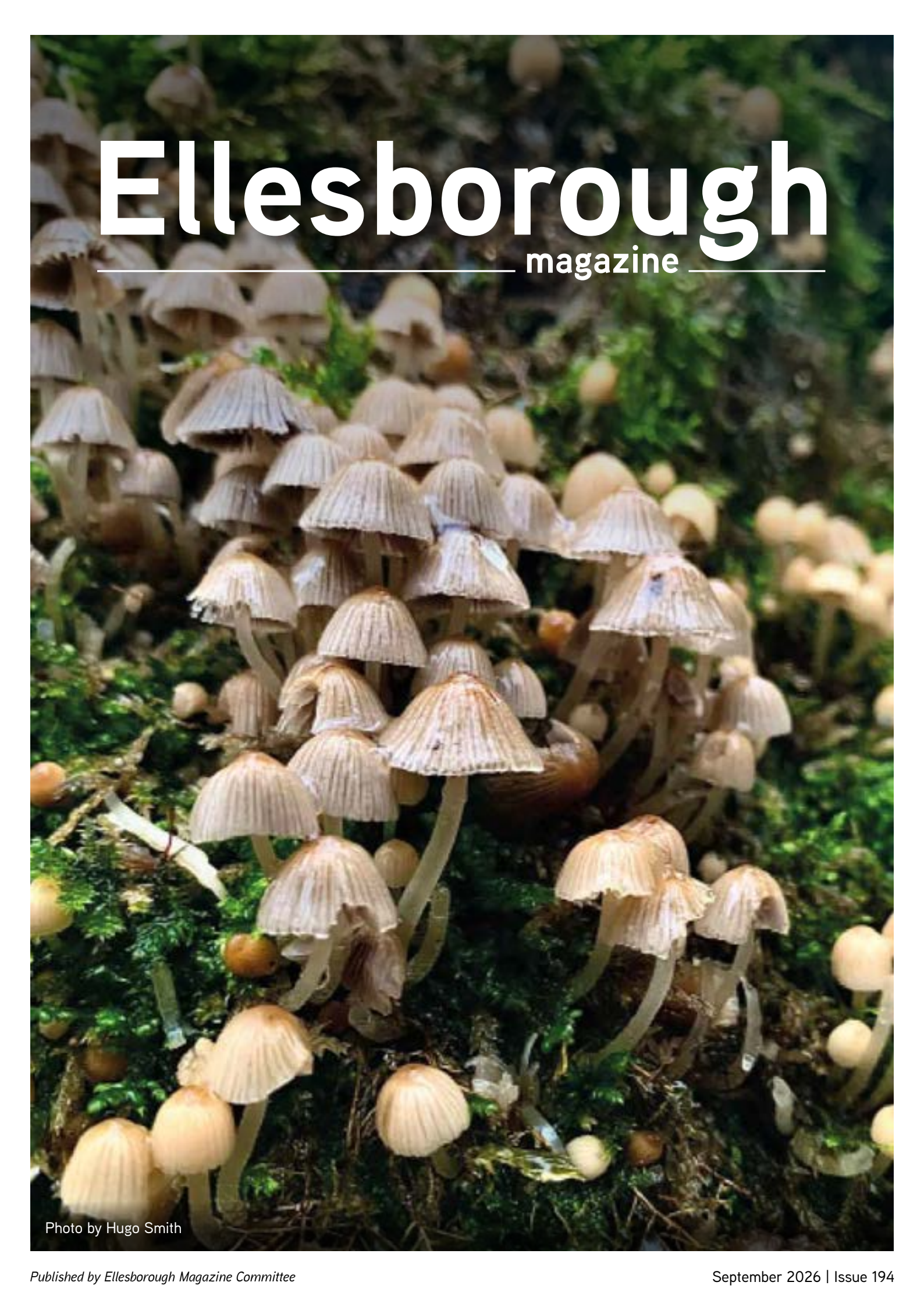




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YOUR LETTERS

Your Magazine Needs You

Over the past few years, the Village Magazine has developed into a high-quality publication, bringing together local news, views, articles and information about forthcoming events across Ellesborough Parish.



It is a worthwhile project, good fun to be involved with, and we are fortunate to have a strong and enthusiastic magazine team supporting it. To maintain and build on the standard we have achieved, however, we need to spread the workload more widely. The magazine is, after all, a community publication, and it would be good to see more people from across the parish getting involved.

In particular, we are looking for some additional help with compiling forthcoming events and articles, laying out the magazine in InDesign, and managing our advertising.

The work is not onerous. It is generally just a few hours in the weeks leading up to each publication, and the tasks can be shared between several people.

If you have some time, an interest in the village, or perhaps skills that could be useful, we would be very pleased to hear from you. You don't need to commit to everything — even helping with one particular aspect would make a real difference.

The magazine belongs to the whole parish, and its continued success depends on people getting involved. With the support of our existing team and a few more people joining us we can continue to produce a magazine that the whole parish can be proud of.

If you think you could help, please email us at edellesboroughmgz@gmail.com.

Richard Jennings
Chairman

Traffic Survey

Letter Parish Clerk

At the Annual parish meeting in May, discussions were held about potential traffic calming measures that could be pursued for Ellesborough.

We all are aware of speeding and traffic violations in the area and would welcome more ideas to help counter this. One suggestion was to put a traffic calming survey on the Ellesborough website. This can be found under "notice board" and we would welcome as many ideas as possible so please take the time to complete it - it is in all our interests to do so"

Regards,

John McKeown

Clerk to Ellesborough Parish Council

Litter Pick

Ellesborough Parish
Litter Pick
Meet up — Clean Up
Sunday 18th October

Volunteers meet at 11:00:00 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 07764 247036 or Judith on 622033.

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor update

Dear Residents.

I just want to update you on various things happening in our area.

The Bucks council are putting together the Local Plan to accommodate the many thousands of houses directed by Government targets over the next few years in Buckinghamshire.

I will certainly try to protect the wonderful place we live in, which is always challenging but I will continue to do so.

I know it can be very frustrating for everyone to get road works actioned but the Bucks Highways Department

are making progress and I will continue to lobby the Council.

We are very fortunate to have so many residents who volunteer their time for our community.

We are fortunate to have a very active Parish Council.

I have so many people contact me about the challenges of life, it is so important to listen and try and support them if possible.

Regards David

David.Carroll@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

The Russell Arms Shares

Shares Available in The Russell Arms Pub Company Ltd

Following the village acquisition and letting of The Russell Arms, the community holding company occasionally has shares available for purchase.

We currently have 10 shares available at £500 each, or nearest offer.

We welcome new investors. This is an opportunity to become a shareholder in our village pub and help support its future as a thriving community asset.

If you are interested in purchasing a share or would like further information, please contact one of the directors:

Richard Montgomery, Rob East, Matt Glover, Helen Hick, Richard Jennings or Jamie Renison

The Russell Arms Pub Company Limited

Companies Act 2006 Reg. No. 7928241
Email: friendsoftherussell@gmail.com

Limited availability – once these shares are sold, further shares may not be available for some time.

Local Christmas Cards

A bit early for Christmas, but Ellesborough Church has Christmas Cards for sale, £5 for a pack of 10, all proceeds go towards Church funds. Please contact Richard at rrmont@yahoo.co.uk for further details. It is a wonderful to support your local church.

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Welcome Sharon

A warm welcome to our new neighbour Sharon (Sheri) Lee, who has joined us in Elm Court, Butlers Cross. She has already joined the Qigong Classes and The Chiltern Ladies. – EH

200 Club

Ellesborough Parish Hall 200 Club Winners

Congratulations to all of our winners from Ellesborough Parish Hall Management Committee.

April	May	June	July
£50 80 Sam Hick	£100 13 Julie Hares	£50 100 Judith Harper	£50 45 Kim Parrish
£35 31 Anna Taylor	£50 92 Julie Oldroyd	£35 6 Jo Wells	£35 53 Gerry Donnachie
£25 33 Olivia Taylor	£35 44 Bob Parrish	£25 96 Martin Holman	£25 38 Janet Pearce
	£25 104 Peter Kettle		

200 Club 2024-25 End of Year Summary

We raised £2770 from subscriptions and expenditure was just £1520 for the prizes. The £1250 left was used in providing the finishing touches in the newly refurbished bathrooms and the redecoration of the kitchen.

Thank you to everyone who subscribes to the 200 Club.

The next improvements we would like to make are replacing the flooring in the hall as it is now showing its age, and the bigger project of providing a new entrance to the hall from the car park.

When the hall was first built most visitors would have walked to the hall, but now access from the car park would seem to be the next big improvement

we can make. We hope the parishioners appreciate the efforts to keep the hall looking at its best and will continue to support our fundraising efforts.

Many thanks

Sally Withey on behalf of the
Ellesborough Parish Hall
Management Committee

WHAT'S ON AT ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL

Our parish hall is a very busy venue throughout the week.
This is the timetable of weekly activities.

If you would like to find out more about these activities, please see the contact details for each.



Anna Taylor's Pilates –
3 classes starting at 8am
(term time only)

Contact: Anna on 07901916264 or
Email: annataylorpilates@gmail.com

Canine Rally Dog Training
1:00 – 3:00pm

www.btactrainingandagility.com
Mobile: 07824158912

Groovelates –
'Where disco meets Pilates class'
5:30 – 6:30pm

Contact: Ruth Towell to book
on 07751879780 or
Email: ruth.towell@gmail.com



Colourwheel Art Classes
morning and afternoon

Website: Colourwheelartclass.co.uk

Diamond Bridge Club
6:30 – 10:30pm

Contact: Barbara Barnes, Chairman
Email: barbara.barnes@me.com



The Pilates and Yoga Hub
9:30 – 10:30am

www.thepilatesandyogahub.co.uk
mobile: 07966450458 or Email:
thepilatesandyogahubuk@gmail.com

Qigong/TaiChi
3:00 – 4:00pm

Contact Ruth Stephenson
Email: qigong@resms.co.uk
Mobile: 07354686606

Hartbeat African Drumming class
6:30 – 9:30pm

Website: www.hartbeats.co.uk
Email: justine@hartbeats.co.uk



Anna Taylor's Pilates
3 classes starting at 9:00am

Contact Anna on 07901916264 or
Email: annataylorpilates@gmail.com

Taylor Made Education
3:30 – 6:30pm

www.taylormadeeducation.co.uk or
Email: info@taylormadeeducation.co.uk



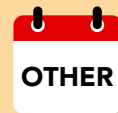
Ellesborough Silver Band
from 6:30pm

Website: ellesboroughsilverband.co.uk
Contact: Ray Lucas, Band Chairman
07850339783 or Sue Wells, Band
Secretary 07885531293.



Bark to Basics
9:00am – 12:00pm

Email:
barktobasicsaylesbury@gmail.com



There are also monthly activities on
Thursdays – Soundbath (once a month)
and **Disco Divas and Dad Dancers**
(dates advertised separately).

Village Coffee Mornings are held in the
Committee Room on the third Friday of
each month (10:00 – 12:00). Simply drop
in (using the green door not main doors)
and enjoy a cuppa and chat.

Weekends are mainly booked for
private parties.

We also still have the **Book Exchange** in
the entrance foyer of the hall – everyone
welcome to pop in whenever the hall is
open to pick up or drop off a book.



For other information or to enquire about a booking, you can
check out our website – ellesboroughparishhall.com

Sally Withey

On behalf of Ellesborough Parish Hall Management Committee

LOCAL EVENTS

Dunsmore Village Upcoming Events

Saturday 19th
September:

**Wine Tasting
at the Village
Hall**

Friday 16th
October:

DVHA AGM

Saturday 28th
November:

Quiz & Chips
hosted by
Margaret and
Chris Royal

Parish Council Meeting

Dunsmore Village Hall

Monday 21st September 2026
19.30

Church services

Ellesborough Church
see page 14

The Church of the
Resurrection Dunsmore
see page 23

Pilates

Mondays &
Thursday Mornings

Ellesborough Village Hall

Qigong

Village Hall

Every Wednesday

Village Coffee & Cake

3rd Fridays of each month

11th September

16th October

20th November

Queens Park Art Centre

Open Day

12th September

See page 24-25

Chiltern Ladies

Stewart Hall Kimble –
2.00pm

2nd September

7th October

4th November

K & E Horticultural Society

Stewart Hall Kimble

First Tuesday Each Month,
8.00pm

Bucks Museum

Bucks Museum Aylesbury

The Saxons are Coming

Till 1st November

Wendover Art Club

St Anne's Hall, Wendover

2nd and 4th Thursday
of every month

7.30pm & 9.30pm

ELLESBOROUGH VILLAGE PARTY

The annual summer party at the village hall was a great success and a good time was had by all.

As well as the usual barbeque and bar there were teas and cakes served. Ellesborough Silver Band entertained us beautifully during the afternoon, playing under the shade of the trees. They included the National Anthem as it was the King's Birthday and with the Union Jack bunting flying it felt very patriotic indeed.

In addition to performing dogs there was also Patrick showing his chickens this year, which performed various clever tricks. See page 18 for full interview.





We were lucky with the weather as there was a light rain shower at lunchtime and it was not too hot for the dogs and owners to take part in the dog show, judged and managed by Councillor Vikki Keeble.

There were four categories and the proud winners are listed below:



Most handsome boy
Rollo



Prettiest girl
Isla



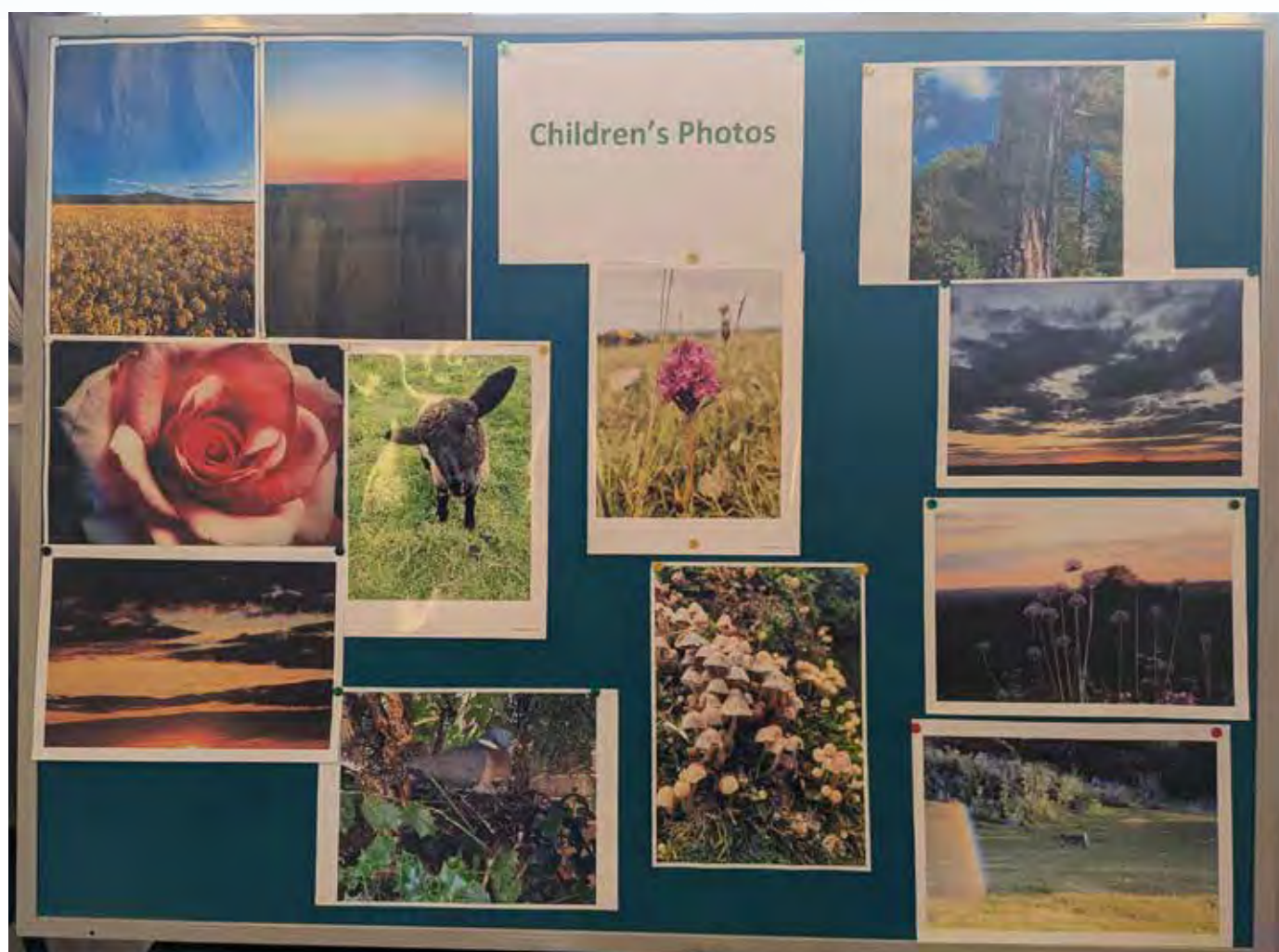
Waggiest tail
Sally



Best trick
Albus

ELLESBOROUGH VILLAGE PARTY CONTINUED

The inclusion of the photo competition was well supported by both children and adults.



Children's competition winners:



1st – Hugo
Fungi near Buckmoorend Farm



2nd – Edith
Pigeon in her garden



3rd – Rosie
sunset photo

Adult's competition winners:



1st – Kate (held by Paul)
Bee Orchid (close up)



2nd – Martin
Giant Wood Wasp



3rd – Jennie
Sheep in a field



Paul and Margaret Couling enjoyed judging the various entries and wanted to thank all those who took part.

As a result of the large number of photograph entries it was suggested that we have an Ellesborough Community Countryside Calendar 2027 comprising some of them.

This proposal has been approved and more details to follow in the next edition of the village magazine.

Ellesborough Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended and a special 'thank you' for all the helpers and volunteers who helped to make the day such a success. EPC are pleased to report that £600 was raised for Hearts & Souls charity.

CHURCH TEAS

Church Teas, an important part of Fundraising For St Peter & St Paul Continues...



It was so good to read in the June Issue of the Ellesborough Village Magazine about the amazing and interesting life of our dear friend Liz Norris. I can certainly confirm that Liz was a much-valued member of our Church.

We have been so blessed over the years to have had a succession of committed people, like Liz, to have helped to maintain the fabric of this ancient place, St Peter & St Paul - which is here "on the hill" for everyone, by helping us to raise the necessary money to fund the upkeep of the building.

A short history and early memories

When Tony and I first moved to the village in 1972 the Rev. Norman White was still the Rector. We got to know him very soon after moving in as he and his wife were our next door neighbours at that time and we met him across the

fence as he was scything the long grass in the then orchard. We were soon invited to attend and help at the Annual Church Fete, held in those days in the garden of Ellesborough Manor, then the Church of England Pensions Board Home for Retired Clergy. I remember it well. Mrs. Irene Frampton leader of the local Mothers Union organised the Teas. The Mothers Union were always expected to 'do the teas'. There were lots of stalls selling cakes, bric a brac, plants etc. Games too - bagatelle, guess how many sweets in the jar, a raffle (although I remember the visiting Bishop being a bit huffy about this). I seem to remember bowling for a pig but that might have been the British Legion Fete down at the Village Hall later in the year.

Over the years the Church has held a number of other fundraising events to maintain the fabric of this ancient

building. Who remembers the Safari Supper ? 5 Village gardens open; Quiz with a difference; a Fashion Show; Flower Festivals; Barn Dances; our first Talk on Chequers; Concerts; Slide Show; etc.

The idea for church teas started in 1997 when it was realised that funds were urgently required to maintain the fabric of the church, especially re-leading of the roof.

Pat Harris (wife of the then Organist and choir Master Ernest Harris) who many will probably remember as Pat Argue when she married one of the bell ringers after Mr. Harris died, was immediately keen to progress this idea.

Richard Pearce, as Chairman of the church fundraising committee together with Pat Harris noticed that a number of walkers were visiting the church and would be interested in having tea

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and cakes if they were available. Most of these walkers were walking local footpaths often leading to the church. Richard decided to put up signs on a number of local footpaths advising that teas were available. These signs are used today with Richard still putting them up on Sundays & Bank Holidays. They also contacted various walker's societies who supported their idea and put details of the teas on various web sites.

So Pat started to serve Sunday afternoon Teas and including Bank Holiday Mondays. In the early days visitors could also climb the tower, for 0.50p, to admire the views from the bell tower. Nowadays Health & Safety regulations have stopped this being allowed.

Pat was in charge of the Tea Rota for many years until due to ill health she passed the baton to Liz Griffin who in turn retired on moving away from the

village. Thank goodness Liz Norris had then moved into the village with Rex and stepped up to the mark to take on this not only very good fund raiser but also such a very pleasant way to get to know our own local regular villagers who come for tea and chat. All of us regular helpers enjoy this aspect as much as meeting the walkers, many of whom come by train to Wendover and walk the footpaths across to our Church, following the signs put out by Richard Pearce. Our Visitors Book makes such interesting reading. Visitors from near and far. From home and overseas.

Liz was in charge of the rota (and her scones were legendary) right up to her recent untimely death, with help from Deborah Hulett. Deborah is now coping alone at the moment, not only with the rota but with cake making, managing the card reader as well as all the Churchwardens jobs.

So, in order to enable us to continue this valuable fundraising work we need to replace all those who we have lost and those of us really past retirement age. Please would you consider joining our Tea Rota? (See separate article by Deborah Hulett). We would be so pleased to hear from you. We can guarantee that you will enjoy the experience!

Thanks in anticipation.

Jean Young
01296 622306

or the Rota Keeper herself:

Deborah Hulett
07903 308 326

CHURCH SERVICES



St. Peter & St. Paul Ellesborough

September

Sunday 6th	10.45	Songs of Praise
Sunday 13th	10.45	Parish communion
Sunday 20th	10.45	Matins
Sunday 27th	10.45	Harvest Communion

October

Sunday 4th	10.45	Songs of Praise
Sunday 11th	10.45	Parish Communion
Sunday 18th	10.45	Matins
Sunday 25th	10.45	Parish Communion
Saturday 31st	15.30	Memorial Service

To be held in St. Nicholas, Great Kimble:

This service is open to all to come and remember our loved ones deceased. If you wish to attend this time of reflection, please contact Matthew revroutledge@gmail.com

November

Sunday 1st	10.45	Songs of Praise
Sunday 8th	10.00	Remembrance Service followed by a short service at Butlers Cross Memorial, with Silence held at 11.00
Sunday 15th	10.45	Matins
Sunday 22nd	10.45	Parish Communion
Sunday 29th	10.00	Benefice Advent Carols with Communion

To be held at St. Mary's, Stoke Mandeville

Afternoon Teas

These will end on 27th September. Please see page 12 about planning next year.



St. Nicholas, Great Kimble

St. Nic's Kids services:

- Sunday 13 September
- Sunday 11 October
- Sunday 22 November



The Church of the Resurrection Dunsmore



See page 23 for more details

LETTER FROM RECTOR

This year's harvest is in full swing, earlier than usual given the warm and dry weather (three heatwaves so far and possibly more to come before the summer is out).

This year's harvest is in full swing, earlier than usual given the warm and dry weather (three heatwaves so far and possibly more to come before the summer is out).

I always enjoy the transformation of the fields as in time each is harvested and cleared ready for the next growing season. My dog is not so sure and barks at the strange looking combine harvesters.

Over recent Sundays we have been following Matthew's gospel in our services at St Peter and St Paul, in particular the parables that Jesus liked to tell those around them. It's surprising how many spring from a farming context – whether sowing and harvesting crops, or rearing and tending animals. Jesus used parables to illustrate what God's world looks like, and to invite us to imagine that for ourselves. They reveal something we do not usually see and invite us to see the world through God's eyes.

One of the parables Jesus told is about someone who sows wheat in a field, as the wheat grows the weeds grow too. The contamination of the crop causes concern (and accusations) and suggestions for drastic action to separate the weeds. The farmer, though, decides to wait, and in due time instructs those harvesting the crop

to deal appropriately with the weeds and the wheat.

The parable invites us to recognise a world that is not perfect – weeds and wheat grow together despite our best endeavours to sow only wheat. I recognise that feeling of confusion that the world is not better, the ambiguity that arises as the good, the bad and the indifferent rub shoulders with each other in all walks of life. A world which is not quite what we hoped for or wanted.

The reaction of the onlookers to the weeds is confusion (where did this come from), blame (didn't you sow good seed) and separation (let's remove the weeds now). A strangely familiar response to things that don't look right, particularly with the binary focus of much media coverage.

The farmer's response is quietly revolutionary – let them grow together. A gentle rebuke to those who go around naming what represents a weed and what doesn't, telling the farmer what belongs in the field and what doesn't. Imagine how different our world — even our churches would be — if every time we saw something that we didn't think belonged, every time we perceived a weed among the wheat, we took the farmer's attitude rather than the onlookers. Let those that don't belong to each other grow together.



The farmer errs on the side of patience and growth, waiting for the results of the final harvest. The farmer is more concerned with everything growing than just one thing growing.

We too are invited to 'let them grow together' and to wait to see what will emerge, to see what the harvest will be.

Revd Michael Hunt

Associate Minister
Ellesborough, the Kimbles
and Stoke Mandeville.

rev.mdhunt@yahoo.co.uk



YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

St Peter & St Paul Ellesborough

'This is a very pretty Church and very well maintained'



A quote from the Quinquennial Survey which took place this year:

'Following Jean's interesting history of fund raising in our church (see separate article) I wish to include an enormous thank you to all who volunteer in so many ways to keep the Church open and not just surviving.'

Not many people understand that our Church is completely run by volunteers.

We do not receive any financial help from the Church of England; indeed, we have to pay our Parish Share to them.

The Parish Share is an annual financial contribution that is paid by each parish to cover the 'direct costs' of their clergy and the 'shared costs' which covers mission and ministry across the whole diocese.

This money has to be raised by all who can help with fund raising, gifted giving and donations.

Our congregation has diminished over the last few years as we have, sadly, had so many members die. The average age of the congregation is high, but we are a strong minded and willing group.

At the head of our Church administration is the Parochial Church Council. This currently numbers 7 elected members plus our 2 members of the clergy. We meet regularly to discuss and organise the running of the church.

Every aspect of running the church is covered by a willing volunteer. Electrics, heating, plumbing, safeguarding, finances, cleaning, bell ringing. The list goes on and we would be in trouble without them and hence the quote at the top of this article.

The afternoon teas are a vital life line to support all this, and since the untimely death of Liz some of us now realise how much organising this involves. This year we have 30 afternoon teas to manage. Every session requires at least two helpers and many bakers. This year I have 30 names on the volunteer list and several in the background if needed. I do hope we can keep this support going for next year. Please contact me if you would like to become part of the team. 07903 308326 or db.hlt03@gmail.com

This response has been heartening as we could not do it without all the willing help from the village.

During this coming winter I will be compiling the list for next year, and I thank all who have spread the word.

Deborah Hulett

BUCKMOOREND FARM



It is our busiest time of year here on the farm and what a summer it has been!



There is never such a thing as an entirely predictable harvest but we're sure it won't come as a surprise to hear that yields are down following a brutal sequence of Spring and Summer heatwaves and severe drought. What you have all witnessed in your gardens and allotments is akin to what we have dealt with in our crop fields. It has certainly been an earlier finish to a testing year as we, and many others, rolled the combines out earlier than usual racing against time before the crops dried out any further. Those that looked promising earlier in the season simply did not have enough moisture to fulfil their potential during the final stages. Alas, although our Spring Barley and Field Beans suffered our Winter Wheat yielded well having been planted last Autumn and benefitting from the wetter weather earlier in the year. The combining was more straightforward on many days without the need to wait for morning dew to subside and absolutely no grain drying costs; and we are grateful that the added complication of dust, exceptionally dry straw and greater risk of fire did not cause us problems, this year!

The national figures are concerning with early estimates suggesting that 2026 could rank among Britain's poorest cereal harvest in decades. For us it puts a renewed focus on the decisions we make now regarding soil structure, rotations, variety, organic matter and water management. Our cows will also benefit from this decision making as the lack of grass means they will begin to tuck into their winter rations of feed before we've reached the end of summer. With rainfall becoming less dependable the ability to capture winter water and make better use of whatever moisture is available during spring is becoming increasingly valuable.



In other news on the farm our 10-year anniversary farm shop Cycle Event held in collaboration with OTEC Bikes and Chiltern Safaris was a great success. With a fantastic group of enthusiastic cyclists, favoured with lovely weather, Lee from OTEC led a delicious tour of the Chilterns starting with coffee and breakfast at Buckmoorend followed by tastings at Chiltern Brewery and No. 2 Pound Street and taking in the stunning views at Coombe Hill before returning for a well-earned beer at the farm. We can't wait to host more of these so watch this space!



Open Farm Sunday in June was once again thriving and such a great opportunity for us to share with everyone exactly what goes on behind the scenes here. Our whole team of staff and volunteers are truly who make it happen and get a real buzz from everyone's support. A huge thank you to all who visited and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. With so many highlights from our farm talks, machinery, animals & butchery demos to our wonderful stallholders we were truly able to showcase farm to fork and hope it helped to demonstrate the value of supporting local. We also had a surprise visit by the national team from LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) this year which was a fantastic opportunity to meet those working hard to support the whole farming industry.



We hosted Church on the Farm for another year led by St Nic's Kids Service touring from Great Kimble church, part of the United Benefice of Ellesborough, The Kimbles & Stoke Mandeville. It is a wonderfully wholesome morning in our haybarn full of community, refreshments, fun & games alongside an engaging service for all ages. Watch out for next years' service and join us if you can!

In the farm shop we have been going through some team changes as we sadly said our goodbyes and best wishes to Toby as he moves forward in his own career to spread the joy and benefit of music to those with dementia. We will also be saying a short-term farewell to Izzy as she starts university in September. To support these changes, we are excited to welcome Olivia and Rosie to our farming family who both live locally in the village and are settling in brilliantly to their new roles.

Finally, I can't quite believe I'm saying it as the sun is shining, but in the farm shop are heads are beginning to turn to Christmas and plans are well underway to prepare for the best festive foodie spreads! We will begin taking orders over the coming months for Pearce's Family Farm turkeys and our own home reared meat so please shout if you have any questions at all and let us showcase the best of what our area has to offer for your festive feasts this year!

As always, thank you for all your support.

Steph, Daniel & all the team at Buckmoorend Farm



MEET THE “CHICKEN MAN”



He has developed an entertaining act called “Chicken Tricks”, which was highlight for visitors at the Ellesborough Village Party in June.

The Ellesborough Village Magazine recently accepted an invitation from Patrick to meet the village's very own “Chicken Man.”

Patrick has lived in the village for the past four years, having moved from High Wycombe. As someone who grew up in the countryside, he says village life suits him better.

His love of animals began early. His father was a part-time greyhound trainer and smallholder near Princes Risborough, where he kept donkeys that were a popular attraction, giving children rides at local summer fêtes and village festivals.

Patrick inherited not only his father's passion for animals but also a flair for entertaining. He trained as a semi-professional dog trainer, specialising in Jack Russells – a breed renowned for its boundless energy, intelligence and cheeky character.

But it is Patrick's feathered performers that have brought him the most attention. He has developed an entertaining act called “Chicken Tricks”, which was highlight for visitors at the Ellesborough Village Party in June.

Each day, Patrick visits his flock in Butlers Cross to feed the chickens, collect their eggs and rehearse a few of their favourite routines. Among the highlights are “Pick the Queen of Hearts” and “Knock Back a Guinness” – performances that never fail to raise a smile.

Patrick's unusual hobby has attracted attention well beyond the village, with appearances in the national tabloid press and on television curiosity shows.

Who knew such talented chickens were living just down the road?

Richard Jennings

(this article is based on one that appeared in the magazine in 2023)



GREEN FOX FLOWERS

AT OXMOOR FARM



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Last February, on a freezing cold morning in one of Oxmoor Farm's barley fields, I met the farm's co-founders, Paddy and Harry. Standing there, with chattering teeth, wrapped in gloves and a hat, it was difficult to imagine the field's potential, but I instantly warmed to Paddy and Harry as they explained their vision for Oxmoor Farm.

We quickly realised our values were very much aligned. Oxmoor Farm is rooted in a simple idea, bringing people together to enjoy locally grown produce and reconnect with where their food comes from. Their respect for the land and their 'field to fork' ethos felt completely in tune with how I approach flower farming, making Oxmoor the perfect home for Green Fox Flowers.

Fast forward to today and that barley field is now a working flower farm, filled with row upon row of seasonal flowers, from annuals and biennials to perennials. There's something very special about waiting for the first flower to appear after a long, cold winter. For me this year, it was the anemone and

seeing that first flower open made all those cold, wet months of preparation feel worthwhile.

I'm not going to lie; it's been a challenging year to start a flower farm. I'm working with a no dig approach, building beds directly on top of the existing clay ground, but the soil has brought its own problems. It's low in organic matter and after long dry spells, some beds have become almost hydrophobic, with water running off rather than soaking in. Add back-to-back heatwaves and very little rain, and young plants have struggled, with some literally frying in the sun or being eaten by pests. There have been moments of loss, replanting and simply trusting that something would come through, but that's all part of establishing a new growing space. Going forward, I'll continue to feed, mulch and build the soil to improve its structure and fertility. Next year will no doubt bring a completely different set of challenges, but that's the nature and joy of flower farming!

Each season brings something different and, while patience is required, there's something rather lovely about knowing

that nature simply can't be rushed. In today's fast-paced world, where we've become accustomed to buying almost any flower at any time of year, I think we've lost some of that connection with nature and the anticipation of waiting for each new season to arrive.

Sweet peas make their brief but beautiful appearance, and just as they begin to fade, something else arrives to take their place. Their fleeting nature is part of what makes them so special, and I enjoy them even more because I know they won't be around for long.

There's also something magical about British grown flowers themselves. Each seems to have its own character, moving and dancing in the wind, with no two stems ever quite the same. Some are bold and demand centre stage, while others quietly play a supporting role. Many carry a scent that transports you somewhere else or triggers a forgotten memory. They're never too perfect or uniform, and for me it's that individuality and personality that make them such a joy to grow and work with.

That celebration of seasonal, locally grown flowers is at the heart of Green Fox Flowers. I supply florists, weddings and events, alongside bouquets and DIY flower buckets, and I'm incredibly proud to be a member of Flowers from the Farm, which champions British grown flowers nationwide. I also supply local florists through Cookham Flower Hub, helping my flowers find their way into arrangements across the area.

More than anything, I'd love people to think about where their flowers come from, to appreciate what's growing right here on our doorstep, embrace the changing seasons and, in doing so, reconnect a little with nature.

So next time you're at Oxmoor Farm, come and find me. Wander down to the flower field, see what's growing and experience a little of the magic for yourself. No two visits will ever be quite the same, because the flowers are constantly changing with the seasons. Come for the food, stay for the flowers, and hopefully leave with a little piece of Oxmoor in your hands.

RECIPE:

PLUM & APPLE COMPOTE

With the onset of Autumn, juicy sweet-sour plums and apples are plentiful.



Stew down with soft brown sugar, vanilla and almond extracts, and serve with granola and yogurt for a delicious breakfast or with ice cream as a dessert to any meal.

The compote is best made in advance, so that flavours infuse, and it will keep chilled in the fridge for a week so that you can enjoy extra special breakfasts or freeze for a later date.

Method

1. Put all the ingredients in a saucepan with 50ml water. Bring to a simmer over a low heat and cook gently, covered, for 30 mins until the apples have begun to break down.
2. Remove the lid and stir well to break down any remaining chunks of fruit.
3. Make this up to 3 days in advance, to give the flavours a chance to develop. Serve warm or cold with granola and yogurt, if you like. Any remaining compote will keep, chilled, for a week.

Ingredients

- 800g Bramley cooking apples, peeled, cored and roughly chopped
- 500g plums, halved and stoned
- 50g dark soft brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp almond extract

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

UPDATE FROM THE RUSSELL ARMS



It's been a very busy summer at The Russell Arms, so this time we've got a bigger update than normal, along with plenty of good reasons to come and see us in the months ahead.

As some of you may already be aware, the May family's time at The Russell Arms is coming to a close. At the time of writing we don't yet know exactly when our last day will be, but our aim between now and then is simple: to keep the pub every bit as busy, warm and full of life as it has always been. It has been a genuine pleasure serving this village, and we'd love to see as many of you as we possibly can over the coming months...so please, do keep popping in. It's very much business as usual, right up until the last day.

To celebrate our time at The Russell Arms, we're starting with something we know a lot of you will love. For a limited time, we've lowered the price of our Sunday roasts whilst keeping the standards as high as always. Roasts now start from just £14, with Roast Turkey at £14, Roast Gammon and Roast Porchetta at £15, and Roast Beef at £16. Every plate comes with fresh seasonal vegetables, crispy roast potatoes, homemade Yorkshire puddings and rich homemade gravy...and yes, the gravy is always bottomless. As ever, all the meat comes from our trusted local butcher, Beef Olive. It's a proper Sunday roast, generously served, at a price we're genuinely pleased to offer. Tables do go quickly on Sundays, so we'd always recommend booking ahead to avoid disappointment.

Alongside the roasts, we've also given our everyday menu a real revamp, and we're rather proud of it. The idea was a simple one: take the British pub classics everyone knows and loves, and do them properly.



Take our Chicken, Ham Hock & Leek Pie...a proper golden-topped pie with creamy mash, tenderstem broccoli and a jug of rich gravy to pour over.



Or our Liver & Bacon, tender and full of flavour, piled onto smooth mash with crispy onions and lashings of gravy...the sort of plate that reminds you why these dishes never go out of fashion.



To start, our homemade Tomato Soup, deep, warming and served with a soft, freshly baked bread roll, has been going down a treat.

Alongside them you'll find familiar favourites like our Fish & Chips with crispy battered haddock and mushy peas, Sausage & Mash made with proper butcher's sausages, Ham,

Egg & Chips, and our ever-popular Hunter's Chicken. Nothing fussy, nothing reinvented for the sake of it... just comforting, well-cooked food at fair prices. And Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes, you can enjoy two mains for £24, which makes catching up over lunch all the more pleasant.

The response so far has been genuinely heartening...the new menu has been picking up lovely feedback both in person and online, and we couldn't be more pleased. If you haven't been in yet, this is your invitation: come and see the new menu for yourself, we think you'll be glad you did.

Finally, looking ahead, now really is the time to think about Christmas. We're already filling up, so if you're planning festive celebrations with family, friends or colleagues, we'd encourage you to get your table booked in sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. We're also taking more and more enquiries about weddings, wakes and other community occasions, which has become a lovely and growing part of what we do. It means a great deal to be trusted with these moments, and it's something we very much hope continues at The Russell Arms long after we've gone.

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

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The Russell Arms exists because of this village, and whether you're a Sunday regular or long overdue a visit, we look forward to welcoming you through the doors very soon.

From the team at The Russell Arms

DUNSMORE UPDATE

COMMUNITY SOCIAL TIME



The biggest event of the last few months was the **Summer Party** held on the village common on **Saturday 27th June**.

The evening, brilliantly organised by Andy and Judith Stancombe, kicked the summer off by getting the whole village together as well as raising money for charity. Food was supplied by the village on a 'bring and share' basis which really showed how many hidden Masterchefs live in Dunsmore. Traditional folk music was provided by The Dunsmore Folk Expectation (who graciously stopped by en route to play Glastonbury apparently – but don't think anyone told them it wasn't on this year...). Thanks to Nick, Graham, Jerry and Tim for

their wonderful musicianship. Young, old and everyone in between got up and participated in the social dances. The 'Strip the Willow' dance probably stripped this roving reporter more of his dignity than any supposed willow - apologies to the toes I stepped on and people I inadvertently bashed! It was such a joy to take part in.

The chosen charity was Rennie Grove Peace Hospice – an amazing charity who supported Jerry Lowe's (our fiddle player's) wife in the final stages of her life. Andy's target of £500 was knocked

out of the ballpark by the village's generosity, and he proudly tells us that the event raised £1003.30. Andy said 'it was so wonderful to get everyone together and generate such a great feeling of community. It was a great night, with great food and raised such a great amount of money for charity'.

Staying outside, some villagers have been doing a lot of maintenance of **Dunsmore's White Pond**. A few years ago, it was a stagnant lifeless body of water. The pond volunteers have been clearing the reeds and raking out the



THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Upcoming Events

Saturday 19th September:

**Wine Tasting
at the Village Hall**

Friday 16th October:

DVHA AGM

Saturday 28th November:

Quiz & Chips hosted by Margaret
and Chris Royal



This year we again held a very successful plant sale with the first of our three cream teas. A great deal of hard work goes on in the months before the plant sale as well as on the day, it is wonderful to see so many people giving up so much of their time to support the church.

The weather was kind to us for all three teas, dry and not too hot. I can't remember writing in any previous year that we didn't want really hot weather for the teas! The teas and plant sale have boosted the church funds and we are now considering how best to use it to maintain our little church.

As ever our customers regularly commented on the excellence of our cakes, so a tremendous thank you to all the bakers. You produced a super selection and it is good to see a number of cakes catering for people with food allergies or intolerances, this is very much appreciated. 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 Suzanne who coordinated the cakes.

Our Harvest Festival Service is on **Sunday, 18th October 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.

sludge and it's now bouncing back and becoming a thriving ecosystem. Thanks to Julian & Luis Hammer, Adrian Wilson, Heidi Swift and Andy Stancombe for bringing the wildlife back to our village.

Many **special birthdays** in the village this summer with quite a few people turning 70! Among the class of 1956 are Vanessa Havard, Chris and Margaret Royal and ex- Dunsmore resident (but still very much in the village's heart) Libby Lucas. Happy birthday one and all!

The warm weather has seen a return to social evenings on the village green. The DVHA has organised several soirees of **boules and drinks** which has been wonderful. Check out the amazing photo taken by our own budding photographer Ryan Lord. I'm sure you'll agree he's got a great eye for a snap!

Check the village notice board and your emails for additional information.

Harvest Festival Sunday, 18th October at 5pm

QUEENS PARK ARTS CENTRE

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Every year they help thousands of people to engage in creative activities.

From participatory weekly workshops, short courses and one-day classes; to live theatre, music, and comedy; special events, outreach projects, and free-to-view exhibitions, there's always something to inspire you at QPAC.

Find out what's on in their ever-expanding programme, discover a bit more or find out how you can get involved in QPAC's incredible creative community.

WHAT'S ON THIS AUTUMN: Details of new Season, provided by QPAC



WORKSHOP:

'Anyone for Art' Weekly- run by Royal College of Art trained Michael Carberry.

ONE OFF WORKSHOPS:

'Visible Mending' (19 Sept) to
'Visual Poetry Making' (29 Oct)



THEATRE:

Alice in Wonderland (12-19 Dec)
& Treasure Island (20-28 Dec).
£11 each to 31st Oct

ANNUAL OPEN DAY:

Open Day on Saturday
(12 September, 11am – 2pm)



EXHIBITIONS

'Dwell on the Mysteries of Life'
(4-22 Sep) & 'Shared Ground' (5-22 Sep)

A new season at Queens Park Arts Centre

Queens Park Arts Centre in Aylesbury has launched its Autumn/Winter 2026-2027 season, jam-packed with new, well-loved and one-off special workshops as well as a busy programme of live events at the centre's Limelight Theatre and an exceptional array of Exhibitions on show in their gallery spaces. Their upcoming Open Day will be the perfect opportunity to discover all the ways you could get creative!

Alongside long-running workshops – from pottery to painting, woodwork to lacemaking – there are also a number of brand-new weekly workshops that have been added to QPAC's programme. There are printmaking groups for beginners and improvers, plus a watercolour painting group and, very excitingly, a special foundation-style art course, 'Anyone for Art' run by Royal College of Art trained Michael Carberry. The course is designed to remove barriers to creative participation by offering a supportive introduction to art. Aimed at those with little to no previous experience, the course is pay-as-you-go (as is the case for all QPAC weekly workshops), but sessions will build on each other so regular commitment is recommended to get the most out of the course. Do feel free to join anytime, however – you'll be able to jump in even after the course starts. The first 10 weeks of the course will focus on

the basics of drawing, particularly observation, mark-making, tone and line. The course begins on Wednesday 9 September, 7pm – 9.30pm and costs £7.50 for non-members and just £5.50 for members!

The new season also boasts a busy programme of live music, theatre, comedy and dance at the arts centre's Limelight Theatre. From touring tribute acts to local unsigned bands, the music scene at QPAC is the perfect place to revel in old favourites and discover something new and exciting! Unbound Theatre is also gearing up to their magical Pantomimes – this year set to be **Alice in Wonderland (12-19 Dec)** and **Treasure Island (20-28 Dec)**. Tickets are just £11 each until October 31, so book soon to bag a discount!

Artisan Exhibitions continue for the new season too, with a range of media represented including painting, sculpture, illustration and digital animation. Visit the centre in September to see '**Dwell on the Mysteries of Life**' (4-22 Sep) by Diana Parsons and '**Shared Ground**' (5-22 Sep) by Emma J Williams, Paul Chappel, Joanna Brownridge and Michele Greene.

If you find yourself inspired by these wonderful displays of creativity, why not take a look at some of the new one-off workshops coming up in Autumn too?

From '**Visible Mending**' (19 Sept) to '**Visual Poetry Making**' (29 Oct) and many artistic media in between, there's sure to be something that catches your eye!

Whilst it is great to read about all QPAC has to offer, why not see for yourself first hand? The centre will be hosting their annual **Open Day on Saturday 12 September, 11am – 2pm** with demonstrations, exhibitions, activities and refreshments! Entry and on-site parking are both free, and the building is fully wheelchair accessible. The centre is accessible by foot too, being just a 10-minute walk from the town centre. There are even bike racks by the entrance for anyone who prefers to cycle!

To find out about all this plus more, visit www.queensparkarts.com and follow

@queensparkarts on Facebook and Instagram.

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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



**AUTUMN SHOW –
Stewart Hall**
Sunday 6th:
2 00 – 4 30 pm

Come and see some beautiful displays including chrysanthemums, dahlias and vegetables and enjoy delicious home-made cakes. If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting please see the Autumn Show Information on our website.

October



**Planting Pots for Winter
Interest and Spring Joy**
Tuesday 6th
8 00 pm

Harriet Rycroft was the Head Gardener at Whichford Pottery for many years and became well-known for creating spectacular flowerpot displays all year round. Her talk starts with slides followed by a practical planting demonstration to discuss the nitty-gritty of creating and maintaining such displays.

November*



Hellebores
Thursday 29th October
8 00 pm

****Please note that we have had to change the date of our November meeting due to essential building works at Stewart Hall.***

Andrew Mikolajski, writer, speaker and RHS judge, calls these the stars of the winter garden with the remarkable surge in interest resulting in a vast number of beautiful varieties to enjoy. He will discuss their history and origins, which are the best for growing in gardens and why they are still so expensive.

December



**Talk on
Chilterns Wildlife**
Tuesday 1st
8 00 pm

Jon Mason (aka the early birder) is a local speaker on natural history and environmental topics. He will look at the diversity of habitats to be found in the Chilterns, some of the best places to go and discuss his own experiences.

Christmas Social
Our Christmas social includes festive refreshments, quiz and a raffle.

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

THE CHILTERN LADIES



In June, 18 Chiltern Ladies went on holiday to North Wales. We had an excellent day in the Snowdonia National Park, which included a trip on the heritage railway, we enjoyed breathtaking views on our ride to the summit of Snowdon.

The following day we enjoyed a boat trip to Puffin Island, an uninhabited, protected wildlife sanctuary for several seabird colonies, we also saw grey seals and dolphins. We spent the afternoon in pretty Beaumaris.

We spent another day in Portmeirion, a magical Italianate tourist village, famous for its vibrant coloured historic buildings, and beautiful botanic gardens, designed by architect Clough Williams-Ellis. There was an opportunity to buy the beautiful and collectible floral dinner wear.

It was during the June heat wave, so a lot of ice cream was necessary.

At the June meeting, The President, Mrs. Annie Adams welcomed Kevin from hearing Dogs for Deaf People, who came to accept our cheque for the £1,000 we had collected for the charity during the past year.

An outing has been organised to The Chiltern Open Air Museum, our usual coffee morning followed by lunch at Orchard View, Meadle, is arranged and there will be a fund raising garden party in August. The exhibition at Buckingham Palace of Queen Elizabeth's clothing has been extended into next spring, more tickets are now available. The produce table was overflowing with goodies and the book stall was piled high with new books.

The speaker was Mike Payne who told us all about Pinewood Studios, which is in our home county. Previously known as Heatherden Hall, in Iver, Buckinghamshire, where cinematic classics from The Red Shoes to Gladiator were filmed. He delighted us with the story that when the studios were in grave financial difficulties, they were literally saved by Superman!

Mike also had amazing collections of autographed photographs for us to peruse of good and great film stars, past and present.

We were delighted to learn that the general manager of Pinewood Studios is now a lady, Lisa Firestone.

At the July meeting we realised one of our members will be 100 years old in August, cards and flowers will be delivered to Liz Potts.

Our visit to Hatfield House has been cancelled, by them, Sulgrave Manor is a possible alternative. A Christmas dinner cruise was discussed and we hope we can get tickets to see the Bayeux Tapestry when it comes to the British Museum.

Our speaker was Michael Jolly talking about the history of - and his time as Chief Executive of Madam Tussauds. Madam Tussaud, was born in 1761 and toured with her exhibition of wax figures up until the French revolution when it became too dangerous for her to stay in her home in Paris. She came to England where she toured for over 30 years before settling in London.

Mr. Jolly, who suggested his talk should be entitled 'Did that really just happen?' - told wonderful stories of his encounter with Mrs. Thatcher who greeted him with 'How nice it is for you to meet me', how Michael Jackson's fans stopped all six lanes of the Marylebone Road, and the Dali Lama asked him if he knew any good jokes!

The most remodelled figure was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the most difficult was Lady Diana.

The August meeting has a different format, a garden party, this year courtesy of John and Susan Stewart at The Plough, Terrick. There were excellent stalls to peruse, time to walk around the lovely gardens, and Sue served us a really excellent cream tea and the teapot never ran dry.

Elizabeth Hine

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

GROWING BEER HERE: THE CHILTERN BREWERY AND STOKE FARMS

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As parishioners there are few more enjoyable sights we enjoy in high summer, than a combine harvester moving steadily through a golden field of barley, particularly when it is just up the road.

Add a clear Buckinghamshire sky, a few fields between crop and brewhouse, and the knowledge that this grain will become beer next year, and it really does begin to feel special.

Last week, Antony Pearce of Stoke Farms harvested a crop of Maris Otter malting barley grown literally a few fields from The Chiltern Brewery gate. It is a partnership we are genuinely proud of; local farmer, local brewery, local beer — with the journey from field to glass kept short and straightforward!

For anyone who enjoys a pint of our ales, Maris Otter is more than just an ingredient. This heritage variety of English malting barley has long been prized by brewers for the depth and character it brings to traditional beers. It gives a lovely, rounded malty backbone to beer, which our English hops can stand upon the shoulders of to give balance and fortitude of flavour. We use Maris Otter malt in almost all the beers we brew, so to see it growing across the fields, so close to home, is a wonderful step for us.

The field itself carried a sign over the growing season reading “Growing Beer Here” — you may have seen it? A simple message, but one that rather neatly sums up the whole idea.

Before a pint reaches the handpump, the bottle, or the table, it begins with soil, weather, skill and patience. It begins with farmers like Antony watching the crop through the season, judging the right moment, and working with the land rather than apart from it.

Harvest time is the moment when the connection becomes visible. The barley moves from field to trailer, then trailer to maltster, before returning to the Parish as one of the essential building blocks of Chiltern beers. Brewing may happen in the brewhouse, but good beer starts long before the mash tun is warmed!

It is a reassuringly wholesome process - neither hurried nor artificial, and perhaps to the eye, not especially glamorous in the modern sense of the word. However, we feel very differently; it is practical, seasonal and rooted in craft. A good crop needs the right field, the right variety, a skilled farmer and a little help from the weather. A good beer needs much the same spirit: good ingredients, experienced hands, patience and a desire for the finished pint!

For us, working with Stoke Farms is also about strengthening the local links that have always mattered to us as an independent, family brewer. The Chiltern Brewery has been rooted in Terrick since 1980, and we have always believed that beer should belong to the place it comes from. Being able to point to a nearby field and say, quite literally, “that is where next year’s beer begins” is an exceptionally rare privilege.



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local farmer, local brewery, local beer — with the journey
from field to glass kept short and straightforward!



Ed (farmer harvesting for Antony Pearce of Stoke Farms) and Tom Jenkinson (The Chiltern Brewery)



Of course, the barley harvested last week will not become beer overnight. It still has its own journey to make before it reaches the brewery. But when it does, it will carry with it a little of the field, the farm, the harvest and the partnership behind it.

So next time you enjoy a pint of a Chiltern ale, there may be more local story in the glass than you first imagined. A few fields, a good farmer, a heritage barley variety, and a brewery gate not very far away at all.

A Parish partnership worth raising a pint to!

WENDOVER ART CLUB

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We were very happy to be able to exhibit at the Wendover Arts Festival again this year. It's become, along with our own exhibition in November, a permanent date on the Club Calendar. However, we couldn't be without our regular programme of demonstrators, who come along on Thursday evenings to help us develop techniques and enlarge our knowledge of all things connected with art. We try to alternate the demonstrations with creative evenings where we can practice various different techniques and different paints - a little outside our usual comfort zones.

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month beginning in September and finishing at the end of May. Our first meeting this coming session will be 10th September

with our AGM and a general catchup on what and where everyone has been painting over the summer. This will be followed on 24th September by a demonstration of a 'Still Life in Oils' by Catherine McVean. October 22nd sees us hosting a demonstration by Justin Thorpe and in November we have Pauline Hazlewood demonstrating her technique for capturing a 'Steam Train' in oils. Our exhibition in the Library Room will be on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November.

Visitors are always welcome so why not come along and say hello.

Meryll Cole

HS2 UPDATE

Significant progress has been made in building the Wendover Green Tunnel with the precast concrete shell



Significant progress has been made in building the Wendover Green Tunnel with the precast concrete shell expected to be completed by the end of October.

A special crane was developed to install the concrete segments underneath the Bailey bridges to avoid any need to close Ellesborough Road. A video of the self propelled crane at work can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/WGTcrane>. Massive quantities of rock have been brought to site to "backfill" the cutting and cover the shell with the first section of the tunnel now starting to be buried.

The tunnel is one of the last sections of the initial HS2 railway to be built, which was delayed by consideration of changing the contractor involved. With Mark Wild now installed as the HS2 Chief Executive his overall programme reset plan has reorganised the works to focus on the earliest delivery of services between Old Oak Common and Birmingham Curzon Street. He has agreed with the Department of Transport that this will be at some point between May 2036 and October 2039.

Learning from his Crossrail experience he decided that the Civil Engineering works need to be completed before the start of installation of the "Railway Systems" such as the track, overhead power and signalling. The Stewart Report

identified the construction cost increases and delays on civil engineering were down to lack of governance of the contractors by HS2. As part of the reset, and Mark has now been able to commit to the Transport Select Committee that the civil engineering will be completed by the end of 2029. The six year gap until services start running includes the creation of an initial stretch of line between North Wendover and the Washwood Heath depot which will be used for integration testing of the trains with the rest of the operational systems.

From a local perspective, we are expecting that most of the civil construction and landscaping will be completed by the end of 2028, including the restoration of Ellesborough Road onto its previous alignment. That should be the end of the local community disruption.

Meanwhile the Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group is working with Ellesborough Road and Bacombe Lane residents about changes to the roads and rights of way, and HS2 about train noise reduction. If you would like to help or just need further details of the HS2 impact in the local area you can contact us by emailing enquiries@WHS2.org.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APRIL 2026 – JUNE 2026

PL/26/02969/FA

Application Validated	Mon 27 Apr 2026
Address	Old Orchard Nash Lee Road Terrick Buckinghamshire HP17 0TQ
Proposal	Proposed new vehicular access, construction of new boundary walls/ fences around Old Orchard
Status	Registered
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

Notification of agricultural or forestry development under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for erection of steel portal framed hay barn

Apsley Manor Farm North Lee Lane Terrick Buckinghamshire HP22 5YA

Ref. No: PL/26/05249/AGN | Validated: Mon 29 Jun 2026 | Status:

Listed building application for replacement of concrete roof to basement plant room (due to decay structural supporting elements) with new steel beams and concrete and steel deck

Chequers House Chequers Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0UZ

Ref. No: PL/26/05224/HB | Validated: Tue 23 Jun 2026 | Status: Registered

Single storey rear extension and first floor front extension with associated roof alterations and rear terrace

Heybote Ellesborough Road Butlers Cross Buckinghamshire HP17 0XF

Ref. No: PL/26/04960/FA | Validated: Mon 29 Jun 2026 | Status: Registered

T18 Reduce height by 2 metres to remove broken and damaged branches and reduce risk of further breakages, T19 Crown lift to clear pool house by 2 metres to provide sufficient clearance from property

Molloway House Dunsmore Wendover Buckinghamshire HP22 6QJ

Ref. No: PL/26/04605/TP | Validated: Fri 05 Jun 2026 | Status: Registered

PUBLIC PLANNING COMMENTS

2,378 – signature petition urging Buckinghamshire Council to restore the public viewing of Planning Comments and “go back” on its decision to stop publishing them.

You may/may not have signed this petition, mentioned by the Parish Clerk in the parish notes earlier this year.

The decision, by BC, to remove public comments from the planning portal, in March 2025, was made without prior consultation to residents, local parish councils or councillors.

One of the reasons given to “hide” these public comments, on planning applications, was to comply with data protection laws and be legislatively compliant. Yet, BC is only one of 5 in 330 local planning authorities, in England, making this decision.

Responses from Greg Smith (Bucks Conservative MP) – called the move to stop the public viewing of planning comments: “extraordinarily infuriating” and for all “...to see the strength of feeling against these inappropriate proposals...”

Jonathan Waters (Liberal Democrat for Penn, Tylers Green, Loudwater) called it “a retrograde step” and, “This is totally unacceptable and should be reversed immediately. If comments cannot be seen – the public don’t know if the very valid points that they wish to make have been made already or not”

A few concerns which have been highlighted in connection with BC planning decision:

- No longer assists the public to generate a comment, without going “in blind” to pages of planning application - thus dissuading the public to take time to comment, which is an essential part of the democratic planning process.

- Not democratically correct – shutting down and limits public consultation.
- Prevents the sharing of local opinion and interest to protect and preserve our communities and landscapes.
- The public will not know if their very valid points have been made already or not.
- No longer assists the public in knowing other local comments.
- BC knew it was a “common and well-liked practice”.
- If it is to comply with data protection – then just remove the names.
- It reduces admin, allowing more applications to be granted.
- “Difficulty” is the argument given to reverse the decision – yet it must be as easy to reverse it as the implementation of it.
- In trying to further explain the decision, BC state “that the decision makers do have access to comments, they are read and taken into account on every application”. This explanation does not address the above concerns.

If you feel strongly about this issue, either way, you may wish to contact our local MP, Local Councillors Steven Broadbent and David Carroll:

- **Greg Smith MP** – greg.smith.mp@parliament.uk
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

September 2026

It was great to see so many of you at the Village Summer Party in June, where once again we were able to enjoy locally produced ales from Chiltern Brewery and freshly cooked beef from Buckmoorend Farm. This year we also had chickens doing tricks, Ellesborough Silver Band, a cake stall, a dog talent show and wildlife photo competition.

At the time of writing, our green and pleasant fields are looking all bit golden and scorched but worry not by the time this magazine arrives on your doormat the wonderful summer in our glorious Parish will be just a memory and we will all be stocking up on logs and thinking about the Ellesborough Silver Band Carol Concert at the Parish Hall in December!

Road Safety

At the most recent AGM, in May, EPC agreed to conduct a parish survey to seek suggestions and thoughts regarding possible traffic calming measures that could be introduced to the Village. Based on the general assumption that Chalkshire and Ellesborough Road should not have street lighting introduced, we are seeking suggestions and opinions on potential traffic calming that will also work in the dark. For example single lane chicanes, raised tables, speed humps, more cameras etc. We have had several responses but need more please and it is anonymous.

The survey can be accessed on the EPC website www.ellesborough-pc.gov.uk

One suggestion we received and are currently exploring, with Bucks Highways, is to get the designated speed limit for Ellesborough Road (Kimble End) reduced from 40mph to 30mph. We need to traffic data to support our application, therefore we will need to relocate one of the MVAS cameras to this stretch of road.

Ideas for Parish Improvements

Back in February, I asked for suggestions for any new projects or initiatives that we could seek grant funding for. There are one off grant monies available via Bucks Planning Authority and HS2 and as a Parish we have never really capitalised on this opportunity. As an example, a suggestion to create a footpath from the golf club down to the crossroads is currently being scoped and EPC have committed initial monies towards surveys to assess viability. Please do

let us know of other initiatives we can consider.

The Big Rake

The success of the amazing wild flowers, in the Church grounds, is down the volunteers who commit to a big rake up every year. This year it is on 9th September and if you have enjoyed the wild flowers this year, then perhaps you could spare an hour to help prepare them for next year.

Stay Informed

There is a "My Ellesborough" Facebook page which has been administrated by EPC for several years, this has now morphed into an advertising site for local businesses and so EPC will no longer be hosting this page.

The Ellesborough Parish website www.ellesborough-pc.gov.uk has key dates and events but please do also email the Parish Clerk to be included in weekly updates of Ellesborough happenings and other local events.

Finally, it was great to see so many of you at the Village Summer Party in June, where once again we were able to enjoy locally produced ales from Chiltern Brewery and freshly cooked beef from Buckmoorend Farm. This year we also had chickens doing tricks, Ellesborough Silver Band, a cake stall, a dog talent show and wildlife photo competition. The winning photos are going to be produced as a 2027 calendar that will be on sale later in the year.

The proceeds raised from this years event have been donated to Hearts and Souls, which is a Buckinghamshire based cardiac rehabilitation charity;

www.heartsandsould.co.uk. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen.

Allotment Number 4

Number 4 allotment has become vacant and available for rent. As a large plot it could potentially be shared as a half plot for £10, possibly a third for £7 or as a whole for £20.00.

If interested please let me know through clerk@ellesborough-pc.gov.uk

Traffic Survey

Following the annual parish meeting a traffic survey has been put onto the website under "notices". Please take the time to visit the website and enter any suggestions, and answer the questions provided. It is in your interest to do so if you want EPCouncil to follow up on traffic calming suggestions - we all want to see less speeding/HGV's/ HS2 vehicles etc.

Sad News

Brian Barnes (husband of Diane Barnes and father to Helen Holman and Sandra Hoyes) passed away peacefully on 15th August.

His funeral will take place at Bierton Crematorium Friday 4th September at 4pm.

Regards

Chairman McGrail

Ellesborough Parish Council

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A heat pump runs on electricity, and a decent one gives you between three and four units of heat for every unit it draws. The better installs manage a bit more. That's why it can cost less to run than a gas boiler, even though electricity costs more per unit than gas. Your panels make some of that electricity for nothing, so for some of the year part of your heating comes free.

Winter is the problem. In June a typical array might make 15 units of electricity on a bright day. By December that can drop to three or four, and December is when the heat pump is flat out. Solar will carry a fair bit of your heating in spring and autumn. In deep winter it barely touches it. If someone tells you panels will run your heat pump all year, they're having you on.

So where does it actually stack up? Older homes off the gas grid are often the best fit, especially if you're currently on oil. A flint cottage or farmhouse at the foot of the Chilterns is often heated by oil rather than mains gas. Oil is dear and the price jumps around, so a heat pump can save more there than it would in a house on mains gas. If you've already got solar and your old boiler is on its last legs, adding a heat pump is a sensible next step. What I'd be wary of is a single package selling you panels and a heat pump together on the promise of nearly free winter

heating. The winter numbers don't back that up, and it's a lot to spend on a misunderstanding.

Worth knowing: the Boiler Upgrade Scheme currently pays £7,500 towards a heat pump, or £9,000 if your home is off the gas grid on oil or LPG. And there's no VAT on heat pumps until at least March 2027.

If you're thinking about it, get a proper heat loss survey from a heat pump installer before you commit to anything. That's the best way to know whether your home is ready.

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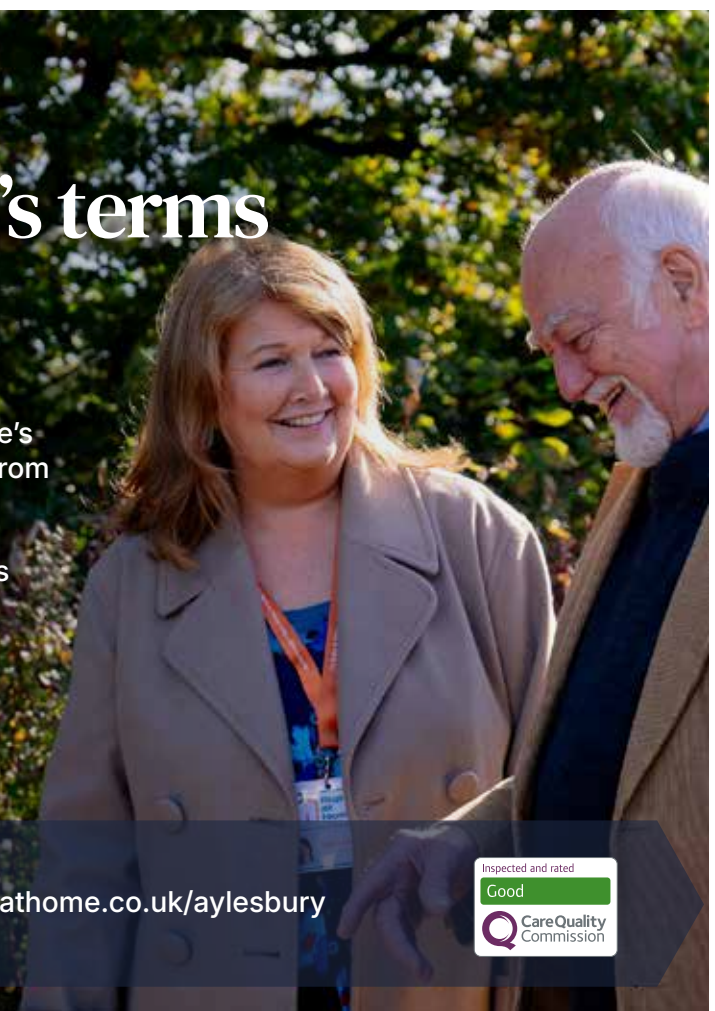
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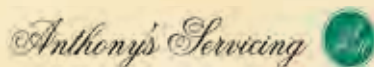
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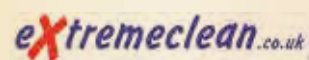
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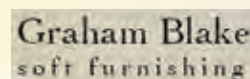
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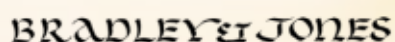
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