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Chairman's Roundup

I'm well into my learning curve now, thank you to all those of you who have put me straight about HVRA. In the last issue of Hughenden News I referred to setting up Focus Groups and this process is underway. First we are looking at what events we might offer the community as the threat of Covid recedes a little.

As an organisation we also need to be looking at whether what we do and how we do it is relevant to today's world and what folks in our village want done.

So we are beginning to look at our organisational structure and ask ourselves 'are we fit for purpose?' Does our name accurately reflect what we do now and what we might do in the future? Have we got a pool of people coming through as Officers and Road Representatives? Are we engaging with all age groups? Do our website and communications reflect our aspirations? If you have views on any of these questions please share them with us.

I am getting round to meeting as many people as I can who are active in village affairs. We have some really good things going for us. What an amenity we have in our community shop, a real meeting place for people in addition to providing a valuable service. It works because of the

energy of Louise and her team of volunteers. We must nurture this community benefit.

Earlier in the year I was invited on a guided walk around the Conservation area behind the village hall, what a hidden gem that is for us all to enjoy.

We are also offering support where we can to the Hughenden Valley Climate Group (HVCG), there is a large amount of cross-membership between HVCG and HVRA. Their plans will be reported elsewhere.

We are closely allied to Community Speed Watch (CSW), Rosemary and her intrepid volunteers work to reduce the speed of drivers passing through the village, something that spoils village life for many residents. Traffic blights the life of those living in many villages. I'm currently looking at an approach that complements the work of CSW, and aims to influence driver behaviour.

I'm pursuing this approach through my membership of Hughenden Parish Council's Road Safety Working Group and Bucks Council's North West Chilterns Community Board's Transport & Road Issues Action Group. Don't hold your breath, these things take a long time to deliver; I mention these matters only because they are something that HVRA is

involved in but is an activity not seen by members.

At a recent HVRA meeting we were encouraged to seek funding from the Parish Council to support any small improvements to the village that were easily identified. This has brought forward suggestions for planters, benches and dog bins in various parts of the village and this is being worked on.

We also have a larger project on the table aimed at our younger residents; if you are a teenager or the parents of teenagers we'd like to hear from you so we can run some ideas past you and get your input. Don't be shy, we are good listeners.

We also received a request to address the poor state of the pavements in one area of the village. Whilst this is not suitable for a Parish Council grant, we have arranged for a Bucks Councillor and the Local Area Technician to carry out a site visit with us. This is another example of

what we do that is below the radar of most residents.

As the Parish Council emerges from its recent difficulty we are working closely together on each other's committees for the benefit, we hope, of the whole community.

Ever since I've been in the village there have been rumblings of discontent around the surgery and pharmacy. Many of us have our tale to tell, but we want a fully functioning medical service that is close by. It would seem the practice has listened and the letter published elsewhere in the current edition shows an intent to improve the service provided. We should get behind the practice and give our support.

Please feel free to drop me an email on anything that you think HVRA can help with.

Peter Spence
Chair HVRA
chairman@hughendenresidents.org

Hughenden Valley Residents Association

A note from the HVRA Treasurer

At the HVRA AGM in May, Bob Hawkins, who kindly reviews the HVRA accounts, strongly recommended that we should consider changing banks. His suggestion was based upon the moral aspects of HSBC being Chinese owned, with their poor human rights record, plus the fact that HSBC no longer provides us with free banking. In fact, as Bob pointed out, our annual banking costs (about £60) are pretty much the same as the amount we receive from all the Boss Lane residents in annual subs payments.

The HVRA assembled a small team from the committee to work on this with a view to transferring to a bank offering 'nil charge' Treasurer's accounts. We drew up a shortlist of five and from this chose Lloyds Bank and during the late summer we applied to join Lloyds.

This initial process is now complete and the primary bank account is up and running, albeit with no money in it! Our next task is to apply for the Switch service, which will perform the transfer of monies and direct debits from the old to the new accounts. This process is helpful to us as not only does it transfer money securely between the banks, but after

the Switch date, any money inadvertently paid to the old account gets automatically pushed across to the new account.

We anticipate the process will be complete by the beginning of December. At that time we will inform HVRA members via the Road Reps of the new banking arrangements.

Meanwhile, whilst we have done well bringing in this year's subs, many remain to be paid. If you can, it would be a great help if you can pay your subs via an online bank transfer, ideally before the beginning of December. Payment details are as follows:

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Account No: 31248081

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Many thanks

Paul Woodford
HVRA Treasurer

Hughenden News Editorial

Dramatic times since our last edition where we reported on the street parties of the Jubilee, but now we must mention the death and state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. An event from a bygone age, we are unlikely to see such pageantry again. This was of course swiftly followed by multiple Prime Ministers within a few months.

Note that all business of HVRA is recorded in the Minutes, and the Agendas show forthcoming topics. These are available on the HVRA web page <https://hughendenresidents.org/docs/>

Our front cover is brought to you courtesy of the Hughenden Valley Climate Group. The image shows those words that come to mind for members of the group when thinking about what we can all do about climate change. See the article later in the magazine for information about the Climate Group.

Thanks as ever to the Hughenden News Team for chasing contributors, proofing and advising on style and layout, and to Road Reps for distributing the magazine.

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BIG DISCO NIGHT OUT!

We try to get together at least twice a year to raise important funds for the Club and have a great night out! For those that remember our Band Night back in May, everyone had a brilliant time, and it was so good to see so many of our Club friends and families out enjoying themselves. **On Saturday 26th November** we will be collectively throwing some shapes to the latest (and no doubt earlier) tunes, so if you haven't got your tickets please contact your year group Manager/Coach, or message us via Facebook or Instagram! I am sure this night will be every bit as memorable as the last one!



ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

Since the last edition of Hughenden News, we held our annual AGM and Fun Day on King Georges Playing Fields and had another great day celebrating the success of ALL our players. Every player received a medal of recognition for their efforts throughout the season, and of course there were special awards presented to members of each year group. We were privileged to witness Rob White, Honorary Vice President, and a long-time supporter of the Club (in many



2021/22 Manager of the Year Michael Rose



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different roles) present the awards for us.

It was also great to see ex-Chair and Honorary Vice President Neil Bellamy present Mario Antoine the Terrance Bellamy Club Award for Outstanding Contribution! We are very lucky to have so many outstanding volunteers give so much time and energy in support of our great football club.

2022/23 Season

The new season is underway, and we have a total of 17 teams across all ages, spanning from Under 7s to Under 18s. As it seems an increasing

challenge to persuade kids to part from their X-Box's these days, it is great to see new young players joining the club. But of course, none of this would be possible without new parents stepping up and volunteering to make it happen. So special thanks to Andy Stockwell who has stepped forward to support the Under 6s this year (who train on Saturday mornings down at the Primary School).

Extra special thanks go to Rob Henry who not only manages our Under 15s team, but also stepped in to run our Under 7s whilst we look for a volunteer parent to take over his lead! That is some commitment from Rob who you can see below receiving the Socially Recruited Manager of the Month award for September!

We are really looking forward to another competitive season of football for all our players. After the success of the England Women's football team in the summer (who can forget the winning goal from QPR fan Chloe Kelly?!) we have had a number of young female players recently joining our Club. A timely opportunity to remind everyone that HVFC is proud to welcome all players, irrespective of ability, gender, race, or

religious beliefs. We are fully supportive of the Football Association's RESPECT campaign and have invested in (with the support of the Old Hughendenians) metal signs at every one of our pitches, stating the following important message to all parents and supporters;

PLEASE REMEMBER
THIS IS A GAME
THESE ARE CHILDREN
THE COACHES ARE
VOLUNTEERS
REFEREES ARE
HUMAN
MISTAKES WILL
HAPPEN
IT'S THEIR GAME,
JUST LET THEM PLAY!

Win, lose or draw, we are proud to be Hughenden Football Club and thank everyone for making it such a special place for our children to enjoy their football.

Please don't forget to buy your tickets for our BIG DISCO NIGHT OUT...we deserve a big (disco) night out, don't we? See you there!

All the best and...COME ON THE VALLEY!

Cheers
Dave Hilling
Chairman HVFC

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High Wycombe and District u3a



Our u3a has been very busy over the summer attending local fetes and celebrating our 40th anniversary. Soon you will find us at the High Wycombe Christmas Lights switch-on (17th November from 3pm) with a tombola stand. Then we will be planting a commemorative tree in early December at the Wycombe Museum where we will be welcoming the Mayor and the Chancellor of the New Bucks University, Jay Blades.

Our Interest Groups have been getting out and about again. Antiques and Collectibles (which meets monthly at Hughenden Village Hall) bargain hunting in Banbury; History visiting Little Missenden church to learn about the unique wall paintings; Discovering Art (meets monthly at Naphill Village Hall) day tripping to the National Gallery by coach. And our outside Groups including Walks and Croquet have made the most of some lovely weather.

Or you may be interested to come and join our rapidly expanding group at North Dean Memorial Hall (1st Wednesday of each month). We have mainly been involved in Patchwork

and Quilting but are expanding to other crafts such as Cross stitch and Canvas work but if you have another craft in mind then please ask if we can help. We are a merry band and there is plenty of room in our hall to welcome new members.

Our General Meetings at Lacey Green Village Hall (4th Wednesday each month – not December) have been very popular with recent speakers on Medical Detection Dogs, the Air Ambulance, and Wycombe's Architecture. If you would like to come along please just drop in at 2pm – it's followed by tea and biscuits.

So if you are retired from full-time work and looking for new interests and social events check us out on our website or on Facebook. Or contact our Membership Secretary at hw.u3a.membership@gmail.com.

Judith (Secretary)

The importance of learning about your locality- Hughenden Primary School

I am the new Deputy Head teacher at Hughenden (and Year 6 teacher) and I am relatively new to the area having moved to Lacey Green just before Covid hit. What struck me about my new school was the lovely, family atmosphere and the strong links to the community which weren't really present in my London school. Teachers here know multiple generations of families and their classes get involved with the local community through visiting the church, taking part in the pantomime, singing at the Christmas lights switch on and attending Village Day. Our Year 1 class wrote and posted invites for our Jubilee celebrations to local residents and we were delighted to see people attending who perhaps



hadn't had any links to the school previously.



At Hughenden, we think that these community links are really important which is why our history and geography curricula are grounded in our local area. In history lessons for example, we teach about the chair making industry in Wycombe; how World War II touched the area and about Hughenden's contribution to winning the war; and about the Roman, Saxon and Viking settlers in the area. In Geography, we teach about chalk streams and the formation of the Chilterns. Pupils cover these topics as they move up the school and we make many trips up the hills, to rivers and to places of historical interest.

It is not only in the humanities that we link to our local area- the Year 6s last year spoke to a member of the residents' committee and to a local planning consultant with regards to the proposed lorry park. They learnt all about the AONB, village boundaries and various planning terminology and laws. They worked hard on their persuasive letters to the local council, most of which were against the building of the park but

there were some equally compelling letters for it.

We cover these subjects because we want our pupils to be grounded in the community but we also do it because Hughenden provides real-life places to visit and real-life issues to write and learn about. I say real-life but we did also write about the legend of the Hughenden Dragon and whether that was real or not, it is up for debate!

If you or someone you know would like to come and talk to our pupils about local history, local geography or a local issue, we would absolutely love to have from you so please do get in touch!

Katherine Messenger

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We have recruited:

- a full time Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- two Clinical Pharmacists
- two new experienced Doctors
- a new Reception Manager
- a new full-time Healthcare Assistant
- four new Care Navigators
- a First Contact Physiotherapist
- we have the pleasure of welcoming our new GP Partner, Dr Abid Bashir

We have increased the number of nursing appointments available, increased capacity for phlebotomy, health checks and contraception services. We continue to train GP Registrars, medical students, Nurses and Physicians Associates. We are

committed to developing existing staff skills in areas including dermatology, immunisations and female health matters. We have a Paramedic joining the team in November to help support our housebound and vulnerable patients.

We are aware of problems with the existing telephone system and have invested heavily in a new telephone system that is anticipated to be installed within the next 8 weeks.

We are well on the way delivering Flu vaccinations; appointments are available to be booked online (via Patient Access) or telephone.

Medpoint, an automated medication collection point, has been installed to enable patients to collect their medications without the need to queue at the pharmacy. This service is currently available 08:00 to 18:30 Monday to Friday and will soon be available 24/7.

We have recruited new drivers who are providing a daily medication delivery service to patients who are unable to collect in person.



Hughenden Valley Pharmacy is continuing to support the Covid vaccination programme with the Autumn Boosters. Clinics are delivered on Saturdays and Sundays to minimise the impact to the Practice during the week. Please call 119 or book online via the NHS website.

Hughenden Pharmacy has been equipped with a new consultation room enabling patients to consult with the Pharmacist, who is trained in minor illnesses and can provide additional medical services to treat acute and manage chronic medical conditions.

We are working hard to keep you informed and have developed a new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hughendenvalleysurgeries>

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- 1st and 2nd doses for anyone aged 5 years old and over who is at high risk from COVID-19, or who has (or lives with someone who has) a weakened immune system
- additional primary doses for anyone aged 5 years old and over who has (or lives with someone who has) a severely weakened immune system
- 1st booster for anyone aged 16 years old and over, plus at-risk children aged 12 to 15 years old
- a seasonal booster (autumn booster) for some people, including people over 50 and some who are at higher risk (see 1st booster and seasonal booster to find out who can get seasonal boosters)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

How to get a flu vaccine

Flu vaccines are safe and effective. They're offered every year on the NHS to help protect people at risk of

flu and its complications. The best time to have a flu vaccine is in the autumn before flu starts spreading. But you can get vaccinated later.

For adults:

A flu vaccine is given to people who:

- are 50 and over (including those who will be 50 by 31 March 2023)
- have certain health conditions
- are pregnant
- are in long-stay residential care
- receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- live with someone who is more likely to get a severe infection due to a weakened immune system, such as someone living with HIV, someone who has had a transplant, or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis

For children

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is given to:

- children aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2022 (born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2020)
- all primary school children
- some secondary school children
- children aged 2 to 17 with certain health conditions
- Babies and children aged 6 months to 2 years with certain

health conditions will be offered a flu vaccine injection instead of the nasal spray.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>

Have Your Say

An opportunity for informal reports and commentary on life in the Chilterns.

Drain Cleaning

My attention was attracted on Thursday about a week ago.

It was attracted by the sonorous tones of a vehicle that I fondly call a Honey-dipper, for want of a better name. It was crawling its way around our cul-de-sac and dipping its enormous proboscis into every gully drain it passed. Outside No1 its handlers were spending a bit more time discussing its (the beast's) breakfast and I think a welcome cuppa for themselves. Because I know our local drains quite well I told the handlers that a nearby drain, outside No15, can never collect any water because the slope of the road always guides all rain water across the carriageway to the drain they were then working on, on the

other side. The handler in charge said he would certainly sort it out when they got to it.

The Honey-dipper then proceeded down to the bottom of the road, taking about just one minute as it sucked out the filthy contents and then recharged each drain with fresh water from its belly. At the bottom of the road it neatly manoeuvred to come up the other side then down to the last drain that I had talked about. The great yellow beast dipped its proboscis into its depths time after time, seeming not to be satiated by its efforts. After about a quarter of an hour of action and with one last squirt of fresh water it had its proboscis tucked away and it trundled away into the next road. I do not know how it got on there, but I do wonder what their sorting out of No15's drain will be.

Angus Idle





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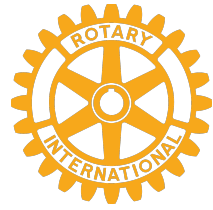
Rotary Club of Princes Risborough

We are well into our Rotary Year with President David White, who will remain in office until June of next year when the incoming Vice President takes over and an eventful year it has been! So far this year, we have had a lot of success in recruiting new members and have continued to develop our relationship with the Ukraine to Chiltern Charity. The club is now thriving with nearly 60 members, making us one of the largest in the district.

Recent events have included a charity tandem parachute jump for the club which raised just shy of £900 and our continued support for Kop Hill Climb Festival. Donations so far this year have included further support for Ukraine to Chiltern, Princes Risborough Lighthouse, The Princes Centre, Bucks Young Carers and local food banks the One Can Trust and Aylesbury Food Hub.

We also have supported the local Farmers Markets and Kop Hill with stewarding and car park and Entry Gate support.

Our next regular fundraising event will be the Princes Risborough Tree of Light Dedication Ceremony 4:00 pm Sunday 27th November.



The Club meets at 19:30 (except for the first Monday of a Month, which is a lunchtime get-together at 13:00) at Whiteleaf Golf Club. Each evening comprises a meal, some great conversation with friends old and new and a talk by speakers on subjects ranging from Charities to "Could my ancestors have prevented WWI?", an update on HS2, The Newman Trust charity for the disabled and disadvantaged, "My time in the Ascension Islands", the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, and many more.

If you wish to learn more about what it is to be a Rotarian, and what we do, please contact:

The President David White
david@dhwhite.plus.com

or President Elect Graeme Card
gpcard@gmail.com

A Walk to the South of Hughenden

Around Hughenden we have excellent walking country and one of our residents has offered to write up a series of walks for the magazine. Don't be shy, if you have a favourite walk that you would like to write about please let us know.

Distance: 2 miles / 3.2 km

Terrain: Open fields, woodland

Accessibility: Gates and Kissing Gates

Elevation: 75m climb overall

From the village hall, walk across King George's Field taking the footpath to the right of the bench at the end of the field. Go through the gate on the left. Turn right and walk along the edge of the field until you reach the open gate into the next field. Once in that field, walk diagonally left, slightly downhill, towards the pedestrian gate in the bottom corner of the opposite side of the field. From here the footpath stays mainly level and takes you through two more fields until you reach the tracks up to Hughenden Manor and St Michael and All

Angels Church. Cross the tracks and the church car park, then turn right to walk up the hill with the church on your right. Above the church and at the top of the field is a bench fashioned from a cedar tree. Pause here to catch your breath and admire the view!

Cross the track going up to Hughenden Manor and through the black gate, in the corner of the black fence railings, which takes you along a footpath past a white house on your right and then turns left to take you along the edge of some woodland. To your right is a field with further pleasing views of the village! Keep on this footpath which climbs at a reasonably gentle gradient, until you reach a second footpath on your



right taking you into the woodland properly. The correct footpath has a National Trust way-post with a red and a blue National Trust walk symbol, but the earlier path ultimately takes you in the correct direction. If you reach the Manor's car park, you have gone too far!

Keep to the main path and walk through the woods. You will go down a dip with a crossroads of footpaths at the bottom, but keep walking in the same direction up the other side.

Eventually you will reach a gate which leads you through into a field. At the bottom of the field and slightly to the right are the allotments and in front of you is a splendid view of Hughenden village!

Walk down the field towards the gate in the corner to the right of the houses. This footpath leads you alongside the allotments and down to King George's Field where your walk began!

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Mid-October and what a time we've had of it since my last article! Hanging around for weeks, not knowing what was going to happen, then a complete and sudden change which soon had us wishing for what we'd had before!

Yes folks ---- English summer 2022. Like an annoying house guest: late arriving, upsetting all the prior arrangements, insisting on being the centre of attention, then eventually outstaying their welcome.

Back in June I reported that I was getting the orange tree and the strelitzia out of the greenhouse for their summer holiday (and to make room for tomatoes and cucumbers, rather belatedly because of our May-time holiday in un-sunny Scotland). The orange tree immediately went into flower, a good sign, and I got on with the tomatoes – poor specimens because getting them had to wait until our return from Scotland. Still, from various sources I bought four

Gardeners' Delight plants; one weird thing (claiming to be a tomato) from our 27 May HAGA plant stall; two cucumber plants (from seed) and a couple of overwintered chilli plants. In my outside veg patch the runner beans stopped sulking and began to shin up the poles.

Then the sun really arrived; cheers all round. Until the cheering stopped. It got so hot, for longer (more so than 1976) that all my patio plants began to stress out. I had to do quite a bit of water rationing, certainly not too much hose pipe, but I needed to keep the greenhouse going. The bigger problem was the ericaceous pot plants, the (indoor) coffee bush, and the orange tree...all of them need rainwater, not our hard local tap water. The experts keep telling us to use water butts but never seem to recognise that butts generally contain only 80 ltrs: that's only 10 watering cans full. I've got 3 butts but I still need to be careful in summers like this last one. I got through alright but a close-run thing all the same.

The tomatoes turned in a great crop (they're just now coming to an end). The "weird thing", called Stupicke Polmi Rane did turn out to be a proper tomato despite not having recognisable leaves when young. Quite nice too. I also had a brilliant cucumber season, just had the last

one, so now must rely on the shops. Got only a couple of weeks of runner beans before they gave up the ghost. Clearly, I was too frugal with water for their liking.

Then the orange tree: it had a beautiful summer, nearly continuous flowering and by the end of September there was a mass of tiny oranges, so promising a good crop next year. At the end of the first week of October, after a bit of a blow and a hefty rain shower, I thought it best to take it (and the strelitzia) back into the greenhouse. Not an orange to be seen! All the leaves were ok therefore I can only assume the new fruit was knocked off during the storm. So, no

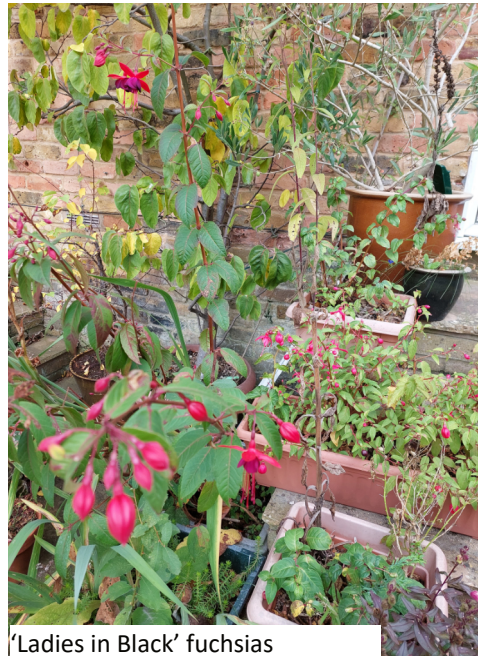
oranges now, and probably none for about 18 months. The Strelitzia didn't flower either.

Forget all that! I hear you cry. What about the crazy birds?

I told you about Oberon playing the "Trimfone Rhapsody" during the spring/early summer, well-into his third season. However, he's been very quiet for some weeks; in fact, I've not seen much of him or Merle, his mate, just lately. I know that for the majority, blackbirds are year-round residents so not to have seen or heard from them recently is quite surprising. I'm just hoping it's nothing more than he's been talent-spotted



It really is an 'Orange Dream'



'Ladies in Black' fuchsias

and has gone on a European tour, showcasing “Rhapsody”.

The Great and the Blue Tits are still resident, along with the Sparrows, the travelling band of Long-Tail Tits, Goldfinches and the fifth-columnist Jackdaws. Missing from the list of long-term residents are the Dunnocks – I haven’t seen one in a long while; Chaffinches and Greenfinches now seem a rarity and the Wrens only show up once in a blue moon. New arrivals though are a couple of Collared Doves. They are very delicate; they make full use of the bird bath and are so much more attractive than the usual cargo-plane sized pigeons. With the radical changes in weather, I’m looking forward to, maybe, the occasional Lyre Bird or Humboldt Penguin.

The HAGA programme:

Our programme has not met 100% of its published summer schedule; one of the day trips and one of the monthly meetings were unfortunately cancelled, but other meetings took place as planned and our trip to Anglesey Abbey (near Cambridge, not off the Welsh coast) was well-attended and much enjoyed.

We hope that things will be settled down for the rest of this season (the October and November meetings) and that we shall see you all in January to start the 2023 programme.

Tell your friends about us, the talks and trips, the free tea and biscuits at our meetings as well as the shopping discounts. Guests and newcomers are always welcome - they might even decide to become members.

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From the Vicarage - November 2022

It's good to be back! I have had the huge privilege of spending three months over the summer on sabbatical from my parish ministry, and I had a wonderful time.

Highlights included a three day retreat at a Franciscan monastery in rural Worcestershire, a walking holiday in the Lake District, driving around a bishop from overseas prior to the Lambeth Conference, attending a Music Festival in the grounds of a stately home, to watching Cricket at Lords, Edgbaston and Taunton.

However, my most memorable time was two weeks spent in South India. I serve on a diocesan committee that seeks to strengthen links which Oxford diocese has with three

overseas dioceses in Sweden, South Africa and India.

Nandyal is a city located some 180 miles South of Hyderabad, in the South of India. It is also the name of the diocese with which we have a link, and I was invited to spend some time visiting my Christian brothers and sisters, which I was able to do in September.

Those who have been to India for themselves will surely never forget the warm and generous hospitality of the Indian people, the amazing food, driving on Indian roads, which are not for the fainthearted, and being immersed in a culture so different to our own in leafy High Wycombe.

I spent 10 days being hosted by



Bishop Pushpa, the only female bishop in Asia. I enjoyed good health throughout my stay, and was able to visit many of the churches, schools, orphanages and other diocesan projects, as well as preach three times in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.



As well as fostering stronger links with my new friends in Nandyal, my trip to India also had a personal family history dimension. My great Aunt and Uncle spent twenty five years in the 1930s – 1950s serving as missionaries in South India, and I was able to explore some of those family roots, which included visiting a Church in Pulivendula, where there is a plaque laid in their memory, and the school where my great Aunt was headmistress for five years.

It felt such a privilege to know that I was walking in their footsteps almost 100 years later, and still able to see evidence of their work and lasting legacy.

Rev Dr Chris and Rev Helen Rolles served with the London Missionary Society. Much of their work was itinerant, travelling from town to village, treating the sick with a team of doctors and nurses, as well as bringing the Christian gospel to many who were hearing the good news for the first time. As a result, missionaries such as my ancestors, brought Christianity to India.

I encountered a thriving Church of South India, with ambitious plans to build new churches, help bring hope, healing, and practical support to the most vulnerable in society and a desire to be salt and light within their communities.

I returned to the UK with a renewed appreciation for just how richly blessed we are as a society in so many ways, a commitment to stay in touch with my new friends in Nandyal and a hope to perhaps return to India one day in the not too distant future.

Keith

News from St Michael and All Angels



St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

At the end of September at St Michael's, we welcomed back our Vicar, Keith, after his three-month sabbatical which included a visit to South India. We await a full report of his adventures, but we know it included watching cricket too!

A sabbatical is an extended period of leave granted to ministers in various denominations. In the Anglican church a three-month period is available after every 10 years of ministry and its stated aims are for rest (from parish duties), renewal (personal and professional development) and retreat (time set aside for the relationship with God, whether on an organised retreat or not).

Keith's return aptly coincided with Michaelmas tide, when we celebrate our patronal festival of St Michael (Michaelmas is September 29th). Michaelmas Day is one of the four quarter days (the others being Christmas Day, Midsummer Day and Lady Day (25th March) of the ancient agricultural and legal calendar when rents fell due and are still observed certainly in legal circles. The period of Court sitting from Autumn until

Christmas is still called the Michaelmas term. Of course, it is also the time when Michaelmas Daisies bloom.

His return also linked neatly with our Harvest Services on 3rd October, where we celebrated the gifts of God and shared gifts with the One Can Food Bank. Apart from our usual two morning services at 0900 and 1100, the Church was the venue for the Oxford Diocesan Council for the deaf and hard of hearing Harvest Service, with the communion service being fully signed in British Sign Language, Harvest gifts were added to those already donated, and the service was followed by sandwiches and cake. Evensong again took place as usual at 6pm.

On an autumnal theme, the darker evening allowed participants to view, and hear, some of the bat population in and around the Park, on our very popular Bat Walk. This, and the Harvest services concluded a month in which the church has been looking particularly at the environment and what we as individuals, and as a church can do to help safeguard it.

Next month, we will be in Advent and preparing for Christmas. Look out for the leaflet dropping through your door with details of Christmas Services, which you will also be able to find, along with information on all other church activities, on our website.

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This year we are doing a version of that bright and shiny Panto - Aladdin. Or to give it the full title "Aladdin – Adventures in the East". The author, Suzan Holder has a track record working with the BBC and certainly has produced a lively, modern script with plenty of songs and some obligatory slapstick!

The traditional story is there with a twist and so too are the traditional characters, Aladdin, Princess Jasmine, Widow Twankey, Wishy Washy and of course the wicked Abanazer!

Book your seats and see if the Genie can work his magic for you!

December 8th, 9th and 10th (matinee and evening) at Hughenden Valley Village Hall. Tickets £12 and £7 (under 16), booking information at www.valleyplayershughenden.co.uk.

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Hughenden Valley Street Association



As the nights draw in and we head towards the end of a very challenging year it is good to reflect on the positive things that have happened during 2022. Hughenden Street Association (HSA) continues to play a key role in promoting co-operation and friendship across the Parish. The team of volunteers have worked hard to forge meaningful partnerships not just across Hughenden Valley but further afield. Here is a quick summary:

- Hughenden Valley Climate Group. A vibrant and determined group of residents keen to make a real difference to our environmental impact. HSA has not only promoted the Group's activities but also highlighted other complementary groups including Hedgehog Street, Zero Waste Week and most recently the National Hedgerow Week.
- Neighbourhood Watch. As a partner of HSA the team is focussed on crime prevention and reduction and regular articles are included in the HSA Weekly Newsletter.
- Wycombe District Dementia Action. A local advocacy and lobbying group supported by Buckinghamshire Council seeking to raise awareness and understanding about this disease.
- Buckinghamshire Council. The HSA pilot was promoted by the Council and its officers remain committed to supporting the activities of the Association. Most recently funding was secured to develop some important marketing collateral which we will be launching before the end of 2022.
- Thames Valley Police. Representatives sit on the HSA Steering Committee providing an ideal opportunity to raise issues and concerns of residents.

As a volunteer-led organisation HSA recognises the key role of volunteers. Hughenden Valley is fortunate to have Anne Smart as Ward Leader. Over the years she has played a key role in organising the first Scarecrow Competition and the Lighting Up Hughenden initiative during those

dark days of the early pandemic. Anne also set up the first HSA Pub Lunch at the Harrow on Warrendene Road. This heavily-subscribed event continues to grow, and her hard work is self-evident. Most recently, along with the Naphill Ward Leader, Anne organised a successful MacMillan Coffee Morning at the Harrow raising £145

Hughenden Street Association is recognised as an exemplar for community engagement. It has a

simple ethos: work together to create a sustainable community group that seeks to engage residents as they would wish. If you would like to support Anne in her work why not have a chat with her? Call her on 07970 037419.

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Volunteering



You can see from many of the articles in this edition that there are plenty of opportunities for residents to volunteer to support one of the organisations within our area, which can encompass just our villages, the Parish, High Wycombe and across the County. Volunteering can be very flexible and you can select whether to work just a few hours a month or a whole day each week. Volunteering is not only a way to help develop our community, but it can also be fun & gives you an opportunity to develop new skills and friendships.

Volunteering may be seen as something to keep the older generation busy, but opportunities are so flexible that all ages can get involved. Also, if you are new to the village it's a great way to get to know your way around and to make new contacts.

Here are a few examples of organisations who have opportunities for volunteering, a quick internet search will provide contact details:

- The Village Hall, especially for Village Day, (see the next two pages)
- Hughenden Village Store and Coffee Shop,
- Hughenden Valley Residents Association (HVRA), we are always on look-out for road representatives. There can be more than one for a road rep so don't worry about treading on anyone's toes.
- Community Speed Watch,
- Conservation Group,
- Hughenden Street Association,
- Hughenden Parish Council (HPC),
- The Star & Garter Home, High Wycombe,
- Princes Risborough Rotary Club,
- Bucks Council lists a wide range of opportunities at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/helping-your-community/volunteering-in-buckinghamshire/>
- Community impact Bucks which seeks to actively match volunteers with specific roles, <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/>

volunteering/i-want-to-volunteer/ ,

- The Chiltern Society,
- The National Trust

This list is not complete! If you know of a group who wishes to promote its activities and membership please let us know at magazine@hughendenresidents.org .

Village Hall

We are pleased that a small group of volunteers have stepped forward to organise another Village Christmas Craft and Gift Fair this year on Saturday 26th November. Over 25 stalls are already confirmed and include a wealth of homemade items including candles, scents, craft boxes, art, cushions, wine, cosmetics and confectionery. Once again the event is supported by the village shop who will have their own stall. This year there will be a Christmas Cafe in the small hall. Please come along to support this community event.

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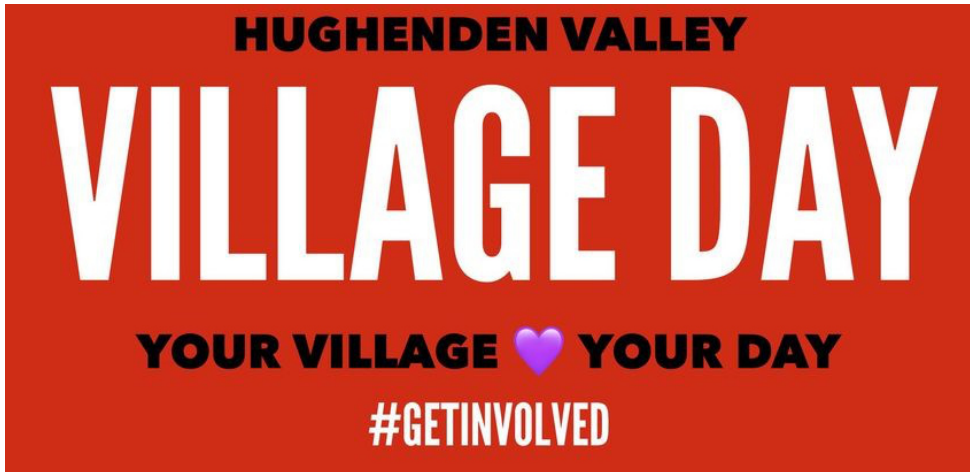
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Village Day



Hughenden Valley Village Day 2023

Do you want to see Village Day back in all its glory?

What are your memories of Village Day?

Do you have photos of past Village days?

Village Day used to be organised by a dedicated team of local residents. That team has now retired and so the village needs a new team to #bringitback.

The Village Hall want to help put together a new team who can start working on #villageday2023. So are you free to dedicate your time and ideas? The more residents we have

involved the bigger and better we can make it (it would also be lovely to hear from anyone who has previously been involved in village day to share your experience)

We also hope to have a team representative from each key local establishment/organisation/group as part of the team. So please get in touch. There are already representatives from the Village Hall and the Village Shop, who had already started work before Covid-19 arrived and the plans were cancelled.

Please feel free to email with any ideas, help or services you can offer Villagedayhughendenvalley@gmail.com

Without a team dedicated to putting on this event Village Day cannot happen.

Royal Mail

After 31 January 2023, regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid. 'Regular Stamps' means those without pictures or Christmas Stamps. So use up your old ones, or swap them using the Royal Mail Scheme. The old stamps will still be valid for sending your Christmas Cards.

Royal Mail is adding barcodes to its regular stamps. After 31 January 2023, regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid. You can either use up these stamps before this deadline or swap them for the new barcoded ones.

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stamps that will be very familiar to you. They feature the profile of Her Late Majesty The Queen on a plain coloured background.

Note: Special Stamps with pictures on and Christmas Stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.

Non-barcoded stamps can be exchanged for the new barcoded version through the Stamp Swap Out scheme. To swap out your stamps, simply complete a Stamp Swap Out form and return along with your non-barcoded stamps. The step-by-step process for doing this is explained on the The Royal Mail website:

https://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps?iid=HP_M1_BARCODEDSTAMPS



Examples of stamps that you can swap out



Examples of stamps that you don't need to swap out

If you can't access the website you can get a form from a Royal Mail delivery office or you can phone Royal Mail's customer services team on 03457 740740.

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News from Hughenden Village Store and Coffee Shop

Autumn already?! We can't really believe it is this time of year already as so much has been going on. Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, September was quiet during the official period of mourning and we closed for 22nd September for the National Day of Mourning so that staff could observe the day.

As usual we received donations from local residents whose apple trees were overflowing. It was a good year and everyone who donated received a complimentary bottle of apple juice. It is always really lovely to be able to sell a delicious and truly authentic local product.

Working with the Residents Association we now have a fantastic book swap scheme in the coffee shop. Anyone can come along and bring a used book down and swap for any one on the shelf. Thank you to the Residents' Association for supplying the book shelf.

In October we supported Hughenden Primary School's Halloween Trail selling trail maps and donating free sweet treats to hungry little explorers on their return.

It was lovely to be involved and some staff joined in the fun!

We have welcomed two new



supervisors, Victoria and Beverley who have settled in very well and are lovely new members of our team.

We are still extremely short of volunteers so if you have a morning, afternoon or a few hours in the middle of the day free (Monday to Friday), please contact me on 07909 527990. The work is fun, the team is friendly and our customers are lovely. This all makes for a great sense of satisfaction and wellbeing, so please do get in touch if you can spare us a little time.

Unfortunately, as well as everyone else, we are suffering because of the economic climate. With rising energy bills, increases in costs of wholesale products and ingredients on the café

side we really need everyone's support more than ever. We have had our till break down which needs replacing, various equipment failures, the storm closure earlier in the year and coupled with high staffing costs we hope that you can help by supporting us in any way that you can.

One way of supporting us and which is **completely free to you, with no**

added cost is by registering with **Easyfundraising** to gain free donations when shopping on-line. The scheme means that the retailers automatically send us a donation every time you place an order.

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It only needs setting up once and if you register, the donations will be sent to us every time you order! Please see the information below and just visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk



Darvell's Bakery Products are back!

Darvell's had to stop delivering to us due to family reasons and after the storm we had a new supplier Simply Bread for all our bakery lines. Sadly, due to rising fuel and ingredients costs Simply Bread went out of business in October. However, a quick phone-call to Darvell's and they are now supplying us again Tuesday to Saturday for all your favourite bakery and pastry lines. (Special orders can be placed by 2pm for next day delivery).

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We are looking forward to the Festive Season and our Christmas stock is now in with a selection of lovely foodie and novelty gifts to suit all.

We will be hosting the annual Carols and Lights Switching on event on Sunday 4th December at 4.30pm. The shop choir and the children of Hughenden Primary School will be singing - with of course audience participation. Mulled wine, hot drinks and festive treats will be served so we hope to see you then.

As ever, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our customers, supporters, volunteers and staff who make your community shop special. THANK YOU and very best wishes for the season ahead from everyone at your community shop - and don't forget...

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Neighbourhood Watch

If you are concerned about your home being broken into, there are simple, proven measures we can all take to reduce the risk of a break-in. , Just think WIDE (N)! :

- W: WINDOWS: Keep your windows locked
- I: INTERIOR: Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb
- D: DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors
- E: EXTERIOR: Put outside lights on a sensor
- (N): NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for your neighbours.

Garden crime is an unfortunate reality. By following a few tips you can help 'weed out' garden thieves.

- Has your shed survived the winter without damage which could help a thief gain access? If not, don't delay - fix it now!
- If possible, screen the windows with a grille, wire mesh or even curtains to prevent access and deter casual viewing.
- As extra security for your shed, buy and fit 'ground anchors' to chain or shackle bikes, lawnmowers and especially ladders. Consider investing in an alarm to protect your shed - they are available from us, via office@wdnhwatch.plus.com
- Remember: household insurance

policies should be checked to ensure they cover garden and shed equipment and whether or not any minimum security standards apply.

The boundaries of your property are your first line of defence against burglars. Strong gates, fences and walls which are kept in good repair can deter intruders from getting in. Make sure:

- Rear garden fences are high enough to make climbing them difficult.
- Side gates are positioned as close to the front of the house as possible.
- Grow your own security plants such as Berberis, Holly and Hawthorn! This may help deter thieves, particularly around vulnerable areas such as windows, fences and drainpipes.
- Let there be light! Well positioned lighting is a great way of keeping intruders at bay and can be purchased from most large DIY stores. Security lights with movement sensors and lights which automatically come on when it gets dark are particularly good.

For more information, please contact us at:

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Press releases from Bucks Council

As usual here is a small selection from the regular press releases sent out by Buckinghamshire. If you wish to check up on any of these items or see the other press releases please see: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/>

What do you want travel around High Wycombe to look like in the future?

Buckinghamshire Council supports and encourages active travel as its part of tackling climate change and improving air quality within Buckinghamshire, aiming for carbon neutrality or net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The council has suggested improvements to travel in High Wycombe, including cycling and walking routes, and have big questions about what travel in the town might look like in just a few decades.

There is a drop-in event in High Wycombe on 18 November 2022 at the Eden Shopping Centre, High Wycombe, and a consultation document at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/tell-us-what-do-you-want-travel-around-high-wycombe-to-look-like-in-the-future/>

Residents are urged to make their views known on Buckinghamshire Council's plans for seamless,

sustainable and safe travel.



Money Matters – have your say on Buckinghamshire Council's spending priorities for 2023/24

Although this closes on 20th Nov. It is worth having a look to see the spending plans.

New home energy schemes for Bucks residents

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/new-home-energy-schemes-for-bucks-residents/>

Bucks Council – Apply for Community Board funding

An annual budget is allocated to Community Boards from the council's Annual Revenue Budget which is approved by Full Council each year.

Each Community Board is set an allocated budget. The level of Community Board funding allocated to each area is based on the population of the area and the levels of deprivation.

Have your say on health and wellbeing in Buckinghamshire

The Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board brings together partners from Buckinghamshire Council, NHS and voluntary and community sector. To see what the

Board does and how to get involved please visit <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/health-and-wellbeing-board/> , or submit questions to democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Welcoming Spaces give a warm reception to all

The council is pledging to develop a network of Welcoming Spaces offering a variety of facilities around the county, with local partner organisations, where residents can come into safe and inclusive spaces, free of charge, to stay warm and enjoy a little company.

The scheme is kick-starting with the launch of Buckinghamshire's libraries and community libraries as the first of the Welcoming Spaces venues. Visitors will be welcome for as long as they wish during opening hours and can make use of facilities including free wifi and computer access.

See <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/find-a-place-to-keep-warm-welcoming-spaces/>

Be Bright, Be Seen

With darker mornings and evenings now upon us, the council is reminding people of the simple but sensible actions they can take to keep themselves and their families safe when out and about. Parents and carers are reminded about the importance of fluorescent and reflective materials on clothing. Fluorescent fabrics work well during daylight and the hours of dusk but won't show up in the dark so it's important to also look for reflective fabrics and consider adding reflective tape to bags and clothes to ensure that they show up in car headlights.

See <https://brightkidz.co.uk/> for more information





Overgrown hedges and trees bordering roads and paths (encroachment))

You may not be aware that there are laws governing the encroachment of trees and hedging bordering footways and roads. There should be clearance of at least 2.2m (7' 2") above a footway, pavement, or verge to allow pedestrians free passage.

Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) owns very few hedges, mostly around allotments, the Common in Great Kingshill and some 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 these standards. Especially those with hedges bordering pavements and encroaching onto roads. Hedges should not be cut within the period 1st March to the 1st September, to support our wildlife, unless they are causing a risk to health and safety,



when they can be cut back regardless of date.

Hedges/vegetation should be cut back to the property boundary line so as not to overhang or encroach onto the highway (meaning carriageway, footway, or verge). It is very easy for hedges to get thicker just by a little bit each year, despite being cut back regularly, to the extent that they eventually take up quite a lot of space on a pavement. That hedge may require some radical pruning to put it back where it should be. Indeed, your hedges may need more than one pruning session to keep them inside

your boundary line.

Should you be unable to maintain your hedges within the legal guidelines, please contact the office who may be able to suggest a list of contractors who undertake this type of work.

If you are not sure which are your boundaries hedges, you can check 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.

10th October 2022 – Emily Ranahan
Clerk to Hughenden Parish Council

Hughenden Parish Council Newsletter

One of our most important tasks this autumn will be to select the companies that provide us with important practical services such as grass cutting, hedge and verge trimming and maintenance of allotments and other Parish property. We have gone for several years without competitive tendering and this is our opportunity to shape future service around our current priorities.

Last Autumn, the Parish commissioned a residents' survey. Due to changes of Councillors and Clerk, it's taken us longer than we'd have liked to analyse the responses, but we now have a presentation approved by the Council ready to share with residents. We know that some residents feel that the survey was not particularly well designed but

we believe it has some valuable results that should be shared. We continue to listen to community feedback.

What are some of the key findings? Speeding is by far the issue most on residents' minds. The majority of respondents thought that facilities for younger people, especially over-9s, needed to be improved. The Council has established a working group to focus on playgrounds and facilities for young people and there will be more updates coming. Just under 10% of respondents owned allotments – but the vast majority thought they were an important resource for the Parish. On a happy note, very few residents reported problems with crime or anti-social behaviour and pretty well everyone was happy and liked living in the area.

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The findings from the Survey will help shape our priorities. For example, we've pushed hard in recent months to get Bucks Council approval to put Community Speedwatch signs up in the Parish. You might have seen these yellow signs in Hazlemere, for example. Councillor Stan Jones, aided principally by John Marchant and James Perkins, has led the negotiations and twelve locations have been approved. The signs will allow us to deploy more speedwatch stations around the Parish. This is in line with the results of the residents' survey, where respondents asked for more signage and more checks.

During the Pandemic, we saw a significant drop-off in grant applications from organisations doing great work in the Parish. We'd like to remind associations, clubs and action groups that the Parish Council welcomes applications for grants to help improve life and amenities around the Parish.

One consequence of the period we experienced without a Clerk and with an inquorate Council in the Spring was that we got behind on the important work of maintaining Parish land, trimming verges and hedgerows, and keeping road signs and footways clear. Under the guidance of Emily Ranahan, the Clerk, and Cllr Jill Armshaw, who chairs the

Environment and Services Committee, we kicked off a Tidy Up programme in August. Post-drought grass cutting of the verges has been done, street signs are being cleared and cleaned, some overgrown allotment plots have been cleared, and village gates are being cleaned and repaired.

The Parish Council has recently brought to a conclusion a long running issue over the ownership of several plots of land on which we rent out many of our allotments. The issue revolved around complex and sometimes contradictory legislation going back to the middle of the 19th century, and over the past couple of decades has been subject to a great deal of legal advice, Tribunals and appeals, by both the Council and individual residents. The Council was unable to support a proposed resolution that there remained strong enough grounds to dispute the existing rulings that the land was not Parish-owned land, and hence decided it could not support spending more money seeking to challenge this. Hence it resolved to pay the outstanding overdue lease payments to Hughenden Community Support Trust.

The Clerk

Hughenden Valley Residents' Association Drainage Improvement Group

Pumping Station

The pumping station is not the prettiest of buildings, but it's been a part of the village since the sixties, serving an essential function and we all pass it regularly without giving it a second thought. The building houses a large borehole some 250 feet deep and for many years has pumped drinking water from deep in the chalk. It no longer does, but the whine of machinery can still be heard close to the building. It is understood that the pumping equipment serves to pump drinking water from the direction of Prestwood up the hill to Naphill and beyond.

Last winter we reported that Affinity Water had visited the site at the

pumping station and agreed to conduct CCTV checks on the two culverts that run under the site. This is needed to ensure that they are clear and able to carry drainage water from the course of the winterbourne stream that runs across the road from Buildbase, and also the stream and road drainage water that runs into the ditch along Valley Road.

Unfortunately, little has happened since then. We have recently escalated this matter and a further site visit has been made and action has been promised. It's not urgent work, but the sort that should be carried out on a routine basis to prevent a sudden crisis happening.



Other Drains and Sewer Items

Trees Road

The grids at the bottom of Trees Road continue to cause a headache for the residents as the grids block up very quickly following heavy rain. Loose gravel and stones rapidly accumulate at the bottom and make it hazardous for drivers

turning off Valley Road into Trees Road.

The DIG have approached Bucks Council via the FixMyStreet website and appealed for help this year with clearing the grids and drains. The problem here, of course, is that Trees Road is unadopted and the two road drains and the grids are not the responsibility of the council. We are glad to report that the council have agreed to do this and say they will attend to clear these when they are next conducting operations in our area.

It would be great if in the meantime the Trees Road WhatsApp group could continue to clear the gravel and stones at the foot of the road.

The Culvert from the Harrow to Deeters

We had concerns about the course of the winterbourne that runs from the Harrow down to Deeters. As far as we are aware, this section of pipework had not been examined for some years. Following a request to Bucks Council, it has now been checked and is reported to be silt free.

Thames Water Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan

Thames Water provided an update this summer to their draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan.

This is a 25 year plan covering a vast area, of which we are a small part. So, while we are not able to report on significant details for the Valley, we are able to say that the following is planned for the Little Marlow area, of which we are a part:

- Upgrade to the Little Marlow Sewage Treatment plant
- Improved monitoring of sewage risk areas
- Identifying of areas where groundwater infiltrates into the sewage network and then carrying out sealing of tops and lining of sewers to prevent infiltration

When the final plan is completed we hope to be able to report some more detail.

At the October AGM, it was decided to review and simplify the DIG organisation and constitution in light of us being fully integrated with HVRA. This has now been done and a new Terms of Reference document has been produced. It has been distributed to the DIG members and is placed on the document page in the DIG section of the HVRA website.

Paul Woodford
HVRA Drainage Improvement Group



Autumn/Winter Update

Many residents will know that as part of this year's Jubilee celebrations, the Queen's Green Canopy event took place in conjunction with the Woodland Trust to encourage tree planting across the UK. Hughenden Climate Group successfully applied for both a small copse of 30 saplings for Hughenden Primary School and hedging to patch the existing hedge outside of the village hall. We are now awaiting delivery and would really like to let John Beveridge know how grateful we are for his help. John (or Bev as he's known locally!) will be taking charge once our trees and hedging arrive. We really hope they improve the environment around the Village Hall and provide a legacy for the school.

In other news, following a successful presentation to the Parish Council on 11th October by the Climate Group, we were finally

given permission to go ahead with our plan to sow wildflowers on the land opposite the Harrow pub and measure the project's success with a view to using this as a pilot for other areas in the village. The land will be divided into 4 quadrants with a 1 metre boundary around the outside to ensure that the view of traffic is not impeded. In each quadrant we will experiment with a different sowing regime:

Quadrant 1: The grass will be mown, cleared and then sown with a mix of native wildflower perennials to include a species called 'Yellow Rattle' which suppresses the growth of grass and allows wildflowers to establish. This will take place in Autumn 2022.

Quadrant 2: The grass will be mown, cleared and then sown with Yellow Rattle only to see what will grow naturally. Again this will take place in Autumn 2022

Quadrant 3: The grass will be mown, cleared and then sown again with both the wildflower perennial mix and Yellow Rattle seed. This will however, take place in the Spring to see if there is any benefit to sowing at different times of the year

Quadrant 4: Will be mown and cleared only to see what will grow naturally without further interference.

The Climate Group have carried out their planning in conjunction with the advice of Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust and we will record our observations of the

changes we see over the seasons. Please bear with us as this will take time to establish but we will keep you posted via Hughenden News and Facebook - we really hope that by encouraging a pollinator corridor through Hughenden Valley we can also significantly improve the beauty of our grass verges.

If you'd like to get involved or want to know more, please get in touch on our Facebook page or via our new email address:
hvclimategroup@gmail.com

Angie Kraft
Sarah Mustapha
Hughenden Valley Climate Group



The wildflower pilot site

A Message from Councillor David Carroll

Dear Residents,

We have many challenges at the moment but I will continue to seek action on issues in our community, for example to get a decision on the Country Supplies planning application and making contact with the officer regarding the Orchard Caravan site.

On the latter, I received a written statement which said “This is an application for a legal determination as to whether increasing the number of caravans on site from 3 to 12 would be a material change of use, by way of intensification, and as such whether it would need express planning permission. This is a matter of legal judgement and we will reach a decision with reference to planning case law on this issue. It is not a planning application, and the planning “merits” are not, therefore, a consideration. When a decision is made, it together with the case officer report setting out how the issues were considered and a decision arrived at, will be made public on the council’s website. The application for the certificate will be determined under delegated powers. It is not a type of application which can be called to a Planning Committee.”

I sent a copy of this statement to the Residents Association for information

and of course will be looking for updates on this very concerning situation.

It’s been a privilege to have been your Councillor for many years and residents have asked me what a typical week could involve. A typical week could be dealing with various enquiries relating to the Council services, planning or non-collections of refuse bins. A resident may have a problem with Council Tax payments, an employment or housing issue. I work with officers and various partnerships to improve our roads and path networks, with Parish Councillors, the Residents Association and all the blue light services (police, fire and ambulance). I attend the various committee meetings to which I’m appointed at the moment which are a select committee, the Police Panel and the area Community Boards plus I attend Full Council meetings.

I have always tried to remain a Community Councillor over the years and walk around our area. I actually talk to and visit residents, if necessary, which these days is very unusual and takes a lot of time but I think is very important to do.

Regards
David

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Planning

Planning Report

Country Supplies

Application 22/05000/FUL seeks the creation of parking for up to 12 HGVs/lorries in a meadow that lies outside the village settlement in the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB, the construction of a new access road off Bryants Bottom Road and amelioration works to the junction/crossroads at Warrendene Road.

A Decision is awaited.

Orchard Caravans

Application Ref: A 22/07158/CLP

The HVRA and several residents only became aware of this application on 6th September although it was verified by the Local Authority's Planning Department on 4th August.

As the applicant wishes to increase the number of caravans/mobile homes on the site from 3 to 12, this Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development (CLPUD) seeks to confirm that the siting of 12 caravans for human habitation throughout the year is lawful and would not result in a material change of use at the Orchard Site. This is not a planning application but a lawful mechanism to gain permission or prove the lawful use of land for the purposes specified.

The one-acre orchard site lies outside the village settlement in the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB and is accessed by a 98 metre x 3 metre narrow, close-boarded, track with a tight 90° left-hand bend at the top, with only the very smallest of cars able to access the site.

The current Licence for three caravans (two modestly sized and one wooden chalet) will require amending to 12 if the CLPUD is granted, and the Licencing Officer will then have to take into account the impact that the proposed increase will have regarding the access on to the site in the event of fire and amenities within the site.

The HVRA has sought advice and will continue to do so because it believes the quadrupling of the number of caravans from 3 to 12 will result in a change of use and intensification of the present use of the site.

Rosemary Hewitt
HVRA Planning Sub-Committee

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Community Speed Watch

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This is the latest from Thames Valley Police. The registered keepers of vehicles observed will receive written advice. Repeat offenders or those 50% or more above the prevailing speed limit (e.g., 45+ in a 30mph and 60+ in a 40mph area) anywhere in the Thames Valley Police area will also be sent letters of advice or receive a Police visit.

I have recently lost two volunteers and I need to build the team up. If

you would like to join the team, please get in touch.

CSW is about educating drivers to drive within the limits, not above them. After all, we should all respect where young and old live, work and play and drive with care and patience, always observing the speed limits.

I look forward to hearing from you

Rosemary Hewitt
CSW Co-Ordinator for Hughenden
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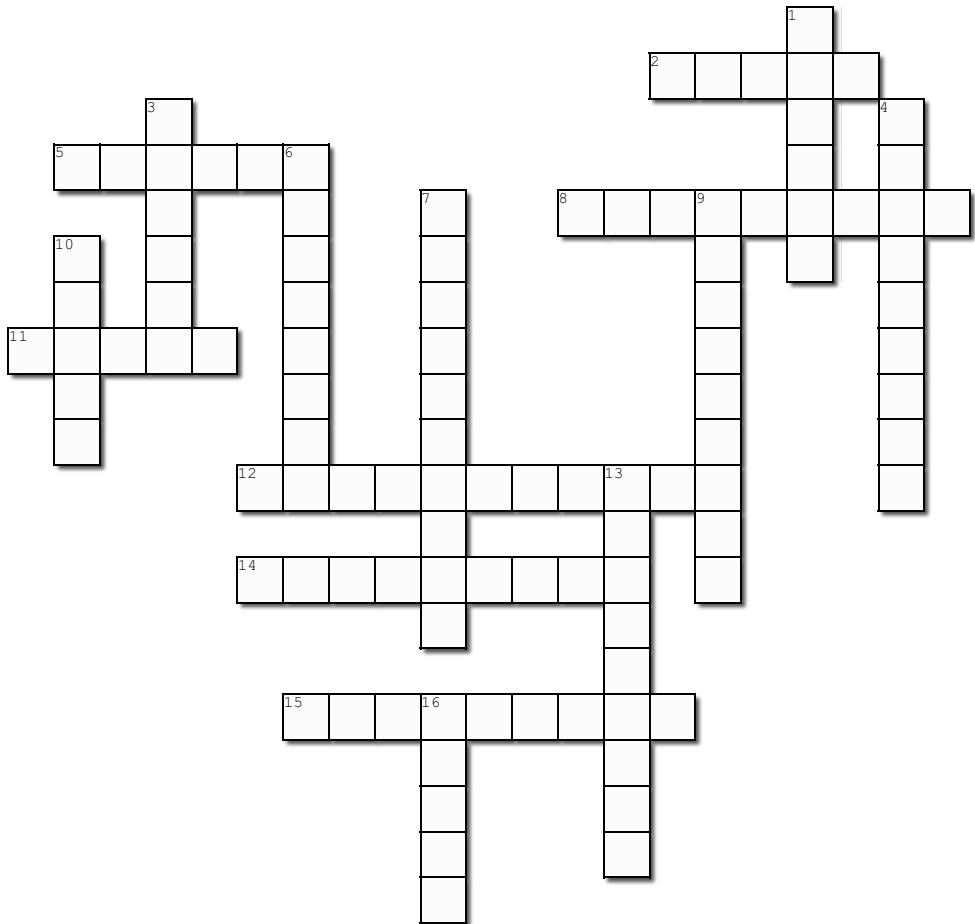
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5. Cynical grump created by Dr Seuss
8. To spend the winter in a dormant state
11. Also known as a comforter, quilt or doona
12. Made of an orange, red ribbon, sweets and dried fruit
14. Participatory form of theatre
15. Common name for the explosive part of a firework

Down

1. Period beginning four Sundays before Christmas
3. A herbal tea
4. A Christmas star
6. Jewish festival of light
7. The right of a person to follow on
9. Female name meaning 'God is my oath'
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For your Diary

The Potter Quiz	In pre-covid times this was a regular annual event. As soon as plans become clearer the date will be publicised.
Mon 9 th Jan 2023, in the small hall at 7.30pm	Village Hall AGM
July 2023	Village Day

Regular events

1 st Tuesday each month, 7.30p.m. (not Jan or Aug)	HVRA committee meetings, Small Hall
All dates are subject to change, mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic.	

Hughenden News - Publications Dates

Schedule for Spring Edition 2023

Fri 11 th Feb	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts
Sat/Sun 18 th /19 th Mar	Delivery of Magazines to Residents

Schedule for Summer Edition 2023

Fri 16 th Jun	Principal deadline for Copy and Adverts
Sat/Sun 15 th /16 th Jul	Delivery of Magazines to Residents

Schedule for Winter Edition 2023

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Regular Village Hall Users & Contacts: Winter 2022

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Pre-School	9:00am – 3.15pm	<u>S</u>	Jenny Ing 07990 968242
Spectrum Pilates	9.15am - 10.15am	<u>L</u>	Emily Harwood 07803123092
Spectrum Pilates	1:30pm – 2.30pm	<u>L</u>	Emily Harwood 07803123092
Strong Nation	5.45pm – 7.15pm	<u>L</u>	Hayley Cole 07369276468
Hughenden Art Group	7:00pm -10:00pm	<u>S</u>	Paul Cooper 07718141025
Valley Players	7:30pm - 10:00pm	<u>L</u>	Dave Collins 07876575706
Village Hall Comm	1 st Mon - 8pm - 10pm	<u>C</u>	Michael Sole 01494 563516

Tuesday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 1:00pm	L	Jenny Ing 07990 968242
Badminton	1:30pm - 3:30pm	L	Carol Gilliam
U3A	4 th Tues- 2pm-4pm	S	Julia Shorthall 07470046999
Residents Assn	1 st Tues 7:30pm - 10pm	S	Peter Spence
Spectrum Pilates	6:45pm-9:00pm (not 1 st)	L	Emily Harwood 07803123092
Shop Choir	2 nd Tues 7.45pm-9.45pm	S	Louise Hooper 07917341397

Wednesday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 3:15pm	S	Jenny Ing 07990968242
Badminton	1:15pm - 3:15pm	L	Elaine Veysey
Flower Arranging	3 rd Wed 6:30 - 10:30pm	L	Jan Collins 563890
Evolution Pilates	5:45pm - 7:15pm	S	Karen Letham 07973384817
Wyc Photo Soc.	1 st , 2 nd , 4 th Wed 7.45pm – 10.15pm	L	Steve Smith 07973252717

Thursday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 1:00pm	<u>S</u>	Jenny Ing 07990968242
Water Colour Art	10:00am – 12:00noon	<u>L</u>	Jennifer Chalmers 531119
Bucks Adult Learning (Art)	12noon – 2:00pm	<u>L</u>	Bucks Adult Learning 473795
Tai-chi	2:15pm - 4:15pm	L+S	Pam Felix 440198
Slimming World	4:30pm - 8:00pm	S	Kerry Brown 07887567264
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Friday			
Pre-School	9:00am - 1:00pm	<u>S</u>	Jenny Ing 07990968242
Spectrum Pilates	9.15am-10.15am	<u>L</u>	Emily Harwood 07803123092
Yoga	12.00pm – 1.00pm	L	Vicky Roberts 07793892144
HAGA Gardening	4 th Fri 7:00-10:30pm	L	

Saturday			
PiYo Bucks	8.15am – 8.45am	L	Alison 07801268303
Jazzercise	8:45am - 10:15am	L	Marthese 01753889746

Sunday			
Socatots	9.00am – 12.00pm (3 classes one after another)	L	Dean 07545148201
Pregnancy Yoga	6.00pm - 7.15pm	L	Charyn Williams 07738626569

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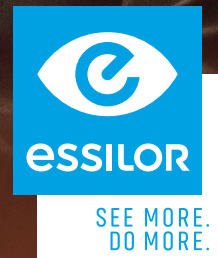
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