzzing with energy, creativity and ambition.

Over the past two years we have truly moved mountains, and the experiences we now offer reflect our commitment to developing the whole child – academically, socially, emotionally and creatively.

This work is guided by our new vision:

At Great Kimble, every child shines in their own unique way. Through high expectations, fun and care, we ensure every learner is seen, heard and valued. Together we build a community where excellence is encouraged, dreams are pursued and every child is given the chance to thrive. We encourage every pupil to be bold in their thinking, ambitious in their learning and brave in facing the future. Guided by Christian faith and driven by purpose, we grow together – strong in spirit, ready to make a positive difference in the world.

One of the most exciting areas of growth has been our outdoor learning provision, which is now fully embedded across the school. Pupils are thriving as they explore nature and develop bushcraft skills through a carefully planned curriculum. From safely using hammers to create imaginative works of art from sticks and natural materials, children are building confidence, resilience and creativity. These sessions encourage collaboration and problem-solving, and soon pupils will progress to whittling and using a wider range of tools, developing independence and respect for the natural world.

Music has also taken centre stage at Great Kimble. Our enhanced music provision, including our partnership with Rock Steady, gives children the opportunity to learn instruments, rehearse regularly and perform as part of a band. Through this, pupils experience teamwork, ambition and joy, while growing in confidence and self-expression. Seeing children support one another and perform together has been truly inspiring.

In sport, we are proud to offer inclusive and innovative experiences. Pupils have recently enjoyed trying boccia and kurling, with wheelchair sports and fencing planned for the near future. These activities promote respect, collaboration and resilience, while teaching pupils that there are many ways to participate, achieve and succeed.

Our pupils are also living out our values beyond the classroom. Our Agents for Change visited Ellesborough Church, where they planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs for the community to enjoy. This project was a wonderful example of love, service and collaboration in action, and we are all looking forward to seeing the daffodils blossom as a symbol of hope and growth.



Perhaps the most visible change at Great Kimble has been our rebranding. As a school that has flourished, we now proudly present our new vision, values and identity. Our values of ambition, love, respect, resilience and collaboration underpin everything we do, while our new motto, "Big Hearts, Bold Futures," captures the spirit of our community and our aspirations for every child.

This transformation has been matched by exceptional outcomes, and we are incredibly proud to have been ranked the number one school in the county for academic achievement.

There are currently a few spaces available at Great Kimble for families in the local area, and we warmly encourage visits to see our school in action. We also welcome partnerships with members of the local community who wish to help provide further opportunities for our children. Together, we continue to build a school where every child can shine and thrive.

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AMBITION



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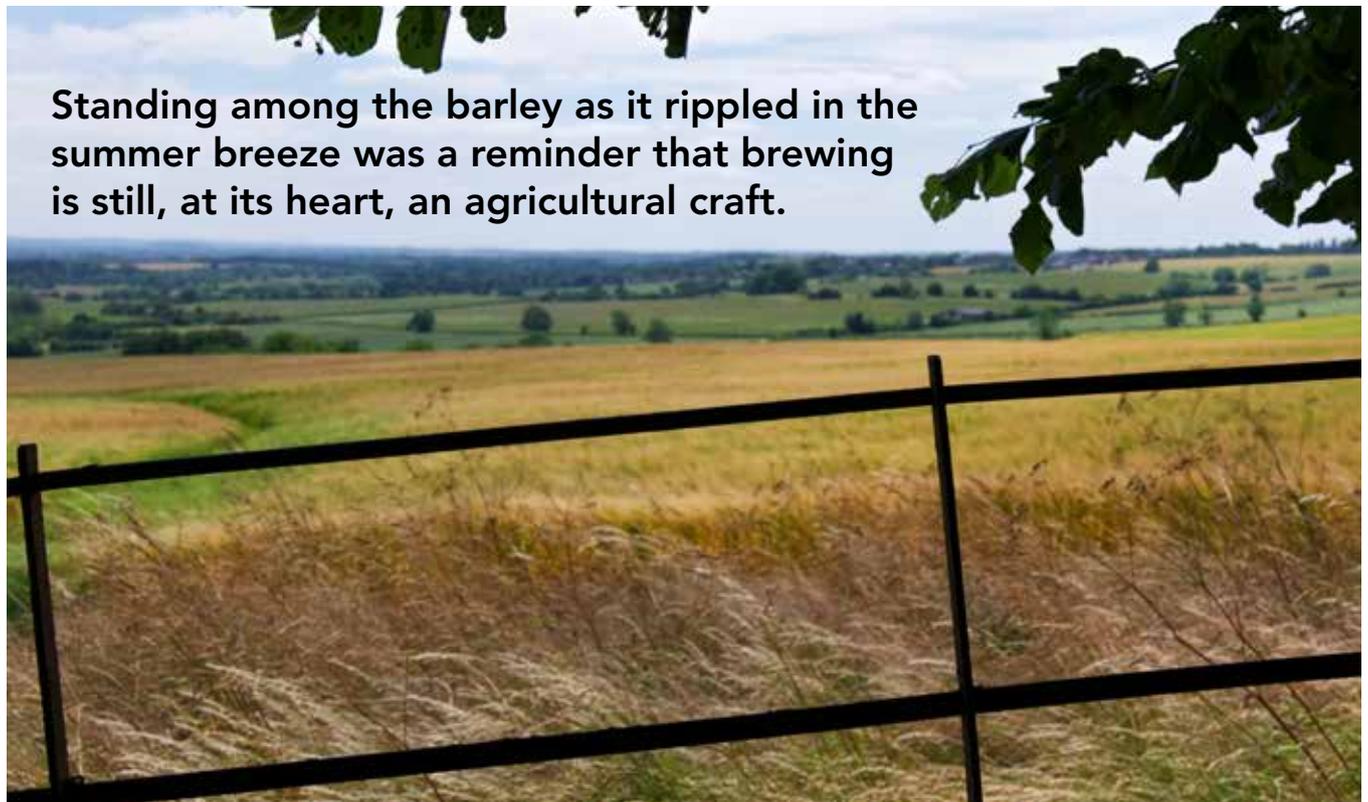


COLLABORATION



CHILTERN BREWERY

FROM FIELD TO PINT: BUCKS BARLEY IS AT THE HEART OF OUR BEER



Ollie Pemberton, Waddesdon Estates and Tom Jenkinson, Brewery Partner

One of the great pleasures of brewing in the Chilterns is being surrounded by some of the finest farming land in the country.

Beer, after all, begins long before it reaches our pint glasses – it starts quietly in the fields, with soil, sunshine, rain, and patient hard work.

Just a few miles from our brewery, on the **Rothschild Estate at Waddesdon**, malting barley is grown that plays an important part in almost every beer we brew. We use traditional English malting barleys prized for their flavour, reliability, and the wonderful depth they bring to our beers. We are fortunate that they can be grown so successfully right here on our doorstep.

Last June, ahead of harvest, we had the pleasure of visiting the Waddesdon fields. Standing among the barley as it rippled in the summer breeze was a reminder that brewing is still, at its heart, an agricultural craft. The fields were full of promise – green and gold ears forming, the crop maturing under the long summer days. It is easy to forget that, when enjoying a beer, each pint owes so much to the land and the seasons.

We were also delighted when Waddesdon's farming team visited us at the brewery. It was a wonderful opportunity to show how we continue the responsibility in the next step of the story: how their barley, once harvested, eventually becomes malt and then beer.

The journey continues not far away, with our specialist maltsters **French & Jupps**, who have been producing the

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Tom Jenkinson, Brewery Partner, and Dave McGovern, Head Brewer Chiltern Brewery, visit French & Jupps



Pint of Beechwood



Tom Jenkinson; Annabelle Degroot French & Jupps MD and James Marinos, French & Jupps Growth & Marketing Manager visit the Brewery

quality dark malts we use in Hertfordshire (just over the border!), for generations. Malting is a craft in its own right – soaking, germinating, drying, and carefully preparing the grain so that we can unlock its natural goodness during brewing. Their knowledge and experience are part of what makes our links with local neighbouring businesses so special.

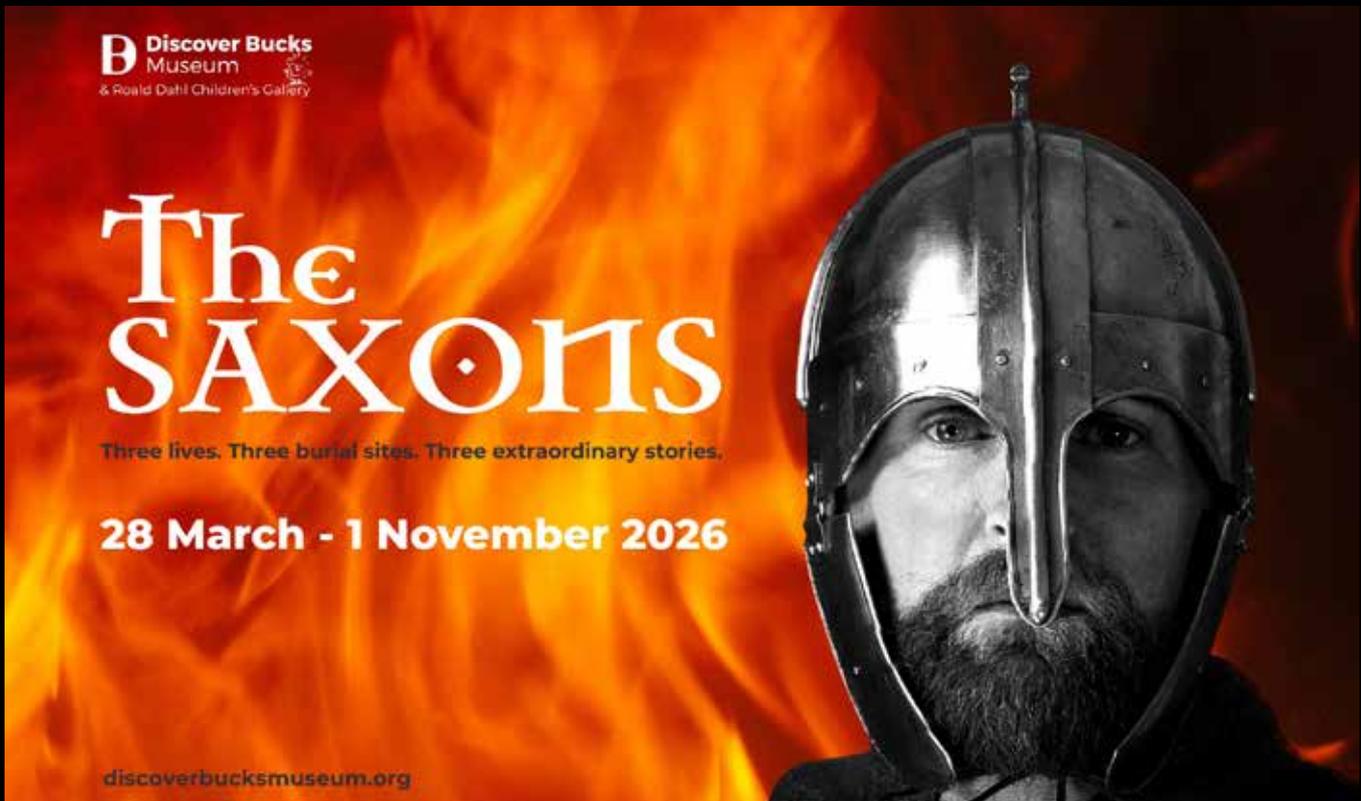
In an age when everything seems to travel hundreds or thousands of miles, we have something to celebrate because so much of what goes into our beer comes from right here in Buckinghamshire. From Waddesdon's barley fields to the French & Jupp maltings, and finally to the brewery, it is a truly local story – one we are proud to share every time we brew.

Cheers!

DISCOVER BUCKS MUSEUM

THE SAXONS ARE COMING!

Three lives. Three burial sites. Three extraordinary stories.



The SAXONS is a major new immersive exhibition at Discover Bucks Museum exploring Buckinghamshire's Saxon past through extraordinary archaeological discoveries.

For the first time ever, extraordinary finds from the **British Museum, HS2 archaeology and Discover Bucks' own collections** will be brought together to create an **immersive, unforgettable exhibition** of our early medieval history.

With immersive displays, life-like Saxon characters, and hands-on experiences for families, this exhibition brings Saxon history vividly to life.

Step into the World of the Saxons

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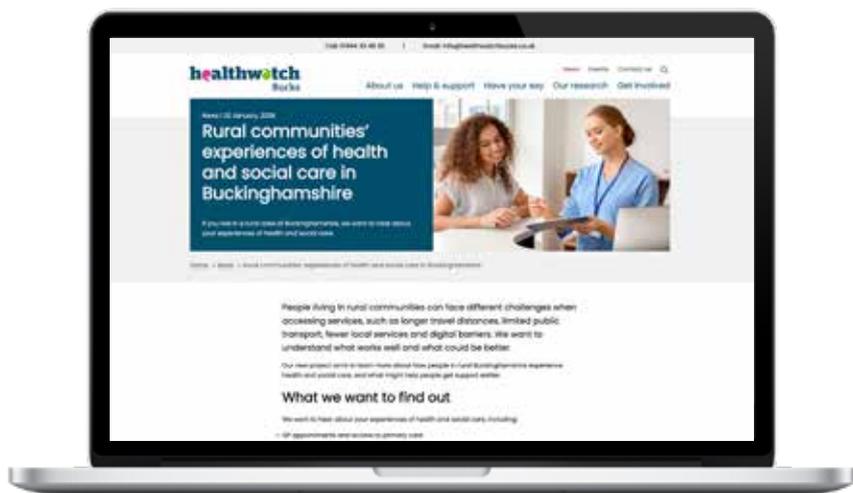
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This Easter, Discover Bucks Museum is bursting with things to see, make and explore – including the big launch of our major new Saxons exhibition opening on 28 March. Families can journey through 200 million years of Bucks history in our main galleries, explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, and unwind in the Sensory Room, plus take part in a lively programme of hands-on activities. The first week of the holidays is packed with Easter-themed craft and science family fun, while the second week takes inspiration from the Saxons, with Saxon-themed crafts linked to the new exhibition. It's the perfect place for curious minds and creative hands this Easter.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WHEN LIVING IN RURAL BUCKS

Healthwatch Bucks latest project looks at how those living in the rural parts of Bucks access health and social care.



<https://bit.ly/4jVz2HB>



Project Manager, Alison Holloway says:

“We know that people living in rural areas may experience health and social care services differently from those living in towns in Buckinghamshire. It’s important for us to learn more about any difficulties these communities might encounter.”

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) define a rural community as people living in areas with fewer than 10,000 residents. So, if you live in a village or a rural area, please tell Healthwatch Bucks what works for you and what could make it easier for you to access any health or social care such as dentists, hospitals, and respite care.

People can share their feedback in confidence via their online survey via this **QR code**, or on their website <https://bit.ly/4jVz2HB>

The survey closes on 31 May.

Healthwatch Bucks would also like to have small group discussions with 6 to 12 people, especially if you’re not comfortable using a computer to fill out

our survey. Please call them on **01494 324832** if you would be interested in hosting a group to talk in more detail about this subject.

Healthwatch Bucks will write a report summarising what they have been told. It will include recommendations about what would make accessing health and social care rural in Bucks better.

Zoe McIntosh, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Bucks, says:

“Our goal is to make sure local people influence the health and care services that residents of Buckinghamshire use. It’s very important that those living in the countryside feel heard and can easily get the care they need. We will share what we find out so we can help to bring about positive change where it’s needed.”

HS2 update

Significant progress has been made in building the Wendover Green Tunnel following HS2's decision to proceed with the EKFB design in December '24.



Eventually the entire structure will be covered up, with the ground level about 3 metres higher than currently visible arches.

The main structure is being built in four phases and the first section is visible just north of Ellesborough Road.

The 250 metre long twin arch shell has been completed within the cutting, and work has started with layers of "backfill" rock at each side. This is a meticulous process to ensure that the loading is equalised on the arch structure to avoid the sort of collapse that happened over the Chiltern Line at Gerrards Cross in 2005. Eventually the entire structure will be covered up, with the ground level about 3 metres higher than currently visible arches. Inside the tunnel shell a reinforced concrete slab has been poured which stitches together the sides of the arches, and walkways are being formed for emergency evacuation and tunnel maintenance.

The tunnel arches for phases 2 and 3 (at the south and north ends respectively) are being built now, with precast concrete segments each weighing up to 43 tonnes being delivered by road from a factory in Derbyshire. They are inspected on arrival and then precisely positioned with an accuracy of 2 millimetres, with instruments subsequently monitoring the entire structure to detect any ground movement or flexing of the arches.

Once in place the arches are wrapped with waterproof sheeting to manage eventual groundwater flows around the tunnel.

The foundations for the fourth phase are currently being formed, with compacted rock layers beneath a reinforced concrete slab ready to support the arches. This section will

complete the tunnel shell through Ellesborough Road engineers are confident that the arches will fit into the gap between Phases 1 and 2, with an end to end tolerance of 5 millimetres for the entire tunnel.

The overall HS2 programme plan is currently being "Reset", with progress of some structures being delayed. However the Green Tunnel is being progressed as it is on the project plan critical path to enable the initial train services between Old Oak Common and Birmingham. The tunnel structure is due for completion in 2027, with Backfill and Ellesborough Road restoration in 2028, and finally Landscaping in 2029.

ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Note – February 2026

The next meeting is Monday 16th March at 7.30pm and this years AGM is on the 18th May at 7.30pm, both in the Village Hall.

Ellesborough Parish Council (EPC) held their first meeting of the New Year on 19th January 2026 at the Village Hall.

EPC meet every 2 months to review the activities of the Parish and members of public are always welcome. Typically, very few members of public turn up but if there is anything you wish to engage with EPC on, then this is the best place to do it. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are every 2 months. The next meeting is Monday 16th March at 7.30pm and this years AGM is on the 18th May at 7.30pm, both in the Village Hall.

For the timings of all meetings and other Parish related events, please visit the website:
www.ellesborough-pc.gov.uk

Road Safety

Over the years there have been various attempts to improve pedestrian safety on the stretch of road coming down from Ellesborough Golf Course into the village crossroads, where there is currently no footway. A fresh cohort of local neighbours are seeing if it is possible to secure some grant monies from Bucks / HS2 to enable this. EPC intend to support this latest initiative and help navigate the process to get Bucks Highways to also be supportive. In due course, we would expect a consultation with immediate neighbours and we hope advance this initiative during the Summer.

Grass Cutting and Hedge Management

In 2025, EPC committed to a new grass and hedge management agreement with Bucks Council. The essence of this agreement is that EPC get a budget to manage the grass cutting on the verges owned by Bucks Council, but only for roads designated up to 30 mph speed limit. It is also the statutory responsibility of any landowner who abuts a public footpath or highway to ensure their hedges and trees do not encroach with excess growth. Please do inform EPC if you have any issues with verges etc you think are not being properly maintained and we can hopefully remedy, albeit any roads with a speed limit above 30 mph are still the full responsibility of Bucks Council to manage.

Parish Budget

The budget (precept) for EPC is £22,000 per annum plus the costs recovered for grass cutting. It is considered prudent to hold c.12 months budget in reserve, especially when dealing with such a substantial rural footprint with a relatively small population. We have reviewed the budget for 26/27 and can confirm that we have sufficient reserves for the next financial year that we will hold the budget at £22,000 per annum for the next 12 months.

Ideas for Parish Improvement Initiatives or New Projects

EPC are informed by Bucks Council when applications for grants from Developer Planning Gain (S106) or HS2 funds are submitted and many other Parishes are actively targeting these funds. EPC have historically never really applied for any of these grants, therefore we would welcome any suggestions for any new projects or initiatives that you would like to put forward. Again, the best way to present this would be at the next Parish Meeting, also email the Clerk in advance please.

Parish Clerk Email Alerts

Finally, road closures appear to be day to day life in Ellesborough, please do email the Parish Clerk to be included in any updates of road closures, sadly he can't tell you when the potholes will be fixed – because not even Bucks Highways know that!

Regards

Chairman McGrail

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- 10.00 The Mid-Morning Show** Classic hits, recent releases and local info with Howard Bond
- 1.00 The Gold Kite** '60s,' 70s,' 80s and '90s hits
- 2.00 The Afternoon Show** Fine music and chat with Sally Russo, Peter Dawes or Maggie G
- 4.00 Red Kite Radio Drivetime** with Paul Higgs
- 6.00 The Gold Kite** '60s,' 70s,' 80s and '90s hits
- 7.00 Monday The Seventies Rewind** 1970s hits
- Tuesday The Nineties Rewind** 1990s hits with Daniel Ashman
- Wednesday The Eighties Rewind** 1980s hits with Simon Jobling
- Thursday The Sixties Rewind** 1960s hits with Cherry Waller
- Friday The Weekend Warm-Up** '90s and '00s dance tracks with Daniel Ashman
- 9.00 Monday Musicals Hour** Louise Goodridge
- Tuesday Motown Magic** Annette Luck
- Wednesday Red Kite Country** with Donald McFarlane
- Thursday The Gold Kite: Golden Year** Hits from one year in history
- 10.00 Weekday Wind-Down** with Donald McFarlane
- 11.00 Through the Night** Non-stop classic hits

Saturday

- 7.00 am Saturday Breakfast** with Annette Luck
- 10.00 The Mid-Morning Show** Non-stop classic hits
- 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** Classic party hits
- 11.00 Through the Night** Non-stop classic hits

Sunday

- 7.00 am Sunday Breakfast** with Annette Luck
- 10.00 Sunday Brunch** Music from throughout the decades, incl. **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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Chalkshire Cottages	10:11	12:12	14:11	09:03	11:58	15:08
The Russell Arms PH	10:12	12:12	14:12	09:04	11:59	15:09
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Ellesborough Church	10:13	12:13	14:13	09:05	12:00	15:10
The Retreat	10:14	12:14	14:14	09:06	12:01	15:11
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The Retreat	09:24	11:47	13:46
Ellesborough Church	09:25	11:48	13:47
Ellesb' Beacon View	09:26	11:48	13:48
The Russel Arms PH	09:26	11:48	13:48
Chalkshire Cottages	09:27	11:49	13:49
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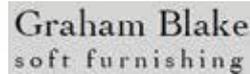
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