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Reverend Simon Cronk



I began my post as vicar of St Michael and All Angels in January 2002, so I have been here with my family for over thirteen years. It has been a very happy time, challenging of course but very fruitful. The church has changed significantly, whilst maintaining parts of the older traditions that still

feed people. It has been a wonderful place in which to live and minister but sadly we have decided that it is now time to move. I have now been appointed as Rector of Great Milton with Little Milton and Great Haseley near Oxford. My licensing (when the post officially starts) will be Monday October 19th. Some might be interested to know what will happen next here? Appointments for a new vicar will take some time and the process won't officially start until after I leave. A parish profile will be drawn up which has to have the agreement of the church here, the Deanery of High Wycombe (where I have also been Area Dean since Jan 2012) and the Archdeaconry of Buckingham, which is part of the Diocese of Oxford. The post will be advertised both locally and nationally in church papers and websites and prospective vicars will be invited to apply. Like any other role there will be a shortlist of candidates and a series of interviews and a visit to the parish here. Unlike many other roles a successor will not be sought or found until after I leave the post. This might seem strange and to many people frustrating but in practice it is an opportunity for a church and parish to allow for some space and pause and reflect what they will be looking for in a candidate.

The time has passed extraordinarily quickly since we moved in during a very foggy beginning of 2002. This is where my daughters have grown up and where we have made very close friendships. However there is also a natural cycle to things. For the Church and parish I believe that it is time for someone else to new perspective and vision, and for me, in my mid 50's I would hope that I still have another ministry in me yet! I move to smaller villages and churches, more rural in their character than here with all the challenges and opportunities that will bring. Cath and I will miss living in Hughenden Valley tremendously; it has been a real privilege to be here. However, we are also looking forward to new opportunities and challenges over the border in Oxfordshire, which does have a bit of a prior claim on me as it is the county where I moved to at the age of seven.

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Below are several extracts from some of the lovely "Thank You" cards and letters that I have received following the Senior Citizens Party on Saturday, 20th June:

*"Dear Rosemary and all the team,
Very many thanks for a most superb supper and excellent entertainment. We really appreciate the huge amount of planning and hours of work to make it an evening of perfection."*

"Just to say a BIG Thank You for a wonderful evening"

"Thank you very much for organising our dinner again. We loved the entertainment. Well done Rosemary and your team"

"Once again I would like to thank you and your wonderful band of helpers for all that went into the planning and staging of the enjoyable evening for the Senior Citizens of the Valley last Saturday. The food was lovely, well presented and plentiful and the entertainment first class."



Rosemary Hewitt, HVRA Event Co-ordinator

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Hughenden Valley Sports Committee

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

This is the sequence of events, in bulleted form, documenting the progress that the Sports Committee has made in its mission to provide a MUGA, a floodlit Astro Pitch, suitable for 2 x Tennis courts. It is also suitable for 5-a-side Football, Football training in all weathers, Netball, Basketball, etc. This will be sited at the far end of the football pitch where the two floodlights are.

- This began as an initiative on the Hughenden Valley Residents Association agenda - "More sport facilities needed in Hughenden Valley". A questionnaire returned positive results. Magnolia Park proved unsuccessful, except for our football matches and practices. Bowls; not enough (100) people wanted it yet, so temporarily it will be on the back burner.
- Refocus on King George V Field, in walking distance. HVFC use it in the winter, (plus the Parish field), but it is mostly empty in summer. Ladies, families and girls need more sport opportunity. A MUGA was thought to be appropriate and for the men and boys!
- The Volunteer Sports Committee gelled and included sport enthusiasts from various different parts of the community; HVRA, Village Hall Committee, HVFC and Councillor Simon Kearey. Their interests represent tennis, hockey, netball and football (including 5-a-side) and cricket, most having participated, led or still organise these sports.
- Sam Flatman of Pentagon in Bristol advised on MUGA playing surfaces, costs, maintenance and fencing, and he brought samples to see and handle.
- Sarah Randell of Wycombe Sports Development came and confirmed Sam Flatman's order of procedure up to planning permission. The site chosen for the MUGA at the far end of the football pitch was measured, perfectly sufficient for two tennis courts, netball or 5-a-side football area with enough surrounding space.
- The HVFC would love a MUGA, likewise the Hughenden Primary School and the Sports Committee.
- The idea of a cricket match in July, fitted the scheme.
- Sarah Randell recommended we inspect Marlow Sports Club's MUGA, from which we returned with very complimentary and useful observations. TigerTurf were advertising there and will be contacted.

- As Marlow gets waterlogged in winter (like here) they use a sand-based MUGA with an international quality playing-surface, with yearly maintenance costed in. It is brushed periodically. Water-based MUGA sometimes ice-up.
- Michael Sole, Dylan Jones and Matt Hopkins are looking at all the legal documents referring to King George V Field Charity status and covenants and ongoing management.
- A tabulation of estimated time scales is being formatted.
- John Dockett has distributed useful information from Graham Sweet of Marlow Sports Club's success.
- The MUGA will have a green see through fence and the playing surface will look like grass, even from quite close-up, and in the field it will be well away from houses. Maintenance will be relatively cheap and it should still look pristine after 5 years, and still good after fifteen years.
- Funding promises will need to be in writing.
- Sponsors will be needed. The more money we raise the more we gain funding from, for instance, Sport England.
- After a formal survey, tenders, (a minimum of three), will be put out for costing, and then planning can be officially applied for. However, no problems are anticipated.
- The stakeholders of the project include the Village Hall Trustees, HVRA, Hughenden Primary School, Hughenden Valley Football Club, Hughenden Ladies Running Club, The Shop, local business employees, tennis, netball et al.
- The MUGA will enable youngsters to play, practise passes and techniques and adults can revitalise and enjoy their chosen game. A booking system will operate if necessary.
- So far the Sports Committee comprises Janet and Angus Idle. John Dockett, Heather Dempsey, Rosemary Hewitt (all of the HVRA) Michael Sole, Dylan Jones, John Beveridge (Village Hall Committee), Neil Bellamy (HVFC), Cllr. Simon Kearey, and we know we have the approval of Matt Hopkins (Hopkins Estate), and hopefully everyone else.

Janet Idle - 01494 56367

Hugh 'n' Den's Pages

Village Gates

Have you noticed the colourful flowers decorating the entrance gates to the Village in the large troughs? They are there thanks to Carol Palmer who loves gardening and has given her time to enhancing the routes in and out of the Village. Thank you Carol.




Bell Ringing

If in your youth or where you used to live, you were a bellringer then David Cornwall would be very pleased to have more people he could call upon to bell ring at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Hughenden Park. Some times the bells can be heard from here across the fields. There are eight bells and training will be given. It broadens teamwork and keeps you fit. Call 01494 714718.

The Poors

Going down. There are only 4 vacant allotments left on the hill by Whitfield and Burnham Roads. In the past there were several hundred allotments in Hughenden, given as an extra plot next to the cottages or by ancient messuages, to grow crops and fruit trees. They appear to have been called "The Poors" and they were all listed and identified by numbers in the 19th century.(Now been filled in as building plots?)

Allotments Available in Hughenden Valley

-  **Healthy food**
-  **Fresh air & exercise**
-  **New friends**

Annual Rent: Full plot £21.00
Half plot £10.50

For more information contact:
Hughenden Parish Council
Tel: 01494 715296
Email: clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk



Blood Donor Sessions

The next Blood Donor session at Naphill Village Hall will be on Friday September 18th and October 9th. Two sessions will be held each day at 1:30 to 3:30 pm and 4:15 to 7:00 pm. It is recommended that you make an appointment before by calling 0300 123123.

The Chiltern Society

The society would appreciate volunteers to help at County Shows and other events, particularly to erect and take down marquees and gazebos, stands and other things at various locations dates. Ring 01442 875906 if you would like to be put on the volunteer list.

Litter

This problem seems to have gone off the radar recently. Please record the really bad places and inform the appropriate section of Bucks County Council, who do respond. Lead batteries thrown away in woods are an environmental problem and perpetrators can be prosecuted. Old rusty metal has also been dumped and broken household splintered wood, dangerous for children, unsightly and spoiling the AONB. Again report what you find. KEEP LOOKING.

Where are our vistas?

You will have noticed in the Co-Chair report that it was mentioned that trees became a problem last winter by falling across roads. It's worth mentioning that if our hedgerows had been managed as hedgerows rather than been allowed to become linear woodlands, which are only pruned by passing buses and high-sided vehicles, the problems mentioned would not have been able to occur, and we might still have been able to see the vistas which used to characterise the Chilterns AONB!

New Reading Group

The first meeting of a new Reading Group has taken place in the Cabin. They hope to meet next on Wednesday July 22 or the equivalent Wednesday each month when they will discuss the selection of books and themes. Alison Gieler is leading the group. They may even get the Mobile Library to call here again, which would help in the winter. If you would like to know more, ring 01494 562473, especially if you are a bookworm or like to keep up with the latest book reviews. Next meetings are all on Wednesdays at 10:30: 16th September; 14th October; 11th November and 9th December. Everyone is welcome.

STOP PRESS

Since writing the above report we have met the new owner of Uplands and his team, including his architect. His team described his plans for redevelopment of the site but stressed that plans so far reflect a genuine appreciation of the historic and special ecological aspects of Uplands and the knowledge that it is a sensitive site within the AONB and Green Belt area. This is very welcome. We were assured that the Grade II listed building and the large older building would both remain unaltered externally but inside them apartments will be constructed. The original Edward Cullinan design will remain. He himself will visit

They stressed that their plans will probably evolve further as they collect data and will have to meet AONB, Wycombe District Council and other official body regulations. They are meeting local representatives and we were pleased to have such an invaluable chance to meet both the team and the owner who all appear to have an aesthetic appreciation of this unique and sensitive site above Hughenden Valley. We feel we made valid points. The owner is definitely applying for change of use from Business to Residential but with experience of saving places like Uplands and with respect for local input. When plans have further evolved an exhibition will be presented in mid-September. We will keep you informed which is their wish.

Angus and Janet Idle Co-Chair - 01494 563673



In order to maintain the beauty of the Garden of Rest, the existing rules concerning appropriate grave furniture, plants etc. will be more appropriately enforced as from 1st September 2016. At present, vegetation such as conifer trees, have in some areas become overcrowded and difficult to maintain. They often encroach on neighbouring plots. There will be an opportunity to re-plant non-conforming plants elsewhere. Hughenden Parish Council takes enormous pride in maintaining the Garden of Rest to a very high standard. We understand how important it is for relatives to know that their loved ones graves are being treated with dignity and respect.

We hope that local residents will give serious consideration to this being their final resting place close to those that they love.

Peter Gieler, Parish Councillor – 01494 562473