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Chairman's Welcome

Never mind the quality, feel the width was an old sit-com about a couple of tailors. Width is vitally important to mums with double pushchairs, wheelchair users and carers needing to walk side by side with their clients. With the damp summer everything has grown apace this year. If you have a hedge adjacent to your property which grows across a walkway, please be sure to trim it back to a reasonable width so that pedestrians are not impeded or forced to step in the road. There is HPC guidance on hedges in this edition.

More trees? Wasn't it wonderful to see Costa Rica, a small Central American country, become one of the winners of the first year's "Earthshot" prize. Basically Costa Rica was fast losing all its rainforest to illegal deforestation. They have now stemmed the tide with a countrywide replanting programme which is working and reversing the trend. The future of their trees and the habitat that they provide for a diverse range of birds and mammals is now assured. Here in the UK the threats to our tree stock seem to be much more associated with disease. In the recent past Dutch Elm disease and currently Ash Dieback are just two examples. We need more trees.

Please see the article about the Queen's Green Canopy and participate in the scheme. Of course, the benefits are very slow coming. It is our children and our children's children who will reap the benefit.

There are significant articles on Climate Change elsewhere in this magazine. There is much that governments around the world must do and we need them all to join in. Equally there is much that we can do as individuals and not just planting trees. If we all collectively do our share then the national targets are more achievable.

When I first started driving at the end of the sixties one of my first cars was a Hillman Imp. I must have looked quite comical behind the wheel. Barely able to exceed 70 mph with drum brakes it felt safe and much road sense was gleaned with hardly a scratch. Nowadays compared to then, the average car is some 30% bigger and two or three times as powerful. Even with disc brakes and airbags there is much more scope to get into trouble and many of our young drivers do. Some car insurers promote installing a black box (telematics) to reduce insurance premiums for young drivers. As you can read in the magazine there have

also been instances when this technology saves lives.

Community Speed Watch was conceived to increase driver awareness rather than as an income stream from fines. As a pedestrian if you are hit by a car doing 30mph there is a fifty/fifty chance you will survive. At 40mph there is only a one in ten chance of survival. So it is vitally important therefore to stick to the limit in a residential area where pedestrians may be crossing the road. PC Lee Turnham who leads the initiative for Thames Valley Police is coming to talk to the HVRA meeting on 7 December. If you would like to attend the meeting please let me know, as numbers are limited.

Much of the time since I last wrote in the Summer edition seems to have been consumed by planning issues in Warrendene Road. Details are included in the Planning update. I am sure I am not alone in wanting to get back to counting sheep rather than lorries or caravans and preferably not counting anything at all.

As you take a few minutes to sit down with this Winter edition of the magazine and appreciate the news and features items I hope you may feel that you would like to send in your own contribution for a future edition, or even volunteer to become part of the Committee of HVRA. There are roles to fill and they are not too onerous.

Peter Cannon
chairman@hughendenresidents.org



For your Diary

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| 27 th Nov, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. | Christmas Fair, Village Hall |
| 5 th Dec, 4.30 p.m. | Switching on the Christmas lights, with carols, mince pies, mulled wine and hot drinks |
| 6 th Dec, 8.00 p.m. | Village Hall AGM |
| 8 th , 9 th , 10 th at 7.30 p.m. 11 th Dec at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. | Valley Players present - The Wizard of Oz Tickets: 07942 357499 or jossyp@aol.com |

Regular events

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| 1 st Tuesday each month, 7.30p.m. (not Jan or Aug) | HVRA committee meetings, Small hall |
| 26 th Nov, For 2022: last Friday each month, but not Aug or Dec. | HAGA, 8.00p.m. , Large hall |

Hughenden Valley Residents Association (HVRA)

A key feature of the HVRA is that we have representatives (Road Reps) on pretty much every road in the valley, and more than one on the longer roads. This means, for example, that we can cascade messages across the village very quickly.

Vacancies now exist for Road reps in Bryants Bottom (South) and Cryers Hill.

The posts can be shared and provide a valuable resource in the three

villages. You would become members of the Committee of HVRA.

Like most organisations the HVRA also has a few essential official roles. The Chair of HVRA will become vacant in 2022 and if you feel that this is the post for you please get in touch. This can also be a shared position.

Thank you
Peter Cannon

chairman@hughendenresidents.org

Editorial

As well as our routine features this edition has a large article from the HV Climate Change Group. Given the importance of this topic we hope to see more articles in the future describing what we all can do.

A big 'thank you' to our school reporters. We wish them well, and all the others who are moving on and up. More reports from readers of all ages are welcome.

We are always on the lookout for interesting photographs for the front cover of the magazine, ideally reflecting the season or some local

feature or activity.

HVRA would like to develop its own logo so that our 'brand' is better known. Ideas are welcome! Remember that good logos are usually very simple - just look at the one for the Post Office below.

Thanks to all who have contributed articles, and the editorial team - Sarah, Judith, Andrew, Peter, Louise, and Rosemary.

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Valley Players (Hughenden) Panto 2021

The Wizard of Oz

Like all the performing Arts, Amateur Drama clubs took a big hit over the past 18 months with the Covid restrictions forced upon us all. Nevertheless, Valley Players kept busy and by meeting on Zoom we managed to produce Radio style plays which we broadcast on our Twitch Channel. The titles were varied: a comedy "Lock down in Little Grimley"; a whodunit "A Christmas Carol"; pantomime "Cinderella" and classic "Oliver Twist"!

Now we are back in real life and "Technicolor" with our all singing, dancing and fun version of "The Wizard of Oz" by James Barry.

It faithfully follows the story, includes all the favourite characters and is a real entertainment to get your Christmas started.

The venue is Hughenden Village Hall on 8/9/10/11 (two shows on the 11th!) December : 7.30 pm for the evening performances and 2.30 pm for the Saturday Matinee.

Book your tickets via our ticket hot line 07942 357499 which will be open on November 8th. Prices £10 and £7. To make people feel safer we'll be doing the shows "café style"!

So come on and follow the yellow brick road and you'll be off to see the Wizard!

Andrew Pitman
Chair Valley Players

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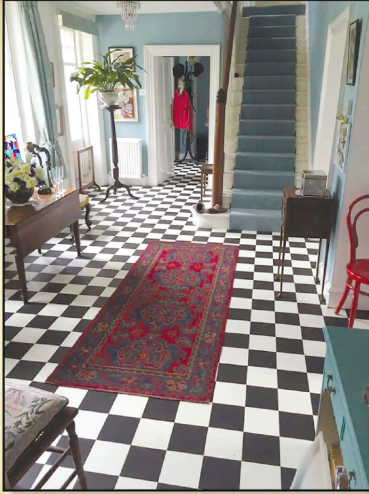
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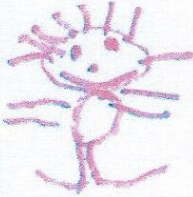


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Stick your Hands up



The community spirit within our village is one of the stand-out features of living in such a delightful place as Hughenden Valley. The list of activities and events organised by the village for the village is endless. From the bi-annual village day, to annual events such as the Christmas Dinner & Dance, Easter Egg trail, senior citizens luncheon, community film nights, and many, many more. We are extremely fortunate to have so many villagers prepared to roll their sleeves up and get involved in the organisation of these events, for without them, our sociable and social lives would not be the same.

As in many communities that depend on volunteers, we are experiencing a decline in the numbers of folk involved, and the consequence is now starting to impact upon our village social calendar. So this article is to appeal to those of you who want to become more involved with your fellow villagers and have a couple of hours to spare in order to ensure our traditional village social scene is not destined to become a thing of the past.

One example of this is the Christmas Bazaar/Craft Fair, which is pencilled in

for Saturday 27th November 2021. Those organising this very popular event are seeking an additional 2 or 3 residents to support and help them to ensure that it actually takes place. This could be taking responsibility for contacting potential stallholders, preparing promotional and publicity material, or organising the refreshments. Whatever your experience or skill, your involvement would be both welcome and most rewarding.

It was a great shame our 2020 Village Day event could not take place, however plans are now being developed for 2022 and the organising team is seeking additional support from villagers to work with them in preparing for this major event. Again, no experience is necessary, and those joining the team will not only enjoy the challenge, but also meet and work with their neighbours for the benefit of the entire community.

Thank you for reading this article and we look forward to you joining in with one of the above-mentioned events.

Please contact victoriabellamy@icloud.com for more information.

Saturday 27th November

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The Queen’s Green Canopy

The Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee as our Monarch on the 2 June 2022. This occasion marks 70 years on the throne and provides opportunities for the residents of Buckinghamshire to celebrate both in the extended bank holiday (2 -5 June 2022) and in the run-up to it.

Buckinghamshire Council is working towards a number of projects that will enable the public and community groups to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and provide a legacy for future generations, in particular focusing on supporting the “Plant a tree for the Jubilee” national initiative.

In October The Queen’s Green Canopy campaign - <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> - was launched. Everyone across the UK is invited to plant trees in support of this, during the planting seasons, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment, said:

“In Buckinghamshire we are already leading on a major programme of woodland planting and the Queen’s Green Canopy will create a further network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of the Queen’s service and the legacy she has built. This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.”

Residents of Bucks are encouraged to get involved. Check out the website for details – <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

You can add your Jubilee tree to the Queen’s Green Canopy map here: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>



The Arts Society - West Wycombe

Are you interested in finding out about the Arts on a range of media or possibly you are an artist?

The Arts Society is an international organisation which has operated for over 50 years, having been founded by Patricia Fay, with a first meeting at Chenies Manor.

Lecturers go through a detailed national assessment procedure to ensure high standards. Topics are very varied from the traditional Old Masters to street art, music in art, garden design, Great Railway Stations, the Bayeaux Tapestry, Book of Hours, etc.

Arts Society West Wycombe is based at Lacey Green Village Hall!

We are noted as being a friendly and welcoming Society.

Pre-COVID, we met on the third Wednesday of the month for refreshments from 10 a.m. followed by a 1 hour lecture from 10.50.

Throughout the pandemic we have continued to deliver lectures to our members and their friends, via Zoom. We are now moving back to 'hybrid'

lectures giving members the best choice possible.

Following this period of reassessment for many people, we would like to offer you an opportunity to become involved in new social events since we have a limited number of membership places to offer. When we get back towards 'normal' there will also be opportunities to take part in volunteering activities and visits.

This year the membership fee from September was £40 for 11 lectures, with access to a national organisation offering extra lectures and a quarterly magazine.

If you would like more information or an application form, please contact Jill Rogerson our Membership Secretary on 01494 488315 or jill_rogerson@btinternet.com

You can also take a look at our website: <https://theartsocietywestwycombe.org.uk>

Christine Bowyer - Chairperson



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Our aim: To support those who have suffered a stroke and also to support their carers.

Our Club meets weekly with the sessions offering monthly neurophysio exercises, music therapy, speakers on a great variety of topics, art and craft activities, monthly cooking sessions, gardening, table games and lunch gatherings.

On September 21st we returned to our weekly meetings after the enforced eighteen months closure.

We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am – 12 noon in Christ Church Centre HP15 6XQ (off Featherbed Lane opposite the Bat & Ball pub in

Holmer Green).

If you or a member of your family has suffered a stroke and might benefit from becoming a MEMBER of our Club then please phone to discuss this.

We would also like to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming a VOLUNTEER. No previous experience is necessary, you just need the desire to help others. Please ring to discuss this.

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Hughenden Valley's Rare Chalk Grassland Local Wildlife Site The Conservation Group

In our last article in the summer 2021 magazine, we reported that support from Bucks CC Record Centre to the Village Hall's Conservation Group would be ongoing. As part of this support, the Bucks Invertebrate Group undertook an informal survey on Saturday 14 August (during the day and overnight) to better establish the quantity, quality and diversity of invertebrates on the King George V Field and chalk bank. The survey was welcomed by the Village Hall Management Committee and the Conservation Group as being an integral part of the management plan for the conservation of the chalk bank and our aim to increase the biodiversity of the area. We await the Invertebrate Group's report in the near future.

Since our summer article we have progressed with scrub clearance and removal of dogwood, brambles and willowherb. However, this time of year (September and October) our particular focus must be on mowing the long grass and removal of the cuttings. This is to encourage and maintain the area's chalk grassland character. For those of you who visit the banking, walk your dog in the

area or perhaps do training or play football on the adjacent field, you might have seen that our recent efforts are solely directed to mowing/raking/disposing of grass. It's a long process since there are few of us, and the machinery available to us is very limited; however, we are getting there and we know we can postpone some of our scrub clearing effort until later in autumn/winter.

The variety of flowers (the orchids, honeysuckle, wild roses etc) have now mostly died back. The attractions at this time of year are the colourful fruits, especially hawthorn, blackthorn (sloes), rose hips and blackberries as well as the array of autumn leaves. It's a brief spell, but magical for all that.

At present, (before we've cleared all the long grass) you can see many tracks/pathways created by small mammals resident in the area. You might only rarely see the animals themselves but it is clear that foxes, badgers, rabbits and deer are all part of this habitat.

We sometimes have people ask, "If the banking is historically a man-

made and managed habitat why not now manage it in the same way, complete with grazing animals to control the grass and scrub?" The answer to this is both simple and complex! Historic grazing techniques would not now be practicable... the area would need by law to be fenced to contain the animals (variously sheep and cattle throughout the year) and would need facilities and full-time stockmen to manage their welfare. The site is only 3.4 acres (1.37 hectares) and no longer represents the size of area that would have historically been grazed (or that would be required to support the livestock). The public and local residents would be rather more constrained from accessing the

banking and dog walkers would be severely constrained – as they are on farmland generally. Our aim is to not only preserve this small piece of already-rare chalk grassland but to preserve it for the benefit and free-access of all. In the modern age our current method is the only way open to us.

The banking is one of the features that go to make this area of the Chilterns so deservedly famous and accordingly given AONB status. Please enjoy with us the beauty that is close to us and help us guard it for the future.

Your Village Hall Chalk Bank
Conservation Team



HAGA's Allotment and Garden Plot

Hello Plotters,

Autumn swings and roundabouts

Early October would you believe!!!!
Not because the weather is anything extraordinary, just that it's here already.

It doesn't seem five minutes since I was contemplating No-Mow May, which I embraced: the wildlife loved it. Noticeably more bees (bumble, solitary and, as far as I can tell, honeybees) other invertebrates, especially butterflies, and a full complement of birds. The latter included my usual goldfinches; great, blue, and long-tail tits; Boeing 757-sized pigeons; increasing numbers of house sparrows; magpies. This year has however seen a noticeable decrease in the dunnock, chaffinch and greenfinch population in my garden. The Fifth-Columnist Jackdaws continued their food-management efforts at the bird feeders. We and the female blackbirds were thrilled by the summer residency of Oberon – the jazz-improvising male who continued his work on "TrimFone Rhapsody". We also had occasional visits from a couple of wrens (just to let us know they are still here), lesser spotted woodpeckers and collared doves (far more attractive than the

Boeing 757s).

The un-mowed lawn soon became a riot of flowers: clover; lawn daisies; borage etc... the usual suspects. Then the dog daisies appeared. Even I thought that a bit excessive, so I went back to leaving some smaller areas unmown on a rotational basis. It still ups the attractiveness for wildlife over-and-above a monoculture lawn.

On the cultivation front it has been the usual swings and roundabouts. Flowers, especially from spring and summer bulbs have been good and the lilies have been pretty exceptional. My favourite Japanese maple has, for some unexplained reason (other than repotting about 12 months ago) decided to produce only tiny leaves; my fig tree has given me the best crop for several years; my true quince, despite a beautiful cloud of blossom in spring, produced precisely no fruit. My greenhouse tomatoes struggled through most of the season but finally came good (though some were a bit thick-skinned). Runner beans and courgettes were slow to start but eventually gave acceptable crops; I'm still waiting on the butternut squash - probably now a lost cause!

THE HAGA PROGRAMME

The short holiday in June went ahead as planned - this was the first get-together of any of the membership since before the first lockdown. All went well and the weather was generally kind. As for our monthly meetings, despite initial thoughts that we could start up again in September (the Village Hall having resumed business) we had to postpone since we were unable to get a guest speaker in time. We are nonetheless back on track for November – John Tyler will give a presentation “Life In a Nutshell”. So keep that date in your diary, 8pm 26 November.

We now have the Dobies’ 2021-22 seed catalogue, with its discount offer

for HAGA members. You can pick up a copy at the meeting on 26th November or just contact Daphne direct for one. You can also renew your membership at that meeting, else we shall contact you sometime in December to ask if you would like to re-join. Please note the annual membership is again being held at the pre-lockdown level of £10. This remains the best value membership of any of the local associations. Remember, you are also entitled to discounts at Hildreth’s Garden Centre and you get free refreshments at the monthly meetings.

Dig it.

Andrew Flint
Chairman
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Daphne Hicks
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Dispatches from our Education Reporters

Moving up to Secondary School

The change from primary to secondary school has been extremely large. Some of the changes have included getting up earlier in the morning, taking the bus to school, and getting used to a much bigger school. In my primary school there were only 30 children in my year, but now I am in a year of 187 pupils.



One of my favourite things about my new school is having a lot more subjects, and different teachers for each one. Although that does mean having to be a lot more organised

with books, equipment and homework.

Overall, I have enjoyed my first half term at secondary school, and I am looking forward to the rest of the school year.

Felix Harwood

—o00o—

Although Covid-19 has been a tough time, transferring schools has also been an exciting journey! From the



11+, to the first day, until now. When I had my first day of secondary summer school, I was so excited to see my friends as well as see what

the school was like. One of my worries though was getting lost! When I first saw the school, I thought it was so big but after the first few days had passed, I knew my way around the school and knew some of the teachers. Best of all, it was super easy to make new friends. Overall, it has been so much better than I had expected and I have loved every moment!

Amber Scott-Thorburn

—o00o—

Hi - my name is Romi and I've just started secondary school. The transition to secondary school was pretty hard but I also found it quite fun! There have been many changes from Year 6, for example, I have gone from being the biggest in the school to pipsqueak level really quickly. At primary, the younger children were scared of the Year 6's but now if I so much as look at a sixth former, I get a sharp stare back. I don't mind though! Another big change is the amount of homework we get. At my old school, we got about one piece of homework per week and we had the whole weekend plus an extra two days to do it in. At my new school however, we get at least three pieces of home learning per day and we are lucky if we get two days to do it in. I am just about keeping up with the

fast-paced life, especially with lessons and homework. The biggest change for me personally though is catching the bus every day with my friends. I



had never really caught the bus on my own so it was a big change for me. All in all though, I am loving my new school life and am looking forward to many more new changes.

Romi Mounsher

—o00o—

When I went to secondary school it looked terrifying, but then I was introduced to my classmates everything wasn't so bad. I didn't know them and they didn't know me, so we were all in the same boat. Suddenly, it was Friday and we had games last lesson and there were

Rugby trials, football trials, swimming trials and squash trials. I had a go at Rugby as I had never played it before; I loved it! We got to tackle, pass and run. I even made the school A team! Moving to secondary school has really changed me from a year 6 squeezing into my uniform to a year 7 with massive clothes!

Jack Wallwork



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Hughenden Valley Climate Group



The Hughenden Valley Climate Group was formed in May of this year and is comprised of a group of concerned residents working together to help protect and preserve our beautiful local environment and wildlife from the ravages of climate change. We believe in making small, positive changes and forging links with organisations within Hughenden, including the Parish Council, HAGA and Hughenden Conservation Group, as well as learning from others such as the Bee Squared campaign in Hazlemere and Jo's Recycling based in Walters Ash but now targeting several areas in High Wycombe.

As such, we have successfully initiated two projects in only a couple of months:

Our own wildflower campaign, distributing seeds to local residents via the village shop which we hope will produce a lovely display next year and encourage a corridor for bees and other pollinators to use as fuel stops. We are hoping to use Parish Council land to rewild other small



areas in the Parish, but until that can be agreed, some residents have agreed to promote this on the verges outside of their own property. Please do contact us if you want to learn more about what can be done.

In conjunction with @Jo's Recycling Around Wycombe we have also set up a Terracycle bin at The Harrow pub car park for hard to recycle plastics. As an example, empty crisp packets are collected (empty, flattened and bagged) at our local collection point. When a certain weight has been reached, they are sent to Terracycle to be processed into plastic pellets which can then go on to be used to



make items such as park benches. Packaging and postage is paid for by Walkers and points are awarded for each kilogram collected, which can be redeemed into money for schools and charities. Our bin at The Harrow specifically collects the following items :

- crisp packets
- bread bags and bread packaging
- Pringles tubes
- oral care and toothbrushes
- confectionary wrappers
- biscuits and snacks packaging
- writing implements such as biro and highlighter pens
- beauty product packaging
- home hygiene packaging
- branded printer cartridges
- plastic can rings used on multipacks

These items are meticulously sorted by hand, so if you are interested in recycling, please take the time to go to Jo's Facebook page and learn how

to sort and package your waste before visiting the bin at The Harrow.

This month the COP26 or United Nations Climate Change Conference is being held in Glasgow and is regarded as our last chance to keep global temperature to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and prevent what is now commonly regarded as catastrophe for the planet. We are all aware of the science behind the data but the reality is daunting and as yet, not on our doorsteps so easy to put to one side. Feelings of anxiety about the apparent lack of progress and the enormity of the problem can also lead to inertia and a feeling of helplessness but there are plenty of things we can be getting on with as individuals. Simply making some small changes in your everyday choices can make a huge difference when taken collectively. Equally getting involved in campaigns locally, nationally or globally and connecting with your local politicians can help to ease those feelings of anxiety as you add your own positive action to the mix. This crisis will affect all of us and it will take all of us to solve it, so why not start today. Here are some of our top tips:

- We have the privilege of living in a democracy - use this and write to your MP/Councillor and

support the groups working towards preventing climate change even if it is only to put pen to paper.

- Transport - Some of the bigger changes worth considering such as flying less, driving electric and insulating our homes require research and investment but there are also smaller, more practical ways of doing this too such as walking, taking the bus or cycling for smaller journeys as well as lift sharing. Please also consider supporting the conversation that is being had about creating a cycle path from Hughenden into High Wycombe.

- Switch your energy provider. Octopus Energy, Ecotricity and Bulb are just some of the greener energy providers that may even provide you with a better deal than your current provider and who feed green energy back into the National Grid.

- Stuff! The mantra is 'reduce, reuse, recycle'! Try to buy less and bear in mind how many ways there are to pass on what we don't need whether it is to South Bucks Hospice (our nearest charity shop), or on social media (Facebook marketplace, Kiddyshare, the Hughenden Valley What's Going On page and Great Kingshill Selling Page). Artful Menders (www.theartfulmenders.com) based

in Chesham will repair and alter your clothes and even hold workshops to show you how to do it yourself!

- Consider packaging and try to eliminate them one by one. It's not easy but highly satisfying to try and work around the problem, especially when you know that only 10% of the plastics that go into our blue bins are of a type that can actually be recycled. Try shopping at a local farm shop for your fruit and veg and for packaged goods. One of our biggest local resources is The Pantry @ 51 where you can refill your own container with toiletries, cleaning products, dry foods, oils and spices (as well as grab a great coffee and some lunch!)
www.thepantryat51.com

- Food Waste - For the last month the brown food waste bins have not been collected and we've all seen the waste pile up! Cutting down on food waste is good for us and good for the planet. Food plans and freezing, jazzing up last night's leftovers for today's lunch - go to www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for more tips and ideas.

- Plant based food - eat more plants and eat seasonally! And if you can do just one day a week of meat free you're going to make a difference

to the planet - eating meat has a hefty impact on the environment and contributes to the pollution of waterways and landscapes.

- Have a conversation - speak to people about climate change (let's face it, we're all worried!), ask questions and get involved. Change is never comfortable but we need a big change to make things happen and problems feel smaller when you talk and get involved.

We know that the Hughenden Valley Climate Group has already been a positive force for change in the village and hope that you can support us in whatever small way. The group has a Facebook presence @Hughenden Valley Climate Group and we meet monthly. Please feel free to contact us via Facebook if you would like to come along!

Angie Kraft
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Hedges and Footpaths

Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) owns a small number of hedges, mostly around allotments, the Common in Great Kingshill and some of its open areas. HPC also looks after a small number of hedges on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council. The vast majority of hedges are owned by you, our parishioners.

We request that you check all of your boundaries to make sure that you are compliant with the requirements below, especially if you have hedges bordering pavements or encroaching onto roads.



Hedges and/or vegetation should be cut back to the registered property boundary line so as not to overhang or encroach onto the highway (meaning carriageway, footway, verge).

There should be overhead clearance of at least 2.2m (7' 2") above a footway, pavement, or verge to allow pedestrians free passage.

If you aren't sure which are your boundary's hedges, you can check them at <https://mywycombe.wycombe.gov.uk/> by clicking the My Maps option and ticking the Land Ownership category. This will take you to the website where you can purchase land registry details of your property which may help you.

Mel Woof
Clerk to Hughenden Parish Council

HVRA Draining Improvement Group

Pumping Station Ditches and Culverts

During September Jerry Morley and Paul Woodford met with Chris King of Affinity in connection with the drainage issue we have at the pumping station at Hughenden Valley. Chris is a Surveyor with responsibilities for maintenance of infrastructure at Affinity properties.

Chris has agreed to organise a complete site survey at the pumping station, which will involve CCTV checks and, if appropriate, clearance on the two principal culverts under the site which carry the Hughenden



stream. It will also involve checking boundaries and cutting back of trees and hedges which have become overgrown.

As a group the DIG are not convinced that these two culverts have sufficient capacity to keep the stream flowing properly when it is in spate. We have seen at least one instance in the last few years of the water in the Valley Road ditch coming right up to the top and threatening to flood onto the road. A simple solution would be for Transport for Bucks (TfB) to continue the ditch right along in front of the pumping station so that it could then empty round the perimeter fence of the site into the National Trust field.

Sewer Works in the Valley

One of the biggest problems with the Hughenden Valley sewage system is the ingress of water into the system that typically happens over the winter period. This is common in the countryside and happens with old infrastructure.

Fractures in pipes and inspection pit brickwork allow ground water to enter the system, whilst road surface water can enter through leaky inspection pit covers. Thames Water

has stated in the past that under normal conditions, the sewers in our area run at about 40% of capacity. During a wet winter we know from bitter experience this can exceed 100%, causing spillages.

In the last issue of the magazine, we mentioned that Thames Water was carrying out work on sealing the covers to the sewage inspection pits along Warrendene. Further work was done in the same area in relation to the possible re-lining of the sewer.

These two pieces of work were of an investigatory nature and Thames Water is seeking to identify leaky

areas in our sewage system so that a reactive leak reduction plan can be implemented.

Interestingly, the re-lining of sewage pipes is an established process which can have a major benefit to leaky sewers. Effectively, it is a structural 'No-Dig' repair which creates a new pipe within a damaged sewer. A resin impregnated liner is inverted into a defective pipe, then pressurised and, finally, cured to form a new pipe. We hope this work comes to pass.

Paul Woodford



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News from St Michael's

There were mixed emotions at a very special service on 3rd October when we combined our Harvest Festival service with saying goodbye to our youth worker Rebecca (Bex) Hawes. Bex was leaving her 9 year- long part time post with us to 'go full-time' at Wycombe Youth for Christ.

As well as saying goodbye to Bex, we gave our harvest offerings, which as in previous years, were in aid of the One Can Trust. Readers will know that this local foodbank has been in even greater demand than 'normal' since the beginning of the pandemic, supporting families in the Wycombe area with food parcels.



The busy service also involved a play by our children and young people about the biblical story of King Ahab, and the presentation of video made by youth members showing a typical Bubbles group session (for pre-

schoolers). After the service freshly prepared hot dogs were served in the Churchyard in the sunshine.

Generally, things are getting 'back to normal' with most groups within the Church meeting in some form.

Babies and Toddlers meets every Thursday in term time 9-30-11.30 in the North Room of the Church, with a monthly Tiny Tots fun worship in church.



Friendship morning meets every third

Thursday in Church House at 10.30. This is primarily for those who are bereaved or live alone, with an emphasis on companionship.

Our latest free Alpha Course began in October, each evening session starting with a meal at 7pm. The course helps people of faith or those not yet come to faith,



find answers to the big questions of life.

Readers who are local residents will have received a request from us over the summer for ideas on the direction St Michael's should take to meet the needs of its community. We will be reporting on this exercise very soon.

And, looking ahead, our Christmas card setting out the times of our Christmas services will be arriving

with you soon.

For all details of events mentioned here, and for other details of what is going on in St Michael's, including service times, please consult our website.

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Rob Butler MP



Since I last wrote for Hughenden News, all of us in Westminster have been left devastated by the killing of Sir David Amess. He was highly respected & very well liked across Parliament. His death was all the more shocking because it happened while he was meeting local people in his constituency. Legal proceedings are underway, which prevent me commenting further on the case. However, I would like to make the general point that MPs of all parties are subject to threats and abuse on an almost daily basis. This cannot be right. Whatever our party-political allegiance, we are all committed to public service and improving our constituents' lives. So I very much hope that the tragic loss of David will prompt long-overdue change in the way people behave towards all those who represent them in public office, and can help us be kinder to one another even when we disagree. It is perhaps something to reflect upon as we approach the festive season.

I'm sure we all hope that this year we'll be able to celebrate Christmas with family and friends after the huge success of the vaccine rollout. I want to thank you for the contribution you've made to help life get back to normal in the face of the pandemic: whether that's through your jobs,

volunteering, supporting vulnerable neighbours or just getting the job – it all counts and helps make our community stronger. The virus hasn't gone away, though, so I encourage everyone to get a booster jab when it's offered.

As well as making speeches and asking questions in Parliament, the return to Westminster has enabled me to have productive talks with ministers about planning reform, especially the protection of green spaces like the Chilterns AONB, which is very important locally. This is a beautiful area, and I was delighted to be able to play a small part keeping it that way recently on a litter-pick in Naphill.

Meeting residents in Great Hampden was a very useful way to hear about specific concerns in the area, and I'm also grateful to your Buckinghamshire Councillors Steven Broadbent, Dave Carroll and Clive Harriss for keeping me updated with concerns about lorry parking on Warrendene Road as well as other traffic issues.

Finally, as this is the last Hughenden News of 2021, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

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Halloween Trail

Continuing on from previous years, the Friends of Hughenden Primary School organised the Halloween Trail from 23rd to 31st October.

Hughenden Village store and coffee shop sold over 300 maps, which along with on-line donations meant that over £1000 was raised for the PTA.

Here are just a few pictures to give you a flavour of a scary week in Hughenden.





Well done to all parents, teachers, friends, neighbours and children who worked to make the Trail a success.

Planning Report

Petition - Lorry Parking along Warrendene Road - Update

In September 2020, the Petition with 99 signatures was handed in to the NW Chilterns Community Board along with an application requesting a Feasibility Study into Country Supplies and the associated unacceptable lorry parking problems and detrimental impacts affecting residents in the vicinity of the Oakleaf Farm site and the wider community.

The Board agreed that a former head of Transport at Bucks Council should carry out an information gathering exercise. Monthly Teams meetings began in March with 2 HVRA petitioners who passed on residents' concerns, their emails and photographic evidence alongside meetings with the Country Supplies' owner who had to respond to the issues raised. During July, a Presentation with various options was given to both parties, the most contentious being the creation of a new two-lane access road from Bryants Bottom Road into the site, 40 metres up from the crossroads, with the existing access becoming an exit only.

When residents eventually viewed the Presentation at the 7th September HVRA meeting the reaction was of dismay and disapproval because they saw this as an opportunity for the business to expand even further, with more 3rd party HGVs delivering to the site, and that Country Supplies' own lorries could potentially increase as the Goods Vehicle Operator's License permits 13 x 18 & 26 tonne lorries and 2 trailers at each operating site – Shana and Oakleaf. The 30-page Report was then “re-shaped” and presented to a Special Board Meeting on 16th September via Teams when residents, local Councillors and Board Members present could submit comments by 30th September. These were summarized and put into a Supplementary Report for the Full Board meeting on 3rd November but, at the outset, Cllr David Carroll intervened and requested the contentious option to create a new access road be taken off the table – AND IT WAS – to the relief of residents. As no decisions were made an Extraordinary Board Meeting is planned to agree funding so that, perhaps, some of the Bucks Parking Team's recommendations could be implemented in line with the Highway Code. The HVRA Action

Group will plan a strategy going forward. Please go to the HVRA website for the Reports and Presentation.

Orchard Caravans off Warrendene Road – Ref: 20/06498/CLE - Update

As a result of the HVRA leaflet drop at the end of June, over 100 letters of objection were submitted to the Wycombe Planning Portal regarding the CLEUD (Certificate of Lawfulness for the Existing Use of the Land as a Caravan Site) by the deadline of 6th July. The Decision date was 8th July.

As this is a complex issue, the HVRA submitted evidence that it believed to be material to the application in an attempt to establish the actual location “of the Caravan site” because it lies within a “traditional” orchard.

[At the time of writing, 6th November, the Decision is still awaited.]

Housing Development at Glynswood – (Opposite Hughenden Park)

Earlier in the year, Inland Homes submitted a planning application for 50 dwellings on land that had its Green Belt status removed as set out in WDC’s Local Plan, Adopted in August 2019.

However, as the site lies on sloping

land opposite Hughenden Park, with National Trust land above and opposite, as well as lying in the Chilterns AONB and adjacent to countryside, the application was refused because the layout and design of the site did not reflect its sensitive location.

Although the HVRA submitted a letter of objection and despite their disappointment, Inland Homes asked to have a meeting with Peter Cannon, HVRA Chairman, and me to view their new amended plans that had taken on board many of the criticisms. The result is a transformation in design, layout with increased landscaping and the 3-storey apartments blocks have gone! There will still be 50 homes, but more will have disabled access. Green pathways will cross the site to all four corners and refuse trucks will now be able to navigate the inner circuit road with ease.

I left the offices in Old Beaconsfield happy in the knowledge that Inland Homes had listened and tried to improve their plans. A new application has now been submitted under Ref: 21/07911/FUL.

Rosemary Hewitt
Planning Sub-Committee

Village Hall

We're open again At long last



After months of enforced hibernation, your village hall is now back and open for business. With the majority of regular hirers returning to fill their usual slots, and weekend party bookings soaring, life has returned with a bang to the village social centre. Elsewhere in this issue is a full list of hall users and contact details, so please call them direct should you wish to enquire about any particular activity.

As many will be aware, the hall committee has been cooperating with the surgery to provide car parking for those visiting for vaccination purposes. This will continue until the end of December to support the next phase of the vaccination programme, although allocated parking days will switch to Tuesdays and Wednesdays to avoid the busiest days at the hall.

The children's playground has been operating throughout the closedown, and continues to be a very popular destination for local children and parents.

Thank goodness for the playing field adjacent to the village hall that has proven a great space for use by the entire community, especially during the lockdown months. This was evident from the number of villagers exercising, walking their dogs, or just enjoying family/friends get-togethers, every single day.

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Village Shop News

Once again the shop has had a busy few months. The summer months with the good weather and many new people visiting the area for vaccinations, have been good for the shop. It has been lovely to see the shop and outside cafe busy and bustling and more relaxed again.

Our major challenge over the last few months has been once again staffing. Many volunteers have left to return to their usual careers and former lives and some people are still reticent to join due to Covid. We have therefore been struggling with numbers but we hope that that has not affected our service.

We would like to say a really big thank you to all the students who, either on school holidays or returning from university, helped out in the summer months and the school students in the half term who helped out again. They are a great asset to the shop and the community and we really would have been stuck without them.

Community Events

We have recently sold map trail sheets for the school's Halloween Trail, donated chocolate and sweets

for their return reward and have also donated a cream tea for two for the first prize of the house decorating competition.

We are donating vouchers to two local schools for their Christmas events and we sold ice cream for the Football Club AGM in September. This



was manned by two of our student volunteers, Emma and Joby (see photo).

Christmas

By the time you read this our range of seasonal gifts and sweets will be in store which are delicious and perfect for family and friends.

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We will be hosting the Annual Christmas lights switching on and carols event once again this year and will be very glad to see it go ahead. The panto crew will be helping to switch the lights on and of course the school children and the Shop choir will be singing carols. The event is on Sunday 5th December, arrival at 4.30pm, for carols to start at 5pm. Of course, there will be the usual winter seasonal treats, hot chocolate and mulled wine available.

If you are, or know anyone who would be interested in volunteering, please do give them our details – please see our advert. No experience is necessary, (it doesn't have to be using the till!) and help can come in many forms - such as helping to serve to tables and clearing away during the busiest lunchtime periods.

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Our General Meeting programme into Spring 2022 has topics on a prominent local family *The Wheelers*,

as well as *Life in the Music Business*, and *Sanctuary Housing for Refugees and Migrants*. For more on what we offer take a look at our website www.u3asites.org.uk/highwycombe and contact a group convenor or committee member if you think u3a might be for you.

Our u3a was formed over 25 years ago as part of the UK wide movement to encourage those in their third age to come together and continue their enjoyment of learning and activities of interest to them. There are over a thousand local branches across the country. Each is a self-funded, informal learning cooperative drawing on the strengths and enthusiasm of its members who share knowledge and skills with each other. Membership is open to those no longer in full-time employment – there is no minimum age.

Judith Elliott (Secretary)
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Let's 'Light Up Hughenden' again!

In 2019 Hughenden Street Association (HSA) launched the first 'Light Up Hughenden' to bring some winter cheer, and again in 2020 as we coped with the Covid19 pandemic. It was great to see so many stands and people at Napfest and everyone enjoying the car show and music. Many residents from Hughenden Valley went along as usual. We want to keep that positivity going and invite everyone across the Parish to bring some festive cheer to the forthcoming long, dark nights. Hughenden Valley is famous for the fabulous house on Valley Road that has delighted many children (and adults!) over the years. Light up your house and garden to celebrate better times ahead and take a stroll around the whole Parish to enjoy the light show.

In the USA there are special tours where people drive around to see the best lights. Perhaps car share to save fuel and to minimise the impact on the environment. The latter is very important to all of us, and we are

pleased to announce that the weekly HSA newsletter will have regular articles from the **Hughenden Climate Group**. Our goal is to ensure that we showcase everyone's efforts at the 2022 Zero Waste Week. Tell us what you have been doing to minimise your carbon footprint and recycling.

Contact our Communications Co-ordinator, Hilda Stearn (hildas@btinternet.com) in the first instance. She is always keen to showcase volunteering activities particularly around the environment.

Getting together

HSA has also been busy setting up a weekly Coffee & Chat in partnership with Morrison's supermarket in Temple End, High Wycombe. Why not come too? There are Community Champions on hand to do your shopping whilst you enjoy a cuppa and perhaps even a slice of cake! Details on the next page.

Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter: @HughendenStreet



Coffee & Chat

The Hughenden Street Association, in partnership with Morrisons, is holding a weekly coffee morning to introduce likeminded residents. There will be an opportunity to share what topics you'd like to hear about for future talks.

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Covid-19 Vaccination Programme – a view from the car park

During 2021 we all became used to the idea of vaccination centres. You'll know about the ones at Chesham Town Hall, Stoke Mandeville, Adams Park, & now in HV at the Pharmacy. The scale and urgency of this programme has meant that staff have been recruited from where they could be spared from other duties, and volunteers have been called up to perform crucial roles – one of which is to keep the traffic rolling. As an example, on a busy day at Adams Park over a thousand people were vaccinated. This meant that an equivalent number of cars & taxis passed through the car park between 0900 & 1700hr. Several residents of HV volunteered to help as car park marshals at Adams Park from January to July and this report is based on their experiences.

Vaccination continued come rain or shine, & one day in January Bucks Fire Service had to attend to remove snow from the car park. On a couple of days in summer it got very hot out on the tarmac so we looked our best in shorts, sun hats & fluorescent jackets. It could also rain, which was no fun for the patients waiting to be



vaccinated as there wasn't space for them to queue indoors. The car park marshals had to come dressed for whatever the weather might be that day.

Most of the time things worked smoothly, but if there was any form of delay in the vaccination room, then the car park rapidly became full & cars ended up queuing out on to the road through the industrial estate. That didn't make us popular with lorry drivers serving the estate. Some patients were worried as they were late for their allotted time, but flexibility was built into the system. Sometimes a couple of cars had a scrape. Not surprising as we were

handling several hundred cars a day in a car park which the drivers did not know. Drivers could also be a bit tense! Quite understandable as for some people in early 2021 it was the first time that they had been out of the house in months. The booking system had the odd glitch, so that there could be surges of patients, or people would turn up early and we'd have to ask them to wait their turn.

Some more statistics: Between January and July 2021 at Adams Park over 100 volunteers from Bucks Volunteer Matching Service & Marlow Rotary Club worked on 365 shifts each of about 4 hr, enabling 72,000 vaccinations.

The majority of people said 'Thank you' as they left.

Thank you to all volunteers who gave & are giving their time, including those at HV Pharmacy, doubtless they can recount their own stories from the car park. If you drive past someone directing traffic at a centre give them a thumbs-up.

With the booster program now underway, some of us are volunteering at Adams Park again!



Wet weather attire for a car park marshal

And finally, Bucks Volunteer Matching Service is always on the lookout for more volunteers for a wide variety of roles, see <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/buckinghamshire-volunteer-matching-service/> .

To volunteer at the Pharmacy please contact elizabethcarless@sky.com .

How Telematics Saved Max's Life

Many people have heard by now of a "black box" (also known as telematics) that can be installed in your car and help a young driver save on his/her insurance premium. For one young man, the telematics box went a huge step further and actually saved his life.

Max Charles aged 18 had been involved in a car crash and sustained a quite severe brain injury. He had to remain heavily sedated for two weeks, while his body attempted to recover. Police believe Max's Vauxhall had hit a ditch, gone through a fence and then sideways into a tree. The roof of the car had to be cut off to get him out. He was then airlifted to a hospital in London.

When Max bought his car it had been installed with a telematics box, he had no idea that this gadget could send an alert when a car stops with a sudden force. The device has GPS location technology; and can act as a homing device for emergency services.

In Max's case, this proved to be a life-saver, because no-one saw his crash on a remote country road in the

middle of the night. Max, now 19, says "I feel so lucky to be alive. My dad and I had no idea my insurance had this accident alert feature. We just bought the policy because we'd heard about how it can help cut insurance costs for new drivers".

The black box works by sending a message to the insurance provider when a car happens to have a major impact. This allows a staff member to look at the report and decide what necessary action to take. One insurer says that on average the emergency services are alerted 18 times a month.

With young drivers typically having to pay £1,900 a year for their insurance this seems like a feature well worth having.

Included with thanks to Safe Drive Stay Alive - <https://safedrive.org.uk>

Recent News from Buckinghamshire Council



Buckinghamshire Council (BC) produce a lot of press releases, you can see them at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/>. As you might suspect from press releases, they are mostly good news stories about services provided by BC, but there are some useful warnings and reminders as well.

You can subscribe to their newsletter at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Some recent items have included:

Fly-tipping and paying cash in hand for rubbish removal. If you ever need to have rubbish removed, this is the one time you should never pay cash. Rubbish is far more likely to end up fly-tipped if you pay someone cash to remove it. A bona fide waste carrier must pay a commercial tip when they want to dispose of rubbish -an anonymous 'man with a van' has a strong financial incentive to avoid the disposal charge – by dumping your rubbish in the countryside. Bucks Council spends over £600,000 a year clearing such rubbish from public land. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/having-rubbish-removed-dont-pay-cash/>

Checking your tyres for winter. According to stats from TyreSafe, almost 1,000 drivers are killed or seriously injured in accidents every year due to tyre-related problems. If that statistic wasn't shocking enough, TyreSafe also revealed that 2.2m people fail their MOTs every year due to tyre defects. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/1-in-5-people-have-never-checked-their-tyres-when-did-you-last-check-yours/>

The Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy is the council's blueprint for how to tackle climate change and improve air quality within Buckinghamshire. The aim is to make Bucks as a whole, carbon neutral or net-zero in terms of carbon emissions by 2050 and to ensure that concentrations of air pollutants are at safe levels across the county. The strategy will also see the council reduce its carbon emissions by 75% by 2030, on the way to achieving net-zero no later than 2050. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/together-for-buckinghamshire-together-for-our-planet/> and <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/sustainability-and-climate-change/>

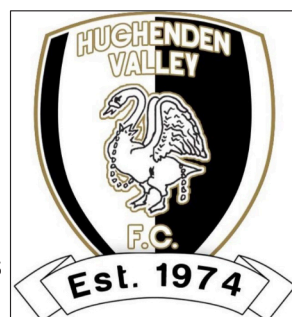
Hughenden Valley Football Club

Grassroots football at the heart of our local community

The 2021/22 season is well and truly underway! Having been without football for such a long period of time, we started playing again in early spring and have kept playing pretty much through to the start of this new season – all because of the huge amount of love that our players and coaches have for the beautiful game!

We did manage to squeeze in our AGM in July where we welcomed our brand-new Treasurer, Ben Richards, to the Committee. Ben is a maths teacher and an Ipswich Town FC fan

(not good with tables then 12), has two boys (Frank and Arthur) who play for the club, and is an enthusiastic supporter of all things Hughenden Valley FC. Welcome aboard Ben!



During the AGM we also announced a new Committee position available, that of Partnerships Manager (please see advert for details). I would encourage anyone who thinks they



Ben Richards (far right) joins the HVFC Committee as Treasurer, alongside Andrew Booth (Club Secretary – Centre) and Dave Hilling (Chair – Left).

can support our great football club and help make an even more positive impact on our local community to just give me a call to have a chat about this new role and how you could help.

On September 4th we celebrated on King Georges Playing Fields by holding our New Season Launch Party. It was a fabulous sight to see so many smiling faces (young and old) as all our players, from Under 6s to Under 17s, received their medals and rewards of recognition for the 2020/21 season.

We also made sure that our very special Club Awards took centre stage, with the following individuals being recognised.

Neil Bellamy – HVFC Hall of Honour Award (over 30 years of fantastic service to the club)

Sean Gourley – the Terrance Bellamy Award for Outstanding Contribution 2021

Josh Morris - Old Hughendenians Manager of The Year Award 2021

It looked like everyone had a great day and it was well worth the wait. The BBQ, slippery slide, bouncy castles, cake stand, raffle, bar and beat the keeper competition seemed to keep all the players, parents and



Mark Wilkins (Honorary Vice President) presents the HVFC “Hall of Honour” Trophy to Neil Bellamy

supporters smiling throughout the day. Massive thanks to our volunteer managers, coaches, and their partners for putting so much time and effort into making the day such a big success.

I would also like to thank Stuart at **JSBodyworx**, our official club sponsor for the 2021/22 season. Don't forget, if you need any car or van bodywork doing, give them a call and mention that you are a supporter of HVFC to get a 10% discount!

So we are now in the Club's 47th season, having first formed in 1974. As well as investing in the future of our club for the benefit of many generations of

players to come, it's so important that we recognise how so many good people have helped to create the history of our club, making it what it is today. With this in mind, Andrew Booth (Club Secretary) and I spent a few entertaining hours in The Harrow recently with one of the Club's ex-Chairman, Mark Wilkins.

There is one story that Mark told us that I wanted to share with you today. Have you ever wondered why we wear the black and white striped kit, with red socks? Any past allegiances with Newcastle United or Grimsby Town? Well apparently, not. Mark asked the same question when he was chair back in 2006. He managed to find out that the founders of the club (Mervyn Wallen and Hugh Steel) went into Mike Keen's Sports shop in High Wycombe to see if he would do a deal on some new kit.

As it turned out, Mike (ex-QPR Captain and League Cup Final winner) had some black & white striped shirts and black shorts in stock but didn't have any matching socks. As the story goes, he had plenty of red ones in the storeroom that no one wanted, so

the deal was done... and now, for nearly 50 years, thousands of our players have worn, and continue to wear, our club colours with pride!

Thanks, as always, for your continued support of our great club. Win, lose or draw, enjoy the new season. Hopefully I will see you soon, cheering on our teams from the touchline, in the very near future.

COME ON HUGHENDEN!

Cheers
Dave Hilling
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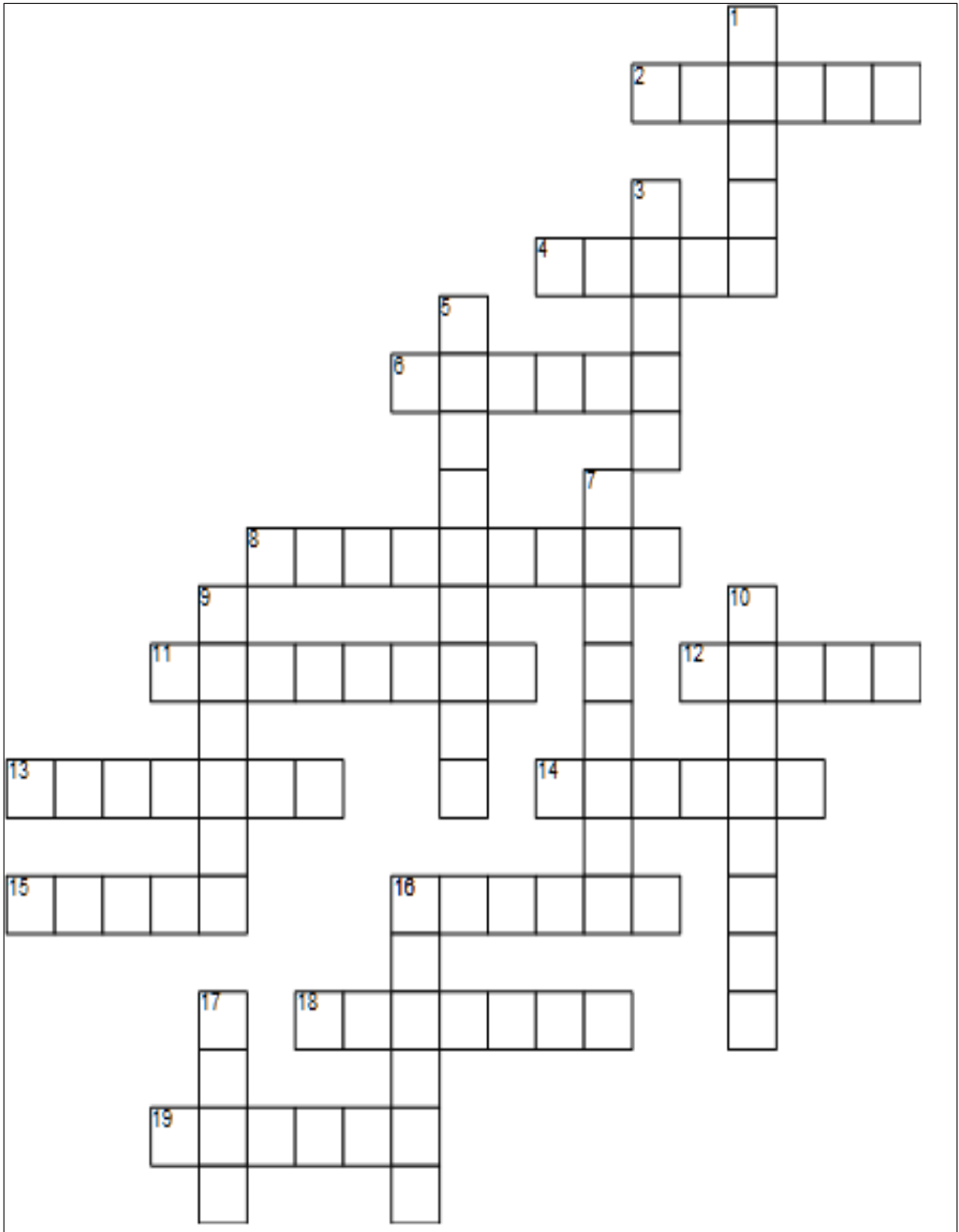
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Hughenden Crossword Challenge



Across:

2: An open box in which food for farm animals is placed.

4: A song sung during the Christmas season.

6: Who plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament (and failed!)

8: A food that is made from cacao beans and that is eaten as a sweet or used as a flavoring ingredient in other sweet foods.

11: The 11th month of the year.

12: Not dark.

13: These are big and orange and can be made into a pie.

14: Thin strips of shiny metal or paper that are used as decoration.

15: A tree or bush with dark green leaves and bright red berries.

16: A wooden object used to travel over snow and ice. 18: One of Father Christmas' reindeer.

19: Wax that has been formed into a stick or another shape and has a string in the middle that can be burned.

Down:

1: A winged spirit that serves especially as a messenger from God or as a guardian of human beings.

3: A thin layer of ice that forms on the ground, on grass, etc., when the air becomes cold.

5: The night of October 31 when children dress up as ghosts, witches, monsters, etc., and go to houses to ask for sweets.

7: A close-fitting usually long covering for the foot and leg.

9: An animal that is like a small horse with large ears.

10: A small device that explodes to make a display of light and noise.

16: A bug with eight legs and no wings.

17: A very large ball of burning gas in space that is usually seen from the earth as a point.

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HVFC has a reputation for fairness and giving every child an equal opportunity to be as good as they can be. In recognition of the standard we maintain we have been awarded the FA Charter Standard.

Our teams run from Under 6s up to Under 17s, with some 250 registered players playing against teams in numerous leagues across Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

As a registered charity we rely on donations from our player's parents and guardians, as well as the generosity of local businesses who are proud to be associated with their local football club.

It is our intention to create a new voluntary role on the Committee – a Partnerships Manager, whose primary responsibility is to help raise funds for the club, whether that be through grant applications, working with local businesses or helping to create fund raising activities within the club. We are looking for someone who shares our passion for this football club, a likeminded “do-er”, who is a natural communicator and has an eye for a fundraising opportunity.

If you love our football club, want to play a bigger part as we widen our role in the local community, or if you just want to give something back; you can apply for the role by emailing our chairman on the email address below. Alternatively, use the same email address if you just want to know more about the role.

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| Pre-School | 11.30am - 3:15pm | S | Jenny Ing 07990968242 |
| Hughenden Beavers | 5:00pm - 7:00pm | L | Lynda Wallwork 564582 |
| Spectrum Pilates | 1:30pm – 2.30pm | L | Emily Harwood 07803123092 |
| Spectrum Pilates | 9:15am – 10.15am | S | Emily Harwood 07803123092 |
| Hughenden Art Group | 7:00pm -10:00pm | S | Paul Cooper 07718141025 |
| Valley Players | 7:30pm - 10:00pm | L | Dave Collins 07876575706 |
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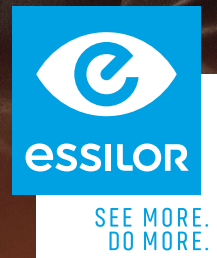
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