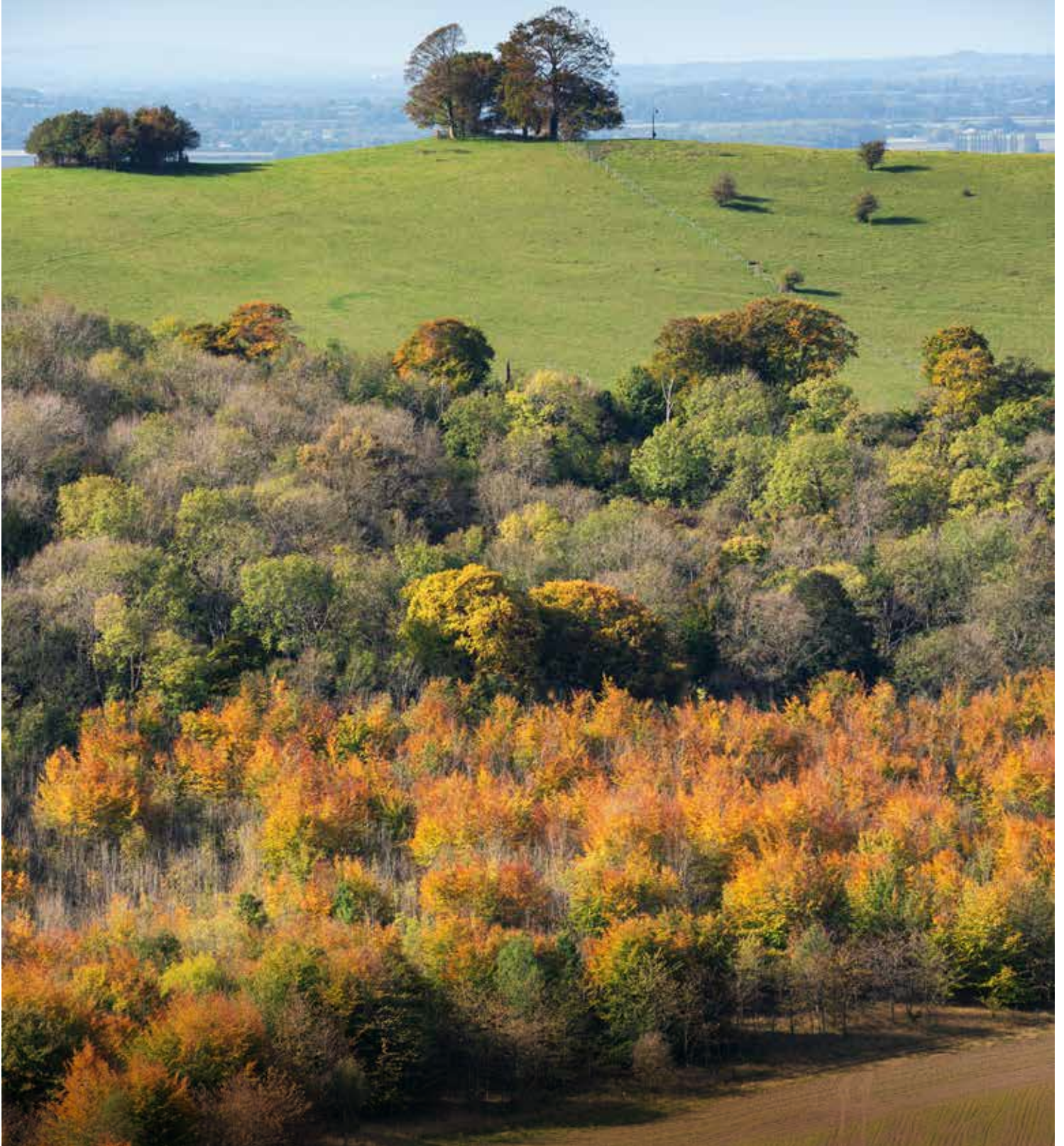


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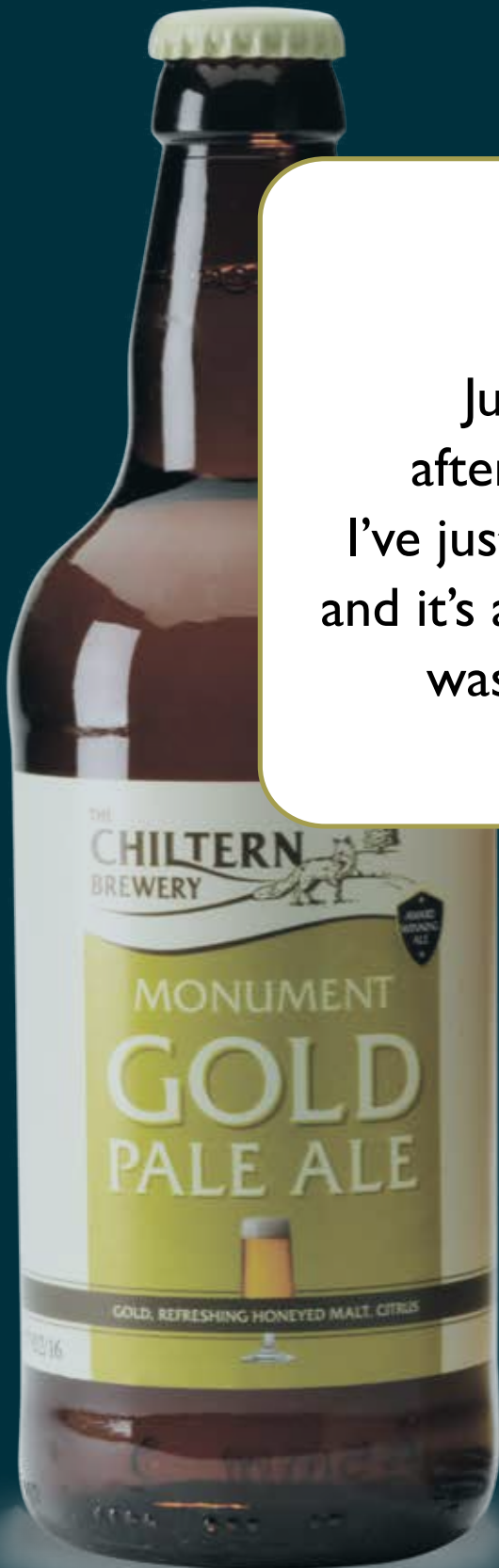
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Evening,
Just a quick note to say that,
after a very hot and stressful day,
I've just cracked open a bottle of Gold
and it's absolutely delicious. Exactly what
was needed. So thanks for that!

Cheers, Rob



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YOUR LETTERS

Can You Lend a Hand?

Tony Young, our long-standing and much-appreciated treasurer, is stepping down after over 25 years of dedicated service. We're looking for a volunteer to help manage the magazine's finances—nothing too onerous—and ideally someone who'd also enjoy contributing to the content from time to time.

If you think you might be able to help, or just want to find out more, please drop us a line at edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com.

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Thank you for your support

Come and Sing with us

Are you one of these people:

- 'I love singing, but
- I'd be too embarrassed to sing with other people;
- I can't read music, or
- I don't like Classical Music'?

Why not come along to Wendover Choral Society?

Yes, we are a choir, and we sing together. We absolutely love it!

Yes, some of us can read music, but some of us can't, and it doesn't hold them back. And from September, our choir leader, Kenton, will be including fifteen minutes of music-reading teaching in each of our rehearsals.

And yes, a lot of what we sing is Classical Music, but by no means all. We try to include music to suit every taste.

So whether you're someone who loves to sing but has always thought singing in a choir isn't for you, or whether you've sung in a choir before, but haven't got round to joining another one, why not give us a try?

No-one is ever embarrassed at our rehearsals. We have a lot of fun and we get to share the joy of making music together. We meet every Thursday, in St. Mary's Church, Wendover, from 7.45 to 9.45 pm. Our first rehearsal in the Autumn is Thursday 4 September. Come along! It could be the best thing you've done in ages.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



I Will be hosting my 25th Annual Coffee Morning to raise funds for Macmillan on Friday 26th September, between 10.30 and 12.30.

Bonnybrook, Risborough Road, Little Kimble HP17 0UE

Please do come along and bring your friends. There will be so much happening!

More local craft stallholders, reflexology to try and homemade cakes, jams and chutneys to buy. Why not pamper yourself with a manicure? Plus the Raffle, which promises to be bigger and better than ever!

So put the date in your diary, and lets make this a memorable mornings fundraising!

Julie Needle

Welcome

A big welcome to Jean and Peter Whiteaker who are new to the area living at Plough Barn.

Tony Young Update

"I have now had confirmation that I have an aggressive tumour on the brain. I am being put in to the care of the Palliative Care Team who will support us all at home. Life expectancy is not too long.

I am fully reconciled and have no regrets having lived a glorious and fulfilled life. Don't let this update be in any way depressive.

Live life, enjoy life, as indeed Jean and I will. My daughter Jeanette and her husband Les are being very supportive too and they will need all the support you can give them.

Lots of love from **Tony x**"

Village Hall new details:

Sally Withey, mobile - **07810878674** or email contact@ellesboroughparishhall.com or via our new website online enquiry form - ellesboroughparishhall.com

200 Club Winners

Please find below a list of 200 Club winners from June to August 2025:

June	July	August
£50 17 Mark and Susan Hinchcliffe	£50 97 Rob & Liz Alexander	£50 7 Phillip Peel
£35 114 James Francis	£35 101 James Ferris	£35 27 Susannah Renison
£25 2 Lynda Perkins	£25 77 Liz Norris	£25 58 Sarah Hayward-Cook

The Ellesborough Parish Hall Committee would like to pay special thanks to Elizabeth Hine for her role as Booking Secretary for the Parish Hall since 2021. She has worked tirelessly and efficiently to bring in more bookings and to be the friendly face meeting and greeting so many new hirers on a regular basis or for one off parties. We wish her

well with her other activities which keep her busy within our community. Thank you Elizabeth – we shall miss you on the Committee.

Committee: Gill White, Sally Withey, Paul Oldroyd, Sue Wells and Debbie Bird

Ellesborough Parish Litter Pick

Meet up — Clean Up

Sunday 26th October

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

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough



September Services

Sunday 7th 10.45 Songs of Praise
Sunday 14th 10.45 Parish communion
Sunday 21st 10.45 Matins
Sunday 28th 10.45 Parish Communion

October Services

Sunday 5th 10.45 Songs of Praise
Sunday 12th 10.45 Parish Communion
Sunday 19th 10.45 Matins
Sunday 26th 10.45 Parish Communion

November Services

Sunday 2nd 10.45 Songs of Praise
Sunday 9th 10.00 Remembrance Service followed by a short service at Butlers Cross Memorial with Silence at 11.00
Sunday 16th 10.45 Matins
Sunday 23rd 10.45 Parish Communion
Sunday 30th NO SERVICE

We continue to serve afternoon teas every Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm.

We have many repeat walkers and villagers visiting us and enjoying our home-made cakes and a chat. Thank you to all who join us for a social afternoon. We look forward to seeing you again.

St Nic's Kids



The next St Nic's Kids will be:

21 September, 19 October, 16 November & 14 December.

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

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



LOCAL EVENTS

Litter Pick

Village Parish Hall
Sunday 26th October
11.00am

Christmas Carol Service

Village Parish Hall
Friday 11th December

Remembrance Sunday

Service Village Memorial
Sunday 9th November
10.45am

Chiltern Ladies

Stewart Hall Kimble
Wednesdays 2.00pm
3rd September
1st October
5th November
3rd December

Wendover Art Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays
of every month
7.30pm & 9.30pm

K & E Horticultural Society

Stewart Hall Kimble
First Tuesday Each Month,
except Jan

Memory Café

Chapel Hall,
Speen Church
Every third Thursdays
of the month

Village Coffee & Cake

Fridays
26th September
17th October
21st November
19th December

Parish Council Meeting

15 September 19.30
Dunsmore Parish Hall

Pilates

Mondays &
Thursday Mornings
Ellesborough Village Hall

Qigong

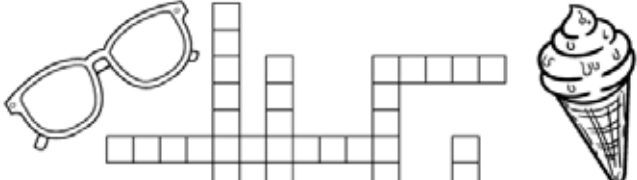
Village Hall
Every Wednesday -
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Harvest Festival Service

Dunsmore
Sunday, 7th September at 5pm

PUZZLES

SUMMER FILL-IN PUZZLE



3 letter words

fan
hot

4 letter words

clap
fire
hike
kite
pail
sand
swim

5 letter words

beach
ocean
relax
sunny
towel

6 letter words

biking
garden
meadow
shovel
summer

7 letter words

berries
flowers
outside

8 letter words

barbecue
ice cream
lemonade
vacation

10 letter words

sandcastle
sunglasses

9 letter word

flip flops

11 letter words

beaching suit
butterflies



Word Bank

CRAB

FLIP FLOPS

JELLYFISH

LIFEGUARD

OCEAN

PAIL

PICNIC

SANDCASTLE

SHORE

SHOVEL

SNORKEL

SUNBLOCK

SUNBURN

SUNGLASSES

SURFBOARD

SWIMSUIT

TOWEL

WAVES

Across

1. What most people wear on the beach.

4. Allows you to breath underwater.

5. It's right next to the beach.

6. They wash in at the seaside.

8. Use this to dry off.

9. You might build this on the beach.

10. Lunch on the beach.

11. Helps you to see on a sunny day.

12. Protects your skin from the sun.

14. He or she watches swimmers.

Down

1. Use this to ride the waves.

2. Used for digging.

3. Shoes for the beach.

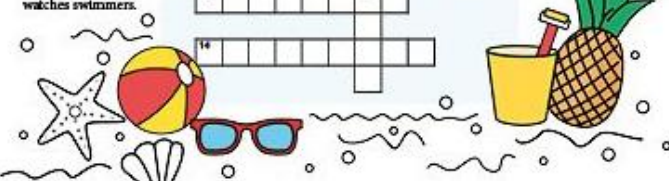
4. The edge of the water.

7. Sea animal that stings.

9. Watch out! If you turn red, you have this.

10. Use this to collect sand, water, or shells.

13. Little animal with pinchers.



SUMMER I-SPY



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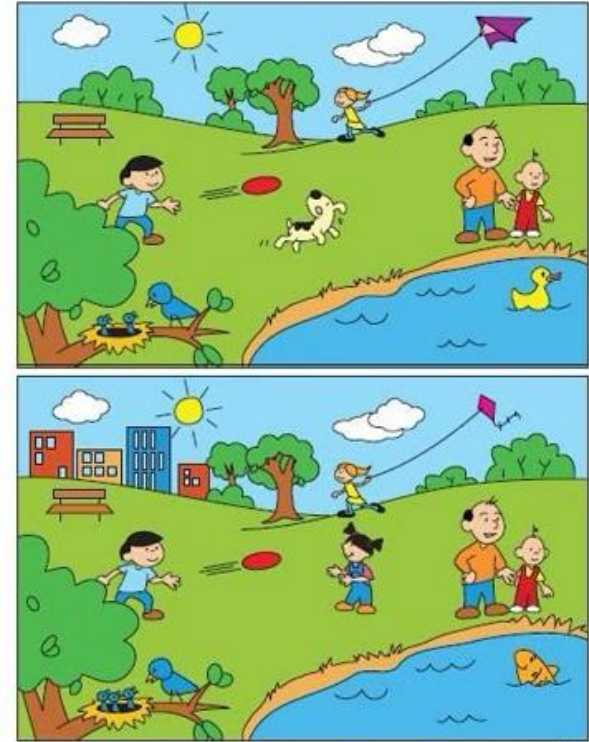
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A day in the park

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two pictures?



COMPETITION

SUNFLOWER GROWING

In March, we launched our sunflower growing competition. And this is the winner this fine collection grown by Paul Booker.



The winning sunflower - well done Paul Booker!



A good effort



This attempt didn't quite go to plan, better luck next year 'Anonymous'!

A big thank you to everyone who took part. Whether your sunflower bloomed big or small, your efforts brought a little extra sunshine to the village this summer.



HALLOWEEN WITH THE KIDS 2025

WOOOAH

Buckmoorend Farm

**HALLOWEEN
SCAVENGER HUNT**

BUCKMOOREND FARM

**OCT 28 TO
NOV 2**

JOIN US FOR A HALF
TERM SPOOKY
SCAVENGER HUNT

EVERY DAY
10AM - 4PM

**FREE
FUN**

VISIT THE FARM SHOP
FOR A SCAVENGER FORM

WWW.BUCKMOORENDFARM.CO.UK

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Buckmoorend Farm Shop (1 mile)

Join a spooky half term scavenger hunt, 28th October - November 2nd, 10am-4pm. See over.

Pumpkins from Christmas Tree Farm

Chesham (11 miles)

Odds Farm Park

Wooburn Common, near High Wycombe (20 miles)

Has various seasonal events and a dedicated "Pumpkin Festival" during October half term.

Tumblestone Hollow

Stonor Park (20 miles)

Features an adventure playground with walkways, nets, and bridges. During autumn, they host "Tumblestone Hollow Halloween" with spooky decorations and stories. They also have a "Halloween Scavenger Hunt" where kids can explore the woods and solve riddles.

Chiltern Open Air Museum

Chalfont St Peter (16 miles)

Allows kids to explore rescued historic buildings and a traditional farm. Their "Halloween Spectacular" on October 31st promises spooky fun.

The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre

Great Missenden (7 miles)

Is perfect for fans of the author. It features interactive exhibits, including one where you can come face-to-face with Fantastic Mr Fox. They also have "Twilight Tricks Late-Night Special" on Halloween, October 31st.

Whipsnade Zoo

Dunstable (15 miles)

Features a wide variety of animals and hosts "Boo at the Zoo!" with Halloween activities like discos, magic shows, and crafts.

National Trust properties

Waddesdon Manor (14 mi) and Cliveden (22 miles)

Offering beautiful gardens and autumnal trails perfect for walks. Waddesdon Manor also offers a "Zoolab Creepy Critters" event with live animal encounters.

Warner Bros. Studio Tour

London – Leavesden aerodrome (22 miles)

Gives Harry Potter fans the opportunity to explore the wizarding world, even spookier during the Halloween season.

BUCKMOOREND FARM



Harvest time is here!



I'm sure in this latest period of gloriously warm, summer weather you will have witnessed the increased number of tractors on our roads carting grain and bales back to the farmyards whilst the combine harvesters work hard in the fields. Earlier this week I was driving the kids out for the day and felt a real sense of collective farming community spirit as we watched the farm machinery all working in sync across the Chilterns and knowing that Farmers Dan & Mark were doing exactly the same back at Buckmoorend. The friends I had met felt the same as they watched our farmers harvest our nations' food. However, I was left with a sense of irony as I am more than aware of what a lonely time Harvest can actually be. The long days and nights spent out in the fields, not seeing family, one farmer in the Combine and the other in the tractor, passing each other by and reaping relatively low yields due to poor weather can be challenging. In a successful year it can be a totally different story but either way, if you back British Farming, then please give our farmers a wave if you pass them on the roads, try to be patient if you get stuck behind a tractor and, if you see them to actually speak to, share the feeling of community spirit we see around us so they can feel a part of it too.

We are currently harvesting our Spring Barley, an important crop for us with the grain being used for animal feed or malting and the stalks being baled for bedding for our cows over the Winter. Unfortunately, the dry weather has brought our yields down by around 50%. We will not be alone in this within the UK

however, as the weather has not been poor globally, prices will unfortunately not compensate the loss this year.

Our cows have also noticed the weather over the past few months as our grass pastures have not been able to grow. Our hay yields were down at haymaking by around 30% after a very wet winter followed by a dry spring/summer. On top of this we are having to supplement our cows with hay when normally grass would suffice, leaving our Winter stocks short. We have spent numerous hours rounding our cows up too as they have been attempting to search for anywhere where the grass is greener. We've certainly all been getting our steps in!



On a more positive note, the whole team of staff and volunteers enjoyed a thriving Open Farm Sunday back in June. A huge thank you to all who visited. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoyed the day. It was our busiest yet with so many highlights from our farm talks, machinery, animals & butchery demos to our wonderful local suppliers showcasing their produce and craft. We were truly able to showcase farm to fork and hope it helped to demonstrate the value of supporting local.



In the Farm Shop, Butchery and Kitchen we are thoroughly enjoying the warmer weather and stocking our shelves to the brim with lots of fresh BBQ and summer produce. Don't forget we also always offer 10% off frozen meat as well as stamps on our loyalty cards for spends over £60. We are super chuffed to announce that we recently won another Great Taste Award for our handmade Welsh Dragon Sausages! Awarded as food that delivers fantastic flavour our sausages were amongst the 30% of over 14,000 world-wide products entered to receive an award. Put through a rigorous blind judging process the judges "loved the texture as much as the look of these well-made, promisingly meaty sausages. The levels of chilli are spot on". They sit proudly next to our award winning Simply Pork Sausages!



Lastly, following the success of opening late until 6pm on Thursdays we have also added late opening of the same on Fridays so do pop by as you need.

As always, thank you for all your support.

Steph, Daniel & all the team
at Buckmoorend Farm



Swaying fields of gold!

Each year, we walk the fields of malting barley grown exclusively for us.



Late last month, we joined Olly Pemberton, Farm Manager of Waddesdon Estate, for a field walk at Nether Winchendon.

The view from the field is stunning. It stretches across the Vale of Aylesbury and with a brilliant blue sky and welcome zephyr, we walked the field to assess the goldening crop.

Despite the dry weather, the ground is holding moisture well just below the surface, as Olly showed us. He is happy with this year's crop and the malting barley looks very good.

Waddesdon use regenerative farming methods to grow our malting barley, and Olly and his team's efforts go into improving the health of the soil.

Regenerative farming uses minimal tilling, sprays and disturbance, so that the soil is kept healthy. What is good for the soil, is good for the barley, and therefore good for the beer in our hands!

For Olly, the next stage is his favourite, harvest time. From Waddesdon, the golden barley is taken to Warminster

Maltings. They turn it into malt using a traditional floor malting process - in fact they are the oldest and last traditional floor Maltsters.

After steeping the barley in spring water drawn from beneath their maltings, the natural germination process starts. They then dry it on malting floors, turning it morning and evening, until they know it's ready.

It's a Victorian process, very much in tune with the practice of regenerative farming. Natural processes which yield terrific results.

When Warminster give us the nod, we take delivery of the malting barley which will be ready for us to brew with!

In all, from the time Olly plants the golden seeds, to when it is ready to brew with, it can take one to two years.

It is a natural, unhurried and pleasing process. One that we like to think makes our Beers worth their 'wait' in Gold!

SUMMER VILLAGE PARTY

The annual Village party was held on Saturday afternoon 5th July at the village hall.



As well as the usual barbeque and bar there was live music sung by James who is a West End Stage performer.



The new addition of a dog show judged by Councillor Vikki Keeble was very well attended and fun to watch.



We were able to borrow Dunsmore's 'Splat the Glis' game and some participants did not know what a Glis glis was so were keen to find out about this Edible Dormouse which is not native to the UK.



Ellesborough Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended this popular community event, bringing together residents of all ages. Also a special 'thank you' for all the helpers and volunteers who helped to make the day such a success.

This year we hosted a dog show alongside our usual village party activities. We were joined by a pack of wonderful dogs and puppies accompanied by their guardians. It was my very first judging role, both the participants and audience were very kind as I navigated through our five categories:



Most handsome boy:
River – Shetland sheepdog



Prettiest girl:
Mabel – Labrador



Waggiest tail:
Trixie – Retriever cross



Cutest puppy: Biscuit – Golden Retriever



Best trick: Leo & Louis: Golden Retrievers



Best trick: Sonny – Cockerpoo



Best trick: Mack – Saluki/Border Collie Lurcher mix

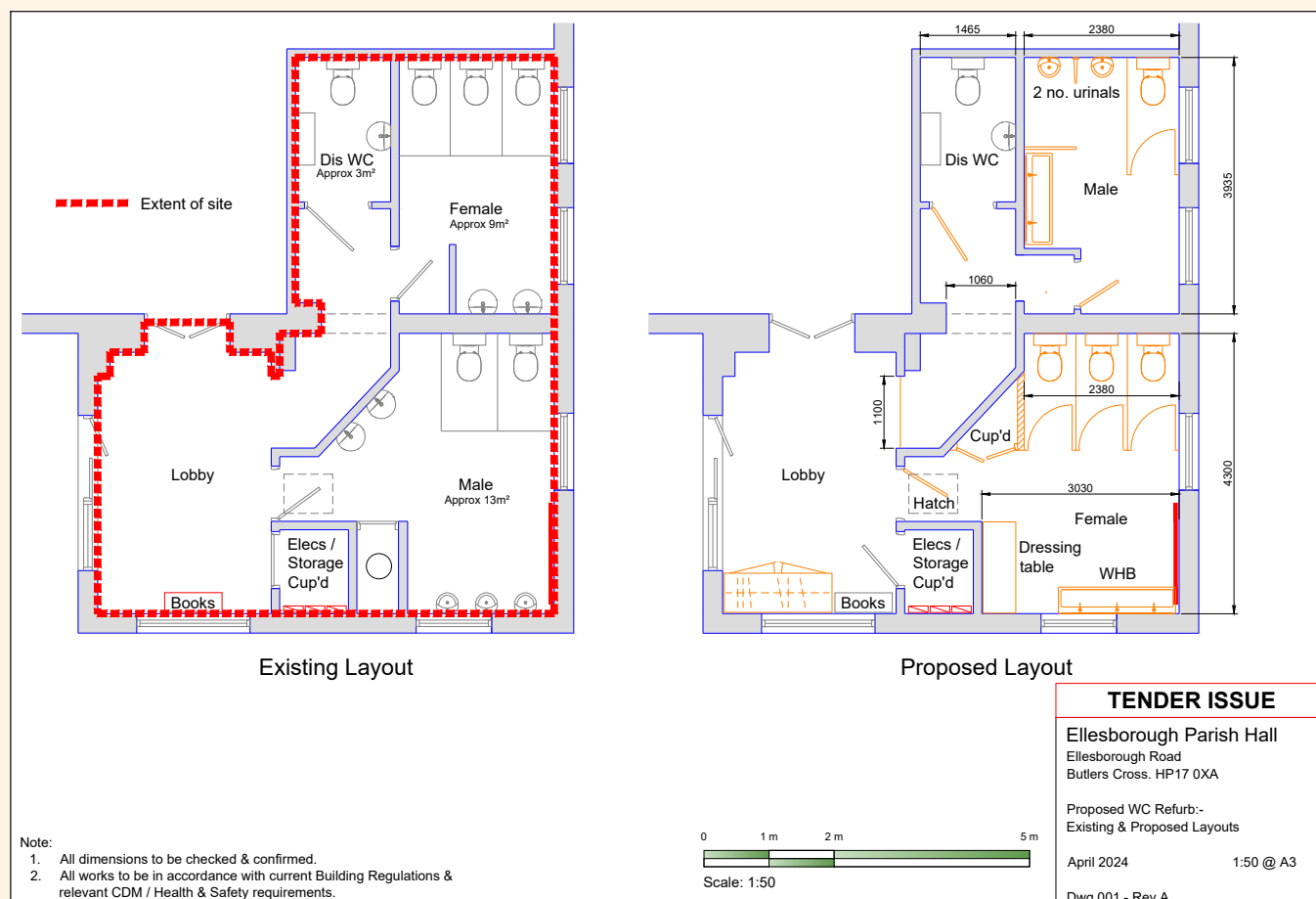
We had great entries across all the categories which made for some very challenging judging! I was also a bit too enthusiastic with handing out the treats and kept tipping the extras on the floor, which all the dogs were pleased about.

I hope we get to run another dog show next year, so I can refine my treat giving skills and meet many more lovely dogs (and their guardians) that live in the parish.

Vikki Keeble

Ellesborough Parish Hall TO GET A FACELIFT

The Parish Hall Management Committee are pleased to report that the planned refurbishment of the bathrooms in the hall started on Monday 21st July.



Mark Scott Construction Ltd are the appointed constructors and were the company that did the work at the Guides Centre. The targeted completion date is the end of August. The plan is to swap the ladies and gents toilets around and give them a fresh, updated look.

The exterior of the hall is also being re-painted by M. Simmonds Decorating Contractor and will be completed by the middle of August.

These current works are only possible due to the generous subscriptions to the 200 Club and the income from our regular bookings which have helped boost our funds. We have further plans for 2026 subject to our financial status.



ELLESBOROUGH BALL

WHAT A FUN EVENING!



The Ellesborough village car park was transformed into a stunning venue for guests to party all night

"Thank you so much for an amazing evening. We had a lovely time and it was great to see everyone looking so glamorous"

"We had a fantastic time on our table and on the dance floor"

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Ellesborough Ball back in May and helped to make it such a fabulous fun-packed evening and generously raised thousands of pounds for charity.

The evening kicked off with a glass of fizz on arrival before guests were seated and treated to a delicious buffet dinner. The dance floor was packed from the moment the fantastic 'The 1984' band started playing and the celebrations continued into the early hours, thanks

to the always highly entertaining silent disco.

The heads and tails game, raffle and silent auction were a great success, raising over £11,000 which has been shared across our four chosen local charities of Youth Concern, Age UK Bucks, Sir Jackie Stewart's charity, Race Against Dementia and Crohns & Colitis UK.

Now a much-loved village tradition, the next Ellesborough Ball will take

place on **Saturday 1st May 2027** so put it in your diaries and to secure your table please get in touch with sales@bxball.org.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity and we look forward to welcoming you to the Ellesborough Ball in two years time!

The Ball Committee

Chris, Julie, Jess, Anna T, Anna G and Matt



Members of the Ball Committee had the great privilege of visiting Youth Concern and Age UK Bucks to present them with their donation cheques

RECIPE

LEMONY BROCCOLI FLATBREAD

I recently found and used this recipe from a popular supermarket!!! Absolutely, deliciously healthy!

Vegetarian using fresh broccoli and ricotta, which could be replaced with asparagus and mascarpone. A wonderful lunch time bite or an informal supper with friends.



Ingredients

Generous serving for 2

- 40g blanched hazelnuts
- 3 tsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- 150g trimmed tender stem broccoli
- 1 unwaxed lemon, zest and juice
- 2 flatbreads
- 5-6tbsp Italian ricotta
- ½ tsp chilli flakes
- Squeeze of clear honey

Method

1. Heat a nonstick frying pan over a medium-low heat, then fry the hazelnuts for 3-5 minutes until golden. Tip onto a board to cool, then roughly chop.
2. Set the pan back over a medium heat, add the oil and fry the garlic for 1 minute until starting to turn golden. Turn up the heat, add the broccoli and fry for 5 minutes, stirring frequently until starting to colour, adding a splash of water if the garlic is catching. Add the lemon zest and juice, season and toss everything together.
3. Meanwhile, heat the flatbread according to pack instructions. Spread with the ricotta and pile on the broccoli. Add the chilli flakes and a squeeze of honey, then scatter over the hazelnuts and serve.

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

CHEQUERS TALK

THE SECRET WORLD OF CHEQUERS

On 3rd June 90+ villagers and friends met in the Church of St Peter and St Paul Ellesborough to hear a talk entitled 'The Secret World of Chequers and its History'

Given by Emma Paterson BEM, Head Housekeeper/House Manager and David McCormick BEM, Collections Manager/ House Manager.

The talk began with some history of this 16th century Elizabethan house, its previous owners and its connections with Ellesborough. Chequers was gifted to the nation in 1917 by Lord Lee of Fareham and it has been used since 1921, as he wished, to provide 'rest and recreation' for the Prime Minister of the day. The house provides a home in which Prime Ministers and their families can relax, and where they are looked after by the Chequers staff. It offers respite from the demands of their busy lives at No10.

Chequers has often played a significant role in our political history. Winston Churchill spent much time there during the war, broadcasting many speeches from the house. Since WW2 numerous meetings with leaders from around the world have been held there.

David described the layout of the house and gave details of its many rooms and their uses today.

The Great Parlour on the first floor, is used by the Cabinet when they are at Chequers, and has a panelled

recess which is where black and white photographs of all Chequers Prime Ministers hang. The Long Gallery, accessed through the Great Parlour runs almost the entire length of the north front of the house. In its north wall are stained glass windows bearing the Coats of Arms of all Chequers Prime Ministers. This is also the location of the library with its wonderful collection of books. There are many historical artefacts including a Regency oak pedestal table, a pair of flintlock pistols and a watch, all of which belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte. The Chequers Ring is kept here. The ring belonged to Queen Elizabeth 1st.. Her monogram appears on the bezel inlaid with diamonds and blue enamel. The hinged bezel opens to reveal two tiny enamelled portraits, the larger of which depicts the Queen and the other is believed to be of Anne Boleyn.

We heard about The Prison Room, on the second floor, where Lady Mary Grey, youngest daughter of the 1st Duke of Suffolk and a great grand-daughter of Henry V11 was imprisoned for two years from 1565. William Hawtrey MP, the owner of Chequers, was 'required to take her into his charge and custody' because she had offended the Queen by an ill-judged marriage. She was also considered a potential heir to the Crown.



Emma and David revealed aspects about the general running of the house and how visits by the Prime Minister, his family, and dignitaries, are managed. There are six main bedrooms to accommodate visitors but guests rarely stay overnight.

Their talk included some anecdotes about Prime Ministers and Chequers staff and the interactions between the two.

It was altogether a light hearted, humorous and very enjoyable evening with many amusing stories. We are most grateful to Emma and David, and the other accompanying members of staff, for kindly giving this talk.

Jackie Rysdale



ART

CHILTERN MS/NEURO CENTRE

Artwork created by members of the Chiltern MS/Neuro Centre – to be exhibited at the Discover Bucks Museum in September.

Members' Artwork has been inspired by artists (Klee, Van Gogh & Hockney), based on styles (abstract), objects (Inky bottles) & landscapes and has also been produced into greeting and Xmas Cards, recipe books & paintings.



Art is part of the social programme at the Chiltern MS/Neuro Centre.

As an activity, within the programme, art is available to as many members, with MS and Neurological conditions, as possible.

The art group allows members to enjoy art and explore their artistic side.

Yet, also provides social interaction, a wonderful sense of achievement and an introduction to new skills.

The benefits of art are well recognised as it is captivating, takes minds away from life's issues, improves physical &

cognitive skill and increases self-esteem & confidence.

The sessions and themes, offered, range from: work inspired by artists, art styles & methods, colour theory, still life, landscapes or seasons. Whilst the artwork produced has gone beyond the group and helped to raise funds for the centre in greeting cards, Pop up art weekend exhibition and a recipe book.

Our Art, run by volunteers, is creative and therapeutic – it provides "time out", a wellbeing and moments of joy



The Discover Bucks Museum has invited us to exhibit our artwork as a Community Art Exhibition throughout September.

It is also a celebration of the Chiltern MS/Neuro Centre's 40th Anniversary. PLEASE POP IN – to see the artwork and this fabulous local museum. Some "behind the scenes info" – into what you will see:

"ABSTRACT FACES"

Picasso's distortion of faces was a key element of his Cubism period – this was the inspiration to our "Abstract Faces".



The art group had such fun creating their own interpretation of a face - there was much chat, laughter and conversation throughout the art sessions.

Yet the abstract theme took the members out of their comfort zone, allowing for selfexpression and creativity. The art group came up with such a variety of faces, which are in the exhibition – you can feel different emotions in each face.

"THE COMPOSITE FACE"



The idea to create The Composite Face evolved from our Abstract Face Theme and an endeavour to create a communal piece of artwork for the Chiltern Neuro Centre.

Having drafted out the face, it was divided into 15 equal sections.

Each member of the art group worked their piece in the logo colours of the Centre.

Not knowing the outcome, the group were amazed at their contribution

to this composite piece – rather like putting pieces of a jigsaw together.

The "Composite Face" provided a sense of belonging and celebration within our art community, whilst the theme, itself, provided social cohesion and shared identity.

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There is also artwork inspired by Mary Pym and much more...
Other exhibitions at the museum in September – "Aston Hill 100".

Judith Harper



BUCKS GARDEN TRUST

Outings



Buckinghamshire
Gardens Trust

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

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

17 September



Stoke Poges Memorial Garden – new Bereavement Trail and Covid Memorial.

**Wednesday 17th September
10.30 am**

For this special visit for Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust, **Franzi Cheeseman**, the Head Gardener of Stoke Poges Memorial Garden will be leading a visit to the new Bereavement Trail and Covid Memorial. She will also explain the history of this unique Grade I memorial Garden. Refreshments will be included as part of the visit.

<http://ticketsource.co.uk/buckinghamshire-gardens-trust>

Tickets: **£15 members/£20 guests**

18 October



John Adams and Thomas Jefferson's Tour of English Gardens 1786

Saturday 18th October at 2.30 pm

In April 1786, Thomas Jefferson, then the first American diplomat in Paris, visited John Adams, who was acting in a similar position in London. They embarked on a tour of English landscape gardens, including Wotton Underwood, Stowe, The Leasows, Hagley Hall and Blenheim. Julian follows their journey, quoting from their diaries and displaying their surviving tavern bills on route. **Julian Hunt** is a former librarian and museum curator who has written extensively on Buckinghamshire and the Midlands and lectures on English market towns and coaching inns.

<http://ticketsource.co.uk/buckinghamshire-gardens-trust>

Tickets: **Members £10 Guests £12.50**

29 November



Bookings now open for the Members Christmas Lunch at The Dinton Hermit, Ford.

**Saturday 29th November at
12.30 noon**

Special guest speaker: Brian Dix - International Archaeologist and Garden Historian

Booking is through Ticketsource with a deposit of **£15 per person** and balance paid on the day at the end of the meal.

The deposit covers a £10 booking fee, taken off the final bill per person, plus a gratuity for the staff and lunch for the guest speaker: <http://ticketsource.co.uk/buckinghamshire-gardens-trust>

A member of the Events Team will be organising the Christmas lunch. Each booking will receive an order form by email with the menu choices.



For information on
joining these events:
<https://bucksgardenstrust.org.uk>

KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Your Local Gardening Club



Our monthly meetings are held at Stewart Hall.

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

September



Bulbs in Borders **Tuesday 2nd – 8 00 pm**

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

AUTUMN SHOW – Stewart Hall **Sunday 7th – 2 00 – 4 30 pm**

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

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

7 October



Growing Perennials and Woody Plants for Cutting **Tuesday 7th – 8 30 pm**

Rachel Seigfried, flower farmer and florist, will talk about why she grows predominantly perennials and woody plants for cut foliage and flowers. She will highlight her favourites through the seasons, many of which are well known garden plants, and offer some tips and cultivation for cut flower use and how to arrange them in the home. She will also bring some dahlias, her own seeds and her book.

4 November



How to Propagate, Plant and Grow Peonies **Tuesday 4th – 8 00 pm**

Alec White, owner of Primrose Hall Peonies, grows herbaceous, intersectional, tree and patio peonies and is a gold medal winner at Chelsea. This talk is an introduction to the origins and history of peonies, propagation techniques and breeding, choosing the perfect peony and how to care for it.

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

Nanfans Ballet School

NEW CHAPEL STUDIO IN PRESTWOOD

Ballet barres and mirrors have been installed and the chapel has become a beautiful space to dance in.



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Nanfans Ballet School opened 10 years ago in September 2015 in Prestwood. The school was originally based in the owner's house in Honor End Lane, however the Covid pandemic made it impossible to continue at a private house so other locations were found locally.

A more permanent solution has now been found, as the school has moved to the Zion Baptist Chapel in Kiln Road Prestwood. The chapel which was built in the 1950's was used until 2005, since when it has remained largely empty and now the ballet school have signed a long lease on the building.

Building work began in March of this year and now the chapel is a beautiful dance studio. Many of the original materials in the building have been re-used, the original oak panelling has been renovated and the oak pulpit which



has to be dismantled to remove it from the building has been converted into further panelling and benches. There is a new sprung dance floor laid on top of the original flagstone floor. Ballet barres and mirrors have been installed and the chapel has become a beautiful space to dance in.

Nanfans Ballet School follows the Royal Academy of Dance syllabus and has children's classes from ages 18 months – 18 years.

A full timetable of adult classes runs alongside, including exercise classes, adult ballet and Silver Swans for the more mature student. A new Seated Swans class starts in September proving that dance is for all ages, and ensuring the chapel continues to be a valuable part of community life.

To find out more-
www.nanfansballet.co.uk

THE CHILTERN LADIES

In June several member went by coach to Capel Manor Gardens, near Enfield, which boasts a rich history dating back to the 13th century. There are over 40 colourful gardens to enjoy over the 30 acre estate, lots to explore including a small zoo and gift shop.

We also visited wonderful Warwick Castle. Originally a wooden motte-and-bailey castle built by William the Conqueror in 1068 on the river Avon, rebuilt in stone during the 12th century. Such fascinating history, and it was a lovely, warm and sunny day, a lot of ice cream was necessary. We all enjoyed it very much.

Thank you Julie and Bev who organise these day trips for us. Everyone is welcome to join us.



At the meeting our speaker was our own member, Deborah Hulett, who delighted us with her photographs of the flora and fauna, and in particular the bird life taken as she cruised around the islands surrounding the United Kingdom. Their party made stops from a converted ferry boat at the Scilly Isles, Holy Island, Iona and the remote and deserted St. Kilda. They also visited the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland and Fingals Caves. Her photographs were outstanding - shown with the help of our honorary member Paul Couling.

Despite Wimbledon, 42 members and a visitor attended the July meeting. We were warned about a new scam, a member was renewing her driving license and was asked to pay a fee. Official renewals and changes of address details are recorded free of charge by the DVLC.

Our secretary Sally talked us through the new digitalised systems at GP surgeries and showed us how to get appointments more easily.

There was a wonderful selection of home baked goodies, new laid eggs and apple juice for sale, and the Bring a Tin box in aid of the Aylesbury food bank was well supported as always.

Our speaker was Chris Kingham who is the Chairman of the Princes Risborough Heritage Society, he told us about some of the Notable Residents of Whyteleafe. It was fascinating to learn that we had lived amongst such famous artists, writers and musicians.

The Chiltern Ladies do not meet formally in August but a happy afternoon was spent at the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People facility at Saunderton, which is our Charity of the Year.

We enjoyed a tour of the centre and were introduced to the doggies in training for this important work. Labradors, cocker spaniels, miniature poodles and the mixed breed cockapoos are the breeds that have the traits needed to become a perfect hearing dog. It can take between 16 and 24 months to train a hearing dog. They are trained to alert deaf adults and children to important sounds and danger signals as well as providing companionship, reducing isolation and increasing independence. The dogs are provided free of charge to the deaf people they help.

After the tour members enjoyed a cream tea at the Grange Restaurant.

Elizabeth Hine

THE CHILTERN LADIES MEET ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT STEWART HALL, KIMBLE, AT 2pm.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS MADE VERY WELCOME.

Dunsmore

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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This year we decided to trial a plant sale on the same weekend as our first cream tea to raise more money for the church. As people who came to buy plants also stayed for tea and those who came for tea bought plants it was a very successful weekend and over £1,000 was raised. It did, however, prove a lot of hard work which mostly fell on Victoria and Aaron and the trustees are incredibly grateful for their support.

Our other two cream teas this year were also successful and the amount raised from the three teas and the plant sale was over £1,600. Our customers always comment on the excellence of our cakes, so a tremendous thank you to all the bakers, as usual you produced a super selection and it is good to see a number of cakes catering for people with food allergies or intolerances. Thank you to all who came to consume the cakes, it was lovely to see so many people. Also thanks to those who helped serve and tidy away afterwards. We are indebted to Jacqui for organizing all three teas and to Heidi who coordinated the cakes.

Our Harvest Festival Service is on Sunday, **7th September at 5.00pm** in the church. As we have done for several years, we will again be collecting dried and tinned goods to give to the Wendover food bank. As you are probably aware the food banks are having to supply an increasing number of individuals and families with emergency food at a time when the number of donations that are received has dropped. Even if you can't come to the harvest service please consider donating some food for this very good cause, we will have a drop off point in the church in the week leading up to the service. Details of the times the church will be open and items that are particularly wanted will be emailed to villagers nearer the time.



Church of the Resurrection Dunsmore

Harvest Festival

Sunday 7th September at 5pm



Dried and tinned food donations will be collected for Wendover Food Bank

Dunsmore update

HEAT, DROUGHT BUT SOCIAL DUNSMORE CARRIES ON

Some of the most trying Summer weather kept our lawns brown and our brows damp, but Dunsmore residents continued to get together and defy the elements.

Fifty villagers, friends and families got together on June 21st to celebrate **Summer Solstice**. The hospitable Havards once again allowed the gathering to use their garden for a bonfire, Solstice Burgers, and general merriment.

First Friday Social Evenings continue to be popular, whether on the Village Hall or, weather permitting, on the Common. In addition, **The Family Picnic** on the Common was held on Sunday, July 20th, dodging rain and breezes. Special thanks to those who took the time and effort to set up the gazebos, necessary cover for such an on-again, off-again day. As we go to press, the Friday Social evening on August 1st is due to go ahead, complete with boules, on the Common.

The **DVHA Cream Tea** at the church is due to take place from 2.30 to 5.00 on Sunday, August 31st. This is a major fund-raising event, and we always cross our fingers for good weather and a sizeable crowd of residents, their families, friends, and those walkers and cyclists who are so welcome! We hope

you will have joined us at the church and enjoyed some delicious homemade cake and a cuppa.

A hearty welcome to Jane and Simon!

After nearly 30 years in the Berkhamsted area, the Jefferys have relocated to Dunsmore. They'd enjoyed walks there with their family and border collie Poppy and were hoping to find a similar place for their retirement home. In Jane's words: "Dunsmore ticked all the boxes: a more relaxed environment, close to frequent walks with Poppy and the grandchildren. The welcome we have received from the village has been overwhelmingly helpful and friendly – a great start in a fabulous community!"

The **Dunsmore Village Hall** has been unavailable for several weeks over the summer while a long-awaited **refurbishment** took place. Repairing cracks in the rear wall, caused by a collapsed drain pipe, seemed a good opportunity to spruce things up inside the building. A super paint job, new window blinds, and a door curtain between kitchen and hall – all on show on Sunday, August 17th. The **Grand**

Re-opening Coffee Morning, from 11 a.m., gave everyone a chance to inspect while indulging in coffee and pastries. What an impressive job! Well done to committee members and contractors.

A full schedule of activities is planned for the coming months, so put these dates in your diaries now. You don't want to miss a thing!

Details of later events will be distributed nearer the time, so watch your email for further information.

Villagers are working on ways to 'calm' the **speeding motorists** who treat the lane as their own personal race track. A number of suggestions have been discussed, from additional signage, allowing hedgerows to grow further into the roadway, and determining how the speed limit can be officially reduced. We all agree that the 60mph limit is proving dangerous and deadly – so far only to wildlife and pets. Any and all ideas to Julian Hamer, resident and councillor on the Ellesborough Parish Council.

Calendar of Events:

September	Thursday September 4th	Langford Lovell Lecture, 7.30pm with speaker Andy Charles: How the Mind Works
	Friday September 5th	Village Social, 7.30pm
October	Friday October 3rd	AGM and Village Social, with fish & chips, 7.30pm
November	Friday November 7th	Village Social evening, 7.30pm
	Saturday November 15th	Quiz and Chips 7.00pm sharp
December	Friday December 5th	Village Social evening, 7.30pm
	Saturday December 6th	Trip to The Mill at Sonning
	Friday December 19th	Winter warmer in the Village Hall

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BUCKS GARDEN TRUST

Roadshow

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In 2023 we took part in the Outreach and Audience Engagement project run by The Gardens Trust. Part of the project involved attending at least one local event with the Garden History Lucky Dip provided by the Trust. Beside the Lucky Dip we also added an exhibition of our work including the research and recording and planning. In the first year we attended a range of events, including a Rare Plant Fair, Heritage Open Days, National Garden Scheme openings, Community Open Garden events and ran a workshop for Young Archaeologists with the aid of an army of volunteers. It was interesting that most people did not know who we were, what we did and we were continually asked if we were part of the National Trust! We also gained a number of new members. The Gardens Trust judged Bucks GT to be the outstanding contributor to this project and have used it as a model.

For 2024 we splashed out and had a purpose made, easy to put up gazebo designed with the Bucks Gardens Trusts logo emblazoned on the roof and sides plus flags and an information pull up stand. We attended at least six events and fostered connexions with more members of the public, other organisations and networks than ever before.

2025 the "Road Show" is now in its third year with the emphasis of the exhibition on the importance of the statutory role of the Trust in the English planning system. This means that local authorities have to consult us on any planning applications that affects gardens and landscapes listed on Historic England's register of special historic interest. On the Garden History table is a selection of vegetables and fruit to be identified and the place of their origin, this replaces the Lucky Dip. For young people and adults too, we have "hands on" experience lead by Sheila Meekums, our Forest School expert, including Dragonflies Activities emphasising the importance of these very beautiful insects to the eco system and historic gardens. There are also

new information leaflets of the Trusts work and cards with the Q code on it.

This year we have tried to attend events over a wider area of the county. Our final two events are on Saturday 13th September at Stowe New Inn (in the courtyard) 10-4 and on Saturday 4th October at the Buckinghamshire Local History Fair who are organizing a conference "Fire, Fire, Fire" at Buckingham University – all day. Without our volunteers who undertake 2-3-hour shifts for these events they would not happen – a huge thank you. We are always looking for new members and new volunteers. Do check out the website for more details www.bucksgardenstrust.org.uk. If you would like us to attend a local event with the Garden History Road Show in 2026, please do contact us at enquiries@bucksgardenstrust.org.uk.

Gwen Miles

Trustee & Website Administrator

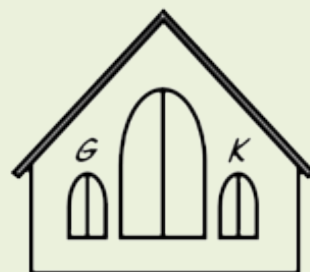


**For information on
Bucks Garden Trust:**

<https://bucksgardenstrust.org.uk>

Great Kimble C of E School

A SUMMER OF SUCCESS AND A BRIGHT YEAR AHEAD



Love. Learn. Live

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As the summer term came to a close, there was a real sense of pride and celebration at Great Kimble Church of England School.



This small but mighty village school has seen an extraordinary year of progress, community, and growth—culminating in a truly remarkable achievement: our Key Stage 2 SATs results placed us at the very top of national ratings, with 100% of pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths.

This accomplishment is all the more impressive when we reflect on how far we've come. Just two years ago, our outcomes were below national averages. Today, thanks to the dedication of our talented staff, the hard work of our pupils, and the unwavering support of our families, we are celebrating results that put us among the very best in the country.

But academic success is only one part of the vibrant life at Great Kimble. This summer also brought joyful experiences and unforgettable memories. Our whole-school trip to Woodrow provided pupils with the chance to challenge themselves, grow in confidence, and enjoy the great outdoors. Another highlight was our first-ever talent show, where children took to the stage to

showcase their unique gifts—from singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy. The event was a wonderful reflection of our supportive school culture, where every child is encouraged to shine.

We also said a heartfelt farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. As they move on to their next adventure, they leave behind a legacy of kindness, leadership, and resilience. We are immensely proud of each one of them and know they will continue to thrive in the years ahead.

Looking forward to the 2025/26 academic year, there is much to be excited about. We are eager to welcome our new Early Years pupils—always a special moment in the school calendar. Watching them settle in, build friendships, and develop a love for learning is one of the great joys of life at Great Kimble.

New topics across the school promise to spark curiosity and creativity. Planned visits to the open-air museum will bring history to life, and immersive Viking workshops will engage pupils in dynamic, hands-on learning experiences.

We are also pleased to announce the launch of wraparound care at Great Kimble—providing extended support for families with before- and after-school provision. This new offering reflects our commitment to evolving with the needs of our community, and we look forward to seeing it grow and flourish in the year ahead.

What truly sets Great Kimble apart is our deeply rooted community spirit. We are more than a school; we are a family. We value our connections with local groups and residents, and we are always looking for ways to collaborate and contribute. If you're part of the local community and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

For families considering joining our school, we currently have a few spaces available across the year groups. We warmly invite you to come and visit us—see our school in action, meet our team, and discover why Great Kimble is such a special place for children to learn, grow, and belong.

Here's to another exciting chapter for our school community. We can't wait to see what the next year brings.

Mrs J Haynes

HS2 news

WENDOVER GREEN TUNNEL PROGRESSING

Significant progress has been made with the Wendover Green Tunnel over the summer.



The most visible feature is the 200m long pre-cast concrete shell just north of Ellesborough Road.

A waterproofing membrane is being installed over the top of the roof using a gantry that slides along rails each side of the structure. Inside the tunnel the 600mm deep concrete track-bed is being poured which will lock in the precast walls into place.

This is the first of four phases of the tunnel build, with one of the massive 160 tonne cranes being relocated to build the northern section. Excavation of the 350m cutting up to the north portal is being completed, with the initial rock foundations and the concrete "blinding" slab in place to take delivery of the pre-cast shell segments made in Derbyshire.

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There are two further tunnel sections south of Ellesborough Road, with the most southerly excavation through Bacombe Lane completed and rock foundations now in place.

The final phase between Bacombe Lane and Ellesborough Road is the most difficult, with massive excavation with depth of up to 29 metres involved. Most of this had been completed by the end of July, with about 300,000 cubic metres of chalk being removed. With a dump truck capacity of about 25 metres that's 12,000 round trips needed to shift the spoil north under the Ellesborough Road bridge to where it's being stored while the tunnel is being built. At the same time convoys of dump trucks were also moving clay spoil from Great

Missenden to form a massive stockpile next to the Green Tunnel to eventually be used to landscape the structure. Current estimates suggest that the four phases of the tunnel shell should be finished by November 2026, weather permitting. Covering up the tunnel then involves progressive layers of "backfilling" to equalise the loading on the shell and will take some months to complete.

In June Mark Wild, the newly appointed HS2 Chief Executive came to Wendover to hear first hand from the local community about the impact of the works. He's been tasked by the Department of Transport Secretary of State to bring the whole HS2 project under control and is in the process

of "resetting" the entire project plan so that timescales and costs can be better managed. That process involves renegotiating some aspects of the construction contracts and will take until April next year to finalise. We currently expect the landscaping of the tunnel might finish in 2028, but the dump trucks could well be around for some time after that. Once the landform is restored, Ellesborough Road is due to be realigned onto its original route and the diversion and Bailey Bridge removed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

April 11th – 17th July, 2025

Erection of storage unit and canopy

The Police Post The Bothy Chequers Butlers Cross
Buckinghamshire HP17 0UZ

Ref. No: 25/06048/FUL | Received: Thu 17 Apr 2025 | Validated:
Tue 29 Apr 2025 | Status: Decided

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement of existing double casement window with bow window, and associated roof alterations

Thurlestone North Lee Lane Terrick Buckinghamshire HP22 5YB

Ref. No: 25/05888/CLP | Received: Mon 07 Apr 2025 |
Validated: Wed 23 Apr 2025 | Status: Unknown

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

92 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TJ

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

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

The Rectory Ellesborough Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire
HP17 0XA

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

Householder application for construction of single storey extension to front of building and open ended car port structure | Brambles 29 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TS

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HP17 0TS

Ref No: 25/06010/FUL | Alternative Reference: PP-13962018
| Received: Wed 23 Apr 2025 | Validated: Mon 12 May 2025 |
Proposal | Status: Decided | Decision: Application Refused |
Decision Issued Date: Wed 02 Jul 2025 | Appeal Status:
Unknown | Appeal Decision: Not Available

Householder application for replacement of existing first-floor window with a new bay window featuring a small pitched roof, conversion of the existing garage, including the installation of roof lights to the front elevation and installation of a new garage door

Thurlestone North Lee Lane Terrick Buckinghamshire HP22 5YB

Ref. No: 25/06515/FUL | Received: Tue 24 Jun 2025 | Validated:
Tue 24 Jun 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Householder application for construction of porch

120 Chalkshire Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0TJ

Ref. No: 25/06511/FUL | Received: Mon 23 Jun 2025 | Validated:
Mon 23 Jun 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

Fell x 2 Ash and crown reduce by circa 1-1.5m in width plus 1-1.5m in height as encroaching x 1 Ash

The Almshouse Ellesborough Road Butlers Cross
Buckinghamshire HP17 0XG

Ref. No: 25/06305/CTREE | Received: Thu 29 May 2025 |
Validated: Mon 02 Jun 2025 | Status: Unknown

Householder application for proposed new vehicular access and construction of new boundary walls/fences around Old Orchard

Old Orchard Nash Lee Road Terrick Buckinghamshire
HP17 0TQ

Ref. No: 25/06289/FUL | Received: Tue 27 May 2025 | Validated:
Tue 24 Jun 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Note – September 2025

Back in July, it was good to see so many turn out on a slightly inclement day for the Village Summer Party, thank you to all the volunteers who helped organise and to the Village Hall Committee for jointly hosting the event. Locally produced food and drink was available and the new doggy talent show event proved very popular!

Road Safety

The speed display cameras have now been rotated to provide a different perspective of awareness and to help understand the impact the cameras are having from the different directions of travel in and out of the village.

In their previous positions, Ellesborough Road data showed c.15% of traffic exceeded 30 mph, with the maximum on coming speed recorded at 70 mph and a bewildering 84 mph event recorded going up the hill towards the Golf Course.

On Chalkshire Road, the speeds were more concerning. 40% of vehicles are exceeding the 30 mph limit when approaching from Terrick roundabout, with an incident of 80 mph recorded heading towards the roundabout. The full data is published on the EPC website.

Planning Notices

The Bucks Planning Portal has now changed and does not allow EPC to read any neighbour comments for new planning applications, they claim this is for Data Protection reasons. Historically EPC would review all neighbour comments to help form a view on any comments that the EPC may wish to submit. Given we can no longer read them, you are requested to also send any comments you may have to the Clerk, as this is the only way we can see them now.

Fix my Street

We have previously advised the best way to report highway and pavement issues is via the Bucks Council "Fix My Street" portal, but there is also another Bucks resource which can be used to report issues with rural footpath surfaces, broken stiles, fallen trees, overgrown footpath vegetation etc. This can be found under Bucks Council "Rights of Way / Report an Issue", photos are essential to get a prompt response.

Village Hall

The recent works at the Village Hall include a comprehensive refurbishment of the welfare facilities, these works were required to ensure the Hall remains a popular village amenity. Whilst being initially self-funded from reserves, the Hall Committee will be seeking a grant from Bucks Council from funds that have been raised from Section 106 developer planning payments.

Thank you to Elizabeth Hine, the Booking Secretary who volunteered for many years, not only organising the hall bookings but also ensuring the hall has always been ready for the next booking. Elizabeth is now retiring from this role and we wish her a relaxing retirement. Going forward all booking enquiries can now be emailed to contact@ellesboroughparishhall.com or the website www.ellesboroughparishhall.com

Affordable Housing Update

Parrott Construction have now been appointed by the housing association to construct the 6 new houses on Chalkshire Road, subject to agreement of outstanding planning conditions. We expect construction to start by October, with completion due in Summer 2026. EPC are in active discussions with the contractor, to agree a Construction Management Plan that mitigates disruption whilst these works are being undertaken.

Finally, I would like to highlight some further events for later in the year. The next Parish Council meeting is 7.30pm on 15th September 2025. Please note this is at Dunsmore Village Hall. The Remembrance Sunday Service at the Village Memorial is to be held on Sunday 9th November at 10.45am and the Christmas Carol Concert is on the evening of Friday 11th December at the Parish Hall.

Regards

Chairman Cllr McGrail

To contact the Ellesborough Parish Council, in the first instance, please email the Clerk or Chairman via: clerk@ellesborough-pc.gov.uk or matthewmcgrail@ellesborough-pc.gov.uk



From weekend coffees and breakfast to small plates and Neapolitan-style pizzas, we bring only the finest seasonal ingredients to the table.

For us, it's all about community. We source our ingredients from local, independent regenerative suppliers and host leading local experts to share their passions.

OPENING TIMES

Thursday 4pm - late

Friday 4pm - late

Saturday 10am - late

Sunday 10am - 3pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Digging Deeper: Wild Chilterns
5th September

Wild Feast: Helen Graham
6th and 7th September

Craft & Dine: Clay
18th September

Ceramic Painting & Pizza
25th September

Intro to Sourdough
27th September

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THE CONTINUING STORY OF ERIC



Eric



Bertie

Sadly, Eric has not been returned to us.

He was kidnapped just before Christmas 2023 and we have been hoping for his return ever since. The police know who took him, but have been unable to find the thief.

In June one of our dealers was at a Boot Fair, she noticed a small face amongst the items on the stall, a face she knew. The face was younger than the Eric she remembered, but an exact likeness. It has turned out to be Bertie, Eric's son. Bertie left Africa to search for his father as soon as he was old enough, but got lost and was being cared for by a kindly trader.

Bertie has come to the Antiques Centre and will take over the sterling work done by Louis the Lemur (Eric's distant cousin) who will join the other members of Eric's family who have come to the Centre and are now sitting on top of the glass cabinet at the top of the stairs.

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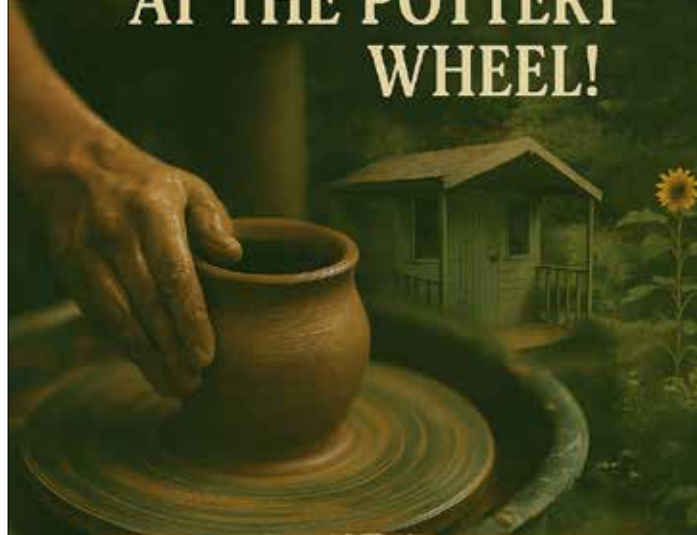
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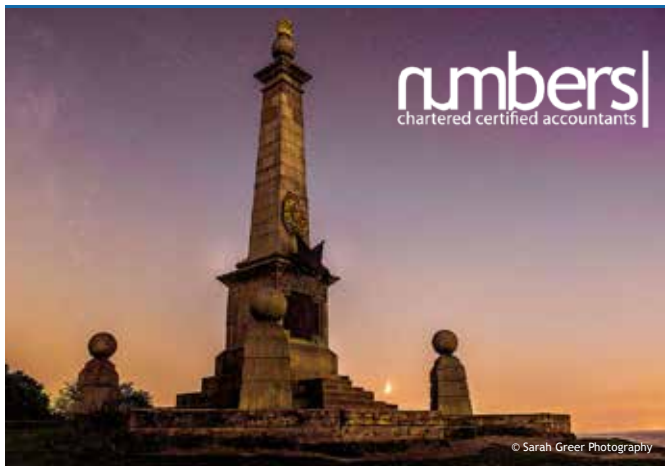
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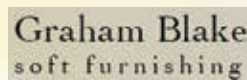
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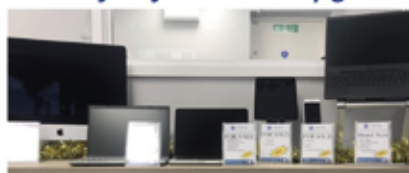
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